

# Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of December 8, 2025

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

**Officer Roll Call & Members Present:** 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, Earl Case, present, Member Jared Short, present, Member Ray Maher, present, and Member Eric Sirls, present. Officers 3 Members 8 Total 11. Quorum of 11 Present.

**Department Commandant Dumont:** Presented a review of current and future changes anticipated to be enacted by the Department. Bylaws will be amended as approved by members; elections will be held in 2026; budget changes as presented will be voted on. He reviewed the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and termed it a great success; requested all members present to Zoom in on Department meetings and finished by telling us that he is a candidate for reelection for Commandant and asked us to get involved in his efforts.

Commandant Dumont plans to conduct a statewide visit throughout New Hampshire to meet with Marines at what he calls “Lunch with Leathernecks” to augment support for the Marine Corps League.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes of November 17, 2025, meeting; Motion made by JPC Bob Niver and seconded by SAA McNally, passed by unanimous vote.

## **New Members and guests:**

No new members or other guests were present.

## **Paymasters Report:** George Dow

Savings Acct: \$11,332.85 Checking Acct. DET: \$10,016.70, Charitable Games \$ 64,347.19.

Combined Checking Account: \$74,363.89. Total Balance: \$ 85,696.84.

Motion to Accept: SVC Howe and Second Chaplain Lombardi. Passed Unanimously

## **Chaplain’s Report: (Chap. George Lombardi)**

Chaplain Lombardi informed the members present of the current condition of Dennis Pomper; he is still convalescing (over a year since his stroke) at home, is improving and enjoys hearing from members 603-205-0529.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Scholarship Committee:** Recess to 2026

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

Received request from M/Sgt. Wise for a donation to improve Marksmanship program and replace 75 Sterilite Modular Stacker Boxes for storage by Cadets for issued uniforms, gear and travel. Please see Donations and Gifts section below ... request was approved.

**Membership.** JPC Bob Niver, JVC John Flager

A brief presentation was made by Bob Niver encouraging members to always be prepared to recruit a new member ... Always carry your application package.

**Communications/Website and Social Media:** A brief presentation of the efforts expedited by our Webmaster Jo Zurwell to constantly upgrade our website with pictures, information, scheduled events, meeting minutes and future dates of importance. Job well done!!

**Correspondence:** George Dow

Several letters requesting donations given to the Commandant.

**Scouting:** Nothing to Report

**Public/ Information:** JPC Niver/ JA 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

Join from PC, Max, Linux, iOS or Android or telephone.

Dial 1-309-205-3325 (USToll)

Meeting I D: 990 4454 5492

Zoom Pass Code 932738

**Marine For Life** (M4L) Maj. Brendan Tallon

Maj. Tallon’s contact info is: 860-671-9362 No new information: No Discussion

**Donations and Gifts:** JPC Bob Niver

The request from MCJROTC was discussed at length and assigned to the Donations and Gifts Committee (DGC) for their review, deliberations, determination and recommendation

to the members at our December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The aggregate amount for the entire request is \$3,000.00.

The DGC voted to approve the entire request submitted by MCJROTC; a Motion to approve the entire amount was made by SAA McNally and seconded by Earl Case; Motion carried unanimously.

The DGC also voted to approve a \$1500.00 donation be awarded to Roof A Veteran (a qualified charitable organization); a Motion was made by Ray Maher and seconded by SVC Howe; motion carried unanimously.

A third request was also made by the DGC concerning Marine Jim Mesita's request for financial assistance to pay for arrearages to his Home Owner's Association (HOA) for outside maintenance in the amount of \$4,600.00. ( SVC Howe and JPC Niver were able to secure \$1,533.00 donations from the Granite State Detachment and the state Department to assist us in reducing our portion of the total contribution to Marine Mesita to \$1,534.00). The DGC approved the request; a Motion was made by Chaplain Lombardi and seconded by Paymaster, Goerge Dow; the Motion was passed with only one No vote.

Payment, however, is being withheld until the Detachment is completely satisfied that the payment of \$4,600 will totally release Marine Mesita from any additional claims asserted by the HOA or their attorney, who is now demanding that his fees be paid by Marine Mesita. Currently Marine Mesita is being legally represented by 603 Legal Aid, and his counsel will continue to negotiate a final resolution to this matter that does not exceed any amount of money beyond the established amount of \$4,600.00 already allocated.

Members will be advised as to any progress in this matter as information is received.

### **Honors**

No Discussion

### **Pease Greeters:**

No Discussion

### **Dept. of NH:**

Commandant Dumont spoke this evening as above expressed.

### **Old Business:**

The Department was reimbursed with the amount of \$250.00 for providing the Detachment with 10 bags (each containing a beer mug, a coin and a wooden coaster commemorating the Corps' 250<sup>th</sup>. anniversary) which were distributed among members present.

**New Business:**

A visit is planned for Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. to the Tilton Veterans Home to distribute Red Jackets to the 13 Marines residing at the Home and to donate \$975.00 on behalf of the 13 Marines who will directly participate in the planned Christmas Party conducted by the Veteran's home. A Motion was made by SAA McNally, seconded by Ray Maher; the Motion passed unanimously.

**Good of the League:**

Comments were solicited, no members present responded.

**FUTURE DATES:**

**10 December 2025:** Wednesday Breakfast location: Golden Egg

**25 December 2025:** Christmas Day

**12 JANUARY 2026:** Next scheduled monthly meeting at 1900, Post 6



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

**Monday December 8, 2025, Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Booma American Legion Post 6  
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH**

**Uniform of the Day:** Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Long 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Quorum \_\_\_\_\_ Officers \_\_\_\_\_ Total Officers & Members \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes:** Motion to accept November 17, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

M/Sgt Wise submitted a request for a donation to improve their marksmanship skills and necessary plastic containers for storage and travel. The Donation and Gifts Committee will make its recommendation at this meeting; see below.

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

- 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](mailto:jozurwell@comcast.net))

**Membership** JPC Bob Niver JVC John Flager

- JPC Bob Niver ([revim167@gmail.com](mailto:revim167@gmail.com)) and JVC John Flager ([jeanot49@netscape.com](mailto: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](mailto:Brendan.tallon@usmc.mil) or [Brendan.j.tallon@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

No further information has been received from Maj. Tallon

**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 (DGC), for review, deliberations, determination and recommendation by the Donations and Gifts Committee to the members at a regular monthly meeting.
- The DGC has reviewed the request submitted by M/Sgt. Wise on behalf of the MCJROTC for equipment to enhance their competitive marksmanship abilities (electronic range scoring accuracy system & storage stacker boxes) and improve storage capacity; total donation requested is \$3,000.00. DGC members will present their findings and make a recommendation to the members present.
- The DGC has also been asked by JVC Howe to make a donation on behalf of Marine Jim Mesita, a resident of Nasuha, NH, who is in jeopardy of loosing his home because he is in substantial arrears as to payments for services rendered as contracted by his Home Owners Association, who Marine Mesita contracted to reimburse for services received; he is delinquent in the amount of \$4,600.00. At last month’s meeting, we discussed requesting financial assistance and involvement, because of Jim’s location, from the Department and the Granite State Detachment. Brad and JPC Bob Niver have been very successful in securing a commitment from the State and Granite State to equal division of donation amounts to alleviate Jim Mesita’s arrearages. We have already received a check from the State in the amount of \$1,533.00; Granite State has

assured Brad that they will approve a similar amount at their meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and forward the check to us; That leaves Detachment 394 with the biggest share of the donation ... \$1,534.00. GREAT JOB guys. DGC members will present their findings and make a recommendation to the members present.

### 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 announced that the Department meeting for this quarter is being hosted by Granite State Detachment # 542 on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 1 Sundial Ave., Suite 317, Manchester, NH, from 1100 to 1600. Please attend if you can ... Thanks

### OLD BUSINESS:

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A discussion will be held concerning the possibility of investing a portion of our Charitable Gaming Funds, since there is a very good possibility that Detachment 394 will not be selected by REVO casino to be scheduled for any gaming dates in 2026. By investing some of our available funds we can prolong using the gaming Funds until they are depleted.

### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

### FUTURE DATES:

- **10 December 2025.** Wednesday breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- **25 December 2025:** Christmas Day ... Merry Christmas to all of you
- **12 January 2026:** Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting