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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

By: Rodney W. Seiler

Attn. Membership of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153, It's membership renewal time!!

All dues-National, Division and Camp Dues-**MUST be paid to the camp!** Renewal Dues are \$55.00 and accepted forms of payment are: **CASH, PERSONAL CHCK, CASHIER'S CHCK & MONEY ORDER.** IF for some reason that the return address is to Compatriot Ray Wainner or if you do not receive a membership renewal invoice, don't panic and just send me an accepted form of payment to my address. You have until August 29th at the latest, to hand deliver me your membership dues. I will be processing the dues to National and Division on August, 30th. If you have not paid even then, On September 1st your membership will be considered delinquent and dropped from the rosters as a active member, then you will have to pay the reinstatement fee of \$5.00 for National and \$3.00 for Division. Cadets &

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Associates of the Camp, You only have to pay \$10.00. Friends of the SCV, you only have to pay \$40.00. We can also accept your dues threw PayPal with your Credit or Debit card! Yes we are that high tech now... If you wish to pay through PayPal we will have to charge a 3% sir charge for processing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!



HERITAGE MINUTE: HURRAH, FOR THE LIGHT ARTILLERY!

By: Anonymous

Submitted by: Joyce Manuel, Friend of the Camp

On the unstained sward of the gentle slope,
Full of valor and nerved by hope,
The infantry sways like a coming sea;
Why lingers the light artillery?
"Action front!"

Whirling the Parrotts like children's toys,
The horses strain to the rushing noise;
To right and to left, so fast and free,
They carry the light artillery.
"Drive on!"

The gunner cries with a tug and a jerk
, The limbers fly, and we bend to our work;
The handspike in, and the implements out--
We wait for the word, and it comes with a shout--
"Load!"

The foes pour on their billowy line;
Can nothing check their bold design?
With yells and oaths of fiendish glee,

They rush for the light artillery.
"Commence firing!"

Hurrah! Hurrah! our bulldogs bark,
And the enemy's line is a glorious mark;
Hundreds fall like grain on the lea,
Mowed down by the light artillery.

"Fire!" and "Load!" are the only cries,
Thundered and rolled to the vaulted skies;
Aha! they falter, they halt, they flee
From the hail of the light artillery.
"Cease firing!"

The battle is over, the victory won,
Ere the dew is dried by the rising sun;
While the shout bursts out, like a full-voiced sea,
"Hurrah for the light artillery! Hurrah for the light artillery!"



OUR LEGACY

A Brief Bio of a Camp Member's Confederate Ancestor

LT. GENERAL JUBAL A. EARLY, COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE VALLEY DISTRICT

Jubal Anderson Early was born on November 3rd of 1816 in Franklin Co., Virginia. By 1837 Jubal had graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and went to serve in the Second Seminole War in Florida until 1842 as well as the American-Mexican War of 1846 to 1848. Although he saw no combat action in Mexico.

Jubal was a member of the Virginia Convention of 1861-leading up to the outbreak of the War of Northern Aggression. Where he was a strong opponent to secession, thus he was

branded a "Unionist" by his fellow delegates in chambers. However by April 13th of that same year-the Fall of Fort Sumter-the Convention now seemingly a large majority of Unionist swang the opposite direction. The new majority resolved the Convention by going into executive session on April 16th, and ultimately Virginia left the Union. Jubal was then obliged to conform to the action of his state.

He then joined the Confederate Army shortly after Virginia seceded from the Union and was made a Colonel, commanding the 24th Virginia Infantry Regiment. In June of 1861, he took command of the Army of Potomac's 6th Brigade. By July of 1861, Colonel Early was a heroic participant at the First Battle of Bull Run where afterward he was promoted to Brigadier General. Later on, he took part in many engagements after Bull Run, including the Battle of Sharpsburg, The Virginia Campaigns of 1862-1863 (including the Battles of Fredricksburg and Chancellorsville), and the Battle of Gettysburg.

On January 17th of 1863, General Early was promoted to Major General and again to Lieutenant General on May 31st of 1864 during the Wilderness Campaigns. The highlight of his career was when General Robert E. Lee-commander of the Army of Northern Virginia-placed Lt. General Early in command of the Army of the Valley District in Richmond, Va. Lee ordered Early to drive the Yankees from the Shenandoah Valley, which was of strategic importance. General Early moved his Corps troops out of Richmond's defense on June 13th. Five days later, after the brief Battle of Lynchburg, Early's men were able to drive the Union soldiers out of the state.

General Early's troops then moved unopposed through the valley to the north. On July 5th of 1864, he crossed the Potomac River and defeated a small Union force under the command of General Lewis Wallace at the Battle of Monocacy. On July 11th of 1864, Early's 8,000 men went through Silver Spring, Maryland to the gates of Fort Stevens in the upper northwest of Washington D.C. After two intermittent skirmishes with the Union defenses of the Capital, General Early withdrew his forces back to Virginia on July 13th.

General Early's move on Maryland and against Washington wounded the Yankee's pride. General Phillip Sheridan was dispatched by General Ulysses S. Grant to once and for all clear out the Shenandoah Valley of remaining Confederate troops. General Early's men were outmatched by superior Union forces and defeated three times between September 19th to October 9th at the Battles of Winchester, Fishers Hill, and Toom's Brook. Shortly afterward, General Sheridan's men laid siege to the valley.

General Early attempted to retaliate from his losses at the well planned out Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19th. But his forces retreated north up the valley to Waynesboro, Virginia, where his troops spent the winter. On March 2nd of 1865, the Yankee's victory at the Battle of Waynesboro ended the Confederate resistance in the area and opened the way for Union troops to move into Virginia and capture Richmond on April 3rd. General Early was relieved of his command shortly afterward by General Lee.

After General Lee surrendered his remaining forces at Appomattox, General Early went south to Texas to keep the cause alive. After the Battle of Palmetto Ranch, General Early escaped to Mexico and began to write his memoirs. By August of 1866, Jubal Early moved to Toronto, Canada where he published his memoirs under the title "A Memoir of the Last Years of the War of Independence int he Confederate States of America.". He later moved to Lynchburg, Virginia on late 1869 where he practiced law and wrote historical essays.

Jubal Early crossed the river to lay under the shade of the tree's on March 2nd of 1894, at the age of 77 after falling down a flight of stairs in his private home. He is survived in spirit by his descendant, Sanford Reed-our Camp Genealogist.

GOOD NEWS EVERYONE: OUR CAMP CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM!

By: Dustin W. Seiler

Although July is considered to be the hottest month in Texas it didn't stop the gentlemen, friends & associates of Hood's Texas Brigade, nor did the heat make the roses of the TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose Chapter #4 from wilting either. Like all the patriotic events this month, our camp showed the colors as we marched in the Castroville Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July!

No floats or entries were judged at this parade, but we still had quite the turnout and support. And for a town the size of Castroville, this was a big parade for them to pull off. But our red, white and blue festivities continued as we also took part in the July Jubilee Parade on the 6th of July in Leaky, TX. At this parade, we received 2nd Place in the Organizations. But what made us stand out was that we took the time to stop in the middle of this parade in front of their local VFW/American Legion hall and saluted the flag. This action gave us a standing ovation. We even had members of the community ask how to join the SCV.

Our camp also braved the heat yet again on July 20th at the Yesteryear Heritage Festival at the Longhorn Museum in Pleasanton, TX. There we set up a living history camp with our newly adopted Light Artillery Unit on static display and educated the public in Texas' role in the War of Northern Aggression. Camp members also brought along some of their historical firearms, bladed weapons, knives, and other personal items from the 1860s. We also managed to talk about the SCV as an organization which generated about 56 prospective new members to join (just as soon we locate their Confederate ancestors...eh-hem).

Tagging along with us was the rose members of the TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose Chapter #4, who also gained some prospective new members and even talked about what life was like for women in the 1860's while the men were away. All in all, we had an outstanding time bringing some positive attention to the SCV and to the TSOCR this month and look forward as we continue our efforts.

CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S (EVENTS CALENDAR)

Saturday - August 3rd

Texas Division Executive Council Meeting (Supplemental) -Waco, TX.

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Thursday –August 8th: Montly Camp Meeting

Chester's Hamburger Company - 1006 NE Loop 410 San Antonio, TX.
Guest Speaker: Rusty Haris, Past Commander of SCV Lone Star Greys, Camp #1953
Program: The Modern Day Soldier carrying the Confederate Flag into Battle!

Saturday –August 31st

Texas Division Camp Officer & Operations Training - Gainsville, TX.

Saturday –August 31st

Bandara Labor Day Parade –Bandara, TX. Details TBA.

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

New Members

New Friends or Associates of the Camp

Commander Charles Thacker, of the Medina Greys, Camp #2254
Compatriot Stuart Corckett, of the Col. Gustav Hoffman, Camp #1838

EDITORIAL

Dustin W. Seiler

A few days ago I read an article published by Texas Monthly in which an organization, known as the League of United Latin American Citizens or LULAC is pressuring the US Government to change the name of Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas to Fort Benevidez. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin based group who filed copies of a resolution with the US Congress, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American GI Forum.

Members of the LULAC said that were inspired by a previous article that was published by Texas Monthly of the release of a graphic novel (comic book) Medal of Honor: Roy Benavidez. The graphic novel detailed the events of US Army Master Sergeant Raul Perez "Roy" Benavidez, a native Texan who fought in the Vietnam War and was one of the few Latin-American soldiers to receive both the Medal of Valor and the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. (A link to the article will be posted at the bottom of this editorial.) A LULAC member said, "...it's high time the military better recognize the contributions of soldiers, airmen, sailors, Coasties, and Marines of non-WASP heritage".

Also, the author of the article wrote: "In contrast, the fort's namesake, John Bell Hood, was

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a Confederate general who took up arms to defend the institution of slavery.”

First off, as someone who's family military ancestry that can be traced back to Colonel Thomas Knowlton. I also have family serving active duty to this very day, so I have nothing but the highest respect for all the US Veterans of all wars! However, I am not convinced by the reasoning behind the LULAC, nor a quote of historical inaccuracy written by the author. The War of Northern Aggression had nothing to do with slavery. As made evident by the 37th Congressional Records in the Library of Congress: the Crittenden-Johnson Resolution of July 25th, 1861 second clause stated the war was fought not for "overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of those States," but to "defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution and to preserve the Union."

Also, General Hood himself was quoted: "I can assure you, that the gallant hearts that throb beneath its sacred folds, will only be content when this glorious banner is planted first and foremost in the coming struggle for our independence." Which meant he was all for the preservation of states rights, not slavery. And as far as what the LULAC member said in the article, I'm not going to dignify that as a response because I try to emulate the Christian virtues of my ancestors. This article from Texas Monthly is only the latest example of the continuation of reconstructing the southern states. Yet if I can make a suggestion to save the US Army a lot of money here: **Just leave it alone!**

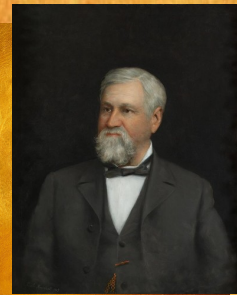
(Link to the Texas Monthly Article can be found [here!](#))

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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