

January 3, 2017

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held November 4, 2016

Members present: James "Raven" Baker, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Archie "Otter" Hass, Ronnie Hill, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, Ron Jones, George Linton, Don Loyd, Austin Moss, Joseph Moss, Milt Ojeman, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Eddie Pricer, Thomas Ray, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney and Rick "Bear" Umfleet.

Guest: Brent Day, Billie Johnson, Jacob Gearhart, Jonah Gearhart, Caleb Hill, Karla Jones, Esther Linton, Rex McGee, Dena Mahan, and Joe Reynolds.

Regular meeting was called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

Greeting to members and guests.

Opening prayer led by Past Chaplain Jamie Eitson.

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

Reading of the Charge by Adjutant Rickie Gipson.

Camp Member Austin Moss gave a report on his stay at the Sam Davis Youth Camp. He was very impressed with the huge flag that was flown over the Brazos River.

Third Lt. Cmdr. Bill Starnes introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Commander Joe Reynolds of the Richard Reynolds Camp in Mount Pleasant, Texas.

Joe's topic dealt with Free Masonry during the Civil War. He began his discussion by recognizing Camp Member Bill Palmer as a Mason for the past 68 years. Joe further related that masons always helped each other and their families, with masons from both the north and south meeting together during the war.

Break

Business meeting called to order by Commander Phil Davis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Adjutant Rickie Gipson and approved.

Financial Report was read by Adjutant Rickie Gipson and approved.

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**Old Business:**

It was reported that our booth at the Yamboree did good.

Commander Davis opened a discussion on a North Carolina Camp had challenged each SCV Camp to raise \$1000.00 for the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. Deadline will be December 17, 2017. A motion and second that our Camp participate in this fund raising effort was on the floor, the motion passed. Eddie Pricer was appointed as Chairman of this fund raising committee.

**New Business:**

Esther Linton and Billie Johnson, OCR members were recognized for their involvement in SCV memorial services and ceremonies, each received a certificate of appreciation.

Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander George Linton thanked all who marched and participated in Yamboree Parade. He asked for volunteers to participate in the Gilmer Christmas Parade, as well as the Ore City Christmas Parade.

The Camp Christmas Party will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The meat will be provided by the Camp. Bring covered dishes, desserts, etc. Also, bring nonperishable goods for the Christmas Baskets.

Esther Linton said the OCR will have a silent auction during the Camp Christmas Party.

Karla Jones said the UDC will have a meeting Thursday, December 1, 1016.

Benediction was provided by Past Chaplain Jamie Eitson.

Singing of Dixie was led by Jamie Eitson.

**Announcements:**

Camp Christmas Party was a success with 50 members and guest in attendance. Past Camp Commander Mark Vogl gave the program reading, "The Night Before A Confederate Christmas."

Eddie Pricer was awarded several Guardian Certificates by Commander Phil Davis.

Adjutant Rickie Gipson