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'COME AND TAKE IT!'

Dustin W. Seiler



"Come and take it!"

Everyone in Texas is familiar with the immortal words from the flag from the Battle of Gonzales, especially the citizens of Gonzales, TX. The men of both Medina Greys, Camp #2254 and Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153, as well as the ladies of TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose, Chapter #4 piled up on the float and showed the colors paired with war era Confederate

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music in the Come and Take It Parade on October 5th.

Although our two camps are well known for make numerous parades and festivals all over the south Texas area. Our reputation preceded us before step off as one of the History Teachers from Gonzales Junior High School approached us and ask what all the SCV has to offer in the way of coming back for living history educating. That is what made the day for all of us on the float! Camp Commander Charles Thacker of the Medina Grey's and 6th Brigade Lt, Commander John McCammon both said they would be willing to return to Gonzales J.H. with artifacts, replica's and other items. Hood's Camp Adjutant, Rodney Seiler even offered to include the Hood's Texas Brigade Light Artillery for field demonstrations with the 3lbs. 1776 Grasshopper (with permission of the Principal of course).

During the parade itself we had encountered zero negativity and the crowd thoroughly loved our presence in the parade. Several spectators even stood at attention as we passed by them. What stool everyone hart was as we passed the court house, members of the SCV stood at attention a saluted the flags, while the roses placed their hands over their harts. When we resumed on the route, the crowd gave us a superb round of applause. Meany of us look forward to going back next year, and staying a little bit longer to pay our respects to the Immortal 32 at the Gonzales Veterans Park.

HERITAGE MINUTE: STONEWALL JACKSON'S WAY

By: John Williamson Palmer

Come, stack arms, men! Pile on the rails,
Stir up the camp-fire bright;
No matter if the canteen fails,
We'll make a roaring night.
Here Shenandoah brawls along,
There burly Blue Ridge echoes strong,
To swell the brigade's rousing song
Of "Stonewall Jackson's way."

We see him now, —the old slouched hat
Cocked o'er his eye askew;
The shrewd, dry smile, the speech so pat,
So calm, so blunt, so true.
The "Blue-Light Elder" knows 'em well;
Says he, "That's Banks, —he's fond of shell;
Lord save his soul! we'll give him hell,
That's "Stonewall Jackson's way."

Silence! ground arms! kneel all! caps off!
Old "Blue Light's" going to pray.

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Strangle the fool that dares to scoff!
Attention! it's his way.
Appealing from his native sod,
"Hear us, hear us Almighty God,
Lay bare Thine arm; stretch forth Thy rod!"
That's "Stonewall Jackson's way."

He's in the saddle now. Fall in!
Steady! the whole brigade!
Hill's at the ford cut off; we'll win
His way out, ball and blade!
What matter if our shoes are worn?
What matter if our feet are torn?
"Quick-step! we're with him before morn!"
That's "Stonewall Jackson's way."

The sun's bright lances rout the mists
Of morning, and, by George!
Here's Longstreet struggling in the lists,
Hemmed in an ugly gorge.
Pope and his Yankees, whipped before,
"Bayonets and grape!" hear Stonewall roar;
"Charge, Stuart! Pay off Ashby's score!"
In "Stonewall Jackson's way."

Ah! Maiden, wait and watch and yearn
For news of Stonewall's band!
Ah! Widow, read, with eyes that burn,
That ring upon thy hand.
Ah! Wife, sew on, pray on, hope on;
Thy life shall not be all forlorn;
The foe had better ne'er been born
That gets in "Stonewall's way."

**CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S
(EVENTS CALENDAR)**

Saturday November 1st, 2019 -9:30 AM
Lytle Library History Fair -Lytle, TX.

Saturday November 9th 2019 -9:00 AM
VETERANS DAY PARADE -San Marcos, TX.

Thursday November 14th, 2019 -7:00 PM -8:30 PM

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Officer Elections -1006 NE Loop 410 San Antonio, TX.

Friday November 22nd, 2019 -8:00 AM -3:30 PM
Lytle Middle School History Fair -Lytle, TX.

Saturday 23rd, 2019 -4:30 PM
Christmas in God's County Parade -Hondo, TX.

Saturday November 30th -4:30 PM
Christmas in Comfort -Comfort, TX.

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

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

HELENA'S INDIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Past Commander Bill Smith, with Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler, Camp Adjutant Rodney Seiler, Genealogist Sanford Reed & Artillery Sgt. Major Bill Manuel as well as Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler and Mrs. Joyce Manuel of the TSO CR participated at the Indian Heritage Festival held on the grounds of the historic Karnes County Court & School House in Helena, TX on Oct. 26th. The town of Helena itself is a ghost town in Texas, approximately 70 mi southeast of San Antonio in Karnes County. The seat of Karnes County from 1854 to 1894. Helena was once known as the self-proclaimed "toughest town on earth" in the mid-19th century.

But that day, thanks to the efforts of our members; the history of the Confederacy was

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brought to life again. Past Commander Bill Smith talked about what all young Confederate Infantrymen carried with them into battle and Texas' involvement in the war. He even gave out samples of sweet dried corn for the kids to try out, many of which liked it better than candy at the end of the day. Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler and Genealogist Sanford Reed talk with the general public on the SCV as an organization and began to take info from those that were interested in tracking down their lost Confederate heritage in order to try and recruit, if not for Hood's then other local camps in Texas. Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler, Camp Adjutant Rodney Seiler, & Artillery Sgt. Major Bill Manuel did what they did best and fired off the cannon to attract the crowds. Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler and Mrs. Joyce Manuel of the TSOCR talked about their organization and how they supported the Texas SCV Camps and how families can get involved in with history events.

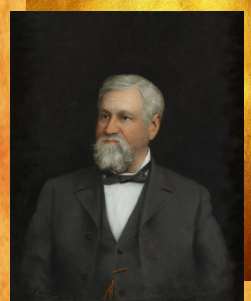
We had a number of young men interested in joining the SCV and even some promising members that we hope to see coming soon in future camp meetings.

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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