

STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD
MINUTES FOR December 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Mitchell at 1835 hrs at the home of Kathryn Cripps, Marlow, OK. Because a flag was not present, all stood in silence for a moment. Invocation was given by Rick Duncan.

Attendance. Officers: Dan Mitchell, Commander, Johnny Seely, Vice Commander, Danny Johnson, Armorer; Members: Duke Goddard, Roy Grabman, Kenneth Youngblood, Mike Blades, Gary Stinson, Rick Duncan, John Williams, George Parker, Kathryn Cripps, Chuck Standridge, Larry Welch, and Steve Condit. Quorum achieved: 3 officers, 12 members; 15 total. Auxiliary: Mary Williams, Pat Johnson, Dot Standridge, Donna Blades. Spouses attended the potluck dinner following the meeting, for a grand total of 29 members and guests.

Minutes were read and approved. Financial report was accepted.

Report of Officers: No report from the Vice Commander, Armorer, or Secretary/Treasurer.

Commander's Report:

- Three different drop lengths of yellow braid are available for jackets. Dan will bring samples to the January meeting, so that members can decide which is best.
- As of December 21, SCHG has completed 88 services in 2017. This is the highest number of services completed. Dan suspects that SCHG may complete 90 services by the end of the year. Dan expressed his gratitude and thanks for everyone's support and participation.
- Garry McCain is moving within the next few weeks to be closer to family. Dan, and everyone, agreed that Garry will be sorely missed. Serving as Secretary/Treasurer in less than one year, Garry completely transformed records maintenance into digital format. He revamped the website into a comprehensive, up-to-date modality, complete with upcoming events, members page, and current photographs. Many thanks to Garry for his unyielding contributions to SCHG.

No Speakers

Old Business: none

New Business

- Nominations for all four officer positions is open until January 22, 2018 at 2200 hrs. Voting will be at the next regular meeting on January 25th. Members are strongly urged to attend, since no proxy votes are permitted. Members must be present to vote.
- The following nominations were made and accepted:
 - Commander: Mike nominated Dan.
 - Vice Commander: Duke nominated George; Dan nominated Johnny. (Note that Danny presided during these nominations.)
 - Armorer: Rick nominated Danny.
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Kenneth nominated Larry.

Good and Welfare

- Ken commented on the excellent performances done by the rifle squad. Duke added that everyone, including those on the flags and bugle, have done great jobs.
- Desiree Miller had emergency eye surgery on December 20th. Please keep her in our prayers.
- Susan Mitchell will need to undergo another shoulder replacement surgery in the new year. Keep her in our prayers.
- Next regular meeting is January 25, 2018 at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK.

Benediction and Adjournment: Rick offered the benediction and grace. Kenneth motioned to adjourn the meeting; Johnny seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 1910 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Cripps
Acting Secretary