

September 23, 2017

Elections Meeting / Organization name change meeting, Statesboro, GA

Call to Order

Chief of Staff Lori Palo

Meeting called to order at 401pm by Lori Palo

Invocation

Colonel Stacy Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Past Commander Lisa Pickett

Welcome

Chief of Staff Lori Palo

Brief Officer Reports:

Chaplain

Colonel Stacy Smith

We have several colonels since our last meeting

- #2454, Ron Seymour
- Col 2477 Frank Jankowski, lengthy illness
- #2310 – Rocky lost his mother
- #1843 – Scott – step father
- Past Commander Sandy Fordham #2316 lost his mother
- Swainsboro – Daley family loss
- Andrea Perry – aunt is in hospice
- Pray for hurricane victims and their families and communities
- Linda Moss' mother had a stroke and is being moved to assisted living

Treasurer

Colonel Stacy Smith

Currently have \$ 4,875.23 in the account before today's golf tournament funds and expenses

Active Vice Commander

Colonel Thomas Michael

Great time at golf tournament today, thanks to all for attending. Roughly \$3000 raised, prize money donated back to the Corps is around \$200 also going back to camp. Extra prizes sold for \$10

Silent auction at Swainsboro, everything was sold. \$333 raised

Corps paraphernalia is for sale now

Golf tournament coming up in October

Inactive Vice Commander

Colonel Kellie Jett

Lost colonel has been submitted and hopefully will be inducted in January.

Adjutant

Colonel Michelle Walworth

No out of pocket expense for postcard mailings, only 3 returned for bad addresses. No Dispatch mailing this period.

Webmaster / Parliamentarian

Pas Commander Ken Joyner

Unfinished Business

Colonel Lori Palo

Vote on Name Change of the Corps

Past Commander Ken Joyner

This is and will be a lengthy process and not to be considered lightly, and may be underway until Jekyll or later. This meeting is to drop the name "Rebel" only at this time.

To speak in support of name change: 4 individuals

- Past Commander Scott Brazell – this is a life changing event for the Corps, but is also something to create a better future or the Corps so that we can move in a positive direction and complete the cycle of getting candidates into the Corps
- Past Commander Urbane – considers himself a realist – in order to survive we have to do something different. Most women change their name when they get married. The name change does not change who they are – it’s ONLY a name. A name change does not change this organization. We’ll be dead in 5 years if we don’t change the name.
- Col Bob Prater – echoes previous statements, heritage & history are important. In his profession, he could be fired for even having a confederate flag on their property. Service to humanity is the best work of life. We need to recruit teachers, law enforcement, lawyers, and the like, and we cannot do that with our current name. People’s perception is their reality, and we cannot have that perception and continue
- Col Chuck Cheeves – when President Jordan spoke in Swainsboro gave him much to think about – was Jordan sincere in the suggestion that they would submit members if we change the name of the Corps. We believe he is sincere. Col Submissions have been down for years, and now we NEED new colonel submissions. This organization has NEVER been about Rebels and Stars & Bars and such, it’s about family that IS the Corps, no matter the name of the organization.

AGAINST name change: 1 individual

- JR Clark – JR Agrees that Scott has great message, and JR Is proud of the heritage, the history, the flag, and the word Rebel. The word rebel has different meaning than “they” say. We should not change our name for anything, keep the Rebel Corps.

Elections committee: Pat Rogers, Helene & Lisa to count votes. 23 ballots handed out.

For: 20

Against: 3

Insight into the process: Ron will be Chair of the Long Range Planning committee next year as Immediate Past Commander, if elected. In the next 30 days, Ron is holding open

forum regarding what we think the name of the Corps should be. Ron will make a list and narrow down to the final name should be. The body of the membership will get to vote on what the name should be changed to of the list that is submitted to LRPC.

Did the Georgia Jaycees suggest a name for the Corps name change? They recommended the Georgia Jaycees First Corps with a logo. Their main interest is that we remove the word "rebel" from our name. With the new name choice comes a new logo. Several suggestions have been made already: Jaycees Corps, Georgia Corps, Georgia Jaycees Corps, Honor Corps, First Corps, and Patriot Corps have been suggested so far. Call or text Ron with suggestion until October 23. All names will be considered by LRPC. We HOPE to have a name picked before the January meeting, bylaws must be posted on the website 30 days prior to official name change. You WILL be given a chance to vote.

The corporation name and banking relationships must be updated as well.

As of TODAY, we are known as the Georgia Jaycees Corps.

Ron will be in contact with Danielle regarding a conflict of dates for January meeting – Senate National Meeting the 3rd weekend of January and we respectfully ask that the meeting be held the 4th weekend of January and not the 3rd.

New Business

Past Commander Ken Joyner

2018 Elections

Adjutant – Andrea Perry

Active Vice Commander – Stacy Smith

Inactive Vice Commander – Bob Prater

Treasurer – Michelle Walworth

Commander – Kellie Jett

Urbane motions to accept by acclamation, 2nd by Thomas Michael. Elections closed.

Kellie – incoming commander – Dream. Plan. DO. We believe!

Motion to accept by Acclimation by Helene, 2nd by Thomas Michael

Announcements

Denise Bauer – Peach Bash 11/3 – 5 in Newnan. Region IV Senate Fall meeting –open to all. See Denise for registration forms

Thomas Michael – Camp Dream golf tourney in Warner Robins – comfort inn @ \$91. 10/28

Kellie Jett – Jekyll flyer on each table – see Kellie for help booking rooms. Each room comes with free casino boat tour. Lots of info available, see Kellie with questions

Commander's Comments

Commander Ron Cowart

Thanks for coming to the golf tournament today – congrats to new officers, looking forward to working together next year. Call Ron if you need anything.

Adjourn with the Jaycee Creed

Past Commander Helene Mitchell

Meeting adjourned at 446pm