



Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp #5

Bill Elliott: Secretary /Treasurer

Minutes of the **January 12th, 2022** Camp 5 meeting and Zoom meeting ID #81835302823

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

Meeting called to Order at 6:05 p.m. by Commander John A. Prime

Attending: In person: Prime, Heller, Elliott, Henigan, Cox, & Reynolds. Attending by Zoom: Matt Spears & John Vander Meulen of the Houston Camp. Guest in person, Ralph Diamond, a member of Camp 504 Mercer, PA, who introduced himself to the Camp. He is now living in our Camp's jurisdiction.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted. Opening prayer by Chaplain Heller

Commanders Report: Commander Prime reported that this was the first meeting of the New Year. He asked for prayers for some turmoil in his personal life.

Sec./Tres. Report: Brother Elliott reported the minutes of the November and December 2021 meetings, to all by email. Motion to approve the issued minutes by Larry Joe Reynolds, seconded by Brother Heller, approved by vote. Brother Elliott also reviewed the Financial Statement stating \$371.43 as the 1/1/22 balance. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Brother Heller, seconded by Larry Joe Reynolds, approved by vote.

Old Business:

Brother Elliott reported that new Associate member John Thomas Furlow had been submitted to the Texas Department and he hoped on up to the National. The Camp's check to the Department for Brother Furlow had been cashed by the Department so that is the start. Brother Elliott reported he had mailed out membership certificates, window stickers and lapel pins to all members. So that chapter of the Camp catching up this project was done.

New Business: Discussed making another attempt to offer medals and awards to members of the area JROTC members. Brother Cox reported that he had been in contact with the Jefferson, Texas, Post of the American Legion and they were going to have a Memorial Day event at Oakwood Cemetery. He would keep us posted. Visiting Brother Ralph Diamond shared with us his study of the death of G.W. Smith a Union Soldier and Vet who died in what is now called the Stockade Incident that happened Oct. 4, 1865 in Jefferson, Texas.

Brother John Vander Meulen showed us the video that had been put together of the Bill Pollard memorial.

Discussion on our Camp hosting the 2022 Texas Department Encampment: It was reported there would be a Department Zoom Meeting on January 17th to discuss and move forward on our Camp hosting this meeting. Since Brother Bo Vets has been elevated to Commander that it should fall upon our Camp to host the meeting. Brother Elliott had discussed this with Commander Vets and we were looking at hosting the Encampment in May 2022 in Jefferson, Texas with a memorial to be conducted at Oakwood Cemetery where MOH winner 2nd Lt. Daniel Murphy and 24 other Union soldiers are buried. Thoughts at this time was arranging meeting at the Parish Hall of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in downtown Jefferson (a reduced cost of use) and have the meal catered in at the Parish Hall. Then travel the 1 mile to Oakwood Cemetery for a closing type Ceremony. We are awaiting a date in May to start pulling this event together.

Good of the Order: We also asked the Lord to assist the Family of our Late Texas Department Commander Bill Pollard. Chaplain Heller gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Next Meeting February 9th, 2022

Submitted for approval at the January 12th, meeting by Bill Elliott

Fin. Report:

Balance December 1, 2021	\$387.18
Check #2008 fees for John Furlow	- <u>\$15.75</u>
Balance December 31, 2021	\$371.42
Balance January 31, 2022	\$371.43