

Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 12/17/2015 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions (13 total) are expected to be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- ✓ Toys For Kids: The Toy Barrels have all been retrieved; Coin Cans - same. Thanks to ALL for the tremendous effort this year. There will be a full report at the (see the next item below ...)
- ✓ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – 21 January 2016, 1800 Hours @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Main course: Meatloaf (one word).
- ✓ Speaking of meals – I (we?) haven't heard from anyone about what kinds of menu selections you'd enjoy beyond this coming meeting. Absent any meal preferences/suggestions, complaining and whining will be disregarded. The deal on S.O.S. still stands. You never know. It could happen.
- ✓ Membership: Anyone you know who might like to be a part of the Marine Corps League? Keep it in mind. If you cross paths with another Marine, you can always ask if they'd like to be a part of our organization. If you need more of the Detachment's business cards, get in touch with Marine Kevin Hawley. Also, Marine Jay Miller has some very good 'post card' size invitations that can be handed out, or left under the windshield wiper of car owners displaying an appropriate affiliation (bumper sticker, Veteran plates, etc).
- ✓ Webmaster/Marine Joe Gills is looking for "Back-In-The-Day" photos to put up on the website.

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- ✓ 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 01/21/2016.
- ✓ Also in the year ahead: Parades - Maple Festival (04/24/2016), Memorial Day (2 locations, date TBD), Independence Day (07/04/2016, location TBD); Annual Summer Picnic @ Sandbar State Park (8/27/2016?); Marine Corps Birthday Celebration (11/12/2016); Toys For Kids (Oct-Nov-Dec 2016).
- ✓ All Veterans! Present and on active duty. Families of Veterans and current active duty. Keep in mind Survivor Outreach Services. Support Coordinator: Tammie C. Schmitt. Contact through the Vermont Army National Guard, 789 National Guard Road, Bldg 1014, Colchester, VT 05446. 802-338-3398. Email: Tammie.c.schmitt.ctr@mail.mil.
- ✓ Get a 'shingles' shot (thank you Marine Joe Gills for the suggestion).
- ✓ Drive safe. Drive defensively.

And, a word from our Commandant –

All Hands –

Communication is essential – that needs no more discussion. But several members of the detachment have expressed some constructive criticism regarding the length of some of the reports that have been made to the detachment.

I will reiterate my request (made shortly after I was installed as Commandant): Be concise. Restrict the report to the bare essentials, but enough to convey the scope and the content. Any report given will be followed by an opportunity for questions and answers.

Brevity will convey more importance than excruciating detail.

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Semper Fidelis.

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