

## **Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 10 Nov 2022 Meeting at 1800:**

**1800 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) vacant; 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 Tara Sue Myers, absent; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were twelve voting members (Cormier, Corson, Dow, Gahan, Hobert, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Niver, Soiett); one new member sworn in (Cpl Matayo Grondin, USMCR) and 14 guests. There was a quorum.

### **Minutes:**

- A motion to accept the 17 October Minutes from the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

**New Members and Guests:** The elected officers were sworn in (Cmdt Corson, SVC Howe, JVC Maher, JA Lak) as listed in the Agenda by JPC Bob Niver. One new member (Cpl Matayo Grondin, USMCR) was sworn in by Cmdt Geoff Corson. 14 guests to include the CO, SgtMaj and the Recruiter Instructor of MCRS Boston were also welcomed to the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration.

### **Paymaster Report:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

### **Chaplain Report:**

- Nothing significant to report.

### **Committees:**

#### **Scholarship:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **MCJROTC:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Communications/Website:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Membership:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Scouting:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Public Information:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Marine for Life:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **Donations and Gifts (Marine George Dow):**

- A drawing was held for the donated Schwinn heirloom bicycle donated by Marine John Cannon.
  - The winner, Mr. Andrew Falanga, will be notified by the Cmdt and arrangements will be made to award the donated bike to him at a time and place TBD.
  - Proceeds from that raffle will be briefed at the 12 Dec Det meeting.

#### **Awards (Marine Geoff Corson):**

- Cmdt Corson awarded two Distinguished Service medals to Marines Brad Howe and Bob Niver for their hard work this past year on behalf of Detachment goals.
  - A third awardee, Marine Rich Pettengill was mentioned in absentia since he was not in attendance.
  - His award will be presented at a later date.
- Marine Dick Lak was presented with the Detachment Marine of the Year award for all of his hard work including thorough audits of all pay accounts; concise review of Detachment Bylaw revisions; expert legal advice to the Cmdt and members and dedication to and participation in numerous Detachment events held throughout the year.
- JVC Marine Ray Maher was publicly recognized for his hard work in setting up the Detachment's celebration to include scheduling use of the banquet room, arranging the hors d'oeuvres, decorating the room, bringing Detachment colors and accoutrements to the celebration and pulling off a great celebration of the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Corps.

#### **Honors (Marine Geoff Corson):**

- Assisted by the SAA Marine Randy McNally, Cmdt Corson conducted the cake cutting ceremony presenting the first piece of cake to the Detachment Guest of Honor, Maj Matt Hobert, USMCR; the oldest Marine present, Marine Bob Niver and the youngest Marine present, Cpl Matayo Grondin, USMCR.
- Newly elected JVC Marine Ray Maher presented the POW/MIA table to members and guests recounting its significance in honoring those who endured capture and torture and those who never returned from our nation's wars.

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

- Omitted due to time constraints.

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

- Omitted due to time constraints.

#### **MODD #349 (Marine Roland Morin):**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Omitted due to time constraints.

**Good of the League:**

- Omitted.

**Future Dates:**

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for 12 December 2022 @ Post 6, 96 Islington St. Portsmouth, NH (second deck).
  - This will be an in-person meeting.
  - Zoom attendance is TBD.
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Mainely Local Yolks ( <https://www.facebook.com/mainelylocaly0lks/> ) in 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 will be continuing at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/> ) on 14 Dec 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.

**Closing Ceremony:** Cmdt Corson, SVC Brad Howe, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 1900. There was no raffle conducted.

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**Thursday 10 Nov 2022 Monthly Meeting Agenda**  
**Old Salt Restaurant**  
**490 Lafayette Road, Hampton**

**Uniform of the Day:** Casual Uniform Red blazer or Formal uniform with tuxedo (black trousers) or coat and tie (bring MCL cover) or USMC Evening Dress or USMC Dress Blues (either Alphas (large medals) or Bravos (ribbons and badges)).

**1800 Welcoming Remarks and 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 \_\_ Quorum \_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the 17 October minutes (sent separately). Motion \_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_

**New members and guests:**

- Swearing in of new elected officers (Marine Bob Niver):
  - Commandant.
  - Senior Vice Commandant.
  - Junior Vice Commandant.
  - Judge Advocate.
- Swearing in of new members if present (Marine Geoff Corson).

**Paymasters Report** (Marine George Dow ( [george1845816@comcast.net](mailto:george1845816@comcast.net) )):

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

**Chaplain Report** (Marine George Lombardi ( [geo-usmc@comcast.net](mailto:geo-usmc@comcast.net) )):

- Reports by exception only.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee** (Marine Dick Lak ( [Dick\\_lak@comcast.net](mailto:Dick_lak@comcast.net) )):

- Omitted.

**MCJROTC** (LtCol Eric Drown ( [edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org](mailto:edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org) )):

- Omitted.

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

- Omitted.

**Membership** (Marine Bob Niver ( [revim167@gmail.com](mailto:revim167@gmail.com) )):

- Omitted.

**Correspondence**

- Omitted.



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**Scouting** (Cmndt Corson ( [Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.corson.usmc.ret@gmail.com) ):

- Omitted.

**Public Information** (Rich Pettengill ( [Richard@ccbgroup.org](mailto:Richard@ccbgroup.org))).

- Omitted.

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

- Omitted.

**Donations and Gifts** (Marine George Dow):

- Bike Raffle drawing (Marine Geoff Corson).

**Awards** (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Distinguished Service Award (x4) (Marine Geoff Corson)
- Detachment Marine of the Year (Marine Geoff Corson).

**Honors** (Marine Geoff Corson):

- Omitted.

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

- Omitted.

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

- Cancellation of 11 – 12 Nov 0900 – 1500 fundraising at Market Basket and State Liquor Store, Boscawen.
- Cancellation of 13 Nov Manchester Marathon marshalling.

**MODD #349** (Marine Brad Howe):

- Omitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Omitted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Omitted.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Omitted.

**FUTURE DATES:**

- Next monthly meeting: 12 December 2022 @ 1900 (will need Zoom operator in order to conduct hybrid meeting, decision pending).
- Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- 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  
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