

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Meeting at 1900 (Virtual):

1900 Opening Ceremony: After some initial Zoom connectivity issues the Opening Ceremony (delayed by 30 minutes) was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Corson, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Brad Howe and Chaplain (Chap) Morin.

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

Minutes: The Minutes from the 15 November and 13 December 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 \$12,251.68; the savings account balance is \$8,252.82. The Paymaster will deposit an additional \$125.00 the week of the 10th of January. There was no motion to accept the Paymaster's report since there was not a quorum.

Chaplain Report:

- The Cmdt noted the death of former longtime member Marine Jim Covatis' son and encouraged members to console Jim and consider donations to the College fund for Jim's grandchildren.
 - The Cmdt indicated that he would follow up with the Department Commandant to see if anything is in the works to donate.
- Marine George Lombardi is on the sick list with a bad cold.
 - Marine George Dow is also on the sick list with a painful knee.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- The 2022 Scholarship application was sent to the Committee for edits.
- The Committee approved the latest version which was subsequently sent to the Web Sergeant for posting.

MCJROTC: No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- Committee Chair (Tara Sue Myers) suggested the website include a link to the minutes of each meeting and possibly a memorial item of interest for those Detachment members who have passed away.
 - All agreed that these were good ideas, but, since there may be Personal Identifiable Information (PII) in some of these posts, there should be a password protected gateway.
- Committee Chair also recommended placing a "Local Patriots" nomination form where members can nominate a local patriot for recognition by the Marine Corps League.
 - All agreed that this was a great idea.
 - The Comdt asked the Committee Chair to send a draft of such a nomination form for approval.
- Marine Rich Pettengill also suggested a Detachment reading list with the opportunity to do book swaps in conjunction with Detachment meetings.
 - All agreed that this is a good idea, to include possibly arranging for book discussion groups and a link somewhere on the website to the Marine Corps Commandant's most current reading list.

Membership: Nothing significant to report.

Correspondence:

- Cmdt drew attention to TAPS thank you letter (sent separately) for a \$140.00 donation.
 - Ccmdt indicated that the entire amount was collected single-handedly by Marine Dave Winters at a fund-raising event he put together.

Scouting:

- There are two ceremonies in January 2022, one in North Hampton and one in Milton.
 - One ceremony (N. Hampton) will be presided over by the Ccmdt.
 - Marine Jim Covatis volunteered to preside over the Milton ceremony.

Public Information:

- Marine Rich Pettengill again emphasized the idea of posting a shared reading list on the website.

Marine for Life:

- Nothing significant to report.

Donations and Gifts:

- Paymaster was not present to provide a report.
 - The results of the Ccmdt's appeal have yet to be briefed.

Awards:

- Comdt suggested 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 agreed to contact Marines Ray Maher and former member Forrest Hardardt to coordinate an in person presentation.

Honors: As listed in Agenda.

Pease Greeters:

- Results of renewed effort to find out more about the Guadalcanal flag "loaned" to Pease Greeters were briefed by Ccmdt Corson and SVC Howe.
 - Currently the flag is no longer on display as the Terminal is being renovated.
 - SVC will follow up with Pease Greeter rep Sandra McDonough and back brief the Detachment. to ensure the donating family is aware and concurs with the current disposition.

Dept of NH: As listed in Agenda.

MODD #349:

- Pound Keeper Cannon briefed the next meeting of the "Together We Served" luncheon on 12 January.
 - He cautioned that further meetings will be determined based on attendance and Virus safety concerns.

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.
- Comdt recommended Marines Dick Lak, Ray Maher and Rich Pettengill for the annual audit.
 - There were no objections, but it was pointed out that the Paymaster is crucial to conducting a successful audit and that he is currently not able to participate due to medical issues.
 - The Audit Committee was reminded that the Audit is to take place during the first quarter of the calendar year per Detachment Bylaws.

New Business:

- The Agenda items were not covered due to low Detachment participation and absenteeism of the JVC.
-

Good of the League:

- The JPC wanted to know the current breakout of business donations resulting from the Cmdt's appeal.
 - Cmdt will provide this separately.
- Reimbursement for Zoom equipment will be taken up by the Board of Trustees pending the drawing up of a written agreement between all parties (i.e. Public Information Officer, Trustees and Cmdt) and full compliance with Detachment and League Bylaws.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 14 Feb 2022 @ 1900.
 - The date may change based on this day being Valentine's Day and the likelihood that many members will have other plans for the evening.
 - Based on the current severity of the latest COVID outbreak, this meeting will be conducted entirely by Zoom.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 will be discontinued until such time as the current COVID surge subsides.
- 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/>). 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 2000. There was no raffle since this meeting was conducted entirely by Zoom.



Seacoast Detachment #394
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/>
Marine Corps League (MCL)
<https://www.mclnational.org/>
PO Box 690, Kittery ME 03904-0690

Monday January 10th, 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 and 13 December 2021 minutes. Motion ____ Second ____ Vote____

New members and guests:

- Swearing in of new members.
 - 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)):

- Death of Marine Jim Covatis' son
- Marines in Sickbay.

Committee Reports:

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

- 2022 draft Scholarship form sent to Scholarship Committee for review.
 - Scholarship chair and one member of committee agree with the draft.
 - Final version 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.

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

- Update on membership applications.

Correspondence

- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Thank You letter dated 12 Oct 2021 (sent separately) (Marine Geoff Corson).

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

- Eagle COH Saturday 15 Jan 2022 at time TBD for Scout Liam Belluche at United Church of Christ, North Hampton (<https://www.uccnorthhampton.org/worship>).
- Eagle COH Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 1800 for Scout Matthew Steer at American Legion Post 61, Milton, NH (<https://www.facebook.com/Post61Milton/>).

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

- Update

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.
 - Should we arrange for a "public" presentation ceremony? (Marine 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 Dennis Lynch provided some information about the donor family.
 - Marine Geoff Corson received response to Request For Information (RFI) email from Pease Greeter Chairman Frank Lasorsa (response sent separately).
 - Marine Brad Howe is researching history further with Pease Greeter contact Sandra McDonough.

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 John Cannon):

- 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 Geoff Corson and Detachment Board of Trustees).
 - Commandant recommends the following auditors: Marines Dick Lak (Chair), Ray Maher and Rich Pettengill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Appointed Officer billet of Adjutant and Chaplain swearing in. (Marine Geoff Corson).
- Recruiting campaign plan (Marine Dave Winters, Bob Niver).
 - Engagement with Northeast Region Recruiting command (Marine Dave Winters).

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Update.

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: 14 Feb 2022 @ 1900 or TBD.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 may be suspended due to current rampant COVID infection rate.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- “**Together We Served** luncheon” <https://www.gyrenes.org/> @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH
<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>. U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine Chapter will have their next monthly meeting on 12 Jan 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 of the month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
 - This meeting may be subject to change based on current COVID infection rate.
- Seacoast Veteran’s Conference 2022 Service Credit Union **Not Scheduled:**
<https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastVeteransConference/>

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt. Corson, SVC Howe, Chap Morin, SAA McNally.