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From the Commander's Tent



My first year as your camp commander is nearly complete and it has been a busy one. I had no idea how busy, to be honest. As with any new commander, some changes were made in both camp policies and rituals. I have been so encouraged by all your positive feedback, especially regarding the restoration of our organization's rituals, and I am very appreciative of the kind comments that you all have expressed to me about those changes.

I am pleased to report that the camp membership has grown by 20% since the first of the year. We are excited to have added about 14 new members so far this year and if you are new to the Camp, we welcome you with open arms and invite you to attend one of our meetings in the near future. This fall and winter will be a busy time for the Camp as well. We have a full slate of activities all the way through January and beyond.

Thursday, November 11th is the *Veteran's Day Parade* in Houston. Last year the Camp, along with our friends in the 13th U.S. Infantry made a significant contribution to the ceremonies and was featured on local newscasts. Hopefully, we can make an even bigger impression this year.

November is also the month for the annual *Civil War Weekend* at the Liendo plantation outside of Hempstead Texas, the dates being Nov. 19th, 20th, and 21st. This is an "all hands on deck" event for the camp. This is our biggest fundraising event and last's year's event, utilizing our new period correct tent for the first time, helped us achieve a fundraising effort that was beyond our expectations. This year, we hope to do even better. We have ordered a new 10' x 14' canvas fly for the front of the tent, which should give us some much needed room. Brothers Gary White and Michael Lance, and myself, will provide exhibits of the Camp activities, GAR memorabilia, plus we will have a computer available to access on-line military records, and Ancestry.com, if necessary, to determine eligibility of any prospective members. We have a beautiful quilt, donated by Linda LaBrot, to raffle off, as well as a cavalry saber. In addition, we should have some miniature American flags to sell as part of our Camp fundraising activities. If you haven't been to *Civil War Weekend* at Liendo Plantation, we urge you to join your brothers this year and make an effort be a part of this exciting event.

Lastly, we have our annual commemoration of the *Battle of Galveston* in January. This year's event will be on January 8th at the Trinity Episcopal Cemetery. We plan on having our Confederate brothers join us for this Memorial to our Camp's namesake. On Sunday, Jan 9th, the Camp has been invited to participate in a reenactment of the Funeral procession and Funeral for Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea. We are working to get a group rate at a local hotel in case anyone wishes to spend the evening in Galveston and participate on Sunday. I'll keep everyone posted as soon as I hear anything myself. So as I said, it's going to be a busy fall and winter, and I hope that as many brothers as possible will be able to participate in at least one event and you are of course welcome to as many of them as your time and schedule will permit. See you in at Liendo Plantation in November.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David LaBrot - Camp Commander

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Membership Muster

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 Mr. Scott D. Shuster
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Mr. Hunter Thomas +
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 Mr. Nash S. Traylor
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Civil War Ancestor

Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Pvt. Charles Edward 'Austin' Laborot
 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton
 Pvt. Warren W. White
 Commissary Sgt. William Judson
 Pvt. Franklin Lowe
 Pvt. Matthew Barth
 Pvt. William Martin Berry
 Pvt. Thomas Howey
 Pvt. Lyndon Boyd
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 Pvt. John A. Watts
2nd Cpl. Henry A. Sauter
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 Pvt. John Walter Stoker
 Pvt. Finas Euen Lance
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 Pvt. Wilson Keffer
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 Pvt. Alexander McLain
 Pvt. Alexander McLain
 Pvt. Chauncey A. Lockwood
 Pvt. Fernando Cortez Nichols
 Pvt. Henry Hilton Wood
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. William Moore
Pvt. Joseph Stoner
 Cpl. Thomas Penney
 Pvt. James R. Cook
 Pvt. Wilson Keffer
 Pvt. Alexander Reed
 Chaplain Francis M. Byrd
 Lt. Col. Casper Carl Schneider
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 Pvt. Andrew Stevenson
 Pvt. John S. Darling
 Pvt. William Henry Sigler
 William R. Reck
 Cpl. Jacob John Tanner
Cpl. Valetine Brillhart
 Cpl. John Anderson Laws
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 Pvt. Joseph Henry Wells
 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy
 Pvt. William Young
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Service Unit

Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
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 Co. G, 47th Regiment Missouri Infantry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
 Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. E, 115th Regiment Indiana Infantry
 Co. B, 52nd Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 76th Enrolled MO Military Reg.
 Co. A, 38th Reg. Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 144th Reg., Indiana Vol. Infantry
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 Co. H, 122nd New York Volunteer Infantry
 Co. I, 12th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 15th Regiment, Maine Infantry
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 Co. F, 86th Reg. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Infantry
Co. A, 8th Battalion, DC Infantry
 Co. I, 18th Reg. Michigan Infantry
 Co. F, 4th Regiment Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 49th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. C, 20th Regiment Indiana Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Illinois Light Infantry
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. C, 4th Reg. Tennessee Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. H, 11th Regiment, West Virginia Inf.
 Co. A, 46th Reg. Iowa Volunteer Infantry
 U.S.N.
Co. B, 3rd Reg. Minnesota Infantry
 2nd Reg. Texas Cavalry
 2nd Reg. Texas Cavalry
 54th Reg. Indiana Infantry
 Co. F, 12th IN Inf. - Co. E, 59th IN Inf.
 23rd Reg. Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Reg. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Reg. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Reg. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. H, 14th Reg. Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. A, 7th Regiment Indiana Infantry
 Co. E, 121st Reg. New York Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Reg. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Reg. Ohio Vol. Infantry
Co. K, 126th Reg. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. G, 8th Illinois Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Regiment Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Reg. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 3rd Tennessee Mounted Infantry
 184th Regiment Ohio Infantry
 103rd Regiment New York Infantry
 103rd Regiment New York Infantry
 103rd Regiment New York Infantry
 Co. D, 9th Regiment Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt Ohio Light Arty.
 Co. D, 28th Regiment Massachusetts
Co. C, 10th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 88th Regiment Ohio Infantry
 Co. F, 171st Reg. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. M, 3rd Regiment, New York Cavalry
 Co. F, 74th NY Inf., Co H, 40th NY Infantry
 1st Reg. Nebraska Infantry
Co. D, 4th Kansas Vol. Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Co. I, 3rd Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry
 Co. D, Bracketts Btn, Minn. Cavalry
 30th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia
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Key: ~ Charter Member * Past Camp Commander & Life Member + New Member ^ Associate Member # Honorary Member

Editor's Message

Fall has arrived! And with the arrival of cooler Fall weather, outdoor activities become more comfortable and enjoyable. As always, the Camp will soon participate in several signature events, including: The *Veterans Day* parade in downtown Houston, *Civil War Weekend* at Liendo Plantation, the *Wreaths Across America* event at the National Cemetery, and the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* on the Island. Refer to the Camp calendar for dates, times and places and then mark your personal calendars and plan to join us! For those of you who are new to the Camp, and for the seasoned Brothers who have not attended these events before, this is a wonderful opportunity to come out and see what our order is all about.

Since the last issue of the *Harriet Lane* was distributed, seven new Brothers have been inducted into the Camp (see the "Membership Muster" on page 2 and "New Members" on page 4). Although the membership of our Camp continues to grow at a nice clip, most of us have the ability to spur growth even further. If every current Brother would take the initiative to introduce the Camp to a male relative – a brother, son, uncle, father, nephew, etc., some of them would surely be interested in becoming a part of the celebration of our heritage that our Order represents. Membership qualification for these relatives/prospects would already be secure based on your status as a descendant of a Civil War veteran. However, if a prospective member is not sure of their lineage, I would be happy to volunteer to do a little genealogical research to assist them.

Please keep Camp Chaplain and long-time Brother Randy Scallan in your thoughts and prayers as he courageously battles his current illness.

In F. C. & L,

Michael L. Lance

Editor

Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
11 Nov 2010	Veterans Day Ceremony & Parade: 10:00 a.m.	City Hall, 901 Bagby, Houston, TX
11 Nov 2010	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Michael Lance Topic: History of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
19-21 Nov 2010	Civil War Weekend	Liendo Plantation 38653 Wyatt Chapel Rd., Hempstead, TX
11 Dec 2010	Wreaths Across America	Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX
14 Dec 2010	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: David LaBrot	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
8 Jan 2011	<i>Battle of Galveston Commemoration</i> : 10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting: 1:00 p.m. Installation of 2011 Camp Officers	Episcopal Cemetery, Galveston, TX The Golden Corral Restaurant 6200 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX
9 Jan 2011	Funeral Re-Enactment	Galveston, TX
14 Feb 2011	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Glen Rogers Topic: TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX

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SUVCW National website		http://www.suvcw.org
Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 – DUVCW		http://www.rootsweb.com/~txseeduv
National Auxiliary to the SUVCW		http://www.asuvcw.org
Sons of Veterans Reserve		http://www.suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm

Introducing: **Berton W. Hoyt**

New member Berton W. Hoyt joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his gr-grandfather, Charles S. Hoyt, who served as a Private with Company B, 3rd Regiment, Minnesota Infantry. Welcome, Brother Hoyt!

Introducing: **William E. Boyd**

"I grew up in Pasadena and currently live in College Station, Texas. I own an industrial chemical blend distribution operation - industrial lubricants and oil field specialty products primarily. Educationally, I have a Ph.D. from Texas A&M in Forest Science - remote sensing emphasis, with a minor in Economics. I worked in Washington, DC for a time and then returned to Texas and founded this business. I joined the Edward Lea camp because Dave Burdett and I were coming regularly to meetings.

I am the loyal opposition. I have been recently elected Commander of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans Sul Ross Camp 1457* in Bryan. My ancestors fought for the righteous Southern cause of limited central government and lower tariffs. I am a history buff who wants the accurate story of the War of Northern Aggression told rather than the current inaccurate PC version. As an occasional prisoner of war, I also wanted to have a feel for my enemies strength so that when hostilities resume I know how to flank and attack you."

New member William E. Boyd joins the Camp as an Associate Member. Welcome, Brother Boyd!

Introducing: **Thomas F. Coughlin**

Brother Thomas F. "Tom" Coughlin was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and lived there until early adulthood. In 1976, he moved to Texas and has either lived or worked in Sugar Land for most of the last 34 years. Brother Coughlin is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA, where he earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science. He also earned a B.S. in Industrial Technology from the University of Houston, College of Technology and is a Technologist by profession.



After over 24 years with Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Brother Coughlin retired in 2002 and has since worked in his semi-retirement as a Technical Consultant to clients such as Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc. He is also a member Emeritus in the Marine Technology Society with grade of Fellow. He was twice elected Southern Region V.P., was a former Chair of the Undersea Cable and Connector Committee and was Houston Section Member of the Year in 1992.

Memberships and other activities include: *First Colony Community Association* - Neighborhood Rep; *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* in Sugar Land; *Medical Reserve Corps* - Fort Bend County; *Clayton Library Friends* - Volunteer at Clayton House and Clayton Library; *Houston Genealogical Forum*; *National Rifle Association*; and he is a participant in the *Houston Oilmen's Invitational Shooting Tournament (H.O.I.S.T.)*. Brother Coughlin is also an Ordained Deacon at *Providence Presbyterian Church* - PCA in Sugar Land.

Brother Coughlin joins the *Sons of Union Veterans* based on the service of his great-grandfather Henry Alvin Sauter, 2nd Corporal Company A, 8th Battalion, District of Columbia Infantry - 90 days. Some highlights of Henry A. Sauter's life include: stage carpenter for the New National Theater in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years, Grand President of the *Theatrical Mechanics' Association*, member of the *Knights of Pythias*, member of the *Odd Fellows* and member of the *Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D. C.* Based on his gr-grandfather's membership and eligibility, Brother Coughlin has also recently become a member in the *Association of Oldest in Habitants of D.C.*

Brother Coughlin is married to Kathryn Ann Coughlin and from previous marriages; they each have two adult daughters and each have three grandchildren. Mrs. Coughlin is a prospective member in the *DAR* and the *UDC*. The Coughlin's are both interested in genealogical research and as a result of their family research, have both rekindled an enthusiasm for the history surrounding the Civil War.

Welcome, Brother Coughlin!

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Introducing: **Michael D. Seeber**

New member Michael D. Seeber joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his gr-gr-grandfather, Lorenzo Seeber, who served as a Private with Company C, 10th Regiment, Illinois Infantry. Welcome, Brother Seeber!

Introducing: **Gene P. Munson**

New member Gene P. Munson joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his gr-grandfather, Joseph Cramer Stoner, who served as a Private with Company K, 126th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry. Welcome, Brother Munson!

Introducing: **Hunter Cordes Thomas**

New member Hunter Thomas, a student at Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas, joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his 4th gr-grandfather, Valetine Brillhart, who served as a Corporal with Company D, 4th Kansas Volunteer Infantry. Welcome, Brother Thomas!

"I am a 17 year old who lives in Houston. I was born in Houston and have lived here ever since. My paternal lineage can be traced back to colonial Virginia as well as on my maternal side. My Father was born in Kansas and can trace his roots to the early years of Kansas. I am currently enrolled in High School with dreams of becoming a lawyer. I was interested in joining the *Sons of Union Veterans* to inspire pride and patriotism to my family."

Briefing from General J. J. Byrne Camp #1

9 Oct 2010 - We, in General J.J. Byrne, Camp #1, had our first Official U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Texas Civil War Museum today. It went very well. We did have a couple real small hiccups, but everything worked out well. About 40-50 unserviceable U.S. flags were properly burned per U.S. Flag Code. The *Texas Civil War Museum* has invited our Camp #1 to do this again - possibly on an annual basis.

A couple of the members of the local *DUVCW* Tent came, so now we have a relationship with them, and the doors have been opened where we in Camp #1 can do some joint events with the *DUVCW*.

Our next Camp activities will include: a joint Monument Rededication at Fairview Cemetery in Dennison with the *Ellisworth Camp*, and Camp #1 will be taking part in the *Massing of the Colors* on Veterans Day on Sunday, 7 November 2010.

Respectively in F., C., & L.,
Brian E. Watkins - Camp #1 Patriotic Instructor

2011 Slate of Camp Officers

With the 2011 Camp officer nomination process completed, we are fortunate to once again have a talented group of Brothers available to fill the vital officer positions. Brother David LaBrot has offered to serve a second term as Camp Commander; Brother Samuel Hampton has volunteered to continue to function as Sr. Vice-Commander; Brother Steve Holmes is expecting to repeat his service as Jr. Vice-Commander; and Brother Gary White once again offers to lend his expertise as *Secretary/Treasurer*. Without doubt, 2011 should prove to be even more successful than the already outstanding year of 2010!



L: David LaBrot

R: Samuel Hampton



L: Steve Holmes

R: Gary White



Battle of Sabine Pass – Dick Dowling Days
September 11-12, 2010

Recalling that last year's event had to be cancelled due to threatening storm conditions (which never materialized), the organizers did all possible to make ready for a successful event this year. They succeeded beyond expectations, drawing 30-35 re-enactors and record audience attendance. The Battlefield and surrounding area was devastated by Hurricane Ike in 2006 – submerging the Battlefield under at least fifteen feet of water (the waters rose to the head of Dick Dowling's statue) killing trees, turning the field into a sea of mud, and toppling the cinder-block restroom. Many residents told of only recently finalizing repair of destroyed homes and of businesses re-opening. The nearby gas station had just reopened two weeks prior to this year's event.

However, thanks in large part to the nurturing efforts of the members of our brothers of SCV Dick Dowling Camp #1295, the Battlefield was immaculate – green grass freshly mowed, new rebuilt restroom facilities, and plenty of drinking water close at hand. Much work and care had clearly gone into all aspects of the preparations, and the representative of *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2* was immediately welcomed and generously offered the use of a fully erected A-frame tent.

The *Texas Parks Commission* and *SCV Dick Dowling Camp #1295* arranged for frequent mosquito spraying - a most thoughtful gesture even though 80-miles of Louisiana marshland across the Sabine brought home to all the privations endured by both Dowling's men and the Union assaulting expedition. The local re-enactors slept at home, and all but the heartiest of souls slept in their vehicles.

The program included re-enacted scenarios of the Lt. Elisha P. Allen courts marshal and subsequent execution. A nice touch of a two mule team and period wagon (afforded by a father and son who traveled up from Corpus Christi for the event) bore a wooden casket for a more realistic presentation. There were other scenarios as well, such as a re-enactment of Kate Dorman's indignant protestation of Yankees "liberating" her mules and wagon. A short battle was staged to demonstrate black powder prowess, and the willingness of Yankees to die gloriously. A sumptuous bar-b-cue was prepared on Saturday evening for all re-enactors – excellent food served with heart and generosity.

Brothers of *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2* were represented by an address during a well-attended memorial service in front of the Dick Dowling statue. The substance of the SUV remarks was entitled: *The Sacrifice that Unites Us*. The focus of the remarks emphasized the Brotherhood of GAR camps and their Southern counterparts – as a means to honor and support fellow veterans, and to render continuing service for the good of the country. It was pointed out that September 11th is a national day of service. The activities at *Dick Dowling Days* honoring the bravery of the combatants, by extension, also now honors those lost during the more recent terrorist attack, renewing our shared commitment to pull together and to continue building a stronger, more resilient nation for future generations – as was ably demonstrated by our esteemed forefathers for our betterment.

Included in remarks was the reading of the following poem authored by Robert Burns Wilson. The poem: *Such is the Death the Soldier Dies* appears in Francis Miller's 1911 *The Photographic History of the Civil War – in Ten Volumes*, Vol. 9 (*Poetry and Eloquence*), page 76:

*Such is the death the soldier dies;
He falls, - the column speeds away;
Upon the dapples grass he lies,
His brave heart following, still, the fray.
The smoke-wraiths drift among the trees,
The battle storms along the hill;
The glint of distant arms he sees:*

*He hears his comrades shouting still.
A glimpse of far-borne flags, that fade
And vanish in the rolling din:
He knows the sweeping charge is made,
The cheering lines are closing in.*

*Unmindful of his mortal wound,
He faintly calls and seeks to rise:
But weakness drags him to the ground: -
Such is the death the soldier dies.*



....submitted by Brother David M. Daniels

The fall morning on October 9th, was crisp and bright as we gathered early at Jesse Jones Park/Nature Center near Humble, Texas. Bobby Gant, our cook extraordinaire, had arrived early and, with the help of several other men of the 13th U.S. Infantry re-enactor's group assisting, prepared a warm campfire to break the morning's chill. Then, before we knew it, he had brewed fresh, hot coffee – which is ever the soldier's best friend and mainstay. Now satisfied with a warm campfire and cup of coffee, we of the 13th U.S. (Capt. Tom Whitesides, Sgt. Howard Story, Cpl. Howard Rose, and Privates Curtis Lewis, Rick Stauffer, Steve Corey, a fine young recruit named Jeremy and myself, Dale Leach) eagerly began planning our days activities. We were honored to have among us also Edward Lea Camp #2 Cmdr. David LaBrot - as Medical Steward, and Brother Tom Eishen as observer to lend their expertise to our number. And last but not least, my good photographer friend, Ed Krempel, was at the ready to digitally capture the whole event. We had all come to the 2nd annual *Teachers Day Historical Civil War Seminar* where we would be both the educators and hosts of this exciting event that drew close to 60 teachers from several area public and private schools. Our scenario was simple: we would surprise and capture the completely unsuspecting teachers as they walked along a wooded path and entered the clearing where our Union Encampment was located. And then we would both induct them into and train them for service in the Union Army!

Things literally got off to a BANG as the totally unsuspecting teachers rounded a bend in the path and came toward our camp. I, the camp sentry, fired my double-loaded musket into the air and challenged: "HALT! Who goes there?" Needless to say, that took those 60 educators by scary surprise! Then I and Jeremy got around them and herded the startled group into camp at bayonet point!



Unsuspecting educators approach through the woods.

We then formed our 'prisoners' into one large formation where as raw recruits they would be inducted into service in the U.S. Army to assist in preserving our beloved Union. The "induction physical" was quite simple - we had them all hold up their right hands and, if there was a movable trigger finger present on that hand, they PASSED our rigorous test. If the said appendage was missing, they were instead made into Artillerymen so virtually no one was turned away!



These raw teacher/recruits were then formed into several equal groups. Each group was directed to one of our pre-designated 'learning' stations, including: Close Order Drill, Camp Life & Equipment, Weapons Development, Hospital & Mortuary, and Camp Culinary Practices.

Recruits inducted and issued weapons.

The Close Order Drill was conducted by Sgt. Story, Pvt. Stauffer, and Pvt. Curtis Lewis. They explained the intricacies of marching and the official, 9-point, musket firing regimen. Toy muskets were provided for the Close Order Drill, but the new 'inductees' who desired to, were also invited to participate in actual volley firing in which they were encouraged to try their hand with a real 9-1/2 lb. rifled musket. Cpl. Rose, our weapons expert, gave a detailed demonstration of military musket development - from smooth bore flint-locks to the deadly and highly accurate, percussion-lock, rifled musket and mine ball used during the Civil War.



Recruits master their weapons handling with the veterans.

Pvt. Corey also gave an excellent and thorough demonstration to the teacher/recruits on the types of shelter tents used during the Civil War and other general facts about camp life. Hospital Steward LaBrot, our SUV Camp Cmdr., provided a very interesting account of the U.S. Army

Field Hospital medicine and procedures that was used during the Civil War. Bobby Gant, the 13th U.S. culinary 'master', not only provided a complete demonstration of camp cookery, but also accomplished the considerable fete of feeding over 60 hungry people with one of his savory, prepared camp stews. Finally Cpt. Tom Whitesides gave an interesting presentation of women's roles in the conflict and other little known facts about the Civil War. All in all, this turned out to be a very successful event. The number of Houston area teachers that had signed up for this years *Teachers Day Historical Civil War Seminar* grew significantly from the 1st annual event. Many expressed great satisfaction with the material presented and vowed to go back to their respective students and impart a newly found appreciation for the Civil War – the real goal of the 13th U.S. reenactment group and the *Edward Lea Camp*.submitted by Brother Dale Leach with photos by Ed Krempel

(Additional photo on back cover)

Poem by Lt. Col. John McCrae MD
(1872-1918) - Canadian Army

At the Camp's monthly meeting On October 12, 2010, Camp Patriotic Instructor and PCC James Hackett offered a fine speech about Patriotism. It centered on World War I and Armistice Day. He shared many interesting facts and details about the war and also treated us to the John McCrae poem below which had first caught his fancy when he was a young boy:



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Note: McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915. Here is the story of the making of that poem:

Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood here, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime. As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men -- Canadians, British, Indians, French, and Germans -- in the Ypres salient. It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later wrote of it:

"I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain. The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish by composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry. In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. "His face was very tired but calm as we wrote," Allinson recalled. "He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read: "The poem was exactly an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."

In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The *Spectator*, in London, rejected it, but *Punch* published it on 8 December 1915.

...source: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/flanders.htm>



The Hitchcock Library once again held their *Summer Reading Program Civil War Event* on June 30th. Val Reyes, Jana Marsh, and Paige Anderson attended. Val read the *Adventures of Toad and Frog* to the children. Paige recited the poem *Oh Flag of Our Union* and talked about what children did during the civil war. Jana spoke on Sarah Emma Seelye. And of course, flags and pencils were handed out to all the children in attendance.

Paige Anderson reads to the children



Our members, along with family volunteers, placed over 1,400 flags on graves at *Grace Memorial Cemetery* and participated in services at various different locations for Memorial Day.

R: Val Reyes and Emma Valdes with flags at Grace Memorial Cemetery

L: Val and Jana with the new Commander of the VFW and Isabel Grummons



Sarah Emma Seelye members, with family and friends that helped with laying flags

Our 3rd Annual Stars and Stripes Sock Drive for the VA Hospital ended in September. With the generosity of the *Edward Lea Camp's* donations, the Hitchcock Library, and Denny's in League City (approximately 400 pairs) we were able to ensure that all the patients on our adopted ward of 2A received six pairs of socks. On October 9, Val and Jana delivered the bags to Liz Nealy at the hospital. Gift bags included socks, a spiral notebook and candy.

Jana Marsh and Liz Healy with Sock Gift bags



Liz Nealy of the VA Hospital receives a cockade from Val Reyes

Val and Jana attended the *Hitchcock Library Fall Festival* on October 9th. Quilts adorned the walls in the activity room where Jana sat and hand-quilted. Val spent her time socializing with visitors to the festival. Edward T. Cotham, Jr. was a guest speaker speaking on the *Battle of Galveston*. Once again, Larry Johnson of the *15th Texas Infantry* spoke on and demonstrated his arsenal of weapons and other Civil War paraphernalia which proved to be very informative to all the attendees.



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L: Jana Marsh quilting

R: Jana Marsh, Ed Cotham Jr., Hallie Reeves, Joyce Kleinman, Val Reyes, and Larry Johnson



Our first ever *Stay At Home Bake Sale* was very successful - earning us extra money to use on our special donation events (VA Hospital Christmas, Sock Drive, and Care Packages). We have also begun participating in the *Avon Care*

Package program. This enables us to send more for less and we do not have to pay for postage.

We will be starting preparations for the 4th *Annual President's Tea* which will be held on April 2, 2011. It will be at the same location as last year - the *First Baptist Church of Dickinson*. This event is our main fund raiser for the year.

The *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary Officers* for 2011 are: President – Val Reyes; Vice President – Diana Campbell; Secretary/Treasurer – Jana Marsh; Chaplain/Patriotic Instructor – Betty Sue Hampton; Aide/Historian – Emma Valdes.

....submitted by Jana Marsh

DUVCW News - Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4

Tent Meeting: Saturday, September 11, 2010:

Our speaker at the meeting was Lynna Kay Shuffield. Ms. Shuffield is one of the local experts on military history and research. She currently writes an online column entitled, *Our Loose Ends*. In addition, she is working on a project called, *The Dead Project*, and is the coordinator for the *San Jacinto County TXGENWEB* Project.

Ms. Shuffield gave a very informative presentation about how to locate newspapers and other important documentation on the Internet from the Civil War era. She showed how to locate newspapers on databases that are easily accessible through the Houston Public Library's website - at no charge for library card holders. In addition, Ms Shuffield showed how to locate Civil War pension records and other Civil War documentation using *Footnote*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Ancestry.com*. After her presentation, Ms. Shuffield presented a Lineage book that her *United Daughters of Confederacy*, Oran M. Roberts Chapter #440 [She is currently their President], was going to donate to the Clayton Library in our Tent's name.

Civil War Sesquicentennial:

In October, Heather Kramer, assistant to Susan D. Kaufman, manager of the *Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research*, inquired whether our Tent would be interested in putting on an educational talk in connection to the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial or to participate in some of the activities that the Library is planning for the CW Sesquicentennial beginning in April 2011. I informed Ms. Kramer that our Tent would be delighted to get involved. I invited her to come to our next meeting to talk about their plans, and how our Tent could participate. Ms Kaufman has accepted our invitation to speak briefly at our November meeting.

Next Meeting: *When:* Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
 Where: MCMLS-South Regional Library - Large Meeting Room, 2101 Lake Robbins Dr.,
 The Woodlands, Texas 77380
 Program: *Courage on Little Round Top* – Author Thomas M. Eishen will talk about his book, *Courage on Little Round Top*, which is a historical novel that tells the story of Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the Union and 2nd Lt. Robert Wicker of the Confederacy and the *Battle of Little Round Top*. "With new insight and intense research, Thomas M. Eishen provides a unique understanding of the men who fought at the *Battle of Gettysburg*" [Quote from the back of the book].

.... Respectively Submitted by Martha Class, President/Registrar/Webmaster, Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4, Texas DUVCW

In general, the Union forces in the West were spared battlefield relief scandals by the fact that major battles were fought on the banks of rivers, whence wounded and sick could be evacuated by river boats to Mound City, Illinois, St. Louis, and other cities with general hospitals in the safety and secure supply of the North. After the relatively prompt fall of Memphis, that city became the site of several general hospitals. The evacuating boats, however, might be maintained by individual states or by the *United States Sanitary Commission* or the *Western Sanitary Commission*, which led to confusion. The state boats, especially those from Ohio and Indiana, were so persistent in their "raiding" the evacuation hospitals for Buckeyes and Hoosiers that General Grant had to forbid their removing any patients.

After losing control of their rivers, the Confederates made considerable use of railroads in evacuating men from field hospitals to general hospitals. They had no special hospital cars and felt fortunate when they could use passenger rather than freight cars. They became adept at maintaining dressing and supply stations where wounds could be tended and the patients fed. The Union Army, too, increasingly used railroads for evacuating men north. After the *Battle of Chattanooga*, a real hospital train was regularly used to move the sick and wounded from Chattanooga to Louisville. Some of the cars were equipped with two tiers of bunks, suspended on hard-rubber tugs. At the ends of such cars would be a room for supplies and food preparation. The locomotive assigned to this train was painted scarlet, and at night a string of three red lanterns burned on the front. Confederate cavalrymen never bothered this train.

The truth was that the military commanders, both Confederate and Union, hated to see fighting soldiers separated from the army; the fear was they would never return. The South was well aware it was fighting a much larger people. The Union generals were well aware that as the invaders, on the offensive, they needed a majority of the men on the battlefield. They also realized that the deeper they penetrated the South, the greater the number of men needed to garrison important points and to guard ever-longer supply lines. And so there was never an actual separately enlisted and separately trained hospital corps in either army.

When Edwin M. Stanton took over as Lincoln's Secretary of War early in 1862, he realized that Dr. Finley, now a brevet brigadier general, would have to be replaced as surgeon general. Taking the advice of the *Sanitary Commission*, he appointed William A. Hammond, then a junior assistant surgeon. A Marylander, Hammond had served eleven years as an assistant surgeon before he resigned and became a professor in the *University of Maryland Medical School*. He was to accomplish many good things and to make many good suggestions during the fourteen months he served as surgeon general. It was obvious to him and to his supporters in the *Sanitary Commission* that the army needed a group of medical inspectors, chosen for merit and possessing enough rank to give orders to hospital commanders. It was obvious that the makeshift general hospitals – hotels, warehouses, schools, churches – should be rapidly replaced by pavilion hospitals designed for their function. It was obvious that corps and division hospitals should become official and that something like the *Letterman Ambulance Plan* should be extended throughout the army. It was obvious that the quartermaster should not be able to remove ambulances nor line officers be able to remove experienced attendants from the medical field details.

Both armies experimented with "special" hospitals, with admission limited to patients with the same disorders. The Confederates established several venereal hospitals and some ophthalmic hospitals. The Unionists began a venereal hospital at Nashville and the famed neurological hospital, *Turner's Lane*, at Philadelphia, where W. W. Keen is believed by some to have founded neurology in America.

In contrast, a "general" hospital did not limit its admissions. The sick and the wounded were evacuated to general hospitals so that empty beds could be made available in field installations when a new rush of wounded was expected. Buildings adapted for use as general hospitals were usually considered unsatisfactory because of the inadequate plumbing, the bad ventilation, and the "crowd poisoning" and "mephfluvia" which that generation thought bred and spread disease. Moore and Hammond believed a large building program of pavilion hospitals in 1862 was the answer. To the best of their abilities, both sides carried this out, and followed it by still bigger construction programs in 1863 and 1864. The Union pavilions were longer than their Confederate counterparts. Some were as long as 120 feet, with a width of 14 or 15 feet, with a longitudinal ventilator along the 12-to-14 foot roof. This, along with floor ventilation, made the patients too cold and was later closed by wooden slats.

At the inner end, each pavilion, North and South, had toilets, sometimes flush and sometimes seats over a sloping zinc trough in which water was supposed to run continuously. Reports show that often the water supply was insufficient and that toilets were flushed only after many usings. Frequently, the pavilions were built as though they were spokes spreading from a hub. The buildings at the hub were operating rooms, kitchens, offices, pharmacies and supplies, "dead house", ice house, and other services. The grounds were usually joined by a wooden roadway on which food could be hauled or the wash taken up and delivered by a steam-powered vehicle.
....(to be continued).

....source: *Caring For the Men – The History of Civil War Medicine*, www.civilwarhome.com/medicinehistory.htm



Brother Dale Leach served as sentry on October 9th, 2010 at Jesse Jones Park/Nature Center near Humble, Texas. for the 2nd annual *Teachers Day Historical Civil War Seminar*

*"I have an almost complete disregard
of precedent, and a faith
in the possibility of something better.
It irritates me to be told how things
have always been done.
I defy the tyranny of precedent.
I go for anything new that
might improve the past."*

Clarissa Harlowe Barton (better known as Clara Barton)
(1821–1912)
Pioneer American teacher, Nurse, and Humanitarian