


THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE

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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, September 26, 2023 7:00 PM

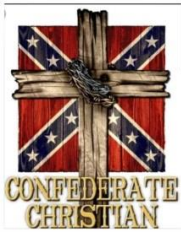
Please bring a side dish or dessert,
and enjoy food and friends

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.

July Presentation
Report from SCV National Reunion



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN



Hellos my confederate brothers and sisters.

I hope everyone has had a great September so far. I know I am enjoying the cooler weather as well as the rain.

Looks like mid 90s for the PowWow this weekend. I really hope to see y'all there. If you would like to help run the booth or just want to stop by and say hi I look forward to seeing everyone. We will be in spot 111 this year. Hours are Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4. It's always a great time so come on out and join us.

If you are unable to make it, I wish you all a great weekend.

Of course we have our camp meeting next Tuesday the 26th. Lots to go over as well as some good old fashion visiting and catching up to do so hope everyone can be there. September has kept me as busy as possible so I apologize for the short report. Best wishes for everyone.

God bless y'all and God bless Dixie.

Paul Hutcheson

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1ST LIEUTENANT'S REPORT



Greetings compatriots,

We have finally gotten some relief from the drought with some much needed rain and cooler temperatures. I had to slow down a bit due to cataract surgery but I can see much better now and back to being busy again.

The Comanche Pow Wow is this upcoming weekend Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 from 10am-6pm. Please come and support our camp with the recruiting booth.

The SCV Mechanized Cavalry completed the 10th Annual River Run at Mountain Breeze Camp grounds in New Braunfels. We enjoyed the rides, fellowship and brotherhood.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next meeting.

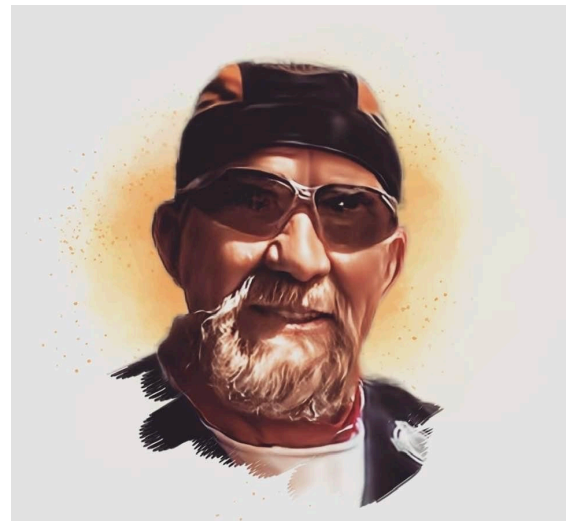
My God bless you and May God bless Dixie.

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 Retired
Mechanized Cavalry #3826
1BN, Company C, 2nd platoon





2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904



August 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 by Alessa Hutcheson: Deserved? Lincoln's Assassination

Business Section

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox declared a quorum is achieved.

submits Treasurer's report : \$2,938.02 July 2023 Minutes stand approved.

Commander calls for Officer reports:

1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise - Will combine with Events Committee.

2nd Lt. Commander-Steve Bondy Recruited a Trooper during a traffic stop

3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore: DeLeon Festival 4 nights \$296 profit.

See Old Business...\$74 donated to 2025 Reunion Fund

OCR-Becky Bussey - reminder TSOCR General Meeting Sept 30 Pope Rolla Waco
Cactus Rose welcome 3 new members

UDC-Sheran Weible- not present

Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports

Events-Dave Guise: Reminder of Comanche PowWow Sept 23-24

Membership & Recruitment-Steve Bondy: 4 apps from DeLeon Festival

Programs-September by Dave Guise: T.O. Moore

Flags-Tommy Alford- not present not present

Cemetary-Eddie Cox.- too hot or cemetery work triple digits daily

Newsletter-Brenda Guise- Challenge members to report ancestry birthday

Old Business: Motion by Mason Spikes to donate 23% of all festival profits to 2025
Reunion Fund. 2nd: Steve Bondy unanimous vote to Pass.

Vote for Christmas Party 2nd meat-Fish Wins. final guest count to venue Nov 1st.

Discussed Speaker. Dave Guise to contact possible speakers and report back.

New Business:

Motion by Dave Guise to open Simmons Bank Account for 2025 Reunion Fund. 2nd:
Mason Spikes unanimous vote to Pass. Account to have Camp 1904 and 2283 ADJ
Eddie Cox/Waymon Curtis Scott.

Ronnie Jennings motion to close meeting. Mason Spikes 2nd

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 8:46P meeting adjourned



September Birthday



Raphael Semmes (/simz/ SIMZ; **September 27, 1809 – August 30, 1877**)

was an officer in the Confederate Navy. During the War, Semmes was captain of the cruiser CSS Alabama, the most successful commerce raider in maritime history, taking 65 prizes. Late in the war, he was promoted to rear admiral and also acted briefly as a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army. His appointment or arrangement to act as a temporary brigadier general from April 5 to April 26, 1865, was never submitted to or officially confirmed by the Confederate Senate.

After appointment to the Confederate Navy as a commander and a futile assignment to purchase arms in the North, Semmes was sent to New Orleans to convert the steamer Habana into the cruiser/commerce raider CSS Sumter. In June 1861, Semmes, in Sumter, outran the USS Brooklyn, breaching the Union blockade of New Orleans, and then launched a brilliant career as one of the greatest commerce raider captains in naval history.

Semmes's command of CSS Sumter lasted only six months, but during that time he ranged wide, raiding U.S. commercial shipping in both the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean; his actions accounted for the loss of 18 merchant vessels, while always eluding pursuit by Union warships. By January 1862, Sumter required a major overhaul. Semmes's crew surveyed the vessel while in neutral Gibraltar and determined that the repairs to her boilers were too extensive to be completed there. Semmes paid off the crew and laid up the vessel. U.S. Navy vessels maintained a vigil outside the harbor until she was disarmed and sold at auction in December 1862, eventually being renamed and converted to a blockade runner. The Alabama was uncommonly beautiful. In profile it resembled one of the crack American clipper ships of the 1850s: 220 feet long, 32 feet wide, with a sharply-cut clipper bow, three masts raked backward, an undercut “champagne” stern—and a stubby single smokestack that could be lowered for disguise. To blend into the ocean, the ship rode low in the water, and the hull, masts, lifeboats, and other fittings were all painted black. The steam engine produced 300 horsepower for special occasions of pursuit or flight. A crucial steam condenser distilled enough freshwater for the crew to remain at sea for months at a time. Six broadside cannons and two pivot guns, mounted amidships, proclaimed the Alabama a bristling vessel of war.

The ship was built under false pretenses. By law, no British shipyard was supposed to provide warships to a combatant in the American Civil War. But Liverpool was a stronghold of Confederate sympathy in Britain, and everyone there knew the Lairds were building a special warship for the secessionists. It was so obvious that the matter needed no discussion, indeed required a discreet, evasive silence. The U.S. consul in Liverpool, Thomas Dudley, tried to stop the ship with depositions and legal flurries. Through a tangled process that still remains quite mysterious, the Alabama was allowed to escape to sea in late July 1862.

Semmes and several of his officers traveled to England where he was promoted to captain. He then was ordered to the Azores to take up command and oversee the coaling and outfitting with cannon of the newly built British steamer *Enrica* as a sloop-of-war, which thereafter became the Confederate commerce raider CSS *Alabama*. Semmes sailed on *Alabama* from August 1862 to June 1864. His operations carried him from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico, around Africa's Cape of Good Hope, and into the Pacific to the East Indies. During this cruise, *Alabama* captured 65 U.S. merchantmen and quickly destroyed the USS *Hatteras*, off Galveston.

The Lancaster family, on holiday in France from their home in Lancashire England, deliberated on Saturday, June 18, 1864 over the desirability of scuttling Sunday's itinerary in favor of taking out their yacht, *Deerhound*, to watch the announced naval duel between the CSS *Alabama* and the USS *Kearsarge*. "As the juveniles were really all one way," John Lancaster later reported, "the question was decided in the affirmative rather against the wishes of both myself and my wife." Little could the Lancasters know that they were about to become a small part of the history of not only an epic naval battle but a long and fractious dispute between the United States and Great Britain that threatened to do irreparable harm to Anglo-American relations. Captain John Ancrum Winslow of the *Kearsarge* won the battle and watched the wounded Confederate cruiser vanish beneath the dark waters of the English Channel; events, however, denied him his ultimate prize, the *Alabama*'s captain, Raphael Semmes. After abandoning the sinking vessel, Semmes and several of his officers signaled for sea rescue and were soon plucked from the water by Lancaster's yacht. Winslow, after having directed the *Deerhound* to assist the foundering sailors, called for Lancaster to deliver them up; but under maritime rules, Lancaster was only obligated to take the rescued sailors to the nearest port. This he did, taking Semmes and company to Cowes on the Isle of Wight and shortly across to Southampton where they proceeded to slip away under cover of English neutrality—perhaps a fitting epilogue to the relationship between a captain and ship whose origin and life on the sea was so often characterized by stealth and intrigue. The controversy surrounding the *Deerhound* incident and the far greater controversy surrounding the doomed Confederate raider itself did not, however, slip away. The ship had been at the center of a brewing storm in Anglo-American relations since its design was contracted in Birkenhead in the summer of 1861 and would continue to be contentious until negotiators rendered judgment in the Treaty of Washington, 1871.

He defended both his actions at sea and the political actions of the southern states in his 1869 *Memoirs of Service Afloat During the War Between the States*. Semmes is credited with helping to popularize the phrase "War Between the States" to refer to the War.

In 1871 the citizens of Mobile presented Semmes with what became known as the Raphael Semmes House, and it remained his residence until his untimely death in 1877 from complications that followed food poisoning from eating contaminated shrimp. Semmes was then interred in Mobile's Old Catholic Cemetery.



Camp 1904 Happenings



August
2023
Meeting



Above: Alyssa Hutcheson and Commander Hutcheson



Left: Steve Bondy and Commander Hutcheson

Below: 2023 Mechanized Cavalry River Run



2023 Upcoming Events

———as of September 18 2023 ——

Sept. 23-24, 2023 (Sat.-Sun.) Comanche Pow Wow

Sept. 26, 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. 30, 2023 (Sat.) DEC meeting in Waco: Poppa Rolla 703 Valley Mills Dr.

Oct. 6-7, 2023, (Fri.-Sat.) Crazy Water Festival Mineral Wells

Oct. 6-7, 2023 (Fri-Sat) Living History at Wellington

Oct. 6-8, 2023 (Fri.-Sun.) SCVMC Gator Run XIV: Lake Bistineau State Park, Doyline, LA.

Oct. 10, 2023 (Tues.) #427 meeting: 6:00pm at the Best Burger Barn located at 5675 N Gate Rd. Granbury

Oct. 12, 2023 (Thur.) #2313 meeting: 6:30 pm Steele Creek Acres VFD located at 1336 FM1713 Morgan, TX

Oct. 12, 2023 (Thur.) 7:00pm #1982 meeting at Hico Community Center

Oct. 14, 2023, Saturday By Gone Days in Stephenville

Oct. 24, 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

Nov. 28, 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

December 9, 2023 (Saturday) Camp 1904 Christmas Party Hwy 6 Cafe

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS