



# ***“The General’s Aide”***

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



August 2024

## **Commander’s Briefing Room**

### **Special Dates of Interest:**

**August 15, 2024**—Family Cookout at Ft. Concho LHSC. 6:00 pm.

The neighbors rented a U-Haul to pack up one of their kids to send him back to college and that caused me to stop and reflect upon the time, August is upon us. Wait a minute, where did July go? It is time for another "General's Aide" to hit the press.

Yes indeed, August is here and this month we will incorporate a "Family Cookout" for our monthly meeting time. We will start at **6:00pm**. The Camp will provide the meat and members will provide the fixins and extras.

We will need a head count, so if you are planning to attend, PLEASE RSVP to gentomgreen1613@gmail.com or call 432-638-1199 and tell me how many will be attending!

August is also the month for dues renewal. The 31st is the cutoff date to avoid late fees. Please get your Dues Renewal checks in ASAP to Adjutant Howard Wilson before August 31st, so he can get the



funds to Division and National on time!

There is still an ongoing scam that is being perpetrated on Texas Division members. They ask that you buy gift cards on behalf of the Texas Division Commander and he will repay you for the expense. They

say the gift cards are for disabled veterans...nay, nay, this is a scam. Do not fall for this. The Military Order of the Stars and Bars-Texas Society has also been targeted by these criminals.

Last month the Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met and they discussed their new flag policy. To update you, the new policy specifically bans the Confederate Battle flag. One board member wanted to amend the new policy to include the banning of the 1st National flag. That effort was talked down. Based on the lan-

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## **Family Cookout In August**

August will be Family Time for our members in lieu of our meeting. We will be having this event at the Ft. Concho LHSC.

The grill should be going so we can start serving about **6:00—6:15 pm**. The Camp will be providing the burgers and dogs so bring your favorite dish and the other fixins. A list of “who’s bringing what” will be sent out in a “General’s Dispatch” soon.

Please RSVP so we have a head count: email at gentomgreen1613@gmail.com or call Steve Melton at 432-638-1199.

Let us all get together and have a great time.



## The Brothers Lumsden

In the annals of the American Civil War, the stories of individual soldiers often become lost amidst the grand narrative of battles and strategies. However, the tales of Pvt. Jesse Lumsden and Pvt. John G. Lumsden of the 11th Georgia Cavalry serve as a poignant reminder of the personal sacrifices and familial bonds that defined this tumultuous period in American history.

Pvt. Jesse Lumsden and Pvt. John G. Lumsden were brothers hailing from Georgia, who answered the call to serve in the Confederate Army. According to military records, Jesse was assigned to Company D, while John found himself in Company E. This separation seems somewhat unusual, as it was more common for family members to serve together in the same unit, providing mutual support and comfort amidst the hardships of war.

Despite this official record, there is a compelling argument to be made that the brothers may have actually served side by side. The records from the Civil War era are often incomplete or inaccurate, leaving room for such discrepancies. It is entirely plausible that Jesse and John served together in the same company, sharing the trials and tribulations of cavalry life.

One intriguing detail about John G. Lumsden is captured in a photograph where he is seen wearing a "spoon holster" on his belt. This unique accessory highlights the resourcefulness and improvisational skills that soldiers often had to rely on. A spoon holster was not a standard issue item; it likely reflects John's ingenuity in creating a practical solution for carrying his eating utensil, a small yet essential tool for daily survival.

The 11th Georgia Cavalry, also known as the "11th

Georgia Volunteer Cavalry Regiment," played a crucial role in the Confederate Army's operations. Cavalry units were the eyes and ears of the army, conducting reconnaissance, raiding enemy supplies, and engaging in skirmishes. Serving in such a regiment required bravery, resilience, and a deep commitment to the cause.

While specific details of Jesse and John Lumsden's service are scant, the broader history of their regiment offers some context. The 11th Georgia Cavalry was active in various campaigns and battles through-

out the war, contributing to the Confederate war effort in significant ways. The daily life of a cavalryman was fraught with danger, from charging into battle to enduring long, grueling marches.

The limited records of Jesse and John G. Lumsden's service remind us of the countless personal stories that remain untold in the larger tapestry of the Civil War. Their experiences, though not fully documented, reflect the shared sacrifice of families and the enduring bond between brothers.

In examining their legacy, one is reminded of the human dimension of war. The Lumsden brothers, like many others, were or-

inary men caught in extraordinary circumstances. Their service, marked by courage and brotherhood, is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

As we reflect on the lives of Pvt. Jesse Lumsden and Pvt. John G. Lumsden, we honor not only their contribution but also the countless unnamed soldiers who fought and endured alongside them. Their story is a small yet significant part of the complex mosaic that constitutes the history of the American Civil War.



## In Memory of John McKee

Members of our Camp 1613 and others in the Southern Community gathered to remember Compatriot John McKee at Ft. Belknap, July 13th.



## San Angelo Gun Show

Gen. Tom Green Camp 1613 members attended the San Angelo Gun Show in July that was set in a new venue. The initial booth setup was scrapped as the space would not accommodate the framework for flags and banners. But we still made our presents

known.

Thanks to all who participated: Rod Smith, Mike Taylor, Howard Wilson, Gaylon Harrison, Mike Parker and Steve Melton.



July 2024 San Angelo Gun Show (l-r) Cmdr. Steve Melton, Gaylon Harrison, Mike Parker and Rod Smith taking the picture

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guage of the new policy, we see that it will not go into effect. Our intentions are to address the new policy with the city attorney pointing out several discrepancies with the new policy and that displaying a flag has been ruled by the Supreme Court as a 1st Amendment expression of free speech.

I am about ready for a hamburger, see y'all at the Family Cookout!





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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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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

I have no Birthdays to report but, we have a few members celebrating their joining anniversaries:

Gary Lee Carpenter - 11 years.  
Michael Lynn Taylor - 4 years  
Michael Anthony Vick - 1 year.  
Brian E. Wedgeworth - 7 years.

