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Cotton Patch in Temple Mall is New Location

CAMP TO CHANGE MEETING LOCATION

For the eighth time since the Camp's inception in 1988 a new meeting location has been selected. Because of the number of complaints about the food at the Golden Corral and over the size of the meeting room, the Camp has relocated to the Cotton Patch Cafe at the Temple Mall.

The only change to meeting times in the change over is that the August meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday, August 16th. The regular meetings for the rest of the year will fall on the 2nd Tuesday as before. Dinner meetings will be announced, but will usually fall on the 2nd Saturday.

The meeting room will cost the camp \$100.00

per meeting. This will be offset by the number of members and guests who come early to eat or just have coffee and dessert, etc. If you plan to eat before the meeting, arrive a



bit early and order before the meeting starts. The Camp is working out a system whereby all orders are credited toward the rental fee of the room. The Camp hopes more people will come and eat and meet

and support the camp. The food is prepared after the order is taken and is much better than the Golden Corral food.

The current plan is to hold all the quarterly dinner meetings at the Cotton Patch. As before, as members arrive they pay the Adjutant the meal rate, and order from a special menu. The price quoted for each meal will include tea and/or coffee, dessert, and gratuity.

When the camp was first formed in 1988, the initial camp meetings were held at the home of camp founder, John C. Perry, who at that time lived in Temple. As the camp membership grew the camp needed more meet-

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Camp Social Set For Aug. 6th

A social has been set for Saturday, August 6th, at the Cyclone BBQ in Cyclone, TX. The reason, if we really need one, is to celebrate the successful Division Reunion in June. We have received many kudos for our efforts, and we want to celebrate the successful event.

All compatriots, family

members and guests are invited. You do not have to have been involved with the planning or attended the Reunion to come, everyone is encouraged to come.

Cyclone BBQ is a very popular place this time of year. We are asking everyone to try and arrive no later than 5:00 PM. so we

can all arrange to sit together. It will be "pay as you go" for everyone. It is an all you care to eat, so come hungry.

To reach the Cyclone BBQ go east on Hwy. 53 through Zabcikville. At "Dead Man's Curve" turn right on FM 485 go about a mile and then turn Right on FM 964.



CONFEDERATE PROFILE SCV HERO



Peter W. Orlebeke
Served In Every
SCV Leadership
Position From
Camp
Commander to
Commander-in-
Chief

Editor's Note: Normally this page tells the story of one of our Confederate heroes. This edition is no different, but it tells the story of a modern day Confederate hero, Pete Orlebeke, who "crossed over the river" on July 4th.

He was a big man, with a big heart, and a great big love for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The SCV mourns the loss of a true Confederate hero, Peter William Orlebeke on July 4, 2005.

Pete was born on June 28, 1940, in San Angelo, Texas, to John William and Lorene Curry Orlebeke. He was a sixth-generation Texan and descendant of pioneers of Freestone County including 11 Confederate soldiers, two of whom being his great-grandfathers, Captain Peter R. McSwane, 12th Texas Infantry, and Sgt. Wilborn Curry, 37th Arkansas Infantry.

Pete graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1962 where he was initiated into Sigma Chi Fraternity, Alpha Nu Chapter. He served six years service in the United States Army Reserve and received an Honorable Discharge.

After his service to his country Pete settled in Dallas, where he joined LTV Aerospace/Kentron Hawaii and later provided services as a technical publications consultant specializing in telecommunications sys-

tems. He was also a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor.

Pete married his lovely wife Carolyn McWhirter, from Longview, 35 years ago. They have been members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church for 33

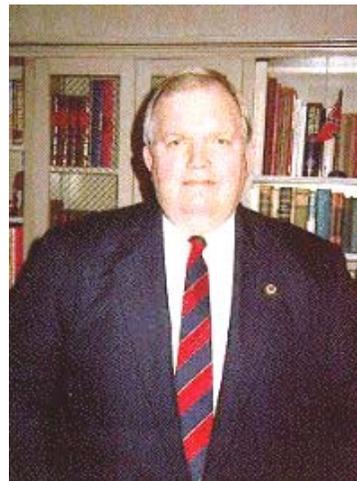
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Honors bestowed on Pete are too numerous to name. Some include Admiral of the Texas Navy; Honorary Admiral in the Great State of Alabama Navy; Honorary Order of Kentucky Colonels; Tennessee Squires; Honorary Colonel of Alabama Militia; Honorary Citizen of the State of Oklahoma; Advisory Board of Directors for the Confederate Research Center at Hill College, Hillsboro; and Honorary Chairman of the Albert Sidney Johnston Confederate Debutante Ball, River Oaks Country Club, Houston, where for the past 15 years he led the singing of a rousing rendition of *Dixie*.

Pete was the Division Commander when John C. Perry re-established the SCV Camp in Temple. According to John, "We would have never gotten this camp off the ground without the help of Pete." As a result of them working together the two became lifelong friends.

Pete is survived by his wife Carolyn and many cousins including Peter W. Curry Jr.; W.R. Will; Marshall McSwane and Wanda McSwane Burks; and

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Peter William Orlebeke

years where Pete had served as president of the Board Couples Class.

Pete joined the SCV in 1981. He served as an officer in virtually every position with the organization. From Camp Commander to Division Commander to Army Commander Pete worked tirelessly to promote the SCV and bring structure and organization to the SCV.

As one friend recently said, "Pete may have had a job, but he devoted himself to the SCV, he lived and breathed to better the SCV."

Fittingly, in 1996 the



Commander's Call

By: George Ballentine

Summer is almost over and soon the kids will be going back to school. For our camp that also marks the beginning of the festival season. In order to keep setting up our camp store as a fund raiser for us we need to have some volunteers to help run the store. Without those volunteers, we will have no choice but to discontinue the camp store. If you wish to volunteer, please let me know. The list of events is always posted on the camp's web site.

I hope everyone will try to make the camp social at Cyclone BBQ on Saturday, August 6th. The food is supposed to be very good, and it will be a good time to get together with families and have some fun. The only other event scheduled for August is out camp meeting on the 16th. We will have a briefing about what happened at the National Convention in Nashville.

Please remember that we are now meeting at the Cotton Patch in the Temple Mall. Parking can be tough, so try to arrive a bit early, especially if you plan to eat first. The room is going to cost us \$100.00 each time we meet. We can offset that cost by coming early to the meeting and eating or just having coffee and dessert. If you do come to eat, arrive in time to eat before the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

It won't be long before camp elections will be on

us again. If you would like to put your name in the hat for any of the camp offices, please let the Nominating Committee know. The committee will be decided upon at the September meeting. Nominations will be presented to the camp at the November meeting with elections being held at the December meeting. The strength of our camp is new ideas in the leadership roles. It's your turn to bring your ideas to that level.

Membership growth is always an important topic. We need to start bringing in new people who share our interests and desires to promote our Confederate Heritage. Talk to your friends, neighbors and co-workers about the SCV. Many have probably never heard of our organization and will appreciate the chance to join. Without a steady flow of new members our camp will begin to stagnate. We cannot let that happen, so let's get out there and recruit some new blood.

Camp Schedule

August 6, 2005 Camp Social, Cyclone BBQ in Cyclone, TX, 5:00 PM.

August 16, 2005 Camp's monthly meeting at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Steve Wooley, Topic: "The Battle of New Orleans—Southern Style"

September 3, 2005 Oatmeal Festival in Bertram, 10:00 AM. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

September 10, 2005 Setemberfest in Cranfills Gap, 9:00 AM. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

September 13, 2005 Camp's monthly meeting at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Mark Vogl, Topic: "Dixie's Greatest Secret, The Confederate Navy."

September 24, 2005 Cotton Harvest Festival, Moody, TX. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

Next Camp Meeting:
August 16th
7:00 P.M. at
Cotton
Patch Cafe,
Temple Mall,
Temple, TX



Reunion Photo

In our last issue we failed to carry a photo of two of the hardest workers at the June Division Reunion, Linda Kinnear and Steve Wooley. Some say Steve was the hardest working camp member at the Reunion, certainly no one worked any harder. We couldn't get a photo because the couple were always working so hard. Thanks to both Linda & Steve.

PS: You won the cutest couple award!

New Meeting Location

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ing space.

Beginning with the October 1988 meeting the camp began meeting in the local Mid Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross. The camp first met, in their downtown Temple location, on South 1st St., and later at their new location at the Veterans Administration complex in southeast Temple. The camp met at the Red Cross facilities through March of 1990.

In May, 1990 the camp moved its meeting location to what is now known as Temple College. Camp member Dr. Weldon Cannon helped in securing the new location.

The camp then began a nearly 13 year stay at King's Daughters Hospital, beginning in November of 1990. The Camp left King's Daughters after the hospital needed the space due to, "the increased demand of the internal use of our meeting rooms." In May of 2003, the camp moved to a meeting room at Scott & White Hospital. The camp meet there until June of 2004 when the meetings were moved to the Golden Corral Restaurant.

SCV Hero

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Ronald W. Orlebeke. Memorial services were held at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas on July 9th, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Scates, Senior Pastor, assisted by Rev. John Killian, Senior Pastor of Maytown Baptist Church, Maytown, Alabama.

This service was followed by an interment ceremony near Teague in Freestone County with the eulogy given by W.R. McSwane. Pete rests in Salem Cemetery, the land having been given by Pete's great-great grandfather and Confederate Veteran, Maj. William H. McSwane.

Pallbearers were James N. Vogler, Jr.; Patrick J. Griffin III; William Earl Faggert; Edward Overton Cailleateau; Steven S. von Roeder; Ronald W. Wilkinson; Mark Mueller and John C. Perry.



The Val Verde Battery fires a gun salute to Pete Orlebeke at graveside ceremonies at Salem Cemetery near Teague.

The battery was manned by men from the SCV's J. L. Halbert Camp #359 from Corsicana (Photo: Dana Stubbs)

Honorary pallbearers were J. Evetts Haley Jr.; Ralph Green; Patrick J. Hardy, M.D.; Steven J. Lucas; Anthony H o d g e s , D.D.S.; George A. Perry; G. Ronald Aldis; B.D. Patterson, D.D.S.; and Sonny Carwile.

Texas Division Commander Ron

Strybos has proclaimed a 30-day period of mourning in honor of Pete.

Memorials may be sent payable to the Order of Southern Cross c/o Ronald W. Wilkinson, 612 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas 75165, and marked "Pete Orlebeke Memorial Fund".



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