



Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp #5

Bill Elliott: Secretary /Treasurer

Minutes of the **August 11th, 2021** Camp 5 meeting and Zoom meeting ID #86398984678

Meeting held at Caddo Parish Corner's Office. 2900 Hearne Ave., Shreveport, LA.

Meeting called to Order at 6:03PM by Commander John A. Prime

Attending: In person: Prime, Heller, Elliott and Reynolds. Attending by Zoom: Bo Vets, and Tony Vets.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted. Opening prayer by Chaplain Heller

Commanders Report: Commander Prime reported on the Texas Department Commander Bill Pollard's condition fight COVID asked for prayers from all Camp Members.

Sec./Tres. Report: Brother Elliott sent out the minutes of the July 14th, 2021 to all by email. Motion to approve the issued minutes by Brother Reynolds, Seconded by Brother Heller, approved by vote. Brother Elliott also reviewed the Financial Statement stating \$1,367.88 as the 8/6/21 balance. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Brother Heller, seconded by Brother Reynolds, approved by vote. Brother Elliott also report all dues had been paid and all the membership was current with Camp, Department and National. All Brothers had been sent their current membership cards.

Old Business:

Brother Elliott reported the Camp Flag had been ordered for a cost of \$340.00. I would be received directly from the Supplier. Brother Elliott also reported the communications with the National Quartermaster were slow as he does not respond back to help clarify questions.

Report on the 140th National Encampment: For the first time in the Camp's History we had a in person delegate to represent our Camp. Brother Larry Joe Reynolds attended the National Encampment held on August 4-9, 2021 in St. Louis, MO. He said it was very informative and enjoyable. He gave the Camp an overview of the actions taken at the Encampment. The ones he wished to share were now ZOOM meetings are officially allowed since the National By-Laws had not covered allowing this. This is another change in how we conduct business under the world of COVID. His report on attendance: 186 preregistered and 149 present with 6 Brothers from Texas. Brother Reynolds submitted his overview report for attachment to the next minutes.

New Business: S/T Elliott presented to the Camp on his thoughts concerning awarding Certificates of membership certificates, window sticker and lapel pin to a New Member when they join and are sworn in. This has not been done in the past and he proposed we play catch up to those who are already in and then conduct this in the future as new members join. He proposed that we make these presentations to our current members at our December Banquet. The cost would be as follows. New Member Certificates \$5.00 each, Associate Member Certificate \$7.00 each, Lapel Pin \$12.50 each window sticker \$1.75 each, and presentation folder at \$2.75 each. This would come to a cost of 22.00 per member. Brother Elliott also recommended that we order some Camp Officers Certificates at a cost of \$1.75 each and again go back and present these to past Camp officers, to be able to move forward as a regular action of the Camp. Getting all caught up to this point would be a large outlay, but moving forward would be a small yearly Camp expense. Discussion held and we all agreed on how to act on this suggestion. Brother Elliott made motion to act and Brother Bo Vets seconded the motion. Approved by vote. Brother Elliott to get these supplies ordered so we can make these presentations in December.

Good of the Order: Prayers for our Nation to bring us back together and for the good health of our Families and our Country. We also asked the Lord to lay his healing hands of Texas Department Commander Bill Pollard. Chaplain Heller gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Next Meeting September 8th, 2021

Submitted for approval at the September 8th, meeting by Bill Elliott

Fin. Report:

8/6/21 Balance	<u>\$1,367.88</u>
8/17/21 check #2004 flag cost	- \$329.00
8/17/21 check #2005 flag extra shipping cost	- \$11.00
9/3/21 check #2006 flowers for TX CM Bill Pollard	- \$107.95
Balance as of Sept. 5th, 2021	<u>\$919.93</u>

Amount owed Bill Elliott for supplies for membership items all ordered but not all received 9/5/21	<u>\$552.00</u>
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The 140th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on August 4-9, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. There were 186 pre-registered and 149 after the first day of registration.

Department of Texas with Louisiana had six delegates:

1. Department Secretary/Treasurer, Brother Donald L. Gates, PDC
2. Department Historian and Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp 2, Houston, Texas Brother Michael L. Lance Camp Commander
3. Department Asst. Signals Officer, Brother John Vander Meulen
4. Brother William Swafford and wife Coleen, from Camp
5. Brother Steve Schulze, PDC from Camp 2 in Houston
6. And Myself, Larry "Joe" Reynolds from Camp 5 in Shreveport

Election of Officers:

Commander-in-Chief, Brother Michael A. Paquette, PDC
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Bruce D. Frail, PDC
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Peter J. Hritsko. Jr., PDC
Council of Administration, Brother Joseph S. Hall, Jr.,
Council of Administration, Brother Shane L. Milburn, PDC

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Next Year's Annual Encampment:

August 11 - 14, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
4747 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI
(855) 680-3239