

# Confederate Gazette

## 29<sup>th</sup> Lee-Jackson To Be Held

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 of Temple will hold its 29<sup>th</sup> annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on Saturday night, January 14, 2016.

The event will be held at the Gober Party House located in Temple at 1516 West Avenue H Street, which is at the corner of Avenue H and South 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

The festivities will begin with a social time at 6:30 PM followed by a barbeque dinner, catered by Miller's Barbeque in Belton. The cost of the meal will be

\$15.00 per person or \$5.00 for children under the age of 12. A silent auction will also



Henry Kidd

be held in conjunction with the annual dinner.

The featured speaker for the

event will be renowned artist and author Henry Kidd. Mr. Kidd hails from Colonial Heights, Virginia, and is a member of the Dearing Beauregard Camp #1813, as well as Past Commander of the Virginia Division.

His artwork has graced the covers of books, documentaries, and magazines, including *Confederate Veteran Magazine*, and is displayed in many museums such as West Point, the Virginia Historical Society, and the

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## Officers Elected for 2017

By Michael E. Belcher

At the December Camp meeting a slate of Camp officers was presented, Camp Commander Terry Tyler called for any additional nominations from the floor for the camp officers for the coming year of 2017. There were none, so he called for a vote of acclimation on the previously announced slate of officers that were presented by the Camp Officer Selection Committee at last month's meeting.

They are Terry M. Tyler for Camp Commander; James Edwin Bozeman for 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander; Mason W. DuBose for 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander; Michael E. Belcher for Camp Adjutant; and Jonathan Bozeman for Color Sergeant. The vote passed by a unanimous vote with no opposition, and the new officers will be sworn in at the Lee-Jackson Dinner in January.

At the December meeting Camp Commander Terry M. Tyler and his wife Judy, gave

us a wonderful presentation with a slide show, on their vacation trip through the Southern states. They visited many cemeteries, looking for gravesites of their ancestors, and visited several historical sites concerning the War Between the States, and the Revolutionary War. It was a very informative presentation, and well received and enjoyed by the members in attendance.

Also at the meeting Adjutant Belcher introduced the

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# CONFEDERATE PROFILE

## *Marble Falls Founder*



**Adam Rankin Johnson**

**Johnson marries a Texas girl on the eve of the war.**

He wasn't born in Texas, but he got to the Lone Star state as quick as he could. When his adopted state left the Union he served in the Confederate Army and returned to the state post war, founding the town of Marble Falls, Texas.

Adam Rankin Johnson was born on February 8, 1834, in Henderson, Kentucky. He was the son of a physician, Thomas J. Johnson and his wife Juliet (Rankin). He was educated in local schools, but at age 12 went to work in a local drugstore and all but managed the store in short order. At 16 he went to work in a factory and managed eighty men.

In 1854 he migrated to Texas where he worked first as a surveyor on the Indian frontier in what now is Burnet County. He even suggested that the Colorado River, through Burnet County be dammed up, and marked both sides of the river where the dam should be con-

structed. In the twentieth century such a dam was built.

As the surveying party moved further and further west he eventually tangled with Indians, mainly the Comanche. Johnson was known as an excellent shot and became a well know Indian fighter. To cap off his wild-west experience he also did a stint as a stagecoach driver for the Butterfield line.

On the first day of 1861 he married a Texas girl, Maria Josephine Eastland, from Austin, and they made their home just off Hamilton Creek in Burnet. Their life together didn't last long for as soon as Texas left the Union Johnson returned to his native Kentucky to enlist in the Confederate Army. He started his military career as a scout for then Colonel Nathan Bedford Forrest. With Forrest Johnson was able to avoid capture by not surrendering at Fort Donelson in February of 1862.

He earned the nickname "Stovepipe" when in July of 1862 Johnson captured the first town north of the Mason-Dixon Line, Newburgh, Indiana. He was able to capture the town and confiscated supplies and ammunition without a shot being fired. Johnson feigned an artillery bombard if the town put up a fight, pointing to wagons across the Ohio River with what looked like cannon barrels. All Johnson actually had were a handful of men and an assemblage of stove pipes and charred logs made to look like cannon barrels.

Johnson rose rapidly in rank, becoming a colonel of the 10<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry Partisan Rangers on June 1, 1864 and a brigadier general of same troops September 6, 1864. On August 21, 1864, Johnson attacked a federal encampment at Grubbs Crossroads, near Canton, Kentucky. After he had captured about 50 Union sol-

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## He Rode With Forrest

Adam Rankin Johnson was nicknamed "Stovetop" for his exploits in capturing the town of Newburgh, Indiana. He was able to bluff his way in getting the town to surrender by mounting pieces of stovepipe to make them look like cannons and he captured the town and confiscated supplies and ammunition with only 12 men.

Johnson initially served with Nathan Bedford Forrest in Forrest's cavalry unit. Johnson, served as a scout for Forrest with the rank of private.

Both Johnson and Forrest would see their first battle at Sacramento, Kentucky in December of 1861. The then Colonel Forrest and the then Pri-

vate Johnson along with 200 other Confederates encircled and then routed about 500 Union soldiers.

Johnson would later become chief of scouts for Forrest and was with Forrest when he refused to surrender at Fort Donelson. Johnson was later promoted and transferred.

# December Camp Meeting

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requirements for the Camp's George W. Ballantine Memorial Service award, and opened the floor for the third evening of member voting for the award; with the award to be presented at the Lee-Jackson Dinner in January. Commander Tyler

Bozeman made a motion to go with Miller's BBQ for the Lee-Jackson Dinner, and to encourage the ladies of the Camp to prepare desserts for the dinner, which was seconded by Compatriot Ricky Copp. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.



*Five new members were sworn in at the December Camp meeting. Shown in photo, left to right, are 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander James Bozeman, Sterling Szulwach (Friend of the SCV), along with new members Christopher Bozeman, Nathan Gossett, Jonathan Bozeman, Alan Bozeman, and Camp Commander Terry Tyler.*

opened the floor to any ideas for Christmas donations. After discussion, it was decided to contribute \$250 to the Belton Fire Department Christmas Fund, and to contact the SCV Camp in Gatesville, and get them to match our donation to whatever level that they cared to donate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander James

It was announced that Compatriot Ralph Snyder will raise a new Confederate Battle Flag at his business on Hwy 95, south of Holland, at 10 AM on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.

Four new members and a Friend of the SCV, were sworn in for membership in

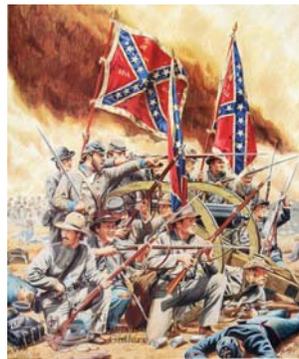
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## 29<sup>th</sup> Lee-Jackson Dinner

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Museum of the Confederacy.

Camp officers will be installed at the January meeting and various Camp awards will be given out., including the George Ballentine award.



*Kidd's painting, "Colors of High Tide."*

The dress for the Lee-Jackson dinner is period, formal wear, cocktail, or "Sunday best" attire.

This annual event honors Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson who both have January birthdays. The Camp has held a Robert E. Lee dinner since the camp was founded in 1988.

**Henry Kidd is a former Virginia Division Commander**

## Camp Schedule

### January 14, 2017

29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Gober Party House, Ave H and South 31<sup>st</sup> St, Temple. Social at 6:30 PM and Dinner at 7:00. Speaker: Henry Kidd of Colonial Heights, Virginia

### February 14, 2017

Camp's Regular Meeting, 6:00

PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. Speaker: TBD

### March 14, 2017

Camp's Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. Speaker: TBD



### April 8, 2017

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. Speaker: TBD

**Next Camp Meeting:  
January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Gober Party House  
Temple, TX  
6:30 PM Social  
7:00 PM Meeting**

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the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

New members are Alan James Bozeman of Little River-Academy, who joined on his ancestor Benjamin Franklin Dillingham, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant in Company E, 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Burford's Regiment). Jonathan Bryant Bozeman of Temple, who joined on his ancestor John Sevier Compton, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company F, 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Alabama Infantry. Christopher Andrew Bozeman of Temple, who joined on his ancestor Abner S. Loden, a Private in Company I, 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Moore's

Regiment). Nathan Jay Gossett of Little River-Academy, who joined on his ancestor James Pleasant Gossett, Jr., a Private in Company E, 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Alabama Infantry. Sterling Vaughn Szulwach of Springtown, who joined as a Friend of the SCV.

### Walmart: Flag No, BLM Yes

Walmart is now selling Black Lives Matter clothing and other items, but the retailer has banned the sales of any items bearing a Confederate battleflag.

They have also pulled the "All Lives Matter" merchandise from their stores, calling it "offensive."

## *He Founded Marble Falls*

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diers he led them back to his lines, but when his men saw the blue clad men approaching they fired on them and Johnson was hit. A friendly fire minié ball struck Johnson in his right eye exiting his left temple and taking out his left eye, causing him to permanently lose his sight.

Johnson was subsequently captured by the Federals and imprisoned for much of the rest of the war at the Confederate Officer's prison at Fort Warren, Massachusetts. He wasn't able to return home to Texas and his wife until September of 1865 where one author described him as, "blind,

sick, and penniless."

Post-war his family lived in Llano County where they farmed and ranched. In 1872 they sold their land and returned to Burnet County where Johnson resumed his surveying business.

In 1887 he founded the town of Marble Falls, selling lots and moving his family to the new town. Johnson and his wife would have nine children, three boys and six girls.

Johnson lived to age 88 and passed away on October 20, 1922. He is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Johnson's wife lived less than a year from her husband's passing and is buried next to his grave.