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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

**Mason Spikes**....2nd Lt. Commander

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

**Eddie Cox**.... Adjutant

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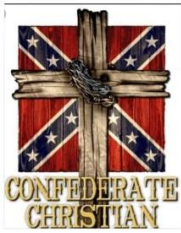
# **Our Next Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:00 PM

All meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month  
@ 7pm for a pot luck followed by a program  
and our monthly business meeting.

**Visitors are welcome**

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



# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN



Hello my Confederate brothers and sisters,

I hope April is treating y'all well.

This is the beginning of our busy season and it is definitely not letting us forget that. We have several events in our near future and I hope to see everyone at as many as we can make. If you have not made it to an event I would definitely recommend it. It really is a good time with good folks.

Although we are all so busy this time of year, I would like to take a second to remind us all (myself included) to remember to take a minute, slow down and thank the Lord for all he does for us individually as well as a country. Pray and give thanks. God loves to hear from us.

Hope to see y'all soon.

Until then, God bless y'all and God bless Dixie.

Paul Hutcheson.

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# 1st Lieutenant's Report



Greetings Compatriots,

I trust everyone got all their gravestones flagged. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebration as well.

We had a meeting of the 2025 Division Reunion committee at the Triple G in Stephenville. We accomplished a lot and made headway and direction for what we needed to accomplish to continue to move forward.

Brenda and I went to the Battle of Pleasant Hill this past weekend. We had a great time dancing and visiting with our friends throughout the Confederation. Also participating from our camp was Kevin Wilson and Jackson Richmond.

I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next camp meeting. Be sure to look at upcoming events, find something to attend and participate in to support our camp.

May God bless you and may God bless Dixie!

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 Calvary #3826  
1BN, Company C, 2nd Platoon





# 2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904



## March 2024 Minutes

7PM Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation.

7:30 Meeting called to order. Pledges US, Texas and CSA Reading of the Charge Program by Eddie Cox: "History of Comanche County Square"

### **Business Section**

Adjutant Eddie Cox declared NO quorum.

Eddie Cox submits Treasurer 's report : \$2,781.55

Eddie Cox declared correction needed for February 2024 Minutes. He spoke 2nd in Old Business concerned move to HWY 6 Cafe. Correction made-See Feb Below.

Commander calls for Officer reports:

**1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise** - Reported attending Sons of Republic program, Iron Cross Dedication, 4H Presentation and DEC meeting.

**2nd Lt. Commander- Mason Spikes:** Not Present however, Dave passed out recruitment posters. Eddie stated there seems to be a problem with Steve Bondy's transfer on the AZ end.

**3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore:** Reminds members to verify any discrepancies to update list for placing flags. Requests all to look for Sons of Republic marked graves.

**OCR-Becky Bussey** - Reported Michael Hurley requested TSOCR to be in charge of table decorations for 2025 Nation Reunion in Houston. Announced 4 Heritage funding apps awarded donations. Request items for 2024 Tx Div Reunion.

**UDC-Brenda Guise** - UDC TX Convention in San Antonio 1 weekend of Oct.

Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports:

**Events-Dave Guise:** May 4th Celtic Festival in Decatur.

**Membership & Recruitment-** nothing at this time

**Programs-**April- "The Battle of Aiken S.C." by Greg Goetz

**Flags-Tommy Alford-:** Not Present. Charlie Ditmore reports Sipe Springs and DeLeon flags are good.

**Cemetary-Eddie Cox.**- Reminds everyone to get cementeries flagged.

**Newsletter-Brenda Guise-** Nothing at this time

**Old Business:** Eddie Cox announces Goldthwaite event charges \$25 daily. Suggests camp select 1 day-Saturday. No Motion to vote. Eddie requests an email be sent to members for commitment to Comanche Museum April 20. Dave Guise volunteers to send email.

### **New Business:**

Awards- Dave requests brag sheet from each member by April 16.

It was reported that a flag pole near Ft Hood entrance has been obtained and will soon waive a battle flag.

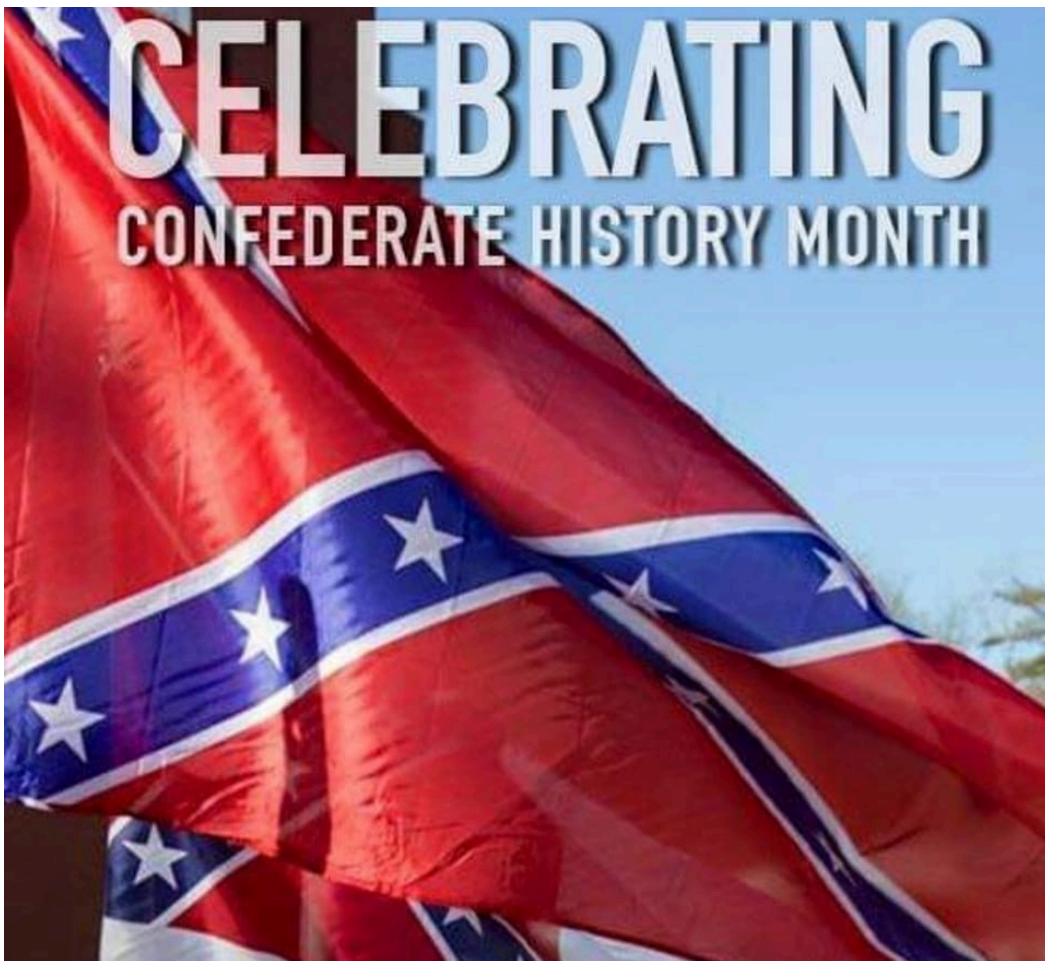
2025 Reunion: Committee Chairman Jim Harvey reported a profit on the 1st gun raffle of \$600 and the 2nd raffle of \$400.

He stated this is not going to cut it. Both raffles have been done by Camp 2283 and Camp 1904 has done nothing, other than help from Charlie Ditmore.

Commander Hutcheson, interrupted with heated comments. In an effort to defuse and make plans, a committee meeting was set for Saturday April 6 11am at GGG Cafe in Stephenville. Jim continued with information including the fact that these 2 camps must come up with 10K for the 2025 Reunion. 1K so far. Each camp can have 2 raffles a year and 2283 has already had theirs. Video also needed. Brenda Guise volunteered.

Dave Guise motion to close meeting. Eddie Cox 2nd

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 9:06P meeting adjourned





# 2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904

## Revised February 2024 Minutes



7PM Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation.

7:30 Meeting called to order. Pledges US, Texas and CSA Reading of the Charge Program by Dave Guise: "Truth about the Pledge"

### **Business Section**

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox declared a quorum IS achieved.

Eddie Cox submits Treasurer 's report : \$2,781.55

January 2024 Minutes stand approved.

Swearing in of new member: Harley Tyler

Commander calls for Officer reports:

**1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise** - Announced Steve Bondy moved to AZ and new 2nd Lt will be needed.

**2nd Lt. Commander- see new business**

**3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore:** Cemetery Flags ordered, received and ready for distribution tonight. Some delivered to members.

**OCR-Becky Bussey** - Not present-Brenda Guise announced Black Rose Ceremony March 9 by request. UDC donated book for June Silent Auction.

**Events-Dave Guise:** all reported above. Eddie Cox added new Event April 26 in Goldthwaite. BBQ cook-off.

**Membership & Recruitment-** nothing at this time

**Programs-March-**"History of the Comanche County Square by Eddie Cox

**Flags-Tommy Alford-:** All in good shape

**Cemetary-Eddie Cox.-** Need to set a workday soon. reminds all to put flags out

**Newsletter-Brenda Guise-** request ancestor birth month

**Old Business:** Motion by Dave Guise to move meetings to Hwy6 Cafe in DeLeon, 2nd by Mason Spikes. Discussion began with Charles Ditmore opposing by saying 1904 never paid the \$40 out of Camp funds. He added in years past the Camp always had sandwiches and that was fine till the women became involved and made it a competition against each other. He said he felt these "meals" were not necessary. Eddie Cox continued with a concern for storage of flags/banners. Stating he would resign from Color Guard if the camp moved to DeLeon. Eddie also reported that Camp 1904 had no contract with the Comanche Mercantile so the "\$40" in question is not required. Charles D added he paid the \$40 out of his pocket and planned to continue. Tommy Alford injected that the Camp should put out a kitty jar for everyone to contribute. Dave Guise spoke in favor of the move stating he felt the "DeLeon" camp should move back to it's Charter town- Hwy6 Cafe offered no charges, no set up or clean up and food from a menu. Commander Hutcheson asked for any other meeting sites-none offered. He then called for Vote to move to Hwy6 Cafe in DeLeon.

3 in favor 4 Against. Motion Failed.



**New Business:** Replacement of Steve Bondy as 2nd Lt. Mason Spikes nominated himself, 2nd by Dave Guise. Unanimous vote in favor.

Eddie Cox stated the Comanche Museum event for April 20th needed 4 volunteers. Jim Harvey spoke concerning the lack of gun raffle sales. Reminding everyone this is funding of the 2025 Reunion. Drawing is set for March 23 and at this time there are not enough ticket sales to cover even half of the cost of the weapon. Commander Hutcheson calls for any other New Business....none...

Eddie Cox motion to close meeting. Mason Spikes 2nd

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 8:32P meeting adjourned







# April in History



## The War for Southern Independence – It began and ended in April.

**It begins-** April 12, 1861. At 4:30 a.m., a flaming mortar shot arcs into the air and explodes over Fort Sumter. On this signal, Confederate guns from fortifications and floating batteries around Charleston Harbor roar to life. Outmanned, outgunned, undersupplied, and nearly surrounded by enemy batteries, Anderson waits until around 7:00 a.m. to respond. Captain Abner Doubleday volunteers to fire the first cannon at the Confederates, a 32-pound shot that bounces off the roof of the Iron Battery on Cummings Point.

For nearly 36 hours the two sides keep up this unequal contest. A shell strikes the flagpole of Fort Sumter, and the American colors fall to the earth, only to be hoisted back up the hastily repaired pole. Confederates fire hotshot from Fort Moultrie into Fort Sumter. Buildings begin to burn within the fort. With no more resources, Anderson surrenders Fort Sumter to Confederate forces.

April 13. At 2:30 p.m., Maj. Anderson and his men strike their colors and prepare to leave the fort. Sadly, the only casualties at Fort Sumter come during the 100-gun salute, when a round explodes prematurely, killing Pvt. Daniel Hough and mortally wounding another soldier. The attack is over, but the war had just begun.

**4 bloody years later. It ends -** April 9th, 1865, was the end of the War for General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. For Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant and tens of thousands of Federal and Confederate troops fighting further south, the war stretched out for several more months. After Appomattox, however, only the most zealous and desperate could pretend the Union was not already victorious and the Confederacy was destined to end.

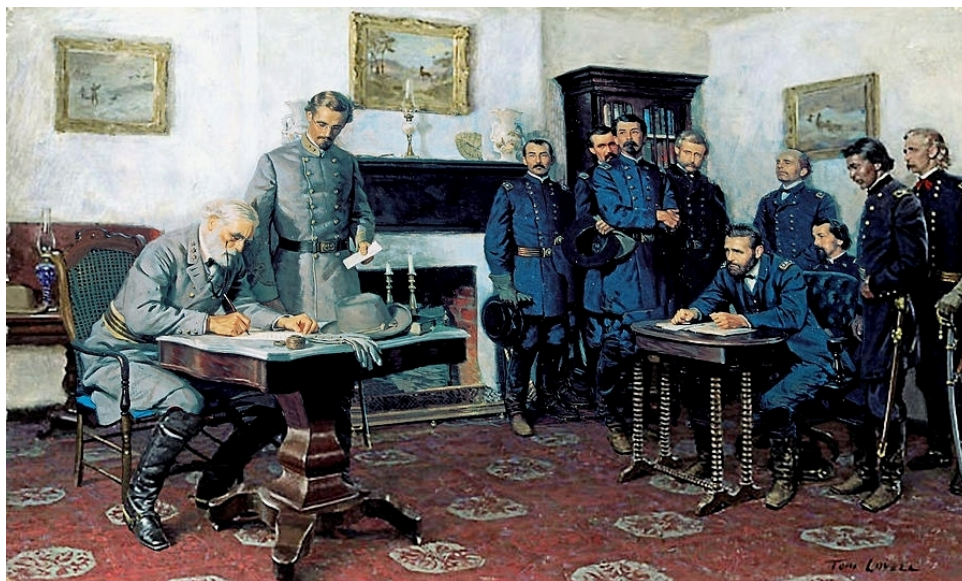
As the sun rose on April 9th in Appomattox, General Lee still clung to the belief his war was not over. 8,000 men from Maj. General John B. Gordon's Second Corps, along with Lee's nephew Fitzhugh Lee and what remained of the Confederate cavalry, were lined up for battle just west of the village of Appomattox Court House. Robert E. Lee hoped there was only a thin line of Union cavalry ahead of him that he could smash through, find supplies and rations, and then turn south to march to North Carolina to continue the fight. For a week Grant thwarted Lee's plans to turn south. He actively blocked Lee's movements and tried to surround his forces. As a result of these efforts, Grant's forces had finally gotten ahead of Lee at Appomattox. Lee was in the middle of the fight; his headquarters was east of the village near the center of his army. Gordon's Second Corps and the Cavalry were west of the village readying for a fight, and Longstreet's command, the First Corps and Third Corps of the ANV, were in the east guarding the rear. Lee knew more Federal troops were approaching from the east and perhaps the south, and he hoped he could move his army before the Federal reinforcements arrived. Lee's hopes were dashed by the arrival of thousands of Union infantry, including United States Colored Troops, who had marched most of the night to block the way. By 8:00a.m., Gordon's men retreated toward the village, Fitzhugh Lee's cavalry was fleeing toward the west, and Lee knew his war was over.

Grant had ridden west all morning toward the fighting, knowing he was drawing near to the end of the Army of Northern Virginia. On April 7th, after the Confederates had suffered a catastrophic defeat at the Battle of Sailor's Creek, Grant asked Lee to surrender and declared any "further effusion of blood" was solely Lee's responsibility. Lee, still believing he could escape Grant, declined to surrender but did ask about the possibility of a peace agreement. Grant tactfully replied that he could not discuss a peace agreement, but he could consider a military surrender. As he realized his army was cornered, Lee asked to discuss terms of surrender on April 9.

Lee arrived at the McLean House sometime after one o'clock and waited there with Marshall and Babcock. Grant and his staff arrived at McLean's parlor half an hour later from the west after riding dozens of miles around the two armies that morning. Grant was uncertain how to bring up the subject of surrender, so after introducing his staff and the army commanders with him, he brought up the Mexican War and the brief meeting the two men had then. Eventually Lee said they should get to the business at hand. In his order book, Grant quickly wrote out the terms, which had already been outlined for Lee in the letters the two generals exchanged over the two previous days. Contrary to many visitor's expectations, there is no formal surrender document. The surrender was conducted through an exchange of two short letters. Grant's was a mere five sentences long and Lee's reply was only three very short, terse sentences.

The heart of the terms was that Confederates would be paroled after surrendering their weapons and other military property. If surrendered soldiers did not take up arms again, the United States government would not prosecute them. Grant also allowed Confederate officers to keep their mounts and side arms. Lee appeared relieved by the terms. Grant said he could not tell what Lee was thinking, but some indication of his anxiety might be inferred. When Lee dressed in his finest uniform that morning, he indicated to his staff that he expected to be taken prisoner and wanted to be in proper form and "make his best appearance".

Although Lee agreed to the terms, he asked if his men could keep their horses and mules in the cavalry and artillery. The Confederate army provided weapons and military property, but the men provided their own mounts. Grant indicated he would not amend the terms but would issue a separate order allowing that to happen. Lee said he thought that would have a happy effect on his men. Lee and Grant also agreed to appoint three officers from each army to act as "commissioner" for the surrender who would work out the details of issuing parole passes, returning Union prisoners the Confederates had captured along the retreat, and sending rations from Union lines to Confederates. Over the next few weeks, additional Confederate forces surrendered using Grant's terms for Lee as a template.





# Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana April 13, 2024

Kevin Wilson



Kevin & group



Jackson Richmond &  
Brenda Guise



Below:

Past National SCV Commander  
Paul Gramling on the CHARGE



Allen Hearrean, Dave Guise  
& Frank Dietz



L to R : Jeremy Shaver, Allen Hearrean,  
Dave Guise, Paul Gramling, Linda Gramling  
Front : Debbie Hearrean





# 2024 Upcoming Events

-----as of April 15, 2024 -----

**April 20, 2024 (Sat.) Division Wide Confederate History Month Celebration Picnic:** State Park at Blanco, RV sites are available.

**April 20, 2024 (Sat) Comanche County Museum:** 10a-4p

**April 23, 2024 (Tuesday.) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 Meeting:** 7PM in Comanche at the Comanche Mercantile. 101 N. Houston St. Comanche Tx

**May 11, 2024 (Sat.) Chalk Mountain Headstone Dedication..more info to follow.**

**June 7-9, 2024 Texas Division Reunion in San Antonio TX**

**July 17-21, 2024 SCV National Reunion in Charleston SC**

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**