



# “The General’s Aide”

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



March 2024

### Commander’s Briefing Room

#### Special Dates of Interest:

**March 1-2, 2024**—Ft. Clark Days, Brackettville, Texas.

**March 21, 2024**—Camp Meeting at Ft. Concho LHSC, 7:00 pm.

**March 23, 2024**—Texas Division DEC meeting in Waco, Texas.

**March 30, 2024**—Memorial for Steve Parnell at Ft. Chadbourne.

**March 31, 2024**—EASTER.

**April 6, 2024**—San Angelo Rodeo Parade.

**April 4-6, 2024**—Ft Griffin Living History & Rendezvous.

Greetings Compatriots and Friends, I hope all is well with you. As many already know, we lost a good friend and Compatriot, Robert Preston February 19<sup>th</sup>. You will find some information on his services within. Several of our Compatriots have experienced illness the last half of February including the wife and myself. Being sick is like moving, it is not fun! The world did not stop either so there are many events that have been planned and will be coming up in the next few months. This is the time of the year everyone plans their event hoping to have weather not too hot or too cold.

I will mention a few starting with Fort Clark Days in Brackettville March 1 & 2. Steve Parnell’s Memorial will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at Ft. Chadbourne. April 4-6<sup>th</sup> will be Ft. Griffin Living History

and Rendezvous just north of Albany, Texas. Also, that weekend on the 6<sup>th</sup> will be the San Angelo Rodeo Parade starting at 10:00 am. We discussed our part in this event and due to us not being able to secure a trailer for a float, we did not submit an application to participate. I have been in contact with the Menard Camp and anyone wishing to participate is welcome to ride with them. We will discuss this more in our next meeting.

Crawfish and Cannons will be at Ft. Belknap April 13<sup>th</sup> followed by series of events at Ft. Concho during April 18 -21<sup>st</sup>, the Cavalry Competition and Frontier Days. You will find more information and who to contact on our website. Look for the ‘Calendar’ tab under “Navigation.”

Until our next meeting.



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### Texas Confederate Heroes Day

The Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp #1441 in Midland, Texas held their Annual Texas Confederate Heroes Day January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairview Cemetery. Commander-elect Steve Melton was in attendance for the ceremony. The Midland



Camp remembers our Confederate Veterans interned in the cemetery which number about 43 and is the final resting place for the Camp’s former Adjutant, Tom Owens.

Afterwards, the group gathered at Dos Compadres for

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# 21st Annual Symposium - "Reunion"

If you should be traveling to Georgia in March, there is a symposium at the Kennesaw State University Center for the Study of the Civil War Era. This event is "free" and no registration is required. The KSU Center for the Study of the Civil War Era's 21st symposium features Steven Woodworth, author and historian; and Brian Steel Wills, author and the center's director, plus special guests.

"Reunion" Symposium, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024. Kennesaw State University Center for the Study of the Civil War Era. Room 400, KSU Center, 3333 George Busbee Dr., NW, Kennesaw, Georgia. Find more information at the center's website,

<https://radow.kennesaw.edu/cwc/index.php>



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**9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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## Fort Clark Days

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**REGISTRATION TO THE 2024 TEXAS DIVISION CONVENTION & REUNION OPENS - OFFICIALLY - NEXT MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH!!**

Registration forms are available on the official website at: <http://www.hoodstexasbrigade.net/2024-texas-division-convention.html>

**REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> !!!**

**WELCOME BACK TO MILITARY CITY USA!**

**127<sup>th</sup> TEXAS DIVISION REUNION**  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
**SAN ANTONIO**  
**JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

HOSTED BY:  
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**Hotel booking information and more details will follow soon!**

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Fort Clark Springs, Highway 90,  
Brackettville, TX 78832

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March 1 & 2, 2024

Fort Clark Days is sponsored by Fort Clark Springs Community Council, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Our two-day event helps us fulfill three of the six purposes of Fort Clark Springs Community Council (FCSCC):

- To assist in the education of the youth and general public in the history of Southwest Texas.
- To preserve, protect, and promote the Fort Clark Historic District for its citizens, the visiting public and future generations.
- To raise money to help achieve these goals.

# In Memory Of Robert Preston



Major at Fort Stockton Living History Unit for over 20 years. Robert will be missed deeply by all of his family and friends and his fur babies Mic, Gus, Bubbles and Peanut. Those left to cherish his loving memory are his wife, Reba Preston of Fort Stockton and daughter Brandy Waldrop and husband Howard of Fort Worth, Texas. Robert was preceded in death by his fur babies Roxie, Rocko, Duffy and Ginger. Services will be on March 9, 2024 at OQ8 on the Fort Ground at Fort Stockton, Texas beginning at 11:00 am. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel. Condolences to the family may be made online at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com).

Robert Preston, 70, of Fort Stockton, Texas passed away Monday, February 19, 2024. He was born on Sunday, May 31, 1953 in Dallas, Texas. Robert was a loving husband and father, he also owned Double R Welding Supply Inc. in Fort Stockton since 2010. Robert was a Mason and Sergeant



# Steve Parnell

For those who wish to pay their respects to Steve Parnell, the date for his Memorial has been set for March 30, 2024 at Ft. Chadbourne. The ceremony will begin at noon and be presented by Good's Light Artillery and Company H, 7th Texas Infantry. Participants may be military or civilian in period dress. Those who would like to participate should be onsite by 11:00 am. Soldiers should have a Black ribbon tied to their upper left arm. Infantry will need at least three (3) rounds and their bayonets. There are plans to have lunch catered for participants. If you plan to attend or want more information contact either Ray Johnson for Good's Light Artillery (325-642-8853)



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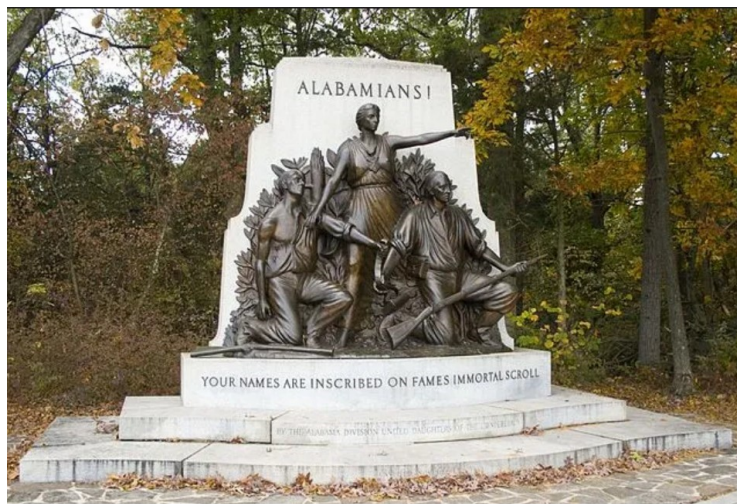


# HEROES OF THE 11TH ALABAMA By S. W. Vance

On July 3, 1863, Wilcox's old brigade supported Pickett's Division in the Gettysburg charge and participated in the fight. I belonged to Company G of the 11th Alabama, Wilcox's Brigade. In falling back, early in July 1863, I came across a Captain or Lieutenant Scott, of the 9th Alabama, who was badly wounded. Shot and shell were falling around us thick and fast, and he called me to assist him. I first thought he was a Federal, so devoted my attention to some other wounded Confederates. The officer still pleaded with me to stop and help him, saying he belonged to the 9th Alabama. I gave him water and bandaged his wounds, and he suffered intensely, begging me to cut off his leg with my pocketknife. As soon as I got to the line I sent some of his men to him, and he was immediately removed from the field.

I went into the army very young, and served to the end. The Badge of Honor was bestowed on me at the battle of the Wilderness, and I remember the morning well. Wilcox's Brigade was at the head of the division, had marched early and late, and breakfasted by the light of the morning stars. I think it was Featherstone's Mississippi Brigade that had the day before held General Grant in check until Longstreet could get up, but in so doing this had given up about two miles of the woods on the plank road a little faster than General Lee liked. General Grant, the new commander of the Army of the Potomac, was "pushing the rebels on to Richmond," with the belief that he could not be stopped. General Grant had about 120,000 men and

General Lee about 55,000. Perhaps the latter was a little uneasy. He was sitting on his horse in the road when the 11th Alabama passed, and when General Longstreet rode up to him he said, "Something must be done or the day is lost." Wilcox's Brigade was ordered to the left of the plank road, while Hood's Texas Brigade formed on the right. Both moved forward over the remains of the troops who had borne the brunt of the battle the previous day. Our men took position on the crest of a little ridge in the thick woods, and the sharpshooters were thrown out to



meet the victorious enemy, but they were later compelled to fall back to the line. William Berry, a tall vidette, stood up in the rear and shot until shot dead; and my uncle Joe Shuttlesworth, also stood in the rear and shot over our heads until mortally wounded. As the

Yankees advanced our men poured volley after volley into their lines before their hitherto victorious progress could be stayed. Finally, they faltered and began to give way, then the yell and the charge. We drove them back three miles and recovered all the ground lost the day before.

Next morning General Jenkins, of South Carolina, was killed, and General Longstreet wounded; and but for these unfortunate incidents, which stopped the advance for several hours, I have always believed that General Grant would have met the same fate as his predecessors. The delay gave them time to reform the lines and bring up their reserves. On that morn-

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# Texas Confederate Heroes Day (con't)

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lunch. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy were represented by Emma Ruth Gault Stock and her granddaughter, AshLynn Stock and Kathy Rountree.



Above: SCV members Cmdr. Josh Hutchins, Sam Hutchins, Cmdr. Steve Melton, Adj. Floyd Rountree, Calvin Olgesby, Tod McDaniel, Mark Cox.



Left: Lunch at Dos Compadres— AshLynn Stocks, Emma Ruth Gault Stocks, Mark Cox, Calvin Olgesby, Kathy Rountree, Adjutant Floyd Rountree, Sam Hutchins and Commander Josh Hutchins.

**Crawfish AND CANNONS**  
CANNONS | CRAWFISH BOIL | RUN

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2024

10:30 AM | FORT BELKNAP, TEXAS

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| <p><b>CRAWFISH &amp; CANNONS</b></p> <p>We invite you to join us for the 8th Annual Crawfish and Cannons at Fort Belknap! We will have a live crawfish boil, cannon firing on the hour, children's activities, farmers market vendors, armadillo races, and live music!</p> | <p><b>CONCERT</b></p> <p>Live music throughout the day! Concert Featuring American Aquarium With Red Shahan!</p> | <p><b>RUN</b></p> <p>Join us for the 4th Annual Goodnight-Loving 5K, 10K, Half-Marathon hosted by the historic Fort Belknap and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Graham, Texas!</p> |
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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

## HEROES OF THE 11TH ALABAMA (con't)

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ing General Woodsworth, of the Federals, was killed, and we got his sword, a very handsome one.

The Wilcox Brigade made a fine record at Frazier's Farm, where they captured 16 of the finest guns in the Federal army. The loss in officers and men was severe and the fighting terrific, many of our most valuable soldiers being killed or wounded.

Joe Shuttlesworth, known in the regiment as "Joe Shuck," was a young sharpshooter, weighing about one hundred pounds, with sharp features. He stood up bravely in the rear of his company until he was mortally wounded. He was borne from the field to the hospital. I got permission to see

him late in the afternoon, and found him in dying condition, though he talked cheerfully and told me this story, which was verified by one of the litter bearers. As the ambulance corps was taking him from the battlefield one of the bearers of the litter was wounded and fell, letting his suffering burden fall to the ground. Sitting on his war horse Traveler, General Lee witnessed the incident with manifest tenderness and sympathy. Lifting his hat to Joe and said, "Don't be uneasy, that is the 11<sup>th</sup> Alabama, Wilcox's Brigade, and they are filling the road with dead Yankees." General Lee answered, "I know they are, my brave boy." Just then the rebel yell burst forth, and Joe said, "I told you so." He died in the hospital that night.

