

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All:

Minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 06/15/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 14, will be in the mail soon.

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 20 June 2017, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800. Main course: BBQ Pulled Pork. The meeting will follow at 1900.
- “2017 Property Tax Exemption For Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors” new and improved application form is out. May 1st 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). *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.

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Reminders, continued:

- The “Detachment 2017 Calendar” – Should be on the last page.
- 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 MCL red cover.
- 2) Be prepared to “vote” on the question of meals or no meals or to move to new locations.
- 3) Thanks to all members who participated in the Maple Festival, Essex Junction, Vergennes, and Williston Parades.
- 4) Thanks to all members who participated in the “Lake Monsters” baseball Color Guard Ceremony.
- 5) Thanks to Webmaster (Joe Gills) for updating our website by adding the photos from #3 and #4.
- 6) The Parade Float is now buttoned-up and placed in winter storage as of July 8th, 2017.
- 7) **Remember that the Detachment “Annual Picnic” is Saturday August 26th at 10:00am (Rain date will be Sunday August 28) at Sandbar State Park, Milton, Vermont (Route 2), and NOT at Grand Isle State Park as stated on our website.**
- 8) Start selling “Program Booklet” ads and “MC: Ball” tickets anytime now through October. Booklet ads are: ¼ page - \$50; ½ page - \$75; and a Full page - \$100. The ads and the money must be in by October 19, 2017, NO EXCEPTIONS.

The MCL Ball tickets are \$35 each, and the money must be in by November 1st, 2017, NO EXCEPTIONS. There will be ticket sales at the door–IF there are tickets available.

Thanks and “SEMPER-FI.”

Herb Drew, Jr.
Commandant

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>
07/20/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	BBQ Pulled Pork	Commandant
08/17/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Spaghetti & Meat Balls	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	Essex VFW	Fried Chicken	Commandant
10/19/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Meatloaf	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	Essex VFW	Roast Pork	Commandant
12/22/17	0800	TFK Barrels In	Chittenden Cty	None	Commandant

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

Notes & scribbles:

DONALD G. COOK DETACHMENT #608

VOTING SHEET

(Modified at the 05/18/2017 and 06/15/2017 meetings.)

PLACE A CIRCLE AROUND “ONE NUMBER” ONLY

(The purpose of this vote is to determine what we as a detachment are going to do about our meals at meeting time.)

- 1. Remain with the VFW** for our meetings and have our meals provided by Backstage Restaurant for \$250 (\$50 plus 20 people @ \$10ea) **regardless** of the quantity of members participating in the meal.
- 2. Remain with the VFW** for our meetings and have **no meals** provided.
- 3. Deleted** *(by discussion and show of hands, decided to eliminate this option).*
- 4. Deleted** *(by discussion and show of hands, decided to eliminate this option).*
- 5. Move away** from the VFW **to the American Legion** on Route 7 in Colchester and let individuals eat dinner (if they wish) between 5:30pm to 6:30pm and start the meeting at 6:30/6:45pm. Meals provided by the Legion cost between \$9 to \$12 (average is \$10). *(Potential problems with parking, crossing serious traffic as a pedestrian from available extra parking, on-going construction, and for some – just too far to travel.)*
- 6. Some other location**. *(An option discussed at previous meetings, most details of which will take significant additional time to explore, research, and compare in order to arrive at any reasonable decision.)*

Adjutant's Note: If you will not be at the regular meeting at the VFW on 20 July 2017 and wish to have your vote counted by proxy, please be sure I have your response (e-mail or snail mail), in plenty of time to be counted at the meeting.
