

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.