

# DOUGLAS DISPATCH

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## 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 soldiers’ 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*

**APRIL MEETING**  
June 19, 2008, 7:00 pm  
Sweet Sue's Family Restaurant  
**SPEAKER: Judge Ben Grant**  
**TOPIC: Contributions from Texas to the Southern Cause**

## Commander's Message

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the picnic. You missed some GOOD fish and fixin'! Dan Horton is a great cook!

I would also like to thank everyone for coming to the meeting last month. RoseMary Rumbley had to cancel at the last minute and our Don Majors stepped up to the plate. He gave a very soul stirring talk. You missed a good one!

Thanks go to Johnnie Holley for assuming the oversight of the school programs for the camp. This is a worthwhile endeavor for the camp. We have a chance to teach the area students what the textbooks leave out and correct Yankee propaganda.

I would like to welcome our newest compatriot into the camp. Jackie Wilson was inducted at the last meeting! Be sure and give him a big 'Howdy!'

There are not many events scheduled for the summer but don't slack off. Be sure and put the camp meetings on your calendar. And if at all possible try to attend the Division and Confederation Reunion. Rest while we can and be ready to work come fall!

See you on the 19th! Bring a guest!

Semper Fi!  
Stay Faithful!  
Muddy Waters  
Commander

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## June Program

Those of you that were unable to attend our May meeting really missed a very inspiring program from Don Majors. Don did a wonderful job and really spoke "from the heart".

We owe him a HUGE thank you for filling in at the last minute and doing such a great job!!

June's program will be given to us by Judge Ben Grant, of Marshall, Texas. Judge Grant is an expert on the contributions from Texas, and especially East Texas, to the Southern Cause. The people of East Texas served the Confederacy in many ways, and Judge Grant will be here to share these stories with us. June's program should prove to be very interesting, so be sure to attend, and as always, bring a guest. Stay out of the heat and be careful as these dog days of summer are upon us.

Don't forget Jefferson Davis' birthday on June 3rd!!

God Bless Dixie!  
Brad Tindel  
1st Lt. Commander



## Brigade 8 News

Compatriots:

Well, summer is approaching rapidly and things will slow down somewhat. We are already getting requests for the fall and several reenactments will be taking place. The Douglas Battery will be trying to attend Chickamauga and will be at Jones's Meadow. Since that is close, you should try to attend and bring out friends. We need to recruit and that is a good way to do it.

Those who missed the Camp picnic missed a good time. Dan is a great fish cook and the ladies brought some good stuff.

Compatriots, we need to get off our duffs and bring our membership back to where it was. With our size and the quality people we have, we should be doing much more. I see the same faces at events. I have said it before and it is true, if you would take part I know you would enjoy it and feel good about Honoring Your Ancestors. Make a pledge to come out in the fall. We need you all.

I will report on the SCV reunion at the next meeting. The agenda is not know but some rules and questions will surely come up.

Stay cool and best wishes.  
Johnnie L. Holley, Jr.  
1st Lt., East Texas Brigade

### With Sad Hearts...

It is with heavy hearts we tell you of the passing of another compatriot--Dr. James Ballard. Those of you who do not recognize his name will remember him as the gentleman who sits in the center of the room at the Camp Meetings, and gives our Invocation and Benediction when Chaplain Don Majors is not in attendance. Like many of our members, he was a wonderful man, and very modest.

Flowers were sent from the Camp.

Please keep the Ballard family in your prayers.

### From the Adjunct

"'The only good Indian I ever saw was dead,' Phil Sheridan told the surrendering Comanche Chief Tosawi at Fort Cobb, Indian Territory, in 1870. Sheridan himself ordered the Marias River, Montana, massacre, in which 173 Indians died, one-third of them women and children, and the Cheyenne village massacre at the Battle of the Washita River in present-day Oklahoma.

One modern-day Cherokee chief, himself the descendent of pro-Northern Cherokees, recalled recently how the Confederacy's wartime treaty with the Cherokees solved most of the latter's problems. *'What if the South had won?' he wondered aloud. 'It could have been a good deal for the Cherokees.'*" (excerpt from John Dwyer- ***The War Between the States***)

For the "North," the war continues until all things free and Southern are wiped clean out.

See you on the 19th!!!  
Ken Reynolds  
Adjutant

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## Calendar of Events

- Jun 6-8 Texas Division SCV Reunion – Galveston -**  
[www.texas-scv.org](http://www.texas-scv.org) (See Page 3)
- Jun 14 Vittitoe Cemetery Memorial - 11:30 am**  
Dennison, Texas POC Johnnie Holley (See Page 3)
- Jun 19 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Judge Ben Grant  
TOPIC: Texas Contributions to War Between States (See Page 2)
- Jul 16-20 Confederation SCV Reunion – Concord NC**  
Host Camp Captain Jonas Cook Camp #888 (See Page 4)
- Jul 17 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant
- Aug 21 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant
- Sep 18 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant
- Oct 16 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant
- Oct 24-26 Battle at Jones Meadow – Friday – Sunday**  
POC Rob Jones  
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## Jefferson Davis

Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America was born on June 3, 1880. This year we celebrate the 200th birthday of the Confederacy's only president. Charged with treason after the war but never convicted, he was stripped of his right to hold public office. These rights were restored in 1978, 89 years after his death.

Davis was a graduate of West Point and a fellow Cadet of Robert E. Lee. He commanded a Mississippi regiment in the Mexican War, where his bravery at the battles of Monterrey and Buena Vista won him acclaim. With the formation of the Confederacy, he had hoped for a high ranking military position. Instead, he was selected as provisional President and was inaugurated on February 18, 1861.

Davis was passionately committed to the cause of the Confederacy, and his labors on its behalf took a heavy personal toll. Most scholars today consider that he guided the Confederacy as ably as one could expect, given its situation.

With the 200th anniversary of the birth of Davis and the completed restoration of Beauvoir this year, we have cause to celebrate throughout the Confederacy.

If you have an ancestor that was an officer in the Confederacy or a member of the Confederate government, I would like to invite you to join the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Yours in The Cause,  
Dan Horton, Commander  
Richard B. Hubbard Chapter  
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## Vittitoe Cemetery Memorial

Compatriots:

Mr. Bob DeBerry, President of Vittitoe Cemetery, has requested help from the Reeves SCV Camp and the Douglas Camp and any and all who can attend in uniform on Saturday, June 14. We will honor 17 Confederates and 2 Union dead.

Lunch will be served at the Kentuckytown Baptist Church at 11:30 with ceremony to follow. This will be a highly publicized event with family and local history buffs in attendance. This event is close to Dennison, Texas.

For a map and more details contact  
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## 2008 Texas Division Reunion

The 2008 Texas Division Reunion will be held June 6-8, 2008, at the Hawthorn Suites/Victorian Resort and Conference Center, 6300 Seawall, Galveston, Texas. A one bedroom condo (sleeps 4-6) is \$114.00 plus tax per night. A two bedroom condo (sleeps 6-8) is \$234.00 plus tax per night. Please tell the hotel you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans to get the group rate.

Camp 1565, 13th Texas Infantry, Brazoria County and Camp 50, John Bell Hood, Galveston are co-hosting this reunion.

For more information and registration forms, go to <http://www.texas-scv.org/convention.php>.

Galveston is only a few hours away. Make plans to attend the Reunion! You won't be disappointed!

**MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!!**

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## 2008 SCV Confederation Reunion

The 2008 SCV Confederate Reunion in Mt. Pleasant/Concord North Carolina (North of Charlotte), July 16-20 2008, will be here in a few short weeks. Registration costs \$60 until 10/1/07, \$70 until March 2, 2008, \$80 until July 1, 2008, and will be \$85.00 at the door. There are brand new facilities with lots of amenities. Unlike the traditional approach of a main hotel, there will be several hotels making rooms available. You can access hotel information and convention registration forms at <http://www.scv.org/convention.php>

The host camp is the Captain Jonas Cook Camp #888. More information can be accessed at their website of <http://www.jonascookcamp.com/>.

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## 2nd Annual Battle at Jones Meadow

Mark your calendars for Jones Meadow on October 24-25-26, 2008. Friday, October 24 is a School Day and we need as many reenactors as possible to be there that day also. The William H.L. Wells Camp #1588 is making great plans for this event. Each time we talk to them they are adding something exciting! Their goal is to make this the BEST reenactment in Texas! AND it's in our backyard! What could be better except to live closer to an actual battle site! For further information, please visit their website <http://www.raidoncampford.org/>

A DVD and a CD with over 1,000 photos of October 2007 event is available for purchase! For ordering information go to <http://www.raidoncampford.org/CampFordPhotoDVD.pdf> or send a check for \$10 for the photo CD or \$15 for the DVD plus \$2

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## Ancestor Book

The Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose's 2008 fund raising project is an Ancestors Book. For just a few dollars you can have your ancestor in our book! A 1/8th of 8 1/2" x 11" page article is only \$4.00! A 1/4th page is \$10.00! A half page is \$15.00! And a full page is only \$35.00. We would like a book of pictures and stories!

We are also offering a special bidding war on the honor of sponsoring a Confederate Officer! And for only \$25.00 you can sponsor a 1/8 page COLOR picture of a unit flag!

For more information, please contact Norma Holley at 903-725-6774!

This is being offered for only a limited time before publication! Don't miss the opportunity to have your ancestors, their pictures and their story in our book!

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## Civil War Hero Comes Home To Town Named For Him submitted by Milton Burton

Responsible for protecting the Rebel retreat to Atlanta, Granbury's Texas Brigade fought another of many rearguard actions on May 16, 1864.

A key component of the famous Confederate contingent was the Waco Guards. Like fellow secessionists throughout Texas and the South, the

fighting men of Waco went off to war in a close-knit company of blood kin, friends, and neighbors.

Their founder and leader was 30-year-old Hiram Bronson Granbury. Since coming to the Central Texas town ten years earlier, the Mississippian had been admitted to the bar and elected to the local bench. A photograph taken on the eve of the Civil War shows Judge Granbury's two most prominent features: a shock of thick, unruly hair and the piercing eyes of an intense young man.

After a few months of free-lancing, the Waco Guards and other autonomous companies from the former Lone Star State were consolidated into the Seventh Texas Infantry. In the customary election of officers, the rank and file promoted Capt. Granbury to regimental major.

The Texans soon found themselves at Fort Donelson on the Confederate border with Kentucky. The garrison came under siege from a Union force commanded by an obscure brigadier general, who had graduated 21st in his class of 39 at West Point.

Led by the howling Seventh Texas, the southerners broke out of the fort at daybreak on Feb. 15 in a desperate attempt to clear the road to Nashville. They scattered the sleepy Yankee sentries but were forced to retrace their steps after Ulysses S. Grant regrouped his troops for a successful counterattack.

Fort Donelson fell without a shot, and the entire garrison was taken prisoner. But at that point in the war both sides preferred to swap POW's rather than hold onto them, so the officers and men of the Seventh Texas were back at their posts by the fall of 1862.

Captivity earned a rise in rank for Granbury and his brigade commander, John Gregg of Fairfield. By the time the reconstituted Seventh helped to stop Sherman in his tracks at Vicksburg, Granbury was a colonel and Gregg was a brigadier general.

Following a hard-fought draw with an opponent four times their size, the Seventh was attached to Gen. Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee. An uneventful summer proved to be the calm before the deadly storm at Chickamauga.

Major General William Rosecrans spent weeks maneuvering his Army of the Cumberland into just the right position for the three-day battle outside Chattanooga. Combined casualties of 35,000 were evenly split between Union and Confederate, but it was Rosecrans who blinked and withdrew in

defeat.

One of 14,000 Rebs wounded at Chickamauga, Granbury refused treatment until the final shot was fired. During his recovery, the Seventh joined forces with nine different home-state units to form the Texas Brigade.

The final battle for hotly contested Chattanooga was fought at Missionary Ridge on Nov. 25, 1863. The Texas Brigade was a rare bright spot on that disastrous day Grant outgeneraled Bragg.

When Sherman attacked the Texans early that morning, Granbury's brigade commander fell with a serious wound. He instantly filled the void, halted the enemy advance and eventually repulsed the Yankees with heavy losses.

On the chaotic retreat to Atlanta, it was the Texas Brigade that protected the Confederate rear. Granbury and his men delayed the enemy with daily skirmishes and even succeeded in knocking them back on their heels with a masterful counterattack at Ringgold Gap, Georgia.

The Texans fought through the spring and summer in defense of doomed Atlanta. When the city finally was evacuated in September 1864, opening Georgia to Sherman's merciless march, the Texas Brigade returned to Tennessee with Gen. John Bell Hood.

Hood hoped to tempt Sherman into following him but instead ran into a Union army in the hills above Franklin, Tennessee. For three days, he searched for a chink in the enemy's armor. Finding none, Hood ordered a charge across a mile of open ground.

With Granbury leading the way as usual, the Texans routed the northerners' first line of defense. From there it was a footrace to the main barricades manned by several thousand soldiers, who held their fire for fear of hitting their comrades.

When the last of them reached the finish line mere yards ahead of the Rebs, the Union guns unleashed a horrendous volley. Texans dropped like flies, the first of 5,000 to die that afternoon, including Granbury with a bullet in his forehead.

He was buried a day or two later in a private cemetery. Like most battlefield interments, the plot was not meant as his final resting place.

Twenty-nine years later, veterans of the Texas Brigade came back for their fallen hero. They took Hiram Bronson Granbury home to Texas and the town they had named for him – Granbury, Texas.



### **What is the TSOCR & OCR? adopted from an article by Norma Holley**

I know that some within the various Southern heritage groups do not know the origin or purpose of the Order of Confederate Rose. Therefore, I would like to take a few minutes to explain.

The Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Inc. is an independent support group to the Texas Division SCV and the local Camps thereof. We also assist other heritage organizations in such events as marker dedications, memorial services and living history events. We are governed by our own bylaws and standing rules. There are OCR organizations in several other states, of which Texas is the largest and most active, but each state organization is separate and independent. We do not have a National organization or National officers. However, at the National SCV Reunion we meet as a “Confederation of States”. The state organizations support each other and work together to maintain our Southern heritage.

The Order of Confederate Rose is a not-for-profit, 501©3 organization, and is non-racial, non-political and non-sectarian. The OCR was formed so that individuals who did not have or could not prove Confederate lineage could be involved in the efforts to preserve and support Southern history.

The OCR assists the SCV and other heritage groups with their historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. As there are few rules or restrictions to stifle our creativity, each Rose Chapter is free to focus on the activities of its local SCV Camp, along with supporting SCV efforts on State and National levels.

Membership in the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose is open to anyone ten years of age or older, regardless of lineage and gender, who wishes to support the Texas Division SCV in their efforts to protect and defend Southern heritage and pride. Our role is not to compete with, but to support and assist other heritage groups in their efforts to preserve Southern heritage and culture.

Within the Order of Confederate Rose is a group of ladies known as the Society of the Black Rose. These ladies wear full period mourning (all black) as did the ladies in the 1860's. We participate in memorial services and marker dedications by portraying the widows and female family members of the deceased. We also participate in Confederate funerals.

The Emma Sansom Chapter #31, TSOCR was chartered October 6, 2003, with 28 members. We currently have 34 members. The Emma Sansom Chapter is the local support group for the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp #124, SCV. It is our purpose to assist the Camp and its officers in their efforts to preserve and protect our Southern heritage.

EDITOR NOTE: Emma Sansom now has a website! Please go to [www.emmasansom.org](http://www.emmasansom.org). This is a work in progress and will see improvements over the summer. We hope to use it to contact all our members and keep them abreast of the chapter happenings.



### **Navy Museum Gets Rare Civil War Artifact**

A bell from the historic Civil War naval vessel USF Merrimack is on display at the National Museum of the United States Navy in Washington D.C. The acquisition of the bell is important for both the museum and for the Navy overall because there are very few artifacts from Merrimack and the battle between Virginia and ironclad Monitor at Hampton Roads on March 8-9, 1862. The bell is now on display at the museum's popular Civil War gallery as a long-term attraction.

For more information on visiting the museum, visit the website for the National Museum of the United States.



### **TIDBITS FROM HISTORY**

A number of men who became prominent in the Civil War had soldiered for the Republic of Texas: Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, who went to Texas after the Revolution and served for a time as commanding officer of the Texas Army, Maj. Gen. George Crittenden and brigadier generals Thomas Green, Joseph L. Hogg, Jerome Bonaparte

Robertson, Ben McCulloch and Thomas Green,  
Confederates all.

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During the West Virginia campaign in mid-1861, a company of green Illinois volunteers was wearily making its way down a road in execrable marching order until its captain shouted, "Close up, boys! Damn you, close up! If the enemy were to fire on you when you're straggling along that way, they couldn't hit a damn one of you! Close up!" Whereupon the troops closed up.

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When the Rev. William N. Pendleton (West Point, '30), who eventually became a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, took command of a battery in 1861 he promptly named the guns "Matthew," "Mark," "Luke" and "John."

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When a brave Texan rode out to retrieve a flag which had fallen between the lines at the battle of Wilson's Creek (10 August 1861), the men of the Union 1st Iowa held their fire, calling out to the troops on either side to likewise honor a gallant enemy.

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No one knows whether it was a Yank or a Reb who made one of the monumental discoveries of the war, but the troops of both sides very quickly learned that the barrel of a musket could hold nearly a pint of whiskey.

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Confederate Lt. James E. Hanger, who lost a leg as a result of wounds incurred at Philippi (3 June 1861), in what is now West Virginia, an action sometimes called the first battle of the war, devised for himself an artificial limb so superior to existing devices that he founded a firm for their manufacture which still exists.

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At the battle of Wilson's Creek (10 August 1861), Confederate Brig. Gen. Sterling Price was grazed by a musket ball fired by one of the Union Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's men, whereupon the corpulent Rebel remarked, "That isn't fair; if I were as slim as Lyon that fellow would have missed me entirely."

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It is said that after a particularly wearing march shortly before the first battle of Bull Run his men were so exhausted that Thomas J. Jackson posted only one sentry for his brigade, the "Gallant Jackson" himself.

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Lt. Manning M. Kimmel of the U.S. 2nd Cavalry did not "go South" until shortly after serving at the first battle of Bull Run, and, after a career as a staff officer in the Confederate Army, went on to father Husband Kimmel, associated with another national military disaster on 7 December 1941.

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### From the Editor

Another issue of the Douglas Dispatch is printed and in your hands. We hope you enjoy!

The months of March, April and May were sooooo busy for the Goodsons! I know it was the same for you. We are looking forward to the slow summer months to rest and recoop for the fall.

I would like to thank Milton for the article he contributed this month. If anyone would like to submit an article, it would be greatly appreciated! Have you visited an interesting historical site? Have you taken part in a reenactment? Write an article so others can experience the same. Think about writing an article about your ancestor for the *Dispatch* and then send it to Norma Holley for inclusion in the OCR's book! Two birds with one stone!

Do you have pictures you would like to contribute to the camp? Mary June has accidently deleted most of the pictures we took this year! So we are missing several events for the website page. Please help!

I hope to see some of you at the Reunion in Galveston. If you have not made plans to go, please reconsider. The camp needs your attendance! The Division needs your attendance!

See you in Galveston and on the 19th!

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