

THE TARMAC

RDU-MCL Detachment #1482



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RDU-Marine Corps League



**Commandant ~
A J Pitts**

Marines, Sailors, and Associate Members

We have been planning and getting ready for our second year of Toys-for-Tots, and our Golf Fundraiser. As we continue planning, please be reaching out to make this year better than last year. The Golf committee has locked in a place, food, and prices for the event and has started advertising it around the community and on our social media. Keep up the great work with our Rifle Fundraiser as it is

starting to come to its close as well on October 16th. We also will have a few people going to the Fall membership meeting in October. I am asking for full participation at these events as it is vital to our communities as outreach, and the view of the Detachment. The Scholarship committee has almost completed the full process of getting the book assistance established at Wake Tech Community College. I want to see our success continue to grow and we are not stopping yet and never will, so keep it up.

S/F

AJ Pitts



**Jr Vice Commandant ~
Michael Brady**

Greetings to all members and associate members of RDU Detachment #1482!! Hope this finds everyone and their family members in good health and doing well.

A reminder to update your yearly membership dues or go ahead and become a lifetime member of the MCL. You'll find the link right here at - [Store - RDU DETACHMENT #1482](#)

[MARINE CORPS LEAGUE \(rdu-mcl.org\)](http://MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (rdu-mcl.org))

Seize any opportunities you have to recruit new members.

Just a reminder that Irreverent Warriors is having a Silkies Hike in downtown Raleigh on **Saturday, September 24, from 0800 to 1600**. It's a nice easy walking pace and plenty of water, Gatorade, and snacks are supplied by the support staff. It's an opportunity to meet veterans from all branches of the military and from all eras. It is also an opportunity to meet many Post 9/11 veterans from all branches of service. There is also a stop in downtown Raleigh where free chow will be provided for lunch!!

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**Sr Vice Commandant ~
Patrick Melton**

Members of the Detachment,

I hope this edition of the Tarmac finds you all in good health and spirits, as we get ready to enter into the Holiday months I wanted to remind everyone that next month is the final month to turn in Raffle money. Our winners of the raffle will be selected at the Fall Membership meeting in Wilkesboro NC in October. Please bring all tickets stubs and checks/cash for the raffle to the Oct

13th meeting!!!!

We will be having our Annual Golf tournament next month which is also the kickoff of our Toys for Tots Campaign, please plan on attending and dropping off a toy to help get the campaign started right. We look forward to seeing you there and please, please bring a guest and fellow Marine or Service Member with you to enjoy the fellowship. Please keep track of the schedule for upcoming MCL and MODD events and conferences as there are several coming up that the Adjutant has been sending out in e-mail within the past week. I would like to see more members attend these events to gain a better understanding of what is happening at the State and National levels if you are interested. Stay safe and have a good month.

Semper Fi!

Patrick

JrVice Commandant Message {Continued}

Hope to see any who can make it in attendance. Feel free to contact me on my mobile phone at (714) 351-5613 if you're interested in attending this event. The recent Pinehurst event even included a stop at the end of the hike at the Pinehurst Country Club with an opportunity to cool off in their swimming pool. The following is the Irreverent Warriors link: [Raleigh, NC - Irreverent Warriors](#)

If you know any veterans who love to golf, try to get them to come out to our fundraiser and annual Toys-for-Tots kickoff at Heddingham Golf Course. Here is the link - [Home - Heddingham Golf Club \(heddinghamgolfnc.com\)](#)

Semper Fi!!!

Michael Brady

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**Adjutant ~
Jacque' Griffin**

October 22, 2022 ~ Annual RDU Detachment #1482 Golf Fund-raiser and Kick-Off for Toys-for-Tots. Share the message far and wide ~ invite neighbors, friends, family even acquaintances!

Should you have an Article or material that you wish to share with our Members, please email

the information to me. Any material that is Good for the League will be included in The Tarmac.

Thank you
Semper Fi,

Jacque' Griffin



**Web Sergeant
Joshua Stevens**

Semper Fi

Josh Stevens



**Judge Advocate
John Staley**

The National Marine Corps League held its 2022 National Convention in Daytona Beach Fla, in August. The sitting national officers were all re-elected. Concerning the 27 by-law proposed changes, I have seen the official results; I will report the results when I receive them. However, unofficially, I have learned that the two concerning wearing of the American Flag were rejected. One concerned the wearing of the flag on the red cover and the other

concerned only wearing the flag on the right sleeve of the undress uniform. The uniform sleeve issue addressed not allowing the Devil Dog patch to be worn.

The following is good information; it is from the DoNC Judge Advocate's article in the September issue of the Department's newsletter. The author is Bill Brown:

"Although our Department Bylaws (DBL) and National Bylaws and National Administrative Procedures (NBL/NAP) do not specifically require that we maintain records of attendees at our meetings it should be a matter of practice to have members and guests sign in for each meeting held. If you do not fully follow the League Ritual, and should forget a roll call of officers or a good count of members in attendance in your minutes, then how do you substantiate that you met your requirements for a quorum? It serves as backup for the minutes, and if you track meals, 50/50 raffles, etc., then it satisfies the needs of any audits. Don't forget that the Sergeant-at-Arms is supposed to validate those members attending "are in good standing" and/or collect dues if they are not currently paid. Use the most current roster provided from National/Department to keep your Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster apprised of changes."

This is one reason that at each meeting the previous meeting's minutes are reviewed and approval voted. Also, why the status of each member is reviewed by the Paymaster and Commandant several times during the business year.

Meeting Protocol: Leaving/Returning During Meetings:
The start of any MCL meeting begins with the presentation of the colors and Pledge of Allegiance. Whenever a member or guest has to leave once the meeting has begun, the following MUST be performed:

- The member/guest will first stand and salute the colors. Then he/she will salute the Sgt-at-Arms and hold the salute until it is returned.
- The Sgt-at-Arms controls the conduct of members/guests during the meeting. If the salute is not returned, this indicates that approval for leaving is not granted.

Upon returning to the meeting, the opposite is performed. Salute the Sgt-at-Arms and then the colors.

This protocol has not been followed at several meetings. However, going forward, the protocol will be enforced.

Semper Fi

John Staley

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Chaplain ~
Jeff Mixon

Chaplain's Corner
9-11, a Time of Death and Sacrifice

When one considers the tragedy that befell our nation on September 11th it is hard **not** to focus on the sheer numbers.

2,977 dead in New York, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

2,606 were at the World Trade Center.
125 at the Pentagon.
40 were on Flight 93.

343 Firefighters were lost.
72 Law Enforcement officers gave their lives.



Unfortunately, the deaths did not stop on that day. Some 1,400 Rescuers have since succumbed to exposure to hazardous materials at the site of the World Trade Center. That number is expected to continue to grow and has struck the First Responders of New York harder than any other single factor.

Once you have considered the numbers of the Lost it is important to remember it could have been worse. It has been estimated that there were 17,000 people in The Two Towers that day.

But, behind each number we should always remember that there are names, faces and lives. Amongst the Dead was a friend of mine from high school in Durham. Karleton Fife was a graduate of UNC and worked for the John Hancock firm in Boston. He was heading to LA for a meeting while on board American Airlines Flight 11 that day. He is my personal link to that day and I will always remember him.

We should also never forget that our military was attacked that day when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. We lost 33 sailors and 22 soldiers along with numerous civilian government employees and contractors. Lieutenant General Timothy Maude became the highest ranking casualty the US military had experienced since the battle for Okinawa during World War II.

With the great loss of that day we should also consider the Bravery the First Responders. Firefighters from the FDNY, Arlington County, law enforcement from the Port Authority Police Department, NYPD, Department of Defense Police, Arlington PD and numerous federal agencies responded immediately. They all ran towards the fire and in many cases they knew the risk involved but did so **willingly** in order to save the lives of their fellow Americans. **Where do we find men such as these?** Willing to sacrifice for people that they did not know? The Bravery of the First Responders speaks highly of our public servants. And we honor them all on this day.

We also lost 17 Marine Reservists that day. They were all working their normal job with the FDNY. There is now a memorial to their sacrifice at the Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico.

Also there that day were two Marine Veterans. Staff Sgt. David W. Karnes and Sgt. Jason Thomas who both self-deployed to the scene. "Someone needed help. It didn't matter who," Thomas said. "I didn't even have a plan. But I have all this training as a Marine, and all I could think was, 'My city is in need.' " Again I ask, **Where do we find Men such as these?**

Also at the World Trade Center, Franciscan Father Mychal Judge was present as a Chaplain with the FDNY. He was met by Mayor Giuliani, who asked him to pray for the city and its victims. Father Judge prayed over bodies lying on the streets, then entered the lobby of the World Trade Center North Tower. There he continued offering aid and prayers for the rescuers, the injured, and the dead. As he was praying for God's mercy, the South Tower collapsed and he was killed. As his body was being taken out, an iconic photo was taken that was seen around the world.



Today's legacy of 9-11 lives on in the commissioning of 3 Navy ships that carry Marines around the world as America's Nine One One force. They are named for each of the crash sites, USS New York (LPD-21), USS Arlington (LPD-24) and USS Somerset (LPD-25) (She is named for Somerset County instead of the borough of Shanksville.)

Please join me in prayer,

Supreme Commandant, we seek your wisdom and mercy on this solemn occasion. We ask that you bless the memories of our fallen heroes in and out of uniform. Help us honor their lives through our service and dedication. Lord, hear our prayers of gratitude for those who gave the full measure of their devotion: the first responders, the unsung host of civilians, and those in uniform who perished serving or who sacrificed their lives in the years that have followed in the defense of this great nation. We ask these things in your Holy and Precious Name. Amen

Jeff Mixon, Chaplain

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Junior Past Commandant ~ Bruce Goeden

Greetings Members of the RDU Detachment and welcome to September. We have a number of events coming up. A few reminders and requests:

1. Please continue to sell Raffle Tickets! We have only one month before the drawing and this is of great help to the Detachment. I have posters to post if anyone is interested.

2. Any members who can help with JROTC Drill at Cary High School on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 2:15 pm until 4:30 pm, please contact me. Drill experience would be helpful, but *not* required.

3. There will be a Veterans Social on Tuesday, September 27th at the Raleigh Beer Garden, 614 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh. This is a great opportunity to connect with veterans from the other services as well as an opportunity to recruit auxiliary members for our Detachment.

4. Toys for Tots starts the 1st of October and we need as many people as possible to sign up for established locations in Raleigh, Durham, and surrounding communities. Any questions, contact me by phone, text or email : 919-720-7066 or jrpast@rdu-mcl.org.

5. Also on October 1st will be a Growl at 11 am located at 100 Pitchi St, Smithfield. All Marines and Corpsman who have been in the League a year can join this Social Group.

I hope to see everyone at one or all of these events.

Semper Fi,

Bruce



Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Rumsey

Semper Fi!
Kevin

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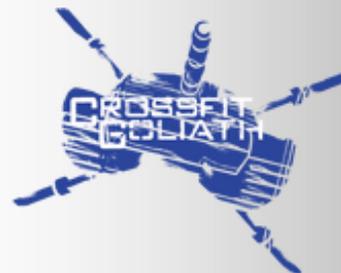
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RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING September 8, 2022

Opening Ceremony – Commandant Pitts: 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 of Dignitaries and Guests:

Hugo Evans, Kym Finchette, Marie Vat and Brent ____

Jim Mitchell, DVC NCMCL

1st Sgt Garcia, Reserve Center/Toys-4-Tots

Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant {Stand and Salute}

Commandant	AJ Pitts
Sr. Vice Commandant	Patrick Melton
Jr. Vice Commandant	Michael Brady
Judge Advocate	John Staley
Jr. Past Commandant	Bruce Goeden
Adjutant	Jacque' Griffin
Paymaster	Vacant (int. Dave Young)
Sgt-at-Arms	Kevin Rumsey - Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Morgan - Excused
Chaplain	Jeff Mixon
Web Sgt.	Josh Stevens
Budget & Finance Chairman	Dave Young
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Jeff Mixon

Do we have any applications for Membership or Transfers? None

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

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

Do we have any corrections?

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

Motion made by: Dave Young and Seconded by: Bruce Goeden

Any Discussion? None

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

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Correspondence

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

Fall Membership Meeting Wilkesboro NC October 15, 2022 (hotel registration ends on the 14th, due to season make sure you send in registration forms soon.

Vet Social Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ Raleigh Beer Garden, 5:30 pm

Who: RS Raleigh Marines, family and their friends (you;))))

What: Marine Corps Birthday Ball

GOH: MSgt (Ret) Coursen - former RS RI in Raleigh.

When: Saturday, 12 November 2022/Cocktail Hour 1800, Ceremony 1900

Where: Hotel Ballast, 301 N. Water Street, Wilmington NC 28401

{Please let RDU Adjutant know if you want further information.

1st Sgt Garcia will have more information}

Paymaster Report: For the month of: August 2022

Interim Paymaster Report – Dave Young, for July and August 2022

3 outstanding checks and one unrecoverable check

Starting Checkbook Balance: \$

Month End Checkbook Balance: \$

{Report of Paymaster may be viewed on Website: RDU-MCL.org (Members Only)}

Audit of the State Convention complete. Net balance: \$154.17

SrVice Patrick Melton: audit information will be posted on RDU Website – Members Only, in response to request by members! At the time of installation of new RDU Paymaster, an official final Audit will be completed.

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

Motion made by John Staley and seconded by Bruce Goeden 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?

Jeff Mixon: Pleased to report no deaths this period. Dave Zabarsky is recovering from prostate surgery and is doing well. Flowers and cards from RDU delivered to him by Chaplain. Steve Curlee {who is at tonight's meeting} is doing fine. His wife is going back to work next week.

Helen Young dropped blower on her foot and is recovering.

Chaplain expressed Corpsman moment: FEET ARE Important!!! Take care of them!

Dick Ellis had COVID last year, was in the hospital last week – colorectal cancer.

John Staley ~ Andrew Blizzard declared Cancer Free after several surgeries ~ still using feeding tube due to throat surgery.

Bruce Goeden ~ Toby Roberts had rectal bleeding and is being tested.

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Standing Committee Reports:

Sr. Vice Commandant ~ Convention/Fundraiser ~ Rifle and Ammunition money/tickets due NOW!

Drawing on October 15, 2022 ~ MUST SUBMIT money before drawing. Only '8' tickets were given each member for sale; PLEASE sell and return funds ASAP! Must be returned by **10/13/2022**

Golf Tournament will be held at Hedingham Golf Course on **October 22, 2022**. Flyer is available on RDU Website.

Jr. Vice Commandant ~ Recruitment/Retention ~ Irreverent Warriors event will be held on September 24, 2022 ~ Walk around Raleigh

Judge Advocate ~ Bylaws/Admin Pro. ~ Updates on State ByLaws provided.

John Staley: Trivia – Stars on Front of Flag

Jr. Past Commandant ~ November 5, 2022: Veterans Day Parade in Raleigh.

Drills, Cary High School at 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, if any volunteers. {Not an RDU event}.

Pound Growl – October 1st and 14th; must be a MCL member for 1-year to join.

Shirts may be worn Inside or Outside: individual preference.

Certificates for Toys-4-Tots available for 2021 participants. See Bruce Goeden.

1stSgt Garcia: Toys-4-Tots is working to locate place for storage of toys this year; Navy space no longer available. SSgt Houston will again be Point-of-Contact for RDU Detachment. Phone numbers will not have 'Extensions' – calls go directly to person dialed. Thanks to all who participated in 2021 T-4-T. Over **100,000** toys collected and distributed. Toys received AFTER last drop-off date went to other communities, i.e. US Veterans Corps, etc.

National due dates for Toys-4-Tots is **December 16, 2022**. Detachments may decide on last drop-off date.

Bruce Goeden: Motion: Toys-for-Tots last collection date for RDU – December 9, 2022. Seconded: James Wendling.

Discussion: Patrick Melton: should RDU be involved with Toys-4-Tots after the Golf date? Little to no recognition of Detachments by MCL last year.

1stSgt Garcia: Only '9' Reservists working with Toys-4-Tots to handle all processes.

Mitchell Elder: MCL was given much praised by Nationals at the Convention.

Andy Finlayson: Move to Close Debate/Discussion; call for a vote on motion. Toys-4-Tots due on **December 9, 2022 for RDU Detachment#1482**. Motion carrier.

James Wendling will be Toys-4-Tots assistant.

Bruce Goeden will seek involvement of Martin Marietta again. Capital Ford has volunteered use of their vehicle for transportation. RDU Members are asked to distribute collection boxes to places closest to them (he has list of participants).

Public Relations ~ Frank Castillo: Will inquire and report on Veterans Day Parade activities.

Website, Facebook, Newsletter ~ No Report

Sgt-at-Arms/Asst. Sgt-at-Arms ~ No Report

Monthly Range Activity ~ Triangle Shooting Academy: every 3rd Monday {Next on September 19th}

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Eagle Scouts ~ Jeff Mixon: will be attending next Scout meeting

Budget and Finance Committee ~ No Report

Unfinished Business

Golf Fundraiser Updates ~ Commandant Pitts : already receiving donations; Catering will be done by Hedingham Golf Club. Flyers will be posted to the RDU Website.

Scholarships: BITS and Wake Tech Update ~ Cmdt Pitts: Draft application online ~ still being updated; Jessica Streamo chairing this process. Finalizing details with Wake Tech on how the Scholarship funds will be distributed.

New Business

Awards: Marine Of the Year/Associate Of the Year/Individual Meritorious Commendation ~ Commandant Pitts:

Request Sgt-at-Arms escort Nate Griffin to the front: Brief biography read detailing US Marine Corps life of Nathaniel J Griffin, Jr from 1956 to Present: '66' years! All in favor of presenting IMC to Nathaniel J Griffin Jr please raise your hand: Approved ~ Certificate for IMC presented to Nate Griffin!

Request Sgt-at-Arms escort Jacque' Griffin to the front: Brief Bio of Jacque' read as recipient of Associate of the Year. All in favor of presenting the AOY to Jacque Griffin, please raise your hand: Approved ~ Certificate of AOY presented to Jacque' Griffin!

Request Sgt-at-Arms escort Patrick Melton to the front: Brief BIO of Patrick read as Marine of the Year. All in favor of presenting the MOY to Patrick Melton, please raise your hand: '1' Nay – Presentation Approved. Certificate for Marine of the Year presented to Patrick Melton.

John Staley: Recipients of these awards must have performed Community Service, as each of these have. Also, they must Lead committee to select next year's MOY/AOY.

Plaques for Tun Tavern & Gold EGA

Commandant Pitts: A plaque will be presented to BRIXX Pizza following tonight's meeting ~ "TUN TAVERN" plaque. (Plaque displayed at meeting)

Hubspot for maintaining records/contacts

Paymaster, Adjutant and Commandant will develop and maintain RDU Detachment#1482 records, contacts and materials in a designated area.

Any Special Projects, New Ideas or Suggestions – Always Welcomed

?? Outshoot the Marines Event??

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

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit ~ Website: rdu-mcl.org
Facebook: [facebook.com/rdu mcl detachment](https://facebook.com/rdu%20mcl%20detachment)

Good of the League ~

Announcements:

Tarheel Detachment holding Golf Tournament this month

Oklahoma City, OK – site for National Convention in 2023. Reserve your room space NOW

Closing Ceremony: Chaplain ~ Prayer: Chaplain

John Staley ~ Closing of meeting until October 13, 2022 for next meeting

In Unison: Marine Corps Hymn

50/50 Raffle winner: Marine Frame

Respectfully submitted

Jacque' Griffin
adjutant@rdu-mcl.org

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RDU DINNER/MEETING PHOTOS



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Plaque Presented to BRIXX Wood Fired Pizza and Craft Bar

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RDU-MCL Detachment #1482
Individual Meritorious Commendation
Nathaniel J Griffin, Jr



RDU-MCL Detachment #1482
Associate of the Year
Jacque' K Griffin



RDU-MCL Detachment #1482
Marine of the Year
Patrick Melton

