

Members of Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 met at Calhoun's, Maryville, for the monthly McTeer Camp Mess at 1230 hours on Tuesday, 8 Mar 2016.

PRESENT: Max Renfro, Roy Gamble and wife, Sam Wilson, A.B. McTeer, Jason McTeer, Norman Shaw, George Lane, Craig Brown, Richard Holmes, Doug Fidler

1. Camp Senior Vice Commander Max Renfro called the meeting to order at 1248 hours.
2. The CSVC announced that he was chairing the meeting because Commander McReynolds was in hospital for a minor medical procedure. PDC/PCC Brown added that DC/PCC Mike Downs was in hospital with pneumonia. The Brothers expressed their concern and well wishes for both Brothers.
3. The CSVC reviewed upcoming activities of the camp and asked for inputs from the Brothers when applicable.
 - a. 20 Mar – Quarterly Camp Meeting at East Tennessee Historical Society, 1430 hours, Gay Street, Knoxville. Guest speaker, renowned historian David Madden. Bro. Norm Shaw said that he'd be bringing several copies of two of Dr. Madden's books dealing with the Battle of Knoxville and the explosion of the Sultana, respectively, for purchase (and autographing).
 - b. 26 Mar – Cleanup of Sultana Monument at 1000 hours at Mount Olive Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. Volunteers are requested.
 - c. 23-24 Apr – Sultana Monument Centennial. Sec. Fidler has contacted Colonel Lawson at WBHS JROTC. She is most pleased to help if possible. There are a number of activities that weekend, including a major drill competition, that could prevent their participation. Sec. Fidler agreed to send more specific details so she can determine if she can help us.
 - d. JROTC Support – Sec. Fidler has contacted the JROTC unit for support and is awaiting further information.
 - e. Treasurer's Report – Treas. Fidler reported that the current balance in the account is \$2166.00.
 - f. Department Encampment Report – As both DC Downs and CC McReynolds were not present, Sec. Fidler summarized the "highpoints" of the meeting. He referred the Brothers to the latest Camp newsletter for details.
4. The CSVC called for any further business for the good of the Order.
 - a. 21 May – Bro. Holmes updated the members about his work on a grave dedication of Pvt James Cupp at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. He's requested the attendance of the Brothers at the ceremony.
 - b. 19 Mar – Bro. Lane reminded the members that the Sam Houston Memorial dedication at the Maryville City Building, corner of Lamar Alexander Pkwy and Broadway Avenue will occur at 1000. While the Camp will not be "officially" present, individuals might wish to honor his memory for his courageous stand in Texas against secession.
 - c. Jul 2016 – Sec. Fidler updated the status of the creation of a Camp in London this summer. The Form 51 requesting permission to form a camp has been submitted. With

permission, the Brothers will be able to establish the first foreign Camp. This should occur in July when the “BritBros” dedicate the gravestone of Ensign John Davis, the Camp’s namesake. The Commander-in-Chief will attend the ceremony on behalf of the Order. Bro. Holmes requested that he be included as a Charter member of the new Camp. In a later email message, Commander McReynolds also expressed his desire to join to the new Camp.

5. CSVC Renfro closed the meeting at 1320 hours.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Fidler". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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