

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
August 6, 2013

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

Roll Call of Officers: All were in attendance with exception of 1st Plt. Leader Tuffy Phillips and Jr. Past Commandant, Joe Barbee, who are both at the National Convention.

New Applicants: Denise Shepherd was approved by unanimous vote and sworn in as an Associate Member.

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

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker report is as follows: Beginning balance: \$17284.32; Disbursements: \$467.00; Deposits: \$420.30; Adjustments: \$2.00; Ending balance: \$17325.62. 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 had a stroke on 8/3/2013 and is still in the hospital. He will need a lot of therapy. Also, Michael San Pablo just went home from a hospital stay for back surgery. Wirt asked everyone to keep these two Marines in your prayers. Ed Barbee reported that on August 27, 2013, he will be having surgery for prostate cancer which has been diagnosed as treatable. Ed expressed he would appreciate our prayers, at this time especially. He also made mention that a replacement for his duties as Sergeant At Arms will be needed for the September meeting. Ray Walker, Treasurer, reports our oldest member, Arnold Cotton, is in assisted living at Carlisle Place. Ray added Arnold likes to have visitors and encouraged us to stop in to pay him a visit. Commandant Hall reported Bob Burns' wife, Jane is under a doctor's care for her heart and requests we include her and Bob in our prayers.

Officers' Report: Sergeant at Arms, Ed Barbee, reports 23 in attendance including visitors and associate members. The 50/50 drawing total is \$34, half of which goes to the winner.

Old Business: The Family Gathering and Dine Out, as reported by Commandant Hall, was well attended by 34 members and wives with "room for more" on July 25, 2013 at O'Charley's, Bloomfield Dr. Macon. Bill hopes to see even more join our gathering on September 19th, 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's on Bloomfield Dr. at the Macon Mall.

New Business: Adjutant Dyche opened discussion for a proposed honorary payment of half of the Life Membership by the Detachment for all incoming members who are Purple Heart recipients and desire to become a life member. After some valuable discussion and positive input, Ed Barbee made a motion the Detachment make the honorary payment in full for the Life Membership of Purple Heart recipient members, with the understanding that these honored will be allowed to repay their half for an extended, unspecified time, as he or she is able. Marvin Jackson seconded. The motion carried.

Commandant Hall opened the report of the Finance Committee's July 27th meeting as follows: Michael Clark steps down as chairman of this committee due to his responsibilities at the Division level. Sr. Vice Commandant Jeff Amerson reported the following details of the meeting staffed by himself, Bubba Wall, Ray Walker and Michael Clark: the anticipated Annual Operating Budget for the year beginning July 2013 through June 2014 is comprised of annual ads at National, \$160, Southeast, \$110 or \$65 per size, and \$100, Department; Newsletter distribution expenses, \$50 per mo; P.O. Box fee, \$80 annual;

Incorporation renewal, \$50,annual; \$50,miscellaneous, for stamps, certificates; Eagle Scout Program 167.00 annually; Fallen Marine certificate, folder and bow pin expenses for the widows , \$120 annual; Rutland Marine JROTC ribbons, certificates and awards, \$88.25, which totals 1523.25 – budget proposed is \$1600. After discussion, Commandant encouraged all who have an email address to please accept the newsletter via email to save Detachment expenses. After much discussion about allowing for unforeseen expenses, Tom Hisel made a motion that the projected operating budget be set at \$2000 and Ray Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried with it being understood this is an annual budget.

Next, the suggested donations being presented for discussion and a vote were listed as: Toys for Tots, \$1000; Marines helping Marines, \$1000; Boy Scouts, Central Georgia Council, \$1000; 5 other JROTC units \$100 ea. + Rutland \$500=\$1000; Legion Post 3, \$500; Rodney Davis Scholarship Fund, \$1000; total: \$5,500.00. Paul Reynolds Recommended earmarking a budget line for the Purple Heart award as previously discussed. Tom Hisel made a motion to approve the \$5,500 for donations and to create a budget line of \$2000 for the Purple Heart Life Membership Fund. Carl Kitchens seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commandant stated he would submit a copy of the budget to be included in the Newsletter.

Commandant Hall introduced and Paymaster Ray Walker further explained details of a bi-annual fundraising program through Belk's which will involve further research regarding which Bill will report back to us.

Carl Kitchens announced the deadline for newsletter submissions as August 23. Commandant reminded us anyone can contribute an article to our newsletter.

Commandant also stated he will post in the newsletter, as space allows, a list of community retailer discounts.

For The Good of the League

The Devil Dog Growl is on August 15, 7pm; Staff Meeting is on August 20, 7pm at Forest Hill UMC. Commandant encourages all to attend this meeting.

Commandant also encouraged everyone to join American Legion Post 3.

Paul Reynolds, Jr. Vice Commandant, informed everyone there is free insurance available for MCL members. See Paul for details.

Commandant reminded everyone that there is a box for contributions of clothing, shoes and toiletries that we will continue to gather for our annual donation and December visit to Dublin Veterans.

Our Marine Corps birthday dinner will be November 9th at Middle Georgia State College, formerly Macon State. Ted Robinson will MC. This also will be the site of the Christmas dinner, details later. Paul Reynolds reminded everyone to get their dues paid.

Ray Walker reported we have 58 Life Members, 24 regular members for 82 total members. All are encouraged to consider becoming Life Members.

The following is the refreshment provider list for the rest of the year: September: Michael Clark; October: Ron Chipman; November: Ed Barbee.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.