



“The General’s Aide”

Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 Sons of Confederate Veterans



September 2024

Commander’s Briefing Room

Special Dates of Interest:

September 19, 2024—
Gen. Tom Green Camp
1613 meeting.

September 21, 2024—
TxDiv DEC meeting.

September 21, 2024—
Edwards Plateau Historical
Assoc. meeting.

September 28, 2024—Old Yeller
Days, Mason, Texas.

For those that missed the ‘Family Cookout’, you missed an awesome time and great food. A special “Thank you” to H. D. McLean for the contribution for some fabulous hamburger patties. They were absolutely delicious. I want to personally ‘Thank Everyone’ for their contributions in making this year’s event a resounding success. I am ready for another one of those burgers!



I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer lull because things are starting to ramp up again. The Speakers Series at Ft. Concho will be happening each Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Commissary Building.

The Texas Division DEC meeting will be in Waco on the 21st of the month at Papa Rollo's Pizza. The meeting will start at 8:00 am. Address is 703 N. Valley Mills Dr.

The Edwards Plateau Historical Association will have their annual meeting in Ballinger on Saturday, September 21, 2024. You will find more information on this event in the newsletter.

Now, if you have not heard, there was a cyber-attack levied against the National Headquarters. The attack appears to have been directed at crashing the system. All SCV data is in a backed-up system. This attack was reported to the FBI's cyber-crime unit.

On another front, there is a company called National Public Data and

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September Birthdays

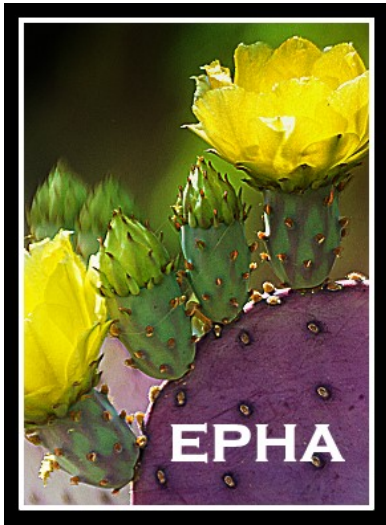
September Birthdays of our members include:

Michael Anthony Vick - 9/11
Brian E. Wedgeworth - 9/19
Howard Moody Wilson - 9/25
David Paul McMahon - 9/27

Wish these Compatriots a Happy Birthday when you see them.



Edwards Plateau Historical Association

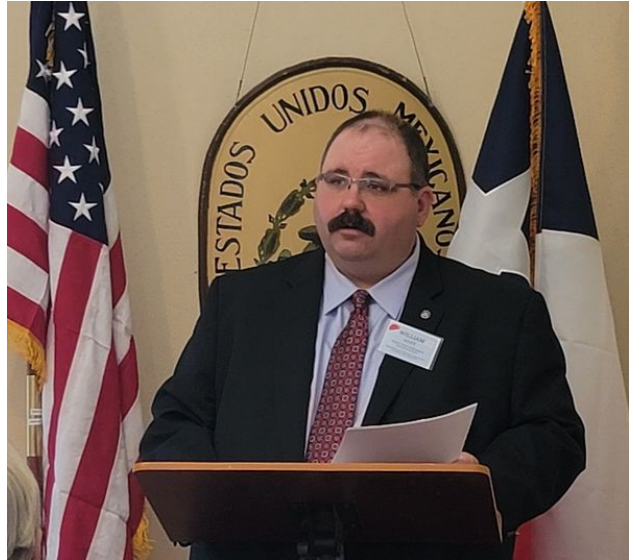


The Edwards Plateau Historical Association will be having their annual meeting September 21, 2024 at the Runnels County Activity Center located at 608 S. Sealy, Ballinger, Texas. The program will start at 10:00 am, with coffee on at 9:30. There are six scheduled speakers to present 'papers' at the meeting. One of the "featured speakers" is our very own Com-

patriot Will Scott.

A luncheon will be provide, \$20.00 per plate. Please RSVP if you plan to attend: epha.texas@gmail.com. If you would like to become a member of the EPHA, there is an early-bird membership price available till September 6th. An application can be found on our

Camp calendar (September 21st) or on the Edwards Plateau Historical Association's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/527770953102348>).



Will Scott

Texas Civil War Museum



As an organization, we are about history and in our beloved state we have a brilliant gem depicting the history aligned with our Southern history and the Confederacy. That gem is the Texas Civil War Museum in White Settlement, Texas. I would encourage you to go and see the exhibits soon as it has been announced by the family that due to various family issues, they will be closing the doors October 31,



2024. Those who have contributed displays in the museum, like the Texas UDC have been advise of the situation and will have until February to collect their private contributions that are displayed there.

So consider a trip to the Texas Civil War Museum, take the kids and grandkids and introduce them to history, our history.



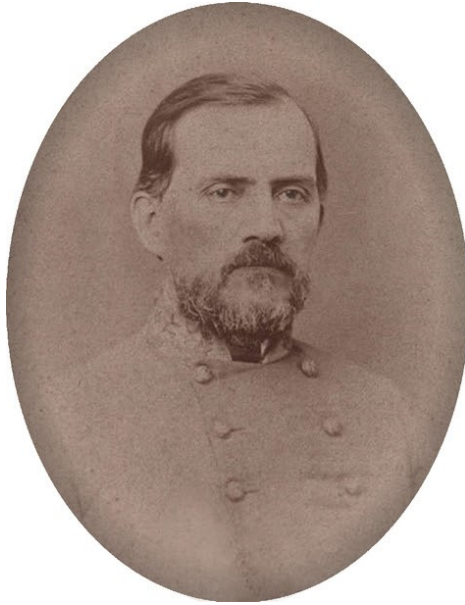
Edmund W. Pettus at Vicksburg

By Norman Dasinger, Jr

Constructed along the major east-west railroad track leading into and out of Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Railroad Redoubt (aka Fort Beauregard) witnessed multiple attacks from both Confederate and Federal soldiers on May 22, 1863.

That day, the four-sided fort—part of a vast network of entrenchments enclosing the town—was manned by soldiers of the 30th and 46th Alabama Infantry Regiments, with Waul's Texas Legion in close support. Because all the officers of the 46th had been captured May 16th at the battle of Champion's Hill, Col. Edmund W. Pettus of the 20th Alabama was ordered to take command within the redoubt.

At 10 a.m., "Big" Mike Lawler's Union Brigade, composed mostly of Iowans, led the assaulting force. Their path had been cleared by hours of artillery fire that had bombarded the sleepless Alabamians trapped within the redoubt. That concentrated fire had punched a gap in the Confederate line, which Lawler's men exploited. The Federals scaled the earthen fort's walls, drove back the Confederates, and within a little over an hour, the flags of the 77th Illinois and



Studio portrait of Brig. Gen. Edmund Winston Pettus, C.S.A., 1863

22nd Iowa were flapping in the summer breeze atop the ramparts. Success!

However, the assault stalled, giving the Confederates a chance to plan a bold response. Andrew Miller, one of the rangers at Vicksburg National Military Park, wrote, "The hours ticked away as the Federals, stuck in the ditch outside the Railroad Redoubt, waited through the day's sweltering heat for support or relief. Soon the Confederates took to rolling artillery shells with lit fuses down the slope."

As the afternoon wore on, the Confederate command decided that Pettus would join forces with the fresh soldiers of Waul's Texas Legion to retake the position. In 1907, Pettus wrote, "So, when ordered, I met Colonel Waul and told him what I wanted. He said, 'I will not order but if any of my companies will volunteer, I will consent ... I told him that about thirty was as many as could be used in so small a place. ... In a moment, I had my band of thirty.'"

Josh Edwards in the March 5, 2015, edition of the Vicksburg Post, wrote, "I [Pettus] was peremptorily ordered ... to take the redoubt. Waul's Legion and three gallant Alabamians did volunteer, but I as their commander was acting in response to orders."

The handpicked force was assembled, and before the sun could set, they moved into position. Pettus, "musket in hand," led the assaulting party into the fort, fully securing it and capturing the colors of the 77th Illinois.

Waul reported, "The coolness, courage, and intrepidity manifested deserves the highest praise for ever officer and man engaged in the hazardous enterprise."

Federal soldiers would never again assault Fort Beauregard. However, all the defenders of Vicksburg would surrender to Union General U.S. Grant on July 4, 1863.



Map of Vicksburg's rebel batteries in 1863





Fort Concho Speakers Series

Fall 2024



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educational lunchtime
program!*

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Wednesday, September 4

***“Old Homes of San Angelo,
Part 2”***

Lisa Mahler
Local Historian

Wednesday, September 11

“Frontier Army Chaplains”

Christopher Roque
Retired Captain of Texas Lutheran
University Police Department, Vicar
Calvary Episcopal Church, Menard

Wednesday, September 18

***“150th Anniversary of
the Red River Wars”***

Sarah Thieme (Ross)
Education Coordinator, Fort Concho

Wednesday, September 25

***“The Lost War for Texas: The
True Story
of Texas’ First Revolution of
1811”***

James Aalan Bernsen
Author

The Abernathy Boys

Louis Van "Bud" Abernathy (December 17, 1899 – March 6, 1979) and Temple Reeves "Temp" Abernathy (March 25, 1904 – December 10, 1986) were children from Oklahoma who, without adult supervision, took several cross-country trips. On one trip they rode on horseback from Oklahoma to Manhattan in 1910 when they were 10 and 6 years old.

Louis Abernathy was born in Texas in 1899 and Temple Abernathy was born in 1904 in Tipton, Oklahoma. Their father was cowboy and U.S. Marshal Jack Abernathy.

In 1909 the boys rode by horseback from Frederick, Oklahoma, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and back. Louis was nine, and Temple was five.

When the boys completed their Santa Fe journey, they began planning a cross-country horseback ride to New York City, again by themselves, to meet Theodore Roosevelt when he returned from his trip to Africa and Europe. They made that trip in 1910. They were greeted

as celebrities, and rode their horses in a ticker-tape parade just behind the car carrying Roosevelt. While in New York, the boys purchased a small Brush Motor Car, which they drove, again by themselves, back to Oklahoma, shipping their horses home by train.

Boys Galloped 2,500 Miles to New York to Meet Roosevelt

NEW YORK, July 1.—Bud and Temp Abernathy are the heroes of New York. To ride in the Roosevelt parade they galloped into Gotham after a 2,500-mile ride from Oklahoma on their horses, Wiley Haines and Sam. Bud's real name is Louis and he is 10. Temp is short for Temple, 6 years old. Since they arrived in



BUD AND TEMP ABERNATHY IN NEW YORK.

In 1911, they accepted a challenge to ride horseback from New York to San Francisco in 60 days or less. They agreed not to eat or sleep indoors at any point of the journey. They would collect a \$10,000 prize if they succeeded.

After a long trip, they arrived in San Francisco in 62 days, thereby losing the prize but setting a record for the time elapsed for the trip.

In 1913, the boys purchased an Indian motorcycle and, with their stepbrother, Anton, journeyed by motorcycle from Oklahoma to New York City. This was their last documented adventure.



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they were hacked by a group calling themselves USDoD. In April USDoD gained access to personal records of 2.9 Billion people including folks from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The article I read had this to say, "If you suspect that your Social Security number or other important identifying information about you has been leaked, experts say you should put a freeze on your credit files at the three major credit bureaus, [Experian](#), [Equifax](#) and [TransUnion](#). You can do so for free, and it will prevent criminals from taking out loans, signing up for credit cards and opening financial accounts under your name. The catch is that you'll need to remember to lift the freeze temporarily if you are obtaining or applying for something that requires a credit check."

And then I read that Texas Attorney General Ken

Paxton has filed suit against General Motors because their vehicles are compiling Your information from your phone and driving habits and distributing the information to third parties. I am beginning to think we are in "1984"... plus 40.

Be sure and check out the Camp's Calendar located on our website to keep yourself up to date with what is going on. If you have an event that you want on the calendar, let me know the details and I will post it on the calendar.

See you at the meeting.





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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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Battles & Skirmishes

1861
September 10 – October 1861 –
Cheat Mountain Campaign, WV
September 13 – September 20 1861
– Siege of Lexington, MO

1862
September 2 – September 18 1862
– Maryland Campaign, MD
September 6 – September 16 1862
– Kanawha Campaign, WV
September 12 – September 16 1862
– Siege of Harper's Ferry, WV/VA/
MD
September 13 – October 5 1862 –
Second Corinth Campaign, MS
September 14 – September 17 1862
– Siege of Munfordville, KY

1863
September 22 – October 25 1863 –
Siege of Chattanooga, TN
September 22 – October 26 1863 –
Shelby's Raid in Arkansas and

Missouri, AR/MO

1864
September 11 – September 16 1864
– *Hampton's Cattle Raid, VA*
September 16 – October 6 1864 –
Forrest's Third Tennessee Raid,
TN
September 18 – November 19 1864
– Hood's Operations in Northern
Georgia, GA
September 19 – October 31 1864 –
Price's Missouri Raid, MO
September 28 – October 2 1864 –
Petersburg Campaign – North of
the James and Vaughan Road, VA

