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RDU-MCL Detachment #1482



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RDU-Marine Corps League



**Commandant ~
Patrick Melton**

Marines, Sailors and Associate Members.

I would like to thank you for putting your trust and faith in me this year to lead our Detachment for the coming year. It is my honor and privilege to have been elected Commandant of the RDU Detachment.

I know that I have big shoes to fill from both of our past Commandant's of AJ Pitts and Bruce Goeden.

I look forward to a year of growth and fellowship for our Detachment. We are already underway with our pistol raffle, and the date has been set for our 3rd annual Golf tournament in October.

In July we have a State Membership meeting coming up in Jacksonville, where our own Sr. Vice Commandant will be running for the Department Jr. Vice Commandant. I hope to see as many of our members at this meeting as possible.

I am here to serve you and the Detachment. If there is anything I can do, or you have any ideas how to improve things. Please do not hesitate to call or email me directly.

I look forward to working with all this year Semper Fi!

Respectfully

Patrick M Melton



**Sr Vice Commandant ~
A J Pitts**

Marines, Sailors, and associate members, The Pistol and Ammo Fundraiser has officially started and within the first week we are already in the black! We have Oct. 2nd locked in for the Golf Fundraiser and the committee is working on sponsors and teams as we speak. I would also like you all to know we are in the process of getting a scholarship (like the one at Wake Tech) set up at UNC Chapel Hill. This detachment has amazed me by how it has come together to help fellow members

and community members all in a short time frame of 1 month. Keep Up the Great work and keep sending me content for the social media pages we are growing slowly but **shortly!** Bring me ideas, I love to hear and help getting new projects rolling!

S/F

AJ Pitts



**Jr Vice Commandant ~
Michael Brady**

Recruit ~ Recruit ~ Recruit!

Semper Fi!

Mike Brady

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**Adjutant ~
Jacque' Griffin**

Let's collectively build the Greatest Marine Corps League Detachment in America ~ RDU#1482 ~ Onboard to help our Communities whenever and wherever possible!

Thank You for your continued support.

Semper Fi!

Jacque' Griffin



**Web Sergeant
Joshua Stevens**

Visit our RDU website often; tell your friends, buddies, neighbors and comrades about RDU-mcl.org and Facebook: rdumcldetachment.

Semper Fi!

Josh Stevens



**Sgt-at-Arms
John Staley**

Semper Fi

John Staley



**Judge Advocate
Kevin Rumsey**

Appreciation to all who join us with Roadside Cleanup along Brier Creek Parkway.

Semper Fi!

Kevin

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**Chaplain ~
Jeff Mixon**

Chaplain's Corner

We have all spent time along North Carolina's coast. Such a beautiful place to live until hurricane season hits.

I recall a few years ago that a hurricane came through with powerful winds and big waves. One of the great frustrations following a storm is not just the damage it produces but the absence of electricity for a few days. Call me spoiled, but I have come to be dependent on electricity. I

remember after that particular storm, we went several days with no electricity in the humid August. The nights seem so dark, but I noticed a neighbor's house down the beach that seemed to light up the sky.

The next day, I made my way to the neighbors because I noticed their lights were on and most importantly their air condition was running. "God bless their heart!" I asked how they had electricity when the other houses around us did not! They informed me that when the house was built a generator was built in the home. I will never forget the statement that followed. "We have power on the inside that is not dependent on what is going on outside!"

Picture this... The sun is shining, the waters are calm, and the sound of the sea fills the air. It is a perfect day to be out on a nice boat ride. Everything seems to be perfect, not a worry in the world. Then everything seems to change, a storm arises. What once seemed to be a peaceful getaway, has now turned into a stressful situation. The boat is rocking, waves are crashing over the bow, how do you get out of the storm before it consumes you? In the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 8:23-29, we read of the moment when Jesus caused a storm to cease. It was late in the day, Jesus was tired from teaching, the disciples and Jesus had gotten on the boat to remove themselves from the crowds. Then a storm arose. The disciples were terrified. Jesus was sleeping, what was he thinking?

Although the conditions had changed, the promise had not. The disciples allowed the conditions around them to change their perspective. The only thing that had changed since they first got in the boat was their surroundings. The Master of the Sea was still with them. Jesus arises from his sleep, calms the storm and questions the disciples' faith.

The disciple's response is this..."Who then is this, even the winds and waves obey him?" The men that were closest to Jesus are asking, who is he? Aren't we much like the disciples? Life is going smooth, kids are acting right, the dog is listening, nothing is broken in the house, your job is going well, then boom, the storm hits. One thing after another is falling apart. Our attitude changes, we get nervous, worried. What has changed is our circumstances, not the promise.

The disciples were worried in the boat and quickly forgot the one in the boat with them had just performed amazing miracles. We do the same. We allow our current situation to dictate our perspective. We must not let the storms blur our vision, don't forget all God has done in your life and how he has proven to be faithful.

Deuteronomy 31 tells us when Moses is talking to Joshua. "Be strong and courageous, don't be terrified, for it is the Lord your God

who goes with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you. As Israel was heading into battle, Moses assured Joshua that no matter what he faced God went before him and would never leave him. What a promise!

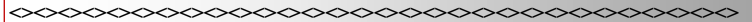
Be encouraged today. "The winds and waves still know His name!"

No matter what your storm looks like, the CO is in the boat. His promise is assured, and His power is not dependent on what is going on outside!

Prayers

Please lift up our friend John Saitta, Chaplain of the Tarheel Detachment in your prayers as he seeks answers for his health. Please pray for our own Alex as he heals from surgery. And please pray for my wife Amanda's upcoming knee replacement. Please pray to give me patience and wisdom as I become her nurse.

Jeff Mixon, Chaplain



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RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING May 11, 2023

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

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

Chaplain opened with prayer.

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

Welcome/Thank You to All Attending

Commandant proceeds welcoming all.

Recognition Dignitaries and Guests: *Recognize guest speaker allow to speak*

Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant {Stand and Salute}

Commandant	Patrick Melton (Excused)
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 (Excused)
Chaplain	Jeff Mixon
Web Sgt.	Josh Stevens (Excused)

Do we have any applications for Membership or Transfers ~ Tina Gravis

Installation Ceremony {If needed}: (Short Version) Installation of **Tina Gravis** joined by Allen Brown and Bruce Goeden

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

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

Do we have any corrections? N/A

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

Motion to accept minutes by Dave Young and seconded by Allen Brown.

Voice Vote: Approved ~ Rap Gavel to confirm.

Correspondence

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

Detachment Gave a card and \$100 to Alex West for groceries for his surgery and collected 56 servings of soups dropped off on 5/2 for anyone else who wants to drop soups get with Patrick or AJ to drop those off.

Registration for State Convention June 9-11 cut off 05/26 RDU Detachment sending folder on 05/12 if you still want to go you will be responsible for registering.

National Letter for life member Dues (talk over)

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Paymaster Report: For the month of: April 2023

Starting Checkbook Balance: \$
Month End Checkbook Balance: \$

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

Motion made by Bruce Goeden and Seconded by Allen Brown 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? Wife of Chaplain Jeff Mixon going to have surgery next week, prayers for a total recovery. Steve Curlee's wife doing OK. Alex West - (surgery went well) had another surgery to put a nerve monitor in his back. Andy Finlayson broke Ribs in a fall at Perry's Restaurant on May 5, 2023.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sr. Vice Commandant ~ Convention/ Fundraiser ~ A J Pitts:
Pistol and Ammo Raffle – Roughly \$2000 sold already.
Golf Fundraiser: 2 sponsors already committed.

Jr. Vice Commandant ~ Recruitment/Retention ~ Mike Brady: Invites all to Pullen Aquatic Center, Raleigh NC ~ help to lower Blood Pressure results. Bruce Goeden states he has a case with Stress Balls and other items Detachment may use for Recruiting. Consider RDU Cards to help advertise.

Brady: The 1st Thursday of each month RDU meets at Tra'li's in Brier Creek, inviting participation of all. Irreverent Warriors will hike in Greensboro.

Judge Advocate ~ Bylaws/Admin Pro. ~ Kevin Rumsey: Bylaws updates/changes will be discussed at the June 9-10 Convention. Discussion of proposed changes and will of the RDU Detachment members will be forthcoming.

-DONC Bylaw proposals ~ RDU is a 'No' vote for change of Letter of Intent/Nomination from the Floor proposal.
{Delegates to Vote at Convention}

Jr. Past Commandant ~ {Absent}

Website, Facebook, Newsletter ~ Web SGT: Report by A J Pitts: Requesting everyone refer/direct as many persons as possible to visit RDU's Website! Much detailed information regarding our Detachment, the Marine Corps League, our Vision and Goals and much more.

Sgt-at-Arms ~ {Absent}

Monthly Range Activity ~ Triangle Shooting Academy: every 3rd Monday ~ next meeting May 15, 2023 at 6:00pm

Eagle Scouts ~ Jeff Mixon: Awards presented.

We have our next Eagle Scout Mission on this coming Monday, June 5th, at 7:00 PM in West Raleigh. The location is: Coachman's Trail Clubhouse, 11412 Coachmans Way, Raleigh, NC 27614

Budget and Finance Committee ~ Chair - (we still need a chair) if no volunteer, one will be appointed at the June meeting!

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Unfinished Business

Department Raffle Tickets (Money and Tickets due today)

BITS Scholarship updates ~ Jessica Streamo still in contact with widow of Police Officer killed in Heddingham. UNC-Chapel Hill has accepted RDU's Scholarship program; processing details of presentation to Students (similar to those of Wake Tech).

New Business

Any Special Projects, New Ideas or Suggestions – Always Welcomed

Roadside Cleanup May 13th @ 0900 meet in Tra'li Parking lot.

Toys-4-Tots Chair ~ Greg Grabus has been appointed Chairperson beginning 2023 season.

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

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit ~ website: rdu-mcl.org
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Awards – N/A

DONC Candidates for election: Discussions of Candidates on Slate of Officers for upcoming Elections during the Convention June 9-10, 2023. RDU Detachment#1482 Delegates instructed to vote for Candidates and By-Law changes that are in the best interest of the Detachment based on suggestions of RDU members.

Good of the League ~ SrVice Commandant: RDU Detachment will assist a family in need by donating \$300.00 to help offset student activities expenses. Motion by Steve Curlee and seconded by Helen Young to approve expenses. Motion Approved by Voice Vote of Members.

SrVice Commandant Pitts presented Thank-You awards to each of the former Staff Officers who served with him during the 2022-2023 Commandant term ~ As a symbol of Leadership and Drive.

Announcements: N/A

Closing Ceremony: Sgt-at-Arms ~ Proceed to close. **Chaplain Mixon ~ Prayer**
Sgt-at-Arms ~ Close meeting: until next meeting on June 9, 2023.

In Unison: Marine Corps Hymn

50/50 Raffle winner: Mike Brady

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque' Griffin
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