# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 18 January 2022

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 Stokes – X - Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 14 Associate Members Present: 2 Guest: 0

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – Ron Kirstatter, Past Commandant of Georgia Department served as Installing Officer of the newly elected and appointed Officers of the detachment for 2022. All positions filled except for Senior Vice Commandant because the transfer request for Marine Jon Woodcock is still in progress. Plan is to elect/install Marine Jon Woodcock at February meeting of the detachment.

**6. Minutes** for December 2021 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$4,156.37 Savings Account – \$8,204.20

Flag Program – \$5,656.87

**8. Chaplain's Report** – Please keep Marines Askey, Hart and Associate Marine Welsh in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with various medical issues.

- 9. Officers' Reports:
- **9.1 Commandant** Department Convention is May 13-14 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta (North Alpharetta)
- **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** – One (1) Marine passed away this period. Marine GySgt Vincent J Rush Jr. passed on 28 November 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 632 flags have been replaced. 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".

### 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. POC is Christopher Sanders, 639-5426 and email Christopher.sanders@usmc.mil. Next meeting is scheduled on 31 January.
- 10.6 Boy Scouts No Report.
- **10.7 JROTC** –No Report.
- **10.8 Young Marines** No Report.
- 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.
- **13. New Business** Date to be announced for volunteers to assist in removing the Wreaths from Anderson National Cemetery
- **14**. **Good of the League** None.

#### 15. Announcements -

- \* Commandant Nicholson said the American Legion is still looking for volunteers to assist in the Honors Program (Rifle Detail) for Fallen Veterans.
- \* Adjutant Adams is soliciting names/ideas for future programs for our monthly meetings.
- \* Marine Najjar has raffle tickets for the annual "30 Guns for 30 Days". Tickets are \$30 and there will be a daily drawing for 30 days in March and someone will win a gun each day. The winning number will be based on the mid-day lottery drawing, Cash 3 numbers.
- \* There will be a Fish fry at American Legion Post #30 on 2/11/22. Proceeds will be applied to repairs/maintenance of the Legion's 40 and 8 train.

Adjourned at 1915 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 15 February 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 15 Associate Members Present: 3 Guest: 2

**3. Visitors/Guests**: Eileen Najjar was guest of her husband, Marine Joe Najjar. Mr. Shaun Cookson, Superintendent of Operations, Albany Airport was our speaker for our monthly meeting.

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

**5. Installation of Detachment Officers** – Commandant Tim McClelland served as Installing Officer of the Detachment's Senior Vice Commandant, Jon Woodcock.

**6. Minutes** for January 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,705.32 Savings Account – \$8,205.94

Flag Program – \$4,884.78

**8. Chaplain's Report** – Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Marines Harrell and Welsh in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with various medical issues.

- 9. Officers' Reports:
- **9.1 Commandant** Department Convention is May 13-14 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta (North Alpharetta)
- **9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** No Report.
- 9.3 Jr Vice Commandant No Report.
- **9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** –Detachment SJA Murphy read the new National/Department By-Law change regarding actions to be taken if "Dissolution' of the Detachment would ever occur. Adjutant Bob Adams will submit this By-Law change to the membership via email so they are aware of the change and will be ready to vote on acceptance of the change at our March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

# 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** Three (3) Marines passed away this period.
- \* Marine GySgt John L Hughes passed on 17 January 2022.
- \* Marine Cpl. Paul M. Irvin passed on 21 January 2022.
- \* Marine Cpl. James H. Adkinson passed on 10 February 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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 634 flags have been replaced. 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".

## 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. POC is Christopher Sanders, 639-5426 and email Christopher.sanders@usmc.mil.
- **10.6 Boy Scouts** Marine Najjar stated that there were several scouts in the pipeline to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.
- **10.7 JROTC** –No Report.
- **10.8 Young Marines** Associate Marine Eric Crump (Young Marines Coordinator) gave update on the Young Marines program. There are currently 20 Young Marines in the program. Two recruits will graduate in March. The YMs contributed over 450 hours of community service in 2021. The YMs meet every other Sunday at the Civil Air Patrol building located at the Albany Airport from 1400 1700.

Associate Member Crump is actively seeking volunteers to assist in improving the program. Eric can be reached at 512-966-9324.

- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- 12. Old Business None.

\* 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** – Marines Joe Najjar and JJ Kraus were presented Certificates of Appreciation and Community Service for their contributions to the Marine Corps League and the Local community during 2021.

### 15. Announcements -

- \* Commandant Nicholson said the American Legion is still looking for volunteers to assist in the Honors Program (Rifle Detail) for Fallen Veterans.
- \* Adjutant Adams is soliciting names/ideas for future programs for our monthly meetings.
- \* Marine Najjar has raffle tickets for the annual "30 Guns for 30 Days". Tickets are \$30 and there will be a daily drawing for 30 days in March and someone will win a gun each day. The winning number will be based on the mid-day lottery drawing, Cash 3 numbers.
- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held on 26 March, 2022 in Warner Robins, GA. Hotel reservations can be made at LaQuinta, 4080 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA 31093. Phone # is 478-333-6920. Reservations have to be made by 25 Feb. ode for reservations is "Marines Dept of Georgia. Cost is \$104 + tax. Includes breakfast.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 15 March 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 16 Associate Members Present: 3 Guest: 0

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

**6. Minutes** for February 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,574.15 Savings Account – \$8,207.51

8. Chaplain's Report – Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Marine Harrell in your 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** –Detachment SJA Murphy read the new Detachment By-Law changes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading regarding actions to be taken if "Dissolution' of the Detachment would ever occur. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, there was a motion and second to approve the By-law changes and the members present approved the changes. The approved Detachment by-laws will be forwarded to Department for review and subsequent submission to National.

- \* 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 (2) Marines passed away this period.
- \* Marine Captain, Frank Walker, USMC Retired passed on 26 February 2022.
- \* Marine GySgt. Larry Giese, USMC Retired passed on 6 March 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, and Frank Walker.

- **10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee 636 flags have been replaced. 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** —There will be a Clean- up on 15-16 April in conjunction Keep Albany Beautiful "Stash the Trash" project.

#### 10.4 Veteran's Coalition -

- \* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions. There is a rumor that there will be a Memorial Day parade in Sylvester. American Legion Post #30 will participate. MCL Members encouraged to participate.
- **10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting. POC is Christopher Sanders, 639-5426 and email Christopher.sanders@usmc.mil.
- **10.6 Boy Scouts** Marine Najjar stated that there were several scouts in the pipeline to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.
- **10.7 JROTC** –Marine Mills reported that the JROTC unit provided Color Guard at Merry Acres Junior High School to celebrate Black History Month. The unit provide a woman cadet speaker at Daughters of American Revolution meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the speech was well received. The unit's year end banquet will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Westover High School cafeteria.
- **10.8 Young Marines** Associate Marine Eric Crump (Young Marines Coordinator) announced that there will be a recruit graduation on 3/27 at 3 PM at American Legion Post #30. They currently have 22 participants in the YM program. The YMs meet every other Sunday at the Civil Air Patrol building located at the Albany Airport from 1400 1700.

Associate Member Crump is actively seeking volunteers to assist in improving the program. Eric can be reached at 512-966-9324.

- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- **12. Old Business** None.
- \* 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 – N/A

## 15. Announcements -

- \* Department Staff Meeting will be held on 26 March, 2022 in Warner Robins, GA. Hotel reservations can be made at LaQuinta, 4080 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA 31093. Phone # is 478-333-6920. Reservations have to be made by 25 Feb. Upon check in, refer to "Marines Dept of Georgia. Cost is \$104 + tax. Includes breakfast.
- \* MCL Department of Georgia's annual convention will be held 13 & 14 May at the Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta, North Alpharetta, GA, 4025 Windward Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30005,
- \* MCL National Convention will be held 8/15 8/19 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 19 April 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - Absent

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 12 Associate Members Present: 2 Guest: 0

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

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

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

**6. Minutes** for March 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,743.18 Savings Account – \$8,209.15

Draft Cash Flow Statement for 2022 – Paymaster Najjar passed out a draft/working copy of the Detachment's 2022 Cash Flow Budget. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Cash Flow Budget. Copy is attached. Actual Expenses will be dependent on the detachment's ability to raise funds to cover projected expenses. Please submit any comments/recommendations to Paymaster Najjar.

- **8. Chaplain's Report** Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Marine Harrell in your 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 Anticipate we will receive approved By-Laws by end of April.

## 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** One Marine passed away this period.
- \* Marine GySgt. Kenneth Kilbilko, USMC Retired passed on 6 April 2022.

Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, and Frank Walker.

- **10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee 639 flags have been replaced. 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** Clean- up was held on 15-16 April in conjunction with "Keep Albany Beautiful "Stash the Trash" project. Thanks to Marines McClelland, Najjar, Stokes, Steward, Adams, Cerney, and Kraus.

#### 10.4 Veteran's Coalition -

- \* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions. There will be a Memorial Day parade in Sylvester. American Legion Post #30 will participate. MCL Members encouraged to participate. Our Detachment may participate in the Veteran's Day parade in Lee County in November.
- **10.5 Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS)** No information has been provided by MCLB on next meeting. POC is Christopher Sanders, 639-5426 and email Christopher.sanders@usmc.mil.
- **10.6 Boy Scouts** Marine Gillan presented Eagle Coin and Community Service Certificate to Braydon Armstrong, Troop 15 Albany in April.
- **10.7 JROTC** No Report
- **10.8 Young Marines** No Report.

Associate Member Crump is actively seeking volunteers to assist in improving the program. Eric can be reached at 512-966-9324.

- 10.9 POW/MIA No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- 12. Old Business None.
- \* Marine Nicholson's daughter has built a detachment Face Book page and is soliciting photos to post.

#### 13. New Business -

\* Detachment is planning picnic for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marine Nicholson's daughter on Storey Lane in Lee County. Marine Adams will send email requesting RSVP. The Detachment will provide Hotdogs/Burgers, Rolls, condiments etc. Attendees will be asked to provide their own beverages and to provide a covered dish or dessert to share. Please bring a lawn chair and the swimming pool will be

available for those wishing to participate. The picnic will be a great opportunity for our members and their families to get to know one another. TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More.

## **14**. Good of the League – N/A

## 15. Announcements -

- \* MCL Department of Georgia's annual convention will be held 13 & 14 May at the Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta, North Alpharetta, GA, 4025 Windward Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30005,
- \* MCL National Convention will be held 8/15 8/19 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
- \* MCLB is resuming the Veteran's Breakfast on Wednesday 4 May at 0600. Cost is \$6.50. All veterans are welcome not just retired veterans.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 17 May 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - Absent

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 11 Associate Members Present: 2 Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: 1 guest spouse present.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

**6. Minutes** for April 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,619.21 Savings Account – \$8,210.94

- **8. Chaplain's Report** Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Marines Harrell and Welsh in your 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 Judge Advocate** Our by-laws are still with the Department. As JA Delk transitions to Dept. Jr. Vice she is working with the new department JA. Consequently, we do not know when our by-laws will be returned approved or with the need for additional revision.

- \* 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** One Marine passed away this period.
- \* Marine Pvt. Judson M. Cain, 91, passed on 20 April 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, and Frank Walker.

- **10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee 643 (16 in the last month) flags have been replaced. 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** Clean- up was held on 15-16 April. The detachment received a certificate of appreciation from Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful for participating in their "Stash the Trash" project.

### 10.4 Veteran's Coalition -

There will be a Memorial Day parade in Sylvester. American Legion Post #30 will participate. MCL Members encouraged to participate. Our Detachment may participate in the Veteran's Day parade in Lee County in November.

- **10.5** Boy Scouts Marine Gillan present one Eagle Coin and Community Service Certificate upon notification of the date for an Eagle Court of Honor. In addition, 1 scout was approved for Eagle on 15 May, and a scout from SWGA's first all girl troop completed her Eagle project on 13 May.
- **10.7 JROTC** No Report
- 10.8 Young Marines No Report.
- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11. Correspondence** None.
- **12. Old Business Detachment** picnic. Few RSVPs to date. A follow up Allmembers will go out with a deadline to respond.

#### 13. New Business -

Marine Kirstatter presented a streamer from the SE Division Conference (1260 was 1 of 4 Georgia detachments to attend).

- **14**. **Good of the League** Marine Kirstatter presented highlights from the Department Convention:
  - Adopt A Marine trifold has been developed
  - National Commandant attended and reported:
  - Relationship with the Marine Corps is building and members are rem9inded that we represent the Marine Corps and we are to act and "dress" appropriately as League members representing the Marine Corps.

- All detachments should be involved in Toys for Tots, Young Marines, marine or Life, and MCJROTC.
- Reminded members to use the chain of command and to use the latest forms posted in the members library on the national website.
- Paymasters should access the members portal and verify email addresses so that individual members can receive information from national directly and to make minor changes to their profiles (e.g. email and mailing addresses)
- National has a Commandant's Corner on Facebook and hosts monthly Commandants Council meetings that are open to all members.

## Other notes:

- Provide any detachment history items to Bernard Bledsoe
- All 7 by law changes presented at the convention were approved. It is important to note that 1 is somewhat punitive in that detachments that do not send at least 1 representative to quarterly staff meetings risk having their charters suspended.
- Bill Miller presented a balanced budget for the department.
- National has a scholarship program that is underutilized. Details are on the national foundation's website.
- The newly elected Department Officers are:
- Commandant Bill Miller
- Sr. Vice Commandant Rex Delk
- Jr. Vice Commandant Lisa Delk
- Judge Advocate Alton "Doc" Coleman
- Next quarterly staff meeting is 23 July; probably in Newnan.
- Department Convention 2023 will be in Warner Robins.

#### 15. Announcements -

Adjourned at 1915 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 21 June 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - Absent - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 10 Associate Members Present: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

**6. Minutes** for May 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,455.52 Savings Account – \$8,212.68

- **8. Chaplain's Report** Please keep Marines Askey and Smith; Associate Members Harrell and Welsh in your 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 Judge Advocate** Our by-laws are still with the Department. At the Dept Convention Marine Kirstatter addressed the issue with the immediate past and current Judge Advocates. There is one wording change required and once made, the by-laws will be approved.

- \* 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 passed away this period.
- \* Marine GySgt Richard B. Owens, 87 passed on 27 May 2022 and Marine MGySgt Jeff Crawford passed on 8 June 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, and Frank Walker.

**10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 643 previously reported. At least 1 more flag has been replaced since then. 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 updates.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition -

No report

**10.5 Boy Scouts** – Marine Najjar reported that 5 Scouts were approved for Eagle on 12 June. Presentations are pending their respective Courts of Honor.

**10.7 JROTC** – No Report

**10.8 Young Marines** – Associate Member Crump reported that the program is now up to 30 with 10 graduating from boot camp in August. He also has a list of individuals waiting to join. Mitchell County Middle School is activating an AFJROTC Program so the YM unit has shut down. MSgt Lowman is passing equipment and other materiel to our Albany unit.

- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- 12. Old Business Detachment
- 13. New Business -
- **14. Good of the League** Marine Kirstatter stated that social media is booming with information from National and reminded the membership that the Commandant's Corner (via Zoom) is open to all members. He also noted that National expanded its capacity with Zoom so that more people could participate.
  - The National Convention will be held in August 15 19 in Daytona Beach, Fl.

#### 15. Announcements -

Adjourned at 1857 with the singing of Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 19 July 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X
 - Sgt-At-Arms Stokes – X
 - Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 19 Associate Members Present: 3

3. Visitors/Guests: Kathleen Rush, wife of Deceased Gunnery Sgt Vincent Rush

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

**6. Minutes** for June 2022 were approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$3,816.55 Savings Account – \$8,214.37

- 8. Chaplain's Report Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Member Welsh in your prayers.
- 9. Officers' Reports:
- **9.1 Commandant** No Report.
- **9.2 Sr Vice Commandant** Informed membership that MGen. Kenneth Reventlow assumed command of Marine Corps Logistics Command on 18 July 2022.
- **9.3** Jr Vice Commandant No Report.
- **9.4 Staff Judge Advocate** Final version of by-laws will be signed by Commandant McClelland and forwarded to Department and National.

- \* 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** One Marine passed away this period. MGySgt John A. Wesley passed on 6/15/22.

\* Marine GySgt Richard B. Owens, 87 passed on 27 May 2022 and Marine MGySgt Jeff Crawford passed on 8 June 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, and Frank Walker.

- **10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** 647 flags have been replaced. 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 updates.
- 10.4 Veteran's Coalition No report
- **10.5 Boy Scouts** Marine Gillan presented four Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award Certificates and Eagle Scout Challenge Coins at  $1^{st}$  Baptist Church of Albany on 7/10/22. Troop 1

Trevor Scott Shipley Logan James Conley Alexander Thomas Collins

Troop 15

**Anthony Michael Fiorito** 

- **10.7 JROTC** No Report
- **10.8 Young Marines** No Report.
- 10.9 POW/MIA No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- **12. Old Business** None.
- 13. New Business None.
- 14. Good of the League -
  - The National Convention will be held from August 15 19 in Daytona Beach, Fl.
- **15.** Announcements None.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 16 August 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - Absent

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X
 - Sgt-At-Arms Stokes – X
 - Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 19 Associate Members Present: 4

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

- **4.** Balloting on Applications for Membership Two new members sworn in to our detachment. They are Conrad Potts, SgtMaj USMC Retired and Katheen Rush (Associate Marine).
- **5.** Installation of Detachment Officers N/A.
- **6. Minutes** for July 2022 were approved as posted.
- 7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account \$3,669.64 Savings Account \$8,216.11
- **8. Chaplain's Report** Please keep Marine Askey and Associate Marine Denzil Harris in your 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** Working on 5 minor changes that were submitted by the new Department SJA.

- \* 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** One Marine passed away this period. Detachment Member MSgt Felix DeMuth passed on 6/1/22.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker and Felix DeMuth.

- **10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** 650 flags have been replaced. 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 updates.
- 10.4 Veteran's Coalition Veteran's Day Parade will be held on 5 November in Leesburg.
- **10.5 Boy Scouts** Marine Najjar announced that there are 6 more Eagle Scout Courts of Honor to be held in the near future.
- **10.7 JROTC** Marine Don Mills stated that they have 96 cadets to start the 2022-23 school year. Don also stated that Westover is looking for a new Marine Instructor for the unit.
- **10.8 Young Marines** Associate Marine Eric Crump revealed that the Young Marines received an award for leading the Rebirth of the Albany Young Marine Program this year. A graduation ceremony for 9 Young Marines will be held at the American Legion Post 30 on Gillionville Road on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ceremony begins at 3 PM. Also, they will have between 10-12 new recruits which will start after Labor Day.
- 10.9 POW/MIA No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- **12. Old Business** None.
- 13. New Business None.
- 14. Good of the League -
  - The National Convention will be held from August 15 19 in Daytona Beach, Fl.
- **15.** Announcements None.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 20 September 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - Absent

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X
 - Sgt-At-Arms Stokes – X
 - Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 10 Associate Members Present: 4

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

4. Balloting on Applications for Membership –

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

**6. Minutes** for July 2022 were approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$3,957.68 Savings Account – \$8,217.85

**8. Chaplain's Report** – Please keep Marine Askey, Marine Jack Hart and Associate Marine Denzil Harris in your 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** Read the final 5 changes that were subsequently approved by a vote of the members attending the detachment meeting. The final By-Laws were signed by Commandant Tim McClelland and SJA Ray Murphy and sent to Georgia Department.

The five changes read and approved dealt with:

- Members are considered delinquent if their dues are not transmitted to Department annually by 31 August.
- Detachment By-Laws must be in agreement with National/Department/Detachment By-Laws.
- Board of Trustees Consists of Elected Officers and Past Jr. Commandant. Board Members MUST BE Marines.
- Article 8 Committees 1) Finance Committee will "Review" financial records versus "Audit" because only CPAs can Audit financial records; 2) Awards Committee must contain at least 3 members.

#### 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** One Marine and one Associate Member passed away this period.
- \* MSgt Bob Miksad, USMC Retired passed on 8/28/22.
- \* Associate Member Greg Welsh, USAF passed on 9/9/22.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth and Associate Member Greg Welsh.

- **10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee 652 flags have been replaced. 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 updates. Marines McClelland and Adams will recon our portion of the riverwalk to see if cleanup is required.
- **10.4 Veteran's Coalition** Veteran's Day Parade scheduled on 5 November in Leesburg has been cancelled due to lack of participation. Lee County Christmas Parade is still on. Date to be announced.
- **10.5** Boy Scouts Three new Eagle Scout presentations are currently being planned.
- **10.7 JROTC** No Report.
- **10.8 Young Marines** Associate Member Eric Crump stated that they currently have 20 Young Marines with 9 new recruits beginning the YM program. Young Marines are scheduled to participate in Albany's Business Community Exposition; Salty Sandbagger Golf Tournament, Pink Cancer Program. Eric is planning to send 4 YMs to the Junior Leadership Program.
- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- **12. Old Business** None.
- **13. New Business** Marine Bob Adams made a motion to recognize the continuing generosity and cooperation of the River Pointe Golf Course owners (Angie and Toney Bowles) by proposing the detachment purchased a \$150.00 Gift card and present the gift card to Toney & Angie at our 18 October

2022 meeting. The motion was seconded, discussion was held and the motion was unanminously approved.

# 14. Good of the League -

# **15.** Announcements – None.

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

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 18 October 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock - X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar – X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 15 Associate Members Present: 6

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

4. Balloting on Applications for Membership –

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

**6. Minutes** for August 2022 were approved as posted.

**7. Paymaster's Report:** Checking Account – \$2,371.49 Savings Account – \$8,219.57

**8. Chaplain's Report** – Please keep Marine Askey, Marine Jack Hart, Marine Conrad Potts and Associate Marine Denzil Harris in your 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** Department SJA has our By-Laws and will review this weekend (22-23 October). He will deliver the approved By-Laws to Commandant McClelland at the November Department Staff Meeting.

- \* 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** – One Marine passed away this period. MGySgt. Lavon Sheffield passed away on 20 September 2022.

**Detachment Fallen Brothers/Sisters** – 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, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth and Associate Member Greg Welsh.

- **10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee** 656 flags have been replaced. 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 updates. Marines McClelland and Adams will recon our portion of the riverwalk to see if cleanup is required.
- **10.4 Veteran's Coalition** Lee County Christmas Parade will be held at 10AM on Saturday, 3 December. Albany's Christmas parade will be held at 1800 on Saturday 3 December. Marine Nicholson invited Detachment members to ride on the American Legion's 40 & 8 Train.
- **10.5 Boy Scouts** No Eagle Scout presentations at this time. Presentation will be conducted in the near future as the 1<sup>st</sup> Female Scout will receive her Eagle Award.
- **10.7 JROTC** 30 Marine Cadets participated in the Albany State University's Homecoming Parade. The unit will also participate in MCLB Albany's November 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake Cutting Celebration at 1000 on the parade deck in front of Building 3500. The unit will provide a Color Guard for Phoebe Putney's Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **10.8 Young Marines** The Young Marine Program is moving along well due to the outstanding leadership being provided by Associate Member Eric Crump. Eric is looking for mentors so here's an opportunity for a detachment member to jump in and provide your expertise in assisting Eric in moving the YM program forward. **Remember these young people will be tomorrow's leaders**.
- **10.9 POW/MIA** No Report.
- **11.** Correspondence None.
- 12. Old Business None.
- **13. New Business** None.
- **14**. **Good of the League** As approved during our September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Commandant McClelland presented a \$150.00 Gift Card to River Pointe owners Angie and Toney Bowles to show our appreciation for their continued generosity and support of our Detachment.
- **15. Announcements** 1) Marine Nicholson has asked for volunteers to assist the American Legion's Rifle Team which provides support to Fallen Veteran's funeral services in the surrounding area.

- 2) American Legion will hold its annual Flag Raising at 0800 at Post 30 on Veteran's Day, 11 November. Following the Flag Raising, there will be breakfast and our own Marine Dan Gillan will be the Guest Speaker. Let's have a good turnout of Detachment members. If you can attend, please wear your Red Cap and if you have them, wear your blue shirt and Khaki trousers.
- 3) After the Veteran's event on the 11<sup>th</sup>, any member who can make it is requested to go to Crown Hill Cemetery where we will place a flower wreath on the Gravesite of Major Larry DesJardines and his wife Mary. This event will only take 10-15 minutes of your time.
- 4) Marine Kirstatter announced that the 100<sup>th</sup> MCL Convention (2023) will be held in Oklahoma and the 101<sup>st</sup> Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado. Details to be provided at a later date.

Adjourned at 1905 with the singing of Marine's Hymn – OOHRAH!

# Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260 Albany, Georgia Minutes of 20 December 2022

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X

- Jr Vice Commandant Smith - X - Judge Advocate Murphy - X

- Paymaster Najjar - X - Chaplain Breton - X

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

Members Present: 15 Associate Members Present: 5 Guest: 10

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

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

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

6. Minutes for November 2022 – No meeting minutes because quorum not present

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.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – No Report.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate - No Report.

**9.5 Quartermaster Report** – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

**10.1 Fallen Marine Program** – Chaplain Bob Breton gave an inspiring presentation on Fallen Marines to include the "Fallen Marine" Table.

**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, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, and Associate Member Greg Welsh.

- **10.2** LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee No report. If you see flags that need replacing, please contact Jerry Smith (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 -
- **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; Don Gray; Ron Kirstatter; Ray Murphy; Joe Najjar; Jerry Smith; Gil Stokes; River Pointe Owners Angie & Toney Bowles

## **Marine Corps League Certificates of Community Service**

Marines Dan Gillan; JJ Kraus; Don Mills; Nick Nicholson

### **Marine Corps League Meritorious Individual Commendation:**

Marines Bob Breton; Tim McClelland

### **Marine Corps League Associate Member of the Year**

**Eric Crump** 

**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, Gillan, McClelland, Najjar, Steward, Stokes, Woodcock (Jon) and Associate Members Andrea Gillan, Denzil and Melba Harrell and Kathy Rush for their participation. Also participating were Eileen Najjar and two of her grandchildren. If I missed anyone, please accept my sincere apology.

**15. Announcements** – Special recognition is due to Marine Dan Gillan our "Bagpiper Extraordinaire" who enhanced our Dinner/Awards night with his outstanding renditions of Amazing Grace, Scottish Folk Song, and Marine Corps Hymn. Well done Marine - OOHRAH!

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Following are the current nominations for Elected Officers for our Detachment in 2023. Their names will be officially announced at our January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. The floor will be opened for any additional nominations submitted by our members. We will then take a vote and install the elected officers. Please attend and let your voice be heard.

Nominations are:

Commandant – Tim McClelland Senior Vice Commandant – Jon Woodcock Junior Vice Commandant – Will Davis Judge Advocate – Ray Murphy

Thanks to these members who have stepped forward to lead our detachment.

Adjourned at 2030