

# Granite State Marine Corps League Detachment #542

April 14 , 2026 at 1800

Uniform of the day: MCL cover

## Opening Ceremony: Commandant, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain

### Roll Call of Officers and Appointed Positions:

Commandant :	Eric Anthony	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Sr Vice Cmndt :	Jesse Stufflebeam	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Jr Vice Cmndt :	Vacant	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Judge Advoc :	Chris Peirce	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Jr Past Cmndt :	B J Byers	Pr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Acting Adjutant:	Jo Zurwell	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Chaplain :	Joe Duquette	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Paymaster :	Marge Romano	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Quartermaster :	Steve White	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Sgt at Arms :	Paul Coutu	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster :	Jo Zurwell	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Scouting :	<b>Kayley Bass/Sara Steffen</b>	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>
Aide De Camp :	Kevin Brown	Pr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input type="checkbox"/>	Abs. <input type="checkbox"/>

We have a quorum.

**Other Members attending:**

## **New Members Attending and Sworn-In:**

None

## **Guests attending:**

Cody Dumont, Mike Martioski, Patricia Anglin, NH Trooper John Janocz, Central High School Chaos 131 First Robotics Team

## **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:**

*White* made the **MOTION** to accept the previous meeting's minutes; *Coutu* seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

The meeting started with a presentation from the Central High School *Chaos 131* FIRST Robotics Team. Five students of the team shared what the team was about and how being a part of the group has affected their lives. They advised us that two well-known Marines graduated from Central High School, Rogers Blood and Rene Gagnon and that the bell from the ship named after Blood is located at Central High School and is rung every Memorial day during their ceremony. The students and team mentors did a wonderful job explaining about FIRST and their hopes of qualifying for the national competition in TX. They are raising money for the team to travel and participate in the national competition if they qualify this coming weekend. Attached to the minutes is an information sheet that gives more details on their program and sponsorship opportunities.

*Patricia Anglin* the school nurse at Central High School, and member of Dillion Detachment, shared that because of the strong connection that Central High School has with the Marine Corps through its alumni, she thought to see if GSD #542 would be interested in supporting *Chaos 131* and their efforts to make it to the national competition and expand on their outreach efforts in the community.

*Romano* made a motion for the Granite State Detachment #542 to make a donation of \$1000 to the *Chaos 131* FIRST Robotics Team at Central High School in support of their trip to the national competition in Texas if they qualify, otherwise these funds would be used in their general operating fund for future team needs. The motion was seconded by *White*, and the vote passed unanimously.

At this time a group photo was taken as *Anthony* presented the donation check to the *Chaos 131* team and mentors.

Next on our agenda was the check presentation to the NH Troopers Association for funds that were approved at a previous meeting. Trooper John Janocz from Troop B in Bedford and an enlisted Marine for five years shared a little bit about what the NH Troopers Association does and how funding like GSD 542 helps them meet those objectives. An example that he shared was that they covered the travel costs to have four troopers from NH go to an out of state service for a fallen trooper. For more details on how they support the community please visit <https://www.nhtrooper.org/> . A check presentation was done with John Janocz, Eric Anthony and Sara Steffen.

*Anthony then yielded the floor to Cody Dumont, Commandant of the Department of NH as he presented GSD #542 member, Christopher Peirce, with the Department of NH Marine of the Year Award. The following was read by the acting adjutant Zurwell, written by Dumont.*

*For professional achievement in superior performance of his duties as a Marine, we honor Chirstopher Peirce as the Marine of the Year for the Department of New Hampshire Marine Corps League.*

*Christopher has been a member of the Granite State Detachment #542 since 2020 and has the distinction of serving his country first as a Marine and a soldier.*

*After leaving the service Christopher has continued to serve his country and community by working tirelessly to help veterans wherever and whenever there is a need.*

*Christopher has supported his detachment by providing the benefit of his wisdom and experience, but also as the judge advocate through very difficult times and on more than one occasion, was the only officer remaining and thereby prevented the dissolution of the detachment.*

*Christopher served as the Commandant, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, and other billets as needed, while the Detachment searched for qualified members to hold these roles. He often performed the duties of several vacant offices, while simultaneously mentored others into their new roles.*

*Christopher not only works within the Detachment and Department, but is frequently found assisting various other veteran groups as well.*

*Christopher is continuously volunteering on several various veteran awareness hikes ranging from 5 Kilometers to 22 Kilometers, connecting various other veteran groups together with each other.*

*He serves tirelessly on several veteran councils and provides a voice for all veterans throughout the state to benefit not only the League, but the greater veteran community.*

*Christopher truly embodies what is meant by taking care of the troops first.*

*Christopher's dedication, professionalism, perseverance, and commitment to excellence reflects great credit upon himself, his family, his Detachment and the Marine Corps League, and is keeping in the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and Naval service.*

Congratulations were shared from all the members in attendance with Chris and a few pictures were taken that will be shared on the website, newsletter and social media.

*Dumont* continued with a discussion on the needs of the Department of NH in the annual election coming in June at the conference. He stated that the current Judge Advocate is willing to continue however, he is an active-duty reservist and may be called up to the conflict in the middle east and it may be wise to find someone else to fill this roll. There is also someone that is willing to do either SVC or the JVC, but this person is not willing to move up to Commandant when the time comes.

*Dumont* stated the importance of having a strong line of succession for each of the positions so that the Commandant can mentor the future leader so that it all does not have to be winged when it comes time for a new person to lead.

He stated that nominations are to be made at the May Department meeting. He also clarified that if there are no people willing to do all of the elected positions, then he would not run again for Commandant because he says he needs a team to work with, not just be his show.

*Anthony* then asked *Dumont* to explain about the upcoming New England Division Conference. *Dumont* stated that for several years there has been a Quad State convention annually each year that rotated around NH, ME, VT, and RI. Then recently MA, and CT wanted to join in on this event process. So, the Division had discussions with each state in the division and created a plan to switch over to a Divisional conference instead of a Quad State conference. So last year was the last Quad State and this year is the first NE Division Conference. It will be held June 11-14<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, MA. *Zurwell* advised that full details of how to register and the costs are on the events calendar on the GSD website.

*Anthony* then moved onto a discussion on of the Marine Corps Ball planning. He stated that he and a few others had joined the Dillion Detachment meeting earlier this month and shared the planning that had been done to date and the need for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two detachments for the duration of the planning and execution of the Marine Corps Ball. A copy of the MOA was passed around for those that wanted to review it. A copy of it is also attached to the minutes. *White* made a motion to accept the MOA as written, *Romano* seconded the motion, and a discussion began. *Romano* stated that the only concern that she had with the MOA is that the funds collected would go into the GSD account and then disbursed as needed for the event expenses. She suggested creating a separate checking account in a name deemed appropriate under GSD but not connected to the general GSD checking account so that all transactions can more easily be traced for the event and the books can be kept separate. *Anglin*, the chair of the planning committee, stated that this was not a problem, whatever works best for GSD to manage the funds is perfectly OK with her. She had written the MOA this way to keep it as simple as possible, but having a separate checking account will work better. With no other comments a vote was taken to accept the MOA with this one change, the motion passed unanimously. The MOA will be signed by both commandants at the first joint meeting.

The Dillion detachment has selected their committee chair members at their meeting earlier this month. *Anthony* asked to formally select the committee members of the GSD 542 detachment at tonight's meeting. The GSD committee members are Eric Anthony, Jesse Stufflebeam, Chris Peirce, Marge Romano, and Steve White.

A meeting time and place will be determined soon for the planning committee. *Zurwell* offered the ACGS Library space for the meeting as long as it was on a day

and time that the library was not open or in use. *Anglin* stated she would be in contact with all the committee members to arrange the meeting details.

*Anthony* stated that two sponsors have already stepped forward before the final sponsorship information has been made public. *Martin Michaud*, *Anthony's* financial adviser has pledged a sponsorship of \$1000; and *Verani Reality*, *White* said that he would be asking for them to do \$2500, they have already said they wanted to do something and just needed to know the level. Some discussion was had about getting in contact with the Governor's office to see about having her be the keynote speaker at the ball. *Martioski and Peirce* both stated that they have contacts at the Governor's office and they will both reach out to see what can be arranged. *Anglin* stated that she had reviewed the initial draft of the proposed sponsorship levels that *Zurwell* had put together and made a few changes to increase the dollar values to enable larger sponsorships to cover the event. She will be getting the final revisions to *Zurwell* to publicize on the website and social media once it is completed.

*Anthony* then brought up the Revo Casino dates May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon and the need to have volunteers to cover the table. *Romano* checked in with Seneca at Revo Casino to find out what the busiest days of the week typically are so that the detachment could plan on which days they should have a table there. Seneca said that the busiest times are Wednesdays 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6pm and 4pm-10pm on Friday and Saturday nights. The detachment only needs to cover a minimum of two days with a table. It was determined that the detachment would have a table with two people covering the table on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-6pm and Friday and Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm – 8pm. *Dumont* suggested to reach out to Twin State detachment if additional personnel were needed to cover a shift since they are located right there for a piece of the revenue. Several people stated that they could do this shift or that, so *Zurwell* will create a SignUp Genius campaign for everyone to sign up for the shift they would like and then holes in the shifts will be reviewed by *Stufflebeam* and he will reach out to others to try and fill those slots.

The discussion then continued with contributing to the Tun Tavern rebuilding project in Philadelphia. The following is the information that was shared in an email from TJ Morgan at National and was summarized at during the meeting.

## **The Tun® Alley Brick Paver Program in Philadelphia**

The Tun Legacy Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is rebuilding the historic Tun in Philadelphia to preserve Marine Corps history for future generations. The Foundation has launched a fundraising brick campaign to support the rebuild of the Marine Corps birthplace. Two thousand two hundred (2,200) engraved bricks will line Tun Alley at the future site of The Tun®. The cost of each brick is \$500. I am sending this announcement so that every Marine Corps League Detachment is aware of the opportunity to purchase a custom brick to honor their detachment at The Tun site. An image and more information about The Tun Alley Brick Paver program is located at [thetun.org](http://thetun.org) or by contacting Ken Hopper at [samuel.nicholas@thetun.org](mailto:samuel.nicholas@thetun.org). Funds raised from the purchase of your detachment's brick will directly support the rebuild and ensure your detachment has a permanent legacy at the site of The Tun. Once open, all net profits from operations of The Tun will support veteran and Masonic charities. Here is the link to the Marine Corps store webpage: [USMC BRICK CAMPAIGN](#)

*White* made a motion to donate \$500 for a brick in the Tun Alley Brick Paver program in Philadelphia to rebuild the Tun Tavern; the motion was seconded by *Stufflebeam*. There being no further discussion after the above explanation was shared, a vote was conducted; 1 person opposed the motion, and the balance present approved, the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the Honor Flight New England, which is happening on May 31<sup>st</sup>. *Anthony and Peirce* gave a brief summary of what this event is all about. They are looking for people that are interested in participating in the sendoff of the veterans for their trip to Washington DC. *Peirce, White, and Anthony* stated they would be interested in participating. *Zurwell* stated she will forward the email from Jim Ambrose with some of the details to join in the event.

*Anthony* then turned the floor over to *Martioski* so he could share information on VetFest. Last year was the first year of this event and it was held at the Anheuser-Busch plant in Merrimac, with huge attendance numbers, 3K-4K. This event has 100's of booths all related to veteran's groups or to benefit veterans. This year it will be at the Deerfield Fairgrounds on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Department of NH has obtained a booth at the event. *Martioski and Dumont* both stated that they are looking for detachments from around the state to help cover the shifts at the booth and to share with veterans what MCL has to offer those in the state. *Martioski*

stated he will send out times needed to cover the table. This is a one-day event with a lot of activities and booths for patrons to explore and will be great exposure for MCL.

The last item on the agenda for the Commandant was the Union Leader special pricing for ad space in the Sunday/Monday newspapers. Some pricing was provided via an email chain, but it was unclear how to read the numbers and if the ads would be in the online version of the newspaper as well as the printed version. With the pricing so unclear and other questions unable to be answered, it was decided to table this item until more answers are available to have a proper discussion and vote in May.

## **Reports of Officers**

### **Senior Vice Commandant: (Jesse Stufflebeam) –**

*Stufflebeam* reported that he received the approval letter from Market Basket for one weekend, June 26-27, which is a Friday-Saturday at the Bedford location only. He stated Bass Pro Shops is all set in November. He has talked with the second in charge at the Manchester Firing Line Range because the owner was not there and was told that this person would talk to the owner, also a member of GSD, the following day to try to arrange an event in May. Originally, *Stufflebeam* had wanted to do this the last Saturday of May after the breakfast, but *Peirce* said that it is the same day of the Memorial Day event at the state cemetery that MCL is putting together. He will talk to the owner to try and work out a day that will work well for all. He then added that the ax throwing event with Wounded Warriors was supposed to be in April, but *Peirce* stated that he has not received confirmation from the Wounded Warrior Project yet and does not think it will happen in April at this point.

### **Paymasters Report: (Marge Romano) – See attached report from Paymaster.**

\$32,571.86 balance; \$250 outstanding checks; committed funds of \$1,903 for the Dan Fedor Boy Scout Camp Campership 2025 designated for one to two canoes, \$1,500 for Maurice Labbe memorial paver on hold, scholarships \$5,000, \$500 for Art for Veterans, and \$1000 for Delta Dogs, and \$500 for NH State Troopers Association, for a total committed \$10,403.00. Total available funds are \$21,918.86. *Stufflebeam* made the motion to accept the paymaster report, and *White* seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

To see the full details of the Paymaster, see the attached report.

### **FUNday Breakfast Report: Marge Romano and Kevin Brown**

- The 50/50 raffle raised \$265. \$372 YTD in the Trade School Scholarship for 2027 awarding.

### **Chaplain Report: (Joe Duquette)**

**Sick, Injured, Hospitalized Members:** *Duquette* stated his son Joey is in the hospital in Lebanon because of a large number of seizures he has been having. He will be there for a week for tests. *Anthony* stated that he talked to John Petrolito, and he said that he and Ellen are doing well but her memory issues make it hard. *Bass* said that she recently talked with Bill Rodgers and he is doing well as he is dealing with his cancer. Pat Anthony is home now recovering from brain surgery to remove a tumor in her pituitary gland. Kevin Brown reported himself at the meeting that he is doing much better after his six days in the hospital.

**Members / spouses recently passed away:** Arthur Allison passed away March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and his service will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and his burial services will be over the summer at a yet to be determined date. His obituary and article written about him in the 2021 Oorah has been posted on the website and on social media.

### **Updates from VA Hospital:**

### **Judge Advocate: Chris Peirce**

*Peirce* shared an update on the Veteran's Campus in Franklin. He said that they have hired a new VSO coordinator and she is a Marine. They will be having a meeting on Friday, and he will be going to see what they are doing and will be sharing that information. They do have space to have meetings or events if MCL wants to use it. *Dumont* mentioned that if any fundraising events are planned there by this detachment to be sure to let the local detachment know about it ahead of time so there is no issues with the local group not being able to do the same. *Peirce* did mention that they have a very nice ropes course and they are moving forward with phase 2 of their plans. He also shared that he has the new distribution map of veterans in NH. There are currently 81,535 veterans in NH with 150 shown as homeless, but most of those are in transitional housing and not on the streets.

**Junior Vice Commandant: (position open at present) –**

*Brown* stated that he had nominated Glenn Thayer for this position, but he has not heard anything back from him. *Romano* stated she had talked with him recently and was planning to call him again this coming week and she will see if he is interested to come back to meetings with no pressure to hold an officer position.

**Quartermaster: (Steve White) –**

Nothing to report from *White*. *Anthony* stated that he has the dress blues from Dan Fedor that are too tall for him and he would like to give to *White* to put into storage for someone else that might need it in the future.

**Webmasters Report: (Jo Zurwell) –**

See attached report from Webmaster. The newsletter was sent out on March 15<sup>th</sup> and was opened by 38.7% of those it was sent to. For full details, see attached report.

**Scouting Report: (Kayley Bass/Sara Steffen) –**

*Steffen* advised that she had been talking to Troop 99 about the canoes. They asked her if it was possible to use the funds designated for the canoes to be used for a canoe trailer instead. They have the ability to use some older canoes or get more on their own, but they have no way to transport them. After a little discussion about this, *Steffen* made the motion to reallocate the funds originally set for canoes for Troop 99 to be used toward the purchase by the Troop for a canoe trailer; the motion was seconded by *Coutu*, the motion passed unanimously.

*Anthony* stated that the detachment now has an official Eagle Scout certificate that we can use and we can get more as needed. There are a few more honor ceremonies coming up shortly. Specifically for Arjun Puninchittaya from Troop 414 on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 at the Bedford Presbyterian Church at 4 Church Road, Bedford, NH, *Anthony* said he would attend.

**Correspondence: (Commandant, Paymaster, et al) Eric Anthony reporting**

*Anthony* had a personal thank you card from Courtney Stairs at Veterans Count, thanking MCL for the generosity and all the work that is done for the veteran community.

### **Aide De Camp : (Kevin Brown)**

*Brown* stated that he is concerned that the detachment is not making enough money from the raffle for the trade school scholarship. He said that he has a box of supplementary options of give aways of gift cards to various places and various amounts given to him from a prior commandant. He wanted to know if it would be OK to offer the winner of the raffle the option of taking a grab in the box for one item or taking half the cash raised that day. *Peirce* stated that as long as it is disclosed at the time the tickets are sold there is no issue in doing it this way. There were no other objections, so he will do this method at future breakfasts.

Secondly, *Brown* stated that with the price of stamps going up, and the need to order more birthday cards soon, he wanted to know if sending birthday cards was something that still wanted to be continued. *Stufflebeam* commented that he had been thinking about this, and he feels that the cards that are signed by those at the meeting are nice, but none of us know the person we are signing for necessarily and the person receiving it does not know the people on the card either. He suggested that instead of the cards we include the people's birthdays in the quarterly newsletter. He is thinking that this would just be the person's name and the fact that they were born in April for example. No specific private information would be shared with everyone on the newsletter distribution list. *Romano* mentioned that when she was doing the newsletter, she used to do this as well as the anniversary date the members joined the detachment. *Steffen* suggested sending e-cards or birthday emails from the Constant Contact account, but that was stated it would be a lot of time to manage each one being done individually. At the end of this discussion, it was decided that *Brown* would continue with the current birthday card process until his card stock was depleted and *Stufflebeam* would coordinate with *Zurwell* the names that would need to go into the upcoming newsletter each quarter.

### **Donations inbound: (Paymaster, Commandant): NTR**

### **Donation Review Committee: Chris Peirce**

*Peirce* stated that he would like to have a meeting to determine which organizations and funds the committee recommends the detachment focus on this coming year. *Stufflebeam* also mentioned at this point that an audit of the books still needs to be done and has been put off because of vacations of various people.

### **Awards: (Commandant, et al) – NTR**

### **Honor Details: (vacant) –**

Arthur Allison's burial services at the state cemetery will be done over the summer but a date has not been set yet. *Anthony* will contact Brad Howe in the Seacoast Detachment to arrange a firing detail for this service. *Romano* stated she would like to go to the services on April 25<sup>th</sup> as she did know him a little from a few years ago and *Anthony* said he will check to see if he is able to attend on that date.

### **Scholarship committee: (Jo Zurwell) –**

*Zurwell* stated that the deadline for submissions is tomorrow April 15<sup>th</sup>. As of the time of the meeting, the detachment has received four applications. One is from a graduating senior and three from prior award winners now in college. *Romano* will be checking the mailbox on the 20<sup>th</sup> to make sure there are no late mailed in applications. After this date, the committee will review all the submissions and come to a decision on who will be the winner(s) and present those at the May meeting. Then arrangements will need to be made to present these awards to the students.

### **Continuing Business:**

#### **Old Business: - NTR**

#### **New Business:**

*Romano* shared that on 26 April at 10am the NH Veterans Cemetery will be having their spring clean up that will focus on the memorial walkway area.

*Romano* mentioned that Building Dreams for Marines is having their annual golf tournament on August 12<sup>th</sup>. In the past the detachment has volunteered to cover the money hole, and she was asking for someone to join her this year and *Stufflebeam* said he would help out. It will be at the Overlook Golf Course in Hollis, NH.

### **For the Good of the Order**

*Martioski* shared about the Operation Mercury VI: Finding Hope with 22 Unil None hike will be happening on June 6, 2026, check in time is 9-9:45am and step off is 10am at Camp Carpenter. This event brings awareness to veteran suicide and is a completely free event with no fundraising at all. For full details see the flyer that is attached to the minutes.

*Anthony* shared that member Peggy Fedor belongs to a group called New England Fiddle Ensemble, and they will be having a concert series in May and June and they are selling ad space in their program. There will be six events, and the ad would be in all six programs. He said that this would be a great opportunity to get our name and what we do out in front of another group of individuals. *Stufflebeam* made a motion to spend up to \$500 for an ad space in the program of the New England Fiddle Ensemble, and *White* seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

*Romano* then commented that several of the officers have been needing to travel for various events and meetings recently, and with the price of gas she thought it would be helpful if officers could be reimbursed if they wished to be for this expense. Most people did not have a problem covering this expense, but *Stufflebeam* did make a motion that *Anthony* could file for reimbursement if so desired for travel expenses at the standard rate of \$.625 per mile. The motion was seconded by *Romano* and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Closing Ceremony:**

**(Commandant, Sgt-at-Arms, Senior VC, Chaplain)**

Meeting Adjourned at 2018.

### **Next meeting dates:**

- The next FUNday breakfast will be on **April 25, 2026** (Sat.) at the Airport Diner, 08:00
- The next official meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 12, 2026**, at 1800 hours.

--- Jo Zurwell, Acting Adjutant

**Granite State Marine Corps League**  
**Detachment #542**  
**Agenda – April 14, 2026**

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes March 10, 2026
4. Commandant
  - a. Central High School FIRST Program presentation- Marge Motion
  - b. NH Troopers Association presentation and check presentation
  - c. MCL New England Division Conference – June 11-14th
  - d. MC Ball – Joint event w Dillion Detachment – MOA
    - i. 2 Sponsors so far – Verani Realty, Martin Michuad
  - e. Update from the Department of NH meeting
    - i. Officer deficit on the state level: Dept. JVC needed.
  - f. Revo Casino days 5/11-5/20 – volunteers to cover the table – set schedule – do we want to do SignUp Genius form?
  - g. Tun Tavern Fundraiser – selling bricks
  - h. Honor Flight New England from Manchester Airport – May 31st
  - i. VetFest 2 – DoNH booth, GSD involvement? -Deerfield Fairgrounds
  - j. Union Leader – special pricing for ad space
5. Officer Reports
  - a. SVC – Jesse Stufflebeam
  - b. Paymaster – Marge Romano
  - c. Chaplain – Joe Duquette
    - i. Kevin Brown – how is he doing?
    - ii. Pat Anthony – how is she doing?
    - iii. Arthur Allison – Passed, service April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm; burial in Summer – arrange firing detail with Brad Howe
  - d. Judge Advocate – Chris Peirce
  - e. Jr Vice – vacant
  - f. Quartermaster –Steve White –
  - g. Webmaster – Jo Zurwell
  - h. Scouting -Kaylee Bass and Sara Steffen
    - i. Eagle Court of Honor 5/23 for Arjun Puninchittaya
  - i. Correspondence -Eric Anthony

- i. Email from Karen Abbott Eagle Court of Honor Coordinator,  
Troop 414 Bedford, NH
  - j. Aide de Camp – Kevin Brown
  - k. Donations Inbound – Eric Anthony
  - l. Donation Evaluation Committee– Eric Anthony
  - m. Awards
  - n. Honor Detail
  - o. Scholarship – Jo Zurwell
- 6. Continuing Business
  - a. Old Business
  - b. New Business
- 7. For the Good of the Order – anyone have anything to share
  - a. Mercury V Hike – Mike Martioski
- 8. Closing Ceremony
- 9. Next breakfast is April 25, 2026. Next Member meeting May 12th



CHAOS STEM Education 4-H Attn.  
Mr. Charles Chretien,  
Central High School,  
535 Beech St, Manchester, NH 03104

### Who We Are

We are CHAOS 131, a high school robotics team from Manchester, New Hampshire. We focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics), inspiring youth in our community towards an interest in STEAM education through the *FIRST*® model.

### About *FIRST*®

*FIRST*® states, "to provide life-changing robotics programs that give young people the skills, confidence, and resilience to build a better world"

### What We Do

Each year in FRC (*FIRST*® Robotics Competition), a new game is released. In just six weeks students, working alongside mentors, build a 120 lb robot to play this game at competitions. The competition season consists of three levels. The first level is two local qualification events, the second level of competition is a regional level and the final level of competition is a global championship with teams from around the world.

While on the team, students learn skills such as designing, machining, coding, wiring, and even marketing.

We strive to spread the meaning of *FIRST*® through community outreach events such as workshops and presentations, as well as mentoring younger *FIRST*® programs like *FIRST*® LEGO League.

### Where Your Funds Go

- 100% of all donations are used to support student activities on the team.
- All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) registered charity
  - Our EIN: 46-2367680
- An Example of a FRC Team Budget For Reference:
  - Local Level Events Registration and Transportation - \$10,000
  - Regional Level Event Registration, Transportation, and Lodging - \$15,000
  - World Level Event Registration - \$5,000
  - World Level Event Travel - \$30,000
  - Robot Cost - \$10,000
  - Outreach Event Materials - \$2,500
  - Misc. - \$2,500

### To Sponsor

- Make checks out to:
  - CHAOS STEM Education 4-H
  - Attn. Mr. Charles Chretien
  - Mailing address: Central High School, 535 Beech St, Manchester, NH 03104

### For More Information:

- Visit our website: <https://www.chaos131.com>
- For more questions please email: Charles Chretien at [cchretien@mansd.org](mailto:cchretien@mansd.org) or CHAOS directly at [131.chaos@gmail.com](mailto:131.chaos@gmail.com)

## Sponsorship Tiers

Amount	Tier	Benefit
\$249 and Under	Friends	Thank You Card
		Social Media Recognition Post
\$250-\$499	Bronze	Company Name and/or Logo on Website
		Framed poster depicting team/ robot - sent to business
		Company Name and/or Logo on all Team Materials and Handouts (ex. CRAG)
\$500-\$999	Silver	Company Name and/or Logo on Team Banner
\$1,000-\$2,499	Gold	Company Added to Official Team Name (Announced at Events)
		Company Name and/or Logo on Team Shirt
\$2,500-\$7,499	Platinum	Company Name and/or Logo on Competition Robot
\$7,500 +	Diamond	Organization specific: Examples: Duplicate trophies/banners, robot demo at company event, photo of all sponsored teams at an official FIRST event, etc
Non-sponsorship Type		Benefit
Partnering Organizations		Support the mission of the partner organization. For example, robot demonstration at their events

Each Tier includes all benefits of previous tiers



CHAOS STEM Education 4-H Attn.  
Mr. Charles Chretien,  
Central High School,  
535 Beech St, Manchester, NH 03104

<b>To</b>	Mike Martioski
<b>Cc</b>	Charles Chretien "CHAOS 131 Advisor"
<b>Bcc</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	Sponsorship Request for team 131 CHAOS

Hello Mr. Martioski of the Marine Corps League,

My name is Caisyn Bryde, and I am one of the youngest members of team 131 CHAOS, the robotics team of Manchester Central High School.

Each year, we design, build, and compete with a robot, but our mission goes beyond competition. We're passionate about providing youth with STEM education they might not otherwise have access to. We do this by giving several presentations, robot demonstrations, STEM workshops, and much more: anything we can do to have a positive impact on our community.

Just recently this year we built our first offseason robot in the team's history. At our last event we won the Impact award The *FIRST*® Impact Award is the most prestigious award in *FIRST*, it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of *FIRST*. This award qualified us for districts, should we qualify to go to the *FIRST* Championship (April 29-May 2) we hope to compete with other teams around the world.

We are requesting your support for donation or sponsorship. The money would help the team pay for robot parts, competition fees, transportation fees, and lodging that is needed for our team to compete at events across New England. To recognize your support, our team can offer benefits such as displaying your organization's name and logo on our website, team shirts, robot, and social media. Sponsorship tiers with benefits will be attached to this email.

Thank you for considering our request. If you know of any other organization or business that we should consider reaching out to, please let us know.

Thank you,  
Team 131 CHAOS

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## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**Between the**

**GRANITE STATE DETACHMENT #542**

**and the**

**GARY S. DILLON DETACHMENT #734**

### **JOINT PLANNING AND FINANCING OF THE 2026 MARINE CORPS BALL**

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between the Granite State Detachment #542 ("Granite State") and the Gary S. Dillon Detachment #734 ("Dillon"). The purpose of this agreement is to outline the responsibilities and expectations for each detachment during joint planning of the 2026 Marine Corps Ball ("Ball").

WHEREAS Granite State and Dillon traditionally coordinate their own Marine Corps Ball events. Granite State has attended the Ball of the local Marine Reserve unit during recent years instead of coordinating their own. Dillon has hosted a small ball at the same local restaurant for multiple years.

WHEREAS Granite State and Dillon coordinating events separately results in smaller attendance. Due to their close proximity and having members who participate with both organizations, separate events force some members to choose between them.

WHEREAS Granite State and Dillon agree that a single event for the Ball will be beneficial for both organizations and membership. It is agreed that working together provides an avenue for sharing the workload and financing, while providing a better experience for membership.

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. A special Joint Committee purposed with planning the Ball shall be formed with members from Granite State and Dillon, with at minimum a chair and an adjutant/paymaster.
  - a. Granite State and Dillon shall each establish a special Ball planning committee, with at minimum a chair and an adjutant, expected to meet at

routine intervals to achieve the desired outcomes established by the Joint Committee.

- b. The Joint Committee shall meet at routine intervals to achieve the desired outcomes established at the prior meeting.
2. The Joint Committee shall be responsible for determining the expectations and responsibilities of Granite State and Dillon.
3. Granite State and Dillon share financial responsibility for the Ball equally.
4. Granite State shall be charged with maintaining all funds for the Ball.
  - a. All funds received, whether from Granite State, Dillon, or community sponsors, intended for the Ball shall be earmarked as such and maintained through a separate ledger than all other funds.
  - b. A written financial report shall be provided to all members at each Joint Committee meeting.
  - c. Committee members shall present this information to the rest of the membership through a communication or update at the following detachment meeting.
5. Granite State and Dillon shall share fundraising responsibilities, including seeking sponsorships, to assist in covering the costs of the Ball.
  - a. No one person or one detachment shall be responsible for fundraising.
  - b. It is in the best interest of all parties to seek enough sponsorships to cover all expenses.
  - c. Membership outside the Joint Committee shall be encouraged to participate in seeking sponsorships or providing suggestions for sponsorships.
6. The Joint Committee shall have decision-making authority over the spending of all funds raised and received for the Ball.
  - a. All decisions shall be made by a simple majority of those Joint Committee members present, however, all efforts shall be made to achieve unanimity when possible.
  - b. All efforts shall be made to seek cost comparisons for desired items and services.
  - c. Any excess funds from fundraising and sponsorships shall be split equally between Granite State and Dillon or spent in a manner agreed upon by the Joint Committee.

7. Any funds required from Granite State and Dillon shall be brought to the detachments for discussion and vote per their respective Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
8. Neither Granite State nor Dillon shall have individual decision-making powers over shared funds.
9. Granite State and Dillon shall share in the tasks and preparation for the Ball.
  - a. The Joint Committee shall be responsible for determining the tasks to be performed and their allocation.
  - b. While Joint Committee members shall be responsible for most tasks, volunteerism from membership is encouraged.
10. This Agreement does not create a past practice or precedent and may not be used in any proceeding except to enforce its terms.
11. This Agreement is in effect until the completion of the Ball and all funds have cleared.

**GRANITE STATE:**

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Eric Anthony, Commandant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DILLON:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Melanie Nagy, Commandant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**FUNday Breakfast  
Raffle Donations 2026  
for  
Commandant  
Trade School  
Scholarship**

**FOR 2027**

January	\$	37.00
February	\$	70.00
March	\$	265.00
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>372.00</b>



March 30, 2026

Jesse Stufflebeam  
U.S. Marine Corps League  
75 Groton Road  
Nashua, NH 03062

Dear Jesse:

This letter is to inform you that your organization has been granted permission to hold a fund-raising event at the store listed below between the hours of 9:00AM – 3:00PM. **However, it is the responsibility of the organization to acquire the appropriate permits if required by the town.** At the request of our customers, we have put into effect the following guidelines your volunteers are required to adhere to. DeMoulas Super Markets, Inc. has the right to curtail any fund-raising events we feel necessary.

1. Upon arriving at the store you must check in with the store manager.
2. Children under the age of fourteen are required to have adult supervision with them at all times.
3. There should never be more than two people from your organization at the store at any given time.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Volunteers must allow the customer to approach them.
7. The person representing you should be located at the entrance door only.
8. If a table is being set up, discuss with the store manager where it should be located.
9. **Due to the numerous requests we receive to fundraise, if you must reschedule the dates you were approved for you will need to resubmit a new letter with new dates at least 2 weeks in advance.**

If you have any questions pertaining to this notice, please contact Lori Page at (978) 851-8000 or [fundraising@demoulasmakethbasket.com](mailto:fundraising@demoulasmakethbasket.com). We wish you luck in your endeavor!

DeMoulas Super Markets, Inc.

STORE LOCATION: Bedford #71

DATE(S): June 26-27

Webmaster and Social Media Manager

Board Report for

April 14, 2026, GSD 542 Meeting

Since the last meeting the following were either done on the website and/or added to social media.

- Started newsletter in Constant Contact
- Created image for Ladies Lunch for newsletter.
- Worked on newsletter sections for scholarship program, Bingo pictures, Eagle Scouts award, 100th birthday party, presentation of donations, NE Div Conference, Poem, Ladies Lunch, Revo dates, Bruins color guard etc.
- Finalized March newsletter and sent to Eric, Jesse, and Kevin to proof before scheduling to send out on 3/15/26
- Added the National advisory message to the newsletter and made a blog post for the website.
- Made final edits to the Oorah newsletter, scheduled the newsletter to go out on 3/15 and created Facebook and Instagram post for the publication scheduled for 3/15/26
- Moved the Dec 2025 Oorah! to the Archive page and updated the Resources page with the new March 2026 issue of the Oorah!
- Revised the National blog post with the rescind letter and message.
- Sent reminder emails to the High Schools and to membership for the deadline of the scholarship program fast approaching and to get the applications in by that date.
- Updated plug-ins on site
- Checked website for any scholarship applications.
- Reviewed website for any issues or problems, emailed officers with suggestions on the store page.
- Sent a reminder email for the FUNday breakfast for March 28.
- This is not an all-inclusive list of what I did since the last meeting, but it is what best pertains to the website and social media.
- Reviewed website usage report from Monster Insights

**Website:** Google Analytics GA4 numbers for March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

	10/1-10/31/25	11/1-11/30/25	12/1-12/31/25	1/1/26 – 1/31/26	2/1/26-2/28/26	3/1/26-3/31/26
Total Website Users	405	759	569	540	550	573
Direct Find	332	656	497	481	487	492
Organic Search	57	97	66	45	39	48
Referral (link on another	5	4	6	11	16	31

site to ours)						
Organic Social	11	2	0	3	8	2

The top landing page views were as follows:

	10/1 – 10/31/25	11/1 – 11/30/25	12/1- 12/31/25	1/1/26- 1/31/26	2/1/26- 2/28/26	3/1/26- 3/31/26
Main Home page	192	309	261	206	191	214
Contact Us	13	0	0	0	0	0
Detachment Officers	8	23	9	0	25	9
Events	39	53	24	43	47	55
Resources	19	22	19	19	29	21
Semper Fidelis Newsletter	13	0	27	15	0	0
Scholarships	0	0	0	0	50	65
Scholarship Application	0	0	0	0	32	21
Membership	0	16	0	0	0	0
Easterseals Ribbon Cutting Post	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobius Mobility				19	0	0
Monthly Meeting Mins				32	18	0
NE Div Feb-Mar 2025 Newsletter				16	0	0
News & Events						34

#### Oorah Newsletter Readership

Issue Date	Qty Sent to	Qty Opened	Qty Clicked
March 2025	751	313	17
June 2025	735	274	10
September 2025	731	299	19
December 2025	718	280 (42%)	6 (1%)
March 2026	715	266 (38.7%)	12 (1.8%)

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Zurwell, #238602, Webmaster & Social Media Manager

# OPERATION MERCURY VI: FINDING HOPE

22 Until None

June 6, 2026



We all sacrificed a piece of ourselves when we put the uniform on and vowed to defend our Nations.

Finding Our Mission and Finding Our Hope in the Darkness of Our  
Mental Health Struggles

## WHEN

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Check-in 9-9:45am, Step-off at 10am

## WHERE

Camp Carpenter

300 Blondin Rd., Manchester, NH 03109

## WHAT

5K Hike/Walk/Ruck on the Dan Beard Trail  
at Camp Carpenter to bring awareness to  
veteran mental health and suicide,  
showing our veterans they do not have to  
fight this battle alone.



Operation Mercury IV  
2024



Operation Mercury V  
2025

# SAVE THE DATE



## ALL AGES EVENT

This is a Family Friendly  
Community Event. Leashed Dogs  
Welcomed! Rain or Shine

## FREE

Fundraising or payments of any  
kind is not permitted. This event is  
to bring awareness to veteran  
mental health and suicide and  
show our support for our veteran  
community.

## ONSITE

Games for before and after  
Post-Hike Food and Refreshments  
Community Partners/Organizations

## EVENT COORDINATOR

Mke Martioski

[mjmartioski@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmartioski@yahoo.com)

Reference 22 Until None

603-913-4959

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# 2026 CONCERTS



**SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026 2:00 P.M.**

**ROCHESTER OPERA HOUSE**

31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, New Hampshire

**THURSDAY MAY 9, 2026 6:30 P.M.**

**STAR THEATRE**

120 Rogers Road Kittery, Maine

**SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026 6:30 P.M.**

**EXETER TOWN HALL**

9 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

**SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026 2:00 P.M.**

**INTERLAKES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

1 Laker Lane, Meredith, New Hampshire

**SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026 2:00 P.M.**

**PINKERTON ACADEMY, STOCKBRIDGE THEATER**

5 Pinkerton Street, Derry, New Hampshire

**SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2026 2:00 P.M.**

**WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

471 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, Maine

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