

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 12 Dec 2022 Meeting at 1900:

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

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC), Ray Maher, present; 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, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were eleven voting members (Blanchette, Corson, Dow, Gahan, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Niver, Soiett); and one guest (Ken Mitchell). The meeting was conducted in person. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 10 November Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Niver and seconded by Marine Gahan. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There was one guest, Ken Mitchell, who is interested in joining the Detachment.

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$10,882.67; the savings account balance is \$9,460.74.
 - The Paymaster detailed expenses the Detachment incurred for the Marine Corps Birthday celebration at the Old Salt.
 - Expenses included hors d'oeuvres, rent of the banquet room and gratuities for the staff.
 - Also included were payments for dinners for Detachment guests.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Niver and seconded by Marine Soiett.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

Chaplain Report:

- SVC Howe said he has visited with Marine Pete Cannell recently and Pete is fine, no issues.
- SVC Howe said that he spoke to Marine Bob Leister's daughter recently and she indicated that his Dementia was worse.
 - SVC Howe will try and find out Bob's daughter's address so the Detachment can send letters/notes of support.
- Marine George McCreary has been a regular at Wednesday's breakfasts thanks to Marines Bob Niver and Ray Maher.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- JA Lak indicated new criteria for 2023 will be put out after the first of the year.
 - Detachment may want to expand the criteria for recipients to possibly include an increase of the Scholarship award.
 - Board of Trustees, based on recommendations of the Scholarship Committee will discuss and present options to the Detachment.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- No report was provided.
- A replacement Web Sergeant is needed as the website has suffered significant neglect.

Membership:

- Marines Bob Niver and Ray Maher briefed new ideas to facilitate new membership:
 - Recruiting kits to include individual calling cards.
 - More media coverage of events.
 - 2023 75th Det Anniversary celebration.
 - Promotion of scholarship opportunities.
 - Local Recruiter involvement.
 - More social events during the year.
 - Posters in places Marines might congregate.
 - Firing detail opportunities.
 - Becoming more involved with Winnacunnet JROTC.
 - Offering Recruiter of the Year awards.
- Cmdt offered that we may want to consider Det hats/T-shirts to offer/show our colors.
 - Cmdt also suggested leveraging the opportunity that M4L and the ETS-SP has to offer in reaching prospects.

Correspondence:

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- No report was provided.
- A replacement Zoom operator is needed.

Marine for Life:

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Cmdt briefed winner of the bike raffle conducted by Marine John Cannon which netted the Det \$225.00.
 - The winner has been contacted but has yet to claim his prize.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt is working on recognizing and thanking recent donators for their generosity.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- After Action reports for the firing detail on 10 Nov at John Paul Jones Park, Kittery Estates, 11 Nov at Goodwin Park and 22 Nov for Marine Jack Bateman (Post 35 member) were given by the SVC.

- Participants in those events were Jim Ambrose (Goodwin Park), Geoff Corson (JPJ Park and Kittery Estates), George Dow (JPJ Park and Kittery Estates), Brad Howe (all three), Bob Niver (all three) and Jay Tennant (firing detail for Jack Bateman).

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

- Cmdt encouraged participation to include getting on the distro list of incoming flights.

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- Cmdt provided an After Action Report for the 11 Dec Joint Installation in Concord.
 - Marines Gary Gahan and Geoff Corson attended representing Seacoast Det.
 - Marine Jim Ambrose, who helps our Det on a regular basis was honored with a certificate by the DNHMCL Cmdt Cherie Monnell.
- Cmdt accepted a meritorious unit award for 2022 on behalf of the Detachment presented by the DNHMCL Cmdt.
 - The award will be placed on the Det Bulletin Board in our meeting space.
 - Cmdt handed out ribbons that current members can wear as a result of the award.

MODD #349 (Marine Brad Howe):

- There will be four Pound meetings during 2023 after the first of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing significant to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cmdt solicited volunteers for Appointed Officer Vacancies.
 - Marine George Dow agreed to stay on as Paymaster.
 - Marine George Lombardi volunteered as Chaplain and was sworn in.
 - There are still vacancies in the Adjutant and Web Sergeant billets.
- JA Dick Lak agreed to lead the next financial audit for 2022.
- Marine Rich Pettengill has relinquished duties as Zoom operator.
 - A replacement is needed.
 - Cmdt has the camera, mic and login for Det Zoom account that Rich used.
 - Interested members should contact Cmdt if interested in performing these duties.
- Cmdt noted release of yearly appeal letters for financial donations from members.

Good of the League:

- Marine Gary Gahan suggested that the Det participate in the new NH charitable gaming to gain revenue.
 - A letter of good standing is needed from MCL HQ to participate.
 - Marine Gahan will research other details about the program and report back to the Det.
 - All in attendance agreed that it would be yet another opportunity to gain revenue for our scholarship programs and Marines in need.

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 9 Jan 2023 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at The Bench (<https://www.thebench2022.com/>) in Hampton, NH.

- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 suspended until further notice.
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
 - Marine Cannon indicated that he attended a Vets Council meeting.
 - He informed the membership that there is a weekly breakfast at 0800 at the Hen House Café (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100023672925784>) in Lebanon, ME hosted by the Vets Council, all are invited.
- “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 11 Jan 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 each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The raffle (\$19.00) was won by Marine Brad Howe who donated it back to the Detachment.



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Monday 12 Dec 2022 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Portsmouth American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth

Uniform of the Day: Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Long 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 10 November 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 ____
- Recap of expenses for Birthday celebration at Old Salt.

Chaplain Report (Marine George Lombardi (geo-usmc@comcast.net)):

- Marines in Sickbay updates.

Committee Reports:

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

- No planned activities until 2023 Scholarship release.

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown (edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org)):

- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.

Communications/Website and Social Media (Vacant):

- Replacement Web Sergeant needed.
 - Those interested please notify Cmdt, SVC or JVC.
- Update on additional online platforms to reach a wider audience of potential recruits to our Detachment (Marine Orion Schaaff).
- Venmo brief (pros and cons) (Marine Orion Schaaff).

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

- Ray and Bob will review short term and long term goals for the Detachment in 2022-23 and the role all members can play in recruiting.
- Members who need cards to aid in recruiting should give their info to Bob to use in their "recruiting kits" He will have several "kits" for those who need them in recruitment.
- Bob will review an event we could do in the Spring; a recruiting and fund raising event at a Market Basket. He will explain what could happen and needs to know if there is support from the members to move forward.



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Correspondence

- Update on correspondence received.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- Update on PIO activities.
- New Zoom coordinator/videographer needed.

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

- Update on M4L activities.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Bike Raffle update (Marine Geoff Corson).

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Thank you letters for all donators (Marine Geoff Corson).

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- After Action Report for 10 Nov firing detail at John Paul Jones Memorial Park and Kittery Estates, Kittery, ME (Marine Brad Howe).
 - Participants included Marines Geoff Corson, George Dow, Brad Howe and Bob Niver.
- After Action Report for 11 Nov firing detail at Goodwin Park, Portsmouth, NH.
 - Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Matt Hobert, Brad Howe and Bob Niver.
- After Action Report for 22 Nov firing detail in support of American Legion Post 35 member and former Marine Jack Bateman, York, ME.
 - Participants included Marines Brad Howe, Bob Niver and Jay Tennant.

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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- After Action Report on Joint Installation luncheon, 11 Dec 2022 (Marine Geoff Corson).



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MODD #349 (Marine Brad Howe):

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update by members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Appointed Officer Vacancies/Appointments (Marine Geoff Corson).
- New Commandant financial audit (Marine Geoff Corson).
- Continuation of Zoom broadcasts (Marine Geoff Corson).
- Commandant's appeal letter.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update by members.

FUTURE DATES:

- Toys For Tots Distribution 0900 on both 16 and 17 Dec 2022.
 - Uniform is undress long sleeve, red nylon jacket, or appropriate civilian attire with MCL cover.
 - Location Curtis Lake Church (<https://curtislake.org/>) Sanford, ME.
 - POC is Marine John Flagler: 207-468-5137, jeannot49@netscape.com.
- Wreaths Across America 16-17 Dec 2022 Kittery, ME:
(<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/167811/Overview/?relatedId=150000>).
 - Volunteers needed.
- Next monthly meeting: 9 January 2023 @ 1900.
 - Zoom attendance is TBD.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @ 1130 **suspended until further notice.**
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- "**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 14 December 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 of the month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.

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