

Marine Corps League



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Greetings To All:

Minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 10/19/2017 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 14, should be in the mail – hopefully soon.

Reminders:

- Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 16 November 2017, @ the American Legion Post 91, 3650 Roosevelt Hwy, Colchester, VT at 1900. For those who were unable to attend last couple of meetings, this is our third monthly meeting at this new location. Please note the slight time change. Dinner precedes the meeting and will be served – starting at 1730. Main course: Roast Pork (or is it Pork Roast? Hope you are able to join us.
Note: It is strongly recommended that you arrive early, not only to secure a parking place, but to also be able to sit with the Detachment. There is still on-going road reconstruction in the immediate vicinity. The seasonal exit of daylight savings means it is DARK EARLY. If you wind up parking across the road it would be a great idea to bring a flashlight with you. Last I noticed, the road lights and traffic signals have not been reinstalled.
- Reminder from Marine John Kohler that the American Legion Post 91 web site may be found at <http://www.vtpost91.org>.
- Marine Joe Gills has sent out the next two months of the American Legion Calendar and menu. A copy is attached to this distribution.
- Toys For Kids Toy Barrels have been distributed. Toys For Kids Coin Barrels should be out by now too. Last Thursday John Welsh still had a bunch of coin barrels - **gathering dust** on the shelves in his shop **instead of gathering coins** for the Toys For Kids campagne. If you have the time, become a coin barrel monitor. Start with 1 coin barrel.

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Reminders, continued:

- and – if you are able and feel so inclined, write a check to the Toys **For Kids Of Vermont** campaign, then mail it to: **Marine Corps League, Donald G. Cook Detachment #608, PO Box 4092, Burlington VT 05406-4092.**
- A Thanksgiving - “Thank You” to all who helped make this year’s Birthday Ball a success – the planning, selling tickets and Ball Booklet Ads, setting up and tearing down before and after the event, putting up signs so we could find the Elks in the dark on North Ave – and to those who came this year to celebrate quite a tradition in history; to all who give generously of their time and energy in any number of ways throughout the year that support the various missions of this Detachment, and who support each other in quiet, behind-the-scene ways.

~ Commandant’s Scuttlebutt ~

- 1) Uniform of the day is civilian clothes with the MCL “RED” Cover.
- 2) Installation Of Officers will be held at this next meeting.
- 3) Meal for Thursday the 16th of November will be “Roast Pork” (or “Pork Roast”), with potatoes, vegetables, rolls & butter, tossed salad, and dessert.

I hope to see everybody at the meeting, but drive carefully. If the parking lot is full, check in the back near the mobile home park. The Legion may have the back gate open to allow some parking inside the outdoor eating area.

Thanks and “SEMPER-FI.”

Herb Drew, Jr.
Commandant

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Respectfully,

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~ Donald G. Cook Detachment Calendar ~
by Marine Herb Drew, Jr.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>NCOIC</u>
11/16/17	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	Something Pork	Commandant
12/21/2017	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	Turkey	Commandant
12/22/17	0800	TFK Barrels In	Chittenden Cty	None	Commandant
01/07/18	Noon	Dept of VT Qtrly Meeting	Rutland VFW		Dept Commandant
01/18/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
02/11/18	Noon	Capital Hotel Boy Scouts Awards	Montpelier VT		B. Kaufmann
02/15/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
03/15/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
04/14/18	Noon	Remove Parade Float from storage	Charlotte, VT		Commandant
04/19/18	1730	Memb. Meeting	Colch Am L	TBD	Commandant
04/20/18	Noon	Quad State and New England Div Convention	Holiday Inn Burlington, VT		Div Commandant
04/21/18	"	"	"		"
04/22/18	"	"	"		"
04/29/18	1000	Maple Fest.Parade	Saint Albans, VT		T. Fortenberry

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

Notes & scribbles: * Btw, "TFK" stands for "Toys For Kids Of Vermont."
** Btw, "Btw" stands for "by the way."



Toys for Kids



It takes hundreds of volunteers and thousands of toys to make a Toys for Kids Christmas.

Once again the Marine Corps League of Vermont, along with hundreds of businesses and volunteers plus the help of assorted media, including of course Channel 5 TV, becomes the state's largest toy collection program for needy kids. And there are many such kids.

We put out hundreds of red barrels with white snowflakes on them to collect toys plus mini coin barrels to collect pocket change. Each barrel has a monitor assigned to it who is responsible for picking up the toys and taking them to neighborhood warehouses provided for this purpose by generous owners.

As Christmas nears, the toys are turned over to one of many agencies such as the Salvation Army for distribution to the thousands of needy kids.

HELP!

We always appreciate help in the form of a live volunteer or a large or small check. This being said, Toys for Kids wants to thank you very much for your special contribution in making kids' Christmas merrier.

Any questions, contact any Marine Corps League member or call **John Welsh at 872-0354.**

Or mail your tax-exempt check to the address below.

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