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From the Commander's Tent

In the 1st Quarter 2015 issue of the *Harriet Lane* which was released in March, Camp Cmdr. David Daniels delivered his first message from the Commander's Tent. Unfortunately, it was also to be his last message. After deep thought and careful consideration, Cmdr. Daniels decided to tender his resignation as Camp Cmdr. and also requested an honorable discharge from the order. Dave is pursuing a calling with his church, a devotion to duty that will require his full attention and much of his time. As an ordained deacon in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), I can understand and appreciate Dave's decision to change course. We wish him well, but he will be sorely missed.



My first month as your Camp Cmdr. has been a busy one. Thanks to the continuing efforts of Brother William Pollard, SVC and Brother Thomas Jackson, the ROTC/JROTC Awards Program has reached another plateau of success. Besides Brothers Pollard and Jackson, eleven other Brothers assisted in the program by personally presenting one or more awards to various ROTC/JROTC units. Presenting an award to a deserving cadet is a very rewarding experience and we look forward to further expansion of the program during the next school year.

Last year, I attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Houston National Cemetery, but since I did not have a Civil War uniform, I was only able to offer encouragement from the sidelines. However, thanks to Brother Pollard for the loan of sack coat, forage cap and various accoutrements, I was able to participate in the color guard as a bearer of the Camp's U.S. flag. This was a fitting experience for me since I have a 1st cousin, three times removed, who was a color bearer in Company H of the Massachusetts 34th. This cousin died in the Battle of Lynchburg, VA on June 18, 1864. The combined *Lt Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp No. 2 SUVCW* and *Company A. 13th U.S. Infantry* formation was well received by the public audience, various dignitaries and other units participating in the ceremonies. As we were leaving the Cemetery, the rains came again.

After a quick lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse, Brothers David LaBrot, Dale Leach, William Pollard, and Sister Norma Pollard and me, decorated about 34 graves of Union soldiers buried at Houston's Glenwood Cemetery and the adjacent Washington Cemetery. A 35-star flag and a long stemmed red rose were placed at each grave. Brother LaBrot takes this duty very seriously and I am sure if the rest of us were unable to be there, Brother LaBrot would have completed all of the grave decorating by himself. Later on Memorial Day, the area around Glenwood Cemetery was hard hit by the flooding that covered many sections throughout Harris and surrounding counties.

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Membership Muster

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 Pvt. Jacob P. Kinney
 Pvt. Finas Euen Lance
 Commissary Sgt. William Judson
 Pvt. Andrew Wilson White

 Pvt. Matthew Barth
 Pvt. Enoch A. Barrett
 Pvt. John Lancaster
 Pvt. John Walker Daniels
 Pvt. Thomas Howey
 Pvt. Lyndon Boyd
 Pvt. James Peden
 Pvt. Mathias Stonebrook
 Pvt. Nathan R. Price
 Pvt. Edward Dailey
 Pvt. Edward Dailey
 Cpl. William Moore Campbell
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 Chaplain Josiah Brown
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 Pvt. John A. Watts
 Cpl. Samuel McClain
 Pvt. Nicholas Almire
 Pvt. Jacob E. Brock
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 Pvt.
 Pvt. Lewis P. Moore
 Pvt. Joseph Allen
 Pvt. Isaac Duncan
 Pvt. Andreas Pfothenhauer
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 Pvt. Samuel Pate Hampton
 Pvt. James Morfed Aston
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 Pvt. Jeremiah Kelley
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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
 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield
 Pvt. Edward J. Taylor
 Pvt. John A. Watts
 Pvt. Robert V. Osteen
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Pvt. Charles Edward 'Austin' Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Hosp. Steward Louis Laborot
 Pvt. Sylvester Leach
 Pvt. Wilson Keffer
 Pvt. Alexander McLain
 Pvt. Chauncey A. Lockwood
 Pvt. Fredrick Lohmann
 Pvt. Frederick Lohmann

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. 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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 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. 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
 Independ. Co., Trumbull Guards, OH Inf.
 Co. B/F, 2nd Regt. NC Mounted Cavalry
 Co E, 12th-Co L, 5th MO State Milit. Cav.
 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, 14th Regt. Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regt. West Virginia Infantry

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Membership Muster (continued)

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 Pvt. Charles Bowden
 Pvt. Samuel Davis Hawkins
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 Pvt. Robert A. Glover
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 Cpl. John Anderson Laws
 Pvt. Joseph Henry Wells
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 Pvt. William Elgie Woodcock
 Capt. William Sharpe
 Pvt. Frederick Crouse
 **
 Pvt. Hugh Alexander Hoy
 Pvt. Charles Wilson
 Pvt. William Young
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Service Unit

Co. E, 37th Illinois Volunteer 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
 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
 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. 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* * *Past Camp Commander* ** *Past Dept. Commander* *** *Life Member*
 + *New Member* ^ ^ *Junior Member* ^ *Associate Member* # *Honorary Member*

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Brothers,

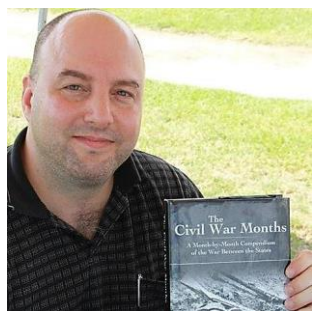
This has been an active quarter for the Camp. Along with the record number of JROTC Awards presented to Cadets by at least 11 Brothers, the Camp participated in: the recent Department Encampment; the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* Presidents Tea; Memorial Day activities; and presentations to other local organizations. In addition, we welcomed several new Brothers to the Camp, and have seen others step forward to assume additional Camp responsibilities. We have a LOT to be proud of!

I want to wish former Camp Cmdr. David Daniels all the best of success as he leaves the Order to pursue other interests. The good news is, the Camp remains with fully capable leadership as SVC Tom Coughlin steps up to assume the position of Camp Cmdr., and JVC Bill Pollard moves into the SVC position. These two men have proven their leadership capabilities and dedication to the Camp. They, no doubt, have the full support of the Camp.

That leadership ascension left a temporary vacancy at the JVC position. At the June 10, 2015 business meeting, I was honored to receive the appointment of interim JVC by the Camp Council. I humbly accepted the appointment and have resolved to continue the excellent work and progress that has already been made by my predecessors.

In F. C. & L,

Michael L. Lance
Editor



Greetings!

As June 2015 is now upon us, so is the 150th anniversary of the virtual end to the Civil War. There was no formal ending to the conflict and sporadic fighting continued in various places, but by June 1865 much of the former Confederacy was under Federal military occupation, and the nation was being reunited.

Early this month, the Confederate Trans-Mississippi army formally surrendered, which was the last major Confederate fighting force still in the field. This left just bands of Confederate guerrillas and independent partisan units. Stand Watie's Confederates surrendered later this month in the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), but Jo Shelby and many of his guerrillas opted to flee the country rather than submit.

The trial ended for the 8 people accused of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to kill President Lincoln. In a legally questionable military tribunal that produced some dubious evidence, all 8 defendants were found guilty. Of the 8, four were sentenced to death. This included Mrs. Mary Surratt, the first woman to face a federal death penalty in history. When President Andrew Johnson refused to commute their sentences, Mrs. Surratt and the others were hanged in Washington in early July.

Also 150 years ago, President Johnson began implementing his idea of what a restored Union should look like. This turned out to be a much different vision than what the "Radical" Republicans in Congress had in mind. These differing views set the stage for an historic political clash that would result in Johnson becoming the 1st U.S. president in history to be impeached.

For anyone seeking to learn more about the war, I urge you to check out the 4th annual Civil War Symposium in Jefferson, TX on Saturday, August 15. Renowned historians will be there to discuss the war's Trans-Mississippi Theater, of which Jefferson played an important part. I will also be there signing copies of my books, *The Civil War Months* and *The Reconstruction Years*. For more information, visit www.JeffersonMuseum.com.

Special congratulations to all the SUVCW Brothers in our camp participating in the JROTC awards presentations this year. More awards were presented than ever before, and it was great to see so many deserving students awarded for their patriotism and dedication! Until next time—huzzah!

In F. C. & L,

Walter Coffey
Assistant Editor

2015 Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue Jul 14 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm <i>Speaker:</i> Brother Faber McMullen	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Aug 11 th	Monthly Meeting: no meeting this month	--
Thu-Sun Aug 20-23 rd	National Encampment	Omni Hotel, 100 S 12 th St, Richmond, VA
Tue Sep 8 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm <i>Speaker:</i> SVC Bill Pollard	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Oct 13 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm <i>Speaker:</i> PCC, PDC David LaBrot	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Tue Nov 10 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm Dr. Everette Gardner, Jr. PCC Johnston Camp SCV Topic: Louisiana Confederate Museum, New Orleans	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Wed Nov 11 th	Veterans Day Ceremonies and Parade: 10 am	Hermann Square, City Hall 901 Bagby, Houston, TX
Fri Nov 20 th	Civil War Weekend – 9 am - School Day	Liendo Plantation
Sat-Sun Nov 21-22 nd	Civil War Weekend – 9 am - Battles at 2 pm	38653 Wyatt Chapel Rd., Hempstead, TX
Dec	Sarah Emma Seelye Veterans Christmas Party	Veterans Hospital 2002 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX
Tue Dec 8 th	Monthly Meeting: 7 pm <i>Speaker:</i> TBA	Spaghetti Warehouse 901 Commerce St., Houston, TX
Sat Dec 12 th	Wreaths Across America: 11 am	National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX

From the Commander's Tent *(continued from page 1)*

On May 28th, Brother Stevenson Holmes, DSVC/PCC, Brother William Pollard, SVC and me, spent the better part of the day at the Dr. James "Red" Duke Elementary School in Manvel, TX. We were there to participate in the Civil War Scrapbook Gallery Walk. The scrapbooks were prepared by the students of Ms. Brie Carter's three 4th grade classes with each class being divided into groups of 3 to 4 students who were given the task of preparing and presenting a scrapbook about various aspects of the Civil War from either the "Union Prospective" or the "Confederate Prospective". The three of us Brothers were in uniform along with accoutrements and shoulder arms. As a testimony to our inability to load or shoot straight, we three old men were allowed to enter an elementary school fully armed, but not very dangerous. However, we did refrain from making pretend pistols with our thumb and forefinger.

Besides SUVCW events, I did spend three days at the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC). My wife Kathryn and I both volunteer for at least a 1/2-day of duty helping to keep things organized and in return we each receive a full conference registration and free parking. This was my 39th consecutive OTC.

On the 15th and 16th of May, I participated in the Houston Oilman's Invitational Shooting Tournament (H.O.I.S.T.) that is held at the Westside Sporting Grounds. This event is a sporting clays tournament that raises money for the Children's Assessment Center, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation for their 4-H youth program, Combat Marine Outdoors and Texas Sentinels Foundation. The 2015 tournament raised total of about \$110K. In practice on Friday, May 15th, I got to fire about 70 rounds and then another 100 rounds in the tournament on Saturday the 16th. There was some rain, lots of mud, plenty of food and a difficult course. Again, I was armed, but not very dangerous, at this my 16th consecutive H.O.I.S.T.

As I compose this message, I am thinking about my annual report which will be presented at the Department Encampment to be held outside Fort Worth on Saturday, June 6th. That task will be done by the time y'all will be reading this message which briefly covers just one month of SUVCW activities - not including the monthly meeting.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty....

Thomas Coughlin - Camp Cmdr.

***Introducing:* Karl Falken**



Karl Falken is the father of 3 accomplished children: Christopher, Alexandra and Grace - and a pet cat, Tabby. He sings in the choir of Macedonia Baptist Church in his hometown of Longview, Texas. Karl is an employee of General Electric in Houston where he works as a mechanical engineer. He is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology from which he earned a BSME.

Brother Falken is also a published author and volunteers as a public affairs officer with the *Civil Air Patrol* where he holds the grade of Captain. Karl served a term of enlistment in the Texas State Guard from which he was honorably discharged with the grade of Corporal and multiple military awards.

Brother Falken's hobbies include writing and illustrating, gardening and animal husbandry, archery, riflery and fencing, wood and metal working, playing and composing music for piano and guitar, amateur radio, and Civil War and Texas Revolution Reenacting. He is currently a member of the *11th Texas Dismounted Cavalry* group of reenactors. Besides the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* of the SUVCW he is also a member of the *Piney Woods Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution* (pending).

Editor's Note: Brother Falken became a member of the Camp in October 2014

***Introducing:* Stephen C. Rogers**

Stephen Rogers is a native of Houston and a 2nd-generation Texas lawyer. His father was a physician and an attorney who served as a Navy doctor during the Vietnam War. Stephen is married with 4 children, ages 9 to newborn. Stephen and his wife Rebecca, from Iowa, are active in their church and serve their community through Engaged Encounter, a marriage prep ministry.

Stephen's paternal grandfather started his interest in genealogy. His grandfather and aunt traveled Texas and the U.S. exploring graveyards and researching the family tree. Through Stephen's paternal grandmother, he is also a member of the *Sons of the American Revolution* and the *Sons of the Republic of Texas*.

Stephen discovered that his 3rd-great grandfather, George A. Knight, was the First U.S. Marshal appointed April 9, 1889 for the Northern District of Texas by President Benjamin Harrison. He was born in New York, raised in Ohio, and enlisted and served the 188th Ohio Vol. Infantry until the surrender. He achieved the rank of Captain, then settled in Dallas. Stephen is excited to join the SUVCW to honor his 3rd-great grandfather.



Editor's Note: Stephen Rogers became a member of the Camp in May 2015

***Introducing:* Erik T. Jeffreys**

Erik Jeffreys was born in Montclair, NJ and moved to Pennsylvania at an early age. He spent most of his childhood just outside the small Appalachian Valley town of York, PA, which is about 29 miles west of Gettysburg. He grew up sailing boats with his Dad.

Brother Jeffreys served his country in the Coast Guard for 4 years, honorably discharged in 1992, shortly before the first World Trade Center bombing. Moving to Texas in 1993, Erik met his future wife and married in 2000. They had their first child, Wyatt, in 2001 and their daughter Nesya was born 5 years later.

Brother Jeffreys worked as a master welding instructor at the American Trades Institute in Dallas, then joined Halliburton for 12 years. After finishing his Associate's Degree in Science, Erik went to work for a close friend at

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New Members (continued)

Kendall Homes as a professional New Homes Consultant selling homes. Erik and his wife will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this month. Erik's son is in *Boy Scouts* and his daughter is in *American Heritage Girls*. He has a Dodge Viper that he obsesses over. His favorite hobby is hanging out with his wife and children. Interesting facts:

- Erik sailed on a sailboat with his Dad from Maryland to Texas in 1992.
- Erik grew up with a father who was a "toy inventor."
- Erik can trace his heritage back to the 1100s.
- Erik jumped out of a plane... 3 times.
- Erik used to play in a Christian rock band as a singer.

Editor's Note: Erik Jeffreys became a member of the Camp in May 2015

Ancestor Profile – Edward Jerome Taylor

Brother Erik Jeffrey's Union veteran ancestor is Edward Jerome Taylor. According to the notes his grandfather's brother took, Uncle "Jerry", who incidentally was named after Edward Jerome, he mustered-in from Waterloo, New York in Company I as a musician, (drummer), in the 126th Regiment NY Vols. on August 17th, 1862. Enrollment was for 3 years.

Private Taylor saw action at Harper's Ferry, VA from September 12th thru 15th 1862 – the day he was captured by Confederates. He was then ordered by Confederates to march with 3 days rations to Annapolis, Maryland. Then he was sent to Illinois by train and paroled to Camp Douglas. Private Taylor eventually returned to Union Mills, VA. He got a cold due to inadequate housing, which developed into Catarrh and partial deafness. He was treated in quarters by Regimental Asst. surgeon Dr. Charles S. Hoyt. Private Taylor was sent to a farmhouse to recover and was discharged at Union Mills on January 23rd, 1863 - no reason given.

Private Taylor's physical description: He was 5 ft. 4.5 inches tall with a swarthy complexion and brown hair and blue eyes. His wife's pension was \$100 per year. His regiment in particular suffered the greatest loss of life during the 3-day battle of Gettysburg with 78% of the fighting force, dead, missing, or captured. Being that recruits often mustered together with friends and fought together in the same regiment, it is reasonable to assume that most of those his age that he knew growing up did not return home. "Memorial Day" was founded in Waterloo, New York.

...submitted by Brother Erik Jeffreys

Speaking Out

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

"Just to let you know, I am giving a talk today called "Social and Religious Factors leading up to the Civil War" to the retired teachers in Grimes County. The talk is something new I'm developing. It's sort of a story-telling narrative rambling through some of the key events leading up to the civil war. I'm very candid about [the] weakness of both sides and how we failed as a nation in our inability to think up real solutions for compromise as a nation. It cost us dearly.

I was ill in bed with strep half of this month. I read an interesting book called "God is Marching On". I am the chaplain of the local chapter of the Greys here in Grimes County, so I always try to focus on the spiritual life of my men. I am newly elected, but they were desirous of a true chaplain to bury their dead, comfort them, counsel them etc. I am a semi-retired lawyer, and I work as a voluntary minister in my church, which is First Baptist Church of Navasota.

I gave the talk to a group of retired teachers and I called it *Musings of a Madman* because I had put it together in a semi-delirious state while I lay in bed sick. A better title might be: *The Civil War: A Narrative of How We Got There - Social and Religious Factors leading up to the Conflict*

My educational background is: *St. Thomas Episcopal High School, Houston; Texas A&M University - 1977 BBA in Finance; N. Carolina State University - 1978, Master of Economics; University of Houston - 1989, Doctor of Jurisprudence, U of H Law School; and I'm currently in the last couple of semesters at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Masters of Theological Studies.*

...submitted by Brother Faber McMullen



Wednesday, March 25, 2015

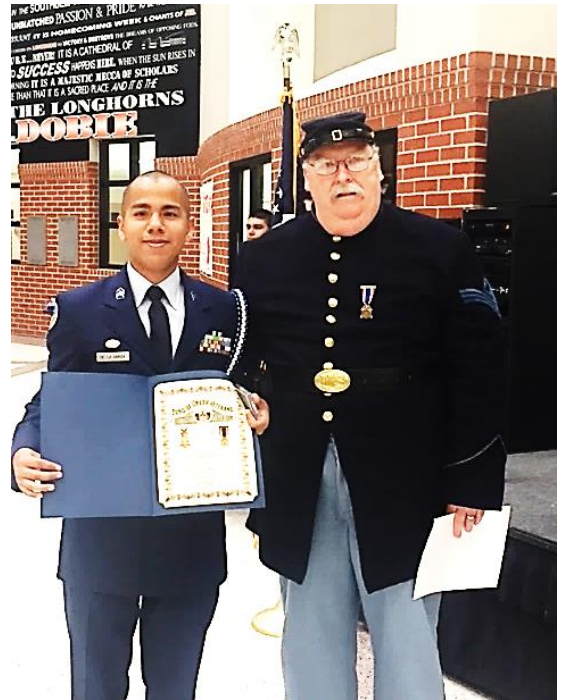
I attended a JROTC Award Ceremony for Dobie High School in the Pasadena School District on Wednesday, March 25th. This was our Camp's first presentation of the year.

The Cadet who received our Award was Cadet 1st Lieutenant Jacob De La Garza. He is currently a senior at J. Frank Dobie High School and is the Flight Commander for "F" Flight in the Dobie Air Force Jr. ROTC unit. He has participated with the JROTC all four of his high school years.

Here is what Major Alfonso Viera, the Senior Aeronautical and Space Instructor, wrote about Cadet De La Garza on the Application:

"C/1LT Jacob De La Garza has distinguished himself in the unit as a flight commander, color guard commander, and a member of the color team for the past 3 years. He consistently meets or exceeds standards in the wear of his uniform and his conduct not only towards his fellow cadets, but to the instructors as well. He plans to enlist in the United States Marine Corps after graduation."

I had very enjoyable evening and looking forward to attending more ceremonies this year.



Brother William Pollard with Cadet De La Garza

.....Respectfully submitted by William A. Pollard, Jr. Vice Commander & ROTC Coordinator

Friday, April 10, 2015

Brother Thor Chester presented a certificate and medal to a deserving cadet at Victoria High School at their Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 10, 2015.

Brother Chester represented our Camp and Order very well and the Award went to a very nice young man. He was very happy to receive the Award.

We were the only Civil War organization represented at the function.



Brother Thor Chester with Cadet

.....Respectfully submitted by Brother Thor Chester

Thursday, April 23, 2015

This SUVCW JROTC Award presentation took place at Brandeis High School in the Northside ISD on the northwest side of San Antonio on April 23, 2015. The recipient of the Award was Cadet Elisse L. Simoneaux.

Cadet Simoneaux is a member of the Air Force JROTC Unit at the school. The Senior Aeronautical and Space Instructor is Col. Patrick A. Lopardi, and the Aeronautical Instructors are Master Sgt. James E. Mangiafico and Master Sgt. Ken Madden.



Brother Pollard presents to Cadet Elisse L. Simoneaux

.....respectfully submitted by William A. Pollard, Jr. Vice Commander & ROTC Coordinator

Friday April 24, 2015

This presentation took place at the Prairie View A&M University ROTC Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2015.

Brother William Pollard presented the Award to Cadet Anthony Ward, who has since graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Performance. He is commissioned as a Signal Corps officer.

This was meant to be a combined awards ceremony - for both the Army and Navy ROTC Units at Prairie View A&M University. However, we only presented to the Army Cadet as the Navy ROTC never responded back after several attempts to make contact.

The recipient of the Award was Cadet Anthony Ward. He is a senior at Prairie View A&M University and will graduate this year. He is the current Battalion Cmdr. For the entire Army ROTC Unit at Prairie View A&M University - for the year 2014-2015. Here is what the ROTC Instructor wrote on his Application:



Brother Pollard with Cadet Ward (center)

"Cadet Anthony Ward is the Cadet Battalion Commander. He will graduate from Prairie View A&M University this summer with a BS degree in Human Performance. He will be commissioned as a Signal Corps officer".

.....respectfully submitted by Brother William A. Pollard, JVC

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

This presentation took place on the Texas A&M University Campus. The occasion was the Texas A&M University Air Force Detachment 805 ROTC Awards Ceremony. Brother Faber McMullen presented the award to Cadet Captain Matthew Trevino.

Here is what the ROTC Instructor wrote on his Application:

"He has a GPA of 3.28 in Electrical Engineering, and he is Squad 6 Commanding Officer."

Cadet Capt. Trevino and Brother McMullen



.....Respectfully submitted by Brother Faber McMullen

Friday, May 8, 2015

Brother Michael Lance attended the Oak Ridge High School Air Force JROTC Awards Banquet at the Woodlands Waterway Marriot on May 8th. He presented a SUVCW Commendation Certificate and medal to outstanding Cadet Byron Conrad.

This award recognizes the cadet who displays a high degree of patriotism and has demonstrated a high degree of academic excellence and leadership ability.

Cadet Conrad is a sophomore at Oak Ridge High School and lives in Conroe, Texas. He was accompanied to the banquet by his parents. At the banquet, Cadet Conrad exhibited the admirable qualities of poise, respect, and politeness. His immediate goal is to continue completing his sophomore year on a strong note.

The 2015 Oak Ridge HS class consisted of 160 cadets. The number of awards and recognition given for excellence, achievement, citizenship, and patriotism were many.

Several cadets have committed to serve in the U.S. Military. This class of exemplary cadets will definitely be a positive influence on our community and our country.



Brother Lance with Cadet Byron Conrad



Left: SUVCW uniform ribbon

.....Respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Brother John Wade presented the SUVCW JROTC Award at Leander High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony in Leander, Texas Saturday morning May 9, 2015.

The deserving cadet who received the Award was Cadet Donnie Alvarado.

Cadet Alvarado and Brother Wade



Brother Wade also presented the SUVCW JROTC Award at Westwood High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony in Round Rock, Texas Saturday evening May 9, 2015. The cadet to receive our Award was Cadet 2nd Lt. Cameron Parks. No photo or other information available.

.....Respectfully submitted by Brother John Wade

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 Award Presentations Increase Dramatically

HOUSTON, Texas – May 25, 2015

As students at local high schools and universities prepared to advance on to higher grades, graduate, or matriculate, the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* was very active in recognizing outstanding students in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and ROTC programs. The SUVCW ROTC / JROTC award is given to a deserving cadet that "shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership." The participating ROTC/JROTC chooses the cadet to receive the award and may determine any additional requirements that may be used to determine the "deserving cadet."

For 2015, seventy-six JROTC / ROTC units were invited to participate by the *Edward Lea Camp*, and 67 of those units selected cadets who met the necessary criteria. Five ROTC units from 4 universities participated, including: two at the University of Houston; one at Texas A&M University; Galveston, one at Prairie View A&M; and one at Texas A&M University, College Station.

Sixty-two JROTC units from 62 different Texas high schools participated. Forty-three of the schools were in school districts in the Houston Metropolitan Area, including Aldine, Alief, Alvin, Baytown, Clear Lake, Conroe, Cy-Fair, Deer Park, Fort Bend County, Galveston, Katy, La Porte, North Shore, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, and Texas City. There were eight Schools from the San Antonio Area - including Schertz and Converse. Four Schools from the Austin area participated, including: Round Rock, Leander, and Lockhart. And one school each from the cities of Kerrville; Del Rio; Burkburnett; Alice; Wharton; Victoria, and Bryan. Of these, four of the university-based ROTC units and twelve of the high school-based JROTC participated in the SUVCW award program for the first time.

Thirteen members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp presented SUVCW ROTC/JROTC Awards this year, including: Brothers Jon Calder, Thor Chester, Tom Coughlin, Dave Daniels, Karl Falken, Rev. Stephen Duncan, Stevenson Holmes, Tom Jackson, David LaBrot, Michael Lance, Faber McMullen, Bill Pollard, and John Wade. This is the largest group of presenters that the Camp has ever had. It is an indication of the dedication of the Brothers in preserving and advancing the memory of our servicemen and women while advancing the honor of military service and good citizenship.

.....Submitted by Brother Karl Falken



Brother Karl Falken

HOUSTON, Texas – May 25, 2015

Many veterans' organizations gathered at the Houston National Cemetery to honor our soldiers killed in the defense of our nation and our values. The theme of this year's tribute was "Freedom isn't free."



The Memorial Day tribute was opened with a single cannon blast fired by the *1st Texas Light Artillery, Battery K, Cleburne's Division/Lowrey's brigade*. Major Dr. Craig Reese commanded the five-man crew that sent out a great cloud of white smoke with a thunderous roar. The noise reminded many of the veterans present at the event of their days in actual combat.

1st Texas Light Artillery

Besides providing support for the cannon crew, the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*, also provided a color guard and rifle squad for the occasion. Eight members of the camp and six members of the *Co A, 13th U.S. Infantry* reenacting group joined to make the full formation.

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp & Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry



Color Guard: *Front row:* Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin (*3rd from left*) carried the current U.S. Flag; PDC/PCC David LaBrot (*4th from left*) carried vintage U.S. Colors; and Sec/Treas. Gary White (*3rd from right*) carried the Camp Colors. Tom Whitesides (*not visible*) of *Co A, 13th U.S.* was *1st Sgt.* and drill leader.

Back row: Brother Dale Leach and Robert Lockwood of the *Edward Lea Camp (1st and 2nd from the left)*. Brother William Pollard, also participated with this unit.

Past Department and Camp Commander David LaBrot and Ms. Norma Pollard, Vice President of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1*, placed the SUCVW Wreath during the Wreath Ceremony.

SUCVW Wreath

The *1st Texas* fired the closing volleys of the event. This was in the spirit echoed by the words of Senator Ted Cruz, who spoke that day, "We gather here today to remember the heroes who've kept us free."



.....Report and photos submitted by Brother Karl Falken

Dr. "Red" Duke Elementary School in Manvel, Texas

On Thursday May 28th, 2015, Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin, PCC Dr. Steve Holmes, and I had the pleasure of participating in the presenting of Civil War Scrapbooks prepared by the students of Mrs. Brie Carter's 4th grade classes at the Dr. "Red" Duke Elementary School in Manvel, Texas.

Each of Mrs. Carter's classes were divided into small groups of 3 to 4 students. Each group had been given the task of preparing and presenting a scrapbook on either the "Civil War from the Union Prospective" or the "Civil War from the Confederate Prospective". We interacted with approximately 60 students.



Topics in these Scrapbooks included "The Governmental Leader", "The Military Leader", "What They Were Fighting For", "The Economy... of the Union or the Confederacy", a "Time-Line" of significant events of the Civil War, "Diary Entries" by various soldiers throughout the Conflict, and several of the scrapbooks had topics of "Eli Whitey" and "The Buffalo Soldiers". Boy, the students were really surprised to learn that Brother Holmes's Civil War ancestor actually was a "Buffalo Soldier". Each group presented their scrapbook to each of us personally to review.

Brother William Pollard

After each group's presentations, we were given an opportunity to ask questions concerning their scrapbooks and what they had learned during their preparations. Judging by the presentations and responses that the students gave, it was evident to me that this was a significant and enlightening experience for them. After the scrapbook presentations, we were then given the opportunity to talk with the students about the Civil War, our Civil War Ancestors, and to display items that we had brought along. The students were impressed with the replica Enfield muskets and were amazed to learn how long it took to load and fire the musket. We also brought along and displayed some toys and games that children of the 1800's would have played with. The students were able to recognize some of the items, but many they did not.

Mrs. Carter is to be commended for this project. The students gained much knowledge and were able to present his knowledge in a way that was very informative and entertaining. We learned that the scrapbooks are going to be displayed in a temporary exhibit in the Alvin Historical Society Museum in Alvin, Texas sometime in the near future.

I personally enjoyed being invited to and participating in this event and feel it was an ideal opportunity for the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* to reach out into the community and to teach some of the true history of the Civil War.

....Respectfully submitted by SVC Bill Pollard

Sarah's Sidelines

**2015 Annual President's Tea Party – A Civil War Event
Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1**



The 8th Annual President's Tea was presented Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Dickinson, Texas. This year the Tea was dedicated to the late Dean Letzring, PDC and PCC of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp.

As usual, the event was an enjoyable affair - elegant, beautifully decorated, entertaining, and interesting. This comes as no surprise as the Ladies of the Auxiliary continue their tradition of excellence. This is one of their signature activities of the year.

A Color Guard from the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp participated in the opening and closing ceremonies. They were supported by the JROTC Drum & Fife unit from Ball High School. A Color Guard from the SCV John B. Hood Camp also participated in the opening and closing activities.

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 President Vali Reyes

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The program included several interesting speakers, including Camp Cmdr. David Daniels and Brother Rev. Stephen Duncan. Period music and singing was led by trio accompanied by piano. Bugler Dana Read also provided some era-correct airs! The Victorian Lady treated the assembly with an entertaining fashion show. All these activities along with the era-correct tea and food tastings – prepared by the ladies and served on elegant dinnerware - made this year's Presidential Tea one of the best ever!



Ladies of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary



Elegant table settings



Lt. Edward Lea Camp #2 SUVCW Honor Guard



The real work went on behind the scenes



Ball High School JROTC Drum & Fife unit



Camp Cmdr. David Daniels

...respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance (photos by Mr. Marsh – additional photo on back page)

21th Encampment of the Department of Texas

Fort Worth, Texas - Saturday, June 6, 2015...

* Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1 * Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2 * Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp #18



Officers and members from the three Texas SUVCW Camps assembled at Fort Worth, Texas for the 21st Encampment of the *Department of Texas*.

Left: Bro. Hal Hughes served as event Registrar

The business portion of the meeting included: reports of Officers and Committees; a talk by special guest speaker, Ray Richie, about his vast collection of Civil War memorabilia; resolving the matters of both unfinished and new business; and the nomination, election and installation of Department Officers for the 2015-2016 term.



Chaplain Jerry Kowalski

Special guests included National SVR Chaplin Jerry Kowalski and Sister Norma Pollard, VP of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary*, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2 SUVCW. At the conclusion of the official Encampment activities, the focus shifted next door – to a self-guided tour of the Texas Civil War Museum - owned and operated by guest Ray Richie. It contains a vast collection of Union and Confederate memorabilia and artifacts



Brother Craig Reeves at the podium



The Colors: Departmental and Camps #1, 2, and 18



Auxiliary VP Norma Pollard presents donation and certificate to Cmdr. Willis



L-R: Brothers Drake Peddie, Gary White, and Brian Glass preparing to issue voting ballots



Attendees raise ballots to vote "Aye" to carry a motion

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Left: Chaplain Jerry Kowalski shared comments, insight, and encouragement – as well as assisting with the succession of Department Officers formalities



Right: Lt. Edward Lea Camp #2 Cmdr. Tom Coughlin and his wife Kathryn (UDC)



Left: Guest speaker, Ray Richie, shared his personal story of Civil War artifact collecting.



Right: Cmdr. Willis presents Mr. Richie with collectable Treue Der Union challenge coin and certificate.



Left: Department Cmdr. Gene Willis proudly displays the inscribed whiskey flask given to him by the Department.



Right: Officers for 2015-2016 are sworn in. L-R: Gene Willis, Don Gates, Charles Sprague, Steve Holmes, Beau Moore, and Blair Rudy.



Left: Chaplain Kowalski presents the Departmental gavel to new Dept. Cmdr. Steve Holms.



Right: Dept. Sec/Treas Don Gates pins the PDC badge on Brother Gene Willis.

...photos and report respectfully submitted by Brother Michael Lance

The following is Part 2 of a first-hand wartime account written by William S. Stryker, Adjutant-General of New Jersey. It is the story about the gun used in firing on Charleston in 1863. Only minor punctuation editing has been added to improve clarity....editor.

The "Swamp Angel"

The Gun Used In Firing on Charleston, 1863

**"....Through the air, with a rush and a yell,
With a screech and a roar went the howling shell,"**

and the fiery missile was pitched over the James Island batteries, the harbor, and into the city. As we lay on the sand hillocks watching its flight, it seemed to go up among the very stars, and its burning fuse lit up its track as it descended on its course of destruction. The ringing of firebells, the screaming of whistles from tug-boats in the harbor, told us truly that it had reached the city. Fifteen shells, at this time, were fired, and the Charleston dispatches of that day to the department at Richmond reported "twelve shell as having fallen into the city."



Just at daybreak, General Beauregard sent a message to General Gillmore, telling him that his firing "with the most destructive missiles used in war upon a city filled with sleeping women and children, would give him a bad eminence in history."

Right: General Pierre Gustave Toutant-Beauregard

Left: General Quincy Adams Gillmore



General Gillmore replied very briefly, and on Sunday night twenty more shell were fired into the city. All the batteries which could obtain that night the range of the "Swamp Angel," commenced a furious cannonade. But still our shell kept flying in the midst of their iron hailstorm. It was a wild night, and the whole army corps watched and listened for each report from the gallant little party in the marsh.

On the thirty-sixth discharge, the entire breach, just behind the vent, blew out, and the gun was thrown forward on the parapet. The band which always encases the first re-enforce of Parrott guns, was split, and became entirely separated from the piece.



The Swamp Angel after it exploded!

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The Parrott projectiles were the only kind ever used in this gun. Some were called incendiary, and contained port-fire mixed with the explosive material. Some of the shell also contained "Short's Solidified Greek Fire," and some were filled with powder alone. The Greek Fire was encased in tin tubes three inches long and three-quarters of an inch in diameter, closed at one end. These tubes were placed in the shell and the interstices filled with powder. As near as I have been able to ascertain, ten of the fifteen shots fired the first night contained each some twenty pieces of this Greek Fire.

After the bursting of the eight-inch rifle, no more guns were placed in the Marsh Battery until after the surrender of Fort Wagner, September 7, 1863. Afterward, two ten-inch sea-coast mortars were placed there for the purpose of drawing the fire of the James Island batteries whenever the navy made any attack on Forts Sumter or Moultrie.

Immediately on the surrender of Cumming's Point, General Gillmore had guns mounted thereon, calling it Fort Gregg. There is a record of one of these guns on Fort Gregg, a thirty-pound Parrott rifle, which threw more than four thousand six hundred shell, four thousand two hundred and fifty-three of which were seen to fall into the city. The steeple of Saint Michael's Church in Charleston was not struck by the shells, but the church itself received some injury.

The first gun mounted on the Marsh Battery in its broken condition was sent with other condemned metal after the war to Trenton, New Jersey, to be melted up, but having been identified, was placed on an appropriately inscribed granite block, and was erected as a monument on the corner of Perry and Clinton streets, in Trenton. An accurate



drawing of the fractured gun will be found on Plate XXXIII of General Gillmore's exhaustive work on the *Engineer and Artillery Operations Against Charleston*, edition 1865.

No very great military results were ever expected from the erection and firing of the "Swamp Angel." As a difficult problem in engineering, as a severe testing of heavy guns, as a novel method of damaging an enemy's city, over the heads of its army and their fortifications – the result, as we have seen, was highly successful.

Left: author Gen. William Scudder Stryker



"The Swamp Angel"
Cadwallader Park, Trenton, N.J.
Photo by Michael Kendra, 2002

Source: Magazine of American History Illustrated, pages 553-560, December 1886, edited by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb

Daily Intelligencer, Sep. 23, 1863
(Atlanta Paper)
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The Boston Journal has the following about the shelling of Charleston:

Our readers will be pleased to learn that General Gillmore has no less than 30 Parrott guns mounted that will throw shell plump into Charleston. Also that the use of Greek Fire shells to bombard that rebel stronghold was personally ordered by President Lincoln. The Greek Fire burns for twenty minutes. It will burn on the water as well as on the land and each shell covers a surface of one hundred square feet with flame. The shell bursts into about one hundred and twenty pieces, or ten times as many as the ordinary shell. Of course the effect of these will be to set Charleston in flames, which nothing can subdue.

In addition to the Greek Fire shells, a large quantity of improved shrapnel shells, made by the inventor of the Greek Fire shell, and containing five hundred to one thousand bullets each, have been sent to Morris Island, to be transferred thence into the rebellious city in a manner not very pleasing to the enemy. These shells are fired with the fuses, and are very destructive of life.

.....Barrycdog, May 26, 2013

A Confederacy Within A Confederacy

It is not generally known, or remembered, if ever known, that in the second year of the late civil war a county in Mississippi formally seceded from its parent State and the Southern Confederacy, and organized a distinct government of its own. Jefferson Davis was much mortified when the news reached him of such rebellious proceedings in his own commonwealth, therefore as little publicity was given to the affairs at the time as possible.

It was in the latter part of 1862 that a convention assembled at the court-house in Ellisville, the seat of justice of Jones County, and passed an ordinance of secession severing the county from the Southern government altogether, declaring that as a part of a State which had established a precedent by its recent action, the county had a perfect right to exercise similar power. It called itself the "Jones County Confederacy". Its ordinance of secession was a weighty document, and read as follows:



Newt Knight

"Whereas the State of Mississippi has seen fit to withdraw from the Federal Union, for reasons which appear justifiable, and whereas we, the citizens of Jones County, claim the same right, thinking our grievances are sufficient by reason of an unjust law passed by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, forcing us to go to distant parts, etc., etc., Therefore be Resolved, that we sever the union heretofore existing between Jones County and the State of Mississippi and proclaim our Independence of the said State, and of the Confederate States of America – and we solemnly call upon Almighty God to witness and bless this act".

A resolution was offered in the convention to join "the United States of America – for offensive and defensive measures," but almost immediately voted down – many members of the convention declaring that "such an act would be extremely inconsistent, as the united States" were "now pursuing a coercive measure towards the Confederate States".

The President chosen was Nathan Knight – "Nate" Knight, as he was familiarly known, a man of intense force of character, bold, defiant, and without fear, but one of the most illiterate citizens of Jones County. As is generally the case with such characters, his honesty was doubtful; yet he would have made an able commander in the field had the opportunity offered in a legitimate way, and he was exceedingly popular with the people of his little confederacy.

The new government had its congress – both branches – and Knight chose his cabinet from among the most ardent secessionists in the county; in many instances one man performed the duties of several. A code of laws was prepared to meet the requirements of the miniature confederacy. Conscriptio and confiscation acts were passed, and then written out on common paper, and nailed to the trees in the vicinity, as not a newspaper existed in the entire county at that time.

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Editor's note: Although this account of secession was printed in a major publication in 1886, there is controversy over whether or not Jones County actually seceded from the Confederacy. While Northern historian George Norton Galloway claimed a "Nathan Knight" headed up a local "confederacy" in Jones County, Mississippi, the name of the main character was likely Newt Knight. Newt Knight did lead a guerrilla uprising against the Confederacy, but there seems to be no evidence that he and his guerrilla band formally drew up documents of secession. Mr. Knight and several of his comrades all denied the secession during their lifetimes. In interviews and published articles, the men involved unanimously stated that it was their belief that Jones County had never left the Union in the first place.

Newt Knight struggled between 1870 and 1900 to obtain a pension for his Knight Company's service to the Union during the Civil War. His several pension depositions all basically relate that the men of the Knight Company formed an ad hoc military unit in late 1863 for the purpose of remaining faithful to the Union – in other words – pledging their loyalty to the Union before a local magistrate. None of the Knight Company men ever mentioned any sort of "secession" from the Confederacy. They said they fought to bring down the Confederate Army and restore the Union. Apparently, the government lawyers never asked them whether they had attempted secession. A claim of secession might have helped the Knight Company prove their Unionism and win compensation. But none of them made such a claim. The controversy continues....

Source: "A Confederacy Within a Confederacy" by G. Norton Galloway, Historian 6th Army Corps – originally printed in Magazine of American History Illustrated, pages 387-390, October 1886 issue, edited by Mrs. Martha J. Lamb

Editor's note: The author, George Norton Galloway, was born in 1841 and died February 9, 1904. He served in the Civil War as a Private in Company G, 95th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Private Galloway was awarded a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery at Alsop's Farm, Virginia on May 8, 1864. His citation simply reads "Voluntarily held an important position under heavy fire". His Medal was issued on October 24, 1895.



**Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2 Color Guard
&
Ball High School JROTC**

Back row L-R: Bro. David LaBrot PCC; Bro. Samuel Hampton PCC; Bro. Michael Lance; Cadet Dewain Adcox; Cadet Bro. Ronnie Hayward; Cadet Hector Saravia; Bro. Rev. Stephen Duncan; Bro. Bill Pollard SVC; and Major Mark Knight U.S. Army (Ret)

Front row: Cadet Bret Thompson; Cadet Alyssa Nichols; Cadet James Loyden; Cadet Devlin Howell; Cadet Alan Flores; and Bro. Pete Lenex

*"I confess, without shame, that I am sick and tired of fighting —
its glory is all moonshine;
even success the most brilliant is over dead and mangled bodies,
with the anguish and lamentations of distant families,
appealing to me for sons, husbands, and fathers ...
it is only those who have never heard a shot,
never heard the shriek and groans of the wounded and lacerated ...
that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation."*

Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman

1820 – 1891

American soldier, businessman, educator, and author