

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 03/16/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 13 now, will be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 20 April 2017, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800. Main course: Baked Ham... The meeting will follow at 1900.
- The Quad State Convention is coming up soon and all members in good standing are welcome to attend. The Convention will be held at the Mainstay Inn (Best Western), 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, Rhode Island, on Friday April 21, Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23. Telephone number is: 1-401-849-9880 for reservations. Room rates are: Single or Dual at \$65 per night; \$85 for triple, and \$95 for quad (all rates plus tax). Refer to “MCL Convention” when you call in order to get these rates. Otherwise the cost is much more. Convention registration begins at noon on Friday and is \$25 which helps to defray the costs of materials to be handed out. A Buffet will be available Friday evening (\$ TBD) and a Super Growl for the Devil Dogs will be after the meal. On Saturday Morning after breakfast, there will be a “Fallen Comrades Ceremony” outside on the green (weather permitting, otherwise inside) and afterwards the main business meeting followed by the individual Department meetings. At noon lunch is on your own either at surrounding restaurants or at the Inn itself. The afternoon is “free time” to explore the area and the host Department usually has made arrangements for special interests if interested. Saturday night is the Grand Buffet (\$ TBD) and awards and installation of Officers. Sunday morning after breakfast, you’re free to return home. *Those interested can look on our MCL website. Under the link <Devil Dogs>, click <Rhode Island Quad State Photos> and you can see most of what is explained above when we went there four years ago.*

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Reminders, continued:

~ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration ~

by Marine Bill Loney (*and others...*)

Still working on guest speaker.
Sales can start by end of July for Booklet Ads,
mid-August for tickets to the ball.
Any later and we'll start to feel the pinch.

- “2017 Property Tax Exemption For Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors” new and improved application form is out. May 1st is the application deadline. If you have been evaluated to be 50% or more disabled by the VA, contact Ed Burkart, Veteran Services Coordinator of the Vermont Office Of Veterans Affairs (phone: 802-828-3379, e-mail: ed.burkart@vermont.gov).
- State of Vermont Green Mountain Passport – “Free admission to state-sponsored public events, exhibits, concerts, museums and state parks, historical sites and lands. Overnight camping, other park fees are excluded.” Available from your local Town Clerks. Last I knew, it was a one-time \$2.00 fee, and well worth it. Make the time to visit & enjoy your State Parks.

~ Commandant's Scuttlebutt ~

The uniform of the day will be standard civilian clothes with the red Marine Corps League Cover.

The agenda for this meeting will be an “open” standard meeting followed by a discussion of the “sit-down meal program” between us and the VFW.

The Executive Board met on April 6, and discussed the matter and agreed to submit it to the membership for discussion and approval. We will have our evening meal as planned (Baked Ham) and the discussion will be presented under “new business” afterwards. I hope we have as many as possible attending this meeting.

The “Float” will be pulled out of winter storage on Saturday April 15th and cleaned up for the “Maple Festival Parade” on Sunday April 30th at 12:00 noon. Pray that the weather is decent and we have as many Marines as possible to attend this showing.

The “Quad State Convention” is coming up quickly; April 21 -22 -23; and the parade to follow afterwards; giving us a busy month and starting the “kick-off” of our summer activities; and you all know that the summer always goes too fast. We have a lot to get done in the next four (4) months.

Drive safely and bring a new Marine for membership. Will see you at the meeting.
Thanks and “SEMPER-FI.”

Herb Drew, Jr.
Commandant

more Reminders, continued:

~ Detachment 2017 Calendar ~
by Marine Herb Drew, Jr.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>NCOIC</u>
04/17/17	1200	Remove float from storage	Charlotte	None	Nola, T.
04/20/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Baked Ham	Commandant
04/21/17	1200	Quad State Conv	Newport, RI	TBD	Div Commandant
04/22/17	"	"	"	"	"
04/23/17	"	"	"	"	"
04/30/17	1000	Maple Fest. Parade	St. Albans, VT	None	Fortenberry, T.
05/18/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Pork Chops	Commandant
05/27/17	1000	Mem. Day Parade	Essex Fair/Gnd	None	Fortenberry, T.
05/29/17	1000	Mem. Day Parade	Vergennes, VT	None	Fortenberry, T.
06/15/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs	Commandant
07/04/17	1000	July 4 th Parade	Williston, VT	None	Fortenberry, T.
07/17/17	1200	Return Float to winter storage	Charlotte, VT	None	Nola, T.
07/20/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	BBQ Pulled Pork	Commandant
08/17/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Spaghetti & Meat Balls	Commandant
08/26/17	1000	Detach. Picnic	Grand Isle State Park	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs	Fortenberry, T.
09/10/17	1200	Quarterly Meeting	Brattleboro	Asso. Sand.	Dpt. Commandant
09/21/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Fried Chicken	Commandant
10/19/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Meatloaf	Commandant

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More Detachment 2017 Calendar

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11/01/17	0900	TFK Barrels Out	Chittenden Cty	Breakfast	Commandant
11/04/17	1800	Marine Corps Birthday Celeb.	Elk's Club North Ave Burl	Buffet	Loney, B.
11/16/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Roast Pork	Commandant
12/22/17	0800	TFK Barrels In	Chittenden Cty	None	Commandant

(subject to additions/changes/modifications/corrections/improvements)

If you are receiving this electronically, you probably have already received a copy of an updated Detachment Roster from Marine/Web Sergeant Joe Gills. If you receive this by snail mail, there should be a paper hardcopy included. I pass on Joe's admonition and request: "Remember – this is for your personal use contacting other League members and is not to be distributed outside the League. Send me any corrections please." - Semper Fi, Joe Gills, Web Sergeant

Adjutant's Note: The reminder/newsletter and Meeting Minutes are late this month due, in part, to a scheduling mishap (a/k/a bad planning on my part). Somewhere between here and work and a speed-run to the Adirondacks I lost a whole week. Those who receive this electronically may not be as concerned as much as those who receive this in the U.S. Mail. Some may not even notice at all. To any who find this an inconvenience or source of irritation, I sincerely apologize, and will try to not let it happen again. - RBW

Respectfully,

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