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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.”

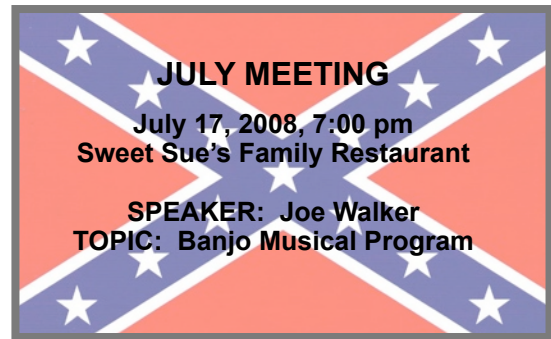


*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee,  
Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
April 25, 1906*

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## Commander's Message

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the school programs this year! This is our chance to tell the kids what the books leave out and may get them to thinking about their own ancestors and what they went thru.

Everyone who missed the Judge last month missed a GREAT meeting. Judge Grant was funny and very informative about those who gave service from East Texas and especially the Marshall area. Thanks, Brad, for getting such interesting programs!

I hope you heard and read about the search for the Camp Ford “Great Escape” tunnel last weekend. I was there, and it was very exciting to see the probable tunnel take shape. Hopefully we will learn more about the Camp and prisoners when the archeological excavations take place.

Take care in the heat this summer! A good way to beat the heat is to bring a guest and come to the next camp meeting and listen to some good ol’ banjo music!

See you on the 17th!  
Semper Fi!  
Stay Faithful!  
Muddy Waters  
Commander

## July Program

From what I hear, Judge Grant did a wonderful program for us in June. I surely hated to miss it, but my job came calling and I had to answer.

This month our speaker is a fellow compatriot from Waco, Joe Walker. Joe has been a SCV member for 27 years and is a very active re-enactor. Some of you may have met him at Camp Ford in the past. Mr. Walker is also a member of the Company of Military Historians. Joe will be giving us his musical program with his trusty banjo.

I know the hot summer days make us want to stay home, but let's all make an effort to come out and hear Joe and his banjo. He is still recovering from some earlier surgery, and I really appreciate him making the long drive from Waco.

Here are the info on upcoming programs:

August	Art Hall program on Cynthia Ann Parker
September	3 Majors singing period & patriotic music
October	Greg Newton - different flags of the Confederacy
November	Sheriff J.B Smith

Some important May dates in Confederate History:

May 20, 1861	North Carolina becomes the eleventh and last full state to secede.
May 1, 1863	First day of the Battle of Chancellorsville
May 2, 1863	General Stonewall Jackson is accidently wounded at Chancellorsville.
May 11, 1864	General J.E.B Stuart is mortally wounded at the Battle of Yellow Tavern in Virginia.
May 12, 1865	Battle at Palmito Ranch, near Brownsville, Texas

God Bless Dixie!  
Brad Tindel  
1st Lt. Commander

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## Brigade 8 News

Compatriots:

As was discussed at the last meeting, you will all be receiving letters from Texas Division concerning renewal of your memberships. This is being tried this year to get some standardization on renewals. Be sure to check the amount you owe. National dues have gone to \$30, Texas Division is \$5 and camp dues are \$15. National spent a lot of our money the last 3 years with law suits and now needs to increase the dues. If you are a life member, the National or Division box should say "LM". If you have any questions, you may contact me at 903-725-6774 or [JLH63@flash.net](mailto:JLH63@flash.net). I hope we can get everyone signed up and a strong push will be made to re-enlist some of the members we have lost. We need to get our camp back to where it was 2 years ago and be one of the largest camps in Texas.

A very special thanks needs to go to our OCR group.

This years silent auction raised close to \$3000 for Texas division. Barbara Vogel of our OCR chapter was in charge of the auction and did an outstanding job. She was helped by Norma Holley, Mary June Goodson and others. We need to congratulate the Ladies and Gentlemen of the OCR for a job well done. Also the items donated by Douglas Camp went very well with one picture raising \$100. Great job!

We are already receiving requests for school programs for next year. Please be thinking of programs you could give to help in this area. WE NEED HELP!!! Contact me if you would volunteer. I also have some plans for Camp Ford Living History next year that will require some work this next winter (when the creepy crawlies are gone). Bobby Davidson and I hope to make this the best Camp Ford event ever and we need your help.

Compatriots, we all need to dedicate ourselves to working for the cause. I know all of you cannot, for various reasons, be as active as others, BUT there is no reason everyone of you cannot work 4 or 5 days a year to Honor our ancestors and help protect the Southern Cause. You all have talents in areas that can be used. You don't need a uniform to help clean and prepare Camp Ford. Today's problems in our country make it more evident just how right our ancestors were. We must not let there sacrifices be in vain.

Have a great summer and remember our troops on the 4th.

Stay cool! Take care!  
God Bless and LONG LIVE THE SOUTH!  
Johnnie L. Holley, Jr.  
1st Lt., East Texas Brigade

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## From the Adjunct

I am confident all of us are familiar with the Northern edited version of what happened at the Andersonville prisoner of war camp. Here is one of many facts left out of the official story. Camp Commandant Henry Wirz approved a team of prisoners to be set free to appeal to President Lincoln of what he could do to ease the suffering of Union prisoners at Andersonville. Here is a portion of a letter that the head of the Union prisoner delegation wrote to President Lincoln, who refused to meet with these freed Union Prisoners.

"You [Federal] rulers who make charge that the rebels intentionally killed off our men, when I can honestly swear they were doing everything in their power to sustain us, do not lay this faltering unction to your souls. You abandoned your brave men in the hour of their cruelest need. They fought for the Union, and you reached no hand out to save the old faithful, loyal, and devoted servants of the country. You may try to shift the blame from your own shoulders, but posterity will saddle the responsibility where it justly belongs."

The parents of a Union cavalryman, Joseph P. Brainerd, who died at Andersonville, had this placed on his headstone, "...entirely and wholly neglected by President Lincoln..."

By means of a sham trial (which makes very incitant reading) the Northern government was able to cover up

their deed by the execution of Commandant Wirz.  
The Northern led PC bunch is not yet finished with us.

DEO VINDICE,  
Ken Reynolds  
Adjutant

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### Calendar of Events

- Jul 16-20 Confederation SCV Reunion – Concord NC**  
Host Camp Captain Jonas Cook Camp #888 (See Page 3)
- Jul 17 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Joe Walker (See Page 2)  
TOPIC: Banjo Musical Program
- Aug 21 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Art Hall  
TOPIC: Cynthia Ann Parker
- Sep 18 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: 3 Majors  
TOPIC: Period & Patriotic Music
- Oct 16 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Greg Newton  
TOPIC: Flags of the Confederacy
- Oct 24-26 Battle at Jones Meadow – Friday – Sunday**  
POC Rob Jones 903-520-3265 (See Page 3)
- Nov 16 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Sheriff JB Smith

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### MOS&B News

One of the Wars most striking victories was won by an Irishman in Confederate service. Captain Richard W. Dowling, nineteen, of the Davis Guards, along with 43 men armed with rifles and six small cannons defended Sabine Pass, Texas in September 1863. The Davis Guards drove off a Federal fleet which tried to land about 15,000 men. Dowling sank one gunboat and turned away the rest of the fleet. He took 400 prisoners without the loss of a single man. This was the only command of record in the war to get its whole muster roll into official reports. All the men got silver medals from Jefferson Davis, the only such given by the Confederacy. If you have an ancestor that was an officer or a member of the Confederate Government, I would like to invite you to join the Richard B. Hubbard Chapter, Military Order of Stars and Bars. Please call me at 903-388-1662 for more information.

Yours in The Cause,  
Dan Horton, Commander  
Richard B. Hubbard Chapter  
MOSB

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### 2008 SCV Confederation Reunion

There is still time to attend the 2008 SCV Confederate Reunion in Mt. Pleasant/Concord North Carolina (North of Charlotte), July 16-20 2008. Registration will be \$85.00 at the door. Please consider again about attending and representing the camp. 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. Sponsors are being secured to help underwrite the cost incurred. The 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 the William H.L. Wells Camp #1588 website <http://www.raidoncampford.org/>

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### Ancestor Book

Have you contacted Norma Holley about purchasing an ad in the TSOCR 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 YOUR ancestor's 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!

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### From the Editor

This month's *Dispatch* is shorter than usual. Everyone has taken the summer off and not much is happening! I would like to thank the officers who submitted their articles this month. If anyone would like to submit an article, it would be greatly appreciated!

Don't miss the camp meeting! Attendance has been down the last couple of month's! If you are one of those who missed, you are missing a GREAT opportunity to learn more about our beloved South! AND you are missing some GREAT FELLOWSHIP with friends and compatriots!

See you on the 17th!  
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Address correction requested

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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!

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