

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 12 Sep 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, excused; the Web Sergeant Tara Sue Myers, absent; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap Roland Morin, absent. There were ten voting members (Blanchette, Cannon, Corson, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Niver, Pettengill) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and over Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 8 August Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Niver and seconded by Marine Maher. 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 \$10,921.14; the savings account balance is \$8,498.42.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Lombardi and seconded by Marine Cannon. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.
- A report of expenses and revenue gained from the 20 August picnic (see agenda for recap) was made.
- Cmdt reported authorization of \$300.00 emergency payment (per authority in the Bylaws) to member in need.
 - Marine McNally thanked all present for the payment which helped his family situation who were affected by the recent floods in Kentucky.

Chaplain Report:

- No new news on Bob Leister.
- George McCreary has been a regular at Wednesday's breakfasts thanks to Marine Bob Niver.
- No new news on Spyder Soiett.
- George Sherwood has moved to assisted living in Dover.
- The death of Marine Jock Brodie was noted as relayed by his wife Peggy to Marine Bob Niver.
- Brad Howe had breakfast with Pete Cannell recently.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- Nothing significant to report.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- Marine Rich Pettengill passed out an article on Air Force recruiting that he thought we could adopt to promote our Detachment and gain new members.
 - The article focuses on the value of using social media platforms to attract a wider range of interested candidates, especially younger ones.

- The article promotes Youtube as a preferred platform that emphasizes a more personal, less scripted side of an organization.
- All members agreed that utilizing more social media platforms will help attract new members.

Membership:

- Marine Bob Niver is working on a plan to set up tables at a local Market Basket as a recruiting venue.
 - He briefed a concept where tables would be manned outside a supermarket that would solicit new members and additional funds.
 - He'll get with Marine Gary Gahan and discuss how Granite State executed a similar plan.
 - He also proposed possible dates around Veterans Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas as did Marine Rich Pettengill who has similar experience with the Salvation Army.

Correspondence:

- Correspondence from Dean Walker and Jane Sherwood (wife of member George Sherwood) was read as well as a notice from DAV on a clinic being held on 15 September in Dover.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- 75th anniversary of the Detachment (2023) is still in planning phase and ideas are solicited for it to be a special event.
- PIO Rich Pettengill is trying to get in touch with Twin State Detachment (Hanover area) to see what they have in mind for this year's Marine Corps Birthday celebration.
 - Suggestion was made to send a contingent, spouses included, from Seacoast to attend the event.
 - The PIO will follow up with Twin State.
- The suggestion was made to combine with other Detachments/Department to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday.
 - It was pointed out that the Department of NH has a couple of longstanding events already that all Detachments are invited to including the flag raising on 10 November.
 - It was also pointed out that there is a "saturation" of events celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday during that time of year thus demonstrating the challenge to add another event, further exploration of doing this will be ongoing.
- The PIO has mentioned that perhaps we should try to Live Stream our meetings.
 - He further pointed out the pitfalls of this and recommended shelving this effort for the time being.
- The PIO also recommended we try to get Guest Speakers to our meetings on occasion.
 - Guest Speakers would be invited to speak prior to the regular meeting.
 - It was mentioned that this has been done in the past with some success.
 - Participation by members is key to attracting Guest Speakers.
 - Planning is ongoing.
- The PIO also suggested we explore hosting a Detachment focused cable TV program with guests.
 - PIO explained that he had done this before with success and called his show the Northeast Corner.
 - PIO would need a space to conduct the program along with willing participants and it would involve a period of time on a Saturday morning to set it up and film it.
 - It was recommended that the PIO come up with footage from his previous show in order to spur interest from Detachment members.
 - Planning on this initiative is ongoing.

Marine for Life:

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Marine Ray Maher presented a donation of \$200.00 for the good of the League.
- Marine John Cannon has continued to sell bicycle raffle tickets.
 - John's report was cut short due to comm issues.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- PIO Rich Pettengill suggested we sponsor an award in the name of Frank Wisinski for a deserving Detachment Marine.
 - Conceptually, the award would be given annually to honor Frank's memory.
 - All present agreed that this would be a fitting tribute and supported the idea.
 - Criteria for the award and form/design of an appropriate tribute still need to be worked out.
 - Proposal to form a committee to study a future Frank Wisinski award was made by Marine Brad Howe and seconded by Marine Ray Maher.
 - Proposal was voted on and received unanimous approval.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt Corson thanked all who participated in the GWOT Memorial annual ceremony on 11 Sep at Hampton American Legion's Post 35.
 - Participants included Marines Brad Howe (NCOIC); Geoff Corson; Bob Niver; Rich Pettengill and Jim Covatis.
 - There was a ceremonial rifle mishap that caused the gas tube and blank firing adaptor to separate from the firearm, landing harmlessly in an almost vacant parking lot.
 - Condition of the ceremonial firearms remains a concern as they are over 70 years old.
 - The ceremony was long and one member required medical assistance to fully participate.
 - The future of Seacoast Marines participating in these type ceremonies will be tempered by whether or not we have enough willing (and physically able) participants and the mechanical condition of the ceremonial firearms.
- The Detachment is scheduled to participate in Post 35 events for the Run For The Fallen on 24 Sep 2022.
 - Sign up details have been posted with only 2 volunteers, Marine Geoff Corson and Marine Jim Ambrose.
 - Additional volunteers are still needed.
 - Post 35 will augment the Detachment firing detail with their members.

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

- Nothing significant to report.

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- The Department has an ambitious schedule that was passed in the agenda.
- All members were encouraged to participate, as much as possible, in Department sponsored events and to read the Department missives that are put out regularly.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- No report provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marine Randy McNally was prepared to mount our Detachment Display case, but deferred since our meeting space was set up for a celebration of life and it was thought that our mounting efforts might cause undue disturbance to the carefully set up tables and displays.
 - The intent is to mount the Display case immediately prior to our next Detachment meeting.
- The contents of the rented storage unit were moved into the attic of Post 6 by all present.
 - The Detachment no longer has a storage unit and thus saves \$90.00 per month in rental fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made to accept the amended Bylaws as written and influenced by Marine Rich Pettengill by Marine Dick Lak.
 - The motion was seconded by Marine Bob Niver.
 - The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.
 - Cmdt thanked all who participated in updating the Bylaws, especially Marine Rich Pettengill who took the lead.
 - The new signed Bylaws will be distributed electronically to all members.
- Cmdt asked for nominations for elected officers for next year.
 - Nominations were given for the following officer positions:
 - Commandant: no nomination was provided.
 - Senior Vice Commandant: Marine Brad Howe was nominated.
 - Junior Vice Commandant: Marine Ray Maher was nominated.
 - Judge Advocate: Marine Dick Lak was nominated.
 - Election of officers, per the Detachment bylaws, will occur at the October Detachment meeting.
 - Additional nominees are invited from the membership between now and 10 October and will be accepted via email.
 - Interested members of elected officer positions are encouraged to notify Marine Bob Niver of their interest.
 - Position Descriptions of the elected officers have been passed separately.
 - If a member does not have a copy of the position descriptions passed earlier, please notify the Cmdt and a copy will be provided.
- Marine George Lombardi gave a status report on the condition of the ceremonial firearms.
 - The point was made that the firearms are over 70 years old and badly in need of further preventive maintenance.
 - Two of the ten firearms will be returned to the Army as they are unserviceable.
 - Marines Brad Howe and George Lombardi will facilitate their return.
 - Cmdt raised liability concerns should we have another mishap.
 - JA will look at our liability and report back on vulnerabilities.
 - Marine Lombardi will further assess condition of the weapons and provide corresponding recommendations on their disposition.
 - Cmdt reiterated that the default position will be to **safety of use and safety of bystanders**.
 - If it is determined that safety is still a concern, Seacoast Det will remove itself from the ceremonial firing detail rotations until such time as safe operation can be resumed.

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 10 October 2022 @ 1900.
 - We will continue in-person/hybrid meetings.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Airfield Café (<https://theairfieldcafe.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 will be continuing at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 14 Sep 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 at Service Credit Union will be held on 24 September (<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>).
 - Marines Dick Lak (NCOIC), Ray Maher, Rich Pettengill and Matt Hobert intend to attend and represent the Detachment and the Marine for Life program.
- Apple Harvest Day 2022.
 - Detachment will participate.
 - Current volunteers are: Marines Geoff Corson, Rich Pettengill, Dick Lak, Bob Niver, Orion Schaaff, Matt Hobert and Brad Howe, more volunteers are needed to help set up/take down and man the booth throughout the day.
 - A volunteer is needed to lead participation in this event.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, SAA McNally and Acting Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2045. The raffle (\$30.00) was won by Marine Ray Maher who donated it back to the Detachment.



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Monday 12 Sep 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 8 August 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____
- Recap of Picnic revenue.
 - INCOME
 - Auction: \$291.00
 - 50/50 Raffle: \$115.00
 - Donation from Granite State Det: \$250.00
 - TOTAL INCOME: \$656.00
 - EXPENDITURES
 - Beverages: \$136.92
 - Food Stuffs: \$ 211.88
 - Porta Potty: \$200.00
 - TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$548.80
 - INCOME LESS EXPENDITURES = NET PROFIT: \$107.20
- Commandant authorized Emergency Payment to a Life Time member needing financial assistance for a family emergency in the sum of \$300.00 under SECTION – 804 – AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES of the Detachment Bylaws.
 - Member needed travel funds to offer support to family members affected by the floods in Kentucky and to reunite a family member affected by the floods.
 - The Board of Trustees (BOT) and Paymaster were advised and concurred with the authorization.

Chaplain Report (Marine Roland Morin (rmorin5453@gmail.com)):

- Marines in Sickbay updates.
 - Leister
 - McCreary
 - Soiett
 - Sherwood (see correspondence)
 - Death of Marine Jock Brodie, lifetime member since 2009 (passed separately).



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Committee Reports:

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

- Update on Scholarship Committee activities.

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 additional online platforms to reach a wider audience of potential recruits to our Detachment (Marine Orion Schaaff).

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

- Department SVC Gary Gahan of the Granite State Det has submitted a request to be a dual member with Seacoast.

Correspondence

- From Dean Walker (member since 2003 from Bethel, ME): “Dues check enclosed. Still going strong here. Been safe from COVID. Take all precautions. Am reading an interesting book on the Second Division during WW II. Say hello to the troops. Semper fi, Dean.”
- From Jane Ann Sherwood, wife of George Sherwood (member since 1985, Dover, NH): “Just want you to know George entered long term care at Riverside Rest Home (276 County Farm Rd. Dover, NH 03820, Rm 414). His health has deteriorated so he no longer could be at home. As a WW II veteran, and 95 years of age he has been well until recently. He is OK but can be uncooperative at times. Old Navy independence. Thank you for keeping him informed with emails etc. Sincerely Jane Ann Sherwood (wife of 63 years).”
- DAV Veterans Information Seminar, explaining the benefits you earned through your service and sacrifice to our nation; 14 September 2022 from 0900 – 1400; Claims Assistance 1000-1400; Bunny Belhumeur Vets Center, 156 Black River Rd., Dover, NH 03820. Bring DD 214 and any medical records you may have that show a medical condition that may have been service connected.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- 2023 75th anniversary of the Detachment (2023) in planning phase.
 - Questionnaire sent out to membership, results pending.
- Combination Birthday celebrations with other Detachments/Department.
- Live streaming of meetings.
- Guest speakers at our meetings.
- Northeast Corner cable TV program.
- Recruiting ideas from the Air Force.

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

- Marine for Life Northeast (Maj Matt Hobert) will provide supporting efforts at Service Credit Unit Veterans' conference and Apple Harvest Day.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Bike Raffle update (Marine John Cannon).
- Market Basket fund raising idea (Marine Bob Niver).



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Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- PIO Marine Rich Pettengill recommends we sponsor a Frank Wisinski memorial award (Marine Rich Pettengill).

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- GWOT memorial re-dedication firing detail, Post 35 Hampton, Sunday, 11 Sep 2022 at 1800 After Action Report.
- Run for the Fallen 2022: American Legion Post 35 (Hampton) firing detail for this year's opening ceremony, will be held on Saturday 24 Sep 2022, at 0930 at the Waterville Valley Resort.
 - Request includes a bugle player who could play "Taps."
 - Detail members: Cmdt Geoff Corson (NCOIC); Marine Jim Ambrose.
 - More members needed.
 - 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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- Marine for Life Network Training: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Marine-for-life-network-Training.pdf>.
- Suicide Prevention month: risk factors. www.VA.gov/REACH offers resources to help support Veterans across a wide range of challenges, before these problems become overwhelming.
 - Help us spread the word with the "Don't Wait. Reach Out." campaign toolkit at: [Spread the Word | Don't Wait. Reach out. \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/REACH/Spread-the-Word-Don-t-Wait-Reach-out-va.gov).
- 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 11th <https://www.mclnational.org/>
- DNHMCL QUARTERLY #3- Hosted by Granite State Detachment
 - DATE: Sunday September 25th, 2022
 - Location: American Legion Post #37,5 Riverside Street, Hooksett, NH 03106
 - Time: 1130 as the Legion does not really open till 1100 (bartender is in at 1030 so set may happen)
 - MODD #159: Will growl after meeting
 - UOD: MCL undress, long or short sleeve, MCL Cover a must
 - Agenda will be sent out after BOT Zoom meeting on Sept. 15th at 1800 (all members in good standing are invited to join the zoom BOT) A separate email will be sent for the Zoom BOT.
 - Would like a good showing as it has been quite awhile since we (DNHMCL) have met together.
- All. Some more information on NHSVC event on 24 Sept 2022: Shawn (director) will provide an 8' table for us. Our job is to be present, ready to show who we are and answers questions. It is a recruiting tool but not "hard". A



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Marine MAY join any detachment he/she wants no matter whose area they are in. As some detachments may not be present due to prior commitments, those of us there will support them by showing that they exist.

- Please visit . <https://nhstateveteranscemetery.com/> for a schedule of what is planned.
- Again, please let me know how many is going to show and what items you may be bringing. I will be checking on us bringing a tent & chairs. Am also going to check on food availability. Will let you know.
- DNHMCL BOT Zoom meeting 15 Sep 1800.
 - Dial in instructions
 - Topic: DNHMCL BOT
 - Time: Sep 15, 2022 1800
 - Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8814046299>
 - Meeting ID: 881 404 6299
 - One tap mobile
 - +13092053325,,8814046299# US
 - +13126266799,,8814046299# US (Chicago)
 - Dial by your location
 - +1 309 205 3325 US
 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 - +1 646 931 3860 US
 - +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
 - +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
 - +1 719 359 4580 US
 - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
 - +1 386 347 5053 US
 - +1 564 217 2000 US
 - +1 669 444 9171 US
 - Meeting ID: 881 404 6299
 - Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/khWGLYADH>
- Quad State 2023 (passed separately):
 - "All: Please share with all. It would be nice to have a big showing of DNHMCL at this event. And remember we are hosting the 2024 Quad States and New England Division. Please look around your area for possible locations for the 2024 Quad State. DNHMCL would like to have at least a location to present at the VT Quad State.
Semper Fidelis
PDD Cherie Monnell
DNHMCL-Commandant
marineamazon@comcast.net
207-752-0025

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Final vote on update to Detachment Bylaws (passed separately).
- Detachment picnic 20 August 2022 After Action Report (Marine Brad Howe).



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- Nominations for 2023 Elected Officers per SECTION - 401 – NOMINATIONS of the Detachment Bylaws (JPC Bob Niver).
- Update on cleared space at Post 6 attic for storage of Detachment gear (Marine Brad Howe).
- Update on 2022 Detachment Marine Corps Birthday celebration (Marine Ray Maher).
- Accounting for honors detail volunteers in order to qualify for League ribbon (Marine Geoff Corson).
- “2021 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, ENCLOSURE (4)
 - 8. Ceremonial Guard Ribbon (See NOTE 1) Ribbon: Thin White, Blue, Red, Blue, Thin White
Awarded By: National, Department, or Detachment Commandant
Recommended By: Ceremonial Guard Commander
Criteria for Award: Must participate in 10 events for each award. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle Detail or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit. This Award is retroactive to 1 January 2010 for all individuals who have met the qualifications for the Award.”

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Free vouchers for produce for veterans: <https://www.vouchersforveterans.org/locations/>
- Free flu shots for veterans: https://news.va.gov/107886/no-cost-va-flu-shots-for-eligible-veterans/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=07SEP2022

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: 16 October 2022 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Hampton Airfield Café <https://theairfieldcafe.com/>.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- “**Together We Served** luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH
<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>. U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter will have their next monthly meeting on 14 September 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 of the month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
- Seacoast Veteran’s Conference 2022 Service Credit Union will be held in September (<https://seacoastveteransconference.com/> on 24 Sep 2022).
 - Table has been reserved for the Detachment.
 - M4L Northeast Maj Matt Hobert will support Detachment at event.
 - More volunteers to man the table are needed and need to apply through the above listed website.
 - Currently there are 2 volunteers: Marine Pettengill, Marine Dick Lak.
- Apple Harvest Day, 1 October 2022 (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>).
 - Have applied as a non-profit vendor (cost \$265.00).
 - Volunteers still needed throughout the day and for set up and take down of our event equipment.
 - Booth location assignment is still pending.
 - Deadline for volunteering is 16 September 2022.

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