

# Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All:

Minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 07/20/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 14, will be in the mail (in time to meet the USPS 1500 Saturday outgoing mail deadline).

## Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 17 August 2017, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800. Main course: a farewell surprise by the chef. Our last meeting at this location will follow at 1900.
- “2017 Property Tax Exemption For Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors” new and improved application form is out. May 1<sup>st</sup> was 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](mailto:ed.burkart@vermont.gov)). *If you've missed the deadline for this year you can still sign up for next.*
- 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. The parks are gearing up for the season. Make the time to visit & enjoy your State Parks. Get your Green Mountain Passport now.
- ✓ Check out another really great resource, The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

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Reminders, continued:

- National Park Service offers a life-time pass for seniors (62 and up) \$10. Price increases to \$80 on 28 August. On-line, Google “national park pass for seniors.”

~ Commandant's Scuttlebutt ~

- 1) Uniform of the day is civilian clothes with the Marine Corps League red cover.
- 2) Due to this meeting being the last one at the VFW, the Chef wanted to do “something special” for us. So it is “Surprise – Surprise – Surprise.”
- 3) The proper paperwork for the Annual Picnic” has been brought to the Park Ranger at Sandbar State Park and we are all set to go. Picnic is on Saturday 26 August 2017. Gates will be open at 1000 (0900 for people designated to set-up the area) and will last to late afternoon. Look for directional signs after leaving the entry gate. Costs is \$3.00 per person (reduced from \$4.50 due to military) or can be “FREE” if you go to your local Town Clerk's or Town Office and pay \$2.00 or \$3.00 to get a “Green Mountain Pass” which is a life-time pass to all Vermont State Parks and all functions sponsored by the State Parks. A worthwhile investment.
- 4) I have the “tickets” for sale for the Marine Corps Ball which will be held on 4 November 2017 at the Elks Club in Burlington. Please take some at this time and try to sell them so that we can have a good attendance at the Ball. All ticket money for the Ball is due to “ME” (Commandant) on or before the deadline of 1 November 2017. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the Ball – “IF” there are any left. Notify friends and family early.
- 5) At our last meeting, permission was granted to all of the membership to begin to sell “Ads” in our program booklet to support the Marine Corps Ball. The prices for the “Ads” are: ¼ page ad (business card size) - \$50. A ½ page ad - \$75. A full page ad is \$100. All money and the “Ads” are due to “ME” (Commandant) on or before the deadline – 19 October 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- 6) This will be our last meeting at the VFW, so please be thoughtful and respectful of everyone. IF there is a problem encountered, please contact “ME” first. This same practice (chain of command) should be done at the American Legion at our meetings starting in September. Thank you for your understanding.
- 7) Drive safely and we will see you at the meeting. Thanks, and “SEMPER-FI”.

Herb Drew, Jr., Commandant

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Respectfully,

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~ Donald G. Cook 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>
08/17/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	A surprise by the Chef	Commandant
08/26/17	1000	Detach. Picnic	Sandbar State Park	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs	Fortenberry, T.
09/10/17	1200	Quarterly Meeting	Brattleboro	Asso. Sand.	Dpt. Commandant
09/21/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
10/19/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
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	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
12/22/17	0800	TFK Barrels In	Chittenden Cty	None	Commandant

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

Notes & scribbles: