



"The General's Aide"

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



November 2024

Commander's Briefing Room

Special Dates of Interest:

November 3, 2024 - Day-light Savings Time - Fall Back

November 5, 2024 - Election Day

November 8-10, 2024 - Ft. Washita Living History

November 9, 2024 - San Angelo Veterans Day Parade

November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day

November 15-16, 2024 - Ft. Richardson Living History

November 21, 2024 - Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 meeting

November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day

December 6-8, 2024 - Christmas at Old Ft. Concho

December 12, 2024 - Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 Christmas Party

Greetings Compatriots,

Get ready to "Fall Back" and "Go Vote." Oh yes, it is time to set your clocks back an hour (Nov. 3rd). Election Day follows (Nov. 5th), so go vote. What will you tell your descendants ten years from now when they ask you what did you do to save America from the marxists.

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has begun, actually I have seen Christmas decorations in stores since August. This month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day and in a blink of an eye it will be Christmas. We have begun the planning of our Camp's Christmas party. The party is set for December 12, 2024, 6:00 pm at the Ft. Concho Commissary Building. Our party will be a "Potluck" dinner. Lt. Commander Whitehead will be preparing a fried turkey. Please contact him with the food items that you wish to bring - deaune29@yahoo.com. We will have

our annual fund raising 'Silent Auction', so we are looking for donations to make this a great event.

There is plenty to do this month. A living history at Ft. Washita in Durant, Oklahoma on the 8th thru 10th, followed by the Ft. Richardson Living History at Jackboro, Texas on the 15th & 16th. Fairmount Cemetery will be placing flags on veteran's graves on November 10th, for anyone wishing to help. There are several events around town for Veterans Day, one being at the airport near the Vietnam Memorial starting at 11:00 am.

Y'all have a wonderful Thanksgiving day and I'll see you at the meeting.
Cmdr. Melton



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Sam Davis: Rebel Spy or Martyr of the South?

By John Lamb

Samuel C. Davis was born on October 6, 1842, to a father who belonged to the upper echelon of Rutherford County, Tennessee society in the early 19th century. Charles Lewis Davis, Samuel's father, owned several successful businesses, and their home was situated at the center of a thriving cotton plantation. In 1860, 51 enslaved people worked on the Davis farm, and neighbors remarked that Charles Davis was never without money.

Education was important to Charles Davis. Likely due to his own meager education, he recognized the power of learning. He sent all of his children to school and allowed them to pursue their own interests. Young Sam Davis was known as an honorable and upstanding boy who wanted to be a soldier. In the fall of 1860, he was enrolled in the Western Military Institute in Nashville. This division of the University of Nashville was considered the "most distinctive institution of learning in middle Tennessee at the time."

In April 1861, even before Tennessee joined the Confederacy, Sam returned home to Rutherford County. He and his elder brother, John, joined the Rutherford Rifles, led by William Ledbetter of Murfreesboro. This group became Company I of the First Tennessee Infantry.

Between the summer and fall of 1862, Gen. Braxton Bragg approved the formation of a company of scouts whose purpose was to "go into enemy territo-

ry to gather news concerning movements of troops, to secure newspapers, and to obtain vital information about enemy resources." Sam was chosen to be part of this elite group of young men. Candidates were required to demonstrate bravery, loyalty, valor,

and courage under difficult circumstances. Horsemanship and familiarity with Tennessee's terrain were also necessary, traits frequently associated with young Sam.

On November 20, 1863, Sam was captured south of Pukaski, Tennessee, at Minor Hill in Giles County. A military commission convened on November 25 to review federal charges against him for being a spy for the Confederate army. Sam was found guilty and sentenced to "be hung by the neck until he is dead."

Despite repeated efforts to extract

information about his sources and his superior, Sam consistently refused to speak. He was executed at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of November 27, 1863.

Sam's conduct while imprisoned and awaiting execution helped solidify his status as a hero and martyr. His fame rests upon his refusal to divulge information that could have saved his life.

The decades following the Civil War brought social and economic transformation to the South. Sam Davis's story as a Confederate hero began as regional folklore but developed into a widely publicized narrative that, for many, exemplified the heroism be-

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Sam Davis, on the left.

Hood's Texas Brigade Seminar in Huntsville, Texas

Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated hosts its annual seminar on November 15-16, 2024, in Huntsville Texas. This year's theme is "Honor and Duty." Events include presentations by Dr. Richard McCaslin, director of publications at the Texas State Historical Association; and Wayne Motts, president emeritus and historian with the Gettysburg Foundation. Special history activities include visits to the John W. Thomason Rare Book Room at Sam Houston State University and the Sam Houston Memorial Museum & Republic of Texas Presidential Library.

The Hood's Texas Brigade, formed in 1861, was a famous Confederate infantry unit composed primarily of Texas soldiers who fought fiercely in major battles of the American Civil War. Known for their bravery and high casualty rates, they earned a formidable reputation, particularly at battles like Antietam and Gettysburg.



What: Hood's Texas Association, Re-activated Annual Scholarly Seminar

When: November 15-16, 2024

Where: Huntsville, Texas

Fee: \$10-\$85

See newsletter attachment for more information.



Ft. Belknap Living History

by Ray Johnson

Like to thank all that participated at the Fort Belknap Living History event and fund raiser for the Theis family. The auction was a huge success and the pancake breakfast had an outstanding turnout. The



funds raised will help them tremendously. Thank you all.

Major shout out to the gun crews of Goods Light Artillery and US 4th

Light Artillery Battery 'B' in helping with the Auction and the preparation of the breakfast and serving. My hats off to you.

Like to thank all that donated items for the Auction amazing nice things. Like to give special thanks to Fort Belknap's director Jim Amber Hammond for letting us combine both events this year, worked out perfectly with a great turnout.

Ray Johnson



38th Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir by Ray Johnson



**38th ANNUAL
FALL MUSTER
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OCTOBER 18th-20th, 2024

School Day on Friday October 18!
War Between the States Battle Daily
Period Music by UnReconstructed String Band
Living Historians
Camp Life
Ladies Tea
Period Dance
"Small Muster"
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First Person Presentations
Food and Snacks

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or for School Day
registration, please
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Admission:
Adults: \$15.00
Children: (6-17 years old): \$7.00
Children 5 and under: FREE

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Beauvoir, The Jefferson
Davis Home and
Presidential Library



Ray Johnson & Company attended the 38th Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir.



Sam Davis: Rebel Spy or Martyr of the South? (con't)

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lieved to be lacking in postwar society. The tale of a young Confederate soldier became part of the larger Lost Cause narrative, which arose in the aftermath of defeat and Reconstruction. The Lost Cause ideology promoted the belief that Southerners fought valiantly against overwhelming odds to sustain a unique way of life.

In this context, Sam Davis became a symbol of Southern bravery and heroism. The rise in popularity of his story led to the erection of a monument in Pulaski, where he was executed, and another in his memory in Nashville in 1909.

The Davis family eventually sold the farm, which opened to the public in 1930 as a memorial to the famed hero.



The Davis family at Sam's gravesite, circa 1890.

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Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 Texas Division, 2nd Brigade Sons of Confederate Veterans



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
November 3 – November 7 1861 –
West Kentucky Operations, KY
November 21 – December 3 1861 –
Ship Island Expedition, MS

1862
November 2 1862 – January 10 1863 –
Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign, MS
November 14 – December 15 1862 –
Fredericksburg Campaign, VA

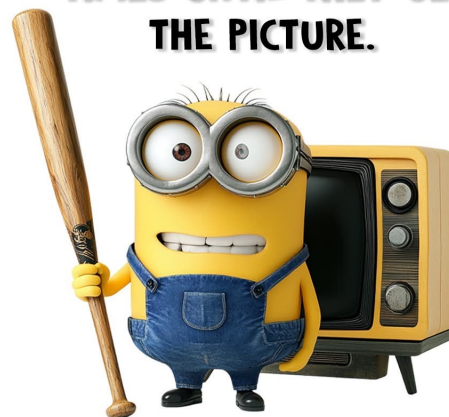
1863
November 1 – November 8 1863 –
Averell's Lewisburg Raid, WV
November 4 – December 3 1863 –
Knoxville Campaign, TN
November 23 – November 25 1863 –
Battles at Chattanooga, TN
November 25 – December 2 1863 –
Mine Run Campaign, VA

1864
November 10 – November 14 1864 –
Breckinridge's East Tennessee Raid, TN

November 15 – December 9 1864 –
Sherman's March to the Sea, GA
November 20 – December 16 1864 –
Hood's Invasion of Tennessee, TN



**SOME PEOPLE REMIND ME
OF OLD TV SETS. YOU HAVE
TO HIT THEM A FEW
TIMES UNTIL THEY GET
THE PICTURE.**



HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE



ASSOCIATION, RE-ACTIVATED

1st Texas • 4th Texas • 5th Texas



18th Georgia • Hampton's Legion • 3rd Arkansas

"Honor and Duty"

15th Annual Scholarly Seminar

Huntsville, Texas

November 15-16, 2024

Deadline to Register November 8th.

Friday Afternoon History Activities November 15th

Minimum \$10.00 donation requested.

¶ 1:00-3:00 pm Special Exhibit and Tour of John W. Thomason Rare Book Room

Hosted by Trent Shotwell, Curator

4th floor, Newton Gresham Library, 1830 Bobby K. Marks Dr.
Sam Houston State University ("see note on parking")

¶ 3:30-4:30 pm Tour of Sam Houston Memorial Museum & Republic of Texas Presidential Library

1836 Sam Houston Avenue

No charge for seminar attendees ("see note on parking")

¶ 6:30 "Dutch Treat" Dinner at City Hall Café & Pie Bar

1421 Sam Houston Ave, Downtown Huntsville

About John W. Thomason, Jr. (1893-1944)

One of Huntsville's most outstanding citizens, John W. Thomason, Jr. was an author, artist, and United States Marine Corps officer. He was born in Huntsville, Texas, on February 28, 1893, the eldest of 9 children of John W. and Sue Hayes (Goree) Thomason. He is known not only for his military service but his writings and artwork. He was the author and illustrator of *Lone Star Preacher*, which featured fictionalized accounts of the exploits of Hood's Texas Brigade. Thomason had grown up hearing stories of the War from his uncles, the Goree Brothers.

In tribute to his late friend, J. Frank Dobie wrote: "In the name of people who, because of what you have written, are richer inside themselves and live more abundantly on the soil they belong to, I salute you, John W. Thomason, soldier in the old gallant tradition, fine Southern gentleman, and patriot who made your own corner of the earth more beautiful!"

(Excerpted from TSHA Handbook of Texas: <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/thomason-john-william-jr>)

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Scholarly Seminar Day

Saturday, November 16th • \$85.00

(Student rate: \$40.00)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center, 1402 19th
Street, Huntsville, Texas

Seminar Speakers

Dr. Richard McCaslin

Director of Publications, Texas State Historical Association

"All Gave Some: The Goree Brothers in the Civil War"

The Gorees of Huntsville gave their "full measure of devotion." Thomas J. Goree, served as a staff officer for Gen. James Longstreet for the duration of the war. Three of his brothers served in the Texas Brigade, two of whom suffered disabling wounds. Another brother served in the 6th Texas Cavalry Battalion, Trans-Mississippi, and was captured at Pleasant Hill in 1864; a half-brother served in the Texas State Troops and again briefly in a cavalry unit at the end of the war; their uncle died in Confederate service as an Alabama trooper. When the five full brothers posed with their sister for a family photograph in 1866, proudly holding paintings of their mother and father, it was a celebration of surviving a conflict from which too few families emerged without paying a price, as the Goree brothers knew all too well.

Wayne Motts

President Emeritus & Historian

Gettysburg Foundation

"Lone Star Men at Little Round Top"

Motts is President Emeritus & Historian of the Gettysburg Foundation. On 2 July 1863, elements of the 4th and 5th Texas Infantry of Hood's Division struggled for their lives attacking a small hill at Gettysburg. After being closed for nearly two years, Little Round Top, as it was later known to the Texas veterans, reopened on 24 June 2024 and with its reopening welcomed visitors to the hill after a facelift of 13 million dollars. Join historian Wayne Motts as he covers the fighting of the Texans on the hill and shows the great preservation work the NPS just completed. He will tell a few stories about the Texans there too!

Fred Adolphus

Independent Historian

"The Huntsville Penitentiary Mill in the Confederacy"

Adolphus is a retired Army museum director with a history degree from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in history (American Strategic Culture) from Louisiana State University. He is a native of Houston, Texas. The Huntsville Penitentiary textile mill was one of the largest mill west of Georgia at the outset of the War Between the States. From the start of the War, the Huntsville mill was the backbone of textile production for the Trans-Mississippi Department and remained vital to the war effort until the end.

Michael Pittmon

Independent Historian

Topic: "A Few Steps into Hell:

The Wartime Letters of the Berryman Brothers"

Pittmon is a 7th generation East Texan, who was inspired by the stories of his great grandmother, Helena Elmira Berryman Ginn. With Scott Mingus, Pittmon has at last published the long-anticipated family letters of the Berryman Brothers Henry Waters and Newt, who served in Co. I, 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade. The letters provide an invaluable insight into what life was like in this storied brigade and many hitherto unavailable photographs.

See back page for registration, hotel & parking.



Deadline to Register November 8th.

(However, Late Registrations Accepted.

Call John Stevens at 713-885-5288 for "Last Minute")

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

License Plate No. (for Parking) _____

Friday Afternoon Activities: \$10.00 donation per person requested

x No. attending: _____

x Students attending: _____

Saturday Seminar & Lunch: \$85.00

Student Rate: \$40.00

x No. attending: _____

x Students attending: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Names of others attending: _____

TWO OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT:

(1) **Pay Online via Square:** If you pay by Square, we request that you make a \$3.00 donation for the Saturday seminar and the Friday donation to cover the service charge incurred by Square. We still need you to print out and mail in your registration information to John Stevens, Treasurer, address below. Please don't forget to keep a copy for yourself. You could also fill out the form, take a photo, and text to John at cell # noted below. To pay for both Friday and Saturday, use this link: <https://hoodstexasbrigadeassn.square.site/>

(2) **Mail Check & Form:** Please make check payable to Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated (or HTBAR). Indicate it is for the 2024 HTBAR Seminar. Mail to HTBAR c/o John Stevens at 2427 Pioneer Oaks Drive, Fresno, TX 77545. Cell 713-885-5288; e-mail: htbar1967@yahoo.com

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Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Friday Afternoon Activities

Friday, November 15th \$10.00 donation

John W. Thomason Rare Book Room: 1- 3 pm

Tour of Sam Houston Museum & Republic of Texas Presidential Library 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Dutch Treat Dinner at City Hall Café & Pie Bar 6:30 pm

1421 Sam Houston Ave, Downtown Huntsville

YES I am planning to attend (help us secure space at the cafe)
(see p. 1 for addresses for all sites)

Saturday Scholarly Seminar

Outstanding Speakers • Vendors • Lunch Included

Registration opens at 8:00 am.

Saturday, November 16th \$85.00

(Student rate: \$40.00)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration opens at 8:00 am

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Conference Hotel

University Hotel, Sam Houston State University

1610 Bobby K Marks, Huntsville, TX 77341 • 936-496-2151

Group Rate: \$98.96 (PLUS TAX)

Breakfast NOT included.

When making reservations, cite "241HOOD" plus dates.

Limited number of rooms available.

Deadline for reservations 10/25/24; cancel by 10/15/24.

*For free hotel parking in surface lots, you must provide your license plate, make, model and color of your vehicle prior to or immediately after arrival. Garage parking is not included.

Event Parking:

Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center: Parking available on surface lots. John W. Thomason Rare Book Library: Parking available on surface lot; library will need your license plate number for free parking.

Sam Houston Memorial Museum Limited parking is available by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Wigwam Neosho Museum Store while there is plenty of parking available at the Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center. You are welcome to park either inside the museum grounds, if spaces are available, or at the Education Center – just keep in mind that our museum grounds are spread out over fifteen acres and there will be a bit of walking! Bus and RV Parking is available at the Walker Education Center.

To be added to our mailing list, e-mail Martha Hartzog
@ m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu

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MATCHES

**TEAM MUSKET
&
TEAM
SMOOTHBORE**

DATE: November 9th, 2024

TEAM COMPETITION IN MUSKET & SMOOTHBORE.

SHOOT FEES: \$10 FOR ENTIRE EVENT (BOTH MATCHES)

LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE RANGE (DONATION REQUESTED)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
8:30 A.M.	RANGE SETUP
9:00 A.M.	MUSKET MATCH
TBD (AFTER LUNCH)	SMOOTHBORE MATCH

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