



Marine Corps League Detachment 1280
North Georgia Mountain Detachment
744 Noah Dr. Suite 113 #125
Jasper, GA 30143
Minutes for February 22nd, 2025 Meeting

Meeting Date:

- o February 22nd 2025, at Veterans Hall, 339 Church Street, Jasper, GA 30143, Fellowship at 0830 hrs. Meeting starts at 0900 hrs.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Opening Business

1. Adjutant Roll call of Detachment Officers:

Position	Name	Attendance
Commandant/Fallen Marine/	Leon Millholland	<i>Present</i>
Sr Vice/Chaplain/Fallen Marine	Gerald Faulkner	<i>Present</i>
Jr. Vice	Chuck Flemming	<i>Present</i>
Marine For Life	Bill Craig	<i>Present</i>
Member at Large	John Murray	<i>Present</i>
Adjutant/Web Sgt.	Stan O'Kelley	<i>Present</i>
Paymaster	Steve Harrington	<i>Present</i>
Judge Advocate	Jerry Harrison	<i>Absent</i>
Sgt. at Arms	Richard Wilson	<i>Absent</i>
Jr. Past Commandant	Bill Craig	<i>Present</i>

1. Introduction of new members and guests - Clay Kell
2. Application for membership
3. Balloting on applications for membership
4. Ceremony of Initiation –
5. Guest Speaker –



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B. Old Business

1. Reports of the Appointed Officers

A.. Adjutant's Report-Stan O'Kelley

- 1) Adjutant's Regular Meeting Report for January 18th 2025, was transmitted via email and posted on .org website
- 2) Reminder, we have an active Voice Mail Service for the Detachment it is 706.253.0459
- 3) Reminder we are using designated email specially for the Detachment usmcdetach1280@gmail.com
- 4) Facebook link:
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=usmc%201280%20detachment>
- 5) Instagram Page – marinecorpsleague_det1280
- 6) Website Link: <https://www.ngmcl1280.org/>

Motion to approve Minutes.- Motion to approve made by Wayne. Seconded by Steve C. Motion carried.

C.. Paymasters Report- Steve Harrington

Steve's Summary/Comments of Paymaster Training Session – Show Budget balance on next budget. By laws have been sent in. Dept would like for members from all Detachments to attend conferences. Dept of Georgia is developing a “Members at Large” list and a website listing all Detachment Websites. A “Payment Portal” is also being set up along with a Disaster Relief Fund.



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c. Chaplains Report-Gerald Faulkner

- 1) Prayer Request
 - a. Priscilla Poore
 - b. Bill Craig
 - c. Richard Wilson
 - d. Jerry Harrison
 - e. Gerald Faulkner/Sheryl's Mother
 - f. Joyce Leist

d. Webmaster Report- Stan O'Kelly

- 1) visitors on new website since start up 2257.
- 2) Facebook followers +1035 with 967 likes 174 people reached 522 views.
- 3) Instagram Followers – 50.

2. Report of the Elected Officers

a. Commandant-Leon Millholland

- 1) Payment of WIFI approved in November made. Monthly cost going forward? Steve is working on this.
- 2) 3rd Quarter Executive Board Meeting will be held February 22nd** after regular monthly meeting.
- 3) 3rd Quarter Finance Committee Meeting will be held February 22nd** after regular monthly meeting.
- 4) Combined 250th Birthday Ball with Woodstock Detachment next year.
 - . Seems to have hit some snags on the location. Leon spoke to Richard and it maybe held at Sidelines in Woodstock. Leon will keep Detachment posted. He will call back to get a feel for cost and further details. Detachment is interested. Leon will keep Detachment update on detail, cost, etc.
- 5) Paid member report from Paymaster – Rooster review – after meeting.
- 6) Department of Georgia Quarterly Meeting Feb. 7th and 8th. Summary/Report
- 7) Scholarship Committee Report -Considering a scholarship award for each county, Pickens, Gilmer, Fannin. At \$1,000 each. Scholarship can be applied to Technical education also and will be paid directly to the institute. Family member must be a Veteran. Entire Detachment will participate in Scholarship Selection and award. Steve recommended a total of \$3,000, \$1,000 to each county and to continue Scholarship process. Stan made motion, Ken seconded. Motion carried.



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8) Thank you! To Amy for all of her hard work for Toys for Tots. Motion for \$200.00 gift card, or check made by Steve and seconded by Ken. Motion carried. Check will be drawn against Community Affairs budget line item and be available at the March 15 meeting.

b. Senior Vice Commandant/Services/Fallen Marine Officer- Gerald Faulkner

Start collecting gift cards for raffle in May.- Bill has list of Vendors.
Report on Social Night February 13th at Cajun Menu – Good Food. Went overboard to welcome MCL Det. 1280.
Discuss Memorial Day Service - Already have a guest speaker.
Form Officer Election Committee

c. Jr. Vice Commandant- Chuck Flemming – Recruitment Letter – Haven't spoken to Bill about the letter yet.

d. Judge Advocate-Jerry Harrison – Detachment By-Laws sent to Department of Georgia Adjutant.

e. Junior Past Commandant – Bill Craig – Red Blazer for membership – Detachment needs to develop a formal uniform. Steve H. has a donated budget of \$750.00 for reimbursement of members when they buy red blazers. When those funds are exhausted, the Detachment will revisit the issue.

Recruitment Develop and establish recruiting days in Pickens, Fannin and Gilmer Counties

f. Member at Large – John Murray – N/A

g. Veterans Park - Gary Bledsoe for Frank Leist – 1063 Bricks – Georgia Marble has agreed to install the new memorials. The benches are already made. Chain link fence is already up. Ken helped repair the wall.

h. Toys for Tots – Amy – Final Report for 2024
Status YTD 2025



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- i. Good of the Corps – 22 Medals of Honor were awarded at Iwo Jima. 5 to Navy Corpsman. Wayne, Ken and Jerry went to Young Harris for the Iwo Jima Memorial Service. Had breakfast at the Hole in the Wall.

C. New Business-Commandant Leon Millholland

1. Correspondence received – William A. Baker – Requesting funding for Young Marine Leadership Skill Training.. Was at the District Meeting. Legit.

2. Birthday Celebration for February – Jim Elrod, Skee Bo Wickham

D. Calendar Events

Mar 13 – Social -TBD

Mar 15 – Detachment monthly meeting

Apr -TBD – Spring Cookout