


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

Dave Guise...Commander solo.rider@hotmail.com

Paul Hutcheson...1st Lt. Commander & Chaplain

Eddie Cox....2nd Lt. Commander

Charles Ditmore.... Adjutant

**Please follow the link below to the camp website
to see all pictures taken at the Christmas Party**

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Our Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 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.

January's presentation is a video:
"2022 in Review "

A Word From Our Camp....

Commander



Greetings compatriots,

On the evening of Dec 9th your Mechanized Cavalry teamed up with the Lt. Alexander Cameron Camp 2226 to participate in the Greenville Christmas parade. It was a big parade and we were very well received. The next day we had a very chilly ride to Bonham and then to Farmersville to visit 2 Confederate monuments before having lunch and returning home.

Our camp Christmas party was an awesome event at the Hwy 6 Cafe in De Leon. The staff had beautifully decorated the back room for us and the food and service was outstanding. Speaker Texas Division JAG Rob Jones' program, "Christmas Past", was both informative and entertaining. Accompanied by his delightful daughter, Mary Page, he brought with him a hand blown glass Christmas tree ornament from the 1800s that belonged to his grandmother.

Awards and certificates were presented, Silent Auction, also we had a lot of door prizes that were donated which added more fun for everyone in attendance. Steve Bondy provided Christmas music for listening enjoyment while we dined and visited, and the Dublin Bottling Company provided plenty of delicious drinks.

At the end of the evening, Rob Jones swore in the new camp officers for 2023 and we finished with singing "Dixie".

Charles Leatherwood's surgery went well and he is a home recovery. Please remember him and Betty in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, after a brief illness. Compatriot Gary Kent Brinegar, a member of the Major Robert M. White Camp crossed over the river. Gary's wife, Aida, asked for a Confederate Honor Guard at the graveside service, followed by a flag presentation. So on Friday, December 16, Brenda and I traveled to the Smith Cemetery in Kempner to honor her wishes and him.

As this is the last of my Commander Notes I want to say "Thank you" for all the support and confidence in me the past 2 years for allowing me to serve as your commander. I also want to congratulate Paul Hutcheson as the Commander elect. I will be working closely with Paul as the 1st Lt. Commander to help his transition be a smooth one. Steve Bondy will be 2nd Lt, Charlie Ditmore 3rd Lt. and Eddie Cox will be Adjutant.

I'm extremely proud of our camp and it's members. There are many camps that are a lot larger than ours, but our little camp ranks towards the top of the most active list. That is due to y'all, our members.

In closing I wish each of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

In Service and Honor of our Heritage,

Dave Guise

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



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Hello my Confederate brothers and sisters,

I hope the month of December has treated everyone good so far. Sure enjoyed visiting with everyone at the camp Christmas party. Those who were unable to make it were missed however I hope to see all y'all at the New Year's Day breakfast.

We are now less than a week from Christmas and time is showing no signs of slowing down. December is by far my favorite month of the year. The cold mornings, the hustle and bustle of shopping, the lights, trees and decorations everywhere, kids excited for Santa and opening presents on Christmas day. In our home we love it all. It is so much fun to celebrate these traditions.

Of course Christmas has another meaning and that is the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As with every holiday, the world has attempted to change the meaning of Christmas. There is nothing wrong with the Christmas traditions but we must always remember Jesus is the reason for the season. Being born a man, living a perfect life, being wrongfully accused, and dying for our sins placing us under the grace of God. All of this starts with the birth of Jesus on Christmas day.

So as we go through this Christmas week, remember Christ, his birth and everything that comes with it including the opportunity of a personal relationship with him. Pray to the Lord, ask for forgiveness and his grace and build your relationship with God. He loves to hear from you and to be a part of your life. If anyone has questions about this or would just like to hear a little more please don't hesitate to contact me. Until next time, God bless y'all, God bless Dixie and merry Christmas to everyone.

Paul Hutcheson

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2ND LIEUTENANTS REPORT



Another year comes to an end, and what a great year it has been for Camp 1904, so many I can't remember them all. Some of the great things the Camp did this year was the Big Eye Cemetery Historical marker dedication and the same day we had the Grave dedication for Hardin, Flagging over 1200 Confederate graves for Confederate month, a good group going to the State convention and National Convention, and the big one the grave dedication for Gold Star Cadmus Wilburn, and so many other events that our camp has been in.

Would like to Thank the Commander for awarding me the Stone Mountain coin award at the Camp Christmas party for work that I help out the camp with. I couldn't have done it all with out the help from my wife and several others.

Looking forward to this next year under a new Commander and as the new Adjutant. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all my Compatriots.

Your Friend
Eddie



2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904



November 2022 Minutes

7:10 Paul Hutcheson offered the blessing and invocation.

7:40 Meeting called to order; Pledges:US-Eddie Cox Texas-Charlie Ditmore

CSA:Dave Guise Reading of the Charge:Paul Hutcheson

Welcome Guests: BR Sears, Ledean Skaggs, Linda & Arnold Roitsch, Ricky Williams

Program presented by Paul Hutcheson "Ft. Pillow"

Business Section

Adjutant declared a quorum. Treasurer's report: \$3,922.42.

October 2022 minutes stood approved as reviewed with no changes.

1st Lt. Commander-Paul Hutcheson - Invited everyone to he and Erin's home for their Annual Christmas Party. Set for December 3.

2nd Lt. Commander-Eddie Cox -Nothing at this time

OCR- Becky Bussey- Reminder of Silent Auction items for the Christmas Party.

UDC-Sheran Weible-Not Present

Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports

Events-Eddie Cox-Comanche Museum Dec 3. Palo Pinto Frontier Christmas Dec 8.

Wear uniforms. Jan 1-New Year's Breakfast at Jack & Dorothy's Stephenville

Membership & Recruitment-Eddie Cox: Welcomed Rising Star visitors. 5 possible new members.

Programs- January "Year in Review" slideshow by Brenda Guise

Flags-Tommy Alford- not present.

Cemetary-Eddie Cox. Cemeteries closed for Deer Season. Sipe Springs had possible vandalism and needs attention. Stone Cemetery received positive feedback.

Newsletter-Brenda Guise Reported new Camp 1904 website live and doing good.

Old Business: Elections. Voting results as follows: Commander -Paul Hutcheson, 1st Lt.-Dave Guise, 2nd Lt in training-Steve Bondy, 3rd Lt.-Charlie Ditmore, Adjutant-Eddie Cox, Chaplain-Paul Hutcheson.

Frank Bussey reported Forrest Camp at Whitney is experiencing illness but doing their best. Jim Harvey announces Palo Pinto Camps's new Adjutant-Curtis Scott.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

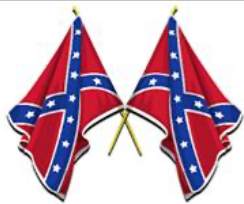
The Commander called for comments.

Benediction by Paul Hutcheson

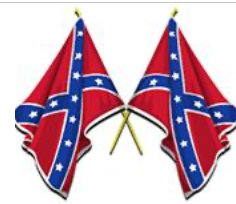
Dixie led by Commander

Mason Spikes motion to adjourn. 2nd by Ronny Jennings

8:26P meeting adjourned

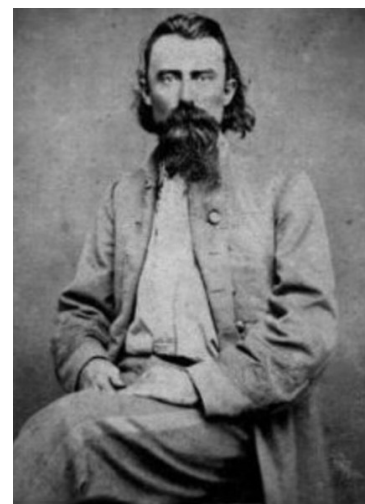


December Birthdays



Joseph Orville "J.O." Shelby (December 12, 1830 – February 13, 1897) was a senior officer of the Confederate States Army who commanded cavalry in the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the War of Northern Aggression.

Joseph Orville Shelby was born in Lexington, Kentucky, to one of the state's wealthiest and most influential families. He lost his father at age five and was raised by a stepfather, Benjamin Gratz, who was a member of wealthy Lexington elite. Shelby attended Transylvania University and was a rope manufacturer until 1852. He then moved to Waverly, Missouri, where he engaged in steam boating on the Missouri River. He also ran a hemp plantation, a rope works and a sawmill. These business ventures made Shelby one of the wealthiest men in the state of Missouri.



Following the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson refused Lincoln's call for volunteers and maneuvered to take the state out of the union. The resulting friction between State and Federal militias vying for control of the St. Louis Arsenal led to the Camp Jackson affair and the creation of the pro-secession Missouri State Guard.

Shelby formed the Lafayette County Mounted Rifles for Missouri State Guard service and was elected the company's captain, leading it into battle at Carthage, Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge. In 1862, he was promoted to colonel and authorized to recruit a Confederate cavalry regiment, returning to Lafayette County to do so. After successfully bringing the regiment safely back to Arkansas, he was given command of a brigade of newly recruited regiments.

In the fall of 1863, Shelby led his "Iron Brigade" of Missouri volunteers on what was at the time the longest cavalry raid of the war, Shelby's Raid. Between September 22 and November 3, 1863, Shelby's brigade traveled 1,500 miles through Missouri, inflicting over 1,000 casualties on Union forces and capturing or destroying an estimated \$2 million worth of federal supplies and property. He was promoted to brigadier-general on December 15, 1863, following the successful conclusion of his raid. In 1864, Union General Frederick Steele's failure in the Camden Expedition of March 23 – May 2, 1864 was largely due to Shelby's brilliant and determined harassment, in concert with other Confederate forces.

Steele's men were forced to retreat to Little Rock by the destruction or capture of their supply trains at the Battle of Marks' Mills. Reassigned to Clarendon, Arkansas, Shelby succeeded in capturing a Union tinclad (lightly armored) gunboat, the USS Queen City. The gunboat was burned to prevent her recapture. Shelby then commanded a division during Price's Missouri Expedition. He distinguished himself at the battles of Little Blue River and Westport, and briefly captured many towns from their Union garrisons, including Potosi, Boonville, Waverly, Stockton, Lexington, and California, Missouri.

June 1865, rather than surrender, Shelby and approximately 1,000 of his remaining troops rode south into Mexico. Reportedly, Shelby sank his battle flag in the Rio Grande near present-day Eagle Pass, Texas, on the way to Mexico rather than risk the flag falling into the hands of the Federals. The event is depicted in a painting displayed at the Eagle Pass City Hall. For their determination not to surrender, Shelby's men were immortalized as "the undefeated". A later verse appended to the post-war Confederate anthem "The Unreconstructed Rebel" commemorates the defiance of Shelby and his men:



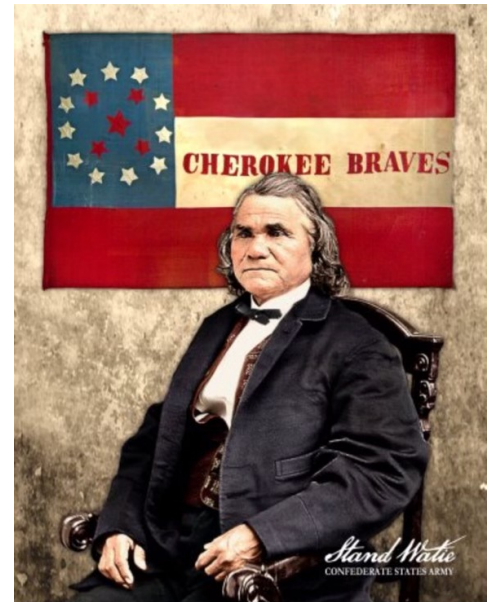
I won't be reconstructed, I'm better now than then.
And for a Carpetbagger I do not give a damn.
So it's forward to the frontier, soon as I can go.
I'll fix me up a weapon and start for Mexico.

The plan was to offer their services to Emperor Maximilian as a "foreign legion". Maximilian declined to accept the ex-Confederates into his armed forces, but he did grant them land for the New Virginia Colony, an American settlement in Mexico near Veracruz. The grant was revoked two years later following the collapse of the empire and Maximilian's execution. The memory of Shelby and his men as "The Undefeated" is used as a basis for the 1969 John Wayne-Rock Hudson film by the same name. Shelby returned to Missouri in 1867 and resumed farming. In 1883, Shelby was a critical witness for fellow ex-Confederate Frank James at James' trial. Shelby was appointed the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Missouri in 1893, and retained this position until his death. He appointed an African American to office, which led to "bitter feeling among some of his neighbors." Shelby defended his actions.

Shelby died of pneumonia at his farm near Adrian, Missouri in 1897. He is buried in Kansas City in Forest Hill Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City. A Union General who had fought against Shelby, Alfred Pleasonton, remarked, "Shelby was the best cavalry general of the South. Under other conditions, he would have been one of the best in the world."

Brigadier-General Stand Watie (Cherokee: lit. Stand firm'; (December 12, 1806 – September 9, 1871) also known as Standhope Uwatie, Tawkertawker, and Isaac S. Watie, was a Cherokee politician who served as the second principal chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1862 to 1866.

Watie was the only Native American to rise to a Confederate brigadier-general's rank during the war. Fearful of the Federal Government and the threat to create a State (Oklahoma) out of most of what was then the semi-sovereign "Indian Territory", a majority of the Cherokee Nation initially voted to support the Confederacy in the War of Northern Aggression for pragmatic reasons, though less than a tenth of the Cherokee owned slaves. Watie organized a regiment of mounted infantry. In October 1861, he was commissioned as colonel in what would become the 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles. Although Watie fought Federal troops, he also led his men in fighting between factions of the Cherokee and in attacks on Cherokee civilians and farms, as well as against the Creek, Seminole and others in Indian Territory who chose to support the Union. Watie is noted for his role in the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, on March 6–8, 1862. Under the overall command of General Benjamin McCulloch, Watie's troops captured Union artillery positions and covered the retreat of Confederate forces from the battlefield after the Union took control. However, most of the Cherokees who had joined Colonel John Drew's regiment defected to the Union side. Drew, a nephew of Chief Ross, remained loyal to the Confederacy. In August 1862, after John Ross and his followers announced their support for the Union and went to Fort Leavenworth, the remaining Southern Confederate minority faction elected Stand Watie as principal chief. After Cherokee support for the Confederacy sharply declined, Watie continued to lead the remnant of his cavalry. He was appointed to the grade of Brigadier-General on May 10, 1864, with a date of rank of May 6, though he did not receive word of his promotion until after he led the ambush of the steamboat J. R. Williams on July 16, 1864. Watie commanded the First Indian Brigade of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, composed of two regiments of Mounted Rifles and three battalions of Cherokee, Seminole and Osage infantry. These troops were based south of the Canadian River, and periodically crossed the river into Union territory.



They fought in a number of battles and skirmishes in the western Confederate states, including the Indian Territory, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. Watie's force reportedly fought in more battles west of the Mississippi River than any other unit. Watie took part in what is considered to be the greatest (and most famous) Confederate victory in Indian Territory, the Second Battle of Cabin Creek, which took place in what is now Mayes County, Oklahoma on September 19, 1864.

He and General Richard Montgomery Gano led a raid that captured a Federal wagon train and netted approximately \$1 million worth of wagons, mules, commissary supplies, and other needed items. Stand Watie's forces massacred black haycutters at Wagoner, Oklahoma during this raid. Union reports said that Watie's Indian cavalry "killed all the Negroes they could find", including wounded men. Since most Cherokee were now Union supporters, during the war, General Watie's family and other Confederate Cherokee took refuge in Rusk and Smith counties of east Texas. The Cherokee and allied warriors became a potent Confederate fighting force that kept Union troops out of southern Indian Territory and large parts of north Texas throughout the war, but spent most of their time attacking other Cherokee.

The Confederate Army put Watie in command of the Indian Division of Indian Territory in February 1865. By then, however, the Confederates were no longer able to fight in the territory effectively. On June 23, 1865, at Doaksville in the Choctaw Nation (now Oklahoma), Watie signed a cease-fire agreement with Union representatives for his command, the First Indian Brigade of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi. He was the last Confederate general in the field to surrender.

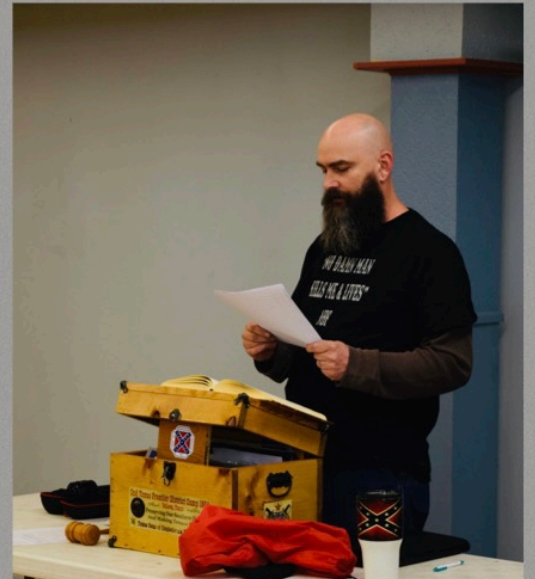


November Meeting and Thanksgiving Feast





The Feast



Commander Guise with November program presenter- 1st Lt. Paul Hutcheson

Rededication of Graham Statue



TSOCR Director Becky Bussey



Kevin Sullivan



John McCammon



Barry Turnage



Kyle Sims

Christmas Party 2022



L: Sharla Cox
R: Cutis & Ivy Scott, Peggy & Jim Harvey



Rob Jones & Dave Guise



Peggy Harvey



Erin & Paul Hutcheson,

Dave Guise

2022 Commander Awards and Swearing in of 2023-2025 Officers



2023-2025 Camp 1904 Officers

L to R: 2nd Lt-Steve Bondy, Commander-Paul Hutcheson
1st Lt.-Dave Guise, 3rd Lt.-Charlie Ditmore, Adjutant-Eddie Cox



Certificate of Appreciation to Charlie Ditmore



Certificate of Appreciation to Paul Hutcheson



Stone Mountain Award to Eddie Cox



Certificate of Appreciation to Sharla Cox



Secret Service Medal to Brenda Guise

2023 Upcoming Events

as of December 18, 2022

Jan. 01, 2023 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 New Year's Breakfast at Jake and Dorothy's in Stephenville

Jan. 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

Feb. 21, 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

March 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

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 2nd Annual SCVMC Trans-Mississippi Raid on the Border at Lake of the Pines Jefferson, TX

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

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

BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS