



“The General’s Aide”

**Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



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From The Editor

Special Dates of Interest:

January 1, 2024 - Happy New Year.

January 18, 2024 - Gen. Tom Green Camp 1613 meeting at Ft. Concho LHSC, 7:00 pm.

February 23-25, 2024 - School of the Piece—Artillery Training at Ft. Concho.

Happy New Year Compatriots! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Speaking of, we had a great Christmas Party at the Ft. Concho Commissary Building. Lots of food and great fellow-

er P-365 raffle and there were lots of interesting things up for auction at the party. Commander Johnson was presented the National Meritorious Service

Award by 2nd Brigade Commander, Bob Hazelwood.



Bob Hazelwood, 2nd Brigade Commander, presenting the National Meritorious Service Award to Commander Ray Johnson.

Several members also attended the Fairmount Cemetery’s Board of Directors meeting held December 16th. Those in attendance were allowed to make comments. Whether any action will be taken to amend their tyrannical policy is yet to be seen.

We lost a great Compatriot, Steve Parnell, in December. A Memorial is in the planning stages to be held in the spring. Stay tuned for more information as it comes available.

As we begin this new year, let us all be mindful of the many blessings that we have. Watch each other’s back as we defend our Ancestors and the right



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ship. Commander Johnson announced the winner of our Heritage Fund Sig Sau-

And The Winner Is...

Our fund raising raffle was a great success. The lucky winner would be the proud owner of a Sig Sauer P-365. And that winner is: Chad Eivens of San Angelo. Chad is the owner of Chad’s Refrigeration, a commercial refrigeration company.

Pictured are Camp members, Mike Taylor, Rod Smith, Chad Eivens (winner of Sig) and Steve Melton. Congratulations to Chad! A special



‘Thank You’ to the Texas Gun Shop.



He Died in Place of His Brother by Dr. Michael Bradley

Today, a crumbling limestone shaft on the lawn of the courthouse in Fayetteville, Tennessee, is a reminder of an event that is both an example of a tragedy and an act of bravery from the days of the Civil War.

The inscription on the stone marker commemorates the deaths on July 15, 1864, of three civilian residents of the town: William Pickett, Franklin Burroughs, and John R. Massey.

Although the main armies were deep in north Georgia in July 1864, Middle Tennessee was something of a "no-man's land," with small garrisons of Union soldiers surrounded by numerous bands of irregular, or guerilla, fighters who supported the Confederacy. U.S. general Eleazer A. Payne, in command of the area, had resorted to drastic measures in opposition to these guerillas. On July



Monument: John Massey, William Pickett and Frank Burroughs Memorial Stone in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

15, Payne led a detachment of U.S. cavalry into the town of Fayetteville and began arresting citizens. Payne announced that three of these citizens would be executed at 3:00 that afternoon if information was not given to him about the location of guerilla encampments.

The names of the three men chosen for execution were William Pickett, Franklin Burroughs, and Thomas Massey. Pickett had come to town to make some needed purchases at the general store. Burroughs was making arrangements for his wedding, which was to be on July 16. And Thomas Massey was on his way to work. None of the men were guerillas, nor were they Confederate veterans.

About 1 p.m., a horse galloped along the street to the courthouse, and John Massey dismounted, loudly calling to the

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Wreaths Across America

Several Camp members were present at Belvedere Cemetery December 16th, for the Wreath's Across America event where wreaths were placed on the



graves of American Veterans. There was a brief ceremony before the volunteers began distributing the

wreaths which represented and honored each branch of Our military as well as those who are MIA/POW. Also, present were members of the new Sons of the American Revolution Daniel Wood Chapter 22.



Gen. Nathaniel Banks and his Federal forces spent the spring of 1864 slowly making their way up the Red River but were repulsed by Confederate forces in battle near Mansfield, Louisiana.



Had U.S. troops managed to fight through and capture Shreveport, the East Texas supply depots in Marshall and Jefferson would have been targeted next, cutting off Texas and her war material from the Confederate effort. 150+ years later, a slightly less wild-and-wooly Jefferson celebrates American history by hosting the largest Civil War reenactment in

Battle for Jefferson, Texas

Texas. The one-time "King of Spades" river port becomes a palette for living history, with troops, civilians and sutlers camped throughout the downtown historic district.

The production of this event is a partnership between the re-enactors affiliated with the Trans-Mississippi Volunteer Infantry and a special committee of Jefferson volunteers under the auspices of the Historic Jefferson Foundation. A portion of the proceeds from each event will be used to support historic preservation and restoration projects in Jefferson and Marion County. Remaining funds are used as seed money for future events.

All in all, the Battle for Jefferson is a fine flight of fancy played out in the field and on the streets. For this one magical weekend each year, the historic river port returns to her commercial heyday.

Registration and info can be found at the website: <http://battleforjefferson.com/>.



He Died in Place of His Brother by Dr. Michael Bradley (con't)

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guards that he needed to see General Payne. On being led to see the general, Massey said that his brother, Thomas, had never been in the Confederate army, that he had only recently married, and his wife was expecting their first child. Then



U.S. General Eleazer A. Payne

John said, "I was in the army but was discharged due to health. If you want Massey blood, take mine and let my brother go." General Payne agreed.

At 3 p.m., John Massey walked to the edge of town, along with Pickett and Burroughs, guarded

by U.S. soldiers. At a point near the current public library,

the group halted and, according to the testimony of one of the soldiers involved, the three hostages were told to say their prayers. Burroughs and Franklin fell to their knees, but Massey said, "Stand up to pray. Don't let these dogs think you are kneeling to them." Then, ripping his shirt open, Massey said, "Do you so-called soldiers think you can hit this target at this close range? Aim right here." Shots then rang out.

At dusk, Miss Molly Goodrich, Burroughs' bride-to-be on the next day, ventured to the place where she had heard shots fired and found the bodies.

The actions of General Payne were in direct violation of the Articles of War as contained in General Orders #100, U.S. Army, but no action was taken against him for these murders, and he continued to engage in similar atrocities against Confederate civilians. John R. Massey remains a hero, a man who died in the place of his brother.

Source: The Fayetteville Times, April 12, 1915. On the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, the local paper interviewed residents of the area who were eyewitnesses to the war in Middle Tennessee. These included the surviving Massey brother and a latter from one of the U.S. soldiers who witnessed the execution.



Texas Divison

Confederate Heritage Month Celebration and Picnic!



Come Celebrate Confederate Heritage Month!

- Blanco State Park is located to the South of Blanco, TX at 101 Park Road 23, Blanco, TX 78606
- Location is 1 hr drive from SA, and Austin, 2 hrs from Waco, 3.5 hrs from Houston, and 4 hrs from Dallas.

April 20, 2024
Save the Date!
Blanco State Park
Blanco, TX
Lunch at 12 Noon

- The historic CCC built Picnic Pavillon sits on the banks overlooking the beautiful spring fed Blanco River
- Enjoy the Texas Hill Country in the Spring time.
- Hiking, fishing, and bird watching!
- Camping and RV Hook Ups are available
- Pavillon features a playground, kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and large bbq grill on site.
- Bring your favorite Dish for an old fashioned potluck!
- Important Note: \$5.00 entrance fee per person is required for entry to the park (children under the age of 12 are free).

Christmas at Old Ft. Concho

December brings us cooler weather, presents and Christmas at Old Ft. Concho. The event was well attended by visitors and participants alike. There was a good showing of our members in Good's Light Artillery, the Texas 7th Infantry and Ft. Concho's soldiers. There were representations of the wild west, settlers, Indians and World War II on the parade field. And it was not just a bunch of old folks dressing up, there were a dozen or so young children to teenagers roaming the field in true fashion... barefoot. There was a good attendance for the Living History day on Friday.





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To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

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THE SOLDIERS MUST BE SLIM AND HAVE AUTHENTIC OUTFITS. 2 OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WILL HAVE SPEAKING ROLES AND WILL BE FEATURED IN THE OPENING LINES OF THE MOVIE.

WHEN
FILMING WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 10TH - MARCH 20TH, 2024

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