

# Confederate Gazette

## H.K. Speaks to Camp

H.K. Edgerton, on his 2007 Reunion March, came to town on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 hosted H.K. at a luncheon at the Railroad and Heritage Museum in downtown Temple.

About 40 people attended the luncheon. Area elected officials from Temple, Belton, and Bell County were invited to the event, but only Temple Mayor Bill Jones, III attended.

H.K. spoke for about 45 min-

utes, talking about how his Confederate heritage was so



*H.K. Edgerton and Temple's Mayor, Bill Jones, III.*

important to him, and relating some of his experiences

encountered in his march across the South. He described his appearance in Jena, Louisiana, the racially charged community in central Louisiana.

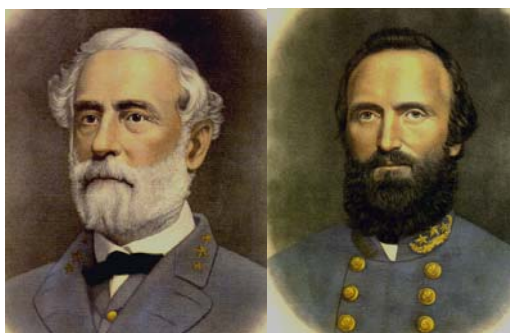
H.K. began his Reunion march on October 20<sup>th</sup> in his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina, where he is the past NAACP president. The night before his arrival in Temple, H.K. spoke in Midland, and arose quite early to make it to the Temple gathering.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Lee-Jackson Set For Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will hold its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2007 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple, across the street from the Scott and White Hospital.

The featured speaker for the event is John Dwyer. Currently Dwyer is adjunct professor of history at South-

ern Nazarene University and Oklahoma City Community



College.

The cost is \$21.00 per person. There are two entree

choices, Chicken Gordon Bléu and London Broil, which includes side dishes, salad, ice tea, coffee, and dessert, gratuity, and taxes.

Dress can be either period, formal, or cocktail attire.

The event honors Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson who both have January birthdays.



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# CONFEDERATE PROFILE

## Missouri Confederate



**Mosby Monroe  
Parsons**

**Parsons was  
appointed a  
major general,  
but was never  
confirmed**

**H**e started the war in Missouri and ended the war still trying to free Missouri from Federal control.

Mosby Monroe Parsons was born in Charlottesville, Virginia on May 21, 1822. When he was 13 he moved to Missouri with his parents, eventually ending up in Jefferson City, Missouri. Parsons studied law and was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1846.

When the war with Mexico began Parsons volunteered for duty helping to raise the Cole County Dragoons, serving as its captain. During the battle of Sacramento, near the Mexican town of Chihuahua in 1847, Parsons was individually cited for "gallantry" during the fight.

After the war Parsons returned to Missouri and served as the district attorney and some accounts have him as the Missouri Attorney General, but such reports are erroneous. He married and had a son, but

his wife died three years later. He was elected to the Missouri legislature in 1856 and became a state senator two years later.

He firmly sided with the Southern cause and worked with the pro-Southern Missouri governor to have the state align with the South. When hostilities broke out between the North and the South, Parsons was given command of the Sixth Division of the Missouri State Guard.

The majority of the Guard was pro-Southern and, although Parsons missed the fight, the Guard was defeated by regular U.S. Army forces at Booneville in June of 1861.

Parsons and his men did fight in July at the Battle of Carthage, a Guard victory and they participated at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in August, also a Southern victory.

In November of 1862, Parsons was commissioned as a brigadier general in the Confederate

Army. A month later he participated in the Battle of Prairie Grove, and later fought in the Arkansas campaigns of 1862 and 1863, although he was ill and unable to command in late 1863 and early 1864.

Parsons was sent to reinforce General Richard Taylor during the Red River campaign in the spring of 1864. He fought at Pleasant Hill and Jenkins' Ferry, and before the war ended he accompanied Sterling Price on a raid back into Missouri.

Taylor appointed Parsons a major general, but it was never approved by President Jefferson Davis before the war ended.

After the war was over Parsons along with other Missouri Confederates chose to go to Mexico rather than to surrender. It is unclear exactly how he was killed, but he and about five other former Confederates were killed in Mexico in August of 1865. He was apparently buried in Mexico.

## The Death Of Parsons

The death of Mosby Monroe Parsons is shrouded in mystery. That he died somewhere in northern Mexico sometime during the month of August of 1865 is about all we know for sure.

After the war Parsons fled the South, unwilling to yield to

Federal rule, and crossed the border from Texas into Mexico. From there reports vary on what happened to Parsons, other than the fact that he was killed.

One version suggests that he and his colleagues got caught in a cross fire between Mexican

"Imperialist" and "loyalist" forces. Another account suggests that he was fighting on the side of "Imperialist" forces and was captured and then executed.

Some accounts say that Parsons was simply captured and executed by Mexican bandits.

# H.K. Luncheon and Christmas Party Photos



See more photos on page six.



Good attendance at both December Camp events



Photos: *Top left:* H.K. speaks; *Top right:* Serving line at luncheon; *Middle left:* H.K. shows Camp award; *Middle right:* H.K. with Texas Division Commander Manning; *Bottom left:* Debbie Ballentine receives award on behalf of George at Christmas party; *Bottom right:* Party crowd in Little River (Photo credits: John C. Perry & David Moore).

## Camp Schedule

### January 12 2008

Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, at 7:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Temple. Speaker: Dr. John Dwyer who will speak on Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

ton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

### March 11, 2008

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

### February 12, 2008

Regular Camp meeting at Cot-

### April 12, 2008

Quarterly Camp Dinner meeting



at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM, Social hour to begin at 6:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

### Next Camp Meeting:

Lee-Jackson Dinner

January 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM - Social

7:00 PM - Dinner

Hilton

Temple

# HISTORY OF THE LEE-JACKSON DINNER

Year	Location	Speaker	Topic
2008	Temple	John J. Dwyer	"Standing Like A Stonewall"
2007	Temple	John C. Perry	"Robert E. Lee: 200 Years Later"
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. and 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 and Jackson"
1998	Temple	Dan M. Laney	"Bobby Lee and Stonewall"
1997	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lee Revisited"
1996	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lee and 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"

Camp will hold its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner



## Lee-Jackson Speaker

John J. Dwyer will be the twelfth different Lee-Jackson speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual dinner set for January 12, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple.

Dwyer is a popular author and speaker and is Adjunct Professor of History at both Southern Nazarene

University and Oklahoma City Community College. He is a former history chair at a classical Christian school, newspaper publisher, and radio host.

His books include the non-fiction,

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## Camp Commanders and Adjutants

Year	Commander	Adjutant
2008	Dr. Chris Ellis	Gordon Mobley
2007	James Kinnear	Jerry Nelson
2006	James Kinnear	Richard Sutton
2005	George Ballentine	Richard Sutton
2004	George Ballentine	Richard Sutton
2003	Steve Wooley	Wayne Wilson
2002	Steve Wooley	Wayne Wilson
2001	Greg Manning	Steve Wooley
2000	Greg Manning	Steve Wooley
1999	Jerry Nelson	Steve Wooley
1998	Jerry Nelson	Steve Wooley
1997	Jerry Nelson	Dick Epperson
1996	Ken Miller	Dick Epperson
1995	Ken Miller	Dick Epperson
1994	Will Port Hall	Dick Epperson
1993	W. Glenn Rucker	Will Port Hall
1992	Larry Jack Maxey	Will Port Hall
1991	Richard Kemp	Will Port Hall
1990	Jon Farrow	Will Port Hall
1989	John C. Perry	Buzzy Gover
1988	John C. Perry	Buzzy Gover

**Camp #1250 has had 13 men serve as Commander and 8 men as Adjutants**

## Camp Officers Elected

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 elected new officers for 2008 at the Camp's December meeting held in Little River.

Elected as the Camp's 13<sup>th</sup> Commander was Dr. Chris Ellis of Granbury. Also elected was

John Larson, Jr. of Troy as the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander.

Elected as the Camp's 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander was Herb Cowan of Temple. Elected as Adjutant was Gordon Mobley of Belton. Compatriot Mobley is the Camp's eighth different

adjutant. Elected as the new Color Sergeant was John Larson, III of Troy.

All of the new 2008 Camp officers will be sworn in at the annual Lee-Jackson Dinner meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton.



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Temple  
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## More Photos



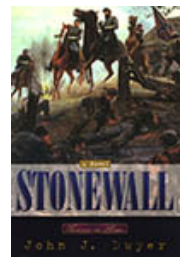
*Photos: Left: Allen Newman with H.K.'s flag, Far right: H.K.'s cake, Right: Sandra Perry & H.K.; Below left: Silent auction items; Below middle: Commander Kinnear presides at party; Below right: Gifts donated for U.S. troop's kids. (Photo credits: John C. Perry)*



## Lee-Jackson Speaker

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*The War Between the States: America's Uncivil War* from Bluebonnet Press;



the historical novels *Stonewall* and *Robert E. Lee* from Broadman & Holman Publishers, and a just published novel, *When the Blue-bonnets Come*.

