Stephens County Honor Guard Business Meeting Minutes - October 31, 2024

Attendance:

Officers: Jerry McAdory, Steve Condit, Dan Mitchel

Members: Paul Frable, John Saville, Kenneth Youngblood, Jerry Wallace, Roy Grabman

Guests: Ann Frable

Quorum Achieved: 2 Officers, 5 Members, 7 Total

Meeting called to order by Vice Commander Condit at 19:00 hours in the American Legion Building Comanche, OK. Roy Grabman offered the Invocation. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America recited by all present.

Minutes of the September 26, 2024, business meeting accepted subject to correction.

Financial Report for October 2024 accepted as presented.

Officer's Reports:

Commander – Members were thanked for their continued participation and support. As of October 31, 2024, SCHG rendered military honors at the funerals of 91 veterans. Additional services are scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2024, and Saturday November 9, 2024, at Fort Sill National Cemetery. As a consequence, SCHG will not be able to participate in the Duncan Veterans Day parade but will lend its colors and flag stands to the event organizers. It is also requested that SCHG present the colors during the Walters High School Veterans Day ceremony at 0900 hours, November 11, 2024.

The SCHG Christmas Party will take place at the organization's regular meeting place at 1700 hours, December 19, 2024. This event will include our monthly meeting with an awards ceremony. Per our usual practice, SCHG will furnish the two meats and members will bring various side dishes and desserts. Further details, including selection of meats will be decided at the November business meeting.

Vice Commander – Nothing new to report.

Secretary – Cards and letters of thanks and appreciation received from Lynn Bowles, Phyllis Brown, the family of Larry Miller and the Oklahoma Veterans Center of Ardmore, OK. Commander McAvoy also announced a medallion of appreciation was also received from the Oklahoma Veterans Center of Lawton, OK.

Treasurer – Proceeds of the 2024 Raffle were distributed as provided during the September meeting. \$2,000.00 retained in the Raffle Fund to finance the 2025 raffle and \$2,000.00 has been added to the Scholarship fund.

Old Business:

A committee will be established at the November meeting to review the SCHG By-Laws to determine if any amendments are required.

New Business:

Dan Mitchel moved that moved that SCHG donate \$250.00 to the Toy Shop for the up-coming Christmas season. Kenneth Youngblood seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. After the vote was taken Paul

Frable suggested individual members consider additional contributions to enhance the amount of the donation.

Good & Welfare:

Paul Frable announced that the Holy City was at risk during a recent wildfire in the Wildlife Refuge. Thanks to a multitude of volunteer firefighters no buildings were lost but smoke damage is extensive.

Thoughts and prayers are requested for Rick and Patsy Duncan, John and Gayla Wiliams, George Parker, Jerry Wallace, Greg Griffin, and Don and Linda Davis. Members are also asked to keep anyone else in the organization who may be hurting or sick in their thoughts and prayers.

The next business meeting will be held on November 21, 2024

Dan Mitchel moved to adjourn the meeting. Kenneth Youngblood seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1959 hours.

Respectfully Submitted: Roy Grabman - Secretary