

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment #1260
Albany, Georgia
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.