

Marine Corps League  
Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260  
Albany, Georgia  
Minutes of  
January 19, 2016

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: 22

Associate Members Present: 2

**Visitors/Guests:** Michael Bryant, District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates and Department Commandant Kirstatter

Michael Bryant, Field Representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop presented information on Georgia's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Michael is the southwest region representative for 37 counties including Dougherty and Lee. The ESGR promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and assists in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Michael asked that members assist in any way they can by advocating ESGR's mission, recognizing employers for supporting Guard and Reserve members and connecting those needing assistance with the ESGR organization.

Minutes for November have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No. Minutes stand as posted. No minutes for December's award banquet were taken.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$2,426.72. Inflow of \$3,407.28 and outflow of \$2,706.73. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,127.27. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$6,271.89. Inflow of Interest: \$2.62. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,274.51.

**Chaplain's Report:** Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests:  
WWII Marine Sy Barnes and his wife are both in assisted living.

**Officers' Reports:**

Commandant: Department staff meeting will be in Newnan, GA 27 Feb 2016. Southeast Division Conference in Augusta, GA at the Doubletree 24 – 26 Mar 2016.

Sr. Vice: No report.

Jr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **Fallen Marine Program:**

Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William N. Mitchell, passed on 18 Dec 2015.

Marine Clifford F. Baltzell, passed on 20 Dec 2015.

Marine William A. Cox, passed on 31 Dec 2015.

Marine MGySgt William T. Banks, passed on 6 Jan 2015.

Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers,

Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

Patriotism: 85 in 2015. Total 354 flags have been replaced in the past 6 years. Program is still in the black.

River Walk: Next cleanup is scheduled for March 19th.

Veterans' Coalition/TAPS: When the weather warms up, Post #30 will be pressure washing the seats and walks at Veterans Park and could use some relief volunteers to operate the washers. February 20<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the Vietnam Veterans certificates being presented. TAPS only takes 15 minutes and we really need members to come in and talk about the League and what it has to offer.

Boy Scouts: Sunday one Scout was approved for Eagle and another was approved for a project.

Young Marines: Just finished Division Conference and classes in Atlanta. Getting ready for the National Conference in Reno, NV in June. Randolph Scott was selected at both the Regiment and Division levels as Young Marine Registered Adult. He will be one of the candidates for the National award. NCO schools are coming up, both Corporals and Sergeants course in March, we have one SSgt and two Cpls going. Two Young Marines will be going to Reno for the SgtMaj course for two weeks. Upon graduation they will be promoted and return to run the training courses and bootcamps. MSgt Wilson won the Division and MSgt Baisden the Regimental Red Ribbon Week.

JROTC: Westover JROTC Color Guard in high demand. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> performed at Darton, 18<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center, the 20<sup>th</sup> will be at Walmart grand opening on Slappy, 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Tift building for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany Weight Lifting Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of February undergoing the Inspector General's Inspection. Candidates for an assistant are being screened now.

**Correspondence:** National Midwinter in Falls Church, VA 3 -5 March.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Dave Aldrich chairman of the Elections Committee announced the recommended candidates for Detachment officers for the coming year:

Commandant – Tim McClelland

Sr Vice Commandant – Roger Paulin

Jr. Vice Commandant – Carl Wilcox

Judge Advocate – Joe Najjar

Floor was opened for the nominations of other candidates to which there were none. Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for the recommended candidates.

Officer Installation was conducted by District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates.

**Good of the League:** For the coming year, the Detachment is in need of an Adjutant.

Awards that were not able to be presented during the December Awards Banquet were presented to:

Bill Hamby – Certificate of Appreciation

Don Mills – Community Service Award

Carl Wilcox – Community Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Award

Richard Chaffin – Community Service 3<sup>rd</sup> Award, Distinguished Citizen Bronze Award, Marine of the Year

Southeast Division ad was displayed for all to see before submission.

**Announcements:** SOWEGA is in need of a few individuals to augment the Burial Detail. Flag can be folded by two people but the rifle detail really needs some additional people. Only requirement is your cover, grey slacks and in the winter a blue suit coat, white shirt and tie, Post #30 will supply a short sleeve shirt and cord. Please contact Nick Nicholson or Marvin Mixon.

Hero's Run in Leesburg will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support the League distributing water donated by our sponsor Ratheon.

Adjourned: 1939 with singing of Marines Hymn

Marine Corps League Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260  
Albany, Georgia  
Minutes of  
February 16, 2016

Called to order @ 1830      By: Commandant McClelland

Roll Call:

X Commandant McClelland

X Sr Vice Paulin

\_\_\_ Jr Vice Wilcox

X Adjutant/Judge Advocate Najjar

X Paymaster Kirstatter

X Chaplain: Marine Bob Adams, Acting

X Sgt-At-Arms Marine Bill Cuff, Acting

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 2

**Visitors/Guests:** Department Commandant Kirstatter

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

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$3,127.27. Inflow of \$199.15 and outflow of \$295.19. Ending Checking Account balance: \$3,031.23. Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$6,274.51. Inflow of Interest: \$1.33. Savings Account Ending Balance: \$6,275.84.

**Chaplain's Report:** Marines and Families that are Ill/Prayer Requests: WWII Marine Sy Barnes and his wife are both in assisted living. Marine John Belk's wife is recovering from back surgery and retired Marine Maj. Tony Lehr has been is in ICU at Emory for 26 days.

**Officers' Reports:**

Commandant: Last year the Detachment partnered with the Kiwanis Club to do some landscaping behind the RiverQuarium and that is coming up again this year on Saturday, April 9. This is a good project to get involved in and it gives us visibility. There will be a reminder at the next meeting.

Sr. Vice: No report.

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Fallen Marine Program:

Retired Marine GySgt Charles Simpson, passed on 24 January 2016. Retired Marine MSgt Thomas Clark, passed on 28 Jan 2016. Marine LCpl Allison Canon, passed on 3 Feb 2016. Marine Cpl Howie McGeon, passed on 8 Feb 2016.

Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers,

Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

**Patriotism:** 85 in 2015. Total 359 flags have been replaced so far. We have 5 flags out and the promise of 2 out of 3 flag poles. One is going to Terrell County HS, one was shipped on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Feb and March is when we start doing a lot of replacements. We're still in good shape.

**River Walk:** Next cleanup is scheduled for March 19th.

**Veterans' Coalition/TAPS:** No meeting this month. Marine Nicholson noted that the SOWEGA Veterans Coalition is now incorporated. Transition assistance: Jr. Vice was not present to report, but Marine Kirstatter believes that no one made the last class because he received a phone call asking if anyone was coming over. Commandant McClelland noted that his wife is a member of the Albany Women's Club and that they would like to piggy-back on the TAPS. He still has to coordinate that.

**Boy Scouts:** No report.

**JROTC:** Westover JROTC Color Guard performed at Darton this past weekend for the oratorical contest. For the next couple of weeks or so the Westover and Dougherty HS units will be extremely busy with the Inspector General's team coming 24 – 25 Feb.

**Correspondence:** Department Commandant received notification that the Hiawassee Detachment will be holding their annual Iwo Jima event on 19 Feb. followed by a Dutch treat lunch.

**Old Business:** Vietnam certificates and lapel pins will be presented at 1800 on Mar 12 at the Post 30 Legion Hall.

**New Business:** Marine Nicholson addressed the plans for the monument of Global Terrorism. Some people have asked about Grenada and Panama. He asked for feedback regarding the issue of other actions and would take the opinions back to the next coalition meeting. The consensus was that the other conflicts should not be added.

**Good of the League:** Department Staff meeting in Newnan on 27 Feb; SE Division Conference 24 – 26 March in Augusta; Department of Ga Convention 13 – 15 May in Peachtree City. Pre-orders for T-shirts can be made. In addition, for those that cannot attend merchandise can be ordered thru the Department website. The Department of Alabama Convention is 10 – 12 June in Mobile.

**Announcements:**

Adjourned: 1857 with singing of Marines Hymn

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 15 March 2016**

**Meeting** - called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X -Commandant McClelland  
X – Jr Vice Wilcox  
X – Paymaster Kirstatter  
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X – Senior Vice Paulin  
Judge Advocate Najjar – Absent  
X – Chaplain Breton  
X – Adjutant Marine Adams Acting

Members Present: 20

Associate Members Present: 4

**Visitors/Guests:** Georgia Department Commandant Kirstatter.

**Minutes for March 2016** have been posted to the website. Any corrections, no? Minutes stand as posted.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,543.96      Savings Account - \$6,277.08

Also, Cherry Stewart, wife of deceased Detachment Marine Billy Stewart, gave a \$100 donation to our detachment. Paymaster also informed the membership that our printing costs for the Monthly Dispatch were running approximately \$72.00 per month.

**Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes.

Marine Jim Valentine's recovery from hip surgery; wife of Marine Jerry Smith's recovery from surgery.

**Officers' Reports:**

Commandant – MCL is partnering with Kiwanis Club to do landscaping behind Thronateeska on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Jr Vice Commandant – No report.

Judge Advocate – No report.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Marine Program** – This month we had seven Marines go to their final resting place. The Marines were: Marine MSgt Ret, Silas Barnes (2/23/16); Marine Major Ret, Tony Lehr (2/28/16); Marine SSgt Ret, Earl Wall (3/2/16); Marine Master Sergeant Ret, Jim Adam (3/4/16); Marine GySgt Ret, David Bady (3/7/16); Marine LCpl Charles Lentz (3/8/16); Marine LCpl Ernest Jones Jr (3/8/16).

**Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

**Patriotism** – 362 flags have been replaced to date. Inventory is good.

**River Walk** – Next clean up is scheduled for Thursday, 3/17 and Saturday, 3/19.

**Veteran's Coalition** – Marines Kirstatter/Belk/Paulin presented last class. They need more volunteers to help with the Transition Assistance Program (TAP).

Also, the coalition is raising funds for the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). \$1700.00 has been raised to date. Estimated date for completing the Memorial is Veteran's Day, 2017.

**Boy Scouts** – No Report.

**Young Marines** – Battalion/Regimental elections being conducted. Just announced the latest Jr & Sr Leadership graduates. Also provided 20-30 Marines in support of the Snickers Marathon.

**JROTC** - Provided Flag detail for the Albany Oratorical Contest.

Kudos to the Westover JROTC for receiving "Very Well" Ratings in Knowledge and Uniforms Standards during their annual IG Inspection. Their annual banquet will be held 21 April 16 at Westover High School. The unit will be sending 50 cadets to Parris Island for Summer Leadership training and they are raising funds through Donut & candy Sales.

**Correspondence** – No Report

**Old Business** – Marine Kirstatter said we have 14 delinquent members. We need to contact them to see if they are going to renew their membership. Also, we need to recruit. No new members this year.

**New Business** – None

**Good of the League** - SE Conference 24-26 March in Augusta; GA Dept Conference 13-15 May in Peachtree City.

**Announcements** – Marine Nicholson said the American Legion needs additional folks to assist with the Rifle Detail for funerals.

Adjourned at 1915 with singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 19 April 2016**

**Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X -Commandant McClelland  
- Jr Vice Wilcox - Absent  
X – Paymaster Kirstatter  
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X – Senior Vice Paulin  
- Judge Advocate Najjar – Absent  
X – Chaplain Breton  
X – Adjutant Marine Adams Acting

Members Present : 20

Associate Members Present: 2

**Visitors/Guests:** (5) Georgia Department Commandant Kirstatter and Wife. Barbershop Quartet – Shamrocks regaled us with their melodious voices.

**Minutes for March 2016** have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No. Minutes stand as posted.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,908.09      Savings Account - \$6,278.41

**Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes  
Marine Jim Valentine's recovery from hip surgery ; Marine Carl Wilcox's recovery from knee surgery.

**Officers' Reports:**

Commandant – No report.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Jr Vice Commandant – Absent.

Judge Advocate – Absent..

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Marine Program** – This month we had 4 Marines go to their final resting place. The Marines were: Timothy D. Kemp –Passed 3/24/16; LCpl Thurman E. Laseter – Passed 3/27/16; SSgt Kenneth H. Roberts – Passed 4/4/16; MGySgt Lowell F. Oldham – Passed 4/16/16

**Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

**Patriotism** – 369 flags have been replaced to date. Inventory is good. Marine Jerry Smith presented several stories telling the membership how happy these folks were to receive a new flag. Among the recipients were an 89 year old WW II Corpsman and the wife( Marie Wilson) of a Korean War Veteran.

**River Walk** – Well done for the March Clean Up.

**Veteran's Coalition** – (1)Salute to Veterans in November at American Legion Post #30; (2) The Legion is still requesting names of Vietnam War Service participation (1954 – 1975) for a follow up dinner and presentation of certificates of appreciation for their service; (3) Purple Heart Dinner will be held at the



Legion Post #30 on 8/7/16. If you know of anyone who has a Purple Heart, please notify either Denzil Harrell (Post 182) or Ray Humphrey (Post 335).

**Boy Scouts** – No report.

**Young Marines** – No report.

**JROTC** – (1) Color Guard provided for Opening of Dixie League at end of March; (2) Annual awards banquet will be held on 4/21/16 at Westover High School; (3) The Westover JROTC Unit received a grade of “Mission Capable” in their recently completed Inspector General’s Inspection. Also, the unit exceeded standards in Knowledge and Uniform Appearance; (4) MGySgt Willie Jordan, USMC Retired is coming aboard as the Assistant JROTC Instructor.

**Correspondence** – No Report.

**Old Business** – None reported.

**New Business** – Presented Vietnam Certificate of Appreciation to Marine Buff Askey.

**Good of the League** - GA Dept Conference 13-15 May in Peachtree City.

**Announcements** – Denzil Harrell recognized Chaplain Breton for his outstanding service for going above & beyond when presenting MCL Certificate of Service to the families of deceased Marines.

Adjourned at 1915 with singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 17 May 2016**

**Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X -Commandant McClelland  
- Jr Vice Wilcox - Absent  
X – Paymaster Kirstatter  
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X – Senior Vice Paulin  
- Judge Advocate Najjar – Absent  
X - Chaplain Breton – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)  
X - Adjutant Marine Adams Acting

Members Present: 20

Associate Members Present: 6

**Visitors/Guests:** () Georgia Department JR Past Commandant Kirstatter and Wife.; and District 10 Vice Commandant Al Yates

**Minutes for May 2016** have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No. Minutes stand as posted.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,906.89      Savings Account - \$6,279.70

**Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes; Marine Carl Wilcox's recovery from knee surgery. Marine Bob Breton's pending knee surgery.

**Officers' Reports:**

Commandant – No report.

Sr Vice Commandant – Gave verbal commendation to Sheila Kirstatter for being GA Department Associate of the Year.

Jr Vice Commandant – Absent.

Judge Advocate – Absent..

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Marine Program** – This month we had 0 Marines go to their final resting place.

**Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

**Patriotism** – 376 flags have been replaced to date. Inventory is good.

**River Walk** – No date has been determined

**Veteran's Coalition** – (1) Salute to Veterans in November at American Legion Post #30; (2) The Legion is still requesting names of Vietnam War Service participation (1954 – 1975) for a follow up dinner and presentation of certificates of appreciation for their service.

**Boy Scouts** – No report.

**Young Marines** – No report.

**JROTC** – (1) Annual awards banquet was held on 4/21/16 at Westover High School and Commandant McClelland and Chaplain Breton presented Marine Corps Handbook to the outstanding cadets. Also, certificates were presented to cadets at Monroe High School, Lee County High School, and Cairo High School; (2) On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 31 cadets participated in the Relay for Life and raised \$1300.00 for the charity. Well done to the cadets; (3) MGySgt Willie Jordan, USMC Retired is coming aboard as the Assistant JROTC Instructor on June 6<sup>th</sup>; (4) June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup> - 47 cadets will be going to Parris Island for Summer Leadership Program .

**Correspondence** – Received letter from Marilyn Retza thanking Devil Dog Pound 360 for their \$300.00 contribution to the Shepard's Man Charity (Program to intervene to prevent Veteran Suicides).

**Old Business** – Field of Crosses for Memorial Day – Our detachment will mark the field at the Albany mall on Friday, 6/27 at 0800. 146 Crosses in honor of Fallen Veterans. The ceremony will be held at 1599 on Sunday, 5/29.

**New Business** – (1) The detachment will present our Flag Folding program for Albany Technical College to celebrate Memorial day on Tuesday, 5/31 and again for the Daughters of the American Revolution on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Good of the League** – We are looking for a new editor for the Monthly Dispatch Newsletter in June-July.

**Announcements** – (1)Randy Barnes was elected as the Georgia Department Commandant for the 2016-2017 year; (2) Purple Heart Dinner will be held at Legion Post #335 in Sylvester on 8/7/16. If you know of anyone who has a Purple Heart, please notify either Denzil Harrell (Post 182) or Ray Humphrey (Post 335); (3) Marine Aldrich announced that the Mini-storage warehouse on Gillionville is looking for someone to work approximately 20 hours per week. If interested, please contact Dave Aldrich at 435-0800.

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 21 June 2016

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830. Roll Call.

X -Commandant McClelland

X-Senior Vice Paulin

X - Jr Vice Wilcox

X- Adjutant/ Judge Advocate Najjar

X- Paymaster Kirstatter X-Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X - Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 28

Associate Members Present: 4

Visitors/Guests: (3) Sheba Valentine, Valerie Knowles; applicant for membership GySgt. Tanya Jackson

Applications for Membership: GySgt. Tanya Jackson has turned in an application for membership. Commandant McClelland indicated a second application was turned in and he hopes to see him at the next meeting.

Minutes for May 2016 have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No. Minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$2,573.67 Savings Account - \$6,281.03 accepted pending oversight.

In addition to the standing reports, Paymaster Kirstatter addressed the costs for our newsletter: For the year 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 our printing costs totaled \$811.80. On average, the newsletter costs \$56 per month to prepare and distribute.

Chaplain's Report: Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes; Marine Carl Wilcox's recovery from knee surgery. Marine Bob Breton's recovery from knee surgery; Marine Jim Valentine's recovery from hip surgery; brother of Marine Jim Johnson, reportedly not doing well.

Officers' Reports: Commandant - No report.

Sr Vice Commandant – Families were presented with certificates and coins for two of our fallen Marines.

Jr Vice Commandant – No report, but expressed appreciation for coverage at the Transition Assistance Seminars and for the visits while hospitalized.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program - This month we had 5 Marines go to their final resting place: Marine PFC Charles Duran, Marine Sergeant James Elliott, Marine MGySgt Carol A. Zombro, Marine LtCol. Stephen E. Reynolds, Marine MGySgt. Howard L. Unruh.

Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers - Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

Patriotism - 380 flags have been replaced to date. Inventory is good.

River Walk – Scheduled for Saturday, 23 July 2016. League members start from Cox Landing.

Veteran's Coalition – No report

Boy Scouts – In addition to the presentations made on Memorial Day, eight moved up this past Sunday.

Young Marines – MSgt Lowman has been away shutting down his business and will become a teacher next school year. GySgt Jackson is on his staff and has brought the DI to the program. During the 1st and 2nd weekends in August the Young Marines will be going thru the obstacle course aboard MCLB along with units from Alabama. There will also be units from Florida, Alabama, and North Carolina coming for whitewater rafting and training at one of the north Georgia Boy Scout camps. This is the first time these events have been held in Georgia, so if all goes well we're hoping National will conduct more activities in Georgia.

MCJROTC: Cadets travelled to Parris Island, SC where they participated in close order drill, obstacle course, rappelling, indoor marksmanship range, and gas chamber. They observed recruits on the rifle range and toured the museum. They had breakfast with the MCRD Commanding General, attended a receiving brief, and two graduations.

Correspondence – Received a thank you card from Kay Reagan with the DAR for the flag folding, a thank you card and \$50 donation from the Thronateeska Chapter of the DAR for the same flag folding, and a thank you card from Val Zombro, widow of MGySgt. Zombro.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Marine Adams let the members know that Marine Charles Bushnell will remain a member of our detachment, but that he and his wife will be travelling so we will not see them at our meetings. He also expressed appreciation for what Marine Bushnell and his employer have done for the Detachment.

Good of the League – (1) For the last few years, we have manned a table at the base's annual Independence Day celebration on 1 July. It was agreed that the table would provide a good opportunity for recruiting. (2) Marine Hammack asked if the detachment would provide a flag folding ceremony at First Christian Church on 30 June; a detail has volunteered. (3) Delinquent members: we need to follow up, contact those that are delinquent and reduce the numbers. Commandant McClelland asked the membership to review the information in The Dispatch and contact individuals they work with or are neighbors, etc. (4) Marine Kirstatter attended the Veterans' Breakfast aboard MCLB and talked to the Sergeant Major about the newly rolled out Honorary Active Duty Program: offers free membership in the League while on active duty. Their status and privileges are the same as for regular members but cannot hold an elected office. The Sergeant Major agreed to send out a Frost Call to the active duty members aboard the base. At the department convention in May, the Department of Georgia took the Grits Bowl.

Announcements –

Adjourned at 1909 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn - OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260  
Albany, Georgia  
Minutes of 19 July 2016

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

The normal order of business was deviated from to allow for a special presentation by Marine Mike Brown.

Roll Call.

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| X -Commandant              | X-Senior Vice Paulin              |
| McClelland                 | X- Adjutant/Judge Advocate Najjar |
| _ - Jr Vice - Absent       | X - Chaplain Breton               |
| X- Paymaster Kirstatter    |                                   |
| _ -Sgt-At-Arms Marine Bill |                                   |
| Cuff stand in              |                                   |

Members Present: 23

Associate Members Present: 4

Visitors/Guests: Georgia Department JR Past Commandant Kirstatter and Wife; Steve Allen, local jeweler

Applications for Membership: None

Minutes for June 2016 have been posted to the website. Any corrections? No. Minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$2,466.59 Savings Account - \$6,282.32. Report accepted pending oversight.

Report of Any Member or Member's Family Sick or in Distress:

Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes; brother of Marine Jim Johnson, in assisted living.

Jr. Vice Carl Wilcox also needs our prayers. He was recovering from his knee surgery, but is now having problems with his back and hip.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant - No report.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program: GySgt Green Streeter, Jr. (Ret) passed 20 Jun. All attempts to find additional info were futile; GySgt Perry Chapman (Ret) passed 16 July and services were underway having started at 18:00 tonight at Mathews Funeral Home.

Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers - Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole.

Patriotism - 388 flags have been replaced to date. Inventory is good.

River Walk – Scheduled for Saturday, 23 July 2016. League members start from Cox Landing. (For reference, details are in previous minutes.)

Veteran's Coalition – Field of Flags on 3 Sept; the League will mark the field on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the program will be on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>. War on Terror Memorial has been on the backburner, but preparations are starting. If not ready by this Veterans' Day, we're hoping to have the memorial completed by Memorial Day 2017 or by Veterans' Day 2017 at the latest. The VFW has contributed \$500; there is now about \$2500 in place. The expected cost is somewhere between \$9,000 and \$14,000 based on the sizes and the costs for the other monuments already in place.

Boy Scouts – No report. Scouts have been away for summer camps and high adventure trips.

Young Marines – N/A

MCJROTC: No report. School will be starting soon.

Correspondence – Received a thank you card from First Christian Church for the Flag Folding ceremony we conducted earlier this month.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None

Good of the League:

The individual heading up Albany's Habitat for Humanity is looking for veteran representation on a committee to help find veterans in need of help with repairs. There is a financial need requirement. Marine Nickerson said they have discussed at their executive committee which has about 20 board members as well as VFW, and Sylvester's Post 335. The financial need requirement is what is making it difficult to find someone meeting the criteria.

Marine Kirstatter reported that he and Sr. Vice Paulin manned a table at MCLB's 1 July event. It was a worthwhile 4 hours. While he had only 4 interest cards from active duty members, MajGen Crenshaw is interested in the League's new HAD Program and additional information was delivered to his (CG's) office.

American Legion Post 335 is hosting a Purple Heart lunch at 1400, Sunday, 7 Aug at the Worth County Library. All are invited.

Marine Najjar announced the upcoming annual Wild Game Dinner on 18 October to support Boy Scouts, and the following night is Marine Corps Association & Foundation Professional Dinner to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on 19 October.

Commandant McClelland offered a recommendation that our detachment contribute \$500 to the War on Terror memorial. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to make the contribution.

Announcements – Marine Kirstatter and his wife will be attending the national convention during the first week in Aug. Any members who want items from the ship's store should let him know.

Our detachment is in the current *Semper Fi* magazine – a photo from the rededication of Covella Pond aboard MCLB Albany.

Adjourned at 1944 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn - OOHRAH!



**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 16 August 2016**

**Meeting** – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X	Commandant McClelland	X	Senior Vice Paulin
X	Junior Vice Wilcox	X	Judge Advocate/Adjutant Najjar
X	Paymaster Kirstatter	X	Chaplain Breton
X	Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin		

Members Present: 17

Associate Members Present: 4

Guests: 2

Following the opening, a program was presented by Jim McCleary, MSgt, USMC Ret and Mack Walters, Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class, USA Ret. Both men talked about their work as members of Pet Partners, a network of individuals whose pets are used for therapy in hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

Marine McCleary has an application for membership and the detachment will process after clarification from national on changes that were approved at the annual convention.

Minutes for July 2016 have been posted to the website. With no corrections the minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$4043.72

Savings Account: \$6283.56

The Paymaster reported that approximately \$2100 has been donated to the patriotism fund in memory of Marine Aldrich and his wife Ann said she has received over 80 sympathy cards. Marine Adams passed along the request from Marine Aldrich's daughter that she be given a list of donors.

**Report of Members/Members' Family Sick or in Distress/Prayer Requests:**

- Wife of WWII Marine Sy Barnes who is in assisted living
- Brother of Jim Johnson who is in assisted living
- Marine Carl Wilcox as he recovers from knee replacement
- The family of Marine Dave Aldrich

**Report of Officers:**

Commandant: Delayed until prior to closing

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: No report

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

## Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: Marine Dave Aldrich passed on 24 July 2016

Let us remember our Detachment fallen brothers: Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, and Dave Aldrich

Patriotism: Marine Jerry Smith has agreed to take over this committee. Recognizing the unexpected request that Marine Smith assume the committee duties, Commandant McClelland assured him that he would have the help and support of the detachment.

River Walk: Young Marines participated.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS: Field of Flags marking will take place starting at 0800 on 2 Sept with flags set up starting at 0800 on 3 Sept. The program scheduled to take place on 10 Sept will recognize Dave Aldrich for his work and a certificate will be presented to his widow, Ann. Flags will be taken down on 12 Sept. Post 30 would appreciate any assistance with set up and takedown.

Boy Scouts: No report.

Young Marines/JROTC:

National HQ held Georgia's first Corporals' Course bringing in youth from Georgia, northern Florida, and Alabama. This junior leadership course was attended by about 17 Young Marines. MSgt Lowman believes national will bring more training opportunities into Georgia as a result of this experience.

Westover HS JROTC: MSgt. Jordan was introduced as the new senior enlisted instructor. Cadets will participate in the 3 Sept set up on the Field of Flags.

Correspondence: Correspondence this month consisted of numerous donations in memory of Marine Aldrich.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Quartermaster has T-shirts and ball caps if anyone needs any. Post 182 is raffling a gun and pistol.

Good of the League:

American Legion Post 30 will hold a fish fry on 16 Sept and Post 335 is raffling off an AK-47. Funds support their youth programs.

MCLB is holding a Career Education & Fair on Wednesday, 14 Sept in Bldg 7120. The detachment needs at least 4 people to serve on 2 two hour shifts.

The Chehaw Chapter, DAR has asked for a flag folding ceremony to be held at one of their monthly meetings at Stonebridge Golf & Country Club. The detachment will respond with a proposed date of 14 Jan 2017.

Announcements: There will be no salute to veterans ceremony at the Veterans Park/amphitheatre this year because of logistics and low turnout. Hopefully the monument for the war on terrorism will be dedicated on Veterans Day 2017.

Paymaster and Past Dept. of Ga. Commandant Kirstatter presented some of the highlights from the National Convention:

- The 2017 national Convention will be in the Overland Park Kansas Sheraton.
- The Commandant and the Sgt Maj of the Marine Corps attended this year's conference. CMC feels a need to reinstate the Marine for Life program which has been declining.
- The league has 9000 paid/registered members and over 700 HAD members. Locally we have 3 HAD members.
- The new National Comptroller is Bill Miller from Georgia and he is made a lot of changes through consolidating accounts, budgeting, distributions, and other areas.
- As the bylaws were amended, approved changes were posted to the website as they happened. An important note for all of our membership is the move to have all annual dues payable by 31 August.
- We have a new publisher for the *Semper Fi* magazine and hope to see enough of a cost savings to go back to 6 issues a year from the current 4
- The new coin is out – John Phillips Sousa. For those interested in a complete collection, non-serialized coins from previous years can be purchased.

Prior to closing the meeting, Commandant McClelland presented Marine Najjar with his Life Member lapel pin.

With the assistance of Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin, a new streamer from National was added to the colors.

For the third consecutive year, the Detachment was commended for the best newsletter. This means that we cannot receive this award until the end of a 2 year layout.

The meeting was closed at 1951.

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 20 September 2016**

**Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X -Commandant McClelland  
- Jr Vice Wilcox- Absent  
X – Paymaster Kirstatter  
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X – Senior Vice Paulin  
- Judge Advocate Najjar – Absent  
X - Chaplain Breton – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)  
X - Adjutant Najjar – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 2

**Visitors/Guests:** None

**Minutes for August 2016** have been posted to the website. With no corrections, the minutes stand as posted.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$4,997.21      Savings Account - \$6,284.98

**Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes; Marine Carl Wilcox's recovery from knee surgery. Additionally, Carl has congestive heart disease and COPD; Marine Valentine's recovery from a stroke.; Mollie Hamby, wife of Marine Hamby is recovering from surgery for Heart Valve replacement; Marine Tom Collins recovering from a fall that required hospitalization.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Commandant** – Commandant McClelland and Chaplain Breton attended MCLB Career & Education Seminar and had 9 People fill out interest cards; One possible Associate Member (Air Force Veteran); 2 potential transfers from other MCL Detachments.

Dougherty County Sheriff Kevin Sproul is scheduled to be our October Guest Speakers.

**Sr Vice Commandant** – No report

**Jr Vice Commandant** – Absent

**Judge Advocate** – Absent.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Marine Program** – This month we had 1 Marine go to their final resting place. Marine Christopher Breen passed away on 15 August 2016.

**Please Remember our Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich..

**LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – Approximately 386 flags have been replaced to date. New Committee Chairman is reconciling numbers/financial status of the Detachment's Flag Program.

**River Walk** – None scheduled at this time.

**Veteran's Coalition** – The Field of Flags was a big success. Numerous comments have been received stating that this was the best ceremony so far. Thanks to all Detachment members who participated.

The Transition Assistance Program needs some Detachment Members to step up and assist Carl Wilcox in getting our Marine Corps League message out.

**Boy Scouts** – No report.

**Young Marines** – No report.

**JROTC** – 50 cadets from Westover provided great support in putting up the flags for the 9/11 celebration. The Detachment appreciates the support of our young JROTC cadets.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – The Detachment approved a motion to be a hole sponsor for the annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament on 12/4/16. Cost is \$100.00..

**Good of the League** – (1) The detachment will provide a Flag Folding Ceremony for the Chehaw DAR unit on 1/14/17; (2) Woodmen of the World donated another 5 flags for our Flag Program. Kudos to the Woodmen!

**Announcements** – Commandant McClelland informed the detachment that they can purchase Belk Discount Cards for \$5.00. The detachment gets the \$5.00 and the buyers are entitled to great discounts at Belks.

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 18 October 2016**

**Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

X -Commandant McClelland  
X- Jr Vice Wilcox  
X – Paymaster Kirstatter  
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin

X – Senior Vice Paulin  
Judge Advocate Najjar – Absent  
X - Chaplain Breton  
X - Adjutant Najjar – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)

Members Present: 18

Associate Members Present: 5

**Visitors/Guests:** 2

**Minutes for September 2016** have been posted to the website. With no corrections, the minutes stand as posted.

**Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$5,873.13      Savings Account - \$6,286.27

**Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Wife of WW II Marine Silas Barnes; Brother of Marine Jim Johnson who is in assisted living; Marine Carl Wilcox's recovery from knee surgery; Mollie Hamby, wife of Marine Hamby is recovering from surgery for Heart Valve replacement; Marine Ernie Elmore who has advanced prostate cancer that is inoperable.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Commandant** – Introduced Dougherty County Sheriff Kevin Sproul as our guest speaker. New Associate Member Tracy Salter was sworn in by the commandant. Welcome aboard Tracy.

**Sr Vice Commandant** – No report

**Jr Vice Commandant** – Following up on prospective new members.

**Judge Advocate** – Absent.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Fallen Marine Program** – This month we had 2 Marines go to their final resting place. Marine GySgt Ret. Herman Brandt who passed on 22 Sep 2016 and Marine SSgt Ret. Thomas Siwec who passed on 13 Oct 2016.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich..

**LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – Approximately 402 flags have been replaced to date. New Committee Chairman has reconciled numbers/financial status of the Detachment's Flag Program.

**River Walk** – None scheduled at this time.

**Veteran's Coalition** – **(1)** American Legion Riders will conduct their annual Legacy Ride for Charity on 5 November; **(2)** – Operation One Voice Run to recognize 1<sup>st</sup> Responders will be held at the Legion Post on 8 November; **(3)** – Annual Veteran's Day Flag Raising and Breakfast at the post on 11 November. Flag Raising at 0645 and breakfast at 0700; **(4)** – The Legion is still gathering names of Vietnam Members so they can receive the Governor's Certificate of Appreciation at a ceremony in January 2017. Date to be announced.

**Transition Assistance Program** - still needs some Detachment Members to step up and assist Carl Wilcox in getting our Marine Corps League message out. Next program is 4 November at 1030. Please someone step forward and help Carl.

**Boy Scouts** – No report.

**Young Marines** – No report.

**JROTC** – **(1)** – The Cadet Honor Guard and Color Guard did an outstanding job at Westover Homecoming celebration; **(2)** – Cadets will provide Color Guard on 25 October for the Red Ribbon Program at Hugh Mills Stadium; **(3)** – Westover will compete in Drill competition on 3 November. Competition will be among Monroe/Dougherty/Westover.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Old Business** – Paymaster requested the mailing address to send the \$100 check for Hole Sponsorship for Toys For Tots Golf Tournament on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** – The Detachment approved a motion to be a Hole Sponsor for the annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament on 12/4/16. Cost is \$150.00.

**Good of the League** – **(1)** The detachment will provide a Flag Folding Ceremony for the Chehaw DAR unit on 1/14/17; **(2)** – The Detachment will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Fund Raiser at Belk's on Saturday 10/22 from 10 to 2. If you can help, please contact Commandant McClelland.

**Announcements** – Commandant McClelland informed the detachment that they can purchase Belk Discount Cards for \$5.00. The detachment gets the \$5.00 and the buyers are entitled to great discounts at Belks.

50/50 Winner was Roger Paulin.

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 15 November 2016**

**Meeting** – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**Roll Call:**

✓	Commandant McClelland	✓	Senior Vice Paulin
X	Junior Vice Wilcox	✓	Judge Advocate/Adjutant Najjar
X	Paymaster Kirstatter	✓	Chaplain Breton
X	Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin (stand in: Marine Nickerson)		

Members Present: 16

Associate Members Present: 6

Guests: 0

Minutes for October 2016 have been posted to the website. With no corrections the minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$6189.88

Savings Account: \$6287.60

**Report of Members/Members' Family Sick or in Distress/Prayer Requests:**

- Wife of WWII Marine Sy Barnes who is in assisted living
- Marine Bill Hammack who is not doing well

**Report of Officers:**

Commandant: Delayed until prior to closing

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: No report

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

**Reports of Committees and Project Leads:**

Fallen Marines: MSgt Marvin Brooks, 86 passed on 26 October 2016

GySgt Ray Brooks, 93 passed on 24 October 2016

Let us remember our Detachment fallen brothers: Lawrence DesJardines, Joseph Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, and Dave Aldrich

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 414 flags have been replaced since the program began.



Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- On 18 November Post 30 will host a free dinner for all women veterans
- On 12/10 at 18:30 there will be a Christmas party for all SOWEGA veterans
- In commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, at 13:55 on 7 December there will be rifle & cannon salutes and the playing of taps at the amphitheatre/Veterans Park across from the Albany Civic Center
- JrVice Wilcox is in need of support for MCLB's transition assistance program. The sessions are on the first Friday of the months they are scheduled.

Boy Scouts: No report.

Young Marines/JROTC: No report

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the League:

- Commandant McClelland has a request for 2 blue League shirts and asked for any additional requests before he places the order. He has 1 large now if anyone would like to buy it.
- Commandant McClelland asked the members to let Marine Bob Adams know of any nominees. they have for the 2017 slate of officers. We know there is a need to fill at least 3 vacancies. Our by-laws limit elected officers to 2 year terms.
- Our annual Christmas dinner/meeting will be held on 13 December, a week prior to our normal meeting night so as not to interfere with holiday travel plans our members may have. Social hour starts at 18:00 with dinner at 18:45.

Announcements:

- The next Department staff meeting will be on 3 December in McDonough, Ga. These meetings are open to all members.
- The State of Georgia will present Vietnam era certificates of honor during February. Whether an individual served in or out of Vietnam during the period 1954 – 1975 s/he is eligible for a certificate. Vietnam era members can pass their names, rank, and years of service to Marine Adams.
- If there is enough interest, we can get a van and make arrangements for Agent Orange testing at the VA center in Milledgeville. The important thing to keep in mind is that testing puts your name on a registry and if a condition arises from the list of approximately 18 illnesses, then it is a lot easier to make the connection to service in Vietnam.

The meeting was closed at 1855.