



8th Brigade, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2014 – 1st Quarter Report 1 March 2014



Commander Holley:

Many members of the 8th Brigade honored our Confederate Heroes by hosting, participating in, and/or attending many Confederate Heroes Day events held in East Texas near this special Texas holiday in January. The 8th Brigade also joined with the 5th Brigade to host an East Texas SCV Leadership Conference in Tyler on Saturday, January 25th. The conference was well attended and many expressed their opinion that it was well worth the time spent and overall, a very successful leadership conference. The various camps of the 8th Brigade have been holding regular monthly meetings with many having outstanding historical presentations. Several camps have reported growth. Most noteworthy, is the new Maj. W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241 in Athens, Texas that has grown to 40 members in two short years their camp has been in existence. Most camps in the 8th Brigade have scheduled many Confederate activities and ceremonies during the upcoming months, especially the month of April. I am very proud to be a part of this outstanding Brigade in the Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans!

Below is a somewhat detailed list of my individual activities during the first quarter of 2014 and farther down the page, I included the individual camp reports that were submitted to me.

1st Quarter 2014 Activities of 8th Brigade Commander

- 2 JAN 2014 – Attended the camp meeting of the Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241 in Athens, TX.
- 4 JAN 2014 – Attended the Sam Davis New Year's Ball held at the Museum for East Texas Culture in Palestine. It was a fund raiser to raise scholarship funds to send youth to the Sam Davis Youth Camp in Texas and it was a great success!
- 13 JAN 2014 - Attended camp meeting of the Lone Star Defenders Camp 2234 in Lufkin, TX. Presented the camp with an update over the DEC meeting on January 11th.
- 18 JAN 2014, 10:00 a.m. – Participated in a Confederate Heroes Day Ceremony at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine, TX co-hosted by John H. Reagan Camp 2156 and the Davis-Reagan Chapter 2292 UDC. They held an outstanding ceremony that was well attended.
- 18 JAN 2014, 12:00 p.m. – Attended the Lee-Jackson luncheon in Bullard, TX hosted by the Gen. Joseph L. Hogg Camp 972. They had an outstanding speaker in Steve Dement on the VMI Cadets and the Battle of New Market. The Confederate fellowship was outstanding.
- 18 JAN 2014, 7:00 p.m. – Attended the Hood's South East Texas Brigade meeting in Lumberton, TX. I was given the honor and privilege of presenting the Charter certificate to the men who

formed the new SCV camp in Silsbee, TX and was honored to introduce their keynote speaker for the evening, Mr. Norris White, Jr. of Palestine. They

- 25 JAN 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., it was an honor and privilege to help organize and emcee the SCV East Texas Leadership Conference, held at the First Assembly of God Church fellowship hall in Tyler, Texas and hosted by both the 5th and 8th Brigades of the Texas Division. There were many excellent speakers and topics covered and it was well attended by many dedicated compatriots. A special thank you goes to the Douglas Camp and the Emma Sansom Chapter 31 OCR for their outstanding help to pull this event off without a hitch!
- 15 FEB 2014, 6:00 p.m., Enjoyed a visit to the New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107 at their regular monthly meeting.
- 18 FEB 2014, 6:30 p.m. I spent an evening enjoying a great Southern historical presentation made by bestselling author, Donnie Kennedy, at the regular monthly meeting of the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 in Palestine. I am very proud to be a member of this camp.
- 20 FEB 2014, 6:30 p.m., I visited the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124 in Tyler at their regular monthly meeting. During the meeting, I presented the Camp and Commander Brand with a certificate of appreciation from the 8th Brigade for their hard work with the recent East Texas Leadership Conference held in Tyler. I had previously presented a certificate of appreciation to the Emma Sansom Chapter, OCR for their efforts in helping to pull off a great leadership conference.

Respectfully yours in our most just and noble cause,

Marc Robinson
Commander
8th Brigade, Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Camp Reports submitted for the 1st Quarter of 2014

Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124, Tyler, Texas

Monday, February 24, 2014

Dear Commander Robinson:

This quarter for the Douglas Camp, we held three camp meetings with an average of 48 members and guests in attendance.

We held our annual Christmas Camp meeting and celebration at the Potpourri House. Division Commander Holly swore in the new officers, who are Commander Dennis Brand, 1st Lt. Commander

John Threadgill, 2nd Lt. Commander Randall Morris, and 3rd Lt. Commanders Daniel Hibbs and James Graham, Adjutant Cooper Goodson and Chaplain Don Majors.

Also in December, we attended the Gilmer Camp's meeting, which was outstanding. One of our annual events in December is attending "A Victorian Christmas" at the Goodman Museum in Tyler, where we dress in period attire. We were very excited that our picture was in the Tyler Paper this year. Also, we attended the camp meeting and Christmas celebration hosted by the 4th Brigade.

In January 2014 Jerry Watt presented a program called "Tom Green's Texas Cavalry in Louisiana during May and June 1863." In February Muddy Waters presented his program on "Weapons of the War Between the States: 1861-1865."

The Douglas Camp has 96 members, two cadets, and six friends of the camp. We added four new members this quarter and are processing four more members.

In January we attended the Sam Davis Youth Ball in Palestine. Commander Holley and I went to Prestonwood Academy in Plano to give a school program. We attended the Confederate Heroes Day memorial in Longview. Eight members in uniform attended. The East Texas Leadership Conference was held in Tyler and we had a very good attendance.

In February we attended the Athens and the Palestine Camp meetings, both of which were outstanding. We also attended the Bonnie Blue Ball in Winnsboro.

We are working on our school programs. 1st Lt. Commander Threadgill and 2nd Lt. Commander Morris are visiting fourteen area high schools to acquire students for the Jefferson Davis Leadership Award. We already have the candidates for the Robert E. Lee and the H. L. Hunley awards. This will be the largest group of awards we have ever presented to our area high school students.

We held our first organizational meeting to prepare for the 2016 National Convention in Dallas. The Douglas Camp is the lead host camp and we are working on getting the committees organized. Although the Douglas Camp is the lead camp, all the 8th and 4th brigade camps are also hosts for the National SCV Reunion. A great deal of hard work is ahead for all of us, but we can succeed if we all work together. This is an exciting time for the 8th brigade and the Texas Division

Deo Vindice!

Dennis Brand, Commander
Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124, Tyler

Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282, Center, Texas

January –

- We elected new officers (as already reported) at our Jan. 27 meeting,
- Had two new visitors.

February –

- Installed Sheldon Scrogins, accepted the application from his step-father, Eric Harding.
- Discussed the upcoming cemetery dedication in Nacogdoches and the Camp Ford event.
- One new visitor.
- Viewed the part 1 of the Hunley Experience.

Jim Barrett , Commander
Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282

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

December - had Christmas Party and had a good showing.

January - celebrated Confederate day (Lee, Jackson) with speaker from Brook Hill School who spoke on the cadets in the battle of New Market.

February - we had Rocky Sprott, who spoke on confederate grave registration of confederate and union solders.

James Campbell, Commander
Gen. Joseph L. Hogg Camp 972

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



MAJOR W.H. "HOWDY" MARTIN CAMP

Texas Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Quarterly Report, 1Q (Jan-Feb) 2014



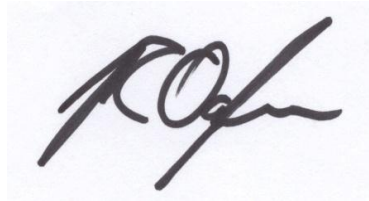
Overview: The Camp has had an excellent meeting each month with a speaker. We continue to work on our Honor Guard, and have been active in the community. The Camp is financially stable. We now have a website and a newsletter.

Dec 2013: Camp banners obtained. Camp to assist in upkeep of Arms Cemetery by request of current volunteer groundskeeper.

Jan 2014: Cmdr Abney and Adj. Ogburn attended the SCV Leadership Training in Tyler on 25th Jan. New officers sworn in at the Camp meeting.

Feb 2014: We accepted four new members into the Camp. We now have 40 members and one Cadet member. The Feb meeting was well attended with 37 present. Camp voted to name the newsletter the "Howdy Herald". Cleanup at Arms Cemetery planned for March 29th. We are looking into original plans for the "Confederate Park" across from the Cain Center for possible completion of the original plan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ogburn", written on a light-colored background.

Dr. Jim Ogburn
Adjutant
Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp, #1241

Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533, Carthage, Texas

Our meeting for January 30th was an installation of officers for 2014.

Commander Dan Ross
1st LT. Commander Marcus Whitehead
2nd LT. Commander Buddy Magness
Adjutant David Fleming

Dan Ross's wife did the program on Confederate Uniforms. She is a member of the UDC.

Meetings scheduled to February 28 and March 27.

We have worked on Programs for the 1st half to the year. **Can you do the program on July 31th?**

We added one new member in January who is Dickey Thomas. Our membership stands at 30 with the new addition.

Dave Fleming, Adjt.
Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533, Carthage, Texas

Stone Fort Camp 1944, Nacogdoches, Texas

QUARTERLY REPORT
(January/February 2014)
STONE FORT CAMP #1944

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Total number of paid members as of February 28, 2014.....	26
New Members since last report.....	0
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

JANUARY

7 - Scheduled Camp meeting.

This was our first meeting after the annual SCV Christmas Party. During the course of business, it was voted by the members to develop and publish a Stone Fort Camp calendar for 2015. This calendar will be used as a recruiting tool and for information dissemination to the public.

A letter is being sent to Stephen F. Austin State University asking for permission to bring our cannons onto the state-owned campus, so we may have a Camp picture taken in front of the Old Stone Fort.

It was also discussed and agreed that we would place flags at historic Oak Grove Cemetery in March. Further discussion resulted in expanding the size and scope of the event.

A DVD film was played about the Mystery Guns of Stone Mountain.

Additional Confederate Grave flags ordered.

18 – Three members attended Confederate Hero's Day in Longview, Texas.

FEBRUARY

2 – Ordered Sutler goods for upcoming event in Hemphill, Texas on March 1st.

4 – Scheduled Camp meeting.

10 – Camp members gathered at historic Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches, Texas to begin coordination for an upcoming event. A Confederate Memorial Service is being planned for Saturday, March 15, 2014. We will be placing Confederate Grave flags for approximately 64 Confederate Soldiers that morning. The ceremony will commence at 2 P.M.. Speakers will include Brigade Commander Marc Robinson, representatives of the UDC, OCR, and DRT. Rifles and howitzers will salute. Community is invited.

Camp members discussed and agreed to having a Cemetery clean-up day at primitive Old Moss Cemetery. We are attempting to identify Confederates without headstones. Date to be determined. Old Moss is one of the oldest and largest early pioneer cemeteries in Nacogdoches County and has not been properly maintained in years.

Coordination has begun with Woodville, Texas and New Salem Camps for the "Fish, Fur, and Fowl Festival" in Hemphill, Texas

on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

NOTE: Individual members attended various events and functions during the reporting period which were not included in this report due to an accelerated publishing date required by higher Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

LTC (Ret.) John D. Mosele, MS

Camp Adjutant, Stone Fort Camp 1944

Nacogdoches, Texas

Army of the Trans-Mississippi

John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Palestine, Texas

January 7, 2014 CEC meeting at Commander Rudy Ray's house.

January 18, 2014 Confederate Hero's Day Program at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in downtown Palestine, Texas.

January 21, 2014 Reagan Camp regular meeting. Historical program on "Confederate Lady Spies" was provided by Mrs. Norma Holley.

February 18, 2014 Reagan Camp regular meeting. Historical program on "Are You From Dixie" provided by Author Walter Donald Kennedy of Downsville, LA.

Dan Dyer, Adjutant