

Members of Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 met at Calhoun's for the monthly McTeer Mess on Tuesday, 9 June 2015. Commander David H. McReynolds called the meeting to order at 1215 hours.

PRESENT: David McReynolds, Mike Downs, Steve Wallace, Max Renfro, Roy Gamble, Bob Wallace, A. B. McTeer, Jason McTeer, Sam Wilson, Doug Fidler.

1. Commander McReynolds began by expressing his appreciation about the support of the Brothers for the many activities in which they've been involved. The Sultana and Memorial Day events were well done and demonstrated the work of the Camp. The number of Brothers attending various members has gone up to about 10 to 15, a solid improvement, but he challenged the Camp to raise that to 20. He also distributed the 1 June membership roster.
2. The commander next talked about some upcoming events, highlighting a couple in particular. First is the quarterly public meeting that will be held at the Blount County Public Library on 22 June. Norman Shaw will be the speaker. Of particular important to the camp is the East Tennessee Historical Society History Fair at Krutch Park on Gay Street, Knoxville. The event attracts hundreds of people interested in pursuing local history and genealogy. There will be opportunities for Brothers to man a booth. The following week, at least five McTeer Brothers will be attending the National Encampment at Richmond, Virginia. If you would like to attend, but have not yet indicated so, there is likely still time to work it out. Please contact Bro. Doug Fidler immediately. Finally, he announced that the Annual Camp Encampment will occur on 7 November. Details are being worked out, but the commander expects to have a room at the East Tennessee Historical Society. More to follow ...
3. Bro. Steve Wallace passed out the tune and lyrics for a song he has composed for the consideration of the Brothers as a camp song. Bro. Steve sang the song and then led the others in learning to sing it. All were highly impressed and it was motioned and carried that the song should be brought before the membership for a vote to establish it as the official Camp song. All will be given this opportunity shortly.
4. Bro. Fidler announced the addition of three new members, pending the Commander's approval and notification of the Brothers. They are David R. Duggan, Norman Shaw, and James Renfro.
4. The commander recommended that the Camp establish a website "free and clear" of the generosity of PCC Craig Brown, who has donated personal web space for considerable time. The cost is minimal and all agreed that Bro. McReynolds' proposal would permit us to have a far more extensive reach to interested members of the public.
5. Secretary Fidler outlined an upcoming event in London, England that he'll be attending in September. Bro. Mike Hammerson, who has spent years researching and writing about the Civil War, has located the grave of a Medal of Honor recipient, Acting Master's Mate Maurice Wagg, who is buried in East London. He is planning a grave dedication ceremony that will include the new Defense Attaché in London, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and descendants of MM Wagg. Bro. Doug will attend to represent the Camp and the SUVCW.

The meeting concluded at 1320 hours.

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