

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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From the Commander's Tent

Once again the Camp has started the year on a high note with the hosting of the *Department Encampment* in January. Even though we had few spectators this year, I feel our annual Commemoration Ceremony was one of our better efforts. My thanks to all who helped organize and stage the event. We were especially honored to have our National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski participate. I also want to thank Tom Whitesides and the members of Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry, who along with members of the Camp made up our firing party. And a special thanks to Doug McBee of the Hood Camp, SCV for his support and participation

We had 12 members of the Lea Camp in attendance at the *Department Encampment*. I think this strong turnout did the Camp proud and demonstrated our commitment to the Order. It is important to make our presence known to the National organization and I think we made a very good impression. My thanks to you all.

One outcome of the Encampment is the decision to form one or more *Sons of Veterans Reserve* units in the state. Subsequent to the meeting, Brian Glass informed me that between 6 and 9 members of the Byrne Camp have committed themselves to joining a unit, but for now would prefer to join a Houston unit rather than set up their own unit. A similar number of you have indicated that you would like to join an SVR unit. So we will be moving ahead with the formation of a Houston SVR unit.

At the February meeting, I was honored to present Brother Gary White with a Past Camp Commander ribbon honoring his 10 years of service as the Camp's Secretary/Treasurer. Anyone who has ever held either position in an organization knows how much time and effort has to be put into these often thankless jobs. For the past decade, Gary has held this Camp together by seeing to all the mundane yet critical tasks such as keeping the books, paying the bills, submitting all the required reports to National on time, taking the minutes and keeping the roster up to date. Camp Commanders come and go, but without the glue of such a dedicated member we wouldn't be where we are today. Gary, for myself and on behalf of all the members, past and present, of the Edward Lea Camp, *Thank You* for all you have done for us.

It's a new year and we're looking for a new slate of speakers. Brother Jim Hackett has once again volunteered to speak at one of our upcoming meetings, but the rest of the dates are currently unfilled. Our speakers committee can use all our help. If anyone knows of a person they think would be interested in speaking at one of our future meetings, or if you would like to present a topic, please get in touch (e-mail, phone, carrier pigeon, or whatever else works) with one of our committee members or myself and let us know the details (name, phone number, and when they or you would be available) so we can contact them and make the arrangements.

Yours in F. C. & L.

Steve Schulze Camp Commander

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Membership Muster

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 Mr. Erik Z. Krause
 Mr. David K. LaBrot

Mr. Michael L. Lance
Mr. Jeffery S. Lenex ++
Mr. John P. Lenex ++
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 Pvt. Thomas Howey
 Pvt. Nathan R. Price
 Cpl. William Moore Campbell
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 Pvt. Xavier Henkel
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 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy
 Pvt. William Young

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Service Unit

Co. D, 9th Illinois Volunteers
 Co. F, 171st Pennsylvania Infantry
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles
 184th Ohio Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. H, 8th Missouri State Militia Cav.

Co. B, 52nd Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 38th Illinois Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd New York Volunteer Inf.
 Co. I, 12th Illinois Infantry
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 Co. C, 20th Indiana Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Illinois Light Infantry
 Nelsons 19th Indep Batt OH Light Arty.
 Nelsons 19th Indep Batt OH Light Arty.
 Co. C, 74th NY Inf & Co. G, 40th NY Inf.
 Co. C, 74th NY Inf & Co. G, 40th NY Inf
 Co. C, 74th NY Inf & Co. G, 40th NY Inf
 Co. G, 47th Missouri Infantry
Co. K, 7th Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 168th Pennsylvania Militia Inf.
 Co. A, 46th Iowa Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
 2nd Regiment Texas Cavalry
 2nd Regiment Texas Cavalry
 54th Indiana Infantry
 Co. K, 52nd Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry
 Co. G, 5th Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. E, 12th Missouri State Militia Cav.
 Co. L, 5th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co. F, 12th IN Inf. - Co. E, 59th IN Inf.
Co. B, 7th Regiment, WV Cavalry
Co. B, 7th Regiment, WV Cavalry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry

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 Co. A, 7th Indiana Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 25th Missouri Infantry
 Co. G, 8th Illinois Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. D, 26th Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. C, 37th Indiana Infantry
 Co. C, 146th Illinois Infantry
 Commander 3rd Brigade (regulars)
 103rd New York Infantry
 103rd New York Infantry
 Nelsons 19th Indep Battery OH Lt Arty.
 Co. D, 28th Massachusetts
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Co. H, 8th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co F, 74th NY, Co H, 40th NY Inf, Co. F,
 5th Regiment, Excelsior Brigade
 1st Nebraska Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Co. E, 3rd MN Inf & Trp K, 2nd MN Cav.
 Co. E, 133rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry
 Co. G, 47th Missouri Volunteers
 Co. I, 14th Illinois Infantry
 Co. D, Bracketts Btn., MN Cavalry
 30th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia

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Honorary Camp Member

Editor's Message

On January 20, 2007, I attended the *Department of Texas* annual encampment in Galveston. It was my first opportunity to attend such an affair. I was impressed by the demonstration of tradition and decorum involved with the event. I came away with a greater appreciation of the meaning and mission of our Order.

Camp Historian, Dale Leach, brought along the Camp's impressive collection of photo albums to the encampment. This interesting record of the history of our Camp is always fun to look through. Brother Leach also totes this collection to our monthly Camp meetings for all to peruse. I also bring a binder holding copies of all the past issues of the *Harriet Lane*, the Camp newsletter, to the monthly meetings. So, our Camp history is usually 'all on the table' for all to see and enjoy!

I would encourage all Brothers to obtain a better understanding of what your SUVCW membership means and represents. You can easily do so by becoming more involved with upcoming meetings and other activities sponsored by the Camp. Each member is a vital element of the Order and your involvement, at any level, is important to the overall health of this Camp in its quest to honor our Civil War ancestor heroes!

In F. C. & L,

Michael L. Lance

Editor

Corrections for the Winter 2006 issue include: Page 4, New Member Profiles, "In the newsletter, where my picture is featured at the bottom, you refer to me as 'Harry'. My name correctly should be noted as *Samuel F. Hampton, Jr.* However my family & friends simply call me *Sam.*" 2.) Marjorie Henck was inadvertently listed twice as *Margaret Henck* on page 5 and then again on page 6.

Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
13 Mar 2007	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston
10 Apr 2007	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston
8 May 2007	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston
19 May 2007	3 rd Annual Memorial Program – 1 st Texas Chapter of the <i>Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Colored Troops</i> – Warren W. White Chapter - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Buffalo Soldiers National Museum 1834 Southmore, Houston, Texas For more info: Steve Holmes (281-380-2596)
20 May 2007	Memorial Day Observance – 10:00 a.m.	Houston National Cemetery
12 Jun 2007	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston
10 Jul 2007	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston

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The SUVCW Edward Lea Camp #2 still needs volunteers to fill the important positions of: [Camp Color Bearer](#), [Camp Guard](#), and [Camp Guide](#). If you have an interest in supporting our Camp by serving in either of these open positions, please notify Camp Commander Steve Schulze.

New Member Profiles

Introducing - Mr. Steve M. Hart

Steve M. Hart joins the Camp based on the service of his great-great-grandfather, Robert Milton Hart. Private, Co. K, 7th Illinois Infantry

Introducing - Mr. John P. Lenes



John P. Lenes was born November 12, 1932 in Snoqualmie, Washington. He graduated from Mt. Si High School in June 1950 and then went on to graduate from Central Washington State College in 1954. John continued his education at the University of Houston in Clear Lake, Texas and earned a B.A. Ed. in 1984. He taught school (7th grade) for 1 year at South Bend, Washington.

John entered the United States Air Force in June 1955. He graduated from *Navigator Training* in July 1956 at Ellington AFB, Texas and then completed *Radar Intercept School* in January 1957 at James Connally AFB, also in Texas. As part of his on-going training, he graduated from *Advanced Intercept Training* in April 1957 at Moody AFB in Georgia and then worked as a *Radar Intercept Officer* in F-89D, H, and J aircraft from May 1957 to 1959 at Paine AFB in Everett, Washington. John left active military duty in July 1959 and was self-employed from July 1959 to June 1961. He then began a career in Mortgage Banking in Houston, Texas and continued at that profession until April 1972.

Meanwhile, in June 1963, John had joined the *Air Force Reserves*. He served as *Navigator* in C-119's from June 1963 to February 1967 at Ellington AFB, Texas. He then moved up to serve as *Navigator* in C-124's from February 1967 to November 1971 at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. John also worked as a *Weapon System Officer* in F-101's from November 1971 to February 1980. His career then found him working for the U.S. Civil Service as a *Federal Air Reserve Technician* from April 1972 to February 1980 at Ellington AFB, Texas. He continued to work in a military status until December 1981.

Left: John 'Pete' Lenes standing next to the 101 Voodoo fighter jet that he flew at Ellington Field.



John then taught school at Dickinson ISD (Special Education) from February 1981 to June 1982. He 1984 then taught school for Windham School District at the *Texas Department of Corrections* from September 1982 to September of 1993 (Special Education). While doing so, he earned a Masters Degree in Education in 1984. John continued teaching as an adjunct (GED) at the *College of the Mainland*, Texas City, Texas and *San Jacinto South* from October 1993 to the present. He has been married twice. His current marriage to Sue has endured for 35 years. He has two children by his previous marriage and also three step-children, seven grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

John retired from the USAF Reserves as a Lt. Colonel with 4,400 hours flying time. He has also been retired from the *U.S. Civil Service* as a GS 12. After working as a teacher for the State of Texas for 17 years, John also retired from that profession. His military awards include: *Air Force Commendation Medal* (2), *Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal*, *Combat Readiness Medal* with three attachments, and *Master of Air Defense*. John also has memberships with: *The American Legion*, *Veterans of Foreign Wars*, *the Retired Officers Association*, and *the Retired Teachers Association of Texas*.

John joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his patriot great-uncle, Wilson Keffer (a brother to his grandfather, Robert Keffer). Wilson served in Company B, 7th Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry with the Union Army from September 1861 to August 1865. He and his son, Jeffery Lenes have both recently been approved to become members in the *Sons of the American Revolution*.

Introducing - Mr. Jeffery S. Lenes



Jeff S. Lenes was born April 24, 1960 in Houston, Texas. He is 46 years old and married with two children: Jared, who is 23, and Kristen, who is 18. He has a daughter-in-law named Cara and a grandson named Jordan. He is employed with JPF Landservices in Nacogdoches, Texas as a Petroleum Landman. He and his wife Angela live north of Dallas, in Little Elm, Texas.

Jeff joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his patriot great-great-uncle, Wilson Keffer (a brother to his great-grandfather, Robert Keffer). Wilson served in Company B, 7th Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry with the Union Army from September 1861 to August 1865.

Ancestor Profile

Private Alexander Whitlock, 14th & 101st Illinois Infantry

By Brother Harry L. Whitlock

Alexander Whitlock was born in Fall Branch, Washington County, Tennessee in 1840; the first child of the family. He was named after his great-grandfather. At the age of 12, his father, Johnson Whitlock, moved the family to Morgan County, Illinois. They purchased land near Waverly and farmed. The Whitlock family had a total of eleven children, and three of the boys, including Alexander, served with Union forces. The next two brothers, Amasa (called Macy) and John, both joined the 13th Illinois Cavalry. Macy died of typhoid fever in April 1862 at Ironton, Missouri, the future site of the Battle of Pilot Knob in 1864. John served the duration of the war.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, Alexander enlisted on May 25, 1861 in Jacksonville, Illinois with the 14th Illinois Infantry. This unit was sent to Missouri to suppress "the spirit of rebellion" in that state. However, Alexander fell ill and was hospitalized in Rolla and Jefferson Barracks (St. Louis), Missouri. He was medically discharged in August 1861 with a "scrofulous affection [sic] of the right leg, delicate constitution existing on entering the service."

By the beginning of the following summer he had recovered his health, and enlisted with Company E in the 101st Illinois Infantry. Later he was transferred to Company G. In October 1862 the regiment was sent to Cairo, Illinois for garrison duty. Then it was sent to Mississippi, where the regiment was involved in the siege and capture of Vicksburg. Following capture of five companies by Confederate forces at Holly Springs, Mississippi, the remaining companies (including Company G) were reorganized into a single battalion. This battalion was attached to the 14th Illinois Infantry Regiment and performed scouting missions in Tennessee for the regiment. In March 1863 the battalion was divided among several gunboats that played an important role in the siege of Vicksburg. Alexander's Company G participated in the running the blockade of the city to complete General Grant's capture of Vicksburg. Following the surrender of that city, the regiment was reunited and reassigned to the Army of the Cumberland. The soldiers traveled up the Ohio River enroute to southeast Tennessee. Alexander again got sick, this time being hospitalized in New Albany, Indiana for approximately two months until his discharge on 30 October 1863. His diagnosis this time was "phthisis pulmonatis [sic]." He was determined unfit for the Invalid Corps and sent home to Illinois. He later collected a pension for his service and disability.

The regiment was involved in the battles of Chattanooga and Atlanta, Sherman's March to the Sea, the campaigns through the Carolinas, and finally the Grand Review in Washington, DC. During these last months of the Civil War, another 101st soldier gave the last full measure – Private James. E. Bowyer. Private Bowyer had a daughter at home in Morgan County, Illinois named Mary Catherine. On June 15, 1865, this daughter married Alexander Whitlock. They made a full life in Illinois farming and raising five children to adulthood. Alexander died in 1919 and Mary died in 1934, and both are buried in the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin, Illinois.

Current Camp Events

Edward Lea Camp #2 Meeting

Houston, Texas – 12 Dec 2007

At 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 2006, Camp Commander Stephen Schulze called the monthly business meeting to order. Besides Commander Schulze, eight other Brothers had traveled to the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant in downtown Houston to be present, including: Jr. Vice-Commander James Hackett, Secretary/Treasurer Gary White, Camp Historian Dale Leach, Michael Lance, David LaBrot, Steve Holmes, Samuel Hampton, and Harrold Henck Jr. Four guests were also on hand to observe the proceedings, including: Mrs. Samuel Hampton, Marjorie Henck, Jana Marsh, and author Thomas Eishen.

After rising to pledge allegiance to the Flag and receiving an opening prayer, the assembly settled once again into their chairs to continue the business of the Camp. Brother White read the minutes from the November business meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was quickly made, seconded, and passed. Brother White then reported on the financial condition of the Camp. He declared the Camp in good shape financially and \$162 was raised in two recent fundraising events - \$69 at the *Battle of Crockett Springs* reenactment and \$93 during the *Civil War Weekend* at Liendo Plantation.

Marjorie Henck then proudly announced that the ladies *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* has officially been reactivated with six members. Two of the six were returning members and four were new members. The Camp applauded the re-emergence of this important arm of our organization and is looking forward to working together with them in the future.

Brother White, representing the *Historical Marker Committee*, reported that he had recently spoken with Al Davis, Chair of the *Texas Historical Commission*. As a result, Brother White said that progress continues with obtaining a historical marker for Sarah Emma Seelye. He also stated that we currently have sufficient sources and references with which to write the narrative for the marker. Brother White assured the Camp that we will be able to prepare the narrative and fill out the required paperwork in time to meet the deadlines. He recommended that the size of the marker be 27" by 42" in order to facilitate a lengthy and interesting history of Seelye.

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Current Camp Events – Camp Meeting – Dec 2006 *(Continued from previous page)*

Commander Schulze then directed discussion towards 'Old Business'. At the forefront was the annual *Commemoration of the Battle of Galveston*/Camp meeting scheduled for January 20, 2007 in Galveston. In addition, The Lea Camp is slated to host the *13th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas*. It was decided that these two major events would be conducted concurrently since many of the invited guests would probably attend both functions. Marjorie Henck volunteered information on several Galveston area restaurants as possible meeting locations. After discussion, the *Original Mexican Café* in Galveston was chosen as the venue for the *Department Encampment* and the January Camp business meeting. A guest list was prepared and accommodations for out-of-town guests were planned. A definite air of excited anticipation was in the air!

The highlight of the evening was the reviewing and discussion of a new member application. The introduction of applicant John P. Lenex was read by JVC Hackett. By unanimous vote, Mr. Lenex was accepted as a new Brother of the Camp! Several miscellaneous announcements about Camp news and member participation in various events following the vote before the meeting was brought to a close by Commander Schulze at 8:40 p.m.

Guest speaker and author Tom Eishen then took the floor. He began his talk by briefly describing the ongoing twenty-year project to return the Gettysburg battleground area to look as it did in 1863. After the battles were over, various buildings were erected in the area. A competing historical group is fighting to save the old historical structures. So it appears that two separate historical groups are battling each other concerning Gettysburg. One group wants to remove all post-Civil War structures from the battlefield to return it to a pristine 1863 condition while another group strives to save the old buildings that were erected after the Civil War!

Mr. Eishen then gave a nice talk about Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20th Maine. He stated that Chamberlain was born *Lawrence Joshua Chamberlain* but later changed his name to *Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain*. His earlier letters were signed *Lawrence*, but later he simply signed with the initials *J. L.* Chamberlain also had three brothers at Gettysburg - instead of two as is commonly reported. Apparently, two fought in the battle and one was just visiting.



Author Thomas M. Eishen

Mr. Eishen's recent research has focused on learning more about the Confederate units that faced Chamberlain at Gettysburg. He reported that Company L, 15th Alabama of Laws Brigade was poised to attack the Federal line. General Lee wanted to attack along Emmetsburg Road and storm Cemetery Ridge. Apparently, there was a lot of confusion and multiple orders given. Amid this confusion, the Confederate brigade advanced in the wrong direction - towards *Big Round Top* - and took it! Mr. Eishen reported that there are many different opinions on what really happened that fateful day. Many of these opinions are based on *best guesses*. Mr. Eishen authored a book describing the version he liked the best. His very entertaining and easy-to-read work is entitled: *Courage On Little Round Top*, 294 pgs, Skyward Publishing, 2005.

Mr. Eishen also explained that the monument honoring Chamberlain's 20th Maine at *Little Round Top* near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was previously in a very overgrown area. But happily, the grounds surrounding the monument have since been cleared.

....Respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance

Current Events

Battle of Galveston Commemoration

Galveston, Texas - 20 Jan 2007

Saturday, January 20, 2007 dawned cool and breezy but perfect for the solemn annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremony planned at the historic Episcopal Cemetery on Galveston Island. Uniformed participants and other observers began to arrive at the old cemetery about 9:00 a.m. A tent shelter was quickly erected, rows of folding chairs were arranged, an artificial carpet was laid, and a podium with a sound system was soon set up. All was ready now for the program to begin. The chairs were soon occupied by guests and dignitaries.

A Federal and a Confederate Color Guard, along with a Federal Honor Guard, assembled just adjacent to the ceremonial area. Commander Schulze moved to the podium and then commanded the uniformed units to advance behind him towards the assembly (*photo at right*). Drummer Curt Letzring led the way. The Honor Guard then halted in formation just short of the assembly as the Blue and Gray Color Guards continued their advance. Commander Schulze then ordered the posting of the National, Departmental, and Camp Colors. On command, Drummer Letzring then resumed the cadence as the five-man Honor Guard was ordered forward.



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Battle of Galveston Commemoration (continued from previous page)



All present continued standing as the Honor Guard smartly marched in and moved into position before the Union monument commemorating the *Battle of Galveston* (photo at left).

Camp Commander Stephen Schulze (photo at right) opened the program with a welcome, a brief statement, and then introduced National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.



Heads were 'uncovered' as National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, representing the National organization, offered the invocation (photo at left).

Cmdr. Schulze then led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. He then introduced Blair Rudy, Cmdr. of the Department of Texas, who then greeted the assembly and gave a brief speech (photo at right).



Camp Commander Schulze then introduced, Marjorie Henck, President of the *Emma Seelye Auxiliary*, who gave a brief greeting and an update on her organization (photo at left).

Doug McBee, Commander of the *John Bell Hood Camp #50, SCV*, was then introduced. He also offered greetings and a short speech (photo at right).



JVC James Hackett then took the podium to deliver the Keynote speech (photo at left). His eloquent synopsis of the *Battle of Galveston* was expertly done (his speech in its entirety is presented following this report).

Secretary/Treasurer Gary White then marched into position before the Union monument and loudly and clearly called out the names of the Union casualties (photo at right).



Battle of Galveston Commemoration (continued from previous page)



Simultaneously, wreaths were then laid at the respective monuments honoring the Union and Confederate casualties of the 1863 battle. Cmdr. McBee laid the wreath at the Union monument (photo at left) and Cmdr. Schulze place a wreath at the nearby Confederate monument (photo at right).



The laying of the wreaths was accompanied by a show of respect by all event attendees (photo at left).

The Federal Honor Guard, commanded by Thomas Whitesides of the Co. A, 13th U.S. Regiment, followed with a 3-volley salute (photo at right).



"Ready" - "Aim" - "Oblique" - "Fire". After a quick reload, a 2nd volley shatters the stillness of the cemetery (photo at left). L-R: Schulze (partly hidden), Lanny Low, Michael L. Lance, Dale H. Leach, Howard Rose, and Thomas Whitesides.

The Confederate Color Guard respectfully remains at attention during the honoring of the Union soldiers and sailors who fell during the 1863 Battle of Galveston (photo at right).



Visitors remain seated as JVC Hackett delivers the keynote speech (photo at left).

At the completion of ceremonial duties, members of the Honor Guard stack arms before socializing.



.... Respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance
 Photos donated by Brothers David LaBrot and Dale Leach

Battle of Galveston Commemoration Keynote Speech

By JVC James S. Hackett

"I have four sons. One of them is a disabled veteran. I also have a grandson in the reserves who has four years of inactive duty to fulfill. My grandson is the same age as Edward Lea was when he was killed in the Battle we commemorate today. It is no stretch for me to imagine how any father would feel seeing his son dying in his arms. These young men will always be our boys no matter how old they are.

Let us look into how this situation came about.

In October of 1862, a Federal force captured Galveston. Included in the naval component was the *Harriet Lane*, a former revenue cutter taken into the Navy at the outbreak of the war. Second in command of the *Harriet Lane* was Lt. Commander Edward Lea. He was an up-and-coming young naval officer and the protégé of Admiral David Dixon Porter (who was a foster brother of David Farragut). Lea was a Maryland native who had elected to stay with the Federal Navy even though his father, Albert Lea, had declared for the Confederacy. [The younger] Lea declared: *I do not desire my family's love if I can only possess it by becoming a traitor to my country.*

On the morning of January 1, 1863, a [Confederate] fleet made up primarily of *Cottonclad* river boats attacked the Federal vessels, including the *Harriet Lane*, inflicting heavy damage in a short period of time. [In addition, since] the Federal Army had not properly reinforced the land forces holding Galveston, a Confederate force under General McGruder quickly overwhelmed them.

Albert Lea, a member of McGruder's staff, knowing his son was on the *Harriet Lane*, requested permission to look for him. He found his son gravely wounded on the deck of his ship. Ignoring the harsh words that had passed between them, Edward smiled and inquired about the health of the rest of his family. Knowing that his son was almost certain to die soon, Albert Lea hurried off to find a means of transporting Edward to a place where he might receive medical attention. Too late. Edward died before his father returned.

While Albert Lea searched in vain for help for his dying son, Edward was asked several times by his shipmates, as well as by Confederate soldiers, if there was anything they could do to ease his suffering. Edward refused all such offers, confidently insisting: *No, my father is here.*

On the day after the recapture of Galveston [by the Confederates], McGruder ordered a large contingent of Confederate soldiers and Union prisoners to be turned out for the funeral of Lea and his commanding officer, Jonathan Wainright (who was the grandfather of General Wainright of WWII). Wainright's body was removed to the North after the war – but Edward lies here to this day.

In closing, we can look back one hundred and forty plus years and see that though the Battle fought here was short in duration and cost relatively few lives, it had a great impact on the war. The ability to receive and export goods through the Gulf [by the Confederacy] for the entirety of the conflict actually lengthened the war by at least a year (according to historian Edward Cotham Jr.). We also see how a man's love for his son and a son's love for his father transcends politics. Thank you."

....Memorial service address given by Junior Vice-Commander James S. Hackett

Current Events

13th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas

Galveston, Texas
20 Jan 2007



The 13th Annual Encampment of the *Department of Texas* was called to order by Department Commander Blair G. Rudy at 1:28 p.m. on January 20, 2007. The venue was a reserved meeting room at the *Original Mexican Café* in Galveston, Texas. The formal encampment activities commenced immediately following the annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* at Trinity Episcopal Cemetery and luncheon of the hosts, the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2*. Secretary/Treasurer Scott Shuster gave the Roll Call of Department officers. The cries of "Present" were heard from Commander Blair Rudy, Senior Vice-Commander Brian R. Glass, Junior Vice-Commander Stephen D. Schulze, and himself, as the names were called. The Commander then asked the assembled Brothers to voice the Principles upon which our Order was founded and to what we are responsible. "Fraternity, Charily, and Loyalty" was stoutly proclaimed in unison by all present.

L-R: Dept. Cmdr. Blair Rudy; SVC Brian Glass; National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski; and Secretary/Treasurer Scott Shuster

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13th Annual Encampment – Dept. of Texas *(continued from previous page)*

Three taps of the gavel by Commander Rudy signaled all to rise prior to National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski offering the Devine Blessing. Secretary/Treasurer Shuster then led the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the American flag. Commander Rudy then formally recognized and welcomed special guest and representative of the National leadership, Chaplain Kowalski, who in turn expressed greetings to the assembly from National Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl and himself.

Commander Rudy followed with an update of recent Department activities, including: a brief recap of his experiences at the 125th *National Encampment* in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on August 10-13, 2006; the possible formation of a new SUVCW Camp in McKinney, Texas; and other news items of interest concerning the Department. He also announced that the 2007 *National Encampment* will be held in St. Louis, Missouri and encouraged all members to attend.

The financial standing of the Department was then reported by Secretary/Treasurer Shuster. He indicated that the Department was in sound shape financially even though the treasury was a bit depleted following the purchase of a magnificent Departmental flag (*photo at right*). Brother Shuster also reminded the Camps that the deadline for submitting annual reports was fast approaching. He expressed gratitude to the individual Camp Secretary/Treasurers for their previous timely and efficient reporting practices.



Reports were then given by SVC Glass and JVC Schulze. Among other items, Brother Glass expanded on the new SUV Camp formation proposed for McKinney, Texas. The new Camp is expected to be named *Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #13*. Brother Schulze followed with encouraging recruitment statistics and other news pertaining to the growth of the Order in Texas.

Commander Rudy, also acting as Eagle Scout Coordinator, relayed some impressive numbers about our involvement with the Boy Scouts. He stated that 65 certificates had been issued to outstanding young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! SVC Glass, reporting for Graves Registration Officer Watkins, reported that the position of GRO has been successfully filled in each of the Camps.

Next it was the turn of the individual Camp Commanders to report on the activities and progress of their respective Camps. Each man stood and proudly proclaimed the achievements of their respective organizations during the last year. Brother Schulze of *Edward Lea Camp #2* reported first. His main points included: 1.) the continued steady growth of the Camp membership; 2.) the procurement and dedication of a historical marker for Lt. Cdr. Edward Lea and progress towards obtaining another historical marker for Emma Seelye (the only GAR female member); 3.) the Camp's participation in several events, including the Veteran's Day parade and reenactments at Crockett Springs and *Liendo Plantation*, and other community events; 4.) assisting in the establishment of a DUV Tent in the Houston area and the re-activation of the Emma Seelye Auxiliary; 5.) Eagle Scout Certificate presentations; 6.) and the issuing of Honorary Camp Memberships to two outstanding and hardworking Camp supporters, author Ed Cotham Jr. and webmaster Charles Mitchell.

SVC Glass, standing-in for Camp Commander George Hansen, then reported for the *James Byrne Camp #1*. He related that the *Byrne Camp* has also participated in activities supporting the Jr. ROTC and Eagle Scout programs. The Camp also participated in Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and 4th of July activities this past year. Another important on-going project of the Camp is raising sufficient funding for the much needed restoration of the GAR monument in Dennison, Texas. The Camp recently participated in the 100th Anniversary of the original dedication of the monument and is looking forward to the day when the monument will be restored to its original glory.

Cmdr. Rudy, standing-in for Camp Commander Jim Rice, spoke on behalf of the *Sam Houston Camp #3*. This Camp has reportedly not been as active as its core members would like. However, they are working hard on keeping the Camp alive. We expect to hear more from this important Texas Camp in the coming year.

Cmdr. Rudy then discussed the 'Old Business' topic of the ROTC and Jr. ROTC award programs. He said these programs would be managed by the National organization from now on. Although the program is reportedly not totally up and running yet, it would basically consist of an application form which would be available on the internet. Upon payment, National will issue a medal with a ribbon and a certificate which would then be forwarded on to the appropriate local Camp for presentation to the deserving recipient.

Under the topic of 'New Business', Cmdr. Rudy promoted discussion about the idea of increasing the Departmental assessment fee to \$2.00 per person, which would be an increase of \$1.00 per membership. This increase was deemed necessary in order to replenish the treasury which was depleted by the purchase of the new Departmental flag. A motion for the increase received a unanimous 'Aye' vote by a show of hands. JVC Schulze also suggested a Department-wide drawing to raise additional funds. A motion for a fundraising drawing also carried.

National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski then addressed the assembly. After a few interesting remarks and updates, he encouraged the Department to consider forming a *Sons of Veteran's Reserve* unit in Texas. He explained that annual membership dues for such an organization would be only \$3.00. It would operate as a parallel organization to SUVCW. Recruiting new members into a SVR unit would be one method of achieving rank. Brother Hackett volunteered to head a committee to explore the idea of establishing such a unit. A motion was put forth and then passed authorizing the formation of an exploratory committee. Brothers Schulze, Hackett, Glass, Leach, and LaBrot volunteered to serve.

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Brother Hackett then opened discussion concerning the shortage of news and information about the *Department of Texas* being published in the *Banner*. Chaplain Kowalski informed the assembly about recent procedural changes at the National level and the appointment of a permanent *Banner* editor, past National Cmdr-in-Chief Steve Michaels. He advised us to send photos and newsletters to both Brother Michaels and National Commander-in-Chief Pahl for inclusion in the *Banner*.

Nominees to serve as Department officers for the 2007-2008 term were then solicited. The final slate consisted of: Brian Glass -Commander; Stephen Schulze - SVC; George Hansen - JVC; and Scott Shuster to return as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion to approve the slate was made, seconded, and voted on. Another unanimous approval vote was forthcoming by a show of hands. The newly elected officers were immediately installed by Chaplain Kowalski. Outgoing Department Commander, Blair Rudy, was thanked for his exemplary service by Chaplain Kowalski and asked to pass over his gavel. The four newly elected officers were then asked to approach the podium, raise their right hands, place their left hands on the Bible which was resting on the podium, and repeat the oath in unison as read by Chaplain Kowalski *(photo above)*.



Following the swearing-in of the new officers, Chaplain Kowalski summoned new Department Commander Brian Glass to the forefront and presented him with the gavel. After Chaplain Kowalski gave a blessing, he passed over to new Cmdr. Glass the *Department Charter* and charged him with its care and also the *Manual of Rituals*. He also pinned the *Badge of Office* onto the new Commanders breast *(photo below left)*. Chaplain Kowalski then pinned a *Past Commander's Badge* on Blair Rudy's uniform *(photo below center)*.

As the applause died down, new Dept. Cmdr. Brian Glass addressed the assembly and presented his plans and goals for the coming term *(photo below right)*. Those plans included: thorough documentation of monuments and statues in the Department; a 'Last Soldier' project; coordination of the promotion and publicizing of Memorial Day activities; and enhancing new member enrollment. It seems the Department is headed for an active and productive year!



The closing ceremonies for the 13th Annual Encampment of the *Department of Texas* then began with another blessing by Chaplain Kowalski. The encampment officially closed about 3:00 p.m.

... Respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance

Current Camp Events

Edward Lea Camp #2 Meeting

Houston, Texas – 20 Jan 2007

The monthly Camp business meeting on January 20, 2007 was relatively brief. It immediately followed the 13th Annual Encampment of the *Department of Texas* at the *Original Mexican Café* in Galveston, Texas. The twelve Brothers on-hand had also attended the encampment. They included: Cmdr. Stephen Schulze, SVC Scott Shuster, JVC James Hackett, Secretary/Treasurer Gary White, Michael Lance, new member prospect John Lenex, Robert Wickman, Dale Leach, Patrick Young, Mark Andrus, Samuel Hampton Jr., and Robert Julian.

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January 20, 2007 Camp Meeting *(continued from previous page)*

The first order of business was the discussion and vote on the membership application of John P. Lenex. The vote resulted in a unanimous 'Aye'. Then a motion to obtain a *Past Camp Commander* medal for Secretary/Treasurer White was entertained. Brother White has recently completed the required ten years of outstanding service as Camp Secretary/Treasurer necessary to qualify for the medal. Again, an 'Aye' vote. Congratulations to both Brothers White and Lenex!

Discussion then turned to the up-coming event at Madisonville, Texas. The *Battle of El Camino Real* reenactment is scheduled for February 9-11 at Lake Madison Park in Madisonville. The Camp showed an interest in participating in the event so Commander Schulze volunteered to forward registration details and other information to the Camp membership via e-mail soon.

Brother White then announced the results of the recent voting for Camp officers for the 2007 term. He reported that of 51 ballots mailed out, 28 were returned. The slate of officers on the ballots was approved as presented. Brother Stephen Schulze returns to serve as Camp Commander once more; Brother James Hackett moves from the JVC office to become the new SVC; Brother David LaBrot was elected as JVC; and Brother Gary White will serve yet another term as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations and a tip of the Kevi to these outstanding volunteers!



Secr./Treas. Gary White

....respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance

Current Events

Battle of El Camino Real

Lake Madison Park, Madisonville, Texas
9-11 Feb 2007

"On Friday the day before the re-enactment in Madisonville, I had the pleasure of presenting a bit of history to the young people from the area middle schools. It was a very cool morning but everyone was enthusiastic and eager. Our exhibit included three of my Civil War era ship models. I also had the Camp flags and my pistol to demonstrate to the kids. They all wanted me to fire the gun for them. Quite a large amount of black powder and cream of wheat was sacrificed that day! Brother Dave Burdett joined me about midday and added his vast amount of knowledge to my little presentation.

On the second day, I arrived bright and early, having spent a pleasant evening as the guest of the Burdetts in Bryan. They have a charming log home on acreage just outside of town. Brother Dale Leach arrived with a shelter for us and also a table and chairs. We set up in the lee of one of the Sutlers' tents as the wind was fierce. The Sutler turned out to be, Patricia Mullenix, the National President of the *DUVCW*. She was there to inaugurate a Texas Tent for the Daughters.

That afternoon, Dale Leach, Dave Burdett and Bob Lockwood from Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry fought in the line during the battle. They all died or were wounded but had a good time doing it! I was enlisted to do a bit of acting during the battle. Posing as a maverick Union soldier, we attacked a wagon train. While in the act of looting the wagons, we were surprised by a party of Rebel horsemen and infantry. I was gravely wounded. A kindly Southern Lady took me prisoner and I spent the rest of the battle in a make-shift prison compound. At least I was able to shoot off most of my powder over the two days of 'The Battle of El Camino Real'."



L-R: Burdette, Hackett, and Lockwood

.... Submitted by Brother James Hackett

"Saturday, February 10th dawned cold, gray, and windy. However, our blue wool uniforms felt comfortably warm! Jim Hackett, Dave Burdette, Bob Lockwood (prospective S.U.V. member), and I, Dale Leach, of the *Edward Lea S.U.V.C.W.* Camp #2 were in attendance at the first Civil War event ever held at the spacious and well groomed Lake Madisonville Park in Madisonville - a small town located 25 mi. north of Huntsville, Texas.

I arrived around 9:30 a.m. and was greeted by Brothers Hackett and Burdette. They had shortly before set up a makeshift table near the front entrance of the event along 'sutler's row.' Bob Lockwood joined the three of us shortly afterward and we quickly set up a canopy, folding tables with chairs, camp scrapbooks, photo albums, and a very special display of Brother Hackett's hand-made, Civil War fighting ship models. Bob Lockwood is a member of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry* re-enactor unit. He was there to participate in the battle later in the day. Our whole effort for this event turned out to be a bit of a makeshift affair due to several absent members. Several Brothers had planned to be on-hand but were unable to attend due to sickness or other reasons. This absence also contributed to a lack of our normal display equipment (banners, canopy, etc.). Our small 'skeleton crew', however, was able to arise to our unforeseen predicament. By using our ingenuity, we improvised at such things as a hand-made SUV

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Battle of El Camino Real *(continued from previous page)*

table sign (thanks to Brother Hackett's artistic skills) and a canopy borrowed from a neighbor. Thankfully, we did have our National and Camp Colors to proudly post in front of our makeshift abode. The Colors were on hand due to the gracious efforts beforehand of Brothers White and Hackett who had met the previous morning in a Houston parking lot for the transfer of these much needed items. Also of note were the gracious efforts of Brothers Burdett and Hackett in their participation in the educational activities conducted for the local schools the previous day. We decided not to hold our normal fundraising raffle because the visitor turn-out was expected to be light due to poor weather and the fact that this was a new event for Madisonville.

Despite the light spectator turnout, there seemed to be a respectable amount of both re-enactors and sutlers. Tom and Margaret Barry's *Mercury Supply* had its usual throng of eager, pre-battle, accoutrement buyers. There were also some surprises! *Mullenix's Clothing Sutlery*, occupied a tent next to our booth. It was owned by Patricia McWhorton Mullenix - The National President of *The Daughters of Union Veterans*. She had traveled all the way from Missouri to be at this event! She was very gracious in offering her cozy, heater-equipped tent to our four S.U.V.C.W. members who had doubts about the ability of our uniforms to protect us against the ever present chill. If that were not all, it turns out that Patricia Mullenix was also present for the instatement of a new Houston Chapter of the *Daughters of Union Veterans*. She honored our Camp by inviting us to take part in the special ceremony the next day. We very regretfully had to decline her offer because none of us could be on hand the following day. Also, a wedding ceremony took place the next day for a Confederate re-enactor couple whom we met that morning. This was a very interesting weekend indeed!

Brother Hackett also had a surprise planned for Brother Dave Burdette. Brother Burdette is a Vietnam veteran and had recently joined our camp. Brother Hackett arranged for all of us to participate in presenting both the *S.U.V.C.W.* and *Vietnam Service* medals to him. In a very makeshift ceremony, with Brothers Lockwood and Leach presenting arms, Brother Hackett (our Camp's newly elected Senior Vice-Commander) pinned each medal to Brother Burdette's breast (*photo at right*). It was a great opportunity for us to honor one of our Vietnam Veterans who, sadly and all too often, have never received their nation's proper gratitude. We witnessed a touching scene when a woman onlooker came up afterward simply to thank this man for his service and sacrifice 40 years after the fact.



The 'Battle of El Camino Real' re-enactment was slated for 2 p.m. We, of the *Edward Lea Camp*, not wanting to be left out, soon began stowing our informational and display materials and donned our battle gear! We then hustled to the union encampment. We were disappointed to find that our Federal numbers would, as is often the case here in the south, be minuscule in comparison to the burgeoning confederate forces. This disparity was later very evident as our relatively small force was marched out to the field of battle. To our great chagrin, we discovered that many of the men marching beside us were actually otherwise Rebel re-enactors who had agreed to temporarily strengthen our meager numbers so that the battle might proceed as planned.

Despite our size disadvantage, our small, but resolute group marched out toward the battle. We were proud and grateful for the martial airs of a drummer-boy driving us ever forward. A small detachment of mounted Union cavalry waited impatiently for the battle to begin. Their horses stammered and pawed the earth in the cool gray light - all eager to make that initial but fateful charge. Suddenly, the cavalry sprang into action! A distant crack of musketry was heard across the field. We, the foot soldiers, readied for our march toward destiny that we knew would shortly follow.

The Major in command of our small unit called for our officers to quickly form a battle line. We formed up into two ranks and began our march forward to meet the advancing rebel line. Though we attempted to fire in orderly, two-rank fashion, our officers soon discovered that we, being vastly outnumbered by our foe, should adopt a more spontaneous approach. Our predicament induced the officers to command 'Fire at will boys!'. All was confusion as our valiant 'blue line' began to waver in the thick, acrid smoke of battle. The officers continuously screamed, pushed, and prodded our confused line ever forward. To my horror, I watched as my comrades fell all around me! But I, quite miraculously, stood and continued to pull cartridges from my box - tearing - loading - priming - and firing my musket! The barrel was red hot by now but remained defiantly pointed towards the relentless Gray-line before me!

Then suddenly, to my shock and chagrin, as I reached for another cartridge, there were none left to be had! My entire lot was totally expended! Just then, as I frantically searched for an alternate cartridge box on a nearby fallen comrade, I was struck by a ball to my lower left thigh causing me to lose my balance and fall toward to the ground in the midst of that hated Rebel yell! I drifted into unconsciousness - my last thoughts being that all had been lost! And then, waking suddenly, I realized that this had only been a dream! And, thankfully, I would indeed live to see another day - that day being almost 150 years distant from the one I had come to celebrate in this small east Texas town of Madisonville. Through my participation in this small re-enactment, I came away with: a fuller appreciation for the utter confusion of battle in that now distant age without advanced communication; how Civil War units overcame these shortcomings; how they mastered inherent organizational problems with such things as the simple shove from behind by a 'file closer' officer keeping the line in position; or that of entire unit movement facilitated by the intricate system of 'musical commands' by the regimental band. I can only imagine what it would have been like to command a much larger unit like a Brigade, Division or a Corps - to keep a mile long battle line organized without a radio or cell phone! Awed and grateful, I gathered up my gear and loaded it into the trunk of my BMW. Then, almost sadly, I drove off to meet the 21st century once again at my suburban home in Houston.

....Submitted by Brother Dale H. Leach

(See additional event photos submitted by Dale Leach on page 17)

Current Camp Events

Edward Lea Camp #2 Meeting

Houston, Texas
13 Feb 2007

News Flash – Houston, Texas: The Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Houston was invaded once again on February 13, 2007. A squad of eight men representing Federal forces swept in and occupied the upstairs meeting/dining room without firing a shot! Commander Stephen Schulze called the unit to attention at 7:24 p.m. There was, after all, business to attend to. Answering the Roll Call were: JVC James Hackett, Secretary/Treasurer Gary White, Dale Leach, Samuel Hampton Jr., David LaBrot, Michael Lance, and Steve Holmes. Mrs. Samuel Hampton was also present in a supporting role.

The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the National Colors. Brother Leach then offered an opening prayer before the squad resumed their seats to get down to business.

Cmdr. Schulze began by recognizing the newest member of the Camp, John P. Lenes. Although not present on the current mission, Brother Lenes was recognized as a welcome new addition to the Camp (*see pg 4 for Lenes introduction*).

Cmdr. Schulze then confirmed that the recent slate of 2007 Officer nominees had been elected without opposition. The newly elected Officer class for 2007 includes: Steve Schulze – Cmdr.; James Hackett – SVC; David LaBrot – JVC – and Gary White – Secr./Treas. SVC-elect Hackett and JVC-elect LaBrot pledged their oath while being installed by Cmdr. Schulze. They will likely prove to be as productive and competent as the out-going class!

Secr./Treas. White then presented his after-action report (Minutes) from the previous meeting and also reported that the Camp was in fine financial condition. A motion to accept these two reports as read was made, seconded, and passed.

Cmdr. Schulze then gave a fine briefing about the activities and topics covered at the recent *Department of Texas* encampment held in Galveston on January 20, 2007. Fifteen members of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* participated. Cmdr. Schulze also gave a synopsis of his Camp Commander's Report and those of the other Texas Camps. He also mentioned the possibility of the need to slightly increase membership dues in order to cover increasing costs – but not until next year.

The issue of conducting a Department-wide fund raising drawing was also discussed. Cmdr. Schulze also then the message of National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski who encouraged the formation of a *Sons of Veteran's Reserve* organization in Texas.

Cmdr. Schulze next reported that a *Daughters of Union Veterans Tent* has been officially established in the Houston area. The name of this unit is the *Sarah Emma Edmonds Tent* and it will meet quarterly. Cmdr. Schulze expressed that the goal of our Camp is to work with and to develop efficient lines of communication between this new Tent, ourselves, and our re-emerging *SUV Auxiliary*.

Next, JVC Hackett and Brother Leach were given the floor to give an after-action report of their participation at the 1st Annual Civil War Re-enactment in Madisonville, Texas. On a table beneath a banner-draped shelter tent, they had displayed Camp photo albums, a black-powder pistol, hand-made model fighting ships, and other Camp literature. Along with Brother David Burdette, our men spent a lot of time sharing their knowledge of Civil War topics with numerous groups of curious school children. Brothers Hackett, Leach and Burdette then participated in the ensuing *Battle of El Camino Real*. All three men represented our Camp well!

Discussion then turned to new business, which included:

- 1.) The issue of replacing our tired weather-worn tent banner was debated. Brother LaBrot graciously volunteered to explore the possibility of obtaining a new banner for the Camp.
- 2.) Brother Holmes then announced the dates for an upcoming event involving the *1st Texas Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Warren W. White Chapter of the Sons and Daughters of the U.S. Colored Troops*. He reported that this organization includes about twenty-five members and is slowly growing. We were invited to lend our support to the event.
- 3.) Cmdr. Schulze followed by reading an e-mail from Brother Blair Rudy about an *Eagle Scout Court of Honor* award ceremony scheduled for February 24, 2007. Unfortunately, no volunteers stepped forward from the group at hand.
- 4.) Next, Cmdr. Schulze enlightened the assembled Brothers about the *Sons of Union Veterans Reserve*. He read some of their regulations and a little history of the Order. Interest seemed to be positive about the possibility of establishing a SVR unit in the area.
- 5.) Brothers White and Lance then read letters received from Brother Webber of Whitewright, Texas addressed to the Camp. The letters were heard with interest and sincere concern for the welfare of this esteemed Brother.
- 6.) Brother White then gave those present a brief update about the condition of Brother C. John Powers. A motion was moved, seconded, and passed which allowed the Camp to carry his dues this year in appreciation for superlative past service rendered by this *Charter Member* of the Camp.

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February 2007 Camp Meeting *(continued from previous page)*

- 7.) Cmdr. Schulze then summoned the newly elected Camp officers to approach the front of the room. Brothers Hackett and LaBrot hastened to assemble in position beside the Colors. They raised their right hands and repeated the oath as administered by the Commander *(photo on right)*.
- 8.) Cmdr. Schulze followed with a fine speech extolling the service and dedication rendered by our long-time Secretary/Treasurer, Gary White. The Commander presented Brother White with a *Past Camp Commander Medal* in recognition of his ten years of service as Secr./Treas. for the Camp *(photo at right)* – an honor well deserved, indeed!
- 9.) Brother Lance volunteered to be guest speaker at a future business meeting – topic: *GAR* medals.



L-R: Stephen Schulze, James Hackett, David LaBrot



Above: Long-serving Secr./Treas. Gary White receives PCC medal from Cmdr. Schulze

Brother Leach presented some very high quality sample photographs taken by professional photographer, Elbert Howze. The photos were taken at the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* on January 20, 2007. Mr. Howze, a past photographer for *Life Magazine* and a Viet Nam veteran, offers reprints of the photos for sale.

Following a closing prayer offered by Brother Leach, Cmdr. Schulze dismissed the assembly with a rap of his gavel. Enthusiasm for and anticipation of the next assembling of the forces was evident as the Brothers mounted up and rode off to their individual homesteads.

The 2007 Officers for Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2

L-R:

Stephen D. Schulze – Commander
James H. Hackett – Senior Vice-Commander
David K. LaBrot – Junior Vice-Commander
Gary E. White – Secretary/Treasurer

....Respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance



Current Events

Texas Heritage Day

Humble, Texas
18 Feb 2007

"Had a great time with the 13th U.S. Infantry in the small re-enactment we had last Saturday at the *Jesse Jones Park Heritage Days Festival*. The weather was perfect! They [the 13th U.S. Infantry] are really eager for more of us at *Edward Lea* to participate with them and also several have shown serious interest in becoming S.U.V.C.W. members."

....Submitted by Brother Dale H. Leach

Southern Masonic Lodge Honors Fallen Northern Officer

The following was abstracted from the official minutes of Harmony Masonic Lodge #6, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM), regarding their role in the historic Wainwright-Lea burial ceremony held in the aftermath of the 1863 Battle of Galveston. Harmony Lodge was chartered in 1840 during the Republic of Texas period and remains one of the oldest continuously active Masonic Lodges in Texas to this day. Galveston's second Masonic Lodge, Tucker Lodge #297, was chartered in 1867, and named for Phillip C. Tucker, the man who played a vital role in making this ceremony possible.

An Historical Meeting of Harmony Lodge

"Harmony Lodge No. 6 of Galveston. Lodge of Emergency to bury the dead held January 2, 1863, A. L. 5863. Present: Brother P. C. Tucker as W.M., E. B. Nichols as S.W., S. Van-Sickle as J.W. and Secretary E. S. Barstow as Treasurer, C. Dikeman as Tyler, and other brethren.

"Lodge of Master Masons opened in due form. The presiding W.M. stated that he had called this Lodge of Emergency after consultation with the brethren, for the purpose of interring with the rite of Masonic burial the body of the late Capt. I. W. Wainwright, late commander at the U.S. Navy and in Command of the *U.S.S. Harriet Lane*, 'the body now being dead at the Ursuline Convent' who was killed in action while bravely fighting his vessel when it was captured by the blessing of God by the forces of our Confederate government on the morning of the last Inst.

In our Bay in front of this city, that Messrs. Stone, Plunkett, Penrose and other Officers of that vessel, now prisoners of Svr. had made themselves known as Master Masons and vouched that the deceased was a regular Master Mason known to them in good standing as such that they asked nothing for themselves as Masons, but in behalf of their late Commander and brother, they besought at our hands a Masonic burial, upon which it was resolved that the members of this Lodge, appreciating the spirit and force of Masonic ties, will not allow their feelings and prejudice and love of righteous cause to obliterate from their hearts and minds the merciful teachings of the Order; that it does not conflict with their duties as patriotic citizens to respond to calls of mercy by a prostrate political foe, or to administer the last rite of the Order to the remains of a Mason of moral worth, although yesterday they met as an armed enemy in mortal combat in which the deceased parted with his life; that the action of the Past Master and brothers presiding who is also the officer charged by the General Commandery with bringing the dead officers of the enemy be and is approved."

"Whereupon the Lodge was called to bury the dead. A public procession formed in which appeared both friends and foes wearing the insignia of the Order, and accompanied with a proper military escort under command of Col. And Brother H.B. Debray, among which was the Major General Commanding J. Bankhead Magruder, the body of Bro. Wainwright was borne to its grave in the Episcopal Cemetery where it was deposited with the rites of Masons and military Lodge called from burying the dead and closed in due form."

Note: Brother Philip C. Tucker was a native of Vergennes, Vermont, but had settled in Galveston during its pioneer days. He was a lawyer by profession and became very active in the city's civic affairs. When the Civil War erupted, he joined the Confederate Army, and by the time of the Battle of Galveston, was a Major serving on the staff of General J. B. Magruder. Tucker was also a passionate Mason and had a very distinguished Masonic career. He was Master of Harmony lodge in 1862-1866, inclusive. He later served as Commander of San Felipe Commandery, Knights Templar in 1855-56 and again from 1862-1873. In 1864, he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery and in 1869 became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He was a member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction from September 19, 1868, to July 9, 1894. On July 28, 1893, he became Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction and served as such until his death July 9, 1894. He is buried in Galveston's Episcopal Cemetery, not far from the grave of Lt. Cmdr. Lea.

....submitted by Brother Harrold Henck

Sons of Veterans Reserve

The roots of *Sons of Veterans Reserve* (SVR) date back to 1881 with the "Cadet Corps" of the *Grand Army of the Republic* (GAR). In 1881, the GAR members encouraged the formation of their sons as the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW). These units eventually became known as the *Sons of Veterans Reserve*, when the SUVCW moved toward a more patriotic and educational organization in design. Many of the individual SUVCW Camps formed reserve military units which volunteered their services during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and with the National Guard. Just prior to World War I, over 5,000 men wore the blue uniform of the SVR. As late as the 1930's, several states regarded their local SVR units as a military training component. Since World War II, the SVR has evolved into a ceremonial and commemorative organization. In 1962, the *National Military Department* was created by the SUVCW and consolidated the SVR units under national regulations and command.

The *Sons of Veterans Reserve* is in close and constant cooperation with its parent Order, the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. It is the ceremonial uniformed military component of the SUVCW. As part of its ceremonial and commemorative purpose, the SVR participates in many ceremonial and commemorative events throughout the country. Besides the ceremonial activities, many SVR units actively participate in re-enactments and living histories. The *National Military Department* also conducts an annual military encampment for training and instructional purposes. Membership in the *Sons of Veterans Reserve* is open to any member of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. Units and individuals must file an application for membership. Very minimal annual dues are charged all SVR members.

....source: <http://suvcw.org/svr/svrhist.htm>

Additional Photos- Battle of El Camino Real – Madisonville, Texas (continued from page 13)



Left: A lone soldier stirs in a seemingly deserted campsite.

Right: SVC James Hackett and Bob Lockwood arrived early on the chilly morning to man the Camp table. Photo albums are open for display.



Left: The charming Connie Andrews demonstrating the nearly lost art of calligraphy penmanship to interested children.

Right L-R: James Hackett, Bob Lockwood, Dale Leach, David Burdette, Patricia Mullenix (National President of the D.U.V.C.W.)



Left: Union soldiers and wagons mill about waiting for the call to form-up for action. Several take the opportunity to rest their feet!

Right: A Federal officer listens intently behind stacked arms as a Private offers a suggestion. In the background, a line of Union Cavalry anxiously waits for orders to advance.



Left: A Rebel officer expertly commands his line of infantry as it advances forward through Federal casualties.

Right: Two women driving a mule-drawn wagon assist with the grim task of recovering casualties after the battle.

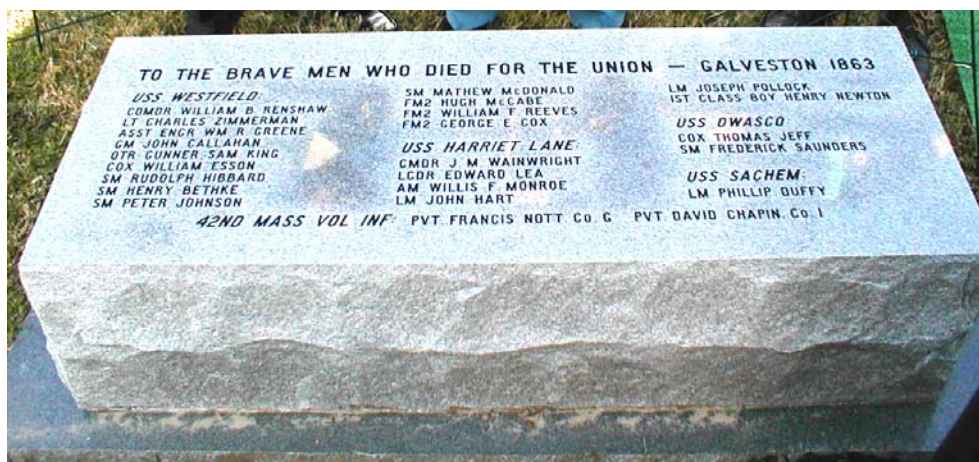


Battle of Galveston Commemoration



L-R: Lanny Low, Michael Lance, Gary White, Dale Leach (mostly hidden), Howard Rose, and Thomas Whitesides.

A quiet respectful hush fell across the cemetery as all voices were stilled. Brother Gary White, Secretary/Treasurer of *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2*, stepped out and marched forward to stand before the low rectangular monument dedicated to the memory of the *Battle of Galveston*. Behind him, a Federal Honor Guard stood at attention. The Guard, consisting of elements of the *Edward Lea Camp* and of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry*, were in position and waiting for the commands to fire a 3-volley salute. Solemnly but clearly, Brother White called out the twenty-four names etched into the polished top surface of the marble monument before him. The reading of the names and the accompanying ceremonies are conducted each January by the Camp to honor the gone-but-not-forgotten Federal Soldiers and Sailors that gave their lives during that fateful day of battle in January 1863.



Battle of Galveston Monument
 Episcopal Cemetery – Galveston, Texas
 Dedicated by the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2* on January 20, 2004