

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT # 970**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening by Ritual:** Meeting called to order Commandant Joe Barbee. There were 25 members present (23 Regular Members and 2 Associate Members)

**Roll Call of Officers:** Absent was Jr. Past Commandant Bo Stollenwerck, absent with an excuse was Sr. Vice Bill Hall.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes as posted by Tuffy Phillips and seconded by Doug Corbin. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** We received a letter from the Marine Corps League Auxiliary selling tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 for a chance to win \$100. The winner will be drawn at the National Convention in August. See Joe if you want to buy any of these tickets. The Second Correspondence was from our National Commandant, Vic Voltaggio, to reminding us about policy 110 of the Marine Corps League. Joe read the policy which in brief forbids the League members that they may not participate in any political rally or demonstration in their uniform (red cover).

**Reports:** Paymaster report, beginning balance of \$3330.93, disbursements of \$689.36 and an ending balance of \$4063.93. Motion made by Carl Kitchens and seconded by Tuffy Phillips to accept paymaster report. Motion carried. A detailed report may be gotten from the Paymaster or Adjutant if required.

**Sickness and Distress:** Michael Clark is home now and progressing nicely. He is able to talk some so don't keep him on the phone too long if you call. Tom Hisel is progressing and is in rehab. Mike San Paolo is also going through rehab. Please remember these Marines in your thoughts and prayers and if possible give them a call to check on them.

**Officer's report:** We will be participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Andersonville National Cemetery May 27th. Marines Wirt Durdin and Bubba Wall will be laying our wreath for us at the ceremony. Please let Joe know if you plan to go so he may get the specific times to you as to when the Ceremony starts.

**Old Business:** The Air Show this past weekend went real well for our group. The news people said there were over 100,000 people that attended the event on Saturday and we think about half of those folks came by our booth. We received at least 10 or 12 good leads for new Marine members in our area we will be contacting. We also had \$286 for donations for our general fund account. The Rodney Davis cleanup went well, we had several members from our Detachment and there were members from his Unit the 1/5 Bravo company present to help support the Sgt Rodney Davis Memorial Fund as well as cleaning up the grave site. The Blue Star placement event went well, we were hot but things went well for the ceremony.

**New Business:** the Macon Memorial Day event headed by Phil McGoldrick at the Macon Memorial Gardens Funeral Home is on Monday May 28th at 10 am. The Old Clinton War Days is this coming weekend (Sat/Sun) in Gray Georgia. Time is from 9am to 3pm each day. This coming Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Roadhouse they will donate 10% of all sales to the Rodney Davis Memorial Fund Foundation. This will also be done each month. The Flag at the grave site will be replaced and the old one will be donated to the Young Marine R.O.T.C. unit at Rutland High school.

**Good of the League:** Sgt. at Arms Jeremie Frasure stated that everything is set for the motorcade to the Veterans Home in Milledgeville for the BBQ. The date is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am leaving from the Church parking lot.

Paul Reynolds reported on the raffle ticket sale. All but 10 of the 500 tickets were mailed out. They are out early so as to make a lot of sales. Remember these sales are for our operation budget so be careful of what you say the money will be used for. The drawing will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> that evening at our monthly meeting.

Phil McGoldrick spoke to us about the upcoming Memorial Day service to be held at the Macon Memorial Gardens. We will have our Color Guard and Honor Guard present to support the service. Paul Odom will also present the wreath for us. The members need to be there by 0930 as the ceremony begins at 1000 hours.

Joe also thanked everyone for buying the Grits Bowl coins, these were from the Department Commandant and part of the money from the sales will come back to us for our budget. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we have been request to furnish our Color Guard for the visit of the First Lady of Georgia. She will be visiting the city of Macon that day and will be at the Court House steps from 0800 to 1000 hours. That week is National Salvation Army week and that's the reason she is visiting all the cities that have a Salvation Army unit. Our Cities Salvation Army group requested our Color Guard.

We all know that David Mince's mother passed away and the family requested that donations be made to Toys for Tots foundation here in Macon. At this time Joe presented Phil McGoldrick with a check from our Detachment in Honor of David's Mom.

A motion was made to resend or null the Motion made at the February meeting this year concerning the setting up of a Jr R.O.T.C. scholarship fund to Rutland High School in the name of Sgt. Rodney Davis (MOH) USMC. This was made so as to join with the 1/5 Bravo company organization that is heading up the Rodney Davis Memorial Fund. This Organization will work with us to furnish a scholarship in Sgt. Davis's name. The Motion to resend or null the original Motion was made by C.W Eldridge and seconded by Richard Bennett. The Motion carried. (The money is still the same for \$1000.00 for each year for a deserving student). Next a new Motion was made to join with the 1/5 Organization and work with them to furnish the \$1000.00 scholarship for the Jr. R.O.T.C. unit at Rutland. Motion for this year was made by C.W. Eldridge and seconded by Tuffy Phillips. Motion carried. Point of Order: We will be voting each year whether we will donate \$1000.00 to this fund as this motion does not obligate us every year.

Ron Chipman reported that the Dr. Eugene Alvarez Scholarship at Macon State will be giving another deserving Marine a scholarship this year. The first precipitant will be graduation this year. We met him when he first started at Macon State. Ron also wanted to thank Paul Odom for his past work and help in securing our Christmas dinners we have held here at Post 3. Paul had done a lot of work these past years and he deserves a round of applause.

**Guest Speaker:** Our Guest speaker was Jeremie Frasure who gave us a history of his USMC career and what he did in Iraq. Jeremie served with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Marines. Jeremie wanted to date Gunny Butts daughter and this persuaded him to not only become a Christian but to go into the Marines to possibly be a Chaplains Assistant. As we all know what you want and what you get are two total different things. Jeremie had a rough time in Iraq, he was blown up several times by IUD devices. These have caused him some health problems but he has overcome most of the trauma and pain inside. He did state some of the things he did over in the war have caused him anguish and problems at home but he has overcome these with the help of his faith, his family and determination. Thank you Jeremie for you service to you Country and to the Marines we are proud of you and welcome you home as our Brother. Semper Fi.

No further business  
Meeting closed by ritual

Minutes submitted by  
Jeff Amerson, Adjutant.