

Confederate Gazette

Confederate Symbols Under Fire

Confederate symbol received a one-two punch in the month of June which has produced a national anti-Confederate rage. First the Supreme Court ruled for the State of Texas and against the Texas Division, SCV on the Division's request for specialty license plates.

This ruling which seems to go against the First Amendment effectively ends any opportunity for the Division to have the SCV logo on a specialty plate. This could adversely effect the other states where the SCV has its logo, with the Confederate Battleflag. Governors in Virginia and North Carolina have already called for the removal of the SCV plates.

The second blow was following the horrific church murders in Charleston, SC on June 17th. Photos of the



murderer showed him with a Confederate Battleflag and he had a front license plate with Confederate flags on it.

That event seemed to spark a national outrage against all things Confederate. As we go to press, the Confederate

Battleflag will likely be removed from the South Carolina capitol grounds. The Alabama governor removed all the Confederate flags from their state capitol grounds. Many national retailers including Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon and eBay and others removed all products which bore a Confederate Battleflag image.

The Battleflag, which has been under siege for many years by the NAACP and other organizations, is now commonly referred to as a flag that should be confined to a museum. Calls for the removal of Confederate statues has also been heard.

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Division Reunion A Success!

The 118th Texas Division Reunion was held in Temple on June 5-7th, hosted by the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250.

A very large turnout attended the Reunion drawn by an election year and the central location of Temple.

Greetings were brought by State Representative Molly



State Rep Molly White welcomes SCVers to Temple.

White, who received a standing ovation. Also Temple City Councilman Tim Davis welcomed attendees to Temple and read a Mayoral Proclamation, from Temple Mayor Danny Dunn.

In the Division elections Gary Bray was elected as the new Commander

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Longstreet's Aid



**Thomas Jewett
Goree**

**Served as
Longstreet's aide
through the war**

Even though born in Alabama he was a Texan through and through. He answered his state's call for men to serve the Confederacy and returned home to Texas in 1865. He served his state as the head of the Texas prison system.

Thomas Jewett Goree was born in Marion, Perry County, Alabama November 14, 1835 to Dr. Langston James and Sarah Williams (Kittrell) Goree. Goree, who went by the name "T.J." was the eldest of six children who survived infancy. He attended Howard College in Marion and then moved with his family to Texas in 1850.

The family settled in Huntsville. After his father's death in 1853 Goree attended Baylor College where he earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree. By 1858 he was practicing law first in Montgomery then later in Houston.

When war broke out Goree volunteered his services to the

Confederacy. Headed to New Orleans from Galveston on a steamer, Goree met Major James Longstreet who had resigned his US Army commission and was headed to Virginia. Goree and Longstreet became friends and Goree became an aide to Longstreet serving with his First Corps from Manassas to Appomattox.

Goree was a prolific writer, with letters home and by keeping a diary. He was an unabashed Texan writing to his mother, "Any letter from Texas, no matter how short, or on what subject, always affords me much pleasure and satisfaction." He also was an ardent secessionist writing, "I advocated Secession, believing that we would have to fight to sustain it. I am ready to do it, and more than willing." He also was willing to give his utmost for the Southern cause, writing to his sister he said, "I know that I love life and the pleasures of it as well as anyone, but

I feel, or pray I feel, willing if necessary to sacrifice it for the good of my country."

During the war Goree was never hit, although he had several horses shot under him and had some bullet holes in his uniforms. He was with Longstreet at the surrender and then accompanied Longstreet to his home in Alabama post surrender. From there Goree travelled home to Texas. He rejoined his mother at Raven Hill Plantation near Huntsville. His mother had purchased the property from Sam Houston in 1858.

In 1868 Goree married Elizabeth Thomas Nolley, who was the principal of Andrew Female College at Huntsville. Together they would have five children. In 1869 they moved to the Moffattville Plantation near Midway in Madison County. Goree started a mercantile business and his wife organized a school.

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Goree and Longstreet Postwar

Thomas Jewett Goree served as Lieutenant General James Longstreet's aide-de-camp for most of the war.

After Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia, Goree remained with Longstreet and travelled with Longstreet as he journeyed

back home from Virginia.

Goree kept a diary of their travels back through the war torn South. Goree eventually settled in Huntsville and Longstreet in New Orleans. They continued to keep in touch.

Goree's war time and post war

writings survived and his collection of written works is in the LSU Library in Baton Rouge.

Goree's war time letters, post-war diary, and letters to Longstreet and other Confederate officers was published in 1995 in the book *Longstreet's Aide*.

June Camp Meeting

By Michael E. Belcher

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Mary Duty, who teaches history in a middle school teacher in Waco, Texas. Mary and her husband own Poppa Rollo's Pizza Parlor in Waco, and they are very supportive of Confederate and Southern Heritage events and groups. Mary is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mary spoke about the history curriculum that Texas History teachers teach in Texas.

Mary outlined the training that history teachers receive, and told us about the latitude that individual teachers have in presenting both sides of the story of Southern Independence. She was asked lots of questions and the presentation was warmly received by the Camp Members that were present.

Commander Belcher outlined many of the events of the Texas Division Reunion, and thanked all members that supported the camp by participating in the event. The newly elected Division and 7th Brigade officers were announced,

including our own Jimmy Dossey, who will serve as the new 7th Brigade Commander. The amendments that were voted on were covered; which ones passed and those that failed to pass. The camp discussed other organizations and individuals that we need to thank for supporting us during the reunion.

A motion was made to present the Bell County United Daughters of the Confederacy with a Certificate of Appreciation, and also a \$300 contribution.

Awards from the Texas Division were presented: Gold Crosses for Meritorious Service were presented to: Michael E. Belcher, Jimmy Dossey, James Al Harris, John C. Perry, and Rev. Dewey D. Wheat. The Silver Cross for Meritorious Service was presented to Terry M. Tyler. Bronze Crosses for Meritorious Service were presented to Michael S. Harris, Ralph Snyder and Judy Tyler. Texas Division Honor Awards went to Darlene Dossey, Mason DuBose and Linda Wooley.

July Meeting

The July meeting of the Robert M. White Camp #1250 will be held at the Ratibor Grill on July 11th at 6:00 PM.

The speaker for the event will be Sally Berrando who will speak on her Confederate ancestor, Dr. Welborn Barton, a leading Bell county citizen in the mid-1800s and a Confederate veteran.

Ratibor Grill has a Temple address, 10226 Farm-To-Market 2086, Temple, TX 76501, but is located east of Temple on FM 2086.

From Temple take Adams Avenue east out of town. Adams Avenue changes to State Highway 53 and stay on State Highway 53. From where State Highway 53 intersects with Loop 363 the turn for FM 2086 is about 6 miles. Turn left off State Highway 53 where FM 2086 intersects Highway 53. Stay on FM 2086 and the Ratibor Grill will be on your right after a big curve.

The event will also celebrate the Camp's most successful hosting of the Division Reunion

Speaker at July meeting will be Sally Berrando

Camp Schedule

July 11, 2015

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting at Ratibor Grill, 6:00 PM. Speaker: Sally Berrando who will speak on her Confederate ancestor, Dr. Welborn Barton, a leading Bell county citizen in the mid-1800s and a Confederate veteran.

July 4, 2015

Camp to participate in the annual Belton 4th of July Parade. see above article.

August 11, 2015

Camp's Regular Meeting Social at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM, at the Temple Public Library's McLane Room, 3rd



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September 14, 2015

Camp's Regular Meeting 7:00 PM, Location and speaker TBD.

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Ratibor Grill
10226 FM 2086
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4th of July Parade

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will march in the Belton 4th of July parade for the 20th consecutive year.

As in past years the Camp float will be on a trailer and we will line up on Crusader Way on the UMHB campus in approximately the same area as last year. Our float number is Purple 124 and stakes will be out to show where each numbered float is to be located. Be at the float by 9:00 AM.

The only way to get to Crusader Way on the day of the parade is to take Loop 121 and exit on to Crusader Way. Do not try to reach the staging area by way of Main Street as it will be closed.

Parking will be in a parking lot near our staging area. It is suggested that you ride the float back to the staging area post parade.

We have permission to bring rifles, but they are not to be fired. Bring folding chairs if you want to sit on the float.

Division Reunion

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of the Texas Division, David McMahon, 1st Lt. Commander, Robert Rubel, 2nd Lt. Commander, and Ray Wainner, 3rd Lt. Commander. Camp member Jimmy Dossey was elected as the Commander of the 7th Brigade.

Confederate Symbols

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Most of the Republican presidential contenders called for removal of the flag. Texan Ted Cruz only said that it was a state issue.

Rand Paul, whose father has been a staunch supporter of the flag,

said of the Battleflag ""I think the flag is inescapably a symbol of human bondage and slavery."

Even the National Park Service has removed all items with the Battleflag on it from its gift shops. Will the Battleflags in the museums be next?

T.J. Goree

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In 1873 they moved back to Huntsville where Goree practiced law. He was appointed to the Texas Prisons board and in 1877 he was appointed the superintendent of the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, and later to superintendent of penitentiaries. He served in that role for 14 years. In 1893 he relocated to

Galveston where he worked for the Texas Land and Loan Company.

Goree was in Galveston when the horrendous 1900 hurricane hit the city. On March 5, 1905 Goree died of pneumonia at the age of 69 in Galveston. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. The Goree unit of the Texas Department of Corrections was named in his honor in 1935.