

**Stephens County Honor Guard
Business Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2023**

Attendance:

Officers: Jerry McAdory, Steve Condit, Dan Mitchell

Members: Roy Grabman, C.oral Porch, Michael Paradiso, John Williams

Quorum Achieved: 3 Officers, 4 Members, 7 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 special business meeting held March 30, 2023, were accepted as presented.

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

Officer's Reports:

Commander – Commander McAdory thanked members for their support of the SCHG's activities to honor deceased veterans. Thirty -nine were conducted during the first four months of 2023.

Vice Commander – Vice Commander Condit reported that raffle ticket sales were \$655.00 at the Waurika Rattlesnake Hunt and \$140.00 at the Duncan Auto Swap Meet.

Armorer – Nothing new to report.

Secretary – Cards and notes of thanks and appreciation were received from Armando A. Hernandez, LTC USAF Ret on behalf of the family of Orville Barton and Roy W Rohrbaugh in honor of James L Kee. A certificate of appreciation was received from the Lawton/Ft Sill Veterans Center.

Treasurer – SCHG is recipient of a \$2,500.00 grant from the Cotton Electric Cooperative Charitable Foundation. A formal check presentation is scheduled for 1100 hours, April 2, 2023, at the Duncan OK office of Cotton Electric.

Old Business:

Treasurer Dan Mitchell announced four scholarship applications were received as follows:

Connor Martin, sponsored by U S Army veteran David Mosby Martin. Connor attends Comanche High School. He is ranked 53 in a class of 76 students with a 3.0 GPA. Connor plans to pursue CAD certification a Red River Technology Center and a AAS Degree at the Oklahoma Institute of Technology

Calyn Martin, sponsored by U S Army veteran David Mosby Martin. Calyn attends Comanche High School. He is ranked 36 in a class of 76 students with a 3.65 GPA. Calyn plans to pursue NADA Auto Service technician certification at OSU Technology, Okmulgee, OK.

Aspen Loafman, sponsored by US Army veteran Jeremy Loafman. Aspen attends Comanche High School. She is ranked 8th in her class of 76 students with a 4.0 GPA. Aspen will attend Seminole State University on a softball scholarship and prepare for a career in cosmetology.

Jaxson Billingsley, sponsored by U S Navy veteran Ernest Billingsley. Jaxson attends Comanche High School. He is ranked 33rd in his class of 85 students with a 3.63 GPA. Jaxson is enrolled at Southwest Oklahoma State University where plans to major in Broadcasting.

Gehrig Furr, son of U S Navy veteran Dennis Furr. Gehrig attends Marlow High School. He is ranked 3rd in his class with a 3.98 GPA. He will attend OSU where he will major in Pre-Med Biology with plans to become a physician specializing in sports medicine.

By acclamation of all officers and members present the 2023 scholarships are awarded to Jackson Billingsley and Gehrig Furr.

New Business:

Preparations are underway for the 2023 Memorial Day observances Comanche, Duncan, and Marlow. Guest speaker commitments were received from Rep. Marcus McEntire and Rep. Brad Boles. Wreaths will be laid by the American Legion, Amvets, VFW and DAV.

Dan Mitchell moved that the \$2,500.00 grant received from Cotton Electric be used to refit the ten most active members of SCHG with new uniforms. If the grant is not sufficient for this purpose additional funds shall be drawn from the general fund to complete the refit. Coral Porch seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commander McAvoy appointed Roy Grabman as the primary Chaplin of SCHG.

Commander McAvoy also advised that SCHG received a request to participate in the Duncan Christmas Parade in early December.

Good & Welfare:

Members are reminded to keep John Williams, George Parker, Johnny and Sharon Seely, Jerry Wallace, Gregg Griffin, Kathryn Cripps, Kirk Werner, Jerry and Susan McAvoy his son and grandson, and Butch Swanson in our thoughts and prayers.

SCHG members are also asked to remember Russel Coombs as he mourns the passing of his wife Martha. SCHG will provide a flora arrangement for the funeral.

The next meeting will be held May25, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:
Roy Grabman - Secretary