

**MINUTES
OF
January 20, 2015**

Called to order @ 18:30 By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

**Commandant McClelland
Sr Vice Paulin
Jr Vice
Judge Advocate Wilcox**

**Adjutant Harrell
Paymaster Aldrich
Sgt At Arms Chaffin
Chaplain Breton**

Members present: 25

Associate Members present: 6

Visitors/Guests: 0

Applications for Membership 0

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

**Paymasters Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance 12-31-2014, \$3,588.48. Inflow of \$245.00 with \$144.00 outstanding. Ending Checking Account Balance \$3,689.48.
Beginning Savings Account Balance \$4,888.40 Interest in the amount of \$5.13 Ending Balance of \$4,893.53**

**Chaplains Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/ Prayer Requests:
Roger Paulin's Mother-in-law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland FL.
Our former Commandant Ernie Elmore, diagnosed with acute Lung problems.
Leaguer Jerry Smith requested prayer for his wife.
Marine Jim Valentines wife-Sheba recovery from Heart Attack.
Marine Herbert Martin recovery from a fall
Marine Russ Vermillion on the loss of his mother.
Marine Nick Nicholson- recovery from rotator cup surgery.
Marine Jerry Wessels- recovery from Knee surgery.**

Officers Reports: No Report

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 no one has gone home to be with the Lord.

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

River Walk Committee: Next River Walk Clean-up will be Saturday March 21, 2015 at 8:30.

Patriotism: Two Flags have been replaced this year so far one at the Toyota Dealership. Last year we replaced 64 Flag's, the most we have replaced since we started doing this back in 2010.

Veteran's Coalition: No Report

Veterans Transition Program will be on February 6, 2015 at 9:45. We need you guy's to help these men that are getting out of the Marine Corp, so they can have a smooth transition, just wear your red hat and help out a few minutes.

Other: Boy's Scouts: No Report

Other: Young Marines/JRROTC: Just got back from Warner Robins, the Young Marines completed CPR course and shot weapons R22 rifle on the range also met a female football team and they are going to buy the tickets for the Young Marines to come up to the game. Young Marines have got Presidential Service Awards and now all the adults that work with them get the Presidential Service Metal. National requires us to do a proclamation program that they have, where the Young Marines take drug and alcohol classes on line. All the Young Marines and the adults involved have taken the classes and got their certificate.

One of the Young Marines that was with this unit was wounded in Afghanistan and is paralyzed from the waist down, his daughter has not seen him in 1 ½ yrs. We are trying to get her into the Young Marines because of acting out in school due to not seeing her father and his circumstances. Young Marines are also looking into how much a bus ticket or plane ticket would cost to send her and her mother to see her father. We will discuss this more when we know how much money is needed.

Other:

**Correspondence: Stacey Rodes – Thanks you for attending Sgt Sherman Braden Service
Dr. Stacey Henderson – Sent a Christmas card from the National Women's Veterans United
Alice Gardner – Needs a tax receipts for donation of \$200.00 to League in Memory of Mary
DesJardines.**

Old Business:

New Business: Hero's Run February 28, 2015

**Good of the League: Habitat has ask if we will serve lunch to 23 University of Wisconsin Students
this year on March 26, 2015. The Detachment agreed to go ahead and do the lunch.**

Nomination of new Officers for the year of 2015:

Commandant Tim McClelland

Sr Vice Roger Paulin

Jr Vice Carl Wilcox

Judge Advocate Joe Najjar

Adjutant Joe Najjar

Paymaster Ron Kirstatter

Sgt At Arms Richard Chaffin

Chaplain Bob Breton

All officers were accepted with a unanimous vote.

**The swearing in of officers took place and all officers were escorted to their respective places of
office.**

Announcements:

Adjourned: 19:10

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
February 17, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland

X Paymaster Kirstatter

X Sr Vice Paulin

X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

Jr Vice Wilcox

X Chaplain Breton

X Judge Advocate/Adjutant Najjar

Members Present: 27

Associate Members Present: 2

Visitors/Guests: 1; Department Commandant Kirstatter

Applications for Membership 0; Bud Simpson was sworn in

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,689.48. Inflow of \$105.16 and outflow of \$347.28. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,447.36. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$4,893.53. Inflow of Interest: \$1.04. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$4,894.57

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:

Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.

Our Former Commandant Ernie Elmore, diagnosed with acute lung problems. Ernie reported that he is doing much better.

Leaguer Jerry Smith requested prayer for his wife.

Marine Nick Nicholson – recovering from rotator cup surgery.

Marine Carl Wilcox, Jr. Vice – had a knee replacement. On 16 Feb he was in Phoebe – Worth County, Rm. 224, visitors would be appreciated.

Pray for Kathy Fazekas upon the passing of Al.

Marine MGySgt Bill Hammack's cancer returned and he is back on Chemotherapy.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: Nothing right now

Sr. Vice: No report, but he knows that Jr Vice Wilcox is working on about 10 applications.

Jr. Vice: No report; medical absence.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – Two fallen Marines to report.

#95 – Master Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin F. McKinney, passed on 21 Jan 2015 at the age of 96

#96 – LtCol Alex Fazekas passed during the night of 16 Feb 2015

Continue to remember our Detachment fallen brothers LtCol. Joseph Smith, LtCol. Al Fazekas, Maj. Lawrence DesJardines, MGySgt. Nick Retza, GySgt Billy Stewart, SSgts Sam Tucker and Sherman Braden.

Patriotism: 272 flags have been replaced since the program started 5 years ago. We have one request from Warner Robins. They had been passed from one organization to another. Their flag just came in so if they can give us their torn flag we'll mail the new one to them. We do not normally do it this way, but they have made the effort. It is a state organization, but apparently so we'll send it out.

River Walk: Weather permitting, the river walk cleanup will start from Cox Landing at 08:30 on 21 March.

Veterans' Coalition: This year's salute to veterans will be the 2nd week of November instead of the normal Saturday closest to Veterans Day. We're negotiating with the chapter at the Army Aviation heritage Foundation to have a Cobra and a Huey. Huey rides are \$25/Cobra rides \$600. At their last meeting, Carl Wilcox was voted to be the new commandant of the South Ga Military Coalition.

Other: Boy Scouts: No report

Other: Young Marines: Army captain recovering from wounds at Walter Reed has asked for help funding a trip so his daughter can visit. So far a church in Baconton has stepped up with approximately \$1,000. YMs spent some time visiting residents in nursing homes. Other activities on the calendar include River Walk and Cancer Walk, Marathon Run, CPR classes, drug awareness classes. Also addressed is a program that allows ROTC cadets to earn corporal upon completion of boot camp.

Other: JROTC: The WHS unit has their annual banquet scheduled for 23 April. They have provided a lot of color guards at Darton State College in conjunction with American Legion Post 30 and their Oratorical Contest. Also provided a color guard for Darton State's softball kickoff.

Correspondence: We received a thank you card from First Christian Church for the replacement of their worn flag.

Old Business: One item – Kelly Fisk was presented with his Certificate of Appreciation for Service to the League during the last year.

New Business: Commandant McClelland and Dave Aldrich prepared the uniform for Al Fazekas' funeral and while there the request was made for 3 pall bearers. Volunteers: Tim McClelland, Roger Paulin, and Bob Breton.

Good of the League:

Commandant McClelland: Kiwanis will perform a day of service for Thronateeska and are looking for additional volunteers to work on 11 May.

Kelly Fisk: After Sherman Braden passed away, several items were donated to the VFW. Among them is an M-1 Grand that is being put up for raffle and tickets are available if anyone is interested.

Dept. Commandant Kirstatter: National reports that there are 10,000 leaguers that are delinquent with their dues. The financial impact equates to \$20 per person.

There is now a new Young Marines National liaison.

MCL ID cards: A lot of members never received a membership card, so anyone in that position should notify Dept. Cmdnt. Kirstatter.

DOD recently passed a policy allowing veteran organizations access to bases. This is not an issue here.

If anyone has reservations in the overflow hotel for the national convention, be aware that the reservations have been moved to another hotel because of renovations.

Department Staff meeting is scheduled for 28 Feb.

The SE Division is scheduled for the 3rd week of March.

Military coins are available if anyone is interested in purchasing any.

The Department convention is 1 -3 May in Marietta

Commandant McClelland: Sam's has agreed to allow us to hold a fundraiser on 21 – 22 May.

Dave Aldrich: Habitat for Humanity has a build on 26 March and we have 26 students that we'll be feeding. This is a first call for volunteers.

Chaplain Breton: Announced the arrangements for Al Fazekas and the uniform for visitation and the funeral. He also explained the ceremony and certificate presentation.

Don Mills: Westover High School's Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education has had organizations address students and the invitation is extended to any of our members to make presentations any day during the first week of March.

Adjourned: 19:15

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
March 17, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
Judge Advocate

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 29

Associate Members Present: 7

Visitors/Guests: 4; Department Commandant Kirstatter, District 5 Vice Commandant Barbara Brammer

Applications for Membership 0; George Buttner was sworn in

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,447.36. Inflow of \$2299.14 and outflow of \$592.00. Ending Checking Account balance: \$5154.50. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$4,894.57. Inflow of Interest: \$0.94. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$4,895.51

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Associate Cam Paulin who has fallen and broken her wrist.
Marine Carl Wilcox for knee replacement surgery.
Marine Bill Hammack's chemotherapy is going well.
Associate Tom Gieryic's mother passed.
Marine Harry McDole is battling cancer.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: Reserve for later

Sr. Vice: No report.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: Absent

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – One fallen Marine to report.
Marine Charles Harper, Purple Heart recipient from Korea

Patriotism: 280 flags have been replaced so far with one more done today. Field of Flags and Crosses for Memorial Day is kicking off.

River Walk: River walk cleanup will start from Cox Landing at 08:30 on 21 March and go to 6th Avenue. Select few that will clean up on Thursday at 0800.

Veterans' Coalition: Didn't meet last month but will meet this month. Need volunteers to help with the Honor Guard. Meet 2nd Monday of every month come offer your suggestions on what the Coalition should do...not after the fact. Carl Wilcox is the new chairman of the Veterans' Coalition. VA will be discussing the clinic on base again and Marine Nicholson will get the word out when they will be at Post 30. They are contracting doctors and know they are still short. New director is working on it.

Transition Assistance Program: Need a few more to help out. Just a 15 minute slot to tell those transitioning out what the Marine Corps League can do for them.

Boy Scouts: Dan Gillan wished to thank on behalf of the YMCA and Lee County all those that supported the 9/11 Heroes Run on February 28th which will result in the first ever Habitat home for a veteran in Lee County. At the run there were 3 Boy Scout Troops represented, Troup 3, Troup 99 and Troup 7. Also Vidalia, GA which we don't hear much about, Troup 933 Eagle Scout Wyatt Burke was sent the Citizenship Award and coin. We reached out to Troup 933 to let them know that we support their efforts and hope to hear more from them.

Piper Dan Gillan played in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Oh Danny Boy and The Marines Hymm.

Correspondence: LOGCOM ERD Golf Tournament. Shepherd's Men run from New York to Atlanta to support TBI and PTSD treatment at the Shepherd Center. Invitation to participate in MCLB Career Education Fair Wednesday 22nd April from 1000 to 1330. From the Department Judge Advocate received delegate voting form to be submitted to Department for the convention.

Old Business: Quartermaster has merchandise for sale. Habitat has 12 from the University of Wisconsin, 22 from the University of Florida so we expect to feed 50 on the 26th of March at 906 Tindale Ave.

New Business: Motion to support LOGCOM ERD Gold Tournament for \$100 to have a marker at one of the holes with our logo and Detachment information. Approved.

Motion to place donations in honor of Al Fazekas in special account to seed Detachment scholarship fund. Small group to look at how we will manage the special account. Approved.

Good of the League:

Commandant McClelland: Kiwanis will perform a day of service for Thronateeska and are looking for additional volunteers to work on 11 April.

Battle Color at MCLB on 20th at 1000. Those attending please wear cover and blue shirts with khaki trousers.

1000 on Thursday 28 May Albany Technical College requests a Flag Folding. Dave, Tim, Bob Breton, Richard & Roger volunteered.

Nick Nicholson: 40 & 8th Scholarship in nursing for \$1000 and American Legion Scholarship for \$1000. Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Friday Fish Fry Dinner & motorcycle ride for COPS.

Announcements:

Southeast Division Conference March 26th -29th.

March 30th @ 1000 at the State Capital, 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Veterans Celebration

April 18th Vietnam Veterans parade in Thomaston GA

Adjourned: 19:32

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
April 21, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Sgt-at-Arms was called upon to present the colors to add the Southeast Division Conference streamer.

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
Judge Advocate

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 27

Associate Members Present: 5

Visitors/Guests: 4; Department Commandant Kirstatter, Marine Michael Nesmith & Marine Harry Johnson Jr.

Applications for Membership 2; Marine Michael Nesmith & Marine Harry Johnson Jr. were sworn in

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Minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$5,154.50. Inflow of \$1,167.23 and outflow of \$555.28. Ending Checking Account balance: \$5,766.45. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$4,895.51. Inflow of Interest: \$1.04. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$4,896.55

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Kathy Fazekas for the passing of Al.
Marine Bill Hammack's chemotherapy is going well.
WWII Marine Sy Barnes recovering from a fall.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: Reserve for later

Sr. Vice: Reported attendance at the Southeast Division Conference.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: Absent

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – None

Patriotism: 291 flags have been replaced so far in 6 years. Donations from Dennis & Ellee Starcher, R&S Diesel Injection Services Inc., Modern Gas and Albany Internal Medicine Thank you letter from YMCA for flag raising. Mission statement issued for May 28th Memorial Day Ceremony and flag folding at Albany Technical College at 1400.

River Walk: 13 bags of trash were collected on Thursday and Saturday.

Veterans' Coalition: Mark field on 22nd, crosses go out on 23rd, Remembrance Ceremony @ 1500 on 24th then remove the crosses on 26th. November 8th Salute to Veterans will have Doc Holiday and the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation with Huey rides for \$50 or short Cobra ride for \$300 and 15 minutes for \$500.

Transition Assistance Program: Thanks to Chuck, Tim and Ron for covering the last class.

Young Marines: Will be supporting Breast Cancer Walk, have recruit training this week. Changes in staff up north. Have 2 attending Sgt's course and 6 the Jr. Leadership. Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Don Mills Westover MCJROTC for assisting with training.

JROTC: Don Mills reported MCL awards will be presented at graduation. Cadets will be going to Camp Lejeune for training.

Old Business: None.

New Business: AFJROTC presentations will be made on 23rd at Monroe High School @ 1000, MCJROTC at Westover High School on 23rd @ 1745 and NJROTC at Lee County High School on May 1st @ 1800. Motion to donate \$500 to help MJROTC with training at Camp Lejeune made by Marine Kirstatter 2nd by Roger Paulin. Approved.

Good of the League:

Daughters of the American Revolution have requested a speaker for Sat 10 Oct or Sat 14 Nov on Vietnam.

T-Shirt order will be placed if enough are requested. Minimum order is 12. \$8 each for S to XL \$10 for 2X. Order 24 and we get \$0.50 off, order 36 and get another \$0.50 off.

Announcements:

Department Convention May 1-3 in Atlanta.

Adjourned: 19:34

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
May 19, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Sgt-at-Arms was called upon to present the colors to add the Department of Georgia Convention streamer.

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 24

Associate Members Present: 7

Visitors/Guests: 3; Department Commandant Kirstatter congratulated Detachment 1260 for winning the Burkhardt award for the largest percentage growth in the Department from March 30, 2014 to March 30, 2015. Other guests Noel Buttner, Sheba Valentine.

Applications for Membership: None

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$5,766.45. Inflow of \$275.24 and outflow of \$1,009.53. Ending Checking Account balance: \$5,032.16. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$4,896.55. Inflow of Interest: \$1.01. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$4,897.56

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Kathy Fazekas for the passing of Al.
Marine Bill Hammack's battle with cancer.
WWII Marine Sy Barnes' wife recovering from fall.
Marine Jim Johnson's wife broken shoulder.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: No report

Sr. Vice: No report.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: Danny M. Wilcox passed May 8th.

Patriotism: Thanks to Marine Smith milestone 301 flags have been replaced. Running low on 3x5 so will be placing order soon. May 28th will be the flag folding ceremony at Albany Technical College at 1400.

River Walk: None scheduled. Will be checking with Judy for next event.

Veterans' Coalition: Mark field on 22nd @ 1700, crosses go out on 23rd @ 0800, Remembrance Ceremony on 24th @ 1500 then remove the crosses on 26th @ 0800.

Transition Assistance Program: Thanks to Tim, Ron and John for assisting this month. We still need more members to cover this important event.

Boy Scouts: No Report

Young Marines: Assisted Westover MCJROTC in Tifton by providing color guard to over 1000 people, Mayor was very appreciative. Young Marine going to Tennessee end of July. 2 going to Sgt's course, 4 going to Cpl's course, MSgt honor graduate of Albany Early College 10th grade class Valedictorian selected Marine of the Year at the unit level, will be going up for Battalion in July. Regimental will be held in September and then the Division selection will be done in Tennessee in December. Young Marines just graduated from boot camp, started with 17 and graduated 7. Young Marines will be assisting with the crosses on the 23rd.

Department of Georgia, during their business meeting in May voted to donate to the Young Marines throughout the state as they have in the past.

JROTC: Awards were handed out this year to the Honor Graduate and Citizenship Award recipients for MJROTC @ Westover, NJROTC @ Lee County and Camila and the AFJROTC @ Monroe High Schools.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Marine Corps Logistics Command and former Charter member Hal Gobin for generous support of their annual golf tournament to support their Employee Recognition Day.

Received National Convention delegate registration form, ad form and National Jr. Vice Commandant's award form and a new form from the National Director of Veterans Service asking each Detachment to identify the contact information for their Detachment Service Officer and VAVS.

Old Business: T-Shirt order was not sent out to all members. If you would like to order a shirt please add your name to the list and the order will be placed. Minimum order is 12. \$8 each for S to XL \$10 for 2X. Order 24 and we get \$0.50 off, order 36 and get another \$0.50 off.

New Business: Sheila designed a post card and would like to send this out to those members that have not attended a meeting in a while.

Received a call from Robin Gray with a person in need of a computer. Ron and Nick will see what they can come up with.

Motion to donate \$500 to help Young Marines made by Marine Adams 2nd by Don Daily. Approved.

Good of the League: Marine Murphy asked if any additional information on the Town Hall Meeting with the VA yet. When Nick gets the information he will pass it out to the Coalition

Monday morning 0645 Colors @ Post 30 with breakfast to follow. Congressman Sanford Bishop will be guest speaker. Marine Breton will purchase flowers and immediately following the breakfast the Detachment will honor Major DesJardines.

Sam's Club fund raiser will be taking place on 21st & 22nd from 1000 to 1400. Tim McClelland, Bob Breton, Carl Wilcox, Jim Valentine, Roger Paulin, Ron Kirstatter.

The Breton's will start the planning the annual picnic to take place in September at their house. Date TBD. Bob to send out an email.

Southeast Division Conference 2017 will be in Augusta and 2018 will be in Mobile, AL.

Alabama Department Convention will be June 12th & 13th.

Announcements: Post 30 looking for schools or other organizations that would like a flag retirement ceremony. Contact Marvin Mixon. Joe Najjar will check if they want to perform one at the Boy Scout Camporee.

November 14th there will be a ceremony repatriating the Air Force Colonel shot down in Vietnam. Post 30 will be replacing the cross with a star and having a 21 gun salute.

Adjourned: 1925

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
June 16, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Sr. Vice Commandant Paulin

Roll Call:

Excused Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
SIQ Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
Excused Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 2

Visitors/Guests: Marine Bill Cuff; Department Commandant Kirstatter

Applications for Membership: None

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$5,032.16. Inflow of \$375.24 and outflow of \$1,569.74. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,837.66. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$4,897.56. Inflow of Interest: \$1367.76. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,265.32

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Kathy Fazekas for the passing of Al.
Marine Bill Hammack's battle with cancer.
Marine Jim Johnson's wife broken shoulder.
Dwayne Lake had stroke May 19th.
Carl Wilcox SIQ.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: No report

Sr. Vice: Mailing from Four Chapels Foundation – if interested in donating see me after the meeting. Received a donation in memory of Al Fazekas from the Clever's.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: WWII Marine Bufford Roland and Marine John Stewart.

Patriotism: 308 flags have been replaced. Purchased a resupply of program 3x5 cards and flags.

River Walk: Next event will be in October when it cools off a little.

Veterans' Coalition: No report.

Transition Assistance Program: No report.

Boy Scouts: No report.

Young Marines: No report.

JROTC: Dougherty High has a position open, check the MJROTC website. Westover took 33 to Parris Island from June 1-5. The cadets participated in: crucible, small unit leadership, repelling, close order drill, confidence course, viewed live fire, walked through the gas chamber, other classes and watched a graduation. The Detachment's contribution help pay for meals there and back.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the League: Marine Aldrich commended Newsletter Editor Kirstatter on a great June issue. LOGCOM SgtMaj change of command will take place on Friday the 19th 0800 at Covella Pond.

Announcements: Department Commandant reported from the Alabama convention an idea for fundraising that is gaining them lots of donations are road blocks \$12,000 and golf tournaments \$8000. They performed a reenactment of the Iwo Jima flag raising at the banquet which was great. Thinking for the 2016 Department of Georgia convention doing a flag folding ceremony. New Districts have been set 1260 is part of District 10 and Al Yates from LaGrange is District Vice.

Adjourned: 1900

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
July 21, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 27

Associate Members Present: 5

Visitors/Guests: MSgt Lowman w/Young Marines; Department Commandant Kirstatter

MSgt Lowman of the Albany Young Marines was presented with the Marine Corps League Commendation Award from the National Executive Director of the Young Marines by Department Commandant Kirstatter.

Applications for Membership: Marine Bill Cuff was sworn in

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Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,837.66. Inflow of \$442.09 and outflow of \$1,148.12. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,131.63. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$6,265.32. Inflow of Interest: \$1.29. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,266.61

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Kathy Fazekas for the passing of Al.
Marine Bill Hammack's battle with cancer.
Sy Barnes' wife recover from a fall.
Marine Jim Johnson's wife broken shoulder.
Harry McDole undergoing cancer treatment.
James "Spike" Hinman in hospice care.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: Lauren Welch from Habitat for Humanity would like to visit us at a future meeting.

Sr. Vice: Successful meeting last month.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: Vietnam Marine Sergeant Jimmy W. Tipper, passed on July 4th.

Patriotism: 313 flags have been replaced. 4 are awaiting replacement along with 2 flag poles that are in stock for installation.

River Walk: Next event will be the 2nd weekend in October starting from Cox Landing.

Veterans' Coalition: Next meeting is 3 August. September 4th @ 0800 we will meet to mark the Field of Flags and would like some help. The flags will be placed on September 5th. Ceremony will be September 12th with Colonel Carrol speaking. Coalition is looking for additional ideas and someone to sing the National Anthem.

Transition Assistance Program: August 7th is next transition class. If you have 15 minutes, contact Carl Wilcox for show time.

Boy Scouts: No report.

Young Marines: New Rome Commander is Sgt Johnson. Returned from Pelham teaching drug awareness. Corporals Course will graduate in Tennessee August 31st.

JROTC: 1st Sgt Johnson has departed Westover High School so they are in need of a Marine Instructor.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the League: Department staff meeting August 1st at the First Assembly of God church in Griffin, GA. National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ August 10-14. MGySgt Nicholas J. Retza Jr. Pound 360 has secured a "dog house" to hold their Growls. The location is the old Boy Scout Hut at Post 30. Arrangements are being worked out with Marine Nick Nicholson about making the building ready for the Pounds next Growl on 29 August. A big thanks to Post 30 and Nick for their support for Pound 360. August 7th is National Purple Heart Day, if you are a Purple Heart recipient contact Ray Humphries or Denzil Harrell for information.

Announcements: Picnic has been rescheduled for September 26th. Flags are to be flown at ½ staff until sunset on July 25th.

Adjourned: 1915

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
August 18, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 27

Associate Members Present: 4

Visitors/Guests: Jennifer Vanston & Ben Ford with Flint River Habitat for Humanity; Cromer Walls, Sean O'Byrne, Sheba Valentine and Department Commandant Kirstatter

Ms. Vanston briefed the Detachment on past and upcoming projects in Dougherty and Lee Counties. With 160 homes in Dougherty but none in Lee, they are challenged with getting the word out. New builds and repairs like outside and accessibility are part of their Veterans program. Another Brush With Kindness coming up in November is short on applicants. Leesburg Heroes Run in February will kick off the first new build in Lee County.

Awards: Sgt at Arms Chaffin delivered the colors to Commandant McClelland to place the streamer for attendance at the 2015 National Convention.

Applications for Membership: Bob Dennison's application was confirmed but due to current medical condition was not available for swearing in.

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,131.63. Inflow of \$448.16 and outflow of \$180.00. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,439.79. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$6,266.61. Inflow of Interest: \$1.33. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,267.94

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.
Kathy Fazekas with the passing of Al.
Marine Bill Hammock's cancer has returned and is back in chemotherapy.
WWII Marine Sy Barnes' wife recovering from a fall. Sy is recovering from a broken back.
Harry McDole undergoing cancer treatment.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: No report.

Sr. Vice: No report.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: Colonel Charles E. Cooke, Ret. passed on 2 August.
MGySgt George E. Reeve, Ret. passed on 3 August.

Patriotism: 322 flags have been replaced. 6 are awaiting replacement.

River Walk: Next event will be the 2nd weekend in October starting from Cox Landing.

Boy Scouts: Eyeglass collection event is over but drop-offs are still accepted at the YMCA. October 6th is Scouts Wild Game Night, more information will be passed as it becomes available. If any church groups are interested in forming a Scout Troop, the American Legion Post #30 has a hut for a meeting place.

JROTC: Westover Marine JROTC will be participating in 9-11 flag deployment. They are still looking for a Sr. Instructor, must have 20 years of service and retired less than 3 years ago.

Veterans' Coalition: September 4th @ 0800 we will meet to mark the Field of Flags and would like some help. The flags will be placed on September 5th. Ceremony will be September 12th with Colonel Carrol speaking.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Exchange Club has an opening for sales at the Fair the last week in November. If the Detachment is interested in food service during the event we need to move quickly to secure the space.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have forwarded a request for the Detachment to do a Flag Folding ceremony on June 2, 2016.

Good of the League: Spike Hinman is not doing well. Make plans to say your goodbyes soon.

Department Commandant Kirstatter presented the Detachment with the plaque for 1st place in the National Newsletter Competition at the Company level.

Announcements: None.

Adjourned: 1930

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
September 15, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Acting Sgt-At-Arms Harrell
X Acting Chaplain Adams

Members Present: Check Log

Associate Members Present: Check Log

Visitors/Guests: District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates, Jim Martin Detachment 1040 LaGrange and Department Commandant Kirstatter

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Paymaster's Report: Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,434.79. Inflow of \$538.15 and outflow of \$525.79. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,447.15. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$6,267.94. Inflow of Interest: \$1.33. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,269.27

Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:

Bill High is not doing well.

Marine Roger Paulin's Mother-in-Law Alice Conibear, 91, in Lakeland, FL.

Kathy Fazekas with the passing of Al.

Marine Bill Hammock's cancer has returned and is back in chemotherapy.

WWII Marine Sy Barnes' wife recovering from a fall. Sy is recovering from a broken back.

Harry McDole undergoing cancer treatment.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: No report.

Sr. Vice: Awards banquet is coming up. Awards submissions should be sent to Roger, Bob Adams and Bob Breton.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: Curtis Kennedy passed on September 6th.

Patriotism: 330 flags have been replaced. Recently ordered 6 more 4'x6'.

River Walk: Next event will be the 2nd weekend in October starting from Cox Landing.

Boy Scouts: This Sunday screening will be done for new Eagles. October 6th is Scouts Wild Game Night. If any church groups are interested in forming a Scout Troop, the American Legion Post #30 has a hut for a meeting place.

JROTC: Westover Marine JROTC participated in 9-11 flag deployment with 70 cadets. Provided the color guard on September 11th and at Andersonville for the POW/MIA recognition. They are still looking for a Sr. Instructor, must have 20 years of service and retired less than 3 years ago.

Veterans' Coalition: 14 November Salute of Veterans will be the 9th anniversary. 1000 at the Civic Center, 21 gun salute for Colonel Cooper. Helicopter rides will be limited – 50 Hueys @ \$75 and 4 Cobra @\$335 at the airport. Possibly a raffle on rides to raise the necessary \$4000 deposit if sponsor is not found. Rides open to the public 5 years and older.

Thank you to the Marine Corps League for assistance in marking the field for 9-11.

Correspondence: 150th anniversary of the Andersonville Prison. September 18-20. More information will be emailed out.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Staff meeting was held on September 3rd to review our Detachment bylaws. Adjutant Kirstatter read the recommended changes to bring our bylaws in compliance with recent changes in National bylaws. Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended changes. Discussion and motion was approved.

Good of the League: Marine Nesmith would like to form a pistol team to compete in the National mail-in competition. Need 5-6 members for a team. Practice can take place at MCLB range. They provide M9 pistol and ammo for \$28. Email will go out to membership with details.

Detachment picnic on 26 September at Bob Breton's house, 1300.

Announcements: American Legion Post 30 Christmas party will be December 12th @ 1830. Tickets are being presold for \$12.50 per person, no tickets at the door. Tables will seat 8.

Adjourned: 1930 with singing of Marines Hymn

Marine Corps League
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of
October 20, 2015

Called to order @ 1830

By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland
X Sr Vice Paulin
X Jr Vice Wilcox
X Judge Advocate Najjar

X Adjutant/Paymaster Kirstatter
X Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin
X Chaplain Breton

Members Present 18

Associate Members Present: 5

Visitors/Guests: Dan Kirk and Department Commandant Kirstatter

Dan Kirk was invited to brief the Detachment on the Semper Fi Fund by supporting the Marine Corps Marathon which takes place on October 25th in Washington D.C. His team "The Sons of Pacific Heroes 1945" will be running in memory of a loved one. Marine Nick Nicholson moved to donate \$500 dollars, seconded by Bob Adams, the motion carried.

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Chaplain's Report: Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:
Senior Vice's wife Cam is recovering from surgery.
WWII Marine Sy Barnes and his wife are both in assisted living.
James "Spike" Hinman is not doing very well.
Bob Denison is being fitted for his new leg.
Nick Nicholson will be having rotator surgery in 2 weeks.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: No report.

Sr. Vice: Received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Memorial fund flyer, if interested in donating contact Sr. Vice.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program:

Marine Alan Jamison, passed on 21 Sep 2015.

Major Clyde E. Lane, Ret., passed on 27 Sep 2015.

Marine Harry F. McDole, passed on 6 Oct 2015.

Patriotism: 332 flags have been replaced in the past 6 years. Financial report shows we are in the black.

River Walk: Very successful cleanup this month. Nine Young Marines and 7 members covered the walk from Cox Landing to 3rd Street. We may have even secured a new member.

Veterans' Coalition/TAPS: Next Transition Readiness is November 6th, it only takes 15 minutes and we really need members to come in and talk about the League and what it has to offer. Broad Avenue Bridge rededication will be on November 11th at 1000. It is now up to the Albany City Engineer to handle the ceremony. The Coalition is now incorporated. The 14th at 1000 in Veterans Park the ceremony to repatriate Air Force Colonel William E Cooper will take place with activities at American Legion Post 30 following raising funds for the Global War on Terror Memorial Fund. Working towards a ceremony in January or February to present certificates for Vietnam Veterans during a dinner at the American Legion Post 30. Burial Detail needs volunteers! Christmas party will be December 12th; tickets must be purchased in advance \$12.50 each.

Boy Scouts: On October 6th at the Scouts Wild Game Night Roger Paulin won a Browning A-Bolt .308 rifle.

Young Marines: Will be hosted at the All American Fun Park to celebrate their 50th Anniversary from 1000 to 1400 on Saturday October 24th. October 31st is the Regimental Board at Warner Robins, December is the Division Board and the National Board will be in Las Vegas in May 2016 for Young Marine of the Year.

Correspondence: Received a flyer for the 9th Annual Support Your Vet Golf Tournament from Bill Cuff. Tournament is being renamed in honor of Harry McDole. Motion by Bob Adams and seconded by Jerry Wessels to sponsor a hole for \$150. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Make sure to get your award recommendations to Sr. Vice Paulin.

Good of the League: 10th of November Albany Technical College will be holding a Veterans Day Ceremony at 1000.

Announcements: None.

Adjourned: 1930 with singing of Marines Hymn

17 November 2015

Commandant McClelland called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Club House of River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, GA. All officers were present except Adjutant/Paymaster and Sergeant at Arms.

Member or Member's Family Sick or in Distress

WWII Marine Sy Barnes and his wife, both of whom are in assisted living.

Cam Paulin in her recovery.

Marine Bill Hammack continues to improve. He wanted to attend tonight's meeting, but is a little under the weather.

Officers' Reports

Commandant: Department staff meeting will be held in McDonough, GA on 5 December at the First Assembly McDonough Campus. The meeting will be followed by a Devil Dog growl.

Sr. Vice: Received a packet of ribbons and two pads of applications. He asked that all present take some applications and keep them handy for recruiting new members.

Jr. Vice: Has been making calls to those delinquent in their dues. Our detachment is currently #2 in total paid memberships for Georgia; we would be #1 if all dues were paid.

Standing Committees

Fallen Marines (Chaplain): Three Marines and one FMF Corpsman have gone home to be with the Lord:

Marine Dennis J. Griffin, 20 Oct 2015; HMC Charles D. Rush, 21 Oct 2015; Marine Eugene L. McCoy, 4 Nov 2015; and Marine Gunnery Sergeant, Ret. James E. (Spike) Hinman, 13 Nov 2015.

Patriotism: 342 flags have been replaced to date.

River Walk: Date uncertain, but the next one will be in conjunction with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS: Commandant McClelland reported the 11 Nov Bridge opening was nice and noted the Marines were the only ones who could be clearly heard signing when the services' respective hymns were played.

The Transition Assistance seminars take place at MCLB each month and our detachment has a time slot on the first Friday. Volunteers are needed on a continuing basis. Commandant McClelland asked about the time of day and allotted for us and wondered if we might be able to have another time/day when Marines might be more receptive to presentations.

Boy Scouts: At least 3 young men have earned their Eagle rank. Two will have their courts of honor in Dec and the 3rd is not yet scheduled.

Young Marines/JROTC: Young Marines took 1st place in all 3 categories at their most recent competitions. They also served as ushers at the 14 Nov salute to veterans at the veteran's park adjacent to the civic center.

Westover's JROTC cadets celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony and lessons on Marine Corps history and the significance of the annual celebration. They also participated at the salute to veteran's ceremony to include having 3 cadets serve in the joint color guard.

Correspondence

Kathy Fazekas sent a letter stating that she is stepping down as our detachment historian and that she as give all of her files to Andrea Gillan.

Old Business

American Legion Post 30 is hosting a Christmas Dinner on 12 December. Tickets are to be purchased/reserved in advance for \$12.50 per person. There will be no walk ins. Proceeds will go toward a monument honoring those that served against the Global War on Terrorism.

New Business

Our detachment annual awards banquet is scheduled for 15 Dec.

Post 30 has a van going to the VA hospital in Milledgeville on 22 November if anyone is interested.

Good of the League

A rededication of Covella Pond, MCLB is tentatively scheduled for 8 Jan 2016. The family has asked for the rededication to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Marine Covella's death in Vietnam. The Southeast conference will be held in Augusta, GA 24 – 26 Mar 2016.