

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970  
October 1, 2013

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

Commandant introduced our distinguished guest, Jared Massingale, Coordinator of District Young Marines.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All were in attendance with exception of 2nd Plt. Leader Carl Kitchens, excused, and Adjutant Annette Dyche, excused.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept, as submitted, minutes for the September meeting by Joe Barbee seconded by Tuffy Phillips. The motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Paymaster Ray Walker reports as follows: Beginning balance: \$15,242.12; Disbursements: \$172.88; Deposits: \$21.00; Bank Charge: \$2.00; Ending balance: \$15088.24. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Michael Clark and seconded by Bobby Shepherd. The motion carried.

**Sickness and Distress:** Wirt Durdin, Squad Leader, Squad 7, reported Howard Hardison is now home but suffers with palsy. No changes in James Guelig's condition. Commandant reported Adjutant Dyche's older sister passed away unexpectedly and has gone to be with the family. Joe Barbee reported he is released from physical therapy, still restricted from driving, but doing fine since his surgery and thanked everyone for their support. Ed Barbee reported he is restricted from lifting but is doing well since his surgery, from which he looks forward to a full recovery. Ed thanks everyone for their support.

**Officers' Report:** Commandant Hall on behalf of all in attendance thanked Sue & Ron Chipman for the chili served at tonight's meeting. Two visitors from Detachment 1373 were in attendance: Sr. Vice Commandant Cody Smith and Commandant Levi McKenna. The Christmas Banquet is December 14<sup>th</sup>, also at Macon State. Please sign up at the November meeting.

Our Jr. Vice Commandant stated work is ongoing to produce a list of fundraisers for 2014. The Rose Program fundraiser is Saturday, November 2, 2013 at Zebulon Road WalMart from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Sgt. At Arms Barbee reports 28 members and guests present. Also, the sign-up sheet is available for the Nov. 9 Marine Corps Birthday Dinner at Macon State and requested checks for \$15 per attendee be turned in tonight if possible. Sign-up sheet for the Christmas Banquet, December 14<sup>th</sup> will be on the table next month at which time the \$15 payment also will be required. Ron Chipman reminded everyone that a golf cart will be manned to shuttle attendees from the parking lot to the entrance door for both events.

**Old Business:** Unfinished and ongoing, 1) The Dublin VA Christmas Wrap project is December 7 beginning at 8 a.m. Meet at the Legion Post. Leave at 7 a.m. for a carpool ride to Dublin. There is a list of items to collect for this project on Detachment 970 website. Clean and serviceable used clothing is acceptable, undergarments must be new as well as toiletry items. Bitsy Phillips asked how many women are at the VA, answer was approx. 60. 2) Commandant opened discussion about detachment polo shirts with prices: \$25 for L and XL; \$27 for XX-L, plus \$1 extra for each additional 'X' in size. Discussion was invited to get a consensus of a color choice. He would like to submit one mass order. L. McKenna suggested Successful Image in Warner Robins. Paymaster Walker suggested and Commandant concurred that those who don't have a red shirt should first order red. Additional shirts can be ordered in other colors such as blue, gold and yellow and green. Personalization with name on shirt is an extra charge of \$2. Ron Chipman inquired about the quality of the shirts, and was assured by example of wearers in the group of good quality, as well as fade, shrink, wrinkle resistant. Other option is 'Semper Fi' or Marine Corps Logo.

**New Business:**

Commandant expressed a desire to organize a corps of members to visit our shut-in Marines and asked for volunteers. Sr. Vice Commandant Jeff Amerson volunteered.

Commandant next called Jared Massingale to present the Young Marine Program. They are aged 8 through high school and participate in close order drill, PT, community service and character training in Corps Values. They come from a variety of backgrounds and come together to learn public speaking, social, field, and survival skills, history, first aid and much more. One former Young Marine, Sgt. Taylor,

reported the many benefits he received from his participation in this program. Registration is \$100 and \$30 annual fee. Monthly dues and other fees are also associated with full participation in the program. MCL and Legion Post members also sponsor the Young Marines. Michael Clark added that their website, [www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com) is very informational and that the Young Marine Program's benefit to the young graduates is invaluable. Commandant suggested we think about our involvement with this worthy organization. He will download information for further research on this topic.

#### **For The Good of the League**

The Staff meeting is 7 p.m. October 15<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill UMC. All are welcome to attend. The National Convention will be Aug. 3-9 in Charleston, WV; State Convention will be in LaGrange, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. SE Division Convention will be Mar. 6-10 at Opryland, Nashville, TN. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rock and Soul for Rodney Davis Memorial fund is tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2014. Commandant will not, due to health reasons, be a candidate for a second term as Commandant.

**Standing Committee:** Commandant Hall announced he will not, due to health reasons, be a candidate for a second term as Commandant. Commandant appointed a Nominations Committee consisting of Paul Odom, Wirt Durden and Bubba Wall. Nominated officers are, Commandant, Jeff Amerson, Sr. Vice Commandant, Ed Barbee, Jr. Vice Commandant, Tuffy Phillips, Judge Advocate, David Mincey. The slate of nominees will be opened to the floor for additional nominations. Appointed positions to be maintained are Ray Walker, Paymaster, Annette Dyche, Adjutant ; Chaplain and Sgt at Arms to be determined.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.