

Minutes of SUVCW Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5  
September 12, 2018  
6 p.m. at Hamilton/South Caddo Branch, Shreve Memorial Library  
Submitted and approved at the October 10, 2018 camp meeting

Meeting commenced at 6 p.m. in the entrance area meeting room of the Hamilton/South Caddo Branch, Shreve Memorial Library.

A quorum of members was present. Present were brothers Brasher, Elliott, Heller, Henigan, Porter, Prime, Bo Vets and Tony Vets. Brothers absent were J.J. Vets, Hines Vaughan, Gary Joiner, George Penfield, Judge Donald Walter and Jon Oliver. Brother Ted Cox was absent at the start but arrived during the first 10 minutes of the meeting. Guests at the meeting were Tom Coughlin, commander of the SUVCW's Department of Texas; Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer of the SUVCW Department of Texas; William A. Pollard, commander of the LCDR Edward Lea Camp 2 in Houston; and representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans: National Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling Jr., his wife Lynda Gramling of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and J.C. Hanna, SCV Army of the Trans-Mississippi Councilman.

Commander Bo Vets led the reading of the principles on which the order was founded: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The visiting officers from Texas served as patriotic instructors, the camp not having elected so at this time, and informed camp members of the colors of the stations and the virtues and principles they represent.

Chaplain Brother Heller offered an opening prayer. The Americans' Creed was recited in unison. This was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

Commander Vets thanked the Lea Camp for providing flags and colors for use in the charter signing meeting.

The guests noted above then introduced themselves to the membership.

Brother Prime then advised emailing of the previous meetings minutes to the members. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes, and approved by members present.

Brother Prime then read the treasurer's report, which showed the camp's new account with Community Bank of Louisiana to have an initial and current balance of \$370. He noted that checks had been written to the Department of Texas and for purchase of a camp check-endorsing stamp, funeral bunting as called for in a national general order and counter checks would reduce this to \$103.63. Brother Elliott moved to accept the report, and this was seconded by Tony Vets Sr. Members then voted to accept.

Regarding Old Business: Commander Vets noted he purchased flag certificates to present to deserving recipients. Commander Vets asked for volunteers to head the committee and Brother Bill Elliott stepped forward.

Commander Vets then noted the need for a member to head a committee for graves and memorials. Brother Prime volunteered to head this committee.

New business: Brother Heller brought up the subject of honoring ROTCs and noted the Department of Texas efforts in this regard. Discussion then ensued on the various ways the camp could contact and recognize area Junior ROTC and ROTC units. Brother Heller was appointed to pursue this endeavor. The subject of approaching Eagle Scouts was broached.

Department Commander Coughlin related ongoing goals of the outgoing SUVCW Commander in Chief Mark Day and those of newly elected Commander in Chief Donald Sharp. These consist of four areas: Membership growth and retention; increased public awareness of the order; extension of 501-C status to departments and camps; and visiting each department encampment.

Brother Prime suggested combining ROTC recognizing efforts with membership drives and encouraging research into family military backgrounds for SUVCW or SCV roots. Camp members and department officers discussed this for several minutes.

The signing of the camp Charter and its presentation then ensued.

Secretary Don Gates spoke briefly, commending camp members and officers for the controlled and orderly formation of the camp. Other visiting Department and Texas camp officer expressed similar sentiments and well-wishes for the new camp.

Discussion of ROTC and JROTC programs arose, with a number of suggestions on approaching and honoring these groups tossed back and forth. A suggestion also was made to approach LSU due to its connection with General William T. Sherman. The college scholarship program offered by National was also discussed.

Commander Vets then invited SCV National Commander in Chief Paul Gramling Jr., who had been a guest speaker at the recent SUVCW National Encampment in Massachusetts, to step up to address the new camp.

Commander Gramling accepted the invitation and spoke on the common goals of two heritage groups that have differing philosophies but share common enemies, those who would destroy the history and moral fabric of the nation. He then expressed his thanks and pleasure at having taken part in the SUVCW encampment. He left to applause from camp membership.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, October 10, 2018, in an adjacent room. The guest is to be Mark Porter of Porter's Fine Dry Cleaners, known for its drives to collect, clean and properly discharge worn and tattered colors.

Upon request, Brother Prime mentioned the death and incapacitation of leaders of the local North Louisiana Civil War Round Table. Prayers also were requested for those suffering from Hurricane Florence. Prayers were offered by Chaplain Brother Heller for camp members and family members facing illnesses. This also served as the meeting closing prayer.

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