

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 13 May 2024 Meeting at 1900:

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Dick Lak, Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Randy McNally and Acting Chaplain (Chap) George Dow.

Officer Roll Call: Cmdt Dick Lak, present; Senior Vice Commandant (SVC), Ray Maher, present; Junior Vice Commandant (JVC), John Flagler, present; Judge Advocate (JA), Brad Howe, present; Junior Past Commandant (JPC), Bob Niver, present; the Adjutant (Adj) Geoff Corson, present; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, Jo Zurwell, excused; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, excused. There were ten voting members (Corson, Dow, Flagler, Howe, Lak, Maher, McNally, Mitchell, Niver, Pomper). The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 8 Apr Minutes from the meeting was made by JPC Niver and seconded by SVC Maher. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were two guests, Victor “Vick” Mclean, Jr. who is considering membership and “Shiloh” the Service Dog for JVC Flagler.

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance (Detachment) is \$7,818.33; the checking account balance (Charitable Games earnings) is: \$4,829.11 for a combined checking account balance of \$12,547.44
- The savings account balance is \$10,166.10.
- Total balance (Det Checking, Charitable Games checking, savings) is: \$22,613.54.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster’s report by SAA McNally and seconded by JPC Niver. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.
- Further discussion on distribution of Charitable Gaming commission funds appear in the Donations and Gifts paragraph later in the minutes.

Chaplain Report:

- Chap Lombardi was ill and unavailable for the meeting.
- No other members had any new updates.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- Only one application received.
 - Deadline is 31 May.
 - Members urged to push for additional applicants.

MCJROTC:

- As announced in the Agenda, MCJROTC Winnacunnet will have an awards ceremony on 22 May 2024.

- All are invited to attend as the Detachment presents Certificates of Achievement to WHS MCJROTC Cadets.
 - Det scholarship.

Communications/Website:

- Detachment Web Sergeant Jo Zurwell, was excused, but provided a detailed inventory of activity taken since the last meeting (see agenda).
- Adj Corson indicated that links to Det events and other relevant items are now included in the monthly agendas.
- Marine Mitchell again conducted the Zoom portion of the meeting and has given the Detachment access to a UNH account for future use.

Membership:

- SVC Maher provided an AAR for Pizza Night 2024.
 - Attendance was low (only 7 participants) and a disappointment to the membership committee.
- Next Det family event is Saturday, 8 June at the Golden Egg Diner at 72 Mirona Rd, Portsmouth, NH at 0900.
 - All are invited to attend.
- JVC Flagler indicated that his 2 prospects for membership (transferring from Maine Dets) were unable to attend due to conflicting schedules.
 - Both are VSO trained and eager to pitch in.
 - They vowed to be at the June meeting.
- JPC Bob Niver indicated that he was disappointed at local media coverage of Det activities.
 - His repeated efforts have been unsuccessful.
 - He encouraged all members to recommend ideas to accentuate the Detachment's presence and activities in the local media.
- JPC Niver thanked members who contributed to the Det brochure update and urged acceptance of the recommended changes.
 - Cmdt Lak deferred decision to the June Det meeting.

Correspondence:

- Paymaster Dow indicated that they received 2 letters of solicitation for donation.
- There was no other correspondence significant to report.

Scouting:

- Adj Corson indicated nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- JPC Niver indicated nothing significant to report.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- Capt (Maj Sel) Brendan Tallon, USMCR, has assumed duties as M4L rep Northern New England effective 1 May 2024.
 - Capt Tallon's contact info is: Brendan.tallon@usmc.mil or Brendan.j.tallon@gmail.com, cell phone: 860.671.9362.

Donations and Gifts:

- Paymaster Dow indicated no new donations or gifts.
- Cmbt Lak made a motion for a charity, Building Bridges, based in Hampton, NH.
 - Cmdt proposed a donation of \$300.00 to help this Veteran outreach program.
 - Adj Corson and SVC Maher seconded the proposal and the motion was put out for vote.
 - All present concurred and the measure was passed.

Awards:

- Cmdt Lak detailed an effort to better account for ceremonial firearms.
 - There will now be 4 custodians with keys to include the Cmdt, Weapons custodian, JVC and Armorer.
 - All listed will have access to ceremonial firearms when others are not present. **Honors:**

Pease Greeters:

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

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):

- Cmdt and SVC attended Quad-State in April.
 - Cmdt indicated sparse attention.
 - Adj indicated that report of Quad-State is on the Department website. **MODD #349:**
- No report was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cmdt Lak made a motion to accept the 2023 Financial Audit as submitted and appearing on the website.
 - SVC Maher seconded the motion as did JPC Bob Niver.
 - A vote was taken with no dissenting votes registered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cmdt Lak indicated Decision Point on new Det brochure will be made at the June meeting.
- Cmdt Lak indicated that 17 August was the ideal date for Det picnic.
 - Cmdt indicated support for repeat of 2023 location (PNSY Picnic Pavilion).
 - All present concurred.
 - Cmdt Lak directed Adj to secure location with PNSY administration.

- Cmdt Lak indicated that there is a Det gear accountability problem.
 - Cmdt wanted to conduct an inventory on 20 May and solicited members to participate.
- Paymaster Dow indicated that the Det Bylaws do not synch with National's FY.
 - Cmdt Lak invited members to submit an update to the Bylaws in order to more closely synchronize Det FY with National FY.
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda.

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for Monday 10 **Jun 2024 @ 1900.**
- **Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900** at Grill 28, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
- "Together We Served luncheon" @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on **12 Jun 2024.** 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.
- **27 May** firing detail in honor of Memorial Day at the York, ME parade.
- All else is as it appears in the agenda.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Lak, SVC Maher, SAA McNally and Acting Chap Dow conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The 50/50 raffle \$24.00 was donated back to the Detachment.



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Monday 13 May 2024 Monthly Meeting Agenda
Booma American Legion Post 6
96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH

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

1900 Opening Ceremony: Commandant (Cmdt) Lak; 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) ____; Chaplain (Chap) ____; Paymaster __Web Sergeant ____; Quorum____
____Members ____Guests ____

Minutes: Motion to accept the 8 Apr minutes (sent separately and also available at:
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Combined-April-2024-Agenda-Minutes.pdf>.
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: \$ _____ Charitable Games revenue balance: \$ _____
 - Motion ____ Second ____ Vote ____

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

- Update on members in sickbay or in need of pastoral support.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee (SVC Ray Maher (raymaher@icloud.com)):

- Scholarship deadline is 31 May.
 - One Scholarship Application received so far.
- 2024 Scholarship Application is now online:
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/our-work/awards-scholarships/mcl-scholarships/>

MCJROTC (LtCol Eric Drown (edrown@warriors.winnacunnet.org) and MSgt Wise (dwise@warriors.winnacunnet.org)):

- Winnacunnet MCJROTC Awards night, 22 May 2024.
- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.

Communications/Website and Social Media (Honorary Marine Web Sgt Jo Zurwell (jozurwell@comcast.net)):

- Detachment facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeacoastMarines>.
 - Detachment members are encouraged to update content.
- Detachment Instagram site needs to be visited/utilized/followed.
 - <https://www.instagram.com/marinecorpsleague394/>

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- Update on Detachment Social Media activity (jozurwell@comcast.net):
 - **Communications:**
 - Posted News blog on website and social media for passing of life member Joseph Veno. Posted DAV seminar info as event in calendar and on social media. Posted Heroes Night Out Event in Portsmouth as News Blog and added to Calendar and put on social media; added Detachment Family Breakfast to event calendar. Created, edited, created a QR code, and revised membership brochure with consultation from Bob Niver and Geoff Corson.
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/events/>
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/news/>
 - **Website:**
 - Over the last month I have added the weekly breakfasts to the event calendar; posted on the news blog page of the passing of life member Joseph Veno, and for the DAV seminar; posted a news blog entry for Heroes Night Out event in Portsmouth; and added the Detachment breakfast for June 8th to the calendar of events. The 2022 and 2023 financial audits have been added to the members only page at the bottom of each year's monthly minutes, and the April minutes and agenda were combined and added to the members only page. A link for the Semper Fi new volume has been added to the resources page; and all the events with dates from the May agenda have been added to the event calendar on the website.
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/member-meeting-minutes/>
 - <https://www.hgmc.marines.mil/Portals/61/Docs/MMSR-6/VOL%2068%20NO%201%20JAN-MAR%202024.pdf?ver=Nq8WHpeVos4uiuXQntpB8A%3d%3d>
 - **Other:**
 - I have updated the theme and needed plugins as well as continued working on Search Engine Optimization (SEO) improvements on the website (https://www.google.com/search?q=seo+website+meaning&oq=SEO+web&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqBwgDEAAyGAAQyBwgAEAAyGAAQyBwgBEAAyGAAQyBggCEEUYOTIHCAmQABiABDIHCAQQABiABDIHCAUQABiABDIHCAyQABiABDIHCAcQABiABDIHCAgQABiABDIHCAkQABiABNIBCTE2MzY5ajBqMagCALACAA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8). Doing this increases the security of the website as well as allowing it to run more smoothly.
 - **Respectfully Submitted**, Jo Zurwell, Webmaster and Social Media Manager

Membership (JPC Bob Niver (revim167@gmail.com) and JVC John Flagler (jeanot49@netscape.com)):

- AAR for Tuesday, 1730, 23 Apr 2024 Roger's Pizza night (SVC Ray Maher).
- Family Breakfast, June 8 at 0900 at The Golden Egg Diner, 72 Mirona Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801 (<https://www.thegoldeneggdiner.com/>) (SVC Ray Maher).
 - Reservations due to SVC Maher (raymaher@icloud.com) by 5 Jun.
- Fund raising/recruiting event on Saturday, 29 June at Market Basket, 1500 Lafayette Rd. Portsmouth, NH 03801 (<https://www.shopmarketbasket.com/store-locations/portsmouth-new-hampshire-market-basket-56>) to raise funds and to recruit new members (JPC Bob Niver).
 - The first request is for tables members can loan for the event.
 - We should have 6-8 feet of table space available plus we will need 2-3 chairs per table.
 - Hours are 9-3 which would require 8 members to each serve three hours.
 - I plan to have placards at each table regarding donations and membership.
 - All Members are encouraged to suggest ideas to make this event successful!!.
 - Rules:
 - Upon arriving at the store you must check in with the store manager.
 - Children under the age of fourteen are required to have adult supervision with them at all times.
 - There should never be more than two people from your organization at the store at any given time.
 - Fund-raising events should take place outside the store at least 10 feet away from the entrance/exit doors. Do not interrupt the flow of traffic entering and exiting the building.
 - All volunteers representing your organization must be well groomed and properly attired.
 - They should present themselves in a courteous and friendly manner at all times.
 - Volunteers must allow the customer to approach them.
 - The person representing you should be located at the entrance door only.
 - If a table is being set up, discuss with the store manager where it should be located.
 - Who can help out?



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- Let Bob know (revim167@gmail.com).
- Update on other Membership activities.

Correspondence (Paymaster George Dow (george1845816@comcast.net)):

- Update on correspondence received.

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

- Nothing significant to report. .

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

- 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>

- Update on PIO activities.

Marine for Life (M4L) (Capt (Maj Sel) Brendan Tallon (Brendan.tallon@usmc.mil or Brendan.j.tallon@gmail.com)):

- Capt Tallon’s contact info is: cell phone: 860.671.9362.
- M4L Northern New England (NH/ME/VT) on LinkedIn @: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145719/>

Donations and Gifts (Paymaster George Dow, Donations and Gifts Chair JPC Bob Niver):

- Toys for Tots Literacy Program (<https://www.toysfortots.org/programs/literacy-program/>) (JPC Bob Niver).
- Building Bridges Veterans Initiative monthly luncheons (<https://trinityhampton.org/ministries/> and <https://buildingbridgesveterans.org/>) (Cmdt Dick Lak).
- All future recommendations for Donations and Gifts need to be routed to Marine Bob Niver for deliberations from the Donations and Gifts Committee.

Awards (Adjutant Geoff Corson):

- Member input solicited.

Honors (Adjutant Geoff Corson):

- Update on status of ceremonial firearms (Chap George Lombardi).
- Update on security of ceremonial firearms (Cmdt Dick Lak).
- Request to place USMC colors on the grave of Capt Jack Casey, USMC (Deceased) (Cmdt Lak).
 - Request initiated by Capt Casey’s uncle, Bob Hoaglund (VFW member).
- More firing detail volunteers needed.

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

- Pease Greeters Annual meeting Tuesday, 28 May, 1800 at Dover Elks Lodge #184, 282 Durham, Ave., Dover, NH 03820 (<https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=184>).
 - All are invited.
 - Voting for 3 open positions: Advocate General, Special Resource Ops, Food/Communications.
 - Light refreshments will be available.
- 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 Overseas 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.
- AAR for Quad State 2024 (**19-21 April 2024**) (Cmdt Dick Lak).
- New Department Commandant needed (details sent separately).
 - Cmdt Cherie Monnell retired effective 10 May 2024.
 - Cmdt Monnell has nominated Dillon Det Cmdt Cody Dumont as replacement DNHMCL Cmdt.
- DNHMCL Quarterly meeting on 9 June at 1100 at American Legion Post 21, 7 Perley St. Concord, NH (<https://nhlegionpost21.com/>).
 - New DNHMCL Commandant may be sworn in at that meeting.
 - All are invited to attend.
- Other Department events can be viewed at the following link: <https://nhmarines.org/events/>

MODD #349 (Pound Keeper JA Brad Howe):

- Update on MODD 349 activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2023 Financial Audit completed on 19 April.
 - Results can be viewed on Det website: <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2023-FINANCIAL-AUDIT-COMPLETE.pdf>.
 - Vote to accept 2023 Financial Audit as written (Cmdt Lak).
- Link to DD Form 149, Application for Correction to Military Record added to website: <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/dd0149.pdf>.
 - Assistance in filling out application from Det Adjutant.
- Input from membership requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Updated Detachment Brochure (see attachment).
 - Member vote on acceptance needed.
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

FUTURE DATES:

- **15 May; 22 May; 29 May; 5 Jun** Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at TBD.
- **22 May 2024** Winnacunnet MCJROTC awards ceremony, 1830 – 2000 Winnacunnet High School, Hampton, NH.
- **27 May 2024** Memorial Day Parade, York, ME (firing detail).



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- **8 Jun 2024** Det Family Breakfast, 0900 at The Golden Egg Diner, 72 Mirona Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801 (<https://www.thegoldeneggdiner.com/>).
- **9 Jun 2024** DNHMCL Quarterly meeting at 1100 at American Legion Post 21, Concord, NH.
- **10 Jun 2024** Next monthly meeting: Monday, 10 Jun at 1900.
- **12 Jun 2024** "**Together We Served** luncheon" @ 1130 @ Strafford Farms, Dover, NH <https://www.straffordfarms.com/>. U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine will have their next monthly meeting on 12 Jun 2024. All Marines, FMF, Navy Corpsmen, and Chaplains and Spouses are welcome "Membership is Free". Time for the **Gathering of Gyrene's** 1130 on the second Wednesday of the month.
- **? Jun 2024**, Lady of the Sea Monument rededication, Hampton Beach, NH (firing detail) **(?)**.
- **29 Jun 2024**, Market Basket fund raiser/recruiting event, Portsmouth, NH.
- **? Aug 2024**. Detachment Summer Picnic, location and date TBD.
- **21 Sep 2024**, Run for the Fallen, Waterville Valley, NH (firing detail) **(?)**: <http://www.runforthefallennh.com/>
- **21 Sep 2024**, Service Credit Union, Seacoast Veterans Conference, Portsmouth, NH **(?)**: <https://seacoastveteransconference.com/>
- **5 Oct 2024** Apple Harvest Day, Dover, NH: Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce **(?)**: info@news.dovernh.org
- **? Nov 2024** Marine Corps Birthday Dinner, location and date TBD.
- Other Detachment events can be viewed at: <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/events/>.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt. Lak, SVC Maher, Chap Lombardi, SAA McNally.

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