



# DOUGLAS DISPATCH



*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

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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*

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*Merry Christmas to All!*

## Christmas in Dixie

We are looking forward to another wonderful  
Confederate Christmas Party

at the  
Woman's Building  
911S. Broadway, Tyler

Thursday, December 13, 2007  
Social hour begins at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Prepaid reservations are required  
Deadline is December 7

Make check payable to  
Captain James P. Douglas Camp 124  
\$25 per person  
mail to  
Bob Davidson  
10858 Mosswood Dr.  
Tyler, Texas 75703-9433

Please, include the  
first and last names  
of each person for name badges.

Join us for Christmas Music, Fine  
Fellowship, Excellent Food,  
and Door Prizes.

Don't forget, if you wish to participate  
in the fun gift exchange, bring a  
wrapped gift (\$5 plus)

(Confederate or Southern, if possible).

Family and friends are most welcome.

For this very special evening, period  
dress is invited, but not required.

If you need further information, contact

Bob Davidson 903-581-7891  
or  
Johnnie Holley 903-725-6774.

## Commander's Message

What a GREAT year we've had! Can you believe it's Christmas? And speaking of Christmas, have you mailed in your reservations for Christmas in Dixie? I have heard from a good authority the man in the red hat might make an appearance again this year! You must come to see what he might have in his sack for you and all your other good fellow compatriots! It promises to be a fun evening for all!

Have you renewed your membership? Please send in your dues to Ken. His address is in his column. We would like to have 100% renewal for the camp. We are only missing a few of you who have probably just overlooked sending in your money. So, take the time now to address that envelope and mail it to Ken.

Be sure and check out the Current Events column and mark your calendar. The Spring dates are filling fast! Camp Ford will be the last weekend in March so make your plans to join us as we bring history alive for Tyler and her visitors! Also, we have 3 schools that want to schedule a living history. More info will be coming on that.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and Safe New Year! May Santa bring you all you need as you have a joyous celebration with your family and friends.

Long Live Dixie!

Thanks,  
Muddy Waters  
Commander  
Captain James P. Douglas Camp #124

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Notes December Program

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! As Southern Americans, we certainly have many things to be thankful for; our Southern heritage and ancestors, and our current U.S military who risk their lives to keep America "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

December's program will be our annual Christmas party, complete with Christmas songs from our very own *Three Majors & a General*. They are always a crowd favorite, so be sure to attend this year's event.

It looks as if I will be serving ONE more year as your 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander. I appreciate the camp's faith in me and your support. I will begin scheduling speakers for 2008 as soon as possible, so if you have any ideas on programs, or would like to request a certain speaker, please let me know. Any help/ideas regarding future programs are greatly appreciated. As we move into 2008, I again would like to urge all of you to become as involved as you can in our camp. Let's make the James P Douglas Camp the very best it can be.

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Very Happy New Year!

Brad Tindel, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander

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### From the Adjutant Ken Reynolds

Merry Christmas to all! It is not too late to sign up for the Christmas Dinner and all of the fun that comes with our Christmas program.

Our member cards have come in. Headquarters notified me that I had sent in dues for 4 life members and sent a refund to me. When I figure out who you are, I will contact you. Headquarters also sent SCV window decals for all Life Members. I will distribute those. Headquarters must believe we are about to get a slough of Life members because they sent me a bucket full of decals. If you are a member who hasn't sent in dues, ignore the late charges I mentioned in the last *Dispatch* as I have gotten those taken care of. I will send out member cards this weekend unless something bad happens. I'll enclose a

copy of the roster from headquarters that shows status of all members renewed and not renewed as well as who are Life members.

Kudos to all who put on the Douglas-Hubbard memorial and all who turned out to honor our own Tyler boys.

Remember our family, our ancestors, and our honor...to live and fight for our Dixie heritage!

**DEO VINDICE**  
**Ken Reynolds, Adjutant**  
PO Box 6502  
Tyler TX 75711  
903-509-9829

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade News

This month I took my cannon "Clementine" to the Marshall Camp's dedication near Waskom. We had a great time and good food. Anytime you see a dedication on the calendar, I urge you to attend. It really makes one feel good and the camaraderie is excellent.

On December 8th, H.K. Edgerton will be coming to Texas. We were planning a ceremony at Logans Port with members, flags, riflemen and cannons on both sides of the river. The Louisiana Division pulled out due to some problems between them and H.K. Now H.K. is planning to be in Carthage on December 8th and in Nacogdoches on December 9th. Details are sketchy at this time but more information to come following the DEC meeting in Waco on December 1.

The losses of members from the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp #124 really impacted the 8th Brigade. Losses all over Texas were more than expected and during the next few months Brigade officers will be contacting those who did not renew their memberships. I will work with our Camp officers to try and bring these members back on board.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at (903) 725-6774 or [jlh63@flash.net](mailto:jlh63@flash.net). I am here to serve you in any way possible. I hope to have a Brigade update in each edition of the *Dispatch*.

Johnnie L. Holley, Jr.  
1st Lt. Commander  
Brigade 8, Texas Div. SCV

## MOS&B News Lee-Jackson Celebration

The Richard B Hubbard Chapter of the MOS&B will host a Lee-Jackson Birthday celebration on Friday, February 1, 2008, at the Woman's Building in Tyler Texas. We will gather at 5:30 pm and Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be the fabulous Rose-Mary Rumbley. There will be more detailed information in the January *Douglas Dispatch*. Put the date on your calendar. Rosemary is a wonderful speaker, and we will be honoring two of the Confederacy's finest.

Dan Horton, Commander  
Richard B Hubbard Chapter, MOS&B

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### Roses to You

The Emma Sansom #31 Order of Confederate Rose wishes  
Compatriots, Fellow Roses and  
Friends a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!

The Emma Sansom Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2007. We will be holding our officer elections. Also, our By-Laws Changes and Standing Rules Committee chaired by Lois Davidson will be presenting revisions to our chapter By-Laws and new Standing Rules which were mailed earlier to the members. All OCR chapters have been urged by State to adopt Standing Rules. During this process we discovered changes that are necessary to the By-Laws. I hope we have a full house for this important date. In the holiday spirit, we will also be having a gift exchange.

Emma Sansom has been busy this fall. We have been involved in several events. The Black Rose have participated in several memorials. Please see the picture in this *Dispatch*.

If we can be of service to the Camp in any way, please contact me or Norma Holley. If anyone has any questions or would like to join our chapter, please see us.

See you at the Christmas Party! Till next month.....

Mary June Goodson  
President

## 2008 Officers Elected at November Meeting

The Nominating Committee presented the following proposed slate of camp officers at the November meeting:

Commander	Muddy Waters
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Brad Tindel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Michael Martin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant	Bob Liles
Adjutant	Ken Reynolds

They were elected by acclamation and will be installed at the Christmas Party. The camp would like to thank the returning officers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our Southern Heritage and look forward to a busy year in 2008!



### Douglas/Hubbard Memorial

Under a beautiful sunny sky, compatriots, friends and supporters gathered Sunday afternoon, November 18, 2007, to attend our annual Captain James P. Douglas and Governor Richard B. Hubbard Memorial at Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler. At Douglas's grave, the Colors were posted and Past Commander Johnnie Holley read a short biography of Captain Douglas. The Black Rose added to the dignity of the ceremonies by each black veiled widow placing a red rose at the tombstone. The rifle squad fired their volleys. Then the Color Guards led the solemn procession to Governor Hubbard's grave. The Colors were posted and Dan Horton, MOS&B Commander, read Governor Hubbard's biography. The Black Rose placed their roses, and the rifle volleys were again fired. It was a very moving ceremony and an honorable tribute to our namesakes.

After the ceremony, most participants met at Traditions Restaurant for a Dutch treat lunch. We made quite an impression on other diners. We were

well received as we explained why we were dressed as we were. As usual, a fine time was had by all!



### Fourth Annual Camp Ford Living History

The East Texas Brigades, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Smith County Historical Society invite you to come and join us for a Living History Event at Camp Ford Historic Park on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in conjunction with the Azalea Festival. Originally a training camp, Camp Ford became the largest Confederate Prisoner of War Camp west of the Mississippi River. The site is located northeast of Tyler on Highway 271, about one mile north of Loop 323.

Re-enactors from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana will come together with the Captain James P. Douglas Camp and Douglas Battery of Tyler, to relive the history of Camp Ford. There will be overnight encampments Friday and Saturday nights.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 4:00, in addition to Cannon Firings, Infantry Drill, Musket Volleys, and Flag Presentations, there will be Skirmishes, Infantry Company Street, Weapons Demonstrations, Soldier Equipment and Haversack Contents, Shirt Sewing, and others.

Retirement of Confederate Flags ceremony will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday. Church Service will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday.

This should be an enjoyable and educational event for children and adults. There is no charge for admission, but we do appreciate donations.

For information contact Bob G. Davidson  
903-581-7891.

### Message from the Editor

As I assume the position of *Douglas Dispatch* editor, I would like to thank Milton for the fine job he has done! The plans are to publish the *Dispatch* so that it will be in your hands 7-10

days before the meetings. Everyone's help is needed. Please send in articles and pictures of your activities. Cut off will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Let's make the *Dispatch* a true newsletter of the camps activities and keep everyone informed. Members, who can't make the meetings, please send pictures of what you do to promote our Southern heritage. If anyone visits an interesting place, send pictures. If you visit the old homeplace and graves of your ancestors, send pictures. **EVERYONE SEND PICTURES AND ARTICLES!**

Also, we are investigating publishing the *Dispatch* on the website and/or emailing the edition to members. More info will be coming.

Emails can be directed to the camp's new email address of [captjamespdouglas124@yahoo.com](mailto:captjamespdouglas124@yahoo.com)

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your editor.

Cooper Goodson, Jr.

### Robert E Lee's Wishes for Christmas

An excerpt from a letter written Christmas Day, 1861 while at Coosawhatchie, South Carolina.

"I cannot let this day of grateful rejoicing pass, dear Mary, without some communication with you. I am thankful for the many among the past that I have passed with you, and the remembrance of them fills me with pleasure. For those on which we have been separated we must not repine. Now we must be content with the many blessings we receive. If we can only become sensible of our transgressions, so as to be fully penitent and forgiven, that this heavy punishment under which we labour may with justice be removed from us and the whole nation, what a gracious consummation of all that we have endured it will be!"

May this also be our wish for those family and friends not with us this Christmas season.

Wishing You and Yours a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy, Safe and Prosperous  
New Year!

The Goodson's  
Cooper and Mary June

**Dixie Donors**  
**December 1, 2007-November 30, 2008**

**Stars and Bars Donor      \$10 - \$25 Donation**

Barry Scott Fitzgerald	Sam Kidd
Tom Fitzgerald	Stephen Majors
David Franklin	Tom Markel
Cooper Goodson Jr.	Larry McClellan
Nicholas Goodson	Bob Norman
Charles L. Harris	Ken Reynolds
Rob Jones	Billy Ray Sirman

**Stainless Banner Donor      \$26 - \$50 Donation**

Dale Fowlkes	Brad Tindel
Lawrence Oliver	Muddy Waters
Mike Sabota	

**3<sup>rd</sup> National Donor      \$51 - \$75 Donation**

Bennie Bearden	Glenn Young
James H. Douglas	

**Battle Flag Donor      \$76 - \$100 Donation**

Paul Breedlove

**Texas Div. Heritage Defense Fund**

Bennie Jack Bearden	Stephen Majors
Rob Jones	Lawrence Oliver
Sam Kidd	Glenn Young

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Douglas Camp Website: <http://www.b17.com/scv>  
 Hubbard Chapter Website: <http://www.b17.com/mosb>

A Non-Profit Organization

  
**Captain James P. Douglas Camp #124 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Sweet Sue's Family Restaurant's Banquet Room (except December).**  
**3350 S SW Loop 323, Tyler TX.**

**The Public is Invited!**

**Calendar of Events**

**Christmas in Dixie Reservations Deadline**  
 Dec 7, 2007 (See Page 1)

**HK Edgerton Crossing @ Logan's Port LA**  
 Dec 8, 2007 (See Page 1)

**Captain James P. Douglas Christmas Party – Thursday**  
 Dec 13, 2007, 6:30 Woman's Building (See Page 1)

**Captain James P. Douglas January Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
 Jan 17, 2008 Sweet Sue's

**Lee-Jackson Dinner-Marshall #412 UDC** POC Norma Holley  
 Jan 19, 2008, 6:30 Pinecrest CC, Longview

**Lee-Jackson Birthday Party – 5:30 pm** POC Dan Horton  
 Feb 1, 2008 Woman's Building (See Page 2)

**Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm**  
 Feb 21, 2008, Sweet Sue's Restaurant

**TSOCR Executive Board Meeting – Location TBA**  
 Mar 8, 2008 POC Norma Holley

**OCR Meeting – Emma Sansom Chapter – Sunday – 1:00 pm**  
 Mar 9, 2008, 1:00 Papacita's Restaurant, 6704 S. Broadway, Tyler

**Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm**  
 Mar 20, 2008, Sweet Sue's Restaurant

**Camp Ford Living History and Reenactment – Saturday & Sunday**  
 Mar 29-30, 2008 Camp Ford Historical Park (See Page 3)

**Spirits of Oakwood - Saturday – 2:00 – 6:00 pm**  
 Mar 29, 2008 Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler

**Captain James P. Douglas Meeting – Thursday – 7:00 pm**  
 Apr 17, 2008 Sweet Sue's Restaurant

