

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MIDDLE GEORGIA DETACHMENT # 970
July 3rd, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Opening by Ritual: Meeting called to order Commandant Joe Barbee. There were 21 regular members present, 1 associate member. Total of 22 members present.

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

Roll Call of Officers: Absent were Jr. Past Commandant Bo Stollenwerck and Chaplain James Jackson, absent with an excuse were Judge Advocate David Mincey and Jeremie Frasure.

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

Correspondence: Commandant Joe Barbee received a thank you note from the Porterfield Garden Club on Houston road thanking us for participating in the dedication of the Blue Star Monument placement. Joe also received a call from the Greater Atlanta Detachment regarding a funeral for a Marine that wanted to be buried in Dress Blues but did not have the funds. Joe has not heard any word back after he called so this is on hold for the moment. We may be asked for donations to offset the cost that the Greater Atlanta Detachment spent on getting the uniform for the funeral.

The Central Georgia Detachment 1373's top shot competition is set for July 28th from 0900 to 1700 hours in Hawkinsville. If interested in competing we need to put a team together or an Individual can compete. Contact Joe for details if interested.

On Saturday August 25th Ben Sandifer is having a fund raiser event for the Sgt. Rodney Davis Memorial Fund called Rock and Roll Soul for Sgt. Davis. This will be held at the old Terminal Railroad Station at the end of Cherry Street in Macon from 1900 to 2200 that night. As a Detachment we have been asked to furnish a Color Guard and Ticket Security, to work the ticket window and take up money. There was a Motion made by Ed Barbee to help with this event and seconded by Bobby Sheppard. The Motion Carried.

Joe reminded us that the National Convention is the 12th through the 18th of August in Mobile Alabama. We need to have a brochure Ad from our Detachment. A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Tom Hisel to purchase and place a half page ad in the brochure for the National Convention. Motion carried.

Reports: Paymaster report, beginning balance of \$4,801.98, disbursements of \$146.99, deposits of \$1336.00 and an ending balance of \$5838.99. Motion made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Ed Barbee to accept paymaster report. Motion carried. A detailed report may be gotten from the Paymaster or Adjutant if required.

Sickness and Distress: It was good to see Tom Hisel back with us on his new knee. Tom looked a little taller. Report from Earnest Robinson was that he was just doing ok and did not want to say anything further. Chandler Beasley is in his new quarters at the VA Hospital and doing fine. No further word on Mike San Paolo. Let's keep all our members in our prayers and thoughts.

Officer's report: Paul Reynolds wanted us to know that Commandant Joe Barbee made us (Detachment 970) look good at the Judge Taylor Phillips Memorial service. The Family was very pleased with the Color Guard and Flag presentation. At the last second before the Color Guard was to go down to the front of the church sanctuary the minister told Joe he did not want any Guns in the Church. We adapted, improvised and overcame this situation change and all came out well.

The dine out social will be in September at O'Charley's. Please let Joe know if you are attending. There will be a sign up sheet at next months meeting.

Standing Committees: The Rifle raffle will be held this evening after a brief Detachment adjournment. Paul Reynolds stated that we had over 500 tickets to sell and we just about sold all of these. We had 30 or so tickets that didn't get sold. We have had some donations from members that didn't want to sell tickets. It looks like we have close to \$5000.00 in the kitty. Any members that still have tickets and are not here will need to return the money to any one that purchased a ticket from them.

At this time the Sergeant at Arms put the meeting into a 5 minute recess for the drawing.

Detachment Meeting was put back in session by Sergeant of Arms.

New Business: Commandant Joe Barbee entertained a motion for Detachment 970 to host the 2013 State Department Convention in Macon in the month of May 2013. After a brief explanation the motion was so moved by Bill Hall and seconded by Richard Bennett. Joe stated that we hosted the last Convention 10 years ago. We will form committee's and for a steering committee with Joe as the Chairman. It will be a lot of work and we will need every member involved in some way. Ray Walker suggested we have it at the Hotel next to the Macon Centriplex. The Detachment therefore voted to approve the motion. At the staff meeting on the 12th of this month we will determine a Chairman and committees.

Program: Bill Hall spoke to the Detachment about the Boy Scouts and the involvement of the Marine Corps League to them. Bill spoke about the different books that those of us that were in scouts used and as to how many of us there at the meeting were involved in Scouting. It seems almost everyone in one way or another were affected by Scouting. Bill gave us a brief history about the Boy Scouts started and that it is also one of a few organizations that were chartered by the Congress of the United States. The Marine Corps League was one of these organizations as well. Like us they report to Congress each year and are chartered each year. Bill also talked about all the different levels of Scouting from Cub's to the Explorer program.

At the close of his presentation Bill had a presentation for Paul Odom. A check for \$1000.00 was given to the Boy Scouts endowment fund (James E. West Foundation) here in Macon in Honor of Mr. Paul and Chuck Place by our Detachment. Mr. Paul who didn't have any son's of his own has participated and been involved as a Scout leader for more than 46 years. Chuck Place was involved in Scouting for many years but is no longer with us so this was done in Memory of his name.

Good of the League: Ribbons were presented to members that helped at the Old Clinton Days festival. These were given by the organizational Militia to those members that participated.

The Detachment Staff meeting will be held on 12 July at 1900 at the Scout Hut next to Riverside Methodist Church.

No further business
Meeting closed by ritual

Minutes submitted by
Jeff Amerson, Adjutant.