

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

**1900 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Geoff Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Gary Gahan 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, excused; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, absent; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were ten voting members (Cannon, Corson, Dow, Gahan, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, Mitchell and Morin) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the 12 Jun Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Cannon and seconded by Marine Gahan. 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 \$15,887.94; the savings account balance is \$9,567.26.
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Gahan and seconded by Marine Lombardi. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.
- The Lottery Commission check was deposited in the Detachment Checking account.
  - The Paymaster will keep careful track of payments to all NH residents or beneficial veterans' interests for NH residents from this account per Lottery Commission rules.
- Discussion was initiated by Marine Gary Gahan on the benefit of establishing a certain percentage of Detachment funds to go to charitable causes.
  - The recommendation was based on a snapshot of current balances and that the Detachment should designate at least 30% (roughly \$8,000.00) to these causes.
  - Discussion continued and points were made that this would bracket in the Detachment to a model that may not be sustainable.
  - Points were made that the 30% target is a little arbitrary and not based on an historical precedent.
    - Decision was made to research a historical model based on past Detachment finance practices and balances.

### **Chaplain Report:**

- Marine John Flagler's surgery was successful and he is recovering at home.
- Chap Lombardi reported his burns sustained in a cooking accident are healing well.
- All other reports are in the Agenda and no new other updates were provided at the meeting.

### **Committees:**

### **Scholarship:**

- JA Dick Lak reported that the Scholarship Committee recommends 4 applicants for our 2024 Scholarship as follows (applicant essays provided separately):
  - Yvonne Holden (daughter of JA Dick Lak's nephew).
  - Mary Lombardi (daughter of Chap George Lombardi).
  - Katelyn Russell (granddaughter of JVC Ray Maher).
  - Miles Tiberia (grandson of JPC Bob Niver).
- A motion was made to approve all Scholarship Committee recommendations.
  - The motion was passed with no dissensions.
  - A further motion was made by JVC Ray Maher to increase the scholarship amount from \$500.00 to \$600.00.
    - The motion carried with no dissensions.
- A fifth applicant's submission is being held in abeyance until such time as a formal letter of acceptance is provided to the Scholarship Committee.

**MCJROTC:**

- No other report was provided.

**Communications/Website:**

- As listed in the Agenda.
- Marine Mitchell again conducted the Zoom portion of the meeting and has given the Detachment access to a UNH account for future use.

**Membership:**

- JVC Maher provided an AAR on the 14 June Pizza Party.
  - Event was well received and well attended and the venue (Roger's Pizza) was deemed suitable for future events of this type.

**Correspondence:**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Scouting:**

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.

**Public Information:**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Marine for Life(M4L):**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Donations and Gifts:**

- Cmdt proposed a donation, from the Charitable Games windfall, to the New Hampshire Veterans Home.
  - A proposal was made to donate \$500.00 from Lottery Commission proceeds to the NH Vets home.
  - Proposal was seconded and voted on with no dissensions.
    - The Paymaster will write a check and deliver it to the Commandant for sending to NH Vets home under Detachment cover letter.
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Awards:**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Honors:**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**Pease Greeters:**

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

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

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

**MODD #349:**

- There will be Growls before the August, September and October meetings starting at 1800.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Cmdt again emphasized replacement/supernumerary for current Detachment Paymaster.
  - Authorized personnel to access our accounts are down to just the Paymaster with two other members listed who are currently not active in Detachment activities.
  - More volunteers are needed soonest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Cmdt identified 2024 nomination committee:
  - JPC Bob Niver (Chair), Marine Ken Mitchell, Chap George Lombardi, SAA Randy McNally and JVC Ray Maher.
  - Nomination committee seeks volunteers for all elected and appointed officer billets.
    - Committee will present initial nominees at the Detachment August meeting per the Detachment Bylaws.
    - Interested applicants should contact Nomination committee chair, Bob Niver.
- SVC provided a picnic update at PNSY Jamaica Island vice UNH Pavilion in New Castle.

- SVC indicated that the Detachment needed to procure 2 x propane containers for the grill prior to the event.
  - Marine Ken Mitchell volunteered to procure the propane.
- Cmdt emphasized that an advanced roster for non DoD ID card holders must be provided to Base Security.
  - Cmdt promised to send an invitation by email to all hands with specific details and deadlines.

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

- Sea Story time was curtailed in the interest of time.

### **Future Dates:**

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 14 Aug 2023 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Grill 28 (<https://www.grill28.com/>) 200 Grafton Rd. Portsmouth, NH 03801.
- 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 Jul 2023. All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrenes 1130 on the second Wednesday of each month. Regular meetings are held and all safety protocols are adhered to.
- 19 Aug (Saturday) Det picnic Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) Jamaica Island (<https://www.navymwrportsmouthshipyard.com/programs/1879e1c6-241c-4605-a2cb-0972767ff62e>)
  - 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).
  - Firing Detail NCOIC SVC Brad Howe: (iwojima21945@yahoo.com).
  - Post 35 will provide chairs for the firing detail while the honorees are listed.
- 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 (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>).
  - Application for booth received and approved by Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
  - Need volunteers to man the booth.
- 10 Nov (Friday) MC Birthday/75th Anniversary celebration (Location TBD).
  - Need coordinator/committee chair.
  - JPC has volunteered to be co-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, Acting SVC Cannon, Acting SAA Gahan and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2130. The raffle (\$18.00) was won by JA Lak who donated it back to the Detachment.



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**Marine Corps League (MCL)**  
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**PO Box 690, Kittery ME 03904-0690**

**Monday 10 Jul 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 (Cmndt) Corson; Chaplain (Chap) Lombardi, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) McNally, "Marines' Hymn."

**Officer Roll Call by SAA:** Cmndt. \_\_\_\_; 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 12 Jun 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 \_\_\_\_

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

- Chap George Lombardi recovering from serious burns incurred in a cooking accident.
- Marine John Flagler is recovering from recent cancer surgery.
- 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.

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

- 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 Cmndt, SVC or JVC.
- Detachment has two facebook pages.
  - <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 members are encouraged to update content.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
  - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>

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

- Update on membership committee activities (JPC Bob Niver).

- Pizza night After Action Report (AAR) (JVC Ray Maher).

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

- Detachment received 28 responses to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary questionnaire.
  - Results were sent separately and are included in the New Business paragraph below.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

**Public Information** Bob Niver ([revim167@gmail.com](mailto:revim167@gmail.com)).

- Update on PIO activities.
- 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/99044545492>

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

- M4L Northeast on LinkedIn @: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145719/>

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

- Marine Dean Walker donated \$20.00 to the Detachment to help defray expenses for our picnic that he is not able to attend.
- Lottery proceeds have been deposited.
- Update on donation and gifts.

**Awards** (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Members input solicited.

**Honors** (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- AAR for Memorial/Graveside Service, Rochester, NH for Marine Don Campbell, 27 Jun 2023 (Cmdt Corson).
  - Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, John Cannon, Cmdt Corson and JPC Bob Niver as acting Chaplain.
- AAR for firing detail for CAPT Litchfield, USNR (Ret), Boscawen, NH (JPC Bob Niver).
  - Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Mark Lindsley (Dillon Det) and JPC Bob Niver.
- More firing detail volunteers needed.

**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.



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- Honors and Scout Chairs still needed.
  - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- AAR DNHMCL Quarterly held on 25 June, Seacoast hosted (Cmdt Corson).
  - Participants included Cmdt Corson, JA Dick Lak, JPC Bob Niver and Marine Ken Mitchell.
  - Seacoast Marine Ken Mitchell Zoomed and recorded the meeting.
    - Recording can be found at: [https://media.unh.edu/media/DNHMCL+Quarterly+2-23/1\\_v7qhlhjz](https://media.unh.edu/media/DNHMCL+Quarterly+2-23/1_v7qhlhjz)
- Department next Quarterly, Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1100 in Concord, NH.
- Building Dreams 4 Marines (BD4M) fundraiser:
  - At the Department Quarterly the DNHMCL voted to provide a donation (the vote was not unanimous).
    - BD4M has been established to assist Veterans who have honorably served our country and are now in need of life-enhancing modifications to their homes to address their mobility issues. Join us as a sponsor or participant at our 10th Annual golf tournament.
      - **When:** Shotgun Start at 0830 Wednesday, August 16th, 2023
      - **Where:** Overlook Country Club 5 Overlook Dr Hollis, NH 03049
      - **Registration:** 7:30am-8:00am
      - **Entry Fee:** \$600 per foursome
      - **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, Hole-in-one Prize
      - **Website:** <https://bdfm.org/>.
- PLM Roster review.
  - Due date 31 Dec 2023.

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

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Picnic update (SVC Brad Howe/Cmdt Corson).
  - Selected site is now PNSY Jamaica Island Kittery in lieu of UNH Pavilion New Castle.
- Need volunteer alternates (supernumeraries) Bill Payers authorized to access the Detachment's accounts and write checks.
  - Needed for when the Paymaster is out of town/out of pocket.
  - Will train to be replacement/substitute Paymaster.
- Input from membership requested.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Questionnaire on 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary results (Cmdt Corson).
- 2024 Nominating committee for elected officers (Cmdt Corson).
- Decision due on participation at 2023 Service Credit Union Seacoast Veterans Conference (Cmdt Corson).
- Dues for non-Life members are due 31 Aug 2023.
  - Get them into the Paymaster.
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Sea Story time?

**FUTURE DATES:**

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