

# Confederate Gazette

## Camp In Belton Parade

For the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year the Major Robert M. White Camp will participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Belton. This year Gordon Mobley and his wife have coordinated the event for the Camp.

All Camp members and friends are invited to participate either in period clothing or not.

Participants can either walk behind the float or ride on the float.

Assemble for the parade on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

121 at Crusader Way (also known as University Drive).



*Camp Members March in Belton Parade in 1997.*

Follow the signs for UMHB and look for a float with Confederate flags at location 166. Streets start closing at 8:30 a.m. and the parade will start sharply at 9:30 a.m. For directions or any questions please call

at parade location number 166. Enter the University of Mary Hardin Baylor campus at Loop

Gordon Mobley at 254-933-1876.

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## Reunion Held in Corpus

The Texas Division of the SCV held its annual reunion in Corpus Christi on June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Camp member Greg Manning, of Salado, was elected as the Division's Commander for the next two years. Also elected was Camp member Steve Wooley, from Temple, to serve as the Central Texas Brigade Commander.

Past Camp Commander George Ballentine was honored for his service to the Texas Division by being awarded the highest Division Award, the Deo Vindice

award. The award was given to George posthumously.



*New Division Commander and Camp Member Greg Manning speaks to the Reunion attendees.*

The Camp was once again presented with the Four Star Camp Award.

Attending the Reunion as delegates for the Camp were Manning and Wooley along with Dr. Chris Ellis, Jerry Nelson, and John Perry.

Other Division officers elected were Ray James, from College Station, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander, Granvel Block, from Orange, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, and Ed Krevit from Midland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Com-

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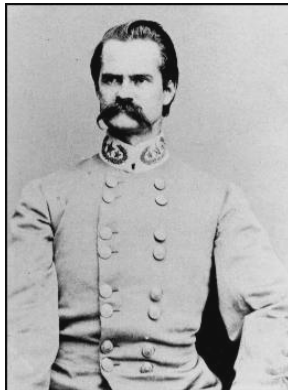
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# CONFEDERATE PROFILE

## *From Behind Enemy Lines*



**William Beall**

**Beall worked from an office in New York City trying to purchase supplies for Confederate POWs**

**H**e was captured in 1863, but even behind enemy lines he worked to aid other Confederate POWs, earning the wrath of the U.S. Secretary of War.

William Nelson Rector Beall was born on March 20, 1825 in Bardstown, Kentucky. His parents moved when he was a child, and young Beall grew up in Arkansas. He entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1844 and graduated four years later, 30<sup>th</sup> in his class.

Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant with the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry, first serving in the northwest-ern frontier. He was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infantry and did some duty time in Texas. He was promoted to captain and assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Cavalry, seeing combat against both the Kiowas and Comanches.

After the war began he re-signed his U.S. Army commission, in August of 1861, and offered his services to the Confederacy.

He joined the Confederate Army as a captain. Early in the war he was assigned to General Earl Van Dorn serving in Arkansas. Beall was commissioned a brigadier general on April 11, 1862. He was placed in command of the Confederate cavalry forces at Corinth, Mississippi. From there he was sent to Port Hudson, Louisiana where he was in command of all forces, until General Franklin Gardner replaced him in December of 1862.

At Port Hudson, Confederate forces were under siege by Federal forces under the command of Major General Nathaniel P. Banks. Beall was in command of forces in the center of the Confederate line. Although the outnumbered Confederate

forces held out for 48 days, the Confederate forces eventually surrendered to the Federals on July 9, 1863, after the fall of Vicksburg.

Beall was taken prisoner and was first sent to the Confederate Officers Prisoner-of-War Camp, Johnson's Island, off Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio.

While he was imprisoned, an agreement was reached between officials in Richmond and Washington allowing, in 1864, for supplies to be purchased for the benefit of Confederate POWs. Beall was released on parole to help provide for the supplies.

From an office in New York City, Beall worked to sell cotton, which was permitted to come through the Federal blockade. The proceeds from the cotton sales was to be used to purchase clothing, blankets,

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## Johnson's Island POW Camp

Johnson's Island was the only Federal Prisoner of War Camp just for Confederate officers. The Camp was on a 16.5 acre site on an island in Sandusky Bay, off the coast of Lake Erie. The Ohio location was selected in 1861 due the site being on an island lending itself to containing POWs and its access to

supplies by ship.

The prison opened in April 1862, with a 15-foot-high wooden stockade surrounding it. Prominent Confederate generals imprisoned on Johnson's Island were Isaac R. Trimble, James J. Archer, and William Beall.

In March 1865, in the war's final months, the prisoner population peaked at 3,200.

Over 10,000 different Confederates passed through Johnson's Island until it was closed in September 1865. About 200 Confederates died there, making it one of the safer prisons.

## Texas Division Officers

Name	Home	Position
Greg Manning	Salado, Texas	Commander
Ray Davis	College Station, Texas	1st Lieutenant Commander
Granvel Block	Orange, Texas	2nd Lieutenant Commander
Ed Krevit	Midland, Texas	3rd Lieutenant Commander
Cody Marshall	Abilene, Texas	Adjutant
Jim Farrar	Eastland, Texas	Staff Judge Advocate
Chad Weldon	Grand Prairie, Texas	Chief of Staff
William "Bill" Kuhn	Dallas, Texas	Inspector General
Jerry Haynes	Longview, Texas	Chaplain
Sandy Keathley	McKinney, Texas	Web Master
Bryan Fox	Houston, Texas	Newsletter Editor
Marshall Davis	Austin, Texas	Public Relations Officer
Van Perryman	Lubbock, Texas	Genealogist
Shelby Little	Austin, Texas	Aide-de-Camp
L. Prouse	Orange, Texas	Aide-de-Camp
Kevin McCall	Bullard, Texas	Awards Committee Chairman
Jerry Nelson	Brenham, Texas	Governmental Affairs Chairman
Sandy Keathley	McKinney, Texas	Graves Registration Chairman
Jerry Nelson	Brenham, Texas	Time & Place Committee Chair
Granvel Block	Orange, Texas	Summerfield-Roberts Chairman

Officers in the Division will serve two year terms

## Camp Schedule

### July 4, 2007

Participate in the Belton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, position #166. Meet at 8:30 AM.

### July 7, 2007

Quarterly highway Clean-up Meet at 7:00 AM at the McDonald's in Belton.

### July 14, 2007

Quarterly Camp Dinner meeting 7:00 PM at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall . Speaker: TBA

### August 14, 2007

Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA



### September 11, 2007

Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

Next Camp Meeting:  
July 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM  
Cotton Patch Café  
Temple Mall

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Next Meeting:  
July 14th  
Cotton Patch Cafe  
Temple  
7:00 PM

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## Alabama Sailor to Be Buried

Raphael Semmes Camp #11, SCV, will conduct funeral services for an unknown Confederate crew member of the *CSS Alabama*. He died, going down with his ship, on June 19, 1864, in a sea battle off Cherbourg, France.

His remains were recently recovered during salvage opera-

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

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This year we will again use Rocky Spratt's trailer and George Johnson's pick-up will pull the trailer. Camp members are invited to help assemble the float on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM at 503 North Wall Street in Belton.

tions. The funeral ceremony will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Magnolia Cemetery in Mobile, Alabama. Over 1,100 other Confederates are buried in Magnolia.

### Division Reunion

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mander. See a full listing of all Division officers and staff members on page three.

The Division is financially strong and the membership is at 2,262 including 83 Life Members, 2 Real Sons, and 5 Cadet members.

Also receiving awards were Camp Members Jerry Nelson, Gold Cross, Chris Ellis, Silver Cross, and Bronze Crosses were given to William Cole and Betty Nelson.

## William Beall

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and other supplies for Confederate POWs.

Beall was apparently too successful. On January 3, 1865 Union General Henry Halleck wrote to General Ulysses S. Grant saying, "The selection of General Beall was unfortunate, for he seems disposed to make all the trouble he can."

U.S. Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton suspended Beall's parole and Beall was placed in custody

at Fort Lafayette in New York harbor. Beall wasn't released

until well after the war was over, on August 2, 1865.

Post-war Beall lived in St. Louis, Missouri where he became a merchant.

He died at age 58 in McMinnville, Tennessee on July 25, 1883, and he was

buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



*William Beall's grave at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee*