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June 19, 2014, Nash, Texas – With this group the Red Diamond Camp is nearing 50 strong...now that's awesome!!!! Welcome aboard Compatriots and let's keep 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!"

"The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."

-President Jefferson Davis

From Our Commander...

We've had another great month. We inducted 5 more men into our ranks to go with the 5 from last month. We have 2 more that haven't been able to attend the meetings. We also have 2 more that have committed to joining within the next few days. I have been told we will be getting at least four more besides these. We are quickly approaching 50 members. This is great.

While on the topic, dues notices will be arriving in your mail within the next few weeks. Please pay as soon as you can. Last year was a nightmare. If you get a notice and you joined after January of this year, don't get excited. Get in touch with me.

This is also the time of year that the SCV membership falls. People don't re-up. It's just that simple. I hope we don't have that this time.

We've had a lot going on this spring and I am proud of the number of men who have been willing to dress out and help with our color guard duties. We've helped in Texas and Arkansas. We've had the most from any camp at several events. Your dedication to the charge is quite evident. We may not be the biggest (yet) but I will put the Red Diamond up against any camp for willingness to serve.

We have been asked to post colors for the Children of the Confederacy's National Convention which is an honor. It falls on our normal meeting night. We are going to change the meeting night to the 4th Thursday just this once. Our camp meetings have turned into a lot of fun. If you've not been in a while, you're missing out.

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

Phil Maynard Cmdr.



Unit Spotlight: 8th Texas Cavalry

Popularly known as Terry's Texas Rangers, the 8th Texas Cavalry consisted of a group of Texas volunteers assembled by Col. Benjamin Franklin Terry in August 1861 near Houston (unfortunately Col Terry would be killed in action during the first skirmish in Kentucky. The Rangers distinguished themselves at several battles during the Civil War fighting in more than 250 engagements in seven states.

Due to their expert riding abilities and versatile weaponry, the Rangers were often used as "shock troops". Their first major battle was the Battle of Shiloh where they performed well afterward moving on to support Forrest at the Battle of Murfreesboro. They were credited by union survivors at Battle of Fort Pillow for refusing to participate in the massacre and saving prisoners' lives. They would also fight at the Battles of Chattanooga and Chickamauga as well as the Knoxville, and Atlanta Campaigns. They were often used behind enemy lines to harass the union troops and breakdown communication lines. Their last charge came during the Battle of Bentonville where they lost three of their officers.

They surrendered on April 26, 1865 with the rest of the Army of Tennessee.



We did it again!! Red Diamond joined other Lone Star Color Guard members for a dedication at Clark Cemetery in Lone Star, Texas on June 14, 2014.

Upcoming Events for July

- July 4 Ore City Parade
(muster 8:30 am)
- July 12 UDC Charter, Gilmer
(2:00 pm)
- July 12-13
Texarkana Gun Show
- July 17 Post Colors for
Children of
Confederacy National
Convention
- July 24 Camp Meeting, Smokey
Joe's (6 pm)



You Don't Want to Miss This...

**Jefferson's 3rd Annual
Civil War Symposium**

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum in partnership with the Jeffersonian Institute will be presenting a myriad of information on the Red River Campaign of 1864 through a panel of speakers and vendors during the 3rd Annual Civil War Symposium. The events will take place on August 9, 2014 at the Jeffersonian Institute in Jefferson, Texas.

Speakers and Topics...

- Dr. Gary D. Joiner "Overview of the Red River Campaign"
- Mr. Scott Dearman "War in the Piney Woods: The Battle of Mansfield, April 8, 1864"
- Dr. T. Michael Parrish "Richard Taylor, the Red River, Texas, and the World"
- Dr. Richard McCaslin "A Gall ant and Desperate Charge: The 19th Texas Infantry in Louisiana"

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for students. Deadline for registration is August 4.

For more information visit jeffersonmuseum.com or call 903-665-2775 or email Weldon Nash at wwnash@sbcglobal.net

Don't Miss This Great Opportunity So Close To Home!!

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**Membership
Renewal**

Please submit your membership dues as soon as possible. Also note that dues are a total of \$50 (your renewal notice may state \$51; please disregard if this is the case and only pay \$50).

SCV National Reunion

July 16-19, 2014

Charleston, South Carolina



Grave Guardian Program

Please do your part to bring honor and memory to the many Confederate veterans in our area.

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Civil War Lingo

Blue Mass...Men on Sick Call

Gallinippers...Mosquitos

Hop, Step, Jump...2 Wheeled Ambulance

Come a Cropper...Have a Setback

Bull Pit...Confinement Area

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

Award Highlight

Jefferson Davis Leadership Award

This award should be presented to a student, who, in the opinion of the student advisor, emulates the leadership principles, moral character, and dedication to duty that was so superbly demonstrated by President Davis. James Harmon Duke served as Class President for four years, as Student Council Treasurer, was a member of National Honor Society, and accumulated more than 500 hours of community service both locally and across the US while maintaining a 4.969 GPA and graduating 8th in his class. He will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall majoring in Landscape Architecture. He received \$54,132 in scholarships Organization.

Point and Click...

www.scv.org/curriculum

Want to learn more about the Southern View of History? This website contains tons of reading material and comes complete with a short quiz at the end of each section. FREE

www.youtube.com/user/SCVORG/featured

If you don't like surfing the SCV website, then check out the YouTube channel sponsored by SCV. FREE

www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org

For those of you who have a genealogical tie to an officer of who served honorably for the Confederacy, you can also join this great organization. Check it out!! Membership dues required. FREE



Hooks High School Senior and Red Diamond Camp Member Harmon Duke proudly displaying the Jefferson Davis Leadership Award. Harmon is flanked by his dad, Jeff, and brother, Levi, who are members of the Red Diamond Camp as well.

Our Honored Ancestors

Bowie County Pensioners interred in the Texas State Cemetery Austin, Travis County, Texas

Hiram Peuler Jones was born in Georgia in 1827 and came to Texas in 1852. He married P. A. in Miller Co, AR on March 24, 1861. He served honorably in Co B 1 Hood's Texas Infantry. He was admitted to the Texas Confederate Soldier's Home on September 9, 1892 and died of cancer October 18, 1894. He is interred in the Confederate Field, Section 2; Row T; Number 31.

Francis Marion Orr was born in Union County, SC. He enlisted March 8, 1862 in Choctaw County, MS, where he lived with his wife, Sarah and served through the end of the war in Co E 26 MS Infantry as a Drummer. He was resident of the Texas Confederate Home. He died of Pneumonia March 29, 1932 and is interred at the Texas State Cemetery in the Confederate Field, Section 3; Row E; Number 23.

Jesse Bird Renfro was born in Kentucky in 1842 and moved to Texas in 1852. He served in the Texas State Troops from July 6, 1861 until his enlistment into Confederate service on March 1, 1862 in McKinney. Renfro enlisted in Co F 16th TX Cavalry and was sent to Clarksville to reorganize where he was elected 2nd Sergeant. From Clarksville, the unit was sent to Little Rock then Duval's Bluff and on to Cotton Plant for battle. From there they went back to Little Rock where they were dismounted and then sent up river to Camp Nelson where Renfro was transferred to Gould's. Renfro then saw battle at Mansfield, LA under Gen. Banks then returned to Camden, AR to reinforce McCullough and Steel. After the Battle of Camden, Renfro was sent to Shreveport and from there furloughed and ultimately discharged. Renfro entered the Texas Confederate Soldier's Home on November 20, 1915 due to blindness. He left the home on his own at least once, but was a resident of the home at his death on April 16, 1931 succumbing to Myocarditis. He is interred in the Confederate Field, Section 1; Row D; Number 5

John Weeks was born in Texas in 1846. He served in Terry's Texas Cavalry as well as Co G 1 TX "Cook's" Heavy Artillery. He enlisted into service in Grimes County in February, 1863. Although his pension, which was filed in Limestone County, Texas in 1905, was disapproved, he was allowed to enter the Texas Confederate Home where he died of cancer. He is interred in the Texas State Cemetery Confederate Field, Section 1; Row X; Number 16. It should also be noted that his wife received a pension in Bowie County.



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