

## Stephens County Honor Guard

Minutes for August 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kenneth Youngblood at 19:00 hrs. at the American Legion Bldg. in Comanche, OK. The invocation was given by Roy Grabman, the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Attendance: Officers, Commander- Kenneth Youngblood, Treasurer- Dan Mitchell, Armorer- Jerry McAdory.

Members: Mike Blades, Greg Griffin. Roy Grabman, George Parker, Duke Goddard, Johnny Seely, Gary Stinson, Larry Welch, Jerry Wallace.

Minutes from the July meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Report was read and approved.

Commanders Report: Kenneth Youngblood stated that the SCHG did eleven funerals in August, total seventy year to date, the gun raffle is over, the Henry Long Colt will be given to the winner on August 30, the winners are from Lawton and Iowa, still waiting on suggestions for recruiting new members.

Vice Commander's Report: None

Armorer's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Dan Mitchell recommended that we hold back \$1500.00 for next years activities, there is \$4,670.40 plus additional \$1,330.60 = \$6,000.00 total for Charity donations.

Old Business: George Parker as the Parliamentarian raised a question on the status of the motion approved at the June meeting regarding status of gratuities received at funerals, this will be considered at the meeting of the By-Laws Committee called for 6:00 P.M. September 3,2019 at the DAV office in Duncan.

Old Business: Members were reminded that only decorations listed on an individuals DD214 and Patches and Awards received from the SCHG are the only things authorized to be worn on the SCHG uniform, please make sure you comply with the illustration in the By-Laws amendments. Members were reminded that they are responsible for the condition and maintenance of uniforms. We are still waiting to hear from the U.S. Government about modifications or replacement of two unserviceable weapons, Kenny is still working on this.

New Business: Jerry McAdory stated that we need a new insert for the bugle, Mike Blades inquired about the whereabouts of the second bugle that he donated, no one has seen it since Lark Kirkpatrick's service at the Ray Of Hope Church, Mike wants to know what the SCHG intends to do about this? Jerry McAdory made a motion that the SCHG is not responsible for the bugle belonging to Mike Blades, motion seconded by Greg Griffin, motion approved. It was stated that we need to keep better tabs on the equipment the SCHG owns. The Awards Banquet, what do we wish to do? Jerry McAdory made a motion that we combine the Awards Banquet with the Christmas Party like we did last year, motion seconded by Johnny Seely, motion approved. George Parker made a motion to retain \$1500.00 in the raffle fund and the remaining funds be placed in the General Fund, and use \$6,000.00 from General

Fund for Charitable donations, Jerry McAdory seconded, motion approved. There is a funeral in Perry for a World War II veteran, suggestion was made to go in support, we will leave the Lawton-Duncan Y at 6:30 A.M. on Sept, 4, Kenny will send e-mail, everyone needs to bring ideas to the next meeting for charity donations.

Good and Welfare: Butch Swanson's family is still having health issues, need to remember veterans in nursing homes, please remember these folks in your prayers. Johnny Seely thanked everyone for their help and support with the raffle, he will not accept responsibility for the raffle next year.

The By-Laws Committee met on Sept. 3, Sept. 10, and Sept. 17,2019 at the DAV bldg. in Duncan at 6:00 P.M. each day, those in attendance were Kenneth Youngblood, Butch Swanson, Jerry McAdory, John Williams, Duke Goddard, Greg Griffin, and Steve Condit, following are the results of these meetings.

Recommendation No. 1- Article II remove Object and replace with Mission Statement.

Recommendation No. 2- Article II remove amendment C.

Recommendation No. 3-Article III remove amendment J.

Recommendation No. 4- Article III on the three status rosters add member after inactive.

Recommendation No. 5- Article III last paragraph Expulsion, second sentence of the paragraph add the wording, { which will present their findings to the membership for a vote for approval by a majority of the members present at a previously scheduled meeting. }

Recommendation No. 6- All amendments need to be written into the By-Laws as needed.

Recommendation No.7- Any item given to a SCHG member during a service will become the property of the SCHG, ownership of personalized items will be decided by the membership of the SCHG at a regular monthly meeting.

Recommendation No. 8- Make Recommendation No. 7 Article XI which in turn the current Article XI-Dissolution will become Article XII-Dissolution.

Recommendation No. 9- Only U.S. and military branch pins will be worn on the lapel of the SCHG uniform.

For Discussion: Does the SCHG want to approve wearing DAV pins or other veteran service organization pins on the SCHG uniform.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Condit