

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of March 9, 2026

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak, Chaplain Sirles.

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, absent, Chaplain Sirles, present, SAA McNally, absent, Paymaster Lombardi, present, Member Lombardi, present, Member Case, present, Member Jared, present, Member Dow, present. Officers 4, Members 5: Total 9 Quorum of 9 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of February 9, 2026, meeting; Motion made by Member Dow and Seconded by Sr. Vice Comdt. Howe; passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and guests:

A discharged Marine was in attendance: Megan; she took an application and expressed an intent to become a regular member.

Paymasters Report: Paymaster Lombardi

Savings Acct: \$12,683.27 Checking Acct. DET: \$8,607.40, Charitable Games \$ 57,489. 19. Combined Checking Accounts: \$66,096.59. Total Balance: \$ 78, 779. 86.

Motion to Accept: Member Lombardi and Second Chaplain Sirles. Passed Unanimously

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Sirles

Chaplain Sirles informed the members present of the current condition of Dennis Pomper; he is still convalescing (17 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. The detachment has received one application per website.

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.

Members of Detachment 394 have been invited by Lt/Col Drown and M/Sgt Wise to attend their annual Cadet Awards ceremony at Winnacunnet High School on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 1830 to 2000. We have been invited to present any awards that the detachment may want to bestow upon any cadet in the program; last year we presented a scholarship to a graduating senior recommended by Lt/Col Drown and M/Sgt Wise.

Membership. JPC Bob Niver, JVC John Flager

A reminder to all members: 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: Paymaster Lombardi: 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.

Members are encouraged to select a New Hampshire qualified charitable organization (must be a 501 (c) (3) or (4) recognized by the NH secretary of state) or a NH veteran in need to qualify for funding from our Gaming Proceeds. Before you make a request, please advise Chairman Niver (revim167@gmail.com) of your intent by forwarding a donation Checklist (sent to members separately) that contains mandated information that confirms your selected organization's status or NH veteran as a recognized NH charity. This cumbersome process must be followed because Detachment 394 has a legal fiduciary duty to ensure, by maintaining accurate records (in case of a state audit), any expenditure from our Gaming Proceeds meets the statutory requirements imposed by the state legislature.

FYI: If you select an out of state veteran or organization (still a qualified charity), funding will be taken from Detachment 394 revenues

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

Any member interested in running for department office should notify Department Commandant Dumont

Old Business:

SVC Howe confirmed that our 2026 Detachment 394 Picnic will take place at Stratham Hill Park on Saturday, August 15th. from 1200 to 1500.

New Business:

Comments were requested, no response from any member present.

Good of the League:

Comments were requested, no response from any member present.

FUTURE DATES:

April 15, 2026: Wednesday Breakfasts for the next 4 weeks at 0900 TBD.

May 11, 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 March 9, 2026, 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) 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 February 9, 2026, Minutes, sent separately.

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New members and guests:

- Swearing in of new members if present.
- Welcome guests who are considering membership.

Paymasters Report: Paymaster Lombardi

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

Motion _____ **Second** _____ **Vote** _____

Chaplain Report: Chaplain Sirles

- 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
- Victor McLean (Little Gunny) has recently returned home from the hospital: please call 603-534-3442

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee (SVC Ray Maher (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/>

Members of Detachment 394 have been invited by Lt/Col Drown and M/Sgt Wise to attend their annual Awards Night at Winnacunnet High School on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. We have been invited to present any awards that the Detachment may bestow upon any cadet in the program; last year we presented scholarships to selected candidates.

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

Detachment Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastMarines>

Members are encouraged to update content, Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed
Update on Detachment Social Media activity constantly enhanced. Monthly report timely submitted ... Job Well Done.

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 Lombardi

Update on correspondence received. A thank you letter from N H Veterans Home, Tilton, NH for our Christmas donation of \$825.00 to provide gifts to all Marine residents.

Scouting: Update on Scouting ... 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

- 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 is currently considering a request for a donation to Marine (SAA) Randy McNalley for financial assistance to reduce expenditures that will be incurred attending his daughter's scheduled surgery in Kentucky.

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your selected organization's status or NH Veteran as a recognized NH charity. This cumbersome process must be followed because Detachment 394 has a legal fiduciary duty to ensure, by maintaining accurate records (in case of a State Audit), any expenditure from our Gaming Proceeds meets the statutory requirements imposed by the state legislature.

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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.
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- 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. 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 NH. It is not my intent to discourage you, maybe some of us can plan a (full) day trip.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SVC Howe, Chairman, Picnic Committee, will provide an update on our plans for a 2026 Picnic.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

FUTURE DATES:

March 11, 2026. Breakfast location for the next 5 weeks @ 0900 at TBD.

April 13, 2026 : Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting