

Piedmont Chapter No. 504 National Sojourners, Inc.

and

Guilford Courthouse Camp, Heroes of '76





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From The President:

(actually the immediate Past President but Brother Glass told him it was OK)

Fellow Sojourners! Greetings!

Our May 17 meeting was a perfect conclusion to my year as President of Piedmont Chapter #504. How rapidly my year has gone by and what a great one it was!

We were honored to receive Denny Norris (Regional Representative and Grand Sentinel of the National Heroes of '76). Thanks, Denny for your continued service to National Sojourners.

Our very Special Guest was Miki Reynolds, winner of our scholarship to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Miki is the Daughter of Scottish Rite Mason, James Reynolds. She is very active with the Rainbow Girls and is usually present at the Raleigh Scottish Rite and Raleigh York Rite meetings to assist the chef's crew. She is also a student of American Government and various patriotic activities in the community. We'll have her back at our September meeting to give us a recap of her trip to Valley Forge. Congratulations, Micki!

Please have August 5 firmly on your calendars. This is the date of the statewide Encampment and will be hosted by Chapter #97 at the Masonic Center in Fayetteville. Please support Chapter #97 in this effort by your assistance and attendance. More to follow on exact time, hotel accommodations, etc.

We were honored to have Col. Richard M. Ripley (U.S. Army Ret.) as installing officer and Luigi Ammons (Past President of Piedmont Chapter #504 and Past Camp Commander of Guilford Courthouse Heroes of '76) as installing Marshall for the installation of officers for the Chapter and Camp for the 2017-2018 year. David Glass was installed as the President of Piedmont Chapter #504 and Johnny Davis was installed as Camp Commander for Guilford Courthouse Camp of Heroes of '76. Congratulations to the complete slate of officers for the ensuing year.

It looks like all the R.O.T.C. and Scottish Rite medals have been distributed and all of the requested presentations to High Schools and Colleges are scheduled. A big THANK YOU is due David Glass for this fine effort. David will be taking Col. Ripley's position as the coordinator of the medal distribution and we know that he and Luigi will continue this successful effort. Another BIG THANK YOU is also due Luigi Ammons for his many years of service in the Medal program. We couldn't do the program without his expert help.

Finally, let me express my deepest appreciation for everyone's assistance in making my year as President of Piedmont Chapter #504 a successful one. It takes a team effort and we certainly exemplified that to the fullest this past year. Good luck to David Glass in the 2017-2018 year.

As we wind up one year and move to the new one, always keep our Armed Forces, wherever dispersed, in your constant thoughts and prayers.

Thank you again and Fraternally Yours,

Johnny Davis, Past President Piedmont Chapter #504 National Sojourners

Minutes of the March Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Brother President Johnny Davis at 1830 hours.

The Prayer was offered up by Brother Ed Clay.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag were led by Brother David Glass.

Dinner was served.

Our distinguished members, Brother Terry Washam, National BOL Committee member, and Brother Richard Ripley, Past National Historian were introduced. A special guest, Miki Reynolds, who we are sponsoring to go to FFVF was introduced.

The Happy Box was passed followed by the tip box.

The Treasurer reported \$1,893.66 in the bank account.

The Audit committee reported that the annual audit had been completed and that all accounts were in order.

Brother Ripley reported that all requests for ROTC medals had been fulfilled. He thanked Brothers Luigi Ammons and David Glass for their hard work and gave a special thanks to all of the members who took the time to act as presenters.

At this point, Brother Davis asked Brother Ripley to take the gavel and act as Installing Officer for the slate of officers elected at the last meeting. Accordingly, Brother Ripley installed the following in the positions indicated:

Chapter President Brother David Glass 1st VP Brother Terry Washam 2nd VP Brother Al Jones 3rd VP Brother Ed Clay Treasurer Brother Jack Scott Secretary Brother Ken Whichard Chaplain Brother Larry Womack Marshall Brother Wally Stopkey Historian Brother Richard Ripley Surgeon Brother Bob Franks

Camp Commander Brother Johnny Davis
COS Brother David Glass
ACOS Brother Terry Washam
OD Brother Al Jones
ADJ Brother Jack Scott
SR Lt Brother Ed Clay
JR Lt Brother Larry Womack
COG Brother Bob Murphy
SEN Brother Luigi Ammons
Chaplain Brother Ken Whichard
HIST Brother Richard Ripley
JA Brother Wally Stopkey
SUR Brother Bob Franks



Camp Commander Brother Johnny Davis
Installing Officer Brother Rip Ripley

Chapter President Brother David Glass

There being no further business to come before the Chapter, Brother President David Glass Closed the meeting at 2020 hours.

Respectfully Submitted Willis K. Whichard, Jr., Secretary

From the Camp Commander:

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A very successful bivouac was held on the 9th of May at Camp Raleigh (the Raleigh Temple) and our Brother Larry Womack was initiated as a Hero of 76. This completed our fourth bivouac/encampment of the year.

Congratulations to brother Larry!

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The June meeting of Chapter 504 will be at

The Golden Corral in Raleigh/Garner

At 1830 hours Wednesday, June 21st

Please be there.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Raleigh YR Meets	3
	329 Meets	6	7	8 Raleigh SR Meets	9	10
1	1 12 553 Meets	13	Flag Day 97 Meets	15	16	17
Father's Day	3 19	20	21 504 Meets	22	23 Rosicrutions Meet Monroe	24
2	5 26	27	28	29	30	