

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Lt. Commander Edward Lea U.S.N. – Camp Number 2



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From the Commander's Tent

I feel that words may be inadequate to express my appreciation to the members of the Camp for giving me the opportunity to serve them as Commander. It will not be easy to step into the shoes of our past Commander, Stephen Schulze. His accomplishments have taken our Camp to the pinnacle of the Department of Texas. I can only hope to keep us there.

One of the most important aspects of our recent success has been frequent speakers and programs from inside and outside the Camp. I plan to continue in that direction with a thrust in favor of participation by our own members. Many of them have interesting tales to tell if they are pushed just a little. I still want your help in procuring speakers that might be of interest to the Camp.

We have a number of opportunities to participate in outside activities in the coming months. We will have to be selective in order to do justice to those in which we choose to participate. One big plus in this regard is the creation of our SVR unit led by Brother LaBrot. In the future, I hope to see the 8th U.S. as a separate entity in parades and other ceremonial occasions.

I want to take this occasion to thank Brother Gary White for agreeing to stay on as Secretary/Treasurer to guide me around the pitfalls of my new office. I wouldn't know where to start without someone like him.

Here's looking forward to a great 2008 for our Camp and for our country.

Yours in F. C. & L.

James S. Hackett

Camp Commander

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 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton
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 Pvt. Edward Gunn
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 Pvt. William Young

Service Unit

4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav
 Co. G, 47th Missouri Infantry
 Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. H, 14th Wisconsin Infantry
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23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 52nd Illinois Infantry
 Co. D, 118th Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 38th Illinois Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd New York Vol. Inf.
 Co. I, 12th Illinois Infantry
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, OH Inf.
 Co. A, 126th West Virginia Militia
 Co. F, 4th Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 20th Indiana Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Illinois Light Infantry

Co. K, 83rd Indiana Vol. Infantry

Shields' 19th Indep Batt OH Lt Arty.
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt OH Lt 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. K, 2nd Missouri Light Artillery

Co. K, 7th Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 46th Iowa Volunteer Inf.
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
 2nd Regiment Texas Cavalry
 2nd Regiment Texas Cavalry
 54th Indiana Infantry
 Co. K, 52nd PA Vol. Infantry
 Co. G, 5th Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. F, 12th IN Inf. - Co. E, 59th IN Inf.
 Co. B, 8th West Virginia Infantry
 Co. B, 8th West Virginia Infantry
 Co. B, 8th West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. A, 7th Indiana Infantry
 Co. E, 121st New York Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. G, 8th Illinois Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. B, 20th Maine Infantry
 Co. D, 26th Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. C, 146th Illinois Infantry
 Co. B, 8th West Virginia Infantry
 Commander 3rd Brigade (regulars)
 184th Ohio Infantry
 103rd New York Infantry
 103rd New York Infantry
 Co. D, 9th Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt OH Lt Arty.
 Co. D, 28th Massachusetts
 Co. F, 171st Pennsylvania Infantry
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Co F, 74th NY Inf., Co H, 40th NY Inf.
 1st Nebraska Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Lt Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Lt Artillery
 Co. E, 3rd MN Inf. & Trp K, 2nd MN Cav.
 Co. E, 133rd Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Co. G, 47th Missouri Volunteers
 Co. D, Bracketts Btn, Minn. Cavalry
 30th Regiment, Penn. Militia

Mr. Charles Mitchell - Camp Web Master ##

~ Charter Member ** Past Camp Commander ++ New Member ^^ Associate Member ## Honorary Camp Member

Editor's Message

At times in the past, I have struggled with describing our Camp activities to you due to a lack of photographs. I definitely cannot say that with this issue! In fact this time, I had to 'struggle' to decide which of the multitude of photos that I had to *omit* from these pages. Due to printing and mailing costs, I try to keep the page count down to 12-14 pages. However, with all the great photos available this time, I could not do so. I would like to extend many thanks and a *tip of the kepi* to all of you who generously donated photos and other information used in this issue - especially Brothers LaBrot, Leach, and Hampton. I couldn't have put it together without your assistance! The following pages should give you a nice visual idea of what the Camp has been up to during the last quarter. *A picture says a thousand words!* Enjoy!

I was honored to be presented with the *Marshall Hope Award* certificate and streamer for *Best Camp Newsletter* at the February business meeting. As I have said before, this newsletter project is a product of the entire Camp. You are all creating and documenting the news. I am just the collector and assembler! The *Award* belongs to us all!

In F. C. & L,

Michael L. Lance

Editor

Camp Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 11 Mar 2008 | Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Cmdr. James Hackett Topics: <i>Ironclads of the Civil War</i> | Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX |
| Tuesday 8 Apr 2008 | Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: SVC David LaBrot Topic: Disaster on the Mississippi - <i>The Sultana Tragedy (Part 1)</i> | Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX |
| Tuesday 13 May 2008 | Speaker: SVC David LaBrot Topic: Tragic Accident, or Sabotage? - <i>The Sultana Tragedy (Part 2)</i> | Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX |
| Monday 26 May 2008 | Memorial Day Observance: 8:30 a.m. | Houston National Cemetery |
| Tuesday 10 Jun 2008 | Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: JVC Sam Hampton Topic: <i>Adventure at Pilot Knob</i> | Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX |

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Introducing — [David M. Garrett](#)



A native Kansan, David was born in Hays and grew up in Olathe. He is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Mid-America Nazarene University and received his Master of Science from Kansas State University in 1978.

David joined Southwestern Bell in 1979 and lived in St. Louis, Missouri until his relocation to San Antonio, Texas in 1998. He is a senior product marketing manager for AT&T. David and his wife of thirty-one years, Diane, have three sons.

A nineteen-year volunteer to the *Boy Scouts of America*, David holds the *National Scoutmaster Award of Merit* and the *District Award of Merit*. Each of his sons is an Eagle Scout. David's other interests include serving as a guest lecturer in his community's schools, hiking, American history, and his pet Vizsla dog named Darby.

David has studied the American Civil War since the age of 15 including at least one visit to every major battlefield of that conflict. His heredity membership in *SUVCW* is by virtue of his maternal great-great-grandfather, [Private David Montgomery](#), Company K, 83rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Private Montgomery was wounded, losing the use of his right arm, in the 15th Corps' first assault on Vicksburg (along the Graveyard road against the Stockade Redan) on May 19, 1863. Mr. Garrett has one other known Civil War ancestor: Captain John P. Ludwig from Redbud, Illinois. Captain Ludwig led Company M of the 7th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry.

Introducing — [Rick L. Hammer](#)

Brother Hammer joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his great-great grandfather, Private Thomas M. Hammer - Co. K, 2nd Missouri Light Artillery. He is also proud to note that two of his great-great grandfather's brothers as well as their father, Felix Grundy Hammer, served the Union in the Civil War.

Rick currently resides in College Station with his wife Tiffany and 4 year-old son Nathan. He is completing a doctorate in Botany at *Texas A&M University*, specializing in plant biodiversity and conservation. He spends much time in the lab sequencing DNA but most enjoys spending time in the field, collecting and studying plants. Upon finishing his degree he hopes to find a teaching position. Before coming to *Texas A&M*, Rick lived in Ft. Worth and worked as a consultant in the Information Technology business.

His interest in *SUVCW* was sparked by his research into his Hammer family genealogy, which he has been working on for about a year. He recently was granted life membership in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's *First Families of the Twin Territories* program, based on his descent from his great grandfather, David Wallace Hammer, who resided with his wife Mary Ida, in Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory in 1902. Rick continues his genealogical research in his spare time.

Rick enjoys spending time with his wife and son. He and his son enjoy fishing, hiking and natural history. After finishing school, he would like to become involved in the *Boy Scouts* and also volunteer in the state parks. He and his family attend the Methodist church in College Station.

Finally, Rick would like to say that he is proud to become a member of *SUVCW* and the *Edward Lea* Camp and to have the opportunity to honor our Civil War ancestors.

On December 11, 2007, the regular monthly business meeting was called to order by Commander Schulze at the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant at 7:18 p.m. Eleven Brothers were present to acknowledge his rap of the gavel, including: SVC Hackett, JVC LaBrot, Secretary/Treasurer White, and Brothers Chester, Holmes, Hampton, Leach, Lockwood, Cates, Julian, and Lance. In addition, seven guests mustered, including: Mark Pike, Betty Hampton, Vali Reyes, Margie Henck, Lynda Rendon, Jana Marsh, and Gail Chester.

The reading, discussion, and approval of the minutes from the prior meeting, and the monthly financial report were quickly dispatched. Treasurer White included a recap of our fundraising efforts at the *Civil War Weekend* event at Liendo Plantation in Hempstead in November. A special *thank you* and a *tip of the kepi* go out to Brother Shuster and JVC LaBrot for donating the beautiful quilts used in the fundraising activities.

Cmdr. Stephen Schulze



Commander Schulze then alerted the Camp about a couple of upcoming Civil War-related events. He received an enthusiastic response at the mention of the *Battle for El Camino Real Civil War Weekend* at Lake Madison Park in Madisonville, Texas. Several men volunteered to attend to represent the Camp at the February 1-3 event. The meeting was then turned over to the various committeemen to give their reports. The *Nominations Committee* reported that the slate of nominees for the 2008 Camp Officers and for the *Camp Council* was set and the voting ballots were being distributed. The *Speakers Committee* happily reported that guest speakers have been scheduled for each meeting through the Fall of 2008. The great majority of the speakers come from our own ranks as various Brothers stepped forward offering to share their areas of expertise with the Camp.

Auxiliary President Vali Reyes then took the floor to give an update on the planned activities of the *Ladies Auxilliary*. Their plans include: laying a wreath at the Union Monument at the January 2008 *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremony; setting-up and decorating the meeting room for the Camp following the ceremony; adopting an Iraqi War soldier; visiting the VA Hospital; and starting a fundraising program. Treasurer Margie Henck also mentioned their plans to lay a wreath at the Confederate monument in conjunction with our *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremony.

JVC LaBrot, who also wears the hat of Commander of *Company A, 8th U.S. Infantry, 6th Military District of the Sons of Veteran's Reserve* (Texas), updated the assembly of the activities of the new unit. The Company was ceremoniously activated during the *Civil War Weekend* at Liendo Plantation in November. He also proposed raising the SVR annual dues slightly in order to raise revenue to fund the new unit. Brother LaBrot also pointed out the necessity of replacing the *Edward Lea* Camp's banner and tent canopy due to the rain damage that occurred at Liendo. On a more positive note, he reported that several inquiries from prospective new members were received at Liendo and, as a result, one new Brother has since joined the Camp so far.

Discussion then turned to planning for the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremonies scheduled for January. Margie Henck volunteered to spread the word in the Galveston area about the event. The list of organizations and special guests to receive invitations to attend was reviewed. Commander Schulze previewed the event program and the facility for gathering for the January business meeting after the event was finalized. As usual, the Camp was well prepared in advance and ready for this upcoming special occasion!



L-R: Brother Chester and Cmdr. Schulze

Focus then shifted to one of this editor's favorite Camp activities – reviewing the application of a prospective new member. Mr. Rick L. Hammer applied for membership to the Camp based on the Civil War service of his gr-gr-grandfather, Private Thomas M. Hammer of Company K, 2nd Regiment Missouri Light Artillery. After review and discussion, a vote was taken on Mr. Hammer's application. The result was unanimously affirmative! Then, new Brother Captain Chadwick E. Chester was formally sworn-in by Commander Schulze. After administering the oath, the Commander presented Brother Chadwick with his new membership badge. Brother Chadwick had traveled to Houston from distant Victoria, Texas with his son, Eric Chester.

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Brother Robert Julian then surprised everyone by making a very generous donation to the Camp. In addition to donating two flags, a U.S. flag which had previously flown in Washington, D.C. and a Texas flag which previously saw service over the State Capitol, Brother Julian presented the Camp with a check for \$500. Discussion about how to employ the two beautiful flags resulted in a motion to donate them to the new 8th U.S. Infantry SVR unit. The motion carried. Thank you Brother Julian for your kind generosity!

L-R: Brother Julian and Cmdr. Schulze



After a few comments for the good of the Camp by Brother Holmes and others, a closing prayer was offered by Brother Leach. The meeting was formally gavelled adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Cmdr. Schulze. After a brief break, the Camp reassembled to enjoy a slide presentation by guest speaker Brother Dale Leach. His detailed chronicle of the relationship between his Civil War ancestor and the *Grand Army of the Republic* was enhanced visually by numerous slides (the full account of his presentation will be included in the next issue of the *Harriet Lane*).

(Report and photos by Michael Lance)

From the Archives – Installation of the Department of the Southwest

On Saturday, May 15th, [1995] Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison journeyed to Arlington, Texas, to participate in the first installation of a Department of the SUVCW since 1971. Accompanied by National Secretary, David F. Wallace, and National Camp and Department Organizer, Richard Greene, the C-in-C was greeted by James Dark, Camp Commander, Lone Star Camp No. 1 and new Department Commander, and 90 degree weather!

The Department Encampment was held at the *Junior League Building* in Arlington, Texas, just outside of Dallas. During the drive to the site, damage from the severe rain and hail storm from two weeks earlier was still much in evidence.

Representatives of all four Camps which formed the new Department greeted the Commander-in-Chief and other National Officers. The four Camps which comprise the Department are:

1. *Lone Star Camp No. 1* of Arlington, TX
2. *Jeremiah Smith Camp No. 1* of Newalla, OK
3. *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp No. 2* of Houston, TX
4. *Sam Houston Camp No. 3* of Round Rock, TX

The Department organized with 74 members. A highlight of the organization was that there were four (4) *Real Sons* who were all Charter Members of their original Camp organizing efforts. Unfortunately one, Brother Smith, passed away prior to the Department formation. *Real Son* Robert Warren was in attendance for the Department Installation.

Commander-in-Chief Harrison proceeded with the Department Installation, obligation of new Brothers, and election of Department Officers. Brother James Dark, Commander of the *Lone Star Camp* was elected as Department Commander, Danial F. B. Lisarelli, Commander of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp* was elected as Senior Vice Commander, and David Stolpa, *Sam Houston Camp*, was elected as Junior Vice Commander. Brothers elected to the *Department Council* are Getty Williams, William Brinkman, and William R. Stebbins, Jr. Brother David L. Allison was elected to serve as the first Secretary/Treasurer of the Department.

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*Trinity Episcopal Cemetery
Galveston, Texas*

12 Jan 2008



Saturday, January 12, 2008 dawned cool and bright. It was perfect weather for a ceremony! A substantial number of Brothers from the *Edward Lea Camp* gathered at the historic cemetery on Broadway in Galveston to participate in our annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremony. Most wore Union blue and carried weapons.

Honor and Color Guards gather.



While the Color Guard reviewed its role in the upcoming ceremonies, the Honor Guard formed-up in a line to receive its usual rigorous weapons inspection by Sergeant Thomas Whitesides, Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry. Attention to safety is always promoted by the men.

Sergeant Whitesides (in center with blue arm insignia) conducts a weapons inspection.



The order to move forward finally came. The 3-man federal Color Guard led the way with National and Camp Colors flying. They were followed by a 5-man gray-clad Confederate Color Guard. The 7-man Federal Honor Guard followed behind in smart fashion.

The Federal Color Guard leads the column. L-R: JVC LaBrot with National Colors, SVC James Hackett, and Brother Holmes with the Camp Colors.



The grave of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, namesake of our Camp, is located a short distance from the Union monument. Although the monument was the center of the day's activities, a guard was posted at Lea's grave throughout the ceremonies.

Brother Gary White served as guard at the grave of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea. He was posted directly behind Lea's grave marker. At the foot of Lea's grave is the historical marker that was dedicated by the Camp on January 14, 2006.

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After all the units were in position, Commander Schulze gave the order to "Post the Colors".

JVC LaBrot posts the National Colors on the left flank of the ceremonial area.



The Union monument was decorated with small American flags. A blue tent canopy protected the area. The Confederate Color Guard stood in line behind the monument. The Union Honor Guard formed-up in line perpendicular to the Confederate line on the right flank.

Brother Steve Holmes (center of photo) has just posted the Camp Colors on the right flank. The Confederate Color Guard and their Colors are positioned behind him.



The federal Honor Guard waited patiently in line until the order came for it to perform the 3-volley salute. Until that order came, they responded variously to orders of "Present Arms", "At Ease", "Uncover", "Attention", etc. The unit performed in a very coordinated fashion under the able command of Sergeant Whitesides.

L-R: Brothers Michael Lance, Dale Leach, Dave Burdette, Bob Lockwood, Chad Walker (SVR - Corpus Christi, TX), Samuel Hampton, and Thomas Whitesides (13th U.S. Infantry) - at ease observing the ceremony.



After calling on the Chaplain to offer an invocation and the Patriotic Instructor to lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*, Commander Schulze introduced the dignitaries and guests. Speaking without the aid of a microphone, the commander spoke loudly as the spectators struggled to hear his words. Commander Schulze then followed with an appropriate welcoming speech.

Cmdr. Schulze holds everyone's attention with a nice welcoming speech.



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Commander Schulze then recognized three guest speakers who, in turn, each gave short precise speeches. First up was Vali Reyes, President of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary*. Then came Diana Campbell, President of *Veuve Jefferson Davis Chapter #17, United Daughters of the Confederacy*. And finally, Doug McBee, Commander of *John B. Hood Camp #50, Sons of Confederate Veterans*, took the opportunity to say a few words.



President Vali Reyes – SUVCW Auxiliary



President Diana Campbell - UDC



Cmdr. Doug McBee - SCV

Commander Schulze then introduced the keynote speaker, SVC James Hackett. Brother Hackett gave the following address:

Heritage – Not Hate

Last November, I met a man at Liendo Plantation. We had an interesting conversation about the relationship between the SCV and the SUV in Texas. Upon parting, he gave me his card with the words 'Heritage not Hate' emblazoned on it. When I got home, I got to thinking about the broader meaning of these words and did some research on the matter.



Keynote speaker James Hackett

What was the policy of the SUV nationally in this regard? I was gratified to find the same spirit of solidarity reflected in the pronouncements of our national officers over the years. The G.A.R. and the U.C.V. started holding joint reunions near the end of the century, notably the 50th anniversary of Gettysburg. This poem written in 1913 best displays that spirit:

*No North, No South, No Alien Now;
Firm for One Cause, One Flag We Stand.
Hearts melted into Second Flame;
For God and Home and Native Land.*

The *Edward Lea Camp* has always endeavored to personify that spirit by holding joint ceremonies such as the one we celebrate today. The *John Bell Hood Camp (SCV)* along with many others have been our steadfast Brothers in that endeavor and I thank them for that. The

respect shown by former enemies to those who died here almost 150 years ago planted a seed that we harvest today.

It has never been the purpose of either the *SCV* or the *SUVCW* to re-fight the Civil War. On the contrary, both groups seek to promote the *heritage* of the war and to remember the men who served so valiantly in that long ago conflict. Through activities such as this, both the *SCV* and the *SUVCW* fulfill this goal for the benefit of generations yet to come. The *Edward Lea Camp* is honored to be a part of this legacy.

.....SVC James Hackett

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Left: Ladies of the Auxiliary lay a wreath at the Union Monument. L-R: Margie Henck, Vali Reyes, and Jana Marsh.

Right: Margie Henck and Diana Campbell (UDC) lay a wreath at Confederate Monument.



Left: The Honor Guard prepares to fire prior to a volley.

Right: SVC Hackett and Brother Holmes of the Color Guard observe the musket salutes.



Left: The Honor Guard aims high and fires one of three volleys.

Right: JVC LaBrot stands at attention during the musket salutes.



Left: The Honor and Color Guards retire at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Right: Jana Marsh, Margie Henck and Vali Reyes of the Ladies Auxilliary pose behind the flag and wreath decorated Union monument.



(Photos by LaBrot and Leach – Two additional photos on back cover)

Immediately following the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremonies at Trinity Episcopal Cemetery in Galveston, the Camp and guests reassembled at *The Original Mexican Restaurant* for the regular business meeting. The meeting room was beautifully set-up and decorated by the ladies of the *Auxiliary*.



After dispatching the routine orders of business (minutes, financial statement, committee reports), the installation of Camp officers for 2008 was performed. James Hackett, formerly SVC, was elected as Commander for 2008. He will be supported by former JVC David LaBrot who was elected as the new SVC. Brother LaBrot's vacated JVC position was filled by newly elected Brother Samuel Hampton. Secretary/Treasurer Gary White was chosen to continue in his position for another year. Congratulations to each of these very capable men!

L-R: With right hands raised and left hands on the Bible, Brothers David LaBrot, Samuel Hampton, and James Hackett are sworn-in by Department Sr. Vice Commander Stephen Schulze.



Left: Gary White returns for yet another term as Secretary/Treasurer. He is probably one of the very best and most experienced men in the nation at his position.



Right: Dept. Sr. Vice Cmdr. Schulze pins the Camp Cmdr's badge on Cmdr-elect Jim Hackett. This badge has been passed to each incoming Cmdr. since the Camp's inception in 1994.



Left: The Commander's gavel is presented to Cmdr. Hackett by Department Senior Vice Commander Stephen Schulze.



Right: Commander Hackett presents Brother Schulze with a Past Camp Commander's badge.

(Account by Lance - photos by Leach, LaBrot, and Lance)

Madisonville, Texas - February 1-3, 2008



The *Edward Lea* camp was well represented during the *Battle for El Camino Real* re-enactment activities at *Lake Madison Park* in Madisonville. Brothers Dale Cates and Michael Lance arrived early on Friday to assist with the educational activities for the school children. The two men – Cates in gray and Lance in blue – roamed the numerous living history exhibits and, when opportunities arose, demonstrated their weapons and accoutrements and otherwise enlightened the children. They were later joined in their efforts by SVC David LaBrot, dressed in his fine-looking officer's uniform and Brother Steve Holmes. Lance and Cates were interviewed by a reporter from *The Madisonville Meteor*. The resulting newspaper article can be viewed at: <http://www.madisonvillemeteor.com/articles/2008/02/06/news/news06.txt> .

Left: Dale Cates & Michael Lance next to a campfire



In addition to the various living history exhibits, the cannon firing demonstrations and the limb amputations by the surgeon always attracted the attention and delighted huge numbers of school children.

Right: Another demonstration salvo results in a thick cloud of white smoke.



Left: Brother Holmes on guard duty.



Right: A white 1864(?) ambulance brought this unfortunate wounded soul to the surgeon – only to lose a foot.

On Saturday and Sunday, the ranks on the field filled out as Cmdr. James Hackett, SVC LaBrot, JVC Sam Hampton, and Brothers Dale Leach, Steve Schulze, and Bob Lockwood, mustered. A tent canopy was erected and the Colors posted. The weekend event was reported in the *Bryan/College Station Eagle*. The newspaper story can be viewed at: [http://www.theeagle.com/local/reliving the Civil War](http://www.theeagle.com/local/reliving%20the%20Civil%20War)



L-R: Bob Lockwood, Cmdr. James Hackett, JVC Sam Hampton, & Dale Leach



SVC David LaBrot



L-R: Steve Schulze, JVC Sam Hampton, & Cmdr. James Hackett.

(Photos by Lance and Hampton)

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"The Battle for El Camino Real re-enactment took place as advertised Feb. 1-3. Our camp was well represented all three days. I want to thank all those who took the time to join me in Madisonville. Brothers Holmes, LaBrot, Lance, and Cates were there on Friday to talk to students and were well appreciated by all those attending. On Saturday, Brother LaBrot returned to join with me, Brother Leach, and others, including Brothers Lockwood and Hampton along with the lovely wives of Brothers LaBrot and Hampton. Later in the day, Vali Reyes arrived representing the Auxiliary. On the third day, PCC Schulze and Brother Hampton helped me finish up the affair.

Brothers LaBrot, Hampton, Leach and Lockwood fought in the volley line and did the 8th U.S. Infantry SVR proud! Brother Hampton was lightly wounded by a Confederate disguised as a fire ant, but will recover. I was assigned to a skirmishing unit and was mortally wounded early in the battle. Fortunately, I too recovered. Brother LaBrot accomplished the unheard of feat of reloading his Colt twice in the midst of the hottest fighting - therefore discharging it 18 times!

On the final day, I was given command of a section of skirmishers and lasted somewhat longer than the day before. I still ended up on my back with a Rebel officer holding a saber to my chest and me calling for my MaMa! After the battle, everyone scooted out to be home for the big game - including Steve and myself.

Madisonville is a new endeavor and still has growing pains. But it shows promise for the future and we made a lot of friends up there this year. They have still got a way to go as far as attendance is concerned, but that will come with time. The Saturday attendance was fairly good, but dropped off quite a bit on Sunday. I feel we should attend again next year - if only for the re-enacting aspect for our SVR men."

... Cmdr. James S. Hackett

Homestead Heritage Day

Jesse Jones Park - Humble, Texas

8 Feb 2008

Once again, the Edward Lea Camp answered the call for volunteers to support another Civil War re-enacting event. Brothers LaBrot, Leach, and Lockwood mustered with Company A, 13th U.S. Infantry. In addition to providing a learning experience for school children, the men became entangled in a running battle with a larger Confederate force. The outcome wasn't pretty, but our men held their own!



Sergeant Thomas Whitesides, commanding the Union contingent, assembles his men for a weapons inspection. Brother LaBrot is at the far right of the line, Brother Lockwood is 2nd from the left, and Brother Leach is standing 3rd from the right.



SVC David LaBrot leads a lively instructional discussion with a mob of young people. He sure knows how to keep their attention!

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Three Rebels dash from the woods towards the homestead to sound an alarm



On their heels are two riders. The Union blue uniform of the trailing rider gives evidence that a Federal force is, in fact, nearby.



The Federal officer queries the women inhabitants. No doubt they deny any knowledge of the whereabouts of their Rebel men!



The officer rides back towards his approaching unit.



The cabin and grounds are searched for Rebels. A slave woman is interrogated by Sgt. Whitesides as the other women continue to claim ignorance of any Rebels.



Sergeant Whitesides is suspicious of an outbuilding and orders it searched.

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A Rebel force approaches stealthily through the woods hoping to ambush the unsuspecting Federals.



Suddenly there's a shot! The Union officer on horseback is hit! The men in blue sprint for cover.



Mayhem erupts as the Rebels send volley after musket volley into the ranks of the Union men.



The Union force returns fire with gusto! But, they are badly outnumbered. Their situation looks bleak.



The Rebel women look on with hopeful anticipation as their men gain the upper hand in the battle.



The Rebels wind up with control of the field. Medical Officer LaBrot tries to comfort a fallen comrade.

(Photos by LaBrot)

Commander Hackett called the February Camp meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant in Houston. After Patriotic Instructor Bob Lockwood led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Chaplain Dale Cates offered an opening benediction, the Cmdr. welcomed all and introduced the guests. A fast-paced meeting then commenced: the minutes from the previous meeting were read and the financial statement was reviewed by Treasurer White – both were approved. The various Committees then gave their respective updates. Brother Leach and SVC LaBrot then stood to report on the *Battle for El Camino* event at Lake Madison Park in Madisonville, Texas. They reported that the event was very enjoyable even though it was marred slightly by muddy conditions. They also mentioned that the fundraising efforts were “not great” due to the ground conditions. Brother Leach continued with a recap of the Civil War re-enactment at Jesse Jones Park – *Homestead Heritage Day*. He related that the event was held in an ideal location for this type of activity. It was close to Houston yet nicely secluded. He also stated that working with Company A, 13th U.S. Infantry is always a positive learning experience. He went on to report that the employees of the park were top-notch and the food was great! He highly recommended that we add this event to our future annual calendars. Next on the agenda was the presentation of the 2007 *Marshall Hope Award* certificate to Michael Lance by PCC Stephen Schulze. This honor was bestowed on our Camp based on the *Harriet Lane* newsletter as being the “Year’s Best Camp Newsletter”. In addition, a streamer commemorating the award was presented to our Camp and was attached to the finial of the Camp flag.

PCC Schulze with streamer and Lance with Award certificate.



The new membership application received from David M. Garrett was reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve his application. A voice vote indicated unanimous approval. Welcome to the Camp ‘Brother’ Garrett!

Announcements concerning several upcoming Civil War-related events were discussed. It seems our Camp continues to draw invitations from various groups. Generating the most interest were the three Jr. ROTC applications for *SUVCW Achievement Awards*. Several Brothers volunteered to make the presentations to those worthy cadets. Discussion then moved to our participation in the *Memorial Day* observances at the *Houston National Cemetery*. As usual, the *Ike Turner SCV* camp will supply the cannons. Since they allow us to man one of the pieces, a motion was made and approved for our Camp to make a monetary donation to the *Ike Turner* camp to help offset the cost of the powder used in the firings.

SVC LaBrot, who also serves as Commander of the 8th U.S. Infantry SVR, informed the SVR members of the Camp that annual dues are now due – and have been increased to \$10. He also stated that Brother Hackett stepped down as 1st Sergeant due to his desire to focus on his duties as Commander of the *Edward Lea* camp. Brother LaBrot also noted that he had no SVR news to report from the Dallas area.

Brother Schulze PCC, then gave a synopsis of the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration Ceremony* controversy between us and the *Galveston County News*. The issue revolves around the article the paper published about the January event. The story was very misleading about the mission of our Order and the objective of the ceremony. Brother Schulze read the letter aloud that he sent to the paper and reports that it was published almost verbatim by the paper. However, no retraction or apology was forthcoming by the news company! SVC LaBrot also read the letter he had sent to the paper. It is likely a closed matter now – but our protests have been submitted and recognized. Cmdr. Hackett then gave a nice and fitting tribute to our worthy PCC of five years, Stephen Schulze. After calling for a closing invocation from Chaplain Cates, the Cmdr. proclaimed the meeting closed at 8:01.



After a short break, the group assembled once again to spend the next forty-five minutes or so with guest speaker, Brother Michael Lance. His talk was entitled: “*Badges of the G.A.R. – Member Badges & Badges from the National, Department, and Post Encampments*”. Brother Lance began by discussing the evolution of the GAR membership badges from 1866 through 1880. He used a multimedia projector and screen to show images of numerous badge variations. He followed with a year-by-year montage of images of the GAR National Encampment delegate badges and other souvenir medals. Images were also shown of a number of encampment badges from the *Department of Indiana*. At the conclusion of his presentation, Brother Lance unveiled several display cases containing a portion of his personal badge collection.

L-R: Lance, Schulze, LaBrot, and badges

(Photos by Leach)

Bill McCall - 1925-2007



"Bill McCall was a charter member of the *Edward Lea Camp*, joining in April of 1995 and remaining a member until he started his teaching career. There are still a few of us who remember his dedication to the Camp and its' objectives. RIP, Bill."

... Gary White

Former Teacher Bill McCall was Famed for Dancing

Few took over dance floors like Bill McCall. A former special education teacher at Jersey Village High School, McCall jitterbugged his way into the hearts of hundreds, including students who cleared the floor at proms for the man they called "Pops."

McCall died Dec. 28 from medical complications after a fall a week earlier, his wife said. He was 82. Charlene French McCall said she'd never forget a night she and her husband took a spin on the dance floor at a Houston nightspot. Within a few minutes other patrons were so dazzled, they stepped aside to watch. "It was like we were a floor show," she said. "Everyone in the room was clapping."

McCall is remembered for his military service, sales career and devotion to students in Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, where he began his teaching career at age 70. But his fancy footwork always took center stage.

Billy Joe McCall was born on Easter — April 12, 1925, in Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from De La Salle Military Academy there in 1943 and was drafted into World War II. He served in the Philippines as a platoon sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war, he attended the University of Richmond until he was recalled to military service in 1949 for the Korean War. He was discharged in 1952. He received a bachelor's degree in English from Central Missouri State University, now the University of Central Missouri. McCall worked in sales for Armco Steel for 20 years. He was transferred to Houston in 1969. He later left the firm and was a sales supervisor in several other companies before he left the business in the mid-1990s. Then he tried teaching. He was a teacher's assistant and a substitute teacher for several years in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. He taught special education classes for four years. He stopped teaching in 2004. Students really admired him, said Ava Stewart, one of his friends and former colleagues. He'd go to the prom with his wife, and students couldn't believe he danced so well. Golf was McCall's other passion. He shot an 80 on the Old Course at *St. Andrews* in Scotland and fired a hole-in-one at a *Bear Creek* golf course. His wife said he played in a ProAm tournament at *Doral Country Club* in Miami with professional golfer "Seve" Ballesteros.

In addition to his wife of 34 years, McCall is survived by sons Michael Joseph McCall, of Washington, Mark Alan McCall, of Houston, and daughter Marti Jo McCall, of Dallas. A memorial service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Houston National Cemetery Chapel at 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive. Interment will be at the cemetery Columbarium."

(Source: obituary in the Houston Chronicle, by Dale Lezon, 5 Feb 2008)

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One of the first items of business by the Encampment was to adopt a resolution honoring Brother Getty Williams, Camp Commander of the Jeremiah Smith Camp No. 1 of Newalla, OK. The Fire Chief of the Newalla, OK fire department, Brother Williams and his crew responded to the initial call for help immediately after the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, with rigs rolling towards the scene even before they knew the exact location. Brother Williams and his crew stayed on location for the entire time that rescue crews were on site of the disaster (he had returned home just prior to the Department Encampment). It was for these reasons that a resolution honoring Brother Williams was adopted. Brother Williams received a standing ovation from those present at the Encampment. Real Son Robert Warren was in attendance at the Encampment. During a break, he related the following story about his father:

"My father was on the Transport Sultana for his return back north at the end of the war. He was sleeping near the boiler room when it exploded. He found himself in the water, uninjured, but only dressed in his underwear. Unable to swim, he grabbed on to a piece of wood floating by. It didn't support him, so he grabbed another one that floated by. Together, they kept him afloat, however, he had to use the bottoms of his underwear to tie the pieces of wood together. A while later, a top hat floated by, so he grabbed that and plunked it on his head. That's what he was wearing when he was finally fished out of the water - his underwear shirt and a top hat. He was, to say the least, a sight to behold!"

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Trinity Episcopal Cemetery - Galveston, Texas
12 Jan 2008



Sr. Vice-Comdr. David LaBrot at "Present Arms" during the musket volley salutes



Secretary/Treasurer Gary White posted as Guard at the grave of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea