

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 17, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Newton called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on January 17, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Roger Paulin conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Newton, Sr. Vice Kirstatter, Judge Advocate Sanders, Paymaster Adams, Sgt at Arms Rodgers, and Chaplain Elmore. Absent were: Jr. Vice Braden. There were a total of 32 members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. No objections to the minutes were made. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marine Wilcox, and seconded by Marine Nicholson. However, Judge Advocate Sanders later reminded the Detachment that it was not necessary to make such a motion.

### **IV. Applications for Membership** None.

### **V. Visitors/Guests** Guests in attendance included: Marine Billy Campbell who is part of a group of Marines desiring to form a MCL Detachment in Tifton; Jane Wilcox; and Jim Daughtry of the Peachtree City MCL Detachment.

### **VI. Correspondence received** Keep Albany Beautiful will be hosting its annual appreciation lunch at the Albany Civic Center on January 26, 2012. Lowe Electric thanked the Detachment for replacing its flag and sent in a \$25.00 donation. Marine Al Fazekas and his wife Kathy also made a flag donation of \$50.00.

### **VII. Paymaster's Report** Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The Albany Chapter of the Marine Officers Association is disbanding, and has given the Detachment \$870.00 of its left over funds. The Detachment Savings account has an ending balance of \$3,195.91 before crediting the \$870.00. The Checking account ending balance stands at \$2,804.64. Motion to approve report made by Marine Wilcox, and seconded by Marine Fazekas. Motion approved unanimously.

### **VIII. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Since November 2011, the Detachment has made presentations to the next of kin of the following five Fallen Marines: Joe Wayne Harrell, MSgt Eugene Quinn, Sr., USMC (ret.); Virgil F. Halte;

Edgar Willis Pritchett; and Donald Holt. There were no sick or fallen Detachment Marines to report.

**IX. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: No report.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report.
- c) Jr. Vice: Absent.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: Commandant Newton announced the next cleanup effort will take place during March 2012.
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

**XI. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced 53 Flags were replaced during 2010, and another 33 in 2011. So far this year 3 flags have been replaced. Donations are basically covering the cost of the flags.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business** Officer Elections. The following Marines were nominated for detachment elective offices and were unanimously elected in uncontested races: Ron Kirstatter – Commandant; Bobbie Elmore – Sr. Vice Commandant; Roger Paulin – Jr. Vice Commandant; and Bill Hammack – Judge Advocate. All newly elected Detachment Officers were administered the oath of office, along with the following appointed officers: Alex Hart (newly appointed) – Adjutant; Bob Adams (re-appointed) – Pay Master; Ernie Elmore (re-appointed) – Chaplain; Jim Rodgers (re-appointed) – Sgt at Arms.

**XIII. New Business**

- a) Commandant Kirstatter thanked Jr. Past Commandant Newton for his two years of faithful service to the Detachment; Commandant Newton received a standing ovation.
- b) Marine Jim Daughtry from the Peachtree City Detachment gave a presentation on the 2012 Department of Georgia Convention his Detachment is hosting from May 18-20, 2012. The convention will be headquartered at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center. The rate for Marines with spouse is \$91.00/night. Single Marines will pay \$84.00/night. The banquet price per person will be \$42.00. Challenge coins will be sold for \$10.00 before the convention, but will be \$11.00 at the convention. The Guest of Honor is National MCL Commandant Vic Voltaggio. The convention will feature “Tun Tavern South”. Spouses will have the opportunity to shop in Peachtree

City and visit various attractions in Historic Senoia. Marine Daughtry encouraged the Detachment's members to support the Peachtree City Detachment by attending the convention.

- XIV. Good of the League** Marine Nicholson announced there would be a Wounded Warrior hunt @ LtCol Hammack's family plantation on February 3-5th. For further details please contact Marine Nicholson at 435-5450 or 395-3258.

Marine Wilcox announced Steve Owen of Scout Troop 115 invites Detachment members to attend the Troop's annual spaghetti dinner on February 18, 2012 at American Legion Post 30.

**Announcements** None.

- XV. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1915.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by: Commandant Kirstatter

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

February 21, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1835 on February 21, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Bobbie Elmore, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Paymaster Adams, Sgt at Arms Rodgers, and Chaplain Ernie Elmore. Absent due to illness was: Jr. Vice Roger Paulin. There were a total of 19 members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. No objections to the minutes were made, and the minutes were approved as posted.

### **IV. Applications for Membership**

Two applications for new membership were received from Dawaine Lake and Tom Voth, who were not present at the meeting. Commandant Kirstatter explained that the By-Laws actually require polling existing members, outside of the presence of membership applicants, to determine if the applicants are acceptable to existing members. The members were polled on both new applicants, and no objections were made to their becoming League Members.

### **V. Visitors/Guests**

Guests in attendance included: Jim Cross from Flint River Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Jim delivered an informative presentation about Flint River Habitat, including its goals, the types of housing it builds for qualified applicants, the “sweat equity” requirement, on-going builds and other volunteer opportunities. He requested our members to come out to the two construction sites at 1605 and 1609 Sunny Lane in Albany to speak with the college-age volunteers about what it means to be a veteran. Jim’s phone number is 344-1206, or he can be reached by e-mail at [jimmy@flintriverhabitat.org](mailto:jimmy@flintriverhabitat.org).

## **VI. Correspondence received**

The family of Marine Donald Luckey wrote to thank the Detachment for honoring Donald's life and service, and for presenting the family with a Certificate of Service.

## **VII. Paymaster's Report**

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The Albany Chapter of the Marine Officers Association is disbanding, and has given the Detachment \$870.00 of its left over funds. The Detachment Savings account has an ending balance of \$4,066.82 after crediting the \$870.00. The Checking account ending balance stands at \$2,917.11. Motion to approve report made by Marine Fazekas, and seconded by Marine Aldrich. Motion approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Chaplain's Report**

Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Three Fallen Marines were reported: Donald Luckey, MSgt Raymond Redmon (USMC ret.) and Charles Gleaton, Sr. The following Marines were reported as ill or in distress: Billy Stewart, Felix DeMuth, and Roger Paulin.

## **IX. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Commandant Kirstatter mentioned that all or most of the elected Detachment officers would be absent for the March and August Detachment meetings. No decision has been made on whether to cancel or reschedule those meetings. Commandant Kirstatter also mentioned the Detachment has supported the families of seven Fallen Marines since November 2011.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report.
- c) Jr. Vice: Absent.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.
- e) Adjutant: Adjutant Hart gave a short summary of what transpired at the Detachment officers meeting. First, the Detachment is going to be purchasing a ceremonial brass bell; the price is under \$90.00. Second, the Detachment will be holding its annual yard sale and picnic on April 21, 2012 at Marine Newton's house. The yard sale will go from 0800 to 1200 with the picnic to follow at 1330.

## **X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Clean-Up Committee: Next clean-up scheduled for April 12 and 14, 2012.
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

## **XI. Special Committee Reports**

a) 2013 Southeast Division Conference Update – Marine Newton described the planned spouse activities for the two day convention, including tours of the Bridge House, Flint RiverQuarium, Radium Springs Botanical Gardens, and shopping at Lancaster Village and a trip to Mint Julep Day Spa. Due to the stand-down of the Albany Marine Band, the Base will have one less bus; possible transportation alternatives include Ford Explorers, which FordTown of Albany has agreed to provide. The Merry Acres renovation is nearly complete. Menu options have been down-graded to lower the cost for attendees and spouses. The Department has not yet made its decision on the host Detachment for the 2013 Department Convention.

b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced 94 Flags were replaced since last year. Commandant Kirstatter suggested placing signs in yards/in front of businesses in appreciation of people who properly display the American Flag, as a way to promote the Detachment. The idea was debated. Marines Aldrich and Adams felt the existing post cards served the same purpose. No decision was made to adopt Commandant Kirstatter's idea.

## **XII. Old/Unfinished Business**

None.

## **XIII. New Business**

None.

## **XIV. Good of the League**

Commandant Kirstatter presented Marine Charles Bushnell with a lifetime membership certificate and pin, and Past Commandant Newton with a plaque in appreciation for his two years of faithful service as Detachment Commandant. The following events were announced: the Department Staff meeting will take place on February 25, 2012 in Peachtree City; the SE Division Conference will go from March 1 to 3, 2012 in Myrtle Beach, SC; the Department Convention begins May 18, 2012 in Peachtree City; and the National Convention begins on August 12, 2012 in Mobile, AL.

## **XV. Announcements**

Friday, February 24, 2012 at 10pm on MSNBC is a program on the Camp Lejeune water contamination problem entitled "Semper Fi – Always Faithful".

Marine Newton announced the Detachment is possibly in the running for the Burkhart Award for the most new members in a single year.

## **XVI. Adjourned**

After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Rodgers, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1940.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by: Commandant Kirstatter

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

March 13, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Sr. Vice Elmore called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on March 13, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Sr. Vice Bobbie Elmore, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Paymaster Adams, and Chaplain Ernie Elmore. Absent were: Commandant Kirstatter and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. Marine Chaffin was standing in for Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 21 members and 2 associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. Sr. Vice Elmore did have one change to the previous minutes: Under Standing Committees, the River Walk Committee's next scheduled cleanup date will be April 20, 2012 (the March date was incorrect). No objections to the corrected minutes were made, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

- IV. Applications for Membership** One application for new membership was received from CWO-4 Bobby Sesai, USMC (ret.), who was present at the meeting. Marine Sesai left the room, and the members were polled on his application for membership. No objections were made to Marine Sesai becoming a League Member.

- V. Visitors/Guests** None.

- VI. Correspondence received** The Detachment received letters from Sally Hairston and Debra Britton thanking the Detachment for replacing their flags. Ms. Britton lives in California.

The Unicoi Detachment will be hosting a sporting clays competition on April 14, 2012 (members interested in attending can read the brochure); 1stLt Clebe McClary, USMC (ret.) who was wounded in action in Vietnam will be speaking at the First Baptist Church, Americus, GA Sportsman Banquet, on March 15th at 6pm; MCLB Albany will be holding a virtual veteran's job fair during the first half of March 2012; the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame will be holding its annual enshrinement banquet on April 21, 2012.



**VII. Paymaster's Report** Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The Detachment Savings account has an ending balance of \$4,067.79. The Checking account ending balance stands at \$2,897.55. Motion to approve report made by Chaplain Elmore, and seconded by several Marines. Motion approved unanimously.

**VIII. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Chaplain Elmore. One Fallen Marine was reported: GySgt Jack Amund, USMC (ret.). The following Marines were reported as ill or in distress: Billy Stewart, and Felix DeMuth. Chaplain Elmore also announced that there will be a ceremony honoring Viet Nam Vets in the auditorium at Dublin VA Hospital on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 10 a.m. Additionally, Gov. Deal will be signing a proclamation at the State Capitol Building on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 10 a.m. declaring that day Viet Nam Veterans Day. Five Detachment Marines attended this year's S.E. Division Conference. The Department of Alabama will be holding its convention on June 8-10, 2012.

**IX. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: No report.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report. However, Sr. Vice Elmore thanked Past Commandant Newton for his hard work in the Detachment's failed bid to host the 2013 S.E. Division Conference.
- c) Jr. Vice: Jr. Vice Paulin reported he had contacted six prospective members.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: Past Commandant Newton announced the next cleanup effort will take place on Saturday, April 14, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Cox Landing (Golfers will meet at the same time on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Veteran's Park).
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

**XI. Special Committee Reports**

- a) 2013 Southeast Division Conference Update – Past Commandant Newton announced that the Detachment lost in its bid to host that event, and that the Griffin Detachment was selected to host it. Griffin received 78 votes to Albany's 15. Tennessee got just one vote.
- b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced 103 Flags were replaced in the last year and a half. 13 flags remain in stock and another 21 are on order. The program is in the "black" by \$100.00.

c) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that the Detachment will be creating a cookbook, which will be sold to raise money for Detachment programs. Andrea Gillen is spear-heading the effort, and members, associate members and others should send recipes to her. The publication deadline is September 1, 2012. The cookbooks should be ready for sale during the Holiday Season. The Detachment hopes the sales will generate up to \$6,000.00 in profits for Detachment programs. Marine Fisk offered to approach Dick French about offering the cookbooks for sale in the Base Exchange.

d) Detachment Scrapbook: Historian Cathy Fazekas announced that she is creating a scrapbook and asks members and others to contribute photos and articles relating to detachment events.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business** Chaplain Elmore announced the Detachment had purchased the ceremonial bell, and displayed that item for the members to view. He said Judge Advocate Hammack will make a wood stand/bracket for the bell.

**XIII. New Business** None.

**XIV Good of the League** Past Commandant Newton announced the Detachment will contribute \$75.00 toward sponsoring a girls' softball team coached by two Marines. He encouraged Detachment Marines to make individual contributions. The Detachment name will appear on the girl's uniform shirts.

Marine Aldrich announced there will be a meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Rooster's to plan for cooking lunch for Habitat volunteers at noon on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Marine Aldrich and Paymaster Adams related their experiences visiting with student volunteers at Habitat construction sites. Marine Freed also visited with the students. The students appreciated hearing from veterans, since the houses they are building are for veterans. Habitat's Jim Cross said Detachment members don't need to put in a full day's work at the construction site; rather, they simply need to come out and speak with the kids.

Sr. Vice Elmore reminded members of the Georgia Department Convention on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Peachtree City, and the National Convention on August 12<sup>th</sup> in Mobile, Alabama.

Sr. Vice Elmore presented Marine McClelland with a lifetime membership certificate and pin.

**XV Announcements** Commandant Newton announced the Department of Georgia won this year's Grits Bowl, beating out Alabama. Georgia won for the most new members.

Sr. Vice Elmore announced the Detachment yard sale and picnic will take place at the Newton's house on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The yard sale will go from 8am to noon, with the picnic to follow at 1:30pm. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Commandant Kirstatter will begin accepting items for the sale, which he will store at his house. No shoes or clothes will be accepted.

**XIII. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms Chaffin, Sr. Vice Elmore announced the meeting was adjourned at 1943.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 17, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1831 on April 17, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Bobbie Elmore, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Paymaster Adams, and Chaplain Ernie Elmore. Absent was: Sgt at Arms Rodgers. Marine Fisk was standing in for Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 17 members and 2 associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. No corrections to the minutes were made, and the minutes stand approved as posted.

### **IV. Applications for Membership**

One application for new membership was received from John E. Belk, who was not present at the meeting. The members were polled on his application for membership. No objections were made to Marine Belk becoming a League Member.

### **V. Visitors/Guests** None.

### **VI. Correspondence received**

The Detachment received thank you letters from the families of fallen Marines Swanson and Unruh.

The MCL Auxiliary is selling tickets for their Headquarters Project – Spring Fundraiser. Drawing will be held at the National Convention in Mobile, AL. August 12 to 18. Warner Robins Air Show is April 28 and 29. Wounded Warriors Family Support has 100 Marine Corps Marathon slots, which it is trying to sell as a fundraiser. MCLB MWR is hosting a Family Fun Day on May 12 from 1000 to 1300.

### **VII. Paymaster's Report**

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The Detachment Savings account has an ending balance of \$4,068.82. The Checking account ending balance stands at \$2,359.93. Motion to approve report made by Marine Fazekas, and seconded by several Marines. Motion approved unanimously.

### **VIII. Chaplain's Report**

Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Four Fallen Marines were reported: Raymond Hepner, Sr., David Lamar Hill, Larry R. Scarborough, and Detachment Member Nick Retza. The following Marines, Associate Members or Marine family members were reported as ill or in distress: Bill Hammack, Billy Stewart, Marilyn McClelland, Jim Rodgers, and Maureen Morrison (Kent Morrison's step-mother).

### **IX. Report of the Officers**

a) Commandant: The Department of Georgia will hold its convention just after the Detachment holds its next meeting. Several of the top level officers are not seeking reelection.

b) Sr. Vice: No report. However, she did mention that Chaplain Elmore has been extremely busy seeing to the needs of distressed Marines and the families of Fallen Marines.

c) Jr. Vice: Jr. Vice Paulin reported he had received six applications for new membership.

d) Judge Advocate: No report.

e) Adjutant: No report.

### **X. Standing Committee Reports**

a) River Walk Committee: Past Commandant Newton announced the most recent cleanup sessions on Saturday, April 14, 2012 and Thursday, April 12, 2012 were well attended. The next cleanup days will take place in June.

b) Finance Committee: No report given.

### **XI. Special Committee Reports**

a) Fallen Marines. Chaplain Elmore announced Nick Retza passed away shortly after 1000 this morning, after suffering from a heart attack last Friday. His wife, Marilyn, is doing as well as can be expected. Family members are arriving. Nick will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, but a memorial service will be held in Albany at a date and time to be announced.

b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced 106 Flags have been replaced since the program began. Stock levels are good.

c) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that the Detachment has decided to put the Cookbook on hold for the immediate future. Several of the participants have had to withdraw from the project. Commandant Kirstatter said the project is still a great fundraiser idea, and hopes the Detachment can complete the cookbook at a later date.

d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.

e) Yard sale/Detachment picnic: Past Commandant Newton suggested rescheduling the event scheduled for this Saturday to another date so as not to conflict with Nick's memorial service in case that happens Saturday. After discussion, a motion was made to reschedule the event for Saturday, April 28 (same location and times). Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business** None.

**XIII. New Business** None.

**XIV. Good of the League**

Marine Nicholson announced the SOWEGA Veterans Coalition is trying to raise money to erect a WWII Memorial in Veteran's Park in Albany. Cost estimates put the project between \$20,000 and \$30,000. A private donor has agreed to contribute the bulk of the funds. The City of Albany's approval is being sought. The goal is to have memorial completed by this Veteran's Day (or by Memorial Day 2013 at the latest).

Marine Fisk asked the Detachment to consider sponsoring two Young Marines desiring to attend NCO School in Tennessee. Last year the Detachment sponsored one Young Marine, and that cost is already programmed into the Detachment's budget.

Commandant Kirstatter announced Pound 317 is hosting a Growl on May 7 in Lagrange.

Chaplain Elmore announced Pound 322 in Macon is holding a Growl on April 26. He also asked the Detachment to consider doing another fundraiser at Sam's Club. He also announced the Boy Scout Troop Marine Gillan leads will hold a Court of Honor on May 19.

Marine Fazekas asked about the Detachment generating a roster with names and contact information for all Detachment members. Commandant Kirstatter said a roster already exists. Marine Fazekas also announced if any Detachment members know of any kids interested in attending the United States Naval Academy he would be happy to tell them what he knows.

Past Commandant Newton announced the luncheon for the Habitat students was hugely successful, and had a high level of participation from Detachment members. Habitat was really thankful. He also announced that two Lee County JROTC Cadets will be receiving awards from the Detachment.

Commandant Kirstatter reminded Detachment members to submit photos to the Webmaster for inclusion on the Detachment's webpage.

**XV. Announcements** None.

**XVI. Adjourned**

After the colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms Fisk, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1928.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

May 15, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Sr. Vice Elmore called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on May 15, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Sr. Vice Bobbie Elmore, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, and Chaplain Ernie Elmore. Absent were: Commandant Kirstatter, Paymaster Adams, and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. Marine McClelland was standing in for Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 16 members and 2 associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. However, Sr. Vice Elmore did make several corrections, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

### **IV. Applications for Membership** No new applications for membership were received; however, Marine Eugene F. Coutu was sworn in as a new member by Sr. Vice Elmore.

### **V. Visitors/Guests** None.

### **VI. Correspondence received** The Detachment received a thank you letter from the Laverne Levins of Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful along with a certificate of appreciation for the Detachment's participation in the "Great American Clean-up".

### **VII. Paymaster's Report** Report delivered by Sr. Vice Elmore. Two significant deposits were reported: \$745.35 from the Detachment Yard Sale and \$791.02 from last weekend's rose sale at Sam's Club. A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

### **VIII. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Three Fallen Marines were reported: Larry Braun, Joe Smith, and Detachment Member MGySgt Billy Kemp Stewart (USMC ret.). The following Marines or Marine family members were reported as ill or in distress: Judge Advocate Bill Hammack and Felix DeMuth.

### **IX. Report of the Officers**



- a) Commandant: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that Commandant Kirstatter was absent because he was attending the JROTC Honors presentation at Colquitt County High School.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report.
- c) Jr. Vice: No report.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: No report given.
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

**XI. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Fallen Marines. Chaplain Elmore thanked the Detachment members for attending the various services for Marine Billy Stewart, and mentioned that the Detachment should stand by for announcements on the services for Joe Smith.
- b) Flag Committee: No report.
- c) Cookbook Committee: No report.
- d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.
- e) Yard sale/Detachment picnic: No report.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business None.**

**XIII. New Business** Sr. Vice Elmore announced that the Albany Detachment of Young Marines has asked the Detachment to assist in the cost of sending four Young Marines and two adult escorts to NCO School in Smyrna, Tennessee. The total cost is \$840.00. The American Legion Post 30 will cover half the cost at \$420.00. Sr. Vice Elmore asked the Detachment to consider picking up the other \$420.00. A motion was made by Adjutant Hart that the Detachment pay \$420.00 toward the cost of sending the four Young Marines and the two adult escorts to the Tennessee NCO School. Motion seconded by Marine Fazekas. Motion approved unanimously.

**XIV Good of the League** Sr. Vice Elmore reminded members of the Georgia Department Convention on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Peachtree City, and the National Convention on August 12<sup>th</sup> in Mobile, Alabama.

**XV Announcements** Sr. Vice Elmore announced that Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 9 a.m. will be the next river clean-up date. Everyone will meet at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance. Golfers will pick up trash on Thursday, May 31, 2012.

Marine Wilcox announced the Georgia Veterans Coalition recently met and discussed changing the location of the planned WWII memorial to allow the memorial to be seen by people walking on the river walk. Veteran's organizations are being asked to contribute \$750.00 toward the cost of the project. Marine Wilcox also announced that Memorial Day crosses are being sold as a fundraiser at \$25.00 each. Each cross will have the name of a fallen U.S. military veteran from Albany, and will be erected as part of the Memorial Day observance.

**XIII. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms McClelland, Sr. Vice Elmore announced the meeting was adjourned at 1900 (a new Detachment record!!!!).

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

June 19, 2012

- I. **Call to order** Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on June 19, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.
- II. **Roll call** Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. Absent were: Sr. Vice Bobbie Elmore, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Chaplain Ernie Elmore, and Paymaster Adams. There were a total of 21 members in attendance.
- III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting** Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.
- IV. **Applications for Membership** One new application for membership was received from Marine Jeff Lark. Marine Lark left the meeting, and members were polled on his suitability as a League Member. There being no objections, Marine Lark was invited back into the meeting, and was sworn in as a new member by Commandant Kirstatter.
- V. **Visitors/Guests** Marine Chad Long, Jr. Vice for the Department of Georgia, attended the meeting.
- VI. **Correspondence received** The Detachment received thank you letters from two flag replacement recipients, one of which included a \$100 donation. Cherry Stewart and Marilyn Retza also sent letters thanking the Detachment for support given in connection with the deaths of Billy Stewart and Nick Retza. Commandant Kirstatter also announced the Department of Georgia is preparing a “Welcome Aboard” pamphlet, which is designed to provide information for Marines interested in forming new detachments. Also, Commandant Kirstatter mentioned he received an e-mail from Department of Georgia Commandant Clark inviting interested Marines to take part in a bus tour of significant Marine points of interest in the Washington, D.C. area, including the Viet Nam Wall, 8<sup>th</sup> & I, and the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. The bus leaves from Woodstock, GA. on August 23rd. Bus tickets will be \$105.25 per person; Marines must make their own hotel reservations.
- VII. **Paymaster’s Report** Report delivered by Commandant Kirstatter. The ending balance for the checking account was reported as \$3,492.85 (as of 6/16/12) and the amount of \$2,986.08 was reported as the ending balance for the savings account (as of 5/16/12). A motion to approve the Paymaster’s Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

**VIII. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Commandant Kirstatter. Three Fallen Marines were reported: LCpl Steve Sutton (KIA Afghanistan), Capt. Paul Baker, and Joseph Thomas (J.T.) Smith. The following Marines or Marine family members were reported as ill or in distress: Judge Advocate Bill Hammack had another cancer treatment, Marine John Belk is unable to walk due to painful bone spurs, and Jr. Vice Paulin is set to begin cancer treatments shortly.

**IX. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Commandant Kirstatter provided details on the Department of Alabama's recent convention, and related information on several successful fundraising concepts employed by Alabama Detachments, including the "road block"; also, the Naval Academy will be playing at Troy State this fall football season. Commandant Kirstatter also mentioned that several important things were discussed at the most recent Detachment Officer's meeting; additionally, some good ideas came out of that meeting.
- b) Sr. Vice: Absent. No report.
- c) Jr. Vice: Jr. Vice Paulin reported that he has contacted eight prospective members, including Marine Andrew Glasier, who has most recently been a member of a South Carolina based detachment.
- d) Judge Advocate: Absent. No report.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: No report given.
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

**XI. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Fallen Marines. See above in Chaplain's Report section.
- b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced a total of 121 flags have been replaced since the program began. The program continues to operate "in the black", and inventory levels are good.
- c) Cookbook Committee: No report.
- d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.
- e) Yard sale/Detachment picnic: No report.
- f) Softball Team Sponsorship: No report.

g) Veteran's Coalition Committee: Marine Carl Wilcox announced he attended the recent Field of Flags meeting, and shared some of the details from that meeting. Volunteers are needed to set up the flags on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Present plans include a flyover with planes from Moody AFB. Recommendations are requested for a Guest Speaker for the 9/11 memorial ceremony.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business** None.

**XIII. New Business** Marine Fisk announced the Young Marines were forced to cancel their planned trip to NCO School in Tennessee due to lack of adult chaperones. The Detachment had already donated money to the Young Marines for that purpose. A motion was made (as amended) and seconded to let the Young Marines keep that donation, on the proviso the donated funds are used to fund the Young Marines' and chaperones' attendance at the NCO School next year. Motion passed.

Commandant Kirstatter recommended that the Detachment takes a pro-active approach toward likely requests for support from the Reserve and Active Duty units at MCLB.

Commandant Kirstatter also mentioned that Detachment support will be sought for the Reserve Corporal's Course, which is held several times each year at MCLB; the Detachment will ask what support is needed before offering support in any specific manner; Commandant Kirstatter and Marine Fisk will be the project leads.

Commandant Kirstatter announced the annual MCLB 4th of July festivities will take place on June 29th; volunteers are sought to help man the Detachment tent; a possible fundraiser idea is a jersey raffle, with a cuddle give away with each raffle ticket purchased; Marine Newton also has a statuette with the EGA to be raffled off.

Marine Newton announced that there is a MCL rifle and pistol team, and that the Detachment could start its own team if a minimum of three Marines joined. Adjutant Hart agreed to contact Department of Georgia Judge Advocate Bonita Johnson to find out if the Detachment's liability insurance carrier needs to be made aware of future participation by the Detachment and its Members in shooting competitions.

Commandant Kirstatter announced that the Department of Alabama Commandant is asking that all Detachments place an ad in the program for this year's MCL National Convention in Mobile, AL. Commandant Kirstatter displayed a proposed ad proof, and Marine Aldrich said it would be appropriate to include a picture of the Detachment's namesake, Larry DesJardines. Commandant Kirstatter agreed and said he would work on a new proof including a picture of Larry.

Commandant Kirstatter announced that he had 20 tickets for the National Headquarters Spring Raffle conducted by the MCL Auxiliary. A motion was made and seconded for the Detachment to purchase \$80.00 worth of tickets. Motion passed.

Commandant Kirstatter introduced guest speaker Department of Georgia Jr. Vice Chad Long. Jr. Vice Long emphasized Commandant Clark's wish that Detachments continue

to support both the Boy Scouts and JROTC; Jr. Vice Long also emphasized the importance of Members paying their annual dues one quarter in advance of the annual due date; Jr. Vice Long also spoke about the 2013 S.E. Division Conference in Atlanta, GA. He emphasized the need to reserve rooms early, and announced Conference info was available via a link on the Griffin Detachment webpage

- XIV. Good of the League** Commandant Kirstatter mentioned he will be out of town during the July Detachment meeting. He reminded Detachment Members about the National Convention in Mobile, AL from August 12 through 18, 2012, and to please let him know if you are attending. The Detachment will be preparing certificates for the active duty Marines and others who helped out when Marine Retza suffered the heart attack that later claimed his life.

Marine Aldrich said the Detachment should approach the leadership of the Young Marines and JROTC and encourage them to become League Members, particularly in light of the support those organizations receive from the Detachment. Marine Aldrich also announced that he and Chaplain Elmore recently spoke on the subject of patriotism at a recent meeting of the DAR on Patriot's Day. He also mentioned that the VA has issued new graves registration guidelines on its website. Marine Aldrich also announced he and Marine McClelland were interviewed on television news on the subject of community support of for LCpl Sutton and his family.

Marine Fisk shared a poignant story of how his Marine Corps League connections helped him find an Albuquerque, NM divorce lawyer for his daughter.

Quartermaster McClelland announced he has a new source for red MCL t-shirts, which will contain a logo similar to the Marine logo displayed on ball caps.

Marine Newton announced the Detachment has placed free, 17 second public service announcement ads on Cumulus and Clear Channel radio stations which will provide information on the Detachment and how to join.

Marine Sgt. Mike Trevino thanked the Detachment for its support in the form of JROTC awards handed out at the recent Colquitt H.S. awards ceremony.

Marine Nicholson announced anyone interested could see some good baseball at the American Legion Tournament from July 6 to 8, 2012 at Eames Park in Albany.

- XV. Announcements** None.

- XVI. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Rodgers, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1810.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 17, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Sr. Vice Elmore called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on July 17, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Sr. Vice Elmore, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Sgt at Arms Rodgers, Paymaster Adams, and Chaplain Elmore. Absent were: Commandant Kirstatter and Judge Advocate Bill Hammack. There were a total of 20 members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.

### **IV. Applications for Membership**

Three new applications for regular membership were received from Marines Nathaniel Lowman, James R. Edwards, Joseph T. Smith (now deceased). One associate member application was received from Nick Retza's widow, Marilyn Retza. The members were polled on the suitability for membership and/or associate membership of the four above individuals. There being no objections, Marines Lowman, Edwards and Smith, were approved as regular members, and Mrs. Retza as an associate member. Sr. Vice Elmore announced that, in the future, Commandant Kirstatter will ask Detachment Members to serve as mentors for new members during new member polling. If no one volunteers, someone will be appointed.

### **V. Visitors/Guests**

None.

### **VI. Correspondence received**

The Detachment received thank you letters from three flag replacement recipients (Ms. Elder, Albany YMCA, and Albany Internal Medicine, two of which included donation checks).

### **VII. Paymaster's Report**

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The ending balance for the checking account was reported as \$2,707.38 (as of 7/16/12), the most significant deposits consisted of membership renewals and flag program donations. The amount of \$4,863.00 was reported as the ending balance for the savings account (as of 7/16/12). A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

**VIII. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Chaplain Elmore. Three new Fallen Marines were reported: MGySgt. Donald R. Zirkelbach, Hubert Clines, and GySgt. James W. Bramble. LCpl Steve Sutton (KIA Afghanistan), and Joseph Thomas (J.T.) Smith were reported during the June meeting. The following Marines or Marine family members were reported as ill or in distress: Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Jr. Vice Paulin, Marine Felix DeMuth, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

**IX. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Absent.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report. However, Sr. Vice Elmore did swear in Jr. Vice Paulin as a Life Member of the League.
- c) Jr. Vice: Jr. Vice Paulin reported that he recruited one new member and one prospective new member (Dan Bickerstaff @ the Base Fourth of July Celebration).
- d) Judge Advocate: Absent
- e) Adjutant: No report.

**X. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: No report given.
- b) Finance Committee: No report given.

**XI. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Fallen Marines. See above in Chaplain's Report section.
- b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich announced a total of 125 flags have been replaced since the program began. The program continues to operate "in the black", and inventory levels are mainly good; however, 5 to 10 4X6 flags need to be ordered.
- c) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore reminded the members that the Cookbook idea is still alive as a fundraising concept, and encouraged members to submit at least four or more recipes to Ruthie Breton.
- d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.
- e) Yard sale/Detachment picnic: No report.
- f) Young Marines/JROTC Sponsorship: Marine Fisk mentioned that Young Marines SNCOIC MSgt Lowman has accepted the Detachment's invitation to join as a Member. Marine Fisk also shared his ideas on supporting Wounded Warrior Regiment and the Marine 4 Life Program.



g) Veteran's Coalition Committee: Marine Carl Wilcox announced the World War II Memorial concept was approved by the City Manager; however, he voiced his objection to the planned inclusion of guns in the monument plan due to safety concerns. The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 23, 2012. Volunteers are still needed to set up the flags on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

h) Shooting Team Committee: Marine Newton said Bob James is working on getting approval for the shooting team to use the Base pistol range. The first shooting event is planned for August 11<sup>th</sup> at either Chickasawhatchee or the Base Pistol Range. So far, seven Detachment members have expressed interest in joining the Shooting Team. Sgt. At Arms Rodgers emphasized that Members must bring with them ear and eye protection. The Shooting Team using the Base was touted as a publicity opportunity, and it was suggested that Base POA be notified of when the team will be on the pistol range.

**XII. Old/Unfinished Business** None.

**XIII. New Business** Sr. Vice Elmore said Commandant Kirstatter wants the Detachment to consider adopting the Families of Fallen Marines Scholarship guidelines used by the Galveston County Detachment.

The SE Division Conference program ads are for sale. The Detachment Board of Directors will consider whether to recommend that the Detachment purchases an ad. The Detachment also received a request for assistance for Wounded Marine Love. This matter was tabled. Sr. Vice Elmore announced the Marine Corps National Museum is selling bricks to raise money at \$210.00 per. This request was tabled. The above financial requests generated significant discussion, and the consensus of opinion is that all financial requests should be vetted first by the Finance Committee, against the Detachment's mission, budget and available funds, so as to ensure the Detachment spends its money on those things which fit within its mission and budgetary parameters, and in the immortal words of Sgt at Arms Rodgers "to avoid 1,000 razor cuts."

Sr. Vice Elmore said she would look into the possibility of the Detachment joining either the Albany or Lee County Chambers of Commerce.

Department of Georgia Commandant Clark asked the Detachment to support the various JROTC units in the Southwest Georgia region. Marine Newton said the Detachment was already supporting programs in Dougherty and Lee County; if the Detachment wants to support more programs, or not, it would be fine either way.

Marine Newton announced Cadet Major Dalton Luttrell needs a replacement award certificate.

**XIV Good of the League** Sr. Vice Elmore reminded Detachment Members that the Department of Georgia is inviting interested Marines to take part in a bus tour of significant Marine points of interest in the Washington, D.C. area, including the Viet Nam Wall, 8<sup>th</sup> & I, and the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. The bus leaves from Woodstock, GA. on August 23rd. Bus tickets will be \$105.25 per person; Marines must make their own hotel reservations.

Quartermaster McClelland announced coin display racks and other items were for sale after the meeting.

Sr. Vice Elmore circulated a sample Marine Corps League business card. Vistaprints.com will print 250 similar cards for free (lunch is extra).

**XV Announcements** Sr. Vice Elmore said that the National Marine Corps League is reminding League Members that our organization by-laws and policy forbids any Marine Corps League Member from participating in any political event while in uniform.

Sr. Vice Elmore announced the next Detachment Staff Meeting will be at 1800 on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at Café 230 in Leesburg.

Sr. Vice Elmore also reminded Members about the National Convention in Mobile, AL from August 13th through 17<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Rodgers, Sr. Vice Elmore announced the meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Detachment Officers Meeting Minutes***

August 7, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the Detachment Officers meeting to order at 1830 on August 7, 2012 at the Hong Kong Restaurant in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Elmore, Paymaster Adams, Chaplain Elmore, and Adjutant Alex Hart. Absent were: Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, and Sgt-at-Arms Jim Rodgers (Gale Rodgers attended in his place). Past Commandant Newton, Marine Aldridge, the Wilcoxs, and Autumn Hart also attended.

### **III. Summary of Business Conducted** Commandant Kirstatter asked the Detachment Officers to consider the following proposed expenditures tabled at the July 17, 2012 Regular Detachment meeting:

SE Division Conference Program Ads –motion made to purchase a full-page ad for \$175. Motion was seconded, and passed by unanimous vote;

Motion made and seconded to authorized use of \$100 donated for burial of Marine Kiss to be used for building house for wounded Marine Love. Passed by a majority vote.

Purchase of \$275 fundraiser brick for Marine Museum at Quantico, VA was discussed.

The Detachment joining one or both local chambers of commerce was discussed, but the idea was rejected.

Commandant Kirstatter announced that Judge Advocate Bill Hammack had tendered his resignation as Judge Advocate due to his poor health. Commandant Kirstatter also announced that Marine Carl Wilcox was willing to serve as Judge Advocate until the next Detachment Officers Election. Judge Advocate Wilcox will be sworn in at the August regular meeting.

Commandant Kirstatter gave his input on the Department of Georgia's request that Detachments get more involved in supporting JROTC units at area high schools. He explained the Department was not ordering the Detachments to do anything; rather, it was merely encouraging them to become more involved. Besides the Dougherty and

Lee County HSs the Detachment already supports, Commandant Kirstatter also thinks continuing to support Colquitt Co. HS would be a good thing.

Sr. Vice Elmore announced that her son-in-law, an Air Force medical officer serving in Afghanistan, said the hospitals treating wounded service members and children are in desperate need of white, twin sheets. She asked Detachment officers to pass the word at their churches, etc. about supporting this cause, and plans to mention it at the next Regular Detachment Meeting. Shipping costs were also discussed.

Past Commandant Newton reminded attendees that September 8 at 0800 was the time to be at the field next to the Albany Mall to help with flag set up. He also said the first TAMP brief went well. He announced 1stSgt Watson is retiring and that I&I will be holding a separate MC Birthday Ball and wants to know if Detachment members want to attend. Past Commandant Newton also passed word on the Detachment Pistol and Rifle Team

Autumn Hart said the Detachment should support Dancing Cloud Horse Rescue.

Paymaster Adams sent spread sheets to the officers showing donations/expenditures to assist with the budgetary process. The need to have a budget and to ensure spending was consistent with the Detachment's mission and budgetary parameters was discussed.

Marine Aldrich suggested summarizing (rather than reading) Detachment correspondence to save time at Regular Detachment meetings.

Commandant Kirstatter said he wants to try to get either the new Base CO or the LogCom CG to speak at one of the Regular Detachment meetings.

**IV. Adjourned** Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by: Commandant Kirstatter

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

August 21, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on August 21, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Acting Adjutant Sanders conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Elmore, Jr. Vice Paulin, Sgt-at-Arms Rodgers, Paymaster Adams, and Chaplain Elmore. Absent were: Judge Advocate Bill Hammack and Adjutant Hart. There were a total of 30 members in attendance.

### **III. Visitors/Guests**

One guest was present, Daulton Luttrell's girlfriend.

### **IV. Applications for Membership**

Two applications for associate membership were received from Daulton Luttrell and Maxine Bolt. The members were polled on the suitability for associate membership of the two above individuals. There being no objections, Daulton Luttrell and Maxine Bolt were approved as associate members. Commandant Kirstatter proceeded to swear in the new associate members.

Commandant Kirstatter announced that he had accepted the resignation of Judge Advocate Hammock and is appointing Carl Wilcox to serve out the remainder of the term to elections in January. Commandant Kirstatter swore in Carl Wilcox.

### **V. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.

### **VI. Paymaster's Report**

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The ending balance for the checking account was reported as \$2,949.63 (as of 8/16/12), the most significant deposits consisted of membership renewals and flag program donations. The amount of \$4,864.03 was reported as the ending balance for the savings account (as of 8/16/12). A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report was made by Marine Nic Nicholson, which was seconded by Marine Ernie Elmore. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

## **VII. Chaplain's Report**

Report given by Chaplain Elmore. One Fallen Marine was reported: GySgt. Marvin Douglas Alexander. The following Marines or Marine family members were reported as ill or in distress: Judge Advocate Bill Hammack, Jr. Vice Paulin, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

## **VIII. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Reported on several decisions made during the Detachment Staff meeting held on August 7<sup>th</sup> (refer to minutes posted to the website). Much more to report on from the National Convention but will add it to the Dispatch.
- b) Sr. Vice: See Cookbook Committee and Good of the League
- c) Jr. Vice: No Report
- d) Judge Advocate: No Report

## **IX. Committee Reports**

- a) Veterans Coalition: Field of Flags (1000) setup will be at 0800 on 8 September at the Albany Mall, American Legion Post 30 is serving lunch. Breakdown will be at 1400 on 16 September.
- b) Patriotism: Replaced 128 flags since start of program. Detachment received check for \$200 from Exchange Club after speaking at luncheon. Donation of casket flag made at request by funeral home for Marine Veteran because family having difficulties producing DD-214 prior to services.
- c) Cookbook: Need 4 recipes from each member by 15 September. Funding for publication will come from advertisement sales. Sales of the cookbooks for gifts around the holidays.
- d) Marksmanship: First practice took place at MCLB Albany range with 5 shooters. Team membership is still open. Marine Jim Rodgers is team captain. Planning second shoot for September.

## **X. Correspondence**

None

## **XI. Old/Unfinished Business**

None.

## **XII. New Business**

Motion made by Marine Aldrich and seconded by Marine Jim Rodgers to staff table at Field of Flags (provided by American Legion Post 30) for the purpose of membership drive.

## **XIII. Good of the League**

Jr. Vice Elmore requested that sheets for use in hospital in Afghanistan be donated. Marine Jim Rodgers explained that while shipments are made through official channels they are sent to Pakistan and convoys are raided prior to making the Afghanistan border. Shipments will be paid for by American Legion Post 30 and delivered directly into Afghanistan.

Marine Nicholson reported that VA is 900,000 cases behind and by hiring 14,000 adjudicators the backlog not going to be reduced anytime soon.

Marine Newton announced the bylaw changes at the National Convention resulted in Bylaws: 6 approved, 5 rejected, 1 withdrawn, Administrative Procedures: 6 approved, 7 rejected, Enclosures: 2 approved, 4 rejected, 2 withdrawn

Newsletter Bobbie Elmore received award for Certificate of Participation at the National Convention in the newsletter completion.

Marine Ernie Elmore was awarded the Chapel of Four Chaplains at the National Convention.

## **XIV. Announcements**

American Legion Post 30 has dinner/dance on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month for \$10.

## **XV. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned by Commandant Kirstatter at 1940.

Minutes submitted by: Acting Adjutant Bob Sanders.

Minutes approved by: Commandant Kirstatter

***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines  
Detachment # 1260***

***Detachment Officers Meeting Minutes***

September 12, 2012

**I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the Detachment Officers meeting to order at 1900 on September 12, 2012 at the Hong Kong Restaurant in Albany, Georgia.

**II. Roll call**

The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter, Sr. Vice Elmore, Jr. Vice Roger Paulin, Chaplain Elmore, and Adjutant Alex Hart. Absent were: Paymaster Adams, Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox (Jen Wilcox attended in his place), and Sgt-at-Arms Jim Rodgers. Past Commandant Newton also attended.

**Summary of Business Conducted** Commandant Kirstatter said the SE Division Conference Program Ads are now paid for, but he is waiting to submit the ad proof in case the Detachment has any new photos to include;

Certificates of Commendation will be completed shortly for the three active duty Marines who assisted with Nick Retza.

Dennis Lawing will receive a Certificate of Commendation for his efforts mentoring troubled teens.

The Detachment has received two checks of \$500 each for the Albany and Cairo Young Marines Detachments; looking a date and time for presenting those.

Marine Fisk is making strides with the Wounded Warrior Regiment in terms of how our Detachment can lend support.

Commandant Kirstatter showed the officers a case for carrying the Detachment colors, which can be embroidered with the Detachment logo; total cost \$40.00. Detachment will purchase one, as there is a need to transport the colors to off-site locations, conventions, etc.

Commandant Kirstatter asked Adjutant Hart to work on enhancing and updating the Detachment membership roster.

The Detachment Banquet is tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2012 at Riverpointe.

Sr. Vice Elmore: No report.



Jr. Vice Paulin: No report.

Chaplain Elmore: Bill Hammack is not doing well. He is scheduled to return to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Detachment Bell project is now finished, and looks good.

Chaplain Elmore also announced that he will be resigning at the end of his term due to competing commitments as Department of Georgia Chaplain. Marine Breton has agreed to serve in his place.

Past Commandant Newton announced there will be a Boy Scout Ceremony at Chehaw Park this weekend. Dan Gillan cannot attend, and Tom said he would ask Kent Morrison or Bob James can attend in his place.

Also, Jim Rodgers will bring the shooting team roster to the next Detachment meeting; cost for membership will be \$10 per person.

Also, Next Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Tom is willing to host a new member dinner at Golden Corral to discuss uniforms, by-laws, etc. Tom will put the word out by e-mail.

**III. Adjourned** Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

September 18, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on September 18, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter; Sr. Vice Elmore; Judge Advocate Wilcox; Paymaster Adams; Sgt at Arms Rodgers; and Chaplain Elmore. Absent was: Jr. Vice Paulin. There were a total of 24 members and 3 associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.

### **IV. Applications for Membership.** None

### **V. Visitors/Guests.** None

### **VI. Correspondence received.** None

### **VII. Installation of Officers**

Commandant Kirstatter administered the oath of office to Marine Breton, who agreed to assume the duties of Detachment Chaplain from Marine Ernie Elmore.

### **VIII. Paymaster's Report**

Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The ending balance for the savings account as of September 16, 2012 was \$4,865.06. The ending balance for the checking account as of September 16, 2012 was \$2,980.89. A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

### **IX. Chaplain's Report**

Report given by Chaplain Breton. No Fallen Marines were reported. The following Marines or their families were reported as being ill: Felix DeMuth; Bill Hammack; Ann Aldrich (Marine Aldrich's wife); Jr. Vice Paulin; and Andrea Gillan's father.

## **X. Report of the Officers**

a) Commandant: Commandant Kirstatter announced the Department of Georgia Staff Meeting took place on August 25, 2012, and the following items were discussed at that meeting: League Members were reminded to make reservations for the 2013 Department Convention at the Macon City Center Marriot (rooms \$77/night). The business portion of the Department staff meetings is short; however, 2 to 3 hours of time is blocked at the end of those meetings for training sessions. The next Department Staff Meeting is set for December 8, 2012 at the Marriot in Macon; additionally, a MODD Growl is also planned for that date and location. The Department approved a \$2,000 donation to the National MCL, and approved donations of \$500 each for the Young Marines Detachments in Albany and Cairo.

The Detachment hopes to form a MODD Pound here soon.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in any way with the Field of Flags. Incidentally, Ernie Elmore was interviewed on Fox 31 about that event.

The minutes have been posted from last week's Detachment Officer's Meeting.

Marine Fisk has made contact with the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment about the Detachment providing assistance as needed. The Detachment feels its resources will be better used by supporting the Wounded Warrior Regiment vice the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Detachment will be purchasing a carrying case for Detachment colors, and the Detachment logo will be embroidered on it. Total cost around \$40.00.

b) Sr. Vice: Sr. Vice Elmore announced the next Detachment Staff Meeting will be at 1830 on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Golden Corral (instead of the usual location at Hong Kong Café).

c) Jr. Vice: Absent.

d) Judge Advocate: No report.

e) Adjutant: No report.

## **XI. Standing Committee Reports**

a) River Walk Committee: No report.

b) Finance Committee: No report.

## **XII. Special Committee Reports**

a) Fallen Marines. None.

b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich was absent, but Paymaster Adams reported that 126 flags have been issued since the program began. The program is almost \$700 in the black.

- c) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that all the needed recipes were submitted; however, she said the Detachment must line up business to purchase ads in the cookbook to be able to pay the cost of publication.
- d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.
- e) Young Marines/JROTC Sponsorship: As reported by Commandant Kirstatter above.
- f) Veteran's Coalition Committee: A band has been lined up for Veteran's Day, but a guest speaker is still needed.
- g) Shooting Team Committee: Sgt at Arms Rodgers announced the Base Pistol Range will be open on October 13th. The cost per shooter is \$13.00 if Base provides the 9mm and ammo. Jim needs to know how many shooters are planning on coming by 1 Oct. Chicksawhatchee is the only available back up if the Base does not work out and closest location for rifle.

### **XIII. Old/Unfinished Business**

Marine Nicholson announced that 16 boxes of 6-7 white sheet sets per box were mailed out to Afghanistan.

### **XIV. New Business**

Marine Nicholson presented two Certificates of Appreciation from the American Legion to the Detachment for its participation in the Field of Flags and for helping put up flags all over Dougherty County.

### **XV. Good of the League**

Marine Elmore announced the bell stand is finished.

### **XVI. Announcements**

The Detachment was awarded the National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for exceeding the previous year's membership numbers for a 12 month period.

Coin holders are for sale for \$25.

Post 30 has flags for \$25.

December 7<sup>th</sup> ceremony at Veteran's Park.

Marine Nicholson asked the Detachment to remember Rick Blisk (9th Marines, Vietnam) in our prayers; he is in the end stages of an Agent Orange related illness.

Marine Newton said that a new member training session is set for 1900 on October 19th at Golden Corral. Only four members have signed up. If no more than that sign up, the training session will be rescheduled.

Marine Newton also said the web address for the Waycross Detachment is [www.mcl1333.org](http://www.mcl1333.org).

Marine Coutu announced that the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a golf tournament. Per Commandant Kirstatter, the issue of whether the Detachment will make a donation to that event will be put on the agenda for the next Detachment meeting.

Commandant Kirstatter said the Detachment Banquet is tentatively set for December 18, 2012. He will need to talk with Jos Bekkers about whether Riverpointe will host. A committee will be named to recommend members for Detachment awards. Members were reminded to consider who might be candidates for the various awards.

Also, a nomination committee will be named to consider the slate of candidates for the next officer elections.

## **XVII. Adjourned**

After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Rodgers, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1724.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 16, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1832 on October 16, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter; Sr. Vice Elmore; Judge Advocate Wilcox; Paymaster Adams; Acting Sgt at Arms Richard Chaffin; and Chaplain Breton. Absent were: Jr. Vice Paulin and Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of \_\_\_ members and \_\_\_ associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.

### **IV. Applications for Membership.** None

### **IV. Visitors/Guests.** S.E. Division/Department of Georgia Chaplain Ernie Elmore and District Vice Commandant Tom Newton attended. Ernie and Bobbie Elmore's friends Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carson also attended as guests.

### **V. Correspondence received.** The Detachment received a letter from the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary re the National Headquarters Fall Project and Raffle. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Raffle will be held at Mid-Winter Conference in Virginia in February of 2013.

**Paymaster's Report** Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The ending balance for the savings account as of October 16, 2012 was \$4,866.06. The ending balance for the checking account as of October 16, 2012 was \$3,178.01; deposits to checking include \$550.00 for the Cookbook Project. A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

### **VI. Chaplain's Report** Report given by Chaplain Breton. One Fallen Marine was reported: LCpl Michael J. Cullers of Cordele. The following Marines or their families were reported as being ill: Jr. Vice Paulin; Associate Member Denzil Harrell; and District Commandant Mike Clark (a get well card was sent to him regarding his recent hospitalization). Marine Bill Hammack is doing better, but will require considerable

time to recover. Associate Member Andrea Gillan's father will be buried on November 9, 2012 at Andersonville National Cemetery.

## **VII. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Commandant Kirstatter presented a check to the Syrup City Young Marines Detachment, and was Guest of Honor at that event. The Syrup City Young Marines Detachment also presented our Detachment with a certificate of appreciation. He plans to attend a similar ceremony for the Albany Young Marines Detachment where he will present another check. No date has been set for that event.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report
- c) Jr. Vice: Absent.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

## **VIII. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) River Walk Committee: The next River Cleanup dates are set for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 0800 at Turtle Park (for golfers); and Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 0800 for everyone else at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance to the River Park.
- b) Finance Committee: No report.

## **IX. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Fallen Marines. LCpl Michael J. Cullers of Cordele passed away on September 22, 2012. A certificate and letter were sent to his family on September 24<sup>th</sup>. LCpl Cullers was discharged from active duty on June 30, 1980.
- b) Flag Committee: Marine Aldrich reported that 132 flags have been issued since the program began. Ten 3X5, three 5X8, and ten 4X6 flags are needed. The program is still in the black.
- c) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that the Cookbook is in publication. Copies will be offered for sale at \$12.00 per. Members are encourage to sell 25 copies each.
- d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.
- e) .

f) Young Marines/JROTC Sponsorship: Commandant Kirstatter said the Albany Young Marines Detachment will be holding a Boot Camp from October 26-28, 2012 at MCLB in Building 7108. 22 Young Marines are expected to attend along with 8 adult instructors.

g) Veteran's Coalition Committee: The Westover H.S. Band and the Army Quintet have been lined up for Veteran's Day; the Guest Speaker will be Lt. Lee James, USAF (a former POW shot down over Germany in WWII).

h) Shooting Team Committee: Marine Newton announced the next team event will take place at Chicksawhatchee on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Tom will be at Rooster's at 11:30 am., in case anyone wants to follow him out to the shooting range. Rifle shooting will begin at noon with pistol shooting slated for later in the afternoon.

- X. **Old/Unfinished Business** Sr. Vice Elmore announced the Detachment Board of Directors approved spending \$175 for a full page black and white ad in the 2013 Department of Georgia Convention program.

**XIII. New Business** Commandant Kirstatter announced that Sr. Vice Elmore will Chair the Awards Committee with the Board of Directors members filling the remaining committee seats. The Awards subcommittee for selecting the Marine of the Year will consist of all past MOY awardees, including: Tom Newton, Ernie Elmore and Ron Kirstatter.

Ernie Elmore will Chair the Nominations Committee for elected officer positions. Other members of the committee will include Paymaster Adams, Marine Murphy and Marine Newton, and one member of the Detachment Auxiliary. Nominees will be announced at the November Detachment meeting; the election will take place at the January 2013 Detachment meeting.

**XIV. Good of the League** Commandant Kirstatter announced that the Detachment Banquet will be on December 18, 2012 here at Riverpointe. He is working with Base PAO to get Col. Davis to be the Guest Speaker.

Marine Nicholson announced the Annual Veterans Coalition Christmas Party will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion on Gillionville, and will include a traditional dinner. He also announced that the cost estimate for the WWII Memorial is \$19,350.00 (not including the concrete pad). Richard Kohl (highly decorated Army Veteran of 36 years) passed away from a staph infection. His funeral is set for Friday morning, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Andersonville National Cemetery. Marine Nicholson also mentioned that there are free burial plots in Albany for homeless veterans which the RAF donated many years ago.



Associate Member Denzil Harrell announced the Leesburg Christmas Parade will take place on the first Saturday in December. All veterans will be Grand Marshalls for that event, which will form up in front of the Lee Co. H.S.

Commandant Kirstatter announced the MCLB Cake Cutting Ceremony will take place at 0900 on November 7<sup>th</sup> with the Base MC Birthday Ball to follow on November 8<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that Toys for Tots has begun asking for volunteers for this year's toy drive; however, the Detachment has not been approached and the decision was made not to offer support unless and until asked to provide support.

Sr. Vice Elmore reminded Members and Associate Members to keep a membership application in your wallet

**XV Announcements** Mrs. Nicholson announced the American Legion Auxiliary will be selling poppies at area businesses on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marine Aldrich announced the annual wreath laying ceremony for Major Larry DesJardines will take place following the American Legion Veteran's Day Breakfast at Crown Hill Cemetery.

**XI. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms Chaffin, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1730.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by:

# ***Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 20, 2012

### **I. Call to order**

Commandant Kirstatter called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on November 20, 2012 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

### **II. Roll call**

Acting Adjutant Angela Kearbey conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Kirstatter; Sr. Vice Elmore; Jr. Vice Paulin; Judge Advocate Wilcox; Paymaster Adams; Acting Sgt at Arms Richard Chaffin; and Chaplain Breton. Absent was: Sgt at Arms Rodgers. There were a total of 17 members and 6 associate members in attendance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting were posted to the Detachment webpage; accordingly, said minutes were not read at this meeting. Correction to the minutes included under Special Committee change “sell 25 copies” to sell 20 copies and under Adjourned change 1730 to 1930. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### **IV. Applications for Membership.** New member Eudale Chambliss was approved by balloting and sworn in by Commandant Kirstatter.

### **V. Visitors/Guests.** S.E. Division/Department of Georgia Chaplain Ernie Elmore attended. Jacob Bowser and 2 other guests attended.

### **VI. Correspondence received.** Via email – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1400 at Post #30 there will be a discussion on getting the VA clinic moved to MCLB. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1000-1500 at Albany Civic Center is the Supermarket of Veterans for anyone that needs assistance filling out forms or getting records through the VA. Free AARP driver safety course for all 50+ veterans and dependants 25+ on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1600 at VFW on Philema and again on November 27<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post on Willie Pitts Rd.

**Paymaster’s Report** Report delivered by Paymaster Adams. The ending balance for the savings account as of November 16, 2012 was \$4,867.09. The ending balance for the checking account as of November 16, 2012 was \$1,524.89; deposits to checking totaled \$653.14; debits totaled \$2792.25. A motion to approve the Paymaster’s Report was made, which was seconded. Motion approved unanimously, subject to audit.

### **VII. Chaplain’s Report** Report given by Chaplain Breton. One Fallen Marine was reported: Larry Harold Bokenhagen. The following Marines or their families were

reported as being ill: Jr. Vice Roger Paulin; Members Eugene Coutu and Richard Chaffin; Associate Member Denzil Harrell. Marine Bill Hammack continues to improve.

#### **VIII. Report of the Officers**

- a) Commandant: Commandant Kirstatter announced the Department Staff meeting will be held in Macon on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone, sell some cookbooks! Don't forget the December meeting will be our annual awards banquet.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report
- c) Jr. Vice: Working on a couple of new members.
- d) Judge Advocate: No report.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

#### **IX. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) Patriotism: 141 flags distributed so far. The Memorial Day wreath laying at the gravesite of Major Lawrence DesJardines was attended by 17 members.
- b) Finance Committee: No report.

#### **X. Special Committee Reports**

- a) Cookbook Committee: Sr. Vice Elmore announced that the Cookbooks are available now. Copies are for sale at \$12.00 per. Members are encouraged to get out and sell as many as they can.

#### **XI. Old/Unfinished Business None**

#### **XII. New Business None**

#### **XIII. Good of the League**

Through the efforts of Charles Bushnell, Raytheon Technical Services Company LLC is renewing their Program Sponsorship at the Gold level.

#### **XIV. Announcements**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a 5K Travis Manion Heroes Run with special honors for LCpl Steve Sutton. January new business will be presented requesting the Detachment's support for members to fly as many flags as possible or opportunity for possible membership drive.

American Legion Post #30 has requested of all service organization that they consider participation in the flag service or rifle detail to increase the available pool of veterans

that are available for funeral services. The uniform is Navy blue coat, white shirt, red or blue tie, grey trousers, and appropriate organization cover. Please contact Marvin Mixon if interested in participating.

The Veterans Coalition will be electing a new chair and vice chair in February.

Next staff meeting will be Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1800 at Lemongrass Restaurant.

Make sure to contact Tom Newton or Bob Adams if attending the December awards dinner.

Rose sale at Sam's on November 24<sup>th</sup> has a full slate of volunteers but feel free to come out and support the drive.

Marine Nicholson announced the Annual Veterans Coalition Christmas Party will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion on Gillionville, and will include a traditional dinner. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**XV. Adjourned** After the colors were retired by acting Sgt at Arms Chaffin, Commandant Kirstatter announced the meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Minutes submitted by: Commandant Kirstatter.

Minutes approved by: