

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
July 1, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call of Officers: All officers, less Adjutant, excused, were present. Present were: 23 members, 2 associate members and 2 visitors, Barbara Brammer, District 5 Vice Commandant and her husband, Jerry Brammer, Associate Member, Columbus, GA MCL Detachment #1402.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Carl Kitchens and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Email from Frank Golan, Griffin Det. Commandant informing Commandant and all of Randy Barnes' impending spleen and pancreas cancer surgery on July 15th. Commandant Amerson recommended sending a card and getting a group together to go see him after he is home from surgery.

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker reports as follows: Beginning balance: \$10,663.00
Disbursements: \$908.79; Deposits: \$212.00; Adjustments: \$3.00 Bank Svc.Charge; Ending balance: \$9963.21. After inquiring about veteran's organizations being service charge-exempt, Ray reported he was told that would not be feasible. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Bill Hall and seconded by Carl Kitchens. The motion carried.

Sickness and Distress: Wirt reported Howard Hardison is home presently, under hospice care, after being hospitalized for pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Call Howard: 956-3853. Michael Cotton returned home from the Dublin VA, but is still not able to attend meetings. Bob Burns also was hospitalized for reasons unknown. David Oxley is unable to join us due to macular degeneration. Commandant called for everyone's prayers for these members.

Officers' Reports: Commandant advised we are scheduled with the Bravo 1/5 and the Rodney Davis Scholarship fund Committee to help out in various capacities at the Rock 'n Soul Benefit Event on September 13th, 5-9 p.m., at the Scottish Rite, 1985 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA. Commandant also announced he will be at National Convention during the week of next month's meeting, so the Sr. Vice Commandant, Ed Barbee will officiate the August meeting. For Rock 'n Soul, Sr. Vice Ed Barbee announced Joe Barbee will be in charge of the 50/50 drawing; also, there is a need for color guard, which was promptly filled by Bill Hall, Bobby Sheppard, Richard Bennett and Ed Barbee. Commandant Amerson reported on a Wreaths Across America campaign goal by The Historic Riverside Cemetery and Conservancy to get donations for 1000 wreaths which will be placed on the gravesites of veterans on Dec. 13th at the Riverside Cemetery in Macon. Commandant will make further inquiries about this proposed detachment project and report back with all the details at a later date.

New Business: Tom Hisel announced a Byron city cemetery flag placement project in observance of Veterans Day. Tom invited all volunteers to meet first for breakfast at the Burger King at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, prior to flag placement, which begins at 9 a.m.

Joe Barbee proposed a recruiting opportunity at Smiley's Flea Market which would also put us out in the public's eye. He suggested 3 hour shifts of volunteers to sit under our canopy and take donations while talking up Marine Corps League. Tuffy Phillips will be in charge. Joe Barbee also presented the 2 banners that will be used to identify and promote Marine Corps League and this detachment at our

fundraising and recruiting functions. Joe made a motion to purchase these promotional items at a price of \$132.00 and Ed Barbee seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Commandant also brought up for discussion a family gathering and meal for the October detachment meeting. Bill Hall made a motion to finalize the details at the 6:30, July 15th staff meeting at FHUMC and Tom Hisel seconded. The motion carried.

Ray Walker stated he would make inquiries regarding the delayed membership I.D. cards at the National Convention.

Bobby Shepherd reported November 1 is available at the Masonic Lodge for the fish fry fundraiser. This will be discussed again at the upcoming staff meeting which is open to all members and associates.

The Good of the League:

Ray Walker reported on the June 21 Rodney Davis Memorial Golf Tournament. He and Bubba Wall, Wilton Collins and a Mercer student participated as a team. Our color guard was comprised of Joe Barbee, Bobby Shepherd, Michael Clark, and Levi McKenna. Par 3 hole-watchers were Tuffy and Bitsy Phillips, Leanord Pless, Ernest Mixon and Bill Hall. Ray Walker hit the ball closest to the #4 hole and is due the prize of a cooker.

The Vietnam Moving Wall is scheduled to be at the Carl Vinson Medical Center in Dublin, Aug 14-18, 2014; open 24 hrs a day.

Commandant also made mention that enlistment ages have been raised to 39, Air Force; 34, Navy; 35, Army; and 28, Marine Corps, (which prompted a hearty OoRah!).

Announcements: Carl Kitchens will have cataract surgery July 30th, 2014.

Commandant announced that beginning with the August meeting, per the Legion Post Commander's request, entrance to and exit from the meeting room will be through the bar door only and all other doors will be locked. Finally, the National Convention in WV is August 3rd -9th, 2014; at which, the 75th anniversary of the Order of Devil Dogs will be celebrated.

Minutes respectfully submitted, by Annette Dyche, Adjutant