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From the Commander's Tent

On Saturday May 1, 2012, the 8th annual program honoring my ancestor, Pvt. Warren W. White, Company K, 44th United States Colored Infantry was conducted at the Buffalo Soldier National Museum in Houston. The purpose of the program was to recognize the Bureau of United States Colored Troops Freedom Fighters Founders Day which was established by President Abraham Lincoln on May 22, 1863. General Order No. 143 authorized the War Department to begin recruiting African American's.



The program began with a viewing of a film entitled *The Inspiring Story of African American Civil War Soldiers*. This film outlined the establishment of the first African American regiments, the battles they participated in, and the impact that they had on the outcome of the Civil War.

The second part of the program was a surprise visit and rousing presentation by Harriett Tubman (aka Melissa Thibodeaux). The program ended with a traditional memorial service.

I want to thank the members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2, the Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 DUVCW, and the Sarah Emma Seelye Ladies Auxiliary #1 for their attendance and support.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Holmes - Camp Commander

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Membership Muster

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 Mr. Harrison G. Moore IV ~ * *Graves Registr. Officer*
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Civil War Ancestor

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

 Pvt. John Allerton
 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
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 Pvt. David Winn
 Pvt. Joseph Allen
 Pvt. Isaac Duncan
 Pvt. Andreas Pfothenhauer
 Pvt. Xavier Henkel
 Cpl. Thadeus Hendrickson
 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton
 Pvt. James Morfed Aston
 Pvt. Robert Milton Hart
 Pvt. Robert R. Campbell
 Pvt. Philip Jacob Appfel
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 Pvt. Charles S. Hoyt
 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield
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 Pvt. John Walter Stoker
 Pvt. James Fernsides Hildrith
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 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
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Pvt. Fernando Cortez Nichols
 Pvt. Michael Lewis McMullen
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. Joseph Stoner
 Cpl. Thomas Penney
 Pvt. James R. Cook
 Pvt. William R. Phillips
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 Pvt. Alexander Reed
 Pvt. Samuel Bacon
 Chaplain Francis M. Byrd
 Lt. Col. Casper Carl Schneider
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Service Unit

Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
 Co. I, 18th Regt. Michigan Infantry
 Co. A, 8th Battalion, DC Infantry
 Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. L, 4th Regt. New York Heavy Artillery

 Co. F, 47th Regt., Indiana Infantry
 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
 **
 Co. F, 86th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Inf.
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 Co. K, 59th Regt., Indiana, Infantry
 Co. D, 48th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Co. M, 4th Missouri State Militia, Cav.
 Co. F, 4th Regiment Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Illinois Light Infantry
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. G, 47th Regiment Missouri 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 E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 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
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 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
 103rd Regiment New York Infantry

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Membership Muster *(Continued from previous page)*

Camp Member

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 Mr. James M. Sigler

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 Mr. Terry T. Sutton
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 Mr. Walter I. Torres
 Mr. Chapman P. Traylor
 Mr. Nash S. Traylor
 Mr. Joseph M. Tucker
 Mr. Robert E. Wickman
 Mr. Patrick M. Young
 Mr. Edward Cotham # *Author*

Civil War Ancestor

Pvt. Henry Ludwig Schulze
 Pvt. Martin V. B. Leonard
 Pvt. Lorenzo Seeber
 Pvt. Andrew Stevenson
 Pvt. John S. Darling
 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. D, 9th Regiment Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt Ohio Light Arty.
 Co. C, 10th Regiment Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 88th Regiment Ohio Infantry
 Co. F, 171st Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 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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*Muster Key: ~ Charter Member * Past Camp Commander & Life Member + New Member ^ Associate Member # Honorary Member*

Editor's Message



Greetings from behind the pages! This issue features *part 1* of a longer article published back in 1886 in the long defunct *Magazine of American History Illustrated*. My interest in this article stems from knowing that the author, Captain Alfred E. Lee, apparently writes of what he *personally* witnessed and experienced. Even though his writing style tends to be a bit old-fashioned at times, it is easy to understand. The original article contained no maps or photos, so the use of a little imagination is necessary in order to follow the events and actions he describes.

I am also taking this opportunity to wish a speedy and comfortable recovery for Brother Samuel Hampton PCC. He reports that he somehow seriously reinjured his back recently. His injury will force him to miss a few monthly meetings and events. He is hoping to avoid further surgery if possible. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Get well soon, Brother Hampton! The space in the Honor Guard will look much better with you again occupying it!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Michael L. Lance

Camp Calendar

<u>-Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
12 Jun 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7pm Speaker: Brother Hackett (<i>History of Warships (Part 2)</i>)	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
10 Jul 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7pm Speaker: Brother Helms (<i>Day in the Life of a Confederate Soldier</i>)	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Aug 2012	No Monthly Meeting	--
11 Sep 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7pm Speaker: TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
9 Oct 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7pm Speaker: TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
20 Oct 2012	Union & Confederate Headstone Dedication: 10am	Washington Cemetery 2911 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX

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| * 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 |

Battle of Temple Junction

May 15-16, 2012
Temple, Texas

The Edward Lea Camp's period tent got a good workout the weekend of May 15-16 when it journeyed in the back of Department Commander David LaBrot's car to participate at the *Battle of Temple Junction* at Temple, Texas. The tent was sent there on the orders of Lea Camp Commander Steve Holmes and members to assist the recruiting efforts of the Department's newest Camp, the *Sam Houston Camp #3*.

The tent was manned by the Department Commander and by Brothers Louis Drew and Michael Belcher. Brother Drew is an SUVCW member in Vermont who wanted to form a Camp in Texas. He has been ably assisted in this effort by Brother Michael Belcher, who is a member of *Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1*.



During the event, nearly fourteen men expressed an interest in the new Camp's formation, not to mention another 14 current and former members of the Department who have desired to have a Camp in the Central Texas Area.

The "Proclaim Your Yankee Heritage" recruiting tent at the *Battle of Temple Junction*, Temple, Texas.

The Lea Camp tent endured a very hot weekend with high winds, but it surprised many an re-enactor who have never seen a "Proclaim your Yankee Heritage" sign! It also survived the taunt's and jokes of many Confederate re-enactors - many who later returned and confessed that they also had a "Yankee" ancestor – and were interested in honoring them as well. The Lea Camp tent put all animosity aside and welcomed them with open arms and made many new friends in the Central Texas Area.

.... Report and photo submitted by David LaBrot, Commander Department of Texas

Riggs Cemetery Historical Marker Dedication

On May 12, 2012, Sister Norma Pollard, representing the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary*, and myself, representing the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp*, ventured out to an old and little known cemetery situated a couple miles south of Cleveland, Texas. While most people don't know about the old Riggs Cemetery, it is definitely in a visible and well-traveled location - literally in the middle of the median of U.S. Highway 59 North at the north fork of the San Jacinto River bridge.



Our agenda for the day was to lend support to the Historical marker dedication performed by the Texas Historical Commission. The Commission had designated Riggs Cemetery as a *Texas Historic Cemetery*. It is a family cemetery and the family patriarch, a Union soldier, is buried there: Thomas Riggs - 4th Sergeant, Co. C, 2nd Regiment Maryland Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade.

Left: Norma Pollard and Michael Lance standing behind the military grave marker of Thomas Riggs

Our difficulty in locating the 'highly visible' cemetery caused us to arrive a little too late to witness the ceremony. Instead, we mingled and visited with the friendly members of Riggs extended family. It was definitely a family affair! A large proportion of the grave markers in the cemetery were engraved with the name 'Riggs' and nearly everyone on hand could claim a relationship to someone buried at the site. I took the opportunity to demonstrate the operation of a muzzle-loading musket to the children.



Right: Musket demonstration holds the attention of the children

After posing for numerous photos, Sister Pollard and I were invited to join the family at the 1st Methodist Church in Cleveland for refreshments. After arriving, we were asked to say a few words. Sister

Pollard gave a nice overview of the activities and mission of the *Ladies Auxiliary*, and I did likewise for the *SUVCW*.



Left: Riggs Cemetery Historical marker

Then several family members spoke on the history of the Riggs family. The cemetery location used to be at the back of the family farm - before the interstate arrived. It seems the roots of the Riggs family go back many generations in this area. Everyone appeared to be very interested in the family genealogy and several offered interesting family anecdotes.



Right: Sister Norma Pollard addressing the Riggs family about the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary



Especially interesting was the story of how the Riggs family struggled with the State to avoid moving the cemetery when the highway was constructed. The family ultimately prevailed, forcing the State to detour it's lanes around either side of the site, thus leaving the cemetery in its original - and now 'highly visible' location - in the highway median!

Left: Riggs family member relates some family history

...Report and photos respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance

The Daily News online – Galveston County, Texas – Published May 16, 2012
A chance to learn about the Buffalo Soldiers
By Stephen Duncan

On Feb. 22, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln approved the creation of the United States Colored troops. This allowed African-American soldiers to enlist and serve in the Union Army. By the end of the Civil War roughly 10 percent of Union forces were African-American.

There were 175 regiments, and more than 178,000 African-American troops served in the regiments of the USCT. Often they were used as labor, but insisted they would be able to fight as well as any. The movie "Glory" chronicles the troops of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first unit of the U.S. Army to be all African-American. Their courage at Fort Wagner spurred many to volunteer.

At the end of the war, the regiments of the USCT were disbanded. During the Indian Wars in the West, African-American units such as the 10th Cavalry were deployed to engage the Indians in the field. They were very effective and served with distinction throughout the troubling times of the Indian Wars. This was when they gained the name Buffalo Soldiers. They served in Kansas, Texas, and New Mexico as well as the twin territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Oscar Robinson, director of personnel at Eastern New Mexico University and historian concerning the Buffalo Soldiers, worked for a number of years to have the name of a hill in Roosevelt County, N.M. changed to Buffalo Soldier Hill. There, in 1877, African-American troopers of Troop A of the 10th Cavalry fought with native tribal warriors and perished.

Buffalo Soldiers continued to serve through the Spanish-American War and were essential to the American success at San Juan Hill. Without the Buffalo Soldiers, Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders would not have been successful in their charge up San Juan Hill. They served with distinction as they would continue to do throughout World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam and into the present day.

Please join the *1st Texas Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops – Warren W. White Chapter as Veterans of the Civil War* and the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1* from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Buffalo Soldier National Museum, 1834 Southmore, in Houston.

Dr. Stephen Duncan is director of Fine Arts in Galveston Independent School District

...The above article was written and submitted for publishing by Brother Stephen Duncan to publicize the event.

19 May 2012 – Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Houston, Texas:

The *1st Texas Sons & Daughters of U.S. Colored Troops – Warren W. White Chapter* held their 8th annual program at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum in Houston, Texas on this day.

Five uniformed members of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp* and three Sisters of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Ladies Auxiliary* attended the event and played a role in the overall presentation.

Camp Cmdr. Steve Holmes, a direct descendant of Civil War soldier and (later) Buffalo soldier, Pvt. Warren W. White, hosted the event. He also related the story of the life and times of his ancestor. Camp Patriotic Instructor James Hackett PCC also gave an inspiring talk. A Color Guard, consisting of Brothers Dean Letzring PCC, Michael L. Lance, James Hackett PCC, and Stephen Duncan posted the colors and generally gave an authentic visual flavor to the proceedings. Brother Steve Tanner also attended. The *Ladies Auxiliary* was represented by President Vali Reyes, Emma Valdes, and Alicia Lang.

Numerous descendants of Pvt. White and other guests filled the seats, all eager to learn about, honor, and remember the struggles and accomplishments of their ancestors.

The agenda included an incredibly dramatic and entertaining portrayal of the escape from bondage by Harriet Tubman (Melissa Thibodeaux). The props, clothing, speech dialect, and mannerisms displayed by this

Right: Harriet Tubman re-enactor gives an electrifying performance



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professional re-enactor made everyone feel they were witnessing the actual escape - up close!

The Tubman performance had been preceded by an excellent video presentation entitled: *The Inspiring Story of African American Civil War Soldiers*.

Following the Tubman drama, the posting of the Colors was performed by the Camp Color Guard.

Color Guard L-R: Brothers James Hackett, Michael L. Lance, Stephen Duncan, and Dean Letzring



Camp Commander Steve Holmes then assumed the podium and related the story of his ancestor and offered several other amusing family anecdotes. As usual, everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate Brother Holmes' entertaining style of delivery!

Left: Cmdr. Steve Holmes addresses the assembly

A few other tastefully short speeches were then offered by other guest speakers, including Brother James Hackett. As usual, his style of delivery and message content were both entertaining and inspiring.



Following the formal presentations, visitors and participants dispersed to enjoy other activities within the museum, including photo shoots, visiting the well-stocked displays, and to attend a presentation given by the ladies of the *Auxiliary* who described the mission, role, and activities of their organization.

Left - Ladies Auxiliary presenting - L-R: Emma Valdes, President Vali Reyes, and Alicia Lang.

Space was limited, but a number of attendees managed to form up afterwards for group photos. An enjoyable time was had by all!

Right to Left, back row standing (in uniforms): Cmdr. Steve Holmes, James Hackett PCC, Michael L. Lance, Stephen Duncan, and Dean Letzring PCC.

Right to Left in front of them: Emma Valdes (Auxiliary), Pam Jarmon (descendant, DUVCW), and President Vali Reyes (Auxiliary)

...Report and photos respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance



28 May 2012
Houston National Cemetery

The day was warm, bright and clear - a perfect setting for the several thousand visitors who flocked to the Houston National Cemetery to remember and honor the Veterans of our nation - both current and past. The Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp was well represented, as was the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary. As in years past, they, along with members of Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry Regiment, and a large contingent of Confederates, commandeered a large shade tree just outside the entrance to the Hemicycle Memorial and assembled under it.



Left Standing:
Dave Daniels
& Gary White

Left Sitting:
Steve Holmes

Right Standing:
Dale Leach &
Howard Rose
(13th U.S.)

Right Sitting:
Dave Daniels
& Steve
Holmes



Left: Dale Leach with musket
& Samuel Hampton beside
the tree trunk

Right L-R: Vali Reyes, Emma
Valdes, Alicia Lang, & Norma
Pollard of the ladies Auxiliary
with Brothers Dale Leach &
David LaBrot



Lanny Low of Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry Regiment



Brother Michael L. Lance



Left L-R: Brothers David LaBrot, Michael L. Lance, & Gary White



Right L-R: Emma Valdes, Vali Reyes, Norma Pollard, & Alicia Lang of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary

The synchronized blasts of the 4 cannons by the Confederate troopers signaled the official start of the ceremonies.



Ready!



Fire!

The two-level Hemicycle Memorial was crowded to capacity by visitors assembled to hear the various politicians and other dignitaries give speeches throughout the ceremony. A large number of military and heritage organizations were introduced and marched into the central grassy area to present their Colors.



Inside looking left



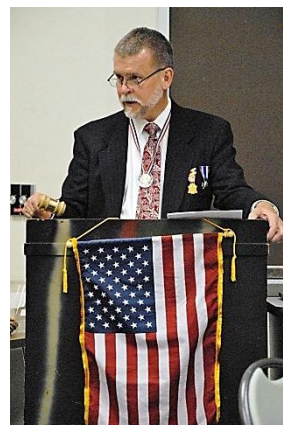
Inside looking right

...Story and photos respectfully submitted by Michael L. Lance

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The Department of Texas (including Louisiana and New Mexico) SUVCW, held its 18th annual Department Encampment in the *Hall of Honors*, of the Department of Military Science on the campus of the University of Texas-Arlington. *Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1*, of Ft. Worth, hosted this year's Encampment.

Department Commander David LaBrot chaired the Encampment. The Encampment opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance* followed by the singing of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. A short Memorial Service was conducted by National Chaplain Kowalski in memory of the four Brothers who had passed away during the past year - SVC Brian Watkins of *Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1*, and Capt. Chadwick Chester, Harold Secor, and honorary member Charles Mitchell, all of *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2*. Brother Kowalski led the delegates in the singing of the old GAR song, *The Vacant Chair*, and it was followed by a minute of silence, in respect for our lost Brothers.



Cmdr. David LaBrot

Commander LaBrot in his "State of the Department" address announced that the department had an increase in membership of almost 27% since the last Encampment, excluding the addition of the new members from Louisiana and New Mexico. He also informed the delegates that the new *Sam Houston Camp #3* will hold its first meeting on June 26 in Round Rock and that the charter members could number anywhere from 14 to 20 new members. He also advised the Encampment that he is in preliminary discussion with individuals in San Antonio, Sherman, College Station, El Paso, and New Orleans who show interest in forming Camps in those cities.

National Chaplain Brother Jerry Kowalski was the representative from National representing Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer. He greeted the delegates in the name of CinC Palmer and discussed the CinC's *Vision and Planning Committee* that Department Commander LaBrot was chairing. He stated that because of his efforts on the National committee, Brother LaBrot was going to be recommended to serve at the National level on the Council of Administration.

For the first time, the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* was invited as guests and was represented by *Auxiliary* President Vali Reyes and Norma Pollard. Sister Reyes spoke to the delegates on how to form an *Auxiliary* in the current Camps. She also gave the delegates insight on how an *Auxiliary* operates and how its work complements the work of the *Edward Lea Camp*.

Brother Scott Shuster was surprised by Dept. Commander LaBrot, who presented him with a certificate commending him on 10 years of continuous service as Department Secretary/Treasurer. In recognition of his service, Commander LaBrot presented Brother Shuster with the Past Department Commander's rank and badge.



Brother Jerry Kowalski had the honor of pinning the PDC badge on Brother Shuster - the Department's newest Past Department Commander.

Department Commander LaBrot was unanimously reelected to another term as Department Commander. The newly elected officers for the 2012-2013 year, besides Commander LaBrot, include: SVC Donald Gates, JVC Gene Willis, Sec./Treas. Scott Shuster, and Department Council members George Hansen, Harrison Moore, and Brian Glass.

Left: Brother Kowalski signs the certification of the installation of *Department of Texas Officers*

The appointed Department Officers include: Eagle Scout Coordinator John Schneider, Graves Registration Officer Beau Moore, Civil War Memorials Officer Hal Hughes, Counselor John Schneider, Recruiting Officer Dave Daniels, Historian Michael L. Lance, Color Bearer Bill Pollard, Chaplain Steve Holmes, Patriotic Instructor Charles Sprague, Guide Edward Chytill, Jr., Signals Officer Tom Eishen, and Guard Michael Belcher.



Right L to R: David Daniels, Steve Holmes, Bill Pollard, David LaBrot, Brian Glass (back to camera), Donald Gates, Scott Shuster (behind upraised hand).

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Department Commander LaBrot and SVC Donald Gates were elected to represent the Department of Texas at the upcoming National Encampment. Delegates, for the first time, are required to be credentialed by their respective Camps, and issued voting cards with which to vote. They were also given a booklet containing the agenda, a list of delegates, all officer and committee reports, and songs sung at the Encampment.

Department Commander LaBrot presented National Chaplain with an original 1890 lithographic print of the original Charter of GAR Post #1, located in Decatur, IL. Brother Kowalski was quite moved as he is a member of the Department of Illinois and he thanked the delegates for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

Brother Kowalski examines the 1890 print



Left: Camp Cmdr. Steve Holmes with newly appointed Department Color Bearer Bill Pollard (standing).



Right: Newly appointed Department Recruiting Officer and Camp SVC David Daniels



Left: Being National Chaplain is a tough job, but someone has to do it! Brother Kowalski shares a photo-op with Auxiliary President Vali Reyes and Sister Norma Pollard.

Members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2, Houston. L-R: JVC Thomas Coughlin, Norma Pollard (Auxiliary), Bill Pollard, David LaBrot PCC, Auxiliary President Vali Reyes, Scott Shuster, SVC David Daniels, & Camp Cmdr. Steve Holmes.

....Report and photos submitted by David LaBrot



Sarah's Sidelines

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary Membership Roster – December 2011

<u>Member</u>	<u>Civil War Ancestor</u>	<u>Service Unit</u>
Anderson, Marissa	Pvt. Abraham Beaublossom	Co. B, 45 th Regiment, Iowa Infantry
Anderson, Paige - Guide	--	--
Campbell, Diana L. - Vice President	--	--
Carter, Karlie	--	--
Clark, Heather	Pvt. Evans Rutherford Vandegrift	Co. L, 11 th Kansas Calvary
	Pvt. William Reynolds	Co. F, 16 th Indiana Mounted Infantry
Colley, Kathleen Winn	Pvt. David Winn	Co. K, 59 th Regiment Indiana Infantry
Gillaspia, Mary	Pvt. Martin V. B. Leonard	Shields Battery, 19 th Ohio Vol. Light Artillery
Hampton, Betty Sue - Chaplain/Patriotic Inst.	--	--
Hooten, Kristen Lenes	--	--
LaBrot, Linda	Pvt. Thomas Valentine Bailey	Battery C, 5 th PA Heavy Artillery
Lang, Alicia	--	--
Lenes, Sue	--	--
Marsh, Jana - Secretary/Treasurer	Pvt. Evans Rutherford Vandegrift	Co. L, 11 th Kansas Calvary
	Pvt. William Reynolds	Co. F, 16 th Indiana Mounted Infantry
Marshall, Laurie	--	--
Mayes, Cindy - Guide	--	--
Pollard, Norma	Pvt. William Sheldon Robinson	Co. E, 3 rd Regiment Cavalry, Missouri Vols Co. A, 11 th Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers
Powers, Kellie Gayle	--	--
Reyes, Valencia - President	Pvt. Martin V.B. Leonard	Shields Battery, 19 th Ohio Vol. Light Artillery
Spencer, Terri	Pvt. Martin V.B. Leonard	Shields Battery, 19 th Ohio Vol. Light Artillery
Emma Valdes - Historian, Nat. Aide, Pers. Aide	--	--

Dispatch: Union & Confederate Headstone Dedication

To Union and Confederate heritage groups: The *Washington Cemetery Historic Trust* is planning a Union & Confederate Headstone Dedication to take place at Washington Cemetery, 2911 Washington Avenue, Houston 77007 on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. At this time we have nine Union veterans and three Confederate veterans under investigation. Those who are in unmarked graves are eligible for VA headstones after their service has been confirmed. Those who are in marked graves will only be on the program if a VA-style marker is purchased by the family or other sponsor. We have ordered pension and service records for these men and are in the process of reviewing their files and contacting family. Those under consideration are:

Confederate:

Marsden Campbell, Co A, 2nd Louisiana Cavalry
 Gustave H. Tips, Co D, 6th Texas Field Battery (marked)
 William A. Wallace, Co D, 36th Alabama Infantry (marked)

Union:

Julius Bankowsky, Co G, 32nd Indiana Infantry (marked)
 Edward D Duffield, Co F, 50th Missouri Infantry (marked)
 John B. Furman, Co A, 1st District of Columbia Volunteers (marked)
 Myron F. Hamlin, Bugler, Co D, 9th New York Cavalry (marked)
 John Kelso, Co D, 1st New Jersey Cavalry
 William H. Kent, USN (several ships)
 Johann Valentin Kohlhauff, Co B, 2nd Missouri Infantry
 William H. Lucas, Co A, 53rd Ohio Infantry and Co K, 176th Ohio Infantry
 John W. Roberts, Co D, 104th Ohio Infantry

A full program is about a dozen, but it is not yet known whether all of these will be included, and others may be discovered between now and then. Some of the families are already making travel arrangements. Please advise whether your group will be able to join us on October 20 to honor these men who served their respective countries with honor.

Bernice Mistrot, Secretary *Washington Cemetery Historic Trust*, 281-531-1956

...submitted by Martha Class – President of Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4, DUVCW

Jr. ROTC Award Presentation

Yesterday, May 16, 2012, I presented a ROTC Medal to Andrew Traylor, a member of the JROTC at Hightower High School in Missouri City, Texas in the Fort Bend I. S. D. I presented the award to Andrew during his morning class in the presence of many of his peers and his instructors.

Currently Andrew is a "Junior" and appears to be a very nice young man - and quoting the words of his instructors - "is a leader in the making". His instructors are Senior Army Instructor Major Jerald W. Ellington, II Ret. and 1st Sergeant Harry Menon. Major Ellington told me that their unit is preparing to go to a week-long Military Camp, and that preparations are coming along nicely. Andrew will attend this Camp and is preparing for the event.



Following the award presentation, I was given the opportunity to discuss the ROTC Award Program, the goals and objectives of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, and the opportunities to join the SUV and allied organizations, i.e. *Daughters of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the SUV*, etc.

Following this discussion, I answered questions about the uniform that I was wearing, the weapons of the Civil War Era, and other Civil War related items. Major Ellington told me that this was the first time anyone from their ROTC program had received the award, and was planning on making it a regular part of the current program at Hightower.

The presentation was an enjoyable event. The students were quite pleasant and well mannered. I was impressed by the number of female ROTC students that were in the class. I really enjoyed participating and am looking forward to giving more presentations.

... *Bill Pollard, Associate Member, Lt. Commander Edward Lea USN Camp #2*

Final Tribute to Charles Mitchell

"Brothers,

It is with sincerest regret that I have to inform the *Department of Texas* of the passing of Brother Charles Mitchell. (See the attached email from Brother Dean Letzring, PCC, PDC, below.)

Brother Mitchell was voted the title "honorary" member of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2 some five years ago for his efforts in developing the *Department of Texas* website. He will be greatly missed."

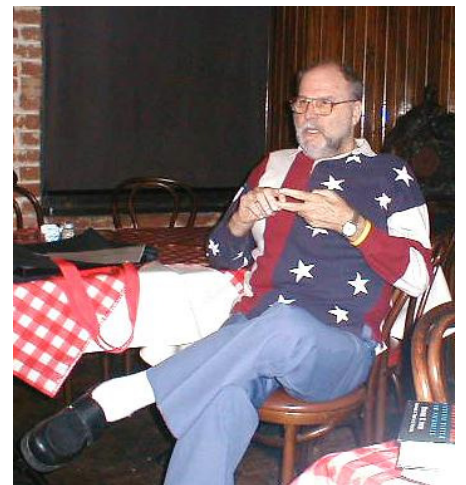
... *Submitted by Brother David LaBrot PCC, current Cmdr. Department of Texas.*

"I have been informed this morning that Charles Mitchell passed away last Wednesday [May 23, 2012] after his long illness. No obit is to be in the paper. Charles worked with me in establishing the camp website which we now have, of course. As the site evolved, Charles continued to update the data as I directed with him in his home. We had a long time association in the *Houston Civil War Roundtable* where we both served as officers and directors. I believe that Charles was considered an honorary member of our Lea Camp. Charles was a devoted fan of University of Alabama football. His house was full of memorabilia, etc. Charles played for 'Bama, I am not sure when, but was recruited by the legendary Bear Bryant."

... *Submitted by Brother Dean Letzring PDC, PCC*

Charles Mitchell as guest speaker – Camp meeting, December 2005

Note: Image from the photo collection of Editor/Camp Historian, Michael L. Lance. Charles Mitchell has long been a great friend of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp. He served as our prior webmaster and was voted an Honorary Member of the Camp in the summer of 2006.



Along the Rappahannock [August 1862]

The withdrawal of Jackson behind the Rapidan left our cavalry corps free to re-occupy the positions it had held prior to the Cedar Mountain battle, and accordingly its line of outposts was again extended from Raccoon Ford to the Blue Ridge. On the 14th of August, General Pope was joined at Culpeper Court House by General Reno with his own and Stevens' Division, of Burnside's Corps, which had been called from North Carolina, and had arrived by way of Newport News and Acquia Creek. These two divisions, eight thousand strong, were Pope's first reinforcement. Jackson's retrograde movement was followed up as far as Robertson River by the First Corps, under Sigel, whose command in its new position held the right, while McDowell's, at Cedar Mountain, held the center, Reno's, at Raccoon Ford, the left, and Banks', at Culpeper, the reserve of the Army of Virginia.

By this time General Lee's forces disengaged at Richmond were pushing rapidly northward. His army had been organized into two grand divisions or wings – right and left – and had an effective force variously estimated at from 55,000 to 65,000 men. Its right wing, under Longstreet, was already at Gordonsville, ten miles south of the Rapidan, and was joined there, August 15, by General Lee in person. The left wing (Jackson's Corps) had preceded the right in this movement just a month, and now held the south bank of the Rapidan River. General Pope's position between the Rapidan and the Rappahannock was an indefensible one, inviting attack. His only line of railway communication extended across the enemy's line of advance, and was greatly exposed to hostile forays. Nevertheless, he was disposed to hold his advanced position as long as possible in order to gain time for the withdrawal of the Army of the Potomac from the Peninsula, and its approach as then intended, by way of Acquia Creek and Falmouth.

General Lee, impatient to assail Pope before he could be re-inforced, and hoping to catch him between the two rivers, assembled his army on the south bank of the Rapidan from Raccoon Ford to Liberty Mills, ready for a sudden push northward. His plan and orders given were to cross the Rapidan on the 18th of August, but his movement was delayed until the 20th. Meanwhile, General Pope was warned by a lucky chance of the designs against him. A cavalry expedition which he had sent out on the 16th toward Louisa Court House captured on the person of General J.E.B. Stuart's adjutant-general an autograph letter of Lee's dated at Gordonsville, August 15, betraying his purposes. Pope lost no time in profiting by this information, and gave orders for the immediate withdrawal of his army behind the Rappahannock, the line of which he was instructed to defend. The wagon trains were first put in motion, and preceded the troops, those of Reno moving by way of Stevensburg to Kelly's Ford, and those of Banks and McDowell crossing the Rappahannock at the point where that river is intersected by the Orange and Alexandria railroad. Sigel, having occupied the most westerly position, was ordered to move by way of Culpeper and Jefferson, and cross the Rappahannock at White Sulphur Springs. By these routes the different columns, screened by the cavalry, withdrew rapidly to their new defensive position.

From the beginning of this retrograde movement until its end at the close of the campaign, the enormous baggage and supply trains accompanying the army were a troublesome encumbrance. To dispose of and protect them without hindrance to the rapid and intricate movement of the troops required much skill and forecast. Unfortunately our regiments had not yet learned how to get along with a minimum allowance of baggage, or no baggage at all, and the proportion of wheels carried was much greater than was customary later in the war.

Sigel's movement from Robertson River began on the 17th, and during the whole of the following night Milroy's brigade, which followed the First Corps trains, waited for them to get on the road. Time and again during the night, the brigade quitted its bivouacs, expecting to begin its march, but had to return to its camp-fires and smother its impatience. There seemed to be no end to the sluggish caravan, and the sun was already up when the column got fairly into motion.

At noon, we reached the Cedar Mountain battle-field, and at dusk marched once more through the sullenly secession town of Culpeper. The movement continued far into the night, and was resumed early the following morning. The weather was still fiercely hot. At evening, on the 19th, Sigel's Corps reached Warrenton, Sulphur Springs, and there crossed Rappahannock. Next morning, by Pope's order, it reversed its course, and moved down the left bank of the river, until it joined the right of McDowell's Corps, which, in turn, connected with the forces of Reno, who had crossed the day before at Kelly's Ford. The entire body of cavalry was sent to the right of Sigel to watch the enemy's movements and picket the line of the Rappahannock, which, in its upper part, is but an inconsiderable stream, offering no serious obstacle to the advance of an army.

Thus General Pope nimbly escaped from the trap laid for him, much to the chagrin, no doubt, of the Confederate commander, who was prompt, however, to follow up our movement, and early on the 20th attacked and drove in our pickets. the position of our army was now a strong one, as against front attack, and the enemy, not being able to force a passage of the river without great loss, contented himself with heavy skirmishing and artillery dueling

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throughout the 20th. By night-fall, the bulk of Lee's forces had been brought up from the Rapidan, and confronted Pope's new position from his extreme left at Kelly's Ford to a point beyond his extreme right, which rested about three miles above Rappahannock station.

It was now manifest that unless Pope should be largely re-inforced, or should withdraw from the line of the Rappahannock, he could not prevent the enemy from turning his right by way of Sulphur Springs, and marching on Warrenton, from whence a good turnpike leads directly to Washington. Obviously intending a movement of this kind, Lee's column pushed steadily on up the west bank of the river. Pope, it should be borne in mind, was still under orders to keep himself in close communication with Fredericksburg, from whence the Army of the Potomac was expected to approach after landing at Acquia Creek. These instructions were coupled with positive assurances that all necessary help would be given for carrying them into execution, as witness the following, dispatched to Pope on the 18th by General Halleck from Washington:

"I fully approve your movement. I hope to push Burnside's forces to near Barnett's Ford by to-morrow night, to assist you in holding that pass. Stand firm on the line of the Rappahannock till I can help you. Fight hard, and aid will soon come."

And this, on the 21st:

"I have telegraphed General Burnside to know at what hour he can re-inforce Reno. Am waiting his answer. Every effort must be made to hold the Rappahannock. Large forces will be in to-morrow."

And this, later on the same day:

"I have just sent General Burnside's reply. General Cox's forces are coming in from Parkersburg, and will be here to-morrow or next day. Dispute every inch of ground, and fight like the devil until we can re-inforce you. Forty-eight hours more and we can make you strong enough. Don't yield an inch if you can help it."

These instructions and promises of Halleck, of course, implied and anticipated the speedy arrival of the *Army of the Potomac*. The order for the withdrawal of that army from the Peninsula was given on the 4th of August. It was directed to proceed to Fortress Monroe and thence by transports up the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River to the Acquia Creek landing. After much hesitation, General McClellan began embarking his forces at Harrison's Bar, as if intending to carry his whole command – sick, cavalry and all – from that point by water. Impelled from Washington, he marched the bulk of his forces by land to Fortress Monroe, but the last of his army did not get away from Harrison's Bar until the 16th of August. Meanwhile, as early as the 13th, Lee had started Longstreet's Corps by rail for Gordonsville. Thus the enemy had ample time and opportunity to make his concentration in front of Pope, for the moment the *Army of the Potomac* set out for Fortress Monroe, it was completely "put out of the fight." During the period of its transit northward from the James River and to the front, lasting from ten to fifteen days, its military potentiality ceased to exist. Moreover, by taking a roundabout course on transports, instead of marching directly northward overland, as Sherman afterward did through the Carolinas, instead of embarking his army, as requested, at Savannah, the troops became separated from their wagon transportation, and were obliged to go to the front scantily supplied with food and ammunition.

General Pope's estimate of his effective force at this time, after allowing for losses by fighting and sickness, is 40,000 men. Probably it did not exceed 45,000, including Reno's two divisions. Most of our troops were constantly in motion or under fire, and owing to their perpetual changes of position were imperfectly fed. It was very difficult to keep the supply trains within reach and yet out of the way of the shifting columns. The troops, therefore, often went hungry simply because the quartermasters could not follow or find them. Along the river the skirmish firing was incessant, and from the heights on the opposite banks the batteries hammered each other with unflagging persistency.

On the 20th, Pope was confronted from Kelly's Ford northward by Longstreet, and farther up, toward Beverly Ford, by Jackson. The railway crossing at Rappahannock Station was still in our possession, with a *tete-de-pont* on the south bank of the Rappahannock held by a brigade. On the 21st, the enemy extended his left still farther northward, his infantry and artillery often moving in plain view of ours on the hills skirting the west bank of the river. Nevertheless, a strong show of force continued to me made in front of our own left, in the vicinity of Rappahannock Station.

(To be continued)

Source: Magazine of American History Illustrated – pages 266-270, September 1886, Edited by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, 30 Lafayette Place, New York

Note: The author, Alfred E. Lee enlisted as a First Lieutenant with Company I, 82nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry. He mustered out as a Captain of Company E of the same Regiment.



*Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary (wearing wide-brimmed summer hats) place a beautifully decorated wreath.
L-R: Emma Valdes, President Vali Reyes, Norma Pollard, and Alicia Lang.
Standing behind them at 'Present Arms' L-R: Dale Leach with musket and David LaBrot with sword*

“Some of you laugh to scorn the idea of bloodshed as the result of secession. But let me tell you what is coming. Your fathers and husbands, your sons and brothers, will be herded at the point of the bayonet. You may, after the sacrifice of countless millions of treasure and hundreds of thousands of lives, as a bare possibility, win Southern independence, if God be not against you, but I doubt it. I tell you that, while I believe with you in the doctrine of states’ rights, the North is determined to preserve this Union. They are not a fiery, impulsive people as you are, for they live in colder climates. But when they begin to move in a given direction, they move with the steady momentum and perseverance of a mighty avalanche. My fear is, they will overwhelm the South.”

Sam Houston

Governor of Texas

To a hostile mob from the balcony of the Tremont Hotel

Galveston, Texas

19 April 1861