

June 2, 2015

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held May 5, 2015

Members present; Eugene H Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, Archie Hass, Mark Hass, Ronnie Hill, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, Ron Jones, George Linton, Don Loyd, Rex McGee, Mack McLendon, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Eddie Pricer, Butch Ragland, Joe Reynolds, Larry Bruce Swinney

Guest; Michael Thompson, Shannon Gibbs, Helen Muller, Rick Umfleet, Mike Dorsey, Tony Wilburn, Karla Jones, Keesie Reynolds, Sam Mercer, David Schaefer, Michael Pepper, Ben Adkison, Esther Linton, Becky Starnes

Meeting called to order by Commander Eddie Pricer

Opening Prayer led by Jamie Eitson

Pledges to Texas & US flags & salute to confederate flag led by Color Sgt Kim Duffey

Charge to sons of confederate veterans given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Minutes & financial reports given by Adjutant Gipson and were approved

Old business

Camp web site coordinator Joe Reynolds still needs biographies for camp members ancestors

New business

Prayer asked for Mark Davis in the loss of his mother

Commander Pricer ask camp member to start bringing canned goods to camp meetings for Christmas baskets

George Linton thanked all who helped with the Jefferson, Tx event

Esther Linton said deadline on recipes for OCR fund raiser cook book was May 23, 2015

First LTC Phil Davis said there were 362 members in the state guardian program. Phil presented Kim Duffey with his second guardian certificate

Motion & second to accept Eugene H Brown as new camp member. motion passed

Commander Pricer asked camp members to read Texas SCV constitution ammendments on camp web

Fifth Brigade Commander Sam Mercer thanked those who helped with the Gregg county Museum confederate history month. Sam said that the 5th Brigade was 'looking good'. Sam is running for 5th Brigade commander again

A L "Otter" Hass Jr gave testimony saying he was very grateful for the way that SCV members accepted him

Commander Price introduce the guest speakers Richard & Gail Jurkowski who both are U S service veterans and part of the Veterans Recognition Foundation. Richard & Gail showed slides & spoke on the Veteran Plaza in Teague Park in Longview Texas which is being

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designed to honor all those who wear or have worn the uniform of the U S military ~~services~~. There will be monuments in the Veterans Plaza honoring veterans of different wars, women who served, family sacrifices, Mia/Pows, working military dogs among others. Tribute bricks are available to individually honor any & all veterans wars whether they are living or deceased. Each brick can be engraved for a \$100 donation. A replica of the Vietnam Veterans wall in our nation's capital is in the plaza with names missing. Donations are asked for from individuals & organizations to help pay for having the names of the more than 58000 fallen veterans of the Vietnam war engraved on the wall.

After door prize drawing(\$24.00 in donations) meeting was closed with prayer by Jamie Eitison and the singing of "Dixie"

Rickie Gipson--Adjutant