GHRGBVA- Meeting September 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Sgt.at arms Mr. Gatewood

Followed by pledge to the flag

Prayer by Floyd Johnson

**OLD BUSINESS**

Reading minutes from Sept, 2018 by Secretary Eddie Tardy

Minutes were accepted

President Williams asked all members to introduce themselves (Branch of Service, etc.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Charles Williams mentioned that he had spoke with Bridget in reference to election of officers -if no one wanted to run- officers would remain the same.

President Williams asked if anyone would like to run for President

**Wade Davis stated he would like to run for President**

Tom mentioned that **Lawrence Hooper** would like to run for **Vice President** and **Charles Williams** stated that he wanted to run for **Vice Presiden**t because Hooper was in the Emergency room downstairs and most likely not able to run.

Charles Williams nominated **Eddie Tardy for Secretary**

Wade Davis nominated **Richard Davis for Treasurer**

**Bro. Gatewood suggested that we only vote for Vice President candidates only**

Charles Williams

Lawrence Hooper

Ballots were counted

10 votes -Hooper

8 votes -Williams

**2019 Officers:**

Wade Davis-President

Lawrence Hooper-Vice President

Eddie Tardy-Secretary

Richard Douglas-Treasurer

Tom stated he would Swear in of officers excluding

 Vice President

**President Wade Davis** assumed his position as President and gave his qualifications. Mr. Davis stated he has served as national field service officer and currently works part time for BVA as blind rehab insurance coordinator.

He has served 11 yrs. in BVA.

President paused and Tom did swearing in :

Wade Davis

Eddie Tardy

Richard Douglas-via telephone

**President Davis listed his 7 objectives as President**:

1. Greater involvement of Regional Group Officers in day to day operations

2. No secrets in our Regional Group- financial reports

3. Regular newsletters sent to all members (educational and informative)

4. look into telephone conferencing calls at our meeting for those members unable to attend-due to sickness or poor health-to be able listen in and be a part of our meeting

5. Get our auxiliary active again-they are a help and support to our regional group.

6. Regional group more involved in community activities-possible “Float in Veterans Day Parade”. Get our name out and recognition.

7. Change the way people look at blinded veterans-no longer do we want their pity or hand out-as an organization would like us to do good.

Eddie Tardy stated he would appreciate members being involved

with newsletter and how it is prepared

encouraged support for auxiliary organization

Dianna Tardy stated she spoke with Edna Dixon (past national auxiliary president) in reference to Women Auxiliary group and encouraged ladies to consider being a part the newly forming group.

Charles Williams referenced monetary donations:

 From relay guy 400.00

 From Delta-2000.00

President stated next meeting is March 2,2019

Charles reminded group of BVA Ranch Trip to Rising Star Texas. 15 veterans and spouse/caregiver will attend. Discussion followed.

President stated our next meeting would be more formal.

Tom suggested prayers for Lawrence.

Wade thanked group again for votes - promised to do his very best -gave his cell number 713 296 9980.Wade suggested to Eddie to add a tutorial in next newsletter for the website access.

Meeting adjourned by President Wade Davis