

June 6, 2017

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held May 2.2017

Members present: Gabby Baker, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Leland Davis, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, Gregg Gipe, Rickie Gipson, Larry Harper, A. L. Hass Jr, Ronnie Hill, Ron Jones, George Linton, Don Loyd, Tom Mitchell, Austin Moss, Joseph Moss, Milt Ojemon, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Bill Starnes, Larry B. Swinney

Guest; Joe Reynolds, Jonah Gearhart, Caleb Hill, Jacob Gearhart, Roxanne Gipe, Esther Linton, Johnnie Holley, Norma Holley, Mike Baggett, Frank Smith, Keesie Reynolds, J. Raven Baker Dena Mahan

Meeting called to order by Commander Phil Davis

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Larry Harper

Salute to the U S and Texas flags and salute to the Confederate flag led by Kim Duffey in absent of the Color Seargent

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans give by Adjutant Rickie Gipson

Commander Phil Davis birthday is May 15, 2017. Phil was presented a cake from the Guardians and they all stood as the cake was presented

Third LTC Bill Starnes introduced camp member Michael Pepper as the speaker for the evening. Michael gave a detailed and interesting presentation of General Joe Shelby of the Confederate army and his troops expedition into Mexico near the end of the war between the states. Michael passed out images of those involved in this expedition.

Business meeting called to order by Commander Davis

Minutes and financial report was given by Adjutant Gipson and both were approved

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Johnnie Holley swore in new camp member Gregg Gipe and Larry Harper led in a salute to Gregg

The following were accepted as delegates to Texas Division Reunion which will be in Ft. Worth, Tx June 2-4: Phil Davis, Chris Loyd, Milt Ojeman, George Linton, Kim Duffey and Eddie Pricer as alternate

Motion passed by the camp to let the delegates decide on how to vote on issues at the reunion

Motion passed to oppose two new amendments to the Texas Division constitution that will be presented at the reunion

NE Brigade Commander George Linton thanked those who helped with the last three cemetery memorials and gave a report on upcoming events two of which were the school day and parade in Jefferson, Tx May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and a cemetery memorial at the old Mings cemetery in Gilmer on May 13, 2017

Esther Linton OCR president said Frank Smith and his wife has transferred to our camp's OCR

Carla Jones was not present to give the OCR report however Norma Holly president of the Texas OCR reported that on May 20, 2017 a special program will be held and three military crosses of honor will be presented

Commander Phil Davis gave his Guardian report and presented awards to guardians Kim Duffey who was promoted to Third Sgt and Phil Davis, Eddie Pricer and David Palmer who became teamsters

Commander Sam Mercer of the John Gregg in Longview sent his thanks to those who helped with the event at the museum in Longview. Sam said they did a superior job

Drawings for door prize drawings were led by Quartermaster Joseph Moss. Commander Davis asked camp members to bring more door prizes to meeting

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Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Larry and the singing of Dixie followed

Rickie Gipson Adjutant