

**STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD
MINUTES FOR November 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Mitchell at 19:07 hrs at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag recited. Invocation was given by Garry McCain. Attendance. Officers: Dan Mitchell, Commander, Johnny Seely, Vice Commander, Danny Johnson, Armorer, Garry McCain, Secretary/Treasurer; Members: George Parker, Larry Welch, Desiree Miller, Chuck Standridge. Quorum achieved: 4 officers, 4 members, 8 Total.
Auxiliaries: Pat Johnson

Guest: None

Minutes from October 2017 meeting were accepted as printed.
Financial reports from October 2017 were accepted.

Report of Officers:

Armorer's Report: Nothing to report.

Vice Commander's Report: No report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Should we pursue the 501 (c3) or (c4) status? This should be discussed during the New Business time.

Commander's Report: Commander Mitchell reported that the Eagle for the flag staff is in and Danny will put it on. Also The donation to the Lawton/Ft. Sill Veterans center has been made.

The Salvation Army was contacted and they said if we will let them know the next we are in the area in uniform they will meet us and accept the donation.

There is not a way online to designate the donation to the American Legion for the TFA program so the secretary is instructed to send the donation to the American Legion National Endowment with a cover letter stating that the donation is to go the TFA program for hurricane relief in Texas.

Our Christmas meeting will be Thursday December 21st at Kathryn Cripps residence.

Speakers: None

Old Business:

- George Parker was asked by Chuck Standridge to ask the membership if there was a way for him to be allowed to participate in funeral services. It was explained by Commander Mitchell and Secretary McCain that Chuck was not physically able to safely attend services at cemeteries but may be able to attend other activities where he could safely do so.

New Business:

- Motion made by Danny Johnson second by Johnny Seely to move \$713 from the charity account into the general account. Motion carried (7 for 1 opposed)
- Motion made by George Parker second by Danny Johnson to give a \$150 gift card to the Kathryn Cripps as a Hostess Gift for hosting the Christmas Meeting. After discussion George Parker amended his original motion to increase the amount of the gift to \$200. Amendment passed. Motion Passed.
- Motion made by George Parker second by Danny Johnson to allow the commander to purchase uniforms and accessories for up to 10 additional new members (this would allow new members to be able to serve sooner after acceptance.) Motion carried
- Motion made by Garry McCain second by George Parker to purchase Yellow Braid for Jackets. After discussion Garry McCain modified the original motion to allow research into what length braid would be needed for the jackets. Amendment carried. Motion carried.
- Motion made by George Parker second by Johnny Seely that the Stephens County Honor Guard abandon seeking the 501(c3) tax status and pursue the 501 (c4) status. Motion carried.

Good and Welfare

- It was suggested that members carry SCHG membership applications with them, or have access to them when someone expresses interest in becoming a member. Commander Mitchell has applications if anyone needs them.
- One of the services this weekend it Johnny Seely's Brother-in-Law. We need to remember their family in prayer.
- Susan Mitchell was doing great until her first physical therapy session and they popped the shoulder out of place. They are not sure how much damage was done.

Benediction and Adjournment:

Garry McCain offered the benediction. Johnny Seely motioned to adjourn the meeting; Danny Johnson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 19:58 hrs.

December meeting meeting will be Thursday December 21st at Kathryn Cripps residence.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry McCain
Secretary/Treasurer