

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 12 Jun 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, present; the Adjutant (Adj) vacant; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, vacant; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were fifteen voting members (Blanchette, Cannon, Clark, Corson, Dow, Flagler, Hobert, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Mitchell, Niver, Pomper) and no guests. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 8 May Minutes from the meeting was made by Cmdt Corson and seconded by SVC Howe. 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 \$10,145.52; the savings account balance is \$9,537.17.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by JPC Niver and seconded by JVC Maher. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

Chaplain Report:

- Marine John Flagler updated all on his cancer treatment.
 - John had his surgical consult on the 12th.
 - His scheduled surgery is 14 June.
 - Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers as he negotiates this possibly life threatening illness.
- SAA Randy McNally updated all on his recovery from recent surgery.
 - Randy is up and about and getting back to being as good as new.
- All other reports are in the Agenda and no new other updates were provided at the meeting.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- JA Dick Lak reported that he had 4 applications and one request for a deadline extension from a MCJROTC student.
 - A vote was taken to grant a waiver to the due date for the late applicant.
 - There was a majority (one member voted "Nay") to accept the late application with the stipulation that it be the very last one accepted.
 - JA Dick Lak will communicate this decision to the Winnacunnet MCJROTC MOI.

MCJROTC:

- As indicated above.
- No other 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.

Membership:

- JPC Niver briefed on the value of a press opportunity in conjunction with Pease Greeters.
 - Bob suggested, if we get enough advance notice, that we form a group of Det members at Pease Tradeport to greet the troops as they deplane for a layover.
 - Cmdt suggested that all hands obtain a Pease Greeter account to monitor flight activity.
 - Website for Pease Greeters is in the Agenda.
- JVC Maher reminded all hands of the Detachment Pizza Night at Rogers Pizza on 14 June and encouraged max participation to include significant others.

Correspondence:

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

Scouting:

- DNHMCL still looking for a Scouting chair.

Public Information:

- PIO Bob Niver is looking for press opportunities and solicited membership to be on the lookout for events/opportunities to show off the Detachment to the interested public and possible recruits.
 - All members need to vector newsworthy Detachment events to Bob with the goal to gain more notoriety and visibility in the local area.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- Marine Matt Hobert briefed on recent M4L activities to include:
 - There are a lot of M4L events/happenings in support of M4L.
 - He congratulated the Detachment on establishing an Instagram account.
 - He indicated that he had recently returned from Annual M4L training in Quantico.
 - Emphasis was made on community outreach leveraging VSO and vets as vectors to getting the word out on the benefits of M4L.
 - MCL COO Bob Borka was at the M4L training and Marine Hobert touted Seacoast Det's efforts to help transitioning Marines.
 - Emphasis was made on strengthening the partnership between MCL and M4L.
- All other items of interest on M4L are listed in the Agenda.

Donations and Gifts:

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

Awards:

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

Honors:

- SVC Howe provided an AAR on the York, ME Memorial Day Firing Detail and the Lady of the Sea Memorial firing Detail held on 29 May and 3 June respectively.
- Cmdt Corson provided an AAR on Honors given to the former crew of HMS MINERVA, current crew of the HMS SCOTT, and Cert of Appreciation to Post 6 for hosting the HMS MINERVA reunion group and HMS SCOTT crew and the Firing Detail for CWO Barnes, USMC (Ret) held on 4 and 5 June respectively.
- Cmdt encouraged all members to keep track of their participation in Honors events in order to qualify for the Ceremonial Guard Ribbon.

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 a Department Growl after the 25 June Department meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- By consensus, Detachment decided not to apply for a booth space for the Thunder over NH Air Show due to cost to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cmdt briefed that there had been 17 responses to the 75th Anniversary Questionnaire.
 - Cmdt is tracking responses and will provide results NLT 1 Jul 2023.
- SVC provided a picnic update indicating that the location has changed to PNSY Jamaica Island vice UNH Pavilion in New Castle.
 - Cmdt indicated that an advanced roster for non DoD card holders must be provided to Base Security and encouraged all members to nail down who they know, or think, will accompany them to the picnic.
- Cmdt emphasized replacement/supernumerary for current Detachment Paymaster.

- Authorized personnel to access our accounts are down to just the Paymaster with two other members listed who are currently not active in Detachment activities.
- More coverage is needed for this area and in establishing a separate account for Charitable Gaming winnings.
- More volunteers are needed soonest.

Good of the League:

- JPC Niver briefed on sponsoring Sailors from submarines currently at PNSY who are in overhaul.
 - Ideas included inviting the Sailors to Det events (i.e. the Det picnic).
- Sea Story time was curtailed since Marine Soiett, who was scheduled to give his Sea Story was absent and in the interest of time.

Future Dates:

- As listed in the Agenda and including the below:
- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 10 July 2023 @ 1900.
- 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 Chapter continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on 14 Jun 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.
 - Emphasis was made to encourage attendance as Marine John Cannon scheduled a VSO from the VFW to come and answer questions about Veteran Benefits.
- Detachment Pizza Night, Rogers Pizza, Dover, NH 14 June 2023.
- Seacoast Det to host DNHMCL Quarterly meeting at Post 6 on 25 June 2023.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Corson, SVC Howe, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2100. The raffle (\$17.00) was won by Cmdt Corson who donated it back to the Detachment.



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Monday 12 Jun 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 (Cmndt) Corson; Chaplain (Chap) Lombardi, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) McNally, "Marines' Hymn."

Officer Roll Call by SAA: Cmndt. ____; 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 8 May 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)):

- Marine Jerry Lafreniere has back and spinal cord surgery scheduled with a significant recovery period limiting his participation in Detachment events.
- Marine Tom McNamara's cancer treatment is going well, but he has suffered some bothersome side-effects from the immuno-therapy treatment limiting his participation in Detachment events.
- Marine John Flagler is scheduled for a surgical consult on 12 Jun and follow up cancer surgery on the 14th.
- Marine Randy McNally update on surgery recovery.
- Update on members in sickbay or in need of pastoral support.

Committee Reports:

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

- 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 Cmndt, 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)):

- Update on membership committee activities (JPC Bob Niver).
- Pizza night June 14th (JVC Ray Maher).
 - See future dates paragraph below for full details.

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

- Detachment received 16 responses to the 75th anniversary questionnaire.
 - Cmdt is keeping track of responses and will provide a full report no later than 1 July.
- Post Commander Josh Denton, VFW Post 168, Portsmouth (<https://vfw168.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>) sent a letter with attached VFW applications and news about their upcoming events.
 - For those interested or who have questions about joining Post 168, contact information follows:
joshuaddenton@hotmail.com; 603-553-1810.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- Update on PIO activities.
- 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):

- Lottery proceeds came to \$5,255.65.
- Donation of \$50.00 received from Marine Tom McNamara.
- Update on donation and gifts.

Awards (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- Cmdt presented MCL certificates to the former crew of HMS MINERVA and current crew of HMS SCOTT.
 - Detachment received a plaque from the former members of HMS MINERVA in appreciation for co-hosting their reunion.
- Cmdt presented MCL Certificate of Appreciation to Post 6 for hosting the HMS MINERVA reunion and HMS SCOTT port visit.
- Members input solicited.

Honors (Cmdt Geoff Corson):

- After Action Report (AAR) for York, ME Memorial Day firing detail held on 29 May 2023 (SVC Brad Howe).
 - Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson, Brad Howe, Dennis Pomper, Rich Pettengill and “Spyder” Soiett.
- AAR for firing detail in honor of rededication of Lady of the Sea Memorial held on 3 June 2023 (SVC Brad Howe).
 - Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson, Brad Howe, Bob Niver, “Chip” O’connor, Rich Pettengill, and Dennis Pomper.
 - Marine Dick Lak assisted with carpooling and brass police call.
- AAR for HMS MINERVA reunion visit (Cmdt Geoff Corson).
 - Participants included Marines Geoff Corson, John Gilligan and Bob Niver.
- AAR for firing detail in honor of CWO Barnes, USMC (Ret) at Boscawen Vet cemetery on 5 June 2023 (Cmdt Geoff Corson).



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- Participants included Marines Jim Ambrose, Geoff Corson, John Gilligan, Mark Lindsley and Bob Niver.
- Other historic/honors requests per future dates paragraph below.

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.
 - 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/>

- Honors and Scout Chairs still needed.
 - Interested applicants need to contact DNHMCL Commandant Cherie Monnell.
- Department next Quarterly, Sunday June 25th at 1100.
 - Seacoast scheduled to host at Post 6.
 - Volunteers are needed to assist in table set up and Zoom broadcasting.
- The DNHMCL BOT has a professional (who works with National) looking all over NH for the best location for the 2024 Quad State. All of our needs will be considered. Sometime within 3 weeks we should have some choices and locations to consider.
- MCL Family BBQ & Axe throwing competition
 - Dillon Det BBQ:
 - **Fun for all ages! BBQ**, outdoor seating, bring a change of clothing for little ones who like to play with bubbles & dirt; Tents will be set up in the event of rain; **Date: 17 June 2023**; **Time:** 1430-1830; **Location:** 31 2ND NH Tpke Hillsborough, NH; coordinates: 43.10275*N, 71.93089*W; **RSVP** for food headcount: TEXT (603)213-8071 EMAIL: MELEYNAGY@ICLOUD.COM
- That time of year again. Building Dreams 4 Marines fundraiser.
 - Please pass this to all. At the Department Quarterly the DNHMCL will be asking for a donation, hopefully, enough to sponsor all the holes.
 - Building Dreams For Marines has been established to assist Veterans who have honorably served our country and are now in need of life-enhancing modifications to their homes to address their mobility issues. Join us as a sponsor or participant at our 10th Annual golf tournament.
 - **When:** Shotgun Start at 0830 Wednesday, August 16th, 2023
 - **Where:** Overlook Country Club 5 Overlook Dr Hollis, NH 03049
 - **Registration:** 7:30am-8:00am
 - **Entry Fee:** \$600 per foursome
 - **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, Hole-in-one Prize
 - **Website:** <https://bdfm.org/>.

- ATTENTION! All Commandants: Please let members know that the life membership is going UP July 1st, 2023. NOW IS THE TIME TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER! Please get the transmittals to Judith by 25 June 2023. May give her paperwork/checks at Quarterly but recommend getting it to her sooner.
- "Lead like a Marine" special book offer for veterans: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agrPkoT4_Ic
 - Co-author email address: jw@leadlikeamarine.com
 - Special offer email address: Book@LeadLikeAMarine.com

MODD #349 (Pound Keeper Brad Howe):

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thunder over NH air show, 9-10 Sep (Cmdt Corson).
 - Recruiting opportunity?
 - Sponsorship fee is expensive.
 - Non-Profit, police dept, college discount for ramp Booth Space 501 C3:

Size	Rate	Staff Passes	Staff Parking
10x10	\$1,500.00	6	2
20x10	\$2,000.00	6	2

- Input from membership requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Questionnaire on 75th Anniversary mailed/delivered (Cmdt Corson).
 - Responses due by 30 June.
- Picnic update (SVC Brad Howe/Marine Ken Mitchell).
 - Options now include PNSY Jamaica Island Kittery in lieu of UNH Pavilion New Castle.
- Tracking ceremonial honors:
 - **Ceremonial Guard Ribbon**
 - **Medal:** None (ribbon only)
 - **Ribbon:** White, blue, red, blue, white
 - **Awarded By:** National/Department/**Detachment** Commandant
 - **Awarded To:** Marine Corps League Members
 - **Recommended By:** Ceremonial Guard Commander
 - **Approval:** National/Department/**Detachment** Commandant
 - **Criteria:** Must participate in 10 events for this award and 10 more events for subsequent awards. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit. This Award is retroactive to 1 January 2010 for all members who have met the qualifications for the Award.
- Need a volunteer alternate (supernumerary) Bill Payer who will be authorized to access the Detachment's accounts and write checks.
 - Needed for when the Paymaster is out of town/out of pocket.
 - Can train to be replacement/substitute Paymaster.
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Brief on sponsoring/hosting crews whose subs are in the yard (JPC Bob Niver).
- Sea Story time (Marine "Spyder" Soiett).

FUTURE DATES:

- Next monthly meeting: Monday, 10 July 2023 @ 1900.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- Rochester Veterans Council Lunch @1130 **suspended until further notice.**
<https://rochesterveteranscouncil.vpweb.com/>
- Wednesday, 14 June, Detachment Pizza Night @ 1800, Rogers Pizza 869 Central Ave, Dover, NH
<https://www.rogerspizza.com/>
 - Parking in rear affords stair free entrance to "Pub" room.
 - Order from menu,
 - Individual checks.



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- Guests welcome
- **"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 14 Jun 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 the month. We will be having our regular meeting and all safety protocols will be adhered to.
 - Special guest speaker Dave Tinkham District 7 commander of the VFW on how to receive VA benefits or increase benefits, even if you haven't ever applied for benefits through the VA. He will give a brief overview of what the VA is doing. He recently helped one of our Marines that was turned down in the past and now receives 50% disability. He will take your name and telephone number and a future date; sit down with you and assist you in getting what you deserve from the VA.
- Host Quarterly meeting of DNHMCL, Sunday, 25 Jun 2023 @ 1100.
 - Need members to help set up/take down meeting site at Post 6.
 - Need Zoom operator.
- Decision Point on 75th Anniversary, 4 July 2023.
- 19 Aug (Saturday) Det picnic/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (will be based on membership consensus) Options include:
 - New Castle Coast Guard Station (<https://marine.unh.edu/research-centers/facilities/judd-gregg-marine-research-complex/pavilion>).
 - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) Jamaica Island (<https://www.navymwrportsmouthshipyard.com/programs/1879e1c6-241c-4605-a2cb-0972767ff62e>)
 - Coordinator/Committee Chair SVC Brad Howe.
 - JA and JPC have volunteered to help.
- 9-10 Sep (Saturday-Sunday) "Thunder over NH" Pease airshow. (<https://thunderovernewhampshire.com/partnership/>),
 - Decision needed on participation.
- 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 (<https://www.runforthefallennh.com/>).
 - Need firing detail NCOIC and shooters.
- 7 Oct (Saturday) Apple Harvest Day <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 (Birthday/possible 75th Anniversary celebration (based on membership consensus) Location TBD).
 - Need coordinator/committee 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, Chap Lombardi, SAA McNally.