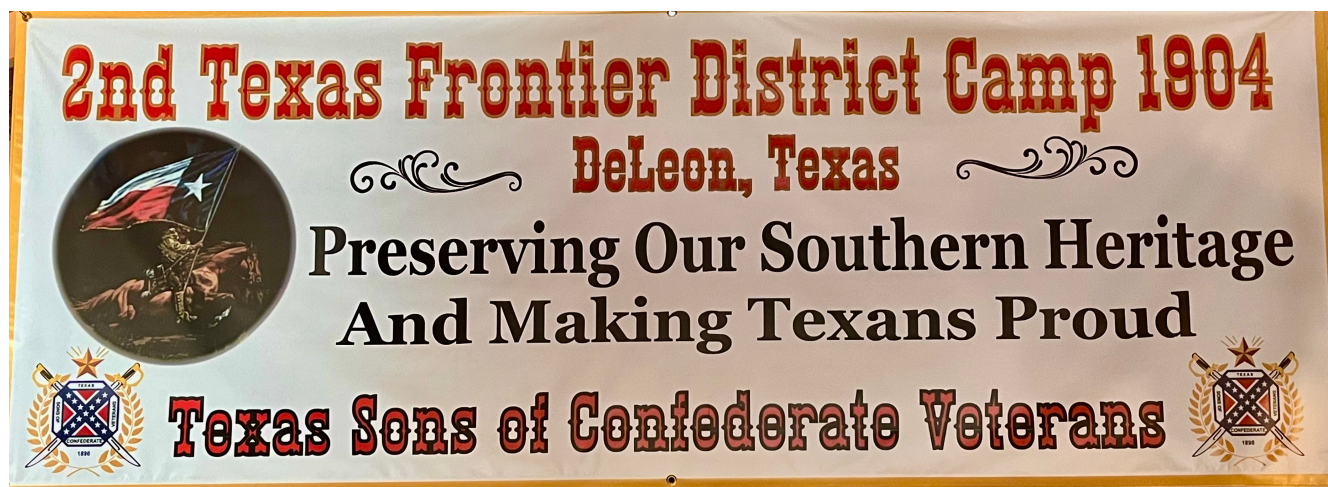

THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE

DECEMBER 2024



Camp Officers

Dave Guise.....Commander

Paul Hutcheson.....1st Lt. Commander

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

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

EddieCox.....Adjutant

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Visit us on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/217095848399801>

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Our Next Meeting

Tuesday January, 28, 2025

All meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7pm for a sandwich 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



Season's Greetings compatriots,

I hope this Christmas season brings you many happy returns of blessings of peace and happiness. Time to celebrate the birth of our Savior with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to be joined with you all again after the new year. Remember our New Year's Day breakfast at Jake & Dorothy's at 9 am. Be sure to look at upcoming events and mark your calendar.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas!

May God bless each of you and may God bless Dixie.

Dave Guise

Commander
2nd Texas Frontier District
Camp #1904 DeLeon
7th Brigade, Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

1st Lieutenant Adjutant
Mechanized Calvary #3826
1BN, Company C, 2nd Platoon

2025 TX Div Reunion Fund Raisers

SCV Camp 1904

2ND Texas

Frontier District

\$5 GOLD COIN RAFFLE

PROCEEDS GO TO 2025 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION IN
MINERAL WELLS

PRIZE



approx.
RETAIL VALUE
\$1,000⁺

1909-D \$5 INDIAN HEAD GOLD coin

BLP (in collector case)

Drawing will be held DURING THE 2025 SCV Texas Division Reunion IN Mineral Wells, TX (June 7, 2025).
Winner will be notified by phone.

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\$5 GOLD COIN RAFFLE

Number of tickets _____ @ 10 each = \$ _____ enclosed (check payment type) ☐ check ☐ Money Order ☐ Cash

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: (____) _____ email: _____

We will text or email copies of your completed ticket(s). Circle how you want to receive confirmation: TEXT EMAIL

MAIL ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO: SCV Camp 1904, 713 Spring Meadow St, Stephenville, TX 76401

Make checks payable to: SCV CAMP 1904

Date received: ____/____/____



SUMMER RAFFLE

PROCEEDS GO TO 2025 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION IN
MINERAL WELLS

1851 Brass Frame Confederate Griswold & Gunnison



\$25
ticket

Pietta 1851 Confederate Navy Black Powder Revolver

This six-shot .44 caliber revolver was made under contract to the Confederate government. **It is a brass framed copy of the Colt 1851 Navy revolver.** Connecticut Yankee Samuel Griswold set up a cotton gin factory in Georgia in 1830. The village of Griswoldville grew around the factory. In 1862, Griswold produced pikes for volunteers from the state of Georgia. The factory soon began producing revolvers for the Confederacy. No other Confederate factory produced more revolvers than Griswold & Gunnison. Griswoldville was the first town burned by Sherman's troops on his march to the sea. This 1851 navy model features a brass frame, blued parts, brass backstrap and triggerguard, hexagon barrel, and a walnut navy size grip. ***A beautiful replica to add to your collection!***

RETAIL VALUE

\$425

Drawing will be held immediately following the January 2025 DEC meeting (Approximately Jan. 6, 2025).
Winner will be notified by phone.

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SUMMER 2024 (Colt Confederate Navy Revolver)

Number of tickets _____ @ \$25 each = \$ _____ enclosed (check payment type) _____ check _____ Money Order _____ Cash

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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We will text or email copies of your completed ticket(s). Circle how you want to receive confirmation: TEXT EMAIL

MAIL ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO: SCV Camp 2283, 2651 Devils Hollow Rd, Graford, TX 76449

Make checks payable to: SCV CAMP 2283

Date received: ____/____/____

SCV Camp 1904

2ND Texas

Frontier District

1/4 BEEF RAFFLE 2024

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MINERAL WELLS



**LOCALLY RAISED
TEXAS BEEF**
Dublin, Texas

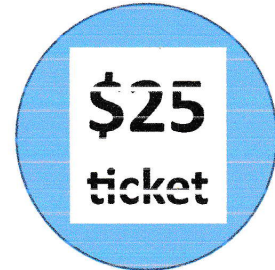
PRIZE

QUARTER BEEF



winner's choice of
front or hind 1/4

and
CHEST FREEZER



approx.
RETAIL VALUE
\$1,000

PLEASE NOTE: Winner will be responsible for picking up prize in Dublin, TX.

Store Hours, Mon-Sat: 8am-6pm

Drawing will be held immediately following the January 2025 DEC meeting (Approximately Jan. 4, 2025).
Winner will be notified by phone.

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1/4 beef raffle 2024

Number of tickets _____ @ 25 each = \$ _____ enclosed (check payment type) ☐ check ☐ Money Order ☐ Cash

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

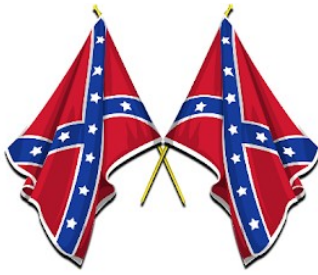
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2nd Texas Frontier- Camp 1904 November 2024 Minutes

6:15PM Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation, Thanksgiving Feast served.
7PM Meeting called to order. Pledges US, Texas and CSA Reading of the Charge
Introduction of Guest: Ryan Mann, Vicky & Warren Cates
Program by Brenda Guise. Winning TSOCR 2024 Scholarship Essay
"Angels of Mercy" written by Haagan Allcock

Business Section

Adjutant Eddie Cox not present. 1st LT Dave Guise declares a quorum. Treasurer's Report: \$2,914.40. from the books Eddie supplied to him before he went out of town.
No correction to October minutes, therefore stands approved.

Commander calls for Officer reports:

1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise: 2025 Reunion medals received. sample shown.
Lanyards ordered. Notified members only 50 room in hosting hotel available. Suggested reservations

2nd Lt. Commander-Mason Spikes: Reported DeLeon flag in need of replacement and new ring. Mason & Paul volunteered to replace.

3rd Lt. Commander-Charlie Ditmore: Nothing. Reported he had been sick, better at present.

UDC, OCR & Newsletter-Brenda Guise: Presented Alexa Miranda with her membership certificate and pin. Reminder meeting January 4 in Waco

Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports

Programs: no December meeting. New Year's Breakfast 9am Jake & Dorothy.
Next camp meeting January 28, 7PM, program by Brenda Guise "2024 in Review" video & swear in new officers.

Flags: Tommy Alford not present.

Cemetery: Eddie Cox not present

Old Business None

New Business: Commander Hutcheson ask for any new officer nominations. None.
Voted and approved Officers as follows. Commander-Dave Guise, 1st Commander/
Chaplain-Paul Hutcheson, 2nd Lt. Mason Spikes, 3rd Lt. Charlie Ditmore, Adjutant:
Eddie Cox.

Carolyn Baughman introduced Austin Grant as new commander of the Whitney Camp.
He is the youngest commander in the Texas Division. Invites all to visit their meeting
the 3rd Monday of each month at the Steel Creek Volunteer Fire House. Prayers
requested for Greg Goetz.

Upcoming Events: no discussion

Dave Guise motion to close 2nd by Mason Spikes
Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.
Benediction & Dixie led by Commander
8:40P meeting adjourned

Christmas during The War Between the States

As the War Between the State's first Christmas neared, a pair of young lovers, Nathaniel Dawson and Elodie Todd, a Confederate soldier and his eventual bride, wrote to one another with increasing melancholy. They were separated by hundreds of miles, and their communication was often interrupted by delays in the mail and the desperation of the war. I wish I could be with you at Christmas, the festal season, where age is rejuvenated and lives again in the merry carols of youth," Dawson wrote to Todd (sister of Mary Todd Lincoln) on December 22, 1861. On the holiday itself, he wrote to describe his regiment's rowdy celebrations. "Bad whiskey is abundant and pleasure and sorrow drowned in large potations," he said. Dawson and Todd's lives changed dramatically during the war, as the Confederacy crumbled and their personal lives stretched to their limits. But they weren't alone in wishing they could celebrate Christmas together.



As the fractured United States fought, the holiday took on new meaning. By the end of the war in 1865, Christmas had gone from a relatively unimportant holiday to the opposite—a day rooted in an idealized vision of home. The way Americans observed the holiday changed too, setting the stage for the more modern Christmas holiday we know today. Before The War of Northern Aggression, Christmas was not an official holiday in the United States. Nor was it celebrated uniformly across the country. In early New England, Christmas was looked down upon by Puritans and Calvinists, who felt the day should be observed for strict fasts and rituals, if it was observed at all. During the 17th century, Massachusetts imposed a fine on colonists who celebrated the holiday, and after it became a state, its businesses and schools did not observe the holiday at all. Elsewhere, Christmas was celebrated in a variety of ways, most depending on the country of origin of the immigrants who celebrated it. But by the mid-19th century, the holiday's importance—and distance from religious tradition—was already starting to grow. Songs and carols like "Jingle Bells" (1857) and poems like "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (1823) set the stage for a fun, secular holiday that revolved around gift-giving and celebration with food and drink.

On the battlefield, men on both sides tried to celebrate Christmas by giving gifts, eating and drinking, and taking time off. In his memoir, James A. Wright, a sergeant in the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, recalls eating beef soup and greeting his fellow soldiers on Christmas in camp. “The men had been allowed as much liberty as consistent with discipline and were ‘circulating around’ among their acquaintances in other regiments,” he recalled, “I was frequently invited to ‘smile,’” or take a drink. In 1863, a Confederate soldier from North Carolina wrote to his mother asking for a bottle of brandy and some sugar so he could make eggnog for his fellow soldiers.

Though individual traditions still varied, the upheaval of the War made the holiday seem more and more important to separated families. “The Christmas season [reminded] mid-19th century Americans of the importance of



home and its associations, of invented traditions,” writes historian David Anderson”. When the war ended, the magazines and newspapers that had underlined the importance of the holiday kept promoting it, and reunited families, devastated by the losses of the war.

In 1870, in the aftermath of the war, Congress passed the first federal holiday law and made Christmas an official holiday. Thus, four years of war had changed the holiday from a loose celebration to an essential one.

Camp Happenings

2024
Thanksgiving
Feast



Brenda Guise & Alexa Miranda



2025 Upcoming Events

as of December 21, 2024

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday) Annual New Year's Day Breakfast 9am Jake & Dorothy's Cafe Stephenville, TX

January 4, 2025 (Saturday) DEC meeting 9AM Poppa Rollo's 703 N Valley Mills Dr, Waco

January 25, 2025 Lee Jackson Banquet.....See Below

January 28, 2025 (Tuesday) 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 Meeting: 6PM
in Comanche, Comanche Mercantile located on the southwest corner of the square at
101 N Houston St. Comanche TX 76442

BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Compatriots and Friends,

You are cordially invited to attend the annual **Lee-Jackson Banquet** of the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner will be served at 7:00 pm

Location: Gober Party House, 1516 West Avenue H, Temple, Texas 76504

Meal: Barbecue brisket, sausage, and chicken, catered by Miller's Smokehouse in Belton, Texas

In lieu of purchasing desserts from the caterer, please bring one with you to share.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (children 10 and under are free) – Cash or check at the door

Dress: Confederate uniform or other period dress, or semi-formal modern dress

We will have a silent auction, awards presentation, and the annual presentation of the camp's George H. Ballentine Memorial Service Award.

Please bring any items you would like to donate to the silent auction.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley.

In order to get an accurate head count for the caterer, please RSVP to Camp Adjutant James Bozeman no later than Friday, January 17, 2025. RSVPs can be sent to his email at james.e.bozeman@gmail.com, or cell phone (254) 913-2447.