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Special Event Set For April 4th in Belton

CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will honor Confederate History Month in Texas with special ceremonies in Belton on Sunday April 4th.

Camp members and friends of the Camp are asked to gather in Belton at the Bell County Courthouse at 1:00 PM on April 4th. At the Confederate statue on the northwest corner of the Courthouse ground the Camp will gather to lay a wreath at the statue and raise the Confederacy's First National flag.

Following the event at the Courthouse the group

will re-assemble at the South Belton Cemetery.

Those that are able are asked to walk to the cemetery from the Courthouse. At the cemetery the Camp will honor the newly established Confederate grave markers placed there by the Camp under the leadership of Camp member Rocky Jim Sprott.

Following the events at the South Belton Cemetery the Camp will



Photo from last years Confederate History Month Event in Belton. Jim Denison (left) with Wayne Wilson (center) and then Central Texas Brigade Commander Jerry Nelson (right) stand by the Confederate statue at the Bell County Courthouse in Belton. (Photo by Greg Manning)

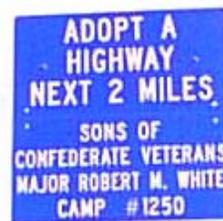
Roadside Clean-Up Set For April 3rd

As part of the State of Texas' great trash clean-up day the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 has scheduled a trash pick-up day on Saturday April 3rd.

Camp members and friends of the camp are asked to gather at 10:00 AM along Highway 93 near the Leon River bridge.

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 Texas

Highway Department in March of 2002 erected two signs that list the Camp as being responsible for the trash pick-up.

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.

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE TEXAS FIGHTER



By: John C. Perry

This Texan was known as a young and valiant Confederate officer, so much so that he was recommended to promotion to Confederate Brigadier General. President Jefferson Davis approved the request and on the last day the Confederate Congress was in session, March 17, 1865, he was confirmed as a brigadier general at the youthful age of 33.

Richard Waterhouse was born in Rhea County Tennessee on January 12, 1832. At the age of only 14 he ran away from home to fight in the U.S.'s war with Mexico, serving for two years. Post war he came to Texas along with his parents as the family settled in San Augustine in 1849. Prior to the outbreak of the War Between the States young Waterhouse worked in the mercantile business.

When the Confederacy asked for volunteers Waterhouse responded by raising what would eventually become the 19th Texas Infantry. Most of the men that Waterhouse recruited into the regiment came from Henderson, Jefferson, Marion, Panola, Rusk, San Augustine and Titus Counties. He was elected colo-

nel of the unit on May 13, 1862.

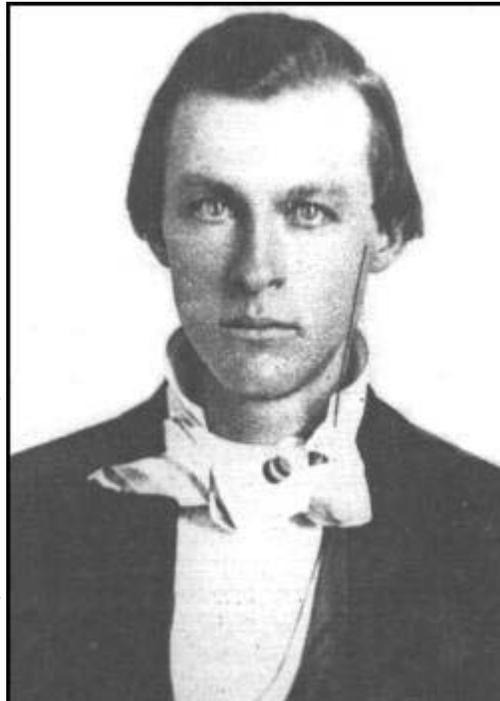
The 19th Texas was initially assigned to the third brigade of Major General John George Walker Texas Division. During 1862 and 1863 Waterhouse served in the Trans-

ment. In the fight Waterhouse and his men attacked the Union line causing it to break. Waterhouse's brigade commander, Henry McCulloch, would write of Waterhouse, "In their charge Col. Richard Waterhouse with his regiment distinguished themselves particularly, not only by gallant and desperate charge over the levee, but they drove the enemy - leaving the camp covered with the dead - to the very brink of the river and direct range of the gunboats of the enemy. In fact, from the beginning to the end of the engagement, the colonel behaved in the most gallant manner, and his officers and men seemed to catch the enthusiasm of their commander, and did their duty nobly and gallantly upon every portion of the field."

In the engagement the Texans suffered losses of 44 killed, 131 wounded, and 10 missing. The Texans, however, inflicted 652 casualties upon Federals of which number 101 were killed, 285 wounded, and 266 captured or missing.

In 1864 Waterhouse was transferred to William Read Scurry's brigade and fought at both the Battles

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Richard Waterhouse

Mississippi Department in Arkansas under Major General Thomas C. Hindman and Lieutenant General Theophilus Hunter Holmes and in Louisiana under Major General Richard Taylor.

Waterhouse and his men performed well at the Battle of Milliken's Bend on June 7, 1863 in Louisiana, which was the regiment's first major engage-

Waterhouse ran away from home at the age of 14 to fight in the Mexican War



Commander's Call

By: George Ballentine

April is a busy month for our camp. I hope everyone will make every effort to attend the events as this is Confederate History Month. Senate Resolution No. 526 signed on March 30, 1999, by, then Lt. Governor Rick Perry proclaims "That the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, hereby recognize April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in the State of Texas and encourage all Texas schools and citizens to join in efforts to become more knowledgeable of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our country."

Our camp was instrumental in getting this legislation passed. We are asking others to get more involved in our Confederate History and Heritage, and we must be willing to step up and get involved, too.

At all events, especially

those in April, our camp members should outnumber the other citizens attending. This is not always the case. How can we expect others to come out and support Confederate History and Heritage Month if we, the descendants of those which this month honors, are not there to greet them when they arrive?

Sunday, April 4th will be our official celebration of Confederate History and Heritage Month. I would like to have as many members and family members as possible there to celebrate with us. In order to do the good work we need to do we must first show that we are serious about our heritage. When we have poor showings at these events, it can only serve to temper the support we can expect from local officials when we ask them to support us in our projects. Please try to be there on April 4th to honor

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New Restaurant Location

April Dinner Meeting Set

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will hold its quarterly dinner meeting on Saturday April 10th at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Temple. The event will feature author Evalt Boswell and will begin at 7:00 P.M. Boswell is the author of the *Quantrill's Raiders in Texas* and will speak on that topic.

Boswell is also the

author of *Texas Boys in Gray*, in which he co-authored with Mamie Yearly and a novel, *The Rebel From Shepherd Mountain*.

The Golden Corral is located at 2113 SW H.K. Dodgen Loop 363 in Temple. The cost of the meal is only \$10.00. All Camp members and friends are invited to attend.

Camp Schedule

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 in Belton. Meet at 1:00 PM at the Courthouse.

April 10, 2004 Camp Dinner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Golden Corral, Temple, TX, Speaker: Evalt Boswell, on "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 14-16th, 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
Speaker: TBA

June 11-13th, 2004 Texas Division Convention, Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center, Nacogdoches, Texas

Next Camp

Meeting:

April 10th

7:00 P.M. at
Golden Corral,
Restaurant,
Temple, TX

April 4th Event in Belton

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host a luncheon at Confederate Park in Belton. The park is so named in honor of the Confederate soldier reunions that once were held at the site. The local Confederate Rose chapter will furnish a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers.

All Camp members are urged to attend this important event.



Boy Scout Troop 153 honors the array of Confederate and United States flags set up in conjunction with the 2003 Confederate History Month events at the South Belton Cemetery. (Photo by George Ballentine)

nation of April being Con-

was gained in 1999, while

Camp member John Perry was serving as the Texas Division Commander. The Texas Senate passed resolution number 526, proclaiming April as Confederate History Month in Texas. SCV camps and UDC chapters across the state are planning special

The design- federate History Month events in April.

Camp Store Provides An Important Source of Revenue For The Camp

Camp Store: Goal Realized

By George H. Ballentine

James Kinnear and I were tasked to set up and operate our camp store back in May 2003. Its purpose was to raise funds for our camp to support our needs and heritage defense fights. When we started up, we set a personal goal to conduct an event or festival and exceed \$1000.00 in sales. It sounded easy in the beginning. After all, we had some great items for sale and knew we could do it.

It proved a bit harder than we thought. The first few events, though productive, did not come near our goal. Things began to look up on September 13th when we netted \$458.50 in a one-day event in Cran-

fills Gap, TX.

At the Granbury Reenactment, a two-day event, we knew we were going "over the top." Our first day was a good one, bringing in \$452.50. We went to sleep under our canopy that night knowing that tomorrow would be the day we reached our goal. As the rains began at about 3:00 a.m., we began to doubt it. Our second day was rain shortened, and we only took in \$117.50, well short of our goal.

The Ogletree Gap History Festival in Copperas Cove brought in good receipts, but again we only managed to earn \$802.00 in the two days. A number of smaller events followed before we went to Liendo

Plantation for a three-day reenactment.

This had to be the event for us to reach our goal: three days of sales at a reenactment geared right to our line of goods. The first day was "Student Day" and we took in \$263.75. On our second day we moved ahead with \$564.75, bringing our total to \$828.50. Again, we curled up under our canopy confident that tomorrow would be the day we hit our goal. But, rain, and up to 50 mph winds the next day, proved us wrong. We were rained out again and sales only came to \$46.00 for that day. It was a good event, but still only a grand total of \$874.50. Would we ever reach our goal?

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Commander's Call

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your Confederate ancestors.

Our quarterly dinner meeting will be April 10th at Golden Corral in Temple. Our speaker will be Mr. Evalt Boswell. Mr. Boswell is a Texas author who has spoken to our camp before. His topic this time will be on his new book about Quantrill and his Bushwackers, and their raids into Texas. He is an excellent speaker and well worth the effort to get there to hear him.

Your camp needs your support. The schedule of events for our Confederate History and Heritage Month celebration is in this issue of the Gazette. Do it for your camp, for yourself, and especially for your ancestors.

Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Subject:
Innovations

1. Union innovation used with little effect at Knoxville, but with deadly consequences at Drewry's Bluff
 - a. wire entanglements
 - b. rifle pits
 - c. Foxholes
 - d. trap-guns
2. Cousin and brother-in-law of Gen. Bernard Bee, invented a portable field oven so that his troops would have fresh bread
 - a. Gen. Daniel Woodall
 - b. Gen. Herman Heath
 - c. Gen. Clement Stevens
 - d. Gen. Dillman Rash
3. In 1849, innovation that was designed by and named for a French army captain
 - a. Thom projectile
 - b. Minie bullet
 - c. La Motte Gun
 - d. De Lagnel bayonet
4. Aided in developing the "wigwag" system of signal communications
 - a. John Pope
 - b. Walter Lane
 - c. Horace White
 - d. Edward Alexander
5. Early in the war, both sides considered these un-sporting, but were subsequently used by the North and the South
 - a. hand grenades
 - b. trenches
 - c. sniper rifles
 - d. land mines

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

Texas Fighter

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of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill during the Red River Campaign. Major General Richard Taylor described Waterhouse's performance at Pleasant Hill, "Brigadier-General Scurry . . . behaved most nobly, and speaks highly of Colonel Waterhouse, commanding one of the regiments. The effort of these leaders prevented the confusion on the right from becoming disastrous." The Confederate success during the Red River Campaign prevented the Federal's capture of Shreveport, and thwarted a planned invasion of Texas.

Waterhouse subsequently took over command of the brigade for-



Grave of Richard Waterhouse at Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Texas

merly commanded by McCulloch and Scurry and was appointed brigadier general by E. Kirby Smith. He had this command when the war ended.

After the war Waterhouse resided in San Augustine and in Jefferson and was involved in the land business.

He was in Waco when he fell down a flight of stairs at a local hotel. He never fully recovered from his injuries, later developing pneumonia and died at the young age of 46 on March 20, 1878.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson. There is a state pink granite historical marker at Waterhouse's grave site. The marker makes note of Waterhouse's heroics at Milliken's Bend and his service at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill.

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

2005 Convention To Remain in Nashville

At the March 13th General Executive Council Meeting (GEC) at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee the GEC voted, in a split vote, to keep the 2005 national reunion in Nashville. The original sponsoring camp in Nashville had withdrawn as the sponsor.

CIC Ron Wilson advised the GEC that since receiving the Nashville camp's request to be withdrawn, he had directed that only the last five reunion hosts be requested to consider hosting the national meeting. Only the camp in Charleston, South Carolina had responded and he recommended accepting their offer.

ATM Councilman "Beau" Cantrell of Oklahoma spoke in favor of having the national organization be the sponsoring host and leaving it in Nashville. He also offered to be the convention chairman. In an 11 to 10 vote the GEC authorized the convention to remain in Nashville. Following adoption, Cantrell announced that Edward Cailleateau, Louisiana, chairman of the 2001 General Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana, would serve as vice chairman.

Special Convention Falls Short

Commander-In-Chief Ron Wilson's attempt to call a "special convention" fell far short of acceptance by the membership. The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 voted not to support such an effort.

To call such a special meeting it would have been necessary to get over 400 camps on record requesting such an unusual meeting.

In a communication last month Chief of Staff Ron Casteel stated, "Commander in Chief Ron Wilson has asked me to notify the membership of the SCV that there will be **NO** Special Convention, a subject that has been widely discussed pro and con over the past number of weeks."

Goal Realized

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Only two events left for the year, but we still remained hopeful. Bertram's Old Time Christmas Festival was windy and not very productive. With only one

event left for the year, it looked dim. It would be a Christmas Festival in Copperas Cove, and we were not sure how we would be received there.

It was windy and cold for the entire three-day event, but sales were brisk. On the first day we netted \$232.25, but we were only open for five hours. The next day was twelve hours and we pulled in \$653.25, bringing our total to \$885.50. As we warmed up and prepared for the next day, we talked of our elusive goal. The last day would last only six hours. After the final tally for the day, sales came to \$236.50. Our three-day total was \$1122.00. We had reached our goal on the very last event of the year!

We started our camp store with a \$200.00 grubstake from the camp back in May. From our first event on August 9th, until our most recent event ending December 7th, some four months later, we have created a camp store that is generating revenue for our camp. We plan to grow in the coming months and start bringing in substantial amounts of money to support our camp's needs. We would also appreciate your support at these events. We are well received at all of them and they are a great recruiting opportunity for our camp.



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Temple
7:00 PM**