

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970

January 8, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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

New Applicants: Commandant Hall recognized our visitor and applicant for transfer of life membership, Ray Riggins, formerly of Gainesville, FL. Ray served with a MAC Squadron of the Air Wing from 1957-60.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present. There were 25 members, 1 associate member and 1 visitor present.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes by Bob Burns and seconded by David Mincey.

Financial Report: Paymaster Ray Walker report is as follows: Beginning balance: \$6949.52; Disbursements: \$4151.99; Deposits: \$5929.20; Adjustments: \$4.65; Ending balance: \$8422.08. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Michael Clark and seconded by Ron Chipman. The motion carried.

Sickness and Distress: As an update on Gene Krattli's wife, it was reported that she is still in need of more recovery time after having received a pacemaker. Howard Hardison's status has changed little from last month's report. Though little else is known, it was reported that James Guelick has been hospitalized. Arnold Cotton is holding his own, though in a feeble condition. All above need our prayers and certainly would appreciate any thoughtful outreach by a Detachment 970 member.

Officers' Report: Sergeant at Arms, Ed Barbee, reminded everyone to sign in upon arriving. Commandant Bill Hall reports a big thanks to Marvin Jackson for heading up Toys for Tots. Marvin credited the Vietnam Vets organization for a job well done this and every year, in making purchases and distributing the toys. Bill also thanked Bitsy Phillips for her assistance which enabled us to get into Central High School to promote this worthy cause which was well-received by the students, many of whom volunteered to help as well. Active duty Marines in uniform were there to help as well. Bitsy was also a big help by communicating with the truck driver.

Committee Report: Joe Barbee appealed for detachment-wide participation in the upcoming Department of Georgia Convention. All duty designations are still short of being adequately staffed, so all were enjoined to step up and contact a committee member or chairman which you will find listed in the next newsletter. Every member is **required to:** 1. Sell a minimum of One Advertisement in the Convention book. 2. Bring one item for the raffle room, such as Marine Corps memorabilia, popular iconic (John Wayne, for example) items, etc. These need not be high dollar, but should be nice stuff. So far, Bill Hall is doing the computer work, Carl & Carol Kitchens are handling the Ads, Ray Walker is commandeering the hospitality room, and Paul Reynolds is overseeing the rifle raffle. In regards to the raffle, if you need more tickets, please see Paul. 600 tickets have been issued. Please see a picture of the rifle on the new detachment website: <http://mcl970middlega.com/home>. On the third Tuesday of each month, both the Staff Meeting and the Convention meeting will be conducted.

Old Business: 'Gunny' Marvin Jackson thanked all who helped.

New Business: Although a bylaw change in the Marine of the Year Committee was proposed, Michael Clark questioned the workability of it because the Committee is a separate entity apart from the Commandant who is the one who recommends and awards the recipient. Upon hearing Michael's astute observations, Commandant recommended Michael Clark rewrite the amendment. A rewording was then recommended for the bylaw amendment. Michael Clark made a motion to accept the amendment to the bylaw change as amended. Tuffy Phillips seconded. The amendment is as follows:

MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

"Following the acceptance of the nomination for the Detachment Marine of the Year, the sitting commandant will make a receipt of the Marine of the Year. At the following detachment meeting, the commandant will award the current year's recipient of this distinction with the Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze-C."

Southeast Convention Committee: This year's convention is in Atlanta. The ads have been reduced from \$175 to \$100. The national website will be updated to reflect the correct dates which are March 7-10, 2013. The corrected hotel name is the Wyndham Galleria located at I-75/I-285 Intersection.

For The Good of the League

Commandant Hall proposed an Awards Committee to recognize community involvement, both Marine and non-Marine. He also commended the current committee members for doing a good job. Special recognition and applause was given to our newest recipient of the Marine of the Year award: Jeff Amerson. Bill praised the committee for making an excellent selection.

The following is the refreshment provider list for the coming year: February: Joe Barbee; March: Bob Shepherd; April: Tuffy and Bitsy Phillips; May: Bob Burns; June: Marvin Jackson; July: Jeff Amerson; August: Paul Reynolds; September: Michael Clark; October: Ron Chipman; November: Ed Barbee. To assist refreshment providers, Commandant requested that an attendance count be turned in to him.

Final announcement made came in the form of an invitation from the American Legion to file over to their meeting to be recognized as they are being presented with a check from our detachment.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.

