Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of July 13, 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 Blanchette, present, Member Lombardi, present Member Dow, present. Officers 4, Members 7: Total 11 Quorum of 11 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of June 8, 2026, meeting; Motion made by Member

Dow and Seconded by Geo. Lombardi; passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and Guests:

Department Commandant Dumont was present and presented SVC Howe with a citation.

Paymasters Report: Paymaster Lombardi

Savings Acct: $12,683.71 Checking Acct. DET: $6,558.98 Charitable Games $ 128,711.84 Total Balance: $147,954.53

Motion to Accept: Member SAA McNally Second Jr.VC JPC Niver: Passed Unanimously

Paymasters Monthly Compensation of $100.00 reviewed and approved. Job Well Done

Motion to Approve: Dow, 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. Member Blanchette is in attendance.

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 Detachment 394 has received 5 scholarship applications and that they are being reviewed and assessed for compliance with our stringent requirements and will be presented for membership approval at the August 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.

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 was 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 presented a brief 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 distributed shirts with the Department logo on the front and the famous yellow footprints on the back, recruiting former Marines for membership.

Old Business:

A short discussion was held concerning the upcoming picnic on August 15; a vote was taken and it was established that it would be a "No Cook" pot luck "Surf & Turf" event. Lobster rolls & MoJo's BBQ ribs & chicken would be supplied by Detachment 394.

FYI: Chairman Howe confirmed a count of 54 people have committed to attend.

New Business:

No comments were received from any member present.

Good of the League:

No comments were received from any member present.

FUTURE DATES:

July 15, 2026 Wednesday Breakfasts for the next 5 weeks at Mainly Yolks, Berwick, ME

August 10, 2026: Next scheduled Detachment 394 meeting at 1900, Post 6, Portsmouth

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 July 13, 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 ( ) N0 ( ).

Minutes: Motion to accept June 8, 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 June 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 five (5); they are being reviewed and assessed for compliance with our stringent requirements and will be presented for membership approval in August.

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 enhance our relationship in the future.

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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Honors

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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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Picnic scheduled for Saturday, August 15th needs to be discussed and hopefully final decisions are made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commandant Lak's email to the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, Division of Investigation and Compliance regarding our inquiries about investing portions of our gaming funds has been forwarded to the Director and legal staff to determine their calculated response.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

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

FUTURE DATES:

July 15, 2026 Breakfast location for the next 4 weeks @ 0900 TBD.
August 10,2026 Next scheduled Detachment 394 monthly meeting. Post 6 1900
August 15, 2026 Detachment 394 Picnic at Stratham Hill Park, 1200 to 1500.