

Candidate Biography – Ryan Collins for Vice Chairman, Pender County GOP



Ryan Collins is a dedicated patriot, proven leader, and experienced military veteran with a deep commitment to service. A graduate of the University of Minnesota's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, he was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 2004. Over the course of a distinguished 20-year career, he served in a variety of leadership, operational, and strategic planning roles, culminating in his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Throughout his military service, he commanded multiple artillery units, led combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and played a key role in developing the Marine Corps' advanced fires and missile capabilities. His expertise in military strategy and force development contributed to the modernization of Marine Corps artillery and missile systems, ensuring the nation's ability to project power across the globe.

In addition to his military experience, he has a strong academic background, holding a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma. His passion for education and mentorship was evident in his leadership of Marine Corps training programs, where he was responsible for the professional development of numerous service members.

Since transitioning from active duty, Ryan has remained committed to serving his community and country. He and his wife, Tina, who serves as an Exceptional Children Instructional Assistant with Pender County Schools, are raising their four children in Hampstead. He is currently employed as a Training Specialist, supporting Camp Lejeune-based units in their preparations for future operations. An active member of the community, he has volunteered in youth sports, reinforcing his commitment to the values of family, service, and leadership.

As a dedicated member of the Pender County GOP, Ryan has volunteered at the Party Headquarters and at events such as the Fall Festival and Spot Festival. As a candidate for Vice Chairman of the Pender County GOP, he brings a wealth of leadership experience, strategic vision, and a steadfast dedication to conservative principles. His focus is on strengthening grassroots engagement, supporting candidates who uphold constitutional values, and ensuring that the voices of Pender County residents are heard at all levels of government.

His dedication to both his country and his community makes him a strong advocate for the people of Pender County and the future of the Republican Party.