

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.