

April 4 2017

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109
Minutes for meeting held March 7, 2017

Members present: James Baker, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, Archie Hass, Mark Hass, Ronnie Hill, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, George Linton, Don Loyd, Austin Moss, Joseph Moss, Milt Ojeman, Tommy Orms, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Butch Ragland Tommy Ray, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney, Bear Umfleet

Guest: Esther Linton, Billie Johnson, Doc Halliday, Gregg Gipi, Darrell Warren, Sam Mercer, Jerry Haymes, Jessie Dunn, Karla Jones

Commander Phil Davis called the meeting to order and greeted guest

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper

Pledges to the US & Texas flags & salute to the Confederate flag led by Color Sgt Justin Jones

Reading of the Charge To Sons of Confederate Veterans given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Third LTC Bill Starned introduced the speaker for the evening Doc Halliday from Marshall Texas. Doc is a US history writer. Doc spoke about what was going on in Marshall during the war between the states. Marshall had a population of about 2000 and was the fourth largest city in Texas. There were two newspapers in Marshall=The Harrison County Flag and the Texas Republican. Harrison county had more slaves than any other county in Texas. In November 1863 the Capital of Missouri was moved to Marshall

Commander Davis called the business meeting to order

Old Business

Commander Davis reminded camp members to donate to the Elm Springs Museum project in order that our camp may reach the \$1000.00 that each individual camp was challenged to raise

Phil mention the upcoming Texas Division reunion in Fort Worth, Texas June 2-4. This is an election year and our camp is entitled to have five delegates. Commander Davis also mentioned that the National Confederate reunion will be in Memphis, Tn July 18-23

New Business

NE Tx Brigade 2nd LTC gave a report on the upcoming events. George thanked those who helped with the Confederate Heros' Day in Longview and the Madri Gras parade in Jefferson, TX. Said that the Camp Ford event in Tyler, Tx was well attended

Esther Linton president of our camp's OCR said that \$300.00 was raised at their silent auction rather than the \$200.00 reported

Commander Davis said there were 704 applications in the Guardian Program!! Phil said that any worn/torn confederate flags from 1862-1865 needed to be properly retired. Motion & second that we begin a formal flag retirement ceremony on a yearly basis. Motion passed...The first cememony will be during our August camp meeting this year

Door prize drawing took place led by Quartermaster Joseph Moss

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

Door prize money==\$14.00

Rickie Gipson--Adjutant