

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All:

Minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 11/16/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 13, will be in the mail by tomorrow. That, for those who notice or keep track, is a reduction of 1. Please see the messages on the last page of this letter.

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 21 December 2017, @ the American Legion Post 91, 3650 Roosevelt Hwy, Colchester, VT at 1900. Dinner precedes the meeting and will be served – starting at 1730. Main course: We think it will be turkey. Hope you are able to join us.
Note: It is strongly recommended that you arrive early, not only to secure a parking place, but to also be able to sit with the Detachment. There is still on-going road reconstruction in the immediate vicinity. It is DARK EARLY – with 21 December being the shortest day of the year (and the least number of hours of daylight). If you wind up parking across the road it would be a great idea to bring a flashlight with you.
- Reminder from Marine John Kohler that the American Legion Post 91 web site may be found at <http://www.vtpost91.org>.
- The November/December issues of the American Legion Calendar and menu was included with last month's newsletter.
- Toys For Kids Coin Barrels can be collected any time between just before and just after Christmas. Coin Barrel Monitors: Whether you take the full barrels to John Welsh's Shop to be opened and counted, or if you have the "special tools" and open and count the proceeds yourself, the total amount from each location needs to be tracked. This will help us in Coin Barrel placement for next year. If you pick up the Coin Barrels and plan to have them emptied and counted at John's Shop, they will still need to know which barrels came from which location. **DON'T FORGET!! THIS IS IMPORTANT!!**

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Reminders, continued:

- If you are able and feel so inclined, write a check to the **Toys For Kids Of Vermont** campaign, then mail it to: **Marine Corps League, Donald G. Cook Detachment #608, PO Box 4092, Burlington VT 05406-4092.** In the alternative, bring it to the meeting this week and give it to Paymaster/Marine Kevin Hawley.

~ Commandant's Scuttlebutt ~

- 1) Uniform of the day is civilian attire with the "RED" Marine Corps League Cover.
- 2) The meeting after the meal to start at 1900 and will be as short as possible but will have the Installation Of Officers.
- 3) After the meeting we will have a "Gift Exchange," and will participate in "Snack Foods." The "Gift Exchange" will go like this: Purchase a gift for not more than \$10. Wrap it, but do not label any names. Bring it along with a "Snack Food" or dessert dish to the meeting. Drop off your gift and snack food on the respective tables in the downstairs meeting area before you go upstairs for the Holiday Dinner.

Gifts will be counted. Members and Guests will be counted. Numbers should match. Those who don't wish to bring a gift will (obviously) not participate. All participants will pick a number from a hat. Commandant will pick numbers from a different hat. As each number is called, the person with the number will select a gift until all the gifts are given out.

- 4) All T4K truck drivers and assistant helpers: get their trucks by 0830 on Friday, 12/22/2017 and immediately go on their run to pick up all Toy Barrels on their route. Bring all toys and barrels to the warehouse near John's Shop to drop off the toys. Then drop off all barrels at the "Christmas Loft" on Shelburne Road for storage. Gas up the trucks and return them to the owners. Turn in gas receipts to the Paymaster for reimbursement.
- 5) All members who have "Coin Cans" out may pick them up by Sunday before Christmas, or, if you wish, may pick them up anytime after Christmas. Bring all "Coin Cans" back to John's Welsh's Shop where they will be disassembled, money counted and recorded, cans reassembled and repaired if needed. PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE EACH CAN CAME FROM.

Drive Safely. Merry Christmas to all. Thanks – and "SEMPER FI."

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Herb F. Drew, Jr.
Commandant
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Respectfully,
Bob Ware
Detachment Adjutant

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~ Donald G. Cook Detachment Calendar ~
by Marine Herb Drew, Jr.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>NCOIC</u>
12/21/2017	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	Turkey	Commandant
12/22/17	0800	TFK Barrels In	Chittenden Cty	None	Commandant
01/07/18	Noon	Dept of VT Qtrly Meeting	Rutland VFW		Dept Commandant
01/18/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
02/11/18	Noon	Capital Hotel Boy Scouts Awards	Montpelier VT		B. Kaufmann
02/15/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
03/15/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
04/14/18	Noon	Remove Parade Float from storage	Charlotte, VT		Commandant
04/19/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
04/20/18	Noon	Quad State and New England Div Convention	Holiday Inn Burlington, VT		Div Commandant
04/21/18	"	"	"		"
04/22/18	"	"	"		"
04/29/18	1000	Maple Fest.Parade	Saint Albans, VT		T. Fortenberry

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

Notes & scribbles: * Btw, "TFK" stands for "Toys For Kids Of Vermont."
** Btw, "Btw" stands for "by the way."

Forwarding message from Terry McKenna:

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Semper Fi,
Joe Gills

From: [Terry McKenna](#)
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:12 PM
To: [Joe Gills](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Jim Morris

I'm sorry to inform the members of the league that Jim Morris died on Tuesday night. It's sad news, but what at the same time...it's what we have been praying for. Jim loved the Donald Cook Detachment and its members, even if his membership was short lived. I will miss our drives to Essex, and the way he would get my heart racing every time he decided that he had to get up for something as simple as a cup of coffee that anyone of us could have easily gotten for him! Jim will be cremated, and there will be a burial in the spring and I'm hoping that an honor guard from the league will be available for the burial. (I'll keep in touch) Thanks for informing the league...
Semper Fi - Terry

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