



Middle Georgia
 Detachment 970
 Marine Corps League

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Now Hear This!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

February 2014

Marines

So far January has started off pretty good for my first month as you new Commandant. We had only 26 members at the January Meeting mostly due to the cold conditions outside and inside. If you were not there you were missed and you missed some great New-Way hotdogs.

The appointments for some of my Standing Committees are continuing. We had a good productive Staff Meeting on the 21st and I look forward to working with my Staff this year Staff Meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Staff will be waiting for the Finance Committee for the recommendations as to what they think of the "Cube" to be used for payment of Dues, either yearly or Life. The Finance committee will also be auditing the Paymasters books before he goes to Hawaii, we look forward to that report as well.

I just attended the Department Staff Conference the 25th of January in Savannah and we were all informed by our Southeaster District Commandant, Michael Clark that it will not be long before Membership Cards will be required to enter any meeting held by the Marine Corps League. If you do not have your card get with Ray Walker so he can send a transmittal to National. See me or Ed Barbee if you need to see what one looks like if you have lost yours. I will save the other information gathered at the meeting for Februarys Monthly meeting.

We will hopefully have a good year under my command so please bear with me till I can get comfortable looking out among your smiling faces.

Semper Fi

Jeff Amerson, Commandant
 Middle Georgia Detachment 970

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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

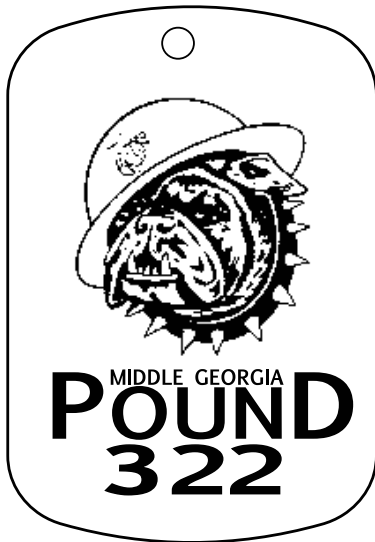
1900 - 3rd Tuesday of month
 @ Forest Hills United Methodist Church

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 emailed to Carl by the 24th of
 each month.

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February 4, 2014 - Next Detachment Meeting

February 18, 2014 - Next Staff Meeting

Detachment Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month, and the Staff Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



Pictured left to right are PDD Tuffy Phillips, PDD Jeff Amerson, PDD Michael Clark and PDD Joe Barbee presenting the items.

Members of Pound 322 are pictured here presenting their 4th annual Giving of Gifts to the Medical Center of Central Georgia Children's Hospital. The staff were excited to receive 200 BZ Kids "Fun Packs," portable DVD players, kids and teen movies, baby swings and sippy cups for the children

The Devil Dogs raised bones all year to buy needed items for the Children's Hospital.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT #970 • January 7, 2014 • Meeting Minutes

Opening by Ritual:

Meeting called to order and Marine Corps League Mission Statement read by Commandant Jeff Amerson. There were 26 in attendance on this date.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present with the exception of the First Platoon Leader and Second Platoon Leader, excused.

Financial Report:

Paymaster Ray Walker gave the detachment financial report. Beginning balance: \$15,337.24; Disbursements: \$5,475.43; Deposits: \$5,745.73; Bank charge/Adjustments: \$6.00. Commandant Amerson made mention that the board of trustees needs to meet between now and our next meeting to audit the books.

Report of Officers:

Commandant's report included the success of the Dublin VA project and a thanks to all involved; a great Christmas banquet with thanks to organizers

Ron and Sue Chipman; a listing of the Detachment standing committees: recruitment and retention, color guard for which Ed Barbee will be coordinator, honor guard, David Mincey remains coordinator; family events coordinated by Bobby and Denise Shepherd; annual Christmas banquet and Marine Corps birthday banquet, Ron and Sue Chipman; Toys for Tots, Phil McGoldrick, Marvin Jackson, Tuffy and Bitsy Phillips, Bobby Shepherd, Bill Hall; Fallen Marine Program: Jeff Amerson, Bill Hall, Joe Barbee and Bobby Shepherd; Scouting: Bill Hall; Awards, Program, and Recruitment and Retention Committees are all for which a chairman is needed.

Old Business:

Commandant asked for a report from Bill Hall regarding the detachment shirts on order. Bill said they should be coming soon and when they do, he will call.

Commandant also highlighted the visitation program and reminded everyone to make him or Bill

Hall aware if there is a member of our detachment who is in need of a visit and encouraged anyone reporting the need to come along too.

Marvin Jackson reported the Toys for Tots in Monroe County went well and thanked all who participated, also making mention that the Vietnam Veterans group that has been managing the event may elect to no longer do so, and if they do, it was suggested that we work with the Sheriff's Dept. or local churches in the future. Marvin Jackson and Richard Bennett were given their Distinguished Service awards.

New Business:

Joe Barbee pointed out that at the last staff meeting he introduced the subject of replacing the detachment's well-worn color guard equipment. He made a motion Ed Barbee be given the liberty to do the online research necessary to make an informed decision and also be authorized to make the necessary purchase with a budget up to \$800, including shipping, Ed Barbee seconded. The finance committee will review and approve Ed's findings. The finance committee consists of Bubba Wall, Paymaster Ray Walker, Sr. Vice Ed Barbee, and David Mincey.

Beginning this year, Commandant reported the decision by National to require all members to present their blue membership card at meeting sign-in to ensure that all in attendance are in good standing in regard to dues and are qualified to vote. Anyone who needs help getting a replacement card, see Ray Walker. It was reported that the cube device for debit/credit card processing is available for detachments to acquire.

Meeting refreshment volunteers are as follows:

February: Bill Hall,

March: Bob Shepherd;

April: Bitsy Phillips;

May: Annette Dyche;

June: Joe Barbee;

July: Marvin Jackson

October: Ron Chipman.

The other months' volunteers will be requested at the February meeting.

Commandant announced we will have at least two fundraisers this year. The options of the annual

Belk fundraiser charity ticket sale and the rose program fundraiser at Bass Pro Shop are being explored. Joe Barbee also suggested we explore options that cover Jones and Monroe Counties considering we are the Middle Georgia Detachment. The Commandant encouraged everyone to participate in the projects that we vote into effect.

The staff meeting will be 6:30 on the Third Tuesday of each month, all are invited.

Staff Meeting Caucus' are as follows:

Mid-Winter : Feb. 14-15, Falls Church, VA;
Southeastern Conference March 6-10, Inn at Opryland, Nashville, TN;

Department of Georgia Convention, May 2-4, Lagrange, GA;

National Convention, August 3-9, Charleston, WV, which will be host to the 75th Anniversary of the Devil Dog Program. Commandant added that everyone should make it a point to come to at least one national convention.

We will again participate in the annual Rock 'n Soul, tentative date being Sept. 6, 2014. The State Conference will be Sat. Jan 25, in Puller, GA.

Commandants announced the new Life Membership rates: Ages 65+ \$200; 61-64, \$300; 51-60, \$300; 35-50, \$400; 35 and under, \$500. Joe Barbee emphasized the ease of paying the life membership via the "magic cube" card-swipe device. It was also announced that the portion of our annual dues (\$35) going to National increased by \$2 for a total of \$20. State dues remain at \$4. Our Detachment therefore will keep \$ 11, but an increase will be considered by the Staff and a recommendation will be brought by the finance committee to the Membership.

Our meeting was opened and closed in prayer by Rev. James Jackson, Detachment Chaplain.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Dyche, Adjutant