

Minutes of the May 8, 2019, meeting of the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, SUVCW held at the South Shreveport Branch Shreve Memorial Library.

Meeting opened at 6:16 p.m. Members present were Brothers Elliott, Porter, Prime, Vets Sr. and Camp Commander Bo Vets II.

The invocation was offered by Brother Elliott, 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 notice that he has heard nothing more of the national encampment in Texas, but added that the Texas Department meeting is approaching and that he plans to attend.

Brother Prime advised on Memorial Day events, three on the observed Memorial Day, May 27, 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. Brothers plan to attend the two earlier events on May 27, and Brother Prime will be at the May 30 event. Commander Vets said he would have a wreath to allow the camp to take part in observances.

Commander Vets then stated he would send a recapitulation of Camp activities to the Department so these could be properly credited. These included our flag appreciation to Porter's Cleaners, support for the history essay contest coordinated at Panola College by Brother Offer, ROTC and Junior ROTC appreciation awards to five area schools.

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, and cleared May 7, 2019, leaving a balance of 492.13. However, the Department of Texas sent us a check for \$28 on account of the transfer of Brother Matt Dowden into our camp. This will leave us with a working balance of \$520.13.

Brother Prime advised that the minutes for the last two meetings had to be approved by membership. Brother Elliott noted a small correction needed for the April 10 minutes. With that, the camp moved, seconded, voted and approved said minutes.

Then there ensued a history presentation by Brother Tony Vets on the last battle of the Civil War, The May 13, 1865 Battle of Palmito Ranch, at which the last soldier to officially die in the Civil War, John Jefferson Williams, was killed. Brothers Vets' informative presentation also provided information on the removal of dead soldiers' remains from camp burial ground to the National Cemetery at Alexandria, Louisiana.

Commander Vets reminded the camp that the next meeting will be June 12, 2019, at 6 p.m.

There being no further new business, a closing prayer was offered by Brother Elliott. The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.