

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 16 January 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant McClelland X	- Senior Vice Commandant Najjar X
- Jr Vice Commandant Nicholson X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms Chaffin - Absent	- Adjutant Marine Adams (Acting)

Members Present: 12

Associate Members Present: None

**3. Visitors/Guests:** None

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for November 2017** were posted to the website and approved as posted. No December meeting minutes were produced because the League held its annual Awards Banquet and no meeting was held.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,544.48                      Savings Account - \$8,122.58

**8. Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for: Sandy O'Lear (wife of Associate Member Pat O'Lear) who is very sick with pancreatic cancer; Marine Billy Hammack who is responding to chemotherapy treatments, Kay Adams recovering from 2<sup>nd</sup> back surgery in 4 months; Associate Member Greg Welsh who is battling mouth/tongue cancer; Marine Wilcox & Family recovering from flu.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**Commandant** – Tim McClelland thanked all members for supporting him during his 3 ½ years as Commandant.

**Sr Vice Commandant** – No Report

**Jr Vice Commandant** – No Report.

**Staff Judge Advocate** – No Report.

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Chaplain Breton reported that during December 2017 and January 2018, we had 4 Marines go to their final resting place. MGySgt (Ret) Roosevelt Brown Sr passed on 1 Dec 2017; GySgt (Ret) Roy B. Argo passed 22 Dec 2017; MSgt (Ret) Tommy Bell passed 23 Dec 2017; LtCol (Ret) Lewis H Peters passed 3 Jan 2018.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, and Associate Member Sadie Simpson.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –Marine Smith reported that 481 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith and crew are doing a great job keeping this program alive and well in our community. All members are asked to identify flags needing replacement and contact Patriotism Cmte member.

**10.3 River Walk** – No clean up scheduled as of today.

**10.4 Veteran's Coalition** – No December Meeting.

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – Marine Kirstatter reported that the 12 January meeting was the largest TAP meeting to date and there was good MCL participation. Next program will be 9 February at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – No Report.

**10.7 Young Marines** – No Report.

**10.8 JROTC** – No Report.

**11. Correspondence** – Raffle tickets to support Department of Georgia's Women's Auxiliary are on sale and drawing will be at Mid Year Convention in Fredricksburg, VA 3/5/18.

**12. Old Business** – None.

**13. New Business** – Past Georgia Department Commandant Ron Kirstatter conducted the election and installation of the new League officers for the detachment for 2018.

**Newly Elected Officers are:**

Marine Joe Najjar – Commandant;  
Marine Nick Nicholson – Sr Vice Commandant;  
Marine Roger Paulin – Jr Vice Commandant;  
Marine Jerry Smith – Staff Judge Advocate

**Newly Appointed Officers are:**

Marine Bob Breton – Chaplain;  
Marine Ron Kirstatter – Paymaster;  
Marine Tim McClelland – Sgt At Arms;  
Marine Bob Adams – Acting Adjutant;  
Position of Quartermaster is currently vacant.

**14. Good of the League**

– Marine Adams requested that Commandant Najjar consider assigning League Officers to call members each month to remind/encourage them to attend meetings and also check on their well being;

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**15. Announcements:**

- Navy Federal Credit Union has a 15 month CD paying 2.5%. Minimum of \$500 and Maximum of \$10,000.
- Members were told that recently departed Marine Tommy Bell's wife requested that in lieu of flowers, members were encouraged to make a contribution to the Detachment's Flag Program.
- SE Division Convention 22-24 Mar 2018, Pigeon Forge,TN; \$100 Ad approved
- GA Department Convention 27 – 29 Apr 2018, Warner Robins,GA; \$100 Ad approved
- National Convention 13-17 August 2018, Buffalo, NY; \$100 Ad approved
- 50/50 Winner was Marine Kevin Stanley - \$28.00.
- Adjourned at 2015 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
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**Minutes of 20 February 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland – x	- Adjutant Adams x

Members Present: 19

Associate Members Present: 4

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Barbara Brammer, District 10 Jr Vice Commandant and Marine Jerry Brammer

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for January 2018** were posted to the website and approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,295.21                      Savings Account - \$8,124.30

**8. Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for Marine Billy Hammack who is responding to chemotherapy treatments' Kay Adams recovering from 2<sup>nd</sup> back surgery in 4 months; Associate Member Greg Welsh who is battling mouth/tongue cancer is finishing his Chemo treatments Tuesday, 2/27; Marine Wilcox & Family recovering from flu; Marine Tom Voth ailing; Marine Jim Valentine fell and cut his hand.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

\* The 2018 Southeast Division Conference will be held at the Smoky Mountain Resorts, 204 Sharon Street, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 on March 22-25, 2018.

\* The 2018 GA State Convention will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard Marriott, 589 Carl Vinson Pkwy, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478-602-6200). Delegate forms due 4/12. Auction items needed.

\* The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – No Report

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Working Delinquent Member Roster. Also passed out membership applications to members at meeting. Marines Belk and Paulin along with their wives attended a ceremony in Hiawassee, GA recognizing the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Flag Raising on Mt Surabachi, Iwo Jima.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No Report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Marine McClelland advised the membership that he is POC if anyone needs/wants the MCL Fore & Aft Cover; Blue Shirts; Red Windbreakers; Baseball Caps.

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Chaplain Breton reported that 3 Marines and a FMF Corpsman passed away during January & February 2018. Marine Bruce Harris passed 2/3/18; Marine James S. McMullen passed 2/11/18; Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Albert Price Sr passed on 2/12/18; FMF Corpsman Russell Wood Sr passed on 2/15/18.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, and Associate Member Sadie Simpson.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –Marine Smith reported that 403 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** – Marine McClelland will follow up with Judy Bowles (Keep Albany Beautiful Committee) to see when next clean up is scheduled.

**10.4 Veteran's Coalition** – No December or January meetings due to Holidays and the flu hitting coalition members. There are tentative discussions about a parade on Veteran's Day.

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – Marines McClelland, Breton, Belk and Paulin attended the 9 February program. Next program will be 9 March at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – One certificate and coin presented to Eagle Scout.

**10.7 Young Marines** – No Report.

**10.8 JROTC** – There are 125 JROTC Cadets enrolled in the Westover High School JROTC program. Unit will participate in Regional; Drill Competition on 2/24/18; Provided color guard for Black History month on 2/17/18; Scheduled to provide Color Guard for Turner Job Corps function later this month.

## **11. Correspondence –**

\* Raffle tickets to support Department of Georgia's Women's Auxiliary are on sale and drawing will be at Mid Year Convention in Fredericksburg, VA 3/5/17.

\* The Young Marines presented our Detachment a Certificate of Appreciation for the past support we have provided to their program.

## **12. Old Business – None.**

## **13. New Business –**

\*Marine Kirstatter discussed the possibility of our detachment hosting the Department of Georgia's 2019 Convention. We have to make a presentation in May for approval of the State. There seemed to be

a good deal of enthusiasm for hosting the convention but it will come down to whether we have enough volunteers to assist in the detailed planning required to host such an event. Decision is forthcoming.

\* Detachment needs to provide 3 gifts for the auction at the State Convention.

\*Commandant Joe Najjar will be forwarding an email to all Detachment Members seeking their consent to allow the detachment to distribute their name/email/phone numbers to the other detachment members. This is required to improve our ability to contact members on a “need to” basis.

#### **14. Good of the League**

Marine Adams requested that Commandant Najjar consider assigning League Officers to call members each month to remind/encourage them to attend meetings and also check on their well being;

#### **15. Announcements:**

- Navy Federal Credit Union has a 15 month CD paying 2.5%. Minimum of \$500 and Maximum of \$10,000.

- 50/50 Winner was Marine Jerry Smith- \$25.00

- Adjourned at 1935 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 20 March 2018**

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**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland –X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present: 24

Associate Members Present: 5

**3. Visitors/Guests:** 1) Maureen Welch, wife of Associate member Greg Welch; Dr. Suren Pandey gave excellent presentation on the 2018 Income Tax Law. Detachment Members were pleased with the presentation as they had many of their questions answered.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – Jim McCleary sworn in as new member.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for February 2018** were posted to the website and approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,478.50                      Savings Account - \$8,125.86

**8. Chaplain's Report:** Please continue to pray for Marine Billy Hammack who is responding to chemotherapy treatments; Kay Adams still trying to recover from 2<sup>nd</sup> back surgery; Associate Member Greg Welch who is battling mouth/tongue cancer is finishing his Chemo treatments. Greg & his wife Mo attended our meeting and it was good to see them out & about; Marine Wilcox & Family recovering from flu.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

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\* The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – No Report

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Working Delinquent Member Roster.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No Report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – No report. As always, contact Tim McClelland if you require any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Good news. Chaplain Breton reported that we didn't have any new Fallen Marines to report.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, and Associate Member Sadie Simpson.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –Marine Smith reported that 487 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** – Marine McClelland advised that next "Clean Up" will be Saturday, 24 March at 0900 at Cox Landing. Golf Guys will do their Clean Up on Friday, 23 March. Marine McClelland also advised that the next 2 Clean Ups will be 23 June and 29 September.

### **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

- 1) On 8 April, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MIA/POW ceremony will be held at Andersonville at 2PM at the POW Museum;
- 2)Associate Member Denzil Harrell announced that the Army Aviation Association will be offering Huey Helicopter rides at \$50 per rider at Terrell County Airport on 21 July 2018. 28 July is the rain date.

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – Marines McClelland and Breton attended the 9 March program. Next program will be 13 April at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Marine Najjar reported that 3 Scouts are in the queue for their Eagle Award. Two of them are from Troop 3, St Teresa's in Albany.

**10.7 Young Marines** – No Report.

**10.8 JROTC** – There are 125 JROTC Cadets enrolled in the Westover High School JROTC program.

- 1) Color Guard will be provided for April 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin Luther King Jr Ceremony;
- 2) Color Guard for Georgia Body Building contest;
- 3) On 12 April, Westover unit will participate in citywide drill competition against Monroe & Dougherty. Competition will be held at Monroe High School;
- 4) On 14 April, unit will participate in "Autism Walk" in Dawson, GA;
- 5) On 19 April, Westover's MCJROTC will hold their annual awards banquet at Westover;
- 6) On 20 April, Monroe/Dougherty/Westover Units will attend the Air Force Ball at Monroe.

**11. Correspondence** – MCLB Albany sent the detachment an invitation to attend the Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony which will be performed at 1000 on 26 March. It's a great show, so bring some guests to let them see the Marine Corps finest units perform. The Detachment has 20 reserved seats but there are plenty of extra seats available that are not reserved.



## **12. Old Business**

- 1) Commandant Najjar indicated that all replies but one agreed to allow their phone/email contact info to be published to the other detachment members;
- 2) Commandant Najjar is in process of determining if there is sufficient detachment support to submit a bid to host the 2019 Georgia Department Annual Convention. Awaiting a call for Convention Planning Meeting.
- 3) Detachment needs to provide 3 gifts for the auction at the State Convention.

**13. New Business** – Marine SgtMaj Higdon asked for our detachment to consider supporting “Call To Service” program. This program is designed to recognize all High School Seniors that are volunteering for the military. They need financial support to provide food for approximately 220 people at \$6.00 per head. Marine Kirstatter made a motion for the detachment to provide \$500.00 to support this great program. Motion was seconded by several members and the motion was voted on and approved.

## **14. Good of the League**

- 1) The MCLB Transition Assistant program Office presented a Certificate of Appreciation to our Detachment for supporting their TAP program.

## **15. Announcements:**

- 1) On Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, our Detachment will mark the Field of Crosses for the Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony at the Albany Mall;
- 2) May 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Change of Command for Col Carroll who will turn over the Base Command to Colonel Trimble;
- 3) On April 19/20/21, the Base Commissary will be conducting their “Sidewalk Sale”. It’s guaranteed that there will be great bargains for our members;
- 4) Women’s History Event at the Base at 11:30 on 28 March ;
- 5) 50/50 Winner was Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter- \$35.00;
- 6) Sr Vice Commandant Nicholson stated that the American Legion was holding a Fish Fry on Good Friday, 30 March. Tickets are \$10.00;
- 7) LOGCOM’s SgtMaj Murphy will have her retirement ceremony at 1400 on 22 March.

Adjourned at 1945 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

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**Minutes of 17 April 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith - Absent
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland -X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present : 18

Associate Members Present: 6

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Becky McClary, wife of Marine Jim McClary was a guest.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for March 2018** were posted to the website and approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$1,986.60      Savings Account - \$8,127.59

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox & Family are recovering from recent illnesses.
- \* Marine Tom Voth's wife Orva is recovering from her recent surgery. Got a late report that she is cancer free. Prayers are answered.
- \* Marine Jim Valentine fell and is in rehab.
- \* Associate Marine Denzil Harrell recently lost his stepdad. Please remember Denzil's family in your thoughts and prayers.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* The 2018 GA State Convention will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard Marriott, 589 Carl Vinson Pkwy, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478-602-6200). Delegate forms have been submitted.. Auction items needed.
- \* The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. Delegate Registration forms are pending submission.
- \* Received Ribbon for attendance at South East Convention in Pigeon Forge, TN

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – No report.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Working Delinquent Member Roster.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland if anyone wants MCL Name Tag. As always, contact Tim McClelland if you require any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 4 Marines have gone to their final rest.

- \* Marine Cpl. Judy Sloan passed on 19 March 18;
- \* Marine Pvt. William A Cecille passed on 26 Mar 18;
- \* Marine Cpl. James M Moore passed on 25 Mar 18;
- \* Marine MSgt Bill Cuff passed on 7 Apr 18

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole; Dave Aldrich; Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson; and Marine Bill Cuff.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –No report. 487 flags have been replaced as of March 2018.to date. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** –Marine McClelland also advised that the next 2 Clean Ups will be 23 June and 29 September.

## **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

\*Associate Member Denzil Harrell announced that the Army Aviation Association will be offering Huey Helicopter rides at \$50 per rider at Terrell County (Dawson Airport) on 21 July 2018 at 10:00 AM.. 28 July is the rain date.

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – No report from April TAP Meeting. Next program will be 4 May at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Marine Najjar reported that 3 Scouts are in the queue for their Eagle Award. Two of them are from Troop 3, St Teresa's in Albany.

**10.7 Young Marines** – No report.

**10.8 JROTC** – There are 125 JROTC Cadets enrolled in the Westover High School JROTC program.

- \* On 3 April, unit provided Color Guard for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner honoring Dr. Martin Luther King JR.
- \* On 12 April, Westover Drill team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regional drill competition. Our unit did win the unofficial championship.
- \* On 14 April, Westover Unit participated in the Autism Walk conducted in Albany.
- \* On 19 April, Westover's MCJROTC will hold their annual awards banquet at Westover;
- \* On 20 April, Monroe/Dougherty/Westover Units will attend the Air Force Ball at Monroe.
- \* JROTC Unit will send 40-50 cadets to Parris Island for annual leadership course.

**11. Correspondence** – Received Certificate of Appreciation from the Albany YMCA to thank the Detachment for our Patriotism Program.

**12. Old Business**

\* Detachment needs to provide 3 gifts for the auction at the State Convention.

**13. New Business –**

\* Detachment approved Resolution to submit a proposal for our Detachment to serve as host for the 2019 State Convention. Marine Ron Kirstatter volunteered to serve as coordinator for our Convention preparations if State approves our proposal. Remember Marines, Ron will need all of our members to assist in getting ready for the convention.

\* Detachment approved motion to provide \$150 to be a hole sponsor at the Boy Scouts Fund Raising Golf Tournament on 7 May.

\* MCL National Headquarters is requesting that all MCL Detachments become actively involved in providing personnel for “Firing Details” at Military Funerals.

**14. Good of the League**

\* All MCL Detachments need to appoint a Marine For Life Coordinator;

\* Marine Corps Youth Fitness Program. Want Detachments to try and get High Schools to participate;

**15. Announcements:**

1) On Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, our Detachment will mark the Field of Crosses for the Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony at the Albany Mall;

2) May 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Change of Command for Col James Carroll who will turn over the Base Command to Colonel Alphonso Trimble;

3) On April 19/20/21, the Base Commissary will be conducting their “Sidewalk Sale” .It’s guaranteed that there will be great bargains for our members;

4) 50/50 Winner was Sheila Kirstatter (Again) - \$26.00

Adjourned at 1925 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 19 June 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland –X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present : 22

Associate Members Present: 6

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Our Guest and Speaker was Michael Fowler, Dougherty County Coroner. He made an excellent presentation on the “Opioid Crisis” in America and Dougherty County.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for May 2018** were not taken .

**7. Paymaster’s Report:** Checking Account - \$1,451.52      Savings Account - \$8,130.99  
Dues of \$35 are due for all members NLT 31 August 2018.

**8. Chaplain’s Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox & Family are recovering from recent illnesses.
- \* Marine Jim Valentine recovering from Back Surgery

**9. Officers’ Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. Delegate Registration forms are pending submission.
- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held in LaGrange on 21 July.
- \* Meritorious Unit Citation presented to the Georgia Department by the State of Florida for providing support during recent disasters.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – No report.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Working Delinquent Member Roster.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland if anyone wants MCL Name Tag. As always, contact Tim McClelland if you require any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 2 Marines and 1 Associate Member went to their final rest.

- \* Marine 1stLt Jim Reilly passed on 4 June 18;
- \* Marine Cpl James E. Law passed on 7 June 2018'
- \* Associate Marine Maxine Belk passed on 8 June 18;

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, and Associate Member Maxine Belk

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –500 flags have been replaced as of June 2018. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** –Marine McClelland announced that the next clean up will be 22 & 23 June.

### **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

- \*Associate Member Denzil Harrell announced that the Army Aviation Association will be offering Huey Helicopter rides at \$50 per rider at Terrell County (Dawson Airport) on 21 July 2018 at 10:00 AM.. 28 July is the rain date.
- \* Purple Heart dinner will be held on 8 August and is sponsored by American Legion Posts 182/335. Please give any names of Purple Heart recipients to Denzil Harrell.
- \* Looking for volunteers for Honor Guard (Rifle Team).

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – No report from April or May TAP Meeting. Next program will be 10 August at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Three (3) MCL Certificates and coins were presented to 3 Eagle Scouts. Two for St Teresa's Troop and 1 for the Church of Latter Day Saints. Two more will be presented in July.

**10.7 Young Marines** –Unfortunately the Albany Unit will be closing in July. There are no adult leaders to take over the leadership positions.

**10.8 JROTC** – 31 members of the Westover JROTC will go to Parris Island, SC on 9 July for Leadership Course.

**11. Correspondence** – Received donation to the LtCol David Aldrich Patriotism Fund and one in memory of CWO4 Nick Nickels.

**12. Old Business** – Commandant Najjar & Paymaster Kirstatter are preparing proposal for our detachment to host the 2019 State Convention. They will brief the proposal at the next Georgia Department Staff Meeting .

**13. New Business – None.**

**14. Good of the League**

\*Phone Tree has been provided to Detachment Officers so they can make monthly contact with the membership. The purposes of the Phone Tree are:

- a. Check on welfare of the member;
- b. Encourage them to attend monthly meetings;
- c. Solicit their ideas for speakers and recommendations as to how we can improve our detachment;
- d. Verify that we have current phone #s and emails.

**15. Announcements:**

1) 50/50 Winner was Marine Jim Johnson - \$43.00

2) American Legion Post 30 has established the "Marvin Mixon Memorial Scholarship Fund". The scholarship will be for \$1000.00 and will be awarded to a graduating High School Senior who has been accepted to a college and who writes an essay on either "America" or "Patriotism". The essay will be reviewed by representatives from academia. The top 2 or 3 essays will be forwarded to the Mixon family who will make the ultimate of the Scholarship winner.

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- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland –X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present : 19

Associate Members Present: 5

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Our Speaker was MCL Life Member Major Mike Brown, USMC Retired. Mike gave an entertaining , educational, and informative presentation covering the dynamics of “Old Fashioned Gold Mining in the USA”. All members enjoyed the presentation and gave our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Barbara Brammer, District Vice Commandant, 10<sup>th</sup> District was our guest. Thanks Barbara.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for June 2018** were approved as posted to the web site .

**7. Paymaster’s Report:** Checking Account - \$1,600.49      Savings Account - \$8,132.66  
Dues of \$35 are due for all members NLT 31 August 2018.

**8. Chaplain’s Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox & Family are recovering from recent illnesses.
- \* Marine Jim Valentine recovering from Back Surgery

**9. Officers’ Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York from August 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. Delegate Registration forms have been submitted.
- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held in LaGrange on 21 July.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – American Legion members with some MCL participation performed Rifle Salutes for 19 funerals in 32 days.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Working Delinquent Member Roster.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No report.



**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland if anyone wants MCL Name Tag. As always, contact Tim McClelland if you require any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 2 Marines went to their final rest.

- \* Marine Cpl Lamar Green passed on 23 June 2018;
- \* Marine GySgt Jackie Eskew passed on 26 June 2018

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, and Associate Member Maxine Belk

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – 504 flags have been replaced as of June 2018. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** – Marine McClelland announced that the next clean up will be 28 & 29 September.

## **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

\* Associate Member Denzil Harrell announced that the Army Aviation Association will be offering Huey Helicopter rides at \$50 per rider at Terrell County (Dawson Airport) on 21 July 2018 at 10:00 AM. 28 July is the rain date.

\* Purple Heart dinner will be held on 8 August and is sponsored by American Legion Posts 182/335. Please give any names of Purple Heart recipients to Denzil Harrell.

\* Still looking for volunteers for Honor Guard (Rifle Team).

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – No June or July TAP Meetings. Next program will be 10 August at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Two (2) MCL Certificates and coins will be presented to 2 Eagle Scouts for St Teresa's Troop #3.

**10.7 Young Marines** – Unfortunately the Albany Unit will be closing in July. There are no adult leaders to take over the leadership positions.

**10.8 JROTC** – No report.

**11. Correspondence** – Received donation to the LtCol David Aldrich Patriotism Fund, one in memory of CWO4 Nick Nickels, and one in memory of James Reilly.

**12. Old Business** – Commandant Najjar & Paymaster Kirstatter are preparing proposal for our detachment to host the 2019 State Convention. They will brief the proposal at the next Georgia Department Staff Meeting.

**13. New Business** – Detachment AD was approved for National Convention. \$160.00 for full page AD.

**14. Good of the League**

\* Marine Adams requested that all members try to obtain Guest Speakers for our monthly meetings. It is a known fact that members are more apt to attend our monthly meetings if they know there will be a featured speaker/program.

\*Repeat Entry -Phone Tree has been provided to Detachment Officers so they can make monthly contact with the membership. The purposes of the Phone Tree are:

- a. Check on welfare of the member;
- b. Encourage them to attend monthly meetings;
- c. Solicit their ideas for speakers and recommendations as to how we can improve our detachment;
- d. Verify that we have current phone #s and emails.

**15. Announcements:**

\* Home Depot will paint one house per quarter for veterans. This is a really great program. Well done for Home Depot.

\* 50/50 Winner was Marine Ray Murphy - \$30.00

Adjourned at 2000 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 21 August 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland : absent/G. Welsh	- Adjutant Adams: absent

Members Present: 24

Associate Members Present: 3

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Our Guest Speaker was Izzie Sadler, Executive Director, SOWEGA Council on Aging. She gave an excellent, in depth presentation on the services provided by her agency. Three prospective new members were also in attendance: Marine Jim Tibbens; Marine wife Eileen Najjar; GySgt Eddie Walker, MCJROTC Instructor (WHS).

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for August 2018** were approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$434.16                      Savings Account - \$8,134.39

Dues of \$35 are due for all members NLT 31 August 2018. Once delinquent, a member has a year to be reinstated; otherwise s/he is dropped from the rolls.

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack has completed Chemo, is cancer free, but is now experiencing kidney issues.
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox & Family are recovering from recent illnesses. Jane is home, but still having issues.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* The 2019 National Convention will be held in Billings, Montana and the conference hotel is already sold out. Department Commandant's email with details was forwarded to our membership.
- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held in McDonough on 6 October.
- \* The 2019 Department of Georgia Convention will be held in Albany, Ga.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – Dr. Denton Hardie will be offering free dental care to veterans on 12 October. Appointments can be made by phone or via his website at [www.drdentonhardie.com](http://www.drdentonhardie.com).

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – No report.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No report.

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 2 Marines went to their final rest.

- \* Marine GySgt James Valentine passed on 21 July 18;
- \* Marine Cpl Guy Everett passed on 10 August 2018

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, Associate Member Maxine Belk, and Jim Valentine.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –506 flags have been replaced to date. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** –The next clean up will be 28 & 29 September.

### **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

\* Associate Member Denzil Harrell reported on the annual Purple Heart dinner that was held on 7 August and sponsored by American Legion Posts 182/335. He singled out members of our detachment as “walking history books” and solicited help in identifying other Purple Heart recipients.

\* Looking for volunteers for Honor Guard (Rifle Team). Details from Post 30 have supported 23 funerals in the last month.

\* The travelling Vietnam Wall will move in a veterans parade from Cordele to Veterans State Park on 29 August (1600), with an opening ceremony scheduled for 1000 on 31 August and a closing at 1400 on 2 September.

\* Field of Flags marking will begin at 0800 on 7 September to prepare for an 1100 ceremony on 9/11. Flags will come down starting at 0800 on Saturday, 8 September

\* Souther Field in Americus will be holding 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on 20 & 21 October.

\* The City of Leesburg will be holding its first annual Veterans Day parade on 10 November.

\* Home Depot would like to do something to support a veteran each quarter. Anyone knowing of a veteran in need can pass his/her information to Dr. Dan Brewer at American Legion Post 30.

**10.5 Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** – Next program will be 14 September at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – MCL Certificates and coins were presented to 2 Eagle Scouts from St Teresa's Troop 3 on 21 July.

**10.7 Young Marines** –MSgt Lowman reported that the entire Mitchell County Middle School has become a Young Marine detachment.

**10.8 JROTC** – 31 members of the Westover JROTC went to Parris Island, SC on 9 July for a Leadership Course. Upon their return the unit participated in a drill camp aboard MCLB Albany. The unit has also provided color guards for several events, among them the Albany Chamber of Commerce's annual Military Appreciation Rise n Shine Breakfast.

**11. Correspondence** – The detachment received a thank you note from the MCJROTC Unit in Colquitt County HS and a short note from members Gale and Jim Rodgers who have settled in their new home in WI.

**12. Old Business** – Paymaster Kirstatter explained that our proposal to host the 2019 Department Convention at Merry Acres was initially met with resistance because of an earlier visit to Albany when the proposed hotel had just changed ownership and was about to undergo a major, much needed renovation. The membership at the 21 July staff meeting agreed to the proposal from Commandant Yates that he and his committee make a site visit and grant the committee the authority to make the final decision. Based on that visit, the committee was unanimous in approving Albany/Merry Acres for the 2019 convention. Paymaster Kirstatter passed out a letter with information about ads for the program book to be published for the 2019 Department Convention and solicited help from all hands in selling ads as well as serving on committees. Commandant Najjar will present again at the Department Staff Meeting in October and encourage members to come to Albany in 2019.

**13. New Business** – Agape Outreach will be hosting a community day at Robert Cross Park on 29 September and solicits community support and partnerships. A request was made for funding. Upon a motion, properly seconded and approved, the detachment will donate \$300 to the event.

**14. Good of the League**

**15. Announcements:**

The 2019 SE Division Convention will be in Charleston, SC. Details are on the division website.

Adjourned at 2030 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 18 September 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland -X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present: 17

Associate Members Present: 3

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Our Speakers were Krystal Mason, Program Manager and Sandy Fennimore, Program Supervisor for "90 Works Program". This program's mission is to provide health services, jobs, and housing for Homeless Veterans. All members enjoyed the presentation and gave our sincere thanks for educating our members on this homeless veterans program.

Barbara Brammer, Vice Commandant, 10<sup>th</sup> District was our guest. Thanks Barbara.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for August 2018** were approved as posted to the web site.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,329.34      Savings Account - \$8,136.12  
We still have 16 delinquent members.

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox & Family are recovering from recent illnesses.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held in McDonough on 6 October.
- \* Marine Corps Log Command Birthday Ball will be held on 3 November at Albany State West.
- \* Proposed change to Detachment 1260's By-Laws was read to the members present at the meeting. They will be posted on line when the minutes of tonight's meeting are posted and the change will be voted on at the October meeting. Marine Kirstatter will officially incorporate the proposed By-Law Amendment into these minutes and posting to the Detachment's website.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – Welcome Home Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans will be held at Chehaw Park on 13 October from 1200 - 1700.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – No report.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** – No report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) if anyone wants MCL Name Tag. As always, contact Tim McClelland if you require any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 3 Marines went to their final rest.

\* Marine GySgt Kenneth M. Moore (Ret) passed on 25 July 2018

\* Marine SSGT Donald L. Basinet passed on 6 Sep 2018

\* Marine Corporal Clinton D. Johnson passed on 8 Sep 2018

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, Associate Member Maxine Belk, and Jim Valentine.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – 510 flags have been replaced as of September 2018. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** – Marine McClelland announced that the next clean up will be 28 & 29 September.

**10.4 Veteran's Coalition** – On 10 November, there will be a Veterans Day parade in Leesburg. We will have a float in the parade and we need our members to step up and join in the parade. The Leesburg community is recognizing Veterans so we have to do our part by participating in this recognition.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – Marines Najjar, Breton and McClelland attended the September 14<sup>th</sup> TRS meeting. Next program will be 5 October at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Two (2) MCL Certificates & Coins were presented to 2 Eagle Scouts for Troop #1 at First United Methodist Church.

**10.7 Young Marines** – Unfortunately the Albany Unit closed in July because there were no adult leaders to take over the leadership positions.

**10.8 JROTC** – No report.

**11. Correspondence** – None.

**12. Old Business** – None

**13. New Business** – Ron & Sheila Kirstatter have stepped up to chair our 2019 MCL State Convention which will be held 17-19 May 2018. Marine Kirstatter sent email requesting volunteers to step up and sign up to help achieve the multitude of tasks that need to be completed to ensure a successful convention. Let's go Marines! Do not stand on the sidelines!

#### **14. Good of the League**

\* Marine Adams restated the need for the Detachment's Phone Tree to be implemented. The purposes of the Phone Tree are:

- a. Check on welfare of the member;
- b. Encourage them to attend monthly meetings;
- c. Solicit their ideas for speakers and recommendations as to how we can improve our detachment;
- d. Verify that we have current phone #s and emails.

\* There will be a Veterans luncheon on 3 November at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds. This year's Fair runs from October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **15. Announcements:**

\* Marines Nicholson & Harrell will head up an AR-15 Raffle to raise funds to support our Detachment's veterans/community programs.

\* Today, September 18<sup>th</sup> is the 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the United States Air Force. A cake was presented. Associate Member Greg Welch is a retired USAF service member.

\* Marine Nicholson announced that American Legion Post #30 is having a Fish Fry this Friday, 9/21/18 from 5 – 8.

\* 50/50 Winner was Marine Ray Murphy (again) - \$34.00

Adjourned at 2000 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!



“Section 3: Funds shall be used for purposes consistent with the mission and purpose of the Marine Corps League. Donations from budgeted funds will be for veteran related expenses, Young Marines, MCJROTC, Boy Scouts, and Toys for Tots. When available, discretionary funds may be used for such things as the Semper Fi Fund, the Shepherd’s Men, other veterans groups, or veteran related expenses that meet(s) our requirements. Funds donated to the Detachment shall be used for the purposes for which they have been given, i.e.; funds donated for Toys for Tots will be turned over to the local Toys for Tots Coordinator. Donated funds for which a specific purpose is not identified may be used in accordance with the guidelines set forth above regarding discretionary funds or transferred to the general treasury. The Paymaster will arrange the Detachment’s books to account for such different classes of funds, and will account for them separately. When the purpose for which an account has been established no longer exists, the account shall be closed, report made to the Board, and any leftover funds transferred to the general treasury.”

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 16 October 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith X
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland –X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 5

**3. Visitors/Guests:** None

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for September 2018** were approved as posted to the web site.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$2,271.47      Savings Account - \$8,137.79  
We still have 10 delinquent members.

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox still recovering from recent illness and the loss of his beloved wife Jane..

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held in McDonough on 12 January 2019.
- \* Marine Corps Log Command Birthday Ball will be held on 3 November at Albany State West.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant**

- \* Announced Raffle for AR-15 Rifle. All members expected to be responsible for selling tickets. Winner will be announced at the Detachment Awards Banquet December 18th.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – No report.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** –No report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) if anyone wants any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets/Name Tags).

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – This past month 2 Marines went to their final rest.

- \* Associate Member Jane Wilcox passed on 21 September 2018
- \* Marine MSgt Lawrence (Bud) Simpson (Ret) passed on 9 October 18

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, Associate Member Maxine Belk, and Jim Valentine; Associate member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson..

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –522 flags have been replaced as of October 2018. Marine Smith continues to promote our signature project and he solicited the support of all members to advise him whenever they find a flag that needs to be replaced.

**10.3 River Walk** –Marine McClelland announced that the next clean up dates have not yet been announced.

**10.4 Veteran's Coalition** – On 10 November, there will be a Veterans Day parade in Leesburg. We will have a float in the parade and we need our members to step up and join in the parade. The Leesburg community is recognizing Veterans so we have to do our part by participating in this recognition. A 101 year old WW II Vet will be the Grand Marshall if his health permits.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** –Next program will be 11 January 2019 at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – Commandant Najjar asked for Detachment Member to volunteer to make our MCL Coin and Certificate for Eagle Scout at Lake Blackshear on 10 November.

**10.7 Young Marines** –Unfortunately the Albany Unit closed in July because there were no adult leaders to take over the leadership positions.

**10.8 JROTC** – Westover MCJROTC Color Guard will present colors at opening ceremony at Exchange Club Fair on 30 October.

**11. Correspondence** – None.

## **12. Old Business**

\* Proposed change to Detachment 1260's By-Laws was read to the members present at the September meeting and posted to the Detachment Webpage. Detachment Adjutant (Marine Adams) again presented a summary of the proposed By-Law change and the change was approved by a vote of the members present at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**13. New Business** – Marine John Belk submitted a request to have our detachment explore the possibility of finding a "Marine Corps Detachment Clubhouse" that would provide a space for members to meet and call their own. If anyone is interested in exploring this option, you are requested to call John Belk and form a committee to explore the possibility/feasibility of sponsoring our own Clubhouse and reporting back to the membership with a recommendation.

## **14. Good of the League**

\* In order to provide funds to prepare for the Georgia Department's Annual State Convention , Marine Adams requested that all detachment members volunteer to provide \$100.00 to support the convention. The \$100.00 can be provided by obtaining Program Ads for the Convention Program or donating \$100.00 cash. Since we don't ask members to donate time & effort to hold detachment fund raisers, I thought this would be the easiest way for our members to show their support for our detachment.

\* Marine Adams restated the need for the Detachment's Phone Tree to be implemented. The purposes of the Phone Tree are:

- a. Check on welfare of the member;
- b. Encourage them to attend monthly meetings;
- c. Solicit their ideas for speakers and recommendations as to how we can improve our detachment;
- d. Verify that we have current phone #s and emails.

#### **15. Announcements:**

\* Veteran's Luncheon at Exchange Club Fairgrounds on November 3rd. Free to Veteran's.

\* Veteran's Day Flag Raising & Breakfast will be held at American Legion Post #30 on FRIDAY 9 November. Flag Raising at 0645; Breakfast at 0700 followed by a Guest Speaker. Immediately after the conclusion of the Veteran's Day program, detachment members who can make it will proceed to Crown Hill Cemetery to place Flowers at the gravesite of Major Lawrence DesJardines. It only takes 10 minutes.

Adjourned at 2000 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 20 November 2018**

**1. Meeting** - Called to order by Commandant Najjar at 1830.

**2. Roll Call:**

-Commandant Najjar X	- Senior Vice Commandant Nicholson X
- Jr Vice Commandant Paulin X	- Judge Advocate Smith Absent
- Paymaster Kirstatter X	- Chaplain Breton X
- Sgt-At-Arms McClelland –X	- Adjutant Adams X

Members Present: 16

Associate Members Present: 5

**3. Visitors/Guests:** None

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** – None.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** - Not applicable.

**6. Minutes for October 2018** were approved as posted to the web site.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account - \$3,630.70      Savings Account - \$8,139.52  
We still have 10 delinquent members.

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox still experiencing illness (Blood Clots on lungs) .

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant**

- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held on 12 January 2019.
- \* Passed on his thanks for Detachment participation at Veteran's Day Flag Raising and placing flowers at gravesite of Major Larry DesJardines. Also thanked members who participated in Lee County's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade on 17 November.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** – Heading up the nominating committee for Detachment Officers for the 2018-2019 year.

**9.3 Jr Vice Commandant** – Marine Paulin is following up on recruiting some active duty Marines for the detachment.

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** –Marine Kirstatter provided info that National has posted the updated by-laws and administrative procedures to their website. Georgia District will revise their by-laws accordingly and then our detachment will finalize our local by-laws.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – Contact Marine Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) if anyone wants any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets/Name Tags).

## **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – No deaths reported. OohRah!

**Detachment Fallen Brothers** – Larry DesJardines, Joe Smith, Sam Tucker, Nick Retza, Billy Stewart, Sherman Braden, Al Fazekas, Harry McDole, Dave Aldrich, Larry Olson, Associate Member Sadie Simpson, Bill Cuff, Jim Reilly, Associate Member Maxine Belk, and Jim Valentine; Associate member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson.

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**10.3 River Walk** –Marine McClelland announced that the next clean up dates have not yet been announced. Dates will be announced in January 2019.

### **10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

\* Associate Marine Harrell announced that 10 November Veteran's Day Parade was a success and announced that next year's parade will be on 16 November.

\* Vietnam Veteran's Reunion has been rescheduled to 3/9/19.

\* Vintage Aircraft Fly-In will be held the weekend before Memorial Day on 25 May 2019.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** –Next program will be 11 January 2019 at 1000. Our detachment still needs some more Members to step up and assist. Please step up if you have the time to support our Detachment.

### **10.6 Boy Scouts**

\* Commandant Najjar presented a MCL Coin and Certificate for Eagle Scout to Noah Chappell at Lake Blackshear on 10 November.

\* On 16 December, 2 more Eagle Scouts will be presented with MCL Coin and Certificate to recognize their achievement.

### **10.7 JROTC**

\* Westover MCJROTC Color Guard presented colors at opening ceremony at Exchange Club Fair on 30 October.

\* Lee County High School Navy JROTC presented colors for the veterans luncheon hosted by the Exchange Club Fair on 3 November.

**11. Correspondence** – MCL Detachment from Slattery, New Jersey sent a check to support Albany's Disaster Relief Fund. They would like a report on how the money was spent.

## **12. Old Business**

\* Please turn in money for the AR-15 Raffle to Sr Vice Commandant Nicholson.

\* No action has been taken as of the November meeting regarding Marine John Belk's proposal to explore feasibility of having our detachment finding a "Marine Corps Detachment Clubhouse" that

would provide a space for members to meet and call their own. If anyone is interested in exploring this option, you are requested to call John Belk (229-436-3583) and form a committee to explore the possibility/feasibility of sponsoring our own Clubhouse and reporting back to the membership with a recommendation.

**13. New Business** – Motion was made and seconded for the Detachment to purchase a Detachment Banner with our name on both sides to be used during community events and recruiting. Motion was approved.

**14. Good of the League**

\* In order to provide funds to prepare for the Georgia Department's Annual State Convention , Marine Adams requested that all detachment members volunteer to provide \$100.00 to support the convention. The \$100.00 can be provided by obtaining Program Ads for the Convention Program or donating \$100.00 cash. Since we don't ask members to donate time & effort to hold detachment fund raisers, I thought this would be the easiest way for our members to show their support for our detachment.

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- c. Solicit their ideas for speakers and recommendations as to how we can improve our detachment;
- d. Verify that we have current phone #s and emails.

\* Commandant Najjar presented a Birthday cake and in accordance with Marine Corps tradition, First slice of cake was presented to Marine Belk (oldest Marine – 95 Years) and 2<sup>nd</sup> piece to Jon Woodcock (Youngest Marine 55 Years).

\* Marine McClelland at the request of Commandant Najjar read General John Lejeune's 147<sup>th</sup> Birthday message.

\* Marine McCleary donated a Marine Corps Banner to serve as a cover for the Head Table. A great looking banner. A big thanks to Marine McCleary.

**15. Announcements:**

\* The Detachment's Annual Awards/Christmas ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 12/18/18. Meal is \$25.00 per person.

\* There will also be a raffle for a quilt that is being donated by Marine Askey's wife – Nancy.

Adjourned at 2000 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!