

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 11 Jul 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) Brad Howe.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; 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 ten voting members (Cannon, Corson, Dow, Lak, Maher, McNally, Niver, Pettengill, Schaaff, Soiett) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and over Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 9 May and 13 June Minutes from the meeting was made by Cmdt Corson and seconded by SVC Howe. 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 \$13,576.28; the savings account balance is \$8,489.27.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by SAA McNally and seconded by Marine Soiett. The motion passes 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 Dick Lak continues to quarantine based on a positive COVID test.
 - He indicated that symptoms were mild and of little consequence.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- The chair of the Scholarship committee, Marine Dick Lak endorsed this year's applicants for the Detachment Scholarship: Mary Lombardi and Katelyn Russell.
 - A motion was made to approve the two Scholarship applicants by Marine Ray Maher. The motion was seconded by Marine George Dow.
 - Membership present voted to award \$500.00 to each applicant.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- Marines Orion Schaaff and Rich Pettengill have been in touch with the Communications website lead, Honorary Marine Tara-Sue Myers.
 - Suggestions were made to add additional Social Media platforms to reach a wider/younger audience of potential members.
 - All agreed that this was a good idea.
 - Marine Schaaff will put together a Decision Brief/Power Point presentation that helps inform a decision on how to proceed.

Membership:

- Marine Bob Niver encouraged maximum exposure for recruitment efforts.

Correspondence:

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- Marine Rich Pettengill indicated little feedback on plans for gala 75th Anniversary celebration.
 - Marine Bob Niver offered his full support for further efforts.
 - Cmdt Corson indicated he would re-generate the survey conducted for the 70th Anniversary and urge all to chime in.

Marine for Life:

- Marine Matt Hobert would like to 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):

- The donation noted in the agenda was acknowledged.
 - Marine Brad Howe thanked the donator and was moved by the gesture.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt Corson identified an additional firing detail request for 6 August honoring Cpl Jonathan Currier, USMC, a Winnacunnet JROTC alumni who was lost at sea on a WestPac deployment in August 2018.
 - Cpl Currier's name will be added to the Hampton Beach Marine memorial.
 - Post 35 has requested a firing detail for the event to be held on 6 August at 0800 at the memorial.
 - All concurred that this was very appropriate for the Detachment to support, details will be forthcoming.
- Concurrence was gained for the Detachment participation 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 extended the invitation to the Department soliciting volunteers.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

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- The Department Quarterly Meeting elected Marine Cherie Monnell as the next Department Commandant.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Nothing significant to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing significant to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A presentation was provided on changes to Detachment Bylaws initiated by Marine Rich Pettengill.
 - All of the administrative changes recommended were approved.
 - Other changes (sent separately) were not approved.
 - A detailed account of the proposed changes and final vote will be provided separately.
- Marine Bob Niver, as JPC, will chair the nominations committee for officers next year.
 - Cmdt Corson indicated that based on attendance rosters, the same members who constituted the nomination committee last year would continue in that role this year.
 - If any member so designated declines to participate, the Cmdt will appoint another member as a replacement.

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 8 August 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 13 Jul 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 needed to help in the cooking and set up.
 - Marines Brad Howe and Dick Lak will clean the grills at the site prior to the event.
 - Invitation has been extended to the Department.
 - Granite State Det has promised 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.
- Apple Harvest Day 2022.
 - Detachment intends to participate.

- Marine Rich Pettengill has volunteered to lead participation in this event.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Howe, SAA McNally and Acting Chap Howe conducted the closing ceremony at 2045. The raffle (\$9.00) was won by Marine Dow who turned over the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund.



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<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/>
Marine Corps League (MCL)
<https://www.mclnational.org/>
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Monday 11 Jul 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 9 May 2022 and 13 June 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 9 June and 6 July (Marine Bob Niver).
 - Soiett
 - Still recovering from mercury poisoning (Marine Geoff Corson).
 - Lak
 - Recovering from COVID diagnosis.

Committee Reports:

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

- Scholarship Committee brief on current applicants (details sent separately)
 - Membership vote to award.

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)):

- Update on status of website and activities.

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

- Update on membership applications.
 - Marine Tom Lyon?

Correspondence

- Nothing significant to report.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

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

- 2023 is 75th anniversary of the Detachment in planning phase, Marine Rich Pettengill is the lead.
 - Results of survey of interest.
- Update on Zoom license to host/broadcast meetings.

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

- Marine for Life Northeast (Maj Matt Hobert) desires to do joint venture at Service Credit Unit Veterans' conference and Apple Harvest Day.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Donation of \$100.00 from Marine Ray Maher in memory of Cathy Howe.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Honors for former Detachment member Dan Hildreth were held on 17 June 2022 in Tewksbury.
 - Short notice limited Detachment's ability to attend.
- Firing Detail request (from Department) for Marine Brian Dinsmore at Boscawen on Friday 15 July at 1130.
- Possible Firing Detail request for Marine Richard "Dick" King at Springvale on Tuesday, 19 July at 1100.
- Firing Detail request from Post 35 for Hampton Marine Cpl Jonathan Currier USMC (lost at sea, August 2018) rededication of the Hampton Beach Marine Memorial on Saturday, 6 August 0800.
- 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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- Department Quarterly meeting held on 18 June 2022.
 - Marines John Cannon and Geoff Corson attended.
 - Minutes to be provided once released.
 - Marine Cheri Monnell was elected as Commandant to replace Marine John Jenkins.
 - Ms. Mary Lombardi was nominated to receive the Departments yearly scholarship of \$1,000.00.

- Per Commandant Baker and NJVC Morgan, the Membership Committee & Public Relations Committee will be hosting a zoom call for those attending the National convention for the first time this year in Daytona Beach.
 - This call is meant for new members either attending for the first time, or cannot make this year but are curious what to expect when they are able to join us at a National Convention.
 - Scheduled: July 20th @ 1900 EST
 - Meeting ID: 416 428 8328
 - Passcode: MCL2022 (all caps)
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4164288328?pwd=SzdpenFLZGJEbFprMUMrU0crUk1YQT09>
 - Questions we hope to get answered:
 - How do I read the agenda?
 - What meetings am I required to attend?
 - What uniform do I wear, and when?
 - How do I sign up for events?
 - What are the protocols in the meeting room?
 - We encourage all "new" members attending to join, and also ask those in Leadership and/or "seasoned" members to join in the discussion to offer advice. This meeting will be recorded and depending on the content will be posted to the National MCL YouTube channel with all other public zooms we have held.
Semper Fidelis, Victoria McCoy, Public Relations Committee

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed changes to the Detachment Bylaws vote (Marine Rich Pettengill).
 - Proposed changes sent previously and distributed at last meeting.
- Results of survey for picnic 20 August 2022 (Marine Brad Howe).
- Detachment Officer nominations are coming up as are annual dues (Marines Bob Niver, George Dow and Geoff Corson).
 - Nominating committee members to be assigned (Marine Geoff Corson)
- Working Party needed to clean grills at picnic site (Marine Brad Howe).
 - Tentative date is 13 July after breakfast.
- Proposals and Committee Chair needed for 2022 Detachment Marine Corps Birthday celebration.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update.

FUTURE DATES:

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- Seacoast Veteran's Conference 2022 Service Credit Union has a post on Facebook indicating that the conference will be held in September (<https://seacoastveteransconference.com/>) on 24 Sep 2022.
 - Point of contact: Jaime Yates; Manager - Community Relations; Marketing Department Corporate Offices 3003 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; Office: 603.430.6983|Cell: 603.957.8978; jyates@servicecu.org indicated planning underway to have the conference this fall.
 - Proposed date conflicts with Run for the Fallen firing detail in Waterville Valley.
 - Committee needed to study feasibility.
 - M4L Northeast Maj Matt Hobert would like to combine M4L efforts with Detachment at event.
 - Volunteers to man the table are needed.
- Apple Harvest Day, 1 October 2022 (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>).

- Need to apply as a non-profit vendor (cost \$265.00).

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