

# Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 04/21/2016 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions (12 total) are expected to be in the mail shortly.

## Reminders:

- ✓ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – 19 May 2016, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800 Hours. Main course: Meatloaf(?). 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).
- ✓ Parades - Memorial Day @ Essex Jct, Saturday 28 May, step off at 1000 hrs from Gate 'F', be there NOT LATER THAN 0930; Vergennes, Monday 30 May, step off at 1100 hrs, line up 1000 hrs, Sect 1/Position 8 @ High School); Indep. Day @ 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 TBD. Be thinking about selling ads in the 'MC Ball Booklet.'
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Recruitment/building of the Detachment membership is a continuous process. If you meet someone who was in the Corps in times past, extend an invitation to come to one of our meetings & consider being part of the Detachment.
- ✓ Trillium are in bloom. Things are greening up. Road snow's gone for now – unless we get another surprise late Spring 'event' like the 10 or so inches of white stuff that fell 05/08/1989. I was actually able to drive through The Notch this past week (The gates were officially open. Honest.).

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FYI...

**Military Records/DD-214 Update 05** (Available On-Line),  
courtesy of Judge Advocate/Marine Jay Miller.

It's official; DD-214's are NOW Online. Please pass on to other Vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provide the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veteransimilitary-service-records>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time. [Source: Vet Council – St Johns Cnty FL 1Michael Rothfield March 15, 2016++]

And, 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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