

Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 03/17/2016 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions (12 total) are expected to be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- ✓ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – 21 April 2016, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800 Hours. Main course: Chicken. The meeting will follow at 1900 Hours.
- ✓ Quad State Convention/New England Division conference (04/22/2016 - 04/24/2016 at the Best Western Manor Inn, 700 Main St, South Portland, Maine. Room Rates per night - \$84 for single, \$89 for double. Friday night buffet \$29.50/person. Saturday breakfast – on your own with coupons for free breakfast in the Ballroom. Saturday lunch – on your own. Saturday evening buffet - \$34.50/person. Sunday breakfast – on your own with coupons in the Maine Table Restaurant). Further details and a print-out from the Department of Maine will be available at our next monthly meeting 02/18/2016.
- ✓ Parades - Maple Festival – Saint Albans (04/24/2016), Memorial Day (2 locations, date TBD), Independence Day (07/04/2016, loc. TBD); Annual Summer Picnic @ Sandbar State Park (8/27/2016?); Marine Corps Birthday Celebration (11/12/2016).
- ✓ Snow's gone (mostly). Drive safe.

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A few words from our Sr. Vice Commandant...

The April meeting will be conducted by Sr. Vice Commandant, Marine Herb Drew, due to the excused absence of the Commandant for personal reasons. I intend to have an "OPEN" meeting with no restrictions; meaning all wives; girlfriends; sweethearts; male and female guests; all welcome to attend and enjoy the "meal of the month" and participate in "scuttlebutt" and good comradeship. All are welcome.

The parade dates are cast in stone; and are presently available on our website under the link called "events." They are "Highlighted" in yellow. Everyone who has access to a computer, should look at our website for any changes or new material at least twice a month minimum.

Thanks and "SEMPER-FI". Herb Drew Jr.

Late news on Parade with changes.

Please note the change in staging area for the Maple Festival Parade Sunday 4-24-2016 at 12:00 noon; and the route to get there. If you think that main street will be packed and troublesome to get through; then get off INTERSTATE 89 AT EXIT 20 instead of EXIT 19; and go back into St. Albans but turn RIGHT onto Lower Newton road (that's the road we normally go down from Main street at the end of the parade) then left on to North Elm Street and you should get right to the staging area. Look for familiar faces and "RED" Marine jackets. *(see next note below)*

Thanks to everyone and "SEMPER-FI". Herb Drew Jr.

and a few words from the Parade Chair...

Please note that you will be in Section 4, which will line up in the SB Collins parking lot on Lower Welden Street. Please arrive at Lower Welden by turning onto Lower Newton Street from Main Street, next take a left onto North Elm Street, proceed to South Elm Street and arrive at Lower Welden. Lower Welden from Main Street to SB Collins will be closed off to traffic before and during the parade. Please note that only parade vehicles will be permitted in the staging lot at SB Collins the day of the parade. Please arrive by 11:00am to allow time for lining up for the noon start of the parade on April 24th. Another reminder, no candy or other goodies should be thrown from vehicles for safety reasons. Please have walkers hand out goodies to spectators.

Sarah Talcott, Parade Chair.

Military Records/DD-214 Update 05 (Available On-Line),
courtesy of Judge Advocate/Marine Jay Miller.

It's official; DD-214's are NOW Online. Please pass on to other Vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provide the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time. [Source: Vet Council – St Johns Cnty FL 1Michael Rothfield March 15, 2016++]

And, from our Judge Advocate, Marine Jay Miller...

An explanation of differences between Current and Proposed Bylaws.

- Article I. Includes purpose and resolve which are absent from current bylawy.
- Article II. Combines paragraph 6 (Membership) and 7 (Dues) of the current bylaws as well as adds different types of membership and states that membership cannot be denied for enumerated reasons.
- Article III. Combines paragraph 2 (Officers) and 8 (Duties of Officers) of the current bylaws as well as adds Board of Trustees and their current duties.
- Article IV. Expands explanation of current bylaws to indicate to explain how elections will be conducted by this detachment.
- Article V. Missing from current bylaws, explains how vacancies may occur and how they will be filled.
- Article VI. Combines paragraphs 3 (Meetings) and 4 (Quorum) and expands current paragraph 3 to include "Open" meetings and "Staff" meetings.
- Article VII. Missing from current bylaws.
- Article VIII. Replaces and expands paragraph 9 (Compensation) of the current bylaws to cover ground rules for financial planning, controls, and transactions. Also notes the National Blanket bond for detachment Commandant and Paymaster.
- Article IX. Missing from current bylaws.
- Article X. Missing from current bylaws.

The proposed bylaws were drafted by the committee to bring the Detachment Bylaws into compliance with the key elements of the national organization as noted in the Guidebook for Detachment Officers as published by MCL National Headquarters.

Semper Fidelis.

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