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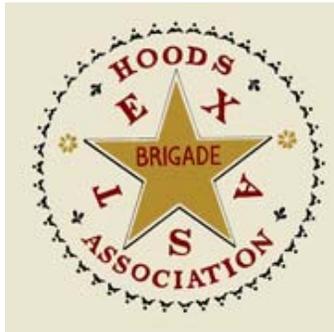
Seminar in Huntsville

The Hood's Texas Brigade Association Reactivated will host its annual symposium on November 15-16 in Huntsville at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum Complex.

This year's topic will be "Hood's Texas Brigade at Home and at War." It kicks off on Friday November 15th at 2:00 pm with a free tour of the John W. Thomason Rare Book Room. That is followed by a museum tour, reception and buffet at 6:00 pm.

On Saturday, November 16th

the event will kick off at 8:00 am with the first of four scheduled speakers. Speak-



ers and their topics include, Dr. Charles Grear, "Sam Houston & the Fate of Texas." Dr. Susannah Ural, "To

See the Boys from Texas." Phillip Sozansky, "Hood's Texans: Frontier Warriors," and Dr. Keith Bohannon, "Hood's Brigade & Chickamauga."

The cost for the event is \$45 per person for the reception and buffet on Friday and \$60 for the Saturday seminar, a price which includes lunch.

Visit www.hoodstexasbrigade.org for additional information and for registration details.

Minnesota Won't Return Flag

A request by Virginia's governor, Bob McDonnell, to return the 28th Virginia Infantry's regimental flag to Virginia was rebuffed by Minnesota's governor Mark Dayton on the eve of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

"The governor of Virginia earlier this year requested that the flag be loaned, quote, unquote, to Virginia to commemorate, it doesn't quite strike me as something they would want to commemorate, but we declined that invitation," Gov-

ernor Dayton said. The flag was captured on July 3, 1863 the last day of



Flag of the 28th Virginia Infantry Held captive in Minnesota (Photo by the Minnesota History Center)

the Battle of Gettysburg by members of the 1st Minneso-

ta Infantry. That unit had experienced horrific losses, only 47 of 250 men were still alive, the day before, day two of the epic battle.

Many Confederate flags captured by Union troops were returned to the South after a 1905 Federal law that required all flags to be returned to their state of origin.

Virginia has requested the flag be returned for many years. A major effort was made in 2000, but like this year the request was rejected.



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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

The Preacher General



Clement A. Evans

Evans served in the Georgia Senate

He fought hard for the Confederate cause during the war, but post war he was also a fighter trying to preserve the memory of the valor of the Confederate soldier.

Clement Anselm Evans was born on February 25, 1833, near Lumpkin in Stewart County Georgia, the son of Anselm Lynch Evans and Sarah Hinton Bryan. Young Evans was first educated in public schools in Lumpkin, Georgia. While still in his teens he attended a small law school in Augusta, graduating before he was 18. He became a partner in a law firm in Lumpkin and in 1855 he became a judge in Stewart County.

In 1854 Evans married Mary Allen Walton, known as "Allie." Evans would have at least six children who survived into adulthood. Evans served in the Georgia State Senate from 1859 to 1861 as a member of the Know-Nothing Party. He also served as a member of the

Electoral College in 1860 casting his vote for John C. Breckinridge.

As the Southern states began to leave the Union Evans began to prepare for war, resigning from his legislative seat. He helped organize a volunteer company of infantry, known as the "Bartow Guards." When the 31st Georgia Infantry was organized in November 1861, Evan's unit was mustered in as Company E and Evans was commissioned a major in the Confederate Army. The next year Evans was promoted to the rank of colonel. Evans and the 31st became part of what would become the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV).

During the Peninsula Campaign in 1862 the 31st Georgia was assigned to "Stonewall" Jackson's Division. Evans was wounded during the Seven Days battles, but was back in time for the fights at both Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg in the latter part of 1862. He had

temporary command of Alexander Lawton's brigade during this time period, after Lawton was seriously wounded at Sharpsburg.

He was back in command of his regiment at the Battle of Gettysburg and during the 1864 fighting at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. Evans was promoted to brigadier general in May of 1864 and he was given command of the Georgia Brigade, after John B. Gordon was promoted. Evans led the brigade during Jubal Early's Raid on Washington, D.C. and at the Battle of Monocacy in July of 1864, where he was wounded.

In November of 1864 he was given command of Gordon's division when Gordon moved to a Corp command. Evans was given the temporary rank of major general. He was in command at Appomattox when in April of 1865 Lee surrendered and perhaps he and his men were in one of the last fights of

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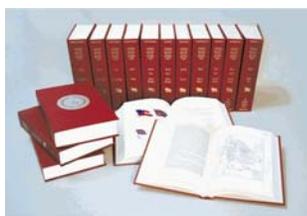
Confederate Military History

Clement A. Evans served as the editor of a monumental effort, the 12 volume, *Confederate Military History*, published in 1899.

The series has over 7,000 pages, 485 illustrations, and 52 maps. Volume I tells the story of Southern secession and the formation of the Con-

federacy.

The next 10 volumes is divided



among the various 15 Southern

states. States with more war time action get an entire volume, while other states with less action share a volume. Texas is covered in Volume II, shared with Florida.

The last volume contains some post war history and includes Confederate Navy information.

September Meeting Recap

By Michael E. Belcher

Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose Member, Heather Larson of Troy was the guest speaker at the September camp meeting. She spoke about her participation and experiences at the Sons of Confederate Veteran's sponsored Sam Davis Youth Camp this year held at the Three Mountain Retreat in Clifton, Texas from Sunday, July 28th to Saturday, August 3rd.

She talked about the guest speakers, and her classes on Southern History, traditions, historical dress, manners, period songs and dance. She also spoke about other fun activities like horseback riding, swimming and cannon and musket training. She was very thankful to the camp for providing her with a scholarship to attend this year, and hopes to return and attend the camp next year. She was asked lots of questions and the presentation was well received by the Camp membership and guests in attendance.

A new member was approved for membership in a unanimous vote. He is Marvin Gary Vann of Lampasas, Texas.

Texas Division Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service from the SCV Texas Division was presented to Kelton Haney.

Compatriot Steve Dean Wooley received an SCV Meritorious Service Medal from the National organization for his continued work in support of our camp over the last year. The award was approved by the SCV National organization and presented from the SCV National Reunion, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on July 19, 2013.

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the ANV. Evans was among the last group of Confederate soldiers to sign a parole certificate.

The horrors of war that Evans saw, particularly at the Battle of Fredericksburg, had a profound effect on him. On his thirtieth birthday in 1863, he vowed that if he survived the war he would become a minister. In December of 1865, back home in Georgia, he offered his services to the Methodist Church. For the first year he was a circuit rider but then served in a number of church-

es in north Georgia, including from 1880 to 1883 as the pastor of the 1st Methodist Church of Atlanta. He also, while being a minister, was involved with some land development companies.

His first wife passed away in 1884 and he remarried in 1887 to Sarah Avery Howard. In 1888 he was offered the Chancellorship of the University of Georgia, but turned it down in order to continue his ministry.



Evans post war.

He retired from the ministry in 1892, serving for 26 years.

He was a leader in the formation of the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), serving as its initial Adjutant General and the Chief of Staff. He was Georgia Division UCV Commander for 12 years and Army UCV Commander for three before becoming their Commander-in-Chief in 1908, a

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Camp Schedule

October 12 2013

Quarterly Camp Dinner meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Al Harris; Topic: "University Greys," Co. A. 11th, Mississippi Infantry

November 12, 2013

Regular Camp meeting at Cot-

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

December 7, 2013

Annual Camp Christmas Party at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, 7:00 PM.



January 11, 2014

26th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Gober Party House 6:00 PM. Social with Dinner at 7:00 PM. Speaker: To Be Determined.

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Cotton Patch Cafe
6:00 PM Social
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Texas Guardian Plan Established

The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has established the Texas Guardian Plan.

The Guardian Plan is designed to help honor and preserve the final resting places of our Confederate ancestors.

There are three specific duties required of each Division member enrolled in the Texas Guardian Plan program. First, he shall care for and protect the grave of a Confederate Veteran ensuring that the site is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally, unless physically prevented from doing so by reason of health problems.

Second he shall be responsible that the grave has an appropriate marker designation as a final



Grave of Camp namesake Maj. Robert M. White in South Belton Cemetery.

resting place of a Confederate

Veteran. He shall also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is destroyed, damaged or badly worn.

Third, he shall personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

The cost is \$10.00 for the first initial registration and additional graves maybe registered for \$3.00 per grave. Each approved applicant will receive a pin and a certificate.

Visit www.scvtexas.org for additional information and for an application.

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post he held until shortly before his death when his health began to fail him. He also was the author of a *Military History of Georgia* in 1895 and his monumental effort the 12 volume *Confederate Military History* in 1899.

His health began to falter beginning in 1910, and he passed away in Atlanta on July 2, 1911. An Atlanta paper said that "after lingering at death's door for nearly a month," he died of "Bright's disease," with several of his children present. He was honored by his native state as his body lay in state at the state capitol, and the state legislature adjourned the day of his funeral so its members could attend. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.