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### *From the Commander's Tent*

Someone once said "time flies when you are having fun". It is difficult for me to comprehend that I am already serving in my fifth month as commander of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as commander. As this time has passed, I have grown immensely in my knowledge of the *SUVCW* and *SVR*.



The most intense part of serving as commander is conducting the monthly meetings. While each agenda is carefully prepared by Camp Secretary, Gary White, moving through them from item a, to b, to c can sometimes be mentally tough. The past Camp Commanders, present officers, and the members in attendance are very supportive and constantly offer suggestions and assistance to help keep the meetings moving.

A more pleasant activity is interacting with various community groups and individuals. Also, being able to interact one-on-one with other brothers is so rewarding. The stories that we share in common are amazing...or amusing.

**Dr. Steven Holmes**

Another of the interesting aspects of being Camp Commander is working with the ladies of the *Sarah Emma Seeleye Auxiliary* and *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War*.

Please note that the 8<sup>th</sup> annual program of the *1<sup>st</sup> Texas Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops-Warren W. White Chapter* will be held Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the *Buffalo Soldier National Museum*, 1834 Southmore in Houston. This event and organization was founded by the descendants of Pvt. Warren W. White in order to honor the legacy of the men who served and died for the United States during the Civil War. Private White served with Company K, *United States Colored Infantry* during the Civil War and later became a Buffalo Soldier during the Indian Wars.

This event should be held on *Freedom Fighters Founders Day* (May 22, 1863), the day President Abraham Lincoln created the *Bureau of United States Colored Troops*. That act authorized Negroes to serve in The United States military. Prior to that date, Negroes could only serve in support jobs and were classified as "volunteers". Please plan to join us at the museum on Saturday for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Steve Holmes* - Camp Commander

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## Membership Muster

### Camp Member

**Dr. Stevenson T. Holmes** – *Commander*  
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**Mr. Riley L. Mason +**  
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 Mr. Faber F. McMullen III  
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 Mr. Harrison G. Moore IV ~ \* *Graves Registr. Officer*  
 Mr. Gene P. Munson  
 Mr. Thomas H. Penney  
 Mr. James R. Perry  
 Mr. Timothy Phillips  
**Mr. William A. Pollard + ^**  
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### Civil War Ancestor

Pvt. Warren W. White  
 Cpl. Erzelon (Zeal) Russell Mason  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cpl. Henry A. Sauter  
 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. Joseph Allen  
 Pvt. Isaac Duncan  
 Pvt. Andreas Pfothenhauer  
 Pvt. Edward Ebling  
 Pvt. Xavier Henkel  
 Cpl. Thadeus Hendrickson  
 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton  
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 Pvt. Robert Milton Hart  
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 Pvt. Philip Jacob Appfel  
 Master at Arms Edwd S. Herford  
 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. 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**  
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 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. Samuel Bacon  
 Chaplain Francis M. Byrd  
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### Service Unit

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

Co. F, 47<sup>th</sup> Regt., Indiana Infantry  
 Co. B, 52<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 Co. F, 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 Co. A, 76<sup>th</sup> Enrolled MO Military Regt.  
 Co. A, 38<sup>th</sup> Regt. Illinois Infantry  
 Co. F, 144<sup>th</sup> Regt., Indiana Vol. Infantry  
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Co. F, 142<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Ohio Infantry  
 Co. H, 122<sup>nd</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry  
 Co. I, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Maine Infantry  
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Co. F, 86<sup>th</sup> Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry  
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Inf.  
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Co. K, 59<sup>th</sup> Regt., Indiana, Infantry  
 Co. D, 48<sup>th</sup> Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry  
 Co. M, 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri State Militia, Cav.  
 Co. F, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Missouri Infantry  
 Co. C, 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 Co. C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Infantry  
 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Mounted Infantry  
 Co. G, 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment Missouri Infantry  
 Co. C, 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Tennessee Vol. Infantry  
 Co. K, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 Co. H, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment, West Virginia Inf.  
 Co. A, 46<sup>th</sup> Regt. Iowa Volunteer Infantry  
 U.S.N.

Co. B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Minnesota Infantry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Texas Cavalry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. Texas Cavalry  
 54<sup>th</sup> Regt. Indiana Infantry  
 Co. B, 135<sup>th</sup> Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.  
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Co E, 12<sup>th</sup>-Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> MO State Milit. Cav.  
 Co. F, 12<sup>th</sup> Regt IN Inf.-Co. E, 59<sup>th</sup> IN Inf.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
 Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. West Virginia Infantry  
 6<sup>th</sup> Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols  
 6<sup>th</sup> Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols  
 6<sup>th</sup> Indep. Batty Lt. Artillery, IN Vols  
 Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry  
 Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry  
 Co. H, 14<sup>th</sup> Reg. Wisconsin Infantry  
**Co E, 12<sup>th</sup>-Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> MO State Milit. Cav.**  
**Co E, 12<sup>th</sup>-Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> MO State Milit. Cav.**  
 Co. A, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Infantry  
 Co. M, 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry  
 Co. K, 63<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry  
 Co. K, 63<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry  
 Co. K, 126<sup>th</sup> Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.  
 Co. G, 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry  
 Co. C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Wisconsin Infantry  
 Co. B, 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry  
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 Co. E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Mounted Infantry  
 Co. H, 91<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Indiana Inf.  
 184<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Infantry  
 103<sup>rd</sup> Regiment New York Infantry  
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### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Volunteers  
 Shields' 19<sup>th</sup> Indep Batt Ohio Light Arty.  
 Co. C, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Infantry  
 Co. A, 88<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Infantry  
 Co. F, 171<sup>st</sup> Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry  
 Co. M, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, New York Cavalry  
 Co. F, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Excelsior Brigade  
 Co. H, 44<sup>th</sup> Regt. New York Infantry  
 Co. F, 74<sup>th</sup> Regt. NY Inf., Co. H, 40<sup>th</sup> NY  
 Co. G, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Indiana Infantry  
 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Nebraska Infantry  
 USS *Glasgow*, U.S. Navy  
 Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Btn Tenn. Light Artillery  
 Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Btn Tenn. Light Artillery  
 Co. I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry  
 Co. D, Bracketts Btn, Minn. Cavalry  
 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Commander Holmes mentioned how time seems to fly by - and I readily concur that it does, indeed! We are nearing the halfway point in the year and this is only the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the *Harriet Lane* distributed for 2012. A little catching up is in order. Therefore, this issue is more of a 'look back' at the early months of the year. The next, soon to be released, issue will focus on more 'current' Camp events!



First, I would like to extend compliments and a tip of the Kepi to Brother Colley for his excellent and interesting Civil War ancestor article (*see page 5*). I asked him for a few sentences, and he instead surprised me with a beautiful well-written narrative. Well done, Brother Colley!

Secondly, I want to extend extreme kudos on behalf of the entire Camp to all the Brothers who have volunteered for and performed Jr. ROTC award/medal presentations to deserving area cadets. These gentlemen operate quietly, often singly, behind the scenes - extending the message and ideals of our Order out in the public arena. Many thanks to all of you!

Lastly, I have saved a few kind words for the Brothers who continue to step forward to entertain and enlighten us with interesting presentations after the monthly Camp meetings. Thank you Brother LaBrot (February - *Gettysburg Cyclorama*)! Thank you Brother Burdett (March - *Texas at the Beginning of the Civil War*)! Thank you Brother Hackett (April - *Warships of the Civil War*, illustrated by model replicas)! The legacy continues in June!

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

## Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
19 May 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> annual program of the 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Texas Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops - Warren W. White Chapter</i> Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Buffalo Soldier National Museum 1834 Southmore, Houston, TX
2 Jun 2012	2012 Department of Texas Encampment Time: 11 a.m.	University of Texas at Arlington 701 S. Nedderman Dr., Arlington, TX
11 Jun 2012	Monthly Meeting: 7pm Speaker: James Hackett ( <i>Warships: From the Spanish-American War to Dreadnoughts, Illustrated by Models</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

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* SUVCW Department of Texas website		<a href="http://www.txsv.org">http://www.txsv.org</a>
* SUVCW National website		<a href="http://www.suvcw.org">http://www.suvcw.org</a>
* Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 – DUVCW		<a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~txseeduv">http://www.rootsweb.com/~txseeduv</a>
* National Auxiliary to the SUVCW		<a href="http://www.asuvcw.org">http://www.asuvcw.org</a>
* Sons of Veterans Reserve		<a href="http://www.suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm">http://www.suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm</a>

## New Members

### *Introducing:* **William Allen Pollard**

Please join me in welcoming new Associate Camp member William A. Pollard. He joins the Camp temporarily as an associate member. He expects to soon submit complete documentation of his Civil War ancestor. Welcome, Brother Pollard!

"I was born and raised right here in Texas. I grew up in Hitchcock, Texas where I graduated from Hitchcock High School. Following high school, I joined the Houston Fire Department, as a Fire Cadet at the Houston Fire Academy. I've been employed by the Houston Fire Department for 37½ years, where I was a Firefighter, Paramedic, and now currently an Engineer/Operator (Driver), driving Engine Company 70 on the Southeast side of Houston.

I married my childhood sweetheart, Norma, whom I met while in Cub Scouts. Her mother was my Den Mother. We have 3 great-children and 3 fantastic grandchildren.

I enjoy model railroading and am a member of the *Galveston County Model Railroad Club* in Texas City. I model in the HO scale and dabble in the N scale.

I am also a guest instructor at *Texas A&M Annual Municipal Fire Training School* in College Station instructing "Pump Operations" to firefighters from all over Texas and the US.

I became interested in the *SUVCW* from Norma's association with the Auxiliary. My interest has led me to learning more about our families' genealogy and a deeper interest in the history of The War Between the States. I have always had an interest in the Civil War but finding out that my family had directly participated has heightened my interest.

I actually have 3 great-great-grandfathers that were Union Veterans of the Civil War, including my great-great-grandfather Jacob P. Kinney - He was a Corporal & Sergeant in Company E & F in the 77<sup>th</sup> *Ohio Volunteer Infantry* (which later became the *Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry*). He was captured by the CSA at the battle of Marks Mills in Arkansas. He was sent as a POW to Camp Ford in Tyler, Texas and stayed there until he was paroled at the Red River Station in Louisiana. He was originally supposed to be sent to New Orleans but was diverted to the Red River Station. After his parole, he returned to his unit but was soon discharged. I am using Jacob P. Kinney as my ancestral link to the *SUVCW*. I have documents of his service records and have requested his pension record which has not arrived yet. When it arrives, I will submit my application for regular membership to the *SUVCW*.

By the way, Norma's ancestor, Private William Sheldon Robinson of *Co. A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Cavalry*, was also captured at the Marks Mills, Arkansas - and was also sent to Camp Ford, but he was later transferred to Camp Groce (Liendo Plantation) in Hempstead, Texas. Private William A. Sheldon was honored last year on Flag Day in Hitchcock, Texas. I remember that you [Brother Michael Lance] were there as a member of the *SUVCW* Honor Guard and you were assigned to guard his grave that afternoon.

My great-great-grandfather Marshal Y. McBee was a Private in Company D, E, & F of the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Missouri Cavalry* and Company A of the 11<sup>th</sup> *Missouri Cavalry*. I have not received his complete service record or pension file yet.

My great-great-grandfather, Thomas W. Strickland, was a Private in Company B & C of the 6<sup>th</sup> *Missouri Infantry*. I have not received his complete service record or pension file yet either.

My great-great-grandfather, Allen Hubert Pollard, served during the Civil War in Company G of the 46<sup>th</sup> *Enrolled Missouri Militia*, but was not considered a Union Soldier and thus was not eligible for a pension from the USA. Records indicate that he was activated at least 3 times and at one of the activations he was disabled and sent home." ... *Bill Pollard*

*Introducing:* **Elliot Scott Mason**

Please join me in welcoming new Camp member Elliot Scott Mason. He joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his ancestor, Hospital Steward Louis Laborot, who served with *Co E, 12<sup>th</sup> and Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri State Militia Cavalry*. Brother Mason is also a grandson of current Department Commander and PCC, David LaBrot. Welcome, Brother Mason!

*Introducing:* **Riley Lane Mason**

Please join me in welcoming new Camp member Riley Lane Mason. He joins the Camp based on the Civil War service of his ancestor, Hospital Steward Louis Laborot, who served with *Co E, 12<sup>th</sup> and Co L, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri State Militia Cavalry*. Brother Mason is also a grandson of current Department Commander and PCC, David LaBrot. Welcome, Brother Mason!

*Introducing:* **Shawn Patrick Cleary**

Please join me in welcoming new Associate Camp member Shawn Patrick Cleary. Brother Cleary, a student, joins the Camp temporarily as an associate member. His Civil War ancestor was his 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Ephraim Clendenin of Illinois. Welcome, Brother Cleary!

Ancestor Profile – David Winn

David Winn was born April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1845 in southern Indiana to Kentucky-born William Mathis Winn and Sarah Bloyd Dome. William Mathis Winn, or Uncle Billy Winn as he was affectionately known, served as a schoolteacher and Methodist preacher for the local community. As if that wasn't enough, according to the 1850 United States Federal Census, his primary trade was listed as blacksmithing! Clearly he was a man who was possessed of many talents. He had a long, flowing beard that surely caused him to stand out in New Salisbury, Indiana, the town in which they chose to start a family. A relative of ours long since dead, Charles N. Dome, described him thusly:

*Our church house at New Salisbury was erected in 1871 and Uncle Billy Winn was our first Sunday school superintendent and a local preacher. He was of medium height and stocky built and at this time was well advanced in years. He had a long flowing white beard that covered his entire face, reaching well down over his breast. He was fluent in speech and had the habit of emphasizing his talk by slightly causing his beard to ripple from side to side as his eloquence broke forth.*

*We held our Sunday school at 9 o'clock in the morning and at its close every other Sunday, he would announce that he would preach that afternoon at Whitten Chapel, "God permitting." The good old man would walk all the way there and preach and then foot it back home.*

*He was a man of considerable will power. I heard old folks say that during his early manhood he was rather fond of drink and would become quite drunk. One morning after sobering up, he took a nail and drove it partly in the casing above the door and then saying to his family, "When that nail blooms, I'll take another drink." The nail never bloomed and he kept his word.*

Uncle Billy died in 1880 and Whitten Chapel was torn down shortly after that.

The Winns were said to have originally come from Wales where they were described by Mary Winn, one of David's siblings, as being "titled people." David's mother, Sarah Bloyd Dome, on the other hand, came from hearty German stock. Her parents and great-grandparents on both her mother's and father's sides hailed from Germany and settled in places like Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. Dohms, Sommers', Reidenours, and Hildebrands are all surnames that populate those branches of our family tree. Sarah's father, Joseph Dome, fought in the Indian Wars of the time. Mary Winn describes some of her mother's family here:

*Grandfather's name was Joseph Dome and Grandmother's name was Mary Summers. Grandfather Dome was an old soldier in the Indian Wars, a spy for a long time. His brother, my uncle, was killed by the Indians in one of our northern states. They scalped him and struck him across the mouth with a tomahawk. The people in that part of the country, every Indian they killed, they gave them the same lick and would say, "Damn you I will give you Dome's mark."*

After settling in southern Indiana, William and Sarah Winn then proceeded to start their family and a big family it turned out to be. David was one of eleven children, three of whom (John, Sarah Jane, and Joseph) died when they were quite young. Due to these deaths and the simple order in which he was born, it seems David became

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the middle child of the family. Due to a lack of family letters, records, and other such mementos, we can only guess at what his early life must have been like. I imagine that growing up under the guidance of parents who had been hardened by years of frontier life must have been difficult. Given that his father was not only a hard worker, but well-read as well, he must have expected much of David and his siblings. But, that kind of life was extremely common for the time and I'm sure that David, having lived his whole life without venturing too far outside of Harrison County, Indiana, yearned for the sort of adventure one could only read about in books or hear about from community elders. Eight days after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Fort Sumter was shelled by Confederate forces, signaling the beginning of the American Civil War but also giving David the opportunity to embark on a real adventure, one that would surely be the defining event of his lifetime.

Eight months later, after the Union disaster at the *First Battle of Bull Run* (or as the Confederates referred to it, *First Manassas*), David enlisted as a private in Company K of the *59<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment* for a period of three years. He did so in Corydon, Indiana, about an hour's ride south of New Salisbury. However, he wasn't alone in his endeavor. His two older brothers, William and Thomas both enlisted with him. They were thus spared the pains of separation and were able to go off to fight buoyed by the knowledge that their bonds as brothers would keep their spirits high and their hearts full as they marched off into the great unknown, still knowing nothing of war, destruction, or death.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Indiana saw its fair share of fighting during the next few years. It was first attached to General Pope's Army of the Mississippi where they were used to take strategic points along the Mississippi River, like New Madrid and Island Number Ten, in conjunction with U.S. naval forces in the form of armored gunboats. Later, David participated in the Siege of Corinth, following the Battle of Shiloh. As they marched onward towards the site of conflict, David, Thomas, and William must have received their first glimpse of the horrors of war as they moved through rear lines surely riddled with medical tents containing thousands of dead and wounded. Following the *Battle of Shiloh* there was a combined total of 23,741 casualties on both sides. At that time, in terms of total casualties it was the costliest American conflict of all time, surpassing the casualty figures of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Mexican-American War combined. There were many Indianans who participated in that bloody battle, but fortunately for them and their descendants, the Winn boys were not among them.

The next year, in April of 1863, the 59<sup>th</sup> Indiana was heavily involved in the Vicksburg Campaign after having been transferred to the *Army of the Tennessee*, led by none other than Ulysses S. Grant. David fought at the Battles of Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and finally Vicksburg, where Union forces set to besieging the city. Little did he know that there, trapped behind Vicksburg's fortifications, was our 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather on Grandad's (Richard Gholston) side, Waights Elias Gibbs, a Confederate supply officer in the 35<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Volunteers from Lowndes County, Mississippi. Sometime during May of 1863, perhaps during one of the assaults on Vicksburg itself, David Winn was wounded, with the nature of the wound(s) left unstated on the official report.

Meanwhile, back in southern Indiana, the war that must have seemed so distant to David's family came dangerously close to home with the incursion of Confederate general John Hunt Morgan and his cavalry division into southern Indiana in July of 1863. Locals were rallied throughout the area to construct defenses against the impending raid and form themselves into makeshift fighting units under the command of Indiana Legion officers, should they be required to engage in combat. The Confederates raiders made it as far north as Corydon, just seven miles south of New Salisbury, a community within Jackson Township where the Winns resided. There the *Battle of Corydon* was fought, with a few hundred Indiana militiamen and locals forced to defend their town against nearly two thousand handpicked Confederate cavalymen. A valiant effort was made to halt their advance but their lines were quickly flanked and their forces routed. The town and much of the surrounding area were plundered. At some point in time following the raid, General Morgan read the local paper describing the Confederate defeats at Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Shortly thereafter, quickly realizing that his division was in a terrible position with Lee's army retreating from Pennsylvania, General Morgan led his division out of Indiana through Ohio in an attempt to reconnect with Confederate forces across the Ohio River. If William Mathis Winn and some of his younger sons didn't contribute to the common defense of Corydon, surely they knew people who did. And even if they didn't directly participate in the hostilities, Confederate forces seven miles from New Salisbury must have seemed as if they were right next door, far too close for comfort. When the Winn boys, far from home, eventually learned of Morgan's Raid, their feelings of shock, concern, and anger must have been overwhelming. All of them must have surely channeled their feelings into their new profession: soldiering.

From the end of 1863 until the last few months of 1864, the 59<sup>th</sup> Indiana was placed on duty not only in the aforementioned Vicksburg, Mississippi, but also in places like Bridgeport and Huntsville, AL, and Chattanooga, TN.

A soldier named Hiram Elliot in Company E of the 59th Indiana wrote these thoughts in his diary during this period of down time for the regiment:

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David Winn

(4/29/64 - Huntsville, Alabama) We have a very good time here but I don't think we will get to stay here much longer. I think that we will have to face the music before long.

(11/15/64 - Atlanta?) I don't think the war will last much longer for Old Abe is elected and the rebs is a trembling about it...

Perhaps David shared similar sentiments. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1864 his regiment's guard duty came to an end. Three days later, David and his brothers would take part in one of the most controversial campaigns conducted by the Union Army during the Civil War: General William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea. The following quotes attributed to Sherman give some sense of the grand strategy he employed to cripple the South during the last couple of months of 1865:

*I would make this war as severe as possible, and show no symptoms of tiring till the South begs for mercy.*

*If the people raise a great howl against my barbarity and cruelty, I will answer that war is war, and not popularity seeking.*

*War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueler it is, the sooner it will be over.*

*This war differs from other wars, in this particular. We are not fighting armies but a hostile people, and must make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war.*

Following the battle and subsequent conquest of Atlanta, Sherman and Grant believed that the quickest way to end the war was to bring the effects of war to the civilian population. Once felt, they thought that the Confederate leadership would capitulate quickly once the South's willingness to wage war was equally as decimated as its physical capacity to do so. In what has since become known as the doctrine of total war, Sherman commanded Union forces to destroy every conceivable piece of infrastructure in their path as they pushed southeast through Georgia seeking to cut the South in half once again, having already done so once before by seizing control of the Mississippi River. Soldiers burned crops, barns, houses, and buildings to the ground; killed off livestock; and crippled the South's railroad infrastructure by destroying railway rails in such a way that they earned the nickname "Sherman's neckties."

I've always wondered how strongly taking part in this campaign affected young David, who was only 19 years old at the time. Did he see it as some sort of revenge for Morgan's Raid, the news of which he'd undoubtedly heard by now? Or, did he see the orders his unit was asked to carry out as terribly excessive and morally reprehensible? Perhaps he saw it as both or perhaps he saw it as neither, but we'll never know for sure. Ultimately, it did help bring an end to the war, but at a terrible cost. Sherman's March to the Sea came to a close, following the surrender of Savannah, Georgia on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1864. At the end of the war, Sherman penned this now famous quote in a letter.

*I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell.*

After the *March to the Sea*, David's regiment was ordered northwards where he fought in the Campaign of the Carolinas from January to April of 1865. Similar to the March to the Sea, Sherman's army's movement north left a trail of destruction behind them. Once again, our ancestors' paths crossed one another. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather on Grandad's side, Gilbert Clark Gholston, fought opposite David Winn at the Battle of Bentonville as part of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Volunteer Regiment. From Columbia to Bentonville, David eventually pressed on to Raleigh. The day before the 59<sup>th</sup> made their advance to the city, Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of North Virginia to Ulysses S. Grant at the McLean House near Appomattox Court House. President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth five days later on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865, dying of his injuries the next morning. Facing Sherman in the Carolinas, Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston, realizing that no more could be done, surrendered the Army of the Tennessee to Sherman a little over two weeks later on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1865. Several days after Johnston's formal surrender the war having coming to a close, David, along with the rest of his regiment, marched to Washington D.C. The boy who had never left Indiana was now a veteran in the capital of the Union he had fought so hard to preserve. It must have been bittersweet for him getting to experience one of the most modern, developed cities in the world and all

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the amenities it had to offer knowing that his opportunity to experience all of it was bought at the cost of dead friends, dead compatriots, and the dead Southerners that were, always and once again, fellow Americans.

David's Civil War service was punctuated by the *Grand Review of the Armies* in Washington D.C. The *Army of the Potomac*, the *Army of the Tennessee*, and the *Army of Georgia* marched through the streets of the capital where they were greeted by throngs of citizens cheering and celebrating the end of the war and the safe return of their boys in blue. President Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, and other senior military and political leaders were staged in front of the White House at the reviewing stand where David eventually marched past, giving him a glimpse of the President of the United States. Sadness was sure to have penetrated these moments, as he was also doubtless reminded of the absence of Old Abe on the reviewing stand. From there, David's unit moved to Louisville, Kentucky sometime in June. Finally, on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1865, three and a half years after they had originally enlisted, the 59<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment was mustered out. David, Thomas, and William could finally return home.

David, Thomas, and William Winn returned home to Harrison County, Indiana, where they were most certain to have received a hero's welcome from their family, friends, and fellow townspeople. Imagine the stories they must have been able to tell these people! Thomas, having married prior to his enlistment, was surely overjoyed to be reunited with his wife, Elizabeth Bines. After tears were shed, kisses were firmly planted on cheeks, and toasts were raised, life continued on as it had for generations prior. David must have felt the same strange feelings that all veterans experience upon returning home after extended tours of duty. One's existence is plagued by questions like, "What am I to do?" and "Where do I begin?" For David, whose early adult life had seen soldiering as his primary occupation, how was he to forge a new way forward when the former tools of his trade ceased to possess any sort of useful applications in civilian life?

But, life goes on and David did what he had to do to make a living for himself. Several years after the war, he met a girl. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1868, he married that girl. That girl is our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandmother, Nancy Deweese. A year later, she gave birth to Oliver Ellsworth Winn (O.E. Winn) who would grow up to become, in the words of Charity Rector's (O.E.'s future wife) uncle Matthew Boggs, a "noble looking man." O.E.'s younger sister, Clara Mae, was born two years later. According to the 1870 United States Federal Census, David occupied himself as a farmer. Their house must have been somewhat lively because listed as living with them at the time were Nancy's brothers, Thomas Benton Deweese and James W. Deweese, both young schoolteachers. Sadly, the children's mother, Nancy, died a year later in 1871 and she was followed in death by David in 1880, leaving twelve year old Oliver and ten year old Clara in the care of their uncle, Thomas Winn. David was 35 and Nancy was only 26.

It's difficult writing about David because, apart from census records and his Civil War service record from the National Archives, there is very little information about him. His death itself is difficult to pin down! I don't have any old letters or family lore to draw from, so I've tried to flesh out his life as best I can in order to give some idea of what he experienced. I hope that through this process of illustrating his experiences and placing his life within a historical context, we're better able to construct David as he was. Even though we all eventually pass away, we never truly fade into the ether as long as the imprints and memories we've left on others still exist. In this way, I hope to resurrect David for our family by remembering him again and creating a space for him within our own hearts and minds, so that his life, his experiences, and his relationships aren't relegated to the dustbin of history where so many forgotten souls become ghosts of paper and ink. Or, as my mom often says, "It would be the saddest thing in the world if years from now my picture ends up as an anonymous photograph hanging on the wall of a Cracker Barrel."

....Submitted by Brother Richard Colley

*Note: As the story above illustrates, Brother Colley joined the Camp based on the Civil War service of his the 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather, Private David Winn, who served with Company K, 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Indiana Infantry.*

*As a side-note, my Civil War Ancestor, Finas Euen Lance, served as a Private with Company E of the same Indiana regiment for a short period and was mustered out on the exact same July day as was Private Winn. However, while at Louisville, Private Lance was hospitalized for a time before being fit to return to his family and home in Warrick County, Indiana. His ailment - constipation! .... Michael L. Lance - Editor*



January 7, 2012

As is Camp tradition, the annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration Ceremony* was held at the historic Episcopal Church Cemetery in Galveston, Texas. The following photos visually portray the event.



The ceremony was conducted adjacent to the final resting place of our Camp's namesake, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN. His grave marker was adorned with the accoutrements of the soldier and flanked by the Colors. It was also later decorated with roses and wreaths during the ceremony.

A mostly blue sky and a pleasant temperature made the event very enjoyable and successful.

*Left: Grave marker of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN*



The ceremony included the presence of elements of the *John Bell Hood Camp SCV* of Galveston. They supplied a well-disciplined and respectful Color Guard. The SCV unit marched into position prior to the entrance of the Union contingent and the posting of the Colors.

*Left: The John Bell Hood Camp SCV Color Guard marches into position.*

The Union Color Guard marched in just behind the SCV unit. They were led by Camp Secretary/Treasurer Gary White (National Colors), followed by SVC Steve Holmes (Camp Colors), PCC James Hackett (Department Colors), Michael Lance (musket), Cmdr. Samuel Hampton (musket), and JVC David Daniels (musket).

The marching cadence of the Union Color Guard was enhanced by expert piccolo playing by Brother Steve Duncan.

*Union Color Guard L-R: Gary White, Steve Holmes, James Hackett, Michael Lance, Samuel Hampton, and David Daniels. Bugler Dana Read stands at the far right.*



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Battle of Galveston Commemoration (continued)



L-R: Brothers David Daniels, Samuel Hampton, and Michael Lance march past Brother Steve Duncan who plays the piccolo.



Posting of the Colors

L-R: Brothers Holmes, White, and Hackett. Brother Lance, leading the musket party, halted at the far right.



L-R: David Daniels, Samuel Hampton, and Michael Lance stand at parade rest while Dept. Cmdr. David LaBrot offers the Ceremonial speech under the canopy.



JVC Thomas Coughlin observes. SCV Color Guard at attention in the background.



Brother Hackett relates the last moments of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea's life following the *Battle of Galveston*.

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Brother Duncan presents the musket from Lea's grave to Brother Lance for the musket salute.



Battle of Galveston Commemoration (continued)



Left: The Musket Salute sends a cloud of smoke over Lt. Cmdr. Lea's grave!



Right: Bugler Dana Read plays Taps.

The weather was not the only beautiful aspect of the ceremony. The ladies of the *Auxiliary* were gorgeous in their period attire. They also participated in the ceremonial laying of roses and wreaths.



L-R: Auxiliary President Vali Reyes, Paige Anderson, and Emma Valdes.



L-R: Mrs. Coughlin, Linda LaBrot, Mrs. Holmes, and Emma Valdes.



Left: Texas Historical Marker installed at the grave of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea U.S.N. tells his story.



Right: Grave marker of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea U.S.N.

... Respectfully submitted by Michael Lance  
 ... Photos contributed by Sisters Emma Valdes, Betty Hampton, and Linda LaBrot.



Camp Meeting – January 7, 2012

Immediately following the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration Ceremony* at the Episcopal Church Cemetery in Galveston, the monthly Camp business meeting was convened at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Galveston's Seawall Blvd. The featured events at the meeting were the initiation of new member, Conrad Schneider, and the installation of Camp officers for 2012 by Department Commander David LaBrot.



Brother John Schneider pins a membership badge on his son, new member Conrad Schneider.



L-R: SVC David Daniels, Cmdr. Steve Holmes, JVC Tom Coughlin, Secr/Treas Gary White, & Dept Cmdr. David LaBrot



L-R: SVC David Daniels, Council Michael Lance, JVC Tom Coughlin, Cmdr. Steve Holms, and Secr/Treas Gary White



Betty Hampton (*Auxiliary*) pins a Past Camp Cmdr's badge on her husband, Samuel Hampton.



Mrs. Holmes pins a Cmdr's badge on her husband, Camp Commander Steve Holmes.



Dept Cmdr. David LaBrot presents the gavel to new Camp Commander, Steve Holmes.





### Bobby Gant

"I first met Bobby Gant at the *Texian Market Days* event at George Ranch in October 2002. Bobby was one of the first members of the 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. I met. He lent me the leather gear, cartridges and caps for the event. It started me as a Civil War re-enactor. Since then Bobby has been one of the most active members of our organization. He was with us at the Galveston event this January.

L-R: Bobby Gant and Brother Dale Leach

Bobby freely lent new re-enactors the gear to help them get started in the hobby. In addition, he volunteered to be the company cook at the events he attended and he provided a trailer for the company to

haul gear to events like Wilson's Creek last August.

Around the camp fire, Bobby entertained us with great stories including his days as a Kamikaze Rugby player and the collection of Civil War cannon balls he and his brother amassed while they grew up. The best story was of the disastrous vacation trip his family took. It would have made a terrific movie.

I will miss Bobby very much. I find it hard to realize he won't be around the camp fire again. He will be missed." ....Howard Rose – Co A, 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Regiment



Bobby Gant on far right side next to cannon



Bobby Gant had a very impressive funeral attended by many friends and several heritage organizations. He will be missed by many.

Co. A, 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment - 2<sup>nd</sup> from left is SVC David Daniels, 4<sup>th</sup> from left is Brother Bob Lockwood, 5<sup>th</sup> from left is the late Bobby Gant, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right is Brother Dale Leach, and on the far right is Howard Rose.

....Submitted by SVC David Daniels  
....photos by Ed Krempel

### Howard Secor

The following note informed us of the passing of Brother Harold Secor.

Dear Mr. Lance:  
My name is Jessie Driscoll, daughter of Harold Secor, one of your members. It is with great sadness that I must report that Harold Secor died Nov 26, 2011. He thoroughly enjoyed the Hannet Lane newsletter.  
Sincerely  
Jessie Driscoll

.... Submitted by Michael Lance

**Special Day of Civil War-Related Programs and Events**

Presentations will take place Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Julia Ideson Building, Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney St. (across the plaza from the Central Library). Light refreshments will be provided. No reservations are required. Parking is available for a nominal fee in the underground parking beneath the Central Library. All sessions are FREE and open to the public. For more information call 832-393-2600. The scheduled topics include:

- 10:30 a.m. – *Civil War Confederate Records* – Overview of the records that are available for research about the 'Boys in Grey'.
- 11:45 a.m. – *Civil War Pensions* – Payment of pensions can be a rich source of information regarding the service during, and the life of the pensioner after the War. The records and repositories will be highlighted.
- 1:00 p.m. – *Medical Records in the Civil War* – A deeper look into the individual Civil War soldier's history and stories regarding their service in the war. A peek into the harsher side of the conflict.
- 2:30 p.m. – Robin Oliveira speaks about her work of historical fiction, *My Name is Sutter*. The book explores the dedication and devotion of Civil war nurses and doctors.

.....submitted by JVC Tom Coughlin

**Depart. Order No. VII - SERIES 2011-2012 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of TX**

David K. LaBrot, Commander

The 2012 Department of Texas Encampment will convene Saturday, June 2, 2012, at exactly 11 a.m. in the Hall of Honor, College Hall, Department of Military Science, on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington, 701 S. Nedderman Drive, Arlington, Texas 76019. Driving directions are as follows:

- From Interstate 20: Take S. Cooper exit North to UTA Boulevard. Turn right (East) 3 blocks to parking lot F12 to park.
- From Interstate 30: Take S. Cooper exit South to UTA Boulevard. Turn left (East) 3 blocks to parking lot F12 to park.

Tentative Encampment Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. - Gathering and Fellowship-Coffee
- 10:30 a.m. - Committee Meetings
- 11:00 a.m. - Encampment Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. - Encampment meeting reconvenes if necessary.

Nat'l SUVCW Chaplain, Brother Jerry Kowalski, will be our honored guest representing Nat'l C-in-C Donald Palmer.

**Sesquicentennial Exhibit – Bryan, Texas**

Dear Brothers:

You may recall my mentioning about two years ago that the *Sul Ross Camp 145*, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Bryan, Texas approached the African-American Museum in Bryan with an offer to create a Sesquicentennial exhibit honoring the service of African-Americans in both the Confederate and Union armies during the War Between the States. After long consideration, the offer has been accepted, and we are in the process of creating the exhibit. The exhibit will consist of two African-American mannequins in full uniform, one Confederate and one Union, with all appropriate equipment, flags representing each side, and an audio/video kiosk that will be loaned by the Bush Museum, with three programs. Each program will include an audio recording of a script, with an accompanying slide show. The first program will discuss the causes of the war, the second will describe the role played by African-Americans in the U.S. Army and the third concerning the role of African-Americans in the Confederate Army.

It is anticipated that the exhibit will be on display six months. They are asking that it be available around the first of the year. We hope to be able to borrow appropriate mannequins. I and others will be loaning items for use in the exhibit, such as uniforms and each soldiers "kit" (i.e. musket, cartridge box, canteen, etc.) All such items should show use or wear, rather than be new. Items loaned will be secure in the Museum for the term of the exhibit.

We would like to ask for your assistance in this project. Appropriate acknowledgement will be given to all who support this effort, either as a group or as an individual. Would you be willing to take part in this sesquicentennial recognition of our respective ancestor's service during this tragic episode in our history? Please circulate this letter to your members and friends. If there are any questions, please contact me either by phone at (979) 229-3576, by e-mail at daveburdett@verizon.net, or by snail mail at 5137 Old Spanish Trail, Bryan, Texas 77807.

.....*Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty..... Dave Burdett*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Save Texas History Symposium: The Civil War in Texas: Death, Disease and Minié Balls

This event will be held Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Thompson Conference Center, on the campus of the University of Texas, Austin. You will be able to register online soon (not available yet). James Harkins will take your information by phone in advance at 512-463-3289 - Director of Public Services, Archives & Records, Texas General Land Office, [james.harkins@glo.texas.gov](mailto:james.harkins@glo.texas.gov).

Historical speakers will be Dr. Rick McCaslin, Dr. Don Frazier, Ed Cotham, Dr. Robert Maberry, Dr. Jerry Thompson, and Dr. Alexander Mendoza. Genealogical speakers include Mr. Kevin Klaus of the GLO, Sue Kaufman of the Clayton Library and TSGS, Mr. Charlie Gardes and Mr. Donaly Brice of the Texas State Library and Archives.

Registration cost is \$50 (or \$55 for registration with lunch). We are hoping everyone will choose the \$55 registration plus lunch since it will be all in one place. You can check this link for updates <http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/education-outreach/index.html>

....Submitted by JVC Tom Coughlin

### At The "Death Angle" by Charles A. Patch (Part 2 of 2)

Lee must hold back the Federal columns from his center or be annihilated, and he spurred his brave but exhausted army up to the work. In five successive charges did he endeavor to push back the gallant veterans from their hold on the angle, but they maintained their position in spite of all he could do.

Piled-up logs alone separated the combatants and these were being rapidly splintered into chips by the concentration of the furious storm of shot and shell, bullet and canister. Men fought almost hand to hand, firing, and stabbing with the bayonet, in each other's faces. Once the Confederate flag floated out with the wind until it could be grasped by a Federal soldier; the color-bearer rose to his feet clinging to the staff, and the Federal arose clinging to the flag; with disengaged hands they sought each other's life; both sides ceased firing to watch the conflict till finally the flag was torn from its staff and the victor, with shattered arm, was hailed with cheers.

For twenty hours death held high carnival about this bloody spot. The ground was literally covered with the slain, on both sides of the works; the incessant fire tore and mangled them. The Confederate trenches were slippery with blood, and the bodies, piled up several deep in them, had to be removed more than once to allow the living space to work. The charges and countercharges, the cheers and yells, the roar of artillery and the never-ending rattle of musketry with Heaven's deep voiced thunders rolling above the pouring rain, made a scene around this historic angle which has perhaps never been witnesses in warfare.

From dawn till dusk and from dusk till midnight the terrible tempest of shot and shell shrieked through the forests and plowed up the fields. But both sides held on to their positions with a courage nothing could subdue.

Behind these works stood the celebrated oak upon whose trunk the Confederate colors were lashed, causing it to become the center of such a furious rain of lead, that, although twenty-two inches in diameter, it was literally cut in twain, and in falling, injured many of the foe. This event stands unparalleled in the annals of war and will ever bear unquestioned witness to the hurricane of missiles that swept this fatal spot.

Near this angle also stood the abandoned gun which the Confederates determined should not be carried away; scarring its sides, gnawing away its spokes, shattering its hubs, the merciless bullets kept guard around it. No venturesome dash from either side could move it from its position. All other attempts proving futile, a battery was, at last, posted covering the piece and a rapid cannonade opened upon the enemy's riflemen. After a certain number of shots, the firing was suddenly stopped and a team of horses quickly run out, attached to the piece, and it was brought in triumph to the Union lines before the enemy, seeking shelter behind the works, could recover from their astonishment.

Such was the terrific struggle around this famous angle. No such slaughter occurred in the entire war in so limited an arena; over eight thousand men yielding up life or limb on one side or the other of its parapets. In the darkness of midnight, Lee withdrew to his second and still stronger line in the rear, and the "death-angle" with its bloody mementoes was left in Union hands.

So closed the real struggle of Spottsylvania. It had been but two weeks since the Army of the Potomac broke camp by the banks of the Rapidan, but a loss of 35,000 men had shown the impossibility of forcing Lee from his positions by direct advance, and on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the head of the column was again ordered to the left.

....Submitted by Michael Lance. Source: At the Death Angle, by Charles A. Patch, published in Magazine of American History Illustrated, pgs 176-179, edited by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, 30 Lafayette Place, New York, Aug 1886



At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012, the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 conducted their 5<sup>th</sup> annual *President's Tea and Civil War Presentations* in Dickinson, Texas. Auxiliary sisters welcomed special honored guest, National Auxiliary President Anne Jaster. It was a very successful and enjoyable event, and included more guests, participants, and organizations than in previous years. Period music was provided by Dana Read on Trumpet, and the piano/singing duo, Denise and Mike Charlston. Auxiliary President Vali Reyes acted as emcee.



The Tea began with a grand Promenade Procession, featuring the entrance of a Color Guard supplied by the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea SUV Camp, followed by the Girl Scouts of the *New Faith Church Flag Corp*, and then the Color Guard of the *John Bell Hood SCV Camp* - each presenting their Colors. After the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem, the Colors were posted and the Color Guards were dismissed.

**Left: The Union Color Guard marches in to post the Colors**

President Reyes then welcomed the assembly and introduced the various speakers, including: Auxiliary National President, Anne Jaster, Department Cmdr. David LaBrot, Camp Cmdr. Steve Holmes, PCC Brother Dean Letzring, and Camp Historian Michael Lance. The Civil War Presentations were varied and enjoyed by everyone.



**Pledge of Allegiance: The Girls Scouts line the center aisle, the SUV Color Guard is 'At Attention' in the left rear, and SCV Color Guard is stationed in the right foreground.**



Elegant Tea plates were served, which included potato soup and chicken and cucumber sandwiches. Carole Leach prepared her delicious chicken salad sandwiches and pumpkin bread which are always a favorite at the tea! Special desserts that were hand-prepared by Norma Pollard of the *Auxiliary* were served - to everyone's great enjoyment! Election Day Cake was served as a Special Taste of History.

**Left: PCC and Department Cmdr. David LaBrot gave a presentation which included a video.**

J'nean Henderson, *The Victorian Lady*, and her assistant, Katherine Gill, gave a Victorian demonstration of how to *Prepare, Serve and Partake of Afternoon Tea and the Language of the Fan*.

**Left: Camp Cmdr. Steve Holmes**

Also of interest were the static displays featuring a collection of vintage Ladies Medals, vintage post cards, and a beautiful quilt made by Sister Linda LaBrot for the Camp's yearly raffle.

**Right: Auxiliary National President Anne Jaster**

The sisters of the *Auxiliary* and volunteers worked very hard to make this year's tea a success. Planning has already begun for the 6<sup>th</sup> President's Tea scheduled for next Spring!



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Mr. & Mrs. Cmdr. Steve Holmes entry Promenade



PCC Dean Letzring gives a historical presentation.



Camp Chaplain Dale Leach



Brother Kurt Letzring carries Nat'l Colors - Promenade



Left: Vali with the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp Color guard:  
L-R: Michael Lance, Kurt Letzring, Dean Letzring, Dale Leach, Bill Pollard, and Samuel Hampton.



Right: This Scout had the honor of carrying the National Colors during the entry Promenade.



Bugler Dana Read



Ladies of the Auxiliary assemble behind President Vali Reyes



Michael Lance and Emma Valdes





Smiling happy faces on all the Girl Scouts. The *Auxiliary* volunteers did a wonderful job of decorating the room. All the tables were beautifully laid out – complete with flowers and red, white, and blue patriotic fans.

*Right:* Three Presidents were in attendance, including:

- Anne Jaster - Auxiliary National President
- Martha Class - President of Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4 DUVCW
- Vali Reyes - President of Sarah Emma Seelye Ladies Auxiliary #1

*Below:* The Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea U.S.N. #2 Color Guard retires after posting the Colors while the John Bell Hood SCV Camp Color Guard observes. The Girl Scouts of the New Faith Church Flag Corp stand at the sides of the walkway.



#### Upcoming Auxiliary Events

The Auxiliary will join VFW Gold Star Post 5400 of Santa Fe and help place flags on the veteran's graves at the Grace Memorial Cemetery on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year the *Auxiliary* has aided the Post.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>, the *Auxiliary* will join the Camp at the Houston National Veterans Cemetery service and attend various Memorial Day services.

Stars And Stripes Sock Drive - The Auxiliary's 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Stars and Sock Drive* for the patients at the Michael DeBakey Medical Center has begun. We will be collecting white crew socks all summer long! We hope to surpass the collections of previous years.

....Submitted by Auxiliary President Vali Reyes  
....Photographs by Andrea Warren Photography

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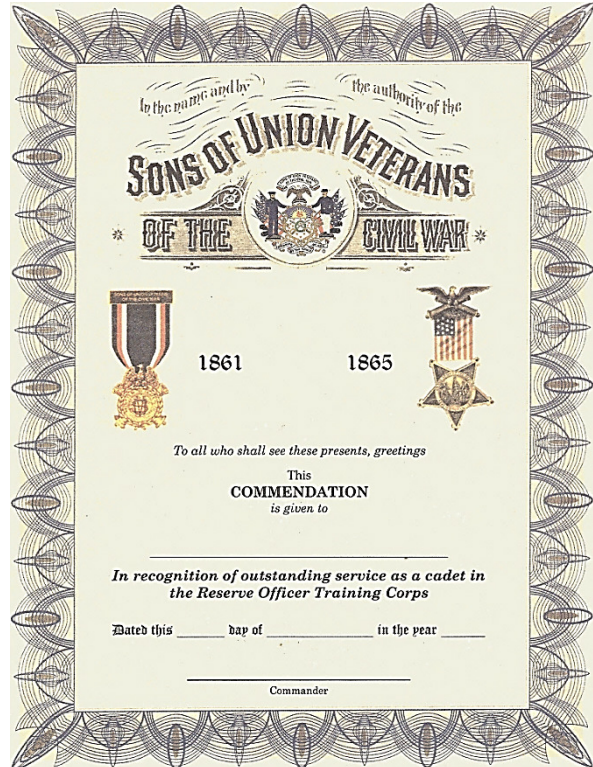
Auxiliary Membership Roster

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

Jr. ROTC Award Presentations



PCC James Hackett presenting the award to Cadet Christopher Jenne.



Sample of the Certificate

On April 21, 2012, PCC and Patriotic Instructor James Hackett presented a Jr. ROTC Award Certificate and badge to outstanding cadet, Christopher Jenne. The presentation was made at Foster High School in Richmond, Texas.

Brother Hackett has presented several awards during the past several years and consistently promotes the image and mission of the Camp and the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* in general.

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On April 19, 2012, Brother Stephen Duncan attended the AJROTC awards ceremony at Ball High School in Galveston, Texas. His mission was to present outstanding Cadet, Sgt. James Gaines, with a SUVCW certificate and medal. Brother Duncan reports that Cadet Gaines "is a fine young man and a Junior who will return as a Senior next year wearing our medal proudly all year long."

He also reports that "the Cadets were very polite and receptive. The Cadet and his fellow Cadets were quite impressed with the award and with the idea that he will be able to wear it all next year. After I made the presentation, I went back to my office and returned with a fan since the room was very hot. I think the parents were at least as impressed with the fan as with my uniform. Major Morrison commented on how practical we Civil War guys can be. And a good time was had by all."

*"Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect.  
We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves."*

**Ulysses S. Grant**  
(1822-1885)

18<sup>th</sup> U.S. President (1869-77)

Commander of the Union armies during the late years of the American Civil War