

**STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD**  
**MINUTES FOR January 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Mitchell at 1902 hrs at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag recited. Invocation was given by L R Curtis.

Attendance:

Officers: Dan Mitchell, Commander, Johnny Seely, Vice Commander, Garry McCain, Secretary/Treasurer, Danny Johnson, Armorer;

Members: Duke Goddard, Mike Blades, Gary Stinson, John Williams, George Parker, Kathryn Cripps, Larry Welch, LR Curtis, Steve Condit.

Quorum achieved: 4 officers, 9 members; 13 total. Auxiliary: Mary Williams, Pat Johnson, Joy Welch.

Motion was made by Johnny Seely, Second by Kathryn Cripps that the meeting move directly into election of officers. Motion passed. Ballots were passed out by Commander Mitchell. Garry McCain and Kathryn Cripps were appointed to count the ballots.

Results of voting:

Commander: Dan Mitchell 13

Vice Commander: George Parker 6, Johnny Seely 4, Ken Youngblood 3.

Run off for Vice Commander: George Parker 9, Johnny Seely 4.

Armor: Danny Johnson 13

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry Welch 13

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:

- Two different drop lengths of yellow braid were ordered as samples and will be brought to the February meeting, so that members can decide which is best.
- During 2017 SCHG completed 91 services. This is the highest number of services completed. Dan suspects that SCHG may complete even more in 2018. Dan expressed his gratitude and thanks for everyone's support and participation.
- George Parker asked Commander Mitchell if the appointment of committees would be made. Commander Mitchell stated that all committees would be re-appointed if the current members were available. Otherwise he would be contacting other members to serve.

Vice Commander's Report: None

Armorer's Report: Danny reported that one of the rifles was having issues but he worked on it and it seems to be working properly again. It was also mentioned that some of the blank ammo is not fully expanding the brass. Dan Mitchell said this is a known issue and the supplier is working on it.

Secretary/Treasurer's report: Garry reported that he has all of the 2017 documents digitized and gave the paper copies to Dan for storage. He also stated that is has been an honor serving with the SCHG and will continue to help in any possible as least until the new Sec/Treas is up to full speed.

No Speakers

Old Business:

- Motion made by John Williams, second by George Parker that SCHG order new business cards without officer's names and phone numbers but add more visible website information. After discussion motion carried.
- Motion made by George Parker, second by Mike Blades, to Continue to publish posters for Funeral Homes or other interested parties which will include the information on the business cards along with officer's names and phone numbers. After discussion motion carried.

New Business

- Motion made by George Parker to donate \$100 to the charity established to pay off the mortgage for the widow of the slain Deputy U.S. Marshal, and former military, who was killed in Pennsylvania.
- An amendment to the motion was offered that stated Commander Mitchell should make the final decision after a research report from George Parker, Kathryn Cripps, and Mike Blades as to the validity of this charity. Amendment Passed. Motion Passed.

Good and Welfare

- Dan gave a report on Susan's shoulder surgery. She is doing better but still a long way from over the pain and healing.
- Desiree Miller had emergency eye surgery on December 20 and is recovering. She did attend the last funeral service. Please keep her in our prayers.
- Duke Goddard's daughter will be undergoing surgery in March.

Next regular meeting is February 22, 2018 at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK.

Benediction and Adjournment: LR Curtis offered the benediction. Kathryn Cripps motioned to adjourn the meeting; Danny Johnson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 2024 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry McCain  
Secretary/Treasurer