



“The General’s Aide”

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



December 2024

Commander’s Briefing Room

Special Dates of Interest:

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

December 12, 2024 -
Gen. Tom Green Camp
#1613 Christmas Party, 6
pm

December 14, 2024 -
Wreaths Across America,
Belvedere Cemetery, 1 pm

December 14, 2024 -
Santa at Santa Fe Depot, 10
am-4 pm

December 25, 2024 -
Christmas Day

January 1, 2025 - New
Years Day

Can you believe that Christmas is right around the corner? That means our Camp Christmas Party is just days away. I hope you have been slaving away in the kitchen coming up with recipes that will delight the taste buds. Be sure and let Lt. Cmdr. Whitehead know what dish you are bringing. If you have something you would like to put in the auction, let either of us know. Be sure to have a brief description and value of the item you are donating.

Speaking of Christmas, if you are wondering what to get your favorite spouse or family member for Christmas, think Confederate. There are several businesses that cater to our wonderful Southern history and I have provided a list of those that I know.

At our November meeting, we heard from attendees to several "living history" events these past few weeks and they gave a good report on attendance from school age children. Between Ft. Belknap, Whitehead

Museum and Ft. Richardson there were 2200 students that attended these events. If you did not make it to the meeting, you missed a great program from Lt. Cmdr. Whitehead on his ancestor, Joshua W. Whitehead and the units he served in.

"Christmas at Old Fort Concho" is this coming weekend, December 6-8, 2024. Saturday morning on the 7th, there will be a pancake breakfast at the stables for those interested. Many of us will be there supporting Ft. Concho, Company "H" 7th Texas Infantry and Goods Light Artillery. Company "H" will have a wall tent set up for all to assemble at for the weekend. There is no charge for participants in period dress. So dress up and come out and enjoy some time together.

Anyone wishing to participate in

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“Words of Thought”

Here is something to sit down and really think about on a very personal level. Did you know that Jesus is your Love? Because of that Love, He chose to die on the cross for you so you would have eternal life.

Below are some scriptures that speak about that Love. All scriptures are from the KJV Bible.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Proverbs 8:17

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New Texas Monument in Richmond, Virginia

We witnessed a remarkable event this past Friday, November 15, 2024. Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley, assisted by several members from the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, erected a replacement monument dedicated to Texas soldiers buried at historic Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. The original monument, a symbol of their bravery, was established in the 1910s by the local Ladies Memorial Association. For unknown reasons, the monument disappeared over 60 years ago, but the dedication of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has brought it back to life.

In September 2023, the Division Executive Council approved funding for creating a replacement obelisk. Due to the high shipping cost, Commander Hurley picked up the monument on Wednesday, November 13, in Marshall, TX, and personally delivered it to Richmond, VA. The drive was a 34-hour round-trip drive.

Oakwood Cemetery is the resting place for more

than 17,000 Confederate dead, most of whom died during the war while in hospitals located in the Confederate capital.



Special thanks to the members of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. Your annual dues to the Division funded the monument that proudly stands over the graves of our brave Texas soldiers, who paid the ultimate price in defense of Texas.

A formal dedication will be held in March 2025. This dedication will be a joint effort of the Texas and Virginia Divisions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Once the date has been solidified, information on the dedication will be sent to the Division membership.

Respectfully,

W. Michael Hurley
63rd Commander
Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



"Southern Shopping"

Looking for something special for that Southerner on your Christmas list? The following businesses carry a variety of items: books, flags, drink ware, challenge coins, ornaments, apparel and more.

SCV Store: <https://scv.org/shop/>

The Confederate Shop: <https://confederateshop.com>

Cooter's Place: <https://cootersplace.com>

Webster Confederate Store: <https://www.websterconfederatestore.com>

The Confederate Reprint Company: <https://confederatereprint.com> Books & DVD's.

For the re-enactor on your list:

C&C Sutlery: <https://www.ccsutlery.com/store/ccsutlery.html>

The Regimental Quartermaster: <https://regimentalquartermaster.com>

Fall Creek Sutlery: <https://fcsutler.com>

Mill Creek Mercantile: <https://milkcreek.com/shop/>

Dixie Gun Works: <https://www.dixiegunworks.com>

Wambaugh & White Company: <https://wwandcompany.com>

James Country Mercantile: <http://www.jamescountry.com/index.html>

Coon River Mercantile: <http://www.coonriver.com/index.php>

C&D Jarnagin Company: <https://www.jarnaginco.com> French-Indian to WBTS.

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Trials and Triumphs of the 11th Tennessee Regiment

By Cooper Smalls, blueandgrayeducation.org

Organized in the summer of 1861, the 11th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, Confederate States Army, was a Civil War fighting unit that would spend most of the war battling the enemy from Cincinnati to Atlanta.

Two of the regiment's colonels would become generals, and the men that made up the companies of this regiment were recruited mostly from Davidson, Cheatham, Dixon, and Humphreys Counties. Some of the local companies adopted unique names, such as "The Hermitage Guards" and "The Beauregard Light Infantry." They fought at notable places like Wild Cat, Tazewell, Fishing Creek, and Perryville, Kentucky.

The men of the 11th faced their biggest test at Murfreesboro (also known as the Battle of Stones River), Tennessee.

On December 31, 1862, their commander, Gen. James E. Rains, was killed. The former chief prosecutor for the Middle Tennessee counties of Davidson, Sumner, and Williamson was shot through the heart leading his men, and his last words were, "Forward, my brave boys, forward."

The 11th was also present when another well-respected commander was shot, this time at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. Assigned to Preston Smith's Brigade, the 11th Tennessee found themselves on the attack during the night of September 19, 1863. Gen. Preston Smith, leading the charge, became disoriented in the darkness and believed he was barking orders to his own Tennesseans, but he was actually addressing the 77th Pennsylvania. The confusion quickly attracted enemy gunfire, and Smith was shot; a bullet deflected off a golden pocket watch and into his chest. He was brought to the rear of the line but died within the hour. Smith was a very successful Tennessee attorney with multiple offices in

cities like Memphis and Waynesboro.

His body was transported to Marietta, Georgia, where it was temporarily buried. A newspaper account of the funeral reported,

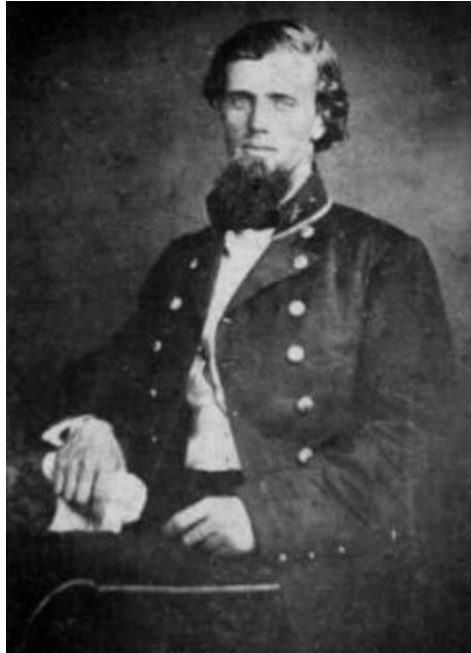
"A silver plate, upon the coffin containing the body of General Smith, bore the inscription 'General Preston Smith, C.S.A., killed September 19 at the Battle of Chickamauga at 6 p.m'. ... [The coffin was] made of solid oak, elegantly finished and appropriately adorned with wreaths of magnolias and arborvitae, with a

tastefully arranged cluster of flowers on the lid. ... The services of the Protestant Episcopal Church were said by the Rev. Doctor Charles T. Quintard. ... The remains were escorted to the cemetery by the cadets of the Georgia Military Institute. ... A military salute fired over the grave." In 1868, the general's body was reinterred at Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis.

The 11th Tennessee went on to fight in Sherman's campaign to capture Atlanta and participated in Confederate General Hood's Franklin and Nashville Campaign. The regiment would finish the war in near Greensboro, North Carolina. The battle flag of the 11th Tennessee still exists and can be viewed at the National Confederate Museum in Columbia, Tennessee.



Gen. Preston Smith



Gen. James E. Rains



Wend

There is an article in "Texas Monthly" about an ethnic group known as Wend. They lived in the area now known as Germany. Wends are a Slavic ethnic group with different cultural, linguistic, and genetic origins than those of ethnic Germans. In the mid-1850s, more than 550 Wends migrated to Central Texas—the group's only mass exodus in history. They settled north of the Austin area.

In 1972, a heritage center opened in Serbin, Texas and 1988 saw the beginning of the Weld Festivals, now in its 36th year. Jon Moerbe attends the festivals wearing the Confederate grey teaching those willing about the war and its weapons. Moerbe tells the story of many a man who worked the fields at night and dressed themselves as women during the day to avoid the conscription officer. Non-English-speaking men would volunteer that they may choose units with German



Jon Moerbe playing a reproduction Civil War fife.

speaking officers.

Many who thought they were of German ancestry, are finding now they are Wend.



Commander's Briefing Room (con't)

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Wreaths Across America, you are welcome to come to Belvedere Cemetery Saturday, December 14th, at 1:00 pm.

Being it is the 'holiday season', I will remind all of you to be careful out there, to be kind to your fellow Texans, try to be nice to those not from Texas and have a "Merry Christmas" and a Wonderful New Year!

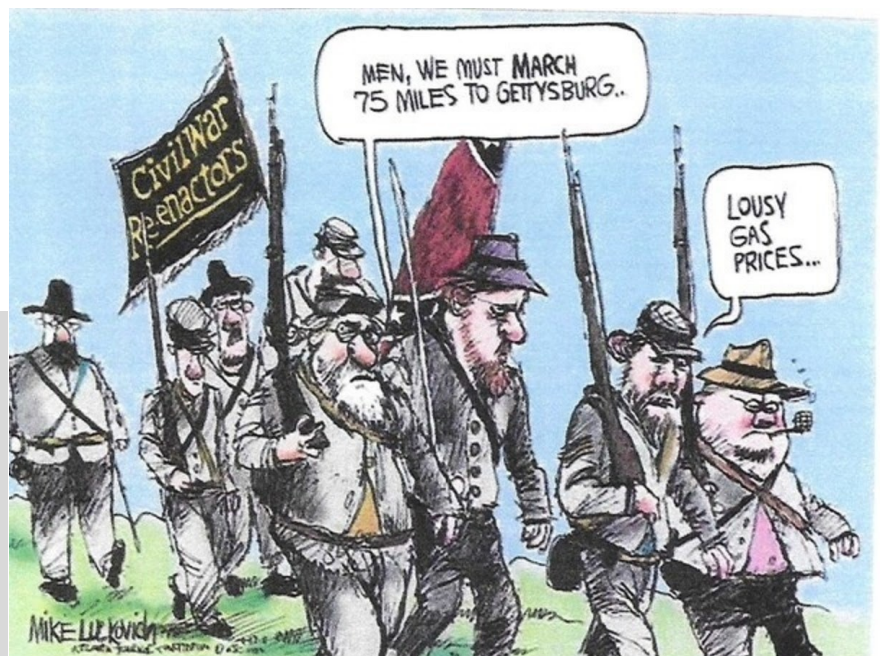


December Birthdays

Michael Parker - 12/16
Will Bowen - 12/19

Service Anniversaries

No anniversaries.



"Southern Shopping" (con't)

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S&S Firearms: <https://www.ssfirearms.com>

Shooting Supplies:

The Jefferson Arsenal: <https://www.thejeffersonarsenal.com>

Others:

The Historical Emporium: <https://www.historicalemporium.com> Historical Costumes from 1800's to 1920's.

Samson Historical: <https://www.samsonhistorical.com> Early American to 1820's.

"Words of Thought" (con't)

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And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.....We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:16 & 19

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:7-12

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14:21

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephesians

Veterans Arms: Veteran Arms LLC carries a wide selection of historical muzzleloading accessories, reproduction uniforms, leatherwork, and weapons from all periods of early American history. <https://veteranarms.com>

International Military Antiques: www.ima-usa.com Original military rifles, pistols & equipment up to WW II.

This is a list of companies that I know of, hope it helps someone out this season.



3:17-19

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.....These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15:9-13, 17

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

May these "Words of Thought" be a blessing unto you.

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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

Battles & Skirmishes

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1861
December 26 – December 28 1861 –
North Missouri Operations, MO

1862
December 3 – December 8 1862 – Prairie
Grove Campaign, AR
December 11 – December 13 1862 –
Hampton's Dumfries Raid, VA
December 11 – December 31 1862 –
Forrest's First West Tennessee Raid, TN
December 14 – December 28 1862 –
Foster's Goldsboro Raid, NC
December 18 – December 28 1862 – *Van*
Dorn's Raid to Holly Springs, MS
December 20 1862 – January 2 1863 –
Sherman's Yazoo River Expedition, MS
December 21 1862 – January 5 1863 –
Morgan's Second Kentucky Raid, KY
December 26 1862 – January 5 1863 –
Carter's Upper Tennessee Valley Raid,
TN
December 26 1862 – January 1 1863 –
Stuart's Fairfax Raid, VA
December 26 1862 – January 4 1863 –
Stones River Campaign, TN
December 31 1862 – January 25 1863 –

Marmaduke's First Missouri Raid, MO

1863
December 4 1863 – January 28 1864 –
East Tennessee Campaign, TN
December 8 – December 21 1863 –
Averell's First West Virginia Raid, WV

1864
December 1 – December 16 1864 –
Nashville and Murfreesboro, TN
December 8 – December 10 1864 –
Petersburg Campaign – Hicksford and
Hatcher's Run, VA
December 8 – December 27 1864 –
Butler's Fort Fisher Expedition, NC
December 10 – December 21 1864 – Siege
of Savannah, GA
December 10 1864 – January 1 1865 –
Stoneman's Raid in Southwest Virginia,
VA
December 17 1864 – January 10 1865 –
Hood's Retreat from Tennessee, TN

