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THE RAGGED OLD FIRST



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Hood's Texas Brigade,
Camp #153
San Antonio, TX.

A LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER



Dear Reader,

My name is George P. Foulds, Camp Commander of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 - Sons of Confederate Veterans. All year long the members of our camp have shared with you all our accomplishments, events and heritage with you in our newsletter "The Ragged Old First". But Veterans Day is special to us in Hood's as many of our members are retired and active duty military personnel from all branches of the US Armed Forces. They have fought with same gallant spirit as their ancestors in WWII, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and still today in the Middle East. These brave men are the core soul of heroism and bravery with whom I am deeply honored to call my brothers and compatriots. And indeed to all veterans of the US Armed Forces, though these words are said simply but with great meaning, do I say; on behalf of all the members, associates and friends of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153... Thank you for your service!

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-George P. Foulds

Camp Commander

Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153

HERITAGE MINUTE: ORIGINS OF THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN

The Confederate Veteran was established by Sumner A. Cunningham in Nashville, Tennessee in 1893. Initially, it began as a fundraising newsletter for the construction of a monument in honor of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States, in Richmond, Virginia. Its first issue included several articles about Jefferson Davis written by Cunningham, Abram Joseph Ryan's poem entitled, The Conquered Banner, and an article about the town of Lexington, Virginia written by J. William Jones, a Southern Baptist minister.

The magazine became "the official organ first of the United Confederate Veterans and later of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Confederate Southern Memorial Society." Over the years, the magazine became "one of the New South's most influential monthlies." Through it, Cunningham became a leader of the Lost Cause movement. It had a readership of over 20,000 by 1900. After Cunningham's death in 1913, the second editor was Edith D. Pope. The magazine ceased publication in 1932.

The magazine was revived in 1984 under the auspices of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The current magazine is published six times a year and maintains a blog from the organizations general headquarters in Columbia, TN.

CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S (EVENTS CALENDAR)

Saturday December 7th -4:30 PM
Merry on Main Street Parade -Pleasanton, TX.

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Thursday December 12th - 7:00 PM -8:30 PM
Camp Christmas Party & Toy Drive -1006 NE Loop 410 San Antonio, TX.

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

New Members

New Friends of the Camp

'NONE-STOP' NOVEMBER

Dustin W. Seiler

The month of November came and went for the gentlemen, associates and friends of the camp. Every week was either a parade or living history event...or sometimes both in the same week. Nov. 1st kicked us off with the Lytle Library's History Festival where Medina Grey's Commander Charles Oliver lent a hand with the Light Artillery Crew and talked about Texas's role in the War Between the States with the public. The next week was solemn but festive with the Veterans Day Parade in San Marcos, TX. All thought this college town was not used to seeing a float of Confederates, the reception was warm and even thankful. All along the parade route, veterans even stood and saluted the colors as we past by them and they even thanked us for our service. I have no doubt we will be asked to march again next year.

November didn't slow down for us even as we caught our breath, but soon came our Monthly Camp Meeting where we held our officer elections and began to discuss out the possibility of hosting a future Texas Division reunion. As the holiday season was nearing from around the corner, Lytle Middle School held it's annual History Fair on the 23rd. Participating where the Hood's Texas Brigade Light Artillery held their demonstrations on the 3 lbs. 1776 Grasshopper Cannons. Camp Adjutant Rodney Seiler talked about the reasoning Texas and the other states seceded from the Union, while Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler explained Texas' role in the War and how the artillery won the battles of Sabine Pass and of Corpus Christi. The following day, members of Hood's Texas Brigade Camp 153, Medina County Grey's Camp 2254, Lone Star Grey's Camp 1954, Williams County Greys Camp 502, TSOGR Chapter 4, along with 6th Brigade Lt. Commander John

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McCammon, and 6th Brigade 2nd Lt. Commander George Foulds all piled up on the float in the Christmas in God's County Night Parade in Hondo, TX. The crowd was very pleased to hear our title song for the holidays "Christmas in Dixie" (Alabama).

After a rest bit of Thanksgiving and a large turkey dinner, it was back on the float again for the Christmas in Comfort Parade in, you guessed it Comfort, TX on the 30th. This time we got a huge turn out as practically the entire town was there. Everyone loved the fact that "Dixie" had to be played twice in the downtown area, which got the crowd to cheer for us.

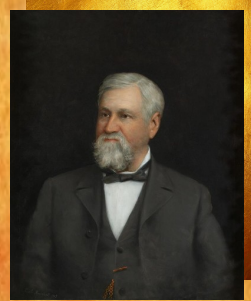
November is always the busiest month for our camp, but we wouldn't have it any other way!

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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