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Gen. Felix H. Robertson Camp 129
Waco, TX



October 2024 Newsletter

I'm sorry the newsletter didn't go out, as I had scheduled it for October 3. It's better late than never! -- Ann

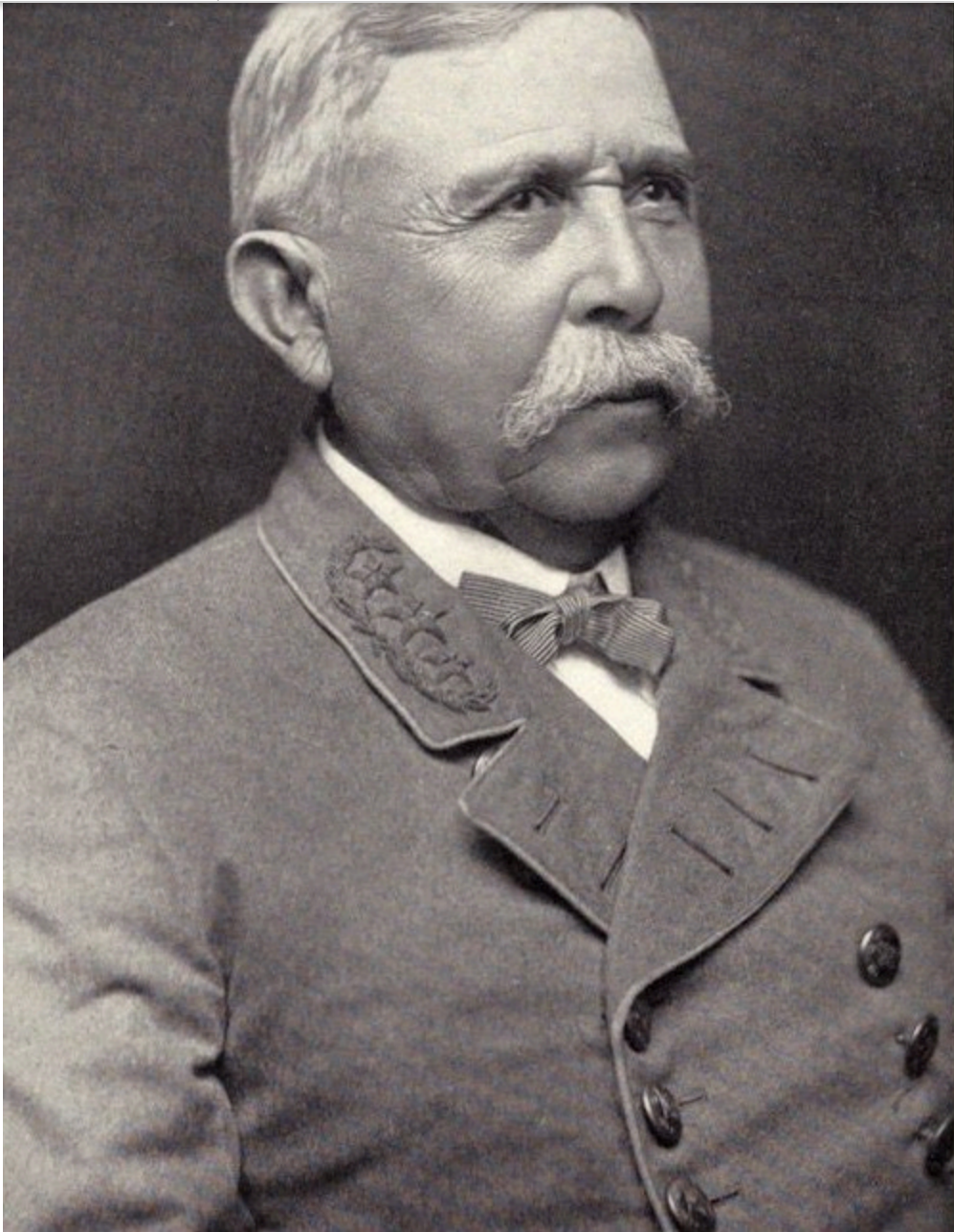
October 8 Gen. Felix H. Robertson Camp Meeting at Poppa Rollo's on Valley Mills Dr. starting 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to talk about their Confederate ancestors.

October 19 Walking Tales at Oakwood Cemetery starting at 10:00 a.m.

October 24-27 Living History at Old Fort Parker

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee



Pictured above is the namesake of our Great Camp, Brig. Gen. Felix Huston Robertson. Much can be said about this great general in his service during and after the war in Texas. He was the only general who was a native-born Texan. Not only that, but he and his father, Jerome Bonaparte Robertson, were the only other father-son generals on either side of the war besides Gen. Robert E. Lee and his sons. After the war, Robertson chose Waco as his permanent home. He began to study and practice law, while also being inspirational in the area to stand up against the Yankee invasion known as Reconstruction. He passed away on April 20, 1928, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco. He left behind one last legacy as being the last surviving Confederate General.



by Bobby Fears

Greetings, one and all!

Yay, cooler weather, well, kind of. A couple of events are taking place in October; on Saturday, October 19, Walking Tales will take place at Oakwood Cemetery. If you are interested in sharing the story of a Waco Confederate veteran, please see Ann Westbrook. Then, October 24-27 is the Battle at Ft. Parker. The 24th is set up, the 25th is a school day, 26th and 27th are the main event. The Temple camp is organizing this and can use all the help they can get uniforms, no uniforms, whatever; there's a need for volunteers. We can set up a table!

At our October 8 meeting, we will remember our Confederate ancestors! If you choose, say a little something about your departed relative and honor their memory! We will also discuss when to do a highway clean-up in November. Mr. Steve Canuteson has gifted us with a riding mower! Of course, we will offset some of the cost and figure that out, too!

As you know, Mr. Stan Parker passed last month, and he was the impetus behind the Veteran's Day Parade. I'm sure there will still be one, but I am unaware of who will be in charge of that. If you know, let us know!

Lastly, the Texas Civil War Museum will close permanently at the end of October. It's now or never, but I'm glad we went ahead and visited it! When history becomes history, it's a crazy world!

See y'all on the 8th!

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Lt. Commander's Comments

by Markham B. Dossett

All veterans in McLennan County have lost a champion with the death of our good friend Stan Parker. Stan was a descendant of Quanah Parker. His son is a former US MARINE. Stan was the principal organizer and financier of the Waco Veterans Day Parade for many years. His STAN PARKER FOUNDATION did great things for veterans both in public and behind the scenes. I have known Stan for 40 years and always had great respect for him and his family. In recent conversations with me, he had agreed to join our SCV Camp and was filling out his application. He has attended some of our meetings in the past few months. So back to GEN Stephen D. LEE'S charge to all of us:

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Stan Parker was doing that for all veterans. What have you done to FORWARD THE COLORS for SCV this month?

2nd Lt. Commander's Comments

by John Dickey

Just think, in two more months....no more POLITICAL CARTOONS to watch! I am sure we will all be disappointed.

The DEC meeting was held last week with some rather interesting discussions about the Division Reunion held in San Antonio. Essentially, another Reunion that lost money, even with all the “stop gap” protections that were put in place! A more positive discussion was had regarding the 2025 National Reunion to be held in Houston. One antique firearm dealer purchased 9 vendor tables at \$100/each!

Here at home, the First Street Cemetery has quietly come to the forefront, so I have done more investigation. The cemetery needs a considerable amount of work, mostly on the headstones that are covered in moss and grime. I have isolated 62 Confederate veterans needing work, cleaning up their headstones and grave markers.

It is a project that the Camp should take on and one that we, as a group, need to consider. It will need to be some manual labor that we could take on; no deadline to meet, just whenever a few of us can show up and scrub! First Street was the City cemetery when it opened in 1850 and where most everyone was buried until Oakwood opened in 1870. Several notable Confederates are buried there, including the Generals Harrison—James, Richard, and Thomas. James was later transferred to Oakwood.

Working to secure permission from the City to begin the maintenance, which should not present any problem. Then ordering plenty of D2 solvent, scrub brushes, and buckets is next, total cost should be around \$200.00 or less. D2 is the solvent used by the National Cemetery Administration to clean headstones and markers in the National Cemeteries.



Book Reviews

by Cary Bogan

“Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight of Lee’s Army after Appomattox”, by Caroline Janney, published by The University of North Carolina Press. In most books the events at Appomattox are described, and, presto, the WBTS is over. Not so fast. The end of the war was messy, and the surrender of Lee’s army was not the orderly event that it is portrayed to be. Many men wanted nothing to do with surrendering, and some groups fled rather than giving up. Some men considered the surrender conditional upon the good behavior of the enemy. Many Confederates did not consider themselves beaten. Many Southerners still held the yankees in deep contempt and disdain. As the author notes,

righteousness of their cause. This is an excellent book on a subject that most people probably don't give much thought.

"A Fine Opportunity Lost: James Longstreet's East Tennessee Campaign, November 1863—April 1864", by Colonel Ed Lowe U.S.A. Ret., published by Savas Beatie. This is another volume in the "Emerging Civil War Series". This deals with General Longstreet's ultimately unsuccessful campaign against Knoxville, Tennessee, after being detached from the Army of Tennessee. Longstreet's high military reputation took a major hit with his bumbling while on independent command. He proved on numerous occasions that he could unleash a devastating infantry assault: Second Manassas, the 2d Day at Gettysburg, Chickamauga, and the Wilderness. But, he lacked vision as an independent commander. This book is an excellent look at this disappointing campaign.

"War in the Western Theater: Favorite Stories and Fresh Perspectives from the historians at Emerging Civil War", edited by Sarah Kay Bierle and Chris Mackowski, Forward by David A. Powell. This book is a compilation of posts from the Emerging Civil War blog page. In general, these articles are worth reading. They are not organized in any particular order, and cover a wide range of subjects. If you are interested in the Western Theater you will like this book.

"The Apache Wars: The Hunt for Geronimo, The Apache Kid, and the Captive Boy Who Started the Longest War in American History", by Paul Andrew Hutton, published by Crown. This is an entertaining and complete history of the Apache Indian wars from the 1840s to about 1890. This book is well written and has an amazing cast of characters.

"Okinawa: A Decorated Marine's Account of the Last Battle of World war II", by Robert Leckie, published by Penguin Books. This is the shortest Okinawa book that I have read, but it is worth reading. Robert Leckie is a great writer, and knows how to entertain, as well as inform. This book belongs on the shelf along with all the other books on the battle.

"The Soviet Infantryman on the Eastern Front", by Simon Forty, published by Casemate Illustrated. This is a glossy, 128 page, heavily illustrated overview of the Soviet soldier on the Eastern Front. It includes sections on weapons, uniforms, transport and services, strategy and tactics, and life in the field.

Company. This book is a complex, deep dive into why the Allies defeated Nazi Germany.

Upcoming Events!



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