

## **Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 17 Oct 2022 Meeting at 1900 (Hybrid):**

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

**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 thirteen voting members (Cannon, Corson, Dow, Gahan, Gilligan, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Niver, Pettengill, Schaaff); one new member (Bill Cormier) and one guest (Jim Ambrose). The meeting was conducted in person and over Zoom. There was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the 12 September Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Maher and seconded by Marine McNally. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** There was one new member, Bill Cormier who was sworn in and one guest, Jim Ambrose, a member of the Granite State Det, DNHMCL.

### **Paymaster Report:**

- The checking account balance is \$11,687.68; the savings account balance is \$9,364.50.
  - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Cannon and seconded by Marine Howe. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

### **Chaplain Report:**

- No new news on Bob Leister.
- George McCreary has been a regular at Wednesday's breakfasts thanks to Marines Bob Niver and Ray Maher.
- Cmdt reported that Marine Spyder Soiett suffered a torn MCL but is recovering nicely.
- Cmdt reported death of longtime member George Sherwood on 11 Oct 2022.

### **Committees:**

#### **Scholarship:**

- Nothing significant to report.

#### **MCJROTC:**

- No report was provided.

#### **Communications/Website:**

- Marine Orion Schaaff reported that he has established an Instagram and Facebook account as depicted in the Agenda.
  - Additionally he passed around a prototype Detachment Business card that has the Instagram, Facebook and website listed on it.
    - Marine Schaaff wanted to know if we wanted to establish a Venmo account.
    - Cmdt asked Marine Schaaff to research this option and provide information to the Detachment on the pros and cons in order to inform a vote to obtain the account.
  - All members were receptive to Marine Schaaff's progress in these areas.

### **Membership:**

- Marine Bob Niver was not present in person but will brief the Detachment on recruitment plans he is working on at the December meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Scouting:**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Public Information:**

- Marine Pettengill briefed that he is working on a trifold product that will aid in advertising the Detachment and provide information of interest to Detachment members and other interested individuals.

### **Marine for Life:**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):**

- Cmdt briefed donations and gifts as already appearing in the Agenda.

### **Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):**

- Cmdt is working on recognizing and thanking recent donators (listed in the Agenda) for their generosity.

### **Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):**

- After Action report for the Run for the Fallen firing detail was given by Cmdt Corson.
- Marine Gahan drew attention to Honor Flights to be held on 23 Oct where MCL members were encouraged to form a cordon of well-wishers to usher Honor Flight attendees to their designated aircraft at the Manchester airport.
- After Action report for honors rendered to Marine George Sherwood on 15 Oct was given by Cmdt Corson.
- Marine Howe listed traditional November firing detail commitments at the John Paul Jones Park (10 Nov); Kittery Estates (10 Nov); and Goodwin Park (11 Nov).
  - Cmdt indicated he will put out an email to solicit volunteers.

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

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

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

- The Department's list of upcoming events, listed in the Agenda, was emphasized.

### **MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):**

- Pound elections were held affecting the following Detachment Marines:
  - Marine Howe elected to be Pound Keeper.
  - Marine Cannon elected to be Senior Vice.
  - Marine Lombardi elected to be Dog Trainer.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Marine Randy McNally mounted the Detachment Display case prior to the meeting.
- Marine Maher updated all on progress on Marine Corps Birthday celebration.
  - Preparations and planning are ongoing.
  - Marine Maher inquired about procuring posters for decoration purposes, possibly from local recruiters.
    - Cmdt indicated that he will contact Maj Flood and MSgt Henriquez about the possibility to procure some posters.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Marine Dick Lak JA, in lieu of JPC Marine Bob Niver, explained Article IV, Sections 401 – 403 (Elections of Officers) of Detachment Bylaws to the membership.
  - Marine Lak called for nominations of billets that previously were not nominated.
    - For Commandant Marine Corson was nominated by Marine Brad Howe and seconded by Marine Ray Maher.
      - Marine Corson accepted the nomination.
      - No other nominee was given.
      - Membership unanimously voted to elect Marine Corson to a subsequent term as Detachment Commandant.
    - For Junior Vice Commandant Marine Ray Maher was nominated.
      - Marine Maher accepted the nomination.
      - Membership unanimously voted to elect Marine Maher as Junior Vice Commandant.
    - Previous nominations of Marine Howe for Senior Vice Commandant and Marine Lak as JA were confirmed.
  - The 2023 Elected Officer slate is as follows:
    - Commandant: Marine Corson.
    - Senior Vice Commandant: Marine Howe.
    - Junior Vice Commandant: Marine Maher.
    - Judge Advocate: Marine Lak.
    - Junior Past Commandant: Marine Niver (as stipulated by Detachment Bylaws).
  - Elected Officers will be sworn in at the 10 November meeting.
    - Appointed Officer volunteers are solicited and will be considered at the December meeting.

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

- Omitted.

#### **Future Dates:**

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 10 November 2022 @ 1900 at the Old Salt Restaurant Hampton (<https://www.oldsaltnh.com/>) in conjunction with celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday.
  - This will be an in-person and abbreviated meeting limited to essential business only.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Mainely Local Yolks ( <https://www.facebook.com/mainelylocaly0lks/> ) in Berwick, ME.
- 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 9 Nov 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.

**Closing Ceremony:** Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, SAA McNally and Acting Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2045. The raffle (\$46.00) was won by Marine Jim Ambrose who donated it back to the Detachment.

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**Monday 17 Oct 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 12 September minutes (sent separately). Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_

**New members and guests:**

- Swearing in of new members if present.
  - Candidates Bill Cormier and Tom McNamara
- Welcome guests who are considering membership.

**Paymasters Report** (Marine George Dow ( [george1845816@comcast.net](mailto:george1845816@comcast.net) )):

- Savings/Scholarship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Checking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_

**Chaplain Report** (Marine Roland Morin ( [rmorin5453@gmail.com](mailto:rmorin5453@gmail.com) )):

- Marines in Sickbay updates.
  - Leister
  - McCreary
    - George is becoming a regular at the weekly breakfasts thanks to Marine Bob Niver.
  - Soiett
    - Spyder suffered a torn MCL while rabbit hunting.
    - He has a brace and is somewhat mobile.
    - He will participate in PT (swimming) to rehabilitate.
  - Death of longtime member George Sherwood, 11 Oct 2022.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee** (Marine Dick Lak ( [Dick\\_lak@comcast.net](mailto:Dick_lak@comcast.net) )):

- No planned activities until 2023 Scholarship release.

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

- Update on MCJROTC activities/events

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

- Update on additional online platforms to reach a wider audience of potential recruits to our Detachment (Marines Orion Schaaff and Rich Pettengill).
  - Detachment now has Instagram account: marinecorpsleague394
  - Detachment now has Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcl394>
    - Should we also create a Venmo account?



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- Detachment Card design (sent separately).

**Membership** (Marine Bob Niver ( [revim167@gmail.com](mailto:revim167@gmail.com) )):

- Bob is absent for the October meeting but will cover the below topics at the December meeting:
  - 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.

**Correspondence**

- Update on correspondence received

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

**Public Information** (Rich Pettengill ( [Richard@ccbgroup.org](mailto:Richard@ccbgroup.org))).

- New Trifold in design phase.
- Alias email addresses for Detachment Officers.
- Marketing ideas for the Detachment.

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

- Marine for Life Northeast (Maj Matt Hobert) provided supporting efforts at Service Credit Unit Veterans' conference (Marine Matt Hobert).

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

- Bike Raffle update (Marine John Cannon).
- Market Basket fund raising idea (Marine Bob Niver).
- Sally W. Crawford and Peter F. Wells (\$350.00 in honor of Marine Jock Brodie)
- Robert E. Niver (\$50.00 in honor of Marine Jock Brodie).
- Renee Blaisdell (winner of 50/50 raffle at AHD: \$246.00).

**Awards** (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Thank you letters for all donators (Marine Geoff Corson).
- Certificate of Appreciation for Ms. Renee Blaisdell (winner of AHD raffle) (Marine Geoff Corson).

**Honors** (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Run for the Fallen 2022 After Action Report: American Legion Post 35 (Hampton) firing detail for this year's opening ceremony held on Saturday 24 Sep 2022, at 0930 at the Waterville Valley Resort After Action Report.
  - Marine Corps League detail members: Cmndt Geoff Corson (NCOIC); Marine Jim Ambrose (Granite State Det).
  - Post 35 provided the other detail members.
- Honor flight escorts for 23 October (passed separately, Marine Gary Gahan).
- November firing detail events (Marine Brad Howe).

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

- Individuals (not groups) can now greet flights per new instructions that were sent separately and are restated below.



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- 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 National Flag Foundation and the **Military Order of the Purple Heart** along with the Marine Corps League, have partnered for the national "**Light To Unite**" this November 11<sup>th</sup> <https://www.mclnational.org/>
- DNHMCL QUARTERLY #3- Hosted by Granite State Detachment Sunday September 25th, 2022 After Action Report (Marine John Cannon).
- Upcoming NH MCL/Vet events (passed separately):
  - 10 Nov flag raising, Concord.
  - 10 Nov Manchester Expeditionary Brigade Luncheon.
  - 11 – 12 Nov 0900 – 1500 fundraising at Market Basket and State Liquor Store, Boscawen.
  - 13 Nov Manchester Marathon marshalling.
  - 2024 Quad – State, DNHMCL will host.
    - Recommendations for location and lodging options are solicited.

**MODD #349** (Marine Roland Morin):

- Officer Elections at 1730.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Volunteers needed to mount the Detachment Display Case (Marine Randy McNally).
- Update on 2022 Detachment Marine Corps Birthday celebration (Marine Ray Maher).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Explanation of Article IV, Sections 401 – 403 (Elections of Officers) of Detachment Bylaws (Marine Dick Lak)
- Nominations for 2023 Elected Officers per SECTION - 401 – NOMINATIONS of the Detachment Bylaws (acting JPC Dick Lak).
  - Vote to allow Elected Officers to succeed themselves if re-nominated (if necessary).
- Vote for Elected Officers for 2023 term. (Marines Dick Lak, Randy McNally and Brad Howe).

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Omitted.

**FUTURE DATES:**

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