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# THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE

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**MAY 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, May 23, 2023 7:00 PM

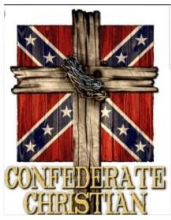
Please bring a side dish or dessert,  
and enjoy food and friends

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.

May Presentation by Frank Bussey  
“Civil War vs War Between the States”



# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN



Hello again my confederate brothers and sisters and welcome to what is now the middle of May.

As with every month may have some fun and important days in it. A few lighthearted ones are:

May 4 Star Wars day

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 6 the Kentucky Derby also free comic book day

May 10 clean up your room day(somehow both my kids missed this one)

May 19 pizza party day and one we could all agree on is

May 20 be a millionaire day.

Two days with a little more meaning are

May 14 Mother's Day

May 29 memorial day

A few interesting facts about May are: in any given year no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.

May is the month of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere

The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success. I find it interesting that the month of Mother's Day also has a birthstone representing love and success. Mother's Day started to remember our loved mothers who had passed and eventually became a day to show thanks and remember mothers past and present. Of all the relationships we will have in our lives there are two that will show us more love and wish us more success than the rest and one is our mother. The second is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Experiencing love in our hearts and success in our lives is the goal for both our acting mothers and our Savior Jesus. The list of sacrifices our mothers gave for us is never ending and most of the time unknown by all but our mother. The sacrifice given by our Savior is well known and remembered by the cross. Whether you are blessed to still have your mother or she has been called home to be with the Lord, we all have a direct line to talk with Jesus and he would love to hear from you and tell you all about the love and success he wants for your life. I would be happy to talk about this or anything else to anyone who might like to hear more about it. Also I look forward to seeing all y'all at the camp meeting on Tuesday the 23rd. Really hope everyone can make it as well as the state reunion the first weekend in June. It is such a great time. Until then take care, God bless y'all and God bless Dixie.

Paul Hutcheson

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# 1ST LIEUTENANT'S REPORT



Hello compatriots,

I've been right busy these past weeks, we assisted camp #2283 Palo Pinto lay one of their members (Roy Edwards) to rest with an Honor Guard Rifle salute.

I attended the annual SCVMC Trans-Mississippi Raid on the Border at Lake of the Pines. There were members from 4 different states as far away as North Carolina. The Mech Cav rode Friday to Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson TX. to honor Cullen Barker with an Iron Cross, Honor Guard pistol, rifle, and cannon salute, followed by a canteen ceremony. Saturday we rode to Rosedale Cemetery in Gladewater TX to honor all Confederates buried there with Honor Guard pistol, shot gun, and cannons (yes plural, 2 cannons) salute. This one was attended by dignitaries PCIC Paul Gramling, his wife Lynda, and Texas Division 1st. Lt. Commander Michael Hurley. I'd like to thank the men of our camp that provided the Honor Guard rifle and cannon salute for the UDC Military Award ceremony while I was traveling back from Lake of the Pines.

I assisted camp #2283 Palo Pinto in their Locke cemetery clean up outside of Mineral Wells, then 2 days later, Eddie Cox, Charlie Ditmore and myself cleaned up Beach cemetery. Lots of scratches and cuts on my arms, but a fullness in my heart to see the results of our labors to take care of our ancestors final resting places.

The Black Rose and Honor Guard ceremonies at Chalk Mountain cemetery had to be canceled due to the weather, but we look forward to being able to provide that for them next year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Until then, "Raise the black flag and ride hard boys. Our cause is just and our enemies many."

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



## APRIL 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  
Program presented by Peggy Harvey- Native American Involvement

### **Business Section**

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox declared a quorum.

submits Treasurer 's report : \$3,155.00 March Minutes stand approved.

### **Commander calls for reports:**

**1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise** - Exhibited a newspaper article from Dublin Citizen concerning Gold Star recipient from October. good press

**2nd Lt. Commander-Steve Bondy** -not present

**3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore:** Comanche Museum event well received and good public opinion. Good time was had by all.

**OCR- Becky Bussey-** invited all to San Antonio Cemetery event April 29

**UDC-Sheran Weible-**invited all to Military Service Awards April 29

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

**Events-Eddie Cox:** Pony Creek clean up 8a May 6th. Planning Lacy Cemetery and Oakwood Cemetery repair.

**Membership & Recruitment-Steve Bondy:** not present

**Programs-** May-Frank Bussey "Civil War vs War Between the States"

**Flags-Tommy Alford-** Not Present Noted DeLeon flag needs changing.

Sipe Springs paperwork for tax exemption need to be completed. Flag OK

**Cemetery-Eddie Cox.**-info above under events

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

**Old Business:** waiting on stickers to update cemetery metal signs

**New Business:** 2025 Reunion-moving forward after State reunion in June. The Harveys are working closely with Mineral Wells Chambers-All flags OK with Crazy Water. will begin working on advertising video.

Delegate for 2023 Reunion in Lubbock. Paul Hutcheson, Dave Guise, Eddie Cox.

Alternant:Mason Spikes Discussed upcoming parades and summer events. Commit to July 4 Stephenville, Comanche PowWow DeLeon Peach Festival and Crazy Water Festival

Motion to close meeting by Dave Guise, 2nd by Mason Spikes

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 8:45P meeting adjourned



## Cullen Montgomery Baker

was a Confederate guerrilla during the War of Northern Aggression, he didn't want to give up the fight once the war was over, and afterward ambushed reconstructionist, killed former slaves, and generally terrorized the states of Texas and Arkansas for four years.

Baker was born in Weakley County, Tennessee, on June 22, 1835, to John Baker and his wife, Elizabeth. His father was an honest but poor farmer who also owned cattle. Soon after he was born, the family moved to Clarksville, Arkansas. After just a few years, the family moved to Texas in 1839, eventually settling in Davis County. There, his father received a land grant of 640 acres. Though they had received the acreage, the family was still

poor, and because of his homespun trousers and bare feet, Cullen was teased by students at school. Though he was a slender and withdrawn youth, he began to fight back. He also obtained an old pistol and rusty but workable rifle and began to practice with both weapons until he was very proficient.

He took his first drink of whiskey when he was just 15 years old and began to challenge both boys and men who annoyed him to "go for your guns." It wasn't long before he spent much of his time in saloons, where his quick temper got him into several brawls. He was generally described as a hard drinker, a braggart, quarrelsome, and mean-spirited. During one fight, he was knocked unconscious by a man named Morgan Culp, who hit him in the head with a tomahawk. This incident seemingly calmed his temper for a little while, but it wouldn't last.

Some weeks later, on January 11, 1854, still wearing a head bandage, Baker married 17-year-old Martha Jane Petty and settled down to a quiet farming life. But he was tired of this routine and was back to his old ways just eight months later. One night when he was out drinking, he became involved in a verbal altercation with a youth named Stallcup. As the discussion devolved, Baker became enraged, grabbed a whip, and beat the boy to near death. Baker was then charged with the crime, and he confronted one of the witnesses, Wesley Bailey, at his home, shot him in both legs with a shotgun, and left him lying in front of his house. Bailey died a few days later. Before Baker could be arrested for the murder, he fled to Perry County, Arkansas, where he stayed with his mother's brother, Thomas Young, for almost two years.

While there, he stabbed a man named Wartham to death in an argument about horses in 1856 and fled back to Texas. But he soon returned to Arkansas when he learned he was still wanted to face murder charges in the killing of Bailey.

In November 1861, he joined Company G of Morgan's Regimental Cavalry to fight in the Confederate Army. In July 1862, he married for a second time to Martha

Foster, who was unaware he was wanted for murder. His name is on the muster roll for September-October 1862, and he received pay through August 31, but he was designated a deserter on January 10, 1863.



He then joined a group of guerillas called the "Independent Rangers," loosely associated with the Confederate Home Guard. Their

objective was to pursue and capture deserters from the Confederate Army.

Shortly after Baker joined the "Independent Rangers," they began an ongoing feud with another band called the "Mountain Boomers," who were Union guerrillas. Both bands ranged through Arkansas, robbing, burning, and murdering indiscriminately.

At the end of 1864, Baker was in a saloon wearing a Confederate hat in Spanish Bluffs, Arkansas when he was approached by four negro Union soldiers who asked for identification. With his pistol drawn, Baker turned to face them, shooting and killing a sergeant and the three other soldiers.

In 1866, Reconstruction had begun in Arkansas and Texas, and Baker despised the idea. He and Lee Rames organized a gang that operated out of the Sulphur River bottoms near Bright Star, Arkansas. Baker and his men also traveled to Texas, where he killed John Salmons, who had previously killed the brother of Lee Rames. He also killed W.G. Kirkman, a Reconstruction official, and a man named George W. Barron, who had previously taken part as a member of a posse hunting him.

Baker then fled back into Arkansas, where he was confronted by a Union sergeant when he boarded a ferry, who recognized him. He killed the Union officer, but a private was able to get away and reported the murder. After this, Baker was pursued relentlessly by Union forces.

On July 25, 1867, he got into an argument with several Union Soldiers near New Boston, Texas, which quickly escalated to violence. In the ensuing gunfight, Baker was shot in the arm, but he killed army Private Albert E. Titus. This resulted in a \$1,000 reward for his capture, dead or alive.

On October 24, 1868, Baker and his men were reported to have been involved in the killings of Major P.J. Andrews, Lieutenant H.F. Willis, and a negro black man in Little Rock, Arkansas. In the attack, Sheriff Standel was wounded.

He and Kirby made their way to Bloomburg, Texas, to the house of Baker's in-laws in January 1869. It would be there that Cullen Baker and "Dummy" Kirby would die on January 6, 1869.

Exactly how they were killed is unknown. One version says that his father-in-law and friends laced a bottle of whiskey and some food with strychnine and both men died from poisoning. Afterward, their bodies were riddled with bullets. Another version says that Thomas Orr, with whom Baker had long feuded, led a small band of men who ambushed Baker and Kirby at the Foster home, shooting and killing them.

After the men were killed, their bodies were dragged through the town of Bloomburg and then taken to the US Army outpost near Jefferson, where they were placed on public display. Thomas Orr was said to have collected some of the reward money offered for Baker. Baker was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Texas.





# Camp 1904 Happenings

## April Meeting

Speaker Peggy Harvey



SCV Mechanized Cavalry- 2nd Platoon 1Squad

# Funeral for Roy Edwards of Palo Pinto Camp



# Frontier Days at Comanche Museum



Mechanized Cavalry  
2nd Annual  
Trans Mississippi Raid on the Border



## Beach Cemetery Clean Up



UDC George B Erath 2679 Military Service Awards

# 2023 Upcoming Events

-----as of May 15, 2023-----

**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 TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**