

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT # 970
March 6th, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Opening by Ritual: Meeting called to order Commandant Joe Barbee. There were 26 members present and 2 guest making a total of 28 present.

Swearing in of new members: The following, after having all paperwork reviewed and their dues paid, Clayton Smith and Leonard Pless took the oath of Membership. We welcome these new members into our Detachment.

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

Meeting Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes as posted by Tom Hisel and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. Motion carried.

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from Frank Brooks the Voluntary Services coordinator at the Dublin VA Hospital. He thanked us for the items and gifts we took during the December Holiday Gift Wrap program. We also got a thank you note from the American Legion for our \$500.00 donation. Joe also received a note and a check (\$50) from Mr. Callahan a friend of Gunny Butts. Joe took care of a requested funeral service request for a WW2 fallen Marine. The services were held in Cordele.

Visitors: Visitors present were Jean and Robert Courtney.

Reports: Paymaster report, beginning balance of \$4820.08 and ending balance of \$4762.62. A detailed report may be requested from the paymaster or adjutant if required. Motion made by David Mincey to accept paymaster report and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. Motion carried

Sickness and Distress: Paul Odom is home from the Hospital. He welcomes any visitors or calls. Michael Clark is going to the VA and not doing well. No details. Mike San Paolo has multiple medical problems. All these members need your thoughts and prayers.

We are glad to have Tom Hisel back with us tonight.

Officer's report: Bill Hall reported on the upcoming Forsyth Festival. This is a meet and greet only as we cannot ask for donations. The dates are March 4th and 5th. Saturday the times are 10am to 1800 and on Sunday from noon to 1800. Wear your red cover or complete uniform if you have it.

The Macon Arts festival on Mulberry Street will be March 24th and 25th. Set up Saturday at 0800 and must be completed by 0930. Shifts will run from 1000 to 1800 on Saturday and 1000 to 1700 on Sunday. We will break down the tent right after closing so as to be out of there by 1800. We have also been asked by Detachment 1323 in Warner Robins to help recruit the Area Marines at the upcoming Air Show at the Base. This will be held in April so more details will follow.

Family night will be held at O'Charleys on March the 15th (Thursday) from 1800 until.

Old Clinton Days are May 4th and 5th. We do not have the time set for this event in Gray.

Richard Bennett reports there will be no organized bus trip to Quantico this spring.

David Mincey reports there may be enough support for a trip to Parris Island this October. (toward the end of the month)

Old Business: Joe Barbee, Tuffy Phillips and Michael Clark all went to the Southeastern Convention in Myrtle Beach. Tuffy reported besides having a good time they got wet. It seems the Hotel sprung several leaks due to the heavy rain. Next year's conference will be in the North Atlanta area.

Joe Barbee also attended the Department Staff meeting in Peachtree City, he stated it was very informative and invited any members to attend these staff meeting in the future.

New Business: Tuffy had no new news on the proposed auction to raise money for the Detachment. The Rutland Jr. ROTC awards night is the March 22nd at 1800 hours. Jeremie Frasure our Sgt. at Arms reported that there is no new information concerning the proposed Rodney Davis Memorial Scholarship for the Jr. Marines at Rutland High school. We do know we do not have to go through the Board of Education. David Mincey will help with getting the right permissions from the family. We would like to make the announcement in May when they have their Senior Awards night.

Michael Clark will be replacing Tom Hisel on the Finance Committee.

Good of the League: We still have a few items in the ships store. Joe also has some Grits Bowl coins for sale that he picked up at the Department Staff meeting. Some of the funds raised go to our Detachment general fund.

We also heard from Jean Courtney our Gold Star Mom concerning the presentation of a Blue Star marker to be placed at the corner of Houston road and Liberty Church road by the Porterfield Garden Club. The Ceremony will be April 18th, please refer to the handout that was passed around.

Ed Barbee is the new Dinning out coordinator.

Program: Our Senior Chaplin, James Jackson gave us his history in the Marine Corps. Rev Jackson went in the Corps in 1953 and at P.I. they were in tents. When he went to ITR he was Motor Transport with the 10th Marines. Rev. Jackson was also a welder and cut hair. This was an added boost to his billfold as he made more money cutting hair. He got his barber MOS while in the FMF at Moorhead City. He was stationed in Washington DC in security. Here he also cut hair and had plenty of time off and made plenty of money. Thanks for a most informative talk on your experience in our Marine Corps and thank you for your service to our Country.

No further business

Meeting closed by ritual

Minutes submitted by

Jeff Amerson, Adjutant.