

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of November 17, 2025

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak, George Dow, acting Chaplain 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, absent, SAA McNally, present, Paymaster Dow, present, Member Glen, present, Member, Earl Case, present, Member Jared, present, Member Maher, present. Officers 3 Members 7, Total 10. Quorum of 10 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of October 13, 2025, meeting; motion made by Glen and seconded by Randy, passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and guests:

No new members or guests were present

Paymasters Report: George Dow

Savings Acct: \$11,332.85 Checking Acct. DET: \$10,671.96 Charitable Games \$ 64,674.83

Combined Checking Account: \$75,346.79 Total Balance: \$ 86,679.64.

Motion to Accept: Top Second: Bob: Passed Unanimously

Chaplain's Report: (Chap. George Lombardi)

In Chaplain Lombardi's absence, Commandant Lak briefed members on 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.

Membership. JPC Bob Niver, JVC John Flager

A brief presentation was made by Bob Nover 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: SVC Howe informed members that the BSA will be sending him information regarding Eagle Scout Award ceremonies.

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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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 for their review, deliberations, determination and recommendation to the members at our December 8th meeting. The aggregate amount for the entire request is \$3,000.00.

A second request for a donation was submitted by JVC Howe, regarding a Marine (Jim Mesita) who was in the process of being deprived of his residence because he was in arrears to his Home Owners Association in the amount of \$4600 for failing to pay required maintenance fees. The request was assigned to the Donations and Gifts Committee for their review, deliberations, determination and recommendation to the members at our December 8th meeting. It was also agreed that the detachment would pursue reasonable efforts to persuade the Granite State Detachment and the Department to become financial partners with us on behalf of Marine Jim Mesita because he resides in the Nasuha area.

Honors

No Discussion

Pease Greeters:

No Discussion

Dept. of NH:

Commandant Cody has sent a letter to all detachments thanking members who joined him in Manchester for the Corps 250th Birthday party.

Old Business:

Commandant reviewed the detachment fund raiser held on Saturday, November 8th at both Market Baskets in Portsmouth; just under \$4,500.00 was raised. Members who volunteered to work on the detail were recognized: Brad Howe, John Flagler, Jim Ambrose, Eric Sirles, Goerge Dow, George Lombardi, Randy McNally and Dick Lak.

New Business:

SSA Randy brought 10 bags (each contained a beer mug, a coin and a wooden coaster commemorating the Corps 250th birthday) from Commandant Cody at a price of \$25.00 per bag. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made to have Detachment 394 pay for the bags and distribute them to members that consistently attend monthly meetings; the motion passed unanimously at a cost of \$250.00 to be paid to Commandant Coty.

Good of the League:

Comments were solicited, no members present responded

FUTURE DATES:

10 December, 2025: Wednesday Breakfast location: TBD

25 December, 2025: Christmas Day

8 December 2025: Next scheduled monthly meeting at 1900, Post 6



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

**Monday November 17, 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 October 13, 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/>
- On 11/12, an email was received from M/Sgt. Wise, MCJROTC, requesting our support to enhance the competitive abilities of their Marksman, who are engaged in interscholastic marksmanship competition with schools throughout New England. The item requested is a "new electronic range scoring system and software to improve

training accuracy, feedback and safety.” The cost of the computer system is \$1,500.00. A second request was included; the MCJROTC at Winnacunnet High School is experiencing a growth in enrollment; as a result, competitive teams, ceremonial details, training sessions and travel have increased. Enrolled students are issued a variety of military uniforms, as well as competitive sports uniforms. The requested items to maintain such a rigorous schedule and protect issued clothing “requires 75 Sterilite Modular 76-Quart Stacker Box to properly secure and protect uniforms and gear.” Each Cadet will have a “Seabag” of their own. The associated cost is \$1500.00; The aggregate cost is \$3000.00.

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 Flager (jeannot49@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

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.
- **Discussion:** Consider donating to the MCJROTC, Winnacunnet High School, as described above, for a Marksmanship computer system and needed Cadet uniform and equipment storage boxes, for a grand total of \$3,000.00. Every young Marine needs a plastic Seabag. A copy of the letter from M/Sgt. Wise, who made the request, has been sent to Bob Niver, Chairman, Donations Committee and members of the BOT.

- **Discussion:** In September SVC Howe attended the Veterans Conference in Portsmouth and was confronted by a person who explained to Brad that he knew of an older Marine (82) in dire need of financial and physical help, who lived in Nashua, NH. Brad was given the man's name, Jim Mesita, and called and spoke to Jim and was able to get some preliminary information. Brad was convinced Jim needed help; Brad took it upon himself to go to Nashua and engage the man. I will ask Brad to share with us the details of that visit and any additional information acquired subsequent to that visit. I'm convinced that Mr. Mesita's case should be given to Bob Niver as Chairman and he can work with Brad and the rest of us to determine what we can and should do as we learn more facts.

Honors

- Members may nominate Marines and others for consideration for a 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 sent a letter to all detachments thanking all members who joined him in Manchester for the 250th Marine Corps Birthday.

OLD BUSINESS

- Comments will be taken from the membership present for discussion

NEW BUSINESS

- Comments will be taken from the membership present for discussion

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

FUTURE DATES:

- 19 November 2025. Wednesday breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- 8 December, 2025: Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting

Closing Ceremony