



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
MINUTES – QUARTERLY MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2025**



OPENING CEREMONY

The meeting was opened per ritual by Commandant Rex Delk at 0905.

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 Getzie Lamar
Jr Past Commandant Larry Heard
Paymaster/Adjutant Edward Gizara
Chaplain Ronnie Griffin
Sgt at Arms Brandy Creel
Sgt at Arms Merrill Tindall

Department Past Commandants

Larry Heard 2020-2022
Randy Barnes 2016-2018

Department Vice Commandants

District 1 – Getzie Lamar
District 2 – Gary Verheyen
District 3 – Jay Maxwell
District 4 – Carol Griffin
District 5 – Mickey Edwards
District 6 – Merrill Tindall
District 7 – Edward Gizara

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Boy Scout Coordinator – Larry Heard
Compliance Officer – Lisa Delk
VSO - Ronnie Griffin
Disaster Relief – Larry Heard
Fallen Marines – Merrill Tindall
Historian – Terry Holland
Marine Corps JROTC – Jay Maxwell
Newsletter – Brent Eaton
Public Affairs – Alton Coleman
Toys for Tots - Vacant

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Young Marines - Jim Berres
Webmaster - Edward Gizara

Roll Call of Detachments

Department of Georgia Quarterly Meeting Roll Call		FY25			
		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
		8/2/2025			
<u>564</u>	<u>Dog Company</u>	✓ 5			
<u>647</u>	<u>LCPL Squire “Skip” Wells</u>	✓			
<u>665</u>	<u>Upper Chattahoochee</u>	1			
<u>783</u>	<u>Unicoi</u>	✓ 7			
<u>921</u>	<u>Lt. Col Jimmie Dyess</u>				
<u>970</u>	<u>Middle Georgia</u>				
<u>1020</u>	<u>“Jake” Puryear</u>	✓ 1			
<u>1040</u>	<u>1st Sgt Charles F. Waller</u>				
<u>1083</u>	<u>Joseph Schmittou</u>	1			
<u>1188</u>	<u>Gen. Ray Davis – MOH</u>	3			
<u>1196</u>	<u>Stephen W. Pless</u>	✓ 2			
<u>1260</u>	<u>Maj. Lawrence Des Jardines</u>				
<u>1280</u>	<u>North Georgia Mountain</u>	✓			
<u>1303</u>	<u>Currahee Mountain</u>				
<u>1309</u>	<u>Cpl Glenn Pair</u>				
<u>1311</u>	<u>MajGen Warren R. Johnson</u>	✓			
<u>1325</u>	<u>Sgt Clyde Thomason – MOH</u>	✓ 5			
<u>1326</u>	<u>West Chatham</u>	1			
<u>1333</u>	<u>Waycross</u>	✓			
<u>1373</u>	<u>Central Georgia</u>	✓ 5			
<u>1402</u>	<u>Columbus</u>	✓ 2			
<u>1438</u>	<u>Lake Blue Ridge</u>	2			
<u>1498</u>	<u>Georgia At Large</u>	✓ 2			
		37			

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.

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Guest Introductions

Commandant Delk introduced our Guest Speaker Captain Lance. Captain Lance reviewed the Marine Corps 250th events that will be happening in Atlanta on August 29^h through September 1st. Information can be found on [Marine Week Atlanta](#) | [National Marine Corp](#)

Department Past Commandants

Larry Heard 2020-2022
Randy Barnes 2016-2018

Jared Massengill – Metro Atlanta Young Marines
Stephanie Springs – Columbia County Young Marines
Mickey Edwards
Faith Edwards – Wife of Mickey Edwards
Kimberly Edwards, Daughter of Mickey Edwards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Paymaster Edward Gizara stated that the minutes have been posted to the website, emailed to the Commandants List.

Commandant Delk asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Russ Vermillion (1196) moved that we accept the minutes of the previous session. Ashford Todd (783) seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as posted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commandant Delk stated that he has received multiple Thank you cards for the donation of \$400 to each Young Marine Unit in GA. He further advised that Young Marines is a part of the Department of GA and he would like to see all Detachments supporting Young Marines.

District Vice Commandants

Commandant Delk spoke about the new District Vice Commandants and asked each to stand and advise how many Detachments they have visited in their District.

District 1 Getzie Lamar - visited 1 of 3 detachments

District 2 Gary Verheyen -

District 3 Jay Maxwell – visited all 3 detachments, all three are active in the community.

District 4 Carol Griffin – visited 1 of 3 detachments, one more scheduled for later in August.

District 5 Mickey Edwards – visited all 3 detachments, will speak with Rex offline

District 6 Merrill Tindall - visited all 3 detachments, all are doing well

District 7 Edward Gizara – visited 1 of 3 detachments, Unit is doing well and learning the ritual.

Paymasters Report

The Paymaster's report was read. Ed gave an update on the new categorized format that is being used. He read each line item for income and expenses. Discussion – It was noted that Google has a Non-Profit side where they will set up a Google Drive at no cost. The

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Paymaster explained that he has tried to get that but was denied because MCL is a 501(c)4. Tony Gasper (647) suggested that the Paymasters report be done based on the Budget to see how we are doing. Commandant Delk stated that we can do that and will summarize the Paymasters Report. Tony Gasper (647) made a motion to accept the Paymasters Report pending further, the motion was seconded by Larry Heard (1196). Hearing no further discussion the motion passes as read, pending financial review.

REPORT OF MEMBERS SICKNESS OR IN DISTRESS:

Chaplain Griffin has not been made aware of any members in sickness or distress, and asked anyone to raise their hands and give a brief description. Larry Heard (1196) Frank Goldman is not doing well. Larry Gasper (647) Jim Boyle has bladder and kidney cancer. Prayers were asked for the family of a member who passed away the week prior. Quincey Acklen (1311) has a family member that needs prayers. Ashford Todd (783), PDD Mike Brown has passed away, please keep his family in your prayers. Gerald Faulkner (1280) Bill Craig is dealing with Lukemia and going through chemotherapy. Det 1402 request prayers for Frank Freeland.

Commandant Delk asked units to bring up anything that was positive in their Detachments. Many units spoke up about positive events or occurrences with their Detachments. Commandant Delk stated that after Sickness and Distress, he wants to add a positive twist on what good things Detachments have going on.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Judge Advocate: Getzie Lamar – No Report.

Junior Vice Commandant: Alton Coleman conducted a count on how many Jr Vice Commandant were present at the meeting. He asked:

- 1) What has your unit done in the last 90 days to promote camaraderie in your Detachment?
- 2) What has your unit done in the last 90 days to promote camaraderie in your community?
- 3) What has your unit done in the last 90 days to improve recruitment?

Det 1402 – Has a weekly breakfast at the VFW

Det 1325 – During their meetings, the Commandant gathers info about a member and the members must determine who it is. Fail, \$1 in the 50/50 jar, Correct, Great job at knowing your Marines. They also hold a social event each month, members must wear Marine Corps shirts. One detachment smoked some butts as an event, and they also distribute windshield cards for veteran's vehicles.

Det 1373 – Had a shooting event where they invited all veterans, they also visit Veterans Homes.

Other ideas were to have a booth at local events, have a monthly meet & Greet at your Local VA Clinic, serve breakfast items, holding a weekly breakfast for all veterans and using QR codes wherever you can, parade floats, pamphlets, any place they can be seen.

Senior Vice Commandant: Lisa Delk asked how many Sr. Vice Commandants were present at the meeting. Lisa asked if they knew that the Sr. Vice is responsible for training your Marines making sure they learn about the elected and appointed positions. She suggested using the National Website; there is a section on training. Lisa stated that at the next Quarterly meeting the Lunch and Learn will be on the National Database Portal. Lisa has been working on the Bylaws

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for the new Detachment (1498). The first draft is written and out for review, this will bring the Detachment into compliance.

Commandant: Commandant Rex Delk stated that our department's biggest problem is delinquency. A paper was handed out to each member showing the number of delinquencies that the Department has (163). He stated that they would be presenting the budget day. He covered the number of paid members and the PLM (Paid Life Member) disbursements the Department is receiving. The 163 delinquent members equate to \$652.00 of funds that the Department does not have. The most the Department could make would be \$4620.48, and that is without fundraisers, which the Department is looking into.

Report of Appointed Officers:

Newsletter: Brent Eaton (1402) stated has no report at this time but is looking for an assistant to work with him on the Newsletter.

Web Sergeant: Ed Gizara stated he needs Detachments input on the page. If you're having an event, send him the flyer to be posted. Ed stated that he would be adding a sickness and distress page as well as a page on what good your detachment is doing.

Fallen Marine: Merrill Tindall stated that each Detachment needs to have a Fallen Marine program and if anyone needed additional information on the program to get with a Board member or Merrill. Merrill stated that this is one of the most important positions within the Detachment. The Fallen Marine Coordinator is responsible for being with the famil and assisting wherever they can.

VSO: Commandant Delk introduced Ronnie Griffin as the Departments new Certified VSO. He further stated that Ronnie has invested much of his time and the costs of the program, around \$1,000.00 to date. Rex asked for a motion to help pay for the training. Larry Heard (1196) made a motion that the Department reimburse Ronnie \$500.00. Merrill Tindall (1333) seconded the motion. Tony Gasper (783) asked that the motion be amended to add a line item to the budget for the purpose of reimbursing Ronnie for expenses each year. Larry Heard amended his motion to reimburse Ronnie \$500 and to reimburse Ronnie up to \$500 each year with a line item added to the budget. Merrill seconded the motion. No further discussion, all members approved of the motion.

Ronnie Griffin spoke about the difficulties within VA. He told all members, "If you are having an issue, call me". He further stated that all claims must be filed with the correct department. When a member comes to Ronnie to seek assistance, the first thing that must be done is to sign a limited power of attorney. Advised all members to hold onto their DD214's. Ronnie advised members to contact him if they receive a letter or call from the VA. He said that if you are sent to a CMP exam that members need to ensure they say to the doctor what's wrong, what you can and cannot do. Ronnie advised members to ensure they find a certified VSO, and that there are some civilian companies, but they charge a fee. Ronnie had one last note that members should take their DD214 down to the courthouse to be placed in their files where it can be easily found.

Young Marines:

Jim Berres thanked all those that took part in the Poker Run and for the donations it provided. Young Marines have a Divisional Encampment coming up September 12-14 and they have already registered 68 YM. Jim stated that if anyone had some time, he could use all the help he can. Jim stated that most of

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the Young Marines are involved with Honor Flight in some way. Georgia had many YM attend the Leadership School, and they all did a great job. Recruitment is going very well. Jim stated that they could use a lot of adults to help with the Young Marine Units.

Disaster Relief:

Larry Heard – Larry stated that the Department has been in touch with the Department of Texas following their disaster and at his point there is nothing they need.

Sgt-At-Arms:

No report currently.

Boy Scout Coordinator:

Mickey Edwards stated that he has coins if any detachment needs them, The Scouting report will be online and when submitted, it will go to all those that need the report.

Historian:

Terry Holland (1402) had no report.

Compliance Officer:

Lisa Delk (1196) advised all Detachment Leaders that they should have received their PLM Audit Report. Lisa was on a conference call with the Southeast Division and submitting your PLM Audit is required by National Bylaws. Lisa reminded all, that to get your PLM Distribution you must have completed the PLM Audit and 990-N form. National does not issue checks and all units must have their banking information on file with National. If you do not, call Bob Borka directly at National. If you have any further questions, please contact Lisa or Ed.

Lisa reiterated that 990-N must be submitted as soon as possible. Even though they technically are not due until December, get them done as soon as possible. They must go through many hands to be validated and you want to be sure that it is submitted on time.

Lisa told all the requirements for completing an ROI properly. The Installing Officer CAN NOT be on the ROI and if they are an elected or appointed Officer, a supplemental ROI must be submitted.

District Vice Commandants:

Commandant Delk said we still need a District Vice Commandant for Districts One and Seven. If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in these positions, contact Rex Delk with the information and he will contact the individual to discuss it.

District Two – Gary Verheyen

District Three – Jay Maxwell

District Four – Ronnie Griffin

District Five – Mickey Edwards

District Six – Merrill Tindall

Commandant Delk will swear in those District Vice Commandants who are here today.

Chaplain:

Mickey Edwards reported that we have had 6 deaths since the last Quarterly Meeting, they are

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Tom Holland, Jimmie Hammondtree, Walter James Taylor, Kenneth Lee Gerdes, John Francis Burkart, and Johnny H. Harris. Mickey asked all Detachments to review their rosters every quarter and that if they see someone who has passed, to be sure to get the NOD to him ASAP. He stressed how awful it is to have a family member receive a sympathy card for a loved one who passed away the previous year. Lisa Delk stated that the paymaster must also send in the transmittal with the NOD to the Department Paymaster, otherwise, they may not drop off the roster.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BYLAWS:

Getzie Lamar has received some of the Detachment Bylaws and is currently working through them.

Finance/Budget Committee:

Lisa Delk (Sr. Vice Commandant)

Convention Committee: Jeff White & Larry Heard. Sent notice that it will be in Peachtree City at the Hilton Conference Center. May 7-10, 2026. Will be moving to a three-day convention. Going forward, detachments that decide to host a convention will have the past three convention commandants' assistance and knowledge to help them.

Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator:

Unfinished Business: Commandant Delk spoke about the Southeast Division Conference that will be in Savannah March 4-7, 2026. Ed Gizara stated that the location is the same as when Savannah hosted the Department Convention awhile back. He stated that there will be a lot of work that needs to be done, silent auction items, ads for the program book, raffle items, and much more. Ed stated that they are looking for Corporate Sponsors for the Convention. If you know anyone, please contact Ed so he can get you the sponsorship letter. Ed told everyone that the Guest Speaker at this event will be Lt. General Livingstone, a Medal of Honor recipient. Columbia County Young Marines have volunteered to be the Color Guard for the Convention.

Rex Delk awarded Alton Coleman with his official Medal for the Department Marine of the Year.

New Business: Commandant Delk has spoken to Detachment 1040 in LaGrange and advised all other detachments that 1040 was starting to age out. They are having a hard time recruiting new members. Rex stated that he wants to form a committee to help them recruit. Assist them in functions and events. Doc has volunteered to head up that committee, and that the Department needs to get down to their location and start recruiting with Detachment 1040 assistance. Alton wants to get the committee to go to the Detachment and speak with all their members.

Rex stated that after we assist 1040, the committee will look to work with the next detachment in need. Without everyone's help, Detachment 1040 will not be here for long.

Rex brought up the possibility to take the Department meeting centralized in the state to reduce driving time. He suggested that Jackson GA. Rex asked what everyone felt on this subject. All agreed this would be a great idea. The Department will take care of setting up the meeting location and the hotel.

The Department of Georgia's 2026 Convention will be in Peachtree City, GA.

Rex stated that at all Department Meetings, there will be a table for any detachment having a raffle or

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sale. Must be no bigger than a 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper.

Good of the League:

Ed Gizara (564) told everyone that the reason he was late was that Detachment 564 took a tour of Parris Island and was center reviewing stands for the Graduation. If any other Detachment is interested to contact him and he will get them the information they need.

Announcements: Lunch & Learn will be on technology and how it can benefit your Detachment. Rex Delk took time to thank the Northwest Georgia Young Marines for hosting this Department meeting. Great Job.

Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington VA, February 26 – 28, 2026. Registration will start at the National Convention.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

There being no further business, the Quarterly Meeting was closed by ritual at 10:55 AM.

Submitted by:

Edward Gizara

Paymaster/Adjutant

MCL Dept of GA

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Member Name	Detachment #
Harry McCann	1196
Barbara McCann	1196
Walt Mullins	1333
REX DELK	1196
LISA DECK	1196
GETZIE LAMAR	647/1020
ROLI GRIFFIN	1196
CAROL GRIFFIN	1196
LARRY HORD	1196
Jay Maxwell	1196/1325
Jim Burr	1373
Ed Gizare	564
Merrill Tintell	1333
Gene Free	1020
John McGuire	1020
Bill Adij	1280
John Adij	1333
Gerald Faulkner	1280
Tony Gaspar	647
Pat Seals	783
Candie Brand	1373
Reginald Brand	1373
ASL Tintell	783

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Member Name	Detachment #
BRANDY CREECH	783
Doc Coleman	783
Pat Seal	783
JEFF ZEIGLER	1196
Ronny Bunn	1196
Russ Vermillion	1196
Tony Hill	1402
Herbert Crowe	1402
CALVIN TRIPLETT SR	783
John Entwistle	783
Claudia Entwistle	783
Brent Eaton	1402
Rodney Riggs	1325
BEN BOSTON	1325
Jeaning White	1325
Mickey, Andrew, Peggy, Kimberly Edwards	
Ted Katz	COLE
KATRINA WATSON	1188
Donald Brown	1188
Bethany Springs Columbia county 11M ²	
Quincy Acklen	1311
TREVER WOOD	1402
Grace Bonem Aveledo	1402

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