



"The General's Aide"

Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613
Sons of Confederate Veterans



April 2025

Commander's Briefing Room

Special Dates of Interest:

April 5, 2025 - San Angelo Rodeo Parade
April 12, 2025 - Crawfish & Cannons at Ft. Belknap
April 11-12, 2025 - Battle of Pleasant Hill
April 19, 2025 - Texas Division Picnic
April 26, 2025 - San Jacinto Battle/Confederate Memorial Day - Fairmount Cemetery
June 6-8, 2025 - 128th Texas Division Reunion
July 17 - 20, 2025 - 130th Annual National Reunion

April showers bring May flowers they say. It also brings the San Angelo Rodeo Parade which will be Saturday, April 5, 2025 and starts at 10:00 am. We will be participating in this event and will gather at the Girl Scout House at "A" St. and Randolph St. to decorate the trailer at 7am-ish and then proceed to the staging area on Irving St. Please come and help to decorate the trailer. Bring a chair and ride along as we celebrate and honor our Confederate Ancestors. I suggest you arrive early to find a parking spot close to the staging area before they close down the streets for the parade and you have to hike to where we will be.

April is Confederate Heritage Month, all the more reason to get out and get involved as there are several events happening this month.

The "Speakers Series" is back at Ft. Concho every Wednesday this month starting April 2nd at 12 noon in the Commissary Building. There is more information in this issue and on our



Camp Website Calendar.

April 12, 2025 is the date for the annual "Crawfish & Cannons" at Ft. Belknap. Lots of Crawfish, booming cannons, concerts with The

Wilder Blue and Shenandoah, and their "Runs" - 5K, 10K & half marathon. Friday night, the 11th, there will be a "campfire with s'mores" in remembrance of our Compatriot Kevin Theis.

The Tom Green County Historical Commission will be hosting the San Jacinto Battle Veterans/Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at Fairmount Cemetery on Saturday, April 26, 2025. This event will begin at 10:00 am and we are needing 'riflemen' for a Memorial Salute. If you wish to be in the firing line, please

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"Words of Thought"

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19 KJV***

Henry & Richard Blackaby wrote the following:

This verse is one of the most practical we will ever encounter in the Bible. Every one of us faces needs in our lives; at times, they are beyond our own means. Those are not the times to

become anxious or to panic. Nor should we give up in defeat. It is at these times that God wants to draw from His unlimited storehouse to meet our needs as only He can.

Do you believe God can meet the needs of your finances? Your health? Your children? Your parents? Your church? Scripture says you will never face a need for which God's provision

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The Confederate Soldier After The War

From 'Horry Confederate' Facebook page:

When the Confederate soldier, in 1865, turned his weary footsteps toward his home, turning his back on the scenes of carnage, he commenced a journey of horrors for which language has no words, poetry no pencil. Many returned to their once happy homes, now crumbling amid the ruined fences and abandoned fields and the melancholy markers of the passage of the foe. It was the joyous summertime, and kindly Nature had tried to heal the scars left by the cruel fangs of war with wild, luxuriant growths of vine and weed. In vain did she carpet the blood-soaked ground with a rug of emerald turf and drape the ruined walls with a graceful tangle of creepers — they but accentuated the absence of the spirit that had animated the desolated scene and filled it with the joy of life.

The returned soldier, who had fought a losing battle for his hearthstone and freedom, who had forced himself into the ramparts of an enemy's astonishment and admiration, and into the very

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Pvt. George Autry, 3rd NC Co. C. He was wounded twice during the war. He would return to the small town of Stedman, NC, where he and his wife, Lucinda Sutton Autry would raise a number of children, many whose descendants are pillars of the community to this day.

Fort Concho Speakers Series Spring 2025



Fort Concho Commissary

702 Burgess at Avenue C

12:00pm to 1:00pm

Call 325-657-4444 or visit

www.fortconcho.com

for more information!

Bring your lunch and join us for an enjoyable and educational lunchtime program!

Wednesday, April 2

"R. F. Ford, Spurs of Knickerbocker"

Hugh Edmonson

Local Historian and Spur Maker

Wednesday, April 9

"Pistol Packing Preachers of West Texas"

Reverend Christopher Roque

Vicar Episcopal Church of Ft. McKavett and Menard

Wednesday, April 16

"Ambrose Bierce- Nobody Will Never Find My Bones"

Carl Brockman

Local Historian

Wednesday, April 23

"Businesses of San Angelo"

Lisa Mahler

Local Historian

Wednesday, April 30

"Battle of McClellan Creek"

Charles Anderson

Local Historian

Free Admission! Bring a friend!

Mildred Childe Lee by William Douglas

By the time she was fifteen, Mildred Childe Lee was already well known—not just as the cherished youngest daughter of Robert E. Lee but as a spirited and headstrong girl whose presence filled any room. Named after her father's beloved sister, she was "Millie" to her mother, but to her father, she was something more—he called her "Precious Life." He once said that she had the rare gift of bringing joy wherever she went, a lighthearted soul in a family often burdened by duty and expectation.

In the uncertain days of 1860 and 1861, as the country teetered on the brink of war, the Lee family left their treasured home at Arlington for the supposed safety of Richmond, the heart of the Confederacy. But even before their world was upended, Millie had already been a source of worry for her parents. She was, in modern terms, a strong-willed and occasionally exasperating young girl—what some might call a "spoiled brat." Her mother, Mary Custis Lee, deeply concerned over Millie's behavior, felt she had been too indulgent as a parent. And Robert, ever the doting father, was little help in enforcing discipline. Something had to be done.

Help came from Charles and Olivia Powell, who had opened a boarding school for young ladies in Winchester at the southwest corner of Braddock and Amherst Streets. Their reputation for firm discipline and moral instruction had already worked wonders for other girls of "high-spirited temperament", and Mary Custis Lee, desperate to guide her daughter onto a steadier path, made the difficult decision to send Millie here in the autumn of 1860.

In the quiet moments of reflection, Mrs. Lee confided her worries in her diary:

"Millie is a sweet girl and growing so fast. I must admit that my faults as a parent have done the most harm to Precious Life. Sometimes her behavior is most improper, and her doting father does not help either. When she was younger, I felt how much to blame I am for permitting her ways, and I have prayed that God would be merciful to her and change her heart before Satan has taken possession of it. She has not yet devoted herself to God, and I worry about her soul. She is a very active child and speaks out some. As she has grown, I believe her good nature has

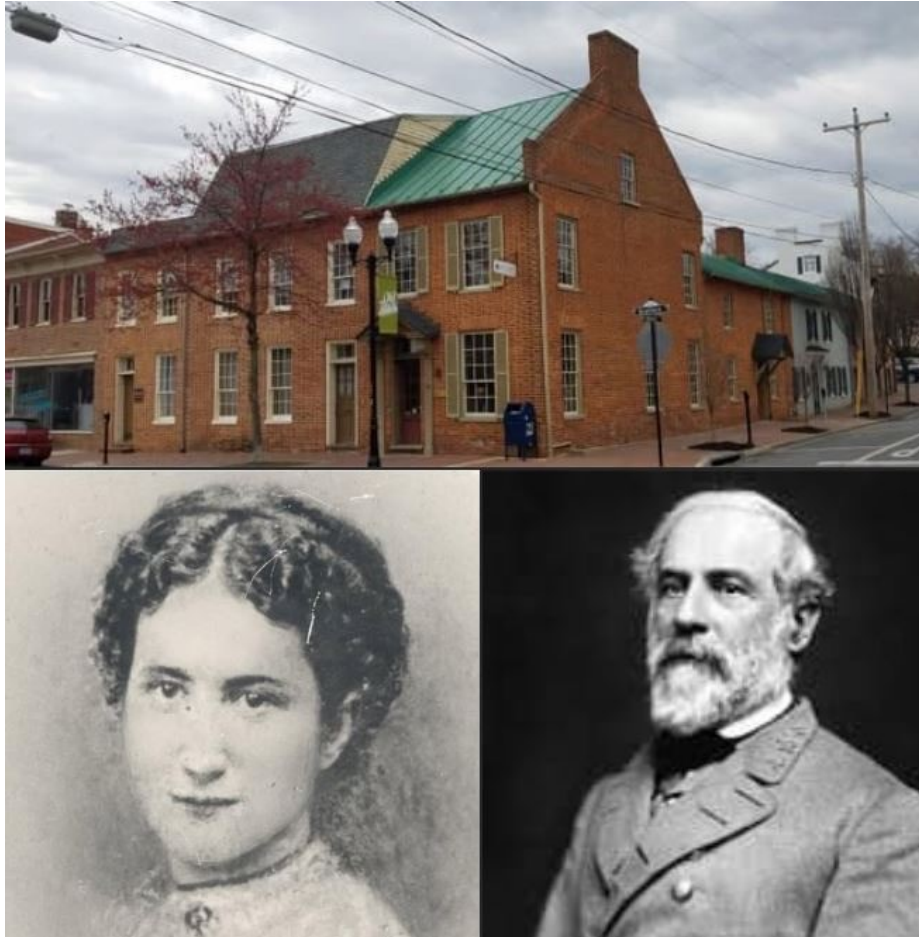
come through and that her father and I have not let her stray from God's path. But I do not believe that Precious Life understands what is happening in the country right now. I write to her at Powell's school, and she writes back concerning her wardrobe. With her reaching maturity as this conflict escalates, I fear for what will become of her life. I would like to see her happy in life, but should war happen... I do not know if happiness is in God's plan."

In 1862, as Winchester became a battleground and Union forces

threatened its occupation, Millie returned to Richmond, her childhood innocence slowly giving way to the sobering realities of war.

Though she lived a full life, traveling widely and moving with the changing tides of history, Millie never married. Her path led her to New Orleans, where she lived out her final years. In 1905, she passed away, carrying with her the memories of a world forever changed.

One wonders if, even in her final days, she still heard the echoes of her father's affectionate voice calling her by the name he had given her so long ago—his "Precious Life."



The Confederate Soldier After The War (con't)

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citadel of a world's wonder and honor, could only gaze upon his ruined altars, his despoiled but still stainless country, and murmur: "Thy will, not mine, be done." Inquiring where his wife, his children, his aged parents had wandered with bleeding feet, half-clad and homeless, seeking a refuge in the battle-scarred valleys, he was often pointed to new-made mounds that rose beside the monuments in the old family burying ground; often told stories of rapine and destruction that aroused in him all the demons of savage fury; and, thank God, he was often

(Confederate.)

A | *3* | *N. C.*

George Antery
Pvt. Co. | *3 Regiment*
North Carolina Troops.

Appears on a
Roll of Honor*
of the organization named above.

County *Cumberland*
Date of entrance into service *May 29 1861*
Age *21*; Vol. or Conscript *Vol.*
Died or discharged, and when _____, 186__

Remarks: *Wounded in battle at Sharpsburg, also at Gettysburg.*

* Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina in accordance with resolutions ratified by the General Assembly of that State on December 29, 1862. This card was made from the original record borrowed from the Adjutant General of North Carolina.—M. S. 1043147.

J. M. [Signature]
(977) Copyist.

greeted with the warm love and cheering hope that makes full compensation for the sorrows and hardships of life.

His, then, the manly part of rearing anew the temples of love and affection, of bringing order out of chaos, and of upbuilding once more a prosperous and happy commonwealth. To this task the Confederate, let it be said to his honor, applied himself with a sincere and earnest effort. Abandoning the sword and the gun, he took up the implements of useful toil, even the plow, the hoe, and the spade, with which previous conditions had not familiarized him. No honest labor was shirked that might bring bread to his family and shelter them from the storms.

Poverty now became the badge of nobility. It spoke eloquently of heroism, patriotism, oblivion to selfish interest, and a generous sacrifice of everything upon the altar of a beloved country. The enduring manhood of the Southern soldier met toil and privations in the same noble spirit with which he had faced peril and hardships.

Excerpt from *The Artillery of Forrest's Cavalry* by John Watson Morgan, published 1909.



Battles & Skirmishes

1861

April 10 – April 14 1861 – Fort Sumter Operations, SC

1862

April 5 – May 3 1862 – Siege of Yorktown, VA
 April 8 – May 1 1862 – Operations at New Orleans, LA
 April 10 – April 12 1862 – Siege of Fort Pulaski, GA
 April 13 – May 5 1862 – Confederate Evacuation of New Mexico, NMT
 April 29 – May 30 1862 – First Corinth Campaign, MS

1863

April 5 – April 12 1863 – Du Pont's Operations in Charleston Harbour, SC
 April 9 – May 14 1863 – First Bayou Teche Expedition, LA
 April 10 – May 3 1863 – *Streight's Alabama Raid*, AL
 April 16 – April 29 1863 – Siege of Suffolk, VA
 April 17 – May 2 1863 – *Grierson's Mississippi Raid*, MS
 April 18 – May 1 1863 – *Marmaduke's Second Missouri Raid*, MO
 April 20 – May 21 1863 – *Jones' and Imboden's West Virginia Raid*, WV
 April 26 – May 6 1863 – Chancellorsville Campaign, VA

April 28 – May 9 1863 – *Stoneman's Virginia Raid*, VA
 April 29 – July 4 1863 – Vicksburg Campaign, MS

1864

April 16 – April 26 1864 – Siege of Camden, AR
 April 17 – May 9 1864 – Hoke's North Carolina Operations, NC

1865

March 8 – April 18 1865 – Sherman's Carolinas Campaign – North Carolina, NC
 March 17 – April 12 1865 – Mobile Campaign, AL
 March 20 – April 23 1865 – *Stoneman's Raid in Virginia and North Carolina*, VA
 March 22 – April 2 1865 – *Wilson's Raid to Selma*, AL
 March 28 – April 10 1865 – Mobile Campaign – Fort Blakely and Spanish Fort, AL
 March 29 – April 3 1865 – Fall of Petersburg, VA
 March 29 – April 9 1865 – Appomattox Campaign, VA
 April 2 – May 10 1865 – Flight of the Confederate Government
 April 9 – April 20 1865 – *Wilson's Raid to Macon*, GA



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be there by 9:30 for instructions as we will be using a new style of the three volley salute. There will be a ceremony at the Confederate Marker area and then one at the gravesite of one of the San Jacinto Battle Veterans. The TGCHC will provide a Bar-B-Q lunch at Ft. Concho's LHSC for all attendees at the Memorial Service.

There is a group of the 7th Texas, Co. "H" men that are going to the "Battle of Pleasant Hill" in Louisiana. This is the weekend of April 11-13, 2025. If this interests you, contact me and I will hook you up with a contact person.

For those who missed last month's meeting, we discussed the possibility of hosting a Lee-Jackson Banquet in January 2026. This would be open for the Camps of the 2nd Brigade and any local folks that would like to attend. While we were discussing this, I asked if anyone recognized the date, January 1, 1996? Well, that is the date that our Camp was chartered. Compatriot Will Bowen gave us a brief history of the camp, the date is actually when the camp was re-chartered. So, we are coming up on our 30th Anniversary as a camp in January and I

thought it would be nice to include that in our banquet. We had an interesting program about the "Battle of Island Number Ten", one of those little known battles.

Remember the National and Division Reunions and get registered if you are planning to go. See y'all at the parade or meeting.
Cmdr. Melton



"Words of Thought" (con't)

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is not more than adequate. This promise appears over and over again in the Scriptures (Psalms 116:6; Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 6:8; Psalms 69:33---see below). If you are not experiencing God's bountiful provision, what is the problem? Is the difficulty with God? Or could it be that you do not really believe that God stands ready to meet your every need?

Every resource of God is available to any child of God who will believe Him. No one has ever exhausted God's supply nor suffered a shortfall when trusting Him. Unfortunately, some Christians live as if God's abundant resources were not available to them. They are children of the King, but they live like beggars! Would the people close to you affirm that your life gives evidence of an unwavering belief that God will do what He said?

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. Psalms 116:6 KJV

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to

help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 KJV

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. Matthew 6:8 KJV

For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Psalms 69:33 KJV

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

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Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi





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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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Leland Hamner 8th

Service Anniversaries

None

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Around The South

I read an article from YahooNews.com about the 5 most dependent states for federal funding. #1 was Alaska, followed by Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi and South Carolina. Seems like a lot of Southern states are still enslaved by the other side.

In another article from military.com by Jennifer Barnhill, she claims the current administration is "erasing history" and ignoring the wishes of descendants of Confederate leaders concerning the re-naming of military bases. Apparently she has conveniently forgotten it was the past administration that "erased history" by renaming bases and eradicating ALL things Confederate.

Then there is talk about the current administration's executive order on restoring history that has been removed. "The order -- called "Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History" -- directed the vice president and the secretary of Interior to restore federal parks, monuments, memorials and statues "that have been improperly removed or changed in the last five years to perpetuate a false revision of history or improperly minimize or disparage certain historical figures or events.""