

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 8 May 2023 Meeting at 1900:

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Geoff Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) John Flagler and Acting Chaplain (Chap) George Dow.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, excused; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC), Ray Maher, present; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, excused; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, excused; Chap George Lombardi, absent. There were nine voting members (Blanchette, Corson, Dow, Flagler, Gahan, Maher, Mitchell, Niver, Pomper); and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 10 April Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Gahan and seconded by Marine Dow. 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 \$11,317.80; the savings account balance is \$9,537.90.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Niver and seconded by Marine Gahan. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine John Flagler updated all on his cancer diagnosis.
 - He has been diagnosed with Stage Order 2 colon cancer.
 - He has an appointment with an Oncologist to discuss surgery options.
 - Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers as he negotiates this possibly life threatening illness.
- Marine Bob Niver indicated he is off his walker and itching to get back on his bike after recent knee problems.
- Cmdt indicated that he tested positive for COVID, thus could not attend in person.
 - Cmdt also indicated that he heard from Marines Howe, Lak and Soiett.
 - All 3 indicated regrets at not being able to attend: Lak: flu symptoms; Howe: sudden gut related illness; Soiett: extremely sore lower back pain and ear infection.
- Cmdt asked whether or not any member had heard from Marine McNally on knee surgery recovery.
 - No updates were provided.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- No report was provided.

MCJROTC:

- No 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:

- JPC Niver briefed on the value that recruiting Associates would have for the Detachment.
 - Bob has a “cheat sheet” that highlights the criteria for Associate membership which he will add to the recruiting kits.
 - Cmdt made reference to the value of Associates such as those who were formerly or are currently on our rolls: Ross Myers, TaraSue Clark, Jim Ambrose, Dennis Pomper and Esther Sawyer emphasizing their value added.
 - Bob further said that he wanted to upgrade the recruiting kits with new brochures.
 - Cmdt cautioned that the application form on the old brochures was inadequate and that National and Department have rejected them.
 - The newest form is available on line and a small inventory was distributed to Marine Maher.
- Marine Maher briefed that he had talked to the manager at Rogers Pizza in Dover to see about the possibility of them hosting a Detachment Pizza Night during June.
 - Rogers can support our requirement best days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
 - Detachment took an informal vote indicating the ideal date in June would be Wednesday, 14 June at 1830 in order to accommodate members who work.
- Cmdt briefed concept of “Sponsorship” where new members are assigned a voluntary sponsor to show them the ropes and help integrate them into the Detachment in a useful way.
 - All present agreed that the concept has merit and should be considered for all new members.

Correspondence:

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.

Public Information:

- Cmdt indicated that Marine Bob Niver has volunteered to take over the Public Information Officer (PIO) billet.
 - All members need to vector newsworthy Detachment events to the new PIO with the goal to gain more notoriety and visibility in the local area.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- No report was provided.
- All other items of interest on M4L are listed in the Agenda.

Donations and Gifts:

- Marine Gahan briefed that Lottery revenues could be significant.
 - Cmdt indicated that the Detachment should consider donations to Vet organizations within the state as well as dedicating some of the revenue to scholarships.

Awards:

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors:

- Cmdt provided an AAR on GySgt Leister's firing detail held on 6 May and thanked all participants.
 - Of note, our newest member, Marine Dennis Pomper participated for the first time.
 - The Leister family was very appreciative.
- All other Honors items appear in the Agenda and are still pending volunteers and leadership nominations.

Pease Greeters:

- As appears in the Agenda.

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):

- Marine Gahan provided an AAR on the Quad State conference hosted by the Department of VT.
 - By all accounts the conference was a big success.
- DNHMCL still needs ideas for hosting 2024 Quad State in NH.
 - Marines Gahan and Maher will get together on a possible venue at Hampton Beach (Ashworth by the Sea).
- Seacoast Det #394 is slated to host the 25 June Department Quarterly meeting.

MODD #349:

- No report was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Old business was as it appears in the agenda with no additions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marine Gahan briefed Granite State’s successful fund raising efforts to include staging outside a local grocery store to solicit donations.
 - Marine Gahan related that such efforts were extremely lucrative for the Granite State Det.
 - He discussed also raffling wooden American flag motifs as a way to gain revenue.
 - Cmdt indicated that the “long pole in the tent” was getting enough volunteers to man a table through a weekend day.
 - Marine Gahan suggested possibly recruiting Detachment member neighbors to help if not enough members volunteered.
 - Concept for revenue gaining has merit and needs a dedicated committee to conduct mission analysis and recruit volunteers.
- Cmdt indicated that Detachment has not secured a booth space for Market Square Day 2023 due to applications being closed prematurely.
 - Cmdt indicated that Detachment was on a “Wait List,” with no guarantees.
 - “Wait List” Decision Point is after the deadline for early application discount, thus Detachment would need to pay more to participate.
 - Cmdt indicated that he would consult with the BOT and get a go/no-go consensus and provide results to the Detachment once a Decision is made.
- Cmdt researched Thunder over NH air show, 9-10 Sep with associated costs.
 - Participation fees are significantly higher than MSD or AHD.
 - Decision on participation will be revisited closer to the date of the event.

Good of the League:

- Marine Soiett was scheduled to give the monthly Sea Story but was absent.
 - Spyder will be prepared to tell his Sea Story at the next monthly meeting.
- Marine Maher suggested the Wednesday morning breakfast location change to The Bench in Hampton.
 - All present concurred.

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 12 June 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/>
- “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 10 May 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 of each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, Acting SVC Maher, Acting SAA Flagler and Acting Chap Dow conducted the closing ceremony at 2020. The raffle (\$13.00) was won by Marine Dow who donated it back to the Detachment.



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Monday 8 May 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 (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 Apr 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)):

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

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

- Marine John Flagler diagnosed with cancer.
- Bob is out of his walker but still needs to monitor the number of steps so as to not irritate the tear in his knee tissue.
- Update on members in sickbay or in need of pastoral support.

Committee Reports:

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

- Update on Scholarship activity.

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown (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):

- Associate Marine Tara-Sue Clark has been contacted.
 - Tara-Sue sends her greetings and has offered assistance in updating the website.
- Replacement Web Sergeant needed.
 - Those interested please notify Cmdt, SVC or JVC.
- Detachment has two facebook pages, one needs to be deactivated (Marine Orion Schaaff).
 - <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 member input solicited.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
 - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>

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

- Associate Membership opportunities (JPC Bob Niver).
 - Bob will brief on the rights and duties of Associate Members, as this is a great way to grow the Detachment.
 - Think of friends and neighbors who would make good Associate Members to serve the Detachment as do/did current and former members: Ross Myers, Tar-Sue Clark, Jim Ambrose and Dennis Pomper.
- Pizza night in June (JVC Ray Maher)
 - Ray met with Danny, a manager at Rogers pizza in Dover.
 - They can accommodate our group in their Pub Room.
 - No room fee, order off menu. Tuesday or Wednesday evenings are their slowest nights.
 - We need to pick a date (Tues-Wed: 6-7 Jun; 13-14 Jun; 20-21 Jun; 27-28 Jun) and Ray will firm it up with Rogers Pizza.
- Sponsorship (Cmdt Corson)

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

- Update.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

Public Information Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com).

- Update on PIO activities.
- New 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)):

- M4L Northeast on linkedin @: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145719/>
- Contacted M4L National (Cmdt Corson)
 - **Point of contact:**
Ms. Vianey Verduzco
Marine for Life Network, Outreach Manager
Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC)
Personal & Professional Readiness
Telework Mon, Thurs & Friday
O: 703-784-0543
C: 808-754-8318 (7:30-4:30 EST)
Vianey.Verduzco@usmc.mil

Donations and Gifts (Paymaster George Dow):

- \$100.00 donation received from the Sawyers.
- Member input solicited for additional non-profit Vet organizations to sponsor/donate to.
 - Liberty House: <https://libertyhousenh.org/>
 - NH Veterans Home: <https://www.nh.gov/veterans/>
- Update on donation and gifts.

Awards (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Members input solicited.

Honors (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- AAR for firing detail in honor of GySgt Bob Leister, USMC (Ret) (SVC Brad Howe).



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- Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson, John Flagler, Brad Howe, Dennis Pomper, Mark Lindsley and Bob Niver,
- Other historic/honors requests per future dates paragraph below.

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.

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

- AAR Quad State (Marine Gary Gahan).
- Honors and Scout Chairs still needed.
 - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- Department next Quarterly in June.
 - Seacoast tentatively scheduled to host based on availability of Post 6 meeting space.
 - Tentative date is Sunday, 25 June.
- DNHMCL needs recommendations for hosting 2024 Quad-State.
 - Need recommendation for hosting that includes 50 hotel rooms, conference rooms for breakout meetings, etc.
 - Those with recommendations need to contact Cmdt Corson and Cmdt Monnell.

MODD #349 (Pound Keeper Brad Howe):

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Detachment cover strips are in stock.
 - Cover strips will be issued to those who attend the meetings in person until supply is exhausted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Market Square Day participation (Cmdt Corson).
 - The Booth/Vendor application was closed early (28 April) prior to our application (<https://proporthernmouth.org/booth-vendor-information/>).
 - A request to be added to a "wait list" has been generated.
 - A decision is not expected on the wait list until 10 May.
- Thunder over NH air show, 9-10 Sep (Cmdt Corson).
 - Recruiting opportunity?
 - Sponsorship fee is expensive.

- Non-Profit, police dept, college discount for ramp
Booth Space 501 C3:

Size	Rate	Staff Passes	Staff Parking
10x10	\$1,500.00	6	2
20x10	\$2,000.00	6	2

- Granite State Detachment fund-drive ideas (Marine Gary Gahan).
 - Detachment may want to consider some of these options.
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Honoring 100 year old Iwo Jima Marine from Durham (Marine Gary Gahan).
 - Newspaper article sent separately.
 - Perhaps pay for a life membership (\$200.00 =/-).
 - Good PR opportunity.
- Sea Story time (Marine Spyder Soiett).

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: Monday, 12 June 2023 @ 1900.
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- 29 May (Monday) Memorial Day (firing detail(s) York/Kittery).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC(s) and shooters.
- 3 Jun (Saturday) Lady of the Sea memorial rededication (firing detail, Hampton Beach).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 10 Jun (Saturday) Market Square Day (\$175 vendor fee, with raffle vendor fee is \$275, prices are if we book before 12 May <https://proportsmouth.org/events/market-square-day/>).
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
 - Sign up date closed early, may not be able to participate.
- Host Quarterly meeting of DNHMCL, Sunday, 25 Jun 2023 @ 1100.
 - Need members to help set up/take down meeting site at Post 6.
- 19 Aug (Saturday) Det picnic/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (will be based on membership consensus) (<https://marine.unh.edu/research-centers/facilities/judd-gregg-marine-research-complex/pavilion> New Castle Coast Guard Station).
 - Coordinator/Committee Chair SVC Brad Howe.
 - JA and JPC have volunteered to help.
- 9-10 Sep (Saturday-Sunday) "Thunder over NH" Pease airshow.
(<https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/partnership/>),
- 11 Sep (Monday) 911 memorial rededication ceremony (firing detail, Hampton, Post 35).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 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 (Early Bird (before 2 Jun) Vendor fee \$215.00, late fee \$265.00
<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day/>).
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 10 Nov (Friday) MC Birthday (Birthday/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (based on membership consensus) Location TBD).
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 11 Nov (Saturday) Veterans Day (firing detail(s) (John Paul Jones Park/Kittery Estates/Goodwin Park).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC(s) and shooters.



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