

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT # 970
June 5th, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Opening by Ritual: Meeting called to order Commandant Joe Barbee. There were 27 regular members present, 1 associate member and 2 guests. Total of 30 present.

Commandant Joe Barbee read the Mission Statement for the Marine Corps League.

Roll Call of Officers: Absent was Jr. Past Commandant Bo Stollenwerck, absent with an excuse was Platoon Leader Paul Reynolds.

Visitors: Jeremie Frasure's guest was introduced as his Father-in-law Jeff Coleman.

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes as posted by Michael Clark and seconded by Carl Kitchens. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The Detachment in Woodstock is planning a trip to The USMC Museum in Washington D.C. and to the 8th and I Headquarters. This is planned for August the 23rd. See Joe if you are interested.

Another piece of information passed on was the wearing of Dress Blues by Retired Marines. Michael Clark came forward to pass on more information concerning the uniform issues. From the National Commandant it is forbidden to wear any Marine Corps League uniform (red cover) at any political gathering. As an individual you can do whatever you want but not MCL uniform. For the Dress Blues the retirees can only wear the uniform at funerals or special times (USMC birthday ball) that are appropriate. They cannot be worn in the Color Guard. Contact Michael if you are unsure when you can or where you can wear your Dress Blues.

Reports: Paymaster report, beginning balance of \$4,063.93, disbursements of \$1,283.95 and an ending balance of \$4801.98. Motion made by Jeremie Frasure and seconded by Michael Clark to accept paymaster report. Motion carried. A detailed report may be gotten from the Paymaster or Adjutant if required.

Sickness and Distress: Michael had been out but is back from throat cancer surgery. He is doing fine and reports are coming back clean so he thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Bill Hall was back and reported he is recovering from a leg abscess area that was left over from his by-pass heart surgery. He is doing much better after some minor surgery but as a diabetic it is more than minor. He is recovering and feeling much better and we are glad to see Bill back with us. Tom Hisel is recovering from knee surgery and sends his thanks for our thoughts and prayers. It will be a few months before he will be back with us. Mike San Paolo is recovering for eye surgery so keep him in your prayers as well. Ray walker reported that Arnold cotton's wife fell and broke her hip, let's remember her in our prayers. Wirt Durdin reported that Harold Hardison is not doing too well; he has had trouble keeping his balance when standing. Ron Chipman had hernia surgery and we wish him well and to recover soon.

Officer's report: Judge Advocate David Mincey reported on our upcoming possible Parris Island trip in October. We plan on a Thursday travel day and Friday morning Colors and graduation and then leave to come back so it will only be a one night stay over. There are three Friday graduations in October so we could have our choice. Motion made by Bill Hall to attend the October 19th graduation and seconded by Jeff Amerson. Motion carried. David stated there is a reasonable motel close by that was nice and had room for 50\$ per

person and have 2 to a room. This would be a fall back if the Air Station doesn't have room. It was decided to firm thing up by July meeting.

Joe Barbee made a brief report on the State Convention at Peachtree City. The Guest speaker there was our National Commandant Vic Voltaggio and he did an excellent job. Joe reminded everyone that these convention gatherings are a lot of fun and are very informative. He invited every Marine to attend at least one to see how much fun they could have. The best part of the convention was the announcement of the Department Marine of the Year and our own Michael Clark was selected for that honor. It was a well deserved honor to a fine Marine that has done a lot for our Detachment, Department and the whole Marine Corps League organization.

Standing Committees: Jeremie Frasure reported on the upcoming Saturday trip to the VA War Memorial Home veterans. Everything is a go and all Marines are invited to come go with the Motor Cade or meet us over there for the BBQ picnic. These visits will be every 4 months so don't miss out. Our detachment has pledged to help Jeremie and his Church youth group in these visits.

The Memorial Day Ceremony at Andersonville National Cemetery went well. Our Detachment was honored to have Wirt Durdin and Bubba Wall to lay our wreath during the ceremony. We also had the Detachments Honor Guard and Color Guard participating in the Macon Memorial Day ceremony at Macon Memorial Park. Our own Paul Odom received the presentation wreaths from all the groups present and placed them at their proper place.

The 14th of June will be the dine out social for the Detachment at O'Charlies at 1800 hours. Sign up at the back table for a head count.

The rifle raffle is going great almost all the tickets have been sold which is good. These will need to be turned in by July 3rd meeting as that is when we will draw for the winner. See Ray Walker if you have tickets or money to turn in.

Old Business:

New Business: Commandant Joe Barbee presented Annett Dyche with her Marine Corps League pin. Bill Hall reminded the group that our Commandant Joe Barbee was elected as the Departments Senior Vice Commandant.

Program: Annett Dyche told us about her time in the Marines. She told us why she joined as she was raised in a small time in Wisconsin and from a very patriotic family. She also has a very important religious foundation and she could serve her Lord and the Marine Corps together. She liked what the Marine Corps stood for so after high school in July of 1976 she joined. She spent her time in Administration and even worked for a General. She was also a driver for the General which scared him to death. She thinks she gave him a ride for his life. She was not used to power breaks so the General's hat did not stay on his head. Thank you Annett for your service and for joining us at Detachment 970 and the Marine corps League.

Good of the League: Bobby Sheppard and Doug Corbin have signed up as Squad Leaders for our Detachment. For the Detachment meeting night social gathering Bobby Sheppard has September, Ron Chipman has October and Annett Dyche has November meeting.

No further business
Meeting closed by ritual

Minutes submitted by
Jeff Amerson, Adjutant.