

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
August 5, 2014

Opening by Ritual: Meeting called to order and Marine Corps League Mission Statement read by Senior Vice Commandant Ed Barbee.

Roll Call of Officers: All were in attendance with exception of Commandant Jeff Amerson, Jr. Vice Commandant, Tuffy Phillips, Paymaster Ray Walker, and Jr. Past Commandant, Bill Hall, who all were at the National Convention in West Virginia.

Visitor: Our visitor was Daniel Krattli of Smarr, who served in the Marine Corps stationed in Yuma, AZ from 1982-1986. His father, two brothers and extended family also proudly served in the Corps.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept, as submitted, the minutes for the July meeting by Carl Kitchens, seconded by Tom Hisel. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker's Financial report is as follows: Beginning balance: \$9963.21; Disbursements: \$132.12; Deposits: \$25.00; Adjustments: \$3.00; Ending balance: \$9853.09. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marvin Jackson and seconded by Bobby Shepherd. The motion carried.

Sickness and Distress: Wirt Durdin, Squad Leader, Squad 7 reported Howard Hardison, is not showing very much improvement, having both good and bad days under hospice care. Also, David Oxley suffered a bruised shoulder and hip due to a fall.

Officers' Report: Sergeant at Arms, Bobby Shepherd reports 23 in attendance including our visitor and associate member.

Old Business: A sign-up sheet is available for the Rodney Davis Memorial Fund Rock 'n Soul Event at Scottish rite on Vineville Road, Sept. 13th. We will be responsible for Color Guard, 50/50 ticket sales and drawing, selling tickets at the door and taking up tickets and money and handing out programs. Friday, November 7 is the Byron Cemetery flag placement day. The family covered dish meeting will be in October. Sign-up sheet is available for this also. Staff members discussed at the July staff meeting and the finance committee voted to purchase 100 wreaths from the Wreaths Across America organization for placement on veterans' gravesites in the Riverside Cemetery. There will be further discussion and a vote by the body at the September meeting. Members are encouraged to visit the moving Vietnam Wall at the Dublin VA November 14-17, 2014. Senior V. Commandant Ed Barbee also made an appeal to all to help make our newsletter more glamorous through contributions of informative, newsworthy or amusing articles related to the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League. Please submit these to Carl Kitchens.

New Business: Staff members discussed and agreed in favor of a spaghetti dinner as a more feasible option in lieu of the proposed fish fry fundraiser. The meal would be prepared by our member volunteers at the American Legion Post 3, Thomaston Road, Macon. Meal tickets would be purchased for \$7 each. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.