


THE FRONTIER CHRONICLE


JUNE 2023

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, June 27, 2023 7:00 PM

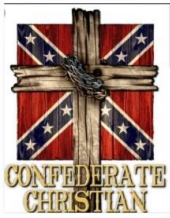
Please bring a side dish or dessert,
and enjoy food and friends

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.

June Presentation
Report from the Division Reunion



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN



Hello my Confederate family.

June is all but gone and we are staring at July and the second half of 2023. As always I have prepared a few interesting facts about the month of June but first a few birthdays worth mentioning.

June 3, 1808, our own President Jefferson Davis

June 12, 1929, Ann Frank

A couple of interesting dates in June are,

June 6, 1944, D-Day

June 13, 1966, supreme court rules in the case of Miranda versus Arizona.

Beginning what we now know as our “Miranda rights“.

June 14, 1777, John Adams resolution before Congress mandating a US flag and its design. This is celebrated each year as Flag Day

June 23, 1865, last formal surrender of Confederate troops as Cherokee leader and Brigadier General Watie surrendered his battalion of American Indians in Oklahoma. June 25, 1862, seven days campaign begins.

There are several other days in June worth looking at however the one I would like to take a closer look at is Father's Day.

This day was started by Sonora Louise smart to celebrate her father William Jackson smart who was a Civil War veteran and father of 14 having raised six by himself after being widowed. William smart fought for the Confederates out of Arkansas but was captured during the battle of P Ridge and forced to fight for the Yanks. Sonora Louise smart was a proud member of both the UDC and the DUV. Sunday, June 18, 2023 is the day we have chosen to celebrate our fathers in our country. So grateful for all they do and I would like to say happy Father's Day to all the dads in our camp and the SCV. That being said, we all share a spiritual father in our Lord Jesus Christ. There is never been a “dad” Who loved us more, wanted the best for us more, offered more options to better our lives or paid a higher sacrifice for us-than him. At every step he is there to help us make the correct decisions, lead us down the correct path and ultimately save us from death by paying the price for our sins. June 18 we celebrate our earthly fathers but every day is a day to celebrate our spiritual father and all the amazing things he has done, is doing and will do for us. Build and develop a strong relationship with him.

We had a great time in Lubbock and missed y'all that could not make it. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday for our camp meeting.

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

Paul Hutcheson

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1ST LIEUTENANT'S REPORT



Greetings compatriots,

The month of June is extremely busy for me with lots of traveling. The Texas Division reunion was a wonderful event, although we had to go through up to 2 1/2 feet of flash flood waters in several places. The hotel was excellent and the staff was very friendly and accommodating. There was a great restaurant inside the hotel that served complimentary breakfast every morning with a hot buffet and an omelette chef. The awards luncheon and the ball banquet was catered by the in-house restaurant. The food was delicious and the service stellar. The assembly voted for Palo Pinto and our camp to host the 2025 reunion in Mineral Wells.

Then off on the motorcycle to Paducah KY for the SCVMC National convention. I left on the 13th and got back home on the 19th. Hundreds of Mech Cav members from all over the country.

Just in time to leave for Gettysburg PA to re-enact in the 160th anniversary. We'll be gone from the 21st until the 25th. Just 2 days before our meeting. Whew!!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday the 27th for our meeting. May 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
Mechanized Calvary #3826
1BN, Company C, 2nd platoon



2nd Texas Frontier-Camp 1904

May 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

Introduction of guests: Deana Skaggs & Beth Martin

Program presented by Frank Bussey "Civil War vs War Between the States"

Business Section

Current Adjutant Eddie Cox declared a quorum.

submits Treasurer 's report : \$3042.24 April Minutes stand approved.

Commander calls for reports:

1st Lt. Commander-Dave Guise - Nothing to report

2nd Lt. Commander-Steve Bondy -working on a potential visitor/new member

3rd Lt. Commander-Charles Ditmore: Chalk Mountain was canceled due to rain and wet ground.

OCR- Becky Bussey- Announced the passing of TSOCR charter member Eileen Lemberg with planned funeral June 16. 2023 Scholarship winner to attend Reunion in Lubbock.

UDC-Sheran Weible- not present.

Commander calls for Event and Committee Reports

Events-Dave Guise: Comanche Museum had a good turnout, all enjoyed. Read Thank You from Rita Trosper. Good clean up at Beach Cemetery. UDC Military Awards was appreciated and had a good ceremony.

Membership & Recruitment-Steve Bondy: Continue to put out flyers

Programs-June will be report from Division Reunion. Need more programs

Flags-Tommy Alford- All flags replaced except Comanche Cemetery and will be testing with a stronger flag.

Cemetery-Eddie Cox.-Stagg Creek & Newburg need headstone repairs. Marker needed at Beach Cemetery.

Newsletter-Brenda Guise- Requested June birthdays from members

Old Business: purchased 10 cemetery metal signs and ready to place.

New Business: Camp voted to have delegates Paul Hutcheson, Dave Guise and alternate-Eddie Cox vote for Allen Hearrean (2nd LT Division) Frank Bussey (2nd LT Brigade) & Jim Cox (2nd LT Division) all others ran unopposed. Discussed parades to attend, July 4 Stephenville, July Comanche Rodeo and August DeLeon Peach Festival. Discussion on ordering a Camp stamp for flags.

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

Commander calls for comments and closes meeting.

Benediction & Dixie led by Commander 9:18P meeting adjourned



June Birthdays



James Jackson Cox, (3rd great uncle of Eddie Cox) was born 25 Jun 1844, in Roane Co. Tennessee. Was the 7th son of Sampson David Cox and Elizabeth Driskill. James Jackson and 3 of his other brothers all joined the Confederacy, James, Gainer, Robert, and Edward T., all joined Forty-third Infantry (Fifth East Tennessee Volunteers, Gillespie's Regiment), while William D. joined Fifty-ninth Mounted Infantry

(Cooke's Reg, Eakin's Batt).

43rd Infantry Regiment [also called 5th East Tennessee Volunteer Regiment] was organized at Knoxville, Tennessee, during December 1861. It moved to Virginia, Kentucky, then Mississippi where it was assigned to A.W. Reynolds' Brigade in the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana. The unit fought at Champion's Hill and Big Black River Bridge, then was captured in the fight for Vicksburg. They were all at Vicksburg when it fell.

After the War, James J., William D., and their younger brother Sterling Turner moved with their wives and family to Texas, Sterling Turner stopped in Kerr County, James and William came on to Comanche County, where they bought land in the Sidney community. James is buried in The Cox Cemetery in the Sidney Community along with his wife and several of his children and grandchildren, to include Loel Dene (L.D.) who was a member of camp 1904.



James Benton "Cavalry" Nail, (2nd Great Grandfather to Brenda Guise) was born on June 12, 1839, in Pikeville, Tennessee, to Delilah Hamilton, age 45, and William "Preacher" Nail, age 53.

James lived in Cumberland, Tennessee, on June 21, 1860.

On July 6, 1861, James enlisted as a private in Company F, 4th (Banner's) Tennessee Cavalry at Knoxville, Tennessee, when he was 22 years old.

The regiment participated in the conflicts at Cumberland Gap, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga, then was involved in the Atlanta Campaign. Later it skirmished in Alabama, aided in the defense of Savannah, and took part in the campaign of the Carolinas. It lost 6 killed, 8 wounded, and 19 missing at Cumberland Gap, and reported 19 casualties at Chickamauga.

James married Nancy Sherrill in 1864 when he was 25 years old, and she was 20. After the war James returned to Pikeville to farm and raise a family. He and Nancy had eight children. Nancy passed away in 1885 at the age of 41. They had been married for 21 years. James died on March 12, 1926, in Pikeville, Tennessee, when he was 86 years old and was buried in Tollett cemetery in his hometown.



Camp 1904 Happenings



May 2023 Meeting



Program speaker: Frank Bussey



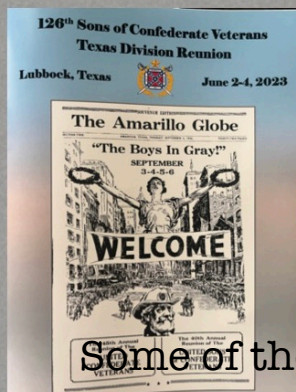
Peggy & Jim Harvey



126th SCV Texas Division Reunion
Lubbock TX June 2-4, 2023



TSOCR Director
Becky Bussey



Some of the
Opening Ceremony Speakers



Texas Division Commander
Mike McCammon



Past Commander in Chief
Paul Gramling



SCV Registration
Allen Hearrean &
Dave Guise



2nd Texas Frontier District Camp 1904
awarded
2nd Place "Best Newsletter Award"
&
2nd Place "Best Website Award"



TSOCR Registration

L to R
Jennifer Figley, Gail Walker
& Becky Bussey



Grand Ball
Saturday evening



Condolences to the family of one of our own-

Camp 1904 member **Ken Ritchie**

has crossed over the river, to rest in the shade of the trees



Ken Ritchie, 77, passed away June 7, 2023. His service will be Saturday, June 10, at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., with Boots Hansford officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, June 9, at Lacy Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 P.M. The burial will be at East End Cemetery in Lingleville.

Ken was born in Eureka, Kansas, on August 10, 1945, to William and Jeane Ritchie. He married Robin Haggard on April 10, 1983, in Zephyr, Texas. Ken joined the US ARMY in 1965, serving in Vietnam from 1966-1967 followed by thirteen and a half years in the Texas ARMY National Guard. He was a Christian, lifetime member of V.F.W., D.A.V., American Legion, and Sons of the Confederacy Camp 1904. He was also a member of the Stephenville Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed reenacting 1800's history, hunting, gunsmithing, and horses. In memory of Ken, please donate to 2nd Chance Farm, P.O. Box 1085, Granbury, Texas 76048, <https://www.secondchancefarmgranbury.org/donate>, or veterans charity of choice.

Ken is survived by his wife, Robin Ritchie of Stephenville, Texas; his five children, Bradley LeRoy Ritchie and partner, Rebecca, of Nocona, Texas, RuGeana Williams and husband, Josh, of Bellevue, Washington, Kassie Hernandez and husband, Jason, of Hollister, California, Ashlea Grooms and husband, Gary Grooms, Sr., of Stephenville, Texas, and Ethan Ritchie of Stephenville, Texas; his fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by his special friend, brother of arms, Pete Higgins, and his dog, Willow. Ken is preceded in death by parents, W.K. Ritchie, Jeane Yeager Stratmoen, and Gene Stratmoen.

2023 Upcoming Events

-----as of June 10, 2023 -----

June 16-18, 2023 SCVMC National Reunion Paducah, KY

June 17, 2023 Comanche Rodeo Day Parade 5pm

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 4, 2023, Stephenville Parade-info TBA

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

August 2023 DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival- not dates yet

Sept. 23-24, 2023 Comanche Pow Wow

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS