

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 05/18/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 14 now, will be in the mail later this afternoon.

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 15 June 2017, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800. Main course: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. 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.
- ✓ You may want to check out another really great resource, The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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Reminders, continued:

~ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration ~

by Marine Bill Loney (*and others...*)

Guest speaker – details/bio forthcoming.
Sales can start by end of July for Booklet Ads,
mid-August for tickets to the ball.
Any later and we'll start to feel the pinch.

- The “Detachment 2017 Calendar” is on a separate page – in case you wanted to put it on a bulletin board at home or in your office or wherever you put things you want to try to remember. Should be on the last page.
- Lowe’s is offering a military discount (10%) program (info courtesy of Marine John Kohler). For more info, contact me and I will either email or snail mail his detailed information sheet to you on how to set it up, or contact John directly.

~ Commandant’s Scuttlebutt ~

The uniform of the day will be standard civilian clothes with the red Marine Corps League Cover.

I’ve put together a “ballot” for the Detachment’s consideration. This is regarding our present arrangement for meeting space and meal prep at the VFW in Essex Junction. The “modified ballot” is on the reverse side of the “Detachment 2017 Calendar.”

Drive safely and bring a new Marine for membership. Will see you at the meeting.

Thanks and “SEMPER-FI.”

Herb Drew, Jr.
Commandant

Respectfully,

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Detachment Adjutant

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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>
06/15/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs	Commandant
07/04/17	1000	July 4 th Parade	Williston, VT	None	Fortenberry, T.
07/17/17	1200	Return Float to winter storage	Charlotte, VT	None	Nola, T.
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	Grand Isle 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

(Verbally modified at the 05/18/2017 meeting.)

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. ~~Remain with the VFW for our meetings and provide **our own** snacks or pot luck foods provided by individuals. (*by discussion and show of hands, decided to eliminate this option*).~~
4. ~~Remain with the VFW for our meetings and have the meals provided by the Backstage Restaurant, but **raise our price** for each meal from the present \$10 to \$14. Our present attendance at meetings is about 18. (*\$250 divided by 18 equals \$13.89*). (*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). (*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 the last meeting, details of will take time to research and explore, in order to arrive at any reasonable decision.*)