

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of June 8, 2026

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant Lak, 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, absent , SAA McNally, present, Paymaster Lombardi, present, Member Blanchette, present, Member Jared, present Member Dow, present. Officers 4, Members 6: Total 10 Quorum of 10 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of May 11, 2026, meeting; Motion made by Member Dow and Seconded by SAA McNally; passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and Guests:

JPC Niver swore in Paymaster Carol Lombardi as an Associate Member

Paymasters Report: Paymaster Lombardi

Savings Acct: \$12,683.60 Checking Acct. DET: \$5,964.36 Charitable Games \$ 48,421.77
Total Balance: \$ 67,069.73

Motion to Accept: Member Glen, Second Jr.VC Flagler: Passed Unanimously

Paymasters Monthly Compensation of \$140.00 reviewed and approved. Job Well Done

Motion to Approve: JPC Niver, Second SAA McNally: : Vote: Unanimous

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. JA Mitchell volunteered to serve.

Commandant Lak informed the membership that a final review of submitted applications will be conducted, and an actual count will be presented at next months meeting.

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.

ADDENDUM: June 6, 2026 Members Lak, Dow, Flagler and Niver attended the MCJROTC Cadet graduation ceremony; the \$2,000.00 Scholarship was awarded to Senior Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Grace Bramhall, and 4 Distinguished Service Awards were presented.

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. The Monthly Report submitted by Jo was sent to the members in advance of the meeting. Job well done!!

Membership JPC Niver (revim167@gmail.com) & JVC Flagler (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: 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.

DGC Chairman Niver will present a summary of any requests made by a Detachment 394 member for a donation.

Honors

Members may nominate Marines and/or others for consideration for a selected honor.

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:

A short discussion was held concerning the upcoming picnic on August 15th. No consensus was reached.

New Business:

No comments were received from any member present.

Good of the League:

No comments were received from any member present.

FUTURE DATES:

June 10, 2026 Wednesday Breakfasts for the next 5 weeks at Copper Lantern, Hampton

July 13, 2026: Next scheduled Detachment 394 meeting at 1900, Post 6, Portsmouth, NH

August 15, 2026: Detachment Annual Picnic: Stratham Hills Park, Stratham, NH 1200-1600



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

Monday June 8, 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 May 11, 2026, 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 Lombardi

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

Motion ____ **Second** ____ **Vote** ____

Paymasters Monthly Compensation: Based on a submitted monthly Invoice, payment for contracted hourly employment of the Paymaster for the Month of May is TBD.

Motion to Accept ____ **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

- A 2026 Scholarship Committee needs to be formed; Volunteers will be **greatly** appreciated.
- The number of Scholarship Applications received is currently being assessed

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown, USMC (Ret) CO and Msgt. Derrick Wise, USMC (Ret).

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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.

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Correspondence: Paymaster Lombardi

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

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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.

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.
- Any member interested in running for a department officers' position is asked to contact Commandant Dumont at cdumont@nhmarines.org

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Commandant will request a discussion be held to determine if Detachment 394 will invite Marines, and other services, from Tilton Veterans Home, to attend our annual picnic on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

FUTURE DATES:

June 10, 2026 Breakfast location for the next 4 weeks @ 0900 TBD.

July 13, 2026 Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting. Post 6 1900

Webmaster and Social Media Manager

Board Report for

June 8, 2026, Seacoast 394 Meeting

Communications:

Since the last report, there has been a new post to social media accounts.

- The Revo Casino dates and promotional information was shared in posts on both Facebook and Instagram on each of the dates that the detachment had a table while at the casino. Most of these had a few engagements within them and helped to show Revo Casino that the detachment is promoting their casino dates, which will help for following years.
- Having pictures of check presentations on social media with a hash tag for Revo Casino also helps promote the connection between the two organizations. So, when a donation is made using the funds earned during these casino days, please take a few pictures and I can post on social media.
- A social media post for Memorial Day was also done. This was viewed 30 times with 4 engagements.

If anyone has an event or message they would like to share on the Facebook and Instagram account, please send it to me at mclseacoast394@gmail.com . The more posts we add to Facebook, the more activity the page will see and the more the word of MCL will be out there.

Website:

The following items were completed on the website since the last report in April.

- Updated plugins
- Reviewed May agenda for items to add to the calendar. Created calendar event for MCJROTC Cadet Awards Night.
- Created calendar events for breakfasts for May into June at Heberts. 5/13-6/3/26
- Created and posted Memorial Day social media post and scheduled for 5/25/26
- Uploaded the NE Div Jun/Jul 2026 Newsletter to Resources page.
- Updated more plugins
- Added Social Breakfast at Golden Egg 6/6/26 to the detachment calendar.
- I will be looking at the minutes each month for any upcoming events to be added to the calendar, but if there is an event that is not in the minutes and you would like added, please send to me at mclseacoast394@gmail.com. Thanks

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Zurwell, Webmaster & Social Media Manager