



***Texas Division Sons of Confederate
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Minutes of the Texas Division DEC Meeting

Date: Sept 21st, 2024

Recorded by: Chief of Staff Allen Hearrean

Roll Call

(Timestamp: 0:00)

Chief of Staff Allen Hearrean conducted roll call. Twenty-nine members were present, establishing a quorum (the requirement being 16).

Opening Proceedings

(Timestamp: 0:15)

Commander Michael Hurley called the meeting to order. Division Chaplain James Bozeman led the invocation, and 1st Lt. Shelby Little led the Pledges to the Flags.

Approval of Meeting Standing Orders

(Timestamp: 1:00)

Commander Hurley presented the Meeting Standing Orders for approval. A motion to accept the Standing Orders was made by John McCammon and seconded by Jim Cox. The motion was approved unanimously, with no objections.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

(Timestamp: 2:29)

Commander Hurley requested approval of the previous DEC Meeting minutes. A motion to accept was made by Joe Allcock and seconded by Rob Jones. The motion was approved unanimously, with no objections.

Finance Report

(Timestamp: 3:25)

Division Adjutant Richard Smoot presented the Finance Report. Thirteen camps had not submitted Division dues, and the total Division membership stood at 1,619.

Discussion ensued about the Life Membership account. Richard proposed placing \$50,000 in a six-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) to earn higher interest. After further discussion regarding alternative investment options, Richard withdrew the motion and instead proposed a motion to authorize the Division Adjutant to seek advice from financial professionals. This motion was approved.

Richard also proposed a motion to allow the Division Adjutant to move the funds into a better option if identified. This motion was approved.

Division Executive Session

(Timestamp: 24:30)

An executive session was held, with minutes available only to DEC Members.

Division Commander Report

(Timestamp: 1:00)

Commander Michael Hurley referred members to his emailed report and yielded his time to the 1st Lt. Commander.

1st Lieutenant Commander Report

(Timestamp: 1:45)

Shelby Little summarized his emailed report and discussed ongoing issues in Georgetown. He noted that everything was quiet and mentioned that many county commissioners in the area have Confederate ancestors. He encouraged members to notify him of any issues that arise.

2nd Lieutenant Commander Report

(Timestamp: 7:45)

Jim Cox submitted his report via email, but some members had not received it. He summarized his report, which included updates on restoring and framing flags from UCV camps and the importance of recruiting grandchildren to join the organization. Restoration options for the flags are still being explored.

3rd Lieutenant Commander Report

No report was given.

Brigade Commander Reports

(Timestamps: Starting at 15:00)

Each Brigade present delivered a report in the following order:

1st Brigade (15:15), 2nd Brigade (18:00), 3rd Brigade (19:50),
4th Brigade (21:45), 5th Brigade (24:50), 6th Brigade (28:30),
7th Brigade (30:55), 8th Brigade (34:50), 10th Brigade (36:45),
11th Brigade (38:25), 12th Brigade (40:35), 9th Brigade (43:20)

Old Business

(Timestamp: 48:00)

Commander Hurley provided an update on the Virginia Monument, thanking Bill Elliott for securing a company to produce the monument at a significantly reduced cost.

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The appraisal report for UCV flags was presented. The flags are stored in a climate-controlled unit paid for by the Children of the Confederacy.

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A motion was made by James Bozeman to pay \$1,800 to the Children of the Confederacy for storage unit costs. The motion was seconded and passed.

(Timestamp: 1:03:00)

Chief of Staff Allen Hearrean reported on the disbandment of the Gano Camp. Plans are underway to charter a new camp in Kaufman. Joe Allcock mentioned that several members of the former Gano Camp wish to continue its legacy and plan to hold a meeting in October to discuss the details.

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Commander Hurley provided an update on the 2025 National Reunion to be held in Houston. The website is live, and several vendors have already signed up. Division Adjutant Richard Smoot provided a registration update.

Break for Lunch

Old Business Continued

(Timestamp: 0:00)

James Bozeman reported on Division Reunions, noting that proposals for the 2027 reunion are due by March. Members were reminded to use the code word "Confederate 2025 Reunion" when reserving hotel rooms in Mineral Wells.

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Commander Hurley introduced past Division Commanders Gary Bray and Greg Manning.

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Plans for the 2026 Division Reunion in Tyler, Texas, were discussed.

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Commander Hurley discussed Division pin sales to support the 2025 National Reunion.

(Timestamp: 11:00)

Dustin Seiler delivered the final report on the 2024 Division Reunion. A deficit of over \$6,000 was noted, attributed to changes in the hotel contract. A motion to negotiate a reduced amount failed. A subsequent motion to have the Division pay the amount owed was made by John McCammon and seconded. After discussion, a vote passed 16-9 following a second vote with cards.

Commander Hurley presented a survey of the 2024 Division Reunion, noting that overall feedback was positive.

New Business

(Timestamp: 1:11:20)

Johnny Anderson reported on the Texas Division YouTube channel, He stated that there was a total of 44K viewers the last 6 months. He uploaded 21 new videos which now includes 67 videos and has gained 275 new subscribers in the last six months, surpassing 1,000 total subscribers. He received permission to do a farewell video of the Civil War Museum in White Settlement.

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John Dickey gave a presentation on the Texas Rangers Display, which will be showcased at the 2025 National Reunion in Houston.

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Awards Committee Chairman Bill Elliott and Commander Hurley presented awards to several members.

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Bill Elliott reported on the Guardian Program, noting that 1,124 Confederate veteran graves are maintained by members.

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Details about Camp 2353's Turkey Shoot, including date, location, and time, were shared.

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Commander Hurley addressed concerns about interactions between the Mech Cav and SCV, clarifying that this is a National matter, not a Division issue.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

(Timestamp: 2:01:00)

Chaplain James Bozeman led the closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting concluded with attendees singing "Dixie."