

# Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of February 9, 2026

**1900 Opening Ceremony:** The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak, Chaplain Sirles and SAA McNally.

**Officer Roll Call & Members Present:** Cmdt. Lak, present, Sr. Vice Cmdt. Howe, present, Jr. Vice Cmdt. Flager, present, Judge Advocate Mitchell, present, Jr. Past Cmdt Niver, present, Chaplain Sirles, present, SAA McNally, present, Paymaster Lombardi, present, Member Lombardi, present, Member Case, present, Member Short present, Member Dow, present. Officers 4, Members 7: Total 11 Quorum of 11 Present.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes of January 12, 2026, meeting; Motion made by JVC Flager and seconded by SAA McNally, passed by unanimous vote.

## **New Members and guests:**

No new members or other guests were present.

## **Paymasters Report:** Paymaster Lombardi

Savings Acct: \$12,683.17 Checking Acct. DET: \$9,399.70, Charitable Games \$ 57, 489. 19. Combined Checking Accounts: \$66,888.89. Total Balance: \$ 79,572.06.

Motion to Accept: Member Dow, and Second SVC Howe. Passed Unanimously

## **Chaplain's Report:** Chaplain Sirles

Chaplain Sirles informed the members present of the current condition of Dennis Pomper; he is still convalescing (14 months since his stroke) at home, is improving and enjoys hearing from members 603-205-0529.

Glen Blanchette still has adverse effects from medication; would like to hear from brothers at 603-343-4564 or Cell 603-312-1217.

Victor McLean (Little Gunny), recently returned home from the hospital; would love to hear from members at 603-534-3442

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Scholarship Committee:** Brief discussion about the duties of the committee and a request was made for volunteers.

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

**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

No further information has been received from Maj. Tailon.

**Donations and Gifts:** JPC Bob Niver

All future recommendations for Donations and Gifts need to be routed first to JPC Niver, Chairman, Donations and Gifts Committee (DGC), for review, deliberations, determination and recommendation by the DGC to the members at a regular monthly meeting.

The DGC is currently considering a donation to Marine in need, David French, a member of our department.

**Pease Greeters:**

No Discussion

**Dept. of NH:** Commandant Dumont's "Lunch with Leathernecks" schedule has been sent to our membership, and if you are interested, please feel free to attend. A group of us may be arranged if there is enough interest.

**Old Business:**

An extensive discussion took place regarding our annual picnic. SVC Howe, Chairman of the Picnic Committee for the last several years, recommended returning to Stratham for 2026; comments from members present were positive and very supportive of returning to Stratham as recommended. SVC Howe also suggested that we consider donating a gas grill to the town as a token of our appreciation for the welcome we got from the town.

**Good of the League:**

Commandant Dumont's request for Seacoast members to consider running for state office was announced and members were encouraged to run.

Volunteers were asked to attend the Okinawa Marine's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Dover Elks on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Five members volunteered.

MCJROTC, LtCol Drown and M/Sgt extended an invitation to Detachment 394 to participate in their annual awards night at WHS on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1830-2000.

**FUTURE DATES:**

**February 11, 2026:** Wednesday Breakfasts at 0900 to be held at the Golden Egg Restaurant

**March 9, 2026:** Next scheduled monthly meeting to commence at 1900, Post 6



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

**Monday February 9, 2026, 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 (Cmndt) Lak; Chaplain (Chap) Sirles, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) McNally, "Marines' Hymn."

**Officer & Member Roll:** CMDT. \_\_\_\_ SR. VICE CMDT. \_\_\_\_; JR VICE CMDT. \_\_\_\_ JUDGE ADVOCATE \_\_\_\_  
JR. PAST CMDT. \_\_\_\_ ADJUDANT \_\_\_\_ CHAPLAIN \_\_\_\_ PAYMASTER \_\_\_\_ SERGEANT AT ARMS \_\_\_\_  
Member \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_  
Member \_\_\_\_ Officers \_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_ Total Officers & Members \_\_\_\_ QUORUM: YES ( ) NO ( ).

**Minutes:** Motion to accept January 12, 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:**

Savings/Scholarship: \$                      Checking: \$                      Charitable Games balance: \$  
Combined Checking Balance: \$                      Total Balance: \$

**Motion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vote** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chaplain Report** (Chap Eric Sirles (etsappleid@yahoo.com)):

- 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.
- Glenn Blanchette: Recently hospitalized for negative reaction to medication; is back home and would appreciate hearing from Brothers: 603-343-4564

**Committee Reports**

**Scholarship Committee** (SVC Ray Maher ([raymaher@icloud.com](mailto:raymaher@icloud.com))):

- A 2026 Scholarship Committee needs to be formed; Volunteers will be **greatly** appreciated.

**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.seacoast.marines.org/news/winnacunnet-mcjrotc-quarterly-update/>

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

- Update on correspondence received.

**Scouting**

- Update on Scouting will be presented by JVC Howe.

**Public Information:** JPC Niver & JA Mitchell

- 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, Chairman

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The DGC is currently not considering any requests for donations.

**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.
- 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 scheduled “Lunch with Leathernecks” around the state of New Hampshire will be provided a schedule by detachment commandants as to dates, times and locations, upon their availability, which is anticipated to be in the near future. A **REMINDER:** most of these luncheons will take place some distance (North and West) from Portsmouth as his objective is to rekindle an interest in joining the Marine Corps League and becoming a new detachment in the upper portions of NH. It is not my intent to discourage you; when I get his schedule, I will share it with you; maybe some of us can plan a (full) day trip.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussions concerning our annual picnic will be renewed (we have always scheduled the picnic in August, which is six months away) and any reasonable suggestion will be considered; we have a lot of planning to accomplish ... lets get started. Our ultimate **goal** must be to plan the very best picnic we have ever conducted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

#### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

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