



8th Brigade, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2015 – 2nd Quarter Report 1 JUNE 2015



To: Commander Holley and the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

This will be my last quarterly brigade report to submit as commander of the East Texas/8th brigade for the 2013-2015 term. I very much appreciate being given the opportunity by the East Texas brigade to serve them and our beloved Confederate veterans over the past two years in this capacity. The brigade was in a very strong position with ten solid camps when I became commander in 2013. I feel that I finished this two-year term in office with the East Texas Brigade still in a strong position with twelve camps and many outstanding camp accomplishments. The two most recently chartered camps in the East Texas Brigade are the Lone Star Defenders Camp 2234 in Lufkin now under the leadership of Commander Thomas Anderson and the very new Major R. L. Dabney Camp 2261 in Canton, Texas under the leadership of Commander Tom Clinkscates.

Below is a somewhat detailed list of my individual activities during the second quarter of 2015 and farther down the page, I have included the individual camp reports that were recently submitted to me.

2nd Quarter 2015 Activities of 8th Brigade Commander:

- 7 MARCH 2015 Attended the Texas DEC meeting in Lorena, Texas.
- 14 MARCH 2015, Helped to organize the Children of the Confederacy monument dedication ceremony at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza-Palestine. Participated as detail commander of the color guard and honor guard at this event. The ceremony was very well attended by members of several Texas brigades, UDC, and CofC along with quite a few guests.
- 26 MARCH 2015, Attended the regular monthly meeting of the Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533 in Carthage, Texas. Ike Reeves, a member of the Randal Camp, presented a very nice flag history program that evening. I enjoyed his program and the good Confederate fellowship at the meeting.
- 28 MARCH 2015, Participated in the honor guard for the ceremony that bestowed an honorary Brig. General's rank on Col. J. W. Speight at the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, Texas. Excellent ceremony!
- 28 MARCH 2015, Participated in the afternoon skirmish as a Confederate soldier at the Camp Ford Living History event in Tyler, Texas. This is always a great event to attend and/or participate in.
- 13 APRIL 2015, Attended another great regular monthly meeting of the Maj. W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp 1241 with a very nice historical art program by Stephanie Ford.
- 18-19 APRIL 2015, Attended the Confederate Reunion Grounds WBTS reenactment near Mexia, Texas.

- 26 APRIL 2015, I enjoyed participating in the Decoration Day Ceremony at the historical Confederate Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. It was a very nice ceremony with many in attendance.
- 9 MAY 2015, Attended the Sesquicentennial Confederate Symposium held at Chatfield, Texas. The speakers were excellent! I participated in uniform during the reenactment of Gen. Jo Shelby's final review of his Division, which was the final review of the last organized Confederate unit at that date. Compatriot Rob Jones did an excellent job portraying Gen. Jo Shelby during this reenactment.
- 21 MAY 2015, Attended the regular monthly meeting of the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124 in Tyler. They had a great meeting with wonderful music by the Majors Family.
- 30 MAY 2015, Marched in the parade and attended the SCV Sesquicentennial National Heritage Rally in Shreveport, LA. The rally was attended/supported by members from at least seven camps of the East Texas Brigade. I was very happy to have been accompanied to the rally by my wife, Deborah, and children, Channa, Caraline, and Craig. It was a very nice rally well organized by members of the Louisiana Division and I enjoyed it very much.
- 31 MAY 2015, Participated as an artilleryman on one of the John H. Reagan Camp's howitzers at a Confederate Memorial ceremony at the annual meeting of the Guiceland Cemetery Association on the county line between Anderson and Houston Counties. Reagan Camp Commander David Franklin preached a very nice sermon at their worship services as well as conducted the Confederate memorial ceremony.

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 2015

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

Quarter:	2	(March 2015 - May 2015)
Camp Meetings Held:	3	a. 03/19/2015 (Sweet Sues Restaurant Tyler) b. 04/16/2015 (Sweet Sues Restaurant Tyler) c. 05/21/2015 (Sweet Sues Restaurant Tyler)
CEC Meetings Held:	3	
Camp Strength:	106	

New Members	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 329718 Gary Bullington b. 329906 Bill Fiser c. 330117 Michael Johnson d. 329704 Ray Johnson e. 329905 Britton Lee
Reinstated Members:	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 322336 Billy Williamson b. 322337 Samuel Williamson
Members Lost:	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 200814 Hugh Dale Fowlkes (Deceased)
Awards Presented:	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guardian Program Medal a. Past Commander Dennis Brand

Camp Activities:

03/19/2015 Camp meeting: We had a wonderful meeting with an outstanding program on the Texas Division SCV Guardian Program presented by Phil Davis.

03/28/2015 Camp Ford Living History Day: Many camp members participated in the annual living history day sponsored by the Smith County Historical Society, and the Captain James P Douglas Camp. After the event, a dinner was held on the grounds for all participants. The event was very successful and had a record number of visitors.

04/09/2015 Dedication of War Between the States Statues: Several camp members traveled to College Station to participate in the ceremony to dedicate two newly erected statues honoring the men who fought in the War Between the States. It was reported that the ceremony was very nice and the statues are outstanding.

04/11/2015 Medal of Honor Parade Gainesville: Our Camp was well represented here, with several Compatriots and their wives riding in the Parade.

04/16/2015 Camp Meeting: During the April meeting, our camp discussed the proposed amendments that will be voted on in June. The Guest Speaker was J. Pat Baughman who presented a lively program on Scottish Heritage.

05/01/2015: Youth Award presentations

Throughout the month of May, our camp presented awards to numerous students from East Texas area schools:

Jefferson Davis Leadership Award

- a. John Tyler High School
- b. East Texas Christian Academy

- c. Robert E Lee High School
- d. Hawkins High School
- e. Bullard High School
- f. The Brook Hill School
- g. Canton High School
- h. Martin's Mill High School
- i. Westwood High School
- j. Whitehouse High School
- k. Chapel Hill High School

Robert E Lee Award

- a. John Tyler High School

Col Santos Benevides Award

- a. John Tyler High School

H.L. Hunley Award

- a. Tyler Joint Force Battalion, United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

05/21/2015 Camp Meeting: During our May meeting, Mr. Hugh Adams from the Smith County Historical Society gave a report to our camp regarding upcoming projects and needs at Camp Ford. The CEC also presented its recommendations for the upcoming Texas Division elections. Chaplain Don Majors, Compatriot Steve Majors, and Mrs. Stacey Majors Hendrix presented a wonderful musical program that was enjoyed by all.

05/30/2015 2015 Heritage Rally: Numerous camp members will be traveling to Shreveport to participate in this event.

Respectfully Submitted May 25, 2015

John Threadgill, Commander
Captain James P. Douglas Camp 124
Tyler, Texas

Capt. Jesse Amason Camp 282, Center, Texas

- The Capt. Jesse Amason Camp#282 Center, TX has held 3 meetings since the first of March.
- We had a proclamation signing with our county judge in March in celebration of Confederate History month.
- We placed grave flags on confederate vets graves in 5 different cemeteries.
- Some of our members attended the Rally Around the Flag event that the Stone Fort Camp, Nacogdoches put on.
- Commander Roger Doyle participated in the Camp Ford activity.

- We lost 1 member due to his death and presently have 18 members. Should you need anything more, please let me know. I really enjoyed seeing you and the family this past Saturday in Shreveport, and was greatly honored to represent my 8 confederate grandfathers in the parade. Thanks so much for all you do.

Lynn Hartt
Adjutant

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

Overview: The Camp has had an excellent meeting each month with a speaker. We continue to be active in the community and with 8th Brigade events. The Camp is financially stable. Our website and newsletter are well established and well received.

Mar 2015: Members of the Camp attended the March 14th dedication of the Confederate Veterans Memorial in Palestine. Members of the Camp attended the March 28th Camp Ford Reenactment in Tyler. Camp Advisor Bunny Freeman shared that her research had found a total of 250 Confederate graves in Henderson County. The Camp voted in 3 new Camp members.

Apr 2015: Members of the Camp attended the April 17-19th annual reenactment at the Confederate Reunion Grounds in Mexia. Members of the Camp attended a Confederate grave marker dedication at the Old Bethel Cemetery near Phalba on April 18th, honoring Pvt Elijah Hanks Woolverton and 18 other CSA Veterans buried there. Members of the Camp met at Athens City Cemetery on April 25th to place flags and camp flag pipes on CSA graves in honor of Confederate Memorial Day (April 26th). Five teams took a map and list of names of veterans in each section. We were able to locate about 45 graves in about an hour and a half.

May 2015: Members of the Camp attended the Cottonwood Cemetery Veterans Historical Marker Dedication on May 2nd. Howdy Martin Camp Aide de Camp Jesse Giles represented his camp at the Jefferson Civil War Days. He gets extra credit for his effort as he was chosen to wear the Blue.

Our camp currently has 55 members, 1 cadet and 1 Friend of the SCV.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ogburn", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jim Ogburn
Adjutant

Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp, #1241

Gen. Horace Randal Camp 1533, Carthage, Texas

March meeting was on the 26th with 18 members present. Marc Robinson East Texas Brigade Commander was present. Tommy Holmes was presented a resolution for the death of his bother Charles Holmes who was a real grandson. Ike Reeves did a program on Texas and Confederate flags.

April meeting was on the 30th with 15 members present. Paul Grambling and his wife were present to give a program on our apathy when it comes to our Southern Heritage. Our camp will support the May 30th program in Shreveport LA.

May meeting will be on the 28th with a program by Jerry Watt. Camp member ship is at 32.

Dave Fleming
Adjutant

Stone Fort Camp 1944, Nacogdoches, Texas

MARCH

- 3 – Monthly Camp Meeting
- 7 – Great East Texas Outdoor Fest in Hemphill, TX canceled.
- 14 – Participation by various Stone Fort Camp members at memorial dedication in Palestine, TX
- 28 – Member participation at Camp Ford in Tyler, TX.

APRIL

- 7 – Monthly Camp Meeting.
- 12 – Original date for "Rally Around the Flag". Canceled due to inclement weather and re-scheduled.
- 19 – Annual "Rally Around the Flag" Confederate History Month Community BBQ and Memorial Service.
- 22 – SCV Executive Director's Outstanding Student Award presented to ROTC Cadet at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX.

NOTE: Mountain rifle on loan to the Confederate Museum in Longview, TX during April.

MAY

- 2 – Camp Adjutant participated in 150th Anniversary of Confederate General Richard Taylor's surrender to Union General Canby in Citronelle, Alabama.

- 2 – Placed CSA grave flags at Old North Church cemetery in Nacogdoches, TX.
- 2 – Placed CSA grave flags at Shiloh cemetery.
- 2 – Placed 5 CSA grave flags at Sand Hill cemetery.
- 2 and 3 – Camp members participated at the Battle of Jefferson, TX.
- 5 – Monthly Camp Meeting.
- 9 – Camp participation at the Battle of Fort Crawford in Longview, TX.
- 22 – Living history demonstration at Pine Tree High School in Longview, TX.
- 30 – Various members to attend the Confederate Heritage Rally at Shreveport, LA.

FOR THE CAMP COMMANDER:

LTC (Ret.) John D. Mosele, MS, AUS
 CAMP ADJUTANT
 Stone Fort Camp #1944
 Nacogdoches, TX

John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Palestine, Texas

March 2015

March 14 – Co-hosted Ceremony at Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine for dedication of Confederate monument from Children of the Confederacy

March 17 - Monthly Camp meeting

March 28 - Participated in ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, TX;

Participated in Camp Ford Living History in Tyler, TX

April 2015

April 18 - Helped the Howdy Martin Camp with a Confederate memorial ceremony for 19 Confederate Veterans at Old Bethel Cemetery North of Athens

April 21 - Monthly Camp Meeting

April 26 - Participated in in Decoration Day Ceremony ay Confederate Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas

May 2015

May 2 - Helped the Howdy Martin Camp with grave marker dedication at Cottonwood Cemetery

May 6 - Exc. Committee Meeting

May 9 - Attended Symposium at Chatfield, Texas

May 19 - Monthly Camp meeting

4 new members

1 transfer in

1 transfer out

32 members as of May 25

Dan Dyer

Adjutant/Treasurer

Lone Star Defenders Camp 2234, Lufkin, Texas

We have 11 current members

We have three prospective members

Doug Friday

Ricky Barley

Robert Williams, plus a friend

Activities for March

Peggy Jasso with the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Moral made a donation to the Lone Star Defenders Camp. For the Camp's appreciation, Commander Anderson made a Monument Jack for Ms. Jasso. The jack is designed to lift approximately 1800 pounds. Ms Jasso's grandson, Evan Leonard and friend Andrew Smith are both 8th grade Honor students at McMichael Middle School in Nacogdoches and used the Monument Jack to level tombstones at Moral Cemetery for required volunteer hours. Attached is a photo of the Monument Jack being used.

Program for March

Darrel Bryan - Angelina County Historical Society

Program for April

Charles Hayes - Great Speaker - Sold a lot of books

Activities for April

Cleaned and marked 6 Confederate Headstones at Pine Grove Cemetery for the April 28, 2015 SCV Memorial Day (unofficial)

Confederate and Texas Flags donated by the Lonestar Defenders Camp

Participated in program for Nacogdoches United Daughters of the Confederacy - attached is a photo of Pattye Green placing flags on the headstone of Confederate soldier, Andrew A Beck at Pine Grove Cemetery

Program for May

Colt-Walker Pistol presentation by Thomas Anderson

Election of Officers listed below:

Thomas Anderson - Commander

Corbitt Doss - Adjutant

Walter Bates - Lieutenant Commander

Larry Cawley - 2nd Lieutenant

Fred Preston - Sgt. at Arms * Quartermaster

Kim Tullos - Historian

Activities for May

Assisting Prospective Members in completing applications

Have a speaker commitment for our July Meeting

Thomas Anderson
Commander

Major R. L. Dabney Camp 2261, Canton, Texas

East Texas has a new Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp- the Major R.L. Dabney Camp #2261 Canton, Texas. Major Dabney was Jackson's Chief of Staff serving him until his health forced him to resign. He was also a Chaplain in the Confederate Army. He was one of America's greatest Theologians and he was one of the, if not the most Unreconstructed of all of the Confederates. He never "reconciled" with the invaders and murderers of his people and his "mother" Virginia. He predicted that if the South did not actively resist so-called Reconstruction that she would become yankeeized, something to Dabney that was worse than death.

He was the authorized biographer of Jackson, authorized by Mrs. Jackson, and wrote THE classic book on Southern Antebellum Slavery which Lee highly recommended to all of his veterans. Dabney more than any other man saw our day coming as a result of the yankee bayonet and the implanting of the godless, anti-Bible yankee thinking.

The motto for our Camp is that which Dabney told a Northern minister would be true of the South- "unconquered, unconquerable, and forever alienated." Sadly this proved not to be true for many Southerners but it was true of Dabney and hopefully there are a few of his ilk left among us today!

Officers:

Commander: Tom Clinkscales

Lt. Commander: Rudy Ray

Adjutant: Ed Smith

Chaplain: Mark Brown