

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 04/20/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 14 now, will be in the mail shortly. *In case you were paying attention that is up one from last month. One of the members in the Detachment has asked to have a hardcopy mailed as he is experiencing difficulties (and frustration) with his email. I bought another load of stamps yesterday so we should be alright with that for a while.*

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 18 May 2017, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800. Main course: Pork Chops (hopefully)... 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.

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Reminders, continued:

~ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration ~

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

Still working on guest speaker.
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.

- Decided to put the “Detachment 2017 Calendar” 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.
- VT Route 22A “Desert Storm Veterans Highway,” Dedication and Ribbon Cutting: Saturday, 22 May 2017, at 11am, Vermont Veterans Service Organization will be officially dedicating VT Route 22A, “The Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway” at the Fair Haven American Legion Post 49 located on VT Route 22A. American Legion Post 49 will be offering food for after the ceremony.
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~ 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 “ballot” will be 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>
05/18/17	1800	Mem. Meeting	Essex VFW	Pork Chops	Commandant
05/27/17	1000	Mem. Day Parade	Essex Fair/Gnd	None	Fortenberry, T.
05/29/17	1000	Mem. Day Parade	Vergennes, VT	None	Fortenberry, T.
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)

DONALD G. COOK DETACHMENT #608

VOTING SHEET

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 **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.
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).
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 costs between \$9 to \$12 (average is \$10).