



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF NH QUARTERLY MEETING

DATE	March 23, 2025	TIME	1330	FACILITATOR	Demers Detachment #1111
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MEMBERS PRESENT			
Cody Dumont – Dept Commandant	Gary Gahan – Dept Sr. Vice Commandant, Granite State Detachment 542 Commandant	Mark Lindsley – Dept Jr. Vice Commandant, Dillon Detachment #734 Sr Vice Commandant	Robert McCain – Dept Judge Advocate
Cheryl Monnell – Dept Jr Past Commandant, Gormley Detachment Commandant	Kevin Brown – Granite State Detachment	Judith Jones – Gormley Detachment #823	Bryan Westover – Lakes Region Detachment #506
Katie Bennett – Demers Detachment # 1111	Louis Dupuis – Demers Detachment #1111	David Dubey – Commandant, Demers Detachment #1111	Kevin Fischer – Demers Detachment #1111
Warren Coughlin – Twin State Detachment #1010	Butch Tracy – Sr Vice Commandant Dept of Maine, Detachment #1361	Peter Lubas – Commandant, Dept of Maine	Chris Peirce – Granite State Detachment #542

TIME	ITEM	Dept Officer(s) if applicable
1326	The meeting began with opening ceremonies by Cody Dumont, Bryan Westover, and Gary Gahan. Bryan Westover fulfills duties as Sgt at Arms. Chris Peirce is the acting Chaplain. The opening ceremonies included securing the quarters, presenting the colors, and opening prayer.	Department Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant
1330	Adjutant/Paymaster Michael Martioski called the Roll of Officers: The Chaplain is absent/excused, the Sergeant at Arms is Currently Vacant, and all others are present.	Dept Adjutant/Paymaster
1330	Commandant Dumont called the Roll of Detachments – Gormley Detachment #832, Lakes Region #506, Twin State Detachment #1010, Dillon Detachment #734, Demers Detachment #1111, Granite State Detachment #542 present. Seacoast Detachment #394 absent/excused.	Dept Commandant
1330	There were fifteen (15) people present, including at least two elected officers and six (6) out of seven detachments represented. A quorum was met.	

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1330	Robert McCain officially installed as Dept Judge Advocate	Dept Commandant Dept Acting Chaplain
1335	Minutes from the previous department meeting read into record by Department Adjutant Michael Martioski. Motion to accept by Department Senior Vice Commandant Gary Gahan and Seconded by Kevin Brown. Motion passed unanimously.	Department Adjutant/Paymaster Department Sr Vice Commandant
1340	Department Adjutant Michael Martioski presents and shares all correspondence from previous meeting to current. Correspondence consisted of thank you letters from recipients of department donations.	Dept Adjutant/Paymaster
1340	Paymaster's report given. By Department Paymaster Michael Martioski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paymaster's ledger presented and questions taken and answered 2. Charitable gaming application and process discussed and questions taken and answered 	Dept Adjutant/Paymaster
1345	Sr Vice Commandant Gary Gahan motioned to accept the paymaster's report; Judith Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously	Dept Sr. Vice Commandant Dept Adjutant/Paymaster
1345	Sick and Distressed – Commandant Dumont asked all assembled to keep a positive thought for his foster child who is currently experiencing some health issues. The chaplain's report is not read because the chaplain has been excused.	Dept Commandant
1345	Report of Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dept Sr Vice Commandant Gary Gahan discussed Department Fundraising and plans to create online fundraising opportunities with more information to follow. 2. Dept Jr Vice Commandant Mark Lindsley Discussing the importance of making people feel welcome at meetings and the impact it can have on future participation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scholarship Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dept Sr Vice Gary Gahan works with the Division to donate a total of \$1000.00 to the Scholarship fund. Motion seconded by Chris Peirce and passed unanimously. ii. The Scholarship Committee currently consists of Demers Detachment Commandant Dave Dubey, Twin State Detachment Sr Vice Commandant, and a vacant chair. 	Dept Sr Vice Commandant Dept Jr Vice Commandant
1350	Unfinished Business – Commandant Cody Dumont discusses detachments and how they are functioning with regards to their officers serving dual roles in the Detachment and the Department.	Dept Commandant

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1410	<p>New Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dept Commandant Cody Dumont discusses purchasing a pop-up for the department with contact info for detachments written on it to take to public events such as fairs, old home days etc. Dept Sr Vice Commandant Gary Gahan motions the purchase of this popup pending the receipt of the estimate from the vendor (Flag-Works Over America). Motion seconded by Chris Peirce. Passed unanimously. 2. Dept Commandant Cody Dumont discusses his plans for the upcoming 250th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tickets sold at fairs and public events. Tracked and processed via online platform. b. 4 Birthday Ball Locations c. 1 Ticket gets you into the location of purchaser's choice. d. All 4 Balls Start at the same time e. At 1900 hours, a link is opened at all locations for guest speaker to appear on screen f. Receipts received from Junior Past Commandant Cheryl Monnell along with a briefing of her time spent at the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference as our Department Representative. A reimbursement check was issued for her expenses in accordance with the Dept Of NH Bylaws. g. Bryan Westover explains the costs covered for reimbursement to a trip to the 2025 National Conference as outlined in the Dept of NH Bylaws. h. Dept Commandant Cody Dumont discusses the need for a proxy for the National Convention to attend in his place. Dept Sr Vice Gary Gahan makes a motion to select a proxy to attend the National Convention when one comes available. Motion seconded by Kevin Brown and passed unanimously. 3. Dept Commandant Cody Dumont discusses the possibility of merging Lakes Region Detachment with Demers Detachment, Gormley Detachment with Dillon Detachment. 	<p>Department Commandant</p> <p>Department Sr. Vice Commandant</p> <p>Department Jr Past Commandant</p>
1430	<p>Good of The League:.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department Adjutant/Paymaster Michael Martioski mentions his Veterans Suicide Awareness Hike on June 21st, gives a brief explanation and promises to follow up via email. Flier Attached 2. Commandant Cody Dumont introduces Department of Maine Commandant Peter Lubas and Department of Maine Senior Vice Commandant Peter Lubas who discuss the itinerary (attached) for the upcoming Quad State Convention. Presents them with challenge coins to be raffled off to raise funds for their own use. 3. Dept Jr Vice Commandant Mark Lindsley discusses online firearms purchasing. 4. Kevin Brown presents his motion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Amend Dept Administrative procedures to allow any member in good standing to nominate someone for Marine of the Year/Associate Member of the Year changed from a Department Officer or Detachment Commandant. Seconded by Chris Peirce. Motion Failed. 5. Bryan Westover – Motion to update admin procedure to change staff to elected members. Seconded by Gary Gahan and passed unanimously. Updated and Attached 	<p>Department Commandant</p> <p>Department Sr Vice Commandant</p> <p>Department Jr Vice Commandant</p> <p>Department Adjutant/Paymaster</p>

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	6. Chris Peirce advises all assembled that he is part of SVAC (State Veterans Advocacy Committee) and handed out a list of all bills related to veterans currently before both houses of NH Congress. (attached)	
1523	Closing Ceremony Conducted by Department Commandant, Acting Sgt at Arms, and Acting Chaplain. Closing ceremonies include retiring the colors, closing prayer, and closing the meeting. The next department meeting will be held in June 2025 at a date, time, and location to be determined.	Department Commandant Department Sr Vice Commandant

Status Report
Bills and LSRs 2024/2025 Session

BILL/LSR	RELATIVE TO ...	COMMITTEE	STATUS	PRIME SPONSOR	LAST/NEXT HEARING	SVAC POSITION	REMARKS
HOUSE							
HB 55	Relative to the Selective Service Compliance Act (amended title)	State-Federal Relations and Veteran Affairs	Passed the House	Tom Mannion	17 Jan/1300	Oppose	OTP as amended, 18-0
HB 62	Relative to protection of persons from domestic violence and military protective orders (amended)	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Report Filed	Terry Roy	5 Feb/1000	Support	OTP as amended, 16-0
HB 64	Relative to extending hiring preferences for military members and their spouses to the state and private businesses, and establishing purchase preferences for veterans and their spouses regarding state supply purchases	State-Federal Relations and Veteran Affairs	Passed the House	Terry Roy	24 Jan/1010	Support	OTP, 18-0
HB 99	Relative to a waiver from property taxes for disabled veterans (amended)	Municipal and County Government	Passed the House	Michael Moffett	13 Jan/1120	Follow	OTP as amended, 18-0
HB 120	Relative to transferring statutory authority from the department of education to the department of military affairs and veterans services regarding educational support services	State-Federal Relations and Veteran Affairs	Passed the House	Jim Creighton	24 Jan/0930	Support	OTP 18-0, Consent Calendar
HB 122	Relative to payment of claims arising out of actions or activities of the New Hampshire National Guard	State-Federal Relations and Veteran Affairs	Passed the House	Jim Creighton	24 Jan/0950	Support	OTP 18-0, Consent Calendar
HB 142	Relative to the Honor and Remember Flag	Legislative Administration	In Committee	Michael Moffett	19 Feb/0900	Oppose	Exec Session 12 Mar/0900
HB 145	Relative to background checks for licensed dietitians and adopting the dietitian licensure compact	Executive Departments and Administration	In Committee	Jacl Grote	23 Jan/1045	Follow	
HB 225	Relative to the employment of military spouses in the event of involuntary employment of service member (amended)	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services	Passed the House	Jim Creighton	21 Jan/1515	Support	OTP as amended, 19-0, Consent Calendar
HB 254	Relative to options for end of life care	Judiciary	In Committee	Bob Lynn	29 Jan/1300	Oppose	Exec Session 3 Mar/1300
HB 433	Making 17 the age of consent for marriage if either party is active duty military and removing language regarding age waivers for marriage registration records, since age waivers are no longer issued in New Hampshire	Children and Family Law	Report Filed	Margaret Dnye	28 Jan/1115	Follow	No recommendation 7-7
SENATE							
SB 12	Relative to adding eligibility for a disability placard for certain veterans	Transportation	Passed the Senate	David Waters	28 Jan/1345	Support	OTP, 5-0 Consent Calendar
SB 66	Relative to third-party veterans' claims assistance and protection	Commerce	In Committee	Timothy Lang	23 Jan/1030	Oppose	

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BILL/LSR	RELATIVE TO ...	COMMITTEE	STATUS	PRIME SPONSOR	LAST/NEXT HEARING	SVAC POSITION	REMARKS
SB 196	Relative to the exemption from competitive bidding requirements for certain state agency projects	Executive Departments and Administration	Report Filed	David Waters	5 Feb/1100	Support	OTP, 6-0 Consent Calendar
SB 224	Relative to increasing the maximum amount of the optional veterans' tax credit	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	In Committee	Bill Gannon	18 Feb/1000	Follow	
SB 271	Relative to qualifications for issuing veteran license plates to include General Discharge under Honorable Conditions	Transportation	Report Filed	Denise Ricciardi	18 Feb/1415	Support	OTP, 6-0
BILLS NOT ADVANCING THIS SESSION							
HB 304	Relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire National Guard	State-Federal Relations and Veteran Affairs	Retained In Committee	Tom Mannion	17 Jan/1330	Oppose	
HB 170	Relative to the divisions of military pensions during divorce proceedings	Children and Family Law	ITL	Michael Moffett	21 Jan/1300	Follow	ITL, 15-1, Consent Calendar
HB 205	Relative to exempting veterans from certification fees for therapeutic cannabis	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs	ITL	Heath Howard	22 Jan/1115	Oppose	ITL, 17-1, Consent Calendar
HB 447	Relative to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans	Municipal and County Government	ITL	Jim Creighton	30 Jan/1320	Follow	ITL, 18-0, Consent Calendar
Thru 1158							
Arranged by Bill numerical order. The Committee supports all "naming" bills UNLESS a Committee member objects. OTP means "ought to pass"; ITL means "Independent to Legislate". LAST REVIEWED 28 FEBRUARY 2025							

Marine Corps League
 2025 Quad State Convention
 New England Division Conference
 April 25, 2025 to April 27, 2025
 Welcome Marines and Guests
 Hosted by the Marine Corps League, Department of Maine

Friday, April 25, 2025

1200-1700	Registration	XXXXXXXXXX
1200-2150	Hospitality Room Open	XXXXXXXXXX
1730-1800	Department Commandant Meeting	XXXXXXXXXX
1800-1850	Passport Table Open	XXXXXXXXXX
1900-2030	Grand Growl Devil Dogs	XXXXXXXXXX
2030-2230	Last Call Hospitality Room	XXXXXXXXXX

Saturday, April 26, 2025

0630-0800	Breakfast	Hotel
0800-0815	Muster for Memorial Service	Front of Building
0830-0900	Memorial Service <i>Attention All Marines - Uniform for the Morning Memorial:</i> Opt. A - Long sleeve white MCL shirt, tie, dress blue or black trousers, red blazer and cover (National Department Officers); or Opt. B - Long sleeve white MCL shirt, tie, dress blue or black trousers and cover; or Opt. C - Short sleeve white MCL shirt, dress blue or black trousers and cover; or Opt. D - Dress short-sleeved black trousers and cover (Opening Quad Convention/Division Conference (NVC Maguire))	Front of Building
0915-1020	MCL COO Bob Borka Presentation	XXXXXXXXXX
1200-1300	Lunch	On your own
1300-1320	MCL Foundation Chapel of Four Chaplains	XXXXXXXXXX
1330-1350	Marine For Life Program	XXXXXXXXXX
1400-1420	Military Order of the Devil Dogs	XXXXXXXXXX
1430-1450	MCL Ladies Auxiliary Association	XXXXXXXXXX
1500-1520	National Senior Vice Commandant Message	XXXXXXXXXX
1530-1600	MCL New England Division Officer Nominations, Elections	XXXXXXXXXX
1600-1630	On Your Own- Banquet Preparation	On your own
1630-1730	Social/Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)	Banquet Hall
1730-1800	Opening Ceremony for the Banquet*	Banquet Hall
1800-1930	Banquet Dinner (Cash Bar)	Banquet Hall
1930-2230	Guest Speaker/Awards/Installation of Quad Officers/Raffle Drawings	Banquet Hall
2230-2400	"At Ease" (Networking, Fellowship, Sea Stories)	Banquet Hall

*Banquet attire is suggested as presented above for the memorial service

Sunday, April 27, 2025

0700-0900	Breakfast	Hotel
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Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed yourself!
 Please have a safe trip home!
 Semper Fidelis!!!!



#ONE-IS-TOO-MANY!!

On June 21 2025 we will be gathering at Camp Carpenter in Manchester NH for a 5K family friendly hike following the Dan Beard Trail to bring awareness to Veteran Mental Health and Suicide. We would like our Veteran Community and Supporters to come together for this awesome cause!

Show some love to our Veteran Community while also establishing contacts and making new friends with some like-minded individuals! Fundraising is not permitted as this is strictly an awareness event!

A huge thank you to Scouting America New Hampshire for allowing us to use their location! For more information, please contact the event coordinator, Mike Martioski!



Camp Carpenter is located at 300 Blendin Road, Manchester NH

This is a Community Event and Family Friendly!! Leashed Dogs Welcome!

This is not a fundraiser. We are coming together to rally around our heroes!

Free Food, Drinks and Activities!!!

SCAN TO JOIN!



EVENT COORDINATOR

MIKE MARTIOSKI

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Reference 22 Until None

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Administrative Procedure: 1.0

Marine of the Year Department Level

Background

The Marine of the Year award can be granted at the National, Departmental and Detachment Levels.

Department Level Award

This award is the highest award that the Department can bestow on one of its members. It is an award that is coveted by every Marine actively participating in Marine Corps League activities.

The Department Marine of the Year (DMOY) award is not presented lightly. The recipient must demonstrate by his/her service to the Department that they have performed services above and beyond the normal expectations of a member of the Marine Corps League, exemplifying its highest traditions.

Selection

All nominations for the DMOY shall originate from a member of the Department staff or a Detachment Commandant. The current Department Commandant is not eligible for consideration of the award. **REVISED BELOW**

Process

Listed on a single sheet of paper are the services performed by the nominee in sufficient detail to fully describe his/her actions to warrant consideration of the award. Any meritorious deed or deeds so identified as being within the scope of these requirements shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League or has enhanced and furthered the concepts of the duties of being a Marine or a citizen of the United States of America.

The nominee's name **is not** to be placed on this sheet of paper. Placed in the upper right hand corner of the sheet is an identification sign. This description of service is to be placed in a sealed envelope. In a second envelope is placed a sheet of paper with the name of the nominee and the same identification sign in the upper right hand corner. This envelope is also to be also sealed. The two envelopes are then sent to the Chairman of the Selection Committee at an address to be identified each year.

Committee

A committee will be established for the purpose of reviewing all DMOY nominations submitted for consideration for the Department Marine of the Year. The chair of this committee will be the last recipient of the Department of New Hampshire, Marine of the Year. If the last recipient isn't available another recipient of the award will be requested to chair this committee. If none of the recipients are available the Department Commandant will serve as chair. The Chair of the committee will request at least two other Marine Corps League members to serve on the committee. League members requested to serve must be members in good standing.



Administrative Procedure: 2.1 Conventions/Conferences

PURPOSE:

To encourage attendance of the Commandant of the Department of New Hampshire at the annual Marine Corps League's National Convention, Mid-Winter Conference and Quad State Convention.

EXPENDITURES

The Department will cover the following defined expenditures for the Department of New Hampshire's Commandant.

Expenditures covered:

Registration Fee
Lodging and meals during the time of the officially scheduled function.

Expenditures not covered:

Costs associated with transportation to and from function site.
Costs associated with the purchase of alcoholic beverages or souvenirs.

AUTHORIZATION

Approval must be granted by the board of trustees to sponsor attendance by the Commandant of The Department of New Hampshire to a National Marine Corps League sponsored function and the Quad State Convention.

Prior to granting approval to attend a convention or the Quad State Convention, the Board of Trustees will review with the Paymaster the anticipated cost that the Department will incur to ensure availability of funds to cover the expected expenditures and ensure that it was included in the current year's budget.

REIMBURSEMENT

Prior to reimbursing the Commandant for expenses incurred, a receipt must be provided for all expenditures. The amount to be reimbursed for allowable expenditures shall be no greater than the budgeted amount

Revision to selection process for Marine of the Year approved at the Department meeting held on 23 March 2025

All nominations for the DMOY shall originate from a **Department Elected Officer (in place of member of the Department Staff) or a Detachment Commandant.** The current Department Commandant is not eligible for consideration of the award.

Submitted by

Mike Martioski

Adjutant/Paymaster

Department Of NH

Marine Corps League