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From the Commander's Tent



Since joining, and being accepted into the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* in 2006, I can hardly believe that the time has passed so quickly. I have witnessed tremendous growth in the *Lt. Cmdr Edward Lea Camp USN #2*. I am so proud to be a part of such a worthy organization.

It has been my highest honor to have experienced many exciting and interesting events as a Camp member so far, including: battle reenactments, annual *Memorial Day* celebrations, marching in the streets of downtown Houston on *Veterans' Day*; and assisting our *Ladies Auxiliary* by accompanying them during their visits to offer aid to today's military veterans who find it necessary to seek medical treatment at the local Veterans Administration Hospital.

From the start, my motivation to be involved with the *Order* was to remember and give honor to our ancestors, yours and mine, who wore their blue Uniforms so proudly and fought bravely to hold our great Union together. Some of them paid a very high price for their beliefs.

I am both humbled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve as Camp Commander. I hope to continue the great work of Past Commanders David LaBrot, James Hackett, and Stephen Schulze.

The *Flag Day* observance, a memorial service on Saturday, June 11, 2011 honoring Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson, the ancestor of our *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1* member, Norma Pollard, was well received in Hitchcock, Texas. I want to extend a big thanks to our new Department Commander, David LaBrot, who conducted and guided us well at the ceremony, to our new SVC, Steve Holmes, new JVC David Daniels, and Brothers Dale Leach and Michael Lance, who fired their muskets in salute to Pvt. Robinson, and to Mr. Dana Read, who again offered an impressive rendition of "Taps" with his Bugle.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual Liendo Plantation battle re-Enactment and fundraising event coming up this November.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Samuel Hampton - Camp Commander

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Membership Muster

Camp Member

Mr. Samuel F. Hampton – Commander
Dr. Stevenson T. Holmes – Sr. Vice-Commander
Mr. David M. Daniels – Jr. Vice-Commander
Mr. Gary White - Secretary/Treasurer ~ *

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 Mr. Thomas A. Jackson
 Mr. Thomas I. Jackson
 Mr. Robert L. Julian ~ *
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 Mr. James Brian Keast
 Mr. Larry George Keast
 Mr. David K. LaBrot * - Dept Commander

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Mr. Faber F. McMullen III +
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 Mr. Thomas H. Penney
 Mr. James R. Perry
Mr. Timothy Phillips +
 Mr. Joel D. Reed
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 Mr. Michael Schneider
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 Mr. Michael D. Seeber
 Mr. Mark S. Shackelford
 Mr. Scott D. Shuster

Civil War Ancestor

Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton
 Pvt. Warren W. White
 Cpl. Erzelon (Zeal) Russell Mason
 Commissary Sgt. William Judson
 Pvt. Andrew Wilson White

 Pvt. Matthew Barth
 Pvt. John Lancaster
 Pvt. William Martin Berry
 Pvt. Thomas Howey
 Pvt. Lyndon Boyd
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Pvt. Mathias Stonebrook
 Pvt. Nathan R. Price
 Cpl. William Moore Campbell
 Chaplain Josiah Brown
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 Cpl. John Francis Pattee
 Pvt. John A. Watts
 2nd Cpl. Henry A. Sauter
 Pvt. Joseph Allen
Pvt. Isaacs Duncan
 Pvt. Andreas Pfothenhauer
 Pvt. Edward Ebling
 Pvt. Xavier Henkel
 Cpl. Thadeus Hendrickson
 Pvt. James Morfed Aston
 Pvt. Robert Milton Hart
 Pvt. Robert R. Campbell
 Pvt. Philip Jacob Apffel
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 Pvt. Charles S. Hoyt
 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield
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 Pvt. John Walter Stoker
 Pvt. James Fernsides Hildrith
 Pvt. James Fernsides Hildrith
 Pvt. James Fernsides Hildrith
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Pvt. Charles Edward 'Austin' Laborot
 Pvt. Finas Euen Lance
 Pvt. Sylvester Leach
 Pvt. Wilson Keffer
 Pvt. Peter Klein
 Pvt. Peter Klein
 Pvt. Peter Klein
 Pvt. Alexander McLain
 Pvt. Alexander McLain
 Pvt. Chauncey A. Lockwood
 Pvt. Fernando Cortez Nichols
Pvt. Michael Lewis McMullen
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. Joseph Stoner
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 Pvt. James R. Cook
Pvt. William R. Phillips
 Pvt. Alexander Reed
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 Pvt. Henry Ludwig Schulze
 Pvt. Martin V. B. Leonard
 Pvt. Isaac Secor
 Pvt. Lorenzo Seeber
 Pvt. Andrew Stevenson
 Pvt. John S. Darling

Service Unit

Co. G, 47th Regiment Missouri Infantry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
 Co. I, 18th Regt. Michigan Infantry
 Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. L, 4th Regt. New York Heavy Artillery

 Co. B, 52nd Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 50th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 76th Enrolled MO Military Regt.
 Co. A, 38th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 144th Regt., Indiana Vol. Infantry
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Co. F, 142nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd New York Volunteer Infantry
 Co. I, 12th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 15th Regiment, Maine Infantry
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 Co. F, 86th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Inf.
 Co. A, 8th Battalion, DC Infantry
 Co. D, 48th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
Co. M, 4th Missouri State Militia, Cav.
 Co. F, 4th Regiment Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 49th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Illinois Light Infantry
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. C, 4th Regt. Tennessee Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. H, 11th Regiment, West Virginia Inf.
 Co. A, 46th Regt. Iowa Volunteer Infantry
 U.S.N.
 Co. B, 3rd Regt. Minnesota Infantry
 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 54th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. B, 135th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. B, 135th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. B, 135th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co. E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co. F, 12th Regt IN Inf.-Co. E, 59th IN Inf.
 23rd Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 6th Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols
 6th Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols
 6th Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. E, 7th Michigan Cavalry
 Co. H, 14th Reg. Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. A, 7th Regiment Indiana Infantry
Co. M, 13th Indiana Cavalry
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 126th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. G, 8th Illinois Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Regiment Wisconsin Infantry
Co. B, 6th Tennessee Cavalry
 Co. E, 3rd Tennessee Mounted Infantry
 Co. H, 91st Regiment, Indiana Inf.
 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 Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry

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Membership Muster (Continued)

Camp Member

Mr. James M. Sigler
 Mr. Neil Patrick Staley
 Mr. Bartley N. Stockton
Mr. Terry T. Sutton +
 Mr. Stephen W. Tanner
 Mr. Walter I. Torres
 Mr. Chapman P. Traylor
 Mr. Nash S. Traylor
 Mr. Joseph M. Tucker
 Mr. Robert E. Wickman
 Mr. Patrick M. Young
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Civil War Ancestor

Pvt. William Henry Sigler
 Sgt. Leonard Darling
 William R. Reck
Pvt. Isaac Cherry Sutton
 Cpl. Jacob John Tanner
 Asst. Eng. Robert Inglis
 Cpl. John Anderson Laws
 Cpl. John Anderson Laws
 Pvt. Joseph Henry Wells
 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy
 Pvt. William Young
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Service Unit

Co. M, 3rd Regiment, New York Cavalry
 Co. F, 5th Regt. Excelsior Brigade
 Co. H, 44th Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. F, 74th Regt. NY Inf., Co. H, 40th NY
Co. G, 8th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 1st Regt. Nebraska Infantry
USS Glasgow, U.S. Navy
 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



This issue is dedicated to illustrating a few fine photos taken earlier in the year during some of our events. It was tough to choose from all the shots available. But since space is limited, a culling needed to be done. Please enjoy the results!

As the year winds down and the weather becomes a little cooler, our outdoor activities will continue with the *Wreaths Across America* event in December and our annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* in January. These activities are always exciting and motivating. I hope you plan to join us this year!

You will notice that this issue is lacking an *Ancestor Profile*. The reason for this is simple – a failure of any Brother to step forward and contribute his ancestor's story. I am hoping this trend will change with the next issue. We always enjoy reading about our heroes from the past – and they certainly deserve to be recognized. Any volunteers?

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

Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
10 Dec 2011	Wreaths Across America: 9:00 a.m.	Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX
13 Dec 2011	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Brother John Schneider	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
7 Jan 2012	<i>Battle of Galveston Commemoration</i> : 10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting: 1:00 p.m. Installation of 2012 Camp Officers	Episcopal Cemetery, Galveston, TX The Golden Corral Restaurant 6200 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX
14 Feb 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Dept. Cmdr. David LaBrot	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
13 Mar 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Speaker: TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX

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| * SUVCW Department of Texas website | | http://www.txsv.org |
| * SUVCW National website | | http://www.suvvcw.org |
| * Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 - DUVVCW | | http://www.rootsweb.com/~txseeduv |
| * National Auxiliary to the SUVCW | | http://www.asuvvcw.org |
| * Sons of Veterans Reserve | | http://www.suvvcw.org/svr/svr.htm |

New Members

Introducing: **Timothy Phillips** - "Ahoy to all of the Lt. Cmdr. Lea Camp 2. I have to thank Chap



Traylor and David LaBrot for finding a camp that would answer my emails. I started rooting through the family woodpile about 1970 and discovered my dad had spent his time at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Guadalcanal fighting for the wrong side of the Civil War. His grandpa was Federal Pvt. William R. Phillips, orderly to Capt. Harry Hodges of Co. B, 6th Tennessee Cavalry. The family has been around Abilene since about 1883.

I am a clinical scientist at a local medical center, but have become obsessed with living history since joining the *Old Fort Griffin Memorial Regiment* about 6 years ago. My primary impression with them is 11th Infantry camp life ca. 1874. The Civil War interest mushroomed when a group of us participated in the 145th Gettysburg and I got busy studying that battle. I've also become irritated at the neighborhood Confeds trying to rewrite history at some events. And I hope with the SUVCW to help preserve history as it was, not the politically sanitized stuff I've seen in school books. Finally, it's really neat having an ancestor in central Tennessee that made the right decision. Look forward to seeing you down the road." Welcome, Brother Phillips!

Introducing: **William C. Buell** - I join as a new member based on the Civil War service of my great-

grandfather, Matthias Stonebrook, who served as a Private with Company F, 22nd Battalion, 142nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. I was born in Mt Vernon, Ohio on 1 January 1934. I am married with a son and two granddaughters who live in Carmel, New York; a daughter and two grandsons who live in Bristol, England; and a daughter and a grandson and granddaughter who live in Vienna, Virginia.

I was a professional soldier and later an educator. I served in the U.S. Army in an enlisted capacity between 1952 and 1955, including a year in Korea - as a Corporal and then Sergeant. Four years later, I graduated from West Point as a 2nd Lieutenant of Artillery and served for 23 additional years - retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. My overseas service included 2 tours in Viet Nam, a year in Spain, a short tour in Germany, a year in Panama, 3 years in the Dominican Republic, and, Oh Yes! 3 years in Hawaii. My Army career was exceptional in that I never worked for anyone who was stupid and I never had an assignment I didn't like. I also accumulated, among other items, 3 decorations for Valor and a Purple Heart.

Upon my retirement in 1981, my wife and I settled in San Antonio, Texas where she was employed as a



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Department of the Army Civilian at Fort Sam Houston, and I, through the machinations of fate, became a Spanish Teacher at a College Prep High School. At the conclusion of my first year teaching, I became the Dean of Academics, and shortly thereafter the Vice Principal - jobs I held for the next fifteen years. However, I never let my administrative duties keep me out of the class room and continued to teach at least 2 classes every day. In addition to Spanish, I taught Latin and even Russian one year. Again, like my military career, my career as a High School Educator, was tremendously rewarding and enjoyable. I am retired, living in San Antonio, Texas and my main hobbies are genealogy and tennis. I am a member of a number of



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hereditary societies including: *Mayflower*; *Founders & Patriots*; *Colonial Wars*; *SAR*; and *War of 1812*. Currently, I am the Registrar of the *Huguenot Society Chapter of South Texas*.

I have always been fascinated with military history, but as a West Pointer, the Civil War has a much deeper and intense meaning for

me! Also, my great-great-uncle, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick M. Follett, also a West Pointer, was Chief of Union Artillery during the expedition to capture Norfolk - May 1862; and at the Siege of Suffolk, Virginia in January 1863; Commander of the Artillery Brigade, Army of the James, in operations about the Bermuda Hundred, June-August 1864; Battery Commander in the Richmond Campaign August 1864-April 1865 and at the Siege of Petersburg, August-September 1864. *Welcome, Brother Buell!*

Introducing: Stephen F. Duncan - Dr. Stephen F. Duncan was born in Oklahoma City on December 8, 1961 and raised in Lawton Oklahoma. His father, H.C. Duncan served in the USN during WWII, his grandfather, Fred Duncan, served as a combat engineer in U.S. Army in France during the First World War. His great-great grandfather, Isaac Duncan, served as a Private in Co. M of the 4th Missouri Cavalry (Militia).



Dr. Duncan graduated first in his class at MacArthur High School in Lawton in 1980. He graduated from college in 1983 summa cum laude with a degree in Sacred Music. He subsequently graduated in 1984 with a BME (also summa cum laude) and a Masters in Music Education in 1987. He attended Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame, studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood, but left the Congregation of Holy Cross to return to Oklahoma and teach music. Offered a full time teaching assistantship at the University of Memphis, he went to Memphis in 1987 and pursued a degree in sacred Music while working for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Memphis as director of Liturgical Music.

Dr. Duncan has been an active member of the *Society for Ethnomusicology* for many years serving as President, and Secretary of the Southwest Chapter, Secretary of the Southern Plains Chapter, and Associate Webmaster for Education on the National SEM Website. Dr. Duncan became interested in Russian music while working at Saints Constantine and Helen Serbian Orthodox Church in Galveston, Texas. He is the Director of Fine Arts for the Galveston Independent School District and adjunct Professor of Music at Galveston College.

During the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, Dr. Duncan finally has had a chance to become an active historical re-enactor. His unit, the 69th NYSV (Corby's Irish Brigade), takes part in numerous re-enactments. He participated with the 69th at Bull Run, and has been invited to march with the 69th in the Annual NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Dr. Duncan serves in a number of civic and religious organizations: Archpriest and Vicar Apostolic for the Diocese of the Pacific Coast (for his Jacobite jurisdiction); Church Chanter, Saints Constantine and Helen Serbian Orthodox Church, Galveston; Board of Directors of the Galveston Railroad Museum; Sgt. at Arms for the Galveston Rotary Club; Advisory Board Galveston Art Center; Chaplain, 69th NYSV Historical Association (The Irish Brigade); Society for Ethnomusicology (with academic books on the shelves of Harvard and Yale); Memphis Tia Piah Society (Kiowa Tia Piah Society of Oklahoma); and Huntsville (TX) Reenactment Society.

Introducing: Terry T. Sutton - "My name is Terry Sutton. I'm originally From Corpus Christi, Texas. However I've lived in Seabrook, Texas for the last 30 years. I'm a graduate of Texas A&M University Class of 1986, BS - Geology, and have worked as a NASA contractor for 20 years. I've been researching my family history for about 10 years and have been successful in researching my father's side of the family back to 1635.



Unfortunately my research on my mother's side is not as complete. I can only trace to my mother's grandfather, Willis Columbus Rains. He was a farmer in Boaz, Alabama. Willis was a Southern boy who fought for the Union. He was a Private in the 1st Tennessee and Alabama Vidette Cavalry. My great-great-grandfather, Isaac Cherry Sutton, was a private with Company G, 8th Indiana Infantry. I'm honored to be accepted as a member of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*." *Welcome, Brother Sutton!*

Introducing: Faber F. McMullen III - New member Faber McMullen III joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his ancestor, Michael Lewis McMullen, who served as a Private with Company M, 13th Regiment, *Indiana Cavalry*. *Welcome, Brother McMullen!*

Date: Monday 30 May 2011 - Memorial Day

Place: Houston VA National Cemetery

A Color Guard consisting of men from the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, SUVCW* (David LaBrot, Samuel Hampton, Steve Holmes, Gary White, David Daniels, and Michael Lance) and Co. A, 13th U.S. Regiment, assembled at the huge National cemetery on the north side of Houston. They were joined by Linda LaBrot and Emma Valdes of the *Ladies Auxiliary*. They had all gathered to participate in the *Memorial Day* observances honoring the sacrifice of the soldiers and sailors of our country.

The Color Guard marched smartly in the *Parade of Flags* with Colors flying. Brothers LaBrot and Lance then accompanied the *Ladies Auxiliary* in the *Parade of Wreaths*. A 7-man firing party from the Color Guard later fired a musket salute.



The Rebels fire the cannons to begin the ceremonies.



The Federal Color Guard establishes its place in line for the *Parade of Flags* – behind re-enactors from an earlier era.



L-R: Emma Valdes and Linda LaBrot representing the *Ladies Auxiliary*, Samuel Hampton and Gary White



Brother Steve Holmes in line with the Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary waiting for the start of the *Parade Of Flags* to begin.

Following the *Parade of Wreaths*, the beautifully decorated and patriotic wreath was placed in line.



L-R: Michael Lance, Linda LaBrot, Emma Valdes, and David LaBrot



The Color Guard firing party in position to offer a salute

At the conclusion of the services at the Houston National Cemetery, the group made their way downtown to the Spaghetti Warehouse on Commerce Street for lunch and camaraderie.

Following lunch, the Color Guard and *Ladies Auxiliary* re-convened at Glenwood Cemetery on Washington Avenue in Houston. They were joined by Brothers Curtiss Beinhorn, Jim Hackett, and Dale Leach – and Sister Betty Hampton of the *Ladies Auxiliary*. They assembled first at the GAR plot where Sarah Emma Seeyle and several other Civil War veterans are buried. A short distance across the cemetery, a second plot contains the graves of several more Civil War veterans. The mission of the day was to honor the memory of all those Civil War veterans. A short service was held at each of the two GAR plots, including an ancestor roll call, the laying of roses, and the placing of small American flags in front of each of the graves.



L-R: Samuel Hampton, Emma Valdes, Curtiss Beinhorn, Michael Lance, David Daniels, Betty Hampton, David LaBrot, Dale Leach, Gary White, and Linda LaBrot.

....Respectfully submitted by Michael Lance

Flag Day Observance and Memorial Service for Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson

At 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2011, several Brothers of the *Edward Lea Camp* assembled at the *Hypolite Perthius Cemetery* in Hitchcock, Texas. Their mission was to act as Honor Guard in support of our *Ladies Auxiliary* during their memorial service for Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson, the Civil War ancestor of Sister Norma Pollard. A five-man Color Guard from the *John Bell Hood SCV Camp* was also in attendance.



The Color Guard marches in



Led by Commander David LaBrot



The Colors were posted by Brothers Steve Holmes, David Daniels, and Dale Leach (not seen in photo).

Many of the extended Robinson family were in attendance to observe the posting of the Colors and grave re-dedication ceremony. They filled the numerous rows of folding chairs. After Sister Betty Hampton offered the invocation and led everyone in the *Pledge of Allegiance*, Nathan Quintanilla sang the *National Anthem*.



Sister Betty Hampton (standing behind the lectern) offers the invocation and then led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



Friend Nathan Quintanilla singing the *National Anthem*

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The John B. Hood SCV Color Guard



Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 Color Guard

The formal welcome was extended by *Auxiliary* President Vali Reyes. She then introduced Lee Sander, a Hitchcock city Commissioner, who read a Mayoral Proclamation, and then presented the document to Sister Pollard.



Sister Vali Reyes welcomes the guests and participants Commissioner Lee Sander reads the Mayoral Proclamation



Friend Ronald Kenney then entertained the crowd with a fine rendition of *God Bless America*.

Left: Commissioner Sander presenting the Mayoral Proclamation to Norma Pollard

Right: Ronald Kenny singing *God Bless America*



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Diana Campbell, Auxiliary Vice-President, then read *Decoration Day* by Longfellow. Mr. Kenney followed by singing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Then, Sister Norma Pollard then took the podium to tell the story about the life and times of her ancestor, Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson. Afterwards, a very nice rendition of *Amazing Grace* was performed by Flutist Kathy Kercher.



Diana Campbell reciting 'Decoration Day'



Norma Pollard sharing the life and times story of her Civil War ancestor



Flutist Kathy Kercher just prior to performing

Department of Texas Commander David LaBrot (PCC) was then introduced and welcomed to the podium. He presented a very moving Memorial Service, fashioned after the 1917 GAR service. Next came the decorating of Pvt. Robinson's grave marker, beginning with the draping of the soldiers accoutrements on the marker by Brother Michael Lance.



Cmdr. David LaBrot gives 1917 Memorial Service



Within a camouflage of tree branches, Cmdr. LaBrot is saluted by Officer of the Day, Michael Lance, who receives the soldiers accoutrements.

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After placing the musket and accoutrements at the grave marker, Brother Lance then paused before the grave for a moment of respect.



Brother Lance first leaned a musket against the grave marker, then hung the accoutrements – a haversack and canteen, and concluded with a moment of silent respect

Descendant Norma Pollard then solemnly laid an Evergreen wreath at the grave marker. She was followed by the placing of a Red Rose by Sister Vali Reyes. Next, Sister Jana Marsh laid a Laurel Wreath upon the grave. All three ladies also paused at the gravesite in a moment of silent reflection and respect.



Norma Pollard laying an Evergreen wreath



Vali Reyes placing a Rose



Jana Marsh laying a Laurel Wreath



David LaBrot placing a U.S. Flag

Cmdr. David LaBrot completed the decorating of the grave with the placing of a small American Flag at the grave. He also followed with a salute and a moment of silent respect.

Then it was time for a Musket Salute. Three volleys were fired by Brothers Steve Holmes, Dale Leach, Samuel Hampton, and Michael Lance.



Right: "READY"



"AIM"



"FIRE"



"RELOAD"

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Following the musket volleys, Chaplain Dale Leach offered the Benediction. The mournful melody of *Taps* then wafted across the premises.



L: Chaplain Leach giving the Benediction



R: Bugler Dana Reid plays Taps



Ladies Auxiliary:

Back row L-R: Emma Valdes, Vali Reyes, Norma Pollard, Linda LaBrot, and Betty Hampton.

Front row L-R: Heather Clark, Jana Marsh, and Diana Campbell

The group then escaped the severe heat of the day by driving to Hitchcock to enjoy a reception and refreshments at the wonderfully air conditioned Hitchcock Library. The facility was beautifully decorated, including several displays of memorabilia.

"Thank you to all the Sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 and Brothers of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp #2 who attended and participated in the Auxiliary's Flag Day and Memorial service honoring Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson. The Robinson family was thrilled and very appreciative of the combined efforts that were put into making the Memorial service such 'Special' day for the family.

Dear Brothers, you make the Sisters of the Auxiliary proud! A special thank you for having to endure the sweltering heat dressed in those wool uniforms.

Here is the link to photographer Andrea Warren's website. Enjoy the pictures!

http://www.ajwarrenphotography.com/History/Flag-Day-Hypolite-Cemetery/17425533_3dT5mB#1333415484_pPbtsPw

Vali Reyes

President - Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1

*.....Event recap respectfully submitted by Michael Lance
.....Photos by Andrea Warren and submitted by Vali Reyes*

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Muskets Blaze Away

On a hot sultry morning, flames flare from the muzzles during one of the three musket volleys offered in salute to Civil War veteran William Sheldon Robinson. The occasion was the veteran's grave marker re-dedication on June 11, 2011.

The ceremony, hosted by the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary #1, took place at Hypolite Perthuis Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas.

L-R: Steve Holmes, Dale Leach, Samuel Hampton, and Michael Lance



“At the outbreak of the war it was found very difficult to raise infantry in Texas, as no Texan walks a yard if he can help it. Many mounted regiments were therefore organized, and afterwards dismounted.”

General Sir Arthur James Lyon Fremantle - 1863

British soldier – member of Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards
Tourist – witness to the Battle of Gettysburg and traveler throughout the North and South