



8th Brigade, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2013 - 3rd and 4th Quarter Report



Commander Holley:

The East Texas Brigade was very active in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the year. Since I had only asked for the 2nd quarter camp reports for the September DEC meeting and realized later that I should have asked for the 3rd quarter, I decided it best to get caught up with the rest of the Texas Division and include both the 3rd and 4th quarter reports. I received camp quarterly reports from the following camps of the 8th Brigade:

Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282, Gen. Joseph L. Hogg Camp 972, Maj. W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241, Gen. Horace Randall Camp 1533, Stone Fort Camp 1944, and the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 that I will include at the end of my report.

- **The 8th Brigade held a meeting on August 24th at Clear Springs Café in Nacogdoches.** The Stone Fort Camp 1944 with their commander, John Key, hosted the meeting and made arrangements for the meeting room which was outstanding. Approximately 26 compatriots were present representing the following camps: the Douglas Camp 124, Amason Camp 282, Martin Camp 1241, Stone Fort Camp 1944, Irvine Camp 2031, New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107, and the Reagan Camp 2156. This included all three brigade officers who were present as well as you, the Texas Division Commander Johnnie Holley. Also, David Webb, past commander of the Beard Camp in Logansport, Louisiana was a special guest. In addition, Mrs. Reta Brand, state officer TSOCR was in attendance as well as past TSOCR president, Mrs. Norma Holley. Commander John Key welcomed everyone there and called on his Chaplain ... to give the invocation. I opened the official meeting and asked Brigade Lt. Cmdr. Brand to lead us in the pledges and salute followed by Brigade 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Doyle reading the Charge. I asked Commander John Key to introduce all the distinguished guests and members. Cmdr. Key asked that everyone also state the name, rank, and unit of the ancestor in which they joined the SCV or UDC under. The delegation was then presented a current Texas Division update by Div. Cmdr. Holley including current heritage defense battles. Cmdr. Holley also spoke on efforts at the National level to move more toward heritage offense rather than always being on the defense. I moderated a discussion on what can be done in the East Texas Brigade to better prepare our camps for heritage defense situations as well as what we can do to become more offensive in our heritage. Commander John Key and past commander Dudley Mosele both of the Stone Fort Camp made some nice contributions to this discussion. Compatriot and past 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Jerry Shamburger of the Douglas Camp has been assigned, by Texas Division Mounted Color Guard Commander Calvin Allen and myself, the job of organizing a North East and East Texas Mounted Color guard unit. He spoke on these efforts. Brigade Lt. Cmdr. Dennis Brand who is also the Douglas Camp Cmdr. gave an excellent presentation on the benefits of awarding Jefferson Davis Leadership

Awards and the Robert E. Lee Awards to students in our areas and encouraged all camps to participate in giving these awards.

Brigade Cmdr. Marc Robinson gave a power point presentation to the delegation on Camp Growth, Stability, and Member Retention that was well received. Stone Fort Camp Chaplain, James Wynn, gave the benediction and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray of the Reagan Camp lead all in singing Dixie. It felt as though we raised the roof a little on that restaurant as everyone sang loud and clear for our beloved Confederate ancestors!

- Attended the **Maj. W. H. Howdy Martin Camp meeting** on 5 September 2013 and presented them the final part of a two-part historical program on the Hunley. Also, at the Martin camp commander's request, I updated their members on the brigade meeting held in 24 August 2013. I also attended their December meeting and Christmas party.
- Participated in the **150th anniversary Battle of Sabine Pass** reenactment with my family.
- Attended the Lone Star Defenders Camp meeting in Lufkin on 9 September 2013 and presented the final part of a two-part historical program on the Hunley.
- Participated in the East Texas Brigade SCV Mounted Color Guard in the **Palestine Hot Pepper Festival Parade on 26 OCT 2013**. There were six **8th Brigade Texas Cavalry Division SCV members** forwarding the colors mounted and many compatriots marching and/or riding on the very nice John H. Reagan Camp 2156 float.
- Those of us in the East Texas Brigade who were able to participate in the **Veterans Day Parade in Nacogdoches on 26 OCT 2013** and represent our Confederate veteran ancestors enjoyed the morning very much! The **Stone Fort Camp float**, the **8th Brigade Texas Cavalry Division SCV** and **Douglas Camp float** had many Confederate flags flying and received many cheers and applause along the parade route in historic Nacogdoches. I know we all appreciate the Stone Fort Camp for being involved in this Veterans parade each year for many years and for inviting other camps to join them in this year's annual maximum effort event for the Texas Division's 8th Brigade. Past Commander Lynn Hartt of the Capt. Jesse Amason Camp who participated in the parade said the following about the East Texas Brigade effort, "I had a really great time and enjoyed fellowshipping with other SCV members I hadn't met before." **Camps that participated in the parade** in addition to the Stone Fort Camp were the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp, John H. Reagan Camp, Maj. W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp, Maj. Josephus S. Irvine Camp, Capt. Jesse Amason Camp, and the Col. J. H. Beard Camp of Logansport.
- Attended the **Henderson County Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony on Monday, 11 NOV 2013** in Athens. The Howdy Martin Camp 1241 had a very nice living history camp and a recruiting booth set up. The John H. Reagan Camp 2156 brought one of their mountain howitzers to fire during the raising of the U.S. and Texas Flags during the ceremony. The cannon crew consisted of Reagan Camp and Howdy Martin Camp compatriots.
- My wife, Deborah, and I attended the **Douglas Camp Christmas party on 19 DEC 2013**. It was a great party and awards banquet with wonderful Confederate fellowship that included music by the Texas Division Chaplain, Rev. Don Majors, a great meal, and a silent auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Robinson
Commander, East Texas Brigade

Individual Camp Reports for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2013:

Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282, Center, Texas

July 29 - Program provided by Marc Robinson - Confederate Veterans in Brazil.

Aug. 29 - Program on Cemetery Preservation

Sept. 30 - Viewed DVD - Palestine Confederate Memorial Plaza Dedication, accept Sheldon Scroggins as new member.

Oct. 28 - Speaker David Swanzy presented a program on Shelby Co. before the Civil War.

Nov. 9 - Joined other Brigade Camps and the Nacogdoches Sheriff's department sponsored Nacogdoches Veterans Day Parade.

Nov. 16 Assisted our local DRT ladies for a cemetery dedication. The ceremony was held at Old Salem Cemetery.

Dec. 5 the General Horace Randal Camp #1533 joined with our camp at Moodyville BBQ for a Holiday Gathering.

No meeting in November or December because our meeting date was so close to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Jim Barrett - Timpson, TX

Commander - Capt. Jesse Amason Camp #282

Gen. Joseph L. Hogg Camp 972, Rusk, Texas

Recruited two new members

Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241, Athens, Texas

September -- 1st Issue of Monthly Camp Newsletter

Athens Weekly Farmer's Market Recruitment Table

October 19 -- Gatesville Heritage Days

26 -- Palestine Hot Pepper Festival Parade

15, 22, 29 Camp Color guard Practices

November 7 -- Athens Rotary Club Presentation

9 -- Nacogdoches Veterans' Day Parade

11-- Henderson County Veterans Memorial Dedication
at the East Texas Arboretum, Athens, TX

22-24 -- Liendo Plantation Civil War Weekend, Hempstead, TX

December 5 -- Camp Christmas Party and Presented first camp banners

9 -- Henderson County Historical Museum "Soldier's Camp"
Entrance window display

Gen. Horace Randall Camp 1533, Carthage, Texas

By Adjutant Dave Fleming

July

Tommy Holmes attended the National Convention Cemetery Dedication at Logan, TX with 5 members of 1533 and 2 from Nacogdoches. Normal Meeting on Last Thursday of Month with 25 present.

August

Normal Meeting on Last Thursday of Month with 12 present. Tommy Holmes and David Fleming went to Lufkin for their Meeting.

September

Normal Meeting on Last Thursday of Month with 15 present. Cemetery Dedication at Thomas Cemetery in Gary, Texas.

October

Normal Meeting on Last Thursday of Month with 13 present. Election of Officers for 2014. Dan Ross will be the Commander for the New Year. Panola College denied us a booth so our Camp did not support the living history program. One new member added to our Camp.

November

No Meeting due to Thanksgiving.

December

Joint Meeting with the Center Camp and we had 13 from Carthage and 12 from Center.

Stone Fort Camp 1944, Nacogdoches, Texas

2013 QUARTERLY REPORTS

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Stone Fort Camp #1944

Nacogdoches, Texas

Texas Division

Army of the Trans-Mississippi

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Total number of paid members as of December 15, 2013.....	26
New members since last report.....	3
New members transferred from other camps.....	0
Members re-instated from other camps.....	0
# of members who did not pay dues or resigned.....	0
Deaths.....	0

July 2013 Activities where Stone Fort Camp members attended or participated.

- 2 - Scheduled Camp meeting.
- 8 - New Summerfield, Texas. Grave marker dedication. Rifle and cannon salutes.
- 9 - Carthage, Texas Camp support. Grave Marker dedication. Cannon salutes.
- 10 - Friends of the Library, Mount Enterprise, Texas. Monetary donation and cannon salutes.
- 18, 19, 20 – SCV International Reunion, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Delegates attended.

- 18 – Supported New Salem Invincibles with rifles and cannons.
- 28 – Officer's met with local UDC representatives to co-ordinate SCV support for Old University Building ceremony, Nacogdoches, Texas.

August 2013 Activities

- 6 - Scheduled Camp meeting.
- 12 - Attended new Camp chartering ceremony, Lufkin, Texas.
- 24 - Clear Springs Restaurant, Texas Division meeting. Nacogdoches, Texas.

Additional events and activities attended by members in August:

- A/ Jefferson, Texas. Annual Parade and Presentation of Colors.
- B/ The Upshur County Patriots dedication to Confederate Veterans
- C/ Rebel State Park, Louisiana. Cannon display and firing.
- D/ Parade in Mount Enterprise, Texas. Cannon fired to start parade. Living history.
- E/ Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana.
- F/ Grave marker dedication, Mertel Springs cemetery.

September 2013 Activities

- 3 - Scheduled Camp meeting.
- 7 - Sabine Pass. Dick Dowling days.
- 14 - Re-dedication ceremony of Old University Building, Nacogdoches, Texas. Provided Speaker, Color Guard, Rifle and cannon salutes.

October 2013 Activities

- 1 - Scheduled Camp meeting.
- 5 - Living history event, Mount Enterprise, Texas. Cannon salutes and sutler store.
- 22 - Panola College, Living history display.
- 26 - Garrison, Texas 64th Annual Lions Club Homecoming. Cannon for parade.

November 2013 Activities

- 5 - Scheduled Camp meeting.
- 9 - Henderson Syrup Festival. Living History.
- 16 - State Historical Marker Dedication, Old Salem Cemetery. Rifle and cannon salutes.

Other events and activities member's attended and/or participated:

- A/ Harvest Festival, Mount Enterprise, Texas.
- B/ Mount Enterprise Homecoming Parade. Cannon firing.
- C/ Gilmer, Texas. Yamboree Parade.
- D/ Longview, Texas. Battle of Fort Crawford. Living History.
- E/ Nacogdoches, Texas. Veteran's Day Parade. Float.

December 2013 Activities

- 3 - Stone Fort Camp Annual Christmas Party (various area Camps attended).
- 8 - Nine Flags Festival Christmas Parade. Nacogdoches, Texas. Decision to cancel due to inclement weather.

Notes: a/ Yellow Dog grave dedication to be announced.

b/ Stone Fort Camp wishes to acknowledge and send thanks to the New Salem Invincibles for their untiring support and dedication to the Cause.

c/ Stone Fort Camp sends sincere appreciation to the Center Camp for including us in their activities.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

John D. Mosele

ADJUTANT, STONE FORT CAMP #1944

John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Palestine, Texas

DEC 2013

By Commander Dan Dyer

July 13, 2013- Monthly Camp meeting

July 18,19 and 20th- sent one member to National Reunion

July 26- Camp involved in Korean Veterans Day program

July 27- Marker Dedication at Pilgrim Cemetery

Aug.10th- Monthly Reagan Camp meeting

Aug. 24th-Three members attended 8th Brigade Meeting in Nacogdoches

Sept.3rd- Executive Committee meeting

Sept.14th- Monthly Camp Meeting

Sept. 28th- Workday at Reagan home site

Oct.5th-John H. Reagan Birthday Ceremony at Reagan Home Site

Oct 12th-Monthly Camp Meeting

Oct. 26-Hot Pepper Festival Parade

Oct.29th-Nominating Committee

Nov.9th Veterans Day Parade in Nacogdoches

Nov. 9th- Monthly Camp Meeting

Nov.11th- Helped Howdy Martin Camp with Veterans Day Ceremony in Athens

Dec. 14th- Monthly Camp meeting