

March 7, 2017

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held February 7, 2017

Members present; Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Leland Davis, Phil Davis, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, A. L. Hass Jr, Ronnie Hill, Ron Jones, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, George Linton, Chris Loyd, Don Loyd, Tom Marshall, Austin Moss, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Thomas Ray, Butch Ragland, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney

Guest: Ben Adkinson, Billie Johnson, Caleb Hill, Jonah Gearhart, Jacob Gearhart, Estber Linton, J. Raven Baleren, Brent Day, Jessie Dunn, Carla Jones

Commander Phil called meeting to order and greeted guest

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper

Pledges to US & Texas flages & salute to Confederate flag led by Color Sgt Justin Jones
Reading of charge to sons of Confederate Veterans given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Third LTC Bill Starnes introduced the speaker for the evening our own camp member Thomas Ray. Thomas spoke on Corinth, Mississippi and it's roll during the war between the states. The main reason for Corinth's military importance was because of two(2) railrodes that ran thru Corinth--The Memphis & the Charleston railroad running east and west and the Mobile & Ohio railroad running north & south. Early in the war Corinth served as mobilization place for Confedrate troops. As battles were fought & many Confederate troops wounded or become sick Corinth became a vast hospital center. Thomas will speak more on Corinth in our next meeting.

Comander Davis called the business meeting to order

Adjutant Rickie Gipson read the minutes and gave the financial report. Both approved

Old business

Comander Davis called for flag orders. He noted again the callenge to every SCV camp for each camp to raise \$1000.00 for the Confederatg Museum at Elm Springs.

Commander Davis said the Texas Divison Reunion will be held June 2-4, 2017 in Fort Worth, Texas. Phil plans to attend and asked if any other camp member that wanted to attend let him know. The SCV National Reunion will be in Memphis, Tn July 18-23.

New business

Commander Davis spoke of HB 1359 which is the Texas Hero Protection Act. A black SCV member presented this bill. Phil asked that we as camp member contact our representatives and senators in regard to this bill.

Our Upshur County Patriot camp was the #1 camp in our brigade for activites reported this reporting period

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NE Texas Brigade 2nd LTC George Linton reported on upcoming events. Our camp will be marching in the Madri Gras parade in Jefferson, Tx. on Saturday Feb 25, 2017. Muster at 1:00pm.

OCR president Esther Linton reported that \$200,00 was raised at the silent auction which took place at our previous camp meeting.

Commander Davis gave his guardian reported. Said their were appx. 683 member in the guadian program at this time. Guardian certificates were given to camp members Tommy Lee Mitchel, Eddie Pricer and Milt Ojeman.

Ben Adkinson of the Gregg SCV camp thanked all those who helped with & attended Confederate Hero's Day in Longview.

Door prize drawing took place led by Quartermaster Joseph Moss.

Meeting was closed with prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper and the singing of 'Dixie'

Door prize donations--\$39.00

'Jar' fund-\$12.00

Elm Springs Confederate Museum--\$71.00

Sam Davis Youth Camp--\$16.00

Rickie Gipson Adjutant