

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970**  
**March 3, 2015**  
**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 were present. There were 22 members, 2 associate members, 1 visitor, Donnie Hamrick, who graduated boot camp with Carl Kitchens and 1 guest program presenter, Superior Court Judge, Phil Raymond.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes by David Mincey and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. The motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Paymaster Ray Walker reports as follows: Beginning balance: \$6988.89; Disbursements: \$1610.11; Deposits: \$1217.00; Adjustments: -\$6.00; Bank Charge \$4.00; Ending balance: \$6885.38. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Michael Clark, and seconded by David Mincey. The motion carried.

**Sickness and Distress:** Doug Corbin is sick with flu; Bill Hall is having back trouble.

**Officers' Reports:** Sr. Vice Commandant Ed Barbee reported on the details of the bingo fundraiser for the Jones County Schools' Rising Stars. Bingo night is March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Club, Ga 18, Gray, GA 31032. A hot dog, coleslaw and baked beans meal will be available from 6pm to 7. Volunteers may bring home baked or otherwise goods for dessert. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. \$20 buys 5 bingo cards. Those unable to attend may also help out by contributing \$50 per Rising Star student.

Jr. Vice Commandant Leonard Pless reported as chairman of the Flag Committee. He reminded everyone that if on occasion they see a flag being properly displayed, to make note of it and report the business name to him. The Committee members are planning to make flag etiquette guidelines available.

Denise Shepherd, Social Events Coordinator, reported 20 signed up for the March 19<sup>th</sup>, O'Charleys dine - out at 6:30 p.m. Also, the Social Hour volunteer food sheet is now full for the year.

Commandant Amerson reminded everyone of the annual Linwood Cemetery clean-up day, April 11, 0900. Bring tools such as hoes, rakes and shovels. Also, the staff meeting for March is the 10<sup>th</sup> at FHUMC, 6:30 p.m.

All members and associates are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly staff meetings.

**Committee Report:** Joe Barbee reported a \$505.00 profit resulting from the Golf Cart Raffle ticket sales.

**Program:** Judge Raymond just passed his 3 year anniversary on the bench for Bibb, Crawford and Peach Counties. His career as an attorney spans 32 years, 25 of which was in family law. The five Superior Court Judges rule on felonies, major crimes, divorce and automobile related crimes. Judge Raymond gave an overview of his experience with family law, reporting the divorce rate at 50 percent. The Judge opened the floor for questions as well as offering to address additional questions after the meeting closes.

**Good of the League:** Marine Don Coffey stopped in to personally thank everyone for the donations to help him recover from his house fire. The money for this came from a donor who earmarked the gift “for anything needed the Detachment needed.”

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

Minutes respectfully submitted, by Annette Dyche, Adjutant