



8th Brigade, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2014 – 2nd Quarter Report 1 JUNE 2014



Commander Holley,

The Camps in the East Texas Brigade have been very active during the second quarter of 2014. There have been Confederate ceremonies held, parade entries, living history programs, member recruitment, Confederate graves flagging in various cemeteries, WBTS battle reenactment participation, excellent historical programs during meetings, and more. The Texas Division SCV can be proud of the efforts of the compatriots of the East Texas Brigade.

Below is a list of my personal activities during the second quarter of 2014 and farther down the report, I included the outstanding individual camp reports that were submitted to me this quarter.

2nd Quarter 2014 Activities of 8th Brigade Commander:

- 6 MARCH 2014, attended the regular monthly meeting of the Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241. They had an outstanding program presented over the Sam Davis Youth Camp by one of their young members, Jesse Giles, who attended the camp this past year.
- 15 MARCH 2014, attended and gave a short speech at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Ceremony hosted by the Stone Fort Camp 1944 in Nacogdoches.
- 22 MARCH 2014, participated in the Dogwood Trails parade in Palestine as Confederate Mounted Color Guard immediately behind the float of the John H. Reagan Camp 2156. Parade began at 10:00 a.m.
- 22 MARCH 2014, traveled to the Camp Ford Living History event in Tyler, Texas hosted by the Douglas Camp 124, the Emma Sansom OCR, and the Smith County Historical Commission, after participating in the parade in Palestine that morning. I participated as Confederate Cavalry in the skirmish reenacted Saturday afternoon for the visitors.
- 4-6 APRIL 2014, my wife Deborah, my three youngest children, and I participated in the 150th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Pleasant Hill
- 11-13 APRIL 2014, my family and I participated in the reenactment at the Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia, Texas
- 25-27 APRIL 2014 participated in the 150th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Mansfield (Sabine Crossroads) that was co-hosted by the Gen. Richard Taylor Camp in Shreveport, LA.
- 1 MAY 2014, attended the regular monthly meeting of the Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241. The great-granddaughter of Major W. H. Martin, Martha Hartzog, was there to present a historical program.
- 2-5 MAY 2014, my family and I participated in the Battle for Jefferson reenactment in Jefferson, TX

- 6 MAY 2014, presented a program on the Sam Davis Youth Camp to the Upshur County Patriots Camp of Gilmer, Texas, with the help of my wife, Deborah (SDYC Counselor for four years), daughter, Channa (SDYC camper for four years), and a SDYC promotional DVD published by Tom Ridenour of the Belo Camp.
- 12 MAY 2014, attended the Lone Star Defenders Camp 2234 meeting in Lufkin, TX. On behalf of the John H. Reagan Camp 2156, I presented the Lone Star Defenders Camp an iron cross of honor to be used to mark a Confederate veteran's grave of their choosing at some point in the future.
- 16-18 MAY 2014, my family and I participated in the Battle for Temple Junction reenactment hosted by the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 SCV, Temple, Texas.
- 29 MAY 2014, attended the Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533 regular meeting in Carthage, Texas. Recruited two new members (father and son) into their camp.

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 2nd Quarter of 2014

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

We have 99 members. Added one new member and six current members paid their dues. We held three camp meetings with the following speakers and topics:

March - Charles Hayes - Jackson's Valley Campaign

April - Johnnie Holley - bio and War Record of the Douglas Battery

May - Pam Wilhoite - Mrs Robert E. Lee

March

- Attended Sweetheart in Gainesville. This is a project which uses funds received to repair the Confederate soldier's monument in the local park.
- Held Camp Ford Living History and Reenactment

April

- Attended Athens Camp meeting.

- Attended grave medallion dedication for member of UDC, DRT, Ladies of the War of 1812, and DAR.
- Marched in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville.
- Attended the Mansfield reenactment.
- Participated in Pleasant Hill reenactment.

May

- Participated in Jefferson Reenactment
 - Presented School program at Hallsville
 - Attended Leadership conference in Gainesville
 - Participated in memorial at White cemetery near Dallas
 - Presented 13 Jefferson Davis awards at schools in Van Zandt, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Anderson counties.
 - Presented Hunley award to a naval sea cadet.
 - Presented Robert E. Lee award to an ROTC student at John Tyler High School.
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- Held two planning sessions for the 2016 SCV National Reunion.
 - Participated in memorial for three Confederate soldiers at the site of Fort Sherman in Lake Bob Sandlin Park.

Dennis Brand
Commander

Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282, Center, Texas

March

- March 31 - The Hunley Experience - Part 2

April

- April 2 - County Judge signed Confederate History Month Proclamation.
- April 5 - Camp placed flags in at least 7 cemeteries, including one for the only black Confederate Veteran known to be buried in Shelby Co.
- April 24 - Special called meeting to install Eric Harding, Sheldon's step-father
- April 28 - Discussed the many events held during the month including Camp Ford, Pleasant Hill, Mansfield and Rally Around the Flag.

May

- May 26 - Confederate Grave Survey - Rocky Jim Sprott

Jim Barrett
Commander

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

The Hogg Camp 972 held regular monthly meetings in March, April, and May 2014 with historical presentations at each meeting. Texas Division Confederate Grave Survey Coordinator Rocky Sprott spoke at the March meeting, Commander James Campbell hosted a Confederate weapons round table discussion with he and various members bringing period weaponry to the meeting, and Compatriot Gary Cole, presented an overview of his newly published book, "12 April." This novel "depicts a history of Pvt. Richard W. Cole's life, as seen through his own eyes. It provides a factually based look at the life of a family decimated by the Civil War and Reconstruction as it might have actually played out. The book also offers a partial history of the 5th Mississippi Cavalry, the 22nd and 30th Mississippi Infantries."

- 1 new member joined our camp
- Compatriot Harold Acker passed away. Division and National were notified.

James Campbell
Commander

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

Overview: The camp has regular monthly meetings, with invited speakers and great attendance. Previous meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports are presented and approved at every meeting. Our newsletter the "Howdy Herald" continues to do well. The camp is financially stable. Our camp continues to grow, with 43 members and one cadet as of today 18 May 14. Our camp re-enactor members have been quite active. The camp has dedicated itself to the upkeep of Arms Cemetery, where a Confederate Veteran is buried to be honored by the Camp later this year.

March

- Historian/Aide de Camp Jessie Giles presented program on his attendance at Sam Davis Youth Camp.
- One new member voted on and approved for membership.
- Camp cleaned Arms Cemetery 29 March. Grass and trees trimmed, new signage placed and rail fence installed. New member Pete Edison to be noted for extra dedication in installing rail fence. Pete Edison is to be nominated as the Grave Guardian for Confederate Veteran Grayson buried at Arms Cemetery.
- Adjutant Ogburn attended meeting of Henderson County Historical Society, where Arms Cemetery status was discussed. Paperwork is forthcoming to declare Arms Cemetery a State Designated Historical Cemetery.
- Adjutant Ogburn presented camp with a large CSA grave dedication wreath, special ordered and created by a prospective UDC member in Dr. Ogburn's office.
- Camp meetings now announced on Camp facebook page.
- Bunny Freeman, wife of compatriot Ronald Freeman, is active in Civil War research and is a member of the Henderson County Historical Society.
- Compatriot Bob Lynch presented with certificate and medal in honor of his military service.

- Cmdr. Abney and Chaplin Day participated in uniform in the Dogwood Parade in Palestine 22 March.
- Cmdr. Abney, Chaplin Day, Aide de Camp Giles and 3rd Lt. Cmdr. Lowry participated in uniform in the Camp Ford Re-enactment in Tyler 22 March.

April

- Approximately 20 battle flags placed on Confederate graves in four cemeteries by Chaplin Day
- 100 additional battle flags ordered by Camp to place on graves in future
- One new camp member voted on and approved for membership

May

- Camp meeting talk given by Ms. Martha Hartzog, great granddaughter of Major Howdy Martin and President of Hood's Texas Brigade Association
- Plan on distributing CDs of the "True History of the Battle Flag" to local teachers and historians
- Plan on honoring local Athens Police officer with citation of merit in near future
- "Howdy Herald" Newsletter to be submitted in Best Newsletter Category at upcoming State Convention
- Memorial Day weekend members of the Major W H Howdy Martin Camp 1241 placed flags in the Athens City Cemetery and others in Henderson County.
- Camp appointed member Bob Lynch as representative to National SCV Convention in July
- Memorial Day weekend members of the Major W H Howdy Martin Camp 1241 placed flags in the Athens City Cemetery and others in Henderson County.

Jim Ogburn, M.D.
Adjutant/Treasurer

Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533, Carthage, Texas

March

- March meeting on March 27 with a program by Pat Baughman on Music of Texas from the Alamo to the Civil War.
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April

- April meeting on April 24 with Bill O'Neal our State Historian with a program on the Texas Revolution. Dickey Thomas was presented his Certificate of Membership. Dickey makes our membership at 30.

May

- May meeting on May 29 with guest speaker being Jim Sprott of the High Plains Camp.
- Two new members joined.

Dave Fleming
Adjutant/Treasurer

Stone Fort Camp 1944, Nacogdoches, Texas

MARCH

1 – Stone Fort Camp participated in the “Fish, Fur, & Fowl” Exposition in Hemphill, Texas. Six howitzers and cannon were provided and shot all day, allowing visitors to learn about Confederate Artillery and the opportunity to actually shoot a cannon. A sutler store was also provided. We supported the Woodville, Texas, SCV Camp in this endeavor and a good time was held by all. This was an excellent opportunity to recruit, exhibit, and promote the SCV in Deep East Texas. As always, Stone Fort Camp was supported by our wonderful friends and compatriots from Jessie Amason - Camp #282 of Center, Texas, the New Salem Invincibles - Camp #2107 of Ponta, Texas, and the Colonel Phillip A. Work - Camp #1790 in Woodville, Texas.

4 – Scheduled Camp Meeting.

15 – Confederate Memorial Ceremony at historic Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches, Texas. Confederate flags were placed at Confederate graves. Participants included SCV, UDC, OCR, and invited guests. The Guest speaker was Brigade Commander Marc Robinson. Although we encountered inclement weather throughout the ceremony the event was deemed a success.

22 – Camp Ford Living history event, Tyler, Texas. Select Camp members participated.

29 - A small, remote primitive cemetery was located and scouted by the Camp Commander and Camp member Byron Hancock for a future re-dedication ceremony. The Confederate Soldiers located are: H.R. Spivey, 11th Texas Infantry, William Parrot, 19th Cavalry, and James Scroggins, Company A, 6th Battalion CSA.

APRIL

1- Scheduled Camp Meeting.

4,5,6 – Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. Select members of Stone Fort Camp participated in the re-enactments.

13 – “Rally Around the Flag”. Area Camps and Friends of the SCV were invited to the annual Confederate Memorial Ceremony, BBQ, and covered dish luncheon. Rifles and cannons were fired, all Veterans were recognized, Camp Member Jimmy Montez acted as auctioneer and successfully raised over \$200.00 for the Camp. A sutler box was also provided. Guest Speaker was Mrs. Linda Sisk of the Nacogdoches UDC. This event was a well attended and continues to grow. Further, this event provides a great family oriented venue. Special thanks to the New Salem Invincibles - Camp #2107 of Ponta, Texas.

27 – Stone Fort Camp was prepared to provide rifle and cannon support for a graveside ceremony in Jacksonville, Texas. However, the event was canceled at the last minute due to severe thunderstorms and tornado threats.

30 – The SCV “Distinguished Student Award” was presented to a Senior ROTC Cadet at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, during their annual awards ceremony. A photo of the Cadet is being forwarded for placement in the Confederate Veteran Magazine.

MAY

1,2,3,4 – Battle of Jefferson, Texas Re-enactments and ceremonies. Select Camp members participated.

6 – Scheduled Camp Meeting.

14 – An initial planning and site visit was made to the Nacogdoches Expo & Convention Center. Stone Fort Camp will be demonstrating black powder rifles and cannons at that location on Saturday, June 21, 2014. The format will be similar to the recent event held in Hemphill, Texas. This is the first time this event has been held in Nacogdoches, so we need maximum participation from the SCV. We invite all Camps to participate. There will be two display tables inside the shaded arena area for a historical display, recruiting, and general information. One of the tables is reserved as a courtesy for the UDC and OCR. Rifles and Cannon will be firing outside of the Pavilion area next to the BBQ cookoff. There will also be a sutler box, cooling tent, and photo opportunities near the main cannon line. Specifics have not been provided by the Sponsor at this time, however, they should be forthcoming and we will provide your command with further information, as received

17 – The Camp had planned and was prepared to conduct a clean-up at historic Old Moss Cemetery, however, upon arrival we became aware that recent log cutting and severe flooding earlier in the week prevented any access into the area. This will be re-scheduled.

FOR THE CAMP COMMANDER:

LTC (Ret.) JOHN D. MOSELE, AUS
CAMP ADJUTANT

John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Palestine, Texas

The Reagan Camp held its regular monthly meetings in March, April, and May. The Camp Program in March was presented by Joe Walker of Arkansas on the Battle of Jenkins Ferry. Our April Program was presented by Charles Oliver of the Waco Camp on the Great Revival in the Confederate Armies. Our May Program was presented by Rocky Sprott, 1st Brigade Chaplain and Aid-de-Camp on Confederate Grave Registry.

- In March the Reagan Camp participated in the Dogwood Trails Parade in Palestine and then hosted an historical program at our Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.
- Selected member(s) participated in the following WBTS reenactments and/or living history events during the 2nd Quarter of this year:

Camp Ford Living History, Battle of Pleasant Hill, Confederate Reunion Grounds school program and battle reenactment, Battle of Mansfield, Battle of Jefferson, Battle of Temple Junction

Rudy Ray
Commander