

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 21 January 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 15 Associate Members Present: 4

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Guest s (3). Eileen Najjar, Maureen Welsh and Gary Delaberto (SP?).

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

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – Marine Kirstatter, Former Commandant of Georgia Department conducted the installation of elected and appointed officers for 2020.

**Elected Officers:**

Commandant – Charles “Nick” Nicholson  
Sr Vice Commandant – Tim McClelland  
Jr Vice Commandant – Jerry Smith  
Staff Judge Advocate – Ray Murphy

**Appointed Officers:**

Adjutant – Bob Adams  
Paymaster – Joe Najjar  
Chaplain – Bob Breton  
Sergeant of Arms – To be appointed at later date  
Webmaster – Ron Kirstatter

**6. Minutes** for November 2019 were approved as posted .

**7. Paymaster’s Report:** Checking Account – \$3,106.57 Savings Account - \$8,163.29

**8. Chaplain’s Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems.
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox dealing with medical issues.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is having medical issues.
- \* Marine Jack Hart diagnosed with Bladder Cancer. He will start treatments shortly.

**9. Officers’ Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant –**

- \* Detachment members will participate in the removal of wreaths from Andersonville on 1/27/20.
- \* 63 Wreaths have been purchased to support 2020 Wreaths Across America Program.

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

**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).

\* Marine McClelland has identified a source that is qualified to make MCL Shirts. Pro1 Sportswear on Dawson Road (Donna is Manager).

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program –** Last month 3 Marines passed away.

+ Marine MSgt Roger Paulin passed on 21 Nov 2019

+ Marine SSgt Neal Raleigh passed on 22 Nov 2019

+ Marine Capt William T Kueker passed on 13 Dec 2019

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**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, and Roger Paulin.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee –**569 flags replaced as of 1/21/20.

**10.3 River Walk –**Clean up date to be announced.

**10.4 Veteran's Coalition**

\* Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1800 at American Legion Post 30. Please join them if you can.

\* A chopper "Fly-In" will be held in Dawson in April 2020. Date to be announced.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) –** Marines Najjar and Breton participated in Seminar on 6 January 2020.

**10.6 Boy Scouts –**

\* Eagle Scouts Joe Morgan and Landon Conley from Troop 15 in Albany received their MCL pins and certificate.

\* Boy Scout Building Leaders Campaign Dinner will be held at the Hasan Temple on Thursday, 20 February 2020. Coach Vince Dooley will be the guest speaker. Dinner is free; however, they are expecting a donation to be made.

**10.7 JROTC**

\* Westover's Color Guard will be presenting colors for all their home games at Hugh Mills Stadium.

\* 116 Cadets participated in Familiarization firing.

\* Westover's MCJROTC Color Guard will provide Color Guard for American Legion Post 30's Oratorical Contest on 26 Jan; 2 Feb for District Contest, and 23 Feb for Area Contest.

**10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

**11. Correspondence** – District Convention will be held 1-3 May 20220..

**12. Old Business**

\* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

**13. New Business** – None.

**14. Good of the League** – A special staff meeting will be scheduled in February to discuss “Revitalization Efforts Of Our Detachment”.

**15. Announcements:** None.

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

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
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**Minutes of 18 February 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 17 Associate Members Present: 3

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Guest s (3). Eileen Najjar, Maureen Welsh and Craig Reeling, Adjutant for Department of Maryland.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** –Darnel Austin was sworn in as a new member.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – N/A

**6. Minutes** for January 2020 were approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,941.01 Savings Account - \$8,165.02

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems.
- \* Marine Carl Wilcox dealing with medical issues.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is having medical issues.
- \* Marine Jack Hart diagnosed with Bladder Cancer. He is undergoing chemo treatments.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant –**

- \* New verbiage for swearing in new members was received from National.

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

**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).

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Marine McClelland has identified a source that is qualified to make MCL Shirts. Pro1 Sportswear on Dawson Road (Donna is Manager).

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

### **10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Last month 2 Marines passed away.

+ Marine MGySgt Charles C. McKissack passed on 22 Jan 2020.

+ Marine Thomas Stone passed on 17 Jan 2020

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, and Roger Paulin.

### **10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** –571 flags replaced as of 2/18/20.

### **10.3 River Walk** –Clean-up will be either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March.

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

\* Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1800 at American Legion Post 30. Please join them if you can.

\* Cliff Roush Rider Project will be held on 21 March. Funds are to support families of fallen First Responders.

\* A chopper “Fly-In” will be held in Sylvester on 4 April 2020.

\* A chopper “Fly-In” will be held in Dawson in the fall. Date to be announced.

\* Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester on 23 May.

### **10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – No date announced.

### **10.6 Boy Scouts** –

\* Boy Scout Building Leaders Campaign Dinner will be held at the Hasan Temple on Thursday, 20 February 2020. Coach Vince Dooley will be the guest speaker. Dinner is free; however, they are expecting a donation to be made.

### **10.7 JROTC**

\* Westover's MCJROTC Color Guard will provide Color Guard for American Legion Post 30's Oratorical Contest on 26 Jan; 2 Feb for District Contest, and 23 Feb for Area Contest.

\* Cadets will compete in Drill competition in Stone Mountain, GA on 22 February.

\* Cadets will go to Parris Island for Combat Leadership Program in June 2020.

### **10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

## **11. Correspondence** – Department Convention will be held 1-3 May 2020.

## **12. Old Business**

\* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

## **13. New Business** – None.

## **14. Good of the League** – A special staff meeting will be scheduled for 4 March to discuss “Revitalization Efforts of Our Detachment”.

**15. Announcements:** None.

Adjourned at 1930 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 21 July 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 14 Associate Members Present: 4

**3. Visitors/Guests:** None.

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

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – N/A

**6. Minutes** for February 2020 were approved as posted. No meetings were held from March thru June due to COVID-19.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,363.00 Savings Account - \$8,173.44

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is having medical issues.
- \* Marine Randolph Scott and his wife Mary tested positive for COVID-19. They are slowly recovering.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant** – Marines Nicholson, McClelland, and Kirstatter and Associate Member Kirstatter attended Department Summer Staff Meeting. New Department Officers were elected and installed.

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

**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).
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Marine McClelland has identified a source that is qualified to make MCL Shirts. Pro1 Sportswear on Dawson Road (Donna is Manager).

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** –8 Marines passed away in March thru June 2020.

- + Marine Cpl Sherry Meierdierks passed on 13 Mar 2020.
- + Marine GySgt Carl Wilcox passed on 16 Mar 2020
- + Marine Sgt Robert M. Goosa Jr passed on 23 Mar 2020.
- + Marine MGySgt Richard Bashline passed on 16 Apr 2020.
- + Marine MGySgt Bobby L. Vernon passed on 24 Apr 2020.
- + Marine Captain Dawaine Lake passed on 30 April 2020.
- + Marine LCpl Mark Martin passed on 9 May 2020.
- + Marine Major William B. Rowley passed on 10 Jun 2020.

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, and Dawaine Lake.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – No report.

**10.3 River Walk** –Clean-up will be announced. Marine Adams & McClelland will conduct a “recon” to see the status of our portion of the Riverwalk.

**10.4 Veteran’s Coalition** – No report.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – Next meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** –

- \* Marine Najjar has Raffle Tickets for several weapons. \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100.

**10.7 JROTC**

- \* Two cadets have been accepted in the preparatory class for West Point and Air Force Academies.

**10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

**11. Correspondence** – None.

**12. Old Business**

- \* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

**13. New Business** – None.

**14. Good of the League** – No report

**15. Announcements**

- \* MCL has New Mission Statement. We need to change our poster.
- \* MCL 's New Membership Data Base will be available online very soon.
- \* Georgia won the 2019-2020 “Grits Bowl” for Membership.

Adjourned at 1900 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!





**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 18 August 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 12 Associate Members Present: 5

**3. Visitors/Guests:** None.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** –N/A.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – N/A

**6. Minutes** for July 2020 will be posted by 8/21/2020.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,487.65 Savings Account - \$8,175.17

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is having medical issues.
- \* Marine Randolph Scott is getting better but is still under Doctor's care. His wife Mary is doing well and has been released from the doctor's care.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant** – Will submit report to Georgia Department regarding number of Funerals and Honor Guards that members of our detachment have participated in during calendar year 2019.

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

**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).
- \* Marine McClelland has identified a source that is qualified to make MCL Shirts. Pro1 Sportswear on Dawson Road (Donna is Manager).

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – No Marines identified as passing ; however, Marine Nicholson said they had participated in funeral of a Marine during August. Name to be provided for future report.

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, and Dawaine Lake.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – 588 flags have been replaced as of today.

**10.3 River Walk** –Clean-up will be announced. Marine Adams & McClelland conducted a “recon” of both ends of the Riverwalk to see the status. Riverwalk areas that we viewed were in pretty good shape. We are going to schedule a cleanup in the very near future.

**10.4 Veteran’s Coalition** – No report due to pandemic.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – No information available on next meeting.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** –

- \* Marine Najjar has Raffle Tickets for several weapons. \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100.

- \* Wild Game Dinner/Fundraiser to be held on 10/13/20.

- \* Scouts in the local area have been working throughout the summer doing various volunteer projects and a lot of virtual meetings and merit badge work. They have been volunteering to support the weekly food distributions at the YMCA where we have distributed over 8000 meals (each for a family of four for five days) since early April. We also have several Eagle Scouts pending completion of their requirements. We did award one Eagle Scout certificate in February for Troop 15.

**10.7 JROTC**

- \* All classes are being held virtually.

- \* Marine Mills gave update on two former cadets who are attending Prep school for Annapolis and Air Force Academies.

- \* Associate Marine Harrell provided info on Lee County’s JROTC unit having 4 former cadets attending our service academies..

**10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

**11. Correspondence** – None.

**12. Old Business**

- \* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

**13. New Business** – None.

**14. Good of the League** –

- \* Marine Adams requested designated officers reactivate their “Member Call List” to reach out to our members. We need to let them know we are thinking of them and encourage them to resume their participation in the Detachment’s activities.

**15. Announcements –**

\* Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations process were now open. Hotels fill up fast so if you are planning to attend, act now. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

\* Associate Marine Harrell announced that the Lee County Veteran's Day Parade has been cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic.

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

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 22 September 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 12

Associate Members Present: 2

**3. Visitors/Guests:** MCL Life Member Ray Moody (Tupelo, MS Detachment). Ray is in process of transferring to Major DesJardines Detachment.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** –N/A.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – N/A

**6. Minutes** for July 2020 and August 2020 have been posted and approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,630.95 Savings Account - \$8,175.17

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems. Bill also fell and broke his shoulder and is pretty bruised up.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is continuing to have medical issues.
- \* Marine Randy Scott is waiting to go to St Joseph's Hospital in Columbus for follow on exam for heart issues possibly stemming from his recent bout with COVID-19.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant** – The Tri-County Honors team performs burial honors for Fallen Veterans. On 23 September, they will be performing their 27<sup>th</sup> honors ceremony since 1 July. They could use additional volunteers to fill out their ranks. Weekend services usually are not a problem, but some work and can't assist during weekday events.

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

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

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** - Marine Murphy read the proposed changes to the Detachment's By-Laws as required by MCL Admin Procedures. At the October, the proposed changes will be voted on for incorporation into the By-Laws.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** –

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

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – No Marines passed during this reporting period.

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, and Dawaine Lake.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – 590 flags have been replaced as of today.

**10.3 River Walk** – Clean-up will be announced. Marine Adams & McClelland conducted a “recon” of both ends of the Riverwalk to see the status. Riverwalk areas that we viewed were in pretty good shape. We are going to schedule a cleanup in the very near future.

**10.4 Veteran’s Coalition** – No meetings due to pandemic; however, plans are still on to award the “Marvin Mixon” scholarship for the winner of the American Legion Post 20’s Oratorical competition.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – No information available on next meeting.

### **10.6 Boy Scouts** –

\* Wild Game Dinner/Fundraiser to be held on 10/13/20.

\* Two scouts received the Eagle Scout certificates and challenge coins. 9/12/20 - Adam Irvin, Troop 15, St. Paul Episcopal Church and 9/19/20 - Sammy Hoover, Troop 15, St Paul Episcopal Church.

### **10.7 JROTC**

\* All classes are being held virtually.

**10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

**11. Correspondence** – Georgia Department Commandant passed the word that the “Tricare Express Scripts” program was interrupted by the COVID-19 virus and the firers in California and Arizona. Services should be back to normal in the immediate future. In the interim, veterans can go to Tricare pharmacy (Walmart, CVS, etc.). to get refills or new prescriptions.

## **12. Old Business**

\* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

**13. New Business** – None.

**14. Good of the League** – Associate Marine Harrell stated that he was getting the dates for this year’s “Wreaths Across America” program at Andersonville national cemetery. Our detachment is planning to participate again this year. Marine Adams stated that everyone who participated in last year’s program

felt very proud. Marine Adams further stated that we would need help in removing the 20,000 plus wreaths when required.

\* Marine Adams requested designated officers reactivate their “Member Call List” to reach out to our members. We need to let them know we are thinking of them and encourage them to resume their participation in the Detachment’s activities.

**15. Announcements –**

\* Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations process were now open. Hotels fill up fast so if you are planning to attend, act now. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

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

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 27 October 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 12

Associate Members Present: 2

**3. Visitors/Guests:**

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership –N/A.**

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A**

**6. Minutes** for September 2020 have been posted and approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,745.07                      Savings Account - \$8,178.58

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

- \* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems. Bill also fell and broke his shoulder and is pretty bruised up.
- \* Marine Buff Askey is continuing to have medical issues.
- \* Marine Randy Scott is waiting to go to St Joseph's Hospital in Columbus for follow on exam for heart issues possibly stemming from his recent bout with COVID-19.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant –**

- \* At the Georgia Department staff meeting, a vote was taken to raise the \$4.00 annual fee to State to \$5.00 to cover the cost for each Detachment to have a file on Office 365 Cloud.

**9.2 Sr Vice Commandant –**

- \* All detachments have been requested to send a list of all past Commandants to Marine Bledsoe for incorporation into League's historical file. Marine Adams will get Marine Bledsoe's email and forward to him.
- \* Next Department Staff Meeting is 23 January 2021. Location will be in Warner Robins.
- \* If you have lost or never received your League membership card, it will cost \$10.00 to replace it.

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

**9.4 Staff Judge Advocate -** Marine Murphy presented the proposed Detachment By-Law changes for a vote and the membership unanimously approved changes.



### **9.5 Quartermaster Report –**

- \* Contact Marine Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) if anyone wants any MCL items (Hats/Shirts/Jackets/Name Tags).
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### **10. Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **10.1 Fallen Marine Program –** Three Marines passed during this reporting period.

- \* Marine SSgt John Anglon passed on 10/5/20.
- \* Marine GySgt Vera Ewing passed on 10/9/20.
- \* Marine GYSgt Ralph P. Hicks passed on 10/14/20.

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, and Dawaine Lake.

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**10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –** No meetings due to pandemic; however, plans are still on to award the “Marvin Nixon” scholarship for the winner of the American Legion Post 20’s Oratorical competition.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) –** No information available on next meeting.

**10.6 Boy Scouts –** No report.

#### **10.7 JROTC**

- \* All classes are being held virtually.
- \* Provided Court of Honor for Westover Homecoming.

**10.8 Young Marines –** No report.

**11. Correspondence –** None

#### **12. Old Business**

- \* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

**13. New Business –** None.

**14. Good of the League –** Associate Marine Harrell stated that he was getting the dates for this year’s “Wreaths Across America” program at Andersonville national cemetery. Our detachment is planning to participate again this year. Marine Adams stated that everyone who participated in last year’s program

felt very proud. Marine Adams further stated that we would need help in removing the 20,000 plus wreaths when required.

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**15. Announcements –**

\* Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations process were now open. Hotels fill up fast so if you are planning to attend, act now. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

\* On 10/28/20, at Post 30 from 9 AM – 1 PM, Walgreen’s will be giving Flu Shots/Shingles Shot, and Pneumonia shots.

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

**Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Minutes of 15 December 2020**

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

**2. Roll Call:**

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|--------------------------------|--|
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| - Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X | - Judge Advocate Murphy - Absent       |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X         | - Chaplain Breton - X                  |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – X      | - Adjutant Adams - X                   |

Members Present: 10

Associate Members Present: 3

**3. Visitors/Guests:** Robert & Kelley Parrish, owners of Acti-Kare gave presentation on their Home Care business.

**4. Balloting on Applications for Membership** –N/A.

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – N/A

**6. Minutes** for October 2020 were not recorded to absence of Adjutant and only 9 members attended.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,799.76                      Savings Account - \$8,181.99

**8. Chaplain's Report:**

\* Marine Billy Hammack still recovering from Chemo and related kidney problems. Bill also fell and broke his shoulder and is pretty bruised up.

\* Marine Buff Askey is continuing to have medical issues.

\* Associate Member Ruthie Breton is undergoing rehab for Blood Pressure problems.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

**9. Officers' Reports:**

**9.1 Commandant –**

\* At the Georgia Department staff meeting, a vote was taken to raise the \$4.00 annual fee to State to \$5.00 to cover the cost for each Detachment to have a file on Office 365 Cloud.

\* All detachments have been requested to send a list of all past Commandants to Marine Bledsoe for incorporation into League's historical file. Marine Adams will get Marine Bledsoe's email and forward to him.

\* Received email from Georgia Department requesting we certify our paid Life Members so we can receive annual reimbursement.

\* If you have lost or never received your League membership card, it will cost \$10.00 to replace it.

\* Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter's mother passed away 14 December.

\* The Detachment will not participate in laying of Wreaths at Andersonville this year due to COVID limitations.

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

**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).

\* Marine McClelland has identified a source that is qualified to make MCL Shirts. Pro1 Sportswear on Dawson Road (Donna is Manager).

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Two Marines and one Associate Member passed during this reporting period.

\* Associate Marine Marilyn McClelland passed on 11/18/20.

\* Marine 1stSgt Jerry K. Deans passed on 11/25/20.

\* Marine GySgt Owen R. Glaze passed on 11/29/20.

**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, Jim Valentine; Associate Member Jane Wilcox, Bud Simpson, Bill Hamby, John Belk, Roger Paulin, Carl Wilcox, Dawaine Lake and Associate Marine Marilyn McClelland.

**10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** – 597 flags have been replaced as of today. Marine Jerry Smith is doing a great job keeping this project alive and well. If you see flags that need replacing, please contact Jerry (229-291-7095) to coordinate replacement.

**10.3 River Walk** – Clean-up will be announced. Marine Adams & McClelland conducted a “recon” of both ends of the Riverwalk to see the status. Riverwalk areas that we viewed were in pretty good shape. We are going to schedule a cleanup in the very near future.

**10.4 Veteran’s Coalition** – No meetings due to pandemic.

**10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** – No information available on next meeting.

**10.6 Boy Scouts** – No report.

**10.7 JROTC**

\* All classes are being held virtually.

**10.8 Young Marines** - No report.

**11. Correspondence** – None

## **12. Old Business**

\* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed.

## **13. New Business – None.**

## **14. Good of the League –**

\* Since the detachment is not participating in the laying of the wreaths at Andersonville due to the pandemic, Marine Adams has requested some volunteers to assist in removing the 6,000 plus wreaths when date is confirmed in January 2021. Associate Marine Harrell will research the date.

\* **Future Direction of our MCL Detachment** – Under the Umbrella of Detachment 1260's "Revitalization Project" there were some lively discussions regarding meeting attendance; membership recruiting/retention; future Detachment projects; communication ideas to keep membership informed of detachment plans/programs, etc. The discussions were very spirited, interesting, and enlightening. Marine Adams will schedule a brainstorming/planning meeting in January to try to flesh out what "Revitalization of our Detachment" will look like. Our detachment is 14 years old this year and we have had some great years but lately we have lost our direction and objectives. We need to address this topic now to increase membership and just as importantly, RETAIN our current members.

## **15. Announcements –**

\* Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations process were now open. Hotels fill up fast so if you are planning to attend, act now. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

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