



Middle Georgia
 Detachment 970
 Marine Corps League

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Now Hear This!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

March 2014

Marines

February is a month for planning the rest of the year agenda, so let's hear from the group as to what activities are of interest. We know the Detachment will be trying to participating in the Belk's Charity Coupon sale in April and sometime in the fall. We also will be doing the Family outing dinners so let's get those dates on the calendar. Any member in good standing that is interested in shooting for competition, get with Tuffy and help him organize this event. The State Convention is coming up the first of May (2nd - 4th) so if interested see me for registration forms. All members need to go to a State Convention at least once.

All members remember to get with Ray Walker and let him know if you do not have your Membership Card. Soon, Regular and Life members will need to show their card before entering a Detachment, State, Division or National meeting. I will continue to update you on this mandate. It's coming down the pike so let's be proactive and get it done.

As always let's get out there and secure new members or bring any inactive members back into the Detachment. We are still in competition with Alabama with the Grits Bowl to have the most increase in new members for our State. Remember it takes a couple of months to get your dues renewed at national so if you know you are coming up to renew go ahead and do it now. Your anniversary date stays the same. Also think about becoming a life member.

I have heard from the Belk's Charity Sale event folks and will be announcing everything at the upcoming Detachment meeting. Remember everyone voted to participate in this event so all members will need to help. This is an easy way to help put funds back into our Detachment for our Charities.

Semper Fi

Jeff Amerson, Commandant
 Middle Georgia Detachment 970

March 4, 2014 - Next Detachment Meeting

**March 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.

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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
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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 the exception of the unfilled position of 1st Platoon Leader. There were 24 members and 2 associate members present.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Michael Clark and seconded by Bob Burns. The motion carried.

Application for Membership

Pat ('P.J.') O'Hanlon, having been a Detachment 970 charter member, has presented his application and DD214 for new membership, which were reviewed and approved beforehand by Commandant Amerson, who then swore-in P.J. as a Detachment 970 member. Chaplain Jackson then offered a prayer for our new member.

Financial Report:

Paymaster Ray Walker reports as follows:

Beginning balance: \$15,641.54;
Disbursements: \$1869.35;
Deposits: \$290.00;
Adjustments: \$3.00;
New Checks: \$88.10;
Ending balance: \$13,971.09.

Carl Kitchens asked when we are going to give away monies that were designated for donation. After discussion, including an answer from Paymaster Walker that some is going out now to ROTC units and more will go out after the budget comes out, motion was made to accept, pending audit, the Paymaster's report by Carl Kitchens and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. The motion carried.

Sickness and Distress:

Commandant made a call to Joe Prince, who has undergone his 2nd knee replacement surgery in January. He is doing well with physical therapy. Also, Commandant announced the passing of Al Gerhardt on February 3, 2014; and encouraged all to make every effort to be present at his funeral on February 5th at St. Peter Claver Church. Commandant and Bill Hall will perform the Fallen

Marine Program at graveside. Murray Alford, having been moved to Baptist Village and Arnold Cotton who also was close to Al, will need our encouragement and support.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant reported that he and Bill Hall performed the Fallen Marine Program for Henry Ogles.

Committee Report:

Color Guard committee reports they will be on duty Sunday, February 9th. They will submit a report to commandant which will be highlighted next month.

Family Committee announces a March 27th dine out night at 6:30 p.m. The location will be O'Charley's, 3740 Bloomfield Drive, Macon, 31206, 478-477-2050.

Unfinished and Old Business:

Belk Store fund raiser was discussed. Phone calls to Belk have to date not been returned, but Commandant and Tuffy Phillips are planning to stay on top of this.

Also Commandant reported that effective Jan.1, 2014, National passed a \$2 increase in annual dues. Commandant asked for recommendations or a motion. Ed Barbee made a motion not to raise the current annual dues rate of \$35 and Ray Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried by vote.

New Business:

Volunteers for the open months of social gathering refreshments are,

August: Ed Barbee;

September: Leonard Pless, Jr;

and P.J. O'Hanlon: November.

All other months' volunteers:

March: Bob Shepherd;

April: Bitsy Phillips;

May: Annette Dyche;

June: Joe Barbee;

July: James Jackson;

October: Ron Chipman.

Also, discussed at the staff meeting and suggested for discussion are other organizations to consider as donation recipients: Homes for Our Troops and

the Semper Fi Fund. Commandant recommended donating to both with the option to specify a Georgia only recipient of the Home for Our Troops. Levi McKenna added that we can also make 'in kind' donations for the homes, such as doors, windows, etc. Joe Barbee, noting both of these to be outstanding causes, made a motion we donate \$1,000. to each, which was seconded by Bill Hall. The motion carried by vote.

For The Good of the League:

Commandant reminded everyone that the requirement to present the membership card at time of meeting sign-in is forthcoming.

Secondly, Tuffy Phillips stood to highlight details about the Annual Pistol/Rifle Shoot. All that are interested in taking part in this event, contact Tuffy.

Finally Levi McKenna expressed thanks for well-

wishes and personal cards during his family's time of need in January.

Commandant stressed the importance of every league member attending their own state's convention to meet other members in our state; this year's being in LaGrange, GA, May 2-4; as well as making it to at least one National convention, this year's being in Charleston, WV, Aug. 3-9. Other convention's noted: Mid-Winter, Falls Church Virginia, Feb. 14-15; and 2014 Southeastern Conference Convention, Inn at Opryland in Nashville, TN, March 6-10.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Dyche, Adjutant