

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Meeting at 1900:

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Winters and Chaplain (Chap) Morin.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) Dave Winters, present ; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) remains vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, excused; the Web Sergeant Tara Sue Myers, present (by remote); SAA, Randy McNally, absent; Chap Roland Morin, present (by remote). There were eight voting members (Corson, Howe, Lak, Maher, Morin, Niver, Pettengill, Winters); two nonvoting members (Ross (non-active Associate) and Tara Sue (Honorary) Myers) and two guests (Forrest Hardart, Ray Schwendeman). There was not a quorum.

Minutes: The Minutes from the 15 November were not voted on since there was no quorum. The 15 November meeting minutes will be voted on at a future date.

New Members and Guests: There were no new members and two guests, Ray Schwendeman (attended remotely and is pending membership) and Forrest Hardart (past member).

Paymaster Report: There was no Paymaster's report submitted.

Chaplain Report:

- The Cmdt noted the deaths of two Life Members who have not been active in recent years but were still on the Detachment's rolls: Joseph Caouette and David Hardingham.
 - Appropriate notification was made to the Department and National

Committees:

Scholarship:

- The 2022 Scholarship application has yet to be updated on the Detachment website.
 - Cmdt has this for action and will update the form and forward it to the Scholarship chair for input from the Scholarship Committee.
- The Thank You letters for donators to the Commandant's Appeal fund drive have yet to be distributed.
 - Cmdt has this for action.

MCJROTC: No report was provided.

Communications/Website: Committee Chair (Tara Sue Myers) indicated that she has been in contact with the Public Information Officer (Rich Pettengill) and is working on helping him with updates to the website.

Membership: Nothing significant to report.

Correspondence: As listed in Agenda.

Scouting:

- There are two ceremonies in January 2022, one in North Hampton and one in Milton.
 - Cmdt will attend and present the Marine Corps League certificates and challenge coins.
 - Dates are TBD for one and 15 January for the other (North Hampton), however the time for the 15 January ceremony is unknown, more to follow.

Public Information: As this is a new position, there is no report as of yet.

Marine for Life:

- Marine Dave Winters has coordinated with the regional Marine For Life representative, Major Matt Hobert and they have agreed on mutual support with other Detachments (i.e. Dillon).

Donations and Gifts:

- Paymaster was not present to provide a report.
 - The results of the Cmdt's appeal have yet to be briefed.
- Guest Forrest Hardardt, presented a \$1000.00 donation check from Mr. Greg Comeau, owner of Am Tech Coatings, LLC of Hampton, NH.

Awards: As listed in Agenda.

Honors: As listed in Agenda.

Pease Greeters:

- There is a renewed effort to find out more about the Guadalcanal flag "loaned" to Pease Greeters to ensure the donating family is aware and concurs with the current disposition.
 - Cmdt will research further and has this for action.

Dept of NH: As listed in Agenda.

MODD #349:

- The next Pound meeting will be via Zoom on 9 January 2022.
- The new Pound Keeper is Marine John Cannon.

Old Business:

- Still no resolution on replacement ceremonial firearms custodian.
- Remainder of old business is as listed in the Agenda.

New Business:

- Volunteers for appointed billets of Adjutant and Chaplain were announced.
 - Marine Dave Winters has volunteered to be Chaplain and Marine Bob Niver has volunteered to be Adjutant.
- A plea for Bell Ringer volunteers to augment the Salvation Army was emphasized.
- The Recruiting Campaign Plan will be the subject of a future meeting.
 - Cmdt agreed to send email to MSgt Hernandez, Maj Flood and Dillon Cmdt, Cody Dumont to energize Poolee effort.

Good of the League:

- Wreaths across America participation, on an individual basis, was emphasized.
- Marine Rich Pettengill publicly thanked Marine Ray Maher for his coordination of our Marine Corps Birthday celebration.
- Cmdt indicated that an audit is required for the changeover of Cmdts.
 - Cmdt will appoint three members to conduct the audit per the Bylaws.
- Cmdt discussed reimbursement for Zoom equipment and whether it was within his authority, per the Detachment Bylaws, to grant up to \$300.00 to procure the equipment.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the Cmdt's authority to award reimbursement since the Bylaws indicate that this authority is only an "Emergency" authorization.

- Members were asked to weigh in, a majority agreed that the current Pandemic constituted an Emergency and the payment was warranted.
- Cmdt, with assistance of the JA, will prepare a Memorandum of Record on the payment and possession of the purchased equipment and will direct reimbursement to the Public Information Officer

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting: 10 Jan 2022 @ 1900.
 - Depending on the severity of the latest COVID outbreak, this meeting may be conducted entirely by Zoom.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 continued to be at Tucker's in Dover, with a changed location after the first of the year TBD.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 suspended until further notice.
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- "Together We Served luncheon" <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter will be continuing on 12 January at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>). All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are Welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrene's 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
 - Attendance was low at the November meeting which may result in a change in location if there are not enough participants.
- Seacoast Veteran's Conference 2022 Service Credit Union Not Scheduled:
(<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>)

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, Acting SAA Dave Winters and Chap Roland Morin conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The raffle amount was \$14.00 and won by guest Forrest Hardardt who donated the winnings back to the Detachment.