

February 7, 2017

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held January 3, 201~~6~~7

Members Present: James Barham, James "Raven" Baker, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Leland Davis, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Larry Harper, Archie "Otter" Hass, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, Ron Jones, George Linton, Chris Loyd, Don Loyd, Tom Mitchell, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Eddie Pricer, Butch Ragland, Bill Starnes, and Rick "Bear" Umfleet.

Associate Members Present: Ben Adkison

Guest: Billie Johnson, Esther Linton, and Joe Reynolds.

Regular meeting was called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

Greeting to members and guests.

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper.

Pledges to U.S. & Texas flags and salute to Confederate flag led by Color Sgt. Justin Jones.

Reading of the Charge by 1st Lt. Commander Don Loyd.

Third Lt. Cmdr. Bill Starnes was the guest speaker for the evening.

Bill's program was an introduction to research he was currently conducting regarding the West Point Military Academy Class of 1846. He provided an overview of the class size, beginning and graduating members. Bill further discussed a number of the notables and provided a handout given class rankings, some biographical data and death events.

Bill also spoke on the importance of providing programs, the need for identifying speakers and how these programs often lead the audience to discovering new information about their ancestors. Commander Joe Reynolds of the Reynolds Camp suggested that a speaker's web page be added to the Brigade website and offered to create the page.

Commander Davis announced that the next DEC meeting would be Saturday January 7 in Gatesville, Texas. He also thank Compatriot Eugene Brown for his Chairmanship of the Christmas Food Drive and its continued success this past year.

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Business meeting called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer ~~Gipson~~ and approved as written.

Financial Report was read by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer and approved. There was one question regarding a notation of a donation by Tommy Orms. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

Commander Davis opened a discussion on our Camp's acceptance of the challenge to raise \$1000.00 for the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. He indicated that \$80.00 was donated in December and that if a like amount were donated each month through the December 2017 that our goal would be met.

Eddie Pricer provided a brief update on Rickie Gipson's recovery from updates to his pace maker.

Commander Davis then again discussed the addition of a prayer list to our newsletter, but made it clear that it will only work if members notify the Chaplain, Commander, or Editor of the individual needing or requesting our prayers.

New Business:

Swearing in and installation of new officers, 1st Lt. Commander Milt Ojeman and Librarian Jared Jones was conducted by Commander Phil Davis.

Commander Davis then offered a motion to the Camp that, "Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer be authorized to conduct banking business on behalf of the Upshur County Patriots Camp #2109, including the issuance of checks and or withdrawal of funds." The motion was passed unanimously with Deputy Adjutant Pricer abstaining.

Brigade 2nd Lt. Commander George Linton provided information on upcoming events:

1. Saturday January 21st, Confederate Heroes Day celebration at the Gregg County Courthouse Lawn, Muster at 11:00, Program to begin at 12:00. If you could arrive a little before 10:00 to help set up it would be appreciated.
2. Saturday February 25, Mardi Gras Parade in Jefferson. Details to follow.

Commander Davis said that the silent auction during the Camp Christmas Party went very well.

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Commander Davis provided a brief Guardian Report and indicated there were now 657 applications on file.

Door Prizes were conducted by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer.

Commander Davis thanked all of those in attendance.

Benediction was provided by Chaplain Larry Harper.

Singing of Dixie was led by Jamie Eitson.

Completed by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer.

Donations:

Door Prize \$32.00, Jar \$7.00, Sam Davis Youth Camp \$24.00, Confederate Museum Elm Springs \$22.00.