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# COMMANDERS ADDRESS TO THE DIVISION



## Why I am a Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Reflections on the past 28 years that I have been a member of the S.C.V. are bittersweet. Sweet in that I have experienced some unforgettable moments and made lifelong friends. Bitter, as I have also seen many men I cherished go the way of the earth. I think fondly of men like Rocky Sprott, Russ Lane, Ron Strybos, Jack Dyess, Ron Sandidge, Michael Dominey, and Les Pettigrew. All were passionate about Confederate history and are greatly missed. Through good times and bad I have loved being a member of the S.C.V. Here are a few reasons why I have made the S.C.V. such a long and important part of my life...

**To Share My Passion For History** - I have always loved history. As a boy, when my friends were reading comic books, I was reading about General Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson or George Washington. Being a member of the S.C.V. allows me to express publicly about the true history of the South.

**To Honor My Ancestors** - Through my genealogy research, I discovered several of my ancestors who fought for the Confederacy. All answered the call of military service to their respective States when they came under threat of invasion. I take great pride in standing up for the same principles, and rights they held precious. It is a deeply personal way to remember my family's sacrifice, dedication, and hardship.

**It's Just Old Fashioned Fun** - A tremendous blessing to being a member of the S.C.V. is the opportunity to spend time with like-minded individuals. Whether hanging out around the campfire at a reenactment, getting to know one another on a personal level in my local camp, or attending the National Reunion each year and enjoying the unique history, culture, food, and traditions of the various locations where the convention is held. It all is a tremendous amount of fun!

It is clear to me that many people enjoy history here in Texas. It is expressed in the newly found passion to restore the beautiful homes found in most Texas towns. It is seen in the popularity of genealogy research online. It is seen in organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution. History is so popular these days that your local cable provider carries The History Channel, which is dedicated to nothing but history 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So if you are a lover of history and unafraid to stand up for those Confederate Veterans who have gone before us, we invite you to join us!



W. Michael Hurley  
Commander  
Texas Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



# Chaplains Message



**Greetings Compatriots,**

**I wanted to take some time to speak to you about what it means to be a true Southern gentleman.**

Our Confederate ancestors considered being a gentleman a priority. Southern manhood should be honorable. So what is a gentleman? One would assume Christian character and behavior is the mark of such a man. General Robert E. Lee is still known today all across the South as the consummate gentleman. As President of Washington College, he only had one rule in the school's code of honor. It was simply, "be a gentleman".

What is a gentleman? A gentleman is a man respectful of true Christianity, honest in business, refined in his tastes, courteous toward his inferiors, and chivalrous toward women and children. Thus, a gentleman is one who is a man of honor, a guardian of his family name, a protector of women and children, and a custodian of Biblical principles as well as many other noble obligations. According to Civil War-era Southern gentlemen, all of life's conflicts were to be resolved within the code of Christian gentility.

Most Southerners, even today, consider Robert E. Lee as the consummate role model of a Southern gentleman. Many have referred to him as "Robert E. Lee the Christian gentleman". Not far behind him was the man considered Lee's greatest Lieutenant General, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. How may Southern men best honor Lee and Jackson, as well as the memories of our ancestors? The best way to honor them is by seeking the same Savior they sought, and by emulating their virtues. Any attempt to remember the lives of Lee and Jackson by leaving out their Christian faith would be like trying to describe the ocean without using the word "water".

A true gentleman is a man of character. What is meant by character? "Character" is what a man actually is and not what he is perceived to be or pretends to be. What we or others perceive us to be is called "reputation". The gentleman of the Old South was a man of character. The Old South could not conceive of a Christian who was not a gentleman or a gentleman who was not a Christian. This is a great lesson for all of us.

How can Southern men help lead the South back to the Christian culture of our forefathers? Not by using modern models heavy with political correctness and ethical repugnance. Not by observing the models history wants us to remember – Northern men like the drunken Grant, the pyromaniac Sherman, or the agnostic Lincoln. The South must follow the Biblical model and remember men who exemplified that model, such as, Lee, Jackson, Stuart, Davis, Stevens, and a myriad of others who were Christian gentlemen and men of character. They practiced their faith in a godly and manly way.

Christian gentlemen are men in the true sense of the word and are not effeminate! Southern men of Confederate ancestry must seek to be gentlemen of character. Unless this is true of us, no amount of flag waving, monument preservation, memorializing of our Confederate dead, promotion of Southern literature or any like act will make a lasting impact on the younger generations. Southern men must be men of honor whose lives please God and command respect.

What made Lee and Jackson great men and great warriors? Not their military training. Not their social position. Not their intellects. Their greatness was found in their relationship with Jesus Christ and obedience to the Bible. As Lee's favorite scripture, Psalm 144 reminds:

"Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer: my shield, and He in whom I trust" (Psalm 144:1-2).

In Christian Servitude,

James Bozeman  
Texas Division Chaplain



**Texas Divison**  
**Confederate Heritage Month**  
**Celebration and Picnic!**



**Come Celebrate Confederate Heritage Month!**

- Blanco State Park is located to the South of Blanco, TX at 101 Park Road 23, Blanco, TX 78606
- Location is 1 hr drive from SA, and Austin, 2 hrs from Waco, 3.5 hrs from Houston, and 4 hrs from Dallas.

**April 20, 2024**  
**Save the Date!**  
**Blanco State Park**  
**Blanco, TX**  
**Lunch at 12 Noon**

- The historic CCC built Picnic Pavillon sits on the banks overlooking the beautiful spring fed Blanco River
- Enjoy the Texas Hill Country in the Spring time.
- Hiking, fishing, and bird watching!
- Camping and RV Hook Ups are available
- Pavillon features a playground, kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and large bbq grill on site.
- Bring your favorite Dish for an old fashioned potluck!
- Important Note: \$5.00 entrance fee per person is required for entry to the park (children under the age of 12 are free).



# Future Proofing Your Camp

Amidst the dynamic landscape of non-profit organizations, safeguarding the longevity and efficacy of your endeavors stands as a paramount concern. One pivotal aspect that commands particular attention is the notion of 'Future Proofing Your Camp.' Non-profits, especially those operating camps or outdoor programs, face unique challenges in adapting to changing circumstances while maintaining their mission-driven focus. By implementing strategic hacks and innovative approaches, non-profit leaders can fortify their camps against future uncertainties, ensuring continued impact and relevance in the communities they serve. From leveraging technology to fostering strategic partnerships and embracing sustainable practices, 'Future Proofing Your Camp' encompasses a range of tactics aimed at not only surviving but thriving in the face of adversity."

Here are some "hacks" or tips that can help non-profit organizations optimize their operations and maximize their impact:

1. **Leverage Technology:** Use free or low-cost technology tools to streamline operations, manage donor databases, automate communications, and collaborate more effectively. Many platforms offer discounts or free versions for non-profits.
2. **Crowdfunding Campaigns:** Launch crowdfunding campaigns on platforms like GoFundMe, Kickstarter, or Indiegogo to raise funds for specific projects or initiatives. These platforms provide a way to reach a wider audience and mobilize support quickly.
3. **Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:** Encourage supporters to create their own fundraising pages and solicit donations from their networks. Peer-to-peer fundraising can significantly expand your reach and attract new donors.
4. **Corporate Partnerships:** Cultivate relationships with local businesses and corporations for sponsorships, in-kind donations, or employee volunteer programs. Offer them opportunities to align their brand with your mission and showcase their corporate social responsibility.

### 5. Tap into Volunteer Skills:

Identify volunteers with specialized skills such as graphic design, marketing, or web development, and leverage their expertise to improve your organization's materials and online presence.

### 6. Repurpose Content:

Repurpose existing content such as blog posts, reports, or videos to create new engaging materials for social media, email newsletters, or fundraising campaigns. This helps maximize the impact of your content and saves time on content creation.

### 7. Community Partnerships:

Collaborate with other non-profits, schools, churches, or community groups on joint initiatives or events. Pooling resources and sharing networks can amplify your impact and reduce costs.

### 8. Grant Writing Workshops:

Host workshops or webinars to train staff and volunteers on effective grant writing techniques. Building grant writing skills internally can increase your organization's competitiveness for funding opportunities.

### 9. Impactful Storytelling:

Use compelling stories and testimonials to convey the impact of your work and connect emotionally with donors and supporters. Personal stories humanize your cause and inspire action.

### 10. Monthly Giving Programs:

Encourage donors to sign up for monthly giving programs, where they make recurring donations. This provides a reliable source of income and reduces the need for constant fundraising appeals.

### 11. Board Engagement:

Engage your board members actively in fundraising efforts by setting clear expectations, providing training, and leveraging their networks and connections.

### 12. Strategic Partnerships with Influencers:

Collaborate with social media influencers, celebrities, or public figures who are passionate about your cause. Their endorsement and support can help raise awareness and attract new supporters.

By implementing these hacks, non-profit organizations can optimize their resources, expand their reach, and achieve greater

impact in advancing their mission.

Let's delve deeper into each of these non-profit "hacks" or tips:

#### 1. Leverage Technology:

- Utilize free or low-cost software solutions like Google Suite for Nonprofits, Trello, or Asana for project management, communication, and collaboration.
- Implement customer relationship management (CRM) systems like HubSpot or DonorPerfect to manage donor relationships and track interactions.
- Explore email marketing platforms such as Mailchimp or Constant Contact for sending newsletters, donation appeals, and event invitations.

#### 2. Crowdfunding Campaigns:

- Plan and execute targeted crowdfunding campaigns for specific projects, events, or emergency relief efforts.
- Create compelling campaign pages with engaging visuals, clear calls-to-action, and impactful storytelling.
- Promote your campaigns across various channels, including social media, email newsletters, and your organization's website.

#### 3. Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:

- Use peer-to-peer fundraising platforms like Classy or Fundly to empower supporters to create their own fundraising pages.
- Provide supporters with tools, resources, and templates to help them effectively solicit donations from their networks.
- Recognize and reward top fundraisers with incentives such as branded merchandise or exclusive experiences.

#### 4. Corporate Partnerships:

- Identify businesses and corporations with values aligned with your mission and reach out to them for potential partnerships.
- Offer customizable sponsorship packages that provide businesses with meaningful opportunities for visibility and engagement.
- Explore corporate volunteer programs where employees can donate their time and skills to support your organization's initiatives.

#### 5. Tap into Volunteer Skills:

- Conduct skills assessments to identify volunteers with expertise in areas such as graphic design, marketing, web development, or accounting.

- Delegate tasks and projects to volunteers based on their skills and interests, maximizing their impact and satisfaction.
- Provide ongoing training and support to volunteers to enhance their skills and facilitate professional development.

#### 6. Repurpose Content:

- Repackage blog posts, reports, infographics, or success stories into visually appealing formats suitable for sharing on social media platforms.
- Create short video clips, GIFs, or memes using snippets from longer-form content to capture audience attention and drive engagement.
- Experiment with different content formats and distribution channels to determine what resonates most with your target audience.

#### 7. Community Partnerships:

- Identify complementary organizations or groups within your community and explore opportunities for collaboration on joint projects or events.
- Pool resources, share expertise, and coordinate efforts to address common challenges or advance shared goals.
- Host co-branded events, workshops, or awareness campaigns to raise visibility and generate mutual support.

#### 8. Grant Writing Workshops:

- Offer workshops, webinars, or online courses to educate staff, volunteers, and community members on grant writing best practices.
- Provide templates, examples, and resources to help participants develop strong grant proposals tailored to funders' priorities and requirements.
- Offer follow-up support and feedback to participants as they refine their grant proposals and navigate the application process.

#### 9. Impactful Storytelling:

- Collect and document compelling stories from beneficiaries, volunteers, staff, and donors that illustrate the real-world impact of your organization's work.
- Incorporate storytelling into all communication channels, including social media posts, fundraising appeals, newsletters, and annual reports.
- Use multimedia elements such as photos, videos, and quotes to bring stories to life and evoke emotion in your audience.

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# 1st Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Compatriots –

## Current Heritage Defense Issues:

As of this writing, the most prominent Heritage Defense issue within the Division continues to be in Georgetown (Williamson County), Texas. For the past 42 months, the Williamson County Grays Camp #502 (Georgetown) has maintained a weekly presence at the Williamson County Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the Courthouse Square. Antifa and BLM, under the guise of the Wilco “Patriots” continue to have intermittent but sinister gatherings there and have become increasingly confrontational. As you’ll recall, on 6 July the Grays received notification that the Federal Court (where a lawsuit was filed against the Grays and several other defendants, including me in August 2022) was dismissed with prejudice by an Obama-appointed Judge. Norwood then filed a Notice of Appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. After failing to provide the necessary funding to file the Appeal, the 5th Circuit denied his request on 30 November. According to our attorneys (who have done a magnificent job for over a year now), Norwood’s only recourse may be to file in State Court where his chances of success are about nil. Our legal expenses to date have exceeded \$19,000.00. The Grays continue to be very grateful to the Camps and individuals who have contributed to our Legal Defense Fund. Local support for the Grays, already strong, has remained constant and an inspiration to us all.



On 12 November, the Wilco “Patriots”, along with a long list of local and area leftist organizations, sponsored a “Take It Down” rally at the Courthouse. It drew about 150 people, primarily members of said organizations. A number of the Grays were in attendance to observe their activities and ensure that the Memorial wasn’t threatened. There was a lot of the usual hateful rhetoric, but after about 45 minutes, the crowd dispersed – no doubt feeling very good about themselves for “really showing those rebs!” Locals who happened by during all this were not impressed. No lasting effects have been noted.

## Activities:

7 September, 5 October, and 2 November – Attended monthly meetings of the Williamson County Grays Camp #502 (Georgetown) September – November - On the Square in Georgetown every Saturday.

8 September – Attended Living History Program with the Walter T. Saxon Camp #1982 (Hico) in vicinity of Ponder, Texas

14 September – Attended monthly meeting of Williamson County Historical Commission.

24 September – Completed Phase I of re-installation of Williamson County Historical Memorial Bricks that had been removed by the City of Georgetown in February 2022 because of Confederate “affiliation”. Bricks were re-installed on County property.

30 September – Attended DEC Meeting in Waco.

12 October – Attended the monthly meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission.

4 November – Portrayed local Confederate Hero, Lt Colonel Charles LeSuer (4th and 5th Texas Cavalry), at the annual Cemetery Tours Program sponsored by Preservation Georgetown at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Georgetown.

9 November – Attended the monthly meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission.

12 November – See previous note regarding “protest” on the Square.

24 November – Attended the annual “Lighting of the Square” in Georgetown. The Wilco “Patriots” were disrespectfully on hand, but not drawing too many people to their “petition signing.”

Subject to your questions,

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelby*

Shelby K. Little  
Lt Commander  
Texas Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## 2nd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Greetings Compatriots,

The Division continues to receive requests from individuals desiring membership in the SCV. These requests are met with an immediate email response including applications with lineage charts. Once again, these applications are sent to our Division Genealogist for confirmation of ancestry and then forwarded to a local camp commander and/or adjutant. I am encouraging all commanders to respond quickly to the applicant should you get this correspondence from me along with the qualify membership documents.

I urge each camp commander to keep the challenge given by our Commander-in-Chief Boshers to grow each camp by just one member (net).

My home camp, Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983, had recruiting booths at two events that yielded some member prospects. I would continue to encourage all camps to participate in local activities in your area.

The holidays kept most of us very busy, but I was able to attend the 3rd Brigade Christmas gathering and had a great time. I encourage all camps to include invitations to Division officers as well as other camp officers (in your Brigade or not) to your meetings and/or special events.

I will try to be accessible as time and distance permits for all camps. Please let me know if you are having an event, I can participate in with you or offer any other assistance.assistance.

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June 7th-9th  
**127th Texas Division Reunion**  
**REGISTER AT: HoodsTexasBrigade.Net**  
**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

## 3rd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Compatriots,

During our recent DEC meeting, the decision to develop a new scvtexas.org website was deliberated upon and endorsed. I am pleased to share that significant strides have been made in its construction. All existing content from our current website has been seamlessly transferred to the new platform, resulting in a notably enhanced user experience.

Based on its current state of readiness, I suggest that, following agreement from fellow officers, we proceed with the transition. Subsequent refinements can be made post-transition to better tailor the website to our needs.

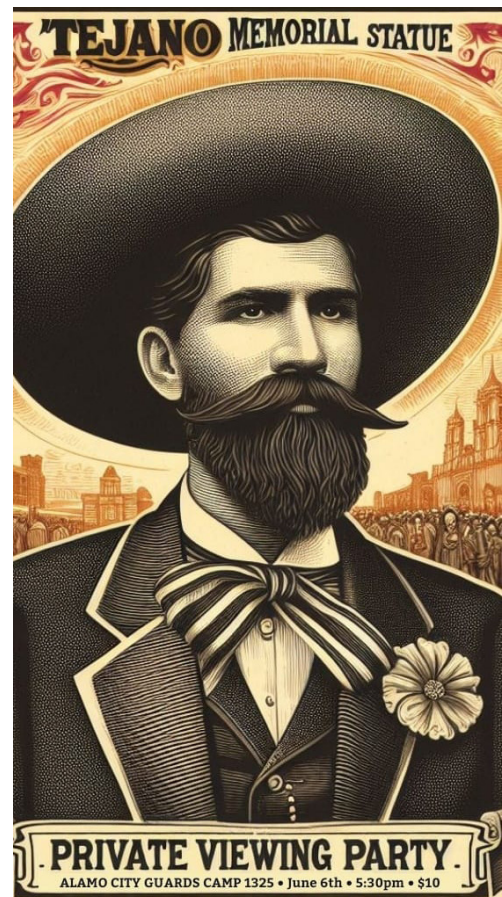
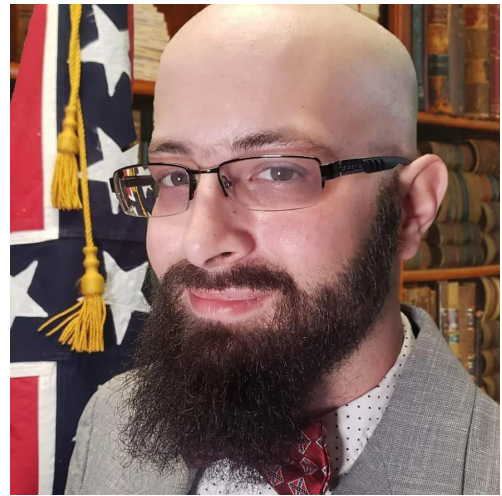
Our ongoing objective is to integrate e-commerce functionality into the website. In the coming quarter, I intend to collaborate with Adjutant Sam Daggett to initiate this phase.

I am delighted to report a substantial increase—900%—in traffic to our Facebook page since assuming office. Compatriot Christian Lee's invaluable assistance contributed significantly to this achievement. Encouraging similar engagement across other camps' Facebook pages is crucial for broader outreach.

Please ensure that our newsletter editor is not blocked on social media platforms or, alternatively, submit relevant photos directly. We actively seek diverse content from across the state for sharing on our social media channels and newsletter. If our Texas Division Facebook page does not follow your camp, feel free to email me with your camp's social media link. Additionally, we can facilitate the inclusion of your camp's social media presence on the division website.

Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

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# The Confederate Gold, FOUND!

By. Terry Hulsey

A review of *The Rebel and the Rose: James A. Semple, Julia Gardiner Tyler, and the Lost Confederate Gold*, by Wesley Millett and Gerald White, Cumberland House Publishing, August 24, 2007.

Millett and White have written a terrific “three-fer”: A wartime romance, a history of the flight from Richmond, and an economic reckoning of the Southern Treasury. They have succeeded, respectively, through narrative skill, meticulous scholarship, and mostly good accounting arithmetic.

Their account might have been told without highlighting the role of James A. Semple and Julia Gardiner Tyler, but the two played important parts in the Confederate war effort, and not only in the events beginning on April 2, 1865, when General Lee finally convinced President Jefferson Davis to abandon the capital at Richmond, Virginia in the face of the Union advance.

James A. Semple was a distinguished captain in the Southern navy who had truly seen the world. His command of several ships had taken him to Tokyo, Europe, South America, and every part of the Mediterranean. He became a key provisioner for the navy, and in that role placed depots of food and clothing not only along the Southern coast, but also inland, including Danville, Virginia. His counterpart in the Confederate army was W.F. Howell, brother of Varina Davis, who deserves a book in his own right. Both were energetic and resourceful men who were indispensable in that unsung effort behind any fighting force: The unglamorous science of logistics.

Despite coming from a distinguished northern Virginia family, Semple lost his parents early and grew up in hardship. Nevertheless, in 1839 he married Letitia Tyler, a daughter of President John Tyler, who served as President from 1841-1845 when President William Henry Harrison died in April 1841 after a month in office. Tyler's first wife (also named Letitia) died in 1842 after bearing eight children, and two years later he married Julia Gardiner, 30 years his junior, who would bear seven more of his children before Tyler's death in 1862. The young Letitia bore a bitter dislike of the charismatic and beautiful Julia, and this resentment may have contributed to the early separation between Letitia and James. And possibly Letitia sensed that her husband was very much attracted to this widow, Julia Gardiner Tyler. *The Rebel and the Rose* quotes from several of Semple's quite passionate love letters to Julia. In one of them, written possibly at the limit of daring for a Southern gentleman, Semple praises the buxom, “Raphaelesque” beauty of Julia. But they were never to marry.

The flight from Richmond began on Sunday, April 2, 1865, with a note received from General Lee by President Davis as he sat in his pew in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It was not the first admonition by Lee to evacuate the capital, but it was the most urgent. Preparations began almost immediately to put the Confederate Treasury onto the train to Danville, some 120 miles to the southwest – one of the few escape routes, and mostly unmolested by the war. Under the direction of Secretary of the Treasury George A. Trenholm, Semple called up some young midshipmen to serve as guards for the funds that he and his co-worker, Edward M. Tidball, chief clerk of the Confederate navy, packed into wagons for transport to the train station.

Trenholm had replaced Christopher Memminger when the latter was forced to resign on July 1, 1864, after issuing Confederate bank notes devalued to one-third that of previous ones. But by the time the train finally left the station about midnight (delayed by the indecisive Davis), the peach brandy shared with other cabinet members in combination with morphine had made him very sick. When the train arrived in Danville in the afternoon of April 3, Acting Secretary of the Treasury became John H. Reagan, then Micajah H. Clark, who would finally transfer his duties to John C. Hendren. It would be Clark who would give the most detailed accounting of Treasury funds to a newspaper, where he attests to \$327,022.90 in gold, silver, and gold and silver bullion, when a counting was done a month later, on May 4, 1865. There had been no time to do a more exact accounting during the evacuation, other than to mark values on the sides of the packed crates. Another account, without mentioning monies, was given in the diary of Tench Francis Tilghman (a member of the prominent Virginia family, whose ancestor was a trusted secretary to George Washington), who stated that what was left of the Treasury ended up in Florida.

Probably the most fungible asset on the train were 50 kegs of Spanish silver reales – the legendary “pieces of eight” of pirate treasure – each keg containing 4,000 coins, each valued at slightly less than a dollar, or almost \$200,000. (All figures given here are historical values, not revalued for the present.) Two of these would be opened in Danville, one for expenses, the other to allow the citizens of the town to redeem their worthless Confederate dollars at the rate of 70 to one coin.

Davis and his entourage of cabinet members, functionaries, and guards did not stay long in Danville. Lee's dwindling forces – many of them unpaid and hungry, who could see that the war was lost – could not prevent the advance of Grant's armies. Davis' plan of action was delusory: To somehow get to Texas and then continue the war with armies funded by what was, as we shall see, piddling funds from the Treasury. Nevertheless, following that plan, the group and the treasure headed south, after first sending 10 kegs of silver (slightly less than \$40,000) to Greensboro, North Carolina under the care of John C. Hendren to pay Joe Johnston's troops, who were fighting a delaying action against General Sherman, and leaving 38 kegs in Danville, presumably for General Lee to retrieve for payment of his troops [Millett and White, page 93]. Acting Treasury Secretary John C. Hendren placed two boxes of gold sovereigns, with a total value of \$35,000 dollars, in Davis' carriage [Millett and White, page 100].

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# Goettlich's Quest: Exploring the Heartland

Embarking on a journey that seamlessly intertwines history with adventure, Compatriot Goettlich's road trip through the heartlands of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana was nothing short of captivating. With a shared passion for unraveling the tapestry of our nation's past, he & Miss Gliceria set their compass towards Confederate sites, each landmark holding stories waiting to be unearthed. From the bustling urban streets of Fort Worth to the tranquil backroads of Natchitoches, his circular route formed a path woven with tales of valor, sacrifice, and resilience. With each mile traversed, he delved deeper into the rich narratives that shaped the landscape before us, immersing ourselves in the echoes of bygone eras. Join us as we recount the highlights of his odyssey, a voyage that transcended mere sightseeing to become a pilgrimage of historical discovery.



The first pause was a delightful interlude for lunch at the Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler. Amidst the serene ambiance of East Texas, Willow Brook Country Club stands as a testament to the region's genteel past, its roots tracing back to the early 20th century when it served as a haven for social gatherings and leisure pursuits. Savoring the culinary delights, he couldn't help but reflect on the bygone era when Tyler blossomed as the "Rose Capital of America," a title earned through its thriving rose industry dating back to the 1920s. This brief respite offered not only a taste of gastronomic indulgence but also a glimpse into Tyler's storied past, setting the tone for the historical odyssey that lay ahead.



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His journey led him to a poignant pause at the Wellspring Spirituality Center, nestled in the quaint town of Whitehouse, Texas, just south of Tyler. This tranquil sanctuary, steeped in history and spiritual significance, serves as a beacon of reflection and renewal in the heart of East Texas. Originally established in the late 19th century, Whitehouse emerged as a pivotal hub along the Texas and Pacific Railway, its growth intertwined with the expansion of railroads across the region. Today, the Wellspring Spirituality Center stands as a testament to resilience and faith, offering solace to travelers and locals alike as they navigate the winding roads of life. As they bowed their heads in prayer, they couldn't help but feel a profound connection to the storied past of this humble town, a reminder of the enduring power of faith and community.

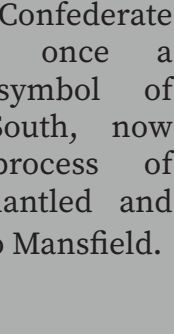
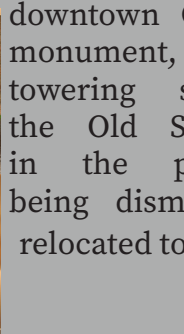
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The next destination on this historical expedition brought Compatriot Goettlich to the R.W. Norton Art Gallery in Shreveport, Louisiana, a veritable treasure trove of Americana and artistic wonders. Stepping through its hallowed halls, they were transported through the annals of American history, greeted by a diverse array of masterpieces that celebrated the nation's cultural tapestry. Among the gallery's prized possessions lay a remarkable collection of firearms, each with its own story to tell, bearing witness to the evolution of weaponry in the New World. However, the Confederate items were temporarily safeguarded in secure vaults below to shield them from the ravages of vandalism. These artifacts, poignant relics of a tumultuous era, serve as tangible reminders of the enduring legacy of the Civil War and the complexities of our nation's past. As we marveled at these historical treasures, we were reminded of the importance of preserving and honoring our collective heritage for future generations to cherish and learn from.



Their midday reprieve led them to the Shreveport Club, a bastion of Southern charm nestled amidst the bustling streets of downtown Shreveport. As they indulged in the culinary delights and soaked in the timeless ambiance, the club's rich history whispered tales of opulent gatherings and genteel traditions that have graced its halls for generations. Yet, just a stone's throw away from this beacon of hospitality, a more somber scene unfolded—the

downtown Confederate monument, once a towering symbol of the Old South, now in the process of being dismantled and relocated to Mansfield.



# Goettlich's Quest: Exploring the Heartland

Mansfield Battlefield Park was a poignant homage to the heroes of a bygone era, whose valor and sacrifice are etched into the very fabric of Southern history. As they traversed the hallowed grounds, where the echoes of past conflicts still lingered in the air, they were struck by the solemnity of the moment. Yet, amidst the stark landscape, they noticed a subtle absence—the museum, once adorned with Confederate symbolism, now sanitized of its historical context. Undeterred by this omission, they embarked on a quiet yet meaningful gesture, placing small flags by the headstones and monuments of these fallen warriors. In doing so, they sought to honor their memory and preserve the legacy they fought to defend, acknowledging the complexities of our shared history while ensuring that their contributions are not forgotten in the passage of time.



Nestled along the tranquil banks of the Cane River, Natchitoches welcomed them with open arms, inviting them to immerse themselves in the charm and allure of its French European heritage. As they strolled through the picturesque streets lined with centuries-old buildings and quaint storefronts, the echoes of history whispered tales of a bygone era when this vibrant town served as a beacon of culture and commerce in the heart of Louisiana. Their exploration led them to the Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site, a testament to Natchitoches' storied past as the site of the first European settlement within the Louisiana Purchase. Walking in the footsteps of early pioneers, they marveled at the reconstructed fortifications and artifacts that offered a window into the challenges and triumphs of frontier life. In this enchanting enclave where the past seamlessly intertwines with the present, they found themselves captivated by the timeless allure of Natchitoches, a living testament to the enduring legacy of French heritage in the heart of the Deep South.



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Their pilgrimage reached its apex as they paid homage to their most sacred destination: Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches. Here lies the final resting place of Maj. Henry Wynkoop Raguet Jr., a revered ancestor whose valor and sacrifice on the battlefield of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico, echo through the corridors of time. As they stood in silent reverence by his graveside, they couldn't escape the weight of history that enveloped them—the memory of a courageous soldier cut down in the prime of his life, fighting for a cause he held dear. Yet, amidst the solemnity, there lingered a poignant reminder of the turbulent legacy that shrouds Confederate memorials across the nation. Reports of a vandal's sledgehammer shattering the headstone commemorating Confederate soldiers at Glorieta Pass during



a period of historic and cultural cleansing serve as a stark testament to the ongoing struggles of reconciliation. It is a testament to the enduring importance of unity and understanding, exemplified by the act of Maj. Raguet's Union cousin, who ensured his honorable burial despite their divergent allegiances. In a world where the monuments of reconciliation are themselves under threat, the legacy of Maj. Raguet serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring need for healing and understanding in our collective narrative.



As their road trip through the heartlands of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana draws to a close, they found themselves reflecting on the myriad experiences that have enriched their journey. From the tranquil backroads of Natchitoches to the bustling streets of Shreveport, each destination has offered a window into the complexities of our shared history, reminding us of the sacrifices, struggles, and triumphs that have shaped our nation. As they stood amidst the hallowed grounds of Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches, paying homage to their ancestors and contemplating the enduring legacy of their actions, we are reminded of the profound importance of reconciliation and understanding in our collective narrative. While the monuments may crumble and the landscapes may change, the lessons of our past remain etched in the fabric of our society, guiding us towards a future built on unity, empathy, and mutual respect. As we bid farewell to this unforgettable odyssey, we carry with us not only the memories of the places we've visited but also the profound lessons they've imparted—a testament to the enduring power of history to illuminate our path forward.

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Submitted by Robert J. Devine, written by Christian Lee

# ACROSS THE DIVISION



[LEFT] Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983 flagging a small rural cemetery in Aurora, Texas in observation of Confederate Heroes Day. Pictured are Camp Chaplain Allen Glanville, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Davis, Camp Cmdr. Jim Cox, Color Sgt. Kim Price, and Camp Adjutant Keith Hulsey.



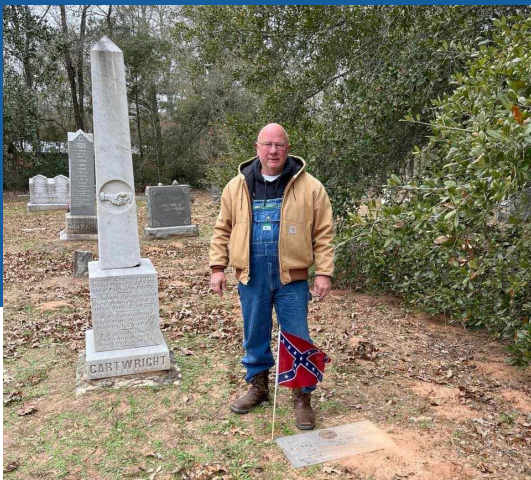
[RIGHT] Members of the R. E. Lee Camp 239, Richard Gano Camp 2292, James Randolph Camp 2255, and the Texas Frontier Camp 1904, along with Division Commander Michael Hurley, participated in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade on a blustery January day. Camp members also handed out ANV Battle Flags to the spectators all along the parade route. Our entry was enthusiastically received by the Fort Worth crowd.



My name is Michael Oliver currently serving as 1st Lt of the Major Robert M White camp #1250 in Temple Tx. As a member of the 7th Brigade we are currently in the formation of a camp in Lampasas Tx. Lampasas county is rich with history and the final resting place of many Confederate veterans either originally from the area or moved there after the war. Lampasas at one time was the third largest city in Texas due to its natural resources and the healing spring waters that attracted many residents and travelers. We currently already have 15 prospective members to

open the camp so far. We are looking forward to getting involved in the local community and support businesses as well as other non profit organizations as we reach out to show the community who

we are and what we believe. We are excited to learn more and honor the memory of those veterans who worked so hard to build this community. We have have secured an active spot in the weekly market on the square and so far have met with a positive response. If any compatriots have friends or family in the area that may want to join please let them know. Please follow us on Facebook we are listed as SCVLampasas. Please be in prayer that we can get all pieces in place so that we can charter soon and officially join the ranks with this new camp.



[LEFT] Grimes County Greys Camp 924 Commander Jody Ballard flagging the Cartwright Cemetery in Montgomery, TX, in recognition of Texas Division's Confederate Heroes Day observance.



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[LEFT] Confederate memorial dedication for Colonel John Burke (1832-1871), 1st Texas Infantry Company E “The Marshall Guards”. Colonel Burke’s Great Great Granddaughter and his Great Great Great Granddaughter were there from Virginia to unveil the marker. The work was done by the men of the W.W. Heartsill Camp #314, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Marshall TX. Colonel Burke is laid to rest in the Oakwood Cemetery located in Jefferson, TX. Great job, Commander Bill Elliott and the men of the Heartsill Camp!!

[BELOW] Miss Susan Lee of the Virginia Flaggers spoke to a packed house at Maj. Robert M. White camp 1250 Lee-Jackson Banquet in Temple, Texas for Confederate Heroes Day.



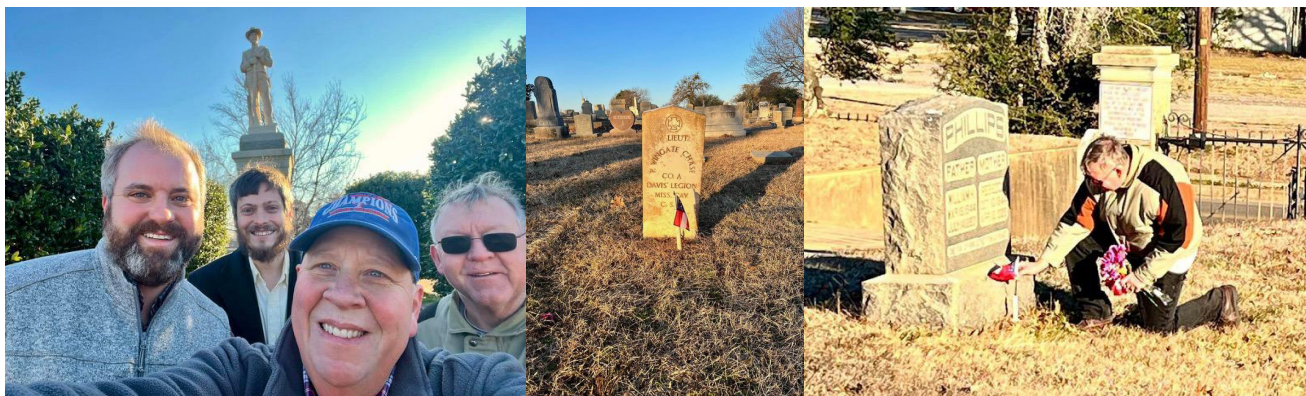
[LEFT] Levi Woods and Travis Grasser of the Matt Barton SCV Camp 441, Sulphur Springs Texas placing flags at Rock Hill Cemetary.

Flags were placed at multiple graves including that of Andrew Gilbreath, Company E, Stones Texas Calvary.

Thank you, gentlemen for your dedication to honoring our Confederate ancestors.



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[ABOVE] Members of Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Tyler, TX, gathered at historic Oakwood cemetery to place over 150 flags on Confederate Veterans' graves in honor of "Confederate Heroes Day" in Texas. Special thanks to Mollie Moore Davis, 217 United Daughters of the Confederacy, for providing the flags.



**Rip Ford Camp #2216**  
Discovering & flagging new Confederate graves in the old Brownsville cemetery.



[ABOVE] For Confederate Heroes Day, members of 2nd Texas Frontier District --- CSA, TX of De Leon and Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp, Whitney, Texas in conjunction with Texas Division Sons Of Confederate Veterans participated in a division wide weekend cemetery clean-up. It was extremely cold but 14 soldiers flags were put in gray holders marking Confederate graves at Hazledell Cemetery in Comanche County.



Commander Finney Clay of the General Jerome B. Robertson Camp 992, Brenham, Texas & 11th Brigade Commander Jerry Nelson participated in the November 11, Waco (TX) Veterans Day parade, taking a trailer with the camp's flags and cannon.

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[RIGHT] Commander Bill Elliot and members of the W. W. Heartsill Camp #314 Marshall, TX at the grave of their camp namesake.

They changed out or reflagged 156 flags on the Confederate Veterans graves in recognition of Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley's Confederate Heroes Day Proclamation.

[BELOW] The Alamo City Guards Camp 1325 hosted their annual star studded event, the Confederate Heroes Day Dinner and celebrated their camp's 49th anniversary at the Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse in San Antonio, Texas.

Pictured are Commander Christian Lee, H.K. Edgerton and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paul Gramling Jr.



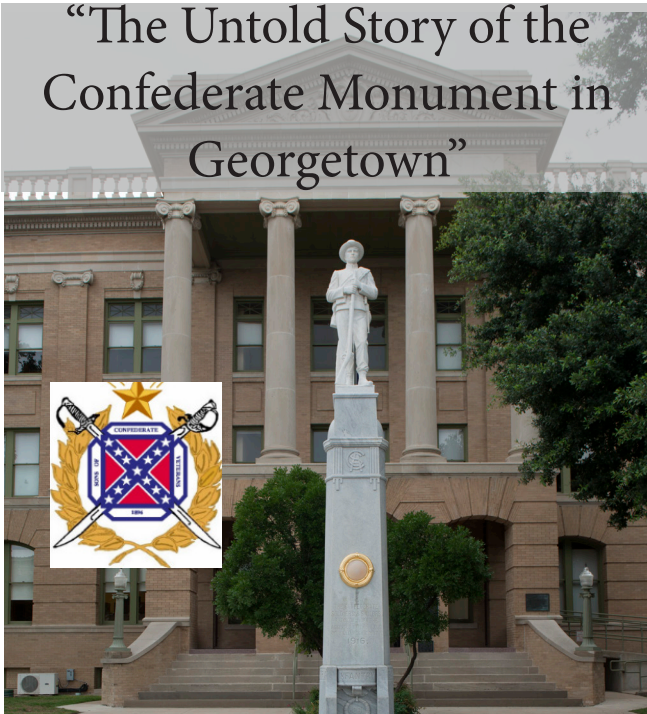
[RIGHT] Grave marker dedication for Pvt Isaac Jackson of the 26th Texas Cav. CSA in observance of Confederate Heroes Day in Texas. In attendance were Pvt. Jackson's family, the Children of the Confederacy attendees and all of members of Waul's Texas Legion - Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 2103.



# UPCOMING EVENT

- **March 23rd 2024 (Saturday) Division Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:00 AM Papa Rollo's 703 N. Valley Mills Dr., Waco, TX 76710
- **April 13th 2024 (Saturday) 23rd Anniversary of the Confederate Memorial Plaza:** 10 AM 121 S Main Street, Anderson, TX 77830
- **June 6th 2024 Tejano Confederate Memorial Statue Viewing Party** hosted by the Alamo City Guards: 5:30pm San Antonio Genealogical Society Dwyer Building. Complimentary hors d'ouvres and drinks. \$10 donation. [alamocityguards.com](http://alamocityguards.com)
- **June 7-9 2024 Texas Division Reunion.** Visit [hoodstexasbrigade.net](http://hoodstexasbrigade.net) for more details.
- **July 16-21 2024 Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion** Visit [scv4.org/2024/](http://scv4.org/2024/) for more details.

## "The Untold Story of the Confederate Monument in Georgetown"



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[commander@scvhoods153.net](mailto:commander@scvhoods153.net) on March 31!

## MENU

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**COMMANDER'S RECEPTION** Friday - June 7th  
7:00 PM

- ★ **Crudite Board - (Glutin/Vegan Option)**  
Fresh cut seasonal vegetables and fruit with signature dips and sauces:  
Blue Cheese, Garlic Aioli, Basil Pesto, Buttermilk Ranch
- ☆ **San Antonio Street Tacos**  
A classic local staple! Your choice of Marinated Cartas, Carne Asada, Chicken Tinga.  
Served with Cabbage Colelaw, Spicy Crema, House Salsa and Guacamole.
- ★ **Premier, Domestic & Imported Beers, Call Brand, House Wines, Soft Drinks & Water**

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**Meritorious Awards Luncheon** Saturday - June 8th  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

- ★ **Classic Ceaser Salade**  
Romain Lettice with herb crutons, shaved parmesan and classic Ceaser Dressing
- ☆ **Chicken Rosemary**  
Breaded Chicken Breast with a herb Rosemary Demi glaze.  
Yukon Gold Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Greenbeans
- ★ **Dulce de Leche Cheesecake**

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**LONE STAR SOUTHERN BALL & BANQUET** Saturday - June 8th  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

- ★ **Iceberg Salade**  
Iceberg Lettice with Cherry Tomatoes, Blue Cheese Cumbles, Bacon Cumbles and House Ranch

YOUR CHOICE...

- ☆ **Sliced Sirlon Steak**  
Served with Garlic Butter & Yukon Mashed Potatoes
- ☆ **Chicken Ficcata**  
Parmesan Breaded Chicken Breast with Lemon Caper Butter Sauce and Orzo Pasta

YOUR CHOICE...

- ★ **Tres Leches Cake**
- ★ **Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake**

**(Con't from page 7) 10. Monthly Giving Programs:**

- Promote the benefits of monthly giving, such as convenience, flexibility, and sustained impact, to your donor base.
- Create dedicated landing pages and donation forms for monthly giving options on your website.
- Implement stewardship strategies to cultivate and retain monthly donors, such as personalized thank-you messages, progress updates, and exclusive perks.

**11. Board Engagement:**

- Clearly communicate fundraising expectations to board members and provide them with training and resources to support their efforts.
- Identify specific fundraising goals and assign responsibilities to individual board members based on their skills, networks, and connections.
- Regularly track and report on fundraising progress to the board, celebrating achievements and addressing challenges collaboratively.

**12. Strategic Partnerships with Influencers:**

- Research and identify influencers or public figures who are passionate about causes related to your organization's mission.
- Reach out to potential partners with personalized messages explaining the alignment between their interests and your cause.
- Collaborate on content creation, social media campaigns, or fundraising events that leverage the influencer's reach and engagement to amplify your organization's message.

In this discussion, we've explored a range of strategies and tips for non-profit organizations, with a particular emphasis on "Future Proofing Your Camp." We began by outlining various hacks, including leveraging technology, crowdfunding campaigns, peer-to-peer fundraising, and tapping into volunteer skills, among others. These hacks aim to optimize operations, maximize impact, and enhance sustainability. Moreover, we delved into the importance of fostering strategic partnerships, engaging board members, and embracing impactful storytelling to strengthen non-profit initiatives. Throughout the discussion, we emphasized the significance of future-proofing strategies, which involve proactive measures to adapt to evolving challenges and seize opportunities.

In conclusion, the concept of "Future Proofing Your Camp" represents a proactive and forward-thinking approach for non-profit organizations striving to ensure the sustainability and resilience of their camp programs. By implementing the innovative hacks and strategies outlined, non-profit leaders can equip their camps with the tools and flexibility needed to adapt to evolving challenges and seize emerging opportunities. Whether through leveraging technology, cultivating strategic partnerships, or embracing sustainable practices, the journey to future-proofing a camp is a multifaceted endeavor rooted in the commitment to fulfilling the organization's mission and enriching the lives of those it serves. By embracing these principles and continually seeking innovative solutions, non-profit camps can navigate uncertain terrain with confidence, ultimately fostering lasting impact and empowerment within their communities.

**WRITTEN BY Christian Lee**

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# Texas Divison Confederate Heritage Month Celebration and Picnic!



**Come Celebrate Confederate Heritage Month!**



•Blanco State Park is located to the South of Blanco, TX at 101 Park Road 23, Blanco, TX 78606

•Location is 1 hr drive from SA, and Austin, 2 hrs from Waco, 3.5 hrs from Houston, and 4 hrs from Dallas.

•The historic CCC built Picnic Pavillon sits on the banks overlooking the beautiful spring fed Blanco River

•Enjoy the Texas Hill Country in the Spring time.

•Hiking, fishing, and bird watching!

•Camping and RV Hook Ups are available

•Pavillon features a playground, kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and large bbq grill on site.

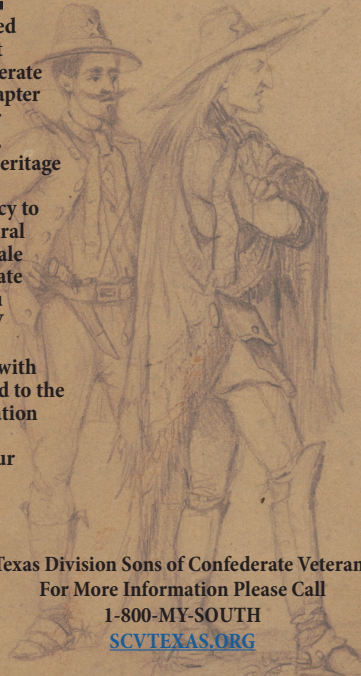
•Bring your favorite Dish for an old fashioned potluck!

•Important Note: \$5.00 entrance fee per person is required for entry to the park (children under the age of 12 are free).

**April 20, 2024  
Save the Date!  
Blanco State Park  
Blanco, TX  
Lunch at 12 Noon**

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