



Middle Georgia  
Detachment 970  
Marine Corps League

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# Now Hear This!

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

December 2014

Marines,

The end of the year is near at hand. We have just a few things to get done before Christmas so everyone will be needed.

First up is the Wreaths Across America event at Riverside Cemetery December 13th at 1200 noon. Meet at the Office for the Cemetery in the corner at Riverside. There will be a need for as many volunteers as we can muster to help lay out the Wreaths for the deceased Veterans at the Cemetery. There will be a short reception afterwards.

Second, the Christmas Banquet is also December 13th. We will meet at between 1800 and 1900 for social hour. We will eat at 1900 hours. The Banquet will be held at the same building and room as the Birthday Ball at Macon State.

Remember we will take clothes to the Georgia War Veterans home the week after the 13th of December. Denise Shepherd is kind enough to buy all the necessary clothes we will need to take.

Hope to see everyone sometime during the Holidays.

Semper Fidelis  
Jeff Amerson, Commandant  
Middle Ga Detachment 970



Thanks to all who help with the Toys For Tots drive at Bass Pro Shop.

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## 2014 Detachment Officers

Commandant ..... Jeff Amerson  
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Senior Vice Commandant ..... Ed Barbee

Junior Vice Commandant ..... Tuffy Phillips

Judge Advocate ..... David Mincey

Adjutant ..... Annette Dyché

Paymaster ..... Ray Walker

Sergeant at Arms ..... Bobby Shepherd

Jr. Past Commandant..... Bill Hall

### Detachment Meetings

1900 - 1st Tuesday of month  
at the American Legion  
5530 Thomaston Rd, Macon, GA



### Staff Meetings

1630 - 2nd Tuesday of month  
@ Forest Hills United Methodist Church

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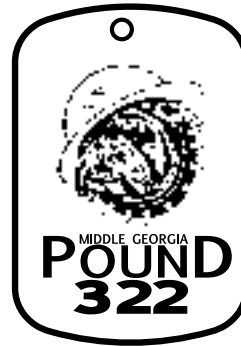
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emailed to Carl by the 24th of  
each month.

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## Woof Woof All You Dogs.



There will be a Devil Dog growl December 11th at the Boy Scout Hut next to Riverside Methodist Church. The Dogs had a very successful sale and cook out for the Boston Butts Fund raiser the

20th of this month(November).

We did not have a big turnout with members (5) to help cook but I would like to thank Ray Walker, Joe Barbee, Tuffy Phillips and Lamar Scott for being there. As always Randy Barnes and his group made it happen.

The Pound will be able to give the Children's Hospital a very BIG after Christmas gift for the children in January.



Happy Birthday Marines. Our oldest, Bubba Wall and youngest Sgt Mark Smith. From Korea to Iraq, Marines all. Semper Fi.

**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 our Paymaster, Ray Walker, excused.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made to accept, as submitted, minutes for the October meeting by Carl Kitchens and seconded by Tom Hisel. The motion carried.

**Commandant's Correspondence:**

Cmdt Amerson reported correspondence from the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association, announcing the November 8th 2014 Veterans Day Parade and Festival in downtown Atlanta. For more information, see our Commandant.

**Financial Report:**

On behalf of Paymaster Ray Walker, the Adjutant reports as follows: Beginning balance: \$9765.59; Disbursements: \$1672.14; Deposits: \$244.00; Bank Charge: \$3.00; Ending balance: \$8334.45. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Sr. V.Cmdt Ed Barbee and seconded by Jim Murphy. The motion carried.

**Sickness and Distress:**

Carl Kitchens reported Earnest Mixon is down in his back but will be in attendance for the M.C. birthday dinner.

Wirt Durdin informed everyone that his wife is having knee replacement surgery Nov. 6th. He asked we keep her in our prayers.

Ed Barbee reported our new member, Bob Foss is under the weather.

Joe Barbee made everyone aware of Michael Clark's hospitalization for Hepatitis 'C', traced back to the 1960's 'assembly-line' airgun inoculations. He is now confined to home and won't be back with us until after the first of 2015. Both Bitsy Phillips and Commandant emphasized that this illness can lie dormant for 30-40yrs., and that those to whom this time period applies, should go in for testing. There is no cure, only shots to alleviate the nasty symptoms and make them go dormant.

**Officers' Report:**

Sr. V. Cmdt. Ed Barbee reminded us of the 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day ceremony at Macon Memorial Park. Ed also announced receiving a donation of \$200 by the Jones Co. Lions Club for the Christmas clothing drive for veterans residing at the Dublin and Milledgeville VA homes. Also, in regard to the Wreaths Across America, Ed reported that it originated in Arlington Cemetery and is a legitimate event.

Commandant reports there will be no fundraiser at the WalMart November 15th because the date is closed with no other weekend available prior to Christmas. Joe Barbee called for suggestions for other sites for fundraising. Phil McGoldrick has contacted the Warner Robins WalMart, but nothing yet is approved. Joe Barbee advised we would have to get permission from the WR MCL Detachment to cross boundaries. Phil also has a contact at Bass Pro Shop that he will contact. Commandant stated he and Tuffy Phillips will make a visit to the Bass Pro Shop management soon.

**Old Business:**

Commandant reported everyone who took the P.I. trip had a good time. Joe Barbee reported his disappointment in the coordination of the tour of the various sites on the base. Ron Chipman related information he received that next year is the 100th anniversary of Parris Island and urged everyone to look into this and consider making the trip next year. David Mincey was asked to begin plans for setting a date for this visit.

**New Business:**

Marvin Jackson announced this year's Toys for Tots in Forsyth from Fri. - Sunday, November 28-30.

Phil McGoldrick announced the Veterans Day ceremony at Macon Memorial Park will be at 11:00 a.m., Nov. 11. You may bring to the observance a new toy in memory of or in honor of a veteran. Our Color Guard detail will be present to perform their duties.

Ron Chipman announced the details of the upcoming 239th Marine Corps birthday dinner. Happy Hour is 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. There will be a golf cart shuttle.

Veteran's Day flag placement at the Byron cemetery will be November 8, lead by Tom Hisel. Meet at 8:30



a.m., in the Byron exit Burger King.

We will meet at Riverside Cemetery 12 noon, December 13th for the Wreaths Across America wreath placement event. Uniform of the day will be red cover. Those who purchased or wish to purchase an individual wreath can get these Friday, Dec. 12th.

**Election of Officers:**

Joe Barbee called for a motion for method of vote. Tom Hisel made a motion for the hand ballot, Tuffy Phillips seconded. The motion carried. All by unanimous vote, the following have been elected to their respective offices:

Jeff Amerson: Commandant;

Ed Barbee: Sr. Vice Commandant;

Leonard Pless: Jr. Vice Commandant;

David Mincey: Judge Advocate.

The swearing in of officers will be at the Christmas

banquet.

**For The Good of the League**

Commandant announced that in regards to IRS Form 990, our detachment is active and compliant for the coming year. The Staff meeting will be 6:30p.m., November 18th at Forest Hill UMC. All are welcome to attend.

There being no further business, Commandant Amerson closed the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Dyche, Adjutant

**January 6, 2015 1900  
Next Detachment Meeting  
American Legion**

**January 13, 2015 1630  
Next Staff Meeting  
Forest Hills Methodist Church**

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1st Tuesday of each month,  
and the Staff Meetings are the  
2nd Tuesday of each month.*