

MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970

June 4, 2013

Meeting Minutes

**Opening by Ritual:** Meeting called to order and Marine Corps League Mission Statement read by Sr. Vice Commandant Jeff Amerson.

**Visitors:** Levi McKenna, Commandant, MCL Detachment #1373 and Donnie Gault, Paymaster, MCLDet #1373, who also was the winner of the rifle raffle, attending to accept his prize of the M-1 Garand.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All officers were present, with the exception of our Commandant, who is on vacation. There were 25 members, 2 associate members and 2 visitors present.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes by Richard Bennett and seconded by Carl Kitchens.

**Financial Report:** Paymaster Ray Walker report is as follows: Beginning balance: \$14,167.89; Disbursements: \$1616.00; Disbursements: \$7656.55; Adjustments: \$2.00; Ending balance: \$20,206.44. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Tom Hisel and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. The motion carried.

**Sickness and Distress:** Howard Hardison's status has changed little from last month's report. Jr. Past Comm. Joe Barbee reported Michael Clark being under the weather with the 'creepy crud', hence the reason for his absence at this meeting.

**Officers' Report:** Sr. V. Comm., Jeff Amerson expressed his appreciation for all who worked under his direction at the Convention registration tables. Jr. V. Comm., Paul Reynolds reported the Detachment made \$5900 on the rifle raffle, the rifle costing \$1000. 2<sup>nd</sup> Plt. Leader Carl Kitchens reported approximately \$4000 profit was made on the Convention programs. There are additional programs available for those who would still like one. Paymaster Ray Walker reported everything went well in the hospitality room, noting his appreciation for those who kept it organized.

For the Commandant, Sr. V. Comm reported the Rock and Soul Benefit for the Rodney Davis Scholarship Fund experienced a smaller attendance than last year's. The Benefit Board, on which our Commandant holds a chair requests input and suggestions for ways to better promote the event.

The Memorial Day ceremonies at Macon Memorial Park saw an increased attendance from the prior year. Thanks are due to Bill Hall for his coordination, Paul Reynolds for receiving the wreaths and Wirt Durdin for presenting the wreaths. Michael Clark gave a really good speech as Guest Speaker for the event.

Sr. V. Commandant and Department of Georgia Adjutant, Jeff Amerson, proudly announced congratulations to our new Department of Georgia Commandant: Joe Barbee.

**Old Business:** See the refreshment provider list for the remainder of the year: 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.

**Southeast Convention Committee Report:** Chairman Joe Barbee reported the remainder of checks have been written to the hotel, other vendors and for the General's expenses. Money is still coming in, so a final report is forthcoming at the next meeting once the After Action Report is completed. A round figure of \$7500 was made as a profit. Joe thanked all those who participated in making the Convention a success. He also noted that Kudos continue to come in from Convention attendees. On behalf of everyone in Det. 970, Sr. V. Comm., Jeff Amerson offered well-deserved thanks, (accompanied by a round of applause) to its Chairman and Coordinator: Jr. Past Commandant, Joe Barbee. He noted that with less than a year to prepare, compared to what normally takes 2 years, the Dept. of Georgia

Convention was a fine success owing to the diligence of Joe and those committee members and volunteers who supported him all the way to the finish. At this time, Commandant, Det. 1373, Levi Mckenna rose to publicly congratulate our detachment for a good and successful Convention. The rifle and rifle case presentation was made by Joe Barbee to Donnie Gault at this time. Donnie thanked Tuffy Phillips for his kindness in donating the rifle.

**Good of the League:** Jr. V.Comm. Paul Reynolds pointed out that our Detachment 970 membership is shrinking. He emphasized the need for recruitment of new members, stating that growth adds to the membership's fun and diversity factor, not to mention it also spreads the duties out, making service more of the pleasure that it was meant to be. He also is looking for more members to convert from annual to Life membership, eliminating the need to track folks down for renewals. Also, all those interested are reminded to see Ray Walker to register before July 1<sup>st</sup> for the National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. A minimum of five members are required to register in order for us to secure the maximum number of Convention votes.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.