

Confederate Gazette

Lee-Jackson Dinner Held

Fifty people attended the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250's 28th annual Lee-Jackson Dinner in Temple on January 16th.

The speaker for the event was John C. Perry, who is the Camp's founder, past Camp Commander, past Texas Division Commander, past Commander of the Army of the Trans Mississippi and a

former Chief of Heritage Defense for the SCV.



Camp officers for 2016 being sworn in by Brigade Commander Jimmy Dossey

New officers were installed at the event by Brigade

Commander Jimmy Dossey. Installed were Terry M. Tyler of Killeen as Camp Commander; Rev. Dr. Dewey D. "Buddy" Wheat, Jr. of Gatesville as 1st Lieutenant Commander; James Edwin Bozeman of Temple as 2nd Lieutenant Commander; Michael E. Belcher of Belton as the Camp Adjutant; and Mason W. DuBose of Temple as the Color Sergeant.

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Houston ISD To Change School Names

The Houston ISD school board voted 5 to 4 on January 14th to change the name of four Houston ISD schools which were originally named after men who served in the Confederacy.

The schools, Henry Grady, Richard Dowling and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson middle schools and Robert E. Lee

High School will have their name changed after a committee, at each school, has had time to study alternative

then be presented to the Superintendent and considered by the school board at their May meeting.



Name on Stonewall Jackson Junior High (now middle school) in Houston, built in 1925.

names. Each committee will be composed of a teacher, student, parent and alumni, and will be charged with proposing a new name. The proposed new names will

School Board trustees agreed to remove four schools from the renaming list. Lanier and Johnston middle schools and Davis and Reagan high schools will not be immediately changed so as to allow for additional discussion.



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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Confederate Private



**Edwin Francis
Jemison**

**Jemison
served in the
2nd Louisiana
Regiment**

His photograph, in a Confederate uniform, is one of the most well known photographs of the war. The iconic photograph, likely taken when he was just 16 years old, shows the very innocence and naiveté of a child turning into a man going to war.

Edwin Francis Jemison was born on December 1, 1844 in Milledgeville, Georgia. His parents were Robert W. Jemison and Sarah Stubbs Jemison. He was the middle child of three sons born to the Jemison's well to do family. At some point prior to the war the Jamison family settled in Louisiana.

When the war began the 16 year-old Jamison answered the call of duty by enlisted in the Confederate Army. He became a private in Company I of the 2nd Louisiana Infantry. The entire 2nd Louisiana formally entered Confederate service on May 11, 1861, signing up for a one-year tour of duty. Likely

due to his very young age, Jemison was initially assigned to "special duty" under Confederate General John Magruder. He was later assigned to Company B of the 2nd Louisiana.

The 2nd Louisiana would be quickly assigned to the Confederate Department of the Peninsula in Virginia later in May of 1861 under the command of West Point graduate, Lafayette McLaws. After arriving in Richmond the 2nd Louisiana worked building fortifications in Yorktown and later at Williamsburg. Records indicate that Jemison was hospitalized in Williamsburg due to illness in December of 1861. After spending the winter of 1861-62 in the Yorktown area Jamison and the 2nd Louisiana saw its first action at the Battle of Lee's Mills on April 16, 1862 driving Federal forces back in the hour long battle. In the spring of 1862 Jamison was again transferred within the 2nd Louisiana to Company C.

As Union General George B.

McClellan's massive Federal army moved up the Virginia peninsula towards Richmond, Jamison and the 2nd Louisiana was part of Robert E. Lee's Confederate defenses. Lee had replaced Joseph E. Johnston on June 1, 1862 after Johnston was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines. Later in June McClellan began his assault up the peninsula with Richmond as his ultimate goal. A series of six battles were fought over seven days and known as the Seven Days Battles from June 25 to July 1, 1862. The 2nd Louisiana, serving in Howell Cobb's brigade, saw no action in the Seven Days Battles until Malvern Hill.

The final Seven Days battle was at Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862. The fight was a tactical Union victory, but the overly cautious McClellan withdrew his army after the battle and the threat against Richmond was over. The Confederates sent about

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2nd Louisiana Infantry

The 2nd Louisiana Infantry was organized at Camp Walker in New Orleans on May 11, 1861. All members originally committed to a one year tour of duty. There were 1,063 men in the original regiment.

They were assigned to Virginia in May of 1861 and initially

served in the fighting on the peninsula. They saw action at Lee's Mill, Malvern Hill, Cedar Mountain, 2nd Manassas, Harpers Ferry, Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg in 1862.

In 1863 the unit fought at Chancellorsville, 2nd Winchester, and at Gettysburg.

The unit served in 1864 at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Lynchburg Campaign, Monocacy, Kernstown, Shepherdstown, 3rd Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and at the Petersburg siege.

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Lee-Jackson Dinner Photos

Photos: Right, Attendees gathered at the Gober Party House; Middle left: Terry Tyler presents Michael E. Belcher with a past commander's pin; Middle right: Ralph Snyder receives the Albert Sidney Johnston award; Bottom left: Linda Woolley announces Michael E. Belcher as the 2015 winner of the George Ballantine award; Bottom right: John C. Perry speaking.

(Photos by John and Sandra Perry)



**New Officers
Installed for
2016 at
Lee-Jackson**



Camp Award Winners

George Ballantine Award

Michael E. Belcher

Albert Sidney Johnston Award

Ralph Snyder

John Bell Hood Award

James Bozeman and Mason DuBose

Lawrence "Sul" Ross Award

Michael E. Belcher, Ricky Copp, Jimmy Dossey, Milton Lentz, Michael Harris, Michael Moore, John L. Larson, Jr., John C. Perry, Earl Soudelier, Terry Tyler, Dr. Buddy Wheat, and Steve Wooley



Camp Schedule

February 9, 2016

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

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March 8, 2016

Camp's Regular Meeting 6:00

April 9, 2016

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM
PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, Cotton Patch Café,



Temple Mall. Speaker to be determined.

May 10, 2016 Camp Meeting

**Next Camp Meeting:
February 9th
Cotton Patch Café
Temple Mall
6:00 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting**

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Linda Wooley announced the winner of the George Ballentine award, which was presented to Michael E. Belcher for his outstanding service and devotion to the Camp during the last year, which included the highly successful hosting of the Division Reunion. This was Belcher's second time to win the award, the first Camp member with that distinction.

Perry spoke on "The State of the Confederacy." He described two events in 2015 which had a disastrous impact on Confederate symbols across the country.

He discussed why the very strong

anti Confederate reaction has occurred and the things which men and women in the South can do to help stem the anti Confederate backlash. Perry received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

A number of Camp awards were presented by Commander Michael E. Belcher. A complete list of all the awards and the winners is listed on page three.

New Camp Commander Terry Tyler presented outgoing Commander Michael E. Belcher with a Past-Commander's pin.

A silent auction, that raised \$200.00, was held at the event.

Confederate Private

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30,000 men into battle at Malvern Hill and suffered about 5,600 casualties that day. The 2nd Louisiana was in the thick of the fighting at Malvern Hill and lost a colonel, a major, along with 30 enlisted men killed and 152 wounded. One of the enlisted men killed was Jemison. Reports say he was killed by a Union artillery blast.

Some controversy has risen over just where Jemison is buried. It is very likely that he was buried on or near the battlefield. Some think his family later sent for his body and he was reburied in Milledgeville. Because of his famous photograph a number of

people have carefully researched the issue. There is an old period marker at Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville in the Jemison family plot, but some think it was simply a memorial and not a grave marker. Some researchers simply think he was buried immediately after the battle and remains still today in Virginia soil as an unknown Confederate.

2nd Louisiana

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In 1865 the 2nd Louisiana fought at Hatcher's Run, Fort Stedman, Petersburg final assault, Saylor's Creek, and surrendered at Appomattox Court House with only 3 officers and 41 men.