

STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD
MINUTES FOR June 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Mitchell at 1904 hrs at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag recited. Invocation was given by Chaplain Butch Swanson.

Attendance. Officers: Dan Mitchell, Commander, Johnny Seely, Vice Commander, Danny Johnson, Armorer, Garry McCain, Secretary/Treasurer; Members: John Williams, Gary Stinson, Chuck Standridge, George Parker, Butch Swanson, Roy Grabman, Steve Condit, Kenneth Youngblood, Roy Grabman, Rick Duncan, Duke Goddard. Quorum achieved: 4 officers, 10 members, 14 Total. Auxiliaries: Mary Williams, Pat Johnson and Cheryl Swanson. Guest: Jerry ?

Minutes from May 2017 meetings were accepted as printed.
Financial reports from June were accepted.

Report of Officers:

Armorer's Report: Everything has been quiet. Nothing to report.

Vice Commander's Report: No report as Vice Commander but did give an update on the upcoming events and fund raising opportunities. There at least 5 upcoming events that the Honor Guard will be at. The Membership was encouraged to serve in any event they are able to.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Reinstatement paperwork has been submitted to the IRS. SCHG records have digitized and hard copies stored offsite. The commander has a thumb drive with the digital records and the Secretary has a digital copy also.

Commander's Report:

- There has been some concern about the 10th anniversary Awards and Honor Celebration and the commander asked that the issue be brought up under old business.
- Also the membership is asked to begin thinking about what we should do with the charity funds raised and be ready to discuss it at the September meeting.

Speakers:

None

Old Business:

- George Parker made a motion to reconsider and discuss the 10th anniversary Awards and Honor Celebration on October 28, 2017. Second by Duke Goddard. The floor was opened to discussion and after much discussion a vote on the motion was called. Results: In Favor -1 Opposed 7. Motion Failed and plans will continue as per the original motion.

New Business:

- George Parker made a motion to Purchase a 10' x 10' Covered Pop-Up Awning for SCHG to use at events. There was a time of discussion on the motion. Motion was tabled and a committee of three members, George Parker, Garry McCain and Duke Goddard, was formed to research the cost and durability of the awning and report back at the next regular meeting.
- Duke Goddard made a motion to change the headgear of the SCHG from Ball Caps to Campaign Hats. Motion died for lack of a second.

Good and Welfare

- George Parker suggested that the membership try to involve inactive or homebound members by offering to bring them to meetings or events. The commander said he will add a section to the monthly meeting reminder email called "Adopt a Member" where the membership can pick someone to invite or bring with them.
- Gary Stinson gave a report from the Oklahoma Commander of the Order of the Purple Heart. He would like to meet with the SCHG. It was decided that our commander will make contact and invite him to the 10th anniversary Awards and Honor Celebration
- Rick Duncan let the membership know that December 3, 2017 he and his wife will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be at the Simmons Center and he will let us know where but everyone is invited.
- Next regular meeting is July 27, **2017**.

Benediction and Adjournment: Chaplain Butch offered the benediction. Johnny Seely motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kenneth Youngblood seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 2014 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry McCain
Secretary/Treasurer