

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 8 Jul 2024 Meeting at 1900:

1900 Opening Ceremony: The Opening Ceremony was conducted by Commandant (Cmdt) Dick Lak, Acting Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Bob Niver 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, excused; Chap George Lombardi, excused. There were eight voting members (Corson, Dow, Flagler, Howe, Lak, Maher, Niver, Pomper). The meeting was conducted in person but not via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 10 June Minutes from the meeting was made and seconded by JPC Bob Niver . The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were two guests, Victor “Vick” Mclean, Jr. who was later sworn in as a Regular Member and “Shiloh” the Service Dog for JVC Flagler.

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance (Detachment) is \$7,465.41; the checking account balance (Charitable Games earnings) is: \$2,729.11 for a combined checking account balance of \$10,194.52.
- The savings account balance is \$10,211.37.
- Total balance (Det Checking, Charitable Games checking, Savings) is: \$20,405.89.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster’s report and seconded. 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 excused and did not provide a report.
- Others indicated that 1stSgt (Ret) Earl Case is feeling better.
 - There was no injury to his heart.
 - He expressed thanks to all who sent him well wishes.
- No other members had any other updates.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- All Scholarship checks have been hand delivered.

MCJROTC:

- No report was provided.

Communications/Website:

- Detachment Web Sergeant Jo Zurwell, was excused, but provided a detailed inventory of activity taken since the last meeting (see Agenda).
 - All present expressed their satisfaction with Jo's superlative performance to date
- Links to Det events and other relevant items are embedded in the monthly agendas.
- There was no Zoom portion of the meeting as a result of the unanticipated absence of Marine Ken Mitchell.

Membership:

- JPC Niver gave an AAR for the 29 June Market Basket fund raiser.
 - He indicated that the Detachment made \$1,124.00 in donations.
 - Comment was made that the duty manager accommodated the Detachment members well.
 - A suggestion was made to award the Duty Manager a Certificate of Appreciation from the Detachment.
- JA Brad Howe said that the new Detachment brochures have been received.
- JVC Flagler indicated that one of his two prospects has dropped out and the other is unwilling to commit.
 - John is working on a new prospect.

Correspondence:

- Paymaster Dow indicated that there were 2 Semper fi brochures received in the mail.
- Paymaster Dow also indicated that Marine Dennis Lynch, who now lives in PA, will renew his membership.
- There was no other significant correspondence to report.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- JPC Niver is working on an article about the Detachment Ceremonial Rifle Custodian to submit to Seacoast online.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- Maj Tallon was promoted on 1 June.
 - Maj 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 restated the amount received at the Market Basket fund raiser.

- He asked if there were any Regular or Associate members recruited.
- Those present did not know of any new prospects.

Awards:

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors:

- Cmdt Lak procured a USMC grave marker for Capt Casey's family and 2 x Marine Corps flags.
 - Cost of the purchases was \$101.00.
 - Cmdt Lak made a motion to have the Detachment pay for this purchase; the motion was seconded by JPC Niver.
 - A vote was taken with no dissenting votes cast.

Pease Greeters:

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

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):

- Adj Corson indicated that the new Cmdt, Cody Dumont has been installed.
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda, nothing else to add.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adj Corson indicated that the Detachment has procured the use of the PNSY Jamaica Island picnic area for the 17 Aug picnic.
 - Adj Corson will put out invitation to all members, to include DNHMCL members.
 - JA Brad Howe and Marine Rich Pettengill will organize this year's event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A question was raised on the status of the 2024 Charitable Games application.
 - Nobody present knew the current status.
 - Adj Corson recommended the Cmdt check with Marine Gahan on the status.

Good of the League:

- SVC Maher announced that the Old Salt restaurant has been reserved for the Marine Corps Birthday celebration on Sunday evening, 10 Nov.
- JVC Flagler indicated that if any member is contacted by the Sanford, ME VFW, refer all questions to him.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for Monday **12 Aug 2024 @ 1900.**

- **Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900** at The Golden Egg Diner, Portsmouth, NH.
- “Together We Served luncheon” @ 1130 U.S. Marine Corps, New Hampshire & Southern Maine continues at Strafford Farms, Dover, NH (<https://www.straffordfarms.com/>) on **10 Jul 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.
 - Adj Corson indicated that the head of the Pease Greeters, Frank Lasorda will be in attendance at this event.
- Building Bridges Luncheon at Trinity Episcopal Church, High St. Hampton, **Wednesday, 17 July**.
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Lak, SVC Maher, Acting SAA Niver and Acting Chap Dow conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The 50/50 raffle \$29.00 was not claimed and thus donated back to the Detachment.



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Monday 8 Jul 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 10 Jun minutes sent separately and also available at:
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Combined-June-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 Application is now online:
<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/our-work/awards-scholarships/mcl-scholarships/>

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

- 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:**

Nothing new was posted to Facebook since the last report. There are analytics within Facebook as well, and this is what it shows for the last 30 days, our posts reached 18 people, have 31 new page likes, and 30 new followers of the Facebook page.

- **Website:** During the last month the following things have been done on the website. Added the weekly breakfasts for June, reviewed the June and July agendas and added events listed as calendar events on web calendar, and combined the June agenda and meeting minutes and uploaded to the members webpage. I have updated the theme and needed plugins as well as continued working on SEO improvements on the website. Doing this increases the security of the website as well as allowing it to run more smoothly. Below I have included the standard analytic information with definitions and values from the last 30 days plus the data from the prior month to compare against. In the months to follow I will add those numbers to the matrix below so the trends can be seen more clearly.

- **Other:**

Measurement	Definition	Value	June Value
New Users	“Users who interacted with website for the first time”	113	108
Total Users	“Number of distinct tracked users”	115	115
Sessions	“The browsing session of a single user to your site.”	135	133
Bounce Rate	“Percentage of single page visits. The number of visits in which a person leaves your website from the landing page without browsing any further.”	53.6%	60.2%
Pageviews	“A view of a page on your site that is being tracked by Analytics tracking code. Each refresh of the page is also a new view.”	231	204

- **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 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).
 - Participants included: Cmdt Dick Lak, JVC John Flagler, JA Brad Howe, JPC Bob Niver, Chap George Lombardi and Quartermaster Dennis Pomper (<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/about-the-mcl/gallery/>).
 - Proceeds donated to the Detachment totaled \$1,124.00.
- Update on status of printing new brochures (JA Brad Howe).
- Update on other Membership activities.



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

- Update on other correspondence received.

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

- Update on Scouting activity.

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/adKUOqOWyu>

- Update on PIO activities.

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

- Maj Tallon’s contact info: 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):

- 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 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.

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.

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- 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 Cody Dumont (cody@melcara.com)..
- Other Department events can be viewed at the following link: <https://nhmarines.org/events/>

OLD BUSINESS:

- Inventory and Security of Detachment Gear (Cmdt Lak).
- PNSY Pavilion has been reserved for the 17 Aug 2024 Det Picnic.
 - Cost is \$75.00.
 - Propane bottles needed for grills.
 - Sign up list will be provided nearer the event.
- Apple Harvest Day (5 Oct 2024) reservation has been submitted.
 - Cost is \$215.00.
 - Sign up list will be provided nearer the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

FUTURE DATES:

- **10 Jul; 17 Jul; 24 Jul; 31 Jul; 7 Aug** Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at The Golden Egg Diner, 72 Mirona Rd. Portsmouth, NH 03801 (<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/event/weekly-detachment-breakfast-33/>).
- **10 Jul 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.
- **11 Aug 2024**. Next monthly meeting: Monday, 11 Aug at 1900.
- **17 Aug 2024**. Detachment Summer Picnic, PNSY Picnic Pavilion.
- **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.
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Closing Ceremony: Cmdt. Lak, SVC Maher, Chap Lombardi, SAA McNally.