

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!