

July 11, 2017* Note--this meeting is being held on 2nd Tuesday due to the 1st Tuesday being the July 4th Holiday

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held June 6, 2017

Members present: Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Gregg Gipe, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, Ronnie Hill, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, Ron Jones, George Linton, Tom Mitchell, Austin Moss, Joseph Moss, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Frank Smith, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney

Guest: Joe Reynolds, Jane Smith, Esther Linton, Johnnie & Norma Holley, Dennis Brand, Reta Brand, Billie Johnson, Brent Day, Andrea Linton Brunson

Meeting called to order by Commander Phil Davis

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper

Pledges to US & Texas flages & Salute to Confederate flag led by Color Sgt. Justin Jones

Charge to Sons of Confederate Veterns given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Third LTC Bill Starnes speaker Michael Pepper's program has been moved to next camp meeting in August due to awards presentation ceremony this meeting

Quarter Joseph Moss displayed a 1863 officer's sword and a 1851 Navy Colt Pistol

Commander Davis said that our camp received the following awards at the Texas SCV Reunion: Four star camp award, Large camp growth award, 2nd place for the best web site award, & 2nd place best newsletter award

The following camp members received ~~with~~ honor awards: James Baker, Austin Moss, & Rick "Bear" Umfleet

Eugene Brown & Michael Pepper received bronze crosses, Larry Harper & David Palmer received silver crosses & Jared Jones & Justin Jones received gold crosses

Third LTC Bill Starnes received the advance color award for flying a confederate flag over his business the Walking "S" Stake House

Business meeting was called to order by Commander Davis

Adjutant Gipson gave the minutes & financial report & both were approved

Old business

Commander Davis reminded everyone of the \$1000.00 pledge from our camp for the Confederate Museum at Elms Springes & of the upcoming National Confederate reunion on July 18-23 in Memphis, Tenn.

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Continuation of June 6th meeting

Commander Davis asked that flag orders be turned in to him or Eddie Pricer Wednesday or Thursday

HB 1359 Texas Heroes Monument Protection Act died . The two amendments to the Texas Division Constitution were tabled as a result of a motion by Judge Advocate Kim Duffey. Kim was comended for doing this

NE Brigade 2nd LTC George Linton reminded camp members of the 4th July parade in Ore City, Tx in which we will be marching+

Commander Jonnie Holley reminded every camp of upcoming renewal fees. Grace period will ends on Nov30, 2017

OCR President was presented with the highest award that can be given to a non camp member for her work with the OCR and her help given to our Upshur County Patriot Camp

Commander Johnnie Holley said that was still in progress the restoration of the Confederate powder magazine in Jefferson, Tx

Commander Davis said that camp members could go to Tx division scv web site and sign up for the TX DIV Telegram

Second LTC Starnes said the flag retirement program had been put off to meeting this fall due to hot weather

Commander Joe Reynolds said that their camp meetings had been moved from the 1st Monday of each month to the 3rd Monday of each month

Door prize drawings were led by Quartermaster Joseph Moss

Meeting was closed with a prayer led by Chaplain Haper and the singing of "Dixie"(oh I wish I was in the land off cotton)

Rickie Gipson Adjutant