

Seacoast Detachment 394 MINUTES of August 10, 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. Flagler, present, Judge Advocate Mitchell, present, Jr. Past Cmdt Niver, present, Chaplain Sirles, absent, SAA McNally, present, Paymaster Lombardi, present, Member Lombardi, present, Member Blanchette, present Member Case, present, Member Jared, present. Officers 4, Members 7: Total 11 Quorum of 11 Present.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of July 13, 2026, meeting; Motion to Approve made by Member Blanchette and Seconded by member McNally; passed by unanimous vote.

New Members and Guests:

No new members or guests were present

Paymasters Report: Paymaster Lombardi

Savings Acct: \$12,683.82 Checking Acct: \$6,222.53 Combined Detach. Acct: \$18,906.35
Charitable Gaming Balance: \$128,711. 84 Total Balance: \$ 147,618.19

Motion to Accept: Member McNally, Second Member Howe: Passed Unanimously

Paymasters Monthly Compensation of \$ 246.45 reviewed and approved. Job Well Done

Motion to Approve: Member Flagler; Second Member Niver: Vote: Unanimous

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Sirles Absent

No discussion held

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee: 5 Scholarship Applications were acted upon, results were:

- (1) Wise, Erica, Sophomore, U of Maine, Farmington, Education Major; GPA 3.80.
Motion to Approve \$1500.00: Member Niver; Second: McNally. Vote: Unanimous.
- (2) Niver, Wylie, Sophomore, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN., Education Major; GPA 3.80. Motion to Approve \$1500.00: Member Lombardi; Second: Member Blanchette.
Vote: Unanimous.
- (3) Drown, Cooper, Bedford High School, Freshmen, U of NH, Engineering Major, GPA 3.49. Motion to Approve \$1500.00: Member Howe; Second: Member Blanchette.
Vote: Unanimous.

(4) Drown, Logan, Sophomore, Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA., Pre-Med major; GPS 3.23. Motion to Approve \$1,500.00: Member Blanchette; Second: Member Lombardi. Vote: Unanimous.

(5) Tiberia, Miles, Senior, U of Penn. Finance Major; GPA 3.82. Motion to Approve \$1,500.00: Member Blanchette; Second: Member McNally. Vote: Unanimous.

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 Bob Niver, JVC John Flagler

A summary was presented to acquaint the membership with the ongoing efforts to enhance our membership roster and our scheduled Fundraiser at two Market Baskets in Portsmouth (Woodbury Ave. and Lafayette Rd.) on Saturday, November 7th. between 0900 and 1500. Please plan on volunteering and help us raise funds for our department revenues. Last year we raised \$4,500.

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

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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 summary of 4 requests for donations submitted by members; the DGC voted to recommend the following to be approved.

- (1) Glenn Blanchette, 394 Member, Disabled Veteran, cancer survivor, frequently wheelchair dependent, needs to restore his porch and construct a wheelchair ramp to ingress and egress his home. The DGC approved and recommended an award of \$5,000.00. A Motion to Approve was made by Member McNally; a Second was made by Member Howe; a vote was taken and the Motion was unanimously approved.
- (2) Building Bridges Veterans Organization, Episcopal Church, Hampton, NH, which provides free veterans lunches, was approved by the DGC in the amount of \$1,000.00. A Motion to Approve was made by member Blanchette and Seconded by member Lombardi; a vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.
- (3) Hampton Boy Scouts, Troop 177, Ken LeBlanc, Troop Expenses. The DGC voted to award \$500.00 and recommended approval by the membership. A Motion to Approve was made by Member Howe; Seconded by Member Niver. A vote was taken and passed unanimously
- (4) Alexys Lewenkron, Cadet, MCJROTC, Winnacunnet High School was awarded \$1,200.00 by the DGC to defray tuition costs for a Leadership Course at Norwich University; a Motion to Approve was made by Member Blanchette and Seconded by Member Lombardi. A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.

Pease Greeters:

No Discussion

Dept. of NH: Commandant Dumont informed Detachment 394 that the Department Officer's voted to grant each department in NH a donation of \$1,500.00 to be used exclusively to defray the costs of the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. The Commandant recommended that the Detachment allocate an additional \$1,000.00 to the celebration so that all dinners ordered, off the menu, by attending members and guests will be paid out of

the joint department and detachment funds. The reasoning expressed by the Commandant to support his suggestion was that “Members of Detachment 394 have contributed a great deal this year to sustain the health and prosperity of the Detachment; the Detachment can reciprocate and provide sustenance to its Marines on its birthday. Alcoholic beverages will be purchased at the individual’s expense.

Old Business:

Detachment 394 members finalized plans for conducting its annual picnic on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, NH. Approximately 60 guests affirmed.

New Business:

JPC Niver, Chairman, Nomination Committee announced a Slate of Officers for 2027: Commandant Dick Lak, Senior Vice Commandant Brad Howe, Junior Vice Commandant John Flagler and Judge Advocate Ken Mitchell. All four candidates agreed to serve.

Nominations from the floor will be considered at the September and October meetings. Elections will be held at the conclusion of our October meeting.

Good of the League:

Comments were requested from the floor, but none were offered.

FUTURE DATES:

August 12, 2026 Wednesday Breakfast at the Golden Egg, Portsmouth, NH

September 14, 2026: Next scheduled meeting at 1900, Post 6, Portsmouth, NH