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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year!!

Welcome to the new version of the *Confederate Gazette*, our camp newsletter. I told the camp at the December meeting that I would be taking over as newsletter editor, and that I was looking to not only improve our newsletter, but also improve our digital presence overall. By that, I mean that I am also in the process of putting together a new camp website. I will let you know when it is published and up and running.

As for the newsletter, this is YOUR camp newsletter. Just because I am the editor does not mean that I have to have all of the input into the newsletter. If you have any ideas, written presentations, photos, book reviews, etc., that you want included in the newsletter, please send them to me either by mail or email at the addresses below. I would be very happy to include your submissions into the newsletter. My vision is that this is a joint effort of the camp members. I am just the editor, the guy that puts it all together and publishes it.

So, I hope you enjoy this first issue. Please reply via email and let me know what you think of this new format.

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Happy New Year and blessings to all!!

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet is fast approaching. I look forward to spending the night celebrating our great Confederate heroes with you all. I hope this will be a big year for our camp. I have plans I would like to see go into action this year, and I will need help getting them off the ground. I am optimistic for this year and would love to see camp growth and retention. We have gained several members recently and I would love to see us continue to grow. Our membership is the life-blood of our success as a camp. We need to be out recruiting and showing ourselves to the public. It is a hard thing to do with the political climate the way it is, but if we don't speak up, we will be permanently silenced. We need everyone who can be out there when we do recruiting events or any public events we do. Our 4th of July parade has had little participation from the camp the past few years. We have had several people work multiple shifts at recruiting events to fill in empty spots. When we get some committees set up, we need workers, people who will step up and do what needs to be done. I want a Recruitment Committee, led by our 2nd Lt. Commander, a Cemetery Committee, led by someone who can get out and take care of graves, and an Events Committee, led by someone who can plan and organize camp events and ceremonies. We still need a new color sergeant, someone who will be at every meeting and can post the colors at the beginning, take them down at the end, and take care of them while holding onto them. We also have two rifles that belong to the camp that I have been holding onto and taking care of. We can use these rifles at ceremonies when needed and at during parades.

I appreciate the increase in meeting attendance and hope to see that continue. It is nice seeing everyone at the meetings and getting to be able to complete camp business without any issues. I hope everyone continues to come and participate in meetings and all other camp events. One event I know we will need much more participation and assistance with is the Attack on Fort Parker reenactment event that we are working on holding twice a year. I know Groesbeck is quite a drive, but the event has been enjoyable. We need more people to help clean and assist with moving spectators around the grounds during battles. More re-enactors would be a big plus, too.

I am looking forward to our Lee-Jackson Banquet. There will be a silent auction, great food, a great presentation by Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley, and the presentation of our George Ballentine Memorial Service Award.

God bless you all and I hope to see you soon.

Jonathan Bozeman
Camp Commander



HERITAGE DEFENSE REPORT



TEXAS:

From Shelby Little in Georgetown, “Opposition” events continue on the Georgetown Square however, their numbers and effectiveness continue to erode owing to their hateful behavior and message. Their last “rally” was held on 14 September in conjunction with a conglomeration of atheists, agnostics, and Marxists. The Austin TV media is always on hand to cover these “events” and I spoke to three of them in my capacity as the Division Public Relations Officer.

Regardless of how the reporter might appear to be the lessons learned from this is that we will never be portrayed fairly and great care must be taken in talking to the media.

Following up on the vandalism of the Williamson County Confederate Memorial, the suspect has now made five court appearances with no action taken. Congressman John Carter has a high interest in this case and his representative has attended all the previous hearings. The hearing was deferred due to a change of council by the defendant.

As the new Texas legislative session get underway in January we will be watching to see if a new Monument Protection Bill is introduced. The Scheduling Committee has stood in the way of this the last three sessions and the matter is entwined with the speaker fight and the question of whether the Republicans will cave and allow Democratic committee heads. We may be asking for help on this depending on how things develop.

ELSEWHERE:

In Virginia Governor Greg Youngkin vetoed two bills that would have prohibited the issuance of Robert E Lee and Confederate Veteran specialty license plates. This followed a decision by the Shenandoah County School Board to restore the Confederate names to two schools that have previously been renamed.

From the Virginia Flaggers, the Stuart family of Virginia welcomed a new baby boy, J.E.B. Stuart VII. This is the third child and first son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E.B. Stuart VI.

(The photo is J.E.B. Stuart VII, along with his father J.E.B. Stuart VI, and his grandmother Mrs. J.E.B. Stuart V. Photo courtesy of the Virginia Flaggers.)



Also in Virginia criminal charges are pending against a land owner that has hosted one of the large Confederate Battle Flags there. The legal logic here is complex and twisted but it has to do with a law that was changed to specifically address the flag after permits were granted. Refer to the Flagger website for further details.

NATIONAL:

We are all waiting anxiously for the new Trump Administration. Although probably not a high priority for the incoming president, we continue to hope that action will be taken to reverse the Naming Committee actions that replaced the Confederate names on many military installations.

James "Jim" Pederson
First Lieutenant Commander



SECOND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

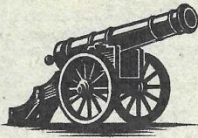
Planning for the May "Attack on Fort Parker" is going well with the committee having the next meeting January 18th. Please see the attached flyer for the event, to be held May 29 – June 1, 2025. Pre-registration for the event is well under way and seeing an improvement compared to last year. The committee is looking to add a Ghost walk, and is looking for other period activities for everyone to learn and enjoy. I am always looking for other ways to earn money to fund future events, any recommendations are welcome. I am looking into starting an "event booth" to raise more money for later events.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Years, and I am looking forward to the growth that 2025 will bring.

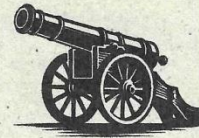
Thank you,

John Larson III
2nd Lieutenant Commander

EXPERIENCE THE ADVENTURE OF
**ATTACK ON FORT
PARKER!**



MAY 29 - JUN 1



866 PARK RD 35. GROESBECK, TX 76642

Step into history! Witness the thrilling Battle for Fort Parker reenactment—Union surprise attack, cavalry charges, and fierce Confederate defense. Don't miss this unforgettable Civil War event

TICKETS: Available for purchase at the Visitor Center

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS: Unit demonstrations, Sutlery shops, Concession stand, and more!

SCHEDULE: Friday - School day
Saturday- Battles at 11am and 2pm
Sunday - Battle at 1pm

For more information please contact us at attackonfortparker@gmail.com

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2025. As we look back on 2024, we thank God for His faithfulness in directing all of our efforts, as well as all of the blessings we have received. However, we must be careful not to dwell on the past, as God wants us to always move forward, especially in our relationships with Him.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." (Isaiah 43:18)

In two weeks, we will have a new President and administration in Washington. Join with me in praying for our country, President Trump, and our lawmakers in Congress, that they will take guidance from the Almighty and lead this country the way it needs to be led to get us back on the right foot.

Also later this month, the Texas Legislature will be in session. Join with me in praying for each and every one of our State Senators and Representatives, that they will keep making Texas a leader in the country. Also, I pray that this is the year that we finally get a monument protection bill passed into law.

As for our camp, I look for great things in the new year. May each of you and your families be blessed with God's richest blessings, health, peace, and prosperity in the new year!!

All glory and honor to God Almighty!!

God bless America, God bless the South, and God bless Texas.

In Christian Service,

James Bozeman
Camp Chaplain

NOTES FROM OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Camp Commander Jonathan Bozeman was absent from the meeting due to being ill, so he asked 7th Brigade Commander and Camp Adjutant James Bozeman to run the meeting for him. At the beginning of the meeting, Camp Adjutant James Bozeman announced that we did not have a quorum of camp members present, as eleven were required and only eight were present, so the reading and approval of the meeting minutes from the November meeting were put on hold.



Tracy Wallace

The guest speaker for our December meeting was Tracy Wallace, from the Williamson County Grays Camp in Georgetown. His presentation was titled “The Wilderness Campaign”. The Wilderness Campaign, also known as the Overland Campaign, is known as the bloodiest 40 days of the War for Southern Independence. It was 40 days of maneuver and combat between the Rapidan and James Rivers, pitting the Civil War’s premier generals — Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant for the Union, and General Robert E. Lee for the Confederacy — against one another in a grueling contest of endurance and guile. This campaign comprises several major battles, but started in the thick wilderness of Virginia, about 20 miles west of Fredericksburg, with the Battle of the Wilderness, fought May 5-7, 1864. Compatriot Wallace continued through the Battles of Spotsylvania Courthouse, Yellow

Tavern, and Cold Harbor. He particularly touched on the fact that Hood’s Texas Brigade was involved in this campaign, having earned high praise from General Lee at the Battle of Chickamauga the previous year. Compatriot Wallace’s presentation was well received by those in attendance, and several questions and comments were offered afterward.

Several items of business were conducted during the meeting:

- Camp Adjutant James Bozeman passed around the ballot box for voting on the annual recipient of the George Ballentine Memorial Service Award, which will be awarded during our Lee-Jackson Banquet in January.
- Adjutant Bozeman gave an update on the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, stating that it would be held at the Gober Party House on Saturday, January 25, 2025, and that our guest speaker would be Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley.
- Adjutant Bozeman announced that the Lampasas Camp was having a Christmas party at the CS Ranch in San Saba on Friday, December 13, and that all were invited to attend.
- Adjutant Bozeman announced that in January he would be taking over the camp newsletter, the Confederate Gazette, as its new editor. He stated that the newsletter would be in a completely different format, and invited camp members to submit items for the newsletter.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Happy Birthday to the following camp members:

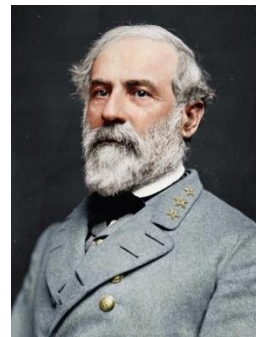
Michael Belcher – January 9

Donald Saylor – January 28

And, of course, we have to say Happy Birthday to:

General Robert E. Lee

January 19, 1807



Lt. Gen. Thomas Jackson

January 21, 1824



THE FAITH OF ROBERT E. LEE AND STONEWALL JACKSON

by James Bozeman

The lives of Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, two of the most prominent figures of the War for Southern Independence, were deeply influenced by their Christian faith. Their belief systems not only shaped their personal lives but also played a significant role in their leadership styles and decision-making during one of the most tumultuous periods in American history. While both men shared a commitment to Christianity, their expressions of faith were distinct, reflecting their individual personalities and experiences.

Robert E. Lee: A Faith Anchored in Duty and Humility

General Robert E. Lee, commanding officer of the Army of Northern Virginia, was a man whose faith was marked by a profound sense of duty, humility, and submission to divine will. Lee’s Episcopalian upbringing instilled in him a belief in the sovereignty of God and the importance of moral integrity. He often referred to his faith as a source of strength, especially during moments of personal and national crisis.

Born on January 19, 1807, in Stratford Hall, Virginia, Robert E. Lee was the son of Revolutionary War hero Henry “Light-Horse Harry” Lee. Despite his father’s early prominence, financial difficulties and his father’s death when Lee was just a child meant that he grew up in relatively modest circumstances. Lee’s mother, Anne Hill Carter Lee, played a significant role in shaping his character and instilling in him a strong moral and spiritual foundation. His early exposure to the teachings of the Episcopal Church laid the groundwork for his lifelong faith and sense of duty.

Lee’s correspondence reveals a man deeply committed to prayer and reliant on scripture. He frequently invoked God’s guidance in his letters and encouraged his soldiers to maintain their spiritual disciplines. For Lee, faith was not merely a private matter but a public example. He believed that moral character and Christian virtues were essential qualities for leaders. His faith enabled him to remain calm under pressure, provide compassionate leadership, and inspire loyalty among his troops. Lee’s reliance on prayer and his belief in divine will allowed him to face setbacks with patience and a steady resolve, qualities that defined his leadership during the war.

Lee’s writings suggest an inner conflict about slavery and the war. He described slavery as a moral and political evil but also believed in the supremacy of states’ rights. This tension highlights the complexities of his faith and its intersection with the societal norms of his time. Ultimately, Lee’s faith called him to accept the hardships of life as part of God’s plan, and he approached the post-war years with a spirit of reconciliation and service, particularly in his role as president of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University).

Stonewall Jackson: A Faith of Intensity and Conviction

Lieutenant General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson, another beloved Confederate general, exhibited a faith characterized by fervent intensity and unwavering conviction. A devout Presbyterian, Jackson’s belief in predestination and God’s providence was central to his worldview. He regarded every aspect of life as an opportunity to serve and glorify God, including his military career.

Jackson was born on January 21, 1824, in Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). Orphaned at a young age after the deaths of both his parents, he was raised by relatives in a challenging and unstable environment. Despite these hardships, Jackson developed a deep resilience and an early sense of independence. His upbringing in the rugged Appalachian region exposed him to a strict Calvinist influence, which would later shape his unwavering commitment to Presbyterian theology. Jackson’s time at the United States Military Academy at West Point further disciplined his character, though he remained a deeply private and introspective individual.

Jackson’s faith was deeply personal and disciplined. He adhered to a strict routine of prayer, Bible study, and Sabbath observance, regardless of the circumstances. This commitment extended to his soldiers, as he frequently organized prayer meetings and encouraged their spiritual growth. Jackson’s battlefield successes were often attributed to his belief in divine intervention, and he famously remarked that his fearlessness in battle stemmed from his faith: “My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death.” His faith gave him the courage to take bold risks and inspired his troops with unwavering confidence and determination.

While Jackson’s faith inspired his leadership, it also revealed contradictions. He was a slave owner who justified the institution as part of God’s order, yet he personally sought to educate enslaved people in Christianity. His actions reflected both the moral complexities of his time and his genuine desire to spread the gospel.

Commonalities and Legacy

Both Lee and Jackson shared a deep reliance on their Christian faith, which provided them with a sense of purpose and resilience during the Civil War. Their belief in divine providence allowed them to endure hardships and inspired their followers. Their faith also helped them maintain moral clarity and focus in the face of adversity, fostering trust and loyalty among their soldiers. By integrating their spiritual values into their leadership styles, they became models of disciplined, principled command.

The legacy of their faith is multifaceted. On one hand, it demonstrates the power of personal conviction and moral leadership. On the other, it underscores the ways in which religion was used to navigate and justify complex societal issues. Today, the faith of Lee and Jackson remains a subject of both admiration and critical reflection, offering insights into the interplay between personal belief and historical context.

ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET



Compatriots and Friends,

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet of the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner will be served at 7:00 pm

Location: Gober Party House, 1516 West Avenue H, Temple, Texas 76504

Meal: Barbecue brisket, sausage, and chicken, catered by Miller's Smokehouse in Belton, Texas

In lieu of purchasing desserts from the caterer, please bring one with you to share.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (children 10 and under are free) – Cash or check at the door

Dress: Confederate uniform or other period dress, or semi-formal modern dress

We will have a silent auction, awards presentation, and the annual presentation of the camp's George H. Ballentine Memorial Service Award.

Please bring any items you would like to donate to the silent auction.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley.

In order to get an accurate head count for the caterer, please RSVP to Camp Adjutant James Bozeman no later than Friday, January 17, 2025. RSVPs can be sent to his email at james.e.bozeman@gmail.com, or cell phone (254) 913-2447.

BELL COUNTY CONFEDERATE HERO

Tazewell Walker “Tad” Powers was born in Coffee County, Tennessee, on May 9, 1829, to Henry Powers and Philadelphia Hickerson, both originally from North Carolina. He moved to Belton, Texas, in the Spring of 1856, at the age of 25, and lived there for the rest of his life.



Tad Powers was a prominent Belton citizen, and until his age and health no longer allowed, was very active in the community. At the time of his death, he was one of Belton’s oldest and most honored citizens, having lived in the city for over 50 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Belton Masonic Lodge #166. He served both bodies faithfully for all of his adult life.

In 1856, Tad married the former Miss Mary Margaret Moore, from Marion County, Alabama. They spent their whole married life in Belton, and together raised eleven children.

On April 11, 1862, Tad enlisted in Company I, 17th Texas Infantry, at Camp Terry in Austin. He saw the Confederate cause as a worthy and honorable cause, and served until the end of the war when the regiment surrendered to Union troops in Galveston in June 1865. The 17th Texas was under the commander of Colonel Robert T.P. Allen, a West Point graduate who served in the Seminole Wars. The regiment was made up of ten companies, composed of men from the counties of Angelina, Bastrop, Bell, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Colorado, Falls, Fayette, Lampasas, Lavaca, Smith, Trinity, Travis, and Williamson. The 17th first significant engagement of the war was the Battle of Milliken’s Bend in June 1863. The 17th spent the rest of 1863 engaged in battles all across Louisiana, including Richmond, LaFourche Crossing, Brashear City, Donaldsville, Harrisonburg, Fort Beauregard, Morgan’s Ferry, Sterling’s Plantation, Opelousas, Barre Landing, Washington, Grand Coteau, and Camp Pratt.



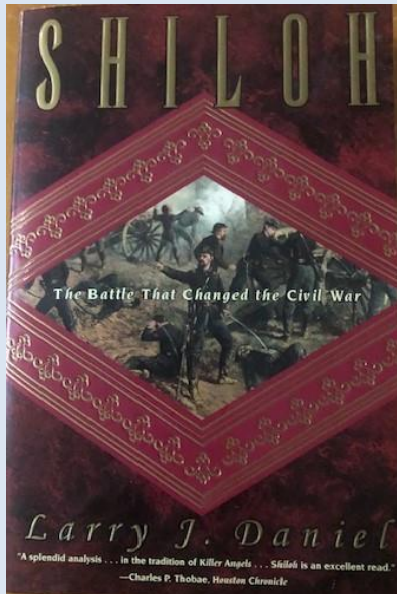
(Photos courtesy of FindAGrave.com)

In the Spring of 1864, the 17th Texas took part in the Red River Campaign against the advance of Union troops under the command of General Nathaniel Banks. During this campaign, the 17th fought at Franklin, Fort DeRussey, Natchitoches, Campti, and then the major battles at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill on April 7-9, 1864.

Private Powers came home to Belton after the war and became very involved with the affairs of the city, his church, and his lodge. He was very admired by everyone that knew him.

Tad Powers passed away on August 27, 1908, about a year after he and Mary celebrated their 50th anniversary. He left eleven children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and is buried in the South Belton Cemetery.

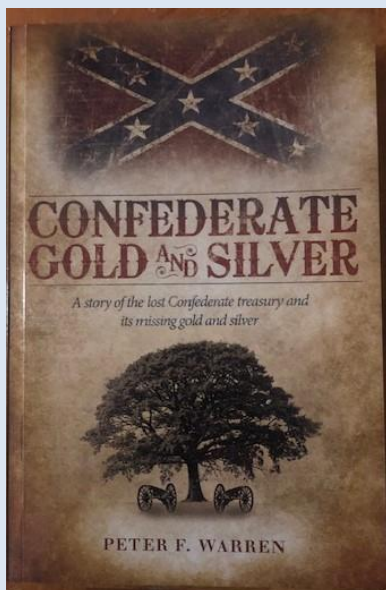
FROM THE BOOKSHELF



SHILOH: The Battle That Changed the Civil War

Larry J. Daniel

The battle of Shiloh, fought in April 1862 in the wilderness of south central Tennessee, marked a savage turning point in the Civil War. In this masterful book, Larry Daniel re-creates the drama and the horror of the battle and discusses in authoritative detail the political and military policies that led to Shiloh, the personalities of those who formulated and executed the battle plans, the fateful misjudgments made on both sides, and the heroism of the small-unit leaders and ordinary soldiers who manned the battlefield.



Confederate Gold and Silver

Peter F. Warren

This historical mystery contains two stories which gradually merge into one. In 2011, after moving to South Carolina, a retired Connecticut state trooper and his wife start their new life. Soon after moving, Paul makes a startling discovery. He discovers the remains of a long-forgotten Confederate soldier, along with several Civil War artifacts. Those artifacts include two glass bottles containing several clues he must decipher. Paul determines that one clue concerns the whereabouts of the lost Confederate treasury; a treasury largely comprised of gold and silver coins.

UPCOMING 2025 SCV REUNIONS



128th Texas Division Reunion – Sons of Confederate Veterans

The members of SVC Camp 2283, 34th Texas Cavalry and SCV Camp 1904, 2nd Texas Frontier along with TSOOCR Chapters Painted Rose #66 and Cactus Rose #23 extend an invitation to all members of SCV Texas Division Camps and their guests to join us in Mineral Wells, Texas, June 6-8, 2025, for the 128th Reunion of the Texas Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

<https://scvtexas.org/128th-texas-division-reunion/>



130th Annual National Reunion – Sons of Confederate Veterans

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) 130th National Reunion, taking place from July 16-20, 2024, in the vibrant city of Houston, Texas. This milestone event promises to be a memorable gathering as we come together to honor our heritage, celebrate our shared history, and forge lasting connections.

<https://scv130.com/>

UPCOMING CAMP MEETINGS

ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

GOBER PARTY HOUSE

1516 WEST AVENUE H, TEMPLE, TX

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM, DINNER AT 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

COTTON PATCH CAFÉ

TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31ST STREET

SOCIAL/DINNER @ 6:00 PM, MEETING @ 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

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TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31ST STREET

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