

# THE TARMAC

## RDU-MCL Detachment #1482



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## RDU-Marine Corps League



**Commandant ~  
A J Pitts**

Marines, Sailors, and Associate members,

With Elections around the corner, I would like to thank each one of our members for a successful year! Without your grit and determination, we would not have made it this far. We have had great earnings in our fundraising efforts, cemented ties with local businesses, formalized a scholarship for student veterans, and have left a footprint in the community. As the new

officers who ever they may be step in, I hope that the motivation does not stop here but has only started. We have many new ideas on the rise for the betterment of all. No matter who gets to be the face of this great organization I hope that I have proved that I can follow even as a leader and will be here as a guide to my fellow members.

Recruitment and community outreach is always on the front of my mind and will strive to make my efforts continue throughout this next year and hope that these principles are on the front of your minds as well.

S/F

AJ Pitts

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**Jr Vice Commandant ~  
Michael Brady**



**Sr Vice Commandant ~  
Patrick Melton**

Members of the Detachment,

**Semper Fi!**

Patrick

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**Adjutant ~  
Jacque' Griffin**

So very much to be Grateful for this Year-2023! Excited to be a part of RDU Detachment #1482, looking forward to successfully meeting the established Vision Goals with the help of 'You' ~ devoted Members of this Detachment.

Thank you  
Semper Fi,  
Jacque' Griffin



**Judge Advocate  
John Staley**

Semper Fi  
John Staley

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**Web Sergeant  
Joshua Stevens**

Semper Fi  
Josh Stevens

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Chaplain ~  
Jeff Mixon

## Chaplain's Corner

February 23 marks the anniversary of one of the most iconic moments in Marine Corps history and in all of World War II.

### The Battle of Iwo

CHAPS (Rabbi) Roland Gittelsohn's eulogy written for the dedication of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Cemetery:  
THIS IS PERHAPS THE GRIMMEST, and surely the holiest task we have faced since D-Day. Here before us lie the bodies



of comrades and friends. Men who until yesterday or last week laughed with us, joked with us, trained with us. Men who were on the same ships with us, and went over the sides with us, as we prepared to hit the beaches of this island. Men who fought with us and feared with us. Somewhere in this plot of ground there may lie the individual who could have discovered the cure for cancer. Under one of these Christian crosses, or beneath a Jewish Star of David, there may rest now an individual who was destined to be a great prophet to find the way, perhaps, for all to live in plenty, with poverty and hardship for none. Now they lie here silently in this sacred soil, and we gather to consecrate this earth in their memory.

IT IS NOT EASY TO DO SO. Some of us have buried our closest friends here. We saw these men killed before our very eyes. Any one of us might have died in their places. Indeed, some of us are alive and breathing at this very moment only because men who lie here beneath us, had the courage and strength to give their lives for ours. To speak in memory of such men as these is not easy. Of them, too, can it be said with utter truth: "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here. It can never forget what they did here."

No, our poor power of speech can add nothing to what these men and the other dead of our division who are not here have already done. All that we can even hope to do is follow their example. To show the same selfless courage in peace that they did in war. To swear that, by the grace of God and the stubborn strength and power of human will, their sons and ours shall never suffer these pains again. These men have done their job well. They have paid the ghastly price of freedom. If that freedom be once again lost, as it was after the last war, the unforgivable blame will be ours, not theirs. So it be the living who are here to be dedicated and consecrated.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES, first, to live together in peace the way they fought and are buried in war. Here lie men who loved America because their ancestors, generations ago helped in her founding, and other men who loved her with equal passion because they themselves or their own fathers escaped from oppression to her blessed

shores. Here lie officers and [privates], [Blacks] and whites, rich and poor...together. Here are Protestants, Catholics, and Jews...together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudice. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy.

Anyone among us the living who fails to understand that, will thereby betray those who lie here. Whoever of us lifts his hand in hate against another, or thinks himself superior to those who happen to be in the minority, makes of this ceremony and of the bloody sacrifice it commemorates, an empty, hollow mockery. To this, them, as our solemn, sacred duty, do we the living now dedicate ourselves: to the right Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, of all races alike, to enjoy the democracy for which all of them have here paid the price.

TO ONE THING MORE do we consecrate ourselves in memory of those who sleep beneath these crosses and stars. We shall not foolishly suppose, as did the last generation of America's fighting, that victory on the battlefield will automatically guarantee the triumph of democracy at home. This war, with all its frightful heartache and suffering, is but the beginning of our generation's struggle for democracy. When the last battle has been won, there will be those at home, as there were last time, who will want us to turn our backs in selfish isolation on the rest of organized humanity, and thus to sabotage the very peace for which we fight. We promise you who lie here; we will not do that. We will join hands with Britain, China, Russia—in peace, even as we have in war, to build the kind of world for which you died.

WHEN THE LAST SHOT has been fired, there will still be those eyes that are turned backward not forward, who will be satisfied with those wide extremes of poverty and wealth in which the seeds of another war can breed. We promise you, our departed comrades: this, too, we will not permit. This war has been fought by the common man; its fruits of peace must be enjoyed by the common man. We promise, by all that is sacred and holy, that your sons, the sons of miners and millers, the sons of farmers and workers—will inherit from your death the right to a living that is decent and secure. WHEN THE FINAL CROSS has been placed in the last cemetery, once again there will be those to whom profit is more important than peace, who will insist with the voice of sweet reasonableness and appeasement that it is better to trade with the enemies of mankind than, by crushing them, to lose their profit. To you who sleep here silently, we give our promise: we will not listen: We will not forget that some of you were burnt with oil that came from American wells, that many of you were killed by shells fashioned from American steel. We promise that when once again people seek profit at your expense, we shall remember how you looked when we placed you reverently, lovingly, in the ground.

THIS DO WE MEMORIALIZE those who, having ceased living with us, now live within us. Thus do we consecrate ourselves, the living, to carry on the struggle they began. Too much blood has gone into this soil for us to let it lie barren. Too much pain and heartache have fertilized the earth on which we stand. We here solemnly swear: this shall not be in vain. Out of this, and from the suffering and sorrow of those who mourn this, will come—we promise—the birth of a new freedom for all humanity everywhere. And let us say...AMEN.

—Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, Chaplain, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division

Jeff Mixon, Chaplain

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**Junior Past Commandant ~  
Bruce Goeden**

Greetings and Salutations to All,

By the time you receive this we have  
burned through the month of February.

The National Mid-Winter Convention  
was held February 23-25 and was a lot  
of fun as we met Marines from all  
over the U.S. I met and partied with  
Marines from California, Washington,

Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Rhode Island, the East Coast and  
even members that have articles in the Semper Fi Magazine.

The National Convention will be taking place at the Omni Hotel  
in Oklahoma City on August 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Devil Dogs  
will be celebrating 100 years as a group. Everyone is invited to  
attend.

For more information, please contact me.

Anyone who can help with the Veterans Action in Cary, a training  
meeting will be held Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Cary American  
Legion Post 67 from 10 a.m. until 12 pm. Another meeting will  
be held at the Herb Young Center on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.  
They need volunteers to direct people and help where needed.  
Any time you can provide would be great. The link to sign up is:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10C094BA5AE28A5FFC61-veterans.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA5AE28A5FFC61-veterans)

Looking Forward to seeing you all at our Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>  
and Range Night on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Semper Fi  
Bruce Goeden  
Past Commandant  
919-720-7066



**Sgt-at-Arms  
Kevin Rumsey**

Semper Fi!  
Kevin

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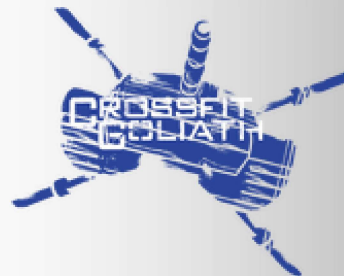
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## RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING

February 9th, 2023 Monthly Minutes/Agenda

**Opening Ceremony: 7:00 p.m. Call to Order by Commandant Pitts**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chaplain Mixon opened with prayer.

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

**Welcome/Thank You to All Attending**

**Recognition Dignitaries and Guests:**

Commandant proceeds welcoming guests: Steve Pinckney, guest of Dave Morgan; Terrence and Joan Tuthill, guests of Bruce Goeden.

Dignitary: Charles Minton, MidEast Division Chair. Presenting Community Organization Award for MCL Member.

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

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

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

**Installation Ceremony {If needed}: (Short Version) N/A**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

*(Minutes are published in 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. *{Corrected Minutes will be emailed after tonight's meeting}*

**Do we have any corrections? None**

Without any objections we can accept the previous minutes

**Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ ~ Rap Gavel to confirm.**

**Correspondence**

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

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### Paymaster Report: For the month of: December 2022

(3 outstanding checks - \$75.00) \$500 for flower fund. A payment due to Chaplain Mixon for delivery of flowers to League Member.

Starting Checkbook Balance: \$  
Month End Checkbook Balance: \$  
Refund of \$33.60 dues. Lost scholarship check replaced: \$125.00

Detachment Audit must be completed prior to upcoming election; volunteers to assist with audit requested. Dave Zabarsky, Andy Finlayson and Dave Morgan volunteer to assist with the Audit. Date and time will be forthcoming.

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

Motion made by Dave Morgan and Seconded by Kevin Rumsey to accept Paymaster's Report, subject to Audit.  
Any 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?

**Nate Griffin** – doing better; attending tonight's meeting.

**Walter Atkinson** – at home, doing well.

**Jeff Mixon** – was rear-ended in automobile last week, states he is sore but ok.

**Marine who committed suicide has been interred at Arlington Cemetery.**

**Commandant Pitts:** Charles Bearden asking for donations to assist with dental issues. A GoFundMe has been established – needs \$37,000 for top/bottom veneers.

**JrVice Bruce Goeden:** MCL Foundation may be able to assist Bearden.

### Standing Committee Reports:

**Sr. Vice Commandant ~ Convention/Fundraiser:** Patrick Melton: Triangle Shooting Academy-no response yet to inquiry for Pistols donation. Will try to have information by March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Department Raffle Tickets available tonight for those who need them ~ State Department raffling weapons.

**Jr. Vice Commandant ~ Recruitment/Retention:** Mike Brady: Recruit, Recruit, Recruit! Will place a Banner at Triangle Shooting Academy on Range night.

**Judge Advocate ~ Bylaws/Admin Pro.:** John Staley: Nominations for RDU Officers open February – April 2023. Elections to be held during April Meeting. Audit must be completed prior to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. **1 May is Fiscal Year.**

**Jr. Past Commandant:** Bruce Goeden: has Detachment Tee-Shirts and name tags available for those who desire to purchase them.

VEAC in Cary March 23-25, 2023.

Recognition of RDU Members who excelled with Toys-for-Tots participation: Andy Finlayson ~ over 1100, John Staley ~ over 1100: awarded Certificates. Recognition to several other members who assisted with collection of Toys from different business locations.

**Public Relations** ~ N/A

**Website, Facebook, Newsletter ~ Web SGT:** Josh Stevens: Checkout the RDU Website page ~ updates have been made.

**Sgt-at-Arms/Asst. Sgt-at-Arms** ~ Kevin Rumsey: Help with Roadside cleanup on Saturday, February 11, 2023.  
Dave Morgan: No Report

**Monthly Range Activity** ~ Triangle Shooting Academy: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday; next meeting (Feb 20) at 6:00pm

**Eagle Scouts** ~ Jeff Mixon: Attended Scouts Board meeting 2 weeks ago; last Thursday roundtable; looking to partner with them. Would love to have participations of more RDU Members. He is inviting Eagle Scout Daniels, who is accepted at the Academy, to attend an RDU meeting.

**Budget and Finance Committee** ~ N/A



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### Unfinished Business

#### Commandant Pitts:

Updates to website are being made (please send me info/pics/reports that you want published)

Department Raffle Tickets

**BITS Scholarship updates: 30 days after First Day of the Semester is Cutoff Date for submission of Wake Tech Scholarship applications!**

Jessica Streamo: has been in contact with Widow of Raleigh Police Officer killed during the Hedingham Massacre ~ she is interested in this scholarship. Jessica will continue to update RDU Detachment of progress with her.

### New Business

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

**Budget item for \$1000 a year to make and create awards to disburse upon Commandant's discretion (\$600 in reusable items to create awards)**

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

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**Roadside Clean-up February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 0900 (Chick-fil-a Briar Creek Parkway)**

**Nominations for 2023-2024 Officers**

**2023 Fundraiser in the works**

**Awards ~ 14 awards this year for Community. Allot in budget funds for Awards to be given; budget line item for materials of \$1000. Certificates of Appreciation being prepared for Members -**

Dave Zabarsky: Discretionary funds? Increase amount?

John Staley: Would have to amend By-Laws for this action.

Dave Young: Motion to refund to the Commandant for expenses, authorize Officer Awards. Motion seconded by Dave Zabarsky.

John Staley: Amended Motion to add \$500 as a Budget Line Item for Officers Awards, seconded by Patrick Melton.

Motion Carried.

Joe Stansbury made motion to reimburse Paymaster for out-of-pocket expenses {over the allotted Paymaster line item}.

Motion seconded by John Staley. Motion Carried.

#### **Special Award Presentation (Charles Minton)**

On behalf of Division Vice Commandant Rick Thomason and National Commandant Johnny Baker, Division Coordinator Charles Minton presented Community Organization Award to RDU Detachment member Chaplain Jeff Mixon ~ the First recipient of the COA Award.

#### **Good of the League ~**

Mike Brady, JrVice: For the History Buffs, I would be remiss if I did not report of Correction to the Iwo Jima Statue. 78 years ago in February, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines was a Corpsman but they changed it; corrected by looking at the photographs of the Statue.

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Dave Morgan: After looking at everything going on with the Detachment, points out there should be a way to aide/assist the Officers with their travel expenses when they attend League Conventions, Meetings, etc. John Staley points out procedures~ it is the duty of the Commandant to charge the Budget and Finance Committee to include that in their determinations.

Commandant Pitts ~ Now open the floor for Nominations of RDU Detachment#1482 Officers:

Judge Advocate John Staley: Formal By-Laws procedures, certain questions required of each Nominee to determine their eligibility for the position.

Floor is open for nominees in following positions:

Commandant: Patrick Melton – nominated by A J Pitts  
Questioned by Judge Advocate, Melton accepts nomination

SrVice Commandant: A J Pitts – nominated by Patrick Melton  
Questioned by Judge Advocate, Pitts accepts nomination

JrVice Commandant: Mike Brady – nominated by Kevin Rumsey  
Questioned by Judge Advocate, Brady accepts nomination

Judge Advocate: Kevin Rumsey – nominated by Patrick Melton  
Questioned by Judge Advocate, Rumsey accepts nomination

JrPast Commandant: Judge Advocate Staley ~ Point of Order: As the current Commandant would normally become JrPast Commandant, the JrPast now filling position will continue to serve if he accepts. JrPast Commandant Goeden accepts continuing as JrPast Commandant

Judge Advocate John Staley ~ Closed nominations now; will open again for nomination of Officers prior to elections during the next meeting ~ March 9, 2023.

Award of Meritorious Commendation by Commandant Pitts to Steve Curlee. (Accepted in his absence by Bruce Goeden)

### Announcements:

JrPast Goeden attending Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, VA 02/23-25/2023

MCL Spring Meeting – March 17-18, 2023 State Convention – June, 2023

### Closing Ceremony: Chaplain ~ Prayer

### In Unison: Marine Corps Hymn

**50/50 Raffle winner:** Mike Brady ~ \$20.00. Total funds donated back to RDU Detachment.

Meeting closed at 8:01 p.m. until next scheduled meeting on March 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque' Griffin

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RDU DETACHMENT #1482 ~ROADSIDE CLEANUP—FEBRUARY 11, 2023



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## RDU ROADSIDE CLEANUP PHOTOS {continued}



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## Eagle Scout Award to Jeff Mixon



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## VETERANS BENEFITS LIVE VA IN MY TOWN CARY, NC

### YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS EVENT

Should any of the following apply :

You would like to file a new claim with the VA.  
You have questions about VA appeals or benefits to which you may be entitled.  
You have questions about VA healthcare.

Veterans and dependents will be assisted by a combined team including Veterans' Benefits and Health Administrators, Vet Center, and Veterans' Service Officers.

They will assist with the following:  
Face-to-face explanation and assistance facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals, filing new claims, and accepting all claims-related evidence for processing and providing information regarding benefit related VA programs. Updated information on the PACT Act will be available.

**Who:** All veterans and family members of veterans

**Where:** Herbert Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary, North Carolina 27513

**When:** 23th, 24th, 25th of March 2023.  
Hours on Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 3pm, and Saturday 8 am to 2 pm.

Please bring with you the proper documentation about your case: DD 214, all medical records about your disability both military and civilian, and dependency documents if new or not already provided to the VA.

Wait times may be long, please be patient.  
Coffee, water, and snacks provided free of charge.

For more information contact Richard Spyrison at [CaryVEAC@gmail.com](mailto:CaryVEAC@gmail.com)

