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February 2015

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”

Marine Corps League - Middle Georgia Detachment 970 - Macon, GA

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From the Commandant

Marines, we need volunteers, and it is up to the Detachment members to keep 970 working. We still need committee members for several of our Standing Committees. I need a Program Chairman, and that is final. If no one steps up, we will not have any programs scheduled during the year unless I and/or other staff members come up with some ideas. The Staff and I are all busy. Adding another thing for us to do is becoming a bit much to handle without help. We get out of this Detachment what we put in to it. If you want the Detachment to survive, everyone needs to step up and help.

The Staff voted on a new name for the Newsletter. I like it.

We will have a social hour this February meeting as Bill Hall has volunteered to furnish food and drink. Be prepared for me to contact members to help get to Post 3 a little earlier in order to get the big room set up for our meetings.

I look forward to more visitors to our Detachment. Hopefully, we will have two, new members to be sworn in on February 2nd.

Semper Fi,

Jeff Amerson, Commandant

From the Sr. Vice Commandant

I presented another Certificate of Appreciation this month. This one was to the Lion's Club of Jones County for their donation to help purchase clothing for the Georgia War Veteran's Home. At the same time I presented a program on the Marine Corps League and our local Detachment. We have several veterans in the Lion's Club, and everyone said they enjoyed the program.

At our Staff meeting it was decided to continue to have Social Hour with snacks. Bill Hall volunteered for February, Bobby and Denise Shepherd for March, and Tuffy and Bitsy Phillips for April. We need volunteers for the remainder of the year, and anyone can sign up at our monthly meeting. Everyone needs to continue working on getting new members. I have been talking to fellow Marines here in Jones County about coming to one of our meetings. Hopefully some of them will take me up on my invitation. Hope to see everyone on February 3rd. Until then, SEMPER FI!

Ed Barbee, Sr. Vice Commandant



Members of Middle GA Pound 322 carried toys to the Children's Hospital at Navicent Health. Pictured with the members is Megan McGraw, CCLS Certified Child Life Specialist PICU/PIMCU/ Ambulatory Surgery Center Children's Hospital, Navicent Health.



Dates of Meetings



Detachment Meetings

1900 - 1st Tuesdays of Month
at the American Legion
5530 Thomaston Road
Macon, GA

Staff Meetings

1830 - 2nd Tuesdays of Month
at Forrest Hills United Methodist Church
1217 Forrest Hill Road
Macon, GA

Memberships Up For Renewal

February	March	April
Charles Griggers	John Hardison	David Patman
Phil McGoldrick	Terry Holland	
Pat O'Hanlom	Chandler Beasley	

DEVIL DOG NEWS

M.O.D.D. Pd. 322



WOOF WOOF ALL YOU DOGS!

See all of you Dogs at our next
GROWL February 12, at 7PM at the
Scout Hut.

Woof, Woof,
PDD Tuffy Phillips



If you want to buy a raffle ticket to win the golf cart and trailer, contact Joe Barbee at (478) 333-6644 or (478) 256-8846. Tickets are \$10.00 each or \$25.00 for three.

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Email all submissions to Bitsy.
The deadline is the 24th of each month.
Stuart Phillips - Computer Technician

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
January 6, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Opening by Ritual: The meeting was called to order and the Marine Corps League Mission Statement was read by Commandant Jeff Amerson. There were 3 visitors, 20 regular members and 2 associate members present, totaling 25.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present with the exception of Paymaster Walker, excused. None of the chaplains were present.

Visitors/New Member Applications: Three visitors, Carl Curly, Chris Black and John Marshall were present for the first time, of which Carl Curly and Chris Black submitted their membership applications which were reviewed and approved. Commandant advised them that if they decide to join the detachment and fulfill all application requirements, please come to the next meeting prepared to be sworn-in.

Newsletter: Commandant called attention to the colored pictures in the 2015's first newsletter, now named 'The Head Call.' After some discussion regarding the newsletter's new name, it was decided that consideration of the detachment's input would be given and a decision will be forthcoming with the present name being kept as is in the interim.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting, having been previously reviewed by Commandant, have been posted. There being no changes or additions, Commandant Amerson entertained a motion to accept the minutes as published. David Mincey so moved, seconded by Tuffy Phillips, and the motion carried.

Financial Report: The Adjutant read Paymaster Walker's detachment financial report. Beginning balance: \$7839.77; Disbursements: \$1052.83; De-

posits: \$285.00; Bank charge/Adjustments: \$0.00; Ending Balance: \$7071.94. Commandant called for a motion in acceptance of the financial report as read, which was so moved by Bill Hall and seconded by Michael Clark. The motion carried with no discussion.

Sick and Distressed: Michael Clark reported Carl Kitchens is absent due to the flu. Bill Hall reported Bob Burns is home bound with a cough and so unable to attend. Newsletter Editor, Bitsy Phillips expressed her willingness to dedicate a section of the newsletter to those reported to be under illness, hospitalization or in any such case. Bill Hall recommended the section be called 'Chaplain's Corner.'

Report of Officers: Sr. Vice Commandant Ed Barbee reported his personal silhouette of the Marines' flag raising on Mt. Suribachi will be featured in the Jones County newspaper which also runs a monthly announcement of Det. 970's meetings. Sr. Vice Barbee will be the program speaker for the Jones County Lions Club's January 22nd meeting, and at that time, will be presenting a certificate of appreciation for their contribution toward our veterans' clothing drive. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to his church for their contribution toward the veterans' clothing drive. Sr. Vice Barbee encouraged the detachment to greater participation by volunteering in the following areas: 1. contribute articles to the newsletter; 2. Sign up to bring snacks for one social hour from 1800 - 1900 prior to a monthly meeting; 3. come to the quarterly family dine-outs.

Jr. Vice Pless thanked all the members who did show their dedication by taking part this past year in helping bring the league forward through fundraising activities and recruitment of new members and also encouraged more of the detachment to do the same. Jr. Vice Pless also highlighted the award winning Rutland H. S. MCJROTC unit as the only unit of its kind in Middle Georgia and as such deserves our support.

Commandant highlighted 2014's events, including the War Veterans visit and donation of over \$1000's

worth clothing for which Sr. Vice Barbee was thanked for his fundraising work. Bobby Shepherd took the floor to publicly thank Denise Shepherd for her time and hard work purchasing the clothing and Commandant echoed the same sentiment followed by a round of applause. Next mentioned were the Christmas Banquet, and Toys for Tots fundraisers at Bass Pro Shop and Forsyth WalMart. The floor was opened for Joe Barbee to report that over \$2800 in donations was collected from the Forsyth event and then Bitsy and Tuffy Phillips added that lots of very nice toys were collected at Bass Pro Shop. Also highlighted was the Wreaths across America event with special mention of the wreath placed at Mr. Paul Odom's grave marker. The Riverside Conservancy sent a thank you card for Detachment 970's participation. Commandant stated he would like to make this an annual event for which fundraisers will be required. Joe Barbee then took the floor to state he would like to see us concentrate on placing wreaths exclusively on Marine veterans' grave markers. Commandant replied he would talk to the Conservancy about this. Commandant Amerson went on to report there is a need for a chairman for each of the following proposed committees: Programs, Awards, and Training. The rest of the committees and their chairpersons remain the same as last year. The committee chairmen will be listed in the newsletter and on the detachment website.

Old Business: Joe Barbee reiterated the details of the golf cart fundraiser. Tickets are being sold for \$10 each. Our detachment has 100 tickets to sell to anyone other than detachment members. Commandant volunteered Joe Barbee to be chairman of this fundraiser to which he replied, "I can".

New Business: Commandant is working on platoon and squad leader positions, which are open for anyone to occupy. All that is required is calling the squad members to remind of the meetings and to report to the detachment any sick or distressed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should please contact Jeff Amerson. The next staff meeting to which all are invited is January 13, 1830 hours.

Good of the League: Upcoming events: MidWinter Conference, Feb. 12-14 in Falls Church, VA; SE Conference, March 26-29 in Altamonte Springs, FL (register before Feb. 27;) National Convention, Aug. 9-15, Scottsdale, AZ. Details of these conferences can be found on the Department website. Detachment advertisements will be purchased and placed in the Department, SE and National program books. Commandant advised Sr. Vice Barbee to get the Finance Committee together for a budget meeting. Joe Barbee took the floor to make a motion that the detachment make a one-time donation of \$200 to provide school supplies for both his niece's and Denise Shepherd's son's and one Monroe County classroom. In addition, he recommended we be personally involved and highly visible in the classroom to promote the Marine Corps League. After discussion, it was decided that feasibility and legality of such a project would be investigated and the subject would be further discussed at the January staff meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by ritual.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Dyche, Adjutant

Sick Call

Bill Hall's daughter and family need our prayers. She is in the hospital.

