

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 13 Feb 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, excused; Judge Advocate (JA), Dick Lak, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were nine voting members (Corson, Dow, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, McNally, Mitchell, Niver, Soiett); and one guest (John FlaglerI) who is seeking a transfer from the Department of Maine. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 9 January Minutes from the meeting was made by Marine Lak seconded by Marine Dow. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were no new members and one guest, John Flagler (prospective member).

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance is \$11,204.15; the savings account balance is \$9,506.03.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marine Lombardi and seconded by Marine Soiett. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

Chaplain Report:

- As listed in the Agenda.
- Marine Pettengill is still recovering from a broken arm and attending physical therapy.
- Marine Niver is recovering from troublesome knee pain and on meds for a blood clot.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- The 2023 scholarship application has been distributed electronically and the online interactive form has been updated.
 - The PDF version of the application still needs to be posted to the website.
 - Cmdt and Marine Clark are working on it.
- The 2023 application indicates that the starting amount for the scholarship is \$500.00.
 - Scholarship Committee chair indicated that this amount could go up based on available funds and number of applicants at the time of awarding the scholarship.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- As listed in the Agenda.
- Cmdt indicated that the website has been updated recently with pictures of elected officers and deletion of old content.
 - Pictures of appointed officers still needed.
 - Member input is solicited on preferred Facebook page (old vs new).
 - Instagram account has seen little use.
- A replacement Web Sergeant is needed as the website has suffered significant neglect.

Membership:

- Marine Niver indicated that Detachment Business cards for those who requested them should be available by the next meeting.
- Marine Niver briefed that 75th anniversary planning is ongoing.
 - One proposed location is Warren's in Kittery, but due to staffing shortages, they're only offering a luncheon option.
 - The proposed date for this option is 20-21 July, both weekdays.
 - Decision from membership is needed on how to proceed (i.e. go with Warren's option, pursue another option/date, etc.).

Correspondence:

- Nothing significant to report.

Scouting:

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.

Public Information:

- No report was provided.
- A replacement Zoom operator is needed.

Marine for Life:

- Cmdt indicated Marine Hobert is very active on Linked In with updates to M4L activities and opportunities in the Northern New England area.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Cmdt indicated that application for charitable gaming proceeds has been submitted and is awaiting approval by the State Lottery Commission.

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt indicated all thank you letters for 2022 contributions completed and mailed.
- Marine Niver recommended a special thank you to Mainely Printing for all the work they do for the Detachment without charge.
 - Marine Niver also recommended a monetary stipend be sent along with a Detachment certificate of appreciation.
 - Cmdt agreed, no dissenting comments were made by members present.
 - BOT will take this up with a recommendation for remuneration amount to Mainely Printing.

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt indicated a new request for firing detail for Lady of the Sea memorial rededication at Hampton Beach on 3 Jun 2023.
 - All agreed that this was a good opportunity to showcase the Detachment's commitment to honoring NH Veterans, especially those lost at sea.

- Preliminary plan is to participate in support of Post 35, American Legion.

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

- Cmdt encouraged participation to include getting on the distro list for incoming flights.

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

- As appears in the Agenda.
- Detachment needs to decide whether or not to advertise in Quad-State event book.
 - Decision needed at March Det meeting.
 - Costs are in the Agenda.
 - If the Det decides to advertise, an advertisement needs to be designed and submitted along with the payment.

MODD #349 (Marine Brad Howe):

- There may be a Pound meeting in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cmdt indicated all paperwork submitted for replacement rifles.
 - Next step is for TACOM to approve and ship.
 - SVC Howe indicated he has heard nothing about shipment date from TACOM.
 - Det will follow up with TACOM.
- All other old business appears in the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marine Flagler is working to obtain a transfer from the Dept of Maine to Dept of NH, Seacoast Det.
 - He'll be at next meeting of his old Det to get old Det Cmdt signature.

Good of the League:

- Cmdt indicated that application for charitable donations from NH Lottery has been submitted.
- Marine Flagler thanked Seacoast Det participants (Marine Gary Elmer with his wife and Marine Brad Howe) in Dept of Maine 2022 Toys for Tots and help with Wreaths Across America.

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 13 Mar 2023 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Grill 28 (<https://www.peasegolf.com/grill28/>) in Portsmouth, NH.
- 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 continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 8 Mar 2023. 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 of each month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, Acting SVC Soiett, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2000. The raffle (\$10.00) was won by Marine Lombardi who donated it back to the Detachment.



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Monday 13 Feb 2023 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Portsmouth American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth

Uniform of the Day: Seasonal Uniform (Undress Uniform – Long 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 9 January minutes (sent separately). Motion ____ Second ____ Vote ____

New members and guests:

- Former Honorary member Tara Sue has applied for Associate membership.
 - MCL National acceptance pending.
 - Tara Sue now lives in Missouri.
- Swearing in of new members if present.
- Welcome guests who are considering membership.

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

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

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

- Lifetime Marine and longtime Seacoast Member (since 2007) Ed Vitagliano passed away on 23 Jan 2023 in Florida.
 - Marines Roland Morin and Brad Howe attended Ed's wake.
 - Death was reported to DNHMCL.
 - Sympathy card sent to Next of Kin.
- Marines in Sickbay updates.
 - Bob Niver
 - Rich Pettengill

Committee Reports:

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

- 2023 Scholarship form sent out via email.
 - Online form is also up to date.
 - Link to PDF form on website is still not operational, but corrective action is ongoing.

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

- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.

Communications/Website and Social Media (Vacant):

- Replacement Web Sergeant needed.
 - Those interested please notify Cmdt, SVC or JVC.
- Detachment has two facebook pages, one needs to be deactivated (Marine Orion Schaaff).



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- <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 member input solicited.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
 - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>
- Venmo (<https://venmo.com/>) brief (pros and cons) (Marine Orion Schaaff).
- 2023 Detachment Elected Officer Pictures updated.
 - Need pictures of appointed officers for website.

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

- Updates on recruiting efforts.
- Updates on 75th Anniversary planning.

Correspondence

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- Update on PIO activities.
- New Zoom coordinator/videographer needed.
 - Transfer of Detachment Zoom account from Marine Pettengill pending.

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

- Update on M4L activities.

Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):

- Lottery Commission application update (Marine Geoff Corson/Gary Gahan).

Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Thank you letters for all donators (Marine Geoff Corson).

Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Members input solicited, no known honors request pending.

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.
 - 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.



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- No solicitation of any items from the troops, such as: pins, coins or patches.
- Pease Greeters has resumed sending flight alerts.
 - There is a significant increase in flights due to ongoing troop movements triggered by European turmoil.

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

- DNMCL soliciting volunteer for Department Paymaster, Honors and Scout Chair (passed separately and urgent).
 - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- DNHMCL BOT Zoom 18 Feb 2023, 1400 – 1600.
 - Commandant or designated representative will attend.
- DNHMCL Quarterly meeting in March (date is TBD).
 - Seacoast Det is scheduled to host.
 - Quarterly meetings are usually on Sundays.
- Department of Vermont hosting Quad-State from 28-30 Apr 2023 in Colchester, VT (details sent separately).
 - Interested Marines need to register/pay prior to 28 Mar 2023.
 - If interested in attending, please notify Cmdt Corson.
 - DNHMCL will provide rifles for firing detail in conjunction with Quad-State.
 - Shooters needed, let Cmdt Corson know if interested.
 - Dept of VT has requested Advertisement input for their Quad-State event book.
 - PRICE LIST
FULL PAGE COLOR \$150.00 ____ B/W \$100.00 ____
HALF PAGE COLOR \$125.00 ____ B/W \$75.00 ____
B/W only
QUARTER PAGE \$50.00 ____
BUSINESS CARD \$25.00 ____
NAME ONLY \$5.00 ____
- If Detachment interested, they need to apply (with payment and ad design) NLT 28 Mar 2023.

MODD #349 (Marine Brad Howe):

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cmdt Corson emailed Pease Greeters on inspection of Guadalcanal flag in order to authenticate for National Museum of the Marine Corps.
 - Cmdt visited flag display.
 - Cmdt has been in contact with NOK of George Doore on disposition of flag.
 - Pease Greeters/Airport authority are aware of family interest in flag disposition.
 - Decision from family members pending.
- Request for replacement ceremonial firearms sent to MCL National for authorization.
 - Response to request is pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Member input solicited.

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