

Seacoast Detachment #394 Minutes of the 10 Jun 2024 Meeting at 1900:

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

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, excused; the Paymaster, George Dow, present; the Web Sergeant, Jo Zurwell, excused; SAA, Randy McNally, present; Chap George Lombardi, present. There were ten voting members (Dow, Flagler, Howe, Lak, Lombardi, Maher, McNally, Mitchell, Niver, Pomper). The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom. There was a quorum.

Minutes:

- A motion to accept the 13 May Minutes from the meeting was made by Paymaster Dow and seconded by JA Brad Howe. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

New Members and Guests: There were three guests, Capt (Maj Sel) Brendan Tolland, Victor “Vick” Mclean, Jr. who is considering membership and “Shiloh” the Service Dog for JVC Flagler.

Paymaster Report:

- The checking account balance (Detachment) is \$7,632.91; the checking account balance (Charitable Games earnings) is: \$4,529.11 for a combined checking account balance of \$12,162.02.
- The savings account balance is \$10,190.28.
- Total balance (Det Checking, Charitable Games checking, Savings) is: \$22,352.30.
 - A motion was made to accept the Paymaster’s report by SAA McNally and seconded by Quartermaster Pomper. 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 indicated that he will respond to all messages sent to his email.
- No other members had any new updates.

Committees:

Scholarship:

- There were 5 applications received and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
 - Scholarship Committee members SVC Maher, Cmdt Lak and JPC Niver endorsed all 5 applications.
 - There were 3 applicants from NH (can use Charitable Games proceeds to fund), 1 from MA and 1 from ME as follows:
 - Katelyn Russell (NH); Julia Kay Cecile Gaudreau (NH); Miles Tiberia (NH); Yvonne Holden (MA); Mary Lombardi (ME).

- JA Howe made a motion to award \$600.00 to each applicant which was seconded by JVC John Flagler.
- A motion was made to accept the award of \$600.00 to each applicant by JVC John Flagler, seconded by SAA McNally and voted on with no dissenting votes cast.

MCJROTC:

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

Communications/Website:

- Detachment Web Sergeant Jo Zurwell, was excused, but provided a detailed inventory of activity taken since the last meeting (see Agenda).
- Links to Det events and other relevant items are embedded 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:

- JPC Niver made a motion to approve the draft Det brochure (sent separately).
 - The motion was seconded by JVC Flagler.
 - A vote was taken with no dissenting votes cast.
 - JA Brad Howe recommended the brochure be produced on matte stock and agreed to work with 24hr printer for an attractive brochure.
- JVC Flagler indicated that his 2 prospects again could not attend due to illness and scheduling conflicts.
- SVC Maher provided an AAR for the Det family breakfast on 8 June which all enjoyed.
 - 21 members and guests attended.

Correspondence:

- A Thank You email was sent by LtCol Drown, USMC (Ret), MCJROTC Winnacunnet SMI for participation in the MCJROTC Awards night.
 - See Agenda for contents of thank you email.
- There was no other correspondence significant to report.

Scouting:

- Nothing significant to report.

Public Information:

- Nothing significant to report.

Marine for Life(M4L):

- Capt (Maj Sel) Tallon attended and explained his role as M4L Northern New England and indicated that he looks forward to working with the Detachment on all future endeavors.
 - 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 Marine Bill Cormier donated \$250.00 to the Detachment.

Awards:

- Nothing significant to report.

Honors:

- Capt Casey's family request for a Marine Corps flag at his burial site was discussed.
- AAR's provided by SVC Maher for MCJROTC Awards Night presentations and JA Brad Howe for Memorial Day Firing Detail.
 - See Agenda for list of participants at each event.

Pease Greeters:

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

Dept. of NH (DNHMCL):

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cmdt Lak indicated there is still a need to survey Det gear contained in the Post 6 attic.
 - Cmdt Lak will coordinate this activity.
- Cmdt Lak will recruit volunteers for the 23 and 29 Jun Det events.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Good of the League:

- Nothing significant to report.

Future Dates:

- Next monthly meeting scheduled for Monday **8 Jul 2024 @ 1900**.
- **Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900** at Mainely Local Yolks, Berwick, ME.

- “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.
- All else is as it appears in the Agenda.

Closing Ceremony: Cmdt Lak, SVC Maher, SAA McNally and Chap Lombardi conducted the closing ceremony at 2030. The 50/50 raffle \$21.00 was won by Quartermaster Pomper and donated back to the Detachment.



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Monday 10 Jun 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 13 May minutes sent separately and also available at:

<https://www.seacoastmarines.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Minutes-Agenda-for-May-13-2024-final.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)):

- Several scholarships received (deadline was 31 May).
- 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)):

- AAR Winnacunnet MCJROTC Awards night, 22 May 2024 (SVC Ray Maher).
 - Participants included Marines: Adj Geoff Corson, JA Brad Howe, SVC Ray Maher, JPC Bob Niver, Quartermaster Dennis Pomper.
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/about-the-mcl/gallery/>
 - You can see pictures of the event on Winnacunnet High School's social media:
 - Instagram: @winnacunnethighschool
 - Facebook: @Winnacunnet High School
- Update on MCJROTC activities/events.

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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/>
- Update on Detachment Social Media activity (jozurwell@comcast.net):
 - **Communications:**
 - Revisions were made to the membership brochure from the information supplied by Bob Niver.
 - A posting to Facebook was done to request volunteers for the Memorial Day celebration in York, ME.
 - **Website:**
 - Over the last month several things have been added to the website.
 - I have added the weekly breakfasts to the event calendar.
 - The AER Quad State and Division Minutes were added to the resources page.
 - Pictures were posted to the gallery from the Winnacunnet High School JROTC event, as well as pictures from the Memorial Day Celebration in York, ME.
 - A news blog post was also done for the announcement of new funding for the NH Veterans Cemetery.
 - All scholarship applications were downloaded from the website and emailed to Geoff Corson for the scholarship committee to review.
 - 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.
 - **Other:**
 - At the last BOT meeting there was a request to include some analytic information in these monthly reports. Below I have included the standard analytic information with definitions and values from the last 30 days. In the months to follow I will add those numbers to the matrix below so the trends can be seen more clearly.

Measurement	Definition	Value
New Users	"Users who interacted with website for the first time"	113
Total Users	"Number of distinct tracked users"	115
Sessions	"The browsing session of a single user to your site."	135
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%
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

- **Respectfully Submitted**, Jo Zurwell, Webmaster and Social Media Manager

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

- AAR Family Breakfast, June 8 at 0900 at The Golden Egg Diner, 72 Mirona Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801 (<https://www.thegoldeneggdiner.com/>) (SVC Ray Maher).
- Fund raising/recruiting event, American Legion Post 108 Outdoor Fair on Sunday, 23 June at Busche Academy, 40 Chester St, Chester, NH. <https://www.buscheacademy.org/>.
 - Need volunteers for set up and take down as well as presence during duration of fair (0900 – 1530).
- 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:



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

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

- Thank you email from LtCol Drown for Det participation in WHS MCJROTC Award Ceremony on 22 May:
 - "Dear Esteemed Supporters,

On behalf of the MCJROTC program, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support and for providing awards for our recent ceremony. Your contributions made the event memorable and meaningful for our cadets.

You can see pictures of the event on Winnacunnet High School's social media:

Instagram: @winnacunnethighschool

Facebook: @Winnacunnet High School

We are planning to conduct next year's event on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025. We will reach out once this date has been confirmed. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Best regards,

LtCol Eric R. Drown (Ret)

Senior Marine Instructor

Marine Corps JROTC

Winnacunnet High School

Hampton, NH 03842

Work: (603) 926-3395 ext 262 Cell: (603) 714-6183"

- Email from John Van Wijk, Patch collector from the Netherlands.
 - John has requested a copy of a Seacoast Detachment Patch.
 - John also collects other military patches.
 - If members want to correspond to John and/or send patches to him the following is provided:
 - John van Wijk
Hooge Hoeven 72

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- 419MN Geldermalsen
- johnvwijk@hotmail.com

- Update on other 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):

- 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).
- AAR on 22 May Winnacunnet High School MCJROTC Awards Ceremony, Hampton, NH (SVC Ray Maher):
 - Participants included: Adj Geoff Corson, JA Brad Howe, SVC Ray Maher, JPC Bob Niver, Quartermaster Dennis Pomper.
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/about-the-mcl/gallery/>
- AAR on 27 May Memorial Day Ceremony, York, ME (JA Brad Howe).
 - Participants included: Marine Jim Ambrose, Adj Geoff Corson, JA Brad Howe, Marine Rich Pettengill, Quartermaster Dennis Pomper
 - <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/about-the-mcl/gallery/>
- 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/>

- Board of Directors 2024-2025 Election results:

Position

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms
Advocate General
Special Resource Ops
Food/Communications
Food
PDA Rep.
Care Package Coordinators

Name

Frank LaSorsa
Pete S. Tiews
Mary Tobiassen
Gregory J. Molda
Ken W. Brown
David B. Frye
Richard Dellapaolera
Inge Houck
Larry Larkin
Sheldon Button
Wendy Whittle, Betti Abdulla, TCT Fay



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- 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.
- Please 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.
- Minutes of the last Department Quarterly meeting and agenda for 9 Jun Department meeting sent separately.
- AAR DNHMCL Quarterly meeting on 9 June at 1100 at American Legion Post 21, 7 Perley St. Concord, NH (<https://nhlegionpost21.com/>) (Cmdt Lak).
- 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:

- Inventory and Security of Detachment Gear (Cmdt Lak).
- Vote on proposed Detachment Brochure (Cmdt Lak).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Det has reservation at Chester, NH Community Fair, 23 Jun 24, 0900 - 1530.
 - Sign up list has been sent.
 - Suspense for sign-up is 14 June.
- 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 reservation has been submitted.
 - Cost is \$215.00.
 - Sign up list will be provided nearer the event.
- Member and Committee Chairs input solicited.

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FUTURE DATES:

- **12 Jun; 19 Jun; 26 Jun; 3 Jul** Wed. Breakfasts @ 0900 at Mainely Local Yolks, 43 Route 236, Berwick, ME 03901 (<https://www.mlyberwick.com/>).
- **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.
- **23 Jun 2024**. Fund raising/recruiting event, American Legion Post 108 Outdoor Fair, Chester, NH.
- **29 Jun 2024**, Market Basket fund raiser/recruiting event, Portsmouth, NH.
- **8 Jul 2024**. Next monthly meeting: Monday, 8 Jul 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.
- Other Detachment events can be viewed at: <https://www.seacoastmarines.org/events/>.

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