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Greg Manning Elected 2nd Lt. Commander

TEXAS DIVISION REUNION HELD IN EAST TEXAS

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 participated in the 107th Texas Division Reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas on June 11th and 12th. The Camp also brought home the gold by winning the Four Star Camp Award and having a number of camp members honored with individual awards.



Camp members and guest at the Confederate Ball during the Texas Division Reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas. From left: George Ballentine, Jerry Nelson, Betty Nelson, Sandra Perry, John Perry, Steve Wooley, Greg Manning, Jake Manning, and James Kinnear.

Receiving Division Gold Awards were, George Ballentine, Greg Manning, John Perry, and Rocky Sprott. Receiving a Silver Division award was James Kinner.

Camp member Greg Manning was elected the Division's 2nd Lieutenant Commander
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Last Confederate Widow Laid To Rest

Alberta Martin, a Confederate veteran's widow, died on Memorial Day. She was 97. Mrs. Martin died at a nursing home in Enterprise of complications from a heart attack she suffered May 7.

Her May-December marriage in the 1920s to Confederate veteran William Jasper Martin and her longevity made her a celebrated link to the Confederacy. She attended many SCV events often carrying a small Confederate battle flag.

"I don't see nothing wrong with the flag flying,"



Photograph of Mrs. Martin, taken in 2003.

she often said

The last widow of a Union veteran from the Civil War, Gertrude Janeway, died in January 2003 at her home in Tennessee. She was 93 and had married veteran John Janeway when she was 18.

In 1997, Martin and Daisy Anderson, whose husband was a slave who ran away and joined the Union Army, were recognized at a ceremony at Gettysburg, Pa. Anderson, who lived in Denver, died

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE Cherokee General

Only Native
American to
serve as a
General

At Elkhorn Tavern, Arkansas, the three quarters Cherokee, originally named De-ga-ta-ga, meaning "He Stands," led his Indian regiment forward against a Federal battery. The Indians charged, in a frontal attack, on the Union battery of three guns. The battery was supported by Federal cavalry, but the Indians moved forward, along with some Texas cavalry. Against murderous fire, the Indian commander charged ahead with his Indian troops. Without wavering, the Indians and Texans broke the Union line, and captured the Federal cannons.

De-ga-ta-ga was born near Rome, Georgia in 1806, his Anglo name was Stand Watie. Watie was educated in a missionary school in Springplace, Georgia, where he learned to speak perfect English. He rose quickly in the political ranks of the Cherokee Nation. He served as a clerk of the Cherokee Supreme Court and was the speaker of the Cherokee National Council.

He was embroiled in the great Cherokee removal controversy, siding with the minority of Cherokees who supported relocation from the southeast to the Indian Territory, present day Oklahoma. He was one of the Cherokee leaders that signed the Treaty of New Echota in

1835. He moved to the Cherokee Nation, in Oklahoma, in 1837. All of the Cherokee leaders that signed the treaty were later assassinated, except for Watie. Those mur-

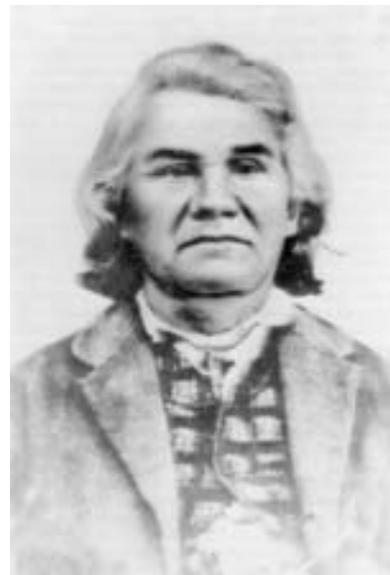
nel, in July of 1861, and raised a company of Cherokee volunteers. He rose to become principal chief of all Confederate Cherokees by August of 1861.

In the last half of 1861, Watie and his Cherokees drove the Federals out of present day Oklahoma, securing it for the Confederacy. His actions quickly made him a Confederate hero. Watie and his Indian volunteers were exempt from service outside the Indian Territory, but in March of 1862 he and his men saw action at the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern, also known as the Battle of Pea Ridge, in Arkansas. His Indians help cover the withdrawal of the main body of Confederates, following the battle.

Watie and his Cherokee troops participated in 18 battles plus numerous skirmishes and raids. Perhaps his greatest service to the Confederacy were the frequent raids that they made behind Union lines. These raids required the Federals to maintain troops on the Indian frontier, when they could have been used more effectively back east.

In June of 1864, Watie and his men captured the Federal stern-wheeler, *J.R. Williams*, on the Arkansas River, near Fort Gibson. They captured about \$100,000 worth of supplies. In September of

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Stand Watie

dered included two of Watie's brothers, an uncle, and a cousin.

Watie was short and stocky, with bowed legs, from years of riding horseback. He had a wide flat face with a broad nose, Anglo descriptions of him described him as, "looking Indian." He was rather quiet, he spoke little, but when he did he was usually brief to the point, but with an explosive manner.

He immediately supported the South when war broke out in 1861. He was commissioned a colo-



By: George Ballentine

Commander's Call

June has been a calm month and much welcomed after April and May events. There are more events on the horizon, and I hope everyone takes part in as many as possible to celebrate their Southern Heritage and honor their Confederate ancestors.

The 2004 Texas Division Convention is now history, and we got a lot of pointers for our Convention next year. As you know, we are the host for the 2005 Convention and we have a lot of work left to do. I expect every camp member to step up and offer your services to a committee in which you have an interest. I know I can count on you.

July will start out fast with the Belton 4th of July Parade on the 3rd. We have been invited by our Division Commander to join him in the Spring Ho Parade in Lampasas on July 10th. I don't have all of the details, yet, but will get them out as they come available. Compatriot Rocky Sprott plans to have the float there, too. Compatriot James Kinnear and I will not be able to join you, though. We will be manning our Camp Store raising funds for the camp from July 8-11th. Come out and support us, if you can.

Our dinner meeting on Saturday, July 17th, will feature Brad Johnson speaking on the Confederate Medal of Honor. This will be a good program, so don't miss it. The meeting

will be at Golden Corral in Temple starting at 7:00 p.m. The meal will be plated, not buffet, and we have a back door entrance so we don't have to walk through the dining room to get to our meeting room. Bring a friend or relative and show them who we are.

I will be in South Carolina from July 21st, so I will be leaving 1st Lt. Commander James Kinnear in charge. If you need anything in my absence please contact him. I will also be attending the National Convention July 28-30 in Dalton, Georgia, and will be back shortly after that. Compatriots John Perry and Jerry Nelson will be attending, also.

Our camp is getting stronger and we continue to be very active. We are the largest camp in the Central Texas Brigade and need to continue to increase our numbers. If you know someone who is interested, bring them to a meeting. If you are too busy to help them get into the camp, contact 2nd Lt. Gordon Mobley, our camp recruiter, and he will take over and help them.

If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital, please notify Chaplain J. Paul Carter. He should be kept informed, and may be able to help in your time of sorrow or distress. But you must let him know.

I hope to see you all at the dinner meeting. I will

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Camp Schedule

July 8, 2004 Spring Ho Festival, Lampasas. Camp Store to be set up—NEED VOLUNTEERS

July 17, 2004 Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: Brad Johnson, Subject: CSA Medal of Honor

July 28-31, 2004 SCV National Reunion, Dalton, GA

August 10, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: Bell County Attorney, Rick Miller, Topic: "Sam Bass."

September 11-12, 2004 Fort Griffin Reenactment, Albany, TX. Camp Store to be set up—NEED VOLUNTEERS

September 14, 2004 Camp Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: Stephanie Turnham

September 17-19, 2004 Battle of Sabine Pass Reenactment, Sabine Pass, TX. Camp Store to be set up—NEED VOLUNTEERS

October 1-3, 2004 Granbury Reenactment, Glen Rose, TX. Camp Store to be set up—NEED VOLUNTEERS

October 9, 2004 Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: TBA

October 16-19, 2004 Ogle-tree Gap Festival, Copperas Cove, TX. Camp Store to be set up—NEED VOLUNTEERS

Next Camp Meeting:
July 17th
7:00 P.M. at
Golden Corral,
Restaurant,
Temple, TX

Watie Honored in June

On June 26th the Sons of Confederate Veterans hosted a special ceremony in the Cherokee Nation near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, to honor Confederate Brigadier General Stand Watie. Watie's Confederate Cross had been placed on his grave by the United Daughters of the Confederacy before World War I and historians figure it was stolen within a few years.

The Confederate Cross, which weighs about twenty-five pounds, was located in Tulsa flea market a number of years ago where Jim Lyerla, a history and archaeology buff from Pittsburg, Kan., paid \$500 for it. In a chance meeting with Bob

Freeman he discovered what he had. He sold it to

the SCV Camp in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the camp Freeman belongs to, for \$800. The Camp in return donated it to the Cherokee Nation.

The ceremonies were held with about 300 people in attendance, including Ron Wilson, the SCV's Commander-in-Chief and John Perry, the SCV's Commander of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi.

The Confederate Cross was presented to the Cherokee Nation and will be displayed in the Cherokee Heritage Center. A replica of the Confederate Cross has been placed at Watie's gravesite near Grove, Oklahoma.



Marker honoring Confederate General Stand Watie in Tahlequah, OK.

Confederate Cross
of Honor
Returned to the
Cherokee Nation

Last Confederate Widow

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in 1998 at age 97. Jane-

croppers on December 4,
1906, in Danley's Cross-

she was 11. At 18, she
met a cab driver named



way wasn't invited to the Gettysburg event because, at the time, no one outside her family knew her whereabouts.

Mrs. Martin was born Alberta Stewart to share-

Mrs. Martin's Casket with Honor Guard

roads, Alabama, a tiny settlement built around a sawmill 70 miles south of Montgomery.

Her mother died when

Howard Farrow, and they had a son before Farrow died in a car accident in 1926. Stewart, her father and her son moved to Opp, Alabama. Just up the road lived William Jasper Martin,

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Cherokee General

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 1864, Watie and his Cherokees participated in the Second Battle of Cabin



Battle flag of the 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles

Creek. There they captured a Federal supply wagon train, capturing about \$1.5 million in Union supplies.

Watie was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on May 6, 1864. He was the only Indian, North or South, to achieve the
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Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Subject:
 True or False Quiz

The following questions are either true or false :

Simon Bolivar Buckner:

Question #1
 T F was demoted from general to colonel following his surrender of Ft. Donelson.

Question #2
 T F was the last surviving Confederate officer over the rank of brigadier general at the time of his death in 1914.

Wade Hampton:

Question #3
 T F personally op-

posed slavery bit followed South Carolina when it seceded.

Question #4
 T F organized and equipped a legion of infantry, artillery and cavalry at his own expense.

The Williams Rapid Fire Gun:

Question #5
 T F was the first true machine gun used in battle.

Question #6
 T F had a range of 600 yards.

Answers: F, T, T, F, F, T, T, F

Camp Participates
 for the 8th
 Straight Year in
 Belton Parade

Camp Marches in the Belton 4th of July Parade

For the 8th year in a row the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 participated in the annual Belton

4th of July Parade. The camp had its own float this year. The float featured a Confederate Cross and the

words "Celebrate Your Confederate Heritage."
Below: Participants pose in front of the float in Belton.



Last Confederate Widow

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a widower born in Georgia in 1845 who had a \$50-a-month Confederate veteran's pension.

The 81-year-old man struck up a few conversations with the 21-year-old neighbor and a marriage of convenience was born. "I had this little boy and I needed some help to raise him," Alberta Martin recalled in a 1998 interview.

They were married on December 10, 1927, and 10 months later had a son, William. She said her husband never talked much about the war, except the harsh times at Petersburg, Virginia.

William Jasper Martin died on July 8, 1931. Two months later, Alberta Martin married her late husband's grandson, Charlie Martin. He died in 1983.

Martin's older son, Harold Farrow of North Little Rock, Arkansas, died last June. Her younger son, Willie Martin, lives in Elba.

Alberta Martin was buried with full military honors at New Ebenezer Baptist Church six miles west of Elba on June 12th.

Cherokee General

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rank of general. Upon his promotion he was given the command of the First Indian Brigade.



United States Postage stamp issued on June 29, 1995 honoring Stand Watie. It shows Watie mounted, after a raid on a Union gunboat.

Watie did not lay down his arms until June 23, 1865, surrendering to Union officers in Doaksville, Oklahoma.

He was the last Confederate general to cease fighting. After the war, Watie served as a member of the Cherokee delegation that negotiated the Cherokee Reconstruction Treaty of 1866. After the signing of the treaty, Watie retired from public life, settling in at his home in Honey Springs, Oklahoma. He was a farmer and tried his hand in several business ventures. He died at his home on September 9, 1871.

Division Reunion

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Immediate past camp commander, Steve Wooley, was elected the Central Texas Brigade's 2nd Lieutenant Commander.

Commander's Call

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have a briefing on the 2004 Texas Division Convention in Nacogdoches. The Colors are still flying on the Confederate Monument in Belton, since April 25, 2004.



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