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Commandant's Corner ~ Bruce Goeden

Welcome Marines and Associate Members to August 2021

We are moving forward and fulfilling our basic Mission of becoming fully operational.

We received our Charter on June 13th

We went to our 1st Range night on June 21st, 2021

We had our 1st official meeting on July 8th with a great meal served up by the Bulls Eye Grill.

On July 19th we went to the Range at the Triangle Shooting Academy to have fun and socialized afterwards as a New Detachment.

We are off to a great start!

I will be representing the RDU Detachment at the National Convention August 9-13th, 2021 in Springfield Illinois, in The Land of Lincoln.

When I return we will try to start moving ahead on these Fronts!

- ◆ Recruitment and Fund Raisers combination
- ◆ Picnic Planning for October time frame
- ◆ Planning for Toys4Tots (Need a Chairman and an Admin)
- ◆ Complete the Poster and put them out to help with recruitment.
- ◆ Start planning for the Marine Corps Ball
- ◆ Planning for a Location for the State Convention.

With the help of All of you, the Members, our Growth and Success as a Detachment will be Guaranteed!

Enjoy the time with your families and loved ones. Make plans to give us some time to insure we all have Great Months ahead!

Semper Fi

Bruce Goeden

Commandant RDU Detachment #1482

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Judge Advocate ~ Patrick Melton

Ladies and Gentlemen of the RDU Detachment, I wanted to let you all know that earlier this week we received our draft Bylaws back from the Department. Over the next week to two weeks, I will be reviewing them and making some changes to them that were requested by the Department. I will also be sharing them with the other Officers

of the Detachment for review. Once that is completed I will post them on the website under the Members Only section for your review and comments.

I want to thank those of you who have taken the time to review the current draft of the Bylaws and provide me feedback, your comments and wisdom are appreciated.

As we draw to the end of this hot summer I wanted to look back at all that we have done and once again say thank you for all of your hard work and assistance in getting this Detachment Chartered and running. We could not have done it without the support of all of you. We are looking forward to having a great Fall with both the picnic, Toys For Tots, Marine Corps Ball to name a few. Along with that a break from the heat and some great football to watch. Semper Fi and we will see you at the next meeting!

Patrick

Judge Advocate

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**Chaplain ~
Jeff Mixon**

The unfolding human tragedy in Afghanistan is on many of our minds this month. Scenes of the evacuation of our allies are reminiscent of the fall of Saigon.

While I certainly encourage you to join me in praying for the safety of our military forces still in the country, I want you to think ahead about how we can help.

Thousands of Afghan allies who risk their lives to support our Marines are being saved and brought to US. This presents a unique opportunity for us as a Veterans Service Organization. I am currently looking into the agencies in our area that will be receiving the Afghan refugees.

I would like for us to begin thinking about ways that we can welcome and help them adjust to life in their new country. That may take the form of putting together welcome packages or connecting with individual families. Please put some effort into thinking how you can make a difference as an individual. Maybe you have a small business that needs help or know of one that does.

The men of these families served alongside our Marines and Sailors and face the same bullets and bombs. In the same way that members of the Special Forces community adopted the montagnards in the 70s and 80s from Vietnam on, so too we have the opportunity the help please battle Buddies today.

As I learn more about what the needs of the community are, I will be presenting that information at our next meeting. Please be prepared to make a commitment to make a difference in the lives of these folks.

Please join me in prayer:

Dear Supreme Commandant, we beseech you to protect our Marines, sailors, Airman and soldiers during this difficult time in Afghanistan. We also ask for your Grace & Mercy for our Gold Star families from Afghanistan as well as Veterans of that conflict as they struggle to make sense of the sacrifices that were made. May you bless our country and provide wisdom in the coming days. Amen.



**Paymaster ~
Frank Castillo**

Greetings and Salutations, Fellow Marines!

I'm happy to report that the RDU Detachment has had a burst of activity, with new members, group activities with focus on fellowship and engagement in our community.

Given the current mood in the country, we need to feel that we are part of a positive, contributory and productive organization. The MCL offers that comradeship and well-being!

I hope that you understand that we need each other, for exchange of ideas, sharing our concerns and combining our talents to progress toward self-appointed goals.

"Strength in numbers" is what I learned while in the Marines! As an organization, we can do much to improve our community, with each one of us contributing their personal skills and knowledge. I'm optimistic that our Detachment will provide a positive outlet for former Marines, as well as a positive example for the community to reflect upon.

As Gen. John A. Lejeune was quoted as saying, "Fleets cannot operate without bases", Let's make the RDU Detachment a base from which we can extend ourselves, but always come back to!

-Frank Castillo
Paymaster

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August 12, 2021

RDU-MCL Det#1482 Meeting

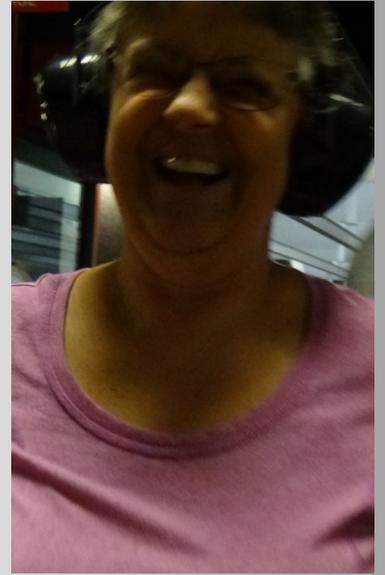
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August 16, 2021 ~ Monday

Triangle Shooting Academy





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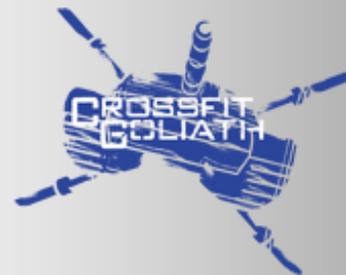
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