

Members of Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 met at the Dead End BBQ, Maryville, for the quarterly McTeer Camp Mess at 1830 hours on Tuesday, 21 Sep 2015.

PRESENT: McTeer Brothers: David McReynolds, Mike Downs, Richard W. Holmes, George Lane, Lee Johnson, Sam Wilson, Thomas S. Davis, Joseph McReynolds, Bob Wallace, Craig Brown, Steve Wallace, Jason McTeer, A.B. McTeer, David Duggan, Norman Shaw. Prospective members: Charles Ogle, Tom Davis. Guest Speaker: Dr. Aaron Astor. Guests: Rachel McReynolds, Cindy McReynolds, Lyn Lane, Samantha Astor, Jimmy Astor, Lillian Astor, Sadie Astor, Chelsea Bulence, Chelsea Wallace, Gena Tussey.

1. Commander David H. McReynolds called the meeting to order at 1840 hours. His words of welcome included his appreciation for such a large attendance and gratitude for the willingness of Dr. Aaron Astor (accompanied by his family) of the Maryville College History Department to speak about the Civil War in the Cumberland Plateau. He also announced the chartering of Polly Toole Auxiliary No. 17, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and welcomed the members who were present.
2. Following the traditional opening, dinner was served and Dr. Astor presented a PowerPoint Presentation based on his recently published book, *The Civil War along Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau*.
3. Following the completion of Dr. Astor's talk, the commander began a short business portion at 1945 hours to finish the quarterly camp mess. He began by expressing his great pride in the Brothers of the Camp for producing a program that won two national awards at the 2015 National Encampment—best camp and best website. He challenge all to continue their great work. This was also the first display of the Camp's new US and Camp flags, made possible by special contributions from the membership. (Further, contributions will be welcomed!) He also expressed pleasure in the decision of the National delegates to approve foreign camps, for which Secretary Doug Fidler had lobbied for three years and the British Brothers had expressed keen desire for.
4. Bro. Mike Downs, as Department Commander, announced that the 2016 Annual Department Encampment would be held in Memphis, TN, on 20 Feb. Full details would be forthcoming on the Camp website, but he asked for everyone's participation if possible.
5. Bro. Doug Fidler reported on the success of the grave marking at East London Cemetery on 10 Sep. A full report will appear in the Newsletter.
6. The Commander introduced prospective member Tom Davis who has researched and collected an extensive number of battle flags.
7. Commander McReynolds closed the meeting at 2040 hours.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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