

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
April 2, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Opening by Ritual: Meeting called to order and Marine Corps League Mission Statement read by Commandant Bill Hall.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present. There were 26 members, 1 associate member, and one visitor present.

April Program: Robert McCord, Operations Officer for the Macon-Bibb Emergency Management Agency presented the principles and functions of emergency management. EMS is the first responder in tornadoes, floods, ice storms, power outages and much more. There also are 150 volunteers under his direction. They also host an amateur ham radio club. It was good to hear that Bibb County is certified 'Storm Ready.' Robert served in the Marine Corps from 2002 – 2007.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes by Paul Odom and seconded by Tuffy Phillips.

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker reports as follows: Beginning balance: \$7755.92; Disbursements: \$1518.77; Deposits: \$2526.00; Adjustments: \$2.00; Ending balance: \$8761.15. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Paul Reynolds David Mincey, and seconded by David Mincey. The motion carried. Commandant requests itemization to note how much of total is Convention funds.

Sickness and Distress: Bill Hall's father is recovering from kidney surgery. All others reported on previous minutes are now well. Gunny's son Pat, an Army Green Beret, has been deployed to Afghanistan.

Officers' Reports: Sr. Vice Commandant reminded everyone going to Convention to send in their registration form. A copy will go in the newsletter. Jr. Vice Commandant reported the rifle raffle still holds 140 tickets. Paul advised all to turn in tickets or money soon. It was also reported that 38 members were given 2 tickets each to sell. Sergeant At Arms advised that hard copies of Convention registration form should be made available upon request. Commandant made 2 Eagle Scout Presentations. Presentations were also made at Rutland High School, and for the Marine ROTC. Congratulations were also given to our own Michael Clark for being elected the National Vice Commandant for the SE Division.

Committee Report: Report of Standing Committees

Convention - Joe Barbee stressed the importance of selling ads to offset Convention expenses and reported that of 80 detachment members only 9 have sold ads. 23 members have so far registered for the May Convention. The deadline for registration has been extended to May 1. Another pressing need is for supplies for the hospitality room and for prizes for the raffle.

Carl Kitchens who with his wife Carol is heading up the Convention Program reminded everyone they can place a memorial or honorarium entry in the program for only \$10.

Old Business: Reminder: April 6 is the Linwood Cemetery clean-up day starting at 0800. Bring yard tools.

New Business: Rutland H. S. MCROTC will hold their military ball at the Warner Robins Air Museum on April 13th . Ray Walker will be the guest speaker.

Mount Pleasant Baptist will hold a walk to honor all veterans on April 12, 1900-2300. Our color guard was requested to assist with opening ceremonies.

The 1/5 has requested that the Detachment supply a representative for the Sgt Rodney Davis Scholarship Committee. Commandant will get more details.

Next month Carl Kitchens will stand in as Sgt at Arms in Ed Barbee's absence.

Phil McGoldrick reported the traditional Memorial Day Service will be at Macon Memorial at 10 a.m. Color Guard and Honor Guard are needed for this occasion.

For The Good of the League:

New website at <http://mcl970middlega.com/home>. Check out the web site. Growth is planned. Any suggestions please advise Bill Hall or Jeff Amerson.

Staff meeting is Tuesday the 16th of April at 1900. We meet at Forest Hills United Methodist Church. All are invited.

2013 Detachment calendar is available on line at the website.

Minutes respectfully submitted, by Annette Dyche, Adjutant

