

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Squadron 2

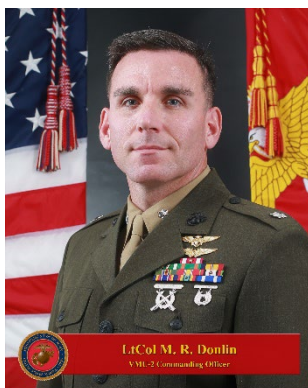


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VMUT-2 Leadership



LtCol Donlin

VMUT-2 Commanding Officer



Major Smith

VMUT-2 Executive Officer



Sergeant Major Smith

VMUT-2 Sergeant Major

Command Philosophy

Do The Right Thing -- Do The Thing Right -- Nightowls Don't Quit

Do The Right Thing

We are the men and women of VMUT-2, and we must maintain high standards of duty, integrity, character, and accountability. Be proud of making smart and ethical choices on and off-duty. Being good at your day job is only half of the battle. Work towards moral fitness, just like physical fitness. Exercise both every day. Character and personal discipline form the foundation of trust. Nightowls who take pride in doing the right thing and making disciplined decisions can trust each other.

Do The Thing Right

Whatever you are doing, strive to do it correctly. First time, every time. No cutting corners, no skipping steps. Doing small tasks correctly forms good habits for when the difficult tasks come along. Whether performing aerial reconnaissance or fixing trucks, doing the task correctly, individually and collectively, leads to operational excellence.

Seek to find more effective ways to do business within the guidelines of approved procedures, manuals, and orders. If you find a safer and more effective process, speak up so we can decide together how to fix it.

Nightowls Don't Quit

Falling short does not equal failure. It means you are trying hard. Keep trying hard. Even when we try to do the right thing, and do the thing right, falling short may happen. Keep your head up and **Never Quit Trying!**

M. R. DONLIN
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Commanding Officer

VMUT-2 Commanding Officer Biography

Lieutenant Colonel Donlin was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in August 2005 through the Officer Candidates Course and reported to The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. In March 2006, he reported to Pensacola, Florida for primary flight training at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field. He then reported to NAS Meridian, Mississippi in April 2007 for advanced jet training.

He was designated as a Naval Aviator in May 2008, and reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina for training in the AV-8B Harrier. In 2009, Captain Donlin reported to Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 223, MCAS Cherry Point, for duty as an AV-8B Harrier pilot while also serving as the Airframes Division Officer. In 2010, he joined VMA-542 and deployed in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in Southeast Asia. While in VMA-542, he served as the Squadron Logistics Officer and Powerline Division Officer.

In 2012, Captain Donlin reported to Naval Base Little Creek, Virginia for Tactical Air Control Party training, becoming a Joint Terminal Attack Controller/Forward Air Controller (JTAC/FAC). He then reported to 2D Tank Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for duty as a Forward Air Controller; deploying with Bravo Company to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2013, Captain Donlin was selected on the Commandant's Career Level Education Board (CCLEB) for the Marine Corps' Secondary Education Program (SEP), Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) specialty at the United States Naval Academy (USNA), earning a Master's in Leadership Education and Development. He then served as the Company Officer for 28th Company and Executive Officer for 6th Battalion, USNA.

In July 2016, Major Donlin was selected to transition to the 7315 PMOS, UAS Officer. He reported to VMU-2 in August 2016, where he served as the Operations Officer, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and Executive Officer.

In July 2019, Major Donlin reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force Command Element where he served as the UAS Integration Officer and II MEF Exercise Director.

Lieutenant Colonel Donlin's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Valor device and gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign, service, and unit awards.

VMUT-2 Sergeant Major Biography

SgtMaj Smith enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in July, 1998 and graduated from 2nd Recruit Battalion, Parris Island, SC in October 1998. Then reported to Marine Combat Training (East), at Camp Geiger, NC.

From November 1998 to March 1999, Private Smith completed his MOS school as a Logistic Vehicle System Operator (3533). From March 1999 to July 2002, Private First Class Smith was assigned to Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF), Camp Lejeune, NC reaching the ranks of Lance Corporal and Corporal; also, holding the billets of Dispatcher and Training NCO.

Corporal Smith was honorably discharged in July 2002 only to reenlist and return to active duty in February 2003 as a Tubular-Launched Optically Wire-Guided Missileman (TOW Gunner 0352). At which time he was stationed with 2d Battalion 3d Marines in Kaneohe Bay, HI and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Smith deployed on the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, in November 2003 as a TOW section leader and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in June 2005 as a Combined Anti-Armor Team (CAAT) Convoy Commander.

In October 2007, Sgt Smith reported to 3d Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (3d FAST) Camp Allen, VA where he attained the MOS of (8154) and promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Deploying to Manama, Bahrain in June 2008, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in September 2009 and again to Manama, Bahrain in April 2010, all in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a Platoon Sergeant.

In February 2011, Staff Sergeant Smith reported to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines in Camp Pendleton, CA. During this time, he served as the Platoon Sergeant for Weapons Company CAAT and Kilo Company. In December 2011, Staff Sergeant Smith deployed on the 11th MEU. Upon return he was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in September 2013.

In September 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Smith reported to Marine Security Guard School, Quantico, VA. Upon completion of Detachment Commander's Course, he attained the MOS of (8156) and became a Detachment Commander for U.S. Consulate Cape Town, South Africa. After South Africa, Gunnery Sergeant Smith was selected as an Instructor/Advisor at the Marines Corps Embassy Security Guard School.

In July 2017, Gunnery Sergeant Smith reported to Marine Corps Training Mission in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as a Foreign Advisor, gaining the MOS of (0571), to the UAE Presidential Guard and was selected to his current rank of First Sergeant.

In May 2018, 1stSgt Smith reported to 3d Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment, Little Rock, AR where he served as the Inspector-Instructor First Sergeant. In July 2021, 1stSgt Smith received orders and reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron 271, Cherry Point, NC where he served as Headquarters Company First Sergeant. In August 2022, 1stSgt Smith assumed his current position as the Squadron Sergeant Major for VMUT-2 in Cherry Point, NC.

MARINE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE TRAINING SQUADRON 2

NIGHTOWLS DON'T QUIT!

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Squadron 2 (VMUT-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 1 January 1993, 2d Remotely Piloted Vehicle Company was re-designated as the 2d Unmanned Aerial Vehicle 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 the 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 operations. 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 ended, 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

In 2014, VMU-2 transitioned to the RQ-21A BlackJack UAS and conducted their first training flight in July of that year while simultaneously conducting RQ-7B flights.

From 2015 to 2021, VMU-2 supported the 22nd, 24th, and 26th MEU's in world-wide operations, to include Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

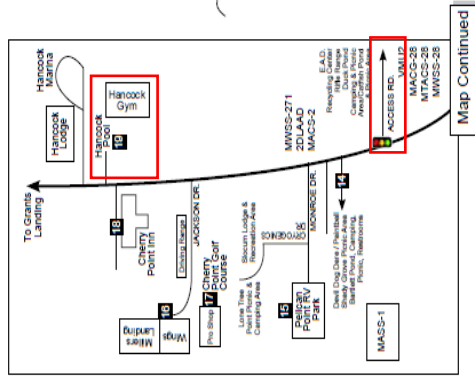
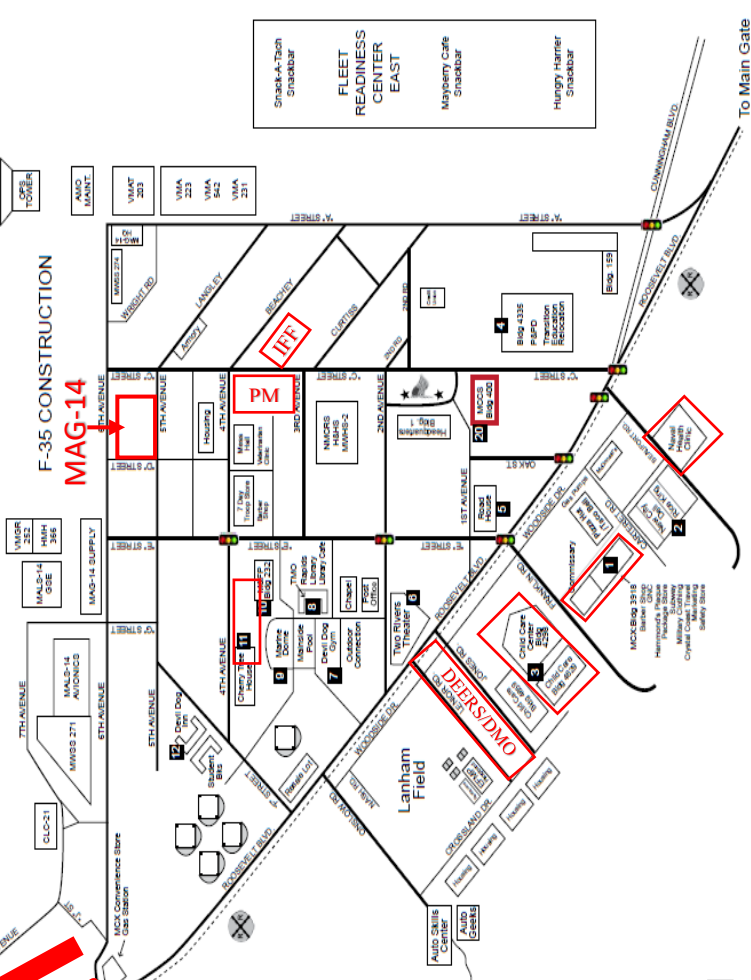
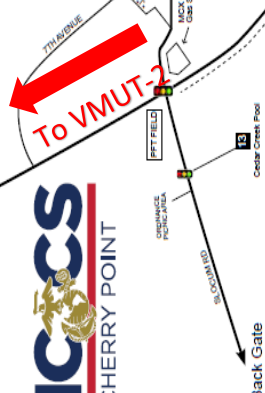
From July to August 2021, a VMU-2 detachment of the 24th MEU participated in Task Force 51.5 and Joint Task Force-Crisis Response in evacuating U.S. Military personnel and Afghan refugees from Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul.

On 30 March 2023, VMU-2 flew the last U.S. Marine Corps RQ-21A BlackJack flight. On 14 July 2023, the squadron was redesignated as VMUT-2. The unit will serve as the Marine Corps MQ-9 Reaper Fleet Replacement Squadron, whose primary mission is to train 7318 UAS Officers and 8022 Enlisted Sensor Operators.

Phone Roster

VMUT-2 Squadron Duty Officer (SDO)		OFFICE
DUTY CELL		252-288-8376
DUTY DESK		252-466-7560
BARRACKS DUTY	BLDG 4313	252-466-3778
HEADQUARTERS		
CO	LTCOL DONLIN	252-466-5663
XO	MAJ SMITH	252-466-5723
SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ SMITH	252-466-5954
SQDN GYSGT	GYSGT MOULTON	252-466-4811
S-1		
S-1 CHIEF	GYSGT DICKSON	252-466-4860
CLERK/DTS	CPL RODRIGUEZ	252-466-2061
S-2		
OIC	1STLT SMITH	252-466-5545
S-3 / OPERATIONS		
OPS-O	MAJ SHAW	252-466-5909
OPS CHIEF / GROUND TRAINING	GYSGT WANT	252-466-6301
AIRCREW TRAINING	CAPT BYAL	252-466-5561
S-4 / SUPPLY	1STLT MERRELL	252-466-7401
MAINTENANCE		
MX MTRL CTRL / AVN MX OFFICER	CWO3 BIANCHI	252-466-2257
MX CHIEF	MSGT THORNE	252-466-4891
MX CONTROL CHIEF	SSGT ARMBRUSTER	252-466-5693
AVIONICS OIC/SNCOIC	CWO2 MARTIN-FARLEY	252-466-6528
RPAC		252-466-7452
NEW/JOIN		252-466-8449
PAY/MAINT		252-466-7577
ORDERS		252-466-8204
RAPIDS/DEERS	I.D. Office	252-466-3330

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1. Main Exchange
 2. New City Deli/Rice King
 3. Child Development Center
 4. R&P/ITER
 5. Food House
 6. Theater
 7. Devil Dog Gym
 8. Station Library/Library Cafe
 9. Marine Dome
 10. Marine & Family Programs
 11. Cherry Tree House
 12. Cherry Tree Gym
 13. Cedar Creek Pool
 14. Devil Dog Date
 15. Pelican Point RV Park
 16. Millers Landing/Wings Restaurant
 17. Golf Course
 18. Cherry Point Inn
 19. Cherry Point Pool
 20. MCCS HQ BLDG 400



Snack-A-Touch
Shackbar

FLEET
READINESS
CENTER
EAST

Marjorie Cafe
Shackbar

Huggy Hamer
Shackbar

*Revised: 03/16/2021; MCCS Markings: 4/6/2021

Marine Corps Community Services

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) is host to a wide variety of programs that are designed to support and enhance the operational readiness and quality of life for Marines and their Families. They offer an array of counseling services that range from personal financial management to substance abuse counseling. All services and phone numbers can be found at the below website:



MCCS is constantly offering classes that cover a wide range of topics from new parent support to anger management classes. In addition, they promote events like free movie nights at the Twin Rivers theater and other fun activities for single Marines as well as families.



Fitness Centers

Fitness Centers

There are three gyms here aboard MCAS Cherry Point. The first (Devil Dog) is located by the Marine Dome, Post Office, Library, and Mainside Pool. The second (Hancock Gym) is on the north side of base across the street from the Cherry Point Inn. The third is the Marine Dome – can't miss it. There are two pools on base: the Mainside Pool is in between Devil Dog Gym and the Marine Dome, while the second is located next to Hancock Gym.

Marine Corps Community Services



Barber Shop



MCX Lejeune



Uniform Alterations



MCAS Cherry Point Map

The NAVAIR Bldg App is a great tool to aid in locating buildings on base and can be downloaded through the app store with the QR Code below:



NAVAIR Bldg App

Food Options on Base

Chow Hall - The chow hall offers a wide variety of meals to the Marines aboard Cherry Point. No matter what shift you work the chow hall will be open and available for you. Their hours are:

Mon-Fri: 0600-0800, 1100-1315, 1600-1800, 2300-0000

Sat-Sun: 0830-1100, 1600-1730

The Public House - Located across from the Movie Theatre

Hours: Monday-Sunday 1100-0000

Taco Bell - Located in front of the MCX on Roosevelt

Hours: Mon-Fri 0615-2200 Sat-Sun 1015-220

McDonald's - Located in front of the MCX

Hours: Mon-Fri 0530-2300 Sat-Sun 0630-2300

Pizza Hut - Located in front of the MCX

Hours: Sun-Thurs 1030-2300 Fri-Sat 1030-0000

Rice King - Located in the vicinity of medical, to left of the MCX

Hours: Mon-Fri 1000-2000 Sat-Sun CLOSED

New City Deli - Located in the vicinity of medical, to left of the MCX

Hours: Tues/Weds/Thurs- 1000-1830 Mon/Fri 1000-1630 Sat-Sun CLOSED

Wings - Located at Millers Landing

Hours: Mon-Fri 1100-1300 1700-20000

Crows Nest Café - Located on the first floor of Medical

Hours: Mon-Fri 0630-1300 Sat-Sun CLOSED

Starbucks - Located inside of the library

Subway - Located in the MCX, next to the barber

Hours: Mon-Fri 0700-2100 Sat-Sun 0900-2100

Local Attractions

Sound of Freedom Golf Course

Located on the back side of base next to Millers Landing the Sound of Freedom has a full 18-hole golf course as well as a 24-hour driving range. The Pro Shop has rental equipment available as well as beginner and advanced lessons. They have memberships and punch cards available for golf enthusiasts or just pay by the round. Keep an eye out for flyers around base for tournaments.

Beary The Hatchet Axe Throwing Co.

Located at 504 S Front St in New Bern Beary The Hatchet is a locally owned and operated axe throwing venue in down town New Bern. They boast a modern take on an age-old sport, they offer refreshments of both the alcoholic and nonalcoholic variety as well as an assortment of snacks. There are numerous restaurants and bars located within a short walk as well as the waterfront.

Mac Daddy's

Located in Cape Carteret, Mac Daddys is a family-friendly premiere entertainment center. You can find bowling, mini golf, go carts, sky trail, arcade, and driving range. There is also a full restaurant and bar located inside the building.

Atlantic Beach

Many attractions are provided along Atlantic Beach, from Fort Macon State Park to various breweries, restaurants, laser tag, public beaches and more.

Cedar Creek Pool

The Aquatics programs provide a full spectrum of recreational and instructional activities in a safe, healthy, fun environment which aids in the development of life skills and builds resiliency in our service members.



Aquatics



Housing Information

Family Housing: If you are married or a single parent and bringing a family to Cherry Point, the Housing Department can assist with finding on-station and off-station housing. The Housing Department is opened Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 0730-1600 and is located at Building 286.

On-Station Housing: On-station housing can be applied for with an advance application or in person. Advance Applications are placed on the inbound wait list 30 days prior to your Estimated Departure Date (EDD), as dated on your WEB orders. Your application can be referred to the Public Private Venture (PPV) up to thirty days prior to your EDD if all of your documentation has been received. You will need the following documents available at:

<http://www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/StaffOffices/MilitaryHousingOffice.aspx>

Transient Housing: Cherry Point offers transient housing quarters for those personnel on PCS orders on a space-available basis. Families can be accommodated up to 30 days. Rooms include two full-size beds, microwave, iron/ironing board, and refrigerator. Enlisted Marines/Sailors can contact the Transient Enlisting Quarters at 252-466-3060. Marine/Navy Officers can contact the Transient Officer Quarters at 252-466-5169. If transient quarters are unavailable, a full listing of hotels in the local area is available on request. Ensure you request a certificate of non-availability to be authorized to stay out in town.

School Districts

MCAS Cherry Point, Havelock, and New Bern are served by the Craven County School System. Students are assigned to schools per street address. School bus service is provided to all public schools. To confirm your child's assigned school, call 252-514-6300. For additional information on Craven County School System, visit their website at <http://www.craven.k12.nc.us/>.

Newport and Morehead City are served by Carteret County School System. For additional information on Carteret County School System, visit their website at <http://www.carteretcountyschools.org/>.

Cherry Point School Liaison Officer:

Phone: 252-466-4196

Facebook: Cherry Point School Liaison

Military Liaison Counselor, Craven County Schools:

Phone: 252-444-7209

Childcare

The Child Development Center (CDC) is on base childcare designed to meet the individual needs of all eligible children. They offer services to infants and children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Programs provide a low adult to child ratio which ensures children receive all the attention they need to support their development.

Hours: 0600 to 1800 Monday through Friday

Bldg 232 (located next to the Commissary)

Phone: 252-466-5605/3595/5079

School Age Care (SAC):

The Cherry Tree House operates before and after school care as well as non-school days (e.g., spring break and teacher workdays) and summer vacations for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age and/or 5 years of age, if enrolled in kindergarten. Transportation is provided to local schools and pick up after school.



Child Development Center

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program (SMP) functions to support single Marines' leisure interests and Quality of Life (QOL) concerns. SMP serves as the voice for single Marines in identifying concerns, developing initiatives, and providing recommendations through advocacy, recreational activities, special events, and community involvement.

VMUT-2's current SMP representative is Cpl Zeiber.



SMP

Victim Witness Assistance Program

The Victim Witness Assistance Program is a method of ensuring that your rights are not violated if a crime occurs. As members of the program, we work with the legal team and provide resources to those who are witnesses or victims to crime.



If there are any questions about the program or wish to speak to the program manager, please contact 1stLt Orr in the Department of Safety and Standardization office. Contact by phone at: 252-466-7153 or via email at: ryan.orr@usmc.mil

Chaplain Services

Chaplain Hood, Jonathan E.

RP2 Wehring, Andrew D.

Bldg. 4845, Rm 132

Tues-Thu 0900-1100 & 1300-1500

