

Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 07/21/2016 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 12, will be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- ❖ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 18 August 2016, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800 Hours. Main course: Yankee Pot Roast. The meeting will follow at 1900 Hours.
- ❖ Color Guard. As of this writing (1230 hours, 08/13/2016), we are scheduled to participate in the presentation of the Colors on the 13th and the 23rd of August Vermont Lake Monsters games. And right now it looks like rain is a significant factor. If the game is called because of weather, it will be within the next four hours or so.
- ❖ Annual Summer Picnic @ Sandbar State Park, Saturday 8/27/2016. Rain date, Sunday, 8/28/2016. The Detachment will provide burgers, hot dogs, rolls/buns, corn on the cob, condiments, bottled water, and soda. Bring a dish or a desert to share. RSVP by this next meeting so we know how much food to buy.
- ❖ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, 12 November 2016 at the Elks' Club (*NOT the Eagles*) in Burlington. Cocktails @ 1800 hrs. Dinner @ 1900 hours. Last call will be last man/woman standing. Menu, & guest speaker TBD. We all need to be thinking about selling ads in the 'MC Ball Booklet,' and selling tickets for the Birthday Ball.
- ❖ Toys For Kids 2016 campaign – Toy Barrels and Coin Cans, be mindful of possibilities for additional locations for the coming season. It will be here before you know it. This is the time of year to approach business owners for their interest and support. Pass the word. We need to talk about how to sustain this part of our mission in the years to come.

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Reminders, continued:

- ❖ For those of you who've raised children, what follows is kind of like having "the talk" with them. It's so often awkward, makes a lot of us uncomfortable and want to avoid it all together. But to not deal with the issue at all is even more problematic. Recruitment/re-building of the Detachment membership (*a/k/a the elephant in the room*): This is critical to our mission capabilities and to our Detachment's survival. So be prepared for more active discussion(s) at the next and at future meetings.

Drive safe. Drive defensively. Anticipate that other drivers may not be so attentive – or may be distracted (kids, in-laws/out-laws, cell phone/texting, hot coffee, etc.) or just plain dumb (bicycle riders riding after dark and in dark clothing with no running lights, and pedestrians – same thing).

Semper Fidelis.

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