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From the Commander's Tent

A call for volunteers - There are a number of Camp activities that offer Brothers the opportunity to participate, share their knowledge, their skills and maybe even learn a thing or two. In my last 'From the Commander's Tent' message, I specifically mentioned that JVC Lance needs help with the Brother's Welfare Committee. Also, we are now approaching that time in the year when we start planning for our ROTC/JROTC Award presentations. SVC Pollard could use some help with that, especially from Brothers who would like to go out and personally make some presentations. We also need speakers for our upcoming monthly meetings in June 2016 through December 2016 (note that there is no monthly meeting in August). Speakers from outside the Camp membership are welcome and their participation is encouraged. Of course the preferred topic is one that has a focus on some aspect of the Civil War. Presentations on other military history events would also be appropriate. Anything related to the subject of genealogy is also of interest. Please feel free to contact me or one of the other Camp officers to further discuss how you can participate.



On September 20th, my wife and I left for a three week visit with our daughter and her family who live just outside Nashville, TN. While in the Nashville area, we were able to visit the *Stones River National Battlefield*, the *Belmont Mansion* and the *Belle Meade Plantation*. All three of these places had a role in the Civil War. Members of the Harding and Jackson families, founders and owners of *Belle Meade* through most of the 19th century and into the early 20th century, are distant cousins of my wife Kathryn. They have a common ancestor named Rene LaForce (b.1660 in France) who emigrated from Europe and settled in what became Goochland County, VA. Like many colonial Virginia families, descendants of Rene LaForce made their way west into what was then the frontier. John Harding the founder of *Belle Meade* was one of those pioneers. Some of the living descendants of the Harding/Jackson family are Kathryn's 7th cousins. However, a more notable genealogy exists in the line of stud horses that were bred at *Belle Meade*. Triple Crown winner Secretariat and many other horses can trace their lineage to Bonnie Scotland of *Belle Meade*.

While returning from Tennessee, we decided to stop for dinner at a Cracker Barrel just east of Little Rock. As we were just about finished eating, we engaged in conversation with the folks who were seated at a nearby table. The conversing continued as we lined up at the register, and that is when we found out that this couple had lived in Hitchcock, TX, but they now live in northeast Arkansas. As it turns out, the husband is a cousin of Sister Norma Pollard, wife of SVC William Pollard. Small world!

In F. C. & L,

Brother Coughlin

Camp Commander

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 Pvt. Jacob E. Brock
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 Pvt. Robert R. Campbell
 Pvt. Joseph Hess
 Pvt. Philip Jacob Apffel
 Pvt. Warren W. White
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 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield
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 Pvt. Edward J. Taylor
 Pvt. John A. Watts
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 Pvt. Michael M. Bean
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 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
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 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
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 Pvt. Wilson Keffer
 Pvt. Alexander McLain
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Service Unit

Co. A, 8th Battalion, DC Infantry
 Co. E, 77th Ohio Infantry
 Co F, 12th Regt. IN Inf., Co E, 59th IN Inf.
 Co. D, 1st Regt. New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. L, 4th Regt. New York Heavy Artillery

 Co. B, 52nd Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. L, 50th Regt. New York Engineers
 Co. F, 50th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. I, 6th Regt. PA Heavy Artillery
 Co. A, 38th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 144th Regt., Indiana Vol. Infantry
 Co. B, 69th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. F, 142nd Regt., Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd Regt. New York Vol. Infantry
 Co. C, 17th Regt. Kentucky Infantry
 Co. I, 15th Regt. Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. I, 15th Regt. Massachusetts Infantry
 Co. I, 12th Regt. Illinois Infantry
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 15th Regt., Maine Infantry
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 Co. H, 84th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Indep Co Trumbull Guards, Ohio Inf.
 Co. C, 203rd Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. E, 42nd Regt. Indiana Vol. Infantry
 85th Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. G, 86th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. G, 86th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. G, 86th Regt. Indiana Infantry
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 Co. K, 7th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. K, 1st Regt. Michigan Light Artillery
 Co. D, 48th Regt. Illinois Vol. Infantry
 Co. M, 4th Missouri State Militia, Cav.
 Co. F, 4th Regt. Missouri Infantry
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 Co. L, 5th Regt. Pennsylvania Cavalry
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co. C, 2nd Regt., Illinois Light Infantry
 Co. D, 13th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. B, 1st AL & TN Indepen. Vidette Cav.
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. G, 47th Regt. Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 4th Regt. Tennessee Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. E, Missouri Home Guard
 Co. E, 12th Regt. New Hampshire Infantry
 Co. H, 11th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. C, 101st Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. A, 46th Regt. Iowa Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
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 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 2nd Regt. Texas Cavalry
 Co. I, 126th New York Volunteer Infantry
 Indepen. Co., Trumbull Guards, OH Inf.
 Co. B/F, 2nd Regt. NC Mounted Cavalry
 Co. A, 2nd Regt. Arkansas Infantry
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
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 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 23rd Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 7th Regt. Michigan Cavalry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry

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Membership Muster (continued from previous page)

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 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
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 Pvt. Fernando Cortez Nichols
 Pvt. Michael Lewis McMullen
 Pvt. Harrison Monroe
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. William Moore
 Pvt. Joseph Stoner
 Pvt. Charles Bowden
 Pvt. Samuel Davis Hawkins
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 Pvt. William Elgie Woodcock
 Capt. William Sharpe
 Pvt. Andrew Walter
 Pvt. Frederick Crouse
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 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy
 Pvt. Charles Wilson
 Pvt. William Young
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Service Unit

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 Co. H, 14th Regt. Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 37th Illinois Volunteer Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co. E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 Co. A, 7th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. M, 13th Regt. Indiana Cavalry
 Co. C, 2nd KS Col Inf. (83rd U.S. Col Inf.)
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Regt. Ohio Vol. Infantry
 Co. K, 126th Regt. Pennsylvania Inf.
 Co. G, 37th US Colored Infantry
 Co. C, 15th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. A, 53rd Regt. Ohio Infantry
 6th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co. C, 3rd Regt. Wisconsin Infantry
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 Co. D, 104th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. E, 11th Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. K, 2nd Regt. Minnesota Infantry
 Co. A & H, 188th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 184th Regt. Ohio Infantry
 103rd Regt. New York Infantry
 Co. D, 9th Regt. Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Indep Batt. Ohio Light Arty.
 Co. C, 10th Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Co. A, 88th Regt. Ohio Infantry
 Co. F, 171st Regt. Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. M, 3rd Regt. New York Cavalry
 Co. F, 5th Regt. Excelsior Brigade
 Co. H, 39th Regt. Kentucky Infantry
 Co. F, 74th Regt. NY Inf., Co. H, 40th NY
 Co. G, 8th Regt. Indiana Infantry
 Co. H, 84th Regt. New York Infantry
 62nd Regt. Illinois Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Btn Tenn. Light Artillery
 Co. I, 3rd Regt. Kentucky Cavalry
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 Co. F, 1st Tennessee Mounted Infantry
 3rd Regt. Wisconsin Cavalry
 Co. D, 58th Regt. Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 22nd Regt. Indiana Infantry
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 Co. D, Bracketts Btn, Minn. Cavalry
 Co. D, 22nd Regt. New York Infantry
 30th Regt. Pennsylvania Militia
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Key: ~ *Charter Member*
 + *New Member*

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 ^ *Associate Member*

*** *Life Member*
 # *Honorary Member*

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Brothers,

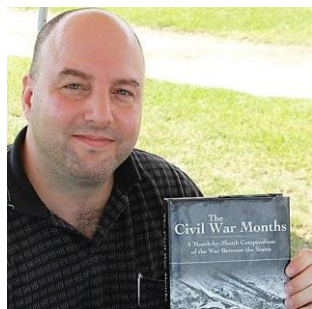
I hope everyone had a nice Christmas. The New Year is now upon us and the cooler weather of the season makes wearing the heavy blue wool much more comfortable....and sometimes even necessary! The annual *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* is a good example of a great time to have a heavy uniform! January 9th will soon be here – and since this event is a major activity of the Camp, I hope you are making plans to attend. Following the traditional commemoration ceremony at the *Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery* in Galveston, the Camp will reassemble at *The Original Mexican Restaurant* in Galveston for our January business meeting and lunch. The key feature of this meeting will be the installation of Camp officers for the 2016 term.



The *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp No. 2* continues to grow. Membership is at an all-time high. I encourage all new (and long-time) members to clear your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month in order to join us at our monthly meetings in Houston at the *Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant*. Good food, great camaraderie, sharing of Civil War and genealogical information, and interesting guest speakers will be your reward!

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Greetings!

As another year has gone by, let us take time to look back at all the fond memories we have of 2015 and look forward to a bountiful 2016. For Camp Lea, this last quarter of 2015 has been a good one. The camp raised a record \$513 from its annual quilt and sword raffle at the Civil War Weekend at Liendo Plantation in Hempstead, Texas on November 20-22. Throughout the weekend, Camp members invited visitors to learn about their genealogy and tour their heated tent, which came in handy when cold weather set in on the 22nd!

Camp members participated in the Wreaths Across America event at *Houston National Cemetery* on December 12. In spite of the rain, over 10 cargo trucks filled with wreaths arrived for volunteers to lay next to the graves of fallen soldiers. I didn't know until recently that Houston was second only to Arlington in the number of fallen veterans honored each year.

Also on December 12, Camp members along with members of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* held a hot chocolate Christmas brunch with veterans in the Nursing Home Unit at the *Michael DeBakey Medical Center* in Houston. Each veteran received a beautiful Christmas bag filled with much-needed items. The Auxiliary also held their 8th annual Sock and Blanket drive, using donations for the veterans' Christmas needs.

The New Year will mark the 155th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The first 3 months of 1861 included several events that led to the eventual armed conflict between the states, including:

- The failure to reach a compromise between North and South
- The seizure of various U.S. forts, arsenals, and other property in the seceded states
- The creation of the Confederate States of America
- The inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as U.S. President
- The dilemma over what to do about the U.S. garrison isolated at Fort Sumter

January will also mark an anniversary of the event directly related to Camp Lea—the Battle of Galveston which took place on New Year's Day, 1863. In this battle, Union forces tried to capture Galveston but were repulsed by the Confederate defenders. *USS. Harriet Lane*, namesake of this newsletter, was captured, and both Capt. Jonathan M. Wainwright and Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, namesake for our camp, were killed. The camp will honor the memory of those who gave their lives on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Galveston's Episcopal Cemetery.

I wish everyone a wonderful New Year, and until next time—huzzah!

Walter Coffey
Assistant Editor

2016 Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat Jan 9 th	Battle of Galveston Commemoration – 11 a.m.	Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, Galv.
Sat Jan 9 th	Monthly Meeting: Approximately 12 p.m. Agenda: Installation of Officers	The Original Mexican Restaurant 1401 Market St., Galveston, TX
Tue Feb 9 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: PDC/PCC David LaBrot	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Mar 8 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Brother Karl Falken	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Apr 12 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Camp Cmdr. Thomas Coughlin	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Sat Apr 30 th	Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 President's Tea	First Baptist Church of Dickinson 2504 44 th St., Dickinson, TX
Tue May 10 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Dept. Cmdr. Steve Holmes PCC	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Jun 14 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: PDC/PCC David LaBrot	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Jul 12 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Speaker: Brother Dr. Craig Livingston with Music	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX

New Members

Introducing: **William W. Martin**

William W. Martin of Manvel, Texas is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a teacher who traces his lineage back to William Asbury Keck of Company G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry.

Private William Asbury Keck was mustered into service on August 29, 1862 and mustered out as a Sergeant on May 16, 1865. The War Department had directed that he be discharged due to disability on May 3, 1865.

William W. Martin



Brother Martin was initiated at the monthly Camp meeting on December 8, 2015

Introducing: **Justin Wakefield Martin**

Justin Wakefield Martin is from Humble, Texas. He traces his lineage back to William Asbury Keck of Company G, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry.

Private William Asbury Keck was mustered into service on August 29, 1862 and mustered out as a Sergeant on May 16, 1865. The War Department had directed that he be discharged due to disability on May 3, 1865.

Justin W. Martin



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***Introducing:* Edward Caballero, Jr.**

My name is Edward Caballero, Jr., I am 16 years old and I live in Schertz, Texas. I attend Samuel Clemens High School, where I am a Junior. I am a Flight Commander in AFJROTC this year. I was the armed drill team commander for the past two years.

My mother is a retired Army Captain and a member of the DUVCW. My father is a retired Air Force Major. I have a younger brother, Hunter, and an older brother, Anzio. I am proud to have been accepted as a member of SUVCW.



Brother Caballero, Jr. joins the Order on the service of his gr-gr-grandfather Private Dillis Dyer Critser of Company C, 17th Kentucky Infantry.

***Introducing:* Dr. Craig A. Livingston**

Dr. Craig Livingston joins the Camp as an Associate Member because of a life-long interest in the Civil War. Since 1995 he has taught American history at Lone Star College-Montgomery in the Woodlands. Among courses Craig has taught is Civil War history.

During the war's sesquicentennial, Craig staged commemoration events. Among the biggest, covered by National Public Radio, was a re-enactment of the VI Corps forced march to Gettysburg. Dr. Livingston also keeps the "Spirit of '61" alive by leading VI Corps Fifes and Drums based at LSC-Montgomery.

Dr. Livingston graduated from BYU in 1985 and was commissioned Regular Army infantry (one of his classmates, David Haight, is now a major-general). In 1991, Dr. Livingston graduated with a doctorate in history from Temple University, Philadelphia.

VI Corps Fifes and Drums leading 2015 Woodlands July 4th Parade. Dr. Livingston is wearing the sergeant's stripes on the far left.



***Introducing:* Ian J. Townsend**



Brother Townsend joins the camp based upon the Civil War service of his ancestor, 1st Lt. Seth Chellis Hatch, who served with Field and Staff Co., 62nd Regiment Illinois Infantry.

Ian was born in Las Vegas, Nevada as the first of 2 boys of John and Sandy Townsend. As a National Park Service ranger, John's profession moved the family to parks across the America. From *Lake Mead National Recreation Area*, Ian moved and spent his elementary school years growing up in northern Indiana and then a further move led to his secondary school years being spent in Omaha, Nebraska. After high school, Ian attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/History and was commissioned into the United States Army Military Police Corps.

Over an 18-year military career Ian has served in a variety of duty positions in locations across the United States and around the world. His assignments include platoon leader, company commander, division deputy provost marshal, service in the Criminal Investigation Division, and an exchange into the British Army as regiment operations officer.

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Introducing: **Terry E. Dudley**

I was born and raised in Fremont, Ohio - a small town located just back from Lake Erie in northwestern Ohio. Fremont is the home of President Rutherford B. Hayes who himself was a Civil War Union general. He was wounded five times and is regarded as a local war hero.

After high school and knocking around for a few years, I was called up to serve in the U.S. Army. I enlisted as a surveyor and ended up with an artillery unit in South Vietnam. After being discharged three years later, I attended Ohio State University in Columbus and received my BS. My 37 year working career was mostly spent in the engineering and consulting business. My company transferred me to San Antonio in 1980. In San Antonio, I married and went on to receive a MS from the University of Texas at San Antonio. My wife and I have one son, Matthew.

Throughout this time, one of my maternal uncles from Ohio formed an interest in the Civil War. He went on to discover that his great uncle served in the war with the Michigan Light Artillery. I found this to be quite interesting since I too had served with an artillery unit. As our son grew up, he and his mother also developed an interest in the Civil War and discovered that they also had a relative who served in the war. To my chagrin, their relative was a Confederate soldier from Mississippi. Needless to say, I was frequently called to tag along with many of his Confederate re-enactments and parade marches. After going along with this for several years, I decided it was time for me to join the *Sons of Union Veterans* since our family Civil War soldier would be my great-grand uncle. My application was approved and now I am a member of this patriotic organization.

We now have many interesting family discussions on the Civil War and its consequences. Unfortunately, San Antonio currently does not have an active Camp, so I am a member of the Houston Camp. This makes it difficult for me to attend meetings and keep up with events. I am now retired from my full-time career, but I maintain an interest in history and genealogy. We also operate a ranch located near Hondo, Texas and raise purebred Charolais cattle. In my free time I also volunteer for local non-profits and charities in San Antonio and Hondo.

Brother Dudley joins on the service of his gr-gr uncle, Corporal Adam Mehling, Company K, 1st Michigan Artillery.



Introducing: **James A. Koontz**

Jim Koontz was born in Port Townsend, WA on July 4, 1949. His father was stationed at Fort Warden prior to the Korean War. Being a military brat, Brother Koontz didn't have a permanent home until his father retired in 1966. He, however, claims the Arkhoma area as home.

Brother Koontz graduated from John L. McClellan High School in Little Rock, AR and attended two years at Little Rock University before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1969 as a Private. After leaving the USMC in 1975 as a 1st Lt., he graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and a Master of Public Administration degrees, and later received a Bachelor of Computer Science degree from Coleman College in LaMesa, CA. While in college he joined the *California Army National Guard*. He served in the *Army National Guard* and completed several Active duty tours with the U.S. Army from 1975 until 2000, when he retired as a Colonel of Armor.



Brother Koontz currently works for Oceaneering International in Morgan City, LA as the Supply Chain Manager - Americas Region, Oilfield Services. He lives in Gonzales, LA in a golf community that has 2 golf courses, where he spends his free time. As hobby, he also runs 5K-13.1K with the New Orleans Track and NOLA Running Clubs. He also likes to dance country and Zydeco. Brother Koontz is also an active member of the Freemasons. He is Past Master of Jenks #497 (AF&AM) in Jenks, OK and is the stage manager for the Guthrie Scottish Rite in Guthrie, OK. He has one daughter and a 9 month old grandson, who live in Minnesota. Up until last year, he and his daughter were season ticketholders for University of Oklahoma Sooners football team. His interest in joining the SUCW stems from his fascination with all things Civil War, particularly Cavalry. His military travels and duty stations has given him the opportunity to visit many battlefield memorials. His latest trip was to Chickamauga Battlefield in TN. His SUCW ancestor is Pvt. Michael Marion Bean, Co. A, 2nd Regiment Arkansas Infantry from his mother's side. As with most families, he had members of both the North and South. He also is a member of the *Sons of Confederate Volunteers*.

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Introducing: John T. Walter

My name is John Walter. I'm a Chemical Engineer and am married with 3 adult children. I grew up in the Midwest and on Long Island. I graduated from Purdue University in 1976 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Prior to graduation, I spent 1972-1974 in the U.S. Army as a Private in the Signal Corps in West Germany. I've worked in the chemical industry for 40 years, and currently, I'm the Safety, Health and Environmental Manager for INEOS Oligomers, North America. I reside in League City, Texas with my wife, Mary, and our two dogs.



Two of our children live locally. Our daughter, Jennifer, is a 7th grade mathematics teacher at Space Center Intermediate in Clear Lake. Our son, Mark, graduated from the Air Force Academy, spent 6 years on active duty, and is now employed in the petrochemical industry in Houston. Our oldest daughter, Kathryn, is a professor at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

My wife and I love camping and visiting with our grandchild in South Bend. We are both still employed; my wife is a school teacher with CCISD. I enjoy walking my dogs (we have a German Short Haired Pointer and a Heinz 57 mix, and had a chocolate lab up until very recently), and hobbies involving working with my hands. I've had a long-time interest in making stained glass windows, and recently began brewing beer. Anyone who wants to help me drink my beer, come on!

John T. Walter traces his lineage back to his gr-gr-grandfather, Private Andrew Walter of Company D, 58th Ohio Infantry.

Introducing: Ian J. Townsend (continued from page 6)

Since July 2013 Ian has been focused on army operations in Central America, South America and the Caribbean during his assignment as a strategic planner in United States Army South at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Ian has graduate degrees in security management and military arts and sciences and his professional military education includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies. His deployments include leading his platoon from 10th Mountain Division in Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge, commanding a Military Police company in 1st Cavalry Division during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a further tour in Bagram, Afghanistan as part of 101st Airborne Division in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Along with general history and being a member of the *Society of Military History*, Ian's hobbies also include genealogy, which spurred his desire to research his great-great grandfather Seth Hatch and led to his interest to join the SUVCW. Aside from this membership he is also an 8th generation Compatriot in the *National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*.

Ian is also active in freemasonry as a life member of *Hancock Lodge #311 AF&AM Fort Leavenworth, Kansas* and is a proud adult leader in the *Boy Scouts of America* where he gets to guide young men in his son's Cub Scout pack towards attaining the rank of Eagle Scout - which he enjoyed earning as a youth.

This coming February will mark 17 years of blessed marriage for Ian and his Houstonian best friend and college sweetheart Susan. They enjoy traveling, fitness, and spending time with their two rambunctious sons, Matthew and Rhys, who love exploring the outdoors and using all 5 senses.

Editor's Note: Brother Townsend became a member of the Camp in November 2015

Ancestor Profile

Note: this space was not claimed this issue. Since almost every Brother has a Civil War Ancestor, I expect several of you to step forward and offer a tribute to your military forefather for the next issue. They certainly deserve the recognition! First-come, first-served!editor.

**Wednesday – November 11, 2015
Houston, Texas**

At approximately 10 a.m., the official Veterans Day ceremonies began on the front steps of City Hall in downtown Houston. As in years past, a Civil War Honor Guard was present to offer a musket salute to the veterans. The Guard consisted of members of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry* and the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 SUVCW*. In addition, the Camp's 6-man drum and fife unit was present to provide support and a helpful marching cadence.

Right: A portion of the Honor Guard: far left is Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin, next to him is JVC Michael Lance, and Brother Dale Leach is on the far right. Tom Whitesides of the 13th U.S. Infantry stands in the center with 2 of his men on his right. The woman was a spectator.



The Honor Guard had the rare opportunity of firing all 3 rifle salutes this year since the later era rifle unit did not show up. For the first salute, the muskets were alternately charged with patriotic colored chalk – Red, White (the natural color of the smoke - no chalk needed) and Blue. The unit was commanded by Sgt. Thomas Whitesides of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry Regiment*. On his command, the muskets discharged all 3 volleys in perfect (and very loud) unison. A flock of photographers could not seem to get enough of their own 'shots'!

Right: The drum and fife corp, commanded by Brother Steve Duncan (far left), provided color and cadence.



With the official ceremonies concluded, the Honor Guard marched by twos from the grounds to their staging area about 3 blocks away to wait for their turn to enter the parade column. Even though the parade route was shorter this year, it was still quite impressive and colorful with dozens of floats, marching high school bands, vehicles of interest – both civilian and military, veteran and hereditary organizations, cadet squadrons, and dignitaries. The marching cadence of the Honor Guard was enhanced by the steady beat given by the Guard's drum and fife unit, which followed closely behind. As the Guard reached the parade reviewing stand, it was recognized by the announcer. The Guard shifted all eyes to the right (towards the reviewing stand) and the Colors of the two organizations dipped in salute while passing.

*Right: Only 7 of the 10 men bearing muskets were chosen to participate in the salute volleys. The others were posted as guards. Sgt. Tom Whitesides of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry* commanding (far left). After firing, the men held their posture (as shown here) until commanded to reload. The entire exercise was conducted in perfect unison and precision.*



(Additional photo on back page)

...Submitted by Brother Michael Lance

November 20-22, 2016
Liendo Plantation, Hempstead, Texas

The Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, SUVCW once again participated in the Civil War Weekend event at Liendo Plantation near Hempstead. This extensive living-history event is held annually during the weekend before Thanksgiving to give visitors an in-depth look at life during the Civil War era. Some of the period-life demonstrations included: musicians performing era-correct music on vintage-style instruments, blacksmithing, spinning and weaving, and a fashion show staged by ladies demonstrating their impressive and elegant period dresses. Visitors were permitted to tour the restored historic plantation home and grounds.



Historic Liendo Plantation

Friday, November 20th was reserved for students as a Living History/Education Day. An estimated 2,800 elementary, middle, and high school students were bused in from around the Houston area. They were able to learn and experience Civil War era history in a meaningful and unique way.



Hundreds of Civil War re-enactors from near and far camped out on the plantation grounds during the weekend. They eagerly participated in battle re-enactments staged at the end of each day. November 21st, the 150th anniversary of the war's end, was commemorated by a recreation of Robert E. Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant in the parlor of the old plantation home. On the 22nd, re-enactors fought the *Battle of Palmetto Ranch, Texas*, which turned out to be the Civil War's last engagement between organized forces.

Left: Union infantry marches toward the impending battle

In addition to the interesting re-enactments and demonstrations, there was Sutler's row. The row featured numerous period-dress wearing merchants selling their wares from tents. Their merchandise consisted of goods you might have seen and purchased in the mid-19th century - clothing, uniforms, furniture, cooking equipment, etc. On the modern section of the grounds, contemporary vendors sold trinkets, mementoes, food, and beverages. Several authors were on hand signing their Civil War-related books.



Rebel unit prepares for battle



Throughout the weekend, Brothers of the Camp Edward Lea Camp invited visitors to tour their tent. Free genealogy searches were offered to help people learn about and discover their ancestry. An impressive GAR medals display adorned the back wall of the tent. In addition, the Camp raised a record \$513 from their annual quilt and sword raffle. Camp participation at this year's Civil War Weekend was deemed a tremendous success.

L-R: Brothers Gary White, Tom Coughlin, William Pollard, and David LaBrot

....submitted by Brother Walter Coffey and edited by Brother Michael Lance

Wreaths Across America

Saturday - December 12, 2016
Houston National Cemetery

Members of the Lea Camp have participated in the annual Wreaths Across America program at the cemetery for the past eleven years. Houston National Cemetery is second only to Arlington in the number of veterans honored each year with wreaths laid at their final resting places.

Brothers David LaBrot PDC (*right*) and Camp JVC Michael Lance (*left*) lay wreaths at Houston National Cemetery on December 12, 2015.



....Submitted by Camp Secretary/Treasurer Gary White
....Photograph submitted by Brother Tom Eishen

Members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2 attended the Wreaths Across America event held at Houston National Cemetery on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Wreaths Across America has 1,000 cemeteries in the U.S. and 25 cemeteries overseas that participate in the annual program. In spite of the rain, the Houston event was a big success. Over 10 cargo trucks filled with wreaths arrived for volunteers to lay across the graves of fallen soldiers. The number of volunteers continues to grow each year, as does the number of wreaths delivered - thanks to generous donations by Houston residents and corporate sponsors.

Members of the Lea Camp have participated in the annual Wreaths Across America program at the Houston National Cemetery for the past 11 years. Houston is second only to Arlington in the number of veterans honored each year with wreaths laid at their final resting places.

Lea Camp was represented by Brothers Tom Eishen, David LaBrot, and Michael Lance. Joining them was Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary Sister Linda LaBrot. Camp Brother John Loper and Karl Falken attended the ceremonies as volunteers with other organizations.



....Submitted by Auxiliary Sister Linda LaBrot



The morning was reasonably pleasant as a cloud cover kept temperatures tolerable. Rain threatened throughout the event and brief moments of drizzle erupted periodically. However, the low clouds did not prevent a timely low-altitude flyover of a squadron from the Commemorative Air Force, Houston Wing, piloting WWII era warbirds.

Police had escorted a formation of several hundred motorcycles to the cemetery as a 'rolling tribute' to the veterans. The ceremonial speeches were kept relatively short, due no doubt partly to the constant threat of rain.

L-R: PCC & PDC David LaBrot and JVC Michael Lance

The handful of WWII veterans that were present were recognized and given a warm show of appreciation by the thousands in attendance. A bagpipe and drum troupe consisting of about 15-18 members performed some familiar tunes, and a rifle salute was given. A constant stream of children lined up to have their photos taken with the Civil War uniformed members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp - Brothers David LaBrot and Michael Lance. As usual, a huge crowd showed up to participate in the laying of about 58,000 wreaths - including numerous smartly-dressed cadet units and veterans groups. About 20 wreaths were laid by the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp contingent - aided by Auxiliary Sister Linda LaBrot. Brother Tom Eishen was also present taking photos all around the event. Brothers Falken and Loper were also present. Fortune smiled on the event, as the heavier rain did not begin to fall until the ceremonies and wreath laying were basically completed!

....Submitted by Brother Michael Lance and photo courtesy of KHOU.com
(Additional event photos on page 14)



Hospital Christmas Brunch - Houston, Texas

On Saturday, December 12th, the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1* held a Hot Chocolate Christmas Brunch for patients at the Michael DeBakey Medical Center in Houston. The *Auxiliary* was joined by members of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2*. To help brighten their holiday, each veteran was given a beautiful Christmas gift bag filled with much-needed items.

Auxiliary President Vali Reyes

A light brunch of sandwiches, chips, Christmas cookies, candies, hot chocolate, and cider was served. The *Auxiliary* and *Camp* sang Christmas carols for entertainment, and the Brothers went around speaking with and sharing stories with the veterans. Sister Betty Hampton manned the hot chocolate and cider table - as in years past. Sisters Vali Reyes, Jana Marsh, and Sue Lenes served brunch plates.

Prior to the Brunch, the *Auxiliary* held their 8th Annual Stars & Stripes Sock and Blanket drive, receiving donations to help fund this veterans' Christmas event.



L-R: Brothers Coughlin, Rappe, Holmes, Myers, and Hampton Christmas carols are sung with and for the veterans



Front Row (L-R): Auxiliary Guard/Guide Sister Sue Lenes, Auxiliary Secretary/Treas. Jana Marsh, Dept. Cmdr. Steve Holmes, Auxiliary President Vali Reyes, and Brother Melvin Myers.

Back Row (L-R): Auxiliary Chaplain/Patriotic Instr. Betty Hampton, PCC Sam Hampton, Camp Cmdr. Thomas Coughlin, and Brother Michael Rappe.

....submitted by Sisters Vali Reyes and Jana Marsh

Gregory Kent Helm (Feb 1948 – Nov 2015)

Brother Helm was born in Robinson, Illinois in 1948. Twenty years later he married Carol Ferguson in Findlay, Illinois. He attended Eastern Illinois University and in 1970, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He then pursued a Master's degree in Kinesiology.

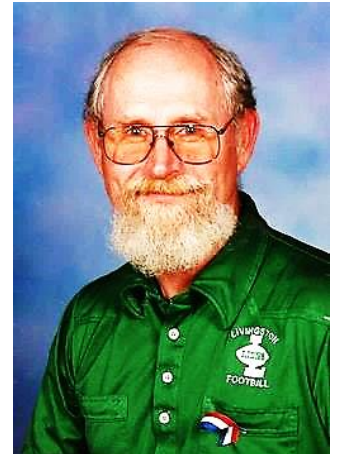
After only teaching for a year, Brother Helm's career was interrupted by Uncle Sam, who called him into the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam war. He served 2 years as a Spec 4 Radio/Television Audio Specialist, primarily at Fort Benning, GA. After mustering out of the service in 1973, Brother Helm resumed his teaching career.

In 1985, Brother Helm and his wife moved to Texas. He continued to work as an educator – specializing in world history, military history, and U.S. history in schools just north of the Houston area. He served as head coach in both football and basketball. He was also the public address announcer at the Livingston schools football games. And he was instrumental in creating the Livingston High School softball team and served as its first head coach. He retired in 2008.

Brother Helm traveled extensively as a Civil War re-enactor. He was a proud descendant of both Union and Confederate soldiers – and held memberships in both the SUVCW and SCVCW. His Union ancestor was Private Robert R. Campbell who served with Co. H, 11th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry. As a re-enactor, Brother Helm held the rank of Sgt. Major in the 5th Brigade of Cleburne's Division.

Brother Helm loved fishing, hunting, softball, pinochle, his dogs, his family and friends, and was devoted to his Christian faith. He will be missed by his many friends and acquaintances in the re-enacting community. RIP Brother Helm!

.....Respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance – mostly sourced from Brother Helm's obituary



Ketchum Hand Grenades

The Ketchum hand grenade was patented August 20, 1861 by William F. Ketchum, mayor of Buffalo, N.Y. His new weapon was partially adopted by the Union Army and used during the major battles at Vicksburg and Petersburg.

The grenade was a 3-piece weapon having the general appearance of a dart. It consisted of a metal plunger (or nostril), a shell casing containing the powder charge, and a wooden tailpiece with four thin paper or cardboard fins inserted. It came in 1, 3, and 5 pound varieties.

To arm the Ketchum, the metal plunger was removed from the nose in order to set a percussion cap on a nipple within the shell casing. Then the plunger was refitted by striking it with something solid to drive it back in. A small pressure spring attached to the side of the plunger stem held the plunger in place during flight. Then the wooden tailpiece was removed in order to place a powder charge inside the shell casing. The tailpiece was then set back in place to hold the powder inside.

To be effective, the flight trajectory of the Ketchum grenade had to be an arc in order for the plunger in the nose to strike first. The plunger would then be forced into the casing to explode the percussion cap. The grenade had to land on its nose in order to detonate. Flight was stabilized by the tailpiece fins.

When William Ketchum demonstrated his new invention – a weapon that could be thrown like a dart, observers were said to be very impressed with its explosive power. However, Union troops who used these grenades in their attacks at Port Hudson quickly discovered its unfortunate limitations. Lt. Howard C. Wright, described the scene from the Confederate side of the assault:

"The enemy had come this time prepared with hand grenades to throw into our works from the outside. When these novel missiles commenced falling among the Arkansas troops, they did not know what to make of them, and the first few which they caught not having burst, they threw them back upon the enemy in the ditch. This time many of them exploded and their character was at once revealed to our men. Always equal to any emergency, they quickly devised a scheme...Spreading blankets behind the parapet, the grenades fell harmlessly into them, whereupon our boys would pick them up and hurling them with much greater force down the moat they would almost invariably explode."



....Respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance



L & R: The hemicycle at the Houston National Cemetery was at capacity as the huge crowd of visitors filled the upper and lower galleries and spilled onto the central ceremonial grounds. Thousands of other volunteers observed from just outside the entrance.



Left: The Wreaths Across America Tribute Wall just outside the entrance of the hemicycle was signed by hundreds of visitors and veterans.



Right: The large bagpipe & drum troupe enters the hemicycle. Once inside, while standing in a circular formation, it performed several patriot tunes.



Left: Brother Lance stands at 'shoulder arms' as Brother LaBrot lays a wreath at a veteran's headstone.



Right: Brother LaBrot reads the name and rank of the interred veteran aloud while both Brothers salute.



Left: Auxiliary Sister Linda LaBrot assists by handing Brother LaBrot the next wreath to lay as the duo moves to the next gravesite. Approximately 20 wreaths were laid by Brothers David LaBrot and Michael Lance.

Right: Wreaths have been laid on this section of the vast cemetery. The grave marker in the foreground without a wreath is marked with a small yellow flag (hard to see) to alert the volunteers that the family of this veteran wishes to place the wreath themselves.



....Photos submitted by Brother Tom Eishen
Photo captions by Brother Michael Lance

The Medal of Honor is the U.S.A.'s highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. It was first awarded during the Civil War after President Lincoln signed a bill containing a provision for the medal for the Navy on December 21, 1861. It was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war." Legislation to include the Army was signed into law on July 12, 1862.

While the Medal of Honor is today the highest military decoration attainable by a member of the United States armed forces, during the Civil War, it was the *only* one. Thus, it was often awarded for reasons that would not now satisfy the stringent modern criteria. For example, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton promised a Medal of Honor to every man in the 27th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment who extended his enlistment. 311 men accepted, but because there was no official list of their names, the War Department issued 864 - one for each man in the unit. In 1916, a board consisting of 5 retired generals reviewed Army awards and recommended that these 864, as well as others, be revoked.

Of the 3,464 Medals of Honor awarded to date, 1,522 were awarded during the Civil War. The first Medals of Honor were given to many of the participants of the Andrews' Raid, some posthumously. Andrews himself was a civilian and thus ineligible at the time. Mary Edwards Walker, a surgeon, became the only woman (and 1 of only 8 civilians) awarded a Medal of Honor; however, it was later revoked, and then reinstated. Twenty-five were awarded to African Americans, including 7 sailors of the Union Navy, 15 soldiers of the United States Colored Troops, and 3 soldiers of other Army units. It was common for Civil War Medals of Honor to be awarded decades after the conflict ended, and in one case, Andrew Jackson Smith's Medal was not awarded until 2001, 137 years after the action in which he earned it. Smith's wait, caused by a missing battle report, is the longest delay of the award for any recipient.

.....source: [Wikipedia](#)

Beginning with this issue of the Harriet Lane, in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN - the namesake of our Camp, I will be presenting a review of the recipients of the Medal of Honor who served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War....editor

Left: Navy Version of the original Medal of Honor (1862)



- [Michael Aheam](#) – a Paymaster's Steward serving on the *USS Kearsarge*. On June 19, 1864, Steward Aheam was serving onboard the *USS Kearsarge* when she destroyed the *CSS Alabama* off Cherbourg, France.
- [Robert Anderson](#) – a Quartermaster who served on the *USS Crusader* and the *USS Keokuk* during various actions of those vessels.
- [John Angling](#) – a Cabin Boy who served on the *USS Pontoosuc* during the 1st and 2nd Battles of Fort Fisher. From Dec. 24, 1864 to Jan. 22, 1865, he was onboard the *Pontoosuc* during the capture of Fort Fisher and Wilmington.
- [Matthew Arther](#) – a Signal Quartermaster aboard the *USS Carondelet*. He received the medal "for valor and devotion, serving most faithfully, effectively and valiantly" during the Battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson.
- [Charles Asten](#) – a Quarter Gunner aboard the *USS Signal*. On May 5, 1864, during the Red River Campaign, and although on the sick list, Asten "courageously carried out his duties during the entire engagement."
- [Thomas E. Atkinson](#) - a Yeoman on the *USS Richmond*. During the Battle of Mobile Bay, Atkinson was "commended for coolness and energy in supplying the rifle ammunition, which was under his sole charge, in the action in Mobile Bay on the morning of 5 August 1864.
- [James Avery](#) – a Seaman aboard the *USS Metacomet* during the Battle of Mobile Bay. On August 5, 1864, he "braved galling enemy fire to aid the rescue of *USS Tecumseh* crewmen.
- [Charles Baker](#) - a Quarter Gunner aboard the *USS Metacomet* during the Battle of Mobile Bay. On August 5, 1864, he "braved galling enemy fire to aid the rescue of *USS Tecumseh* crewmen.
- [Charles H. Baldwin](#) - a Coal Heaver. He was aboard the *USS Wyalusing* in the Roanoke River on May 25, 1864 and earned his medal "for his participation in a plan to destroy the rebel ram *CSS Albemarle*".
- [James Barnum](#) - a Boatswain's Mate. Barnum served onboard the *USS New Ironsides* during action in several attacks on Fort Fisher on December 24 and 25, 1864 - and again on January 13-15, 1865. He was "commended for highly meritorious conduct during this period."

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The scene from Hermann Square in front of City Hall in Houston, Texas on Veterans Day, 2015 - as viewed from the vantage point of the combined Honor Guard from the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN, Camp No. 2 and Co. A, 13st U.S. Infantry*. Bayonets from a portion of the stacked muskets are visible at the bottom left corner of the image. The day was overcast and a slight breeze made for a pleasant morning. The speaker's podium is situated just outside the front entrance of City Hall. Tents from various vendors and organizations line the walkway which extends around the perimeter of the square's Reflection Pond. The huge U.S. flag draped peacefully down the face of the building in honor of U.S. Veterans from all eras - past and present.

*“It is something great and greatening to cherish an ideal;
To act in the light of truth that is far-away and far above;
To set aside the near advantage, the momentary pleasure;
The snatching of seeming good to self;
And to act for remoter ends, for higher good,
And for interests other than our own.”*

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain - "*Lion of the Round Top*"

(1828 - 1914)

Civil War Brevet Major General - awarded the Medal of Honor
32nd Governor of Maine (1867-1871)