

**Stephens County Honor Guard  
Business Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2023**

**Attendance:**

Officers: Jerry McAdory, Dan Mitchell

Members: Roy Grabman, Thia Gonzalez, C.oral Porch, Michael Paradiso

Guests: Jaxson Billingsley, Joy Billingsley

Quorum Achieved: 2 Officers, 4 Members, 6 Total

Meeting called to order by Commander McAdory at 19:04 hours at the American Legion Building Comanche, OK. Roy Grabman offered the Invocation. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America recited by all present.

Minutes of the April 27, 2023, business meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurers Report for month of May 2023 was accepted as presented.

**Scholarship Presentation:**

Guest Jaxson Billingsley, recipient of the 2023 Scholarship was presented a \$1,000.00 check by Treasurer Dan Mitchell. Jaxson and his mother Joy Billingsley posed for a photograph and expressed their thanks and appreciation.

**Officer's Reports:**

Commander – Commander McAdory thanked members for their support of the SCHG's activities to honor deceased veterans. SCHG will participate in special ceremonies held prior to Memorial Day at the Lawton Veterans Center on May 27, the Memorial 5K Fun Run and Walk at the Simmons Center on May 28 and the Peruvian Horse Show on May 29.

Memorial Day observances will be held on May 29 at the Fairlawn Cemetery, Comanche, OK (1030 hours), Duncan Veterans Memorial (1200 hours) and Marlow Cemetery (1400 hours).

Vice Commander – Not Present

Armorer – Not Present.

Secretary – Letter date April 28, 2023, from Marlow Public Schools advised that their Senior Class Awards ceremony will be held in the school gymnasium May 15 at 9:33 a.m. Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation advised that SCHG was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of new or replacement uniforms.

Treasurer – No additional reports.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Michael Paradiso moved that part of the \$2,500.00 received from the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation be used to purchase short sleeved shirts suitable for wear during summer weather. Dam Mitchell seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was announced that all veterans with a 100% disability rating need to apply for new Oklahoma State Tax Exemption Cards before the end of June 2023.

**Good & Welfare:**

Members are reminded to keep John Williams who is recovering from cancer surgery and Butch Swanson who is undergoing physical therapy following knee surgery, Rick Duncan, George Parker, Johnny and Sharon Seely, Jerry Wallace, Gregg Griffin, Kathryn Cripps, Kirk Werner, Jerry, and Susan McAvoy and their son and grandson, in our thoughts and prayers.

The next meeting will be held June 29, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Roy Grabman - Secretary