

Minutes of SUVCW Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5
October 10, 2018
6 p.m. at Hamilton/South Caddo Branch, Shreve Memorial Library
Submitted for approval at the November 14, 2018 camp meeting

Meeting commenced just after 6:05 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, Heller, Porter, Prime, Bo Vets and Tony Vets. Brothers absent were Ted Cox, Tommy Henigan, Gary Joiner, Jon Oliver, Donald Walter, William Elliott, William Offer and JJ Vets. Guest at the meeting was Mark Porter, our honored guest.

Chaplain Heller offered the blessing. This was followed by the Americans Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Vets requested that more laminated copies of the camp meeting procedure be made available. He then offered the camp commander's report, noting the chartering of the camp in the previous (September 12, 2018) meeting. He noted the October 10, 2018 meeting was its first as a chartered camp.

Brother Prime then gave his secretary's report, noting creation of a camp letterhead, business cards and a camp web page. Brother Prime noted the web page looks good only on a desktop at this time though work on the mobile platforms continues. He then noted options for camp pennants. Camp membership voted to allow him to explore options for pennants.

Brother Prime noted the previous meeting minutes had been emailed to members. Brother Heller moved to accept these, seconded by Tony Vets and accepted by acclamation.

Brother Prime then offered the financial report, which showed an opening balance of \$370 on September 18, 2018, payments of \$256.13 to Hobby Lobby, M.L. Bath Co., the SUVCW Department of Texas and bank fees, leaving a closing balance of \$113.63 on October 10, 2018. Motion to accept made by Keith Porter, seconded and accepted by acclamation.

Brother Prime introduced local businessman Mark Porter, who spoke eloquently of his love for the flag and the history of his family's company with regard to protecting, safeguarding and cleaning flags over more than a half-century. He also presented the camp with a commercial quality flag. Commander Vets then presented Mr. Porter with an SUVCW flag commendation certificate, the first such by our camp.

Regarding Old Business: No old business was discussed.

ROTC Report from Brother Heller: Information has been sent to 15 area schools, with no response yet.

Graves committee report: Brother Prime reported that Brother Elliot has provided updated information on Union graves in East Texas. The problem is the Union graves in Oakland Cemetery, which offer few details of the service of the men and are not regulation. One marker in Bossier Parish appears to be lost or stolen. Keith Porter explained measures that have been taken to repair markers in Oakland cemetery. Commander Vets noted the camp might take it upon itself to replace markers if the VA cannot do it.

New business: Pennant discussion ensued. Brother Prime was authorized to explore options for suitable pennants for a motion by the camp at the November or December meetings. There was no other new business.

For the good of the order: People in Florida affected by the hurricanes were blessed through an invocation by Chaplain Heller.

Brother Prime suggested members prepare biographies of their Union ancestors for future camp meetings. Commander Vets suggested this could be put on the camp website as well. Brother Vets also suggested a newsletter for the camp.

The meeting was concluded just before 7 p.m.