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WITHOUT A PAST, THERE IS NO FUTURE

MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM MEETING—WE WILL HAVE AN IN PERSON MEETING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2021 HOPEFULLY AT EL DORADO RESTAURANT IN LIBERTY... OFFICER ELECTIONS! PLEASE NOMINATE BEFORE THE MAY MEETING!

VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Date: April 10, 2021

Place: Virtual meeting for members via Zoom.

Time: 11am – 12pm Central Time (you can join meeting as early as 10:45)

Zoom Meeting info:

Join Zoom Meeting via link:

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CAPTAIN HIRAM MORGAN CEREMONY CONFEDERATE MARKER DEDICATION 4/24/21:

We will be having a dedication ceremony for the placement of a Confederate marker on **Saturday, April 24th, at 2:00 PM** at the **Morgan Gordon Cemetery** on Hwy 568 in **Gillsburg, MS**. This service is sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society. This service was very important to Greg Barron who was instrumental in getting the headstone made, having it installed by Kirk Seago (SCV & ACHGS), arranging for cemetery cleanup with Trent Lewis (SCV & ACHGS) and arranging the ceremony. Sylvia Johnson will be our speaker and Trent Lewis will be our Master of Ceremonies.

Directions: From Liberty go southeast on Hwy 584 to Gillsburg and turn left (north) at the Gillsburg crossroads on Hwy 568 for approximately 1.72 miles and the cemetery will be on the left.

Faster route from Liberty is to go southeast on Hwy 584 for approximately 10.30 miles then turn left onto Jim Thomas Rd for 0.05 miles then stay straight onto Neil Hayes Rd. Go 1.3 miles and turn right onto Hwy 568 then the cemetery is 0.22 miles down on the right.

From Magnolia/McComb take the South Magnolia exit I-55 onto Hwy 568 (exit 8) and go west. Then go 11.36 miles and the cemetery will be on the right.

From Osyka/Gillsburg exit on I-55 go west then approximately 10 miles to the Gillsburg crossing. Take a right (north) on Hwy 568 and go 1.72 miles. The cemetery will be on the left.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dawn Taylor at 11:09. There were 10 in attendance via Zoom.

Invocation: Gay Blalock

Minutes: The minutes were read by Marcia McLaurin. David Cate made motion to accept minutes. Neil Randall 2ⁿ. Motion carried. Minutes accepted as read with no changes.

President's Report: The Son's of Confederate Veterans are heading up the Captain Hiram Morgan dedication with our assistance. We will be cleaning up the cemetery Friday March 19th. We will have the dedication on April 24th, hopefully around 2 PM. We will need to get with the SCV regarding the time and details of the program. Debra McGehee showed us a mockup of the LRSH drawing she did for the wood from the LRSH posts, and it is beautiful.

VP Report: N/A

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand as of 03/13/2021 was \$31,963.87. There were donations in memory of Greg Barron, Luther Walters, Paul Taylor, and Tommy Skinner. Neil Randall made a motion to accept the executive reports and David Cate 2nd. The reports were approved as read.

Old Business: We will be helping clean up the Morgan Gordon and Gordon Cemeteries (if time allows) with the SCV on Friday the 19th. The time will be announced on Facebook. The brush will be cleaned up, headstones cleaned, and headstones repaired. We will hopefully find some hidden headstones and some more graves with the dousing rods. There will be no heritage days this year per Liberty Mayor Pat Talbert. They are planning to have it for next year 2022. So, since the Hiram Morgan Ceremony will be on the 24th and the 1st weekend in May is the very next weekend, we will not have a gathering on the green at the LRSH in May, but we will wait until December to have open house hoping the LRSH renovation will be complete. Sue Severson is working on the Bible book and will take entries up until October since we are postponing this project as well until the December Open house. Sue is also writing a Spillman book that will include information about the Causey, Weathersby, Bradley, Smith, Whittington, Toler, Wilson, Jackson, and Russ families. If anyone has any photos or interesting stories on these families, she would love to have them. She has already compiled the genealogy. This will also give us more time to work on the LRSH post project with Debra McGehee.

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn at 12:02 by David Cate. 2nd Sue Severson. Meeting adjourned.

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report—April 10, 2021

BANK BALANCE ON HAND March 13, 2021:..... \$31,963.87

PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE ON HAND April 7, 2021:.....\$0.00

INCOME:

Deposit 03/24/2021

Membership (3) Cash.....\$40.00

Donations in Memory (2) Cash.....\$10.00

Donations in Memory (2) Checks.....\$50.00

Total Deposit\$100.00

PayPal Transfer into Checking 03/24/21.....\$1,699.96

Deposit 03/31/2021

Book purchase (1815) Check.....\$17.00

Donations in Memory (3) Checks.....\$1,200.00

Total Deposit.....\$1,217.00

Deposit 04/08/2021

Membership (1) Cash.....\$15.00

Donation (1) Cash.....\$5.00

Donation (1) Check.....\$200.00

Total Deposit.....\$220.00

TOTAL INCOME.....\$3,236.96

EXPENSES:

None

BALANCE ON HAND MARCH 13, 2021:.....\$35,200.83

MAJOR GENERAL CAREY ALLEN RANDALL, USMC

Maj. Randall (a cousin of our member Neil Randall) was born on November 15, 1912 in Gloster, MS, to Mack Allen and Marry Etta Randall. After high school he first attended Ole Miss for one year then transferred closer to home to LSU in Baton Rouge, graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1934. After graduation he stayed at LSU doing postgraduate work, completing the advanced ROTC course and receiving an Army Reserve commission in May of 1935. He joined the Marine Corps on July 1, 1935, was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, and completed basic training at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in March of 1936. There were 124 students in his class which produced two future Marine Corp Commandants, five lieutenant generals, five major generals, and six brigadier generals. He was then ordered to serve at Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, WA until being sent to China in June of 1937 for expeditionary duty where he served under Colonel Charles F. B. Price at Shanghai International Settlement and then at the American Embassy in Peiping. During his time in China he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He returned to the states in October 1939 and served at Marine Corps Base Quantico until May 1941, reaching the rank of Captain.

During WWII he assumed command of the Marine detachment on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and was involved with transporting Marine Fighter Squadron 211 to Wake Island at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He remained on the Enterprise taking part in the Marshall-Gilberts and Wake Island raids in February 1942, the Marcus Island raid in March 1942, and the battle of Midway in June 1942. After that, he went to San Diego, CA with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines where he was promoted to the rank of Major. This unit sailed to the Pacific in January 1943 and trained in New Zealand and at Guadalcanal for approximately 8 months, after which they sailed for the Solomon Islands in November 1943. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on November 19, 1943 and assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, distinguishing himself during combat between November 21st and December 28th, setting up his command only 75 yards from the Japanese lines, maintaining contact with his assault troops despite intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, earning the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V". Afterwards his regiment returned to Guadalcanal for rest and refit for 7 months training. In July of 1944 he led his battalion into Guam, going ashore with the first wave of troops and pushing his units forward suffering a minimum of casualties and seizing all objectives in a minimal amount of time without regards for his personal safety. For this act of valor he received the Legion of Merit with Combat "V". He remained at Guam for training and at the beginning of 1945 the 3rd Marine Division was ordered to participate in the capture of Iwo Jima, where he landed on February 24, 1945, assuming command of divisional Headquarters and Service Battalion until April 1945. Afterwards he returned to the states receiving a second Bronze Star Medal for Iwo Jima.

In April of 1945 he assumed duty as executive officer of the Marine Rifle Range at Camp Matthews near San Diego, CA and served there until July 1946. He was then sent to Indianapolis as Inspector-Instructor with the 16th Marine Reserve Infantry Battalion where he served until July 1948. He was ordered to go to Leavenworth, KS to take the regular course at the Army Command and General Staff College and completed that in 1949. Following the completion of that course he assumed the role of instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, serving until November 1950 when he was transferred to the Pentagon, assuming duty as executive officer to Deputy Secretary of Defense, Robert A. Lovett. While at the Pentagon he was promoted to the rank of Colonel in January 1951 and served under Lovett, who had been promoted to Secretary of Defense, as the military assistant to secretaries Charles E. Wilson, Neil H. McElroy, and Thomas S. Gates, Jr. While in this capacity he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in March 1957. He retired from active service in March 1959 and advanced to the rank of Major General for his performance in actual combat. However, his retirement was short-lived and he was recalled to active duty and served as military assistant to secretary Gates until February 1960. He retired for a 2nd time on February 16, 1960 and received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal from Secretary Gates for his service as Military Assistant and Secretary of the Armed Forces Policy Council from September 1951 to February 1960. Following retirement he graduated with honors with a Master of Laws degree from the Univ. of Miami at Coral Gables, FL in the summer of 1963. Afterwards he served as the executive director and editor in chief of the Univ. of Miami Law Review and managing partner of Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder, and Carson, a prominent law firm in Miami, FL.

He died on April 26, 2008, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, MS and is buried at the Natchez National Cemetery with his wife Mary Pearle Randall. They had been married for 63 years and had no children.

MEMBERS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

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If you are willing to share your contact information with other members, please let us know by emailing us at amitecohistory@gmail.com or text Marcia @ 601-988-4077 with your family names.

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