

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Meeting at 1900 (Virtual):

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Rich Pettengill and Chaplain (Chap) Morin.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Geoff Corson, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Brad Howe, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) Dave Winters, present ; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) remains vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant Tara Sue Myers, absent; SAA, Randy McNally, absent; Chap Roland Morin, present. There were eight voting members (Corson, Dow, Howe, Lak, Morin, Niver, Pettengill, Winters) and no guests. The meeting was conducted entirely over Zoom and there was not a quorum.

Minutes: The Minutes from the 15 November, 13 December and 10 January Detachment meetings were not voted on since there was no quorum. These meeting minutes will be voted on at a future date.

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

Paymaster Report: The checking account balance is \$12,311.48; the savings account balance is \$8,477.97. The Paymaster will deposit an additional \$60.00 the week of 14 February. There was no motion to accept the Paymaster's report since there was not a quorum.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine Bruce "Spider" Soiett is on the sick list with a diagnosis of high mercury levels in his bloodstream.
- Marine George Lombardi is still on the sick list recovering from a bad cold.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- The final version of the 2022 scholarship Application was sent to the Web Sergeant for posting.

MCJROTC: No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- No report was submitted.
- The site now has a members only link, but a shared password needs to be passed to all members.

Membership:

- Former Corpsman Chris Sawyer and his wife have submitted a request to join the Detachment.
 - He said he wanted to be sworn-in at an in-person meeting.
 - He has submitted all paperwork and dues and is qualified to join.
 - His wife would like to join as an Associate.

Correspondence: Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- The two Eagle Scout ceremonies in January 2022 were presided over by Marines Geoff Corson and Jim Covatis.
- There are no new ceremonies scheduled at this time.

Public Information:

- Nothing significant to report.

Marine for Life:

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts:

- Paymaster briefed that the Cmdt's appeal earned the Detachment 2,775.00.
 - \$1,400.00 came from businesses.
 - \$1,375.00 came from members.

Awards:

- Comdt would still like to present (in person) a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Greg Comeau for his recent donation to the Detachment of \$1,000.00.
 - All agreed that this was a good idea.
 - Comdt will attempt to contact either Mr. Greg Comeau or Forrest Hardardt to coordinate an in person presentation.

Honors: As listed in Agenda.

Pease Greeters:

- The SVC continues to pursue contact information for the family members who "loaned" the Guadalcanal Flag to the Detachment.
 - The SVC contacted Pease Greeter rep Sandra McDonough and clarified with her the stewardship of the flag.
 - She agreed that the flag was only on loan to the Pease Greeters, and, if at some future date the Detachment or family members wants the flag back, it will not be an issue with the Pease Greeters.

Dept of NH: As listed in Agenda.

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- Nothing significant to report.

Old Business:

- Still no resolution on replacement ceremonial firearms custodian.
 - Suggestions include querying local firearms ranges to see if they have room in their armories and whether we can access them when needed.
 - Search for new custodian remains ongoing and must be resolved before June 2022.
- Marines Dick Lak and Dave Winters performed the annual audit with Paymaster Dow on 7 February.
 - The audit did not discover any major concerns.
 - Marine Dick Lak complimented Marine George Dow on his record keeping of the Detachment finances.
 - A written report will be forthcoming.

New Business:

- The consensus was to provide money to Marine Robert Skinner who lost everything in a house fire.
 - The agreed on amount was \$500.00.
 - The Paymaster will arrange a donation through the Holy Rosary Credit Union in Rochester.
- JVC Dave Winters recommended that a Storage Committee be created to account for the Detachment's physical assets.

- Marine Rich Pettengill brought up Market Square Day for 2022.
 - There needs to be a committee assigned to work on Market Square Day 2022.
- The Detachment will resume in person meetings on 14 March and resume weekly breakfasts on Tuesday, 22 February at the Sunrise Grill in Kittery.

Good of the League:

- Reimbursement for Zoom equipment was taken up by the Board of Trustees and a MOU was prepared that governs its use.
 - The Paymaster will reimburse Marine Rich Pettengill for the purchase of the equipment.
 - Rich will be the steward of this equipment until such time as he turns over his duties as Public Information Officer.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 14 Mar 2022 @ 1900.
 - We will return to an in-person/hybrid meeting venue.
 - Face masks will not be required unless a member is not vaccinated.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 will shift to Tuesdays @ 0900 and the Sunrise Grill In Kittery is the new breakfast location (<http://www.sunrisegrillinc.com/>).
 - The first get together will be Tuesday, 22 February.
- 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 Chapter will be continuing at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 9 March 2022. All Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Chaplains and Spouses are Welcome "Membership is Free." Time for the Gathering of Gyrene's 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
- Seacoast Veteran’s Conference 2022 Service Credit Union Not Scheduled:
(<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>)

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, Acting SAA Rich Pettengill and Chap Roland Morin conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. There was no raffle since this meeting was conducted entirely by Zoom.



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Monday February 14th, 2022 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Meeting conducted in Quarters via Zoom

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

1900 Opening Ceremony: Commandant (Cmdt) Corson; Chaplain (Chap) Morin, 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 ___ Quorum ___
___ Members ___ Guests ___

Minutes: Motion to accept the 15 Nov 2021, 13 Dec 2021 and 10 Jan 2022 minutes. Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___

New members and guests:

- Swearing in of new member Chris Sawyer if present.
 - If all documents (i.e. DD 214) and dues have been paid and reviewed by the Paymaster and approved by the Commandant, new members can be sworn in over Zoom.

Paymasters Report (Marine George Dow (george1845816@comcast.net)):

- Savings/Scholarship: \$ _____ Checking: \$ _____
- Motion ___ Second ___ Vote ___
- Yearly IRS reporting requirement for 501(c)(3)?
- \$225.00 Emergency Payment authorization to Public Information Officer (receipt sent separately) for Zoom equipment.

Chaplain Report (Marine Roland Morin (mounted90@comcast.net)):

- Marines in Sickbay.

Committee Reports:

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

- 2022 Final version of Scholarship application needs to be published on the website.

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

- Update on MCJROTC Winnacunnet activities.

Communications/Website and Social Media (Honorary Marine Tara Sue Myers (tara.sue@gmail.com)):

- Update on status of website and activities.
- Password for members only portion of website?

Membership (Marine Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com)):

- Update on membership applications.

Correspondence

- Nothing significant to report.

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

- Cndt Corson presided at Eagle Scout COH Saturday 15 Jan 2022 for Scout Liam Belluche at Liam's home in North Hampton.
 - Of note, Liam is a member of the Winnacunnet JROTC.
- Marine Jim Covatis presided at Eagle Scout COH Tuesday, 18 January 2022 for Scout Matthew Steer at American Legion Post 61, Milton, NH.

Public Information (Rich Pettengill (Richard@ccbgroup.org)).

- 2023 is 75th anniversary of the Detachment, should we start planning a celebratory event? (Marine Richard Pettengill)

Marine for Life (Dave Winters (dpwintersnh@gmail.com)).

- Update

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Results of Commandant's and Vendors donation appeal.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Certificate of Appreciation prepared for Mr. Greg Comeau, owner of Am Tech LLC and donor of \$1000.00 to the Detachment.
 - Can we arrange for a "public" presentation ceremony? (Marines Ray Maher/Rich Pettengill).

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Honors for former Detachment member Dan Hildreth will be during 2022 at a date yet to be determined (Marine Roland Morin).

Pease Greeters <https://peasegreeters.org/>

- 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.
 - Masks MUST be worn at all times while at the airport.
 - Please... no hugs or shaking hands. 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. This includes food and any personal items: hats, scarves, coins, even stars.
 - No solicitation of any items from the troops, such as: pins, coins or patches.
- Pease Greeters has resumed sending flight alerts.
- Background on WW II Guadalcanal Flag at Pease terminal (Marine Geoff Corson).
 - Marine Brad Howe in researching history and contacted Pease Greeter Sandra McDonough who indicated the flag is still hanging in the terminal but the plaques was taken down due to recent construction.
 - The intent for the plaque is to place it in a display case near to where the flag is currently hanging.
 - Contact info is needed for the family who donated the flag so that they can be made aware of its current status and that they concur with the Pease Greeters' plan.

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL) <http://nhmarines.org/>: <https://www.facebook.com/MCLNHMARINES/>

- Department next quarterly meeting March 2022 (day and time TBD) at Dillon Detachment.
- 2022 Quad State Convention (22-24 April) hosted by the Department of Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI.
 - Details sent separately.
 - More info at: <https://rimcl.org/>.

MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):

- Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Replacement needed for Ceremonial Weapons Custodian (Marine Roland Morin).
- Disposition of old Detachment Display Case (Marine Randy McNally).
- Reaching out to the “unreachable” and phone tree ideas (Marines Geoff Corson, Rich Pettengill, Dave Winters).
- Annual financial audit required for record purposes (Marine Dick Lak).
 - Commandant has appointed the following auditors: Marines Dick Lak (Chair), Ray Maher and Dave Winters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donation for Rochester Marine Robert Skinner who lost everything in a house fire to include his two pets (see news reports sent separately).
- Appointed Officer billet of Adjutant and Chaplain swearing in. (Marine Geoff Corson).
 - Vote on allowing Adjutant select to perform additional officer duties.
 - Bylaws state Adjutant is not supposed to perform any other duties.
- Recruiting campaign plan (Marine Dave Winters, Bob Niver).
 - Engagement with Northeast Region Recruiting command (Marine Dave Winters).
- Decision on resumption of monthly in-person meetings and Wednesday morning breakfasts.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update.

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: 14 Mar 2022 @ 1900 or TBD.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 are suspended due to current rampant COVID infection rate.
 - Should we resume breakfasts on 16 February?
 - If so, where?
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**
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 - This meeting may be subject to change based on current COVID infection rate.
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