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FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings,

Welcome to the July edition of the *Confederate Gazette*, our camp newsletter. There are several interesting articles in this issue, so I hope you will read it in its entirety. In this month's issue we have an article on Brigadier General Barnard Elliott Bee Jr., and an article on the First Battle of Manassas, the first major battle of the War Between the States, which happened in July 1861.

Friday, July 4, was the annual Belton 4th of July Parade, and we had representatives from three camps participate this year – the Major Robert M. White Camp, from Temple, the Salt Works Camp #2353, from Lampasas, and the Williamson Country Grays Camp #502, from Georgetown, including our newly elected Texas Division Commander, Shelby Little. There are a couple of photos of the participants next to our float prior to the parade later in this issue.

Remember, this is YOUR camp 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.

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Hello all,

We had a really good turnout for the Belton 4th of July Parade this year! We had representatives from three different camps in attendance – Major Robert M. White Camp #1250, of course, Salt Works Camp #2353 from Lampasas, and the Williamson County Grays Camp #502 from Georgetown. I would like to thank Bill Dunson, from the Lampasas Camp, for providing our truck and trailer for our float this year. And, we were honored to have our newly elected Texas Division Commander, Shelby Little, from the Georgetown Camp in attendance. Despite the rainy day, a great time was had by all.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion is being held in Houston, Texas, July 17-20. It is not a voting year, but there are a lot of events planned, and this is the first time in at least ten years that a national reunion has been held here in Texas. So, if you have never attended a national reunion, this is the one to go to. A registration fee of \$100 will get you into all three of the business sessions, even if you don't purchase tickets to the meals or the tours. On that note, the tours for the Civil War Battle of Galveston and the Texas Revolution Battle of San Jacinto have both been sold out!

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, July 12, at the Cotton Patch Cafe. I hope to see as many as people there as possible.

See you all soon,

Jonathan Bozeman
Camp Commander
Major Robert M. White Camp #1250



HERITAGE DEFENSE REPORT



NATIONAL

As everyone knows by now, President Trump has re-designated the forts that were renamed by the “Naming Commission” under the previous administration. These names, however, have not been reverted back to the original Confederate hero they were named for, but are now named after other people with the same or similar names who, in some cases, may be related.

It is reported that the naming commission effectively made it impossible to simply return to the previous names by presidential edict alone, so this will require action on the part of the Congress, which is far more problematic. While it should be celebrated, it is only a partial victory.

TEXAS AND LOCAL

No significant developments to report this month.

Jim Peterson

1st Lieutenant Commander

Major Robert M. White Camp #1250

SECOND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

We are preparing for the 4th semi-annual "Attack on Fort Parker". We are expecting a larger crowd, both spectators and re-enactors. We are also working on getting a school day for Friday. We are still in need of event help. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me at 254-931-0124.

Thank you, and have a great day!

John L. Larson III

2nd Lieutenant Commander

Major Robert M. White Camp #1250

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In this first part of July, the State of Texas has experienced tragedy and great loss of life after unexpected flash floods all over south and central Texas. The area around Kerrville, along the Guadalupe River, was affected the worst, and as of this writing there have been over 100 confirmed fatalities across the state, with as many as ten young campers from the Camp Mystic Christian Camp still missing, and many more still unaccounted for.

Please join me in praying for the families of those who have lost loved ones, and pray that God will give them strength and comfort during this awful time. Also pray for those who have lost their homes and other property. But, we also need to pray for the first responders, the members of the Texas Military Forces, and the volunteers, who have gone door to door and have searched up and down the river banks and in the woods looking for survivors. This has been hard on them, and they are exhausted but still going.

I would like to share one of my favorite passages, Psalm 46:1-7, which I believe fits this situation:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

In Christian Brotherhood,

James Bozeman
Camp Chaplain

NOTES FROM OUR JUNE MEETING

In lieu of a speaker for our June meeting, Commander Jonathan Bozeman gave a synopsis of all that transpired during the 128th Texas Division Reunion. These notes are attached on the following pages, following the photos of the swearing in ceremony.

Several items of business were conducted during the meeting:

- 2nd Lieutenant Commander John Larson III gave an update on the Attack at Fort Parker reenactment that was held the last weekend of May. He said that it was overall a successful event, and that plans are already underway for the next event in October.
- Camp Adjutant James Bozeman gave an update on the monument protection bills in the Texas Legislature, stating that neither the House Bill nor the Senate Bill got on the calendar for a vote, so we have to wait until the next legislative session to try again.
- Our newest camp member, William Burns, was sworn into the camp. Photos are below.
- Commander Bozeman reminded everyone in attendance of the camp's participation in the annual Belton 4th of July Parade. He said that we would find out our position in the parade during the parade safety meeting on June 21.
- Commander Bozeman announced that Hood's Texas Brigade (Re-Organized) would be unveiling a flag on Friday, June 13, at the Hood County Courthouse in Granbury, that they are donating to Hood County. It is a replica of General Hood's 1st Texas Infantry Flag.
- Commander Bozeman announced that President Trump is renaming all of the United States military bases formerly named for Confederate generals back to their original names.



Chaplain James Bozeman swearing in our newest camp member, Compatriot William Burns, while Commander Jonathan Bozeman and First Lieutenant Commander Jim Pederson look on.



Camp Commander Jonathan Bozeman congratulating our newest camp member, Compatriot William Burns.

(Photos courtesy of Mrs. Jane Vaughn.)

NOTES FROM THE 128TH TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

The first thing that was voted on was the site of the 2027 Texas Division Reunion. For the first time in many years, there were two separate presentations. The Alamo City Guards Camp wanted to do the reunion in Gonzales, but there is no host hotel there and there are other logistical issues that would make it difficult. The camps of the 7th Brigade proposed a combined effort to do the 2027 reunion in Granbury, at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, which is right next door to the host hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn.

The Granbury presentation won in a landslide vote, so the 7th Brigade will be hosting the 2027 130th Texas Division Reunion.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals:

Richard Smoot's proposal to move money each year from the Life Membership Account into the General Account PASSED.

Christian Lee's proposal to increase the amount of money given to the reunion host camp each year from \$3 to \$5 per member was withdrawn by Compatriot Lee and not voted on.

Cody Crislip's proposal to allow the Division Commander and Division First Lieutenant Commander to serve a second term was withdrawn by Compatriot Crislip and not voted on.

Jim Cox's proposal to lower the total amount of the cost of a Texas Division Life Membership based on age PASSED.

Christian Lee's proposal to add an Officer Recall Provision was withdrawn by Compatriot Lee and not voted on.

Cody Crislip's proposal to email the Spring edition of the Texas Division Reporter to all members, and only mail it to the Brigade Commanders, FAILED.

Division Officer Elections:

Division Commander - First Lieutenant Commander Shelby Little ran unopposed and was elected by affirmation.

Division First Lieutenant Commander - Second Lieutenant Commander Jim Cox ran against 6th Brigade Commander Mackey Fair, and the election was won by Jim Cox.

Division Second Lieutenant Commander - 2nd Brigade Commander Bob Hazelwood ran against Alamo City Guards Camp Commander Christian Lee, and Bob Hazelwood won in a landslide vote.

Division Third Lieutenant Commander - Current Third Lieutenant Commander Cody Crislip ran unopposed and was elected by affirmation.

7th Brigade Officer Elections:

Each of these men ran unopposed, and were therefore elected by affirmation.

Your new Brigade Commanders are:

Brigade Commander - D.W. Davis (Hico)

First Lieutenant Commander - Steve Wells (Cleburne)

Second Lieutenant Commander - Michael Oliver (Lampasas)

Commander Davis has already formed two new Brigade committees:

The 2027 Reunion Committee, chaired by James Bozeman, which will have at least one representative from each camp.

A Recruiting and Retention Committee, chaired by our new Second Lieutenant Commander Michael Oliver, which will have every camp's Second Lieutenant Commander on it.

He is looking at further committees, but these are the two that have already been determined.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS

Bull Run was the first full-scale battle of the Civil War. The fierce fight there forced both the North and South to face the sobering reality that the war would be long and bloody. Although the Civil War officially began when Confederate troops shelled Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, the fighting didn't commence in earnest until the Battle of Manassas, fought months later in Virginia, just 25 miles from Washington D.C. Under public pressure to end the war in 90 days, President Lincoln had pushed the cautious Brigadier General Irvin McDowell to embark on a campaign to capture the Confederate capital in Richmond, but McDowell's troops were stopped at Bull Run by Brigadier General P.G.T. Beauregard's Rebel forces. The Federals retreated to Washington, where the Lincoln administration retooled for a war that would be waged at great human and financial cost.

On July 16, the Union 90-day volunteer army under McDowell - around 35,000 troops with great enthusiasm and little training - sets out from Washington, D.C. The Confederates under Beauregard, equally green, are positioned behind Bull Run Creek west of Centreville. They aim to block the Union army advance on the Confederate capital by defending the railroad junction at Manassas, just west of the creek. The railroads there connect the strategically important Shenandoah Valley with the Virginia interior. Another Confederate army under General Joseph E. Johnston operates in the Valley and is poised to reinforce Beauregard. McDowell's plan is to make quick work of Beauregard's force before Johnston can join him.

On July 17, both sides skirmish along Bull Run at Blackburn's Ford near the center of Beauregard's line. The inconclusive fight causes McDowell to revise his attack plan, which requires three more days to implement. Meanwhile, Johnston's men in the Valley manage to elude the Federals and board trains headed for Bull Run. They arrive at the scene on July 20.

On July 21, McDowell's early morning advance up Bull Run Creek to cross behind Beauregard's left is hampered by an ambitious plan that requires complex synchronization. Constant delays on the march by the green officers and their troops, as well as effective scouting by the Confederates, give McDowell's movements away. Later that morning, McDowell's artillery shells the Confederates across Bull Run near a stone bridge. Two divisions finally cross at Sudley Ford and make their way south behind the Confederate left flank. Beauregard sends three brigades to handle what he thinks is only a distraction, while planning his own flanking movement of the Union left.

The Federals have the upper hand throughout the morning as they drive Confederate forces back from Matthews Hill. The retreating Confederates rally on an open hilltop near the home of the widow Judith Henry, where a brigade of Virginia regiments led by Brigadier General Thomas J. Jackson assembles. Jackson forms the scattered Confederate artillery into a

formidable line on the eastern slope of the hill with his infantry hidden in the tall grass behind the guns.

As the Confederates reinforce their lines, McDowell pauses his attack. Consolidating his own forces, he moves more divisions across Bull Run and occupies Chinn Ridge, west of Henry Hill. Then McDowell blunders. He places two rifled artillery batteries on the western side of Henry Hill within 300 yards of Jackson's guns. Union infantry regiments soon become targets of Jackson's nearby artillery. A contest between infantry and artillery erupts, causing havoc and accidentally killing Judith Henry in the crossfire as she hides in her home.

Jackson's men hold firm. Sometime during the fighting, Confederate Brigadier General Bernard Bee encourages his own brigade to rally with Jackson, who, he declares, is standing like a "stone wall." Although he is killed in action, Bee's statement lives on, and from that moment Jackson is known as "Stonewall."

Late in the afternoon, Confederate reinforcements under Colonel Jubal Early extend the Confederate line and attack the Union right flank on Chinn Ridge. Jackson's men advance across the top of Henry Hill and push back the Federal infantry, capturing some of the guns. The withdrawal of the Union center quickly spreads to the flanks. Virginia cavalry under Colonel James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart arrive on the field and charge into a confused mass of Union regiments. The Federals retreat.

As the battle ends, the Confederates are bolstered by the arrival from Richmond of President Jefferson Davis, but the victorious forces are too disorganized to pursue the Federals. McDowell's fleeing forces, already hampered by narrow bridges and overturned wagons, are further impeded by hordes of fleeing civilian spectators, who had come down from Washington to enjoy the spectacle. By July 22, the remnants of the shattered Union army reach the safety of Washington. After this stinging defeat for the Union, Brigadier General Irvin McDowell, the commander of the Union Army of Northeastern Virginia, was relieved and replaced by Major General George B. McClellan, who set about reorganizing and training what would become the Army of the Potomac.

Citation:

"Bull Run: First Manassas," *American Battlefield Trust*, accessed July 8, 2025,
<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/bull-run?ms=pinterest>

BRIGADIER GENERAL BARNARD ELLIOTT BEE JR.



Barnard Elliott Bee, Jr., Confederate general, was born on February 8, 1824, in Charleston, South Carolina, the son of Anne and Barnard E. Bee, Sr. In the summer of 1836 the family moved to the Republic of Texas, where Bee's father served as Secretary of State. The young man was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point with an "at large" status on July 1, 1841, and he graduated thirty-third in the class of 1845.

He was brevetted a second lieutenant in the Third United States Infantry regiment on July 1, 1845, and was confirmed in that grade on September 21, 1846. In the Mexican War he was brevetted to the rank of first lieutenant on April 18, 1847, "for gallant and meritorious conduct" at the battle of Cerro Gordo and to captain on September 13, 1847, for his role in the storming of Chapultepec. He was also presented with a sword by the state of South Carolina for his services. Bee served as adjutant in the Tenth United States Infantry regiment from July 25, 1848, through March 3, 1855, and was promoted to first lieutenant on March 5, 1851, and to captain on March 3, 1855. After resigning his United States Army commission on March 3, 1861, Bee was elected lieutenant colonel of the First South Carolina Regulars, a Confederate regiment of artillery. On June 17, 1861, he was appointed brigadier general and assigned to the command of a brigade in General Pierre G. T. Beauregard's Army of Virginia at Manassas Junction. There, on July 21, 1861, his men sustained the brunt of the federal assault on the Confederate left wing in the First Battle of Manassas, or Bull Run, and Bee is said to have ordered his men to "Rally behind the Virginians! There stands Jackson like a stonewall!" thus giving General Thomas J. Jackson his famous sobriquet. Leading by example, Bee was constantly at the head of his brigade and fell mortally wounded just as the enemy assault began to recede. He died on July 22, 1861, in the small cabin near the battlefield that had been his headquarters. The Confederate congress confirmed his rank as brigadier general more than a month after his death. He is buried in Pendleton, South Carolina. He was the brother of Confederate Brigadier General Hamilton Prioleau Bee.

Citation:

Thomas W. Cutrer, "Bee, Barnard Elliott, Jr.," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed July 8, 2025, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/bee-barnard-elliott-jr>.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Happy Birthday to the following camp members:

Geoffrey Scott – July 18

Brandon Fowler – July 19

Larry Wilson – July 25

Bobby Thomas – July 28



ANNUAL BELTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

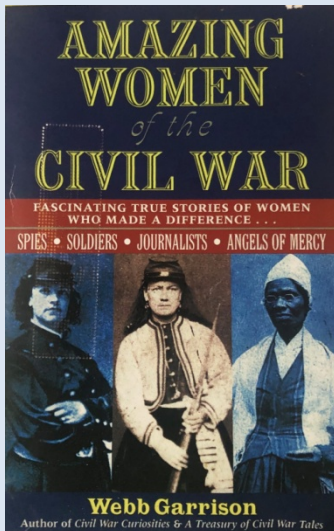
We had representatives from three camps in attendance this year – the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250, the Salt Works Camp #2353, and the Williamson County Grays Camp #502. Special thanks to Bill Dunson of the Salt Works Camp for providing our truck and trailer this year.



FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Amazing Women of the Civil War

Webb Garrison



The Civil War is most often described as one in which brother fought against brother. But the most devastating war fought on American soil was also one in which women demonstrated heroic deed, selfless acts, and courage beyond measure. Women mobilized soup kitchens and relief societies. Women cared for wounded soldiers. Women were effective spies. And it is estimated that 300 women fought on the battlefields, usually disguised as men. The most fascinating Civil War women include:

- **Harriett Tubman**, a former slave, who led hundreds of fellow slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad.
- **Four hundred women** who were seized in Roswell, Georgia, deported to Indiana, and vanished without a trace.
- **Belle Boyd**, the “Siren of the Shenandoah,” who at the age of seventeen killed a Union soldier.
- **“Crazy” Elizabeth Van Lew**, who deliberately fostered the impression that she was eccentric so that she could be an effective spy for the North

UPCOMING CAMP MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

SPEAKER – TBD

COTTON PATCH CAFÉ

TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31ST STREET

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

SPEAKER – TBD

COTTON PATCH CAFÉ

TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31ST STREET

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

SPEAKER – TBD

COTTON PATCH CAFÉ

TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31ST STREET

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