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## DIVISION CONVENTION HELD IN AUSTIN

The Texas Division held its 104<sup>th</sup> convention in Austin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. One of the largest crowds in convention history packed the Austin Capitol Marriott in downtown Austin. Fifty-two of the sixty-six camps in Texas were represented.

The event started Friday night with a reception in the hotel. The first formal event was held Saturday morning when the opening ceremonies kicked off in the Texas State Cemetery.

H. W. Irby, the commander of the host

master of ceremonies.

The convention was dedicated to the memory of past Texas Division Commander Carl Lehmborg who passed away last year. Commander Lehmborg's wife, Eileen, was honored at the opening ceremonies. Also honored at the opening ceremonies were two real sons, Bennett Y. Allen and Marion



Left, outgoing Division Commander Denne Sweeney, right, newly elected Division Commander Steve Lucas

camp, George W. Littlefield Wilson. Camp #59, served as the

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### *HB 10 Passed, SCV Sues State Officials*

## BILL PASSED AND SUIT FILED

At the Division Convention in Austin, members celebrated the passing of House Bill 10. The bill was passed in the last week of the State Legislature and was signed into law on Memorial Day by Governor Rick Perry.

The bill includes the wording from the original filing, House Bill 2360 sponsored by Carl Isett, a Republican from Lubbock. This original bill called for the protection of all histori-

cal monuments on state property.

House Bill 2360 was tacked on to House Bill 10 so that it would have a better chance of passing during the most recent session of the Legislature. The complete wording of House Bill 2360 was incorporated into House bill 10.

Had House Bill 10 been in place last year Governor George Bush would not have had the power to remove the Con-

federate plaques at the Supreme Court Building.

At a press conference Division Commander Denne Sweeney announced that the Texas Division was suing certain state officials in office at the time the Supreme Court Building plaques were removed.

The SCV is suing the following individuals in their official capacity at the time: Clay Johnson, Gov.

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## CONFEDERATE PROFILE



# JOHN C. MOORE



### Confederate General is Buried in Central Texas

When one thinks of Coryell County, one doesn't often associate it with Confederate generals. That, however, would be a mistake. One Texas Confederate General that made his post-war home in Coryell is buried in Coryell County.

John Creed Moore was born in Red Bridge (Hawkins County), Tennessee in 1824. He attended preparatory school in both Georgia (Emory) and in Virginia (Henry College). In 1845 he entered the Military Academy at West Point. He graduated 17<sup>th</sup> in his class of 43 men in 1849.

Moore saw initial action in Florida against the Seminole Indians with the U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery during the Seminole War (1849-50). Following his service in Florida he served garrison duty in Santa Fe and at Fort Union Nebraska. In 1855 he left the U.S. Army, resigning his position to return to his home state of Tennessee. In 1856 he was employed as a civil engineer and by 1861, he was a professor at Shelby College in Kentucky.

When the war broke out Moore first became a

captain in the Louisiana State Militia and in April of 1861 was commissioned a captain in the Confederate Army. He was sent to Galveston, Texas to aid in the

The Second Texas Infantry participated on the right wing of Confederate attackers in the capture of the headquarters of three brigades and the encirclement of Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss's division in the Hornet's Nest. In spite of losing nearly one third of its men the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas penetrated to within a short distance of the steamboat landing by darkness on April 6<sup>th</sup> and Moore was commended for gallantry. He was promoted to brigadier general on May 26, 1862 and led a brigade at the Battle of Corinth, Mississippi in Octo-

ber of 1862. At Corinth on October 4, 1862, he led the left wing of his brigade over federal entrenchments into the center of the city in hand-to-hand combat.

He served during the siege of Vicksburg in the summer of 1863. He and his command were captured on July 4, 1863 when Confederate commander John C. Pemberton surren-

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John Creed Moore

construction of defensive fortifications. He commanded the artillery defenses in and around Galveston until late 1861. He then organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Infantry and was elected its colonel, in September of 1861.

Moore commanded the regiment at the Battle of Shiloh in April of 1862.

# Division Convention Review



Elected as Division commander was Steve Lucas of Denton, elected 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander was Steve Von Roeder of Austin, elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander was Ron Strobos of Angleton and elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander was Gary Whitfield of Fort Worth.

After the final business session, Brigade sessions were held. Camp member Jerry Nelson, Central Texas Brigade Commander, presided at

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The proceedings then returned to the hotel where the first business session was held. A luncheon, featuring noted artist, Bruce Marshall, as the speaker followed the business session. The afternoon Division business session was entirely consumed with Division officer elections. For the first time either in a long time or ever all Division positions were contested.

Above: SCV Commander-in-Chief Ed Deason welcomes members and guests at the opening ceremonies at the State Cemetery, standing to his left is the convention chairman, H. W. Irby. Right: New Texas Division Commander Steve Lucas from Denton.



Division  
Convention  
Dedicated to the  
Memory of  
Carl Lehmborg



Left: Camp Member Steve Wooley at the Convention, attending the Confederate Ball. Behind Steve, in the background, is the 12<sup>th</sup> Louisiana String Band, getting ready to perform at the ball.

the brigade meeting. The brigade officers were all re-elected.

That evening the Awards Dinner and Confederate Ball were held. Out going Division Commander Denne Sweeney was named Confederate of the Year and the Grimes County Grays Camp in Anderson was named Camp of the Year.

All the Division officers  
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# HB10 Passes; Lawsuit Filed

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Bush's Chief of Staff, Chief Justice Thomas Phillips, former Supreme Court Justice Al Gonzales and the General Services Executive Director Jim Muse.

The lawsuit maintains

Texas Administrative Code and the Texas Government Code. The lawsuit demands that the State of Texas return the plaques to their original place of honor.



Texas Division Commander Deene Sweeney reads portions of SCV lawsuit at press conference on June 1<sup>st</sup> in front of

that these men violated a 1954 amendment to the Texas Constitution that authorized the transferring of funds from the Confederate Pension Fund to be used to build the Supreme Court Building. The amendment indicated that the building was to be a memorial to Texans that served in the Confederacy and to be properly designated as such.

The lawsuit states that the defendants acted unlawfully by removing the plaques without public input or legislative process and in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The litigation calls for a judicial declaration that the removal of the plaques was a violation of the Constitution of Texas, the Texas Antiquities Code, the

performed at the ball.

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 was well represented at the convention. Representing the camp at the convention were: Camp Commander Greg Manning, Adjutant Steve Woolley, Quartermaster Wayne Wilson, Chaplain John Perry, David Weber, and Brigade Commander Jerry Nelson.

The Major Robert M. White Camp was honored at the Convention with the

### Convention Box Score

For Commander:

Steve Lucas 130

Charles Oliver 85

For 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander:

Steve von Roeder 134

H.W. Irby 79

For 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander:

Ron Strybos 113

Mac Smith 99

For 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander:

Gary Whitfield 114

Jerry Nelson 98

### Four Star Camp Award.

A number of Camp members were honored at the convention. Camp Commander Greg Manning was honored with The Division's Gold Cross award, Division's Distinguished Service medal, and the Heritage

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## Division Convention

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were sworn in by SCV Commander-in-Chief Ed Deason. The 12<sup>th</sup> Louisiana String Band



**Left:** Greg Manning and Chaniel Leggett at the Confederate Ball.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Press Conference was attended by 8 different news media people

*Confederate Profile*

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dered the Confederate forces to Union General U. S. Grant.

His stint as a prisoner of war was short lived. He was exchanged and immediately assigned to serve as a brigade commander, under General Braxton Bragg during the battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge (November 24-25, 1863). When Moore fought in the Battle of Lookout Mountain, Union General U. S. Grant accused him and others of having fought in violation of their Vicksburg POW release agreement. The argument was not settled until January of 1876, when Moore and his colleagues were shown to be innocent of Grant's charges.

At the specific request of Major General Dabney H. Maury, Moore had successfully served under Maury during the Battle of Shiloh, Moore was reassigned to assist with the defense of Mobile, Ala-

bama. General Maury assigned him to command the Eastern and Western Districts of the Department of the Gulf on December 10, 1863.

Moore however resigned his Confederate commission the following February. It is still not clearly known why he did so. The late Colonel Harold B. Simpson, of the Confederate Research Center,

speculated that it might have been due to his assignment to a rather inactive duty station. Nevertheless, the official records do not list a specific reason for the resignation. It is interesting to note that Moore is sometimes confused with Lt. Col. John C. Moore of the arsenal at Selma, Alabama, because of an indexing error in the "Official Records."

Moore returned to his adopted home of Texas following his resignation. After the war he taught school, mathematics, and

wrote. He contributed to a number of magazines and journals.

He was the superintendent of schools at Mexia and at East Dallas, and he taught school at Galveston, Kerrville, Osage, and Coryell City.

He married Augusta E. Clark of Orange County, New York, and they had four children. Moore, who was an Episcopalian, outlived his wife by 3½ years. He died in Osage on December 31, 1910 at the age of 87. He is buried in

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Photo of John C. Moore in Confederate uniform



Grave of John C. Moore in Osage

**Camp Schedule**

June 2001

**June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Camp Meeting, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple, TX, 7:00 PM. Speaker: John Perry, Topic: "Stranger Than Fiction, The Story of George Pickett."

July 2001

**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Dinner Meeting, Inn at Scott & White Temple, TX, 7:00 PM Speaker: Jerry Nelson, Topic: "Confederate Soldier's Duty."

August 2001

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Camp Meeting, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple, TX 7:00 PM. Speaker: Larry Converse, Topic: "Port Hudson."

**August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>:** SCV International Convention, Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, La.

June Camp Meeting: Speaker is John Perry, Topic: "Stranger Than Fiction The Story of George Pickett."

## Division Convention

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Defense award.

Also receiving the Division's Gold Cross award were camp members David Weber and John Perry.

At the convention two future conventions were set. In 2002 the Division will hold the convention in Arlington and in 2003 in Bryan.

Two camp members

Below: Jerry Nelson and his wife Betty enjoy the Confederate Ball and John & Sandra Perry pose with Commander-in-Chief Ed Deason.



who passed away last year, Frank McKenney and Lee Stewart were honored at a Memorial Service.

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the Osage City Cemetery where his grave is marked with both a family marker and a State of Texas marker.

Recently, a Texas collector offered to sale an 1851 Navy Colt, believed to have belonged to Moore. The revolver is engraved with "Gen. J. C. Moore, CSA, Texas" on the back strap of the pistol. It has the original holster with a Texas button holding down the flap.

The revolver's owner speculates that the revolver was taken from a Union soldier and given to Moore by his men when he was promoted to brigadier general. The asking price for Moore's Navy Colt is \$20,000.

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**Next Meeting:  
June 12th  
King's Daughters  
7:00 PM**