



The General's Aide

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



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Special Announcement from the CIC February 14, 2023

Special points of interest:

16 March—Gen Tom Green Camp 1613 meeting, 7:00 pm at the Ft Concho Stables Classroom.

18 March—Ft Chadbourne marker re-dedication at 2:00 pm.

1 April—San Angelo Rodeo Parade at 10:00 am.

29 April—Confederate Memorial Day at the Fairview Cemetery, 10:00 am.

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Compatriots:

When something happens one time, it is a special event. When the same thing happens a second time, it is showing a pattern. When the same thing happens a third time, it becomes a tradition.

Started several years ago and keeping with tradition, I wish to announce Saturday March 4, 2023 as Confederate Flag Day. It is a time to have programs about the flags and their purpose and meaning. It is a time to retire old flags during a ceremony. All of the camps, brigades and divisions that will be having an event, please

announce it so others may attend.

April is Confederate History Month. It is a month to celebrate all things Confederate. We have so many things to celebrate and remember. Have a memorial service, a headstone dedication or any such event. All of the camps, brigades and divisions that will be having an event, please announce it so others may attend.

May will be announced as Military Appreciation Month.

June will be announced as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month.

Please plan ahead and show our appreciation, honor and respect.

Please announce any programs and events that will be taking place. You can do so on social media, SCV_Chats, local newspapers and flyers. Take pictures during the events and post them. Document your activities and send them to General Headquarters so we can announce the good works our organization is doing and what an asset will be to our local towns and communities.

Your humble servant in
The Cause,

R. S. Jason Boshers
Commander-in-Chief

2nd Brigade Picnic Announced

It was officially announced at the Camp's last meeting that there will be a Family Picnic for all 2nd Brigade Camps, April 15, 2023. The Picnic will be held in Menard. The Fort McKavett CSA Camp #2326 of Menard will furnish the meat and it is requested that everyone else bring a side dish. This is an

excellent event to meet other members within the 2nd Brigade and see old friends again. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The 2nd Brigade is made up of the following Camps:

Abilene: Brig. General John Sayles Camp #366, Fredericksburg: Hill Country Camp #1938,

Iraan: Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298, Junction: Frontier Guards Camp #996, Menard: Fort McKavett CSA Camp #2326, Midland: Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp #1441, and San Angelo: General Tom Green Camp #1613.



Henry Clay Pate, Lt.
Colonel, CSA.

H. C. Pate told his friends: "I went to take Old Brown and Old Brown took me."

Pate's Revolver Cannon

Henry Clay Pate (21 April 1833–11 May 1864) was an American writer, newspaper publisher and soldier. A strong advocate of slavery, he was a border ruffian in the "Bleeding Kansas" unrest. He is best known for his conflict with, and capture by, the abolitionist John Brown.

In summer 1856 Pate went back to Virginia to recruit settlers for Kansas. In a public meeting, Pate "gave most flowing descriptions of the terri-

tory, its climate, soil, and productions, and its vast importance to the south as a territory and prospective state." He aroused his listeners to action and "much interest was manifest in order to induce immigration, that a colony might be established in that, al-

most 'New World'.

Soon the southerners in Kansas were mustered into the "Kansas Militia" under a proclamation from Governor Shannon. Captain Pate, commanding the "Westport Sharpshooters," escorted two Lawrence men arrested for treason from

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Ft. Griffin Rendezvous & Winter Encampment

Several Camp members attended the Ft. Griffin Rendezvous and Winter Encampment in February. Participants set up camps and displays portraying all the luxuries of our forefathers including the weather as temperatures dropped into the 20's at night.



Left: Bill McElyea, Dinner, Commander Ray Johnson.

Right: Stephanie Stone, Randy Cooper Whitehead, & Nita Johnson.



Left—Top row: Deaune Whitehead, Cmdr. Ray Johnson, front row: Mike Taylor, Bill McElyea.



Confederate Memorial Day

There will be a Confederate Memorial Day and San Jacinto Battle Veterans Memorial ceremony at the Fairview Cemetery in San Angelo, April 29, 2023, starting at 10:00 am. There will be a firing line and participants may represent Confederate or Texas Revolution soldiers. If you wish to

be in the firing line, please arrive at 9:15 am. All are welcome to attend and honor those that fought for freedom and independence in this Great State, Texas.



National and Division Reunions

2023 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion

July 19-22, 2023

Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

Go to the SCV website: www.scv.org. There is a link on the top banner that directs you to registration, hotel information, attractions and schedule.

You may also find this information at:
www.2023scvreunion.org.

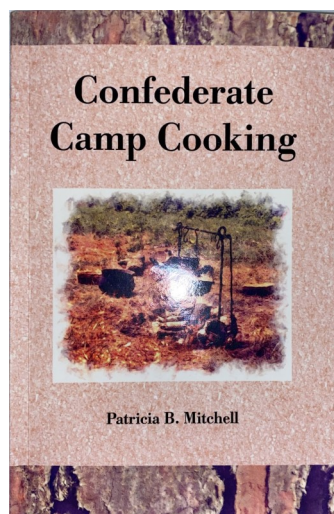
2023 Texas Division Reunion Lubbock Texas

Friday June 02 - Sunday 04, 2023

Go to the Texas Division website: www.scvtexas.org. There is a **Texas Reunion** link on the left hand column that will take you to a page with a **More Info** link. There you will find registration and other information links.

You can go directly to **www.scv1352.com** to register and obtain information about the reunion.

Confederate Camp Cooking



For those of you that did not make it to the February meeting, you missed a great short program from Commander Johnson on Confederate Cooking. He covered a few recipes from the book, "Confederate Camp Cooking", by Patricia B. Mitchell. An important note from His program was how difficult military life was for our ancestors during this war. Food was scarce and the Confederate sol-

dier ate whatever was available to them and made their meals the best tasting meal they could. To their credit, the Confederate forces, being out-numbered, out equipped, and out supplied fought and held off the invaders for four years.

Most in attendance at the meeting I believe would pass on the last recipe Commander Johnson spoke of:

"Roasted Rat"

"The rat must be skinned, cleaned, his head cut off and his body laid upon a square board, the legs stretched to their full extent and secured upon it with small tacks, then baste with bacon fat and roast before a good fire quickly like canvas-back ducks."

Hey, there is 'bacon' in the recipe, maybe we should try it!

Pate Revolver Cannon (Con't)

Westport to Lecompton, where they arrived on May 19, 1856. After learning of the Pottawatomie Massacre on the 25th, Pate, being appointed Deputy United States Marshal, resolved to find John Brown and arrest him.

Pate and about thirty of his Westport Sharpshooters camped near Blackjack in Douglas County and "began to terrorize the citizens of the surrounding country." Dr. Graham of Prairie City was arrested and taken to their camp. Others were "annoyed and alarmed," and reports of outrages circulated. When word reached John Brown of the Missourians' Black Jack activities, Brown called his company together and traveled all night to the site. At daylight, Brown attacked Pate and his company, who took shelter behind their wagons. Although Pate's forces outnumbered Brown's, after two hours, Pate sent one of his men out with a prisoner as a shield and under a white flag. Pate surrendered and became Brown's prisoner.

Soon Colonel Sumner, in command of Federal troops at Fort Leavenworth, arrived with orders from Governor Shannon to release Pate and his men. The Westport men were allowed to recover their weapons. One witness remembered what happened next:

"Then, Captain Pate got up on a log and said he would like to make a few remarks. Colonel Sumner then lifted up his voice and said distinctly, "I don't want to hear a word from you, sir. You have no business here, the Governor told me so." Captain Pate and his company then disappeared..."

Among Sumner's officers was Lieutenant J.E.B. Stuart, who along with Thomas Rosser of Westport, would figure in Pate's later life.

At the outbreak of the War Between the States, Pate joined the Confederate Army with his mounted company that was called Pate's Rangers or the Petersburg Rangers. The innovative Pate designed the revolving cannon, which he had cast at the Petersburg foundry in Petersburg, Va. This cannon was then made available to Pate's unit which became part of the 5th Virginia Calvary. His revolving cannon firing five shots of four pound balls. The cylinders of the revolving cannon were fired using

percussion caps. The cap was struck by a large spring-actuated striker. The cannon employed a screw mechanism which pushed the cylinder forward when it was in position. This reduced the gap between the cylinder and the barrel, which significantly reduced gas leakage during firing. A lever attached to a ratcheting mechanism was used to rotate the cylinder. A spring-loaded cog would slip into recesses in the cylinder, holding it in the correct position for firing. At the battle of Yellow Tavern in May 1864, Pate served under General J.E.B. Stuart, defending the Confederate left. In addition to knowing Pate in Kansas, Stuart had testified at Pate's court martial arising out of Pate's dispute with his old friend and superior officer, Thomas Rosser, now a Brigadier General in the Virginia cavalry. Stuart had taken Rosser's side in the feud.

The first Federal attack at Yellow Tavern was repelled by the 5th Virginia "in a hand-to-hand grapple." General Stuart was apprehensive that Pate might fail to hold on the next attack. He rode over to Pate's position, gave the colonel instructions and asked him to hold the position until reinforcements arrived. Pate "got up and looked squarely at the General from whom he was estranged." "I will do it," Pate said. Stuart thanked him and, as the two men shook hands, "all difference" between them was "effaced." Henry Clay Pate rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Story comprised of information from: Wikipedia and Kansas Bogus Legislature, www.kansasboguslegislature.org/mo/pate_h_c.html.



Pate's Revolver Cannon is currently displayed in the Siege Museum at Petersburg, Va.



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Gen. Tom Green Camp 1613 meetings are held every 3RD Thursday of the month at the Ft. Concho Living History Stables' classroom. 236 Henry O'Flipper St., San Angelo.

Gen. Tom Green Camp 1613 2nd Brigade Texas Division



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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