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# THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE

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DECEMBER 2023

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**2nd Texas Frontier District Camp 1904**  
**DeLeon, Texas**



Preserving Our Southern Heritage  
And Making Texans Proud



**Texas Sons of Confederate Veterans**



Camp Officers

**Paul Hutcheson**....Commander & Chaplain

**Dave Guise**...1st Lt. Commander

**Steve Bondy**....2nd Lt. Commander

**Charlie Ditmore**.....3rd Lt. Commander

**Eddie Cox**.... Adjutant

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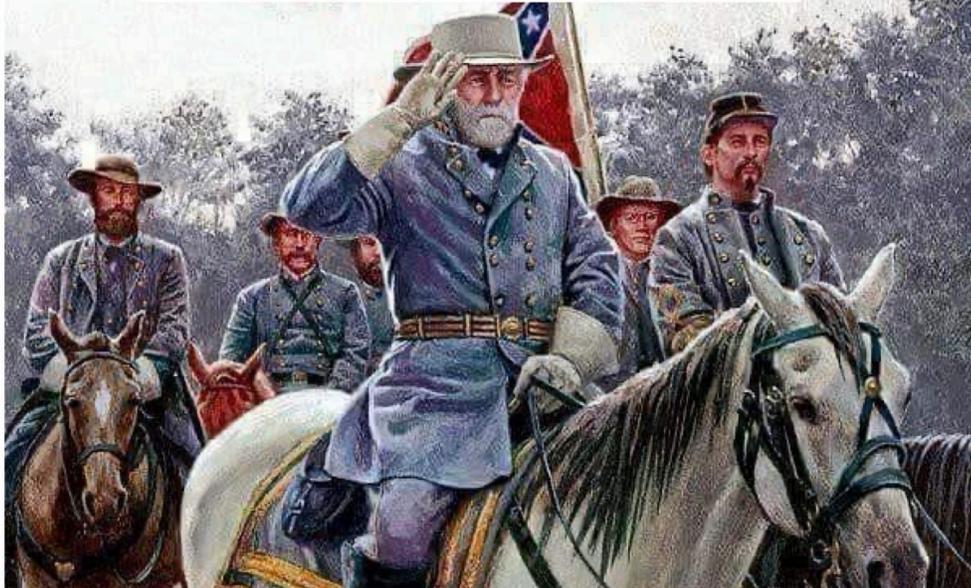
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*Happy New Year*



## **Our Next Meeting**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:00 PM

Please bring a side dish or dessert,  
and enjoy food and friends

All meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month  
@ 7pm for a pot luck supper followed by a program  
on Southern History, a short break and then  
our monthly business meeting.

**Visitors are welcome** to any or all of the above.

**Location:** Comanche Merchantile  
100 N. Houston st. Comanche Tx.



# 2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904



## November 2023 Minutes

7PM Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation. Pot Luck served by TSOCR  
7:30 Meeting called to order. Pledges US, Texas and CSA Reading of the Charge  
Introduction of Guest: Dana Herod, Sheryl Rascher, & Steve Burnett

Program by Sheryl Reed "Cook Brothers of Chattanooga county Georgia"

### **Business Section**

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox declared a quorum IS achieved.

Eddie Cox submits Treasurer 's report : \$3,472.89

October 2023 Minutes stand approved.

Commander calls for Officer reports:

**1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise** - Nothing to report

**2nd Lt. Commander-Steve Bondy** Need more posters for store windows

**3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore:** Nothing to report

**OCR-Becky Bussey** - Not present. Brenda Guise. reports

January 6th next TSOCR General Business Meeting in Waco. Sang Happy Birthday to Painted Rose Ginger Ivy.

**Events-Dave Guise:** Christmas Party due to low ticket sales, unable to have buffet. all tickets to be refunded and everyone order food from menu. All else remains

**Membership & Recruitment-Steve Bondy:** no recruits at this time

**Programs-January-** Video "2024 in Review"

**Flags-Tommy Alford- not present** Not Present

**Cemetary-Eddie Cox.-** November 18 clean up canceled. Hazel Dale Cemetery clean up planned for January 20. 10am

**Newsletter-Brenda Guise-** \$164 paid for renewal of 1904 Website

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Alyssa H. requests help with Keyclub fund raiser. Many members donated. Dave Guise motion to retain present officers in each position for another year. Mason Spikes 2nd. Passes with a unanimous vote.

Mason Spikes motion to close meeting. Eddie Cox 2nd

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 8:48P meeting adjourned



# December in History

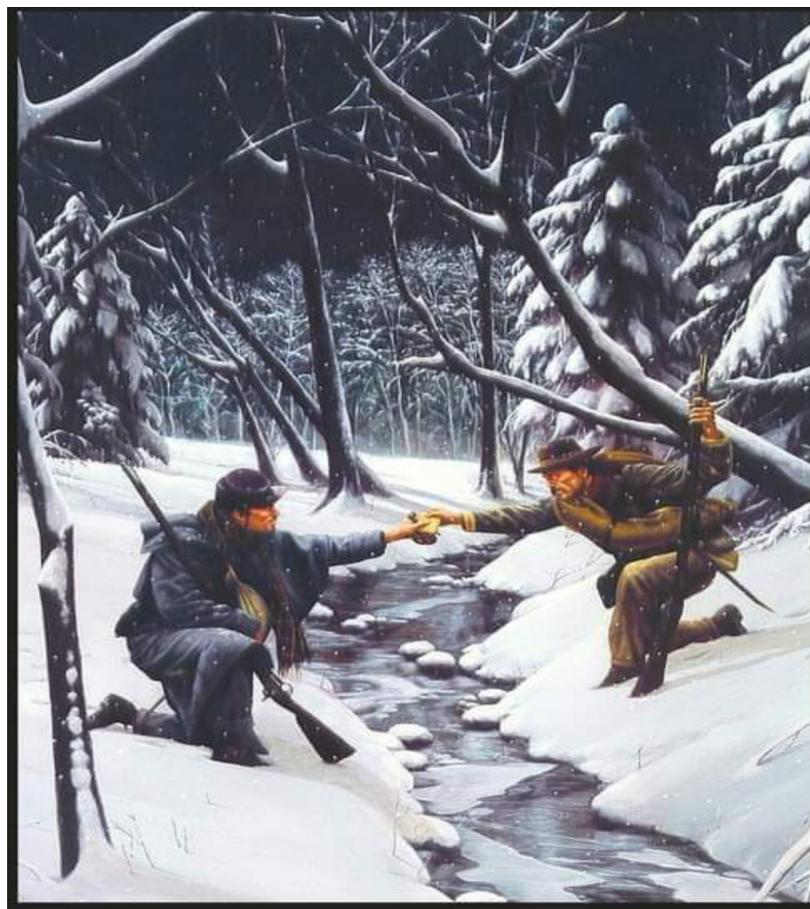


## A Bit Of Christmas History

During the War Between the States, politicians from both the North and South made this confident statement as armies mobilized and men readied to fight. What people on both sides initially thought would be a disagreement to be settled within a few months, however, turned into a bitter war lasting four years and causing hundreds of thousands of casualties. Over by Christmas? No way. Life for the common soldier during the Civil War, particularly when viewed from the perspective of today, was an unpleasant one. Sanitation was bad, rations were poor, medical care was primitive, and leadership was often wanting. But the complaint that appeared most often in letters and diaries of soldiers had to do with the quality of their food. Though the North supplied its armies better than those of the South, both sides suffered from a monotonous, unhealthy diet. Salted pork or beef, frequently rancid, and corn meal or hardtack, often infested with worms, were common ration items. Homesickness was a perennial problem for troops in the field, especially around holidays such as Christmas. The arrival of something special to eat in a parcel from home became all the more welcome during these times. Because army provost marshals inspected each parcel before delivery and the boxes piled up on railroad depot platforms, thievery became a big problem. Boxes were often delayed for weeks, frequently being left open and exposed to rain. One soldier of the 14th Connecticut wrote, "Half the packages were broken, spoiled, or stolen. Two boxes were entirely empty when finally delivered." But there were happier stories as well. One soldier from Iowa lamented how bad their issued Christmas rations were but expressed delight a few days later when a Christmas package arrived from home. "It was the first good grub we had for quite some time," he wrote.



Volunteer agencies also did what they could. In 1863, 5000 turkeys “with all the extras” were sent to the camps of the Union Army of the Potomac to brighten the holidays. Women entered the camp of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia one early war Christmas to deliver meat, fresh bread, vegetables, pies, and cakes. One Confederate unit in Virginia sent out a man on Christmas Eve with orders to scour the countryside in search of whiskey and eggs. He returned near midnight, after many of the men had given up hope. “The eggs were quickly beaten, the sugar and whiskey stirred in, and we had one of the most delicious egg nogs that ever-mortal man quaffed,” wrote one of the soldiers. There was enough for two helpings apiece. As the months of war extended into years, the food situation became grimmer for soldiers of the South. One wrote of being delighted by a holiday package from home containing six peanuts, nine persimmons, some dried apricots, a couple hickory nuts, and a small loaf of cornbread. One North Carolina soldier in the trenches around Petersburg, Virginia, wrote that his 1864 Christmas dinner consisted of a rat. There is no doubt that soldiers of the Civil War, as did others in many, many wars throughout human history, endured untold privations that often haunted their health for the rest of their lives.



# Camp 1904 Happenings

November  
2023  
Meeting



Program speaker: Sheryl Reed & Commander Hutcheson



Alyssa Hutcheson



Program speaker: Sheryl Reed

# Christmas Party 2023



Speaker: John McCammon  
& Commander Hutcheson



Curtis Scott



Eddie Cox



# 2023 Upcoming Events

———as of December 28, 2023 ——

**Jan. 1, 2024 (Mon.) 8:00am Camp #1904 New Years breakfast at Jake and Dorthys in Stephenville TX**

**Jan. 06, 2024 (Sat.) DEC meeting Poppa Rolla's in Waco 9am.**

**Jan. 19, 2024 (Fri.) CONFEDERATE HEROS DAY**

**Jan. 13, 2024 (Sat.) 9am Ft. Worth Stock Show Parade**

**Jan. 20, 2024 (Sat.) Division Wide Cemetery Clean-up Day.**

**Feb. 10, 2024 (Sat.) Division Heritage Defense Training:** 9am-3pm at the Baylor Club in Waco.

**April 20, 2024 (Sat.) Division Wide Confederate History Month Celebration**

**Picnic:** State Park at Blanco, RV sites are available.

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**