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RDU-MCL Detachment #1482



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RDU-Marine Corps League



**Commandant ~
A J Pitts**

Marines, Sailors, and Associate Members,

Another Successful month with a lot going on. We need the Golf Fundraiser kickoff and Toys-for-Tots planning to start taking way. A few new things are coming in for the Detachment, like scholarships and awards. I hope to see the growth and success of the Detachment continue to grow and to prosper with more ideas. Do not forget that your

membership dues are due by **September 1st**, Please be sure we are paid up.

S/F
AJ Pitts



**Sr Vice Commandant ~
Patrick Melton**

Semper Fi!

**Jr Vice Commandant ~
Michael Brady**

Greetings to all RDU Detachment#1482 MCL fellow members! Hoping you and all your family are having and enjoying the summer in good health. Just a reminder that this is the time of year for dues to be paid for all members who don't have a lifetime membership for the MCL. The following is the link on our Detachment website at the Tarmac: [Store - RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE \(rdu-mcl.org\)](http://Store - RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE (rdu-mcl.org))

Yearly dues are \$31.20, or you can choose an age-appropriate lifetime membership if you like.

Seize any opportunities to recruit new members when they arise. If anyone is interested in attending **the "Silkies Hikes"** that Irreverent Warriors is having at Pinehurst, NC, on Saturday morning (8/27), or the one in downtown Raleigh on Saturday morning (9/24), feel free to contact me if you want to link up and attend the event. It's a good opportunity to meet many Post 9/11 Vets from all branches of the Armed Forces. My phone # is 714-351-5613. The following is the link for the national website for Irreverent Warriors with information about signing up for a hike and any FAQs that they can answer: Cities - Irreverent Warriors

Hope to be hiking with a few of you on 8/27/22 at Pinehurst on Saturday morning. The hikes are at a leisure pace with at least 3 to 4 stops and a great lunch break. No ruck (or silkies) required!! However, you do have to be wearing some type of clothing for those of you out there that like to push the envelope. I'll see everyone at the September meeting because I have some funny speaking relatives from the UK in town this week.

Semper Fi!

Michael Brady

Paymaster ~

{VACANT}

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Adjutant ~ Jacque' Griffin

The hottest most humid of days are in-the-past, now let's Buckle down to seriously concene- trating on 'Making RDUMCL Detachment#1482 Shine!'

October 22, 2022 ~ Golf Fund- raiser will serve as the Kick-Off for Toys-4-Tots.

Preparations for RDUDet#1482 Scholarships up and going. Your assistance is required to

make these exceptional events exceed our goals.

Thank you for everything You do to continue enriching our Detachment. {Invite others to join us and share the joy}.

Semper Fi,
Jacque' Griffin



Web Sergeant Joshua Stevens

Semper Fi

Josh Stevens



Judge Advocate John Staley

The National Marine Corps League will hold its 2022 National Con- vention in Daytona Beach, Fla in August. Do not know if anyone from our De- tachment will be attending; Junior Past Commandant Goeden usually attends. I do know that the DoNC North DVC, Jim Mitchell, will be attending.

As usual, there are a lot of business sessions scheduled during the 5-day event. One of these will cover pro- posed changes to the National By-

Laws and Administration Procedures. Currently 27 changes are on the list to be discussed. Most of these are administrative and/or minor changes to by-laws and procedures. Some relate to uniform regulations; one would permit the wearing of an American Flag emblem on the left (EGA side) rear of the MCL cover.

When I receive the record of approved changes to the by-laws and administrative procedures, I will publish them in the next monthly issue of the Tarmac. I will also discuss the pertinent ones in the next regular meeting. If you wish to review any or all of the proposed changes, they are available in the National Convention information sent out by the DoNC Adjutant.

Meeting Protocol: Pledge of Allegiance

The start of any MCL meeting begins with the presentation of the colors and Pledge of Allegiance. However, in many meet- ings, there is confusion as how to correctly perform this. The right method is for the Sgt-at Arms to order attention, hand salute and ready to. Then he/she will order "Uncover" and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the meeting will proceed with the Chaplin's prayer.

The rationale/change in this procedure is: The Commandant of the Marine Corps stated that while a Marine is in uniform and at attention, the Marine will not speak unless giving an order. The Marine can perform actions as saluting. The MCL has em- braced this requirement. ***As the wearing of the cover is the official MCL uniform, no recitation should be performed. By uncovering, we are no longer officially in uniform and are thus authorized to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*** Hopefully, this now makes sense as to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to start meetings.

Semper Fi

John Staley
Judge Advocate



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MONTHLY Meeting: '2nd' Thursday
Triangle Shooting Academy
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**Chaplain ~
Jeff Mixon**

Chaplain's Corner

Within the detachment, we are still dealing with a variety of health issues. Steve Curlee is back to work and his arm is healing. Please keep his wife in your prayers as she continues to face a variety of health challenges. We have a number of our senior members who are facing mobility challenges and we hope that they will be able to continue to attend our meetings either in person or virtually. Unfortunately, I have been approached by two different individuals this week from the emergency services who are struggling with PTSD. I have invited both of those folks to attend our meeting and look forward to introducing you to them. We, as an organization are unique in that PTSD is no stranger to us. Just as we lead the way on the battlefield, there is a new battle to be faced here at home. I hope and pray that we can help these folks with their struggles.

As we move towards the end of the Summer, we recall the sacrifices made for our Marines in Vietnam. I first learned the story of Father Capodanno during a trip towards to the Washington Navy Yard Chapel where I viewed his portrait and found a prayer card supporting his canonization.

Lieutenant Vincent Robert Capodanno, born in Staten Island, New York, was the tenth child of Italian immigrants. Through the example of his parents, Vincent Jr. experienced the dignity of hard work, pride of family, strength of ethnicity, love of especially, love of Catholic priest and after serving the in Asia he sought Chaplain Corps increasing number of



of his parents, Vincent Jr. dignity of hard work, pride of ethnicity and most their Catholic faith.

was ordained as a Roman Maryknoll Missioner and Church in several positions permission to join the Navy tending to serve the in-Marines in Vietnam. Eventually Maryknoll granted this request, and after finishing Officer Candidate School, during Holy Week of 1966, Father Capodanno reported to the 7th Marines in Vietnam. Later transferred to a medical unit, Father Capodanno was more than a priest ministering within the horrific arena of war. He became a constant companion to the Marines: living, eating, and sleeping in the same conditions of the men. He established libraries, gathered and distributed gifts and organized outreach programs for the local villagers. He spent hours reassuring the weary and disillusioned, consoling the grieving, hearing confessions, instructing converts, and distributing St. Christopher medals. Such work "energized" him, and he requested an extension to remain with the Marines. It was during his second tour on September 4, 1967, with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation Swift that Father Vincent Capodanno made the ultimate sacrifice.

When Chaplain Capodanno learned that M Company's 2nd Platoon was in danger of being overrun, he left the relative safety of the company command post and raced through an open area that was being raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered Marines. A machine gun opened fire from a clump of bushes 10 to 15 meters away from the 2nd Platoon, and Sergeant Lawrence Peters shouted, "Get that gun!" Marine Ray Harton was hit in the arm, and his rifle

was shattered by another enemy round. NVA troops were assembling for an assault on the stunned Marines, pinned-down by the machine gun. Radio-telephone operator Stephen Lovejoy was wounded in the open. Chaplain Capodanno ran through the withering fire, grabbed Lovejoy by the strap of his radio and dragged him to a hastily established perimeter near the top of the hill. The Chaplain immediately began attending to the dead and the dying, administering the Last Rites. Harton felt someone touch him. Father Capodanno spoke to him in a soft voice: "Stay calm, Marine, someone will be here to help. God is with us all this day."

As Father Capodanno moved among the Marines, he was wounded in the face. A company commander requested tear gas on the enemy positions from the supporting mortars, and Capodanno gave his own gas mask to a Marine who had lost his. "You need this more than I," the Chaplain casually muttered, as he continued to offer what comfort he could, bare-headed and with blood streaming down his face and neck.

A mortar round landed close by; fragments from the explosion wounded the Chaplain again in the arms and legs, and tore off a portion of his right hand. Despite his severe wounds, he continued moving ahead toward Sgt. Peters, who had just fallen and had blood spurting from his mouth. Capodanno dragged Peters to safety and refused help for himself as he continued to care for the others.

When one Marine yelled out, "Chaplain, my rifle's jammed!" the priest, without any hesitation, rushed back out into the exposed area to retrieve Peters' discarded rifle for the man.

Below the knoll and outside the perimeter, Lance Cpl. Frederick Tanke was attempting to stop the blood gushing from the thigh artery of mortally wounded Corpsman Armando Leal. As they were about to be overrun, Tanke saw an enemy soldier about 15 meters away. Tanke fired a burst, but his weapon then jammed. When Tanke withdrew to a covered position, Father Capodanno left the Marine perimeter and ran to Leal. He picked up the dying corpsman and placed his own body between him and the enemy fire.

As he was attempting to bandage Leal's wound, the enemy machine gun killed them both. On the day following his death, a letter from Father Capodanno was delivered to the regimental commander of the 5th Marines. "I am due to go home in late November or early December. I humbly request that I stay over Christmas and New Year's with my men. I am willing to relinquish my thirty days' leave."

Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on January 7, 1969. Lieutenant Capodanno was also the recipient of the Navy Bronze Star medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and the Purple Heart Medal. Soon after his death, the first chapel bearing his name was dedicated on Hill 51 in Que Son Valley, Vietnam; Chaplain Capodanno had helped build this simple place of prayer and peace that was constructed of thatched palms and bamboo. On February 1968, within five months of his death, the chapel at the Navy Chaplains School at Newport, RI, was dedicated the Capodanno Memorial Chapel. Other military chapels and commemorations are located in Oakland, CA, Camp Pendleton, CA, Fort Wadsworth, NY, Iwakuni, Japan, and Thiankou, Taiwan, the last of which honors the missionary who began his work in that country.

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Chaplain's Corner (Continued):

A significantly prestigious memorial was the naming of the USS Capodanno markup still pushy sales people, a ship whose motto "Duty with Honor" exemplified the chaplain service of Father Capodanno. During its 20 years of operational service, it was further distinguished as the first ship in the US Fleet to receive a Papal Blessing while docked in Naples.

Annual awards and scholarships continue to honor Father Capodanno. Since 1971, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation designates a recipient among children of Marine Corps members. In 2002 the former Chaplain of the Year Award was renamed the Father Vincent Capodanno Chaplain of the Year Award. Sixteen Knights of Columbus assemblies and councils throughout the United States have chosen Father Capodanno for their patron; similarly, the Veterans of Foreign Wars have honored the chaplain by naming several posts after him.

For his courage, fearlessness and heroism, an active effort to have him proclaimed a Saint is under way. He's already been declared a Servant of God, the first step on the path that leads to sainthood.

According to the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild newsletter, in 2019, a miracle had been attributed to Father Capodanno, after a year-long investigation. The miracle was brought to the Diocese of Palm Beach's attention in August 2018, with information detailing the healing of a local woman who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and had fought a long battle with the disease since the mid-2000s. The woman had adopted a strong devotion to Father Capodanno. After hearing of the priest's story, the woman prayed for his intercession in healing throughout her illness. In 2017, her latest MRI showed that the lesions in her brain were gone. She attributes this miraculous healing to the intercession of Father Capodanno. In March 2020, the guild announced that Father Capodanno's postulator in Rome had finished writing the formal position for the case for Sainthood. The position was formally printed and submitted for distribution among the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. According to the most recent update by the guild, the coronavirus (COVID-19) significantly delayed the process of sainthood for Father Capodanno. The guild is hopeful that the process will begin once again.

Unfortunately, the Theological Consultants have voted to recommend that the Cause should be suspended. While this is not what we had hoped for, it is not the end of the journey. Archbishop Broglio will be working to lodge an appeal to the authorities.

When I reviewed the questions that had been raised by the Consultants it appears that 3 of the 5 concerns they raised were directly focused on the fact that Father Capodanno was serving in the military at the time of his death. Hopefully the appeal will be successful. Please join me in honoring the memory of Lt. Vincent Capodanno.

Jeff Mixon, Chaplain



Junior Past Commandant ~ Bruce Goeden

Greetings All as we Welcome in the Month of August 2022. Where has the summer gone as we approach the fall season?

By now we have had our Monthly meeting, Range night, and I will have traveled to represent our Detachment at the National Convention n Dayton Beach, Florida.

I look forward to getting back and continuing to help Commandant Pitts and you, the members of the Detachment, planning and executing our upcoming Golf Tournament Fundraiser in October.

Then we will kick off Toys-for-Tots on October 1st and at the Golf Event.

We can also look forward to planning what we want to do in November. The Veterans Day Parade, MC Ball, maybe a Hockey game? It is never to early to start planning ahead.

See Ya All Soon
Semper Fi

Bruce Goeden
JrPast Commandant



Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Rumsey

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Kevin

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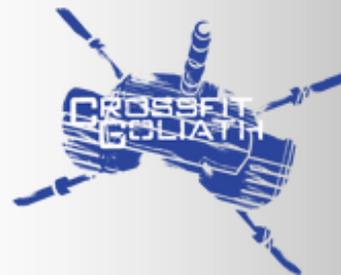
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RDU DETACHMENT #1482 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

August 11, 2022 - Monthly Agenda/Minutes

Opening Ceremony: Commandant's call 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Sergeant-at-Arms ~ Kevin Rumsey, secure and assure all present are eligible for going forward with the meeting.
Chaplain opened with prayer – Jeff Mixon

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

Welcome/Thank You to All Attending ~ Cmdt Pitts

Recognition Dignitaries and Guests: Commandant welcomes visitors:
Ron and Brenda Frame; Joe Story; Kym Finchette; Ken Threatt; Jesus Madena

Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant {Stand and Salute}

Commandant	AJ Pitts
Sr. Vice Commandant	Patrick Melton - Excused
Jr. Vice Commandant	Mike Bradey - Excused
Judge Advocate	John Staley
Jr. Past Commandant	Bruce Goeden
Adjutant	Jacque' Griffin
Paymaster	Vacant (Interim - Dave Young)
Sgt-at-Arms	Kevin Rumsey
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Dave Morgan
Chaplain	Jeff Mixon
WebSgt.	Josh Stevens - Excused
Budget & Finance Chairman	Dave Young
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 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? None

Without any objections we can accept the previous minutes

Motion to accept minutes by Dave Morgan and seconded by Bruce Goeden

Voice Vote: Approved ~ Rap Gavel to confirm.

Correspondence

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

Fall Membership Meeting Wilkesboro OCT. 15,2022. JrPast Commandant Bruce Goeden will act as Delegate for this Detachment

Kentucky Flood assistance, wants a vote from Commandants for \$2000 and if Det will give money as well. Membership voted in Agreement to send donations.

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Paymaster Report: For the month of: July 2022

Dave Young reported that as of last statement, two \$30.00 deposits have been received and Flag related expenses {already budgeted}. John Staley ~ turnover for Paymaster in process ~ next month will include July and August deposits, then an Audit will be performed. Next month's finance report will include full audits for March – August 2022. (NOTE: Dave Young is interim Paymaster)
{Financial Report may be viewed on MEMBERS ONLY section of rdu-mcl.org website}

Starting Checkbook Balance: \$

Month End Checkbook Balance: \$

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

Motion made by Andy Finlayson 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: No KIAs. Two first responders - Deputy and EMS - experiencing PTSD; invited them to join us here at our meeting. Asking for support/prayer with assisting them. Alex West needs continued prayers for his Father who's in a 'downward spiral' following the death of his son. Having to care for his father is taking big toll on Alex. Steve Curlee on the mend; his wife is not doing well. Continued prayers for the Curlees.

Frank Castillo: Disaster Action Team flyers distributed to members.

Bruce Goeden: Wife has gall stones; doing better and going in for orthoscopic procedure next week.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sr. Vice Commandant ~ Convention/Fundraiser –{Excused}

Jr. Vice Commandant ~ Recruitment/Retention ~ Message relayed by Jeff Mixon o/b/o JrVice: **Pay Your Dues: Due by September 1, 2022!** May give payments to JrVice Michael Brady or make payments online using the Detachment's Website: **rdu-mcl.org**

Judge Advocate ~ Bylaws/Admin Procedures ~ John Staley: National Convention this weekend in Florida; Bruce Goeden attending at Delegate for RDU Detachment#1482. Report will be made after the Convention - there are '27' MCL By-Laws proposals.

Uniforms: **Nametags may be worn ONLY on Undress uniforms, no others.** Also okay on Golf-shirts.

Jr. Past Commandant ~ Bruce Goeden: will attend National Convention in Daytona FL for 3-days.

USO at Camp Lejeune – collecting Turkeys, Hams, etc. for distribution. Donations welcomed. Will contact Martin-Marietta regarding donations.

Public Relations ~ Frank Castillo: No Information

Website, Facebook, Newsletter ~ Web Sgt – N/A

Sgt-at-Arms/Asst. Sgt-at-Arms ~ Kevin Rumsey: will close sign-in for meetings at '1855' each month. Dave Morgan: No report

Monthly Range Activity ~ **Triangle Shooting Academy: every 3rd Monday (Aug. 15)** Detachment #1482 assumes monthly payment of Range fees (\$195); each person who attends monthly Shoot at TSA is asked to pay \$10.00 to help offset these costs. Bruce Goeden: \$10/person or more if you want to donate more.

Dave Morgan: Motion: That Detachment will continue to sponsor payment for Guests who joins us at the Range - seconded by Andy Finlayson. Motion **Approved**

Joe Story: Wants to know how to obtain Range Card. Details provided to him.

Jeff Mixon: Take advantage of shoots ~ invite All.

John Staley: **"Point-of-Order"** ~ Bible does NOT need to be closed when discussing payments – ONLY WHEN HANDLING MONIES!

Eagle Scouts ~ Jeff Mixon: Upheaval with Methodist Church meeting site. Scouts are in need of Assistants; previous Scouting experience not required. If you want to serve, many positions available, including Board of Review. Scouts wear DI cover: A scout who scouted – brought the hat over from the American West.

Budget and Finance Committee ~ Dave Young: '3' disbursement receipts for Tickets and Flyers, dated 03/17/22 for total of \$87.40.

John Staley ~ These items contained in Current Budget – no need for discussion.

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Unfinished Business

Golf Fundraiser ~ A J Pitts, new employment and no longer at Hedingham Golf Course {no conflict of interest}. He still has contact and the use of Hedingham Golf Course for RDU Det#1482 Fundraiser still on go. Committee for Golf Fundraiser: Joe Stansbury, Greg Grabus, Jacque' Griffin and A J Pitts.

A J Pitts will work on preparing tournament Flyers.

Date Scheduled for Golf Tournament: **October 22, 2002 (Saturday)**. \$40/person Tournament charge, \$5/person for Catered Meal; Toys-for-Tots Kick-Off!

Bruce Goeden: 145 signed up and toys collected in 2021 with 121 locations responding to Toys-4-Tots Drive. Capital Ford is again donating the use of Vehicles for Collections of toys.

Scholarships: BITS and Wake Tech ~ Cmdt Pitts: Scholarship Request is approved by Wake Tech. \$500.00 Book Stipend will be offered Once a Year to a deserving, qualifying student. Jessica Streamo, Scholarship Chairperson is developing an Application to be used by RDU Detachment #1482.

New Business

Any Special Projects, New Ideas or Suggestions – Always Welcomed

Frank Castillo: The Recruiting Station sponsoring Raleigh Family Day on September 17, 2022 ~ Let's represent Detachment#1482 well.

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-mcl-detachment)

Good of the League ~

Brenda Frame thanks Detachment #1482 for being so receptive.

Cmdt Pitts: Visibility is our goal ~ Helping Marines Help Marines! Make-a-Difference

Ron Frame: Guest/member of Det#733. States there is a need for more visibility of the Marine Corps League. He shared with us two different Emblems he has designed for MCL – large size with magnetic back for \$10 each; 2-small stick-on for \$10.

Dave Morgan motioned to approve purchase of Emblems by Det#1482, seconded by Frank Castillo, to use as Recruiting Tools.

Andy Finlayson purchased window decals to be distributed to members.

John Staley: Point-of-Order ~ Question: is Copyright being affected??

Bruce Goeden: Discussions – Not affecting copyright by purchasing items from 'the individual', not the Company.

Therefore, a motion is not necessary~ Dave Morgan WITHDREW the motion from the floor for purchase of Emblems.

(Bible Closed) Pass-the-Hat for donations from attendees for purchase of above items transpired.

Bruce Goeden: Anyone needing a 'Cover' or T-Shirts, please let him know.

Announcements: N/A

Closing Ceremony: Chaplain Mixon ~ Prayer

In Unison: Marine Corps Hymn

50/50 Raffle winner: Donated back to Detachment#1482

Respectfully submitted,

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