

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of October 13, 2025

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak, Chaplain Lombardi and Sargeant At Arms McNally.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt. Lak, present, Sr. Vice Cmdt. Howe, present, Jr. Vice Cmdt. Flager, absent, Judge Advocate Mitchell, present, Jr. Past Cmdt Niver, present, Chaplin Lombardi, present, SAA McNally, present, Paymaster Dow, present, Member Glen, present, Member, Earl Case, present, Member Jared, present, Member Eric, present. Officers 3 Members 8, Total 11. Quorum of 11 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of September 8, 2025, meeting; made by McNally and seconded by Glen, passed by unanimous vote.

Paymasters Report: George Dow

Savings Acct: \$11,332.75 Checking Acct: \$72,446.79 Charitable Games \$ 66,174.83

Motion to Accept: Howe Second: McNally Passed Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee: Recess to 2026

MCJROTC Lt/Col Drown, USMC (Ret) and M/Sgt Wise, USMC (Ret)

No communications or request received from MCJROTC

Membership:

No Discussion

Correspondence: George Dow

Several letters requesting donations given to the Commandant

Public/ Information: Bob Niver/ Ken Mitchell

Zoom coordinator/videographer Ken Mitchell presents “perpetual” dial-in:

Topic: Marine Corps League—Seacoast Detachment 394

Time: This is a recurring meeting ... Meet Anytime

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Marine For Life (M4L) Maj. Brendan Tallon

No Discussion

Donations and Gifts: JPC Bob Niver

Motion made to donate \$1500.00 to Pease Greeters by Glen and seconded by Randy, passed unanimously.

Honors

No Discussion

Pease Greeters:

No Discussion

Dept. of NH:

Continued efforts by Department Commandant Dumont to get 394 members to attend the 250th Birthday of the Marine Corps in Manchester on 11/10.

Old Business:

Commandant requested that the discussion regarding the Picnic be postponed until the next meeting. Members present agreed.

New Business:

Discussed and promoted attendance to the Detachment Marine Corps 250th birthday dinner on 11/10 at the Old Salt, NH.

Firing Detail scheduled for Veteran's Day 11/11; volunteers requested

Requested volunteer's sign-up for fund raiser at Market Baskets in Portsmouth on 11/8

ELECTIONS HELD: Dick Lak, Commandant, Brad Howe, Sr. Vice Commandant, John Flagler, Jr. Vice Commandant and Ken Mitchell, Judge Advocate.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HELD: Jr. Vice Commandant was not present.

FUTURE DATES:

8 NOVEMBER 2025 FUND RAISER MARKET BASKETS, PORTSMOUTH, NH

10 NOVEMBER 2025: Marine Corps 250th Birthday Dinner, Old Salt, Hampton, NH

11 NOVEMBER 2025: Firing Detail, Kittery, ME and Portsmouth, NH

17 NOVEMBER 2025: Next scheduled monthly meeting at 1900, Post 6



Seacoast Detachment #394
Marine Corps League (MCL)
PO Box 690, Kittery ME 03904-0690

Monday October 13, 2025, Monthly Meeting Agenda
Booma American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH

Uniform of the Day: Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Short Sleeve) or MCL Cover.

1900 Opening Ceremony: Commandant (Cmdt) Lak; 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) ____; Chaplain (Chap) ____; Paymaster ____ Web Sergeant ____; Member ____ Member ____ Member ____ Member ____ Quorum ____ Officers ____ Total Officers & Members ____

Minutes: Motion to accept September 8, 2025 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: \$	Charitable Games balance: \$
Combined Checking Balance: \$	Total Balance: \$	

Motion ____ **Second** ____ **Vote** ____

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

- Dennis Pomper Still convalescing at home; well established schedule of PT. Noticeable progress in improved mobility. Enjoys hearing from members by phone: 603-205-0529.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee (SVC Ray Maher (raymaher@icloud.com)):

- The Scholarship Committee, 2025, is currently recessed until January 2026.

<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/our-work/awards-scholarships/mcl-scholarships/>

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown, USMC (Ret) CO and Msgt. Derrick Wise, USMC (Ret)).

- MCJROTC has been advised that Detachment 394 stands ready to assist them should the need arise. The Detachment has established a good working relationship with the CO and NCOIC and will make every effort to continue to build on our progress. <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/news/winnacunnet-mcjrotc-quarterly-update/>

Communications/Website and Social Media (Honorary Marine Web Sgt Jo Zurwell (jozurwellto@comcast.net)):

- Detachment Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastMarines>.
Detachment members are encouraged to update content.
Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/follow.
Update on Detachment Social Media activity (jozurwell@comcast.net)

Membership JPC Bob Niver JVC John Flager

- JPC Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com) and JVC John Flagler (jeanot49@netscape.com):
A brief summary will be presented to acquaint the members present with ongoing efforts to enhance our membership roster.

Correspondence (Paymaster Dow)

- Update on correspondence received.

Scouting

- Update on Scouting activity.

Public Information (JPC Niver)

- Zoom coordinator/videographer Judge Advocate 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

Zoom Pass Code: 932738

Marine for Life (M4L) Maj Brendan Tallon (Brendan.tallon@usmc.mil or Brendan.j.tallon@gmail.com):

- Maj Tallon's contact info: cell phone: 860.671.9362.
- M4L Northern New England (NH/ME/VT) on LinkedIn @: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145719/>
- Recently received a call from LtCol Hobert informing me that he is aware of two Marines that will soon be discharged that may need help from us as they plan to relocate to the seacoast area.

Donations and Gifts: JPC Bob Niver

- All future recommendations for Donations and Gifts need to be routed first to JPC, Bob Niver, Chairman, Donation and Gifts Committee, for review, deliberations, determination and recommendation by the Donations and Gifts Committee to the members at a regular monthly meeting.
- Bob Niver will address the members regarding any information he may wish to communicate.

Honors

- Members may nominate Marines and others for consideration for a selected honor.

Pease Greeters

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

- Please wear your Greeter name tag.
- 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 Distance during interactions with the troops.
- Try to stay outside as much as possible.
- Greeter Greer: 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 such as pins, coins or patches.
- Pease Greeters has resumed sending flight alerts.

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

- The Department Commandant, Cody Dumont, has requested any member of Detachment 394 that has an interest in attending the department Marine Corps 250th birthday ball to let Commandant Lak know and he will contact Commandant Dumont

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Picnic:** A loud and animated discussion erupted among the members present at our September meeting concerning complaints regarding the picnic held on August 23rd. It was evident that we needed to set aside a designated period of time to ensure each member that wanted to speak had enough time allotted to fully voice their concerns. The discussion was rescheduled to the Meeting of 10/13/25. As you will see in **NEW BUSINESS**, below, we have some very time-consuming business to conduct regarding nomination of officers, their acknowledgements to serve, and conduct the required election before we adjourn tonight's meeting. I am asking for your indulgence to allow me to reschedule our discussion on the picnic for our next scheduled meeting which will be on Monday, November 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **BYLAWS Sections 401, 402 and 404:** These sections delineate the elections of Detachment officers; nominations of officers and their election which must be conducted at the end of the October meeting. 401 calls for "nomination from the floor for each office at the August, September and October regular monthly meetings." It also states: "each nominee shall stand and state to the Chair, that if elected, the member will accept the office and will serve loyally, faithfully and to the best of the members ability." 402 clearly states that "The election of Detachment officers shall be the last order of business of the Detachment's regular monthly meeting in October." It is always my goal to conduct all necessary business as cited on the Agenda and adjourn by 2015. I have tried to keep the Agenda light so that we can devote all the time necessary to complete the election of officers as required and still meet my self-imposed adjournment time of 2015. 404 simply states: "Officers shall be duly installed at the first meeting following the Marine Corps Birthday Ball." Since the second Monday of November is the 10th, our 250th Birthday Dinner, I will ask the members present to approve my recommendation to schedule our November monthly meeting to Monday, November 17, 2025.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Comments will be taken from the membership present for open discussion.

FUTURE DATES:

- **15 October 2025.** Wednesday breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- **10 November 2025:** Marine Corps 250th Birthday Dinner at the Old Salt, Hampton, NH., Social Hour 1700
- **17 November 2025:** Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt. Lak, SVC Howe, Chap. Lombardi, SAA McNally

Webmaster and Social Media Manager
Board Report for
October 13, 2025, Seacoast 394 Meeting

Communications:

Since the last report, there has been a few posts to the social media accounts.

- Crated a social media post to Facebook and Instagram for the 100th birthday celebration for Constantine
- Added images sent to me for the 9/11 event at Post 35 to the gallery webpage and posted on Facebook and Instagram.
- Post on Facebook and Instagram the Veterans Guild to Government Shutdown flyer

From Sept 4 – Oct 8 there have been 743 views on the Facebook page with a large spike on September 17th when the 100th birthday images were shared for Constantine's birthday.

If anyone has an event or message they would like to share on the Facebook and Instagram account, please send it to me at mclseacoast394@gmail.com . The more posts we add to Facebook, the more activity the page will see and the more the word of MCL will be out there.

Website:

The following items were completed on the website since the last report in September.

- Entered the monthly meetings to the calendar on website for October, November, and December
- Entered event for the USMC Birthday dinner on 11/10/25 on the calendar
- Added weekly breakfasts for 9/10-10/8/25 at the Copper Lantern to calendar
- Added images and write up to the gallery page for 100th birthday for Marine Constantine at the Rochester Manor.
- Combined the August agenda and minutes and uploaded to website
- I will be looking at the minutes each month for any upcoming events to be added to the calendar, but if there is an event that is not in the minutes and you would like added, please send to me at mclseacoast394@gmail.com. Thanks

Other business: None

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Zurwell, Webmaster & Social Media Manager