

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 20 February 2024

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: 19

Associate Members Present: 2

Guests: 3

3. Visitors/Guests: Denise Spence (Wife of Marine Gary Spence); CWO4 USMC Retired Jim Adams (friend of Marine Jerry Smith); and Young Marine Cpl. Crump (son of Associate Member Eric Crump).

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – The following elected and appointed members were installed by Marine Ron Kirstatter, former Department of Georgia Commandant.

ELECTED OFFICERS:

Commandant – Gary Spence Jr. Vice Commandant – Will Davis

Judge Advocate – Ray Murphy

Sr. Vice Commandant – Jon Woodcock nominated but we have to wait until March to administer the Oath of Office because Jon couldn't attend the February meeting.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Chaplain – Bob Breton Paymaster – Joe Najjar

Sgt At Arms – Charles Steward Adjutant – Bob Adams

7. Minutes for January 2024 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$213.53 Savings Account – \$8,247.07

9. Chaplain's Report: Prayer list active for: Marines Jack Hart; Nick Nicholson; Gil Stokes; and wife of Marine Jim Johnson's wife Jeannie.

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 – We had 2 Fallen Marines and 1 fallen FMF Corpsman this past month:

Marine Corporal Joe Perry passed 10 February 2024

Marine MSgt Don Dall passed 16 February 2024

HM3 Gerald M. Greer, FMF Corpsman passed on 5 February 2024.

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, Associate Member Denzil Harrell, and Buff Askey.

11.2 LtCol Dave Aldrich Patriotism Committee – 716 flags have been replaced as of 2/20/24. 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 – Reestablishment of the coalition is being explored by Jr Vice Commandant, Will Davis.

11.4 Boy Scouts – Court of Honor is pending to recognize two new Eagle Scouts,

11.5 JROTC –

1. 22 cadets participated in the Albany Christmas Parade.

2. Westover Cadet set the Westover Record for Air Rifle Competition on February 8th. He scored 278 out of 300.

3. Marine Don Mills attended State JROTC conference for instructors.

11.6 Young Marines – Young Marines coordinator, Associate Member Eric Crump, submitted the below update for the unit:

1. We had 11 new recruits join on January 7 and we expect more for our Spring class.
2. Twenty Young Marines attended overnight encampment at Camp Osborn.
3. Currently, the unit strength is 30 Young Marines with 10 awaiting to join.

POC – Eric Crump 512-966-9324

12. Old Business – No report.

13. New Business – No report.

14. Good of the League –

* Marine Ron Kirstatter & Associate Member Sheila Kirstatter will represent our detachment at the SE Division Convention in Chattanooga, TN from March 16-17 2024.

* Georgia Department Convention will be held in Savannah, GA May 4-5 2024

15. Announcements:

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