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Camp #153
San Antonio, TX.

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STEPPING INTO TEXAS HISTORY AT HONDO!

Dustin W. Seiler



September 21st & 22nd was marked on our calendars as the SCV Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153, Medina Greys, Camp #2254, TSOGR, Inc. Alamo Rose #4 and the new South Texas Ladies History Association all banded together for the annual Medina Co. Fair in

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Hondo, TX. Part of the opening festivities was the Medina Co. Parade which lead to the fair grounds. With all three organizations on the float we took to the streets of Hondo, playing southern music from the era and all showed our southern charms, we even had the cannon in two all decorated and got quite the turn out for the event.

At the fair grounds, the newly organized Hood's Texas Brigade Light Artillery, along with the Trans-Mississippi Old Guard made demonstrations and set up a living history camp along with members of the Medina Grey's Camp. The members of the TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose #4 and the new South Texas Ladies History Association set up a booth full of women's roles in the War Between the States, led by Mrs. Paula Perry and TSOCR Treasurer, Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler. Members of the Medina Grey's Camp had also set up their recruiting booth and the 6th Brigade store to generate interest and new members into the SCV. Children even asked questions about the many flags that were on display ranging from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd National CSA Flags to the Bonnie Blue, ANV, ATM and even the Hood's Texas Flags. But most of the dads and teens were more interested in the 1776 3 lbs. Grasshopper cannon and the black powered rifles used for the demonstrations. All in all it was an awesome turn out and hoped we generated enough interest to help our sister camp with their recruiting! We look forward to next year.

HERITAGE MINUTE: THE BATTLE OF SABINE PASS

From the American Battle Field Trust

Submitted by Bill Manuel,
Hood's Texas Brigade Light Artillery - Sgt. Major

With a de facto French government under Maximilian south of the Rio Grande, the Confederates hoped to establish trade between Texas and Mexico to obtain much needed supplies. The Lincoln administration, aware of Confederate intentions, sought to establish a military presence in Texas to discourage Mexican influence. A Union force in place near Beaumont, 30 miles inland from the mouth of the Sabine River, would cut the last railroad between Texas and the rest of the Confederacy and could possibly threaten Houston. At 6:00 am on the morning of September 8, 1863, a Union flotilla of four gunboats and seven troop transports steamed into Sabine Pass and up the Sabine River with the intention of reducing Fort Griffin outside of Sabine City and landing troops there. As the gunboats approached Fort Griffin, they came under accurate fire from the guns there. The fort's small force of 44 men, under command of Lt. Richard W. Dowling, disabled two ships, captured the gunboat Clifton with about 200 prisoners, and forced the Union flotilla to retire. The Confederate defenders suffered zero casualties and Union operations in the area ceased. The heroics at Fort Griffin - 44 men stopping a Union expedition - inspired other Confederates and became known as one of the most lopsided battles of the war.

CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S (EVENTS CALENDAR)

Saturday October 5th, 2019 -9:30 AM
COME AND TAKE IT PARADE -Gonzales, TX.

Thursday October 10th, 2019 -7:00 PM - 8:30PM
Monthly Camp Meeting -1006 NE Loop 410, San Antonio TX.

Our Guest Speaker is beloved Mrs. Eileen Lehmberg, Chapter President of the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Inc.-Alamo Rose, Chapter #4: Her program is of "The Working Women of the South...With a Twist .

Saturday October 12th, 2019 -9:00AM
Peanut Festival & Parade -Floresville, TX.

Saturday October 26th, 2019 -9:00AM -4:00PM
Indian Heritage Festival -Helena, TX.

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

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

New Members
Clemente Galindo

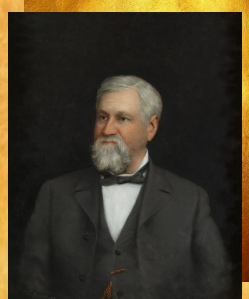
New Friends of the Camp

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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