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COMMANDER'S REPORT

A new year is upon us, and with it comes new goals and opportunities to improve our camp. We made tremendous strides over the course of the previous year and I am extremely proud to have had an opportunity to work with such dedicated men. My thanks and appreciation goes out to each of you for our camp's success during the past year. Many deserve special recognition especially Commander Michael Brazell for his outstanding leadership and moderating influence; Lieutenant Commander Kyle Sims for his tremendous recruiting achievements; Compatriot Jerry Puckett for his outstanding monthly Newsletters; Adjutant Allen Hearrean for his often taken for granted work with our records and finances; Commander Steve Harless' unselfish involvement in whatever needed doing; Chaplin Larry Staton, Color Sergeant Jim Anderson, Sergeant at Arms "Top" Race, Color Guard Commander Jeff Western, Communications Officer Stetson Elliot, Compatriots Larry Johnson and Joe Lemons, to name but a few.

It has been my experience in numerous volunteer organizations over the years that the more members involved in the decision making process, the more successful the organization in fulfilling its mission and satisfying its membership. Therefore, my goal for the coming year is to disperse the responsibility of leading the Camp to as large a number of members as are willing to help.



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We are now one of the largest camps in the State. We have a membership of more than 100 members, all with different personalities, interests and opinions. We joined the SCV and this Camp for a multitude of reasons. Some of us want to simply attend the monthly meetings, listen to a speaker, and enjoy the fellowship. Others are more interested in reenactments, color guard presentations, Mechanized Cavalry, parades, or any number of activities. Some prefer more educational events. Our goal for the coming year should be to find ways for our Camp to cater to as many of the varied interests as possible.

Clearly, no one can please 100 people 100 per cent of the time. I can't even please myself 100 per cent of the time. Undoubtedly I will do or say things during the coming year with which some of you will disagree. However, I promise that everything I do or say will be, to the best of my knowledge and understanding of the situation, in the best interests of the Camp as a whole.

My email address is: jplsail@earthlink.net and my telephone number is 817-946-2099. When I do something with which you disagree, please contact me and let's discuss it. It does no good to complain to someone else. Unless you contact me, I will not know your opinion (or my error) and you will not know what circumstances caused me to do what I did. If we do not discuss our differences early in the process they will grow and fester to the detriment of the Camp. When you have an idea that might benefit the Camp, please, please contact me and let's discuss it. The more ideas we have the better the camp. Remember, this is not my camp; it is not your camp; it is **OUR** camp.

With all of that said, I pledge to do, to the best of my ability, whatever is necessary to better our Camp and work in harmony with all other SCV Camps, and any other organization devoted to the honor of our Confederate ancestors.

I sincerely thank each of you for the trust you have shown in me and the honor bestowed by electing me your Camp Commander.

Jack Dyess
Commander
Colonel Middleton Tate Johnson Camp #1648
Arlington, TX

“A descendent of several generations of warriors and extremely proud of each.”



1ST LT. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Gentlemen:

Thank You for the faith and trust you have bestowed upon me by electing me as the First Lt Commander of your camp I will do my best to fulfill that honor to the best of my ability.

My ties to the Cause for Southern Independence run deep. There are two McNabb, one Harper, one Herron, and, one Deatherage listed on the Confederate Roll of Honor (those are the names of my Grandparents) along with the names of Fifty-nine other family members. My highest ranking military ancestor is Lt. General Richard Taylor, Army of the Trans-Mississippi, My highest ranking Civilian kinsman is Jefferson Davis by his marriage to Sarah Knox Taylor (Lt. General Richard Taylor's sister) I joined the SCV under the service of my Great-Grandfather Theodore Washington McNabb who joined the Twenty-Ninth Texas Cavalry, Company B, at Pilot Point, Texas in June of 1862 and served until the end of the war. His older brother James Madison joined with him and also survived. I am two generations away from my Confederate Ancestor my Grandfather was a Real Son.

Some of my accomplishments as a member of the SCV are:

Proud Sons of Confederate Veterans member for 27 years

- Joined the KM Van Zandt Camp in 1986
- Started the WHL Wells Camp in Plano and moved through the chairs
- Moved to W. L. Cabbell camp in Dallas went through the chairs there and served 6 years as Camp Commander
- Brigade Color Sgt., Sgt at Arms and Aide-de-Camp
- Division Color Sgt and Aide-de-Camp
- Sgt at Arms Army of the Trans-Mississippi, Color Sgt, and, Aide-de-Camp
- Member of SVC Honor Guard that went to Georgia and picked up Capt. Ike Turner's (Co. K, Fifth Texas Infantry, ANV) remains and brought him back to Texas and buried him next to his mother in Polk Co. Texas in 1994

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- Researched and found the grave of Randolph Vesey (Gentleman of Color and WL Cabbell's Aide-de-camp) and ordered and set a marker for him
- Ordered a new grave marker for Gen. HB Granbury and set it in 1993
- I made knives for the SCV,UDC, CoC, Hill Collage, and OCR to raffle off as fund raisers
- I have traveled hundreds of thousands of miles and spent thousands of my dollars in defense of our heritage
- I've been a part of hundreds (if not more) Honor Guards for SCV marker dedications through the 5 state area
- I have a drawer full of SCV Honor medals and a wall full of Honor Certificates from the SCV, UDC, OCR, and CoC and letters of thanks from Hill County Collage's Confederate Symposium and Museum, but none from the SUV (Sons of Union Veterans).

Then there is the time at the Pleasant Hill Reenactment that Preston Furlow and I stopped a Jeep full of KKK or skinheads and took a Battle Flag away from them and Preston thru it into the nearest camp fire and then We politely ask them to leave and not return. I don't know if the fixed bayonets had anything to do with it or not.

The next year's history is yet to be written help me make it a year that will be filled with stories about our Camp's contribution to the perpetuation of our Southern History and Heritage. To paraphrase S.D. Lee . . . Remember, it is OUR duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Fix Bayonets, Forward the Colors

Jim McNabb
 1st Lt. Commander
 Middleton Tate Johnson Camp #1648
 Arlington, Texas

DECEMBER'S EVENTS



Former Commander Mike Brazell and new member
Ray Lynn Trosper



Guest Speaker at our Christmas party, Robert Mestas
from Defending the Heritage.



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2013 Officers about to be sworn in. From left to right: Jack Dyess, Commander.
Allen Hearrean, Adjutant. Jim McNabb, 1st Lt. Commander. Eric Alberts, 2nd Lt. Commander.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012



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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 soldier's 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. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul? Not in the clamor of the crowded street, not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

WEBSITES:

Camp Middleton Tate Johnson, #1648: www.camp1648.org

Texas Division: www.texas-scv.org

National: www.scv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Camp1648

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Col. Middleton Tate Johnson Camp caps are available for a \$15.00 donation. These are nice, well made caps that anyone would be proud to be seen wearing! Available with either light stone grey or black brim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 18: R.E. Lee Camp #239 3rd annual Lee-Jackson dinner. 7005 Charbonneau Rd, Lake Worth, TX. Contact Beau Purdom, 817-448-1361 by Jan. 12 for reservations. \$45/ single, \$60/ couples.

Jan. 19: Ft Worth Stock Show Parade. Lineup at La Grave Field at 10:00 A.M. for mounted and carriages. Marching groups will meet at W. 2nd and Taylor Streets. A HUGE opportunity for us to be seen by thousands.

Feb. 2: Mardi Gras Parade, Monroe, La. A great event where the SCV is well received!

Feb. 9: Color Guard Training, Palestine, TX. 2:00 PM. Contact Commander Dyess @ jplsail@earthlink.net. This for the dedication of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza which will be a National event in size and scope.

Feb 23: Sweetheart Soiree, 737 E California St, Gainesville, TX. 6:00 PM. \$30.00/person.

March 23: Camp Ford Living History, Hwy 217 N, Tyler TX. 10:00 AM—4:00 PM.

April 13: Dedication of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. Hosted by the John H. Reagan Camp. This is probably the biggest and most significant event in our area in years. We need a HUGE showing for this. 11:00 AM, Palestine, TX. Contact Jack Dyess for more information jplsail@earthlink.net.

April 27: Massing of Flags and Rededication of the UDC Confederate Monument. Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX. 2:00 PM. Contact Sarah Beene, dixieroots@aol.com. 903-561-1948.

May 4: Battle of Port Jefferson, Jefferson, TX. Details to follow.

June 1: Mollie Moore Davis UDC Annual Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration. 1st Assembly of God Church, 5309 Rhodes Quarter Road, Tyler, TX. 11:00 AM.

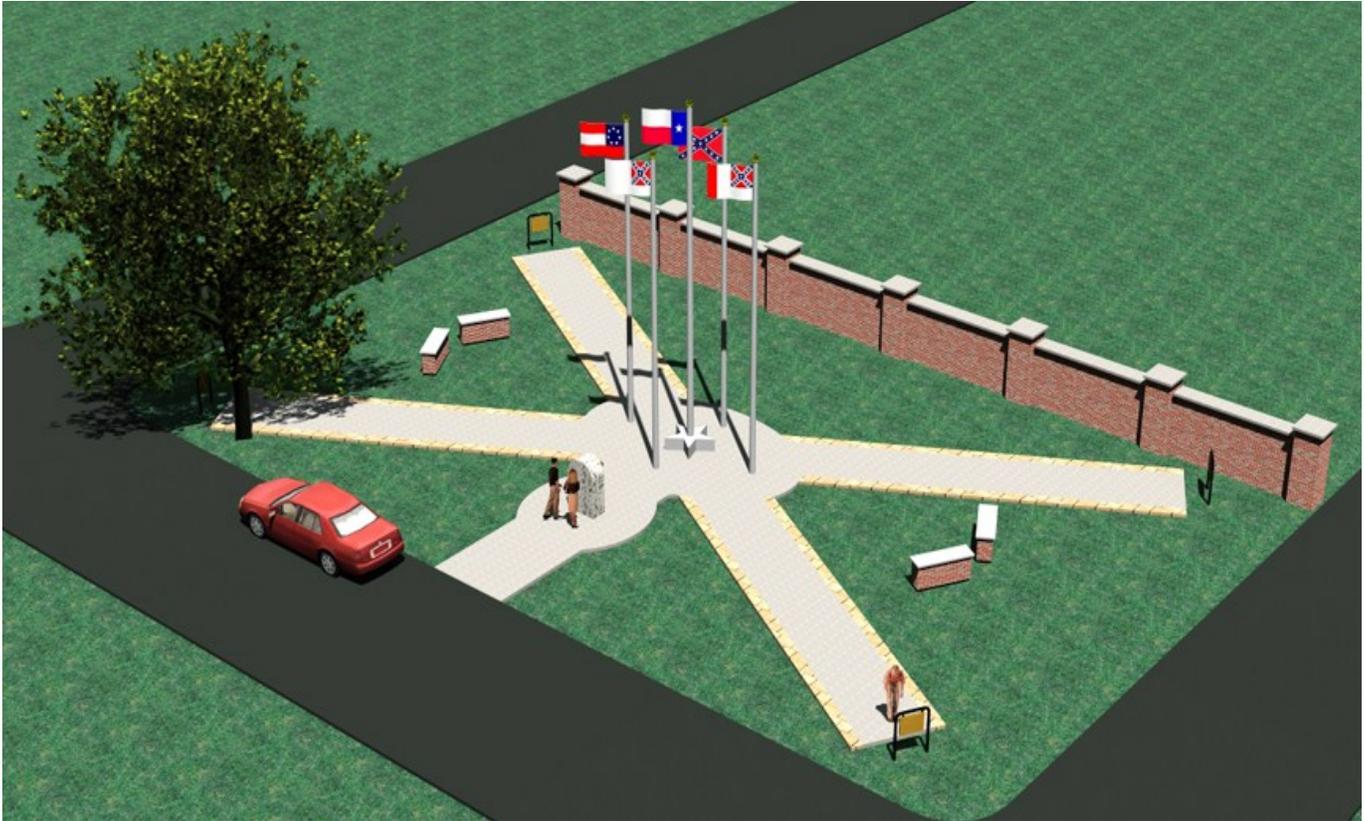
June 7-8: SCV Texas Division Annual Reunion. Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro, TX.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

January 10, 2013, 7:00 PM. We meet at the Division Street Diner, 1800 W. Division St, Arlington, TX. We gather up around 6:00 to eat and visit. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. This will be our first meeting with our newly elected officers.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER:

Marc Ben-Meir, an award winning historian, author, and historical researcher. His awards include the Thomas Alva Edison award for excellence in research and education. He was also awarded the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for excellence in historical research as well as the Judah P. Benjamin award for contributions to humanity by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Ben-Meir has completed four university degrees including a Ph.D. in psychology and an adjunct professorship. He also graduated from seminary in New York and was ordained a rabbi. Marc is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Ben-Meir retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant Colonel. He is Married to his sweetheart Tina and is the father of three sons, two step-sons and had seven grandchildren. The Ben-Meir's live in Ft. Worth, Texas."



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine, Texas is part of the SCV's "Flags Across Dixie Program." The lot has now been deeded over to the National SCV, Inc. Columbia, TN from the John H. Reagan Camp 2156. The Reagan Camp has made plans to hold a dedication ceremony on April 13, 2013 and we are in high hopes for a great turnout of SCV members from across the State. Memorial Pavers may be purchased \$50.00 each. Contact Dan Dyer, Adjutant / Treasurer danieldyer@embarqmail.com

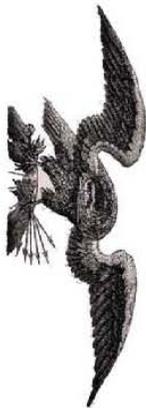
Dedication: Saturday, April 13, 2013, 11:00 AM



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