



**Marine Corps League Detachment 1280
North Georgia Mountain Detachment
744 Noah Dr. Suite 113 #125
Jasper, GA 30143
Minutes for June 20th, 2026 Meeting**

Meeting Date:

- June 20th, 2026, 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:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Commandant/Fallen Marine/	Craig Knutson	<i>Present</i>
Sr Vice	Clay Keel	<i>Excused</i>
Jr. Vice	Chuck Flemming	<i>Excused</i>
Jr. Past Commandant	Leon Millholland	<i>Absent</i>
Chaplain/Fallen Marine	Gerald Faulkner	<i>Present</i>
Adjutant/Web Sgt.	Stan O'Kelley	<i>Present</i>
Paymaster	Melissa Fowler	<i>Present</i>
Judge Advocate	Stan O'Kelley (pro tem)	<i>Present</i>
Sgt. at Arms	Brandon Frear	<i>Present</i>
Member at Large	John Murray	<i>Present</i>
Compliance Officer	Derrick Mann	<i>Present</i>

1. Introduction of new members and guests –Commander Dave Jones of the American Legion – update on Veterans Hall – been looking for two years. Direct purchase from church. Legion will purchase 2 acres and building @ 197 Camp Road. Kitchen in building. Can seat about 200 people. Other VSO's will share everyday running expenses. Tentative closing Date Patriot Day. Set to open on Sept 11th. \$ projected outlay.
2. Application for membership – Raymond Stewart



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3. Balloting on applications for membership
4. Ceremony of Initiation –

B. Old Business

1. Reports of the Appointed Officers

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

- 1) Adjutant's Regular Meeting Report for February 21st, 2026, 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/>
- 7) If you have Detachment 1280 Business Cards or other printed material, please verify that they have the corrected e-mail address.

Motion to approve Minutes.- Wayne Motioned, Ken seconded. Motion carried.

C.. Paymasters Report- Steve Harrington/Melissa Fowler

c. Chaplains Report-Gerald Faulkner

1. Prayer Request
 - a. Jim and Kay Elrod.



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- b. Priscilla Poore
- c. Susan Craig
- d. Skee-bo Wickum
- e. Gerald and Sheryl Faulkner
- f. Amy and Leslie

Sunday June 28th 7:30 PM Prayer Vigil at Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park. Bill Craig will be getting a tribute. Uniform of the day , red shirt, khaki trousers, black shoes and pith cutter.

d. Webmaster Report- Stan O'Kelly

- 1) visitors on new website since start up 2933 since 10/13/2121.
- 2) Facebook followers +1038 with +1000 likes 14,638 page views, 2,243 people reacted
- 3) Instagram followers -52

2. Report of the Elected Officers

a. Commandant- Craig Knutson

- 1)Committee assignments
- 2)Golf – Jake – 17 people needed (see hand out and Brochure.) Setting up as a yearly event. Talk to your friends. Spread the word. Tournament phone 706-502-0040. committee members are Jake, John and Gerald. October 4th Date.
- 3)5K Run – Planned for next year.Wayne is Coordinator – Wayne, Jake and Craig are on this committee. Try to get some active duty people to compete.
- 4)Gun Team – Robert, Frank, Brandon, Garrett and Raymond. Try to co-ordinate with Appalachian Gun and Pawn.
- Need two Members to go with Craig to inspect M-1 Garands stored with Sheriffs Office.
- 5)Mud Run
- 6)Events Coordinator - Steve Harrington volunteered.
- 7)Raffle Progress - \$672 for two weekends.
- 8)Spring Cookout – From 8:00 Am till 2:00 Pm.....bring your own chairs.

Secondary Positions

Adjutant – if Stan wants help

Judge Advocate - Stan O'Kelley resigned as Judge Advocate Pro Temp Derrick Mann the Compliance Officer opened a Point of Order that nominations should be opened to the floor. Frank Baskins was nominated and won the position of Judge Advocate. He



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will be sworn in at the July 18th meeting
Compliance – Derrick Mann was appointed.
Media Relations – Left open for now.

b. Senior Vice Commandant/Services – Clay Keel

c. Jr. Vice Commandant- Chuck Flemming – N/A

d. Judge Advocate--

e. Junior Past Commandant –Leon Millholland

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

g. Veterans Park - Frank Leist

C. New Business-

1. Correspondence received
2. Birthday Celebration for June - Gary Bledsoe
3. Good of the Corp Commandant read Lisa Johnson's letter (Attachment 1)

D. Calendar Events

Jun 20th – Monthly Meeting

Jun 27th – Spring Cookout

Jun 28th – Prayer Vigil at Pickens County Veterans Memorial Park



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July 4th - We will be riding in the Parade with Toys for Tots Two trucks. Ken's and Lisa's trailers. Uniform of the day Red Polo Shirts, Khaki's and Baseball Cap.

July 16th – Monthly Social- TBD

July 18th- Monthly Meeting