



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
MINUTES – QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2025**



OPENING CEREMONY

The meeting was opened per ritual by Commandant Rex Delk at 0910.

Sr. Vice Commandant Lisa Delk read the Mission Statement of the Marine Corps League.

Roll Call of Officers and Detachments:

A Quorum was present.

Department officers in attendance included:

Commandant Rex Delk
Sr. Vice Commandant Lisa Delk
Jr. Vice Commandant Alton Coleman
Judge Advocate Marty Habecker
Jr Past Commandant Larry Heard
Paymaster/Adjutant Edward Gizara
Chaplain Mickey Edwards - Excused
Sgt at Arms - Merrill Tindall

Department Past Commandants

William Miller 2022-2024
Larry Heard 2020-2022
Randy Barnes 2016-2018

Department Vice Commandants

District 1 – Vacant
District 2 – Gary Verheyen
District 3 – Jay Maxwell - Excused
District 4 – Ronnie Griffin
District 5 – Mickey Edwards - Excused
District 6 – Merrill Tindall
District 7 – Edward Gizara

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Americanism - Vacant
Boy Scout Coordinator – Mickey Edwards - Excused
Compliance Officer – Lisa Delk
Disaster Relief – Larry Heard
Fallen Marines – Vacant
Historian – Terry Holland
Legislative Affairs - Vacant
Marine Corps JROTC – Jay Maxwell - Excused
Marine for Life – Vacant
Marine Liaison – Vacant
Marksmanship - Vacant
Newsletter – Brent Eaton
Public Affairs – Alton Coleman

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Toys for Tots - Vacant
VSO – Mickey Edwards - Excused
Young Marines – Jim Berres
VAVS – Vacant
Web Sergeant – Edward Gizara
Youth Physical Fitness - Vacant

Department of Georgia		FY25				Total
Quarterly Meeting Roll Call		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	New
		8/3/2024	11/02/2024	2/8/2025	5/2/2025	Members
<u>564</u>	<u>Dog Company</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		5
<u>647</u>	<u>LCPL Squire “Skip” Wells</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		3
<u>665</u>	<u>Upper Chattahoochee</u>	Yes	No	Yes		3
<u>783</u>	<u>Unicoi</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		7
<u>921</u>	<u>Lt. Col Jimmie Dyess</u>	No	Yes	No		2
<u>952</u>	<u>At Large</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		0
<u>970</u>	<u>Middle Georgia</u>	No	Yes	Yes		1
<u>1020</u>	<u>“Jake” Puryear</u>	Yes	No	Yes		13
<u>1040</u>	<u>1stSgt Charles F. Waller</u>	Yes	No	No		0
<u>1083</u>	<u>Joseph Schmittou</u>	No	No	No		3
<u>1188</u>	<u>Gen. Ray Davis – MOH</u>	No	Yes	Yes		3
<u>1196</u>	<u>Maj. Stephen W. Pless</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		5
<u>1260</u>	<u>Maj. Lawrence Des Jardines</u>	No	No	Yes		1
<u>1280</u>	<u>North Georgia Mountain</u>	No	No	Yes		2
<u>1303</u>	<u>Currahee Mountain</u>	Yes	No	No		2
<u>1309</u>	<u>Cpl Glenn Pair</u>	No	No	No		1
<u>1311</u>	<u>MajGen Warren R. Johnson</u>	No	No	Yes		2
<u>1325</u>	<u>Sgt Clyde Thomason – MOH</u>	Yes	No	Yes		5
<u>1326</u>	<u>West Chatham</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
<u>1333</u>	<u>Waycross</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
<u>1373</u>	<u>Central Georgia</u>	No	Yes	Yes		2
<u>1402</u>	<u>Columbus</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes		10
<u>1438</u>	<u>Lake Blue Ridge</u>	Yes	No	No		4
					Total	77

Commandant Delk reiterated his challenge to each Detachment to obtain one new member each quarter. If we can accomplish that, we will have about a 12% growth rate. The trend we see is 12% back due to attrition. We either have people passing away or we have people that have not paid. We currently have 98 members not paid this year. We are

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currently at 1,146 and we started this quarter at 1,200. Out of 23, we have two detachments that are 100% paid, Detachment 1333 Waycross & Detachment 564 Savannah.

Guest Introductions

Georgia Pack Leader – Barbara Brammer

Department Past Commandants

William Miller 2022-2024

Larry Heard 2020-2022

Randy Barnes 2016-2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Paymaster Edward Gizara stated that the minutes have been posted to the website, emailed to the Commandants List, and put at the front registration desk. Commandant Delk stated that he had one correction before we approve the minutes, In the previous minutes it shows two Sgt-At-Arms, JR Millhorn and Walter Millhorn. They are the same person.

Commandant Delk asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Russ Vermillion (1196) moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Bill Miller (1196) seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as posted with corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence.

Paymasters Report

The Paymaster's report was read. Ed stated that the account for Det 1312 will now be absorbed into the primary account. A motion to accept the Paymasters Report pending further review was made by Ashford Todd (783). The motion was seconded by Harry Johnson (1311). Hearing no discussion the motion passes as read, pending financial review.

REPORT OF MEMBERS SICKNESS OR IN DISTRESS:

Charles Whitlock (564) Dialysis, Jack Ruth (1325) wife passed away, Jerry Foulis (647) Cancer, Mike Wilson (1402) Cancer, Terry Willis (1402) Hospice Care, Bob Adams (1260) wife is in the hospital, Mike Brown (783) Lung Cancer, Jay Maxwell (1196) Migraines, Bonita Johnson (1188) brother is in the hospital, JR Millhorn (1333) Hospital, Huber H Hunnicutt 3rd (665) health is failing, Silas Brown (1188) Back Injury, Mickey Edwards (1402) Hospital, JR Milhorn (1333) lost their daughter last week, Bill Craig (1280) Leukemia, Russ Verheyen (1196) Hospital, Olin Lundy (1196) Lost his son,

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Judge Advocate: Marty Habecker stated he is working with Detachments By-Laws to be in-line with National By-Laws. Two Detachments have submitted their By-Laws and two that are working on their By-Laws. One Detachment stated that they will not do By-Laws. Marty

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reached out to Bruce Rakfeldt, National Judge Advocate, and asked him if a Detachment could use National By-Laws and he stated no, they must have Detachment By-Laws. Marty sent a letter referencing the National By-Laws (Article 9 - Section 905) and Georgia State (Title 14) which states Detachments (Corporations) shall adopt By-Laws. He advised all Detachments to go back and immediately begin working on your By-Laws and have them turned in before the State Convention in May.

Commandant Delk stated that the Department has created a splash page on the Department website for each Detachment to give them a digital presence. He stated that we will also be adding to each page, the Detachments By-Laws, SOS, and 990 forms.

Junior Vice Commandant: Alton Coleman asked all Detachment Vice Commandants to stand; there was only 1 present. Alton read the attrition and acquisition of each Detachment. The Department has a total loss of 159 and an acquisition of 81. Alton asked how many Detachment Commandants were present and asked them why their JR Vice Commandant is not present and that they start attending the Quarterly Meetings. He urged officers to attend Zoom meetings. A zoom meeting invite will be sent out on Sunday to Detachment Commandants & Jr. Vice Commandants to attend the next Jr. Vice Zoom Meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant: Lisa Delk spoke on the creation of a new At-Large Detachment. The paperwork has been submitted to the Southeast Division Vice Commandant, Jerry Holt, for approval. Once those approvals are completed, the package goes up to TJ Morgan, National Commandant for approval. Lisa stated that once those approvals are completed, we will get our Charter. Once they have the Charter, we can begin transferring all members of 952 to the new Detachment. Rex reiterated that 952 was a defunct Detachment. Rex stated that as Detachments closed, those members were transferred into 952, rather than going into the National At Large Detachment. The intent is for any member that wants to move into an At-Large Detachment.

Commandant: Commandant Rex Delk stated asked how many members have seen the new website. He asked for any suggestions or ideas to improve the site. Rex stated that the Board is working hard to get the Department to be totally digital. If anyone notices an error, please advise the Web Sargeant to get it fixed. Marty Habecker spoke about how easy it was to submit the transmittal through the portal. Rex spoke a little about the Detachment splash page and asked to pull one up on the screen for all to see. He stated that the Department will be adding By-Laws, SOS and 990 forms to each splash page. Rex let everyone know that the Department is working hard to get everything submitted to the Department to go Digital. By submitting your transmittals electronically, detachments will have additional security for going through a secure payment processor.

Report of Appointed Officers:

Chaplain:

Mickey Edwards is in the hospital. He wanted to remind everyone to make sure they are put on the Sickness and Distress notices. Notices of death this quarter are Louis Johnston (970), Paul Ware (1020), Thomas Beavers (1020), Robert Page (1196), Travis Gould (1196), and Roy Sutphin (1326). Please keep their families in your prayers.

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Newsletter: Brent Eaton stated that the Newsletter has been posted to the website but was removed due to a phone number being listed. As soon as that is corrected it will be posted back to the website. Commandant Delk said the current newsletter is about 19 pages. Brent has been working hard to pull the newsletter together, but he has been pulling information from websites and Facebook pages. If your Detachment is doing something special, please get that information too Brent.

Web Sergeant:

Ed Gizara reiterated what Rex stated, that if you see any errors, please get them to Ed to be corrected. He also stated that if you have any events, to please send them in as well so they can be added to the website.

Fallen Marine:

We are still looking for a Fallen Marine Coordinator.

VSO:

We are looking for someone to take this position. Levi McKenna stated that he might have someone in mind for the position.

Young Marines:

Jim Berres spoke about what the Young Marine Program is all about. The new YM uniforms are changing. The Young Marines new uniforms will be digital and will not have any EGA's. A new uniform for each Young Marine will cost about \$200. There are currently four units, and a new unit is being formed in Augusta. Middle Georgia Young Marines will be the Color Guard for the Georgia Convention. Middle Georgia will be running a NR recertification class March 12th through the 16th. There will be a graduation for 9 Young Marines from Middle Georgia on March 22nd at the American Legion in Warner Robins, GA starting at 11:00 AM. Young Marines will hold an encampment for the State of Georgia at Browndale Plantation the last weekend in March. Jim stated that there will be a new event for the Young Marines, an Axe Throw.

Ed Gizara set up a Poke Run for March 15th to benefit the Young Marines. We need maximum participation. Once the route is set, he will get them out. A Line Item has been added to the Financial Account to ensure funds are distributed properly.

Disaster Relief:

Larry Heard – As Ed stated we have \$4,839.17. A donation page has been added to the website. Donors can select where they want the donation to go to. There is also an In Memory Of and In Honor Of page being added to the website.

Sgt-At-Arms:

No report currently.

At 10:15, the Sgt-At-Arms put the meeting into recess for 15 minutes.

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At 10:30, The Sgt-At-Arms put us back in session.

Boy Scout Coordinator:

No Report. Rex Delk sent out an email requesting how many Eagle Scout, Courts of Honor you have had since last 1 quarter. He needs to get this to National as soon as possible. Rex stated that the Eagle Scout Report will be online shortly, and all Detachments will submit their report through the Portal.

Historian:

Terry Holland had no report.

Compliance Officer:

Lisa Delk stated that over the next two months she will be going over compliance issues with each Detachment. If you have not filed your 990 for 2023, you are late. If you have not filed for three consecutive years, the IRS will pull your tax-exempt status. The Marine Corps League requires that you file annually. If your fiscal year goes from January 1 to December 31st, your Commandant needs to send an email to Bob Borka at National stating that your Detachments fiscal year is Jan - Dec and you need it changed with the IRS to match Nationals.

Lisa stated that if your Fiscal year is the same as your Calander year, you have until April 15th to have it filed. Even if you only change one Officer, everyone needs to be Installed again, and the ROI completed fully and properly.

Rex stated that if they are not present, they do not go on the ROI. They will need to be sworn at a later date and reported on a supplemental ROI.

Lisa reiterated that each Detachment must have a set of By-laws.

Tony Gasper (647) remarked about Bob Borka's article in the Semper Fi Magazine in reference to reporting your Associate Members that are Veterans from mother Branches. Tony asked if there was any guidance about how to report them. Rex stated that currently there is no guidance, he has sent a message to National for guidance and understanding.

Alton Coleman added that to be a Corporation in the State of Georgia, you must have minutes. Rex added that if you meet in a government bldg. you must post those minutes. John McGuire asked if there were any retention guidelines for the minutes. Rex responded that the minutes are forever.

District Vice Commandants:

Commandant Delk said we still need a District Vice Commandant for Districts 1.

District Two – Gary Verheyen

District Three – Jay Maxwell

District Four – Ronnie Griffin

District Five – Mickey Edwards – Submitted many reports.

District Six – Merrill Tindall – Submitted 1 report.

District Seven – Edward Gizara

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Budget Committee:

Lisa Delk (Sr. Vice Commandant)

Convention Committee: Terry Holland – Registration has been posted on the website The Hotel

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Registration is up until (April 3rd), and the Ad submittals must be in by March 29th, both are on the website. The hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton. The speaker this year will be Lt. Col William Clark. For those coming in early, a few self-gatherings will be added to the Convention and will be on the website. Working on RUST Insurance. Terry mentioned that the Hospitality Suite will be broken into two rooms. One will be for snacks and nonalcoholic drinks. The Georgia Room (2nd Floor) The Actual hospitality suite will be on the 5th floor, the Presidential Suite.

Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator:

Commandant Delk advised that Detachment 783 has someone interested in taking this position.

Unfinished Business:

Commandant Delk previously spoke about communication, especially during and after a natural disaster. Rex asked if any Detachments have done anything to get a calling tree together for better communication. Detachments will report to their District Vice Commandant, who in turn will report to the Department. The Department will work on creating an SOP for this.

New Business:

Rex talked about the new transmittal process and new payment methods. We are moving to an all-digital footprint. He spoke about social media and asked if anyone has submitted anything to “Doc”; he responded Nothing. We want to promote what we have in the Department to grow.

Announcements:

Bill Miller stated that this would be the last meeting he would be at. He wanted to thank the current board for all their hard work.

Rex stated to continue to work on your “Elevator Speech” to draw in new members.

Good of the League:

2025 Mid-Winter National Conference – Arlington, VA - Feb 27th – Mar 1st, 2025

Southeast Divisional Conference -

National Convention -Grapevine, Texas -

CLOSING CEREMONY:

There being no further business, the Quarterly Meeting was closed by ritual at 11:52 AM.

Submitted by:

Edward Gizara

Paymaster/Adjutant

MCL Dept of GA

Friday night, the Department Dinner was at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Warner Robins. If you did not make it, you really need to be at the next Quarterly meeting and Friday evening meal.

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IN-SHEET – ANNUAL MEETING –

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Member Name	Detachment #
Merrill Tindall	1333
Scott Barwick	1333
CALVIN TRIPLETT	783
REX DEUK	1196
LISA DEUK	1196
Larry Heard	1196
Ed GIZAGA	564
BILL MILLER	1311
JIM BERRER	1473
TONY GASPER	647
Rebecca Mitchell	970
Rodney LIGGS	1325
Jeff White	1325
BON GRIFFIN	1196
Randy M. Cooper	1196
Russ VERMILION	1196
Cody Webber	1373
Tony Holland	1402
Herbert Crowe	1402
DAVE CRAIG	665
GARY Verheye	665
Barbara Blamner	1402
Brent Ector	1402

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Marine Corps League Department of Georgia Quarterly Meeting Sign-In Sheet Page 1 <u>2/8/25</u>		
	Member Name	Detachment
	PLEASE PRINT NEATLY	
1	ASH TODD	783
2	BRANDY CREEL RIVENDALE 21@GMAIL.COM	783
3	STEVE C. HARRINGTON	1280
4	BEN BOLTON	1325
5	JENNINGS WHITE	1325
6	DOUG MAENI west Nathan	1326
7	JUL HAYES	1260
8	TAMMY COLEMAN	783
9	ALTON COLEMAN	783
10	JOHN ENTWISLE	783
11	CLAUDIA ENTWISLE	783
12	JOHN MCGUIRE	1020
13	CAROL GRIFFIN	1196
14	SHANNON JENNINGS	1373
15	JOSEPH JENNINGS	1373
16	REGINAED BRAND	1373
17	CANDELLARIA BRAND	1373
18	DONALD BROWN	1188
19	MARY COLLIER	1188
20	MARTY HEBECKER	1373
21	DAVID MITTNER	970
22	RONNY BARR	1196
23	TREVER WOOD	1402
24	KAYLA SIMONSON	1311
25	ETHEL LAMAR	647