

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970
May 5, 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 with exception of 2nd Platoon Leader Kitchens, excused. There were 21 members, 2 associate members present and one guest, Mrs. Pless, who brought a delicious social hour meal.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter, by David Mincey and Bill Hall seconded the motion which then was carried.

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker reported a beginning balance of \$8232.04, disbursements of \$1722.66, deposits totaling \$211.00, a bank charge of \$4.00 which leaves the Ending Balance at \$6666.38. Bobby Shepherd made a motion to accept the Financial Report as read which was seconded by David Mincey. The motion carried.

Sickness and Distress: Tuffy Phillips reported Carl Kitchens has the shingles. Commandant reported that MCL Det. 970 member, George Curtis Hitchcock died May 3rd. He encouraged all who could to come wearing the red cover to the May 6th graveside service in Macon Memorial Park. A purple heart recipient, George lost a leg in Saipan.

Correspondence Report: Commandant Amerson reported a thank you note was received from the Jones County Chamber of Commerce for our contribution to the Rising Star program through the Bingo fundraiser.

Officers' Reports: Commandant Amerson reported the State Convention in Marietta was very good, the banquet also was good. Congratulations to the Georgia Pack Dog of the Year our own Joe Barbee. Also, thanks to Ed Barbee, Leonard Pless and Mark Smith for being presenters at the Rutland H.S. Marine Jr. ROTC Awards Night. There was a good attendance at the Linwood Cemetery clean-up day and Commandant thanked all who helped clear the entire cemetery. Commandant also called to attention the need to let him or Bill Hall know when anyone has knowledge of someone who has earned the Eagle Scout Award. The MCL has a certificate with which to honor the Award recipient's achievement.

Sr. Vice Commandant Barbee showed everyone the Jones County newspaper's photo of our Detachment's members in action.

Jr. Vice Commandant Pless announced he and his wife attended their first out of town MCL convention, and were thrilled to win a Weber charcoal grill.

Old Business: Joe Barbee reminded everyone of our need to continue awarding the Officers Mameluke sword at Rutland award nights. Ray Walker indicated he would locate a source for these swords. Joe also announced the drawing for the golf cart will be May 22 at noon.

Bitsy Phillips reminded everyone of the opportunity monthly to contribute an interesting quote, article or excerpt from a book for publishing in the "Incoming" newsletter. Commandant added that it would be fine also to submit items of interest to Marines for sale. Submit your newsletter contributions via email to: bitsyphillips@cox.net.

New Business: Commandant announced that Detachment 970 has been asked to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies at Macon Memorial Park. All participants were asked to arrive at 9:30. Ceremonies begin at 10:00 a.m.

For The Good of the League: Commandant urged everyone to send articles for the newsletter. He also named those who were elected as officers at the State Convention: Commandant: Ron Kirstatter, Sr. Vice: Randy Barnes, Jr. Vice Bill Miller, Judge Advocate: Barbara Brammer; Jr. Past Commandant: Joe Barbee. Appointed Officers: Chaplain, Dalton Hammock, Adjutant and Paymaster: LuAnn Miller, Web Sergeant: Bill Stevens, and Co-Sergeants –at- Arms: Larry Heard and Lamar Scott.

The August National Convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ.

Commandant reminded all dual members that at the detachment where you are a senior member will you be a voting delegate.

The May staff meeting will be on 5/12/15, 1830 at Forest Hill UMC.

Commandant thanked Rene Pless, on everyone's behalf, for the good meal.

There being no further business, the May 5, 2015 meeting was closed by ritual.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Dyche, Adjutant