

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.