

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 14 Aug 2023 Meeting at 1900:

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Geoff Corson, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Randy McNally and Chaplain (Chap) George Lombardi.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC), Ray Maher, present; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, excused; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were eleven voting members (Blanchette, Corson, Dow, Gahan, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Mitchell and Pomper) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. Of note, there were no Zoom attendees. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 10 Jul Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Gahan and seconded by Marine Blanchette. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were no new members or guests.

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$18,801.40; the savings account balance is \$8,385.34.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine McNally and seconded by Marine Gahan. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.
- Discussion was continued on the benefit of establishing a certain percentage of Detachment funds to go to charitable causes.
 - Armed with a semi-historical model, decisions can be made on a sustainable budget.
 - Cmdt recommended budget discussions and planning be done in conjunction with the annual audit.
- Further discussion on distribution of Charitable Gaming commission funds appear in the Donations and Gifts paragraph later in the minutes.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine John Flagler's surgery recovery was updated.
- Son of former member MSgt George Doore, USMC (Ret) diagnosis of cancer was discussed.
 - Chap Lombardi will reach out to him and find out how's he doing.
- The death of JPC Niver's brother was announced and all members were encouraged to send their condolences.
- All other reports are in the Agenda and no new other updates were provided at the meeting.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- JA Dick Lak briefed that the fifth applicant for a scholarship, William Nowak, a MCJROTC Winnacunnet cadet/graduate completed all requirements for a scholarship application.
 - Missing letter of acceptance was provided.

- Members voted on whether or not to allow a waiver on timeliness and academic standards.
 - Vote was held and a majority (vote was not unanimous) agreed to award the scholarship.
- JVC Maher suggested more engagement with Winnacunnet Guidance office to generate more interest in Seacoast Det's scholarship among eligible students.
 - All concurred that this was a good idea and that we need to follow up on it.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- As listed in the Agenda.
- Marine Mitchell again conducted the Zoom portion of the meeting and has given the Detachment access to a UNH account for future use.
- Cmdt announced Detachment Zoom account has been cancelled per Board of Trustees (BOT) vote held on 26 July.
 - Zoom coverage will continue using an alternate account that is not chargeable to the Detachment.

Membership:

- As listed in the Agenda.

Correspondence:

- Two thank you notes from scholarship recipients, Mary Lombardi (daughter of Chap Lombardi) and Katelyn Russell (granddaughter of JVC Ray Maher) were read by the Commandant to members who were present.
- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Scouting:

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.
- All else is as listed in the Agenda.

Public Information:

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Donations and Gifts:

- Cmdt proposed donations, to Easter Seals NH Vet campus, Liberty House for homeless/recovering veterans and Post 6 for hosting our meetings and storing our equipment.
 - Discussion included the worthiness of these organizations and whether or not to award Charitable Gaming Commission proceeds.
 - Points were made about the merits of all organizations to receive these awards and whether or not it was appropriate to provide donations from the Lottery proceeds which are restricted to NH citizens/causes.
 - All points were considered prior to a vote.
 - A vote was taken and the results were unanimous to award \$500.00 to each organization utilizing the proceeds from the NH Charitable Gaming Commission.
 - Cmdt will prepare forwarding letter to 2 recipients of donations (Easter Seals NH and Liberty House).
 - SVC Howe will present the donation to Post 6 in person.
- JVC Maher mentioned that perhaps the Maine Home for Veterans is also worthy of a donation since our membership includes both Maine and NH residents.
 - All present concurred that this would be a worthy cause, but more research was needed.
 - Point was made that the NH Charitable Gaming Commission proceeds cannot be used for this particular donation but that the Detachment can certainly afford a donation from other donated funds received.
 - Cmdt indicated that he will research Maine Home for veterans and brief it to the membership at the next Detachment meeting.
- Paymaster provided a full report on NH Charitable Gaming Commission proceeds and expenses to date and donations made from those proceeds as follows:
 - June 2023 Check received (\$5,880.65) from NH Charitable Gaming Commission.
 - June 2023 \$625.00 paid for gaming facility rent.
 - July 2023 \$500.00 donation paid to NH Vets Home Resident Benefit Fund.
 - July 2023 \$1,200.00 donation paid to 2 NH resident scholarship applicants.
 - Aug 2023 Check received (\$5,198.46) from NH Charitable Gaming Commission.
 - August 2023 \$625.00 paid for gaming facility rent.
 - Balance (as of 14 Aug 2023): \$8129.11 (does not reflect the 14 Aug voted on donations).
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Awards:

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Honors:

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Pease Greeters:

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):

- As appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

MODD #349:

- There will be Growls before the August, September and October meetings starting at 1800.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cmdt again emphasized replacement/supernumerary for current Detachment Paymaster.
 - Personnel authorized to access our accounts are down to just the Paymaster with two other members listed who are currently not active in Detachment activities.
 - More volunteers are needed soonest.

NEW BUSINESS:

- SVC provided a picnic update for PNSY Jamaica Island scheduled for 19 Aug.
- Nomination committee for elected officers slate has not met yet and does not have any nominations for next year's slate of officers.
- Cmdt solicited nominees from the floor.
 - Marine Dick Lak nominated Marine Ray Maher to continue to be JVC.
 - Marine Maher agreed to accept the nomination.
 - Marine Ray Maher nominated Marine Dick Lak to continue to be JA.
 - Marine Lak agreed to accept the nomination.
 - There were no other nominees from the floor.
 - Nominations will continue at the September and October meeting culminating with a vote at the end of the October meeting as the last order of business per Article IV of the Det Bylaws.

Good of the League:

- A short Sea Story was shared by Chap Lombardi.

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for **Tuesday** 12 Sep 2023 @ 1900 due to firing detail in support of GWOT memorial rededication scheduled for 11 Sep.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Mainely Local Yolks (<https://www.facebook.com/mainelylocalyolks/>) 43 Route 236, Berwick, ME.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 suspended until further notice. <https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- "Together We Served luncheon" <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 13 Sep 2023. All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrenes 1130 on the second Wednesday of each month. Regular meetings are held and all safety protocols are adhered to.

- 19 Aug (Saturday) Det picnic Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) Jamaica Island (<https://www.navymwrportsmouthshipyard.com/programs/1879e1c6-241c-4605-a2cb-0972767ff62e>)
 - Coordinator/Committee Chair SVC Brad Howe.
 - JA has volunteered to help.
 - JPC is unable to attend.
- 7-10 Sep, Healing Wall visit to Sanford, ME (<https://thewallthathealssanfordme.org/>).
 - Marine John Flagler will be the keynote speaker at 1400 on the 7th.
 - The location is Route 109, S. Sanford, ME, across from Walmart.
- 11 Sep (Monday) 911 memorial rededication ceremony (firing detail, Hampton, Post 35).
 - Firing Detail NCOIC SVC Brad Howe: (iwojima21945@yahoo.com).
 - Post 35 will provide chairs for the firing detail while the honorees are listed.
- 23 Sep (Saturday) Seacoast Veterans Conference (<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>).
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
- 23 Sep (Saturday) Run for the Fallen, Waterville Valley (<https://www.runforthefallennh.com/>).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 7 Oct (Saturday) Apple Harvest Day, Dover (<https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>).
 - Application for booth received and approved by Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
 - Need volunteers to man the booth.
- 10 Nov (Friday) MC Birthday/75th Anniversary celebration (Location TBD).
 - Need coordinator/committee chair.
 - JPC has volunteered to be co-chair.
- 11 Nov (Saturday) Veterans Day (firing detail(s) John Paul Jones Park/Kittery Estates/Goodwin Park).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC(s) and shooters.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Howe, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2100. The raffle (\$18.00) was won by Chap George Lombardi who donated it back to the Detachment.



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<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/>
Marine Corps League (MCL)
<https://www.mclnational.org/>
PO Box 690, Kittery ME 03904-0690

Monday 14 Aug 2023 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Portsmouth American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth

Uniform of the Day: Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Short Sleeve) or MCL Cover.

1900 Opening Ceremony: Commandant (Cmdt) Corson; Chaplain (Chap) Lombardi, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) McNally, "Marines' Hymn."

Officer Roll Call by SAA: Cmdt. ____; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC) ____; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) ____; Judge Advocate (JA) ____; Junior Past Commandant (JPC) ____; Adjutant (Adj) Vacant; Chaplain (Chap) ____; Paymaster __ Web Sergeant Vacant; Quorum ____
____ Members ____ Guests ____

Minutes: Motion to accept the 10 Jul 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 George Dow (george1845816@comcast.net)):

- Savings/Scholarship: \$ _____ Checking: \$ _____
 - Motion ____ Second ____ Vote ____

Chaplain Report (Chap George Lombardi (geo-usmc@comcast.net)):

- Carl Doore (son of MSgt Doore, USMC (Ret) who donated Guadalcanal flag) cancer diagnosis.
- Update on members in sickbay or in need of pastoral support.
- **Passing of JPC Bob Niver's brother.**
- **Update on Marine John Flagler's cancer treatment.**

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee (JA Dick Lak (Dick_lak@comcast.net)):

- Remedial consideration for Scholarship applicant and MCJROTC cadet William Nowak.
- Update on Scholarship activity.

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown (edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org)):

- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=874828147300041&set=pcb.874828577299998>

Communications/Website and Social Media (Vacant):

- Replacement Web Sergeant needed.
 - Those interested please notify Cmdt, SVC or JVC.
- Detachment has two facebook pages.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastMarines> (old one, has significant historical content).
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcl394/media> (new one, has more recent content).
 - Detachment members are encouraged to update content.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
 - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>

Membership (Marine Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com) and Ray Maher (maher-nh@comcast.net)):

- **Bob has been in contact with Mainely Printing to get business cards for the four members needing them.**
 - **He hopes to get them soon.**
- **Please keep looking for potential associate members to bolster our ranks.**

Correspondence (Cmdt Corson (Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com)):

- Thank You letter from NH Vets Home for donation (sent separately).

Scouting (Cmdt Corson (Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com)):

- Nothing significant to report. .

Public Information Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com).

- Update on PIO activities.
- **Detachment Zoom account has been cancelled per BOT vote held on 26 July.**
 - **Utilization rate averages 2.39 per meeting over a 21 month period**
 - **Zoom coverage will continue using an alternate account that is not chargeable to the Detachment.**
- Zoom coordinator/videographer Marine 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

International numbers available: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/99044545492>

Marine for Life (Cmdt Corson (Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com)):

- M4L Northeast on LinkedIn @: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145719/>

Donations and Gifts (Paymaster George Dow):

- Detachment received second Lottery proceeds for \$5,198.46.
 - Addition brought Lottery proceeds balance to \$8,754.11.
 - From new balance, \$625.00 paid back to Lottery Commission for rental of gaming facilities.
 - New balance from Lottery proceeds stands at: \$8,129.11.
 - Paymaster will provide full report of disposition of proceeds and donations made so far.
- Recommendation for other NH charitable organizations (Cmdt Corson).
 - Data sheets on other NH charitable organizations sent separately.
 - Websites:
 - <https://libertyhousenh.org/who-we-are/>
 - <https://www.easterseals.com/nh/our-programs/military-veterans-campus>
- **Recommend also using these funds to supplement the activities of American Legion Post 6 who allow their building for our uses.**
 - **American Legion Post 6 is a Veterans organization in NH.**
 - **They sponsor many public events that benefit NH Veterans (i.e. luncheon on Veterans Day) and their surrounding NH community (they sponsor a little league baseball team).**
- Discussion on establishing a budget for Charitable organizations from Detachment assets (Marine Gary Gahan).
 - Pie charts on disposition of historical revenue vs expenses distributed separately.

Awards (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Members input solicited.

Honors (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Update on status of ceremonial firearms (Chaplain George Lombardi).
- More firing detail volunteers needed.

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- Individuals (not groups) can now greet flights per new instructions that were sent separately and are restated below.
 - Upon arrival at the airport, Greeters must sign in on the Greeter Log. The Log will be maintained in the coffee area.
 - Please wear your Greeter name tags.
 - 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 Distancing during interaction with the troops.
 - Try to stay outside as much as possible.
 - Greeter gear: 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: hats, scarves, coins.
 - No solicitation of any items from the troops, such as: pins, coins or patches.
- Please Greeters has resumed sending flight alerts.
 - There is a significant increase in flights due to ongoing troop movements triggered by European turmoil.

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- Honors and Scout Chairs still needed.
 - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- Department next Quarterly, Sunday September 24th at 1100 in Concord, NH.
- PLM Roster review.
 - Due date 31 Dec 2023.
- **Quad State 2024 (19-21 April 2024).**
 - **Email with attachment sent separately.**
 - **Teams needed.**

MODD #349 (Pound Keeper Brad Howe):

- Pound meeting at 1800, Aug, Sep, Oct.
- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Picnic update (SVC Brad Howe/Cmdt Corson).
 - **Need 50/50 raffle coordinator.**
- Need volunteer alternates (supernumeraries) Bill Payers authorized to access the Detachment's accounts and write checks.
 - Goal is to have one primary and three alternates.
 - Needed for when the Paymaster is out of town/out of pocket.
 - Will train to be replacement/substitute Paymaster.
- Dues for non-Life members are due 31 Aug 2023.
 - Get them into the Paymaster.
- Input from membership requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- First call for 2024 Elected Officer Positions (Cmdt Corson/JPC Bob Niver).
 - **Review Article IV of Detachment Bylaws (sent separately).**
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Sea Story time?

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: Monday, 11 Sep 2023 is the same night as the GWOT memorial rededication. A decision is needed on rescheduling our monthly meeting to another day/night in order to be able to honor our annual firing detail commitment to Post 35.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**
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- “**Together We Served** luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH
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 - **Bob Niver and Ray Maher have agreed to be co-chairs for the 75th anniversary ceremony and ask for 3-4 members to serve on the committee.**
 - **Please contact Bob or Ray to sign up by August 31.**
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