



Middle Georgia  
Detachment 970  
Marine Corps League

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# Now Hear This!

September 2013

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## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

August is over along with the convention season for 2013, and all our delegates have made it back home. I am sure we can count on a report of happenings at National during our September meeting. Thanks to all that attended and represented Middle Georgia Detachment 970.

September kicks off the fall season, and as usual this fall should be a busy time for us. September 19th, we will have our final Family Night for the year at O'Charley's in the Macon Mall Parking lot. During October, the Nomination Committee will be working on the slate of officers for next year. If you are interested, please let us know. November is the Marine Corps Birthday which we will celebrate on the December 9th at Macon College. At the November Detachment meeting, we will have our annual elections with the new officers sworn in at the Annual Christmas Banquet in December. This year's Annual Banquet will be held at Macon College. Thanks to Ron and Sue Chipman for their hard work hosting the Birthday Party and our Annual Banquet. Please make your plans to attend these events. They are for YOU.

During the month of July your Finance Committee met and put together the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Thanks to Michael Clark for chairing this committee and the rest of the committee for your work. It is not easy to put together a budget like this. The proposed budget was presented at our August meeting. With a few revisions the budget was passed by a unanimous vote. I have published a copy of our budget in this newsletter. Thanks for all the input. I think we have a workable budget.

Our fund raising committee is looking at projects for the future. We do ask for input from everyone for ideas. Contact our Paymaster Ray Walker with your ideas.

Marines, if you pay your dues annually and have not paid this year's dues, please forward your \$35.00 dues to the Paymaster Ray Walker. Please consider a life membership.

Please keep our brother Marines and their families in your prayers. Howard Hardison suffered a stroke during September. Prayer helps. Let's keep Howard in our prayers. Ed and Joe Barbee are both having surgery this month. James Guelick continues to need your prayers.

Thanks to everyone who has made this year such a great success thus far, and the year isn't over. I know the rest of the year will continue with this trend.

See you at the September meeting.

Semper Fi  
Bill Hall, Commandant  
Middle Georgia Detachment 970



## 2013 Detachment Officers

Commandant .....	Bill Hall
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Senior Vice Commandant .....	Jeff Amerson
Junior Vice Commandant .....	Paul Reynolds
Judge Advocate .....	David Mincey
Adjutant .....	Annette Dyche
Paymaster .....	Ray Walker
Sergeant at Arms .....	Ed Barbee
Jr. Past Commandant .....	Joe Barbee
1st Platoon Leader .....	Tuffy Phillips
2nd Platoon Leader .....	Carl Kitchens
Chaplain .....	Bob Burns
Chaplain .....	Rev. James Jackson
Chaplain .....	Paul Odom

## 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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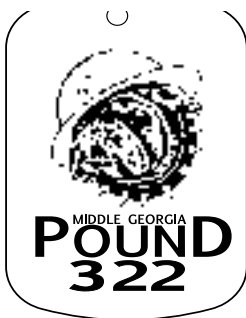
# From the Sr. Vice

Remember members that it takes all of us to be involved in the Detachment. I am still only seeing 5 to 10 members that do all the work. Get involved and participate. Don't forget, we as a Detachment will be gathering items for the Christmas Wrap in December for the VA Hospital in Dublin. Bring items such as articles of clothing(socks/underwear, t-shirt/undershirts, ect.) and personal healthcare items (toothpaste/brushes, soap/washcloths, ect.) We have done this before; so if there are any questions contact Bill Hall or me for information.

Let's not forget our Marine Corps Birthday celebration on November 9th, to be held the same place as last year at Macon State. Get your name on the list early.

Semper Fi  
Jeff Amerson,  
Sr. Vice Commandant

## Devil Dog News



At the August meeting election of officers for the coming year was held with Jeff Amerson elected to lead the Pound for the next year.

Plans were made to sell Boston Butts as our annual fundraiser to support the Children's Hospital. The butts will be ready Thanksgiving week. More on this after our next meeting in October

**September 3, 2013 - Next Detachment Meeting**

**September 17, 2013 - Next Staff Meeting**

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

## REFRESHMENT COMMITMENTS FOR OUR MEETINGS:

September: Michael Clark;

October: Ron Chipman;

November: Ed Barbee.

*If there is a problem, please give Bill Hall  
a call to work it out. 478-474-9807*

## MARINES ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Marines, please check your membership expiration and send in your registration at least 2 months in advance. Do not wait for National to send the paperwork. Just send your check to the Paymaster marked for dues. Better yet, consider a life membership. Ask the paymaster for details.

Bob Burns	Robert McCord
Charles Griggers	John Norfleet
Phil McGoldrick	David Patman
Chandler Beasley	Annette Dyche
John Hardison	James Dyer
Terry Holland	Eugene Krattli
Leonard Pless	Larry Witt
Bob Shepherd	John Wolfenbarger
Clayton Smith	Clyde Ellerbee
Steve Brantley	David Oxley
Michael Krattli	

Veterans looking for answers about how the Affordable Care Act affects them can find out from a new Department of Veterans Affairs website. Here's the answer to one of the most frequently asked questions: Veterans receiving health care from the VA will see no change in their benefits or out-of-pocket costs when the law takes effect next year. To find out more visit the new website at [www.va.gov/aca](http://www.va.gov/aca), or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. or Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern time. The new website includes a Health Benefits Explorer, where Veterans can learn about the benefits they can receive if they enroll in VA care.

## DETACHMENT 970 MCL Calendar of Events 2013

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	9th	238th	
3rd	Detach.Meeting	Birthday Party	
17th	Staff Meeting	19th	Staff Meeting
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1st	Detach.Meeting	TBA	Christmas
15th	Staff Meeting		Banquet
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
5th	Detach. Meeting		
	Officer Elections		

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** All were in attendance with exception of 1st Plt. Leader Tuffy Phillips and Jr. Past Commandant, Joe Barbee, who are both at the National Convention.

**New Applicants:** Denise Shepherd was approved by unanimous vote and sworn in as an Associate Member.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept, as submitted, minutes for the July meeting by Tom Hisel and seconded by Ed Barbee. The motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Paymaster Ray Walker report is as follows: Beginning balance: \$17284.32; Disbursements: \$467.00; Deposits: \$420.30; Adjustments: \$2.00; Ending balance: \$17325.62. Motion was made to accept the Paymaster's report by Marvin Jackson and seconded by Bobby Shepherd. The motion carried.

**Sickness and Distress:** Wirt Durdin, Squad Leader, Squad 7 reported Howard Hardison had a stroke on 8/3/2013 and is still in the hospital. He will need a lot of therapy. Also, Michael San Pablo just went home from a hospital stay for back surgery. Wirt asked everyone to keep these two Marines in your prayers. Ed Barbee reported that on August 27, 2013, he will be having surgery for prostate cancer which has been diagnosed as treatable. Ed expressed he would appreciate our prayers, at this time especially. He also made mention that a replacement for his duties as Sergeant At Arms will be needed for the September meeting. Ray Walker, Treasurer, reports our oldest member, Arnold Cotton, is in assisted living at Carlisle Place. Ray added Arnold likes to have visitors and encouraged us to stop in to pay him a visit. Commandant Hall reported Bob Burns' wife, Jane is under a doctor's care for her heart and requests we include her and Bob in our prayers.

**Officers' Report:** Sergeant at Arms, Ed Barbee, reports 23 in attendance including visitors and associate members. The 50/50 drawing total is \$34, half of which goes to the winner.

**Old Business:** The Family Gathering and Dine Out, as reported by Commandant Hall, was well attended by 34 members and wives with "room for more" on July 25, 2013 at O'Charley's, Bloomfield Dr. Macon. Bill hopes to see even more join our gathering on September 19th, 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's on Bloomfield Dr. at the Macon Mall.

**New Business:** Adjutant Dyche opened discussion for a proposed honorary payment of half of the Life Membership by the Detachment for all incoming members who are Purple Heart recipients and desire to become a life member. After some valuable discussion and positive input, Ed Barbee made a motion the Detachment make the honorary payment in full for the Life Membership of Purple Heart recipient members, with the understanding that these honored will be allowed to repay their half for an extended,

unspecified time, as he or she is able. Marvin Jackson seconded. The motion carried.

Commandant Hall opened the report of the Finance Committee's July 27th meeting as follows: Michael Clark steps down as chairman of this committee due to his responsibilities at the Division level. Sr. Vice Commandant Jeff Amerson reported the following details of the meeting staffed by himself, Bubba Wall, Ray Walker and Michael Clark: the anticipated Annual Operating Budget for the year beginning July 2013 through June 2014 is comprised of annual ads at National, \$160, Southeast, \$110 or \$65 per size, and \$100, Department; Newsletter distribution expenses, \$50 per mo; P.O. Box fee, \$80 annual; Incorporation renewal, \$50, annual; \$50, miscellaneous, for stamps, certificates; Eagle Scout Program 167.00 annually; Fallen Marine certificate, folder and bow pin expenses for the widows, \$120 annual; Rutland Marine JROTC ribbons, certificates and awards, \$88.25, which totals 1523.25 - budget proposed is \$1600. After discussion, Commandant encouraged all who have an email address to please accept the newsletter via email to save Detachment expenses. After much discussion about allowing for unforeseen expenses, Tom Hisel made a motion that the projected operating budget be set at \$2000 and Ray Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried with it being understood this is an annual budget.

Next, the suggested donations being presented for discussion and a vote were listed as: Toys for Tots, \$1000; Marines helping Marines, \$1000; Boy Scouts, Central Georgia Council, \$1000; 5 other JROTC units \$100 ea. + Rutland \$500=\$1000; Legion Post 3, \$500; Rodney Davis Scholarship Fund, \$1000; total: \$5,500.00. Paul Reynolds Recommended earmarking a budget line for the Purple Heart award as previously discussed. Tom Hisel made a motion to approve the \$5,500 for donations and to create a budget line of \$2000 for the Purple Heart Life Membership Fund. Carl Kitchens seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commandant stated he would submit a copy of the budget to be included in the Newsletter.

Commandant Hall introduced and Paymaster Ray Walker further explained details of a bi-annual fundraising program through Belk's which will involve further research regarding which Bill will report back to us.

Carl Kitchens announced the deadline for newsletter submissions as August 23. Commandant reminded us anyone can contribute an article to our newsletter.

Commandant also stated he will post in the newsletter, as space allows, a list of community retailer discounts.

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

The Devil Dog Growl is on August 15, 7pm; Staff Meeting is on August 20, 7pm at Forest Hill UMC. Commandant encourages all to attend this meeting.

Commandant also encouraged everyone to join American

Legion Post 3.

Paul Reynolds, Jr. Vice Commandant, informed everyone there is free insurance available for MCL members. See Paul for details.

Commandant reminded everyone that there is a box for contributions of clothing, shoes and toiletries that we will continue to gather for our annual donation and December visit to Dublin Veterans.

Our Marine Corps birthday dinner will be November 9th at Middle Georgia State College, formerly Macon State.

Ted Robinson will MC. This also will be the site of the

Christmas dinner, details later.

Paul Reynolds reminded everyone to get their dues paid. Ray Walker reported we have 58 Life Members, 24 regular members for 82 total members. All are encouraged to consider becoming Life Members.

The following is the refreshment provider list for the rest of the year: September: Michael Clark; October: Ron Chipman; November: Ed Barbee.

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

Minutes submitted by Annette Dyche, Adjutant.

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# 2013 - 2014 Budget

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### OPERATING BUDGET

#### Operating Budget

Convention Ads	\$370.00
Detachment Newsletter	\$600.00
PO Box Fee	\$80.00
Annual Incorporation Fee	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$50.00
Fallen Marine Program	\$120.00
Rutland Marine Jr ROTC Awards	\$88.25
Eagle Scout Program	\$160.00
Unforeseen expenses	\$481.75

**Total \$2000.00**

#### Donations Approved for 2013-2014

Marines Helping Marines	\$1000
Toys For Tots	\$1000.00
Local Boy Scouts	\$1000.00
5 Local JrROTC's \$100.00 ea	\$500.00
Rutland Marine Jr ROTC	\$500.00
Sgt Rodney Davis, MOH	
Scholarship Fund	\$1000.00
American Legion Post 3	\$500.00

**Total \$5500.00**

Line Budget item for Purple Heart Life Membership Fund \$2000.00

