

November 1, 2016

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held October 4, 2016

Members present: James "Raven" Baker, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Larry Harper, Ronnie Hill, Jared Jones, Ron Jones, George Linton, Chris Loyd, Don Loyd, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Butch Ragland, Jimmy Rieves, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney and Rick "Bear" Umfleet.

Guest: Ben Adkison, Troy Benson, Jacob Gearhart, Jonah Gearhart, Caleb Hill, Billie Johnson, Karla Jones, Rex McGee, Sam Mercer, Joe Reynolds.

Regular meeting was called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

Greeting to members and guests. Recognition of 5th Brigade Commander Sam Mercer.
Introduction of guests by Commander Phil Davis.

Opening prayer led by Past Chaplain Larry Harper.

Request for thoughts and prayers for Rickie Gipson (Bereavement and Wife's illness) by Commander Phil Davis.

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

Reading of the Charge by 2nd Lt. David Palmer along with comments on importance.

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

Bill's topic for the evening was family, more specifically the SCV family. He began his discussion talking about how he entered the SCV, the formation of the Upshur County Patriots, and how it created a circle of ties where one person led to another and so on resulting in the formation of the Camp and the bonds of friendship. Bill spoke of those who have passed away and their importance to his and our bonds of friendship. He further spoke of the many blessings of meeting with members and their families and learning their history. Upon demonstrating the many interlinking cogs that create family, Bill ended the program by having the members and guests take a few minutes to meet one on one with each other and learn something of their history before continuing the meeting.

Business meeting called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Eddie Pricer and approved as amended.

Financial report was read by Eddie Pricer and approved.

Old Business:

Commander Davis opened a discussion on fundraising, the knife project, the gifts, and the Yamboree, including booth staffing. Eddie Pricer assisted in this presentation.

New Business:

Commander Davis opened a discussion on the proposed Confederate museum at Elm Springs, which would be owned, controlled, and operated by the SCV. He further discussed the fund raising challenge issued by a North Carolina Camp to each of the other Camps in the Confederation to raise at least \$1000.00 toward construction costs. An unofficial vote was taken to determine the Camp's thoughts on accepting the challenge. A formal vote was tabled until the November meeting with more detailed information on the Camp's overall fundraising activities is to be presented.

Installation of Tommy Lee Mitchell into the SCV and Upshur County Patriots was conducted by Commander Phil Davis and 1st Lt. Commander Don Loyd.

A discussion concerning the Brigade meeting in Pittsburg as well as the recent DEC meeting in Madisonville was provided by 5th Brigade Commander Mercer. He also thanked those that assisted at the Gregg County Fair and reminded them of the upcoming Gregg Camp meeting and that all were invited.

Brigade 2nd Lt. Commander George Linton provided information on the upcoming events in October which included the Yamboree, Yamboree Parade, and two Confederate grave dedications. Commander Joe Reynolds added information concerning the second dedication being the first of an annual affair to honor the namesake of their Camp, Lt. David Richard Reynolds.

Commander Phil Davis provided a Guardian Report update.

Commander Davis reminded everyone of Camp elections next month and if anyone was interested in running to please let the election nominating committee know for ballot preparations. He further reminded everyone that nominations could be made from the floor.

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Commander Davis then reminded everyone that had not yet paid their dues to please get them in ASAP.

Acting Quartermaster Ronnie Hill conducted the door prize drawing.

Closing comments were made by Commander Phil Davis.

Benediction was provided by Chaplain Larry Harper.

Singing of Dixie was led by Jamie Eitson.

Announcements:

Pancake Breakfast for Scout Camp # 618 Saturday 10-8-16

Jed Marum playing at Walking S steakhouse Saturday 10-8-16

Donations: Door Prize \$28.00, Jar \$21.00, Sam Davis Camp \$7.00, Purple Heart \$32.00

Eddie Pricer, Deputy Adjutant