

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of January 12, 2026

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak.

Officer Roll Call & Members Present: Cmdt. Lak, present, Sr. Vice Cmdt. Howe, absent, Jr. Vice Cmdt. Flager, present, Judge Advocate Mitchell, present, present, Jr. Past Cmdt Niver, present, Chaplin Lombardi, absent, SAA McNally, absent, Paymaster Dow, absent, Member, Earl Case, present, Member Matt Holbert, present, Member Eric Sirles, present. Officers 3 Members 4 Total 7 Quorum of 7 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of December 8, 2025, meeting; Motion made by JA Mitchell and seconded by Top Case, passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and guests:

No new members or other guests were present.

Paymasters Report: Commandant lak

Savings Acct: \$12,683.06 Checking Acct. DET: \$12,616.70, Charitable Games \$ 59,022.19.

Combined Checking Account: \$71,638.89. Total Balance: \$ 84,321.95.

Motion to Accept: Member Sirles, and Second Top Case. Passed Unanimously

Chaplain's Report: Commandant Lak

Commandant Lak 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.

JR Vice Commandant Flager informed members present that he and his wife, Betty, have recently been told that, based on administered tests, both are now cancer free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee: Will be reinstated at meeting of February 9, 2026.

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 not considering any requests for donations.

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:

The Commandant reviewed the proposed Agreement for the position of Paymaster between Detachment 394 and Carol Lonbardi, as an independent contractor, for a continuously agreed upon monthly time period at an hourly rate of \$40.00. A discussion was held, questions were asked and answered. The Commandant asked for a Motion to approve the Agreement; a Motion to Approve was made by JPC Niver and Seconded by JVC Flager; a vote was taken and the Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commandant announced his appointments to the following positions: Sargant at Arms (SAA), Randy McNally, Chaplain, Member Eric Sirles, JA Ken Mitchell, Chairman, Audit Committee 2025, JVC Howe and Member Ray Maher as members.

Good of the League:

Comments were solicited, no members present responded.

FUTURE DATES:

January 14, 2026: Wednesday Breakfasts at 0900 to be held at Hebert's Restaurant

February 9, 2026: Next scheduled monthly meeting at 1900, Post 6



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

**Monday January 12, 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 (Cmdt) Lak; Chaplain (Chap) Lombardi, 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 December 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:

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 is currently recessed until February 2026.

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 purchase necessary plastic containers for storage and travel. The Donation and Gifts Committee and the members present at out December

meeting voted to grant their entire request of \$3,000.00. MOY Maher presented the check to MCJROTC at an assembly of cadets.

Communications/Website and Social Media (Honorary Marine Web Sgt Jo Zurwell (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):

Jo has recently augmented our Website with several beautiful pictures taken at Tilton Veterans Home when we visited on December 15th. We made 11 Marines (each was issued a Red Jacket) very happy and assured them a Merry Christmas.

Membership JPC Bob Niver JVC John Flager

- JPC Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com) and JVC John Flagler (jeannot49@netscape.com):
A brief summary will be presented to acquaint the members present with ongoing efforts to enhance our membership roster.

Correspondence: Paymaster

- 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 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/>

No further information has been received from Maj. Tallon

Donations and Gifts: JPC Bob Niver, Chairman

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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 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:

- I will be submitting a proposed AGREEMENT for your confirmation between Detachment 394 and Carol Lombardi for her accepting the duties and performing the responsibilities, as proscribed by our National and Detachment Bylaws, which she fully acknowledges and understands, as PAYMASTER. Carol Lombardi has a wealth (no joke intended) of experience in accounting, in fact, she is currently employed in an accounting position by the School Department, Kittery, Maine. After negotiating this agreement at length with Ms. Lombardi, and becoming acquainted with her accounting background experiences, I believe that Detachment 394 is extremely fortunate to have her as our independent contractor performing the duties of Paymaster. I plan to read the entire agreement (only 4 pages, triple spaced) at the meeting to ensure that all of you present know the terms agreed too, duties to be performed and compensation to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

I will make the following appointments: (1) Sargeant At Arms (SAA), Randy McNally; (2) Chaplain (Chap) Eric Sirles, and (3) Chairman, Audit Committee 2025, Ken Mitchell and 2 additional members (this will put us in compliance with **SECTION 803-AUDITS** – of our Bylaws (an annual requirement in the first quarter of the year).

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

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