

Minutes of SUVCW Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5  
August 8, 2018  
6 p.m. at Hamilton/South Caddo Branch, Shreve Memorial Library  
Approved by acclamation at the September 12, 2018 camp meeting

Meeting commenced just after 6 p.m. in new location, meeting room by the entrance. Commenced with a prayer by Brother Heller, the reading of the Americans' Creed, led by Camp Commander Vets, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Brother Henigan.

A quorum of members was present. Brothers absent were Hines Vaughan, Gary Joiner, Judge Donald Walter and Jon Oliver.

Commander Vets began with thanks to Brother Prime for making sure the meeting had a gavel, flag and lectern and the members had cards. Commander Vets and Brother Prime both informed membership that the camp charter had been approved by national.

Motion to approve the minutes of the camp's first meeting, held July 11, 2018, previously emailed to camp members was co-made by Commander Vets and Brother Prime and seconded by Brother Vets. Minutes were approved by vote of camp membership.

There was no treasurer's report as the camp does not yet have a bank account.

The bylaws introduced at the July meeting, with changes suggested at that meeting and emailed to camp membership by Commander Vets, were briefly discussed. Upon a motion by Brother Prime, seconded by Brother Heller, these were voted upon by membership and approved without dissent. These were signed at the meeting by Commander Vets and Secretary/Treasurer Prime.

Old business was discussed. Brother Heller was voted in as chaplain by acclamation. The camp, needing a senior vice commander, sought volunteers from the membership and Brother Elliott stepped forward. After three calls for a volunteer, hearing no others, Brother Elliott was moved by Brother Vets, seconded by Brother Prime, and approved by the camp membership by acclamation. Brother Prime volunteered to serve as camp historian and genealogist to assist prospective members. This was moved by Brother Vets, seconded by Brother Heller and endorsed by acclamation.

New business centered on establishing a camp bank account. Brother Prime recommended Community Bank of Louisiana, with both a checking account for everyday camp business, and a savings account for purposes of planned scholarships and grave recognition. Motion made by Brother Prime, seconded by Brother Elliott, and approved by acclamation. Commander Vets said he would coordinate a day and time with Brother Prime to come to Shreveport to help open the account.

Commander Vets then opened discussion on presenting flag patriotism certificates to deserving area businesses or entities. Brother Prime suggested seeking nominations from the public for rendering such honors. Mention was made of proper flag display by various entities in Marshall and Longview, Texas, and of continued flag support by the local Porters' Cleaners. Brother Prime also suggested some proper camp recognition of Barksdale Air Force Base for its morning reveille and afternoon retreat observances. Commander Vets suggested formation of a committee to judge such entries. Brother Prime suggested Brother Judge Walter to head this and Brother Porter agreed to assist. Brother Prime agreed to craft a release to send to media in furtherance of this effort. This was moved by Brother Elliott, seconded by Brother Porter and approved by acclamation.

Commander Vets next suggested discussion of a speaker for the September meeting, offering Mark Porter of Porter's Cleaners. Brother Prime agreed to contact Mr. Porter with regard to this. It was suggested by membership that Paul Gramling Jr., a local man recently elected as national commander in chief of the Sons of

Confederate Veterans, be invited to attend a meeting. That was received by acclamation as well.

Next, Commander Vets called for discussion of recognizing and protecting local graves of Union veterans. Brother Prime compiled a list of 24 known burials in Caddo Parish, and membership offered information that a dozen or more are buried in Harrison County and Jefferson County, Texas, including a Medal of Honor recipient. Commander Vets suggested surveying the graves to assess their conditions.

Prayers were offered by Chaplain Brother Heller for camp members and family members facing illnesses. This also served as the meeting closing prayer.

The next meeting date was announced: Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, in the same room.

That said, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting was concluded, just before 7 p.m.