

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 17 January 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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

Marine Nicholson filled in for Marine Stokes

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 2

Guest: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: We had 1 guest (Albany Police Chief Michael Persley).

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A. Will be conducted at February 21st meeting.

6. Minutes for December 2022 posted and approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,361.57 Savings Account – \$8,224.73

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, Potts, and Stokes in our prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – Informed the detachment that we had received 2 awards from the Georgia Department.

+ National Junior Vice Commandant's Citation for meritorious service to the MCL by exceeding our previous year's membership,

+ Meritorious Unit Commendation from the Georgia Department Commandant in recognition and appreciation for our continued dedication to the MCL and the Department of Georgia for the past 15 years or more.

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 – One Marine and one Associate Member passed away.

- 1) Marine LtCol Joseph Burger, Jr passed on 25 December 2022.
- 2) Associate Member, Denzil Harrell passed on 11 January 2023.

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

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”. Marines McClelland and Adams will recon our part of Riverwalk to see if cleanup is required.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions. Marine Nicholson said that former leader has no interest in keeping the coalition active so Nick stated he will consider helping to reenergize the coalition.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – Three scouts were awarded their Eagle Scout Certificates and coins on January 12th. The scouts were from Troop #15:

- 1)Trey Mitchell
- 2) Sean Hoover
- 3) Aiden Vargovich

Three more scouts will attain their Eagle rank on 23 April 2023. Additionally, there may be 3 additional scouts obtaining their Eagle ranks.

10.7 JROTC – Following are activities that the unit participated in:

- 1) Provided 17 volunteers in support of Toys for Tots distribution.
- 2) Provided escorts for the Phoenix Senior Living Christmas Pageant.
- 3) Rang the Bell for Salvation Army at Eastside Walmart.
- 4) Provided color guard for Army Jazz Ensemble at Albany Municipal Auditorium
- 5) Conducting Fund Raiser by selling Christmas Bars - \$1 per bar. Marine Mills can take orders at February meeting.

10.8 Young Marines – No official report; however, Marine Dan Gillan announced that the new meeting place for the Young Marines will be at the Albany Area YMCA. Thanks Dan for stepping up to give the Young Marines a new home.

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None.

14. Good of the League – None.

15. Announcements:

- 1) Memorial Service for Associate Member Denzil Harrell will be held on Friday, 1/20/23 at Andersonville at 1000.
- 2) Wreaths will be removed from gravesites at Andersonville on Saturday, 1/28/23 at 0900. Please call Marine McClelland at 229-869-7119 to arrange carpool if you plan on participating. Thanks.
- 3) Associate Member Andrea Gillan presented information regarding the reactivation of “The Military Spouses Club (all ranks) at MCLB Albany. An email was sent to All Members providing websites and POC for more info on the Club’s activities. President of the Club is Sheila Keim – 307-259-5240.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Following are the current nominations for Elected Officers for our Detachment in 2023. At the February 21st meeting, the floor will be opened for any additional nominations submitted by our members. Upon finalization of the nominations, Marine Ron Kirstatter will install our newly 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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 21 February 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| - 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 – Absent | - Adjutant Adams – X |

Marine Steward filled in for Marine Stokes

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: Marine Will Davis had his daughter, Shanise Davis and his grandson, Daiveon Davis as his guests.

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – Marine Ron Kirstatter, former Dept of Georgia Commandant, installed the elected and appointed officers for 2023.

Commandant – Tim McClelland; Sr Vice Commandant – Jon Woodcock; Jr Vice Commandant – Will Davis; Staff Judge Advocate – Ray Murphy; Chaplain – Bob Breton; Paymaster – Joe Najjar; Adjutant – Bob Adams; Web Master – Ron Kirstatter.

6. Minutes for January 2023 approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,314.78

Savings Account – \$8,226.48

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, Nicholson, Potts, and Stokes in our 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 – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – Two Marines passed away in February 2023.

1) Marine MSgt. Stephen Tupper, (Retired) passed on 7 February 2023.

2) Marine Sgt. Lawrence Fullerton passed on 7 February 2023.

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 675 flags replaced as of 21 February 2023. 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”. Marines McClelland and Adams will recon our part of Riverwalk to see if cleanup is required.

10.4 Veteran’s Coalition –

* No meetings have been held due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 restrictions. Marine Nicholson said that former leader has no interest in keeping the coalition active so Nick stated he will consider helping to reenergize the coalition.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – Five more scouts will attain their Eagle rank on 23 April 2023. Additionally, there may be 3 additional scouts obtaining their Eagle ranks.

10.7 JROTC – No Report.

10.8 Young Marines – This report was added to the Minutes so the members will know the status of the Young Marines Program in Albany.

Dear Members of the Marine Corp League,

I am pleased to update you on the success of our Young Marines local program. We currently have 20 active youth members, along with seven new recruits who have already started the program. Additionally, we have received support from Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB), who have provided new Marine volunteers to help us with training.

We are excited to report that we plan to send four of our Young Marines to a Junior Leadership Camp this summer. Also, we are thrilled to announce a new partnership with the YMCA, where the Young Marines program is now hosted at the main campus, thanks to Dan Gillan and his staff. This new partnership offers a safe and secure environment for our program to continue growing.

Thank you for your support of our program. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – Detachment approved \$100.00 Ads for the SE Conference and Department of Georgia Conventions in 2023. Also, Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter agreed to obtain the 3 raffle items for the Georgia Department's 2023 convention. She will be reimbursed by the Detachment paymaster. Department Convention is May 5-7 2023.

14. Good of the League – Presented MCL Plaque to Angie and Toney Bowles (River Pointe Owners) in grateful appreciation for their continuous and generous support of our Detachment.

15. Announcements:

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 21 March 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X	- Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- Absent
- Jr Vice Commandant Davis - X	- Judge Advocate Murphy - X
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Stokes – Absent	- Adjutant Adams – X

Marine Steward filled in for Marine Stokes

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: N/A

3. Visitors/Guests: N/A

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for February 2023 approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1,906.92 Savings Account – \$8,228.06

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Stokes in our 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 – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – One Marine passed away in this period.

1) Marine LtCol Ben McNutt, Ret. passed on 13 March 2023.

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 680 flags replaced as of 21 March 2023. 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 – Next clean-up is scheduled for 14-15 April. Marine McClelland will head up 15 April clean up and Marine Adams will head up the 14 April clean up.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

- * Marine Nicholson said that former leader has no interest in keeping the coalition active so Nick stated he will consider helping to reenergize the coalition.

- * American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – Our detachment has presented approximately 118 Eagle Scout certificates and Challenge coins from 2012 – 2023. The Detachment members appreciate Marines Gillan and Najjar for their continued support of the Boy Scouts.

10.7 JROTC –

- * Provided Color Guard for ASU Baseball game on 11 April.

- * 22 cadets assisting in Phoebe's Fun Day at YMCA Sports Park on 25 March 2023.

10.8 Young Marines –

- * Current membership stands at 20 with 8 Recruits to enter program very soon.

- * Meetings are usually held twice a month at the YMCA on Sundays from 2-5 pm. Next 2 meetings are 4/2/23 and 4/16/23.

- * Seven Active -duty Marines have volunteered to help us with training.

- * We are excited to report that we plan to send three of Young Marines to a Junior Leadership Camp this summer.

- * Eric Crump has been nominated for "Heroes Among Us" award.

- * Members will attend an ASU Drone Summer Camp aboard the ASU Campus from June 19-23. It will be a half day camp for 5 days. Lunch is included and best of all, there is no cost to the Young Marines.

Thank you for your support of our program. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League – Commandant McClelland Sgt of Arms Steward attached ribbon to our Colors for attendance at the SE Division Convention.

15. Announcements:

* Department off Georgia convention is 5-6 May 2023 in Warner Robins.

* Six Department of Georgia representatives attended the recent South East Convention in N. Charleston, SC. Marine Ron Kirstatter and Associate Marine Sheila Kirstatter represented our Detachment at the convention. Thanks Ron & Sheila.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 18 April 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X	- Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- Absent
- Jr Vice Commandant Davis - X	- Judge Advocate Murphy - Absent
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X	- Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 12

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: Dan Fleuren and Trish Godwin from Aspire Behavioral Health

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

5. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

6. Minutes for March 2023 approved as posted.

7. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1,663.18 Savings Account – \$8,229.81

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Nicholson in our 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 – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – No deaths reported 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, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, Eugene Coutu, Associate

Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 680 flags replaced as of 21 March 2023. No report for April. 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 – Marines McClelland, Davis, Steward, and Adams participated in Riverwalk cleanup on 14 April. No clean up on 15 April because of lack of volunteers to step up and assist Commandant McClelland. **Come on guys, we can do better to uphold our responsibilities!**

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

* American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating in Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade in November. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – Our detachment has presented approximately 118 Eagle Scout certificates and Challenge coins from 2012 – 2023. On 23 April, Marine Dan Gillan will present Five (5) Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Certificates and Five (5) Eagle Scout coins to the following Scouts.

Troop 1 – Donald A. Clesattle III; Howard Thomas Holton; John Burns Holton.

Troop 15 – Thomas Kirtley Phillips; Jeffrey Wade Singleton

The Detachment members appreciate Marines Gillan and Najjar for their continued support of the Boy Scouts.

10.7 JROTC –

* Provided Color Guard for ASU Baseball game on 11 April.

* Approved \$500 contribution in support of MCJROTC Unit at Westover High School.

* Cadets going to Leadership Training at Parris Island on 20-23 June.

* Annual JROTC Awards Program will be held on 27 April at 1800 in Westover High School Cafeteria.

10.8 Young Marines –

* Current membership stands at 20 with 8 Recruits to enter program very soon.

* Meetings are usually held twice a month at the YMCA on Sundays from 2-5 pm.

* Seven Active -duty Marines have volunteered to help us with training.

* We are excited to report that we plan to send three of Young Marines to a Junior Leadership Camp this summer.

* Members will attend an ASU Drone Summer Camp aboard the ASU Campus from June 19-23. It will be a half day camp for 5 days. Lunch is included and best of all, there is no cost to the Young Marines.

Thank you for your support of our program. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns

POC: Eric Crump, 512-966-9324

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League –

* Marine Gillan announced that the semi-annual Salty Sandbagger Golf Tournament between MCL:B Albany and the Albany-Dougherty Chamber of Commerce will be held on May 24th at Flint River Golf Course.

This is a shameless plug by your Adjutant, Marine Bob Adams but here's a bit of trivia for you history buffs – The Salty Sandbagger started in 1976 and has been played twice a year ever since. Marine Adams has participated every year since 1979 and only misses if he's out of town. 45 years and counting is not too bad.

*Marine Gillan was proud to announce that his son Jared was promoted to Sergeant. Jared is stationed here as a Military Policeman. Congrats Jared!

15. Announcements:

* Department off Georgia convention is 5-6 May 2023 in Warner Robins.

* Commandant McClelland announced that he had received word that to clear up MCL eligibility requirements, only Marines receiving an Honorable Discharge are eligible for membership.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 16 May 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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|---|---|
| - Commandant McClelland - X | - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X |
| - Jr Vice Commandant Davis - X | - Judge Advocate Murphy - Absent |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Steward – Absent (C Potts acting) | - Adjutant Adams – Absent (Najjar acting) |

Members Present: 15

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: 0

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

5. Initiation – Ceremony of Initiation conducted for Marines Ernest Beckwith and Andrew McKenzie

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for April 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1,260.19 Savings Account – \$8,231.81

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Associate Sheila Kirstatter in our prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No Report.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – Local scouts and other volunteers will be at Andersonville starting at 0900, 27 March to place flags on graves.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – Member roster has been scrubbed ahead of starting buddy calls.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – No Report.

9.5 Quartermaster Report – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – No deaths reported 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, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 680 flags replaced as of 21 March 2023. No update for May. Marine Mills pointed reported the need to replace a flag at a business across the street from Westover HS. 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 scheduled cleanup since April. The detachment needs the help of all members to be able to properly police our stretch of the walk.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

The coalition has become dormant pending new leadership. American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating in Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade in November. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – No new Eagles or news to report on.

10.7 JROTC –

* On Thursday 18 May will be the annual Westover vs. Monroe Football Classic at Hugh Mills Stadium starting at 1900.

* Friday 19 May is graduation day at the Civic Center for Westover.

* Cadets going to Leadership Training at Parris Island on 20-23 June. Additional funding that was provided will allow the cadets to charter buses and travel more comfortably than was previously planned.

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 –

Marine Kirstatter provided information addressed at the Department Convention:

- New rates for Life Membership become effective 1 July 2023, basically doubling the current rates.
- Georgia Veterans Day Parade in Atlanta on 11 November

- Block Party on 5/20 at the Semper Fi Bar & Grill in Woodstock
- department is going to focus on detachment compliance for things such as IRS filings, Secretary of State filings, and conference fees
- Scrub detachment rosters
- In the absence of a quorum definition in by-laws, the newest edition of Roberts Rules of Order will be followed in that a quorum will be 51% of the members present
- National Commandant challenged each detachment to contribute \$100 to the MCL Foundation
- Revised Department by-laws have been approved
- 2024 Department Convention will be in Savannah
- New Department officers elected – same slate as currently holding positions
- 5/20 competition shoot at Brownhill Plantation
- National Infantry Museum will be the site of the Birthday Ball on 10 November
- Department of Alabama has regained title to the Grits Bowl
- Members encouraged to contact their legislative delegation about the proposal to tie VA compensation to income.

15. Announcements:

The VFW on Ledo Rd. will have a cook off on 9 June and a meal on 10 June.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 27 June 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X	- Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- Absent
- Jr Vice Commandant Davis - X	- Judge Advocate Murphy - X
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X	- Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 22

Associate Members Present: 4

Guests: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: Honorable Leisa Blount, Presiding Judge of Probate Court (Speaker) and Eileen Najjar

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

5. Initiation – N/A.

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – Marine Charles Steward sworn in as Sgt of Arms.

7. Minutes for May 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1,347.03 Savings Account – \$8,233.25

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Associate Marine Sheila Kirstatter in our 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 – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – Two Marines passed during this reporting period:

* Marine GySgt. Jeffrey R. Heath Sr. passed on 31 May 2023

* Marine SSgt. John C. Hoffpauir Jr. passed in June 2023

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 699 flags replaced as of 27 June 2023. 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 clean up scheduled as of now.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

The coalition has become dormant pending new leadership. American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating in Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade in November. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – No new Eagles or news to report on.

10.7 JROTC –

- * 29 Cadets went to Leadership Training at Parris Island on 20-23 June. Marine Mills said they really appreciated our \$500 contribution which helped defray some costs of the trip/meals to P. I.

- * 2 Cadets (Cadet GySgt Michael Wallace and Cadet Cpl. Zavion Jones) will attend National Drill Camp in Kerrville, TX at Schreiner University from 8-14 July 2023.

10.8 Young Marines –

- * 2 to 9 Active-Duty Marines are helping with training/leading the Young Marines and Eric is very grateful for the extra hands.

- * 2 cadets have completed the Junior Leadership Program.

- * A former Parris Island Drill Instructor is also helping with training of the Young Marines.

- * Young Marines will assist the American Legion with deployment of American Flags for the July 4th holiday period.

- * Graduation will be held on 30 July.

- * There are currently 23 active Young Marines.

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League – Commandant McClelland announced that the Detachment is planning on resuming our “Flag Folding” program for various Albany organizations. We will be asking for volunteers whenever we schedule a presentation. It normally takes five of our members to put on the demonstration. One presenter and 4 Flag Folders. Please say yes when you get a call to volunteer. This program was well received by community organization when we put them on before.

15. Announcements:

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 18 July 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| - Commandant McClelland - X | - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X |
| - Jr Vice Commandant Davis - X | - Judge Advocate Murphy - X |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X | - Adjutant Adams – X |

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 6

Guests: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: Gary Spence (MCL Transfer to our Detachment) and his son Mile Spence.

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

5. Initiation – N/A.

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for June 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1,423.66 Savings Account – \$8,234.94

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Associate Marine Sheila Kirstatter in our prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No Report.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – No Report.

9.3 Jr Vice Commandant – Will reactivate our Member Phone Tree to check on status of members and encourage them to attend meetings.

9.4 Staff Judge Advocate – No Report.

9.5 Quartermaster Report – No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

10.1 Fallen Marine Program – Two Marines passed during this reporting period:

* Marine MGySgt. Clyde F. "Andy" Anderson passed on 6 July 2023.

* Marine SSgt. James Tierney passed on 29 June 2023.

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – No report this month. 699 flags have been replaced as of 27 June 2023. 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 clean up scheduled as of now.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

The coalition has become dormant pending new leadership. American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating in Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade in November. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – 30 scouts and 6 adults are attending the BSA National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia (one of BSA's 4 High Adventure Reservations).

10.7 JROTC –

* 2 Cadets (Cadet GySgt Michael Wallace and Cadet Cpl. Zavion Jones) and Marine Don Mills attended the National Drill Camp in Kerrville, TX at Schreiner University from 8-14 July 2023. The cadets learned the many facets of unarmed and armed drill, to include Color Guard and Exhibition Drill for competitions.

10.8 Young Marines –

* June 30 - 5 YMs worked with the American Legion and Downtown Albany to display 200 flags. 2 MCLB Active-duty Marines supported the detail to recover the flags. WALB

- <https://www.walb.com/2023/06/30/albany-young-marines-place-200-flags-ahead-july-4/>

* July 4 - Eric Crump, unit commander of the YMs, was highlighted in the July 4 broadcast of Heroes Among Us on WALB

WALB - <https://www.walb.com/video/2023/07/07/heroes-among-us-2023-special/>

* July 9 - YMs started color guard training to support community events working together with SSgt King at Dougherty High School JROTC program and Warrant Officer Shaq Morman - Active-duty volunteer originally from Albany.

* July 13 - YMs provided color guard for the Albany Area Chamber/ Military Affairs Committee Rise N Shine Breakfast. 4 of the Marines that were honored with Marine of the Year, Marine of the Quarter

and meritorious owners are also Young Marine volunteers.

Albany Herald - https://www.albanyherald.com/local/albany-s-marine-corps-logistics-base-leads-in-technological-innovation/article_6f8c4a30-21b9-11ee-a8ba-7ba2a497447b.html

* July 19 - YMs will support the Albany Area Chamber/ Military Affairs Committee Salty Sandbagger Golf Tournament.

* July 30 - The YMs will have their latest Recruit Class graduation at the American Legion Post 30 location. The event will start at 14:30 and visitors are welcome.

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League – Marine Gary Spence informed our members that in order to be entitled to retroactive (1 year) settlement in case you have an eligible disease cited in the PACT (includes Camp Lejeune Water Issue), you must submit your claim by 9 August 2023.

15. Announcements: National has announced the formation of Detachment 952 which will include all At Large Members. This will simplify tracking of the At Large Members.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 15 August 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X	- Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X
- Jr Vice Commandant Davis - Absent	- Judge Advocate Murphy - X
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X	- Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 14

Associate Members Present: 4

Guests: 2

3. Visitors/Guests: Bob Lynch, Executive Director, The Anchorage presented our program. Gary Spence (MCL Transfer to our Detachment).

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

5. Initiation – N/A.

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for July 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,384.67 Savings Account – \$8,236.69

8. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Associate Marine Sheila Kirstatter in our prayers.

9. Officers' Reports:

9.1 Commandant – No Report.

9.2 Sr Vice Commandant – Encouraged members to visit the DEA Exhibit which is on display near Thronateeska Center.

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 – Two Marines passed during this reporting period:

* Marine Cpl. Charles L. Cotton J. passed on 15 July 2023.

* Marine CWO 3 Don Parton passed on 22 July 2023.

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

10.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 700 flags have been replaced as of 27 June 2023. 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 clean up scheduled as of now.

10.4 Veteran's Coalition –

The coalition has become dormant pending new leadership. American Legion Post #335 in Sylvester is participating in Memorial Day Parade in Sylvester and also in Leesburg's Veteran's Day parade in November. Our Detachment is invited to participate in both parades.

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

10.6 Boy Scouts – Board met to approve 4 Eagle Scout projects.

10.7 JROTC – Currently in the process of issuing uniforms. Also, the unit's Color Guard unit is getting to provide color guards for Westover's upcoming football games. Homecoming will be held 9/15/23.

10.8 Young Marines –

* Graduation of 4 cadets was conducted at the American Legion Post #30 on 30 July.

* Five new recruits have entered the program.

* Twenty Active- Duty Marines have served as mentors for the Cadets from time to time.

* Will be providing color guard teams in the near future.

* Preparations are underway for an October encampment.

10.9 POW/MIA – No Report.

11. Correspondence – None.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League – Bob Lynch, Executive Director of the Anchorage gave our members a very interesting and informative presentation on the Mission and Objectives of the Anchorage. The mission statement of the Anchorage is as follows:

“Provide Christ-centered treatment services to men with substance addictions through a residential program incorporating the 12-Step recovery program with emphasis on the redemptive and transformational power of Jesus Christ to restore men to wholeness”.

The Anchorage has capacity for 56 men and the additional good news is the Anchorage is working very hard to open a facility to house 40 women. Groundbreaking for the Women’s facility is expected to occur this year.,

15. Announcements: No Report.

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

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 19 September 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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| - Commandant McClelland - X | - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- Absent |
| - Jr Vice Commandant Davis - Absent | - Judge Advocate Murphy - X |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Steward – Absent (B Breton acting) | - Adjutant Adams – Absent (Najjar acting) |

Members Present: 10

Associate Members Present: 3

Guests: 0

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for August 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,338.69 Savings Account – \$8,238.44

9. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey and Hart in our prayers.

10. Officers' Reports:

10.1 Commandant – No Report.

10.2 Sr Vice Commandant – N/A

10.3 Jr Vice Commandant – N/A

10.4 Staff Judge Advocate – No Report.

10.5 Quartermaster Report – No Report.

11. Standing Committee Reports:

11.1 Fallen Marine Program – No deaths reported 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, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

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

11.3 Veteran's Coalition – The coalition remains dormant pending new leadership

11.4 Boy Scouts – On 8/26 Marine Gillan awarded an Eagle coin and certificate to Eagle Scout Andrew Fill, Troop 15 Albany and recognized his sister Elizabeth Fill, GS Troop 40595 for earning her Gold Award. On 9/17 a coin and certificate were awarded to Eagle Scout Alivia Lynae Alford, Troop 2020, Valdosta.

11.5 JROTC – No report

11.6 Young Marines –

* On 9/22 the YMs will be participate in a flag retirement ceremony with the Exchange Club of Albany and American Legion Post 30.

* The Young Marines will have an encampment at Camp Osborn the weekend of 11 Oct

* 6 Youth completed CPR training and another group will be trained in the near future.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League –

Marine Kirstatter provided information from the National Convention:

- The National Judge Advocate is now David Porter; the other previous year's officers moved up the chain.
- The 2024 Convention will be in Palm Springs.
- The 100th anniversary challenge coin was sold out thru preorders.
- A new foundation coin was unveiled depicting the Vietnam War and L. B. Puller.
- The 100th anniversary ribbon is authorized for all current members. Attendees to the National convention are authorized to wear the ribbon with a gold frame.

Marine Gillan sent an email and asked that the detachment put out a call for volunteers to help members of MCLBA family cleanup and make repair at the home of Jennifer Parks, a civil service employee at MCLB, Albany. Ms. Parks was attacked in her home and had her car stolen. She was still hospitalized and family members were caring for her young children.

15. Announcements:

Marine Najjar announced the Boys Scouts will have their annual Wild Game Dinner on Oct 12 and that raffle tickets for several weapons are available.

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 17 October 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| - Commandant McClelland – X | - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X |
| - Jr Vice Commandant Davis – X | - Judge Advocate Murphy - Absent |
| - Paymaster Najjar – X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X | - Adjutant Adams – Absent (Najjar acting) |

Members Present: 13

Associate Members Present: 5

Guests: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: Andrew Montreuil (prospective member)

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for September 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,194.71 Savings Account – \$8,240.13

9. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey, Hart, and Smith in our prayers.

10. Officers' Reports:

10.1 Commandant – No Report.

10.2 Sr Vice Commandant – N/A

10.3 Jr Vice Commandant – Marine Davis announced:

- an upcoming TRICARE webinar
- City of Albany gun buy back event on 11/18
- MCL app now available for our mobile devices

10.4 Staff Judge Advocate – N/A

10.5 Quartermaster Report – N/A

11. Standing Committee Reports:

11.1 Fallen Marine Program –

- Marine SgtMaj E Stiltner passed on 18 Sep 23

- Marine MGySgt J Martsching passed on 24 Sep 23
- Marine GySgt James S Anderson passed on 2 Oct 23

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

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

11.3 Veteran's Coalition – The coalition remains dormant pending new leadership. Active VSOs are MCL, Posts 30, 182, 335, and 40&8. The City of Sylvester is hosting a Veterans Day parade on 11/11.

11.4 Boy Scouts – No new Eagles this month, several required service projects in the pipeline.

11.5 JROTC – With only 3 weeks to practice, WHS cadets provided a color guard and honor guard for Albany State University's homecoming week kickoff ceremony, then 22 cadets participated in the homecoming parade providing a color guard and a drill team.

11.6 Young Marines –

- * The Young Marines had their first encampment at Camp Osborn the weekend of 11 Oct.
- * Chief Lester provided drug awareness training.
- * Scheduled to hold a birthday celebration on Sun, 22 Oct.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – None .

14. Good of the League –

Commandant McClelland gave a bit of history re: his tenure as commandant, the goings on with other detachments (vis a vis stepping up), and the need for members to step up if we are to have a viable detachment. Besides his past and current tenure, it was pointed out that our by-laws preclude his serving another year as commandant.

American Legion Post 30 is hosting its annual Veterans Breakfast on 10 November 2023

Members who also part of the American Legion should have received a card asking to provide information for a Legion directory. This is actually a commercial endeavor and not something the Legion initiated.

15. Announcements:

Because of Thanksgiving, the detachment will meet on 14 November instead of the 21st members need to decide at the next meeting if we'll have a Christmas banquet in December.

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 21 November 2023

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

2. Roll Call:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| - Commandant McClelland - X | - Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- Absent |
| - Jr Vice Commandant Davis – X | - Judge Advocate Murphy - Absent |
| - Paymaster Najjar - X | - Chaplain Breton - X |
| - Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X | - Adjutant Adams – X |

Members Present: 17

Associate Members Present: 1

Guests: 1

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for October 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$2,062.73 Savings Account – \$8,241.88

9. Chaplain's Report: Requested to keep Marines Askey and Hart in our prayers.

10. Officers' Reports:

10.1 Commandant – No Report.

10.2 Sr Vice Commandant – N/A

10.3 Jr Vice Commandant – Reported that the Detachment donated \$200.00 in support of the City of Albany's Veteran's Day Program.

10.4 Staff Judge Advocate – No Report.

10.5 Quartermaster Report – No Report.

11. Standing Committee Reports:

11.1 Fallen Marine Program – No deaths reported 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, Associate Member Ruthie Breton, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

11.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 706 flags have been installed/replaced. If you see flags that need replacing, please contact Jerry Smith (229-291-7095) or Tim McClelland (229-869-7119) to coordinate replacement.

11.3 Veteran's Coalition – The coalition remains dormant pending new leadership

11.4 Boy Scouts – Scouts and Young marines participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Civic Center.

11.5 JROTC –

- * Nov 2nd - Color Guard provided at Porterfield Methodist Church's Veteran's Day program
- * Nov 9th - Unit attended Marine Corps Cake Cutting Ceremony and Uniform Display at celebration of Marine Corps' 248th Birthday.
- * Nov 9th – Provided Color Guard at Phoebe Putney's Veteran's Day celebration.
- * Dec 2nd - Will march in City of Albany's Christmas Parade.

11.6 Young Marines –

- * Graduation will be held at American Legion Post #30 on 17 December.
- * Young Marines participated in the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Civic Center.

12. Old Business – None.

13. New Business – Detachment approved \$500.00 donation to purchase wreaths for Wreaths Across America ceremony at Andersonville National Cemetery.

14. Good of the League –

* Recommended Law Firm for Camp Lejeune Claims – As you are aware, there are a hundred law firms that want to handle your claim. Last Month's American Legion Magazine contained an article that there is a law firm, Bergmann & Moore, that has agreed to limit attorney fees and costs to 33 1/3%. The firm said regardless of costs accrued throughout the litigation, any claimant represented by Bergmann & Moore will receive no less than 66.67% of any benefits received. Other firms charge 40 or more %. Phone # for Bergmann representative is Elizabeth Hartmann, 252-497-7255.

15. Announcements:

Adjourned at 1920 with the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn – OOHRAH!

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 19 December 2023

1. Meeting - Called to order by Commandant McClelland at 1830. Formal meeting was not conducted because of the Detachment's Annual Christmas Awards Dinner.

2. Roll Call:

- Commandant McClelland - X	- Senior Vice Commandant Woodcock- X
- Jr Vice Commandant Davis – X	- Judge Advocate Murphy - X
- Paymaster Najjar - X	- Chaplain Breton - X
- Sgt-At-Arms Steward – X	- Adjutant Adams – X

Members Present: 20

Associate Members Present: 5

Guests: 13

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – N/A.

7. Minutes for November 2023 will be approved at January 2024 Meeting.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – N/A Savings Account – N/A

9. Chaplain's Report: N/A.

10. Officers' Reports:

10.1 Commandant – N/A.

10.2 Sr Vice Commandant – N/A.

10.3 Jr Vice Commandant – N/A.

10.4 Staff Judge Advocate – N/A.

10.5 Quartermaster Report – NA.

11. Standing Committee Reports:

11.1 Fallen Marine Program – N/A

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, Eugene Coutu, Associate Member Kathy Fazekas, Frank Walker, Felix DeMuth, Henry Jackson, Associate Member Greg Welsh, and Associate Member Denzil Harrell.

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

11.3 Veteran's Coalition – The coalition remains dormant pending new leadership

11.4 Boy Scouts – No report.

11.5 JROTC – No report.

11.6 Young Marines – No report.

12. Old Business – No report.

13. New Business – No report.

14. Good of the League – No report.

15. Announcements:

Listed below are the names of members receiving various MCL awards:

Meritorious Individual Commendation:

Bob Breton/Tim McClelland/Jerry Smith

Community Service:

Dan Gillan/Don Gray/Will Davis/Don Mills Sr/Charles Nicholson

Certificates of Appreciation:

Bob Adams/Ron Kirstatter/Ray Murphy/Joe Najjar/Charles Steward/River Pointe

Associate Member of the Year

Eric Crump

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