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Camp Participates In Flag Pole Dedication

HILLCREST CEMETERY EVENT

By: George H. Ballentine

On February 22, 2004 Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple had a Flag and Flag Pole Dedication ceremony honoring all veterans. Our camp was asked to attend in uniform and provide a firing team for the twenty-one gun salute. They asked that we try to have an equal number of Confederate and Union uniforms, if possible.

I contacted Captain Sam Vinson of the Fightin' Sixth and he came through like a champ. In addition to himself, Herb Cowan, Mac Amsler and Terry Crawford, joint members of our camp and the Fightin' Sixth wore blue. Representing the Confed-

erates was myself, Jerry Nelson, Steve Wooley, David Weber, James Kinnear, and John Larson. Richard Sutton attended in civilian clothes and took pictures. The ladies present were Betty Nelson, Debby Ballentine, Frances Kinnear, Heather and Jessica Larson and Diane Vinson.

We arrived at 1:30 PM p.m. for the 2:00 PM ceremony and practiced our firing commands. We did well, but this event only emphasized our need for a camp firing team and color guard. This is something I would like to see in the very near future.

After the majority of the program was over, we presented our 21 gun sa-

lute. Herb Cowan was commanding the detail and it went flawlessly. As we only had seven rifles, we had to load, fire and reload two more times in order to do 21 shots. After our salute Taps was played by County Commissioner Leroy Schiller. Following the singing of *Amazing Grace* the ceremony was concluded and we were invited inside their new building for a reception.

The flag and flag pole were donated by VFW Post 1820 in Temple and the granite marker and engraving were donated by Terrell Granite. The Honorable Dianne White Delisi (not in attendance) donated a Texas flag for the event

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25th Annual Confederate History Symposium

The annual Confederate History Symposium will be held at Hill College on April 3, 2004 in Hillsboro. This year's event will mark the 25th anniversary of the symposium. This year's theme will be "The War In Texas: Don't Mess With Texas."

The event will start at 9:00 AM at the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the college cam-

pus.

The first speaker will be Dr. James Pohl who will speak on, "From Independence to Secession." Following Dr. Pohl's presentation there will be a melody of Confederate songs presented by Joe Walker and Greg Hector.

Prior to lunch the second speaker will be Dr. David Paul Smith who will speak on "The Civil War On

The Texas Frontier." Following lunch there will be two speakers, Dr. Rick Selcer speaking on "Sabine Pass" and Dr. Norman Brown speaking on "The Red River Campaign."

The cost of the event is \$25 and reservations can be made by contacting the Confederate History Seminar, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645.



CONFEDERATE PROFILE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR



By: John C. Perry

He was a warrior, both for the Confederacy, where he had many horses shot out from under him and for his Christian faith, where it is said he personally baptized more than 16,000 souls.

Richard Montgomery Gano was the son of John Allen and Mary Catherine (Conn) Gano, and was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on June 17, 1830. His father was a well known and respected minister of the Disciples of Christ. Gano was baptized into his father's church at the age of ten and by age twelve he was attending Bacon College in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He graduated from Bethany College in Virginia at the age of 17 and by 1849 he had graduated from Louisville Medical University in Kentucky. Gano married Martha (Mattie) J. Welch of Crab Orchard, Kentucky in 1853 and they eventually had twelve children, nine of whom lived to adulthood.

Gano practiced medicine, first in his native Kentucky and then spent two years as the physician at the Louisiana State Prison in Baton Rouge. He left Louisiana for Texas in the late 1850s, settling near the present city of Grapevine, between Dallas and Fort Worth. There he raised cattle, Kentucky

raising horses, and continued to practice medicine. Gano was an active Indian fighter, helping to organize a local company. He went in pursuit of a Comanche raiding party in 1858 and was awarded a sword by the citizens of Tarrant County for his efforts.

In 1860 Gano entered



Richard Montgomery Gano

politics and was elected to represent Tarrant County in the Texas legislature. He was serving in the legislature when the War Between the States started. He was friends with Albert Sidney Johnston and Gano resigned from the state legislature when Johnston asked him to raise two cavalry companies for Confederate service.

Gano organized Gano's Brigade also known as Gano's Texas Cavalry Battalion. They did not

arrive in time for the Battle of Shiloh, where Johnston was killed. They were ordered to report to John Hunt Morgan at Chattanooga, Tennessee and Gano served under Morgan for about fifteen months, much of the time in Gano's native Kentucky. Gano was promoted to colonel of the 7th Kentucky Cavalry until he became ill and was forced to leave his brigade.

When he returned to active duty in 1863 he reported to Kirby Smith and was given command of a brigade of cavalry and artillery operating in the northwestern part of the Trans-Mississippi Department, mainly in Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Missouri. Gano was wounded at the battle of Cabin Creek, the last major engagement of the war in Indian Territory, on September 19, 1864. He was hit as his forces captured a Union supply train valued at two million dollars.

Gano was formally promoted to brigadier general on March 17, 1865. He was also recommended for promotion to major general, but the war ended before the promotion request was finalized.

Immediately after the war Gano returned to Kentucky and entered the ministry of his father's denomination, the Disciples of Christ. By about 1870

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Ganos served as a Confederate Officer and had five horses shot out from under him



By: George Ballentine

Commander's Call

"Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations." Compatriots, that is the last line of the SCV Charge which we are all voluntarily obligated to accomplish. We cannot do that at camp meetings. Camp meetings are the forum for us to plan these activities. We have to be out in the public telling our story.

As you are aware, we only meet once a month. During the time between meetings we get a number of requests to participate in events and functions that will allow us to tell "the true history of the South" to others. As a camp we are not doing a very good job. There is a small group of people who always seem to stand up and be counted when they are needed, but, for the most part, the majority of our membership does not. We have to do better.

Communications is inherently difficult with our organization. When I get short notice requests I immediately send out an email message asking for volunteers. That is the quickest way to contact the majority of our membership. But, I don't believe that everyone is reading these messages. In each message I ask members to contact me and let me know if they can participate or not. Invariably, I get few, if any, replies to my

request. We have to do better.

If you are not the primary email checker in your home, ask the one who is to notify you of any messages with "SCV" in the subject line. I will always make that the first word in future emails. Then, please take time to let me know if you can attend or not. I have to reply back to the person requesting our help, usually within a day or two of sending out my message to you. If you don't have email, I usually don't have time to make all the calls. If someone wants to volunteer to take the call and relay it to all others without email, let me know.

April is Confederate History Month. We are planning a ceremony at South Belton Cemetery on April 4th to dedicate our newly placed CSA markers. Rocky Sprott has obtained a new batch of markers and they have to be placed during the month of March to be ready for the dedication. He will be calling on you to volunteer for work days to pour the cement and place the markers. The plans are not finalized, yet, but there will be other activities during the day to celebrate our Confederate Heritage.

If you have not been to a camp meeting lately, please try to come to one soon. If there is a reason that you can't come on the 2nd Tuesday, let me know that, too. We now have 63

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Camp Schedule

March 9, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Founder's Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX
Speaker: Joe Walker,
Topic: "The United Confederate Veterans"

April 3, 2004 Highway Cleanup Spring Event
10:00 a.m. Highway 93
Belton, TX- Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off

April 3, 2004 25th Annual Confederate History Symposium, Hill College, Hillsboro, TX

April 4, 2004 Confederate History Month ceremonies at South Belton Cemetery in Belton

April 10, 2004 Camp Dinner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TBA, Temple, TX, Speaker: Evalt Boswell, Quantrill's Raiders in Texas.

April 15-17th: Burial of the C.S.S. Hunley crew in Charlestown, South Carolina. Visit www.hunley.org for additional information.

April 24-25th Mexia Reenactment, Confederate Reunion Campground near Mexia.

May 11, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founder's Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX,

May 14-16, 2004 Battle for Lake Bellmead, Reenactment, 8:00 a.m. (We will have our camp store set up here)

June 8, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founder's Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX

Next Camp Meeting:
March 9th
7:00 P.M. at
Scott & White
Hospital,
Founders Room,
Temple, TX

Hillcrest Ceremony

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flag pole, too. John Sudaz was thanked for his part in providing the lighting so that the flag can fly at night. Refreshments were provided by Bill and Betty Irby. Steve Wooley talked with Mr. Schiller during the reception, and he said he would be glad to play Taps for us at our activities, if his schedule allows.

Our camp showed well that day. We did not give any presentations, but being there and participating shows our community that we are just as willing to give as to receive. We should endeavor, as a camp, to participate in as many of these type functions as we can.

Camp participates
in Hillcrest
Cemetery event

Hillcrest Cemetery

Hillcrest Cemetery is located in north Temple. It is the home to more than 15,000 graves on nearly 90 acres. It may be the largest cemetery in the county. The oldest marked grave dates back to 1877.

Hillcrest Cemetery also has a Confederate section. In 1990 the Major Robert M. White Camp restored the Confederate cross and cleaned up the Confederate section. A rededication ceremony was held that attracted about 75 people.

Hillcrest has recently seen its first major construction since the 1920s with a 1,400 square foot new administrative office and research center and a new cemetery entrance, complete with a new gate.



Photos from the ceremonies at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple. Top: James Kinnear, Steve Wooley, and Richard Sutton discuss the event; Above: Volleys are fired as part of a 21 gun salute; Below right: Camp member Herb Cowan commanded the unit firing the salute; Bottom left: Camp Commander George Ballentine at the event. (Photos by George Ballentine)



Commander's Call

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compatriots in our camp. I would like everyone to attend each meeting and that we have to find a new meeting place big enough to hold us all. We have a lot to do to accomplish the Charge given us. The task in the first line above is only one, but an important one. Together we CAN do it.

Next Meeting Topic: CS Vets

Joe Walker from Waco will be the Camp's next speaker. Walker originally was a charter member of Camp #1250 and is an active reenactor.

He will talk about the United Confederate Veterans, which was formed in 1889.

Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Subject:
Half Slave - Half Free

1. Black leader many thought was model for Uncle Tom in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
 - a. David Ramsay
 - b. Robert Emmet
 - c. Clement Clairborne
 - d. Josiah Henson
2. Repealed by Congress on June 28, 1864
 - a. Fugitive Slave Acts
 - b. Confiscation Acts
 - c. Missouri Compromise
 - d. Ordinance of 1787
3. Defense counsel in the Dred Scott case
 - a. Reverdy Johnson
 - b. Thomas Lanier
 - c. J. G. Birney
- d. Powell Clayton
4. Seceded state with the largest number of free blacks in 1860
 - a. Arkansas
 - b. Virginia
 - c. Florida
 - d. Texas
5. First state to ratify the 13th Amendment
 - a. Wyoming
 - b. California
 - c. Illinois
 - d. Ohio

5. c
 4. b
 3. a
 2. a
 1. d
 Answers:

Christian Warrior

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Gano returned to Texas, settling in Dallas County. Back in Texas he continued his work as a minister and he is credited with establishing many churches in both Texas and Kentucky during his nearly 45 years as a minister. He also continued his cattle and horse ranching.

Gano also formed a real estate company with two of his sons, was vice president of the Estado Land and Cattle Company, and served as director of the Bankers and Merchants National Bank. His ranching and land interests were very successful making him a millionaire.

He kept a daily journal

and one notation claims, "Today I surveyed 16 sections and saved sixteen souls."

He was very active in



Gano's wife, Martha "Mattie" Gano

the United Confederate Veterans and was one of the featured speakers at

the 1902 Confederate Reunion in Dallas. Gano died on March 27, 1913, in Dallas, Texas, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.

One post war account of Gano, written in 1888, described Gano. "He was loved and honored by the men in his command, and is yet. I suppose he will always be called 'Gen. Gano;' but I prefer to think of him as wearing the higher title of which he writes so tenderly in his sermon, the name Christian—the loftiest title ever bestowed on mortal man. While in the army, Bro. Gano resolved to devote himself to the preaching of the gospel, and gave many religious talks to his men, which was called preaching. It is said he

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Next Trash
 Pick-up On
 Highway 93 is
 Saturday April 3rd
 at 10:00 AM

Clean Up Time Again

Some may call it a trash pick-up, others may call it a scavenger hunt, based on the variety of different items found along the highway, but whatever you call it the next highway outing for the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 is set for April 3rd at 10:00 AM on Highway 93. All camp members and friends of the camp are asked to help with this effort.

In the spring of 2002 Camp #1250 agreed to adopt a two mile stretch along state highway 93 which runs between Temple and Belton.

The Camp #1250 agreed to quarterly pick up trash along the roadway. In return for this effort the Texas Highway Department in March of 2002 erected two signs that list the Camp.

State Highway 93 is the well-traveled multi lane road between Belton, where it connects at Interstate 35 and where South 31st Street, in Temple, ends at a traffic light intersection on the highway.

Christian Warrior



and today is located in the Old City Park in Dallas.

Left: Gano's original Texas home, now restored and located in Old City

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commanded his men, doctored them when sick, and preached to them on Sunday."

Gano's dog-run cabin where he lived when he first moved to Texas survived the ravishes of time. It was originally located near the current DFW Airport.

The cabin was restored and moved

Park in Dallas. Right: Grave-stone of Gano located in Oakland cemetery in Dallas



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