

Minutes of the April 10, 2019, meeting of the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, SUVCW held at the South Shreveport Branch Shreve Memorial Library.

Meeting opened at 6:06 p.m. Members present were Brothers Cox, Elliott, Heller, Henigan, Porter, Prime, Vets Sr. and Camp Commander Bo Vets II.

The stations and colors were recited. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Heller, with the assembled members then reciting the Americans' Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. The formal meeting then commenced.

Commander Vets began the meeting with an apology for his absence at the March meeting, occasioned by work issues. He then noted he had sent out an agenda regarding two motions to amend the camp bylaws, with regard to setting the date, time and place for meetings as well as dues waivers for SUVCW life members.

The meeting motion, Article 1, Section 1, was moved, seconded, voted and approved, as was the dues waiver issue, Article 3, Section 1, subsection b, also moved, seconded, voted and carried.

The camp then discussed participation in upcoming Memorial Day observances. It was noted there are four this year, three on the observed Memorial Day, May 26, and one on the Traditional Memorial Day, May 30. The observed events are at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Haughton, 9 a.m.; at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, noon; and by Branch 98 of the Fleet Reserve Association at American Legion Post 14, 2 p.m. The traditional Memorial Day observance will be at 2 p.m. May 30 at Greenwood Cemetery on Stoner Avenue in Shreveport.

Commander Vets noted he was working to secure a wreath or multiple wreaths to allow the camp to take part in observances. Discussion on participation ensued, with Brothers Prime, Porter and Cox charged with securing details of the observances.

There then followed discussion on the continuing effort to replace or repair headstones of Union veterans.

Commander Vets noted that the Department of Texas will host the 2021 SUVCW national convention in Houston, Texas, and that our camp should work on ways to participate in that.

Brother Heller noted that four Junior ROTC applications for recognition and commendation needed to be signed and delivered. Locally these were at Airline and Parkway high schools in Bossier City, and more regionally, Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and at Chalmette High School in the city of the same name in South Louisiana. Brother Prime noted the splendid Memorial Day observance held early in May by Woodlawn Leadership Academy to honor its seven military fallen.

The treasurers report by Brother Prime noted the bank balance increased to \$828.13, due to deposits of dues. Treasurer Prime noted that a check for \$336 was mailed to the Department of Texas April 29, 2019, but had not cleared our account by May 5, 2019.

Then there ensued a history presentation by Commander Vets noting the history of Fort Sumter, on the occasion of the anniversary of its capture by the Confederates and its eventual recapture by Federal forces.

Brother Prime volunteered to present a history talk in June on the surrender of Shreveport to Federal forces in June 1865.

Commander Vets reminded the camp that the next meeting will be May 8, 2019, at 6 p.m.

There being no further new business, a closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Heller. The meeting ended just after 7 p.m.