

Marine Corps League



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Greetings All.

The minutes of the Donald Cook Detachment 08/18/2016 meeting are attached. Snail Mail versions, a total of 12, will be in the mail shortly.

Reminders:

- ❖ Next meeting of the Donald Cook Detachment of the Marine Corps League – Thursday, 15 September 2016, @ the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct., VT. Dinner at 1800 Hours. Main course: Lasagna. The meeting will follow at 1900 Hours.
- ❖ Color Guard. Successfully complete for the 2016 season with presentations at the Vermont Lake Monsters Games on Tuesday 08/23/2016, and Sunday 09/04/2016. *Think about participating in this activity for next year.*
- ❖ Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, 12 November 2016 at the Elks' Club, 925 North Ave., Burlington, VT. Cocktails @ 1800 hrs. Dinner @ 1900 hours. Last call will be last man/woman standing. Menu, & guest speaker 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 in a couple of months! This is the time of year to approach business owners for their interest and support. Pass the word. We will be talking about how to sustain this part of our mission in the years to come.
- ❖ Fall Colors: We live in a beautiful and unique (some would say 'strange') part of the country. Make some time this year to get outside and enjoy the Nature's changing of Her colors. Some from away drive hundreds of miles just to witness what we have at this time of year, and we live here...

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Reminders, continued:

- ❖ *This is important so I'm going to repeat what was said before –*
For those of you who've raised children, what follows is kind of like having “the talk” with them. It's too often awkward, makes a lot of us uncomfortable and want to avoid it all together. But to not deal with the issue at all is even more problematic, it affects the viability of our organization. Recruitment/re-building of the Detachment membership (*a/k/a the elephant in the room*): This is critical to our mission capabilities and to our Detachment's survival. So be prepared for more active discussion(s) at the next and at future meetings.

Drive safe. Drive defensively. Anticipate that other drivers may not be so attentive – or may be distracted (kids, in-laws/out-laws, cell phone/texting, hot coffee, etc.) or just plain dumb (bicycle riders riding after dark and in dark clothing with no running lights, and pedestrians – same thing).

Semper Fidelis.

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