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April 19, 2014, Little Rock, AR – Confederate Heritage/Flag Day and Memorial Service was held on the grounds of the State Capitol. Rifle Honor Guard memorializes fallen Confederates with a three volley salute.

Our Charge...



"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!"

"Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less."

General Robert E. Lee

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From Our Commander...

While visiting with another camp commander not long ago he asked if we had a very active camp. While I wanted to say "We are the most active camp in the nation", I answered "Yes, very." The winter "off-season" didn't seem to happen and now we're in the middle of spring. With 8 of the next 12 Saturdays already booked, I'm not sure there will be a summer slow-down. Are we active? Oh, yes.

I want to thank Angie Duke for taking on the publishing of the Rambler. She has enough to do without this and I really cannot thank her enough. Also she has spent endless hours compiling all the Confederate Veterans Pensioners in Bowie County. This is in a loose leaf notebook and very easy to read. This is a wonderful tool for us.

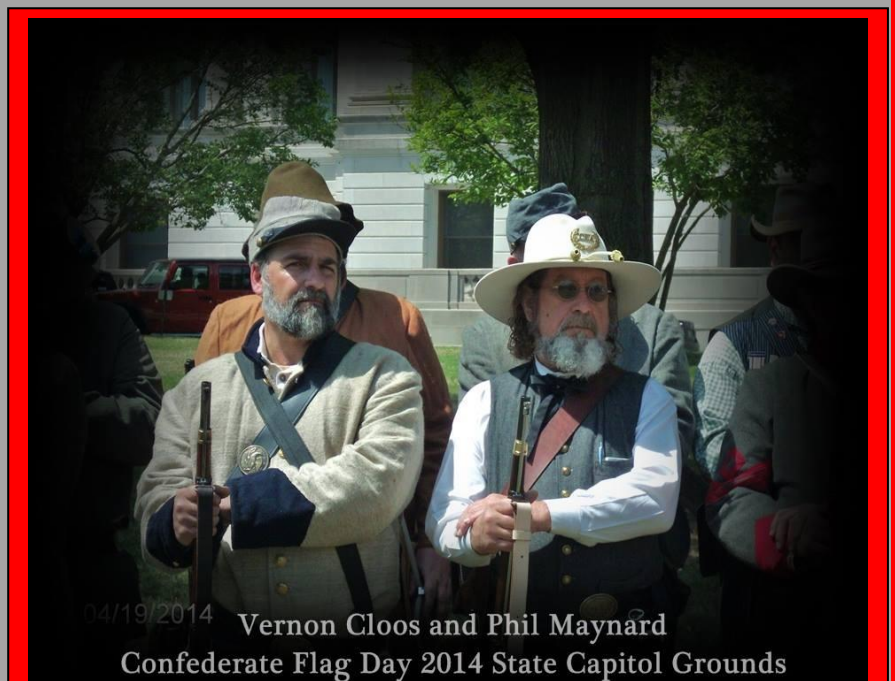
.The work of cleaning up the cemetery is going slow. At our current rate, we will have it complete in about 10 years. I do hope we can get a better grip on this. We have May 24 set for another cleaning. We got some more done this past Saturday and the front is looking better. Color Sgt. Murphy with his daughter Riley and Robert his brother repaired the fence around Pvt. Wagnon's grave. This is also the veteran Murphy is the guardian of.

For the members of the Lone Star Color Guard, I will be sending out information on locations and muster times as each events gets closer.

After what seems like forever, it looks like we will be getting several new members in just a short time. The knife and gun show has been good for us as has your effort also. Keep it up. "Is your camp active?" Laugh uh sorta.

Deo Vindice,

Phil Maynard
Cmdr. Red Diamond Camp SCV
Lt.Cmdr. Tx.5 SCV
Chaplain Lone Star Conf. Color Guard
V.P. Southwest Trails SAR



Unit Spotlight: 11th Texas Cavalry

The 11th Texas Cavalry was lead by Colonels Reeves and Young, thus explaining the alternative designation as Young's Cavalry or Reeves' Cavalry. The 11th was organized at Camp Reeves in Grayson County in the summer of 1861 by Col. William C. Young. The 855 men of the unit came from the following counties: Cooke (Cos A&B), Grayson (Co C), Hopkins (Co D), Red River (Co E), Fannin (Co F), Collin (Co G), Hunt (Co H), Titus (Co I), and Bowie (Co K). Some of the men had previously served in the Texas State Troops, but the majority enlisted in Grayson County for their first service. The 11th remained in service on the west side of the Mississippi River into the spring of 1862 serving first in the Indian Territory then at Pea Ridge in March, 1862. By the end of April the unit had crossed the Mississippi to provide support against the northern advance near Corinth, MS. Later conflicts included Richmond, KY, White's Farm, and Murfreesboro, TN. Reports indicate only 599 remained with the unit after Murfreesboro with 7 killed in action, 87 wounded, and 20 missing. Afterwards, they served at Perkin's Mill on Elk River, TN, Parker's Crossroads, Stone's River, Hadley's Bend/Hurricane Creek, TN, scouting at Smithville, TN, Chickamaugua, Wheeler's/Roddey's Raid on Rosencrans' Communications at Chattanooga, TN, Siege of Knoxville, Atlanta, GA Campaign, Noonday Church, GA, Dalton, GA, Siege of Savannah, GA, Johnson's Station, SC, Averysborough (Taylor's Hole Creek), NC, Battle of Bentonville, NC, a multitude of smaller skirmishes and missions throughout Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina. Only a remnant remained to surrender at Bennett's House, Durham Station, NC, on April 26, 1865.



35th ANNUAL REUNION OF 11th TEXAS CAVALRY, Whitesboro, Texas, August 1-2, 1912.

BACK ROW: 1. A. J. MATHEWS, 2. J. B. WELLS, 3. G. B. DEAN, 4. A. W. WALL, 5. ISAAC, GUEST, 6. NATHAN GRANT, 7. RICH MERRILL, 8. W. H. PENICK, 9. A. J. DEVALT, 10. C. C. HORNBuckle, 11. T. S. BARNETT.
SECOND ROW: 1. J. M. BLAINE, 2. G. C. STEPHENS, 3. J. T. WOODWARD, 4. S. R. STILES, 5. T. A. SINCLAIR, 6. H. S. WALLER, 7. S. W. SAUNDERS, 8. D. DOUGLASS, 9. G. W. WALKER.
THIRD ROW: 1. P. B. FRANKLIN, 2. A. J. HARRIS, 3. W. J. BREWER, 4. N. B. ROSS, 5. J. C. WITCHER, 6. T. N. O'BRIEN, 7. T. A. STEPHENS, 8. H. H. COOK, 9. P. T. MCBRIDE.
FRONT ROW: 1. J. C. BURK, 2. S. HUDGENS, 3. M. M. DEAYER, 4. S. R. ETTER, 5. A. L. WHITE, 6. W. S. BUSTER (HONORARY).

Jefferson Civil War Days

May 2-4, 2014

Jefferson, Texas

www.jeffersoncivilwardays.com

Upcoming Events for May

- 2 School Day
(muster 7:30 am)
- 3 Parade
(muster tba)
- 3 Reenactment
(Color Sgt. Murphy)
- 4 Flag Presentation
(1st Sgt. Hamilton)
- 10 Dedication, Lone Star, TX
- 10 SCV/UDC Social
Garland, AR
- 15 Monthly Meeting – 6 pm
(Smokey Joe's, Nash)
- 17 UDC Annual Memorial
Rondo Cemetery
- 24 Blocker Cemetery
(Cleaning/Workday)

Grave Guardian Program

The Texas Division has instituted a special program to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting places.

Any Texas Division camp member in good standing, who has demonstrated his willingness to serve in this special capacity and who is at least fourteen years of age, and has tended a Confederate soldier's grave for two years prior, may become a FULL GUARDIAN.

Duties of the Guardian:

1. Care for and protect the grave of the Confederate Veteran by keeping the grave clean and maintained year round.
2. Ensure an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate Veteran is in place.
3. Personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate Flag, or both, on the grave.

Please visit www.scv.org or www.scvtexas.org for more details or to obtain an application. You may also contact Mitch Tyson, Grave Guardian Committee Member for the 5th Brigade and 1Lt. Commander for Red Diamond Camp.

If you need help finding a local grave for this program, please contact Angie Duke at 903-277-7210 or at aduke@nbschools.net.



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2014 Sons of Confederate Veterans Texas Division Reunion State Convention

June 6 – June 8, 2014

Hilton Houston North
12300 Greenspoint Drive,
Houston, Texas 77060

Host: Grandbury's Texas Brigade
Camp #1479
Spring, Texas

Click the Convention Button
at
www.scvtexas.org

Civil War Lingo
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Opening the Ball...
...Starting the Battle

Lucifers...Matches

Wallpapered...Drunk

Bragg's Body Guard...
...Lice

Acknowledge the Com...
...Confess the Truth

Please send information for your ancestor, a battle, website or other information to Angie Duke to be included in future newsletters.

Point and Click...

gen.1starnet.com/civilwar.csamain.htm

A great website focused primarily on the Lamar County during the Civil War, however there is a ton of information of specific units. FREE

www.findagrave.com

Search more than 115 million grave records worldwide. You can also set up an account to request photos of ancestral graves in other locations across the country and world. FREE (even the account is FREE).

www.itd.nps.gov/cwss

This is a searchable database of both Confederate and Union soldiers and sailors with links to regimental histories, cemeteries, battles, and POWs. FREE

Award Highlight

War Service Medal

The War Service Medal is to honor people of Confederate descent who have served in our country's military service during wartime. The service must have been honorable for a period of at least 90 days. To receive the award, please complete an application along with a copy of your DD-214. Applications can be found online at www.scv.org or can be made available at any regular meeting upon request.



Our Honored Ancestors



Private William Daniel Townsend

Ancestor of Pat Savage

Known, affectionately, as Uncle Eli, Private Townsend was born April 12, 1846, in Meridian, Luderdale County, MS. He enlisted into Confederate service at Camp Norwood, Warren, MS, on September 8 1861 serving in Company B of the 27th Louisiana Infantry, which was assigned to General Shoup's Brigade in the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana. In July, 1862, the 27th LA Infantry had 26 officers and 249 men present for duty. Townsend was recommended for a 20 day furlough due to pneumonia and general disability on November 28, 1862. In May, 1863, he 27th LA Infantry engaged in the siege of Vicksburg. Townsend was one of many prisoners of war captured when Vicksburg was surrendered on July 4, 1863. Townsend was paroled on July 7, 1863, along with many other members of his unit. Sources say the members regrouped and participated in many smaller battles throughout Louisiana. Only a remnant remained to disband in spring of 1865. It is not clear whether or not Townsend saw action after Vicksburg. Private Townsend returned to Louisiana where he outlived three wives and was married a fourth time at his passing. Private Townsend passed away Febraury 22, 1953 in Olla, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana just 2 months short of his 107th birthday. Townsend was very active in the Louisiana United Confederate Veterans and was the last known Confederate soldier in Louisiana and as a result was respectfully referred to as "General".



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