



Lt Col Jimmie Dyess Detachment 921 Monthly Meeting Minutes 18 Mar 2025 1900H

The meeting began at 1906H at American Legion Post #63 90 Milledge Rd, Augusta, GA 30904

OPENING CEREMONY:

Sergeant at Arms (Joe Anderson) posted the Colors

Chaplain (Jim Blanchard) gave the opening prayer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES & GUESTS:

Shawn and Bethany Springs of the Columbus County Young Marines and YM PFC Philip Williams visited the Detachment and advised they were chartered on 7 February 2025 and meet at VFW 12190 in Evans, GA on Saturdays. Their unit is needing to raise \$2000.00 for uniforms and equipment. Bethany can be reached at 760-688-9730 and email columbiacountyyoungmarines@gmail.com .

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Officers Present:

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| Commandant | Excused |
| Sr Vice | Troy Wesby |
| Jr Vice | Excused |
| Judge Advocate | Excused |
| Junior Past Commandant | Excused |
| Chaplain | Excused |
| Adjutant/Paymaster | Gary Smith |
| Sgt at Arms | Excused |
| Quartermaster | Troy Wesby |
| Web Sgt | Gary Smith |
| Marine 4 Life | Excused |
| Trustees | Jim Blanchard and Joe Anderson |

Members Present:

Alan Hampton
Billy Orr

QUORUM:

With 4 Officers and 2 Members present a quorum was met.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Former Marine Heath Martin is seeking membership and an application and service records have been requested.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER:

None.

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes for the 18 Feb 2025 meeting having previously been sent out by email were not read and approved without change.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Anderson presented an invitation from CWO3 John Singleton USN (Ret) the Senior Military Instructor of Greenbrier High School NJROTC for their 17 April 2025 Award Ceremony at 1800H. An Award document was signed for the upcoming presentation.

Gary Smith noted the emailed invitation to the MCL Georgia Department Annual meeting:

*Detachments do not forget to make your contribution for the convention. Contributions are due by April 15th. Go online through the link below to submit your contribution or mail a check to
MCL Dept of Georgia
1710 Ogeechee Rd Ste 200
Box 264
Savannah, GA 31405*

*If you are placing a personal or Detachment AD, you can also submit that online using the link below or by printing the form off of the link and Mailing it directly to
MCL Det 1402
6416 Bradley Park Drive Suite C
Columbus, Georgia 31904*

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention.

<https://mcldeptofga.org/2025-department-of-georgia-convention/>

REPORT OF PAYMASTER:

Current balances:
- Operations Fund \$5588.19
- Rose Fund \$3,090.38

REPORT OF ANY MEMBER OR MEMBER’S FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS:

Billy Orr employment.

Emma Whitley illness, being checked out.

Terry Chalk appreciates our prayers.

Marine William Duvall is a participant in the Columbia County Veteran Treatment Court.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant Not present
Sr Vice No report
Jr Vice Not present
JAG Not present

Adjutant See Correspondence
Paymaster See report above
Chaplain Not present
Sgt at Arms Not present
Quartermaster No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Young Marines - Troy Wesby will be the Committee Chair and Primary POC for this new YM Chapter we met this evening.

Toys for Tots - The box and collections at American Legion Post #63 was taken by Troy Wesby to pass on to the Toys for Tots local affiliate.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 3 members to the nominating committee. Jonas Whitley (Excused), Gary Smith and Joe Anderson reported recommendations for election of Officer's at the April 2025 Detachment meeting.

Commandant Jim Blanchard
Sr Vice Commandant Troy Wesby
Jr Vice Commandant Scott Hooker
Judge Advocate Alan Hampton

Elections and installations will be held at the Detachment's 15 Apr 2025 monthly meeting.

Gary Smith - Will organize a joint visit to the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home (Blue Goose) with Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Pendleton King Chapter 10 Members noting that Member Randy Hirsch is a resident.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Anderson - Encouraged all available to attend the 2025 CSRA Heart Walk at SRP Park 187 Railroad Street North Augusta, SC on Friday 28 Mar 2025 with Gates open at 1700H and the walk beginning at 1800H . Gary Smith made a motion for the Detachment to contribute \$100 to the event seconded by Troy Wesby and approved unanimously. The registration and \$100 donation was completed 18 mar 2025 by the Paymaster. The team name " Lt Col Jimmie Dyess Marine Corps League Det 921" Webpage: https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/HeartWalk/GSA-GreaterSoutheastAffiliate?team_id=900827&pg=team&fr_id=11385

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Jim Blanchard - noted a request for accommodations for a visiting Veteran Volunteer for Master's week from Laurie Ott. Gary Smith offered a room in his house for this purpose.

Gary Smith - A donation to Carolina Museum of the Marine 26 Sep 2025 Golf Tournament in the name of Lt Col Jimmie Dyess in the amount of \$100 by Gary Smith for the 4th Hole in honor of his 4th Marine Division service. <https://www.museumofthemarine.org/museum/cmotm-agci-news-and-events/>

Troy Wesby - Encouraged a Detachment social event in the near future.

Gary Smith - Invited all members to attend the Military Order of the Devil Dog Growl with Pound 312 Dirty Swamp Dogs at 437 Quattlebaum Road in Leesville, South Carolina on date TBD at 1000H.

Gary Smith - Asked that any Veteran interested in becoming a Veteran Mentor with the Columbia County Georgia Judicial Circuit, Veteran Treatment Court, Veteran Mentor Team contact him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Lt Col Jimmie Dyess Detachment 921 Monthly Meeting will be held at 1900H on 15 Apr 2025 at American Legion Post #63 90 Milledge Rd, Augusta, GA 30904

CLOSING CERMONY:

Sergeant at Arms (Joe Anderson) retired the Colors

Chaplain (Jim Blanchard) gave closing prayer

Meeting ended at 2050H

These minutes are submitted by the Detachment Adjutant subject to correction and approval.

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