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March 21, 2015 – Camp members spreading the word about SCV to attendees at the Texarkana Gun Show. Great news we got a several new prospects for the local camp as well as others in the area.

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!"

"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

- Robert Lewis Dabney, Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson

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From Our Commander...

I'm not sure where to start. It seems that my life has been a blur since Christmas. As most of you are aware, Donna was in the hospital due to severe head trauma as the result of a car wreck which we had early in January. We were returning home from the David O' Dodd Memorial service. While Jeremy was completely fine and I was only left a little dazed for a few days, Donna's head was severe. She's better and is expected to make a full recovery. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

When Donna and I first talked about chartering a camp here in Texarkana, I wasn't sure I could do it. I was right. Without her help it would not have happened. Soon after that we got the charter I set some goals for the camp. I am proud to say we achieved another of them just in the last few months. Our roster now has 51 members with several more on the way. Our camp meetings are averaging 50 to 60 people. We had 11 men who came and worked the gun show this past weekend. We have our own Color Guard and Honor Guard. We are the largest and most active camp in the 5th Brigade. So I guess we can sit down now and take it easy. Sure we can. If anything, we must work harder.

If you are not involved, it's by your own choosing. We have several committees that need men. Let us know what you want to do and we'll see where you can help. It is a real pleasure to lead such a great bunch of men.

Phil



Other Items to Note...

Aubrey Turner had knee surgery and is still in need of prayers and support.

1st.Sgt. Paul Hamilton of the Lone Star Confederate Color Guard is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. He has requested your prayers.

Donna Stotts is in need of prayer as she continues to recover from the automobile accident.

Unit Spotlight: 29th Texas Cavalry

In the July of 1862, Col. Charles DeMorse assembled and organized ten companies at Clarksville. The men came primarily from Collin, Denton, Grayson, Lamar, Fannin, and Red river counties with a small number hailing from Bexar and Polk counties farther south. By mid-October 1862, the regiment started training at Camp Davis near Clarksville and Camp Sidney Johnston near Paris. Along with DeMorse, the regiment was let by Lt. Col. Otis G. Welch and Major Joseph Carroll. Companies were commanded by captains T. W. Daugherty, Nick Wilson, James Clark, William T. Gunn, John Harman, Mat Daugherty, L. H. Norwood. W. J. T. Littlejohn, William A. Brown, W. R. Elliott, A. C. Warren, and later Thomas R. Wilson and lieutenants R. P. Duty and F. M. Bounds. The unit remained in Texas until spring of 1863 to defend settlers against Indian raids and to protect North Texas from possible Federal invasion or Unionist activities. In March 1863, the regiment moved to the Indian Territory to join Brig. Gen Douglas H. Cooper's Mounted Indian Brigade. The regiment fought alongside Col Stand Watie and other Confederate Indians to defend the Indian Territory. Their first major engagement occurred on July 17, 1863, at Honey Springs, fifteen miles south of Fort Gibson. The men felt their first sting of defeat in the battle but gained a good reputation as the Texans volunteered to leave the field last protecting Cooper's supply line. By autumn, the regiment transferred to the newly-formed Gano's Brigade and participated at Poison Spring and Camden in the spring of 1864 and thwarted the northern branch of the Red River Campaign. Later that fall, the men fought at the Second Battle of Cabin Creek capturing more than \$1.5 million in supplies. Early in 1865, the regiment was ordered south to Natchitoches and assigned to Walker's Texas Division. They were dismounted with the rest of the cavalry units and ordered to march to Hempstead, Texas. Arriving in April 1865, they learned of the end of hostilities and soon disbanded.



Paying homage to those who went before us...

At Left - Red Diamond Officers and members at Elkhorn Tavern (Pea Ridge) Battlefield March 7, 2015. Standing- left - Stanley Smith. Right - Lt. Cmdr. Mitch Tyson. Kneeling - Wade Tyson, Adjutant Jonathan Tyson, Drummer David Tyson.

Upcoming Events

<u>April</u>			
10	Re-enactment	Pleasant Hill	All Day
11	Dinner/Color Guard	Mena	5:00
16	Camp Meeting	Smokey Joe's	6:00
18	Marker Dedication	Little Rock	TBA
18	Ark. Division Dinner	Benton	6:00
<u>May</u>			
1	Living History	Jefferson	All Day
2	Parade	Jefferson	10:00
3	Color Guard	Jefferson	9:00
9	Memorial Service	Salem Cem.	TBA
23	Memorial Service	Corinth Cem.	TBA
30	SCV Rally	Shreveport	1:00
<u>June</u>			
5-7	Texas Division Reunion, Temple		

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We want every member of the Red Diamond Camp to be active in advancing the historical significance of the honorable service of our ancestors. Please consider being a part of a committee. Contact a committee member today and offer your assistance.

Woo Hoo!!!!!!

The Camp has exceeded 50 members! We now have a NEW GOAL in place...75 members!



**Confederate Heritage Rally
May 30, 2015
Shreveport, LA**

This will be the fifth and final event sponsored by SCV to honor the 150th anniversary of the WBTS. Units from across the nation will be in attendance. You don't want to miss this outstanding opportunity so close to home.

Texas Division State Convention

June 5-7, 2015
Temple, Texas
For more information visit
www.scvtexas.org
(Click New then State Convention)

Host Camp
Major Robert M. White Camp #1250

SCV National Reunion

July 15 – 19, 2015
Richmond, VA
Start Planning Now!!!!

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Civil War Lingo

Veal...Raw Recruits

Shakes...Malaria

Teeth Dullers...Hardtack

Yankee Brains...Horse Manure

Algerine...Pirate

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

Award Highlight...

Roll of Honor Medal

Recipients of this award must be listed on the Confederate Roll of Honor and have been separated under honorable conditions.

Candidates must have served the Confederacy in a military or government capacity during the War Between the States.

Presentation (upon approval) should be made to an institution of government, a museum, library or other worthy location for permanent display.

Point and Click...

www.moc.org

The Museum of the Confederacy's mission is to serve as the preeminent world center for the display, study, interpretation, commemoration, and preservation of the history and artifacts of the Confederate States of America.

<http://www.forsythnchistory.com/files/ConfederateMedalWinners.pdf>

This site contains a pdf file of all recipients of the Confederate Medal of Honor. Please search this document to see if you may have an ancestor included in this list of elite Confederate soldiers. Please see the Award Highlight section in this newsletter for more information.

www.confederatecolonel.com

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Jefferson Civil War Days

April 30 - May 3

Jefferson, Texas

Experience the Great Locomotive Chase

and

Naval Battle of Port Jefferson

There are opportunities for re-enactors or it's a great event to visit as a civilian. There will be more information forthcoming.

For more information go to www.jeffersoncivilwardays.com. You may also contact Color Sergeant James Murphy.

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Our Honored Ancestors

Interments of Bowie County Pensioners

Thomas B. Wallace	Andrew's Chapel (Webster Par., LA)		Co G, 8 MO Infantry
C. E. Wade	Unknown	Pvt.	Co E, 7 AR Infantry
William Alfred Evans	Unknown	Pvt.	Co F 19 TX Cavalry
William J. Mills	Unknown, (KIA, Kentucky)		Co A 4 MS
Travis Watts Bowdoin	Cedar Grove	Pvt.	Co K 53 GA Infantry
Benjamin Taylor Welch	Cedar Grove		Co A 34 AL Infantry
John R. Corley	Chico (Wise Co, TX)	Pvt.	Co C 6 AL Cavalry
J. K. P. Jamison	Clarksville (Red River Co, TX)	3Sgt.	Co B 9 TX Cavalry
Spencer Rice Collom	Collom/Reed	4Sgt.	Co I 29 TX Cavalry
Matthew Roger Barton	Unknown (possibly Cooke Co, TX)	Pvt.	Co I 19 TX Infantry

NOTE: All cemeteries are located in Bowie County, Texas except those notated in parentheses.



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