

January 5, 2016

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from regular meeting held November 3, 2015

Members Present: James Barham, Eugene Brown, Mark Davis, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, Ronnie Hill, James Jones, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, George Linton, Chris Loyd, Don Loyd, Mack McLendon, Joseph Moss, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Butch Ragland, Matthew Roach, Bill Starnes Larry B Swinney

Guest: Larry Joe Reynolds, Esther Linton, Billie Johnson, Derrick Davis, Thomas M. Ray, A. B. Colvin, Ben Adkison, Brent Day

Meeting called to order by Commander Eddie Pricer

Opening Prayer--Chaplain Jamie Eitson

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

Charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Minutes & financial report given by Adjutant Gipson and were approved

Old Business

Judge Advocate Mack McLendon said Upshur County Librarian was very pleased with camp books donated . Said she would come to our Christmas party or our next camp meeting

Knife & mini ball Plaques were passed around. Donations for an opportunity to win are \$6.00 for one ticket & \$25.00 for six tickets

New Business

George Linton thanked those who helped with last months cemetery dedicatio&/Yamboree parade. Christmas parade will be Thursday December 3rd at 6:00pm Muster at 5:00 at Gilmer Nat'l Bank Ore City Christmas parade will be Saturday December 5th at 10:00am. Muster at 9:00am

Esther Linton of OCR reminded everyone to bring covered dish/dessert to camp Christmas party Tuesday December 1st at Walking "S" Steakhouse. Said UDC meets 1st Thursday each month at Walking "S" Steakhouse

Guardian program leader First LTC Phil Davis said he gave program at the new SCV camp in Mt Pleasant. Said that there were almost 400 guardian members in Texas now. Said he was asked to speak at the Rotary Club meeting November 17th at noon at the Upshur County Civic Center

Larry Joe Reynolds commander of new First LTC David Richard Reynolds camp at Mt. Pleasant presented a certificate of appreciation to our camp for the \$500.00 donatation we gave them

Commander Pricer said of goal of 57 camp members for year was almost met

First LTC Davis spoke on our brigade meeting at El Chio's in Mt. Pleasant. Said every camp was represented & a total of 20 SCV members were present

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Motion & second to start containing names of family members & keep in a record book at each grave dedication/memorial.---This would be a good way to get names for new camp members. passed

A word of thanks was give to Jamie Eitson for his work on the camp dispatch

Program director Third LTC Bill Starnes spoke on the diverse quality of our camp members & the willingness to work & present camp programs. Bill encouraged new members to get involved and run for camp offices in the future. Said he needed suggestions for camp programs for next year. He would like for camp members to start again giving biographes on their Confederate ancestors especially new members. Also putting biographes on website. Thanked Albert Colvin for Photography at camp events

Kim Duffey grave survey director said a survey of graves at the old Gilmer City Cemetery will begin Thursday November 12, 2015 at 10:00am

Motion & second that uncontested race for new year camp officers be elected by voice vote.passe

Those elected were as follows:

Commander	Phil Davis
First LTC	Don Loyd
Second Ltc	David Palmer
Third Ltc	Bill Starnes
Adjutant	Rickie Gipson
Chaplain	Larry Harper
Judge Adv.	Kim Duffey
Surgeon	Archie Hass

Those elected in contested offices were:

Quartermaster	Joseph Moss
Historian	Bruce Swinney

Motion & second that results of these offices be accepted--passed

There was a tie between Mark Hass & Justin Jones for the office of Color Sergant. Motion & second deciding on who be placed in this office be tabled. passed

Meeting closed with prayer by Chaplain Eitson and singing or "Dixie"

Door prize money-\$52.00 Jar-\$25.00

Rickie Gipson Adjutant

Note: Our annual camp Christmas party took place Tuesday December 1st at the Walking "S" Steakhouse with a total of 58 folks signing the register. The food and fellowship was great. Brigade Commander Sam Mercer gave the program which was the reading of parts of letters from from Confederate soldiers sent home during the Christmas seasons of the war between the states. Sam's program was excelent & very apporiate for the Christmas season

The Upshur County librarian director was present and Mack McLendon officially presented each book donated to the library by our camp. Very well done Mack!!!