

# 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*

This past summer has been one full of sadness for me and my family. It has also been one of renewal - renewal of my faith in God and the humanity of others. It is time now for us to demonstrate that humanity to PCC Steve Schulze and his family upon the loss of his mother. I am sure that we all share in their grief.

Thanks to all who gave speaking programs this year. We are looking forward to more good ones in the coming months. We will also be turning our attention to Liendo Plantation soon. The dates are November 21-23. We will have the added pleasure of participation by the ladies *Auxiliary* this year.

Congratulations to Brothers Stephen Schulze, David LaBrot, and Scott Shuster on their election to Department offices. Our Camp is surely #1 in this aspect.

The SVR members will be seen wearing their new membership badges from now on. I must say they are quite good looking medals!

The *Auxiliary* continues to thrive with a successful affair in League City and a sock drive. We are so proud of the ladies!

I am anxious to get going again after the August hiatus and hope to see a good turnout for the September meeting.

Yours in F. C. & L.

*James S. Hackett*

Camp Commander

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## Membership Muster

### Camp Member

**Mr. James S. Hackett – Commander**  
**Mr. David K. LaBrot – Sr. Vice-Commander**  
**Mr. Samuel F. Hampton – Jr. Vice-Commander**  
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 Mr. Thomas I. Jackson  
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 Mr. John P. Lenes  
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 Mr. Michael Schneider  
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 Mr. Nash S. Traylor  
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 Mr. Glenn A. Webber  
 Mr. Charles B. White  
 Mr. Robert E. Wickman  
 Mr. Patrick M. Young  
 Mr. Edward Cotham - Author ##  
 Mr. Charles Mitchell - Camp Web Master ##

### Civil War Ancestor

Cpl. Thadeus Hendrickson  
 Hosp. Steward Louis LaBoret  
 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton  
 Commissary Sgt. William Judson  
 Pvt. Chauncey A. Lockwood  
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 Pvt. Sylvester Leach  
 Pvt. Matthew Barth  
 Pvt. Jesse Landrum  
 Pvt. Thomas Howey  
 Pvt. Nathan R. Price  
 Cpl. William Moore Campbell  
 Pvt. John A. Watts  
 Pvt. Ethan Allen Holcomb  
 Pvt. Andreas Pfothenhauer  
 Pvt. John Henry Arnold  
 Pvt. Xavier Henkel  
 Pvt. David Montgomery  
 Pvt. Martin V. B. Leonard  
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 Pvt. Edward Gunn  
 Pvt. Thomas M. Hammer  
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 Pvt. Philip Jacob Appfel  
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 Pvt. Warren W. White  
 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield  
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 Pvt. John Walter Stoker  
 Pvt. Finas Euen Lance  
 Pvt. Wilson Keffer  
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 Pvt. Alexander McLain  
 Pvt. Alexander McLain  
 Pvt. Fernando Cortez Nichols  
 Pvt. Henry Hilton Wood  
 Pvt. William Moore  
 Cpl. Thomas Penney  
 Pvt. James R. Cook  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Royal B. Decker  
 Pvt. William Herbert Trull  
 Pvt. Wilson Keffer  
 Chaplain Francis M. Byrd  
 Lt. Col. Casper Carl Schneider  
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 Pvt. Henry Ludwig Schulze  
 Pvt. Martin V. B. Leonard  
 Pvt. Isaac Secor  
 Pvt. John S. Darling  
 William R. Reck  
 Cpl. Jacob John Tanner  
 Cpl. John Anderson Laws  
 Cpl. John Anderson Laws  
 Cpl. Newton B. W. Vaughan  
 Pvt. George D. Webber  
 Cpl. John Henry White  
 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy  
 Pvt. William Young

### Service Unit

4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Mounted Infantry  
 Co E, 12<sup>th</sup>-Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> MO State Milit. Cav  
 Co. G, 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry  
 Co. D, 1<sup>st</sup> New York Mounted Rifles  
 Co. H, 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
 Co. B, 52<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry  
 Co. D, 118<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
 Co. A, 38<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
 Co. H, 122<sup>nd</sup> New York Vol. Inf.  
 Co. I, 12<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, OH Inf.  
 Co. A, 126<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Militia  
 Co. F, 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry  
 Co. C, 20<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry  
 Co. C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Infantry  
 Co. K, 83<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Vol. Infantry  
 Shields' 19<sup>th</sup> Indep Batt OH Lt Arty.  
 Shields' 19<sup>th</sup> Indep Batt OH Lt Arty.  
 Co. C, 74<sup>th</sup> NY Inf & Co. G, 40<sup>th</sup> NY Inf.  
 Co. K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Light Artillery  
**Co. C, 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Vol. Infantry**  
 Co. K, 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
 Co. A, 46<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Inf.  
 U.S.N.  
 Co. K, 44<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry  
 54<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry  
 Co. F, 12<sup>th</sup> IN Inf. - Co. E, 59<sup>th</sup> IN Inf.  
 Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry  
 Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry  
 Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry  
 Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry  
 Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry  
 Co. A, 7<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry  
 Co. E, 121<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry  
 Co. K, 63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
 Co. G, 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry  
 Co. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry  
 Co. B, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry  
 Co. D, 26<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry  
 Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry  
 184<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry  
 103<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry  
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 Co. D, 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers  
 Shields' 19<sup>th</sup> Indep Batt OH Lt Arty.  
 Co. D, 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts  
 Co. F, 171<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry  
 Co F, 74<sup>th</sup> NY Inf., Co H, 40<sup>th</sup> NY Inf.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Infantry  
 Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Btn Tenn. Lt Artillery  
 Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Btn Tenn. Lt Artillery  
 Co. E, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Inf. & Trp K, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cav.  
 Co. E, 133<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Vol. Infantry  
 Co. G, 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Volunteers  
 Co. D, Bracketts Btn, Minn. Cavalry  
 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Penn. Militia

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## Editor's Message

The long dog days of summer are now nearly over. It seems like a long time since we've gathered as a Camp for a meeting or other function. However, that is about to change! With the coming of cooler weather, our Civil War uniforms and accoutrements will be dusted off and readied for action!

Although there will be many other distractions, including: the upcoming Presidential election, the major league baseball playoffs, and the beginning of the football and basketball seasons, nothing beats the pleasures of participating in Civil War reenactments and ceremonies. The reactions and smiles of the children and adults alike when we pass by in our Blue uniforms are priceless! I hope each of you will join us this fall to share in the fun and create some long-lasting memories! If you do.....you will be hopelessly hooked!

This issue also features a new page entitled *Sarah's Sidelines*. This new column is designed to bring you the latest news of our increasingly active ladies *Auxiliary*. The activities and events of the *Auxiliary* complement those of the Camp and deserve our support. Our events are always more complete and enjoyable when they join us. Let's make the greatest effort to return the favor. Everyone wins!

As a reminder, I am still soliciting vintage photographs of your Civil War veterans. I hope to feature them in future issues of the *Harriet Lane* – whether in uniform or not. Please remember to include a paragraph or two to describe the photo and/or details about your veteran.

I also want to extend my heartfelt condolences to Cmdr. Hackett and PCC Schulze and their families for the personal losses they have recently suffered.

In F. C. & L,  
*Michael L. Lance*  
Editor

### Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
9 Sep 2008	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Steve Holmes Topic: Warren White USCT	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX
14 Oct 2008	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Michael L. Lance Topic: Medals of the WRC and DUV	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX
11 Nov 2008	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Topic & Speaker: To be announced	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX
21-23 Nov 2008	<i>Civil War Weekend</i> at Liendo Plantation	Hempstead, TX
9 Dec 2008	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Topic & Speaker: To be announced	Spaghetti Warehouse, Houston, TX

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SUVCW National website		<a href="http://www.suvcw.org">http://www.suvcw.org</a>
Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 – DUVCW		<a href="http://www.txsv.org/Lea/auxdata.htm">http://www.txsv.org/Lea/auxdata.htm</a>
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## New Member

### **Introducing:** Kenneth Herbert Harrington

Kenneth H. Harrington joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his ancestor, James Morfed Aston. Private Aston served with *Company C, 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee V2\*olunteer Infantry*. He died at General Hospital at McMinnville, Tennessee on October 3, 1863. Welcome to the Camp, Brother Harrington!

## Ancestor Profile

My maternal great-grandfather, Thaddeus Nelson Hendrickson, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of a tobacco farmer in northern Kentucky. At the age of 15, he volunteered as a "civilian hostler" for the Union Army stationed across the Ohio River in Ohio. By 1864, Kentucky was firmly in Union hands and he lied about his age (17) and enlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Regiment.



He was quickly promoted to Corporal due to his experience as a hostler. He served as orderly to his Company Commander for most of the rest of the war. His major engagements include: *Battle of Franklin*; *Battle of Nashville*; and *Wilson's Raid*.

Thaddeus was mustered-out in August 1865. He returned to Kentucky by way of St. Louis, Missouri. While in St. Louis, he was offered Sergeant's stripes to join the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry on the way west. He refused and returned to the life of a farmer and sometimes house painter in Trinity, Kentucky.

Thaddeus died in May 1924 and is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Cabin Creek, Kentucky.

**Cpl. Thaddeus Nelson Hendrickson – Company I, 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Mounted Infantry**

*Submitted by Camp Cmdr. James Hackett*

## Girl Scout Gold Award

"Yesterday (Jun 28, 2008) I represented the *Camp* at a ceremony hosted by the *Seelye Auxiliary* to honor a recipient of the Gold Award (*the highest award in the Girl Scouts.*) It was a nice program at the *Generations Tea Room* in League City.



**Award recipient Kimberly Bloomberg (far left) being presented with an autographed book by author Dean Letzring PCC (far right).**

The recipient, Kimberly Bloomberg of Angleton, is now a sophomore at *Texas A&M*. She spent four years documenting the veterans of all eras in the Angleton Cemetery - some several hundred.

The mayor and first lady of Angleton were on hand and presented Kimberly with a city proclamation. Leaders of the scouts offered some interesting information concerning the stiff requirements for achieving this honor.

The ladies of the *Auxiliary* presented her with a beautifully done certificate which came from their National organization along with other gifts." ... *PCC Dean Letzring*

*Editor's note: See related story on page 11 – "Sarah's Sidelines".*



SVC David LaBrot

On June 10, 2008 at 7:03 p.m., the monthly Camp meeting was once again called to order at the *Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant* in downtown Houston. SVC David LaBrot, standing in for Cmdr. James Hackett, called on Patriotic Instructor Bob Lockwood to lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Chaplain Dale Cates immediately followed with an opening prayer.

After SVC LaBrot ordered all assembled to resume their seats, he welcomed and introduced the guests. JVC Samuel Hampton, Secretary/Treasurer Gary White, PCC Stephen Schulze, and Brothers Dale Leach, Michael Lance, John Lenes, Steve Holmes, and Bob Wickman were joined by guests Sue Lenes, Linda LaBrot, Merlin and Rebecca Hampton, Mark Pike and, representing the ladies *Auxiliary* - President Vali Reyes, Treasurer Norma Pollard, and Betty Hampton.

Brother LaBrot then called for a review, discussion, and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. He then turned the floor over to Secretary/Treasurer Gary White to present the latest Camp financial report. Brother White stated that after the National dues were paid, the Camp was still in fine financial condition with sufficient money in the bank to fund the anticipated activities for the year.

After representatives of both the *Monument Committee* and the *Speakers Committee* gave brief reports, SVC LaBrot recapped the recent activities of *Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry SVR on Memorial Day*. He related that he and several members of the Camp, including: Cmdr. James Hackett, Sec./Treas. Gary White, PCC Stephen Schulze, and Brothers Steve Holmes and Sam Hampton, marched in review in the *Parade of Flags*. They followed in procession behind *Co. A, 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry* – which also included Brothers Bob Lockwood and Dale Leach. Brother Scott Shuster was also present in support (see related story on page 9). PCC Schulze then distributed new SVR membership medals to those SVR members present at the meeting.

PCC Schulze, as the new Commander for the *Department of Texas*, reported that three of the four newly elected Department officers for 2008 are Brothers of the *Edward Lea Camp*, including: himself as Cmdr., David LaBrot as SVC, and Scott Shuster as returning Secretary/Treasurer. He also noted that the Department voted 'Aye' to a motion to amend the constitution and by-laws to allow for a *SUVCW Junior Membership* designation – those under the age of 14. The new *Junior* designation includes two classes of membership – *Regular* and *Associate*.



PCC Stephen Schulze

Next on the agenda was the introduction of a new membership application. After review and discussion, a motion was offered to accept the application of Kenneth Herbert Harrington. Since the proper paperwork was submitted and hearing no objections – the motion to accept the application was approved by a unanimous voice vote.



Brother Lockwood then informed the Camp about an upcoming gathering of Civil War re-enactors at *Eberly Ranch* near Chappell Hill, Texas. On June 23-25, 2008, the *13<sup>th</sup> Regiment U.S. Infantry* is sponsoring the *Battle of New Years Creek*. The event will include: approximately 200 re-enactors; a couple of horse-drawn cannons; Cavalry; a picnic; and several other recreational activities. His invitation was well noted. Brother Lockwood also reviewed his plans to visit Gettysburg this year with Brother Dale Leach and members of the *13<sup>th</sup> Reg. U.S. Infantry*.

Brother Bob Lockwood

Auxiliary President Vali Reyes then reported on the recent activities of the ladies *Auxiliary* (see "*Sarah's Sidelines*" - page 11). Brother John Lenes followed by requesting information about how to bring out-of-state relatives into the SUV. PCC Schulze solicited nominations for people to possibly form a SUV Camp near San Antonio. And finally, Brother Steve Holmes mentioned that he continues to receive feedback and recognition for his May 2008 *Freedom Fighters Founders Day/Warren W. White Memorial* event. Brother Leach was then called upon to offer a closing benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. After a short break, guest speaker Brother Samuel Hampton was introduced by SVC LaBrot. Brother Hampton then took the podium and spoke of his experiences at the September 2007 *Battle of Pilot Knob* re-enactment (see following story).

*Editor's note: The following is a recap of the presentation given by Brother Hampton at the July 2008 Camp meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant in downtown Houston. It is a follow-up story which complements his Pilot Knob story that was published in the Summer 2008 (pg 15) issue of the Harriet Lane. Some of the details listed here were already mentioned in the earlier article, but Brother Hampton's oral presentation added color and perspective to his battlefield experience.*

Brother Samuel Hampton traveled to Ironton, Missouri last September to participate in the nearby re-enactment of the *Battle of Pilot Knob*. He had an intense interest in the event due to the fact that his Civil War ancestor, Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton, was present during the 1864 battle. Sam went to "get a feel" of what his ancestor may have experienced back then. After describing the landscape of the battlefield area, Brother Hampton went on to describe why his ancestor based his military pension on his service at *Pilot Knob*.

Before commenting on his personal 2007 experiences at the battlefield, Brother Hampton recapped the battle



Pilot Knob Mountain

between the armies of Confederate General Sterling Price and Federal General Thomas Ewing Jr. He also described the small fort at the site – *Fort Davidson*. The fort is a hexagonal earthwork which was constructed by the Union Army. It stands about 300 yards from the base of *Pilot Knob Mountain*. The assault on Fort Davidson by General Price's Rebels left 1,500 soldiers dead or wounded. Brother Hampton also spoke of the red granite monument that marks the mass grave of the unknown soldiers who fell on the battlefield – both Gray and Blue.



Samuel F. Hampton

Brother Hampton related how he had walked about a mile from the parking area to the battlefield, finally arriving at *Fort Davidson State Historic Site* – only to discover that his registration papers had been somehow lost. He was obliged to fill-out and submit a new set of paperwork. Sam then asked for directions to find his commanding officer – and off he marched to an unforgettable experience!

Only period clothing and items were allowed on-site. As he trudged along seeking his assigned unit, he was stopped by some young uniformed men – sentries. They demanded papers. "And they were serious!" Sam was temporarily caught off guard. He "barely remembered my commander's name".

After passing that discomfiting obstacle, the next thing Brother Hampton noticed was – "it was very hot!" He "was amazed at how the young men ran around in the heat, how they coped, had camp fires, and drank HOT coffee! I don't know how they did it!" Sam "was very happy to have my canteen in the heat."

After reporting to his commanding officer and explaining about his ancestor, Sam discovered that "he needed a LOT of training!" He was designated a "raw fish - and it was true!" He "felt honored to participate with those young men."

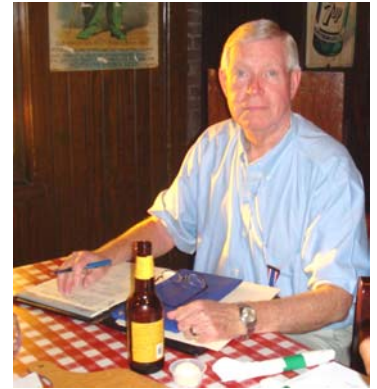
During the break around noon, Sam needed to find some black powder – and some rest! He had trouble finding the needed powder, but he "was taken to some sutlers to purchase uniform items." That was necessary because he "was pulled along so much, one of my equipment straps was broken!" His wife also "found some COLD ice cream. It tasted real good!" Unfortunately, during the break, Sam "lost track of time." He was late arriving back at the battlefield and found that his unit had moved out without him. He "could not catch up with the troops." So he "stayed behind to guard the camp." He noticed that everyone "in the area seemed to be very Civil War oriented. Everyone played their parts as real participants." Brother Hampton hopes to repeat this trip again someday but he is "not looking forward to wearing that uniform again!"

At the conclusion of Brother Hampton's presentation, Brother Dale Leach read a stirring poem from the memoirs of Confederate soldier Barry Benson from the 1880's entitled "*Who Knows*".



The July 2008 Camp meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the *Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant* in downtown Houston by Cmdr. James Hackett. JVC Samuel Hampton, Sec./Treas. Gary White, PCC Stephen Schulze, and Brothers Steve Holmes, John Lenes, Mark Andres, and Michael Lance were also in attendance. They were joined by guests Vali Reyes, Jana Marsh, Linda Rendon, and Betty Hampton of the *Sarah Emma Seelye #1 Auxiliary* to the *Edward Lea Camp*.

Cmdr. James Hackett                      Sec./Treas. Gary White

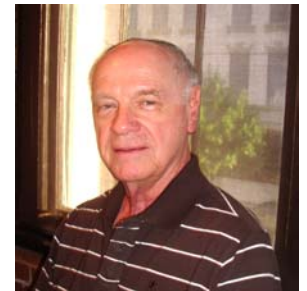


The Cmdr's first issue of business was of a personal matter. He related the sad story of his daughter's recent drowning while kayaking on Lake Michigan near Chicago. *Auxiliary* President Vali Reyes immediately approached and quietly presented him with an *Honor Roll Certificate* from the *National Auxiliary* for his daughter. The Cmdr. then called on PCC Stephen Schulze to lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*, which was followed by an opening prayer by Brother Hampton. Cmdr. Hackett then further recognized Brother Hampton and his wife, Betty, for celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary that evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were quickly reviewed and approved. Brother White then gave the Treasurer's report. He stated that nearly all membership dues were paid for the year and the Camp was in good shape financially. A motion to accept his report was made and seconded, followed by a unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented. Brief reports were then offered by representatives of the *Monuments Committee* and *Speakers Committee*.

Cmdr. Hackett reported the good news that he has been in contact with Benjamin Bates, a skilled bugler. Mr. Bates, a retired U.S. Army Warrant Officer and member of the Army band, has agreed to assist the Camp by performing *Taps* at our *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* in January 2008. Brothers Lenes and Schulze informed the Camp about a new law that permits former military men/women to give a hand salute during the playing of the *National Anthem* at public events – rather than placing the hand over the heart.

John P. Lenes



*Auxiliary* President Vali Reyes then briefed the Camp on the recent activities of their organization, including: a *Flag Day* observance at the grave of Treasurer Norma Pollard's ancestor; a *Girl Scout Gold Award* presentation; and a *Sock Drive* for military vets. She also mentioned that the ladies make all their period dresses and cockades (see *further details in Sarah's Sidelines, page 11*). Brother Schulze motioned that the Camp donate \$50 to the *Auxiliary's Sock Drive* – *motion passed*.

After Brother Schulze ceremoniously presented a *SVR* medal to Cmdr. Hackett, Martha Class – Sr. Vice-Pres. DUVCW reported that her son is on active duty serving in the U.S. Air Force in Kurdistan. She is putting together a 'care package' for her son's unit. Cmdr. Hackett then called on JVC Hampton to give the closing benediction. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:47. After a short break, *Auxiliary* Secretary, Jana Marsh took the podium as guest speaker for the evening (see *following story*).



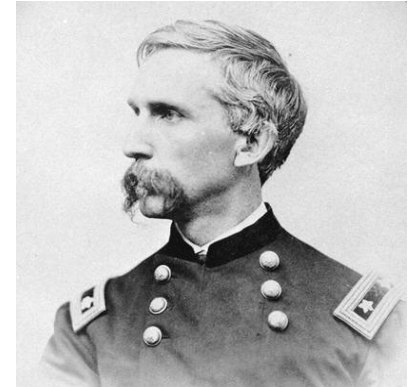
L-R: Lynda Rendon, Betty Hampton, and Norma Pollard proudly wear examples of the various cockades produced by the *Auxiliary*.



Jana Marsh

At 8:00 p.m. on July 8, 2008, Cmdr. James Hackett introduced the evening's guest speaker, Jana Marsh. She took the podium following the Camp meeting at the *Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant* in downtown Houston. The subject of her presentation was Maj. Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry.

Ms. Marsh began her talk by showing a vintage wine bottle featuring Chamberlain on the label. She then gave a brief biography of the General and his family. She acknowledged that her respect for him grew as she learned more and more about his life, his accomplishments, and his character. She said



Maj. Gen. Joshua Chamberlain

she could identify with him in a way since he, like herself, came from a generational military family. Chamberlain also enjoyed close family relationships. Another attribute that inspired Ms. Marsh to learn more about Chamberlain was his love of music. He was skilled on the bass viola and organ. He could sing well and conducted the choir at his church. Amazingly, he was always self-taught! In addition to his musical abilities, Chamberlain learned to speak nine languages. He did so in anticipation of a career as a missionary.

Born in 1828, Chamberlain enrolled in the *Military Academy* at age 14. He attended Bowdoin College in 1848 after teaching himself to read *Ancient Greek* in order to pass the entrance exam! Although he suffered from a stuttering problem, he did well academically. He overcame his stuttering by *singing* the troublesome words. Chamberlain then became a *Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory* and eventually went on to teach several subjects. He was a sickly person but always managed to overcome his maladies. He joined the *Literary Club* at college and eventually met Harriet Beecher Stowe. Through that relationship, Chamberlain first learned about the evils of slavery. Also, while at college, he met his wife, Fanny Adams, a Minister's daughter. Ms. Marsh spoke about the many letters that survive from their courtship. In them, Fanny states that she didn't think she was Minister's wife material! They were married in 1855. Two of their four children did not live past childhood.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Chamberlain consulted with the Governor of Maine about enlisting in the Army. He enlisted as a Lt. Colonel and strove to learn everything he could about tactics from books sent to him by his wife. His first battle was at the *Battle of Antietam* – but his unit was held in reserve and saw no action. He was disgruntled with General Hooker about the sparse use of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine in battle. Chamberlain was 35 years old when General Grant promoted him to full Colonel. The *Battle of Gettysburg* was soon to follow. Chamberlain was very popular with his men. He took care of them. The example he set and his methods of motivating his men was written about then and still used today. He shared a mutual respect with his soldiers. While on the road to *Gettysburg*, he suffered from malaria and sunstroke. In addition, to add to his worries, he had two soldier brothers to watch out for. His after-action report about the *Battle of Little Round Top* caused controversy and inconsistencies – due mainly to perspective and faulty memories. His wife was present in New York during the draft resistance riots. She traveled a lot – which he did not like! Sickness caused Chamberlain to leave his field command and serve on military court martial boards. After a long recovery, he finally went back to the field during the *Battle of Petersburg* (1864). During the battle, the Color bearer went down. While retrieving the Colors, Chamberlain was shot in the hip. It was a grievous wound but he had an amazing recovery. He was found in the hospital by his brother, Tom. The skills to treat a wound like his were not yet available. His surgery was written about and called a miracle. But, the wound caused him a lifetime of infection and pain. More children were not now possible. Chamberlain underwent reconstructive surgery six times but lived to age 85. His obituary appeared before he died - more than once!

Chamberlain's salute to Gordon's Rebels after the surrender at *Appomattox Courthouse* was very controversial. He also had difficulty reverting to civilian life. He went back to teaching at Bowdoin – which he found boring. He spoke often of the war. As a war hero, he became Governor of Maine and promoted the state to attract inhabitants. He later offered his service to the King of Prussia, probably out of boredom. His wife did not live with him. Chamberlain then became President of Bowdoin and tried to make controversial changes to the curriculum. He knew Helen Keller and Longfellow. He was also in charge of the State Militia. Ever-haunted by his war wound, Chamberlain bought land in Florida, went back to teaching and tried, unsuccessfully, at businesses (construction, tourist business, etc.), gave a lot of speeches, volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war (was refused), went to Italy and Egypt, and wrote a book that was published after he died in 1914 – with his daughter by his side.



## In Memory – Connie Jean (Hackett) Alton



**Connie Jean Alton**  
1956 – 2008

"I am saddened to report to the camp the passing of Connie Alton, the oldest daughter of our current Camp Commander, James Hackett. Ms. Alton was drowned in a kayaking accident on Lake Michigan Tuesday evening and her body was recovered by the U.S. Coast Guard on Wednesday morning." ... [SVC David LaBrot, 6 Sep 2008.](#)

"*Prospect Heights kayaker found dead in Lake Michigan* - The body of a Prospect Heights woman who was reported missing Wednesday evening after she failed to return from kayaking on Lake Michigan was pulled from the water near Lake Bluff early Thursday, officials said. Connie Alton, 52, of the 1000 block of Cove Drive kayaked on Lake Michigan almost daily near the *Great Lakes Naval Training Center* from about 3 p.m. to dusk, Lake County Sheriff's Sgt. Christopher Thompson said.

Alton's kayak was found about 5:30 a.m. near the shore of *Sunset Beach* in Lake Bluff, Thompson said. Her body was recovered 30 minutes later near a private beach just to the south, he said. Boats and a helicopter from the U.S. Coast Guard assisted in the search, which began overnight after Alton's relatives reported her missing. She was last seen about 3 p.m. Wednesday at a park in Great Lakes, officials said. An autopsy revealed Thursday that Alton had drowned, Lake County Coroner Richard Keller said." ... [ChicagoTribune.com, by Ruth Fuller, 5 June, 2008.](#)

"Connie Jean Alton, age 52 of Prospect Heights; beloved wife of the late Jeff Alton and long-time companion of Rick Glatzel; cherished daughter of James (Ruth) Hackett and Carol Rae (the late Frederic) Plochman; loving sister of David Hackett; devoted niece of William (Margaret) Crawford. Visitation, Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709-3498." ... [Chicago Tribune, 11 Jun 2008.](#)

## In Memory – Mrs. Lois (Wichman) Schulze



**Lois Schulze**  
1915-2008

"I just wanted to let you know that my Mother passed away this morning. She was 93 and in increasingly frail health, especially the past few months. I would appreciate it if you would let the members of the Camp know." ... [PCC Stephen Schulze](#)

"Lois Wichman (Mrs. Russell K.) Schulze, passed away Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2008. Mrs. Schulze was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1915, in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey, and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. As a freshman at Washington University, Lois met Russell Schulze whom she married on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1938, at First Congregational Church.

Throughout their 70 year marriage, Lois and Russell lived in St. Louis, Chicago, White Plains, Indianapolis, La Canada and Houston. As a teenager, Lois started a lifetime of service to others. Her first effort was selling programs at *Sportsman's Park* in St. Louis to help the *Tuberculosis Society*. She later volunteered with the *White Plains Hospital*. She served as president of the *La Canada Youth House* and worked with the *Pasadena Handicapped Thrift Shop*. In Houston, she volunteered with the *Cancer Society* for 25 years and chaired the dressings committee. Lois was a member of *Memorial Drive Garden Club* and the *Martha Circle* at *Holy Cross Lutheran Church*. Her main love was her family, and other interests included painting, sewing, quilts, antiques and gardening.

Lois is survived by her beloved husband, Russell; sons and daughters-in-law, Russell, II and Mary Margaret, and Stephen and Cathi; grandchildren, Russell, III, and Catherine and her husband Daniel Thiery. She is preceded in death by her birth parents, Anne Gorton Smith and Gerard J. Smith, and her adoptive parents, Augustus G. Wichman, M. D. and Helen Rosalie (Johansen) Wichman. She is also preceded in death by her brothers, Herman, Bill and Gorton Smith, and her sister Helen (Wichman) Kubatzky. The family wishes to thank her caregivers, Sheila, Monica, Jackie, Andrea, Sandra and Goldie for all of their comfort during Lois' last days. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from five o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the evening on Monday, the 1st of September, in the Parlor of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive in Houston. The funeral service will be conducted at eleven o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, the 2nd of September, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7901 Westview Drive in Houston, where Rev. Jim Berggen, Senior Pastor, will serve as the officiant. A private entombment service will be conducted at Oak Grove Memorial Mausoleum in St. Louis, Missouri. In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions in memory of Mrs. Schulze may be directed to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7901 Westview Dr., Houston, TX, 77055; or to the charity of one's choice."...[Houst. Chronicle, 31 Jul 2003.](#)

## The Last Battle of the Civil War: Palmetto Ranch, Texas

Unlike the rest of the Confederacy, Texas was spared from most of the ravages of the war. Aside from a few isolated Federal coastal outposts, the Lone Star state remained unoccupied and was subjected to nothing other than a few Union raids to shut down border supply points into Mexico. Brownsville, Texas was one of those supply points. Several times during the war, the Union outpost at Brazos Santiago (present day South Padre Island) sent expeditions jabbing toward Brownsville 18 miles away.

With the war almost over, Col. Theodore H. Barrett decided to mount one more strike along the Rio Grande, toward White's Ranch, then on to Palmetto Ranch where a small band of Rebels were based. Though not stated in his official report, Barrett's goal for the raid may have been to obtain horses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas cavalry, 52 of whom accompanied the 62<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry on the expedition.

*May 11, 1865, 4 a.m.* - Under a fierce storm, Lt. Col. Branson was preparing his 250 men for the crossing of the Boca Chica, a narrow neck of water separating Brazos Santiago Island from Point Isabel on the mainland. Delayed by mechanical failure of the ferry and the storm, Branson's men weren't in position to begin to march the 16 miles to Palmetto Ranch till 9:30 that night. Quick of foot, his men reached and surrounded White's Ranch around 2 a.m. the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, intending to capture the suspected Rebel force of sixty-five men, horses, and cattle camped there. Unfortunately, it was discovered the enemy had evacuated the area the day before. Exhausted, Branson marched his men another mile and a half toward Palmetto Ranch before camping for the night in a thicket along the Rio Grande. They remained undiscovered till about 8:30 when they were spotted by Mexican nationals on the far bank who proceeded to spread the alarm to the Confederates. Branson immediately charged toward Palmetto Ranch, reaching it about noon after punching through a thin screen of Rebel cavalry. Branson scattered the 190 Confederates that were stationed at Palmetto and captured 3 prisoners, ten days rations, plus a few horses and cattle.

Taking position on a hill near the Ranch, Branson then halted again to feed his men and animals. The Rebels weren't about to let the Federals roam about the country at will. So, at 3 p.m., a large Rebel force appeared and began skirmishing with Branson's troops. Considering the hill he occupied indefensible, Branson and the 62<sup>nd</sup> fell back to White's Ranch for the night. Taking defensive positions, Branson dispatched the day's haul back to Brazos Santiago, along with a call for reinforcements from Col Barrett.

Early the next morning (the 13<sup>th</sup>), Col. Barrett arrived on the scene, with 200 additional troops from the 34<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. Taking field command, Barrett advanced again to Palmetto Ranch, skirmishing with Rebel troops all the way. Capturing the Ranch again, Barrett set fire to the buildings being used as barracks by the Confederates.

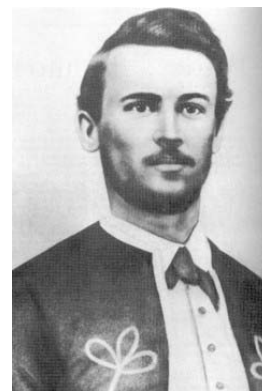
Barrett continued the advance 2 miles past Palmetto when a sharp fight ensued. Brought to a halt by Rebel resistance and with night coming on, Barrett fell back a mile to a bluff on the river intending to rest for the night. The Rebels were not inclined to let them.

About 4 p.m., a large force of Confederate cavalry, supported by six 12-pound cannon, appeared on the scene and managed to sneak around Barrett's right flank (his left resting on the river) and were discovered trying to get into his rear, cutting him off from Brazos Santiago. With no artillery of his own, Barrett had no choice but to retreat or be captured. Under heavy fire from his front and 250 enemy horsemen trying to race around his right, Barrett threw out a ¾ of a mile long "umbrella" of skirmishers to slow down the Rebels. With their backs to the river, the Federal force fought their way back down the river the way they had come, fighting to keep the Rebel cavalry from cutting them off. Not all would succeed: 48 men of the 34<sup>th</sup> Indiana were cut off and captured while keeping the Rebels at bay. Retreating under fire is one of the most difficult moves to make in warfare but Barrett managed to extricate his forces, arriving back to Brazos Santiago the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

After four deadly years of war, the last volley of the Civil War was fired by the 62<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry about sunset on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 1865. Barrett's wounded and captured in the engagement was 4 officers, and 111 men. Only one man was killed on either side, Private John J. Williams of Company B, 34<sup>th</sup> Indiana, the last man to die in the Civil War.

Confederate victory.

Pvt. Jno. Williams



Source of story: CHARRO Radio Club, 107 West Park Drive, Brownsville, Texas at: [www.qsl.net/w5crc/mayevent.html](http://www.qsl.net/w5crc/mayevent.html)



The Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 of Texas has had a busy summer schedule. Prior to Memorial Day, Auxiliary sisters assisted the Gold Post 5400 Veteran's of Foreign Wars of Santa Fe, Texas. The Auxiliary, along with Galveston Coast Guard volunteers and families, placed over 1,200 flags on Veteran's graves at Grace Memorial Cemetery in Santa Fe. The Memorial Day service was attended by President Vali Reyes, Vice-Pres. Diana Campbell, Secretary Jana Marsh, and Treasurer Norma Pollard.

L-R: Jana Marsh, Diana Campbell, Vali Reyes and Norma Pollard

Our ladies Auxiliary held a Remembrance Service on June 14 (Flag Day), honoring Norma Pollard's great-great grandfather, Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson at the Hypolite Cemetery, in La Marque, Texas. He served in Company E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Calvary, Missouri Volunteers. During the Civil War, he was held captive at the Confederate Prisoner of War Camp, Camp Groce (Liendo Plantation) near Hempstead, Texas.

Norma Pollard behind her ancestor's grave.

The Auxiliary also held a Gold Award Tea for Kimberly Bloomberg, a Gold Award recipient for the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council in June. The event was held at the Generations Tea Room in League City, Texas. Kimberly's project established a database of all the military Veterans, going back to the Civil War, that have been interred in the Angleton Cemetery. She identified 165 graves listing their plot, rank, branch, which war they served in, and which type of marker they had. It is an invaluable tool for the cemetery to use in the future.



The Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary held the tea on June 28, 2008 for



Kimberly's family and guests, which included the Mayor of Angleton. Girl Scout Troop 4343 - Sunshine Service Unit - presented and retired the colors. The Auxiliary presented Kimberly with the Sarah Emma Seelye Merit Award and with a Gold Award Citation from National signed by Barbara Mayberry-PNP. Martha Webster presented Kimberly with the Gold Award Charge from the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council. The 28<sup>th</sup> of June was proclaimed "Kimberly Bloomberg Day" in Angleton by the Mayor, the Honorable Patrick Henry. She was also presented with a book entitled, Texas Burial Sites of Civil War Notables, by one of the authors, PCC of the Edward Lea Camp, Dean Letzring. Representing the San Jacinto Girl Scouts were Cindy Gernand, Past Gold Award Coordinator, Martha Webster, Gold Award Advisor and Co-Leader Jackie Powell. Also at the Tea, were Linda and Doug McBee of Galveston.

L-R: Lynda Rendon, Jana Marsh, Scout Kimberly Bloomberg, President Vali Reyes, & Norma Pollard

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Front row L-R: Mrs. Patrick Henry; Hon. Patrick Henry - Mayor of Angleton, Texas; award recipient Kimberly Bloomberg; Auxiliary President Vali Reyes; and PCC Dean Letzring - *Edward Lea Camp #2*.  
Back row L-R: Chaplain Lynda Rendon, Secretary Jana Marsh, and Treasurer Norma Pollard of the Auxiliary; and Linda and Doug McBee, SCV, of Galveston.

The Auxiliary has kicked off a *Sock Drive* for the *Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Administration Medical Center* of Houston, Texas through the end of August. Denny's manager, Teresa Roberts, has joined our effort and is sponsoring the *Sock Drive* at the Denny's in League City, Texas. This will be the main location for donations. Other Denny's throughout the Houston area will also be participating.



L-R: Norma Pollard, Lynda Rendon, Teresa Roberts of Denny's, Jana Marsh, and President Vali Reyes

The *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* is looking forward to joining the *Edward Lea Camp* at Liendo Plantation in the Fall. Ongoing projects include preparing to participate at *Liendo Plantation* by making tobacco bags and cockades to sell as well as collecting items to send to a soldier or airman overseas. The Auxiliary is being recognized at the *National Convention* in August this year for the *Gold Award Tea* we recently held.