

**MINUTES
OF
January 21, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Ron Kirstatter

Roll Call:

X Commandant	Kirstatter	X Adjutant	Harrell
X Sr Vice	Elmore	X Paymaster	Adams
X Jr Vice	Paulin	X Sgt At Arms	Rodgers
X Judge Advocate	Wilcox	X Chaplain	Breton

Members present: 31

Associate Members present: 5

Visitors/Guests: We had 2 guest present, Mary Kirstatter and Jerry Smith.

Applications for Membership: It was approved that Billy Gale Hill's application for membership go forth. He will be sworn in the next meeting he is here.

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No minutes for December Awards Banquet.

Paymasters Report: December Report can be obtained from Bob Adams for those who wish to see it. January Report as follows, Savings Account Beginning Balance \$4,880.26 Credits Dividend of \$1.04 ending Balance \$4,881.30. Checking Account Beginning Balance \$4,740.44 Total Credits \$1,815.22 Debits \$1,318.37 Ending Balance \$5,237.29.

**Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, She is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.
Marine Herb Bradley and his wife Monica.**

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: No real report, But as your Commandant for two years we did manage to accomplish my primary goals, to grow and to set up a MODD Pound.

Sr. Vice's Report: Let record show Jr. Vice has arrived. State gives Vets free drivers license. I have asked Kim Robins the head ranger from Andersonville to come speak at our next meeting on February 18th, 2014.

Jr. Vice's Report: Has three applicants pending, one already paid up just waiting for him to be sworn in.

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: Feb 8th 9:30 AM at Cox Landing.

Patriotism: 207 Flags replaced, inventory is being restocked. We are in the good by \$1000.00

Veteran's Coalition: Salute to Vets Nov 8th trying to get it set up for an all-day event will have more on this later. Feb.22nd, freedom run at 3:00 PM in front of the Lee County Court House. January 31 Feb.1&2 Purple Heart Hunt, in Calhoun County. Contact persons Ray Humphrey and Ray Jennings. They need a 12 or 14 passenger van to transport some to these folks also need 12 gauge shot gun shells.

Fallen Marines: This month the Lord has taken home.

Marine 1st Lt. G. F. Hobaugh, (Ret.1968) Passed 21 Dec, 2013 (Ernie and I attended at the interment in Andersonville).

Marine PFC Fred A. Grant, (1942-1945) Passed on 1 Jan 2014, Miles and I attended the viewing.

Young Marines: No Report

Scouting: No Report

Correspondence: A Christmas card from Dr. Stacey Henderson

Old Business: Mr. Richard Chaffin received the Individual Meritorious Commendation 2nd Award and the MCL Distinguished Service Award.

New Business: The recommendation of new officers were approved and elected, a unanimous vote was for and the new officers were sworn in as follows:

Commandant Ernie Elmore

Sr. Vice Tim McClelland

Jr. Vice Rodger Paulin

Judge Advocate Carl Wilcox

Adjutant Melba Harrell

Paymaster Ron Kirstatter

Sgt At Arms Richard Chaffin

Chaplain Bob Breton

Good of the League: The opening of the new VA Clinic at the Marine Base has been delayed until July. If drawing VA benefits of any kind, make sure you put your wife on, it is more benefits. We need some folks to show up at the Court House in Lee County at 13:00 on February 22,2014 to help pass out water and sign up new MCL applicants. Feeding Habitat Collage Students need to explore and vote on this.

Once a month we send a few people to the base to talk to Marines transitioning out of the Marine Corps, we need a few more volunteers. It is just one day a month for only 15 minutes. Contact Carl Wilcox.

Announcements: Department Staff Meeting in Pooler, Ga. This Sat. Jan. 25th at Holiday Inn Express.

Adjourned: @ 19:30

**MINUTES
OF
February 18, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Ernie Elmore

Roll Call:

X Commandant	Elmore	X Adjutant	Harrell
X Sr Vice	McClelland	X Paymaster	Kirstatter
X Jr Vice	Paulin	X Sgt At Arms	Chaffin
Judge Advocate	Wilcox	X Chaplain	Breton
		X Jr Past Commandant	Kirstatter

All officers were present with exception of Judge Advocate Wilcox, his Mother passed away.

Members present: 31

Associate Members present: 5

Visitors/Guests:

**Department Commandant Joe Barbee
District Vice Commandant for District 5, Levi McKenna
Mrs. Kim Robins- Cemetery Director, Andersonville**

Meeting was recessed and Mrs. Kim Robins talked about interment qualifications at Andersonville.

Meeting called back to order.

Applications for Membership: Jim Valentine

Bill Hill, Randolph Scott and Jim Valentine were all sworn in as members.

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: yes

Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance \$5,237.29 Total Debts \$1,501.75 Ending Balance \$4,138.54 Outstanding Checks \$1288.03 Adjusted Balance \$5,426.57.

Savings Account Balance \$4,881.30 No Credits at time of this meeting.

Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, She is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Marine Herb Bradley and his wife Monica (Requested by R. Kirstatter).

Marine Al Meade, Detachment # 647, Battling Infection (Requested By Commandant Elmore).

No Reports of Recovery's

Prayer Request: Carl Wilcox lost his Mother at approx. 1100 on 15 Feb. 2014.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: No Report

Sr. Vice's Report: No Report

Jr. Vice's Report: No Report

Judge Advocate's Report: Went to the Marine Base to meet with Marine's transitioning out but had no interest of anyone wanting to join MCL.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: 15 people showed up to help with the cleanup at Cox landing.

Patriotism: 213 Flags have been replaced and this program will be 3 years old in March.

Veteran's Coalition: Saturday 8th of November Salute To Veterans, motorcade to Post, hope to have a parade on Veterans Day, and also release Balloons for POW'S.

Boys Scouts: The Scouts will be supporting the Heroes Run this week-end. Troop 3 promoted Desmone Thomas to Eagle Scout and the Court of Honor is March 1st, the MCL will present his certificate.

Young Marines /JROTC: Mr. Loman asked that support for the Young Marines who will be sent to boot camp, they need both monetary and physical help they will be trained to be leaders. The goal will be to keep them out of gangs and off the streets. They get their rank by going to this school. Ron Kirstatter made the motion to match the Department's donation of \$500.00 and Tim McClelland 2nd and the vote carried.

Fallen Marines: This month the Lord has taken home the following Marines:

**Cpl of Marines Harold H. Plasky of McCrea, GA. Commandant Elmore
And Chaplain Breton attended the service and interment at**

Andersonville

Correspondence: Department Commandant sent letter about Grits Bowl, (between Alabama and Georgia) to see who has the most new members. Talk to anyone and everyone about MCL membership we want to be the winners this year!

Old Business: Habitat for Humanity, we will be feeding about 90 this year on Feb. 26th 2014. Meeting at Roosters at 08:00 on Friday 21st to discuss the details. All details will be posted byw the web master.

New Business: None

Good of the League: Marine Bushnell, reported that we have a Hero's run February 22, 2014 in Leesburg at the county court house at 1400 hrs. He will be there at noon to set up, anyone who wants to help come on out. We will be handing out water and recruiting for the MCL. The run will have a 1 Mile run and a 5K run.

Announcements:

Adjourned: 19:50

**MINUTES
OF
March 18, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Sr. Vice McClelland

Roll Call:

Commandant Elmore	X Adjutant Harrell
X Sr Vice McClelland	X Paymaster Kirstatter
X Jr Vice Paulin	X Sgt At Arms Chaffin
Judge Advocate Wilcox	X Chaplain Breton

Members present: 26

Associate Members present: 5

Visitors/Guests: No guest were present at this meeting.

Applications for Membership: None

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: Yes

Paymasters Report:

Checking Account: Beginning Balance \$4,138.54 Credits \$866.094 Debits \$1,252.71 Ending Balance \$3,752.77 Outstanding \$213.00 Adjusted

Balance \$3,965.77 Savings Account: Beginning balance \$4,881.30 Dividend \$1.98 Ending Balance \$4,883.28. Grits Bowl ends on March 31 so all membership dues are being sent to National as they come in. Only 8 delinquent membership dues at this time.

Chaplains Report:

Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, She is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Marine Herb Bradley and his wife Monica (Requested by R. Kirstatter). Marine Al Meade, Detachment #647, Battling Infection.

Prayer Requests:

Remember Carl Wilcox & Family with the passing of his Mother on 15 Feb 14, and remember Carl's wife Jane as she continues her recovery from a minor stroke. Remember also Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: N/A

Sr. Vice's Report: N/A

Jr. Vice's Report: Has two filling out membership applications.

Judge Advocate's Report: N/A

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: Nothing at this time.

Patriotism: 218 flags for the month.

Veteran's Coalition:

On November 8, 2014 at 10:00 at the Civic Center salute to veterans, will have a turkey shoot, car show, band, and will release black balloons in honor of the POW's. We will move to Post #30.

The dedication for the Korean memorial will take place on November 11, 2014. We don't know about parade at this time have not been able to get with the mayor.

Fallen Marines:

This month the Lord has taken home-

Sergeant of Marines Lee Andrew Davis, passed 20 Feb 2014

Marine John P. Shackelford, passed 1 Mar 2014

Marine Charles E. Scott of Dawson, passed 12 Mar 2014

Boys Scouts: No report

Young Marines /JROTC: No Report. Ron Kirstatter has information that Jerry Rice has resigned and Bill Smith has stepped up to lead the young Marines. Their schedule will be posted to our web site. Two new companies have been formed.

Other:

Correspondence: National Commandant sent legal report.

State Conference will take place in LaGrange in May will have Back to Roman Times cost will be \$10.00

Viet Nam Veterans Day in Georgia, March 25, 2014 at 11:00 am will take place at the north wing of the State Capital in Atlanta.

Information on MCL –Rifle and Pistol Program.

Old Business:

Tim McClelland John Belk and Rodger Paulin went to Peach Tree City, to a meeting of the Clyde Thomason detachment, where they gave them the Bible that had been that detachments when they

were in Albany Ga. back in the 50's. The detachment gave each one of them a challenge coin and John got a standing ovation for keeping the Bible all of these years.

On February 26, 2014 The MCL prepared lunch for Habitat construction crews from St Frances Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada and Baltimore Maryland University, Baltimore.MD and members and staff consisting of approximately 90 persons. The cost was \$146.00. The following people helped to make the Luncheon a huge success.

Dave Aldrich

Tim McClelland

Bob Breton

Bob Adams

Rodger Paulin

Dale Chambliss

Ruth Breton

Bobbie Elmore

John & Maxine Belk

Deanna Nicholson

New Business:

Robin Gray contacted Ron Kirstatter about putting up a table up at the education and career day fair on March 26, 2014. Commandant Elmore had already talked to them about this. Ron moved that we put a table up and Nick Nicholson 2nd it.

Henry and Tim volunteered to help with Marines transitioning out recruitment for the MCL.

Good of the League:

The new VA hospital will be starting some vet services on MCLB in April, your vet card will get you in the gate. Dental Clinic open the 1st April for cleanings need to call before 9:00am 229-639-7871. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase for all medical areas.

The detachment will have the ability to pay membership dues by credit card just as soon as it is approved.

Membership in the state is up 440 members this year.

Announcements: Fantasy Cruise Lines will have a cruse leaving Port Charleston, SC in November 5- ?. Detachment has nothing to do with this cruse.

Adjourned: At 19:30

**MINUTES
OF
April 15, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Ernie Elmore

Roll Call:

X Commandant	Elmore	X Adjutant	Harrell
X Sr Vice	McClelland	X Paymaster	Kirstatter
Jr Vice	Paulin	X Sgt At Arms	Chaffin
X Judge Advocate	Wilcox	X Chaplain	Breton

Members present: 26

Associate Members present: 5

Visitors/Guests: 0

Applications for Membership: One Application for membership was presented by Jerry Smith, it was approved that Mr. Smith's application for membership go forth, and he was sworn in.

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: Yes

Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance \$3,752.77 Credits \$249.17 Debits \$666.64

Ending Balance \$3,335.30. One outstanding Checks for \$97.00 Adjusted Balance of \$3,432.30.

Checking Account Beginning Balance \$4,883.28 Credit of \$1.04 Ending Balance \$4,884.32.

Ron Kirstatter informed the League that we can now use credit cards to pay for renewals and other donations, there is a surcharge for this service.

Ernie Elmore brought up the fact that we needed to invest some of the money in the savings account so that we can make a little more interest on it, we can get 3 percent if we put in the credit union. Bob Adams made a motion to put \$3,000.00 in a CD in the Credit Union and Ron Kirstatter 2nd the motion, the members voted all in favor for the action.

Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, is in the process of recovering from a serious illness. Marine Al Meade, Detachment #647, is battling an infection.

Prayer Request: Remember Carl's wife Jane as she continues her recovery from a minor stroke. Please be in prayer for Rodger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Marine Kelly Fisk who will be or has had shoulder surgery.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: No Report

Sr. Vice's Report: No Report

Jr. Vice's Report: No Report

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Fallen Marines: This month the Lord has taken home the following Marines-

Purple Heart recipient Marine Lester Whatley, passed 28 March 2014 a letter was presented to the family by Commandant Elmore.

Marine SSgt Richard A. Williams, 85. Passed 11 April 2014, Bob Breton attended the wake and presented the family with a letter.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: This week-end at 09:00 April 19, 2014, we will be cleaning up starting at 3rd Ave. and work our way up to cox landing. Donuts and coffee will be available.

Patriotism: 222 is the flags out as of now, we may need to replace 5 soon. The order came in and it seems we got all that was ordered.

Veteran's Coalition: November 8, 2014 Solute to Veterans we still need a speaker and a band if you know of any please let Post 30 know. The VA will be at post 30 on May 20&21 to talk about transportation to and from the base. They will be picking up at the bus station down town, all drivers will have to have a background check and a physical. Post 30 is still working on the Korean Memorial details. Memorial will run between \$6,000.00 and \$8,000.00 more to come on this project. On May 24, 2014 the flags & crosses will be put up at the pools in front of the Albany Mall, and then they will be taken down on May 27, 2014 for Memorial Day. Ceremonial will be on Sunday May 25, 2014.

Boys Scouts: One award to be presented. Dan has reached out to other troops and they are very interested in the program.

Young Marines /JROTC : No Report

Correspondence: Ron Kirstatter got a flyer from the VA stating that Gulf War veterans are 37 percent more likely to have chronic illnesses than nondeployed veterans.

Old Business:

Transition Assistance Program (TAP): Meeting Friday 18, 2014 at 10:00 at old battalion building headquarters. If you would like to get involved please come and just tell them about your experience and offer MCL to them.

New Business:

Good of the League: May 2, 2014 Dept. of Georgia Convention at LaGrange, Georgia: So far we have 8 members going. Ron Kirstatter is running for Dept. Commandant.

June 6-8, 2014 Dept. of Alabama Convention, Montgomery Alabama.

August 3-9, 2014 National Convention, Charleston, W Va.

May 29, 2014 at Albany Technical College we will be doing a flag folding ceremony.

Tim McClelland has some T-Shirts that were left over from some event long-a-go, they are \$5.00 each or 2/\$10.00.

Announcements: Post 182 was at Lee County High School for Career Day the MCL was well represented.

Miles Martin and Fay are getting married at post 30 at 17:00 on April 22, 2014. It will be a Military type wedding.

Commandant Elmore and Sr.Vice McClelland will be going to Westover High School on Wednesday April 16, 2014 to present two awards, one for Good Service and one for Honor Cadet.

At closing we sang the first stanza of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Adjourned: @19:20

**MINUTES
OF
May 20, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Ernie Elmore

Roll Call:

X Commandant Elmore

X Adjutant Harrell

X Sr Vice McClelland

X Paymaster Kirstatter

X Jr Vic Paulin

X Sgt At Arm Chaffin

X Judge Advocate Wilcox

X Chaplain Breton

All Officers were present.

Members present: 28

Associate Members present: 6

Visitors/Guests:

Applications for Membership: Donald Dally, Charles Stewart and Don Arthur Mills Sr.

All applicants were present and sworn in as new members.

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: Yes

Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance \$3,335.30. Credits \$483.15. Debits

\$436.03 Ending Balance \$3,382.42. Outstanding \$197.00. Adjusted Ending Balance \$3,579.42

Savings Account Beginning Balance \$4,884.32. Credits \$1.00. Ending Balance \$4,885.32.

It was discussed that buying bonds would be the best place to put money to make it grow.

Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, she is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Marine Al Meade, Detachment #647, Battling Infection.

Marine MGySgt Jim Martsching, (Chinaman) in Nursing home in Sylvester.

Marine Joe Caldeira is in ICU.

Prayer Request: Rodger Paulin's Mother-In-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland Fl.

Marine Kelly Fisk who will be or has had shoulder surgery.

Marine Jim Valentine-Knee surgery, will be out a while.

Associate Member Marilyn Retza has requested prayer for severe back pain.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Nick Retza and Billy Stewart.

Remember Bernard Bledsoe with the loss of his son Steve.

Marine Dan and

Andrea Gillan's daughter Abby recovering from surgery.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: Tim McClelland and I went over to Miles Martin's house and put up a flag pole. The Sr. Vice and Ernie went to Westover High School and Lee County High and gave two awards to ROTC recipients at both places. We went to the Department Convention in Lagrange, Ga. and Ron Kirstatter was elected Commandant at the State level.

We also had a wedding on the 22 April, Ernie married Miles Martin and Faye at post 30.

Lee County had the unavailing of Veterans Memorial Highway on 6 May 2014.

We assisted Post 30 down in Thomasville with a flag folding for a fallen veteran on May 10, 2014.

Ernie and Tim went to Thomasville and raised a flag at the 2nd Harvest building.

Sr. Vice's Report: Our Detachment had 11 members at the State Convention, our detachment had the second most number of detachment members present.

Jr. Vice's Report: I had 6 perspective members and 2 of those were sworn in tonight.

Judge Advocate's Report: I was made aware of new bylaws at Lagrange Convention.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program- This month the Lord has taken home:

16 yr. Marine Earl Lee McGie, Sr. 86, Passed on 17 Apr 14

MGySgt Richard Zupko, 68- passed on 30 April 14.

Korea Purple Heart Marine PFC Madison Tucker, 87, passed 13 May 14.

Two of Mr. Tucker's brothers were at the Chosen Reservoir at the same time with him.

River Walk Committee: We got a certificate of Appreciation from the City of Albany for our efforts of trying to keep Albany clean.

Patriotism: 233 flags have been replaced this far.

Veteran's Coalition: June 17 there will be a veteran's outreach. Ceremony at the Mall will be at 15:30 Sunday May 25. On May 26, flag goes up at 6:45 and breakfast at 7:00 At Post 30.

Boys Scouts:

Young Marines /JROTC : Met with new Sgt Maj. and look forward to working with him at Westover.

Other:

Correspondence:

Old Business: T-Shirts for sale \$5.00

New Business: June 27 we have a spot on the Base from 4-10 pm. Food and beverage vendors will be on hand. They will have a shuttle to take you on to the base. We will be there to recruit new MCL members.

Think about what we can raffle off between now and next meeting. Nick says he has a bottle of liquor to raffle off.

We have to get permission to put an ad in the National Convention Magazine, Bob Adams motion to have the full page ad and Ron Kirstatter 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

**Good of the League: June 6-8 Dept. of Alabama Convention, Montgomery, AL.
August 3-9 National Convention, Charleston, WV.**

Announcements: The Commandant will be out of town June 1-7. Vice commandant McClelland will step in while the Commandant is gone.

The Commandant is looking into getting a speaker from the VA for next month's meeting. You will be informed by email.

Adjourned: @17:30

**MINUTES
OF
June 17, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Ernie Elmore

Roll Call:

X Commandant Elmore

X Adjutant Harrell

X Sr Vice McClelland

X Paymaster Kirstatter

Jr Vice Paulin

X Sgt At Arm Chaffin

X Judge Advocate Wilcox

X Chaplain Breton

All Officers were present except Jr. Vice Paulin.

Members present: 25

Associate Members present: 6

Visitors/Guests:

Applications for Membership: Richard Rice, John Vanderhoff and Associate Application for Alice Fay Martin.

All were sworn in to the MCL

Application for Lawrence E. Simpson was submitted for review, Mr. Simpson was not present to be sworn in.

Ceremony of Installation was given for Bill Hammack as Paymaster.

The detachment went to the state convention in LaGrange and was presented a ribbon to put on the flag. Commandant Elmore and Sgt-at-Arms Chaffin placed the ribbon on the flag at this time.

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: Yes

Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance \$3,382.42 Credits \$ 314.15 Debits

\$262.70 Ending Balance \$3,433.87 Outstanding Checks \$101.00 Adjusted Balance \$3,534.87

Savings Account Beginning Balance \$4,885.32 Credits \$1.04 Ending Balance \$4,886.36.

Paymaster Kirstatter stated that he would help Hammack with putting some of the savings account money into savings bonds.

Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, still is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Prayer Request: Rodger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Marine MGySgt Jim Valentine is recovering from Knee surgery.

Remember MCL Associate President Jackie Hunter with the passing of her mother.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: Commandant Elmore attended a meeting at the base on the 12th of June, about the upcoming VA Clinic, they will have corpsmen coming from Jacksonville to help. A decal will be issued for your ID if you have an appointment letter, so you can get into the base, if you are not retired. The gate will have your name, that you have an appointment. The base is looking for volunteers to help shuttle patients for appointments.

Sr. Vice's Report: Think about shuttling people from the bus station to clinic. I have been looking at the news letters from other detachments and Shelia has done by far the best.

Jr. Vice's Report: No Report

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marines:

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Nick Retza and Billy Stewart. Marine MGySgt James Thomas Reed, passed on 19 May of complications with Alzheimer's.

Marine MSGT Barry Richards, passed on 27 May after a long illness.

River Walk Committee: As it stands now we are scheduled for a cleanup day the 3rd Saturday in August will have more later.

Patriotism: We now have replaced 239 flags to date. Dave Aldridge also gave a brief explanation on what the procedure for replacing a worn flag involves.

Veteran's Coalition: The last meeting was postponed. Col. Thomas Cardin will be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day celebration

Boys Scouts: Mike Johnson needs a flag pole at the Boys scouts' office here in Albany. American Legion Post 182 will match what the MCL donates for the cost of the flag and pole. We are now awarding the Billy Mitchell award which is equivalent to the Eagle Scout. There are two young men now to receive this award.

Young Marines /JROTC: Young Marines, Scott was able to get a van on the base.

JROTC: Lee County is going to the Jr. Olympics next week. Lee County did approve a 3rd instructor just need to get one approved by the board of education. They now have 220 students enrolled in the program.

Other:

Correspondence: The MCL received a letter from Cherry Stewart with a Check for \$100.00, in memory of her husband.

Old Business:

New Business:

Good of the League: The MCLB will have their 4th of July celebration and presentation on 27th of June.

We will have a tent set up to recruit and raffle off the collectors bottle that was donated by Nick Nicholson.

Opening of Clinic August 1, 2014- Web Sgt will be sending out info on how to get on the base.

Announcements: National Convention will be 4-9 of August in Charleston WV, it looks as though tis will be the largest convention they have had so far.

Closing Ceremony was given.

We sang the first stanza of the Marine Corps Hymn.

Adjourned: @ 19:30

**MINUTES
OF
July 15, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Jr. Past Commandant Ron Kirstatter

Roll Call:

Commandant Elmore	X Adjutant Harrell
Sr Vice McClelland	X Paymaster Kirstatter
X Jr Vic Paulin	X Sgt At Arm Chaffin
Judge Advocate Wilcox	X Chaplain Breton

Officers Commandant Elmore, Sr Vice McClelland and Judge Advocate Wilcox were all excused from the July meeting due to other obligations.

Members present: 27

Associate Members present: 3

Visitors/Guests: 5

Young Marines: Young Marine Program Executive Officer Scott and Commander Loman, Marines MSgt Mason, Sgt Wilson and GySgt Crawford were back from summer camp in Smyrna, Tennessee and motivated, they talked about their experiences at camp, where they met the Young Marine of the year of 2014.

Young Marine Program is set up for 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month. The young Marines are getting ready to go to Warner Robins to Regimental Encampment at Camp John Hope, July 25-27 where they will be with other units from Georgia. This year we are going to have Jr. Leadership School here in Albany, the cadets can't move up in rank until they go to this school. Most of our support has been financial but we could help by giving some our time to help the young Marines.

Ron brought up that there is a Marine Corp League Commendation Award that can be awarded to the Young Marines unit, and it is up to us as the MCL to make this happen. Ron said he will pass this on to Commandant Elmore so that all the information can be gathered and the recognition can be given.

At this time the Young Marines were dismissed.

Doug Hamblin was ask to step out of the room, so his application could be brought before the membership present, for approval.

**Applications for Membership: Ret. 1st Sgt Doug Hamblin
All approved and he was sworn into the MCL.**

**Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No
Approved as written: Yes**

Paymasters Report: Checking Account, Beginning Ledger Balance 06/16/14, \$3,433.87 Credits: \$673.04. Debits \$1,240.56. Ending Ledger Balance 07/14/14, \$2,866.35 Outstanding Checks \$216.00

Adjusted Balance \$3,082.35. Savings Account: Beginning Ledger Balance 06/16/14, \$4,886.36. Credits \$1.00. No Debts Ending Ledger Balance 07/14/14, \$4,887.36.

Billy Hammack will not be able to assume the paymaster role, so if someone with experience in finances, preferably Quicken could see their way to take the job, it would be great.

An audit of the books was conducted during the Staff meeting last week, all was in order.

Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are ill: Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, still is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Mary DesJardines is in very poor health, she is unconscious more than conscious at this time. She is the wife of our Detachment's name sake, Major Lawrence DesJardines.

Prayer Request: Rodger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.

Marine MGySgt Jim Valentine is recovering from knee surgery.

Marine MSgt R.A. Miller is in the VA Hospital in Gainesville, FL, requested by Marine Burt Sutherland.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: A staff meeting was held at the Quickie's Restaurant on July 8th at 6:00 pm. The subject of a scholarship fund was discussed. It was suggested that this scholarship fund will be for members of MCL's children and grand-children.

Sr. Vice's Report: No Report

Jr. Vice's Report: Per the July 4 booth set up we had 11 applicant possibilities.

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Fallen Marine Program: This month the Lord has taken home:

Marine Sergeant Anthony LaSalle, passed on June 27, 2014.

Marine Staff Sergeant, Retired and League member Sherman Braden, passed on June 28, 2014.

Let us remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, Nick Retza and Billy Stewart.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: A cleanup date has been set for August 16, 2014 at Cox Landing.

Patriotism: 249 flags out and inventory needs replenished.

Veteran's Coalition: Friday Sept. 5, 2014 Field of Flags our part will be to mark the field we will have flags all around the mall flags last year was some 600 this year we will have more and crosses will be between the pools. We figure it will take about 4 hours and we could use some more help. Saturday Sept. 6, 2014, will be the set up at 08:00.

Boys Scouts: The Department of Georgia Marine Corps League awarded a total of 225 Eagle Scouts the Good Citizenship Award, 115 Girl Scouts received their Gold Award and 5 Civil Air Patrol Cadets received the Billy Mitchel Award this year throughout the state.

Young Marines /JROTC :

Other:

Correspondence: Family of Berry Richards, acknowledged the kind expression of condolences, from Marge Richards. Anthony Parker sent acknowledgement of our participation in the Memorial Day Program at Albany Technical College. Executive Director of the National Mid-Winter Conferences has sent out a change in the dates of this conference in the future. New dates for 2016 conference will be moved to March 3-4-5 moving them almost a month to dodge the winters in DC. Feb.12-14, 2014, National Mid-winter Conference will be at the Fairview Park Marriott, Fairfax, Va.

Sherman Braden's daughter donated his retirement flag, to the Marine Corp League Detachment.

Old Business: Commandant Elmore is working on establishing a date for the Fund Raiser at Sam's, before Labor Day week-end. Both Pound 360 and Detachment 1260 will participate in this fund raiser.

New Business:

Good of the League: Detachment picnic will be September 20, 2014 at 14:00 at Bob Breton's residence.

Announcement of VA Clinic opening August 1, 2014. They are asking if anyone has the time to drive shuttle to please do so.

Announcements: Marine Corp Birthday Ball Golf Tournament fund raiser Friday August 22, 2014 at Grand Island Golf Club, deadline for registration is August 15, contact GySgt Mallard at jasonmallard@usmc.mil or 229-639-8475.

Adjourned: 19:30

Marine Corps League – Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2014

I. Call to order

Commandant Elmore called the regular Detachment meeting to order at 1830 on August 19, 2014 at the Riverpointe Golf Club in Albany, Georgia.

II. Roll call/Guest Speaker

Stand-in Adjutant Alex Hart conducted a roll call of officers. The following officers were present: Commandant Elmore; Sr. Vice McClelland; Jr. Vice Paulin; Judge Advocate Wilcox; Paymaster Kirstatter; Sgt at Arms Chaffin; and Chaplain Breton. Absent was: Adjutant Melba Harrell. There were a total of 37 members and 2 associate members in attendance. Following the roll call of officers, Commandant Elmore adjourned the business portion of the meeting. Thereafter Marine Hart introduced Guest of Honor: Dougherty County Probate Judge Stephenson, who delivered a humorous and informative talk on wills and other probate issues. Following Judge Stephenson's talk, Commandant Elmore presented her with a Detachment Cookbook.

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:

VI. Dougherty County Probate Judge Nancy S. Stephenson (Guest of Honor) and John Stephenson; Ron Kirstatter, Commandant, Department of Georgia; Barbara Brammer, District Vice Commandant and her husband; Paul Webb, Marine veteran who served with 1st Tank Battalion in Iraq and Afghanistan.

VII. Correspondence received. The 8th Annual Salute to Veterans will take place at the Albany Civic Center Veterans Park Amphitheater with Band Prelude to begin at 9:45am with the ceremony commencing at 1000.

Installation of Officers. Commandant Elmore administered the oath of office to Marine Aldrich, who agreed to assume the duties of Detachment Paymaster from Marine Kirstatter.

Paymaster's Report Report delivered by Paymaster Kirstatter. The ending balance for the savings account as of September 18, 2014 was \$4,888.40. The ending balance for the checking account as of September 18, 2014 was \$3,011.64. Paymaster Kirstatter said he would investigate buying savings bonds with some of the funds in the Detachment's savings account in order to get a better rate of return on that money. 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 Breton. The following Marines or their families were reported as being ill: wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards is still in the process of recovering from a serious illness; Jr. Vice Paulin is recovering from a broken shoulder. Marine Jim Valentine is recovering from knee surgery. Chaplain Breton asked the Detachment to remember our fallen brothers: LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgt Sam Tucker and SSgt Sherman Braden.

IX. Report of the Officers

- a) Commandant: Commandant Elmore waived his remarks.
- b) Sr. Vice: No report.
- c) Jr. Vice: Jr. Vice Paulin reported he was working on 11 potential applicants, including Chief Charlie Whitehead of the Dawson Police Department.
- d) Judge Advocate: JA Wilcox reported he has inserted the updated by-laws into the Detachment's binder.
- e) Adjutant: No report.

X. Standing Committee Reports

- a) River Walk Committee: Sgt-at-Arms Chaffin reported that four Marines (Bob Adams, Ray Murphy, Jerry Wessels, and Buff Askey) picked up trash in the Cox Landing area on Thursday of last week, and six Marines (Richard Chaffin, Tim McClelland, Dave Aldrich, Henry Jackson, Bob Breton and Ernie Elmore) did so last Saturday.
- b) Finance Committee: No report.

XI. Special Committee Reports

- a) Fallen Marines. Chaplain Breton said there was one Fallen Marine to report: Vietnam Veteran LCpl Clayton Hall passed away on 7 August 2014.
- b) Patriotism/Field of Flags: Marine Aldrich reported that 254 flags have been replaced since the program began. Marine Aldrich also announced that volunteers are needed beginning at 0800 on 5 September 2014 to mark the field for the

annual Field of Flags ceremony at the Albany Mall. Marine Gillan will be the piper for the ceremony.

c) Cookbook Committee: No report.

d) Detachment Scrapbook: No report.

e) Boy Scouts: Marine Gillan announced that two local boys have completed the requirements for Eagle Scout. He announced that our Detachment awarded two Civil Air Patrol Cadets the Billy Mitchell award certificates.

Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter also announced that the Department was recognized for being 7th in the National MCL for the number of total Eagle Scouts.

f) Young Marines/JROTC: Marine Nathaniel Lowman reported that Young Marines from the Lee County Chapter are signing up for “boot camp” on 6 September 2014; he also announced that one of his former Young Marines (a Sgt) was wounded in action in Afghanistan while serving as a Captain in the Army. Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter announced the Department will donate \$500 to the Albany Young Marines.

g) Veteran’s Coalition/TAMP: JA Wilcox announced the traveling Vietnam Wall will be in Ashburn September 4 through 7, 2014. He also reported that monthly TAMP classes are going well.

XII. Old/Unfinished Business None.

XIII. New Business None.

XIV. Good of the League Chaplain Breton announced he and Ruthie will be hosting the Detachment picnic at their house on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 1400; he asked everyone to e-mail him with the numbers of the people attending from their households and the side dish they intend to bring.

The new VA Clinic on Base opened on 1 August 2014.

Marine Gillan announced the 9/11 Heroes Run in Leesburg, and that \$50,000 has been raised to build a Habitat Home for a Veteran in need. The home will be built the last Saturday in February 2015.

Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter presented Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter with the National Newsletter of the Year Award; Commandant Elmore than presented Sheila with Meritorious Commendation.

XV Announcements Department of Georgia Commandant Kirstatter presented streamers to the Detachment Sgt-at-Arms for our colors, and a certificate to the Detachment for its significant growth in membership last year (4.49% for 1st Qtr of this

year). He also reported on various changes to the National MCL by-laws following the recent convention in Charleston, WV. One significant change is members who have been deemed ineligible for League membership may now resign. The 2015 MCL National Convention will take place in Scottsdale, AZ at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort (800-832-2025) during the week of August 9, 2015.

Commandant Elmore said the Wounded Warrior Regiments would appreciate donations. Also the Local Pound will be having a fundraiser from 10 am to 3pm on August 28th and 29th at Sams Club.

Commandant Elmore also announced that he and Bobbie are moving back to Washington state toward the end of September 2014, and he will therefore be stepping down. Marine Gillian thanked the Elmore's, who received a standing ovation.

Commandant Elmore also presented District Jr. Vice Barbara Brannen with a Detachment Cookbook.

The Detachment Quartermaster announced he had T-shirts for \$5 and caps for \$8.

Marine Nicholson donated a decorative Jim Beam bottle to be auctioned off.

XVI Adjourned After the colors were retired by Sgt at Arms Chaffin, Commandant Elmore announced the meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Hart.

Minutes approved by: Commandant Elmore

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2014

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X	Commandant McClelland	X	Adjutant Harrell
X	Sr Vice Paulin		Paymaster Aldrich
	Jr Vice Martin	X	Sgt At Arms Chaffin
	Judge Advocate Wilcox	X	Chaplain Breton

Officers: All officers were present with exception of Martin, Wilcox, and Aldrich.

Members present: 25

Associate Members present: 5

Visitors/Guests: 2

The guest were, Commandant Dept. of Georgia, Ron Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant Dept. of Georgia, Joe Barbee, and Tuffy Phillips..

Applications for Members: None

Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No

Approved as written: Yes

Paymasters Report: Alternate Kirstatter gave Paymaster report.

Checking Account, Beginning Ledger Balance 08-18-14, \$3,011.64 Credits: \$1,191.84 Debits \$ 665.41. Ending Ledger Balance 09-14-14, \$3,538.07.

Savings Account: Beginning Ledger Balance 08-18-14 \$4,888.40. Credits \$1.04. No Debts Ending Ledger Balance 09-14-14 \$4,889.44; Audit. Pending

Chaplains Report:

Wife of Marine James R. (JR) Edwards, still is in the process of recovering from a serious illness.

Marine Jim Valentine is recovering from Knee Surgery.

Wife of Marine Dave Aldrich, (Ann) is recovering from Knee Surgery.

Prayer Request: Rodger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL, and Roger for swift recovery from a broken shoulder.

Officers Reports:

Commandant's Report: No Report

Sr. Vice's Report: No Report

Jr. Vice's Report: No Report

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marines: This month the Lord has taken home:

Viet Nam Vet Gunnery Sergeant David W. Akstulewicz, passed 11 Sept. 2014.

Let's remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

River Walk Committee:

A cleanup is scheduled for 3rd Saturday in October.

Patriotism:

Thanks to Richard Chaffin, Rodger Paulin, Bob Adams, Larry Olsen, and Tim McClellan for helping with the field of flags. There were 146 crosses and 656 flags. To date there has been 255 flags put up around the area.

Veteran's Coalition:

Friday, September 19, 2014 Memorial service at Andersonville to honor POW/MIA'S, and dedicate memorial to longest held POW Thompson of the Viet Nam era.

Korean Memorial is now being carved and will be dedicated on November 11, 2014.

Salute to Veterans November 8, 2014, the guest speaker will be Com Sgt Maj of Georgia National Guard.

Boys Scouts:

No Report

Young Marines/JROTC:

The young Marines have a lot of things coming up over the next few months. They are trying to get over 1,000 to sign a pledge to be drug free. We are working with the MCLB and Chehaw Park to take young Marines there to identify plant life so they can get Conservation Ribbon. Young Marines will also be helping with Toys for Tots.

Correspondence:

The YMCA will be partnering with "Habitat with Kindness" to build house for any veteran that is in need.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ceremony of Installation: New officers Commandant McClellan and Sr Vice Paulin were sworn in at this time. Board of Trustees held a meeting Tuesday September 9, 2014 to replace Commandant Elmore who has resigned because of moving to state of Washington. A new election of officers will be held in January 2015.

Exchange Club has a booth reserved at the fair, would be nice to get MCL to man the booth for the days of the fair.

Good of the League:

Detachment Picnic at Bob and Ruth Breton's, Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Announcements:

Adjourned: 19:06

**MINUTES
OF
November 18, 2014**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant Tim McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant	McClelland	X Adjutant Harrell
X Sr Vice	Paulin	X Paymaster Aldrich
X Jr Vice		X Sgt At Arms Chaffin
X Judge Advocate Wilcox		X Chaplain Breton

Members present: 22

Associate Members present: 5

Total 27

Visitors/Guests: Commandant Dept. of Georgia Ron Kirstatter.

Applications for Membership:

**Minutes have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No
Minutes stand as posted.**

Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance \$3,538.68 Inflow of \$1,092.30 and outflow of \$994.65, \$97.65 outstanding. Ending Balance of \$3,636.33. Savings Account Beginning Balance of \$4,888.40 Interest Inc. \$3.08 Ending Balance of \$4,891.48.

**Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill / Prayer Request:
Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.
S.V. Paulin for continued recovery from his broken shoulder.
Marine Jim Valentine- continued recovery from knee surgery.
Ann Aldrich – for swift recovery from knee surgery also.**

Officers Reports:

Commandants Report:

Staff Meeting in Warner Robins Nov. 22, 2014.

MCL Christmas Party December 16, 2014 at 6:30 River Point Golf club House \$20.00 per person.

We need to start thinking about new officers for next year.

Hero's run in Leesburg February 28, 2015, 1 mile and 5k.

Tri Care Prime- Some problems with Doctors on the list, they say if a problem go to the dispensary and they can help you out.

Some changes to be made at the base next year: Budget Cuts will change hours of service and some fees will change.

National Convention Scottsdale Arizona in August 8-15, 2015. Motion made by Bob Adams to put a full page add in their brochure at \$160.00. Motion 2nd by Roger Paulin. Motion passed.

Southeast Division Conference March 26-29, 2015. Ron Kirstatter made motion to place a full page add in their brochure at \$100.00. Motion was 2nd by Bob Adams. Motion passed.

Sr. Vice's Report: No Report

Jr. Vice's Report: 5 new interest cards were collected from the booth at the fair.

Judge Advocate's Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: This month No one has gone home to be with the Lord.

Let's continue to remember our Detachment fallen Brothers, LtCol Joseph Smith, MGySgt Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgt's Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

River Walk Committee: No Report next cleanup will be sometime in March of 2015.

Patriotism: 262 Flags have been replaced to date. Funds are holding up at this time.

JROTC: Two units went to Darton Collage to rededicate Vietnam memorial.

Veteran's Coalition: TAP will take place this Friday 21, 2014 at 9:45, if any one would like to come and help.

Correspondence: Letter of Appreciation from deceased Marine Akstulewicz's wife for memorial service provided by the Detachment and contribution of \$150.00. Will contact a detachment close to them in Wisconsin when spring, to do the honor guard ceremony honors for him.

Old Business: Korean War Memorial is in the ground been dedicated and paid for.

New Business: Wednesday November 19, 2014 breakfast at post 30 with WALB news to interview as many vets as possible about the new Veterans Clinic.

Good of the League:

Announcements:

Adjourned: 19:10

Sang the first Stanza of the Marine Corps Hymn