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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

We had an excellent meeting in August. Art Hall's program on the Cynthia Ann Parker saga was very interesting. Cynthia Ann spent the last few years of her life and died just next door in Henderson County. There were Confederate soldiers among her kin. It was a very educational program! If you missed last month, you missed hearing about a part of Texas, East Texas and Confederate history!

We had super attendance! We had several visitors and prospective members. All visitors are welcome! We encourage you to come back at every opportunity. What better way to express your Southern Heritage than to join the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp. We stand by and extend a hand to help!

We all owe Brad Tindel a pat on the back and a big thanks for a job well done. We have had some excellent programs this year. And September will be another. Our very own 3 Majors will be entertaining us with song. Be sure and come early and bring a friend! It's always a packed house when they perform!

Keep a watch on the calendar. Jones Meadow will be here in just a few short weeks and you don't want to miss that! This can be an excellent educational tool for the area and is great for recruiting!

See you on the 18th!
Semper Fi!
Stay Faithful!
Muddy Waters
Commander

September Program

Our attendance the past couple of months has really been good. Let's keep it up! For those of you who were not able to come in August, you missed a very informative program by Mr. Art Hall. I hope all you can clear your schedule for September. Don Majors and the rest of the Majors will be entertaining us again with their period, patriotic music. They are always a camp favorite, so I know we will fill the room. Be sure to get there early to get a seat, and as always...bring a guest or two!!

I hope most of you have enjoyed most of the programs so far this year. It is hard to keep everybody happy, every month, but I do try to mix in some "old favorites" with some new programs and speakers. The rest of the year's programs are:

October- Terry Smith, relic & treasure hunter. Terry has been to many areas in Louisiana and Virginia and has a fine collection of interesting "stuff"

November- Sheriff J.B Smith. Sheriff Smith is always a funny & interesting speaker (thanks to Bob Davidson for helping to set him up for us again this year)

December- No speaker, however we will have Christmas music from The Three Majors. This will be our traditional camp Christmas party.

As the year winds down, I want to thank everyone who offered suggestions for speakers/programs this year.

God Bless Our Beloved Dixie!

Brad Tindel

1st Lt. Commander

Brigade 8 News

Compatriots:

Well, it looks now like we missed the first storm, but more are brewing out there. We need to pray for all our friends and compatriots in the areas that were and will be hit the hardest. I have received word that Beauvoir was spared any major damage to the structure.

Not much has happened in the Brigade since my last message. The Division Executive Council will meet the end of September and I plan to attend. I will brief you all on any news from the meeting.

We are approaching the time to name and vote on new camp officers. Please contact Cmdr. Waters if you desire to run for an office. I would like to thank John McCall for volunteering to help with the schools, and Jackie Wilson for offering to help with Camp Ford cleanup.

Compatriot Hibbs has found some unmarked Confederate graves. We will be looking at cleaning these and getting markers for them. If you know of any old cemeteries in your area, please try to determine if there are any WBTS soldiers buried there and not marked. This is our greatest duty; to see that ALL our brave ancestors are honored in

the manner that is so important to our history. I read an article that said that a smaller number of people now consider themselves "Southern" than ever before. We must work harder to protect our Southern Heritage and the memory of our ancestors. We need to each set a goal of recruiting at the least one new member over the next year. We lost several members to death and some to transfers. We must try to bring new people in to help with protecting our heritage. The best recruiting tool is a member so please spread the word. Ask friends and others you meet about if they might have Southern roots and if they do they might have Confederate ancestors. We can help track them down if they desire.

Be Safe!

Be Proud Of Your Heritage!

Long Live The South!

Johnnie L. Holley, Jr.

1st Lt., East Texas Brigade

Calendar of Events

- Sept 14 Emma Sansom OCR Meeting – 1:00 pm**
Papacita's Mexican Restaurant, 6704 S. Broadway, Tyler TX 75703
POC: Mary June Goodson mhgoodson48@yahoo.com (See Page 7)
- Sept 18 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: 3 Majors (See Page 2)
TOPIC: Period & Patriotic Music
- Oct 16 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Terry Smith
TOPIC: Artifacts Dug from WBTS Sites
- 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
- Mar 27-29 Camp Ford Living History and Reenactment**
Camp Ford Historic Site POC Johnnie Holley jih63@flash.net

Ladies Bonnets



There was such a great response for the bonnet that Lois Davidson had for sale last month that we are running the contact information for the seller of these bonnets. If you are interested in a bonnet, please contact Yvonne at the contact information below:

Yvonne Brown
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Greensboro NC 37410
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Dues Time!

Have you paid your dues? You should have received a itemized bill from Texas Division for your dues. Many of you have promptly sent in yours. Others have not. Enclosed in this *Dispatch* is another copy of the dues notice. Please consider mailing yours in before you forget. If you are in arrears on your dues, just be sure and add in the \$5.00 reinstatement fee. ALL dues must be to Ken no later than October 1, 2008, so that he can process your dues and remit to Headquarters by the November 1 deadline. Any dues received after that time will require a \$5.00 reinstatement fee.

If possible, please consider making a donation towards the Dispatch expenses or other worthwhile cause.

Look for the notice, get out your checkbook and send in your dues!

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! Don't wait too late!

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!

The Raid on Camp Ford Civil War Reenactment

By Jason Waggoner



It was a bold and daring plan. Crossover the Red River from Indian territory unobserved, maneuver through the back woods and country roads, and launch a surprise attack on the garrison guarding

thousands on Union prisoners of war at Camp Ford.

Union commanders were confident that the operation would strike both fear and despair into the heart of the Confederacy. And once the Rebel forces learned that Union troops could march on Texas soil at will, they would know that further resistance was useless. A successful operation would also have serious political implications for Texas Governor Clark. For the Union commanders believed that the governor would rapidly loose support



once people saw that he could not defend the state. Why a successful attack might even knock Texas out of the war altogether!

These then were the stakes, when in Oct 1864, Union forces headed by Major Charles Willette started off. For two days the Union forces crossed the back roads undetected, traveling slowly and mostly at night. But on the 3rd day their encampment was discovered by a farm hand just South of Jones Farm. Immediately the alarm was sounded. All able bodied men were to assemble at the Jones Farm and wait for further orders.

By the morning of the 25th only 300 Confederate soldiers were on hand to oppose the almost two thousand Yankees. More troops were being rushed arrive before the morning of the 26th. The battle was shaping up to be another slaughter, but a young Confederate Captain stepped forward with a plan. Knowing that the road narrowed through some dense woods at Jones Farm, the Confederate Captain believed it would be possible to delay the much larger Yankee force with his small blocking force. There in the tight quarters where the road opened into a field, the Union superiority in men would count for nothing. Here the small Confederate force would wait in ambush.

On the afternoon of the 25th the Yankees pushed forward to Jones Farm. Thinking nothing stood between them and their objective, the Union Calvary thundered though the narrow gap in the woods. Then just as they reached the crest of the hill they are shocked to find on the other side, not the open field they were hoping for, but Confederate Infantry and Calvary ready for battle! The Confederate Calvary immediately charges into the Union ranks. Sabers rattle in combat and soon the soon the Yankee Calvary flee. But the battle has only just begun, because Major Charles Willette begins throwing company after company at the Rebels in a vain attempt to dislodge them from the gap.



As the sun sets on the 1st day of the engagement, both sides are exhausted. The Yankees have taken heavy casualties but the Rebels have lost many men, too. As the sun rises on the morning of the 21st the big question is this: will the superior Union forces be able to punch through too Camp Ford? Or can the Rebels hold out long enough for reinforcements to arrive?

This is the question...

We need all able bodied red blooded Confederates to come join in driving back the Yankee invaders by donating some of your time to help man the concession booths, provide assistance to visitors and school children, and help out in any way. This is a great way to show your support for the South and have fun at the same time! Please contact Gene Kinsey anytime, day or night, at 817-437-0607 and let him the time and day that you will be able to assist. A lot of people have worked very hard to make this a great event and you still have time to be a part of it. Help us to rewrite the history of Texas as it should have been. Let's send a message to the Yanks that this war ain't over yet!



For those of you, who would like more information, please visit our website at <http://raidoncampford.org/>.

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Needed Dixie Donors

Compatriots,

When you pay your 2008 dues, please consider making a donation to help with the expenses for the *Douglas Dispatch*. At the current postage and copy rates, it will cost \$15.00 per member to publish the *Dispatch* for twelve months. In addition we send copies to various libraries, etc at the same \$15,00 per year. Our Camp dues are \$15.00! That puts us in the red before we begin and does not leave anything extra for the other expenses of the camp. So, please consider making an extra donation for the *Dispatch* and become a Dixie Donor.

There are five levels of Donors. Anyone who donates \$10.00-25.00 will be listed as a "Stars and Bars Donor." Those who donate \$26.00-50.00 are "Stainless Banner Donors." "Third National Donors" donate \$51.00-75.00. Anyone donating \$76.00-100.00 is a "Battle Flag Donor." Those who donate over \$100.00 are "Crossed Saber Donors." So please consider making an extra donation to publish our *Dispatch*.

Civil War Texas Civilian Living History

Just in case anyone needs some civilian info or ladies need some dressing help, we discovered this site a while back. It's entitled "Civil War Texas Civilian Living History." As far as we can tell and we're not experts, it gives a fairly thorough coverage of Texas and civilian life during the 1860's. They have a very good section for women, which is sometimes very difficult to find. So, next time you've got some time to kill, check it out! <http://www.geocities.com/txcwcivilian/>

Vice President Cheney Is Scheduled to Attend the 145th Battle of Chickamauga

Vice President Dick Cheney is scheduled to be the guest of honor for the 145th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Chickamauga. His great-grandfather, Capt.

Samuel F Cheney, fought at the battle with the 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The event will take place September 19-21, 2008 about 10 miles south of the Chickamauga National Military Park.



The vice president will be on hand for the opening ceremonies, according to Ed Hooper, editor and publisher of "The Civil War Courier." The "Courier," a national Civil War publication based in Morristown, is sponsoring the five-day event. A Stage will be set up for Chaney who will speak at that opening.

Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, have spent much time learning of the career of Sam Cheney. They even commissioned a painting of the vice president's ancestor based on a photo in Cheney family archives.

"Re-enactors from around the world will be participating in this historic event, which marks the first time a sitting vice president has participated in a national Civil War reenactment," Hooper said.

Descendants of Pvt. William J. Knight will also be present at the ceremony. Knight was presented his Medal of Honor in September 1863.

CAMP SURVEY

1) What changes, if any, would you make to your current meeting place?

2) How would you rate the speakers from the past year (circle one):

Excellent Good Fair Poor

3) Name one thing the leadership can do to improve the Camp:

4) Name one new project the Camp should undertake in the coming year:

5) Will you commit to recruiting new members in the coming year?

If so, how many? _____

Talk Back To Your Camp Leaders:

The event will commemorate the 145th anniversary of the first awarding of the Medal of Honor, for which the vice president has a unique family tie, Hooper said.

In 1862 Cheney's great-grandfather was the commanding officer who gave permission to Pvt. Knight of the 21st OVI to take part in a special operation that became known as the Great Locomotive Chase, Hooper said. The men, who are known in history as Andrew's Raiders, were the first ever awarded the Medal of Honor. James Andrews, the namesake of the unit, was tried in Chattanooga and hanged as a spy in Atlanta, Hooper said.

This reenactment will truly be an experience! Don't you wish could go. If anyone goes from the camp, please contact this editor with a report for next month's *Dispatch*.



Emma Sansom OCR Meeting

It's time for the
Emma Sansom Third Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, September 14, 2008, 1:00 PM
Papacita's Mexican Restaurant
6704 S Broadway Ave
Tyler TX 75703

There's a lot to do! Norma will give a report on the Executive Board Meeting that will be held on Saturday, September 11th in Madisonville. We have several other items to discuss. The public is always invited.



Did You Know....

When a private who had wandered into his quarters at Manassas apologized for appropriating his desk, pen and paper to write a letter, Pierre G.T. Beauregard is said to have replied, "Sit down and finish your letter, my friend. You are very welcome, and can always come in here when you wish to write."

The Bowie knives, which many volunteers equipped themselves early in the war, were later found to be worthless in battle but enormously useful for "carving beef and pork."

Thomas J. Jackson, a profoundly religious man, is said to have once refused to use a particular batch of gunpowder because it had been procured on the Sabbath.

The Civil War was rough on the streets of New York: Gustavus W. Smith and Mansfield Lovell, respectively, the Street Commissioner and the Deputy Street Commissioner, both resigned their posts to take up appointments as major generals in the Confederate Army.

While attempting to create an army at Manassas in the first weeks of the war, Pierre G.T. Beauregard discovered that his requisitions for rope to use in wells were being denied at Richmond because all rope was needed for the navy, which at that point had a handful of vessels.

The Confederacy's 1st Louisiana probably holds the record for the most cosmopolitan outfit in the war, with 37 different nationalities represented in its ranks, although several New York regiments probably came close to matching this record.

The first drill manual issued by North Carolina upon its secession was printed at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind.

The first battlefield monument commemorating a Civil War hero was that to Confederate Col. Francis Barrow of the 8th Georgia, erected in September of 1861 on the spot where he had fallen while commanding a brigade on the previous 21 July, during the battle of Bull Run.

When Hetty Cary--one of a trio of cousins who were the "prettiest women in Virginia" and outstanding lights of Richmond social life during the war--waved a Confederate flag from her Baltimore window as a Federal regiment marched by, the colonel declined to arrest her because, "She is beautiful enough to do as she damned pleases."

Miss Sally L. Tompkins of Richmond was made a captain of cavalry--becoming the only women ever to hold a commission in the Confederate Army--by Jefferson Davis on 9 September 1861 because a hospital which she had established after First Bull Run proved to have a remarkable recovery rate.

Among the many technical innovations on the famed U.S.S. *Monitor*, is the often overlooked fact that she was the first warship to have flush toilets!

LONG LIVE THE SOUTH!!!

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Battle Flag Donor \$76 - \$100 Donation

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Captain James P. Douglas Camp #124 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Sweet Sue's Family Restaurant's Banquet Room (except December).
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The Public is Invited!

