

Members of Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 met at Calhoun's, Maryville, for the monthly McTeer Camp Mess at 1230 hours on Tuesday, 14 Jun 2016.

PRESENT: CC David H. McReynolds, DC Mike Downs, A.B. McTeer, Jason McTeer, Sam Wilson, Secretary Doug Fidler. Apologies from Bro. George Lane, who is resting at home after release from hospital for a heart irregularity.

1. CC David McReynolds called the meeting to order at 1255 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to review future events and to share information for the good of the order.
2. The Commander discussed Bro. Lane's suggestion that Members purchase a brick to help fund an improvement to the Veterans Memorial on the Blount County Court House lawn. Each brick is being sold for \$150 and inscribed in memory of a veteran of the contributor's choice. The Commander noted many might find this expensive, and the Secretary suggested that Brothers contribute to a single brick. He thought that a brick dedicated to the three GAR posts in Blount Count would be appropriate. The commander tabled the discussion, but will call the County Veterans Officer for more information.
3. The commander reminded the Brothers of some up-coming events and requested as much participation as possible. The events (see www.Mcteer39.org for details) include:
 - a. Sesquicentennial of the Readmission of Tennessee to the Union (24 Jul), Knoxville. There will be a 1400-start time.
 - b. East Tennessee History Fair and First Families of Tennessee Reunion (19-21 Aug) at Krutch Park on Gay Street, Knoxville. The Commander recommended that there should be something that would invite more interest and participation from attendees, as well as a larger tent, hopefully funded all or in part by any excess contributions to the Readmission ceremony.
 - c. There will be a quarterly meeting on 19 Jun 2016 at the East Tennessee Historical Society on Gay Street, Knoxville, with a special Father's Day-related program, beginning at 1400 hours.
 - d. The Secretary reminded the Brothers that he will join the Camp's British Brothers in London on 23 July for the gravestone dedication of Ensign John Davis, USN, the name sake of the new Camp. CinC Mordorff will attend to present the charter.
4. The Commander shared a newspaper story from the Knoxville News Sentinel that announced approval of funding for restoration of the Fort Dickerson gun emplacement used to help defeat the CSA during the Battle of Knoxville. It is obvious that the City's intention is to turn the area into a park that would invite use by local and visiting people. The Commander noted that the Camp must work to ensure that the fort's namesake is not forgotten in the many improvements.
5. The Department Commander reminded all that the Central Region Association encampment will be held in Franklin, TN, on 30 Sep to 1 Oct. There will be more details on the Camp Website.
6. Treasurer Doug Fidler provided a Treasurer's Report that reported a balance of \$1,190.06. This does not include contributions toward the Readmission Day ceremony brought to the meeting by the Commander.

7. CC McReynolds closed the meeting at 1330 hours.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, PDC, PCC
Secretary
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