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WE ARE OFF ON A GOOD START!



By: Dustin Seiler, Camp 3rd Lt. Commander

Since our first two camp meetings; already the new officer's, members, and friends of the camp have hit the ground charging with beginning on making preparations on future camp activities for the year of 2019. Past Commander Bill Smith has been busy coordinating with twenty-five (25) high schools across the greater San Antonio and Hill Country area with the JROTC and Student Award programs. Members such as Mike Reynolds, Bubba Cheek, and

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others will be on hand to distribute the awards to cadets of the JROTC programs for their leadership, dedication and academic achievements. 1st Lt. Commander Mike Riser is working on getting the camp involved in various parades in and around the San Antonio as well as the Hill County areas.

Genealogist Sanford Reed have been working for months on the history of the sixty four confederate soldiers and two union soldiers buried in the Wrightsboro Cemetery in Wrightsboro, TX. This Confederate Hero's Ceremony will be held on March 16th, and will have canteen ceremony, the services of the Trans-Mississippi Old Guard along with the Black Roses and Gentlemen Greys of the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose TM, Inc.

Chaplain John McCammon, who also the President of the Confederate Cemetery Association has been working closely with members of the TSOCR Alamo Rose Chapter 4, as well as the Military Order of the Stars and Bars: Sul Ross Chapter 184, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sydney Albert Johnston Chapter 2060 as well as our sister camps Alamo City Guards Camp 1325 and the Lone Star Greys Camp 1953 to prepare for the Annual Confederate Decoration Day at the Confederate Cemetery in San Antonio, TX.

San Antonio Cannoneer First Sergeant, Bill Manuel and the artillery crew will be on hand along with members of the camp at the Tejeda History Fair at Frank Tejeda Middle School on April 6th. I know this sounds like a lot of work, but this is only just the beginning of a productive and active year for our camp.

HERITAGE MINUTE:

THE DAYS WHEN WAR WAS HELL



By: Joe Owen

Submitted by: Sanford Reed, Camp Genealogist

A poignant poem written by Sergeant Val C. Giles of the 4th Texas Infantry Regiment in the September 1907 issue of Confederate Veteran Magazine. In the article he wrote about the history of the First Texas infantry Flag and ended the article with this tribute:

This faded relic here today,

So torn by shot and shell

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Waved proudly o'er Virginia's hills
In the days when war was hell.
No foeman's hand e'er touched the flag,
And oft the rebel yell
Has rung beneath these thirteen stars,
In the days when war was hell.
'Tis old and faded now by time,
And torn by shot and shell;
'Twas never furled on any field,
In the days when war was hell.
This grand old flag so silent now,
A story sad can tell,
Of those who died beneath its folds
In the days when war was hell.



OUR LEGACY

A Brief Bio of a Camp Member's Confederate Ancestor

**2ND LT. CRAWFORD CLIFTON
"DOC" BURNETT JR.
COMPANY F. 17TH TEXAS CAVALRY REGIMENT**

Crawford Clifton "Doc" Burnett Jr. was born on April 19th 1835 in Harris Co., Texas. By August 6th, 1957 (antebellum) Doc was married to Sarah Elizabeth Dillard in Gonzales Co., TX. He was known as being a trail-men and one of the first to drive herds from Texas to Kansas in the 1860's. During the War of Northern Aggression, Doc served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 17th Texas Cavalry: Co. F under the commands of Colonel George F. Moore, Lt. Col.

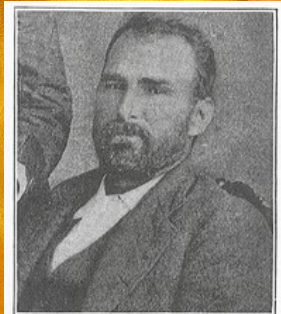
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Sterling B. Hendricks, Lt. Col. James R. Taylor, Lt. Col. Sebron N. Noble and Major John McClarty, Col. Thomas F. Toker. The 17th Texas was organized on March 15th 1862, accepting 1,000 enlisted men from Cherokee, Smith, Red River Counties as well as from the towns of Jamestown and Douglas, Texas. After six months of organization, the 17th Texas Cavalry entered into service of the Army of Trans-Mississippi in the late summer of 1862.

By April 24th, 1862, the regiment was transferred to Arkansas where Doc's company was assigned to the First Brigade: Second Division of the Army of Trans-Mississippi. By May 24th, the 17th Texas Cavalry was reorganized into nine companies only later to have Colonel Moore be relieved of his command and subsequently the 17th Texas would be assigned to Lt. Col. James R. Taylor. At some point in August of 1862, Doc and the rest of the 17th Texas Cavalry was dismounted for reasons unknown prior to the engagement at Arkansas Post on January 11th, 1863. At the Battle of Arkansas Post, a majority of the cavalry were captured by federal forces. Those men who were taken as POW's were transferred to the Fort Delaware -via Camp Chase in Ohio. Later exchanged for Union prisoners and returned to service in the CSA.

After the prisoner exchange of 1863, the 17th Texas Cavalry, now dismounted - split in to two different units and took on a unique position in the war: a small part went east to later serve as part of Gen. John Bell Hood's operations in Georgia and Alabama before defending Yankee Gen. Sherman's march south in November of 1864. While Doc's company remained west of the Mississippi River as part of the Army of Trans-Mississippi effects to defend Louisiana's Opelousas, Barre Landing, Grand Coteau, Bayou Bourbeau, Carrion Crow Bayou, and Buzzard's Prairie. By the beginning of March 1864 Doc's Company was part of the defense forces that fought Yankee Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks' Red River campaign in attempt to sever Texas from the Confederacy and disrupt the cotton trade to the rest of the CSA, which resulted in the destruction of numerous properties, farms, home steeds, and even the city of Alexandria, LA.

Doc also served his part in Texas history at the famous battle of Palmetto Ranch under the command of Col. John "Rip" Ford on May 13th, 1865 four week after Gen. Robert E. Lee and the remaining Hood's Texas Brigade that surrendered at Appomattox. Despite winning what was later called "The Last Battle of the Civil War", Col. Ford disbanded his remaining forces and the last of the 17th Texas Cavalry surrendered with Gen. Edmund K. Smith at Galveston on June 2nd, 1865. Doc returned to his wife, Sarah and family in Gonzales, TX. where he lived out the rest of his days before being called home to the lord on January 12th, 1914. He is at rest in the Pilgrim Cemetery in Gonzales, TX, with is wife next to him. Sarah followed Doc in death on February 22nd 1922. Doc is survived in spirit by his great-great-grandson, George P. Foulds who to this day serves as his Guardian and places a Confederate Battle flag at his grave in



DOC BURNETT

honor of his service.

WHY THE HOCHHEIM MONUMENT WAS BUILT



By: William Smith, Camp Past Commander

I was asked by the new Commander of the Edward Lea camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans tell the story behind the marker that my wife and I built in the cemetery at Hochheim, Texas. First, I must tell you who I am. I am the son of two World War II veterans, both Army Captains. Mom was raised by folks that had been in Texas before it was Texas. Dad was one of fourteen brothers and sisters born to a storekeeper in Ohio. I was taught to pledge the Texas flag first, the Confederate second, and the American flag third. I am a new member to the Edward Lea Camp #2; Commander of Hood's Texas Brigade, SCV Camp 153, San Antonio; Heritage Officer & JROTC Coordinator for Military Order of the Stars Bars, Sul Ross Chapter 184.

Susan and I liked to walk through the Hochheim Cemetery as college students and newlyweds and look at the stones of men and women who helped to build this great state, including men who fought in the War of 1812, the Texas War for Independence, the War Between the States, World Wars I & II, Korean War, and on and on. Each year at the annual meeting of the Hochheim Cemetery Association, the roll of veterans is called, but each time something bothered me. Having spent all that time looking at the names and dates on headstones, I felt there had to be more Civil War veterans than were being called. So, a couple of years ago, I asked Sanford Reed, my SCV camp genealogist (and also a new member of the Lea Camp) to run the rolls at Hochheim. What he found did not surprise me. The rolls were off, way off. Only six names of Civil War veterans were being called, all Confederate, but Sanford found that twenty-one Civil War vets were actually interred in Hochheim. Nineteen of them were Confederates, and the remaining two were Union soldiers. In May 2016, Hood's Texas Brigade SCV Camp 153, of which I am now Past Commander and was at that time Commander, dedicated the final resting place of those vets, all twenty-one of them with the Southern Cross of Honor.

The Hochheim Cemetery Association asked that I not plant the iron cross in the ground but rather build a limestone monument for the iron cross and mount a plaque that explained its meaning.

As I was buying the stone in Bulverde, where we live, Steve Bonet, the owner of Spring Branch Stone and a New York transplant to Texas, inquired why I was buying heavy six-inch limestone block. After the stone was loaded in the bed of the truck, I told him I was ready get on the scale to

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check out, but he said, "No, you aren't, not if those are for Union, as well as Confederates. That is my donation to my veteran brothers." So, the cost of the monument got a lot better.

In 1906, General Steve Dill Lee charged the Confederate veterans and their sons to honor their ancestors. He did not say "Confederate ancestors" but only "ancestors." That is why I built the monument at Hochheim Cemetery and why I came to Galveston on January 5, 2019 to take part in the Lea ceremony.

Thank you, brothers, for making my wife and me feel welcome and part of your group.



Past Commander William Smith at the completed Hochheim Monument, dedicated to the Confederate dead at the Hochheim Cemetery in Galveston Co., Texas.

A TOAST TO GENERAL LEE

Submitted by Sanford Reed, Camp Genealogist

If you forgot or missed the opportunity to toast Robert E. Lee, it is never too late. In fact we should toast him every month.

With unbroken regularity and with unfailing reverence, we celebrate the Nineteenth Day of January. Upon that day Robert E. Lee was born in Virginia. Upon that day a matchless inspiration was born.

Lee himself, living, loving, laboring perfectly daily, was the proof and indication of the belief that it was possible for a living man to live up to the loftiest level of all human ideals. And in Lee was proved the ideal and the realization of flawless manhood. The ideal and the

example of perfect ideals met and mingled in one man.

Robert E. Lee inspired and visualized in actual living, timeless customs, and his name will live in our hearts and in human history forever. Let us speak it here tonight. There is neither need nor room for more prominence in the power and dignity which history has fashioned for Lee.

The spirit of Lee inspires our spirit; the Life of Lee kindles a fire in the hearts of men; the fingers of Lee have touched our fingers, through our glorious ancestors that we also honor. Will you please rise.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Sons and Daughters of Confederate Veterans: Lift high your glasses here tonight, and in the liquid spotless as his fame, let us honor, celebrate, recognize, an toast —**ROBERT EDWARD LEE of OLD VIRGINIA!**

CHAPLAIN'S SERMON

Submitted by Sanford Reed, Texas Division Chaplain

Chaplain's Message, from Texas Division Chaplain

God has “set eternity in the human heart”, as we are told in Ecclesiastes 3:11. In every human soul is a God-given awareness that there is “something more” than this transient world. And with that awareness of eternity comes a hope that we can one day find a fulfillment not afforded by the “vanity” in this world. As we come together this weekend, be reminded of things bigger than ourselves and more important.

In “Holman Old Testament Commentary” by David Moore and Daniel Akin, “In the human heart” is an expression representing the mind, soul, or spirit of each person. God places eternity into our heart and soul.

The typical interpretation, is that God is placing an eternal longing or sense of eternity in the human heart. Taking this understanding to be the correct one, Ecclesiastes 3:11 affirms the idea that humans operate in a different way than other forms of life. We have a sense of eternity in our lives; we possess an innate knowledge that there is something more to life than what we can see and experience in the here and now.

The larger context of the chapter aids our understanding of verse 11. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “There is a time for everything, / and a season for every activity under the heavens.” The next seven verses list a series of contrasts: love and hate, scattering and gathering, tearing and mending, weeping and laughter. Then comes verse 11, which begins, “He has made everything beautiful in its time.” In other words, life is comprised of opposite experiences in balance; God has appointed each to its season. Each season is to be considered as part of a whole.

Seasons come and go, but does anything in this life truly satisfy? The answer in Ecclesiastes is, no, all is vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:2). However, through all the ups and downs and vicissitudes of life, we have a glimpse of stability—God has “set eternity in the human heart. Life is but a vapor (James 4:14), but we know there is something past this life. We have a divinely implanted awareness that the soul lives forever. This world is not our home.

May God Bless you and keep you safe in your travels and may our work together honor our Father above and our ancestors who we name in our hearts.

CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S (EVENTS CALENDAR)

March 2nd 2019 -Texas Independence Day Parade 8:00AM -11:00 AM
Line Up at 118 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, TX. 78704-1202

March 16th, 2019 -Wrightsboro Cemetery Dedication 11:00 AM
Wrightsboro Cemetery, Southern intersection of FM-108 and CR 118S, Wrightsboro, TX.

March 14th. 2019 -Camp Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
Chester's 1006 NE Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78209
The Perry Family Confederate History, Speaker: Mrs. Paula Perry

April 28th, 2019 -Confederate Decoration Day 2:00 PM
The Confederate Cemetery S. New Braunfels Ave and Commerce

May 31st-June 2nd 2019
Sons of Confederate Veterans: Texas Division Convention
Hosted by the Major Robert M. White, Camp #1250 -Temple, TX.

WELCOME TO THE SCV HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, CAMP #153

New Members
Russell Paxton Denison
Dale Tidwell

EDITORIAL

By Dustin W. Seiler

Since the incarnation of Social Media in early 2000's, SCV Camps across from all over the world have taken advantage of this game changing technological marvel. Platforms like Facebook offer it's subscribers sources of information, web-links, instant messaging with greater speeds then e-mail or text messages, social internet gaming, and while some with in the SCV may disagree at this point. But social media is now the 21st century electronic field grounds for recruiting new and younger members and sharing the our southern culture and

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history. Yet, the question remains: **Why bother or even continue with social media at all?**

To answer that while trying not to be disrespectful or insulting, because this topic might be proving the obvious generational gaps between the membership within the SCV. In this modern day, how many of have seen the millennial generation with their faces glued to either a tablet or their cell phones? A lot right?! And how many parents of the millennial generation are buying electronic devices for their children at younger ages? See what I mean. Now unless their parents are emulating the virtues of Yankee General Sherman and are censoring the truth with parental lock outs (like Grant's reconstruction of the South), this gives us a tremendous opportunity that we don't generally get at public school events. With camps having their own Facebook pages, they're free (under the guiding articles of the SCV Constitution mind you) to publish the truth of the War of Northern Aggression and control our camp's negative and image.

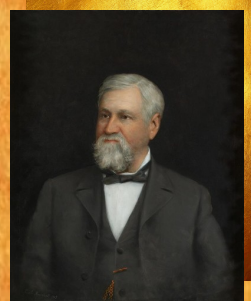
Also, digital reciting posters called "meme's" that utilized images and few words are meant to capture attention for the page and invites individuals to browse threw all the information and camp activities that are posted to camps page, some may not be interested, but the ones that are generally contact the pages admin, most likely a camp officer who manages the page can get the application process started. These are only a few "examples of utilizing social media that allow us - the SCV - to try and gain a foot hold in "digital territory" that will ensure our continued efforts to carry on the legacy of our ancestor's to the next generation.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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. General Stephen Dill Lee,

Commander General - United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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All friends & members of the Son's of Confederate Veterans are welcome to submit articles, heritage minutes and ancestor's bios for this newsletter. Articles and events that endorse political figures are not allowed and will immediately not be considered for publication. To submit articles for this newsletter, contact 3rd Lt. Commander, Dustin Seiler: dw.seiler85@gmail.com

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