

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 8 Aug 2022 Meeting at 1900 (Hybrid):

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Corson, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Randy McNally and acting Chaplain (Chap) George Lombardi.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, excused; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) vacant; 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 Tara Sue Myers, absent; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap Roland Morin, absent. There were eleven voting members (Blanchette, Cannon, Corson, Dow, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Niver, Pettengill, Schaaff) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and over Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 11 July Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Maher and seconded by Marine Lombardi. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

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

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$12,414.28; the savings account balance is \$8,498.34.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Niver and seconded by Marine Maher. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine Niver gave a progress report on Marine George McCreary.
 - George has attended a number of Wednesday morning breakfasts and enjoys the camaraderie.
- Marine George Dow, who tested positive for COVID, said he was good to go.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- Two Scholarship recipients (Mary Lombardi, Katelyn Russell) will be honored, and presented their checks, at the Detachment picnic on 20 August.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- Marine Orion Schaaff proposed a plan for an increased footprint on Social Media.
 - There are key questions that the membership needs to weigh in on.
 - One issue is risks to reputation to the organization.
 - Rules of the Road need to be established.
 - Marine Schaaff suggested that perhaps the entire Department of NH might want to adopt a social media platform.
 - Marine Schaaff will propose some rules of the road based on Marine Corps guidance.
- Marine Schaaff also indicated that there is an opportunity for outreach with the SNHU veteran community.
 - Opportunities exist to solicit membership from this community and also UNH.
 - Social networking is key to engaging this community who are more familiar with this format.

- Commandant suggested that if there is an opportunity for a SNHU veteran get-together, he was all in and would be there to represent the League and the Detachment.
 - Opportunities also exist to invite other Detachments in the Department of NH to participate as some veterans are geographically closer to their headquarters.
 - All agreed that recruiting younger members is a win-win for the League.

Membership:

- Marine Bob Niver encouraged more advertisement of associate members to plus up our ranks.
 - Cmdt indicated that Associates are valued members of the team and perform a variety of duties that help our overall efforts.
 - Examples include Market Square Day where Associate Ross Myers and Honorary Member Tara-Sue Myers raised significant revenue for the Detachment largely due to their extensive efforts.

Correspondence:

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- Marine Geoff Corson indicated little feedback on plans for gala 75th Anniversary celebration.
 - Marine Bob Niver offered his full support for further efforts.
 - A suggestion was made to invite other Detachments and the Department to support our collective efforts.
 - Regardless, it was pointed out that we need to scope our concept based on the interest expressed and not on a unrealistic expectation of support.
 - Planning is ongoing, members are encouraged to chime in with their suggestions.

Marine for Life:

- Marine Matt Hobert (Maj, USMCR) will partner M4L efforts with the Detachments presence at Apple Harvest Day (1 Oct) and the Seacoast Veterans Conference (24 Sep).
 - All agreed that this is a win-win situation for both M4L and the Detachment.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Cmdt Corson indicated he received an unsolicited donation from "Chris" as the Cmdt assisted him in decoupling his boat trailer at the storage unit where Detachment gear is stowed.
 - The donation was for \$40.00 cash.
 - It will be provided to the Paymaster at his next in-person meeting.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt Corson congratulated all who participated in Cpl Currier's addition to the Lady of the Sea memorial on Hampton Beach on 6 August.
 - Participants included: NCOIC Brad Howe; Guidon Bearer Ray Maher; Ceremonial Shooters: Chip O'Connor (Det 128 Haverhill, MS); Gary Gahan (Granite State Det, DNHMCL); Mark Lindsley(Dillon Det, DNHMCL); Marine Bob Niver; Marine Jay Tennant; Marine Orion Schaaff; Marine Rich Pettengill; Additional Participants: Marine Geoff Corson; Marine "Spyder" Soiett; Observer/Driver: Marine Dick Lak.
- The Detachment will participate in Post 35 events on 11 Sep 2022 and for the Run For The Fallen on 24 Sep 2022.
 - Sign up details will be forthcoming.
 - Comdt Corson will extend invitations to these events to the Department soliciting volunteers.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

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- The Department Quarterly Meeting minutes held on 18 June were passed separately.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- No report provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marine Randy McNally delivered the Detachment Display Case to our meeting space with intent to mount it on the bulkhead.
 - Randy will need help in mounting it and will ask for volunteers at a date to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership re-examined Marine Rich Pettengill's proposal to change Article 602 of the Bylaws which governs quorum minimums.
 - Marine Pettengill's proposal was made to reduce the quorum from 10 to 5.
 - The Board of Trustees reviewed attendance rosters for the last year and thought 5 was too low and recommended 8, with at least 2 being officers, as the new quorum.
 - The motion to change the quorum from 10 to 8 was made by Marine Ray Maher.
 - The motion was seconded by Marine Glenn Blanchette.
 - The motion was voted on with one dissenting vote, but was carried due to a majority favoring the motion.
 - Detachment Bylaws will be adjusted accordingly.
- Marine Bob Niver, as JPC, is chairing the nomination committee for officers next year.
 - Interested members of elected officer positions are encouraged to notify Marine Bob Niver of their interest.
 - Position Descriptions of the elected officers have been passed separately.

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 12 September 2022 @ 1900.

- We will continue in-person/hybrid meetings.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Mainely Local Yolks in Berwick, ME.
- 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 at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 14 Sep 2022. 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.
- Annual Detachment picnic on 20 August.
 - Marine Brad Howe has locked on reservations for the Judd Gregg Pavilion in New Castle as well as a port-a-john for the event from 1200 – 1600.
 - Volunteers are solicited to help in the cooking and set up.
 - Marines Brad Howe and Dick Lak have cleaned the grills at the site.
 - Invitation has been extended to the Department.
 - Granite State Det has made a donation to defray costs.
 - Marine Bob Niver has volunteered to conduct an auction of memorabilia and a 50/50 raffle.
 - Coordinating details to follow.
- Seacoast Veteran's Conference 2022 Service will be held on 24 September (<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>).
 - Marines Dick Lak, Rich Pettengill and Matt Hobert intend to attend and represent the Detachment and the Marine for Life program.
- Apple Harvest Day 2022.
 - Detachment intends to participate.
 - Motion was made to vote to authorize payment of a \$265.00 booth fee in order to attend by Marine Bob Niver.
 - Motion was seconded by Marine Dick Lak.
 - Vote was conducted and carried unanimously.
 - Marine Rich Pettengill has volunteered to lead participation in this event.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, Acting SVC Bob Niver, SAA McNally and Acting Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2045. The raffle (\$24.00) was won by Marine Rich Pettengill.



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<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/>
Marine Corps League (MCL)
<https://www.mclnational.org/>
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Monday 8 Aug 2022 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Portsmouth American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth and remote via Zoom

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

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

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

Minutes: Motion to accept the 11 July 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 (Marine George Dow (george1845816@comcast.net)):

- Savings/Scholarship: \$ _____ Checking: \$ _____
- Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___

Chaplain Report (Marine Roland Morin (mounted90@comcast.net)):

- Marines in Sickbay updates.
 - Leister
 - McCreary
 - Breakfast group visit on 20 July (Marine Bob Niver).
 - Soiett
 - Still recovering from mercury poisoning (Marine Geoff Corson).
 - Dow
 - Recovering from COVID diagnosis.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee (Marine Dick Lak (Dick_lak@comcast.net)):

- Update on Scholarship Committee activities.
- Presentation of 2022 awardees at Detachment Picnic.
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MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown (edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org)):

- Update on MCJROTC activities/events

Communications/Website and Social Media (Honorary Marine Tara Sue Myers (tara.sue@gmail.com)):

- Presentation by Marine Orion Schaaff on additional online platforms to reach a wider audience of potential recruits to our Detachment.

Membership (Marine Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com)):

- Update on membership applications.

Correspondence

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting (Cmdt Corson (Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com):

- Department Chair (Dan Fedor) would like to re-energize effort to award Challenge coins to Eagle Scouts.
 - Department Chair seeks consensus to pursue this effort.
 - Rough costs to the Department are \$1,000.00 (to be shared among Detachments).
 - Detachment consensus needed to support this effort.

Public Information (Rich Pettengill (Richard@ccbgroup.org)).

- 2023 75th anniversary of the Detachment (2023) in planning phase.
- Questionnaire sent out to membership, results pending.

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

- Marine for Life Northeast (Maj Matt Hobert) will provide supporting efforts at Service Credit Unit Veterans' conference and Apple Harvest Day.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Cmdt received unsolicited \$40.00 donation from "Chris" at Storage unit.
 - Chris needed assistance in order to free his vehicle from a boat tow that would not decouple from his vehicle.
 - Cmdt rendered assistance and "Chris" wanted to pay for the assistance.
 - Cmdt accepted donation to MCI in lieu of personal compensation for services rendered.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- After Action Report for Firing Detail for Hampton Marine Cpl Jonathan Currier USMC (lost at sea, August 2018) addition to the Hampton Beach Marine Memorial on Saturday, 6 August 0800.
 - Participants included:
 - NCOIC: Marine Brad Howe
 - Guidon Bearer: Marine Ray Maher
 - Shooters:
 - Marine "Chip" O'Connor (Glynn Det 128 Haverhill, MA)
 - Marine Gary Gahan (Granite State Det, DNHMCL)
 - Marine Mark Lindsley (Dillon Det, DNHMCL)
 - Marine Bob Niver
 - Marine Jay Tennant
 - Marine Orion Schaaff
 - Marine Rich Pettengill
 - Additional Participants:
 - Marine Geoff Corson
 - Marine "Spyder" Soiett
 - Observer/Driver:
 - Marine Dick Lak
- GWOT memorial re-dedication firing detail, Post 35 Hampton, Sunday, 11 Sep 2022 at 1800.
- Run for the Fallen 2022: American Legion Post 35 (Hampton) requests a firing detail for this year's opening ceremony, which will be held on Saturday 24 Sep 2022, at 0930 at the Waterville Valley Resort.
 - Request includes a bugle player who could play "Taps."
 - Website: <http://www.runforthefallennh.com/>

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.

- Masks MUST be worn at all times while at the airport.
- Please... no hugs or shaking hands. 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. This includes food and any personal items: hats, scarves, coins, even stars.
- 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.

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- Update.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Volunteers needed to mount the Detachment Display Case (Marine Randy McNally).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review of proposed change to Section 602 (Quorum) of the Detachment Bylaws (Sent separately) (Cmdt Corson).
 - Proposed change was not discussed in detail at last meeting.
 - Board of Trustees recommends a slight modification to proposed change to number of members who constitute a quorum based on a review of attendance statistics for the last year.
- Detachment picnic 20 August 2022 update (Marine Brad Howe).
 - Intent is to do another raffle and auction (Marine Bob Niver).
- Detachment Officer nominations are coming up as are annual dues (Marines Bob Niver, George Dow and Geoff Corson).
 - Nominating committee members have been assigned (Marine Geoff Corson and Bob Niver).
- Working Party needed to clear space in Post 6 attic for storage of Detachment gear.
 - Working party date will coincide with movement of gear from storage locker (Cmdt Corson and Marine Brad Howe).
- Committee Chair for 2022 Detachment Marine Corps Birthday celebration is Marine Ray Maher
 - Old Salt Restaurant has been secured for the event on 10 November 2022.
 - Additional Committee members needed to help make the evening especially memorable.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update.

FUTURE DATES:

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- **"Together We Served** luncheon" <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH
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- Seacoast Veteran's Conference 2022 Service Credit Union will be held in September (<https://seacoastveteransconference.com/> on 24 Sep 2022).
 - Table has been reserved for the Detachment.
 - M4L Northeast Maj Matt Hobert will support Detachment at event.
 - More volunteers to man the table are needed and need to apply through the above listed website.
 - Currently there are 2 volunteers: Marine Pettengill, Marine Dick Lak.
- Apple Harvest Day, 1 October 2022 (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>).
 - Need to apply as a non-profit vendor (cost \$265.00).

- 9 Sep 2022 is vendor application deadline.
- Proof of insurance has been procured.
- Volunteers will be needed throughout the day and for set up and take down of our event equipment.

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