

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 13 Jun 2022 Meeting at 1900 (Hybrid):

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by acting Commandant (Cmdt) Bob Niver, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Randy McNally and acting Chaplain (Chap) Glen Blanchette.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, excused; 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, excused. There were nine voting members (Blanchette, Cannon, Dow, Lak, Lombardi, McNally, Niver, Pettengill, Schaaff) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and over Zoom. There was not a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 9 May Minutes from the meeting was not made since the Detachment meeting lacked a quorum.
 - As previously indicated that once the minutes are presented at least two times to the membership via email, and, lacking a quorum at the monthly meeting, without any objections, the minutes will be passed by exception thus the 11 April minutes are accepted as written.

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

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$13,708.48; the savings account balance is \$8,489.12.
 - A motion was not made to accept the Paymaster's report since the Detachment lacked a quorum.
 - As with the minutes, when the Paymaster's report is presented to the membership twice and there are no objections to its content either verbally or by email, it will be approved by exception, thus the 11 April Paymaster report is approved by exception.
- Paymaster George Dow made a plea for members owing dues to get them in ASAP.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine George Lombardi is back up to snuff.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- Marine Dick Lak reported two submitted; one pending.
 - Marine Bob Niver suggested we give the pending applicant a new due date.
 - Marine Lak deferred to the Commandant for that to happen.
 - The Scholarship Committee could deal with an application in a week and hope to announce recommended scholarships at the July meeting.
 - Marine Rich Pettengill suggested we give a \$500 scholarship to an Eagle Scout.
 - Marine Bob Niver said which one as there are multiple new Eagle Scouts, we only know about the few that we do a Court of Honor for;
 - Marine Dick Lak said we would have enough this year but expressed some concern about adding another scholarship on an annual basis.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- No report was provided.
- Marine Rich Pettengill indicated that he is taking 3 online courses and hopes to have the skills to do more IT related work.
- Marine Orion Schaaff said he had no experience with websites but Honorary Tara Myers allowed him to access it and he hopes to be able to work on the website, but would need advance notice to post things, etc.

Membership:

- Marine Bob Niver has no immediate plans.
 - The Membership Committee needs two volunteers to serve.
 - One to replace Marine Dave Winters who has left and who did a lot for the committee.
 - If interested please contact membership chair Marine Bob Niver if you are willing to serve.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from the Smith family was read and shared with the membership.

Scouting:

- Marine Bob Niver reported on Logan Kelley's COH and remarked it was the best organized Court he has attended, with many former Eagle Scout's participating.
 - VFW Commander and National Guard recruiter also in attendance.
 - Program was 80 minutes long.

Public Information:

- Marine Rich Pettengill gave a summary of progress to this point and that a survey would be taken to help determine the scope of the 75th anniversary celebration.
 - Members will be asked to make a tentative commitment to the event to aid in planning.
- Marine Pettengill also said the Zoom license was due in July and will cost 150.00.

Marine for Life:

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Nothing significant to report.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Members who served on firing details were identified for all the events listed.
- Marine Bob Niver encouraged our strong participation in Post 35 events on 11 Sep 2022 and for the Run For The Fallen on 24 Sep 2022.
 - Comdt Corson will send out a "sign up" for those events, plus other events where we need to assess participation by our members to see if we can "man" those events.

- Rich and Dick indicated they would attend the 9-11 ceremony at Post 35.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

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

- The Department Quarterly Meeting will be 18 June, Gormley Detachment is hosting.
 - Department Officer elections will be held.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Nothing significant to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing significant to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marine Bob Niver passed out a summary of the suggested amendments to the by laws and briefly explained the rationale for each; goal was simply to inform those present, leading up to a vote on the amendments in July.
- Payment of expenses by Cmdt Geoff Corson for the storage of Detachment property was approved by the members present, as well as agreement to continue the storage arrangement as it stands.
- Marine Bob Niver, as JPC, will chair the nominations committee for officers next year and members who are interested in serving on the committee should let Cmdt Corson know as he will appoint the committee in July.

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 11 July 2022 @ 1900.
 - We will continue in-person/hybrid meetings.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Hebert's restaurant in Portsmouth (<http://www.hebertsrestaurant.com/>).
- 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.
- Seacoast Veteran's Conference 2022 Service Credit Union has a post on Facebook stating that the conference will be held on 24 September (<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>).
 - 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; (jjyates@servicecu.org) indicated planning underway to possibly have the conference on 24 September this fall.
 - Committee needed to study feasibility of Detachment manning a table for recruiting purposes.

Closing Ceremony: Acting Cmdt Niver, SAA Randy McNally and Acting Chap Glen Blanchette conducted the closing ceremony at 1953. The raffle (\$8.00) 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 13 Jun 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 Apr 2022 and 9 May 2022 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
 - Lombardi
 - McCreary
 - Breakfast group visit on 1 June (Marine Bob Niver).
 - George was able to participate in Breakfast group on 8 June.
 - Soiett
 - Still recovering from mercury poisoning (Marine Geoff Corson).

Committee Reports:

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

- Two Scholarship applications have been received and one is still pending.
- Scholarship Committee brief on current applicants and timeline for awarding to include recommended amount.

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

- LtCol Drown requested an extended deadline for a MCJROTC scholarship applicant.
 - Cmdt supports extension request.
- Scholarship Committee recommendation. .

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

- You Tube video of "Eyes of Freedom" traveling memorial posted to the website:
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/community-service/a-salute-to-eyes-of-freedom-usmc-reservists-lima-co/>.
- Assistance is needed to keep the website up to date.
 - Volunteers with IT experience can contact the Cmdt to discuss helping in this effort.
 - Web Sergeant has offered technical instruction on upkeep of website.

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)):

- Eagle Scout COH held for Scout Logan Kelly, Sunday, 12 June at 1400, United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862 (<https://www.mapquest.com/us/new-hampshire/united-church-of-christ-353186151>)
 - Marine Bob Niver presided.

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

- 2023 is 75th anniversary of the Detachment in planning phase, Marine Rich Pettengill is the lead.
 - Proposed venue is similar to our 2021 Marine Corps Birthday celebration.
 - Dates the venue are available are June 2023.
 - Assessment of Detachment interest is needed before further planning.
- Update on continuing Zoom license to host/broadcast meetings.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Donation of \$2,000.00 from VFW in Exeter.
- Donation of historic Marine Corps books from Marine Fred Getchell's (deceased) son Paul.
 - *Bougainville and the Northern Solomons.*
 - *Two Score and Ten, Third Marine Division's History.*
 - *Hit the Beach, Your Marine Corps in action.*

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Certificate of Appreciation prepared for Exeter VFW to thank them for donation.
- Thank you letter prepared for Paul Getchell thanking him for his donation.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Honors for former Detachment member Dan Hildreth will be during 2022 at a date yet to be determined.
- Honors for former Together-We-Served longtime luncheon attendee, and former FMF Corpsman who served with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, Michael T. Lewis held on Monday, 16 May 2022 at the Springvale Veterans Cemetery (<https://www11.maine.gov/veterans/memorial-cemetery-system/southern-maine/index.html>)at 10am.
 - U.S. Navy performed ceremonial flag folding/presentation to NOK.
 - The firing detail consisted of Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson, Jim Covatis, Brad Howe, Roland Morin and Rich Pettengill..
 - "Doc" Clayton was also present and in his cammies to honor a fellow Corpsman of Marines.
- Honors for long time Granite State/Department of NH Marine Frank Diekmann at Camp Carpenter, Manchester, NH (<https://nhscouting.org/camp-carpenter/>) held at 1000 on Saturday, 21 May 2022.
 - Marine Roland Morin was NCOIC for the firing detail which consisted of Marines Jim Ambrose, Mark Lindsley, Bob Niver, Jim Covatis, John Jenkins.
- Memorial Day (Monday, 30 May) ceremonies at Boscawen (hosted by Department of NH).
 - All indications are that the event went well and kudos were expressed by many for Department Commandant John Jenkins for leading the effort and conducting an appropriate speech for the solemn event.
- York Memorial Day firing detail conducted at 1100 in downtown York.
 - Volunteers included: NCOIC Marine Brad Howe, Marines John Cannon, Geoff Corson, Bob Niver, Rich Pettengill.
- GWOT memorial re-dedication firing detail, Post 35 Hampton, 11 Sep 2022.
 - Further coordinating instructions will be provided closer to the event.
- 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 September 24, 2022, at 9:30 am 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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- The Gormley Detachment #823 will be the host for the June Quarterly.
 - Date: SATURDAY, June 18th, 2022
 - Time: 1030-1600 (1100-Quarterly followed by lunch then a NH Pack Growl)
 - Location: Amherst Fire Rescue, 177 Amherst Street Amherst NH
 - No stairs
 - Will have lasagna made by Judith etc. before Growl.
 - May have coffee, donuts at 1030
 - We will hold a special election for a new Department Commandant and discuss other issues.
 - Please spread the word throughout the Detachments.
 - As always, this meeting is open to all members of the NH Marine Corps League.
 - Uniform of the day: MCL cover.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Replacement for Ceremonial Weapons Custodian is Marine Brad Howe.
 - Ceremonial firearms now stored at American Legion Post 35 in Hampton.
- Authorization for mounting of Display case approved by Post 6.
 - Volunteers needed to mount the Detachment Display Case (Marine Randy McNally).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Detachment get-together (details sent separately) for 28/29 June at Old Salt (Marine Bob Niver).
 - Consensus needed to lock on reservations.
 - 5 couples, 1 individual have expressed interest so far.
- Proposed changes (sent separately) to the Detachment Bylaws vote (Marine Rich Pettengill).
- August date for picnic is 20 August 2022 from 1200 - 1600 (Marine Brad Howe).
- Detachment gear moved from Post 6 to storage unit in Rochester (Marines Geoff Corson and Brad Howe).
 - Cost to Detachment is approximately \$90.00/month.
 - With the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, the Cmdt secured a unit with a personal credit card, cost: \$119.00 (\$89.00 monthly rental fee, \$10.00 Insurance fee (mandatory), \$20.00 onetime admin fee).
 - Vote needed to reimburse Cmdt.
 - Vote also needed to continue this arrangement or seek another.
 - Arrangement now is month to month, paid for by the Detachment.
- A replacement JVC (an elected officer) is still needed.
 - Nominations/volunteers are encouraged at the Detachment's June meeting.
- Detachment Officer nominations are coming up as are annual dues (Marines Bob Niver and George Dow).
- Compensation for Post 35 for storing the Detachment's ceremonial firearms.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update.

FUTURE DATES:

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 - Committee needed to study feasibility.
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- Apple Harvest Day, Dover, NH on 1 Oct 2022 from 0900- 1600 (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>)
 - Committee needed to assess feasibility/set up participation.

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