

July 2, 2019

Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Minutes from meeting held June 7, 2019

Members Present: Jerry Akin, Dick Brassell, Eugene Brown, Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Jamie Eitson, George Linton, Tom Mitchell, Bill Palmer, David Palmer, Michael Pepper, Eddie Pricer, Frank Smith, Bill Starnes and Larry Bruce Swinney.

Guest: Past ATM Cmdr. Johnny Holley, Div. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Joe Reynolds, 5th Brigade 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rex McGee, Brent Day, Kasey Akin.

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by 1st Lt. Eugene Brown with a greeting to members and guests. Opening prayer led by Chaplain Jamie Eitson. Pledges to U.S. & Texas flags and salute to Confederate flag led by Color Sgt. Michael Pepper. Reading of the Charge by 5th Brigade Cmdr. Eddie Pricer.

In lieu of a program, a review of the Constitutional Amendment and elections at the Div. Reunion was provided by Div. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Joe Reynolds. Other topics discussed included lack of attendees and loss of votes. Discussed DEC and related issues. Retention issues along with National, Division and local records not matching. Camp activity was also reviewed. The new Brigade Officers were announced: Brigade Cmdr. Eddie Pricer, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rex McGee, and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Bill Elliott. Lastly, the importance of offices being held by "new blood" to promote new ideas and ensure camp viability in the future.

Old Business: None

New Business: Announced new Executive Director Southern to take over SCV Natl. operations. MOS&B membership was discussed by Past ATM Cmdr. Johnny Holley. Awards were presented by Brigade Cmdr. Pricer, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Brown and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Palmer. Camp Awards were; 1st Place Best Web Site, 3rd Place Best Newsletter and 4 Star Camp Award. Individual awards were Jerry Akin and Frank Smith receiving Bronze Medals. A remembrance of D-Day, WWII Combat Veteran Bill Palmer and the loss of his brother on the Normandy Beaches. Other comments were conveyed regarding the last great generation. The Guardian report was provided by Guardian Chairman and Past Cmdr. Phil Davis. A discussion was held regarding two unknown Confederate and two unknown Union soldiers buried in the back yard of a house in Pritchett. Efforts are underway to determine location for possible marking.

Door Prizes were conducted by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer.

1st Lt. Cmdr. Brown thanked all of those in attendance. Benediction was provided by Chaplain Jamie Eitson. Singing of Dixie was led by Jamie Eitson.

Donations: Door Prize \$10.00, Jar \$15.00, Sam Davis Youth Camp \$40.00.
Completed by Deputy Adjutant Eddie Pricer.