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Sixty-eight People Attend Annual Event

ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON DINNER HELD IN TEMPLE

Sixty-eight people attended the Major Robert M. White Camp's #1250 18th annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on Saturday, January 14th at the Hilton Hotel in Temple.

Honorary Camp member Brad Johnson spoke at the event discussing the post war life of Robert E. Lee.

Texas Division Commander Ron Strybos and his wife were special guests. Commander Strybos swore in the new 2006 Camp officers. The Camp officers sworn in



Brad Johnson speaks on R. E. Lee
(Photo by John Perry)

were Camp Commander James Kinnear, Dr. Chris Ellis 1st Lt. Commander, Rocky Sprott 2nd Lt. Commander, and Richard Sutton Adjutant.

The Camps' first Lee dinner was held in 1989. In 1998, the event was renamed the "Lee-Jackson" Dinner to not only honor Robert E. Lee, but also to honor Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Robert E. Lee was born on January 19, 1807 and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson was born on January 21, 1824.

Confederate Heroes Day in Bell Co.

On Thursday, January 19th members and friends of the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 attended a flag raising ceremonies at the Confederate monument on the grounds of the Bell County Courthouse in Belton.

County Judge Jon Burrows agreed to allow the Confederate First National flag to fly for 24 hours in honor of the Texas holiday, Confederate Heroes Day, which was established by the Texas Legislature as an official state holiday in



1973. Formerly Texas had two Confederate holidays, one on January 19th for Robert E. Lee (established in 1930) and one on June 3rd to honor Jefferson Davis. In 1973 the Texas legislature combined the two holidays into one to be celebrated on January 19th and renamed it "Confederate Heroes Day."

Those who partici-
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Left: 1st National flag flying during Confederate Heroes Day at the Courthouse in Belton.

(Photo by Linda Kinnear)



CONFEDERATE PROFILE TEXAN PRIVATE TO GENERAL

At Chickamauga
Ector was hit four
times but never
left the field of
battle.

He, like Nathan Bedford Forrest, rose from a private to a general in the Confederate Army. This Texan was known as a fighter and until an exploding shell damaged his left leg in 1864 causing it to be amputated he was always at the forefront.

Matthew Duncan Ector was born in Putnam County, Georgia, on February 28, 1822. He attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and later studied law in Greenville, Georgia. He served one term in the Georgia legislature. He apparently gave up his law practice and farmed for a number of years. His first wife, Mary Louisa Phillips, died in 1848 after about six years of marriage. Apparently Ector felt he needed to get away after his wife's death. He went to California and in 1850 eventually settled in Henderson, Texas.

Ector studied law in Henderson and within a year he had been admitted to the Texas bar in 1851, married his second wife, Letitia M. Graham, and opened a law office in Henderson. In 1855 he was elected to the Texas House, representing Rusk County. He also edited the *Henderson Democrat*. His second wife died in 1859. He is listed in the 1860 U.S. census as having \$29,000 in property and owning 20 slaves.

When war broke out in 1861 Ector volunteered for the 3rd Texas Cavalry as a private. He quickly rose to the rank of lieutenant. He participated in fights at Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge winning praise as for

battery.

At the Battle of Murfreesboro at the end of 1862 Ector's brigade in their initial assault pushed the Federals back over two miles until they were halted by Union artillery. Ector lost more than a third of his brigade in the fight. He was praised for his "cool and dauntless courage."

At Chickamauga in September of 1863 his brigade again performed well and earned the praise of Nathan Bedford Forrest who said, "the superior force of the enemy compelled us to give back until re-enforced by General Ector's brigade, when the enemy was driven back away." Ector suffered four minor wounds in the fight, but never left the field. His brigade sustained 536 casualties in the battle.

In 1864 Ector and his men were defending Atlanta, Georgia. In May he was slightly wounded at New Hope, and his brigade was in the thick of the fight at the Confederate victory at Kennesaw Mountain in June. On July 27th Ector was severely wounded when a shell tore into his left leg above the knee. That night an operation was performed removing his leg.

He returned home to Texas to recover with a new wife, his third, Sallie P. Chew of Mississippi. He had orders to return to service at Spanish Fort near

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Matthew Duncan Ector

his, "gallant bearing and conduct."

In 1862 Ector was selected as the colonel of the 14th Texas Dismounted and sent to eastern Tennessee, part of the Army of Tennessee. That summer he participated in a fight at Richmond, KY, where Kirby Smith said of Ector as making a, "well timed and dashing charge." In September Ector was promoted to brigadier general and a month later was given command of a brigade, including 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, discounted Texas cavalry plus James Douglas' Texas artillery

Period Arms Contest Set



The R. E. Lee Camp #239 will host the "R.E. Lee Skirmish" on February 25, 2006 in Justin, Texas. The event will be a live fire contest that is open to anyone over the age of 18.

There will be three different events by weapon classification. One will be for rifled muskets at 50 and 100 yards. A second event will be for carbines at 50 and 100 yards. The third event is for revolvers at 25 and 50 yards.

The only firearms allowed will be black powder weapons used during the

War Between the States. Period attire is encouraged but not required. All firearms must pass a safety inspection by the range officer.

The cost is \$25 for one or all the events. The contest will begin at 9:00 AM at the Quail Creek Rifle and Pistol Range in Justin, Texas, at I-35 and FM 1171.

For additional information contact Camp member Rocky Sprott or the event coordinators directly at 940-648-3356 or ausborn@earthlink.net.



During the Lee-Jackson Dinner in January Camp member Steve Woolley startled the Camp and particularly one Miss Linda Kinnear when he got down on his knees and proposed marriage.

Miss Kinnear had those assembled on the edge of their seats as she

A Lee-Jackson Dinner First

hesitated with her answer. Finally the positive response came and the couple was roundly saluted.

Their upcoming wedding is planned for this April at Confederate Park in Belton. A period wedding is planned.

John Perry, who has never missed a Lee-Jackson dinner, said this was the first proposal in Lee-Jackson Dinner history.



Top left: The happy couple; Above: Steve proposes to Linda. (photos by John Perry)

Camp Schedule

February 14, 2006

Camp's monthly meeting at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

February 18, 2006

Mardi Gras Parade, Monroe, LA., 8:00 AM. This is an ATM event where firing of rifles is allowed. Contact George Ballentine if you are interested in attending.

February 25, 2006

CSA and War of 1812 Grave Dedication. This will be a dedication ceremony for 24 Confederate and 2 War of 1812 veterans. Period attire is requested. 12:00 Noon at Shiloh Cemetery near Bryan, TX

February 25, 2006

R.E. Lee Skirmish, Quail Creek Rifle & Pistol Range, Justin, TX

March 4, 2006

Confederate Flag Day ceremonies, Bell Co. Courthouse, Belton, TX, 8:00 AM

March 14, 2006

Camp's monthly meeting at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

April 1, 2006

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, Temple, TX, 7:00 PM.

April 2, 2006

Confederate History Month activities in Belton, TX, details to follow.

Next Camp Meeting:

February 14th

7:00 P.M. at

Cotton Patch Cafe,
Temple Mall
Temple, TX

Lee-Jackson Awards 2006

**General Albert Sidney Johnston
Exemplary Service Award**
George H. Ballentine

**General John Bell Hood
Meritorious Service Award**
James P. Kinnear
Steve D. Wooley

**General Lawrence "Sul" Ross
Dedicated Service Award**
Herbert L. Cowan
Christopher Ellis
George A. Johnson
John Larson, Jr.
H. Greg Manning
Gordon Mobley
Jerry B. Nelson
John C. Perry
Ralph E. Snyder
Rocky Jim Sprott

T. Richard Sutton
Harold B. Sutton

Southern Belle Award
Linda S. Kinnear

Dixie Darling Award
Diana Cowan
Frances Johnson
L. Frances Kinnear
Betty Nelson
Sandra Perry
Margaret H. Sprott

Brad Johnson was presented with a souvenir card with US Postage Stamps issued to honor Generals Lee & Jackson and The United Confederate Veterans.

Brad Johnson and Ron Strybos were presented with Camp Mugs.

Annually the Camp honors those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Camp

Past Lee-Jackson Dinners

| Year | Location | Speaker | Topic |
|------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| 2006 | Temple | Brad Johnson | "Lee After the War" |
| 2005 | Temple | Scott Bowden | "Great Captains of Like Minds: Lee, Jackson, and Their Vision of Victory." |
| 2004 | Temple | Steve von Roeder | "Honoring Our Confederate Heroes" |
| 2003 | Temple | John C. Perry | "American Slavery: The Truth" |
| 2002 | Temple | John C. Perry | "The Wisdom of Lee" |
| 2001 | Temple | John C. & Sandra Perry | "John and Fanny Gordon" <i>(First Person Presentation)</i> |
| 2000 | Temple | Denne Sweeney | "Jefferson Davis, From West Point to the Presidency" |
| 1999 | Temple | Dr. Gary Desalvo | "Spiritual Life of Lee & Jackson" |
| 1998 | Temple | Dan M. Laney | "Bobby Lee & Stonewall" |
| 1997 | Temple | John C. Perry | "Lee Revisited" |
| 1996 | Temple | John C. Perry | "Lee & Jackson" |
| 1995 | Temple | Dr. David Yeilding | "Lee After Gettysburg" |
| 1994 | Temple | John C. Perry | "Lee: The Texas Connection" |
| 1993 | Temple | John C. Perry | "Lessons Learned From Lee" |
| 1992 | Temple | John C. Perry | "Robert E. Lee: The Man" |
| 1991 | Hillsboro | Arch McNamara | "The Lee Family" |
| 1990 | Belton | Dr. David Yeilding | "Post-war Years of Robert E. Lee" |
| 1989 | Hillsboro | Steve Brown | "Life of Lee" |

Lee-Jackson Dinner 2006

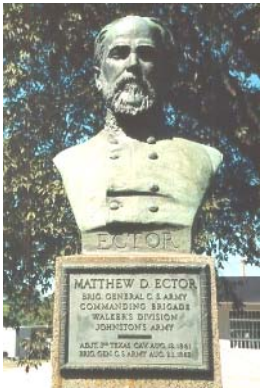


(All photos by John Perry)

Photos: Top left: Camp officers are installed by the Division Commander; Top right: New Camp Commander James Kinnear; Middle left: Colton Denison is installed as the newest Camp member; Middle right: Division Commander and his wife; Bottom left: Herb Cowan receives the SCV War Medal for his service in Viet Nam. Bottom right: View of the Lee-Jackson dinner.

Confederate Profile

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Mobile, Alabama in April of 1865, but the war ended before he reported.

He and his new bride settled in Henderson after the war and Ector renewed his law practice.

He was appointed a district judge in 1867, but was removed from office by the Union occupation army as an impediment to Reconstruction.

In 1874 he became a district judge again, and in 1875 he was elected to the Texas Court of Appeals. He held that position until he died in 1879. Ector is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Marshall. Ector County (county seat Odessa), which was established in 1874, was named in his honor.

Confederate Heroes Day

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parted in the event were Commander James Kinnear, Past Commanders George Ballentine and Steve Wooley, Adjutant Richard Sutton, Compatriots Ralph Snyder and George Johnson, OCR Ladies Frances Kinnear, Frances Johnson, and Linda Kinnear. Also attending the event were Mrs. Ralph Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey.



Photos:

Above: Camp members pose in front of the Confederate monument on the northwest side of the Bell County Courthouse square.

Left: As the Confederate flag is raised on the flag pole next to the monument the color guard salutes the flag as onlookers observe the ceremony.

(Photos by Linda Kinnear)

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