

Major Lawrence DesJardines Detachment # 1260
Albany, Georgia
Minutes of 16 January 2024

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: 2

Guests: None

3. Visitors/Guests: None

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

5. Initiation – N/A

6. Installation of Detachment Officers – Postponed until February Meeting due to illness.

7. Minutes for December 2023 approved as posted.

8. Paymaster's Report: Checking Account – \$1550.20 Savings Account – \$8,245.32

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 – Initiated exploratory effort to reestablish the Veteran's Coalition in Albany. Also requested ideas for Fundraisers so we can raise funds to support Young Marines/Boy Scouts/JROTC.

10.4 Staff Judge Advocate – N/A.

10.5 Quartermaster Report – NA.

11. Standing Committee Reports:

11.1 Fallen Marine Program – We had 5 Fallen Marines this past month:

Marine LtCol Everett Boudreau passed 16 December 2023

Marine PFC David Brunson passed 17 December 2023

Marine MSgt Franklin Deck passed 20 December 2023
Marine MSgt Robert (Buff) Askey passed 2 January 2024
Marine LCpl Leonard E. Horne passed 2 January 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 – 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 – Reestablishment of the coalition is being explored by Jr Vice Commandant, Will Davis.

11.4 Boy Scouts – Hosted the Frontier Festival for 3 days at Camp Osborn. The festival depicts frontier living in the 1840s timeframe. Marine Najjar said it was very successful and they hope to host the festival next year.

11.5 JROTC – No report.

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

1. We graduated 6 recruits, 2 promotions and 1 retirement on December 17.
2. The Young Marine of the Year (YMOY) for Albany is Young Marine Cpl. Samuel Crump. Dan Gillan and Don Gray were on the YMOY Board committee.
3. We had 11 new recruits join on January 7 and we expect more for our Spring class.
4. The Young Marines performed more than 925 hours of community service in the Albany area.
5. We are looking to have a February encampment at Camp Osborn on President's Day weekend.
6. Financial planning for gear and activities are being finalized.

ALBANY YOUNG MARINES 2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE : >925 HOURS

- Chamber of Commerce/Military Affairs Committee Event
- Albany Parks & Recreation Dept
- PACT Act Event
- Cancer Ties Event
- Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful
- Flags Display Downtown
- American Legion Memorial and Veterans Day Events
- Angels and Warriors Initiative
- Flint River Fresh
- Humane Society
- National Day Out / Albany Police Dept
- 4C Academy
- Elks Lodge – Flag Day Event
- 4H – Dougherty County
- Society at St. Andrew
- Advocates for Autism Resource Center
- Toys for Tots
- Wreaths Across America
- And More...



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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: Westover High School Band has been selected to March in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. The cost is \$1200 per student. If you can do it, please support their upcoming fundraisers or make a personal donation. Please call Marine Bob James, 229-395-2583 for info/questions.

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