

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 23 March 2021

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 - Absent |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – X | - Adjutant Adams - X |

Members Present: 17

Associate Members Present: 5

3. Visitors/Guests: None.

4. Balloting on Applications for Membership – Linda Stokes was sworn in as a new Associate Member.

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – After a delay caused by the Corona Virus Pandemic, our current slate of elected officers and appointed officers have agreed to stay for another year and they will be sworn in at our April meeting.

6. Minutes for December 2020 were posted and approved as posted. No minutes for January and February as meetings canceled due to Corona Virus Pandemic.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,700.82 Savings Account - \$8,187.03

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to fight the recurrence of his cancer.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No report.

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 – Five Marines and one Associate Member passed during this reporting period.

- * Marine MGySgt. Billy Hammack passed on 12/18/20.
- * Marine LtCol Retired, Marlen (Jake) Meierdierks passed 1/1/21.
- * Marine Cpl Todd Padgett passed on 1/4/21.
- * Marine Henry Jackson (Montford Point Marine) passed.
- * Marine LtCol Ret Bob Dennison passed on 2/12/21.
- * Associate Member Ruthie Breton passed on 3/20/21.

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, and Associate Member Ruthie Breton.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 599 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 – Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful will conduct clean up on 16 & 17 April. Marine Adams will head up a group to clean our portion of the Riverwalk path at 0800 on 16 April. Marine McClelland will head up clean up group on Saturday, 17 April. Marine McClelland is in need of volunteers for Saturday clean up so if you have an hour and a half to spare, please contact Tim at 229-869-7119.

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 – Marine Gillan said there would be numerous Eagle Scout presentations coming up in the next month.

10.7 JROTC

* All classes are being held virtually. Marine Mills proudly announced that the Westover Marine Corps JROTC Air Rifle team finished in 5th place out of 15 teams in the most recent competition. Looking forward to improved results in the coming competitions.

10.8 Young Marines - Marine Scott said that a new individual has been identified to replace Captain McKenna who is on PCS orders this summer. Marine Don Gray is also in contact with Captain McKenna and his replacement. The Young Marines have moved their operation from the Base to the Civil Air Patrol location at the airport.

11. Correspondence – See Announcements below on Georgia and National conventions.

12. Old Business

* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed. Marines Najjar and Nicholson are working this issue and hope to have something operational in the next month or so. Marine Nicholson's daughter has volunteered to provide some technical assistance in this effort.

*Andersonville Wreath Removals – Marines Bob Cerney, JJ Kraus, Ray Moody, and Bob Adams along with 4 golfing friends participated in removing over 6000 wreaths from the Andersonville Cemetery on 1/25/21.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League –

* Associate Member Greg Welsh gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the history and current status of the POW/MIA program. He will update our membership at our monthly meetings.

OOHRAH Greg!

Following are some startling statistics on our POW/MIA heroes as of 3/19/21.

World War II – 72,458 (Believed 41000 were lost at sea and never recovered

Korea – 7,560

Vietnam – 1,584

Cold War – 126

Gulf War – 5

Operation El Dorado Canyon (Libya in 1986) -1 pilot from F-111.

15. Announcements –

* MCL National Convention - Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations 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.

* Future Dates for National Convention

2/24/22– 2/26/22 at Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk, VA 23510

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* MCL Department of Georgia Annual Convention will be held on 21 & 22 May 2021 at VFW Post 665 in Columbus, GA. Post is located at 1824 Victory Drive, Columbus, GA 31901. Contact Marine Joe Najjar, 229-886-2522 to see how to register.

* Marine Dan Gillan announced that he & Marine Don Gray are coordinating with Col Michael Fitzgerald, CO, MCLB Albany, GA to try to set up some future activities that will encourage the community to "Adopt A Marine" to make the Marines feel more accepted in the Albany community and give them some off base activities.

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2. Roll Call:

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

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 3

3. Visitors/Guests: None.

4. Balloting on Applications for Membership – None.

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – All elected and appointed officers agreed to stay for another year and they were reinstalled by Marine Ron Kirstatter, Past Georgia Department Commandant. Report of Installation forwarded to LuAnn Miller, Department Adjutant/Paymaster.

6. Minutes for March 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,670.84 Savings Account - \$8,188.77

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to fight the recurrence of his cancer.

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9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No report.

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 passed during this reporting period. Oorah!

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, and Associate Member Ruthie Breton.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 600 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 – Ten members of our Detachment participated in the Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful clean up on 16 & 17 April. On Friday, 16 April, Marines Bob Adams, Bob Cerney, Tim McClelland, Ray Moody, and Ray Murphy cleaned up from Veteran's Park to 3rd Avenue. On Saturday, 17 April Marines Ron Kirstatter, Tim McClelland, Gil Stokes, and Associate Members Sheila Kirstatter and Linda Stokes cleaned up from Cox's Landing to 3rd Avenue.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition – No meetings due to pandemic; however, there will be a Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester. Our Detachment is invited to participate. No decision made.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information available on next meeting. After a brief discussion about the benefits of our participating in these seminars, Marines Adams and McClelland will coordinate with the Base to get the names and contact information of any transitioning Marines that are going to stay in the immediate area. We can then focus our recruiting efforts on these Marines rather than chasing down a Marine who is going to transition out of the area.

10.6 Boy Scouts – Marine Gillan said there would be four Eagle Scout presentations coming up in the April 25th Court of Honor at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Congratulations to the following Scouts who will achieve their Eagle rank on 25 April. They are from Troop 1, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Stephen Tillman Drew, Robert Ellis Holton, Thomas Bryant Peeler, and Thomas Sidney Ray.

10.7 JROTC - All MCJROTC classes at Westover High School are still being held virtually. Commandant Nicholson will present three Marine Corps League Certificates of Appreciation to 3 outstanding midshipmen at Lee County JROTC dinner/awards ceremony on Thursday, 4/29/21.

10.8 Young Marines - Marine Scott said that a new individual has been identified to replace Captain McKenna who is on PCS orders this summer. Marine Don Gray is also in contact with Captain McKenna and his replacement. The Young Marines have moved their operation from the Base to the Civil Air Patrol location at the airport.

11. Correspondence – See Announcements below on Georgia and National conventions.

12. Old Business

* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed. Marines Najjar and Nicholson are working this issue and hope to have something operational in the next month or so. Marine Nicholson's daughter has volunteered to provide some technical assistance in this effort.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League – Associate Member Greg Welsh gave an informative update on current status of the POW/MIA program. He will continue to update our membership at our monthly meetings. OOHHRAH Greg!

15. Announcements –

* Next Month's program – Rhiannon Dobson, Executive Director of "Rahab's Haven" will give us a presentation on Human Trafficking which shows the extent of sexual exploitation of women and children in our community.

* The detachment staff needs your help in coming up with programs that of are interest to our members.

* MCLB Albany Commissary Sidewalk Sale – Sidewalk Sale will be held May 26-29 2021 inside Commissary Warehouse. Commissary patrons can stock up on their favorite items at significant savings during Military Appreciation Month Sidewalk Sale. Customers have a variety of options to choose from to include products in the following categories: Snacks, Beverages, Pet Food, International Foods, Baking Goods, Canned Goods, Non-Food Items, and Health & Beauty Products. Call 229-435-1721 if any questions or visit www.commissaries.com.

* Marine Nicholson gave out phone number for a VA rep that works out of Americus. Her name is Melissa Ingle , 229-931-2546. She is a real good starting point for VA issues. If she doesn't know the answer or can't help out directly, she knows where to send you for more info.

* MCL National Convention - Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations 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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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 18 May 2021

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 - Absent |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – Absent | - Adjutant Adams - X |

(Associate Marine Greg Welsh was able substitute)

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: Rihannon Dobson, Executive Director, Rahab's Haven and Kim Varnadoe gave a very interesting and informative program regarding the mission, objectives and status of their program which addresses "Human Trafficking" in the Southwest Georgia area.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for April 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,569.08
Balance in Detachment's Flag Program - \$4596.87

Savings Account - \$8,190.45

8. Chaplain's Report:

* Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.

* Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – National By-Laws are on the Department website. Members are encouraged to go online and review the Department's By-Laws submit any comments because they will be submitted for vote at this year's National Convention. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

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 –

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10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 610 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 – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition – No meetings due to pandemic; however, there will be a Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester. Our Detachment is invited to participate.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information available on next meeting. After a brief discussion about the benefits of our participating in these seminars, Marines Adams and McClelland are going to coordinate with the Base to get the names and contact information of any transitioning Marines that are going to stay in the immediate area. We can then focus our recruiting efforts on these Marines rather than chasing down a Marine who is going to transition out of the area.

10.6 Boy Scouts – No report.

10.7 JROTC - All MCJROTC classes at Westover High School are still being held virtually

10.8 Young Marines - Marine Don Gray is in contact with Captain McKenna and his replacement. The Young Marines have moved their operations from the Base to the Civil Air Patrol location at the airport. Late word is that a Mr. Eric Crump is picking up the leadership position for the young Marines. More info to follow.

10.9 POW/MIA – Associate Marine Greg Welch gave his monthly update on this important subject.

* **“Operation Homecoming”** brought home over 600 former POWs held in North Vietnam. DoD records estimated around 900 POWs were held and the North Vietnam plan was to hold the others for ransom but the U.S. Congress refused to pay.

* **“Operation PAVE STRIKE”** was a system wherein each pilot had a code to activate a listening device which would likely release some critical info regarding the pilot's fate. Judicial Watch has submitted a FOIA for the release of this information but DoD has refused to release the content of the listening devices.

11. Correspondence – See Announcements below on Georgia and National conventions.

12. Old Business

* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed. Marines Najjar and Nicholson are working this issue and hope to have something operational in the next month or so. Marine Nicholson's daughter has volunteered to provide some technical assistance in this effort. Hope to have update at next month's meeting.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League – Associate Member Greg Welsh gave an informative update on current status of the POW/MIA program. He discussed "Operation Homecoming" and Pay Spike programs. He will continue to update our membership at our monthly meetings. OORAH Greg!

15. Announcements –

* **Next Month's program** – Colonel Mike Fitzgerald, Commanding officer, MCLB Albany will be our guest speaker at our June 20th meeting. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and welcome Colonel Fitzgerald to our community and detachment. The detachment staff needs your help in coming up with programs that of are interest to our members.

* **MCLB Albany Commissary Sidewalk Sale** – Sidewalk Sale will be held May 26-29 2021 inside Commissary Warehouse. Commissary patrons can stock up on their favorite items at significant savings during Military Appreciation Month Sidewalk Sale. Customers have a variety of options to choose from to include products in the following categories: Snacks, Beverages, Pet Food, International Foods, Baking Goods, Canned Goods, Non-Food Items, and Health & Beauty Products. Call 229-435-1721 if any questions or visit www.commissaries.com.

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Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 15 June 2021

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 - Absent | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – X | - Adjutant Adams - X |

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 4

3. Visitors/Guests:

* Colonel Mike Fitzgerald, Commanding Officer, MCLB Albany gave a very interesting and informative program regarding the mission, objectives of the Marine Corps. SgtMaj Auburne Edwards, MCLB SgtMaj was also a guest.

* Eric Crump, new Director of the Albany Young Marines gave an informative update/status of the newly re-activated Albany Young Marines program.

* Beverly Moody, wife of Marine Ray Moody was also a guest.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for May 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,312.50 Savings Account - \$8,192.19

8. Chaplain's Report:

* Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.

* Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer.

* Marine Jack Hart is also battling some medical issues.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – National By-Laws are on the Department website. Members are encouraged to go online and review the Department's By-Laws submit any comments because they will be submitted for vote at this year's National Convention. Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois from 9-13 August 2021.

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 –

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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 – Two Marines passed during this reporting period.

* Retired USMC MGySgt William E. Pressley passed on 26 May 2021.

* Marine Sgt. James D. Harris passed on 31 May 2021.

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, and Associate Member Ruthie Breton.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 617 flags have been replaced as of today. Marines Jerry Smith and Tim McClelland are doing a great job keeping this project alive and well. If you see flags that need replacing, please contact Jerry (229-291-7095) or Tim (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Marine McClelland will advise when dates are set.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition – No meetings due to pandemic; however, there was a Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester on Memorial Day. Associate Marine Denzil Harrell announced there will be a parade in Leesburg on Veteran's Day. Our Detachment is invited to participate.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information available on next meeting. After a brief discussion about the benefits of our participating in these seminars, Marines Adams and McClelland are going to coordinate with the Base to get the names and contact information of any transitioning Marines that are going to stay in the immediate area. We can then focus our recruiting efforts on these Marines rather than chasing down a Marine who is going to transition out of the area.

10.6 Boy Scouts – No report.

10.7 JROTC - MCJROTC classes are expected to resume in school classes when school reopens this fall.

10.8 Young Marines - Mr. Eric Crump, New Director of the Albany Young Marines gave an update on the reactivated Young Marines program in Albany. The Young Marines meet every other Sunday from 2-5 pm at the Civil Air Patrol location at the Albany Airport. He is seeking Mentors/Volunteers to assist in getting the program rolling again. Eric's contact information is 512-966-9324.

10.9 POW/MIA – Due to time restraints, monthly report was deferred to the July meeting. Thanks to Associate Marine Greg Welsh for his timely updates on this important subject.

11. Correspondence – See Announcements below on Georgia and National conventions.

12. Old Business

* Face book Page for the detachment is still being discussed. Marines Najjar and Nicholson are working this issue and hope to have something operational in the next month or so. Marine Nicholson's daughter has volunteered to provide some technical assistance in this effort. Hope to have update at next month's meeting.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League –

* **Adopt A Marine Project** – Colonel Fitzgerald discussed that the Base was going to implement a program whereby Individuals, families, and organizations would volunteer to adopt Marines from the base. Marine Don Gray is the contact point for our detachment. Marine Ray Moody expressed his interest in getting involved with this worthwhile project.

Don Gray's phone number (936-264-6584) if you are interested in participating in this program.

15. Announcements –

* **Next Month's program** – No program scheduled yet. The detachment staff needs your help in coming up with programs that of are interest to our members.

* **MCL National Convention** - Marine Kirstatter announced that convention registration/hotel reservations 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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(Associate Marine Greg Welsh was able substitute)

Members Present: 12 Associate Members Present: 2 Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests:

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for June 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,499.58 Savings Account - \$8,193.87
Detachment's Flag Program – Deposited \$275 and \$20 to be deposited

A notice will be sent out to start submitting dues. Our latest roster from national reflects several paid members as not paid. A corrected roster has been sent to the department paymaster who in turn forwarded to national for correction in the database. National HQ has indicated a problem with the software and is working with the vendor to clean up the database.

A notice will be sent out asking each member to log in to the database. According to National HQ, each member with a valid email address should be able to access and verify that his/her information is correct in the database. Minor corrections (e.g. name spelling, obvious typos) can be made without national intervening.

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer.
- * Associate Member Deanna Nicholson to have carotid artery blockages cleared on 22 July.
- * Marine Bob Breton to have knee replacement surgery in early August.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – Kudos to Marine Adams for pulling together the detachment history.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – Awaiting a response on our By-laws that have been with Dept JA for a couple of months.

9.5 Quartermaster Report –

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10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Will probably have a cleanup in August or September.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition – No meetings lately. To commemorate 9/11 flags will be placed at the Albany Mall behind the former Gander Mountain building. Flags will most likely be placed on 10 Sept and stay in place for a week. There will also be a Veterans Day parade in Leesburg.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting. Marine Kirstatter said the next session will be the week of 2 August and suggested contacting the base SgtMaj for info.

10.6 Boy Scouts – No report.

10.7 JROTC – Westover held their 1st annual rifle camp this summer. The Dougherty HS unit also participated.

10.8 Young Marines - No report.

10.9 POW/MIA – Associate Marine Greg Welch gave his monthly update on this important subject.

There is an effort to move the remaining 85 bodies from the Cemetery of the Pacific and place them in their final resting place on the Arizona but not identify each one. The DPAA says this would save time and money, but eleven families say that isn't fair and want them identified. This April there was a joint effort along the DMZ in Korea to identify more bodies from the Korean War was conducted.

11. Correspondence – None

12. Old Business – Marine Nicholson's daughter has built a detachment Face Book page and is soliciting photos to post.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League – Associate Member Greg Welsh reported that Parkinsonism, bladder cancer, and hypothyroidism have been added to the Agent Orange exposure list.

Marine Kirstatter reminded the group that he would be attending the national convention and recommended that all review the proposed by-law amendments. Provide any feedback to him.

15. Announcements –

Eagle Cleaners is cleaning flags at no cost through the end of July.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 24 August 2021

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 - Absent
- Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – Absent	- Adjutant Adams – X

(Marine Gil Stokes was able substitute)

Members Present: 12 Associate Members Present: 1 Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: Guest, Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator provided update on Young Marine Program with upcoming Recruit Graduation on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at American Legion Post #30.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for July 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,920.06 Savings Account - \$8,195.61

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer.
- * Marine Bob Breton had knee replacement surgery in early August. He's doing well with his physical rehab therapy.
- * Marine Jack Hart is undergoing Chemo for Bladder Issues.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – None.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – Awaiting a response on our By-laws that have been with Dept JA for a couple of months.

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 – Sad to report that we had Four (4) Marines and One Associate Member passed away during the last month.

Marine Pvt Troy Glover passed on 18 July 2021

Associate Member Kathy Fazekas passed on 9 August 2021

Marine MGySgt Retired John Padden passed on 18 August 2021

Marine Cpl Freeman Burgess JR passed on 20 August 2021

Marine MGySgt Retired Melvyn (Butch) Deubner passed on 22 August 2021

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, and Associate Member Kathy Fazekas.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – No update provided at this meeting. It was previously reported that 623 flags have been replaced to date. 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) or Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Our River Walk clean-ups are normally held in-conjunction with the “Keep Albany Beautiful Program”. Will probably have a cleanup in September.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings lately because of COVID-19 restrictions. Plans to commemorate 9/11 are in state of flux. Thanks to the intercession of Marines Gillan and Nicholson, it appears that approximately 250 flags will be placed at the Albany Mall. Flags will most likely be placed on 6 Sept and be removed on 13 September. An All-Members email will be sent by the Adjutant to seek volunteers to help with marking the Field and placing/removing the flags.

*There will also be a Veterans Day parade in Leesburg.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting.

10.6 Boy Scouts – There was a total of Five (5) Eagle Scout Achievement Certificates and MCL Challenge Coins presented last month by Marines Gillan and Najjar.

* Jacob Guin, Troop 15, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

* Robbie McCarty, Troop 15, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

* Levi Mott, Troop 3, St Teresa’s Church

* Giacomo Palazzolo, Troop 3, St Teresa’s Church

* Caden Woodcock, Troop 3, St Teresa’s Church

10.7 JROTC – No Report.

10.8 Young Marines - Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator provided update on the Albany Young Marine Program with upcoming Recruit Graduation on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at American Legion Post #30 . Additionally, Mr. Crump is looking for a “Volunteer” who has some “Financial Management” background who would be willing to provide some advice/assistance on how to account for any grant funds that the Young Marine Program may receive.

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – Commandant Nicholson provided the names/ranks/service of 7 service members whose remains were identified and returned to the United States for burial.

11. Correspondence – Received several donations in memory of MGySgt. Butch Deubner.

12. Old Business – Marine Nicholson’s daughter has built a detachment Face Book page and is soliciting photos to post.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League – None.

15. Announcements –

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 19 October 2021

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 Harrell – Absent	- Adjutant Adams – X

(Marine Gil Stokes was able substitute)

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 2

Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator was guest.

4. Balloting on Applications for Membership – Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator was sworn in as an Associate Member at our 19 October 21 meeting.

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for August 2021 were approved as posted. No September minutes because meeting was cancelled due to rise in Covid infections.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$4,537.66 Savings Account - \$8,199.03

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Marine Jack Hart is undergoing chemo treatments for bladder.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer. He has one more chemo treatment and hopefully will return to active status.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – None.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – National By-Laws were approved at the 2021 National Convention. Detachment SJA Murphy will coordinate our review of our Detachment By-Laws to ensure we are in compliance with National.

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 – Sad to report that we had Two (2) Marines pass away during the last month.

Marine Cpl. Cecil Watkins passed on 28 Sep 2121

Marine GySgt Retired Calvin Bentley passed on 2 October 2021

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, and Associate Member Kathy Fazekas.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 626 flags have been replaced to date. 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) or Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Our River Walk clean-ups are normally held in-conjunction with the “Keep Albany Beautiful Program”. Will probably have a cleanup in November-December timeframe.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks to the intercession of Marines Gillan and Nicholson, approximately 250 flags were placed at the Albany Mall.

*There will also be a Veterans Day parade in Leesburg.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting.

10.6 Boy Scouts – No report.

10.7 JROTC – Program numbers are currently on the low side but numbers are anticipated to increase as school year continues. Fourteen Cadets marched at Albany State University Homecoming parade. New Color Guard will participate on Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Phoebe Putney Hospital on November 11th at the 11th hour and 11th minute.

10.8 Young Marines

* Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator, announced that a graduation ceremony was held at the American Legion on Sunday, 10/17. There were 4 recruit graduates.

* Additionally, there were 4 promotions and 4 new recruits.

* Additionally, Mr. Crump is looking for a “Volunteer” who has some “Financial Management” background who would be willing to provide some advice/assistance on how to account for any grant funds that the Young Marine Program may receive.

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No report.

11. Correspondence – Received thank you letter from the Young Marines in appreciation for our Detachment’s \$500.00 donation.

12. Old Business – Marine Nicholson’s daughter has built a detachment Face Book page and is soliciting photos to post.

13. New Business

* Wreaths Across America – Commandant Nicholson received phone call from Bennett Motor Express who provides transportation of the Wreaths to participating cemeteries. They have wrapped aa their trailers with a scene that depicts those servicemen (11 Marines; 1 Soldier; and 1 Navy member) who died in Afghanistan during the evacuation. They will have a dedication ceremony at their terminal in McDonough, GA on 17 December and convoy from there to Andersonville. The Gold Star family members have been invited to attend dedication and their expenses paid by Bennett trucking. Commandant Nicholson has the McDonough address if anyone is interested in attending. If we have enough interest, the commandant will drive the American Legion van.

Wreaths will be laid on 18 December. Time to be provided. Believe it is 0800.

14. Good of the League

* Veteran’s Day parade in Leesburg on November 11th.

* Veteran’s Day Flag raising, breakfast and guest speaker will be held at American Legion Post #30 on Gillionville Road. Flag raising takes place at 0745.

15. Announcements

* The Detachment made a \$100.00 donation to the Marine Corps League Foundation.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 16 November 2021

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 - Absent
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Harrell – Absent	- Adjutant Adams – X

(Marine Gil Stokes was able substitute)

Members Present: 16

Associate Members Present: 2

Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: Mr. Mike Paradise was guest of Marine Bob Adams. Bob & Mike have been friends for 76 years. He was Best Man at Kay & Bob's wedding 60 years ago.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for October 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$4,636.09	Savings Account - \$8,200.77
Flag Program - \$5,556.87	

8. Chaplain's Report:

- * Marine Buff Askey continues to fight Parkinson's.
- * Marine Jack Hart is undergoing chemo treatments for bladder.
- * Associate Member Greg Welsh continues to undergo treatment for recurrence of his cancer. He has one more chemo treatment and hopefully will return to active status.
- * Associate Member Denzil Harrell continues to recover from his car accident.

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – None.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – No report.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – National By-Laws were approved at the 2021 National Convention. Detachment SJA Murphy will coordinate our review of our Detachment By-Laws to ensure we are in compliance with National.

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 passed away this past month. OoRah!

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, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, and Associate Member Kathy Fazekas.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 627 flags have been replaced to date. 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) or Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Our River Walk clean-ups are normally held in-conjunction with the “Keep Albany Beautiful Program”. Will probably have a cleanup in December 2021– January 2022 timeframe.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting.

10.6 Boy Scouts – Future Eagle Scouts renovated bridge at Albany YMCA Sports Park.

10.7 JROTC – Color Guard participated in Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Phoebe Putney Hospital on November 11th at the 11th hour and 11th minute.

10.8 Young Marines

* Eric Crump, Young Marines Coordinator, announced that they now had 20 members.

* Additionally, Mr. Crump is still looking for a “Volunteer” who has some “Financial Management” background who would be willing to provide some advice/assistance on how to account for any grant funds that the Young Marine Program may receive.

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business –

* Marine Nicholson's daughter has built a detachment Face Book page and is soliciting photos to post.

* Wreaths Across America – Commandant Nicholson received phone call from Bennett Motor Express who provides transportation of the Wreaths to participating cemeteries. They have wrapped aa their trailers with a scene that depicts those servicemen (11 Marines; 1 Soldier; and 1 Navy member) who died in Afghanistan during the evacuation. They will have a dedication ceremony at their terminal in McDonough, GA on 17 December and convoy from there to Andersonville. The Gold Star family members have been invited to attend dedication and their expenses paid by Bennett trucking. Commandant Nicholson has the McDonough address if anyone is interested in attending. If we have enough interest, the commandant will drive the American Legion van.

Wreaths will be laid on 18 December. Time to be provided. Believe it is 0800.

13. New Business –

* Marine Bob Adams made motion for the Detachment to purchase 30 wreaths for Wreaths Across America ceremony on 18 December at National cemetery at Andersonville, GA. Marine Ron Kirstatter seconded the motion and membership approved the motion. Paymaster Najjar will make payment.

14. Good of the League

* Detachment conducted a brief ceremony to celebrate the 246th Birthday of the Marine Corps. The brief ceremony consisted of the following:

1. Commandant Nicholson read General Lejeune's original 1921 Birthday Message.
2. Adjutant Adams read the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Daniel Berger's annual birthday message.
3. Marine Dan Gillan played the Marine Corps hymn on the Bag Pipes. It was great. Thanks Dan.
4. Commandant Nicholson presented the 1st piece of cake to Marine Don Dally the oldest Marine present = 92 years young.
5. Commandant Nicholson then presented the 2nd piece of cake to Marine Don Mills, the youngest Marine present = 55 years young.

15. Announcements - None

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 14 December 2021

1. Meeting - Called to order by Commandant Nicholson at 1830. Business meeting not conducted because of our annual Christmas Awards/Dinner meeting.

2. Roll Call:

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

(Marine Gil Stokes was able substitute)

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 4

Guest: 10

3. Visitors/Guests: We had 10 guests (Wives of Members).

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for November 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – No Report	Savings Account – No Report
Flag Program – No Report	

8. Chaplain's Report: No Report

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No Report.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No Report.

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10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – No 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, Dawaine Lake, Associate Member Marilyn McClelland, Marine Bill Hammack, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, and Associate Member Kathy Fazekas.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – No report. If you see flags that need replacing, please contact Jerry (229-291-7095) or Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

10.3 River Walk – No date has been set for next quarterly clean-up. Our River Walk clean-ups are normally held in-conjunction with the “Keep Albany Beautiful Program”. Will probably have a cleanup in December 2021– January 2022 timeframe.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions.

10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) – No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting.

10.6 Boy Scouts – No Report.

10.7 JROTC –No Report.

10.8 Young Marines – No Report.

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business –

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* Wreaths Across America – Commandant Nicholson received phone call from Bennett Motor Express who provides transportation of the Wreaths to participating cemeteries. They have wrapped aa their trailers with a scene that depicts those servicemen (11 Marines; 1 Soldier; and 1 Navy member) who died in Afghanistan during the evacuation.

Wreaths will be laid on 18 December following a welcoming/thanking ceremony at 1200.

13. New Business – The following awards were presented to recognize the contributions of members of our Detachment:

* Marine Corps League Certificates of Appreciation:

Marines Bob Adams; Bob Breton; Tim McClelland; Joe Najjar; Jerry Smith; Gil Stokes;

River Pointe Owners Angie & Toney Bowles

Marine Corps League Certificates of Community Service

Associate Marine Eric Crump; Marine Dan Gillan; Marine JJ Kraus; Marine Don Mills; Marine Nick Nicholson

14. Good of the League – The following did not occur during the meeting but I wanted to make our participation in the Wreaths Across America a matter of record. A special thanks to Marines Adams, Breton, McClelland, Najjar, Nicholson, Stokes, Woodcock (Jon) and Woodcock (Tracey) for serving on the detail that formally recognized/honored the memories of the 13 U. S. Service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in Kabul Afghanistan on August 26th.

15. Announcements - None

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