

Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 05/19/2016 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, still holding at 12 total, are expected to be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- ✓ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – 16 June 2016, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800 Hours. Main course: Hot Dogs (a.k.a. tube steaks) and hamburgers. The meeting will follow at 1900 Hours. Among other things we'll talk about the upcoming schedule of events with the Vermont Lake Monsters (color guard, 50-50, dates to be firmed up, etc). NOTE: For those involved, there will be a Color Guard dress rehearsal/practice at 1630 hours prior to the meeting (who's in charge of weather?).
- ✓ Independence Day Parade @ Williston, Monday 4 July, step off at 1000 hrs (NLT time and location TBD);
- ✓ Annual Summer Picnic @ Sandbar State Park (8/27/2016?), details TBD;
- ✓ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration (11/12/2016), details (menu, location & such) 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.
- ✓ Recruitment/re-building of the Detachment membership: This is critical to our mission capabilities and to our Detachment's survival. So be prepared for more active discussion(s) at this next and at future meetings.
- ✓ Detachment Bylaws – be prepared to discuss and vote on the updated bylaws.

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FYI... from our Judge Advocate, Marine Jay Miller...

An explanation of differences between Current and Proposed Bylaws.

- Article I. Includes purpose and resolve which are absent from current bylawy.
- Article II. Combines paragraph 6 (Membership) and 7 (Dues) of the current bylaws as well as adds different types of membership and states that membership cannot be denied for enumerated reasons.
- Article III. Combines paragraph 2 (Officers) and 8 (Duties of Officers) of the current bylaws as well as adds Board of Trustees and their current duties.
- Article IV. Expands explanation of current bylaws to indicate to explain how elections will be conducted by this detachment.
- Article V. Missing from current bylaws, explains how vacancies may occur and how they will be filled.
- Article VI. Combines paragraphs 3 (Meetings) and 4 (Quorum) and expands current paragraph 3 to include "Open" meetings and "Staff" meetings.
- Article VII. Missing from current bylaws.
- Article VIII. Replaces and expands paragraph 9 (Compensation) of the current bylaws to cover ground rules for financial planning, controls, and transactions. Also notes the National Blanket bond for detachment Commandant and Paymaster.
- Article IX. Missing from current bylaws.
- Article X. Missing from current bylaws.

The proposed bylaws were drafted by the committee to bring the Detachment Bylaws into compliance with the key elements of the national organization as noted in the Guidebook for Detachment Officers as published by MCL National Headquarters.

Drive safe. Drive defensively.

Semper Fidelis.

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