

The Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, SUVCW, met August 14, 2019, at South Shreveport Branch Shreve Memorial Library.

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. Members in attendance were Brother Elliott, Brother Heller, Brother Henigan, Brother Offer, Brother Porter, Brother Prime and Brother Bo Vets, camp commander. Absent brothers were Bowen, Brasher, Cox, Joiner, Oliver, Penfield, Vaughan, Vets Sr., JJ Vets and Judge Walter.

Following the invocation by Chaplain Heller, the assembled brothers recited the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Vets opened the meeting by apologizing for his absence for the July meeting, which did not occur due to the absence of most brothers, many attending the Sons of Confederate Veterans national convention.

At this point, the June minutes were noted and put up for approval. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved.

Brother Prime presented the camp financial report, which noted the camp bank balance as \$520.13, unchanged from the last meeting, with no activity. The report was put up for approval, with a motion to accept made, seconded and endorsed.

Brother Elliott reported handing out several membership applications at a recruiting table at the August 10, 2019, Civil War Symposium at Jefferson, Texas, and noted that several people were interested in membership or had been former members. Brother Joiner was a featured guest speakers there, and Brother Prime, who also attended, noted he had recorded the speakers and could share these with members.

Camp members then spoke of participation in national and regional SCV and SUVCW gatherings. Brother Offer was noted as grooming a potential member, Gayle McFarland of the Shreveport Police Department.

The Camp Junior ROTC Committee was noted, but had no report to offer.

With regard to Memorial Day, Brother Elliott reported progress in Jefferson, and noted receipt of the medical officer's report from Jefferson on Union garrison soldier deaths there post- Civil War. Brother Prime offered to scan these for use by camp members or to post on the camp website. The site of these soldiers' burials, Oakwood Cemetery, has an association that stages annual Memorial Day events but Brother Elliott noted these are not well attended and that the association would welcome our camp's participation.

The camp's presentation of flag certificates was recapped, with camp leadership noting that more recipients should be discerned and considered for honors.

Commander Vets noted that he and brothers Vets Senior, Elliott and Henigan attended the recent encampment of the Department of Texas, to which our camp belongs. SUVCW National Chaplain Kowalski attended and swore in Commander Vets and Brother Elliott. Commander Vets noted that national is seeking increased SVR participation by members. He also noted that the Houston national encampment now has apparently been pushed back from 2021 to 2022. Brother Elliott noted at this point that our camp was well represented at the department encampment with all four of its allotment present, with our camp providing four of the 23 brothers present.

It was noted that the camp needs to have an SUVCW flag. It also was noted that August marked the camp's first anniversary. Commander Vets pondered at this point whether the camp might want to have a Christmas dinner meeting, with spouses, in December.

Commander Vets noted that we are approaching the last quarter of the calendar year, when officers need to be nominated and voted on.

Brother Cox was absent, so his planned presentation on General George Thomas was postponed until the September 11, 2019, meeting. In lieu of that presentation, Commander Vets shared the stories behind some Civil War memorabilia he has acquired over the years. The memorabilia was viewed by members

Brother Elliott called camp attention to Brother Porter's recent meritorious award from the national SCV commander in chief.

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m. with a closing benediction by Chaplain Heller.