

Granite State Marine Corps League Detachment #542

Mar 10 , 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 type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Ex. <input checked="" 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 :	Kayley Bass/Sara Steffen	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:

Pat Anthony, Joey Duquette

New Members Attending and Sworn-In:

None

Guests attending:

None

Approval of previous meeting's minutes:

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

Anthony reported a few things from the Department of NH Quarterly meeting that was held on March 7, 2026, in Laconia. The Department is in need of a JVC officer, and this is key for Cody Dumont to accept the nomination for Commandant for a second term. *Anthony* asked if anyone was interested and willing to hold this position to let him know. *White* asked to confirm that the post was restricted to regular members only; this is correct.

Anthony then reported on the progress of the Marine Corps Ball joint venture with GSD 542 and Dillion Detachment. He and *White* are scheduled to meet with, sign a contract, and give a \$1000 deposit to the Puritan Backroom in the coming week. The owner, U.S. Representative Chris Pappas, has given a discount of \$300 for the use of the room and the detachments would need to pay for the catering. *White* stated that he has gone to the Derryfield and Manchester Country Club, but they had not been able to meet with him yet, so he will try again to see if they have the date available and what they would quote for the event.

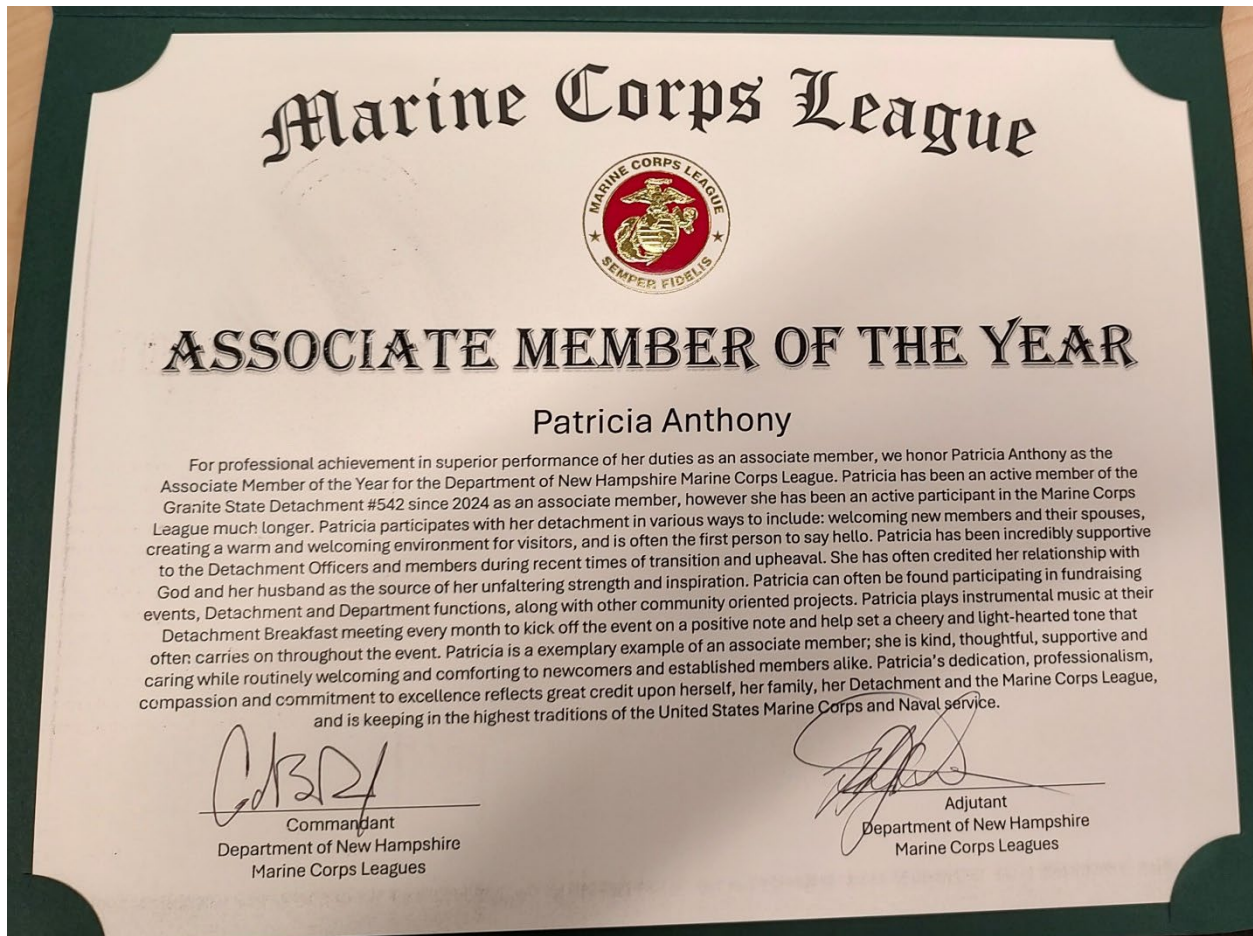
Stufflebeam asked if Puritan Backroom will cater the event, what the cost would be, and how many people will it fit. *White* said that the space will hold up to 200 people, and he did not have pricing for the catering yet, but he assumed he would get that at the time they give the deposit. *Zurwell* asked if the deposit was refundable if it was found that Derryfield or the Manchester Country Club had a better fit for what is needed for the event. *White* was not sure, but he would check at his visit to the Puritan Backroom, but he believes that it should be refundable.

Stufflebeam asked if the detachments would be asking for a donation from the Department of NH to help with the cost of the food. There was no direct answer to this question. *Joe Duquette* suggested Belmont Hall, but *Coutu* stated that the

parking was very limited there. *Stufflebeam* stated that he is working on finding a professional photographer for the event.

Anthony then emphasized that this Marine Corps Ball is a collaborative event with Dillion Detachment and said that they are willing to work with us as we identify gaps in the planning, they are willing to fill in as needed. He stated they have a lot of great people in Dillion that are great at planning events and it would be a shame not to tap into that talent. *Stufflebeam* suggested that they could help with organizing the memorabilia type items, as a start.

Anthony then shared that during the Department meeting, *Patricia Anthony* received an award for all the good that she does within the detachment and for members of the MCL. *Pat Anthony* shared the wooden plaque that was presented to her, that was made by fellow MCL member Dennis Mitchell. *Steve White* read the wording from the certificate that was presented to *Pat Anthnoy*, and this is shared below. The group offered their congratulations to *Pat Anthony*.



Anthony then gave an update on the progress of the MCL ribbons for volunteering. This is being organized by the Department level, and they will be procuring and awarding these ribbons; no other details were available at this time. *Brown* then stated that the Awards chair for the Department did not know anything about this new ribbon for volunteers as of the meeting in March. *Brown*, then went on to say that the charitable gaming funds will not always be there each year or not at the values that have been in the past, and the detachment needs to be sure not to lose their collective abilities to perform fundraisers at local stores as has been done successfully for years. He then stated that the goal for the ribbon for volunteers would be given to a member with a certain number of qualified volunteer hours in a year and will receive a ribbon of precedence that could be worn on the uniform shirt.

Anthony then asked the Sgt at Arms, *Coutu*, to pass out the NH MCL 60th anniversary commemorative medals to all at the meeting that had not already received one at the Department meeting.

Anthony then turned the meeting over to *Zurwell* so that she could explain the needs for having a virtual meeting element to the detachment meetings. *Zurwell* stated that the Zoom account was now up and running and ready to use for meetings. She went on to explain that in order to have Zoom during a detachment meeting some equipment was needed. *Zurwell* stated that the detachment already has a microphone and speaker set with 10 microphones, and that as the President of ACGS the detachment would be able to use the TV on premises. The items that would need to be purchased are a webcam and an extender for additional USB ports. Her recommendation for both was shared, Tewiky Full HD Webcam with built-in microphone and rotatable tripod, 1080p video and Wide Angle Camera that is good for both desktop and laptop for a list price of \$25.99 from Amazon, and the Acer USB hub 4 port, multiple USB 3.0 Hub for a list price of \$14.99. She explained that the extender might be needed if the person's laptop that is being used to access the Zoom account does not have enough of the needed ports. She offered to use her laptop for the meetings until such a time as someone else would like to use their laptop for said meetings or she was not able to attend a meeting.

Brown made a motion to allow *Zurwell* to purchase the camera and extender so that the detachment would be able to have Zoom accessibility to the monthly meetings. *White* seconded the motion, and a discussion ensued.

Stufflebeam stated that he had just come back from the Mid-Winter National MCL conference and at this conference they had said that detachments were not allowed to hold their monthly meetings via Zoom or other virtual methods because they wanted to encourage people to come together in person for meetings. He continued by stating that anyone that is at a meeting virtually, would not have a vote during the meeting. *Zurwell* asked if someone was not physically able to get out of their house or get to the meeting, would we not want them to be able to join via Zoom so that they could hear and see what was going on at the meeting. *Stufflebeam* said that he would contact the Commandant at National to get clarification on this point.

The motion was then amended by *Stufflebeam* to hold on the purchase of the equipment stated in the original motion until confirmation of use of Zoom for members to join the detachment meetings from National could be done. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Senior Vice Commandant: (Jesse Stufflebeam) –

Stufflebeam reported he recently had the opportunity to attend the Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, VA. Some highlights of this conference included a tour of the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Arlington, VA. “If you ever get a chance to visit the museum, it is well worth the trip.” The static displays are realistic and show the history of our Marine Corps from 1775 to 2025. He said he saw the medal of honor for General Wilson who *Stufflebeam* stated he was the backup driver for while in service. The museum takes approximately 2 hours to see all the displays and videos.

Also, during the conference it was announced that the building that the Marine Shop is currently located in Quantico, VA has been sold to the Marine Corps League and within the next 12 months the Marine Corps League Headquarters will be relocated to the that building and the Marine Shop will be relocating and all uniform sales will be handled by the Marine Corps Exchange in Quantico, VA. The question raised is how Marines without Marine Corps Exchange privileges will be able to purchase uniforms. They are currently working with the Marine Corps Exchange to determine whether there are exceptions.

Stufflebeam is working on getting a date, perhaps after the monthly breakfast, in May, to go to Manchester Firing Line Range, next to the Airport Diner, the owner is a member of this detachment, and have an event there. If people are interested, they can keep track of their scores, and it can be reported to National for marksmanship awards.

Stufflebeam reported that *Peirce* has arranged with Wounded Warrior to have a joint sponsored event at Rugged Axe in Manchester on April 23rd.

Stufflebeam is still trying to work out dates with Market Basket and will be contacting Walmart to work out some dates to do fundraisers. He is working with Mike Martioski from Dillion, about getting into the casino in Rochester, separate from the Revo casino program, to work on a fundraiser there.

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

With the Paymaster excused from this meeting, *Zurwell* stepped in and read off the report that *Marge Romano* sent before leaving on her trip, as of March 4, 2026.

\$36,378.46 balance; \$1250 outstanding checks; committed funds \$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, \$500 for NH State Troopers Association, and \$3000 for Manchester Veterans Council Fundraiser, for a total committed \$14,903.00. Total available funds are \$20,225.46. *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 \$70. \$107 YTD in the Trade School Scholarship for 2027 awarding.

Chaplain Report: (Joe Duquette)

Sick, Injured, Hospitalized Members: *Duquette* stated he spoke with Bill Rogers who is fighting cancer and he is doing well with good spirits. *Duquette* said that everyone else is doing well.

Members / spouses recently passed away:

Updates from VA Hospital:

Judge Advocate: Chris Peirce – Absent – No report

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

Brown stated that Glenn Thayer would like to come back but is getting some push back from family concerns. He wants to feel welcomed, which it was stated he is, by several people at the meeting. He needs help to come back. *Stufflebeam* will reach out with a call in the coming days.

Quartermaster: (Steve White) - NTR

Webmasters Report: (Jo Zurwell) –

See attached report from Webmaster. *Zurwell* thanked the officers for sending in their write-ups for the upcoming newsletter, it makes the process much easier. The newsletter will be going out on March 15th.

Scouting Report: (Kayley Bass/Sara Steffen) –

Bass reported that there will be an Eagle Court of Honor on April 4, 2026, at 4pm at Camp Carpenter for a Troop 99 member. She then reported that she is in need of more certificate paper. *Anthony* said that it was just reported at the Department meeting that the Commandant for Dillion Detachment has a large supply of this if we need it. It was also stated that *Romano* is believed to have stock as well.

Steffen updated the detachment on the canoes for Troop 99. She has reached out to the troop to find out what days and times would work for them to have some of the troop at Bass Pro Shops to pick out and purchase the canoe(s) and so pictures can be taken of the event. *Stufflebeam* asked if Bass Pro Shops would be giving us a discount on this purchase. She said that as long as someone is there with military ID, we will get the military discount, and she does have her card.

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

Anthony had a personal note to share. He had referred a church friend of his to Veterans Count and he has been in contact with Courtney Stairs of Veterans Count via email and he shared a very nice response from her on his friend. Below is a copy of this message that *Anthony* read to the detachment.

“Hi Eric,

It’s so nice to hear from you, and I apologize for my delayed response — this week got away from me!

Yes, I was very happy to bump into Mike last week at an outreach event. We talked about my goal of presenting at all of the Marine Corps League Detachments across the state. As you know, I'm very committed to making sure information about all the ways we can support veterans is shared far and wide throughout New Hampshire.

Regarding your friend, I'm really glad to hear he felt good about his home visit with one of our case managers. Unfortunately, I don't have any information I can share. We keep everything extremely confidential to protect the individuals we work with, so even though I'm part of the program, I don't have access to details about specific veterans we are serving. What I *can* assure you of, is that he is in very good hands 😊

Please keep in touch, and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Take care,
Courtney"

Aide De Camp : (Kevin Brown)

Brown shared that the hotel next to Revo Casino in Manchester is under major rebuilding, and he thinks we should be involved in the grand reopening. He said that he believes our member, Dick Anagnost is involved in this project and that of the purchase of the old Harley Davidson building in that area. He does not know exactly what is being planned, but we should keep an eye on it this year.

He then stated that he continues to try and reach Alex Ray, owner of Airport Diner and the Common Man restaurant chain. He is currently out of the country, but *Brown* continues to try and get him to come to a monthly breakfast. He envisions that GSD could work with *Ray* to do a fundraiser at each of his locations and he is looking forward to talking with him to work out what would work for him and the detachment.

Brown wanted to acknowledge latest Devil Dog recipient, *Jesse Stufflebeam*, and that he has taken over the roster and appreciates him. *Brown* then asked how we handle members that have moved out of the area and are in other states. *Stufflebeam* stated he has reached out to National and some of the people on our roster that fit this category have been removed for unpaid dues and he will send *Brown* an update roster.

Brown then asked how do we increase the cash received on the breakfast raffle. Can we increase the ticket price? He was looking for suggestions. *White* suggested that we need to increase our membership, which would in turn hopefully increase participation in monthly breakfasts. *Stufflebeam* then said that we used to sell tickets for a raffle for a gun, perhaps we could do this again.

Donations inbound: (Paymaster, Commandant): NTR

Donation Review Committee:

Anthony hand delivered the detachment donation of \$1500 that was approved at the February meeting, to David French via Peter Romano (no relation to Marge Romano). David is a MCL member from the Lakes Region Detachment, a Vietnam veteran with a Purple Heart and is suffering from throat cancer. He underwent surgery and now breathes through a trach and uses a white board to communicate. He was very appreciative of the support from the detachment of MCL and with the GSD donation the family has raised \$4000 to cover expenses during his recovery that his insurance does not cover.

Awards: (Commandant, et al) – NTR

Honor Details: (vacant) – NTR

Scholarship committee: (Jo Zurwell) -

Zurwell advised that the committee had made their final changes to the scholarships requirements and applications, and with the help of the webmaster, added to the website for students to access the information. The scholarship information was emailed to all of the high schools in the detachment area the week before February vacation. The deadline is April 15th to submit the applications. An email was also sent to all members that the scholarship program was now open and ready for applications, there will also be mention in the upcoming newsletter. She encourages members present to have any family members that qualify to send in their applications. As of the date of the meeting, there have been no applications submitted yet.

Continuing Business:

Old Business:

Stufflebeam asked for the status of the business card ordering. *White* said that he just placed the order because the person doing it was on vacation. *Stufflebeam* then passed around a sample of the card he made

for himself via Vista Print that has a QR Code that links to the detachment website. He hopes with this addition to the cards that it will increase traffic to the website.

New Business:

Anthony asked *Joe Duquette* when the next VA Bingo event would be. Bingo at the VA will be March 15th at 1pm and *Duquette* said to meet in the back parking lot of the VA about 12:30-12:45pm and the group would go in together. He clarified for some members that we donate our time each month to help the veterans play Bingo as well as \$40 for snacks and Bingo cards; when the veterans win, they can spend their winnings at the VA store. *Anthony* asked if he could bring a couple friends as he is interested in starting a chess club, there are a few veterans there that are very good, and he thought it would be fun. Yes, this would not be a problem.

Anthony then shared that he and *Pat Anthony* will be meeting with Cody Dumont to discuss the benefits of her expanding the Ladies Lunch program to the other detachments in the state. *Pat Anthony* then stated that the first Ladies Lunch for the year will be on the third Wednesday in April, or April 15th. It will be at T-Bones in Bedford. A few people suggested other places that offer military discounts, Thirsty Moose in Manchester and Merrimack, who have a discount every day 15-25%, and 99 Restaurant does a daily military discount as well.

For the Good of the Order

- *Steffen* shared that her oldest son, Noah, a Junior in High School, auditioned for the John Phillips Sousa orchestra and he got in. There will be a concert on July 15th in Worcester, MA and the band will be led by Michael Colburn, who is the Marine Corps Band Director. The group congratulated her son for a job well done.

Closing Ceremony:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 1920.

Next meeting dates:

- The next FUNday breakfast will be on **March 28, 2026** (Sat.) at the Airport Diner, 08:00
- The next official meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 14, 2026**, at 1800 hours.

--- Jo Zurwell, Acting Adjutant

Granite State Marine Corps League
Detachment #542
Agenda – March 10, 2026

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026
4. Commandant
 - a. Update from the Department of NH meeting
 - i. Officer deficit on the state level: Dept. JVC needed.
 - ii. MCBall progress / collaboration with Dillon
 - iii. Pat Anthony's big award
 - iv. Progress on MCL ribbons
 - v. A NH medal for every member & associate
 - b. Virtual Meeting equipment needed
5. Officer Reports
 - a. SVC – Jesse Stufflebeam
 - b. Paymaster – Marge Romano
 - c. Chaplain – Joe Duquette
 - 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. Correspondence -Eric Anthony
 - i. Email from Courtney Stairs – Veterans Count
 - j. Aide de Camp – Kevin Brown
 - k. Donations Inbound – Eric Anthony
 - l. Donation Evaluation Committee– Eric Anthony
 - i. Delivered check to David French via Peter Romano
 - m. Awards
 - n. Honor Detail
 - o. Scholarship – Jo Zurwell –
6. Continuing Business
 - a. Old Business

- i. Eric and Pat Anthony will be meeting with Cody to discuss the benefits of her expanding the Ladies Lunch program to the other detachments in the state

- b. New Business

7. For the Good of the Order – anyone have anything to share
8. Closing Ceremony
9. Next breakfast is March 28, 2026. Next Member meeting April 14th

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

FOR 2027

January	\$	37.00
February	\$	70.00
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
TOTAL	\$	107.00

Paymaster Report as of March 04, 2025

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS	AMOUNT	COMMITTED FUNDS	AMOUNT
\$ 36,378.46				
	Hometown Heros Outdoors	\$ 1,000.00		
	Webmaster Maintenance	\$ 250.00	Dan Fedor Boy Scout Camp Campership 2025 <i>designated for one canoe - possibly two</i>	\$ 1,903.00
			Maurice Labbe Memorial Paver Donation Easterseals Veteran Facility Franklin NH ON HOLD	\$ 1,500.00
			Arts for Veterans	\$ 500.00
			Delta Dog	\$ 1,000.00
			Marine in Need - David French	\$ 1,500.00
			NH State Troopers Association	\$ 500.00
			Frank Diekmann GSD #542 MCL Scholarship 2026	\$ 2,500.00
			Commandant Trade School Scholarship 2026	\$ 2,500.00
			Manchester Veterans Council Fundraiser	\$ 3,000.00
			TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED	\$ 14,903.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS TO DATE				
		\$ 20,225.46		
Deposits made after Last Meeting thru March 4, 2026				
	FUNDAY Raffle February	\$ 70.00		
	Membership Renewals	\$ 110.00		
	Donation Marty Michaud	\$ 20.00		
	Donation Steve White	\$ 5.00		
	Donation Hannaford's Bloomin Bouquet	\$ 37.00		
	Total Deposits to Date	\$ 242.00		

Webmaster and Social Media Manager

Board Report for

March 10, 2026, GSD 542 Meeting

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

- Created a President's Day social media post, scheduled to post on the holiday 2/16/26.
- Added Bruins Alumni game pictures of Color Guard to gallery on website
- Created email in Constant Contact to invite people to the DoNH MCL planning meeting for the Memorial Day event at the state cemetery
- Created calendar event for NH Charitable Gaming days at Revo Casino in Lebanon 5/11-5/20/26.
- Updated the scholarship webpage and application per the changes from the scholarship committee.
- Created Constant Contact email for scholarship committee to send out to all the high schools in our area for 2026 program year.
- Made revisions to online scholarship application per the committee requests and uploaded spreadsheet of school emails and sent scholarship email out.
- Added calendar events for April - November Funday breakfasts, did not do December because that normally gets moved to first week in January.
- Created a blog post on website for NE Div Feb-Mar Newsletter and posted on Facebook. (17 views)
- Uploaded January minutes to website
- Created and sent reminder email for the February FunDay Breakfast
- Created and sent email to members for the scholarship application program that is now open for 2026.
- Updated plug-ins
- 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 February 1 – February 28, 2026

	9/1- 9/30/25	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
Total Website Users	173	405	759	569	540	550
Direct Find	101	332	656	497	481	487
Organic Search	66	57	97	66	45	39
Referral (link on another	4	5	4	6	11	16

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

The top landing page views were as follows:

	9/1 - 9/30/25	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
Main Home page	96	192	309	261	206	191
Contact Us	10	13	0	0	0	0
Detachment Officers	18	8	23	9	0	25
Events	19	39	53	24	43	47
Resources	21	19	22	19	19	29
Semper Fidelis Newsletter	22	13	0	27	15	0
Scholarships	0	0	0	0	0	50
Scholarship Application	0	0	0	0	0	32
Membership	0	0	16	0	0	0
Easterseals Ribbon Cutting Post	12	0	0	0	0	0
Mobius Mobility					19	0
Monthly Meeting Mins					32	18
NE Div Feb-Mar 2025 Newsletter					16	0

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%)

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