

Confederate Gazette

Davis to Speak At Lee-Jackson

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250's 21st Lee-Jackson Dinner will be held on Saturday night January 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple, beginning with a social hour at 6:00.

A very special speaker will be addressing the 2009 annual event, Bertram Hayes-Davis, who is the Great-great Grandson of Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis will speak to those attending.

Mr. Hayes-Davis has recently relocated to Texas



*Bertram Hayes-Davis,
2009 Lee-Jackson Speaker*

from Colorado. He is a Vice President and the Head of Oil and Gas Management for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Davis also heads up the 600 member Davis Family Association, made up of descendants of Jefferson Davis and his nine brothers and sisters.

Cost for the meal is \$20.00 per person, and Camp members and friends are asked to contact Steve Wooley to make a reservation.

Dress for the event is either period, formal, cocktail, or "Sunday best."

Camp Celebrates Christmas

The Major Robert M. White, Camp #1250 held its 6th annual Christmas Party on December 13, 2008. About 45 people attended the event which was held at Bliss Hall in Little River.

At the event the Confederate Rose held a silent auction with the pro-

ceeds from the auction going to help the Camp.



Also at the Christmas meeting Camp officers for 2009 were elected. The new offi-

cers will be installed at the Lee-Jackson Dinner meeting in January.

Officers elected were Commander, Dr. Chris Ellis; 1st Lt. Commander, John Larson, Jr.; 2nd Lt Commander, Herb Cowan; and Adjutant Gordon Mobley.

The meal was one of the best ever, catered by Classic Catering in Temple.



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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Author of the Charge



**Stephen Dill
Lee**

**Lee was wounded
at Champion Hill
and became a
POW at
Vicksburg**

He was a well respected military officer and the youngest Lieutenant General in the Confederate Army, but to SCV members he will always be remembered as the author of what is now known as "The Charge."

Stephen Dill Lee was born to Dr. Thomas Lee and Caroline Allison Lee on September 22, 1833 in Charleston, S.C. He was a distant relative to General Robert E. Lee. He entered the Military Academy at West Point at the early age of 17. He graduated four years later in 1854. He served in the U.S. Army in Texas, Florida, Kansas, and the Dakotas mainly as part of the 4th U.S. Artillery and as a first lieutenant.

Lee resigned from the U.S. Army in 1861 first to return to South Carolina Militia as a captain. He joined the Confederate Army initially serving as an aide-de-camp to P.G.T. Beauregard. He was with Beauregard at Charleston, S.C. as they stared down Union forces at

Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. In fact it was Lee who delivered an ultimatum to Union commander Major Robert Anderson demanding their withdrawal on April 11, 1861. It was the Confederate firing on Fort Sumter on April 14th that helped begin the war.

Lee served as a commander of a light battery in Hampton's Legion, under General Joseph E. Johnston before he transferred to Virginia as chief of artillery in Lafayette McLaw's division. He saw action during the Peninsula campaign. In March of 1852, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and to a full colonel in July, serving as an artillery battery commander in Longstreet's corp.

He was with the Army of Northern Virginia through their fights at Second Manassas Junction (Bull Run) and at Sharpsburg (Antietam). By late 1862 he had been promoted to brigadier general, but was reassigned to the western theatre of the war. His new

assignment was to be in command of the artillery of John C. Pemberton's Confederate forces defending Vicksburg, Mississippi.

He was wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of Champion Hill on May 16, 1863, where Lee led a combat brigade of Alabama soldiers. He became a POW when Pemberton surrendered to Union general U.S. Grant in July of 1863. He was paroled and then exchanged in October of 1863.

When Lee returned to Confederate service he returned at a higher rank, having been promoted to major general in August of 1863. He was given command of all cavalry in the Southwest theatre, which included Alabama, Mississippi, western Tennessee, and eastern Louisiana. He later replaced Leonidas Polk as the commander of the Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana. He replaced John B. Hood as a Corp com-

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The Charge

Stephen Dill Lee, as the commander of the United Confederate Veterans, gave a speech to the Sons of Confederate Veterans in New Orleans in 1906. A portion of that address is today known within SCV circles as "The Charge."

Lee said, "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the

emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see

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Camp Christmas Party Photographs



Photos: *Top left:* Steve and Linda Wooley, *Right:* Division Commander with Camp's Cadet members, Jacob Thompson and Adam Agee, and *Bottom left:* Commander Chris Ellis with Gordon Mobley.

The Charge

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that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

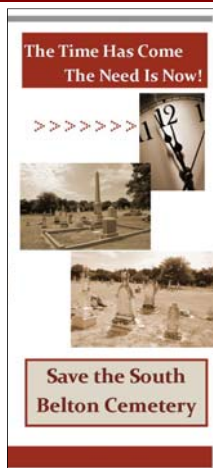
South Belton Cemetery has had 61 stones repaired or stabilized.

South Belton Cemetery Project Moving Forward

The South Belton Cemetery project is moving forward, according to Camp member Rocky Sprott, who gave an update at the Camp's Christmas Party meeting.

The project to help preserve and protect the historic cemetery is an endeavor with the City of Belton, who owns the cemetery.

A new tri-fold brochure has been created, donated by Centus Media Group of Temple. The new brochure will be dis-



tributed throughout Central Texas, asking for dollar and manpower contributions. It is expected that the brochure will be included with the City of Belton water bill sometime in 2009.

Rocky reported that

New SBC Brochure

the initial efforts at the cemetery will concentrate on: (1) Restoring and repairing the perimeter fence, (2) Building an entrance gate (3) Creating a map and covered stand (4) Setting up a cemetery and

veteran monuments, and (5) Erecting three flag poles.

Work days were held in September and October where a great deal of restoration was done, including pouring new forms for broken tombstones, power washing of the tombstones, removal of stumps, and other efforts. A total of 61 headstones were either repaired or stabilized.

Thus far the project has received excellent press coverage with two articles in the Temple Daily Telegram, an article in the Belton Journal, and a radio interview with James Harrison on KTEM-AM.

Camp Schedule

January 10, 2009

Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Temple. 6:00 PM, Speaker: Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great grandson of Jefferson Davis.

February 10, 2009

Regular Camp meeting at Cot-

ton Patch Café, Temple Mall. at 7:00 PM. Speaker: To Be Determined

March 10, 2009

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



May 16-17, 2009

Battle of Temple Junction Reenactment, Temple Industrial Park. Volunteers Needed!

Next Camp Meeting:
21st Lee-Jackson
Dinner
Hilton Garden Inn
Temple
6:00 PM

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Gettysburg Cyclorama To Be Saved

The building that once housed the Cyclorama at the Gettysburg Battlefield made be spared demolition. The 360 degree painting

tlefield.

The original Cyclorama was opened in 1962 and was designed

Original Cyclorama Building



that was once housed in the building was moved to a new Visitor's Center in 2008. The National Park Service wants to demolish the old building because it is on a significant part of the Gettysburg Bat-

in 1958 by famed modernist architect Richard Neutra. In December, a Washington DC Federal Court issued a ruling that blocks the Park Services plan to tear down the building.

Author of "The Charge"

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mander in the Army of Tennessee in June of 1864.

Lee was promoted to lieutenant general, the youngest man to hold that rank in the Confederate Army. Lee saw action during the Atlanta campaign and the Nashville campaign in 1864. He received a foot wound during fighting at Spring Hill, Tennessee. Upon his recovery Lee finished the war in North Carolina and was with Joseph E. Johnston when he surrendered on April 26, 1865. He was one of the few men on either side of the war to command troops in all three units of service, artillery, cavalry, and infantry.

Post war Lee settled in Missis-

sippi, his wife's home. He had married, in February 1865, to Regina Harrison, daughter of James Thomas Harrison and Regina Blewett, of Columbus, Mississippi. He became a planter, near Columbus, for many years until in 1878 he was elected to the Mississippi Senate. In 1880 he became the president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, now known as Mississippi State University. He served as president until 1897.

He was very active in the United Confederate Veterans, helping to form the organization, and served as its president from 1904 to 1908. Lee died on May 29, 1908 in Vicksburg, Mississippi and is buried in Columbus, Mississippi.