

Members of Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 met at Calhoun's for the monthly McTeer Camp Mess at noon on Tuesday, 14 July 2015.

PRESENT: David McReynolds, Mike Downs, Steve Wallace, Max Renfro, Roy Gamble, Bob Wallace, Sam Wilson, Doug Fidler, Richard W. Holmes, George Lane. GUESTS: Bro. Darwin Concon from Sultana Camp #1 and Mrs. Adele Concon.

1. Commander David H. McReynolds called the meeting to order at 12:15 hours. He began by expressing his appreciation for the good attendance and welcomed Bro. and Mrs. Concon to the meeting.
2. The commander began by outlining up-coming events. The next event will be the East Tennessee History Fair at Krutch Park, Knoxville, TN. He passed around a sign-up sheet and requested volunteers to man two-hour slots at our table. This is one of the most well attended and our biggest recruiting opportunities of the year and he would welcome more volunteers. Another event was added to the list—the annual commemoration of the skirmish at Fort Dickerson in Knoxville that will be held on 21 November 2015.
3. The brothers were reminded that the National Encampment will be held in Richmond, VA, on 20-23 August 2015. Bro. Holmes asked if it would still be possible to attend if he was able to get time off from work, and it was thought that he could attend but was encouraged to make reservations very soon. Other brothers should do the same.
4. The commander described the “Wreaths Across America” program as a way to raise funds and honor our veterans. He proposed that the camp enter a joint sponsorship with the Department, with each providing \$75 toward the \$150 sponsorship fee. This was approved by the brothers and DC Mike Downs agreed to consult with other Departmental officials for their okay.
5. The commander requested that Secretary Doug Fidler give the current status of the Camp Flag Fund. He reported that \$231 had been raised since the last meeting on 22 June 2015, representing almost 40 percent of the goal of \$600. [NOTE: amount collected in now \$241/40%.] It was decided to order the flag and accoutrements on or about 1 August 2015 and he has asked others wishing to contribute to do so before that date. We will continue to solicit and take contributions beyond that date but would appreciate receiving them as soon as possible.
6. The secretary reminded the brothers that he would be attending a grave dedication of Medal of Honor recipient Coxswain Maurice Wagg of the *USS Rhode Island* in London on or about 11 September. His grave had been unmarked for almost a century.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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