

## **Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 10 Apr 2023 Meeting at 1900:**

**1900 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Geoff Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Bruce Soiett and Acting Chaplain (Chap) George Dow.

**Officer Roll Call:** Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC), Ray Maher, excused; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, excused; Chap George Lombardi, excused. There were ten voting members (Corson, Dow, Gahan, Howe, Lak, Mitchell, Morin, Niver, Schaaff, Soiett); and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the 13 March Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Gahan and seconded by Marine Soiett. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** There were no new members or guests.

### **Paymaster Report:**

- The checking account balance is \$11,217.80; the savings account balance is \$9,528.00.
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Gahan and seconded by Marine Soiett. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.
- A motion was made to approve the 2022 financial audit lead by JA Lak by Marine Soiett.
  - The motion was seconded by Marine Gahan and it was passed with no dissenting votes cast.

### **Chaplain Report:**

- JPC Niver and SVC Howe indicated that they attended SgtMaj Chevalier's funeral along with Marine Morin.
  - Marines Morin and Howe performed the Marine Corps League Ritual.
- Cmdt Corson indicated that aspiring member Marine John Flagler has had some recent hospitalizations attributed to dehydration.
  - He is scheduled to have tests done in order to determine the cause of the dehydration.
  - He looks forward to renewing his ties with the Detachment and becoming more involved in Detachment events.
- It was also reported that SAA McNally was recovering from recent surgery on his knees.

### **Committees:**

### **Scholarship:**

- JA Lak indicated that he hand delivered a number of 2023 Scholarship applications to LtCol Drown, MOI for the MCJROTC Winnacunnet High School to be distributed to his cadets.
  - JA Lak took the opportunity to assure LtCol Drown that we are a resource for him and have partnered with the MCJROTC many times in the past.

- LtCol Drown indicated that he will renew that relationship noting that the Pandemic curbed many MCJROTC activities and that is one of the reasons for recent disengagement with the Detachment.
- The 2023 scholarship application is out and members are encouraged to notify qualifying family members to apply.
  - One application has been received so far.

**MCJROTC:**

- Members are encouraged to build on the supporting/supported relationship the Detachment has had in the past with the MCJROTC Winnacunnet per LtCol Drown's and JA Lak's recent discussions.

**Communications/Website:**

- As listed in the Agenda.
- Marine Mitchell conducted the Zoom portion of the meeting and has given the Detachment access to a UNH account for future use.
- Marine Schaaff is encouraging use of the Detachment's Instagram account.
  - Send pictures/content to Marine Schaaff ([orionschaaff@gmail.com](mailto:orionschaaff@gmail.com)) for posting to Instagram.
- Utility of procuring a Venmo account was discussed.
  - Cmdt indicated that this probably was not necessary based on older demographics of the Detachment who are unfamiliar with the technology thus less likely to use it.
  - Cmdt also indicated that if there is an identified need in the future, the Venmo option can be revisited.

**Membership:**

- JPC Niver was asked about progress on a June social.
  - Marine Niver indicated that he had not spoken to JVC Maher recently thus no plan was discussed.
  - Cmdt Corson indicated he will talk to Marine Maher at the Wednesday breakfast to find out the status of planning efforts.
- Marine Niver will return from Florida on 4 May.

**Correspondence:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**Scouting:**

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.

**Public Information:**

- No report was provided.

- Current Public Information Officer needs replacement.
- Cmdt Corson indicated that there may be a press opportunity in the near future concerning a donation to refurbish the John Paul Jones monument in Kittery.
  - Cmdt made a motion to donate \$300.00 of Detachment money to refurbish the monument tied to a press event where a check would be presented to the effort.
  - The motion was seconded by Marine Gahan and it was passed with no dissenting votes cast.
  - Paymaster Dow will prepare a check to be presented to the JPJ monument Treasurer at a future date with all interested members present.
    - Cmdt will prepare a press release documenting the event once it takes place.

**Marine for Life(M4L):**

- No report was provided.
- Cmdt indicated Marine Hobert has been active on LinkedIn promoting M4L events and activities.

**Donations and Gifts:**

- Marine Gahan briefed status of Lottery application.
  - Detachment has fully complied with all requirements to participate as a charitable organization.
- Paymaster Dow indicated that Marine Cormier recently donated \$200.00 to the Detachment.

**Awards:**

- Nothing significant to report.

**Honors:**

- The Leister family will likely generate a request for ceremonial support to occur sometime in late Spring/Summer.
  - SVC Howe will follow up with the family.
- Cmdt Corson and Marine Gahan provided an AAR on Marine Paul Sorenson's funeral at Boscawen.
- All other Honors items appear in the Agenda and are still pending volunteers and leadership nominations.

**Pease Greeters:**

- As appears in the Agenda.

**Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):**

- As appears in the Agenda.
- Detachment purchased Ad for Dept of VT Quad State Event Book.

- Marine Gahan will attend and obtain copies of the Event Book as possible templates for future Detachment ads.

#### **MODD #349:**

- There will be a growl via Zoom sometime in the near future date is TBD.
- Pound Keeper Brad Howe will return from Florida on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Detachment received order of Cover Strips (30).
  - Distribution of Cover Strips was made to those who attended the meeting.
  - Further Distribution will be made as members show up for meetings until the supply is exhausted.
- All other old business appears in the agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Marine Lak indicated that there will be an Air Show later this year at Pease.
  - All agreed that this would be a great opportunity for recruiting.
  - Marine Gahan will further investigate opportunities to participate.

#### **Good of the League:**

- Marine Morin commented on his recent purchase and reading of the book: Marine Pioneers: The Unsung Heroes of World War II by Lt. Col. Kerry Lane.
  - Marine Morin highly recommended the book that tells stories about the unit MSgt Carl Doore, USMC (Ret), former Detachment member (and now deceased) belonged to when he rescued the Guadalcanal flag.
  - Cmdt indicated that if any members of the Doore family show up for any of our events that it might be appropriate to present them with a copy of the book.
- Marine Lak recounted a Sea Story from his recruit days that was entertaining and well received by Detachment members present.
  - Marine Soiett indicated he would provide the next Sea Story for the Detachment's May meeting.
  - Marine Morin also expressed interest in sharing one of his stories at a future meeting.
- All other items are as presented in the Agenda.

#### **Future Dates:**

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 8 May 2023 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Grill 28 (<https://www.peasegolf.com/grill28/>) in Portsmouth, NH.
- 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 continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 12 Apr 2023. 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 of each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.

**Closing Ceremony:** Cmdt Corson, Acting SVC Lak, Acting SAA Soiett and Acting Chap Dow conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The raffle (\$9.00) was won by Marine Gahan who donated it back to the Detachment.



**Seacoast Detachment #394**  
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/>  
**Marine Corps League (MCL)**  
<https://www.mclnational.org/>  
**PO Box 690, Kittery ME 03904-0690**

**Monday 10 Apr 2023 Monthly Meeting Agenda**  
**Portsmouth American Legion Post 6**  
**96 Islington Street, Portsmouth**

**Uniform of the Day:** Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Short Sleeve) or MCL Cover.

**1900 Opening Ceremony:** Commandant (Cmdt) Corson; Chaplain (Chap) Lombardi, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) McNally, "Marines' Hymn."

**Officer Roll Call by SAA:** Cmdt. \_\_\_\_; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC) \_\_\_\_; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) \_\_\_\_; Judge Advocate (JA) \_\_\_\_; Junior Past Commandant (JPC) \_\_\_\_; Adjutant (Adj) Vacant; Chaplain (Chap) \_\_\_\_; Paymaster \_\_ Web Sergeant Vacant; Quorum \_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_

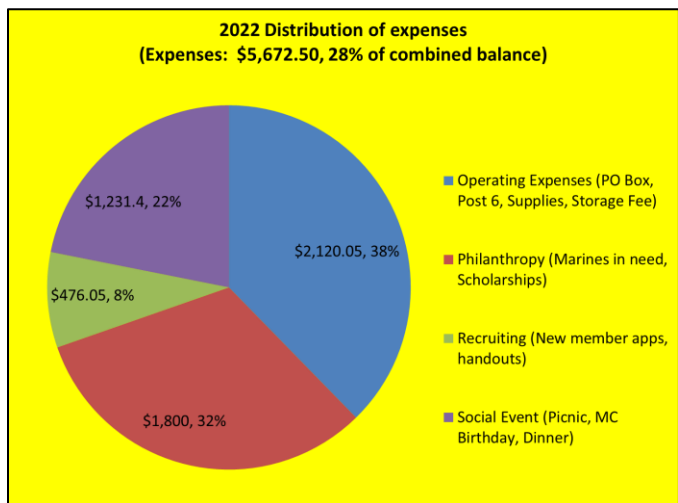
**Minutes:** Motion to accept the 13 Mar minutes (sent separately). Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_

**New members and guests:**

- Swearing in of new members if present.
- Welcome guests who are considering membership.

**Paymasters Report** (Paymaster George Dow ( [george1845816@comcast.net](mailto:george1845816@comcast.net) )):

- Savings/Scholarship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_
- 2022 Financial Audit (sent separately).
  - Distribution of 2022 expenses:



- Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_

**Chaplain Report** (Chap George Lombardi ( [geo-usmc@comcast.net](mailto:geo-usmc@comcast.net) )):

- John Flagler update (Cmdt Corson).
- Update on members in sickbay or in need of pastoral support.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee** (JA Dick Lak ( [Dick\\_lak@comcast.net](mailto:Dick_lak@comcast.net) )):

- Update on Scholarship activity.
  - 2023 Scholarship form sent out via email.
  - One application received so far.

**MCJROTC** (LtCol Eric Drown ( [edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org](mailto:edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org) )):

- Recap of visit with LtCol Drown, Senior Marine Instructor Winnacunnet HS MCJROTC (JA Dick Lak).
- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=874828147300041&set=pcb.874828577299998>

**Communications/Website and Social Media** (Vacant):

- Replacement Web Sergeant needed.
  - Those interested please notify Cmdt, SVC or JVC.
- Detachment has two facebook pages, one needs to be deactivated (Marine Orion Schaaff).
  - <https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastMarines> (old one, has significant historical content).
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcl394/media> (new one, has more recent content).
  - Detachment member input solicited.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
  - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>
- Venmo ( <https://venmo.com/> ) brief (pros and cons) (Marine Orion Schaaff).
- 2023 Detachment Elected Officer Pictures updated on website.
  - Need pictures of appointed officers for website.

**Membership** (Marine Bob Niver ( [revim167@gmail.com](mailto:revim167@gmail.com) ) and Ray Maher ( [maher-nh@comcast.net](mailto:maher-nh@comcast.net) )):

- Updates on recruiting efforts.
- Updates on June social.

**Correspondence** (Cmdt Corson ( [Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com) )):

- Update.

**Scouting** (Cmdt Corson ( [Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com) )):

- Nothing significant to report. .

**Public Information** (Rich Pettengill ( [Richard@ccbgroup.org](mailto:Richard@ccbgroup.org) )):

- Update on PIO activities.
- New Zoom coordinator/videographer Marine Ken Mitchell.
  - New Zoom “perpetual” dial-in:

Topic: Marine Corps League - Seacoast Chapter

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/99044545492>

Or Telephone:

Dial: +1 309 205 3325 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 990 4454 5492

International numbers available: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/adKUOqOWyu>

**Marine for Life** (Cmdt Corson ( [Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com) )):

- Update on M4L activities.

**Donations and Gifts** (Paymaster George Dow):

- Update on donation and gifts.

**Awards** (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Members input solicited.

**Honors** (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson and Gary Gahan participated in DNHMCL Funeral Honors for Marine Paul Sorensen on 23 Mar 2023 at Boscawen.



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- Pending honors request for GySgt Bob Leister, USMC (Ret).
- Post 35 Hampton requests honors in conjunction with update to Lady of the Sea Memorial on 3 Jun 2023.
  - Contingent on availability of NCOIC and shooters, Detachment has agreed to support.
- Other historic/honors requests per future dates paragraph below.

### **Pease Greeters <https://peasegreeters.org/>**

- Individuals (not groups) can now greet flights per new instructions that were sent separately and are restated below.
  - Upon arrival at the airport, Greeters must sign in on the Greeter Log. The Log will be maintained in the coffee area.
  - Please wear your Greeter name tags.
  - Mask wearing is now optional while at the airport.
  - Please... no hugs or shaking hands unless a Troop initiates it and the Greeter is comfortable. Fist bumps are allowed.
  - Maintain Social Distancing during interaction with the troops.
  - Try to stay outside as much as possible.
  - Greeter gear: shirts, hats, ID, etc. may be worn at the airport.
  - As individuals, you are not allowed to give anything to the troops other than the cut out stars with the prose. This includes food and any personal items: hats, scarves, coins.
  - No solicitation of any items from the troops, such as: pins, coins or patches.
- Pease Greeters has resumed sending flight alerts.
  - There is a significant increase in flights due to ongoing troop movements triggered by European turmoil.

### **Dept. of NH (DNHMCL) <http://nhmarines.org/>: <https://www.facebook.com/MCLNHMARINES/>**

- AAR Department Quarterly meeting on 26 Mar (Minutes sent separately, Cmdt Corson).
- AAR New England Division meeting on 28 Mar (Cmdt Corson).
- Department Zoom meeting scheduled for 15 April at 1500 (Cmdt Corson).
- Honors and Scout Chair still needed.
  - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- Department next Quarterly in June.
  - Seacoast tentatively scheduled to host based on availability of Post 6 meeting space.
- Department seeking Scholarship Committee members for Department Scholarship.
  - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- Department of Vermont hosting Quad-State from 28-30 Apr 2023 in Colchester, VT (details sent separately).
  - Detachment purchased full page color ad for NE Div Quad State (Ad proof sent separately).
  - Dual member Marine Gary Gahan will be attending.
- DNHMCL needs recommendations for hosting 2024 Quad-State.
  - Need recommendation for hosting that includes 50 hotel rooms, conference rooms for breakout meetings, etc.
  - Those with recommendations need to contact Cmdt Corson and Cmdt Monnell.

### **MODD #349 (Pound Keeper Brad Howe):**

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Detachment cover strips have been ordered and are in production.
  - Detachment purchased 30.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Decision on participating in Market Square Day.



- Need to book NLT 12 May in order to get discount (see Future Dates paragraph below).
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

#### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Donation to Kittery Maine Improvement Foundation for refurbishment of John Paul Jones monument at the John Paul Jones Park, Kittery, ME.
  - Need to decide whether or not to support donation (BOT unanimously supports donation) and amount to donate.
  - Possible press coverage opportunity.
- Sea Story time (JA Dick Lak).
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

#### FUTURE DATES:

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- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**  
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- “**Together We Served** luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH  
<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>. U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter will have their next monthly meeting on 12 Apr 2023. 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 of the month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
- 29 May (Monday) Memorial Day (firing detail(s) York/Kittery).
  - Need firing detail NCOIC(s) and shooters.
- 3 Jun (Saturday) Lady of the Sea memorial rededication (firing detail, Hampton Beach).
  - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 10 Jun (Saturday) Market Square Day (\$175 vendor fee, with raffle vendor fee is \$275, prices are if we book before 12 May <https://proportsmouth.org/events/market-square-day/> ).
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- Host Quarterly meeting of DNHMCL, Sunday, 25 Jun 2023 @ 1100.
  - Need members to help set up/take down meeting site at Post 6.
- 19 Aug (Saturday) Det picnic/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (will be based on membership consensus) (<https://marine.unh.edu/research-centers/facilities/judd-gregg-marine-research-complex/pavilion> New Castle Coast Guard Station).
  - Coordinator/Committee Chair SVC Brad Howe.
  - JA and JPC have volunteered to help.
- 11 Sep (Monday) 911 memorial rededication ceremony (firing detail, Hampton, Post 35).
  - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 23 Sep (Saturday) Seacoast Veterans Conference (<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>).
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 23 Sep (Saturday) Run for the Fallen (<https://www.runforthefallennh.com/>).
  - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 7 Oct (Saturday) Apple Harvest Day (Early Bird (before 2 Jun) Vendor fee \$215.00, late fee \$265.00  
<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day/>).
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 10 Nov (Friday) MC Birthday (Birthday/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (based on membership consensus) Location TBD).
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 11 Nov (Saturday) Veterans Day (firing detail(s) (John Paul Jones Park/Kittery Estates/Goodwin Park).
  - Need firing detail NCOIC(s) and shooters.

**Closing Ceremony:** Cmdt. Corson, SVC Howe, Chap Lombardi, SAA McNally.