



**Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp #5**

**Bill Elliott: Secretary /Treasurer**

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Camp 5 Zoom meeting ID. #97311195064.

Meeting held at Caddo Parish Corner's Office. 2900 Hearne Ave., Shreveport, LA.  
Meeting called to Order at 6:15PM by Commander John A. Prime

Attending: In person: John Prime, Ted Cox, T.J. Henigan, and Bill Elliott. Attending by Zoom: Michael Heller, Bo Vets, Tony Vets.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted.

Commanders Report: Brother Prime panned the Conference Room with the camera to show those on Zoom the meeting room we were allowed to us by Dr. Thoma.

Sec./Tres. Report: Brother Elliott sent out the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting to all by email. Motion to approve the issued minutes by John Prime, Seconded by Tony Vets, approved by vote. Brother Elliott also reviewed the Financial Statement, motion to approve the Tres. Report by John Prime, seconded by Tony Vets, approved by vote. Brother Tony Vets asked if we were considered financially sound. Brother Elliott said yes we were.

Old Business: Brother Elliott reported that when he submitted the required Report of Officers to the Texas Department he was informed by Texas Department Sec./ Tres. Don Gates that or Camp should have 3 Councilmen for Audit purposes and a Jr. Vice Commander. Brother Elliott reported he had submitted the Report without these 3 Officers and without a yearly Audit conducted as required due to non-meeting in person and no Councilmen. He emphasized we needed to correct this issue. Brothers Tony Vets and Ted Cox stepped up to serve as 2 of the Councilmen. Commander Prime nominated Bill Nichols to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmen. Motion to elect these Brothers by Bo Vets, seconded by Bill Elliott, approved by vote. Brother Elliott presented the Bank Account records for Brother Cox to review and was to email to Tony Vets and Bill Nichols for their review. As for the Jr. Camp Commander Bo Vets offered to serve in this position and was duly elected.

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New Business: Discussion held on recruiting. All members are asked to try to recruit at least one new member this year. Brother Prime discussed maybe trying to find any decedents of the Black Union Troops assigned to Shreveport during reconstruction. Several were discharged at Shreveport and stayed at Shreveport after their release. Brother Ted Cox brought up the need for the Camp to come up with a monument at the Marion County Courthouse for Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Daniel J. Murphy buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Texas. Discussion held on this and other possible locations for State Historical markers. A committee was appointed to investigate this possibility. Chairman Ted Cox, Bo Vets, John Prime, Bill Nichols, Bill Offer, Keith Porter and Gary Joiner.

Program: Commander Prime presented a program on the Black Union Soldiers assigned to Shreveport during Reconstruction. Some formed the Garfield Camp of the GAR.

Good of the Order: Prayers for our Nation to bring us back together and for the good health of our Families and our Country. Brother Bo Vets gave the benediction as we lost Brother Heller due to Zoom problems.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Next Meeting April 14, 2021

Submitted for approval at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting by Bill Elliott