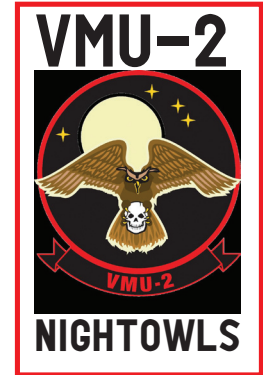


welcome aboard!



a useful guide for
new families of vmu-2

history of vmu-2



Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 (VMU-2) was originally formed in June 1984 as Detachment T, Target Acquisition Battery, 10th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Forces, Atlantic, thus becoming the first Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) unit within the Marine Corps and the U.S. Armed Forces.

On 22 August 1984, the detachment reorganized and was re-designated, as the 1st Remotely Piloted Vehicle Platoon, Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division. During November 1984, Marines traveled to Israel and began indoctrination training on the Mastiff RPV system. Upon completion of contractor training, 1st RPV Platoon accepted its first two Mastiff air vehicles, control stations and associated ground support equipment.

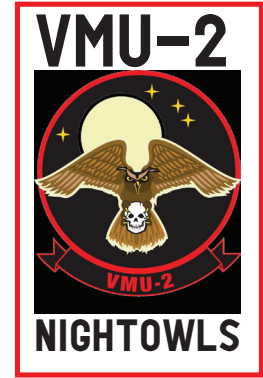
In June 1986, 1st RPV Platoon was assigned to the 13th Marine Amphibious Unit and embarked aboard USS Tarawa for operations in the Western Pacific. In October 1986, the 1st RPV Platoon was reorganized and re-designated as the 2d Remotely Piloted Vehicle Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC while deployed with the 13th MAU. The unit returned to Camp Lejeune in November 1986 and on 4 May 1987, 2d RPV Company transitioned to the Pioneer (Option I) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle system. Dur-

ing May 1987, 2d RPV Company was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for its numerous contributions to the fielding of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles within the Marine Corps.

During the next three years, the 2d RPV Company trained on the Pioneer system and deployed within the continental United States in support of several Marine Corps exercises. In February 1989, RPV's were incorporated into the Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group (SRIG) concept as an independent company under the group command in March 1990 and the unit received the Pioneer Option II air vehicle. As the first UAV unit to field this upgrade, the company embarked aboard the USS Nassau and conducted the first shipboard trial operations of the Pioneer Option II air vehicle.

In August 1990, the 2d RPV Company was reassigned to the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) and embarked to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield. The company remained embarked with the 4th MEB until November 1990. Thereafter, the company was ordered ashore and reassigned to the 1st Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force. During this period, the company flew in support of Exercise Cruel Challenge. During January 1991, the company deployed to Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia in direct support of the 2d Marine Division and later relocated to Al Mishab to conduct missions in support of Operation Desert Storm. From 15 February to 3 March 1991, direct support of Operation Desert Storm was conducted from Al Qurah. 2d RPV Company began retrograde operations and returned to Camp Lejeune, NC on 20 March 1991. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm, 2d RPV Company flew a total of 69 sorties and 226 flight hours. Of these, 55 sorties and 192 flight hours were combat. No Pioneer air vehicles were lost

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During May 1991, a detachment from 2d RPV Company was formed to participate in Operation Provide Comfort and the Kurdish relief effort in northern Iraq. These Marines deployed utilizing the interim Close-Range Unmanned Aerial Vehicle called EXDRONE and provided surveillance information during the conduct of the operation. The detachment returned to Camp Lejeune, NC on 31 May 1991. For the remainder of 1991, the company provided support to various elements of II Marine Expeditionary Force.

On 1 January 1993, 2d Remotely Piloted Vehicle Company was re-designated as the 2d Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Company and in February 1994, the company was re-equipped with the Pioneer Option II Plus air vehicle. On 16 January 1996, 2d UAV Company was re-organized under Marine Aviation sponsorship and re-designated as Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 (VMU 2) Night Owls. Placed under Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, the Squadron was relocated to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC in May 1996. Then, in August 2000, VMU-2 was re-assigned to Marine Air Control Group 28, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.

VMU-2 deployed to Kuwait in February 2003 and subsequently played a key role in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom. Conducting day and night aerial reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition missions in support of coalition forces in the Persian Gulf region, the Squadron was deployed for seven months in support of combat opera-

tions. Of the 30 squadrons, 200 aircraft and more than 7000 Marines and Sailors from 2D MAW to conduct combat operations in Iraq, VMU-2 was the final unit to return from Iraq in September 2003.

In February 2004, the Squadron deployed to Al Taqqadum Airbase, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II, conducting combat missions in support of coalition forces in the Sunni Triangle region. In August 2004 the Squadron returned to MCAS Cherry Point.

VMU-2 has deployed four times between 2005 and 2008. OIF 05-07, 06-08, 08.1 and 08.2 marked the Squadrons continued support of the mission in Iraq, supporting troops on the ground. During OIF 05-07, the Night Owls expanded their mission when they were tasked to fly missions utilizing both the Pioneer UAS along with the ScanEagle UAS. As VMU-2s deployment to OIF 06-08 drew to a close, they flew the last Pioneer UAS combat mission on October 9th 2007. In January 2008, VMU-2 transitioned from the RQ-2B Pioneer to the RQ-7B Shadow. Transition training occurred at MCAS Cherry Point during their five month dwell time. In April 2008, VMU-2 deployed to Iraq for its first operational deployment with the Shadow system, the Marine Corps newest UAS, while continuing to provide support with ScanEagle UAS missions across the Al Anbar Province.

In 2009 VMU-2 deployed both Shadow RQ-7B and ScanEagle detachments to Afghanistan in support of the 2nd MEB for Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as a ScanEagle detachment in Iraq to support OIF 09.1

Unit decorations include the following: Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation the National Defense Service Streamer with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer, the Southwest Asia Campaign Streamer with two bronze stars, Iraq Campaign Streamer with three bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Streamer, Global War on Terrorism Service Streamer.

resource directory



CHERRY POINT PMO	252-466-3615	Base Police
CHERRY POINT NAVAL CLINIC	252-466-0266	Information
CHERRY POINT LEGAL	252-466-2310/2365	Legal Questions/POA
CHERRY POINT INFORMATION	252-466-2811	Base Information
HAVELOCK POLICE	252-447-3212	
VMU-2 SQUADRON DUTY	252-466-7560	For Assistance 24/7
CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE	252-466-7718/3314	
TRICARE	877-874-2273	
RAPIDS/DEERS	252-466-3330	I.D. Cards
IPAC	252-466-7062	
PASS & I.D.	252-466-5921	Base Sticker & Passes
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION	800-772-1213	
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	252-636-4900	Report Abuse
PREVENTION & INTERVENTION	252-466-3264	
AMERICAN RED CROSS	252-637-3405	CPR Certification
FINANCIAL COUNSELING	252-466-4401	
NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM	252-466-3651	
MOPS	252-447-2626	Mothers of Preschoolers
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	252-466-3782	Ages Six weeks to Five
CHERRY TREE HOUSE	252-466-3861	Ages Five to Twelve
COMMUNITY CENTER	252-466-4822	Ages Thirteen to Eighteen
CHILDCARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL	252-466-3595	Located in Cherry Tree House
EXTENDED CHILDCARE	252-466-4867/3782	Child Care 24/7
CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOLS	252-514-6300	
CARTARET COUNTY SCHOOLS	252-728-4583	
EDUCATION OFFICE	252-466-3500	
HOUSING OFFICE	252-466-4794	
RELOCATION OFFICE/LENDING LOCKER	252-466-4401	Help after Moving
EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM	252-466-2568	
WIC	252-447-0123	Women, Infant & Children
VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM	252-466-3264	Domestic violence/sexual assault
FOCUS	910-450-5635	Family resilience training
NAVY/MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY	252-466-2031	Emergency Funds
MARINE CORPS FAMILY TEAM BUILDING	252-466-4637	LINKS, Life Skills Training
FMEAP	252-466-4401	Employment Assistance for Spouses
CREDO/PREP	910-450-1668	Marriage, Family, Personal Retreats
STATION LIBRARY	252-466-3552	
HAVELOCK LIBRARY	252-447-7509	
ON BASE VETRINARIAN	252-466-2166	
MILITARY MENTAL HEALTH	877-877-3647	Mental health assessment
OPERATION HOMEFRONT	704-945-7114	Emergency Relief
MILITARY ONESOURCE	800-342-9647	Free Services & Info

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FOR MORE MCAS CHERRY POINT INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.MCCSCHERRYPOINT.COM

guide *for* newlyweds



Congratulations and welcome to VMU-2, home of the Nightowls! We hope that as you settle into married life, that these resources will help you along the way.

TOGETHER FOR LIFE

CONTACT SNCO

Per MCO1752.1A Any Marine under the age of 26 regardless of Rank must take. Highly encouraged for the spouse. Class can be taken either 90 days prior or 90 days after Marriage

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 800-772-1213

The place to go to complete your name change. Bring all necessary paper work to receive a new social security card.

IPAC 252-466-7062

After receiving your marriage certificate, bring all paperwork to IPAC to update records to include your spouse. This must be done before they can receive their I.D. card and enroll in DEERS.

RAPIDS/DEERS 252-466-3330

The next step is to receive your I.D. card. Call ahead for an appointment for a shorter wait time.

TRICARE 877-874-2273

Located within the Naval Clinic on the first floor, head here after getting your I.D. to enroll in health insurance.

PASS & I.D. 252-466-5921

Bring your license, insurance, registration, and I.D. to receive your base decal stickers for your vehicle.

FMEAP 252-466-4401

Looking for a job? Sign up for resume classes or ask for a weekly email listing new jobs in the area.

CREDO/PREP 910-450-1668

For a free weekend away, consider taking a Marriage Enrichment retreat through CREDO.

MILITARY ONESOURCE 800-342-9647

24 hour assistance and resources available for any question you might have about your new life. Also, visit online at militaryonesource.com.

After completing the tasks on this list, contact your Family Readiness Officer, a vital resource for connecting to the community!

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new parent phone numbers

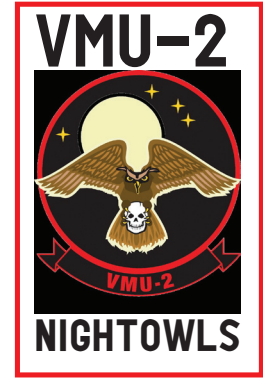


Nurse Advice Line.....	866-450-3230
Pharmacy.....	252-466-0570
Naval Clinic Information.....	252-466-0266
Appointment Line.....	252-466-0921
Cherry Tree House.....	252-466-3861
Child Development Center.....	252-466-3782
CDC Hourly Care.....	252-466-3105
IPAC.....	252-466-7062
RAPIDS/DEERS.....	252-466-3330
Tricare.....	877-874-2273
Budget for Baby.....	252-466-2031
Child Resource & Referral.....	252-466-3595
La Leche League.....	252-635-1853
New Parent Support.....	252-466-3651
Family Care Plan.....	252-466-7368
Daddy Boot Camp.....	252-466-3651
Mom's Group.....	252-466-3651
Mommy Basic Training.....	252-466-3651
Basic Childbirth Series.....	252-633-8160
Refresher Childbirth Series.....	252-633-8160
Basic Baby Care.....	252-633-8160
Breast Feeding.....	252-633-8160
WIC.....	252-447-0123

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chaplain services

252) 466-4000 Main Line
(252) 466-4002-Fax
Administrative Office Hours Monday Friday 0800-1600 hours



The Chapel is located (Building 100) on E Street next to the Cherry Point Post Office. General Parking is located behind the chapel.

For emergencies or assistance during holidays or after normal hours please contact the Cherry Point Provost Marshals Office (PMO) by calling (252)466-3615. PMO will contact the duty chaplain who will then contact you.

For 2nd Marine Air Wing Personnel please contact one of the following numbers for assistance:
2nd MAW Headquarters (252) 466-3314
MACG-28 (252) 466-3536

General Information:

Our military and civilian staff welcomes you to Memorial Chapel. Our mission is to serve active duty, family members, and when available, retired military personnel through timely and professional pastoral care. Your Station Chaplains provide this care in close coordination and cooperation with the Second Marine Aircraft Wing Chaplains.

We provide a variety of worship opportunities, sacramental rites and programs to include baptisms, child dedications, communion, religious education for all ages, and marriage. We also provide pastoral counseling for all authorized personnel. This pastoral counseling is truly confidential for any and all issues brought to our chaplains. Speak to a chaplain for more details on the exclusive nature of this confidentiality.

Catholic Mass

- * Sunday 0900 in the Main Chapel
- * Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays 1145 in St. Michaels Chapel
- * Children's Church is offered during the Sunday Mass for children ages 3-10 years of age.
- * Sacramental Education is offered for Pre K through 12th grade, September through May.

Protestant Services:

- * Liturgical Protestant Service Sunday 0900 in the Fellowship Chapel
- * Praise and Worship Service (Contemporary) Sunday 1100 in the Main Chapel
- * Children's Church is offered during the Praise and Worship Service in the Chapel Kitchen from 1100 to 1200. Children ages 3-10 years of age are taught Bible lessons by our Director of Religious Education.

money resources



American Red Cross (loans, grants, etc.).....	252-637-3405
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.....	252-466-2031
Counseling (Marine and Family Programs).....	252-466-0266
Military OneSource.....	800-342-9647
Human Resources Office (Employment).....	252-466-2031
MC Family Team Building (Financial Classes).....	252-466-3105
Spouse Employment Assistance.....	252-466-4401
Social Services.....	252-636-3900
Havelock Food Bank.....	252-447-5190
WIC.....	252-447-0123

Visit www.annualcreditreport.com for a FREE credit report.

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scholarship directory



Adult Basic Education/GED

252-638-1587 / 252-444-6117

Classes are FREE and offered year round in both Havelock and New Bern, or online.

dickinsl@cravencc.edu / blakelyz@cravencc.edu

Scholarships for Military Children

252-466-0800

info@militaryscholar.org

www.militaryscholar.org/about/about.shtml

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

252-466-2301

NMCRS offers a variety of scholarships and no interest loans to support education.

www.nmcrs.org/education.html

Academic Explorer (AeX)

Provides military service members, their families, and other eligible civilians within the military community a web-based toll for identifying and exploring postsecondary education options.

www.mcaex.net/index.aspx

Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer (SFeX)

Contains comprehensive information on the scholarships and financial aid offerings of numerous public and private organizations.

www.mcsfex.net

Cherry Point Officer's Spouses Club

252-652-6127

The OSC of Cherry Point awards scholarships to qualified students. Eligible applicants must be students who are beneficiaries of a retired or deceased military member living in Craven, Carteret, or Pamlico counties.

www.cherrypoint-osc.org

Lifelong Learning

252-466-3500

The mission of MCCS Lifelong Learning is to enrich the quality of life for our entire military community by providing a broad range of personal and professional learning opportunities.

Address: Bldg 4335 Room 217 MCAS Cherry Point

Live Homework Help

24/7 Free Help from Live Tutors
Online

www.usmc-mccs.org

Local Scholarship Website

Contains a vast listing of scholarships in the local area.

www.craven.k12.nc.us/Student_Info/

Military Officer's Association of America

All loans, grants, and scholarships are designated for students seeking their first undergraduate degree, planning to attend accredited colleges or universities, and are full-time students.

www.moaa.org/education

Carteret General Hospital Foundation

252-808-6646

Offers nursing scholarships with work agreement for individuals pursuing health careers as Registered nurses.

www.ccgh.org/scholarships/

Campus RN Scholarships Fund

CampusRN will award \$2500 scholarships to one student in each of the six regions.

http://northcarolina.campusrn.com/network/northcarolina_nursing_scholarship

Carteret/Craven Electric Cooperative

252-727-2238

Offers two scholarship programs, one for Carteret or Craven Community College and one for graduating high school seniors.

www.carteretcravenelectric.coop/Community%20Involvement/Scholarships/Scholarships.html

Military One Source

800-342-9647

Master's level consultants, trained to offer support and practical solutions. MyCAA grant.

www.militaryonesource.com

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund

Scholarships, Emergency Assistance.

www.feea.org

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