

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970

June 2, 2015

Meeting Minutes

**Opening by Ritual:** Meeting called to order and Marine Corps League Mission Statement read by Commandant Jeff Amerson. There were 23 Marines, 2 associate members and two guests in attendance. This evening's guests were Marshall Flewellyn, who served from 1954 to 1957, and Neal Albrycht, whose years of service with the 3<sup>rd</sup>Bn, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines were 2002 to 2005.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All officers were present with the exception of 1<sup>st</sup> platoon leader Doug Corbin and Jr. Past Commandant Bill Hall, both excused.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Tuffy Phillips and seconded by Bobby Shepherd. Motion carried

**Financial Report:** Paymaster Ray Walker gave the detachment financial report. The beginning balance was \$6666.38; Disbursements: \$185.90; Deposits: \$59.00; bank service charge, \$4.00; leaving an ending balance of \$6535.48. Motion was made to accept the financial report by David Mincey and it was seconded by Joe Barbee. Motion carried.

**Sick and Distressed:** Bubba Wall's wife, Vivian, is not well and in the hospital. Tom Hisel and his wife, Paula are not well. Doug Corbin is also sick with a virus. Commandant reports he is still recovering from his final, of several kidney stone surgeries, May 27, adding "It was not a fun time."

**Officer's Report:** The Commandant reports the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rodney Davis Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June the 27<sup>th</sup>. Not having received notification to date, it is assumed there will be a need for the Color Guard that morning as there was last year, in addition to hole-i n-one and final hole watchers. Sr. Vice Commandant Barbee being unavailable the 27<sup>th</sup>, asked Joe Barbee to secure a Color Guard detachment, who agreed, adding he has heard nothing from the organizers. Discussion ensued regarding this event's scholarship money and the lack of candidates eligible to receive it. It was suggested by Joe Barbee that despite his respect for the Rodney Davis family, due to the apparent lack of communication and collaborative organization for this event, that in lieu of rendering service, we make a direct donation to the scholarship fund. The Staff will consider this recommendation at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The quarterly Family Dine-out is Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1830 hours at O'Charlies, Bloomfield Road, Macon. Commandant extended a cordial invitation to our visitors and families to join us for a fun and friendly time.

Commandant Amerson congratulated all who participated in the Memorial Day services.

Sr. Vice Commandant Barbee highlighted the Veterans' Memorial dedication ceremony that he and Joe Barbee attended on Friday, May 22 in McIntyre, GA.

**Unfinished Old Business:**

Marvin Jackson was presented with his Distinguished Service Award in gratitude for his annual work in the Toys for Tots program at the Wal Mart in Forsyth.

**New Business:**

Joe Barbee announced the Marine Unit stationed at Warner Robins will be relocating to Colorado as of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This will put the Toys for Tots program totally on the shoulders of the Marine Corps League members. Bitsy Phillips mentioned Phil McGoldrick did an excellent job with this program

prior to the time when the Marines became involved. Ray Walker volunteered to contact Phil to discuss the future for Toys for Tots in our area.

Commandant called for David Mincey to bring an update on a prospective October trip to PI for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. David volunteered to make the necessary phone calls to determine what dates are open for visiting groups. A show of hands for interest in the trip was called for and Commandant directed Denise Shepherd to have a sign-up sheet started for anyone who would like to attend the centenary celebration at PI.

Good of the League:

The National Convention is coming up August 9-15 in Scottsdale, AZ. Be advised it is too late to get a hotel on site.

The 2016 National Convention is open for signing up on the internet and will be in Oklahoma.

The monthly staff meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1830 hours, at Forest Hills UMC. All are welcome.

There being no further business, Commandant Amerson proceeded to close the meeting by ritual at 1930 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Dyche, Adjutant