

# Confederate Gazette

## Early Sesquicentennial Event

Sponsored by the SCV's Texas Division and Army of the Trans Mississippi, "The Road to Secession" is one of the first national events of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial. It will be held in early December at Camp Gilmont, in northeast Upshur County, Texas.

The event will feature both an academic symposium and a Living History event and will address the question: "Why did the good and Christian people of the South choose Secession in

1860-61?" The first several days of the event, December 2-3<sup>rd</sup> is designed for school aged



children in the Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana area. The remainder of the event, December 4-5<sup>th</sup> is for college professors, authors, historians and students to once again consider the history of our nation during this most

crucial period. One of the speakers at the event will be immediate past Texas Division Commander and Camp Member Greg Manning.

The event seeks contributors so as to raise funds, to attract qualified academicians, and qualified and practiced reenactors. Make checks payable to Upshur County Patriots, RTS. All donations are tax deductible.

See web site address on page 3 for additional information.

## Lee-Grant Exhibit in Belton

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bell County Museum in Belton will open a new exhibition, *Lee and Grant*, which will provide a major look at the lives, careers, and historical impact of War Between the States generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant.

The Camp will participate in a special opening reception on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The current plan is for Camp reenactors to set up a camp

on the museum grounds. The museum will also have



*Grant and Lee at Appomattox; from the painting by Louis Guillaume, "Surrender of General Lee to General Grant, April 9, 1865,"*

Dr. Brooks Simpson, professor of history at Arizona State University, at the opening reception to discuss the history of the war, and War-era foods will be served by the museum.

The exhibit, which runs through January 7, 2011, charts the development of historical thought and popular attitudes toward these significant historical figures in the years since the outbreak of the War.



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## Traitors?

*An Editorial by John C. Perry*

Not long ago I changed dentists. The dentist I have used since I was a child is no longer my dentist. Why? Was he getting old and his level of care wasn't what it use to be? Partially the reason, yes I have to admit, but there was another key reason. My dentist, a Yankee from Nebraska, called all Confederates as, "nothing more than traitors."

That was too much for me to stand. We argued about his statement, by the way don't ever argue with a dentist who has a drill in his hand! It did no good to try to reason with him, he firmly believes all Confederates are nothing more than traitors to the United States.

One of my arguments to him was, would the US Army honor traitors? He said no, but then he couldn't explain why Fort Hood is named for Confederate John Bell Hood, or the other dozen or so forts named for past Confederates heroes.

Oh well, sometimes you just have to move on, simply realize who you are dealing with. After all he was just another ignorant Yankee!

## Ole Miss Goes With Bears

The Ole Miss Rebels have a new mascot, replacing the political-ly incorrect Colonel Reb. In a poll taken by the university, "Rebel the Black Bear" had 62% support, while "Rebel

more than 13,000 students, faculty, alumni, staff, and season ticket holders voiced their opinions. The existing Colonel Reb mascot was not one of the choices to be reviewed.

According to University of Mississippi Chancellor Dan Jones the school has no intention of changing the name of the school's athletic team away



*Left: Colonel Reb; Below: The new bear mascot*



Land Shark" had 56%, and "Hotty Toddy" had 42% support. The "Hotty Toddy" originates from a traditional Ole Miss cheer.

The mascot review was in response to a February 2010 school decision where students voted to change the Ole Miss mascot away from Colonel Reb. The school hopes to introduce the new mascot sometime in 2011.

The university claims to have reviewed over 1,000 mascot suggestions and says that

from the "Rebels," but rather they just wanted to change the symbolism by going to the black bear.

The idea behind the black bear as a mascot originates, according to the university, from a William Faulkner's story about Old Ben, a black bear, from his book of short stories entitled, Go Down, Moses.

**Rebel the Black Bear replaces Col. Reb**

## Camp Schedule

### November 9, 2010

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

### November 13, 2010

Opening Reception of Lee-Grant exhibit at the Bell County Museum.

### December 2-5, 2010

"The Road to Secession," Camp Gilmont in Upshur County, go to <http://roadtosecession.com> for additional information.

### December 11, 2010 *(Tentative)*

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Christmas Party, at a site to be determined.



### January 8, 2011 *(Tentative)*

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 Lee-Jackson Dinner, site to be determined.

**Next Meeting:  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Cotton Patch Café  
Temple Mall  
7:00 PM Meeting**