

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 17 January 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Following the opening ceremony, Julie Robbins, Natural Resources Manager for MCLBA gave a presentation on the base and what is going on to preserve nature while still accomplishing assigned missions.

Roll Call:

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

Members Present: 22

Associate Members Present: 3

Guests: 2

Introduction of Guest(s): Marine Fred Hatcher, Vietnam veteran visited at the invitation of Commandant McClelland.

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

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$6285.29

Savings Account: \$6290.22

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

- Brother of Jim Johnson who is in assisted living
- Marine Ernie Elmore who is battling inoperable prostate cancer
- Widow of Marine Larry Olson who passed on Jan 1
- Marines Jim Johnson and Kelly Fisk who suffered damages during the 2 January storm

Report of Officers:

Commandant: There will be a staff meeting in McDonough, Ga at 0900 on 4 Feb 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Highway 81 West. There will be a training session after the meeting, and rooms are available if needed.

Sr. Vice Commandant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: No report

Judge Advocate/Adjutant: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: Marine LCpl Jeffrey Barnes; passed on 22 December 2016
Marine Sgt William Hancock; passed on 29 December 2016
Marine GySgt Larry Olson; passed on Jan 1, 2017

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

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 429 flags have been replaced since the program began. Commandant McClelland added that 4 or 5 months ago, the decision was made to no longer install flag poles. Flags will be replaced where necessary, but the detachment won't serve as a source for individuals to purchase flags. Marine Nicholson recommends that individuals wishing to purchase flags be referred to American Legion Post 30.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- There is a National Emergency Fund available for legionnaires who sustained property damage. From 1000 – 1300 and 1600 – 1900 on 18 Feb Post 512 will be offering grant application assistance that can defray the cost of food and for displacement caused by the storm damage.
- Between 200 and 300 American Legion scholarships were available, but not awarded last year because of the lack of applications. Children and grandchildren of legionnaires are eligible.
- Jr Vice Wilcox reported that there was good transition assistance class on Friday (13 Jan). The sessions are on the first Friday of the months they are scheduled.

Boy Scouts: Marine Najjar presented a certificate and coin to Eagle Scout Jonathan Morey (Troop 23) at his Court of Honor on 14 Jan 2017. He also reported that Camp Osborn Scout Reservation was severely damaged. There were scouts and adults there when the tornado came thru, but no personnel injuries.

Young Marines/JROTC: 7 new members completed their recruit training. They are preparing for battalion training and trying to schedule regimental training. Marine Lowman is in discussions with Albany School to establish a Young Marine Program on that campus to steer students in a positive direction and away from gangs.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Marine Lowman was presented with his community service certificate for his service during 2016.

New Business: Officer nominations for 2017: Commandant Tim McClelland, Sr. Vice Joe Najjar, Jr. Vice Nick Nicholson, Judge Advocate Gerry Smith. With no objections and no additional nominations from the floor, Past Department Commandant Kirstatter conducted the installation of officers.

Good of the League: Marine Bob Adams noted that Marine Jim Valentine and his wife suffered damage from the 2 Jan storm and that perhaps a group could go over and assist with debris removal. Paymaster Kirstatter received a call from north GA offering assistance, so we have members in need the opportunity for aid is there.

Announcements:

- Three Lee County High School JROTC Cadets have been offered appointments to the US Naval Academy.

The meeting was closed at 1957.

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
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Minutes of 21 February 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

✓ Commandant McClelland	✓ Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
✓ Junior Vice Nicholson	✓ Judge Advocate Smith
✓ Paymaster Kirstatter	✓ Chaplain Breton
✓ Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin	

Members Present: 20

Associate Members Present: 3

Guests:

Minutes for January 2017 have been posted to the website. With no corrections the minutes stand as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$6920.56 Savings Account: \$6291.56
In addition to the fund balances, Paymaster Kirstatter asked that the annual audit be conducted.

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

- Brother of Jim Johnson who is in assisted living
- Widow of Marine Larry Olson who passed on Jan 1
- Marines Jim Johnson and Kelly Fisk who suffered damages during the 2 January storm

Report of Officers:

Commandant: There will be a SE Division conference 31 Mar - 1 April in Mobile, AL. Registration and pricing information are posted on the Dept. of GA website. The Dept. of Georgia Convention is 28 – 30 April in Athens. For this we'll need to provide 3 items for the auction.

Sr. Vice Commandant/Adjutant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: No report

Judge Advocate: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: Marine 1st Lt. James H. Cason, passed 3 Feb 2017
Marine GySgt. James R. Walker, passed 9 Feb 2017

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

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 434 flags have been replaced since the program began. He asked to be notified if anyone sees a flag needing replacement as there has been a lot of wind damage. Marine Bob Adams reported that a friend of Marine Aldrich will be making an annual donation to the flag fund.

River Walk: The next walk is scheduled for 29 April. Commandant McClelland suggested the detachment schedule a cleanup for 8 April and let KADB know about it since we have scheduling conflicts with conventions.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- There was no January meeting because of the tornadoes, but there was a call for volunteers to assist with cleanup throughout the city.
- Transition Assistance Program – Marine Wilcox does what he can, but more help is needed.

Boy Scouts: Two presentations are pending for later in the month.

Young Marines/JROTC: Because of displacements from the storms, several Young Marines have not returned, but efforts have been/are being made to contact them and get them back together. Two YMs are going to Oregon in July for advanced leadership training. There will be a request coming for the League to help with their uniform inspection. The officers participated in Dawson, Ga's autism walk. JROTC is preparing for a 23 March IG visit and inspection. They also participated in the MLK Banquet with a color guard and Albany State University's homecoming parade. Marine Mills reported that MCLB provided a tentative date of 20 March for the USMC Drum & Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Team. The Marine Instructor has reactivated participation in the air rifle competitions.

Correspondence: The detachment received a thank you card from Marine Larry Olson's widow.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Marine S. Kirstatter received her gold Life Member Card.
- Marines Chaffin (4th award) and Mills (2nd award) were presented with their CY2016 community service awards. Marine Chaffin also received a meritorious commendation for the period Dec 2015 to Dec 2016.
- Commandant McClelland presented 2 names for consideration as Quartermaster and asked if any other members were interested. Marines Wilcox and Paulin had both volunteered, the latter living in town and more centrally located to our membership. The decision was made to appoint Marine Paulin.
- Marine Kirstatter made a motion that the Detachment pay National and Dept of Ga portions for all members whose memberships expire thru 1 Sept 2017. When National made a change last year that all renewals fall on the same day, they decided that July and August renewals would be

waived with the annual fee then due 1 Sept. For all others renewing before 30 June they would pay for the year to remain current, then have to renew again in Sept to align with the new policy. Following a period of discussion and an amendment to pay for those renewing from January 2017 forward, the motions carried.

- Marine R. Kirstatter made a motion to donate \$500 each to the Young Marine detachments in Albany and Cairo, Ga. The motion carried.
- Commandant McClelland made a motion that the detachment donate \$500 to the Shepherd's Men. Their treatment of PTSD veterans has a 100% success rate. The motion carried.

Good of the League:

- The Detachment has purchased ads for the SE Division and the Ga Department's upcoming conventions.

Announcements:

- The Cliff Rouse 7th Annual Memorial Ride will be held on 18 March. In conjunction with this fundraiser, American Legion Post 30 is raffling 2 weapons. Marine Nicholson has raffle tickets for any members interested in the raffles.
- If anyone wants a blue league shirt, get your order in. There is an order pending and shipping is \$7.50 regardless of the number of shirts ordered.
- The Westover HS JROTC Banquet is scheduled for 1830 on 20 April 2017. Cost is \$8.00 if any members are interested in attending.

The meeting was closed at 1938.

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 21 March 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

✓ Commandant McClelland	✓ Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
✓ Junior Vice Nicholson	✓ Judge Advocate Smith
✓ Paymaster Kirstatter	✓ Chaplain Breton
✓ Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin	

Members Present: 25

Associate Members Present: 3

Guests:

Minutes for February 2017 have been posted to the website. With no corrections the minutes stand as posted.

Applications for Membership: The paid application for Mary Deiter has been turned in.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$6301.27

Savings Account: \$6292.77

In addition to the fund balances, Paymaster Kirstatter reported that with the exception of about ½ dozen individuals who are delinquent all other members' dues are paid up thru 1 September.

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

- Brother of Jim Johnson who is in assisted living
- Marines Jim Johnson and Kelly Fisk who suffered damages during the 2 January storm

Report of Officers:

Commandant:

Reminded all of the SE Division conference 31 Mar - 1 April in Mobile, AL and the Dept. of Georgia Convention 28 – 30 April in Athens. We have 2 of 3 items for the auction. We need one more.

Reported that \$120 was collected selling Belk's cards on 18 March. Marine Breton is standing in on 25 March and will need help that day. We also need help on 8 April. The table manning on all dates is 1000 – 1400.

Sr. Vice Commandant/Adjutant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Will contact the delinquent members.

Judge Advocate: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: There have been no fallen Marines this month.

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

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 441 flags have been replaced since the program began. He noted that among the damaged flag he has seen, Lee County officials said they felt that they should take care of the replacements since the originals were provided by our detachment.

River Walk: The next walk is scheduled for 0830 on 8 April, starting from Cox Landing.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- The meeting scheduled for this month was cancelled. Though not yet confirmed, the coalition will most likely meet in April.
- Marine Nicholson reported the Cliff Rouse Ride generated \$32,000 to support families of fallen law enforcement personnel.
- Transition Assistance Program – Marines Belk and Paulin covered the last seminar. As always more help is needed and appreciated.

Boy Scouts: Two certificate and coin presentations were made to new Eagle Scouts from Troop 3, Albany since our last meeting.

Young Marines/JROTC:

- Young Marines just returned from a battalion encampment (3 units participated). Marine T. Jackson noted the YMs received a lot of support from League Detachments from around the state.
- They are scheduled to participate in the Autism Awareness Walk scheduled for April.
- Lee County HS JROTC will have their awards night at 1830, 5 May. Commandant McClelland will make presentations that evening.

Correspondence: The detachment received a thank you card for the replacement of a flag by Marines Adams and McClelland.

Old Business:

New Business:

Good of the League:

- Scheduling conflicts prevented a March visit by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team and Drum & Bugle Corps. MCLBA is working with the schedulers and hoping for an April visit.
- A request was made for a copy of our detachment roster to assist with frequent phone from individuals trying to contact different members. A request will go to our members first as we want to protect their privacy.
- Marine Kirstatter asked anyone not receiving broadcast emails to let him know so the problem can be resolved.
- With Memorial Day approaching, plans are underway to mark the field of flags.

Announcements:

The meeting was closed at 1858.

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 18 April 2017

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

X -Commandant McClelland	Senior Vice Najjar (Absent)
X- Jr Vice Nicholson	X - Judge Advocate Smith
- Paymaster Kirstatter Absent	X - Chaplain Breton
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin	X - Adjutant Najjar – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)

Members Present: 19

Associate Members Present: 4

Visitors/Guests: Greg Welsh, Lee Boyd, Matt Hall Retired Marine, and SgtMaj Higdon (MCLB SgtMaj)

Minutes for March 2017 were not yet posted to the website.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$6,328.72 Savings Account - \$6,294.11

Chaplain's Report: Please continue to pray for: Brother of Marine Jim Johnson who is in assisted living; Associate Member Sadie Simpson has been sick at home for 3 weeks; and Sandy O'Lear (wife of Associate Member Pat O'Lear) who is very sick with pancreatic cancer.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant – Dept of Georgia Convention 28 – 30 April in Athens, GA. We have our 3 items for the raffle at the Department Convention. Belk Card Sale only raised \$170. Not worth the time investment for our members.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Jr Vice Commandant – Following up on our delinquent Detachment members. All members need to assist in recruiting and retention to keep our detachment strong.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – This month we had 5 Marines go to their final resting place. Sergeant Ray Spindler passed on 3/28/17; MSgt Retired Marvin A White who passed on 4/5/17; Corporal Marine Jimmy L Newberry who passed on 4/8/17; Corporal Jimmy Mathis who passed on 4/7/17; and Captain Ken Williams Retired who passed on 4/13/17.

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

LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – Approximately 444 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith and crew are doing a great job keeping this program alive and well in our community.

River Walk – Was scheduled 4/15/17. No one showed except Richard Chaffin. There was some confusion on whether date was 4/15 or 4/22.

Veteran's Coalition – (1) Field of Crosses event is scheduled for May. MCL members will mark the field on 26 May at the Mall Pond area at 1700; American Legion will put up flags at 0800 on Saturday, 27 May; Program will be conducted at 1500 on Sunday 28 May; Legion will take down the crosses on Tuesday, 30 May at 0800.

Transition Assistance Program – Last program was held on 14 April. All went well. Thanks to Marines Tanya Jackson, John Belk, Carl Wilcox, and Tim McClelland. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist Carl Wilcox in getting our League message out. No date established yet for next program.

Boy Scouts – MCL made 2 presentation certificates at Troop 3 (St Teresa's) for Eagle Scouts.

Young Marines – No report.

JROTC – No report.

Correspondence – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Two streamers were added to our Marine Corps Colors for attendance at the 2016 and 2017 SE Division Conventions.

Good of the League – No report.

Announcements – None.

50/50 Winner was Anonymous. (I forgot who the winner was).

Adjourned at 1900 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 20 June 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

✓ Commandant McClelland	✓ Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
✓ Junior Vice Nicholson	✓ Judge Advocate Smith
✓ Paymaster Kirstatter	X Chaplain Breton (Marine Nicholson filled in for opening/closing)
X Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin (Marine Paulin filled in)	

Members Present: 22

Associate Members Present: 3

Guests: 2

Minutes for May 2017 are pending.

Introduction of Guests and Applications for Membership: Barbara Brammer, District 10 Vice Commandant and her husband Jerry were introduced. Marine Brammer offered her assistance where needed.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$6294.03 Savings Account: \$6437.75
Pending payables are the previously approved \$500 to each of the 2 YM Detachments and the payment to the JROTC Det.

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

- Kay Adams is recuperating from back surgery
- Shari Green, (Gerry Smith's mother in law) needs assistance in her battle with a lung disease. Commandant McClelland contacted SWGA Council on aging asking for a ramp to be built, but there is a backlog that precludes immediate assistance.

Report of Officers:

Commandant:

SE Division Meeting is scheduled for 22 -25 March 2018 at Pigeon Forge, TN

Barney's Run will be on 18 Nov 2017 aboard MCLBA. Ted Wright from American Legion Post 30 is asking for volunteers to man water stations along the run route. The need is for about 12 people to commit to 3 to 5 hours.

At the request of Capt. Harvey, Recruiting Support Officer, 1st Marine Corps Recruiting District, our detachment provided just under \$400 for air fare for Valdosta HS student Hubert Hogan to attend the annual summer leadership and development academy. The Marine Corps funds the academy, but not the travel to/from. Approval made upon contact with our detachment trustees.

Sr. Vice Commandant/Adjutant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant: Emailed delinquent members and received 1 response stating she would pay up tonight (20 June). Paymaster Kirstatter added that 2 others need to be contacted; others that have been delinquent over year have been dropped from the rolls

Judge Advocate: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: There have been no fallen Marines this month.

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 453 flags have been replaced since the program began.

River Walk: The next walk date is pending.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- The coalition met on 6/20. 144 flags will be ordered to replace damaged ones to be placed on the field of flags. The plan is to place about 900 flags this year. We'll mark the field at 0800 on 9/8, flags will be placed at 0800 on 9/9, program on 9/11, and removal of flags on 9/16.
- Transition Assistance Program – As always more help is needed and appreciated. A good example of how the League can help was provided – the league network assisted a Marine whose truck broke down while he was in transit to reconnect with his family.

Boy Scouts: Troops are busy with summer camps and preparations for the upcoming National Jamboree.

Young Marines/JROTC:

- No report this month

Correspondence: None received this month.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the League:

- The National Convention will be 8/13 – 8/18/2017. An ad will be purchased for the program book per our standing approval. The delegate application form is now available. Each delegate is allowed 15 votes; delegates pay \$5 each and do not have to be present. Items to be voted on will be on the National Website before the end of July. Marine Kirstatter provided information on individuals from our region who are candidates for national officers.

- In response to an email from MCLBA, our detachment declined the opportunity to man a table at the 6/30 open house/fireworks display.

Announcements: The Marine Detachment at Ft. Benning will have a change of command ceremony at 1000 on 6/30 (enter via 8th Division Road).

The meeting was closed at 1912.

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 18 July 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

✓ Commandant McClelland	✓ Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
✓ Junior Vice Nicholson	✓ Judge Advocate Smith
✓ Paymaster Kirstatter	✓ Chaplain Breton
✓ Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin	

Members Present: 16

Associate Members Present: 6

Minutes for June 2017 stand as posted.

Introduction of Guests and Applications for Membership: Sheba Valentine was sworn in as a member of the detachment.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account: \$5749.77 Savings Account: \$6439.07
Outstanding payables are \$200 for our flag program and \$1500 for YM and JROTC.
Everyone's membership now has an expiration date of 1 September. The amounts due during the current/transition period were explained. Going forward from 1 September 2018, all memberships are due for renewal on 1 September each year.

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

- Marines Jim Johnson and Kelly Fisk who suffered damages during the 2 Jan storm
- Bud Simpson on the loss of his wife on 6 May 2017
- Marine Carl Wilcox and his wife Jane.
- Commandant McClelland added the positive note that Marine Adams' wife is up and about again after having back surgery and a subsequent complication.

Report of Officers:

Commandant:

- Field of Flags: Marking is scheduled for 0800 Friday, 8 September 2017. Flags will be placed at 0800 on 9 September, program will be 11 Sept, and flags will be taken down on Saturday, 16 September 2017.
- Building Dedication: At 0900, 24 August the weapons storage facility at the maintenance center will be dedicated in honor of "Speedy" Wilson who had been the HQ Bn adjutant during the 1960s. Anticipating H.E. Wilson Detachment and/or family members coming to Albany

Commandant McClelland asked that we offer any assistance where possible and to consider attending the dedication ceremony.

Barney's Run will be on 18 Nov 2017 aboard MCLBA. Ted Wright from American Legion Post 30 is asking for volunteers to man water stations along the run route. The need is for about 12 people to commit to 3 to 5 hours.

At the request of Capt. Harvey, Recruiting Support Officer, 1st Marine Corps Recruiting District, our detachment provided just under \$400 for air fare for Valdosta HS student Hubert Hogan to attend the annual summer leadership and development academy. The Marine Corps funds the academy, but not the travel to/from. Approval made upon contact with our detachment trustees.

Sr. Vice Commandant/Adjutant: No report

Jr. Vice Commandant:

Judge Advocate: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: MGysgt Kenneth Hailey passed on 13 July 2017

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program: Marine Jerry Smith reported 458 flags have been replaced since the program began.

River Walk: The next walk will be on the 2nd Saturday in October.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- The military coalition will have a field of flags meeting on 24 August
- As always, help is needed in support of MCLB's transition program (Fridays of the 1st full week monthly).

Boy Scouts:

- 72 Scouts and 4 adults are enroute to the National Jamboree.
- The annual Wild Game Dinner to support scouting will be on 10 Oct.

Young Marines/JROTC:

- Westover HS has 54 potential candidates for JROTC when school starts back in August.

Correspondence:

- Brochures about the Semper Fi fund are on the tables if anyone is interested.
- We received a thank you card from the Willson Hospice House for funds donated by our ladies group that meets at Cracker Barrel on Wednesday mornings.

Old Business: Marine Don Mills was presented with the previously approved \$500 to support the JROTC unit at Westover HS.

New Business:

- The next Dept. of Georgia staff meeting will be in LaGrange at 0900 Saturday, 29 July 2017.
- The detachment voted to spend \$100 to sponsor a hole for a Family Literacy Connection golf tournament to be held on 18 September.

Good of the League:

- Our delegate forms for National are completed and 7 delegates are registered to vote. Two regular and 2 associate members will be attending the National Convention 8/13 – 8/18/2017.
- Marine Kirstatter attended the Marine Detachment's change of command at Ft. Benning.
- American Legion Post 335, Sylvester will hold its annual Purple Heart Dinner on 7 August.
- MLBA will take on an additional 100 Marines for about a year. They're coming in to assist with the technical evaluation and inventory of equipment.

Announcements:

- The director of the VA hospital in Dublin held a town hall meeting at American Legion Post 30 as part of an ongoing program of visiting throughout the area served by the Dublin facility.
- The Alzheimer's Outreach Center will hold a fundraiser at the Bindery in Lee County on 18 August. Tickets are \$30 until 8/4, and then will go up to \$35.

The meeting was closed at 1913.

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 15 August 2017

Meeting – Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

✓	Commandant McClelland	✓	Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
✓	Junior Vice Nicholson	X	Judge Advocate Smith
X	Paymaster Kirstatter (at Natl Convention)	✓	Chaplain Breton
✓	Sgt–At-Arms Chaffin		

Members Present: 19

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: 4

Minutes for July 2017 stand as printed.

Introduction of Guests and Applications for Membership:

Guests : Active duty Marines SgtMaj Johnny Higdon, MGySgt Lawanda Hall, and Deanna Hopp;
Andre Small (USMC Ret)
1 Application is pending

Paymaster's Report: No report this month

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

- Marine Carl Wilcox and his wife Jane.

Report of Officers:

Commandant:

- Barney's Run is scheduled for 18 Nov at MCLB. 12 volunteers are needed to man water stations
- Field of Flags marking begins at 0800 Friday, 8 Sept.

Sr. Vice Commandant/Adjutant:

- Next Department Staff meeting is scheduled for 28 October, location TBD
- The Georgia Department 2018 Convention is scheduled for 27 – 29 April in Warner Robins

Jr. Vice Commandant: Annual dues need to be in by 1 September

Judge Advocate: No report

Reports of Committees and Project Leads:

Fallen Marines: Gysgt Hubert Martin passed on 27 July 2017
Maj Samuel E. Thames passed 6 Aug 2017

LtCol. Dave Aldrich Patriotism Program:

River Walk: The next walk will be on the last Saturday in October.

Veterans Coalition/TAPS:

- As always, help is needed in support of MCLB's transition program (Fridays of the 1st full week monthly). At least 2 of our guests tonight are a result of our presence at a TAPS and extending the invitation to join us.

Boy Scouts:

- The annual Wild Game Dinner to support scouting will be on 10 Oct.

Young Marines/JROTC:

- YM will be setting up a regiment in Warner Robins on 20 Oct; Augusta is down, but working to get it back up; Cairo is shut down; 3 units in Mitchell County. Boot camp graduation is at 1000, 19 Aug.
- WHS JROTC provided color guards for the Dougherty County School System kickoff rally and for the consolidated high school summer school graduation.

Correspondence:

- The detachment and the American Legion Post have been invited to the dedication ceremony for the new weapons storage facility – 24 Aug

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the League:

- Marine Adams solicited assistance for Commandant McClelland in finding speakers for our monthly meetings
- Maine Nicholson is in charge of the legion's rifle team and asked for assistance with burial details
- The Vietnam Memorial travelling wall will be in Warner Robins 14 – 16 September. Set up will start at 0900 and should be complete by noon on the 14th
- Marine Corps Association & Foundation Professional Dinner 2017 will be 11 October at the Hilton Garden Inn
- MCLB & LogCom will hold a yard sale on 30 Sept from 0900 – 1400 to raise funds for the USMC Ball to be held on 4 Nov at the ASU West campus

- A link for online donations to the Semper Fi fund will be sent for anyone that is interested
- If anyone has questions about the VA, the website for information is www.iris.custhelp.gov
- Commandant McClelland addressed a conversation he had with Marine Gerry Smith re: recognition for the detachment so that the public is aware of us and what we do. This led to some discussion about ideas and the acknowledgment that other detachments have seen membership increases as a result of hosting events and using social media.

Announcements:

The meeting was closed at 1928.

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Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 19 September 2017

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

X -Commandant McClelland	Senior Vice Najjar (Absent)
X- Jr Vice Nicholson	X - Judge Advocate Smith
X - Paymaster Kirstatter	X - Chaplain Breton
X – Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin	X - Adjutant Najjar – Absent (Marine Adams Acting)

Members Present: 24

Associate Members Present: 4

Visitors/Guests: Capt George Camp, Dougherty County Drug Unit and three of his team plus his drug dog.

Minutes for August 2017 were posted to the website and approved as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$4,468.43 Savings Account - \$8,115.81

Chaplain's Report: Please continue to pray for: Sandy O'Lear (wife of Associate Member Pat O'Lear) who is very sick with pancreatic cancer; Marine Carl Wilcox and wife Jane who are both ill; and Marine Billy Hammack who is responding to chemotherapy treatments (May be at next month's meeting).

Officers' Reports:

Commandant – 1)Barney's Run – November 19. MCLB needs volunteers to help administer the race (water stops); 2) Dan Kirk, Semper Fi Fund is asking for a MCL donation to the fund if at all possible. Donation issue will be discussed at a future staff meeting.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Jr Vice Commandant –. Paymaster passed out the current delinquent member list. All members need to assist in recruiting and retention to keep our detachment strong.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – This month we had 2 Marines go to their final resting place. MGySgt Doug Elmy (USMC Ret) passed 8/24/17 and GySgt Ernest Lemay (USMC Ret) passed 8/26/17.

Detachment Fallen Brothers – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, and Associate Member Sadie Simpson.

LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee –462 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith and crew are doing a great job keeping this program alive and well in our community. All members asked to identify flags needing replacement and contact Patriotism Cmte member.

River Walk – Scheduled 10/21/17 at 0900at Cox Landing.

Veteran's Coalition – (1) Exchange Club is bringing a military memorial to the Fairgrounds on November 7 – 11. The memorial is a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1/3 of the actual size). Our detachment will mark the field and put up 144 crosses on 6 November. American Legion Post, Sylvester, Georgia will put up approximately 800 American Flags for the event. They will try to have representatives from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Gulf War available to discuss their wartime experiences.

Transition Assistance Program – Next program will be 6 October at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist Carl Wilcox in getting our League message out.

Boy Scouts – There was some discussion regarding our detachment giving a donation for an upcoming Scout Fundraiser. It was decided that all detachment donations will be reviewed by the Detachment at next staff meeting.

Young Marines – No report.

JROTC – Unit will participate in the Albany State University Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 14th.

Correspondence – Marine Paulin asked the detachment to consider a donation to Albany's "Mended Hearts" Organization. As mentioned earlier in the minutes, all detachment charitable contributions will be discussed/reviewed at Detachment Staff Meeting and map out a plan for future detachment donations.

Old Business – None.

New Business – 1)One streamer was added to our Marine Corps Colors for attendance at the 2017 National Convention. A special thanks to Ron & Sheila Kirstatter for their always stepping up and representing our Detachment at all MCL conventions; and
2) Four new members were sworn in on 19 September. They are Deanna Hopp, Andre Smallwood, Lawanda Hall, and Johnny Higdon Jr.

Good of the League – 1) Marine Kirstatter informed the detachment of the new slate of officers at National. They are: Wendell Webb – Commandant; Dennis Tobin – National Sr. Vice Commandant; Johnny Baker – National Jr Vice Commandant; Warren Griffin – National Judge Advocate; Jr Past Commandant – Richard Gore; Robert Borka – Chief Operating Officer.
2) Marine Corps Birthday "Cake Cutting" Ceremony will be held at MCLB on 1 November
3) Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held 4 November at Albany State University (West).

Announcements – None.

Adjourned at 2015 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 17 October 2017

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1835.

Roll Call:

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

X - Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
Judge Advocate Smith (Absent)
X - Chaplain Breton

Members Present: 20

Associate Members Present: 2

Visitors/Guests: Marines Barbara Brammer (District Vice Cmdnt) and her husband Marine Jerry Brammer; and Ted and Mari Wright who attended to discuss and solicit volunteers for the November 18 Barney's Run.

Minutes for September 2017 were posted to the website and approved as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$3,315.20 Savings Account - \$8,117.47

Chaplain's Report: Please continue to pray for: Marine Carl Wilcox and wife Jane who are both ill; and Marine Billy Hammack who is responding to chemotherapy treatments.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant – The Young Marines will hold a graduation ceremony in Camilla on 28 October.

Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

Jr Vice Commandant –The delinquent member list is getting smaller so will wait for the final list before making contact.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – This month we had 1 Marines go to his final resting place. Marine LCpl Quentin A. Smith passed 14 Oct 2017.

Detachment Fallen Brothers – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, and Associate Member Sadie Simpson.

LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – No report

River Walk – KABD asked that the detachment not do a walk on 10/21 because of the 10/28/17 Rivers Alive community-wide event. The detachment will postpone the walk.

Veteran's Coalition – (1) Exchange Club is bringing a military memorial to the Fairgrounds on November 7 – 11. The memorial is a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1/3 of the actual size). (2) There will not be a Veterans Day event at the amphitheatre this year so as to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Exchange Club events. (3) There will still be a breakfast at American Legion Post 30 at 0700 on 11 November. (4) The Exchange Club is giving veterans organizations free booth space during their 7 – 11 Nov fair. Post 30 has 3 booths, but only needs 1 and will give the others to the Detachment should we want one.

Transition Assistance Program – Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist in getting our League message out.

Boy Scouts – (1) The annual Wild Game Dinner was a success. (2) Marine Gillan is presenting a certificate and challenge coin to an Eagle Scout on 21 October.

Young Marines – (1) Marine Randy Scott has taken over the Albany detachment and Marine Lowman has activated a 115 person unit in Mitchell County and will be assisting with the Toys for Tots program. (2) Regimental encampment will be this coming weekend. (3) Mitchell County's 1st graduation will be held on 10/28 in Camilla. (4) Commandant McClelland presented checks to both detachments.

JROTC –

Correspondence – Marine Dan Kirk sent a thank you for the \$500 contribution to the Semper Fi Fund and we received a thank you notes from Cherry Stewart for the donation in memory of Billy K. Stewart, from the Family Literacy Connection for the donation to their program, and for the full page ad for the SE Conference in Pigeon Forge.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None

Good of the League – The Leesburg Christmas parade will be the 1st Saturday in December and there are 2 Humvees available if anyone wants to participate.

Announcements – (1) The Veterans Coalition is having a Christmas Dinner at Post 30 on 12/9 for \$12.50 per person. (2) Post 30 is sponsoring a fish fry on 11/17 to raise funds to support their programs.

Adjourned at 1908 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 21 November 2017

Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

Roll Call:

X -Commandant McClelland
X- Jr Vice Nickelson
X - Paymaster Kirstatter
X – Sgt-At-Arms Rodgers (Acting)

X - Senior Vice/Adjutant Najjar
Judge Advocate Smith (Absent)
X - Chaplain Adams (Acting)

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 2

Visitors/Guests:

Minutes for November 2017 were posted to the website and approved as posted.

Paymaster's Report: Checking Account - \$2,716.57 Savings Account - \$8,119.19

Chaplain's Report: Please continue to pray for: Marine Billy Hammack who continues chemotherapy treatments, Marine John Belk recovering from a stay in the hospital, and Kay Adams who continues to improve after back surgery.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant –

Sr Vice Commandant – Marine Najjar displayed and read the plaque that was presented to our detachment by the Exchange Club of Albany. The club also donated a family pass for the Parks at Chehaw.

Jr Vice Commandant –Marine Nickelson expressed thanks for the assistance in getting the field of flags set up at the fairgrounds and noted an upcoming funeral at Andersonville. He also expressed thanks for our support of American Legion Post 30 on Veterans Day.

Judge Advocate – No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fallen Marine Program – 3 Marines have gone to their final rest: Marine Sgt. Phillip J. Nolan passed on 16 Oct; Marine Sgt Wallace C. Dawson on 6 Nov, and Marine GySgt Charles F J Sehl, Ret passed on 15 Nov.

Detachment Fallen Brothers – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, and Ernie Elmore.

LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 478 flags to date. Marine Smith also praised the Exchange Club for their efforts and the recognition they gave veterans.

River Walk – Commandant McClelland stated we have to work something out with KABD.

Veteran's Coalition – (1) Exchange Club is bringing a military memorial to the Fairgrounds on November 7 – 11. The memorial is a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (1/3 of the actual size). (2) There will not be a Veterans Day event at the amphitheatre this year so as to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Exchange Club events. (3) There will still be a breakfast at American Legion Post 30 at 0700 on 11 November. (4) The Exchange Club is giving veterans organizations free booth space during their 7 – 11 Nov fair. Post 30 has 3 booths, but only needs 1 and will give the others to the Detachment should we want one.

Transition Assistance Program – Marines Paulin and Belk attended the last seminar. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist in getting our League message out.

Boy Scouts – No report

Young Marines – No report

JROTC – No report

Correspondence – MG Crenshaw sent an invitation to the detachment to attend a holiday social on 9 December. Thank you card from the family of fallen Marine Nolan.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None

Good of the League –

- Marine Jerry Smith was presented with his Life Member lapel pin.
- Marine Najjar (nominating committee) stated that most nominees have been tentatively identified by position, but all positions are still open for the coming year. Anyone that wants a position let Najjar or Marine Smith know. Commandant McClelland explained the primary responsibilities of each position and pointed out that more than the same few need to be involved.
- The donated Chehaw Pass from the Exchange Club will be given away as part of a 50/50 raffle.
- Marine Smith praised the excellent performance of the Westover HS JROTC at the Exchange Club fair.

Announcements –

- Christmas Dinner at Post 30 on 12/9 for \$13.00 per person/\$25 for couples.
- Post 30 is sponsoring a fish fry on 11/17 to raise funds to support their programs.
- Marine Wessels announced a 3 Dec Toys for Tots/Salvation golf tournament and requested a hole sponsorship. Upon a motion and second, the detachment agreed to support the tournament with a hole sponsorship (\$100).

Adjourned at 1907 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!