

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT # 970  
February 7, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

**Opening by Ritual:** Meeting called to order Commandant Joe Barbee.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Absent were Jr. Past Commandant Bo Stollenwerck, Asst. Chaplain Bob Burns, Asst Chaplain Paul Odom, Platoon Leader Gene Krattli and Judge Advocate David Mincey.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes as posted by Michael Clark and seconded by Tom Hisel. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Commandant Barbee stated he has received a letter from Gunner Diwitt from Rutland HS Jr. ROTC. They are seeking funds to help send their Jr. Marine drill team to the National Competition in Florida. They are having their own fund raisers but could use some help. Joe entertained a motion from the floor to help supplement their fund raising. Motion was made by Paul Renolds to donate \$600.00 and seconded by Mike Presley. Motion carried. We also give 3 awards to their cadets who are Top Cadet, a Semper Fi award and a Community service award. The presentation will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1830 hours at the school.

We also received a thank you note from Ron Land's widow, thanking us for our love and support when she lost Ron.

**Visitors:** We had on hand as visitors Bill Pruitt an FMF Corpsman (1984-1988 service) and Mike Imanza (1974-1991). On hand were 3 new Applicants for membership, all of which have had their DD-214 reviewed and their dues paid. After the swearing in ceremony these new members are: John Norfleet III (served from 1966 to 1970), Bobby Shepard (1969 -1970) and Robert McCord (2002-2007). We welcome our new members to our Detachment.

**Reports:** Paymaster report, beginning balance of \$5850.64 and ending balance of \$6024.64. A detailed report may be requested from the paymaster or adjutant if required.

**Sickness and Distress:** Paul Odom is having some problems that he has been dealing with for some time. Please keep him in your prayers. Howard Clark is dealing with "Sleep Apnea" .Give him a call to show your support. Carl Kitchens is out and not feeling well. He is dealing with a lot of his same problems he has had before. David Mincey was out but we have no word as to what he is dealing with.

**Officer's report:** Richard Bennett put the info in the Newsletter about the possible trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico Va. He has had no call of interest so if nothing is heard it will become a dead issue. The bottom line is that at least 30 people need to sign up and the cost would be about \$300.00 a person which included the motel room but not the food. The Parris Island trip is postponed till possibly this fall. The BOQ is being renovated now and there are no rooms to stay in.

Tom Hisel reported on the Dining out event. The dinner is scheduled on March 15th at 1800 hours at O'Charley's next to the Mall.

Tuffy Phillips has suggested a fund raiser event that would involve collecting donations from businesses and individuals that would be auctioned off. The event would be held at the Capital Theater and would have an auctioneer that would donate his /her time. We would need 40 to 60 items to make this a real good event. Everyone would need to get items and be involved. This event has the possibility to be a huge money making event for the Detachment. We will be discussing this at our next staff meeting to nail down the details and then bring before the Detachment to vote on.

Bill Hall present at the last Staff meeting a suggestion to donate to The Boys Scouts endowment fund \$1000.00 in Honor of Paul Odom. Bill presented this as a motion at this time to the members of the Detachment. After some discussion several members also wanted to include Chuck Place a charter member of our Detachment who was also involved in Scouting until his death. The Paymaster then suggested we do this

donation in two installments at \$500.00 at a time as our Detachment money was dropping. At this time Jeremie Frasure asked to amend the first Motion so as to make the donations of \$500.00 in Memory of Chuck and a separate \$500 in Honor of Paul. The amendment to the original motion was seconded by Michael Clark and approved by vote. The original Motion with the approved amendment to donate a total of \$1000.00 to the Boy Scouts Endowment Fund was then seconded by Michael Clark and approved by vote.

**Old Business:** Jeremie Frasure reported on his Mount Pleasant Baptist Church youth group visit to the Milledgeville Veterans Home. They took care packages and had a motorcycle motorcade lead their bus. The visit was well received and the Veterans had such a good time they wanted barbeque sandwiches and more knitted blankets for their wheel chairs for the next visit. Jeremie and his group plan to go once a quarter so plan your next trip with Jeremie and the youth group.

**New Business:** Bill Hall reported on the Cherry Blossom event here in Macon. We have secured a place at the Macon Arts and Crafts event on Mulberry Street on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will man the booth starting at 9am till 6pm. At this event we will do the Memorial Rose Program. We are also planning to attend the Forsythia Festive in Forsyth. The booth will be set up by 9am and run till 6pm on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> and again Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6pm. We cannot ask for donations or sell items. For the Detachment this is just an opportunity to meet and greet Marines in Monroe County to seek new members. The Old Clinton Days is another event we are planning to attend for seeking new members and raising money. Tuffy has talked to the organizers and there are no problems with us being there and trying to raise funds.

Jeremie Frasure made a recommendation in the form of a motion to establish a scholarship fund at the Rutland High school in the name of Rodney Davis, our only Macon Medal of Honor precipitant. The scholarship would be \$200.00 and Jeremie and his wife have offered to donate the first \$200.00. After further discussion about getting the family members of Rodney Davis to approve and the proper paperwork with the School and legal matters the motion was tabled and further discussions will be held at the upcoming Staff Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Good of the League:** Tom Hisel reported that according to the Macon paper there is a proposal by the county to name the new Courthouse building for Judge Taylor Phillips. Judge Phillips was a Marine in WWII and Korea and was awarded the Navy Cross. As a Detachment we need to get behind this proposal and show our support.

**Program:** Our speaker for this evening was Michael Clark. Michael gave his history of service in the Marines. Michael enlisted in December of 1967 on the delayed program and went to Parris Island April 1<sup>st</sup> 1968. Since Michael was in a military school before joining the military training was, as Michael said, a cake walk. There were 3 significant events there that he remembered. His DI broke a recruits jaw so the DI was removed and Michaels platoon has to start over with a new DI. The second event that occurred was that Michael won a new car. The platoon all bought a ticket for the Navy relief program and Michael's number was drawn. The third and last event was when Michael happened to glance at the ground while marching and got tagged by his DI so to this day he can't look at the ground while walking. After graduation Michael went on to Camp Geiger and O331 school. An E-5 friend of his convinced him to volunteer for Recon for extra money. After all the running and the training plus a fun time at Ft. Benning Michael then had more training at Pendleton. After a Mexico visit Michael went on to serve 2 tours in Vietnam. Michael was with 1<sup>st</sup> Force Recon at Marble Mountain his first year. Michael had a crazy time and a lot of stuff happened so his next tour was with 3rd Bt, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, India Company. He was in weapons platoon operating a machine gun. He did state the grunts do make too much noise. Michaels last duty was in DC at Quantico and then at NAS Jacksonville.

Thank you Michael for your service and your love and commitment to our Marine Corps. OohRah, Semper Fi.

No further business  
Meeting closed by ritual

Minutes submitted by  
Jeff Amerson, Adjutant.

