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Reunion Held In Temple For The Third Time

TEMPLE CAMP HOSTS THE TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 hosted, for the second time, the Texas Division Reunion in Temple. The 108th reunion was held in the Mayborn Convention Center with the Hilton Hotel being the host hotel. The events occurred on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday June 4th. The Camp last hosted the Texas Division Reunion in 1993. A reunion was also held in Temple in 1961.

The event kicked off on Friday night at the Convention Center with a dinner and social. The band "Time Was" performed.

After a slow pre-registration period a large day of registration occurred causing all the events to sell out.

Opening ceremonies featured greetings from

Temple Mayor, Bill Jones, III as well as greetings from the MOS&B, Acting

Rose. Following open ceremonies a memorial service was held to honor those SCV compatriots who had passed away during the last year.

The first business session was held following the opening ceremonies. Of the four constitutional amendments, amendment #2, which put the Division on the same dues paying time period as the SCV National, and Amendment #4, which gave division officers two year terms passed.

At the noon Awards Luncheon, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson spoke. Patterson also received the Division's "Confederate of the Year" award. The afternoon session included another Division business

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*Above: Temple Mayor Bill Jones, III welcomes reunion attendees to Temple;
Below: The Camp's float was displayed outside the Convention Center.*

Army of Trans Mississippi Commander Chuck Rand, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Order of the Confederate



CONFEDERATE PROFILE FIGHTER AND GOVERNOR

Baylor was fired
by Jefferson Davis
for his policies
towards Native
Americans

He was a harsh Indian fighter in Texas before the war and during the war his Indian policy got him fired by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

John Robert Baylor was born in Kentucky on July 20, 1822. He came from a prominent family. His grandfather commanded George Washington's cavalry, his granduncle founded Baylor University, and he was the grandnephew of a U.S. Senator.

Baylor's father was a surgeon in the U.S. Army, so young Baylor lived in one duty station after another. From 1835 to 1839 he attended college in Ohio before immigrating to the Republic of Texas in 1839.

Baylor bought a ranch and settled in the Weatherford area. Living on the frontier Baylor became known as an aggressive and fierce Indian fighter. He edited a newspaper and served in the Texas Legislature (1855-1857), before the outbreak of the war.

When Texas left the Union, Baylor offered his services to Texas. He became Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Texas Mounted Rifles, a state unit. He was later promoted to a full colonel.

His unit was mustered into the Confederate Army on May 23, 1861. The

next day, Baylor and his men were ordered to move into the New Mexico Territory and secure it for the Confederacy.

Baylor successfully took control of most of the territory and proclaimed

extreme Indian policy. Horrified at his decree Baylor was not only fired as governor but also was decommissioned as a Confederate officer.

Baylor publicly defended himself in newspaper articles, claiming that the leadership back east didn't understand how to deal with Indians. Regardless of what happened Baylor still supported the Confederate efforts. As a volunteer he helped with the Confederate effort to recapture Galveston.

The month before the war ended in 1865 Baylor was re-commissioned as a colonel in the Confederate army. He was assigned the task of recruiting men for service on the Texas frontier.

After the war he settled in San Antonio and practiced law. Eventually he ended up as a rancher in Uvalde County.

Baylor was a large man with a large temper. He was involved in several postwar gunfights. One said of Baylor, "Anyone he liked was the best fellow in the world, and anyone he disliked was the damnest rascal."

He died in Montell on February 6, 1894 and is buried there. On his tombstone and in certain other historical references he is listed as a general, however the highest rank he obtained as a Confederate officer was as a colonel.



John Robert Baylor

himself the Territorial Governor. The Confederate government would later recognize Baylor as such.

Baylor's initial focus in New Mexico was to protect the residents not from Union soldiers, but from Apache Indians. Baylor felt that negotiating with Indians would not produce results so he issued orders to exterminate all Indians.

He was authorized to form five additional battalions and Baylor returned to Texas to recruit men. While in Texas the Confederate government in Richmond learned of Baylor's



By: George Ballentine

Commander's Call

The Texas Division Reunion is over. From the kudos that I have been getting from compatriots around the state - we did a great job. I would like to thank everyone on the Planning Committee and those who came out on Friday and Saturday and helped make it a success. Without their expertise and dedication we would not have succeeded as we did.

Now it is time to look to more local interests. The Belton 4th of July Parade will be a great chance for us to show our stuff. I sent out an email with the details, but if you don't have email please give me a call and I will get the details to you. I hope we have a big turnout this year. We are always well received, and the kids love us, too.

Our July dinner meeting will be on July 16th due to the fact that the Lampasas Spring Ho is scheduled for July 4-10th. Please note the change in meeting place for that night. We will be at the Cotton Patch in the Temple Mall. The Golden Corral is quickly becoming too small to accommodate us and some folks are not pleased with the quality of the food anymore. The Cotton Patch might be the answer to our new place to meet. The meal will be a little more than the Corral but the food will be a lot better I am told. I have not eaten there, yet, but I look forward to trying it out.

James and I will be at the Spring Ho from July 7th through July 10th with the Camp Store set up to raise some funds for the camp and do a little recruiting, too. I have to be in Dallas on Friday the 8th and we need a volunteer to help James with the store that day. The times will be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you would like to help out that day, please let me know at your earliest convenience. We have a number of other festivals coming up in the next few months. A complete list is posted on the camp web site. I have not sent in any reserved fees for these events, yet, because we may need volunteers to help us cover them. I plan to be at each one, but James' work schedule may prevent him from attending one or more.

If I don't get a volunteer for a particular event I will not pay the fee and we will miss that opportunity to raise funds for our camp. If you can volunteer for these dates, even if it turns out we have them covered, please let me know. Please notice that some are multi-night events and are out of town. At these events the store is our home away from home, too.

Our camp is starting to grow in membership again. We have new people coming to our meetings and they are interested in joining the SCV. We need to keep this flow of interested people coming in all

the time. If you have a friend, relative or neighbor who is interested, invite them to a camp meeting and let them see who we are and what we are all about. Without new members our camp will begin to stagnate. We need to keep it vital with new people and new ideas all the time. Do your part and bring someone to a camp meeting soon.

Camp Schedule

July 4, 2005 4th of July Parade in Belton

July 7-10, 2005 Spring Ho Festival in Lampasas, Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

July 16, 2005 Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting, 7:00 PM. Cotton Patch Restaurant at Temple Mall. Speaker: Joe Walker from Waco

July 18-23, 2005 110th National Reunion at the Shearton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. Register at: www.scv2005.com/register.htm

August 9, 2005 Camp's monthly meeting at the Golden Corral in Temple, 7:00 PM

September 3, 2005 Oatmeal Festival in Bertram, 10:00 AM. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

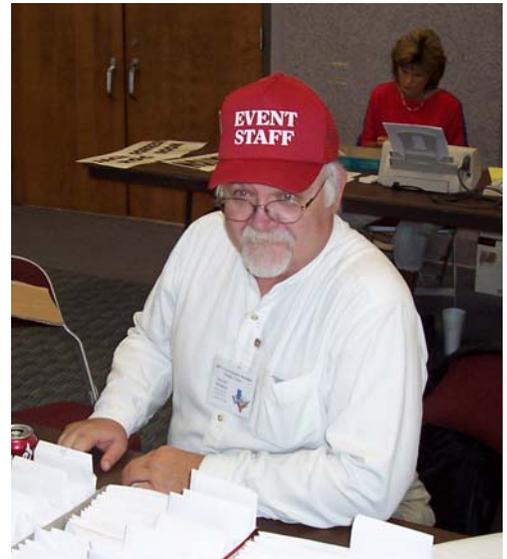
September 10, 2005 Septemberfest in Cranfills Gap, 9:00 AM. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

Next Camp Meeting:
July 16th
7:00 P.M. at
Cotton Patch
Restaurant,
Temple Mall,
Temple, TX



Left: Welcome sign provided by Steve Woolley;

Right: David Weber works the distribution of packets.



Reunion Snapshots



Left: Jerry Nelson and George Ballentine, hard at work; Above Harold Sutton selling print raffle tickets; Right: Sandra Perry at the Registration Desk; Far Left: Division Commander at the Friday night social; Below: Richard Sutton checking people in; Below Right: Rocky Sprott checks out the vendors.





Reunion Snap- shots



Top Left: Betty Nelson works the silent auction; Top Middle Large Battle Flag in meeting room; Top Right: Trans-Miss. Flag flies at Convention Center; 2nd row left: Band "Time Was;" 2nd row right: Color Guard; Above Left: New Division Commander Ron Strybos is congratulated by outgoing Division Commander Steve von Roeder; Above Center: Diana & Herb Cowan; Above Right, Luncheon speaker Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson; Right: Camp receives Outstanding Camp Award, Below: Dinner speaker Brad Johnson



Texas Division Reunion

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session and brigade meetings.

On Saturday evening the banquet and Confederate Ball were held. At the banquet the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 was honored with two awards, "Four Star Camp Award" and the Division's highest Camp award, "Outstanding Camp."

Belton's 4th of July Parade

For the ninth straight year the Major Robert M. White Camp # 1250 will participate in the 4th of July Parade in Belton. The Camp will line up in position #182.

The procedures will be different this year due to the construction going on at UMHB. The Parade Committee

asked that we comply with their guidelines to get to the jump off point.

From US 190, take the Loop 121 exit and go north toward UMHB. Take a right on Hwy 93 which becomes 2nd St. in Belton; cross the creek and take 1st left on Pearl St.; take a left on Shine St.; at the corner of Shine St. and W. 9th will be an information booth; turn left onto W. 9th and follow it until it becomes University Dr.; you will see a large parking lot on your right; this is the assembly point. The line up spaces will not be along the street like before. They will be painted on the parking lot and we just form up there. As the parade begins to unwind, they will send each number, in turn, into the street to join the parade.

According to Rocky Sprott there is lots of parking in that lot, too, but he advises getting there early. We would like to have all marchers there not later than 9:30 a.m. so we can get an idea of how many we have.

Camp members and friends gather at reunion banquet on Saturday night.



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