

March 1, 2016

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from regular meeting held February 2, 2016

Members present: James Barham, Eugene Brown, Leland Davis, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, Archie Hass, Ronnie Hill, James "Ron" Jones, Jared Jones, Justin Jones, Mack McLendon, Joseph Moss, Austin Moss, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Edie Pricer, Butch Ragland, Thomas Ray, Jimmy Rieves, Mathew Roach, Bill Starnes, Larry Bruce Swinney

Guest: Joe Reynolds, Rex Mcgee, Billie Johnson, Karla Jones, Dick Braswell, Jane Davis, Sam Mercer, John Hanisee

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Larry Harper

Pleges to the USA Flag & Texas Flag & salute to the confederate flag were led by Color Seargant
Larry Harper

Minutes & financial reports given by Adjunt Rickie Gipson were approved

Decided to have the program before the regular business in order to give the speakers time to complete their programs & have an opportunity to leave before the regular business procedings start

Third LTC Bill Starnes introduced the speaker for the evening our own camp member Larry Bruce Swinney. Larry Bruce gave a very interesting program on women of the war between states. most women stayed at home while their husbands, fathers, brothers went off to war. They did their normal housework as well as doing farm work if they lived in the country. Some were school teachers & nurses going to hospitals and battle sites to help the wounded & dying soldiers. Some even disguised themselves as men and fought in battles along with the men. Some became spies for they were better able to go into places & situations when men could not. Thanks for the good program Larry Bruce!!!!

Regular business called to order by camp Commander Phil Davis

Minutes & financial report were given by Adjutant Rickie Gipson & were approved

George & Esher Linton were not at meeting because George was in the hospital. Remember George in your prayers.

Old Business----None

New Business

There will be a Chautagua Celebration at the Longview Public Library on April 16, 2016 from 10:00pm until 3:00pm . If you attend wear Confedertate uniforms or period dress.

Motion & second that we begin reimbursing Esther Linton for the plates, cups, etc she brings to each camp meeting along with the refreshments. Motion passed

Chaplain Larry Harper displayed a foot marker for graves that he is selling for \$20.00 each to help raise money for our camp. Thanks Larry!!!!

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Commander Phil Davis reminded everyone of the Mardi Gras parade in Jefferson, Texas on Saturday February 6, 2016. We will be in the parade

Commander Davis gave the guardianship report. Said there were now 454 guardian applications on file in Texas with our brigade having the most.

Commander Sam Mercer helped present guardian certificates to Eddie Pricer(6) & Phil Davis(5). George Linton was not present to receive his certificates.

Karla Jones of UDC announced that there would be a rededication of the Emma Samson monument-- no date has been set

Esther Linton & Jane Davis were appointed as matrons of honor for our camp

Commander Sam Mercer thanked all who attended & helped with the Confederate Hero's Day on the Longview courthouse lawn. Commander Mercer also announced that the East Texas Treasure Hunters Association would be meeting Monday February 8, 2016 at 6:00pm at the American Legion Hall in Longview, Texas. The speaker is a historian & he will be displaying his large collections of artifacts.

Third LTC Bill Starnes gave special thanks to Commander Sam Mercer for his work he has done for our camp & brigade. Bill also thanked Commander Joe Reynolds for his help with the Purple Heart Medals

Commander Joe Reynolds of the First Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp #2270 of Mt. Pleasant, TX invited everyone to attend their Charter & Installation ceremony at the Old Union Community Center on Hwy 67 east in Mt. Pleasant at 6:30pm Monday March 7, 2016. A free Bar-BQ dinner will be served prior to the program

After door prize drawings led by Quartermaster Joseph Moss meeting was closed with prayer by Chaplain Harper and the singing of "Dixie"

Door prize money--\$52.00----"Jar"--\$28.00

Rickie Gipson--Adjutant