

# THE TARMAC

## RDU-MCL Detachment #1482



*Meetings Monthly:  
2nd Thursday  
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## RDU-Marine Corps League



**Commandant ~  
Patrick Melton**

Marines, Sailors, and Associate Members

Thank you for your continued support ~ we're making great strides toward our upcoming Golf Fundraiser. Tickets will be available by the next meeting.

Semper Fi  
Patrick



**Sr Vice Commandant ~  
A J Pitts**

Members of the Detachment,

Marines, Sailors, and associate members, The first month of being your 2023-24 Sr. Vice has wrapped up and the ball is rolling. We have ideas we want to try coming up soon, we are working on another Scholarship for student veterans and gold star family members. We are getting our pistol for the raffle and tickets are ready, we have been working on revisions for the Golf tournament and adding some

new things to bring forth to you for review. If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let me know. We want to try out different ideas to see how they play out, but it all starts with you!

S/F

AJ Pitts

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**Jr Vice Commandant ~  
Michael Brady**

RECRUIT-RECRUIT-RECRUIT. Need volunteers to go with him to NC State, then Chapel Hill or Duke for Liaison with ROTC ~ introduce them to MCL and RDU Detachment

Semper Fi  
Mike



**Judge Advocate  
Kevin Rumsey**

Our next road side cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday 13 May, 0900, meeting at the Traili parking lot.

Semper Fi  
Kevin

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## Adjutant ~ Jacque' Griffin

Many thanks for your continued support of RDU Detachment #1482, its Goals and Visions.

Should you have an Article of Interest to Members, please submit it to me. The RDU Staff will review for possible inclusion in The Tarmac.

Thank you  
Semper Fi,

Jacque' Griffin  
adjutant@rdu-mcl.org



## JrPast Commandant John Staley

Need to review proposed MCL ByLaws, to be voted on at upcoming Conference.

A Good turnout from RDU for the Memorial Services of Jim Niver.

Semper Fi

John Staley

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## Web Sergeant Joshua Stevens

Remember to check out the updated features of our Website.

Semper Fi

Josh Stevens



**Chaplain ~  
Jeff Mixon**

## Chaplain's Corner

By the time you read this we will have gone through Holy Week. This year is somewhat unique in the religious community in that while we do have the typical interaction of the Jewish holiday of Passover with Easter, this year our Muslim friends are celebrating the holiday of Ramadan. So, we have the world's three great religions each celebrating at the same time of year. However,

there are many in our community who do not profess or may be hostile to organized religion.

One question that is frequently asked by many Marines and Sailors is about who is the Chaplain for the atheist? It's pretty easy to figure out who the Christian Chaplain is given the cross Insignia worn on the collar or the Star of David for the Jewish Chaplain or even the Crescent for the Muslim Chaplain. So how do you identify the Chaplain for the people who do not believe in a higher power?

The simple answer is that every Chaplain has the ability to counsel every serviceman no matter what their religious beliefs. The constitution of the United States guarantees the free exercise and protection of the individuals religious faith. When you joined the military, you did not surrender that right. And just as the Navy Chaplains are there for our Marines and Sailors the MCL Chaplains are here for all of our members.

So, while I can certainly assist Protestants in their observance of their faith, I also know quite a bit about the Roman Catholic faith, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and many more. It is my job to support and to accommodate everybody regardless of your own faith tradition.

The office of Chaplain is not just to provide a religious officer to the organization to offer prayers at meetings. The Chaplain has loftier purposes:

- To help members grow as individuals and particularly in their relationship with God.

- To help members grow in their relationships to one another and become a true comrade to one another.

- To serve as a reminder of the transcendent in life.

- To develop an environment with which comrades are encouraged in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth.

- To remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

We must be reminded that the Marine Corps League is comprehensive in nature, embracing all religions and faith groups within its ranks. The Chaplain, being non-sectarian and nondenominational, must minister to the spiritual needs of all without regard to either affiliation or non-affiliation. For many people, the only religious contact they will have will be with the Chaplain. Chaplains will need to provide ministry to people wherever there is a need. Should you need someone to talk to about spiritual matters, your health or you just need to get something off your chest, give me a call.

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## RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 13, 2023

### Opening Ceremony: 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Sergeant-at-Arms ~ secure and assure all present are eligible for going forward with meeting.

Chaplain opened with prayer.

Sergeant-at-Arms: declared meeting open for transaction of business.

John Staley and A J Pitts: NOTE: Change to opening ceremony based on MCL changes initiated at the 2023 Spring Meeting.

**Welcome/Thank You to All Attending:** Commandant proceeds welcoming all.

**Recognition Dignitaries and Guests:** Guest of Kevin Rumsey – Ms Jo Chiti

### Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant {Stand and Salute}

Commandant	Patrick Melton
Sr. Vice Commandant	AJ Pitts
Jr. Vice Commandant	Mike Brady
Judge Advocate	Kevin Rumsey
Jr. Past Commandant	John Staley
Adjutant	Jacque' Griffin
Paymaster	Dave Young
Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Morgan
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Vacant
Chaplain	Jeff Mixon
Web Sgt.	Josh Stevens - Excused
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Jeff Mixon

**Do we have any applications for Membership or Transfers? N/A**

**Installation Ceremony: (Short Version)** Acting Sgt-at-Arms: Rumsey

Chaplain ~ Jeff Mixon

JrPast Cmdt ~ John Staley

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

*(Minutes were published in The Tarmac for review by the Membership)*

The Newsletter is emailed to all members and placed on **rdu-mcl.org** Website, under the **Members Only** page.

### Do we have any corrections?

If No corrections, can we have a Motion to accept the Minutes?

**Motion to accept minutes by John Staley, and seconded by A J Pitts.**

**Voice Vote: Approved ~ Rap Gavel to confirm.**

### Correspondence

**All Correspondence from the Dept of NC and National has been emailed to Detachment membership.**

**Department of NC 2023 Convention ~ Meeting in Jacksonville, NC:** Commandant Melton requested names of the Members who will attend the meeting. Registration forms for Delegates and Alternates for RDU Detachment#1482 and others planning to attend will all be mailed together. Persons planning to go are: Patrick Melton, A J Pitts, John Staley, Kevin Rumsey, Michael Brady, Bruce Goeden.

SrVice Pitts: Delegates/Alternates to vote for NCMCL State Officers. Letters of Intent for each position have been forwarded to RDU Detachment members.

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**Detachment gave \$100 to Charles Bearden for dental implants (local Marine), AJ Pitts fwd the fundraiser to DVC.**

**Bullseye Grill is not allowed to cater on TSA property due to pending litigation.** Cmdt Melton: Bullseye Grill is no longer able to enter TSA for catering. RDU seeking alternatives for meals during monthly meetings.

**Paymaster Report: For the month of: Feb 2023**

Starting Checkbook Balance: \$10,941.05  
Month End Checkbook Balance: \$10,863.00  
Unappropriated Flowers Fund: \$500.00

End-of-Year Audit was completed on 4/11/2023. Reports of Audit will be presented to RDU members at next meeting.

**Can we have a Motion to Accept the Paymaster's Report, subject to Audit?**

Discussion: Dave Zabarsky: one or two documents needed signatures; others OK.

John Staley: Inventory of physical gear must be included in Audit Report.

Patrick Melton: Will provide list of equipment to be assessed; Bruce Goeden will provide list of what is in his possession. {Property list can be placed on RDU Website, Members Only section}

Motion made by John Staley and seconded by A J Pitts to accept Paymaster's Report, subject to Audit.

Any further Discussion? If hearing none ~ Voice Vote/**Approved - Rap Gavel**

**Chaplain: Do** we have any reports of Sickness, Distress or Fallen Marines who have passed to Guard the Heavenly Gates?

Chaplain Jeff Mixon: No losses in combat this month. Steve Curlee's wife is experiencing Vertigo, he states she is doing OK.

Alex West: Surgery postponed until April 27, 2023, expected to be out of commission for 4 months {Digestive System}.

Nate Griffin still doing OK.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Sr. Vice Commandant ~ Convention/Fundraiser:** Pitts : getting wheels rolling on pistol for fundraiser. GOLF: may go with Hedingham again this year {work on other place for later}. Blazer for awards; sponsors with package deal for Corporate Sponsors. Kim, Bullseye will cater for Golf fundraising event. Event Date TBD Looking for minimum of '18' & maximum of '22' teams for the Golf Fundraiser.

Bruce Goeden: Carolina Arbors and couple others are interested in being a part of the Golf Tournament.

Commandant Melton: Tickets: 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 with 1,000 tickets to sell. Rounds of ammunition were donated by Andy Finlayson. Estimated cost of \$800 for RDU and a good profit.

Steve Curlee: will volunteer to help with the Golf Tournament.

**Jr. Vice Commandant ~ Recruitment/Retention:** Mike Brady: RECRUIT-RECRUIT-RECRUIT. Met at Brewery. Need volunteers to go with him to NC State, then Chapel Hill or Duke for Liaison with ROTC ~ introduce them to MCL and RDU Detachment. John Staley recommends individuals who may be contacted for assistance. Bruce Goeden also has the name of individual who may be contacted for assistance.

**Judge Advocate ~ Bylaws/Admin Procedures:** Kevin Rumsey: Has several binders from previous JA. Next **Road Clean-up date for RDU: May 13, 2023.**

**Jr. Past Commandant ~ Comments:** Website information: 2021, 2022 and 2023 documents to be updated with materials due according to the By-laws. No Paymasters report yet; Staff Meeting minutes also on Website.

**Public Relations ~ Comments**

**Website, Facebook, Newsletter ~ Web SGT:** John Staley: recommends Quarterly Reports be placed on RDU Website {Members Only}

**Sgt-at-Arms/Asst. Sgt-at-Arms ~ Comments N/A**

**Monthly Range Activity ~ Triangle Shooting Academy: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (Next meeting: Apr 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm)**



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**Eagle Scouts ~ Comments?** Chaplain Jeff Mixon: North Star District – having RDU Flyers at their Eagle Boards – many contacts out there. Young Marine has been accepted at the Naval Academy.  
VSA Program : Commissioner vs Professional. Many are unaware of the difference between the two: Commissioner = ‘Non-Paid’ Staff while Professional = ‘Paid’ Staff.

**Budget and Finance Committee ~ \*We need a volunteer for this position\*** Commandant Melton: Volunteer Chair-person needed ~ {or someone may be voluntold}

### Unfinished Business

**Department NC MCL: Raffle Tickets**  
**BITS Scholarship updates ~ N/A**

### New Business

**Review Proposed 2023-2024 Budget:** SrVice Pitts presented proposed budget for 07/2023 – 06/2024 {Members earlier emailed copy of proposed Budget}

John Staley: Notes, money put in budget to help cover expenses of Officers at Meetings. Gives praise to those who compiled the Budget.

Motions to accept the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. Bruce Goeden seconded the motion. Voice **Approved.**

**Any Special Projects, New Ideas or Suggestions – Always Welcomed**

**Commandant used \$159.84 to purchase Pizza for the Detachment meal on 4/13/2023. The use of these funds was approved by a vote of the BOT on 4/12/2023. Votes from SrVice, JrVice and Judge Advocate were all gathered prior to the expenditure.**

RDU Detachment #1482 needs to consider options for meetings at a different location. Not breaking ties with TSA; Detachment is outgrowing this facility’s available room size and must be prepared for the future. Several facilities not very far away that are being investigated.

Dave Zabarsky: Clarify ~ if moving, will cost be comparable?

Commandant Melton: Not yet determined. More details will be forthcoming.

**Budget Committee Chair ~ we need a new budget for this coming year to be published and voted on at the next meeting.**

**Each Member bring/invite ‘1’ new member {Marine or Associate} to every monthly meeting.**

**Recruit, Recruit, Recruit ~ Website: [rdu-mcl.org](http://rdu-mcl.org)**  
**Facebook: [facebook.com/rdu mcl detachment](https://www.facebook.com/rdu.mcl.detachment)**  
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**2023 Fundraiser in the works (Waiting for confirmation at Prestonwood because of SAS)**

**BOT voted to cover DONC Commandants hotel for tonight around \$160**

**Detachment needs to purchase the pistol for the raffle from TSA.**

**Commandant Melton:** RDU considering the purchase of Pistol for fundraising purposes – any suggestions?

Bruce Goeden: Motion we purchase a pistol, allocate funds and ammunition for raffle.

Chris Christensen: Seconded motion. Voice Vote: **Approved.**

**Tickets for the pistol raffle will also need to be purchased and distributed to the detachment. Cost of tickets is 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 (proposed)**

**Awards ~ N/A**

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## **Good of the League ~**

John Staley: Good turnout from RDU for the Memorial Services of Jim Niver. Also, need to review proposed ByLaws.  
SrVice Pitts: Consideration ~ have a monthly “Beer Night” at TUN TAVERN, maybe a coffee, etc. near Campuses where Young Veterans may be introduced to Marine Corps League/RDU Detachment – explain ‘What we Do’, ‘Who we Are’. Publicize on all Social Media.

## **Announcements:**

**Closing Ceremony: Sgt-at-Arms retire Colors**

**Chaplain ~ Closing Prayer**

**Sgt-at-Arms: MCL Detachment #1482 officially closed until 11 May 2023 when it will reconvene for business.**

**In Unison: Marine Corps Hymn**

**50/50 Raffle winner: Ms Jo Chiti**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jacque’ Griffin**

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## RDU DINNER/MEETING PHOTOS



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