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April 19, 2014, Nash, Texas – New members of the Red Diamond Camp #2193 are sworn in by Camp Commander Phil Maynard. Welcome aboard Compatriots!! Camp members let's keep on recruiting!!

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!"

"It is well that war is so terrible, we should grow too fond of it."

-General Lee to Longstreet at Fredericksburg

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From Our Commander...

Again, y'all should be proud of yourselves! I know I'm proud to be a member of the Red Diamond. We have hardly set down since the newsletter. Just hitting the high points is all I'll try to do.

The Memorial service in Little Rock was great (I carried gun correctly). Doing this service on the grounds of the Capital is something none of us know how long it will be allowed.

The Living History and Parade in Jefferson is always a great weekend. Color Sergeant James Murphy and his Brother Robert (now a member) and daughter Riley did a bang-up job with the gun display (get it -- lame). Then in the parade guess which camp had the most members. Yes, that's right, we did. Donna and Jeremy's cousin Jim and his wife Andrea Skelton from up in Oklahoma came and marched (and rode) with us. That was a treat.

We helped with the Memorial Service in Lone Star at Iron Bluff Cemetery and I wore my Chaplin's outfit (not undertaker's). We showed up in numbers.

Rondo with Cmdr. Bill Elmore and Cmdr. Mike Lee is always a pleasure and getting to help the Albert Pike Chapter of the UDC is always an honor.

The Texarkana Genealogical Society asked me to present a program on Confederate rations and camp food. It was a lot of fun and we talked about a lot more than food.

I sorta left something out: We have 4 new Members! They were sworn in at the last camp meeting. That was so much fun, we're gonna do it again next month except I am expecting to have 7 or 8 depending if we can get the backgrounds checked in time.

This is outstanding! Y'all have worked hard for this and the people we are bring in are all great guys. Let's all be sure to get acquainted.

This is also a big deal. Robert Row, who will be sworn in at the next meeting, has donated a brand new in the box, still in the wrapping, replica 1851 Navy Colt. I did not do well -- didn't get a picture of him or it. We will be giving it to someone this Christmas. Since we can't do a raffle, we will randomly select someone who donates a dollar to the camp.

Keep up the pace guys -- we're on a roll.

Phil Maynard Cmdr.



Unit Spotlight: 19th Texas Infantry

The 19th Texas Infantry was organized on May 13, 1862 and mustered into Confederate Service at Jeffers, Texas under the command of Colonel Richard Waterhouse. The volunteers who joined the regiment came from Henderson, Jefferson, Marion, Panola, Rusk, San Augustine, and Titus Counties. The 19th was assigned to the 3rd Brigade of Walker's Texas Division. Some of the officers of the 19th Texas Infantry were Lieutenant Colonel E. W. Taylor, Major W. L. Crawford, Assistant Surgeon J. E. Kirley, Quartermaster A. C. Smith, and Adjutant J. B. Jones.

The Regiment participated in the campaign to relieve Vicksburg, MS by attacking the Federal line of supply on the west side of the Mississippi River. This campaign included attacks on Federal supply depots at Miliken's Bend and Perkin's Landing. The Battle of Miliken's Bend was the Regiments first major engagement on June 7, 1863.

In the fall of 1863, the 19th Texas Infantry participated in the Bayou Teche Campaign, which prevented a Federal invasion of Eastern Texas, the Red River Campaign, in the spring of 1864 against General Nathaniel P. Banks and the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, which prevented Banks' capture of Shreveport, and once again thwarted a planned invasion of Texas.

The 19th Texas Infantry marched to Arkansas to counter General Steele's expedition aimed at Shreveport. The Regiment fought its last major engagement at Jenkin's Ferry, north of Camden, Arkansas on April 30, 1864. During the battle, the 3rd Brigade Commander, General Richard Scurry, was mortally wounded. The Regiment was surrendered at Galveston, Texas on June 2, 1865.

Note: Approximately 85 men of the 19th Texas Infantry died of illness while at Rondo, Arkansas for training.



Rondo Cemetery Memorial Service Honoring the 19th Texas Infantry May 17, 2014

Upcoming Events for May/June

May 30 Jefferson Davis Award
Presentation, Hooks
High School

May 31 Leadership Training
Seminar, Gainesville,
TX

June 7 Memorial Service at
Holly Springs
Cemetery with Barton
Camp (muster at 9am)

June 14 Dedication, Lone Star,
TX (muster at 9am)

June 19 Camp Meeting, Smokey
Joe's (6 pm)



Grave Guardian Program

This is the second appearance of this special opportunity. Please get involved in this program of memorializing Confederate Veterans by caring for their final resting place. Details can be found in the previous newsletter.

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.

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

Click the Convention Button
at
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Civil War Lingo

Pop Skull...Cheap Whiskey

Hornets...Bullets

Housewife...Sewing Kit

Mollygrubbing...Rest; Recline

Forty Dead Men...Full Cartridge Box

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

Point and Click...

www.couchgenweb.com/civilwar/

A great website focused primarily on everything Arkansas associated with Civil War as well as some additional information on Native Americans, Texas, Tennessee, and Louisiana. FREE

www.southernheritage411.com

Reveals the truth of the War for Southern Independence with particular emphasis on the contributions black people made to support the South in its struggle for independence. FREE

www.civilwaracademy.com

Ken Stover's website is an excellent source of information on the Civil War. FREE

Award Highlight

Membership Medal

The Membership Medal is available to all members who are in good standing with the organization. This medal will be an added touch to any inform and can be ordered through the online store that can be accessed at www.scv.org. If you need assistance with ordering, please see a camp officer.



Our Honored Ancestors

Bowie County Pensioners of the 19th Texas Infantry

Josh P. Baker – Born in Georgia in 1835, he enlisted in 1862 and served to the close of the war in 1865 in Company D as a Private. Baker filed a Confederate Pension Application (# 10021) in Cass County, Texas. He died June 22, 1917 and is buried in Courtland Cemetery in Queen City, Texas. After his death his wife, Solena, file a Widow's Pension (# 35306) in Bowie County, Texas.

Matthew Roger Barton – Born in Murray County, Georgia in 1844, Barton enlisted May 6, 1862 and served until the close of the war in 1865 as a Private. His company of service is not known. Barton was discharged at Marshall, Texas and lived most of the rest of his life in Bowie County, Texas. As he neared the end of his life he moved to Muenster, Cooke County, Texas to live with family where he died in 1916. Prior to his death he filed a Texas Confederate Pension Application in Bowie County (# 20920)

William Alfred Evans – Evans filed a Texas Confederate Pension Application in Franklin County, Texas where he lived the majority of his life after the war. He enlisted at Jefferson, Texa in May of 1862 and served through the end of the war; he was a Private in Company F. Evans filed a Texas Confederate Pension Application in Franklin County, Texas (# 5888); his wife filed a Widow's Application in Bowie County, Texas.

Oliver Wilson Goodwin – Goodwin was born in 1839 and lived the majority of his life in Texas. He enlisted in Jefferson, Texas May 6, 1862 and served as a Private in Company I throughout the war. He surrendered May 26, 1865 near New Orleans, Louisiana. He filed Texas Confederate Pension Application # 17364 in Bowie Cou nty, Texas. Goodwin died in 1916 and is bured in Rock Hill Cemetery near Redwater, Texas.

James Smith Hooper – A native Texan having been born in San Augustine County, Texas in 1840, Hooper served as a Sergeant beginning March 30, 1862. At some point, Hooper was reduced in rank to Private for unknown reasons; he served through the end of the war in 1865. After ther war, he married Arminda on December 17, 1886 in Howard County, Arkansas. He filed a Texas Confederate Pension Application in Bowie County (# 27290). At his death in 1905, he was interred at Old Salem Cemetery near Simms, Texas. A military marker application was filed in 1930 to have his grave permanently marked.



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