

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



Army of Trans-Mississippi

Arkansas Division

Executive Council Meeting
Minutes



11 January, 2020

The Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held its Fall Division Executive Council (DEC) meeting on January 11, 2020 at the Whole Hog Café, Little Rock, Arkansas.

1. The Colors were posted prior to the convening of the DEC.
2. Welcome by AR Division Commander Trip Wilson.
3. Invocation by Andy Taylor, AR Division Chaplain.
4. Pledges to Flags by Compatriot Damon Hudson, Color Sgt.
5. Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, recited by Cmdr. Wilson and the body.
6. The meeting was called to order by Commander Trip Wilson at 12:25.
7. Division Adjutant Roll Call & Reports by Adjutant Johnny McKenzie
 - a. Roll Call of the Camps by Johnny McKenzie, Arkansas Division Adjutant: 13 of 26 Camps had representatives in attendance which constituted a quorum. There were nine (9) visitors present. A total of fifty-five (55) Compatriots of the Arkansas Division were in attendance; nine (9) Camp Commanders were present. The roll call was answered as follows:

❖ Seven Generals #135	[Helena – CB]	2+2
❖ Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest #194	[Forrest City – NE]	0
❖ General Robert C. Newton #197	[Little Rock – CE]	15+2
❖ 3 rd Regiment Arkansas Infantry #246	[El Dorado – SB]	0
❖ Private Job S. Neil #286	[Batesville- NE]	0
❖ General Dandridge McRae #397	[Searcy – NE]	5+1
❖ James H. Berry, #468	[Bentonville – NW]	1
❖ General Richard M. Gano #561	[Fort Smith – NW]	0
❖ Colonel Allen R. Witt #615	[Conway – CB]	2+2
❖ David O. Dodd #619	[Benton – CB]	6
❖ James M. Keller #648	[Hot Springs – CB]	3
❖ Captain John W. Randle #649	[Dardanelle – CB]	0
❖ 9 th Arkansas Infantry Regiment #652	[Star City – SB]	2
❖ Thomas C. Hindman #656	[Prairie Grove – NW]	6+1
❖ General J. O. Shelby #1414	[Harrison – NW]	0
❖ General Patrick Cleburne #1433	[Pine Bluff – SB]	3
❖ Major Fontaine Earle #1453	[Fayetteville – NW]	3+1

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❖ 27 th Arkansas Infantry #1519	[Mountain Home – NW]	2
❖ General Thomas Dockery #1577	[Magnolia – SB]	0
❖ Lieutenant Elbert Steel #1623	[Lewisville – SB]	0
❖ Colonel Robert G. Shaver #1655	[Jonesboro – NE]	0
❖ Major John B. Burton #1664	[Fouke – SB]	0
❖ Bonnie Blue #2070	[AR Division]	0
❖ Polk County Invincibles #2264	[Mena – CB]	4+1
❖ 2 nd Lt. John Crawford Smith #2302	[Corning – NE]	0
❖ Seaborn Jones Cotton #2303	[Eureka Springs – NW]	0

b. Minutes from August 24, 2019 AR Division DEC were distributed prior to opening of the meeting – motion to accept as presented, by Eddie Fipps, 2nd by Wayne Fuller; motion **Passed**.

c. Financial Report – Monies on hand as of 31-Dec-19

Southern Bancorp		Bank of America	
Scholarship	\$413.00	General Fund	\$ 3,575.59
General Fund	\$8,872.33	Heritage Defense	\$ 557.19
Pending		License Plate	\$ 3,615.42
		Monument Fund	\$ 5,033.76
Total	\$ 9,285.33	Total	\$ 12,781.96
AR Division Grand Total			\$20,791.77

Monies Distributed / Pending Deposited:

Pending deposit to AR Div General Account: \$826

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Wayne Fuller, 2nd by David Jackson; motion **Passed**.

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8. Reports

- a. Essay & Scholarship Committee – Dan Ford –Present, report made, it is time to reach out to our high schools and solicit essays; blank forms at the back table; March 15th deadline to get to committee
- b. H.L. Hunley JROTC Award/Pin new Envoy Members – Trip last year, 10 Envoys present
- c. Membership/Recruiting Committee – PDC Everett Burr – Not present, no report
- d. Monument Committee update – PDC Everett Burr – Not present, report by PDC Robert Edwards, Tom Byrd discussed the dedication of the CSS Arkansas in Vicksburg May 3rd 2020 @ 2 PM
- e. Mechanized Cavalry – CC Roy Bowers, Capt. of the Mec Cavalry – Not present, report by Sgt. James Taylor, Mec Cav has been active supporting the Cause
- f. Confederate Graves Registry – PDC Robert Edwards – reported that currently 153,711 Grave Registry
- g. Guardian Program – Wayne Fuller – reported, thirteen (13) Guardians present, four (4) ladies; new Medals to be used from this day forward
- h. SCV License Plates & Grants – CC Tom Bird – reported that we lost nine (9) license plates in 2019; eight (8) current plates holder present, 90 plates were sold in 2019; trouble continues to plague us in getting SCV License Plates
- i. Heritage Operations – CC John Ross Bryan – Not present, no report; Cmdr. Wilson spoke regarding writing letters signing name as CC or AR Div Staff without obtaining approval, DO NOT DO so without permission

9. Brigade Commanders Reports:

- a. Southern Brigade – William ‘Bill’ Turney – Not present, no report
- b. Northeast Brigade – Tom Bird – reported Brigade is well
- c. Northwest Brigade – Crawford Gullett – reported Brigade is working through issues with various camps, problems being worked out
- d. Central Brigade – Darrin Hardy – present, no report

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10. Old Business

- a. Maximum efforts for AR Division Events, keep attending
 - i. David O Dodd Memorial / Winter DEC, Little Rock – 11 January 2020, eighty (80) individuals present at the Dodd Memorial Service
 - ii. General Patrick R. Cleburne Memorial, Helena – 14 March 2020
 - iii. Arkansas Confederate Flag Day, Little Rock – 11 April 2020
 - iv. 2020 AR Division Reunion DEC, Bentonville – 24th & 25th April 2020
 - v. AR Division Executive Council (DEC) Fall Meeting, Little Rock – 22 August 2020
- b. Make Dixie Great Again – Confederate Legion, join! Monies are used to advance the Cause; four (4) members present, Cmdr. Wilson challenges us to join
- c. 2020 AR Division Reunion – 24 & 25 April, 2020 – CC Damon Hudson reported that plans are moving forward with the Reunion in Bentonville, registration process in progress - \$75 + \$5 + \$25 per guest; Memorial per ancestor, rooms @\$119 (March 30th, 2020); Communication Officer, Randall Freeman to send out the info
- d. Camps in default - As of the opening of this meeting, there were three (3) Camps that have not paid their 2018-2019 AR Division dues: #286, Job S. Neill; #649, Capt. John W. Randle; and #2302 2nd Lt. John Crawford Smith; Camp Officers shall be notified
- e. No other old business to discuss, moving onto New Business

11. New Business

- a. Cmdr. Trip Wilson announced that he would not seek a second term as AR Division Commander
- b. Division Officers Nominating Committee: PDC Danny Honnoll, PDC Everett Burr, and PDC Robert Edwards. Division Officers: Commander, 1st Lieutenant, and 2nd Lieutenant; nominations will be voted upon at the 2020 Division Reunion
- c. 'Pocket watch' Fund to retrieve the battle field pocket watch; \$5,000 needed, \$4,000 is believed to be on hand; we need \$70, going to Grant County
- d. SCV Awards, see article in resent SCV Magazine, page 4, article by Commander-in-Chief Grambling; Cmdr. Wilson encouraged us to make recommendations for

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National Awards; Camp Commanders need to get busy and make recommendations
– May 1st 2020

- e. 2023 National Reunion, the James M. Keller Camp #615 of Hot Springs has submitted to the SCV Headquarters to host the 2023 Reunion, bidding closes on 15 January, 2020 – Good luck men
- f. No additional 'New Business' was brought forth

12. Announcements:

- a. The next AR DIV DEC Meeting – April 25th, 2020 at 9:00 AM

13. Pass the Hat – monies for Monuments & Heritage Committee = \$289.00

14. Benediction given by Andy Taylor, AR Division Chaplain.

15. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "DIXIE".

Summary of Key Motions:

- 1) None

Approved by:

Johnny L. McKenzie, Division Adjutant

Trip Wilson, Division Commander

Whole Hog Café – Little Rock, AR

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Location

Date