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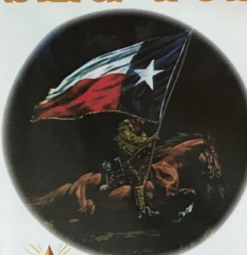
# THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE

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**APRIL 2023**

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**2nd Texas Frontier District Camp 1904**  
**DeLeon, Texas**



**Preserving Our Southern Heritage  
And Making Texans Proud**



**Texas Sons of Confederate Veterans**



Camp Officers

**Paul Hutcheson**....Commander & Chaplain

**Dave Guise**...1st Lt. Commander

**Steve Bondy**...2nd Lt. Commander

**Charlie Ditmore**.....3rd Lt. Commander

**Eddie Cox**.... Adjutant

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## **Our Next Meeting**

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:00 PM

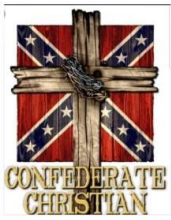
Please bring a side dish or dessert,  
and enjoy food and friends

All meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month  
@ 7pm for a pot luck supper followed by a program  
on Southern History, a short break and then  
our monthly business meeting.

**Visitors are welcome** to any or all of the above.

**Location:**Comanche Merchantile  
100 N. Houston st. Comanche Tx.

April Presentation by Peggy Harvey  
“Native AmericansInvolvement”



# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN



Hello my Confederate brothers and sisters,

As always time is flying by and will leave us behind if we are not careful. I don't know about y'all but I am constantly having to fight the "I will do that next time" or "I will always have time for that later" mentality. The time to take advantage of opportunity is now. This opportunity can come in many different forms. The chance to visit a loved one, go to a concert, read a book rather than stare at your phone, or maybe step out of your comfort zone and try something new. These opportunities will not wait for us. It is up to us to take advantage of them.

Speaking of opportunities we have a great one this Saturday the 22nd with the Comanche frontier days at the Comanche Museum. This is a great opportunity to visit with camp friends, take part in a rifle salute, meet a lot of great folks and just enjoy being a part of the community that supports us as a camp and organization. I really hope to see some of y'all that have not taken advantage of this sort of thing in the past. Of course one opportunity that out ranks them all is the opportunity to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and take advantage of your ticket to heaven. No better time to do this than now. This is resurrection month and how cool would it be to say you were reborn in Christ the same month as Jesus himself rose from the dead. I would love to share more about this with anyone who would like to hear about it or maybe has a question or two. Please do not hesitate to contact me about this or anything Christ or camp related. Don't forget about our camp meeting on Tuesday the 25th. Until then God bless y'all and God bless Dixie. [><]

Paul Hutcheson

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# 1ST LIEUTENANT'S REPORT



Greetings compatriots,

It has been a month of joys and sorrows. We laid to rest compatriot Ray Trosper with full Confederate honors as we mourned with his family. We also mourn with the Harvey family at the loss of their grandson Aron. I feel that it's fitting that we celebrated the death and resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ at this time, as he over came the grave and gave us the assurance that we also will arise and be reunited with him and our loved ones in His glorious kingdom in paradise.

Brenda and I went to see "The Promise" in Glen Rose on Good Friday to start our Easter celebration followed by family dinner after church with two of our children and six of our grandchildren.

Your Mechanized Cavalry had it's 3rd annual Bluebonnet Ride in Ellis County. It was a beautiful day for a ride and to enjoy God's beauty of spring time. All of the wild flowers are in bloom and when you're on a motorcycle you can also enjoy the fragrances.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting as well as our many upcoming events. Please be sure to look at our upcoming events page and plan to attend as your calendar allows.

In Service and Honor of our Heritage,

Dave Guise

1st Lt and past Commander  
2nd Texas Frontier District  
Camp #1904 DeLeon  
7th Brigade, Texas Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

2nd Lieutenant  
Mechanized Calvary #3826  
1BN, Company C, 2nd platoon





# 2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904



## March 2023 Minutes

7PM Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation. Pot Luck served by TSOCR  
7:30 Meeting called to order. Pledges US, Texas and CSA Reading of the Charge  
Welcome Guests: CJ Price Program presented by Dave Guise "Battle of the Wilderness"

### **Business Section**

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox not present, Charlie Ditmore declared quorum.

submits Treasurer's report : \$3,300.00

February Minutes: Motion by Dave Guise, 2nd by Steve Bondy to remove proposed Constitution Amendment from Feb Minutes. Passed with unanimous vote by camp.

**1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise** - DEC March 4th meeting vote was made for 2024

Division Reunion in San Antonio Tx. and National Reunion in Houston Tx

Announced Funeral Info for Ray Trosper. Announced 17K endowment from TX Division for Texas Authors.

**2nd Lt. Commander-Steve Bondy** -displayed the "Wanted Poster" for membership to be placed in local businesses. Liked by all. 20 to be printed and passed out at April mtg.

**3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore:** St Patrick's Day booth was chilly. Collected \$51, handed out 7 applications to interested men.

**OCR- Becky Bussey**- invited all to April 8 event in Anderson Tx

**UDC-Sheran Weible**-Not Present

### **Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports**

**Events-Dave Guise**- Thanked everyone for participation in March 25th event.

Reminded everyone of UDC Military Service Award April 30th in Stephenville.

**Membership & Recruitment-Steve Bondy:** his co-workers interested in attending a meeting.

**Programs**- April- Peggy Harvey " Native American Involvement"

**Flags-Tommy Alford**- Not Present

**Cemetery-Eddie Cox**.-not present. Charlie Ditmore requested help with "taken over" cemetery flag placement.

**Newsletter-Brenda Guise**- Requested April birthdays from members

**Old Business:** Discussion of Camp Constitution and proper procedure for changes  
Forms to be added to website. Charlie Leatherwood and Frank Bussey reported on Camp Constitution original creation and purpose.

**New Business:** discussion on cemetery sign replacements. Ditmore to price overlay stickers. 2025 Reunion Committee volunteers: General :Charlie Ditmore, Dave Guise & Paul Hutcheson. Video: Paul Hutcheson, Jackson Richmond & Dave Guise. Awards Committee to meet April 3rd 6P at Dave Guise's home.

Motion to close meeting by Dave Guise, 2nd by Charlie Ditmore

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 9:05P meeting adjourned

## Death of a Tyrant – The Last Diary Entry of John Wilkes Booth

When John Wilkes Booth fled Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865 and was killed on a farm in Virginia two weeks later, officers found a red leather diary on his body that contained two diary entries, written in pencil, and photos of five women, one of which was his secret fiancé Lucy Hale. The diary also appeared to be missing 54 pages from the front of the book and an additional 32 pages from the back, all of which had been cut out with a knife. According to the book "Right or Wrong, God Judge Me: The Writings of John Wilkes Booth," Booth used two of the cut-out pages to write letters to Dr. Richard H. Stewart while he was on the run from the police, but the other pages were unaccounted for. In the two diary entries found in the book, which were later published in the New York Times, John Wilkes Booth defended his actions and denied that killing the president was wrong or immoral.

He also expressed his anger at being hunted by the police and stated he couldn't understand why he was being persecuted instead of thanked:

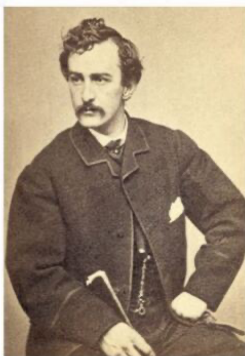
"April 13, 14, Friday, the Ides.

Until today nothing was ever thought of sacrificing to our country's wrongs. For six months we had worked to capture, but our cause being almost lost, something decisive and great must be done. But its failure was owing to others, who did not strike for their country with a heart. I struck boldly, and not as the papers say. I walked with a firm step through a thousand of his friends, was stopped, but pushed on. A colonel was at his side. I shouted Sic semper before I fired. In jumping broke my leg. I passed all his pickets, rode sixty miles that night with the bone of my leg tearing the flesh at every jump. I can never repent it, though we hated to kill. Our country owed all her troubles to him, and God simply made me the instrument of his punishment. The country is not what it was. This forced Union is not what I have loved. I care not what becomes of me. I have no desire to outlive my country. The night before the deed I wrote a long article and left it for one of the editors of the National Intelligencer, in which I fully set forth our reasons for our proceedings. He or the gov'r-... After being hunted like a dog through swamps, woods, and last night being chased by gunboats till I was forced to return wet, cold, and starving, with every man's hand against me, I am here in despair. And why? For doing what Brutus was honored for. What made Tell a hero? And yet I, for striking down a greater tyrant than they ever knew, am looked upon as a common cutthroat. My action was purer than either of theirs. One hoped to be great himself. The other had not only his country's but his own, wrongs to avenge. I hoped for no gain. I knew no private wrong. I struck for my country and that alone. A country that groaned beneath this tyranny, and prayed for this end, and yet now behold the cold hands they extend to me. God cannot pardon me if I have done wrong. Yet I cannot see my wrong, except in serving a degenerate people. The little, the very little, I left behind to clear my name, the Government will not allow to be printed. So ends all. For my country I have given up all that makes life sweet and holy, brought misery upon my family, and am sure there is no pardon in the Heaven for me, since man condemns me so. I have only heard of what has been done (except what I did myself), and it fills me with horror. God, try and forgive me, and bless my mother. Tonight I will once more try the river with the intent to cross.

Though I have a greater desire and almost a mind to return to Washington, and in a measure clear my name – which I feel I can do. I do not repent the blow I struck. I may before my God, but not to man. I think I have done well. Though I am abandoned, with the curse of Cain upon me, when, if the world knew my heart, that one blow would have made me great, though I did desire no greatness. Tonight I try to escape these bloodhounds once more. Who, who can read his fate? God's will be done. I have too great a soul to die like a criminal. Oh, may He, may He spare me that, and let me die bravely. I bless the entire world. Have never hated or wronged anyone. This last was not a wrong, unless God deems it so, and it's with Him to damn or bless me. As for this brave boy with me, who often prays (yes, before and since) with a true and sincere heart – was it crime in him? If so, why can he pray the same? I do not wish to shed a drop of blood, but 'I must fight the course.' 'Tis all that's left to me.'”

The diary was taken from John Wilkes Booth's body by Colonel Everton Conger and passed around to various military officials, including the Secretary of War Edwin Stanton and General Joseph Holt, yet it was never introduced as evidence in the 1865 Conspiracy Trial of Booth's accomplices. In 1867, the diary was rediscovered in an old war department file and although the two original entries remained intact, much speculation was made over the mysterious missing pages.

Questions were quickly raised and many of the original handlers of the diary were called upon for answers. Stanton wrote the following letter to President Andrew Johnson, on May 14, 1867, explaining that the pages were already missing when the diary was first discovered on Booth's body: An official report that same year by General Holt also stated that the current condition of the diary was exactly as he first saw it in 1865. Holt theorized that the missing pages probably contained entries from early 1865 and were most likely destroyed by Booth himself. The pages have never been found and their contents remain a mystery.



# Camp 1904 Happenings

## March Meeting





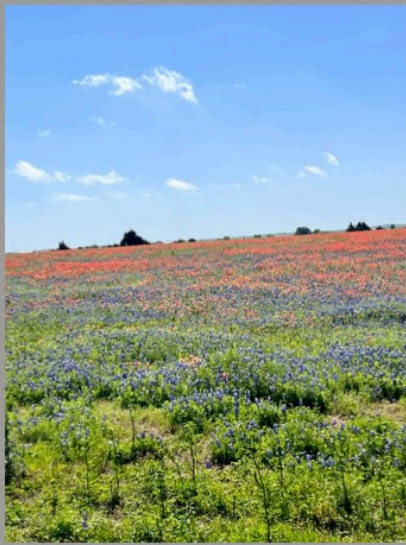
Jesse Pilkinton Headston Dedication.



Ray Trosper Funeral



# 3rd Annual Mechanized Cavalry Bluebonnet Ride



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# 2023 Upcoming Events

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as of March 28, 2023

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**April 22, 2023 (Saturday) Comanche Museum 10am-4pm**

**April 25, 2023 (Tuesday) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 De Leon Meeting:** 7:00 pm in Comanche at the Comanche Mercantile building located on the southwest corner of the courthouse square at 101 N Houston St. Comanche TX 76442

**April 27-30, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SCVMC Trans-Mississippi Raid on the Border at Lake of the Pines Jefferson, TX**

**April 29, 2023 (Saturday) 12th annual R.E. Lee Camp 239 Confederate Heritage Banquet:** Located at Splash Dayz Banquet Room, 8905 Clifford Street White Settlement, TX 76108. Doors open at 5:00pm Ticket price \$30 each. Ticket sales end April 16<sup>th</sup>, cash, check or credit card payable to R.E. Lee camp 239, address 720 Nichole Dr. Burleson, TX 76028. Or contact Chris Webb 817-739-8300 Email: adjutantcamp239@yahoo.com

**April 30, 2023 (Sunday) UDC Military Service Award ceremony: 3pm at the chapel located at the Stephenville Historical Park and Museum.** Honor Guard Rifle and Cannon salute.

**May 6, 2023 (Saturday) Beach Cemetery Cleanup:** We'll meet at the Pony Creek Baptist Church 27131 FM 2481, Stephenville, TX at 8 am.

**May 23, 2023 (Tuesday) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 De Leon Meeting:** 7:00 pm in Comanche at the Comanche Mercantile building located on the southwest corner of the courthouse square at 101 N Houston St. Comanche TX 76442

**June 2-4, 2023, Texas Division Reunion in Lubbock Texas**

**June 16-18, 2023 SCVMC National Reunion Paducah, KY**

**June 27, 2023 (Tuesday) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 De Leon Meeting:** 7:00 pm in Comanche at the Comanche Mercantile building located on the southwest corner of the courthouse square at 101 N Houston St. Comanche TX 76442

**July 19-24, 2023, National SCV Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas**

**July 25, 2023, (Tuesday) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 De Leon Meeting:** 7:00 pm in Comanche at the Comanche Mercantile building located on the southwest corner of the courthouse square at 101 N Houston St. Comanche TX 76442

**Sept. 23-24, 2023 Comanche Pow Wow**

**BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS**