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From the Commander's Tent

Greetings Brothers!

The approach of Christmas and New Years Day indicates that the end of a very successful year is nearing. I sincerely thank you for the assistance you rendered the Camp during 2019. Finding the time to attend monthly meetings, events, and other activities hosted or promoted by the Camp, is not always easy - especially with the plethora of other normal day-to-day commitments that we all have. Therefore, the time and effort you sacrificed during this past year to help us further the goals of the Order, is very much appreciated!



2019 proved to be, once again, a very active year for the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp*. One of the highlights was hosting the Department Encampment at the *Heritage Society Museum* near downtown Houston. The Camp also held our annual signature event, the *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremony in January. Grave markers of several Civil War veterans were dedicated, along with participation in numerous other events, including: *Civil War Weekend* at Liendo Plantation; Veterans Day ceremonies and parade in downtown Houston; Memorial Day ceremonies at the Houston National Cemetery; *Boonville Days* in Bryan, Texas; the Camp Groce survey project near Hempstead, Texas; many, many JROTC

Award presentations; the celebration of *Juneteenth* at Ashton Villa in Galveston; the *Lineage Fair* in Conroe, Texas; the *Family Day* event at the Houston Maritime Museum; the *Tomball Heritage Festival*; the *Voices of South Texas* event in Corpus Christi;and the list goes on and on! We also welcomed several new Brothers to the Camp during the year.

As we look ahead and plan for 2020, the schedule of activities will likely be just as robust. Continued support of the Camp will be needed and much appreciated. The experiences of volunteering will likely be as *rewarding for you as it will be for the Camp!*

Meanwhile, let us take a little time to reflect on our blessings in life and express gratitude for what we have. We are all extremely lucky to live, work, and serve in the great States of Texas and Louisiana. The friendships and relationships we have cultivated within the Order are added bonuses - and I am grateful for each of you. I hope you and your loved ones enjoy special time together during the holidays. *Celebrate each other!*

Yours always in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Michael Lance - Camp Commander

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Membership Muster

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 Sgt. Isaac Newton Stubblefield

Service Unit

Co F, 12th Regiment, Indiana Inf. & Co E, 59th Reg't, Indiana Inf.
 Co. E, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. I, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery
 Co. D, 1st Regiment, New York Mounted Rifles
 Co. L, 4th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery
 Co. I, 73rd Regiment Indiana Inf. & Co. H, 9th Reg't Indiana Inf.
 Co. G, 106th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. B, 52nd Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co D, 17th Regiment, Connecticut Infantry
 Co. L, 50th Regiment, New York Engineers
 Co. F, 50th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. D, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry
 Co. C, 85th U.S. Colored Troops
 Co. A, 38th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. F, 144th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry
 Co. F, 142nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 122nd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry
 Co. A, Capt. Stockton's Mounted Missouri Militia
 8th Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry
 Co. C, 17th Regiment, Kentucky Infantry
 15th Regiment, Maine Infantry
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 Co. H, 84th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 Independent Company, Trumbull Guards, Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 107th U.S. Colored Troops
 Co. H, 107th U.S. Colored Troops
 Co. C, 203rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. E, 42nd Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry
 85th Regiment, New York Infantry
 Co. F, 38th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry
 Co. G, 86th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 Co. A, 8th Battalion, District of Columbia Infantry
 Co. C, 102nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. K, 1st Regiment, Michigan Light Artillery
 Co. D, 48th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry
 Co. M, 4th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co. F, 4th Regiment, Missouri Infantry
 Co. A, 36th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. L, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry
 Co. I, 19th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 Co. D, 13th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co B, 1st Alabama & Tennessee Independent Vidette Cavalry
 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Co. D, 93rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. E, 6th Illinois Cavalry
 Co. G, 47th Regiment, Missouri Infantry
 Co. C, 4th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 7th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. E, 12th Regiment, New Hampshire Infantry
 Co. C, 101st Regiment, New York Infantry
 Co. A, 46th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 1st Regiment, Alabama Cavalry
 Co. K, 44th U.S. Colored Infantry
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 Co C, 9th Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 2nd Regiment, Texas Cavalry

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Pvt. Isaac Cherry Sutton
 Pvt. Robert A. Glover
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 Cpl. John Anderson Laws
 Pvt. Joseph Henry Wells

Service Unit

2nd Regiment, Texas Cavalry
 Co. I, 126th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry
 Co. I, 126th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry
 Independent Company, Trumbull Guards, Ohio Infantry
 Co. K, 58th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. B & F, 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Mounted Infantry
 Co. A, 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry
 Co E, 12th & Co L, 5th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Co E, 12th & Co L, 5th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
 Scotts Guard, 6th Indiana State Militia
 Co I, 12th Regiment, Tennessee Calvary
 23rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. B, 8th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 7th Regiment, Michigan Cavalry
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 Co. H, 14th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry
 Co. H, 6th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry
 Co. E, 37th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry
 Co. C, 91st Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. G, 145th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. A, 7th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 Co. M, 13th Regiment, Indiana Cavalry
 Co. C, 126th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. C, 2nd Kansas Colored Infantry (83rd U.S. Colored Infantry)
 Co. G, 71st Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. K, 63rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 126th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. G, 37th U.S. Colored Infantry
 Co. G, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry
 6th Missouri State Militia Cavalry
USS North Carolina and USS Wyandotte
 Co. C, 3rd Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry
 Co. E, 77th Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Co. D, 104th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. K, 2nd Regiment, Minnesota Infantry
 Co. I, 101st Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. A & H, 188th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry
 Co. K, 10th New York Cavalry
 103rd Regiment, New York Infantry
 Co. D, 9th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers
 Shields' 19th Independent Battery Ohio Light Artillery
 Co. C, 10th Regiment, Illinois Infantry
 Co. A. 88th Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Co. F, 171st Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. M, 3rd Reg't NY Cav. & Co. F, 5th Reg't Excelsior Brigade
 Co. F, 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. D, 134th Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Co. H, 39th Regiment, Kentucky Infantry
 Co. B, 5th Regiment California Infantry
 Co F, 74th Reg't New York Inf. & Co. H, 40th Regt. New York Inf.
Co. G, 8th Regiment, Indiana Infantry
 Co. H, 84th Regiment, New York Infantry
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, Tennessee Light Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, Tennessee Light Artillery
 Co. I, 3rd Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry

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Mr. Tracy I. Wallace +	Cpl. Andrew Wallace	Co. C, 14th Kentucky Cavalry
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Mr. Samuel P. Wheeler ^	--	--
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Key: ~ *Charter Member* * *Past Camp Cmdr.* ** *Past Dept. Cmdr.* *** *Life Member*
 + *New Member* ^^ *Junior Member* ^ *Associate Member* # *Honorary Member*

Camp Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue Dec 10	Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm Speaker: Brother Michael Lance – <i>Year in Review</i>	Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX
Sat Dec 14	Wreaths Across America – 11 am Ceremony and wreath laying	Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, TX
Sat Jan 4, 2020	Battle of Galveston Commemoration - 11 a.m. Signature event of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp	Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery Broadway at 40th St., Galveston, TX
Sat Jan 4	Monthly Meeting – 1 p.m. Installation of Officers	Golden Corral Restaurant Galveston
Sat Feb 8	Homestead Heritage Day – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Living history demonstrations and battle re-enactment	Jesse Jones Park 20634 Kenswick Dr., Humble, TX
Tue Feb 11	Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm Speaker: TBD	Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX
Fri Feb 28	2-day Tomball Heritage Festival – School Day – 9 a.m.	Spring Creek Park
Sat Feb 29	General Public Day – 10 a.m. <i>Battle for the Powder Mill</i> Re-enactment, Cultural Demonstrations, Historic Cemetery tours	15012 Brown Rd., Tomball, TX
Tue Mar 10	Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm Speaker: TBD	Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX
Tue Apr 14	Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm Speaker: TBD	Trini Mendenhall Community Center 1414 Wirt Rd., Houston, TX
Sat Apr 18	President’s Tea – 2:30 pm Hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1	Queen of Angels Catholic Church 4100 Hwy 3, Dickinson, TX

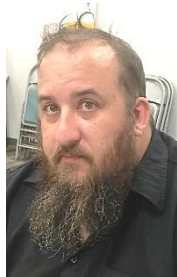
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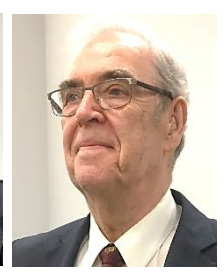
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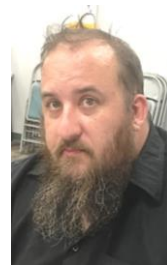
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President's Tea – An Event Not to Miss

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, SUVCW* will be hosting their next edition of their always delightful and elegant *President's Tea*. The event will be held at the Queen of Angels Catholic Church Hall at 4100 Highway 3 in Dickinson, Texas from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Besides Civil-war era refreshments, the planned activities include, musical entertainment, enlightening and educational speeches, and assorted reflections of the Civil War era. Volunteers from the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* will form a Color Guard for the event. Various other heritage organizations will also participate.

All Brothers of the *Camp* are encouraged to attend this worthy event. You will enjoy an entertaining afternoon while, at the same time, be supporting our Ladies *Auxiliary*. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For ticket information, call 281-414-2077 or 832-264-4698

Introducing: Terry T. Sutton



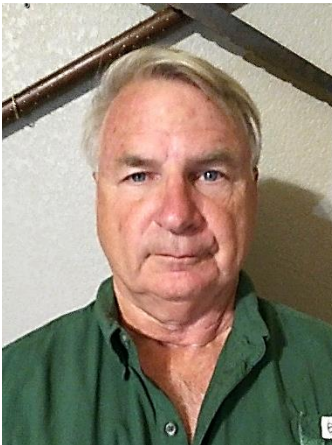
Hello, Brothers! I am a retired NASA engineer with 23 years at the Johnson Space Center. I'm currently living in Corpus Christi. My retirement allows me to indulge in my true passions and hobbies, Civil War history and genealogy. My genealogy led to the discovery that I have several Civil War ancestors. One of them is my great-great-grandfather, Isaac Cherry Sutton, Co. G, 8th Indiana Infantry. Also, my mother's grandfather was a southern Unionist. He was in the 1st Alabama and Tennessee Independent Vidette Cavalry. I have many more ancestors that fought with both the blue and gray.

I try to get involved with associations that promote history, such as the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. I work with the *Nueces County Historical Society* and the *Friends of Bayview Cemetery* on local projects in Corpus Christi. I look forward to my returning membership in the *SUVCW*.

Editor's note: Brother Sutton joins the Edward Lea Camp based on the Civil War service of his ancestor, Isaac Cherry Sutton, who served with Co. G, 8th Regiment Indiana Infantry. Welcome, Brother Sutton!

Introducing: Lee R. Wallace and Tracy I. Wallace

Hello Brothers. Thank you for letting us join. We are honored! My name is Lee Wallace and my son is Tracy. I was born in Dallas in 1955, raised in Temple, and then joined the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.



I graduated in 1978 with an Anthropology degree and a 2nd Lieutenant commission in the Regular Army. I completed Airborne and Ranger school before graduating. It was off to the Infantry Officers Basic Course, then Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the Naval War College.

I left the Army in 1992 and bought a business that I have retired from in July. My wife of 33 years passed away 2 years ago.



Lee R. Wallace

Tracy I. Wallace

Tracy is 16 years old and attends high school. He is on the debate team and the swim team. He is a Life Scout working on his Eagle. He goes with me to the Methodist church regularly and to a Toastmasters Club which is politically oriented. They give lots of talks on American liberty which have created an interest in American history.

Our ancestor is my dad's grand-dad who joined the 14th Kentucky Cavalry. He was captured and paroled. He lived until 1903. My Dad told me that he joined the Union Army because he opposed slavery. That is all I know of him. I have an 84 year old cousin in Kentucky who I haven't seen in 30 years who may have more information. I'm trying to chase that down. Thanks again! We look forward to joining ya'll.

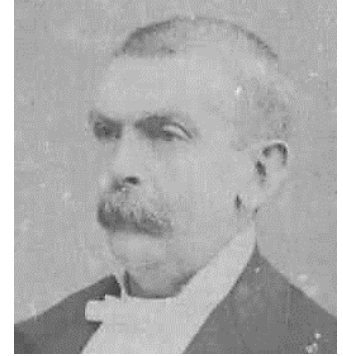
Editor's note: Brothers Lee and Tracy Wallace joined the Edward Lea Camp based on the Civil War service of their ancestor, Cpl. Andrew Wallace, who served with Co. C, 14th Kentucky Cavalry. Welcome, Brother Wallace!

Ancestor Profile – Silas Moffett

Silas Moffett was born July 24, 1841 in New Woodstock, Madison County, New York. His parents were William Moffett and Arethusa Webber. Silas was the 4th and last child born to William & Arethusa. Arethusa passed away February 27, 1842 - seven months after Silas' birth. William Moffett was a farmer now left alone to care for 4 young children. In September of the same year, William married Mary Lyon. They would eventually have 4 children together.

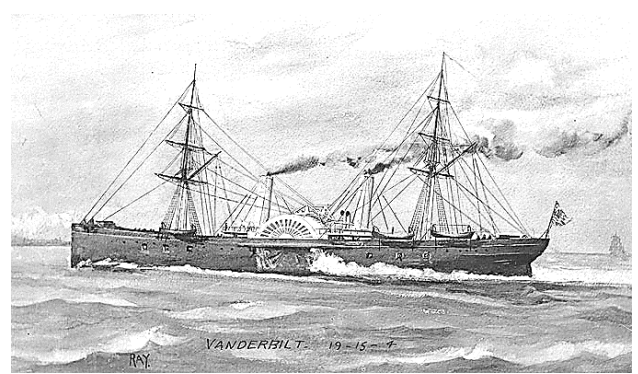
Census records reveal Silas working on a farm in his youthful days. However, the 1860 New York census shows him, now 18 years old living and working on his Uncle Abel Webber's farm, living in nearby Cazenovia, New York. By then, the dark clouds of civil war were looming just over the horizon.

The terrible "War Between the States" had been raging for over 3 years before Silas Moffett, enlisted. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on August 19, 1864 at Little Falls, Herkimer, New York. His enlistment papers state that he had grey eyes, dark hair, a fair complexion, and was 5' 10" tall. He stated that he was a civilian with the occupation of carpenter. He enlisted for 1 year service and a \$100 bounty. His initial rank was "Landsman". In today's Navy, this would be equal to a seaman recruit (E-1). After 1 year of service, he could be promoted to ordinary seaman (E-2).



Silas Moffett

Silas was assigned duty to the *USS Vanderbilt*, a 3,360 ton wooden side-wheel steamship. She was 331 feet long with a top speed of 14 knots. She was built in 1856 at Greenpoint, Long Island, New York for commercial trans-Atlantic passenger service. After the outbreak of the Civil War, she was turned over to the U.S. Navy on March, 1862. The *Vanderbilt* was then converted into a cruiser. Her armament consisted of two 100 lb. Parrott rifles, twelve 9" Dahlgren smoothbores, and one 12 lb. gun. She was a fast and formidable ship indeed! She spent the rest of 1862, and all of 1863 patrolling the Atlantic searching for the *CSS Alabama*. She did not find the *Alabama*, but she did capture 3 merchant ships that were suspected of blockade running.



USS Vanderbilt

Much of 1864 was used for much needed repairs and overhaul on her over-worked steam engine. When she returned to duty in 1864, Landsman Silas Moffett was part of the crew that manned her. Since Silas was a carpenter by trade, his skills were needed and required for naval wooden vessels.

The *USS Vanderbilt* then patrolled the North Atlantic watching for blockade runners operating out of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Beginning in November 1864, and into 1865, she moved south and took part in the attacks on Fort Fisher in Wilmington, North Carolina. That action eventually resulted in the closing of that port to Confederate commerce. With the coming of Spring 1865, hopes were high for the long awaited Union victory. But the Navy kept Silas and the *Vanderbilt* busy. The rest of 1865 had the ship transporting soldiers to the Gulf of Mexico and towing ironclads between east coast ports. During the summer, the *Vanderbilt*, was also used as a receiving ship at the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. Silas Moffett, was discharged and returned home to New York in the summer of 1865.

The *USS Vanderbilt*, on the other hand was a different story. She proudly served the Navy until May 1867. She was then laid up at the Mare Island Navy yard until April 1873. She was then sold to private owners who turned her into a sailing ship and renamed her *Three Brothers*. Later in the 19th century, she was used as a coal hulk. In 1929, she was finally broken up and put to rest.

1865 census records shows Silas living at home on his father's farm. By 1870, he had married Julia Tackabury. He was employed as a carpenter and living in Syracuse, Onondaga, New York. The 1880 New York census shows that Silas and

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Ancestor Profile – Silas Moffett (continued from previous page)

Julia had two sons – Eddie and Milton Moffett. They were living with Julia’s parents in Lenox, Madison County, New York. Silas was employed as a book agent.

Records indicate that by 1884, Silas and Julia had divorced. The 1900 New York census shows Julia living alone with her father in Lenox, New York. By 1888, Silas had made his way to Sidney, New South Wales, Australia. There, he lived out the rest of his life, passing away December 11, 1923 at age 82. He had filed for and received his war pension prior to his passing. He was laid to rest at the Rockwood Cemetery, Church of England Division, Rockwood, and Sydney, Australia. May God Bless our Country, May God Bless our Navy.

...Submitted by Brother Glenn Webber – Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18

Family Day at the Houston Maritime Museum

Saturday, September 28, 2019 – Houston, Texas

Brother William ‘Bill’ Pollard PCC represented the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2* at the popular *Family Day* event at the *Houston Maritime Museum* on Saturday, September 28th. He interacted with the public discussing membership opportunities with the *SUVCW* and about other maritime exhibits and relics on display.

Being a long-time resident of the area, and his familiarity with the story about the demise of the *USS Westfield* during the January 1, 1863 Battle of Galveston, and the wreck’s belated recovery, Brother Pollard always holds the attention of his listeners.



Brother William Pollard with young Owen. The youngster was visiting the museum with his grandfather and was happy to try on a recruit’s uniform!



Display and recruiting table at the Houston Maritime Museum

.....Submitted by Brother William Pollard PCC

Images from Boonville Days

Saturday, October 4, 2019 – Bryan, Texas

The following images were collected on Saturday, October 4, 2019 at the *Boonville Days* event at the *Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History* in Bryan, Texas. Brother Michael L. Lance attended to represent the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2* and also *Co. A., 13th U.S. Infantry*. Recruiting tables were set up to entertain and inform attending guests.



Michael L. Lance at recruiting tables



Confederate cannon on display



One of many photo opportunities



Clockwise from top left:

- **Buffalo Soldier entertains a young guest.**
- **The mechanical bull had a never-ending line of riders.**
- **Wells Fargo stagecoach – guests were allowed to sit inside for photos.**
- **Free horseback rides were also very popular.**
- **A friendly alpaca poses for a photo.**
- **Churning butter – one of many hands-on learning opportunities.**



....submitted by Michael L. Lance

Grave Marker Dedication

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – Galveston, Texas

A grave marker dedication ceremony was conducted at Lakeview Cemetery in Galveston on October 19, 2019. A new military marker had recently been installed at the grave of Pvt. William Dixon, who had served with *Co. A, 33rd Indiana Infantry* during the Civil War.

Five Brothers of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* attended to perform the dedication ceremony - which concluded with a 3-volley musket salute and the playing of *Taps*. The Honor Guard included Cmdr. Michael Lance, William Pollard PCC, Stephen Schulze PCC/PDC, and Zane Hooper. Brother Samuel Hampton PCC, served as guard.



Left L-R: Samuel Hampton, Stephen Schulze, and Zane Hooper

Other participants included Sisters Norma Pollard and Chaplain Betty Hampton of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1*, and Helena Aucoin of the *Galveston County Genealogical Society*, and her husband, Thomas Aucoin.

Right L-R: Helena Aucoin, Norma Pollard and Betty Hampton



Sister Hampton assisted with the Divine Blessing and Sister Pollard read the poem: *The Unknown Dead*.

The Colors were smartly posted near Pvt. Dixon's grave by a Cadet *JROTC Color Guard* from Galveston's Ball High School.

Right L-R: Color Guard - Cadet Pvt. Esquivale Jr., Cadet Pvt. Hall, Staff Sgt. Michael Caballero (Retired), and Cadet Sgt. Cruise



Brother Pollard, as Officer of the Day, placed the tools of the soldier at the grave – and then posted Brother Sam

Hampton as guard. Sister Norma Pollard, placed grapevine and evergreen wreaths at the grave, and Sister Betty Hampton laid a red rose. Finally, Cmdr. Michael Lance placed a small U.S. flag at the grave.

After a musket volley salute by the 4-man Honor Guard, *Taps* was sounded, and the ceremony was concluded.

Honor Guard L-R: Michael Lance, William Pollard, Zane Hooper, and Stephen Schulze. Sisters Betty Hampton and Norma Pollard watch from the podium area.

.....submitted by Michael Lance



Saturday, November 9, 2019 – Corpus Christi, Texas

The city of Corpus Christi hosted the 2019 *Voices of South Texas* event at Old Bayview Cemetery in Corpus Christi on November 9, 2019. The program included a walking tour within the cemetery - punctuated by reenactors portraying the historical figures buried in specific plots - from all time periods of Texas history. In addition, a cannon crew gave a nice operation and firing demonstration, which was very well-attended. Thirty-four different historical and heritage organizations were represented at the event.



Most of the graves in the historic cemetery were equipped with a unique QR code. Visitors could scan the code with their phones and then see an impressive and interesting biography about the individual buried in that grave.

The *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* was represented at the event by Brothers Terry Sutton, Steven Coons, Robert Yeager, and Michael Lance. Friend of the Camp, Judy Turner, also joined the Brothers in honoring Union Soldier Julian Garza. Pvt. Garza had enlisted in Brownsville in 1863 and served with the 1st Texas Cavalry.

Left: Judy Turner by the grave of Pvt. Julian Garza

A wreath was placed at Pvt. Garza's grave and a short dedication ceremony was given by Judy Turner and Brother Sutton. Michael Lance followed with a musket salute. Brother Coons manned the recruiting table that was set up near Pvt. Garza's grave.



L-R: Steven Coons, Judy Turner, Terry Sutton, and Michael Lance

Brother Yeager served as the Captain of the cannon crew. He thoroughly explained the functions of each position on the big gun. He also pointed out that the powder monkey was a choice target of the enemy because he was key to the firing of the piece. At that point, I spontaneously stepped forward and pointed my musket towards the powder monkey. The Captain remarked: "Like him!" The crowd laughed.

Everyone had a good time. This is an event you may want to add to your schedule in 2020!

...submitted by Michael Lance

Monday, November 11, 2019 – Houston, Texas

Brothers of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2* combined with members of *Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry* to form an Honor Guard for the Veterans Day ceremonies at City Hall in downtown Houston. The Guard was commanded by Thomas Whitesides of the *13th U.S.* The Honor Guard assembled and stacked arms on the grassy area beside the reflecting pond in front of City Hall. They were soon joined by a 4-person *JROTC Cadet Color Guard* from Galveston's Ball High School. When the appropriate time approached during the program, the Honor Guard retrieved arms and formed up to offer a 3-volley musket salute to honor our nation's Veteran heroes. The Cadet Color Guard was positioned behind the Honor Guard and provided a drum roll during the volleys.



The Honor Guard participants included:

Front row L-R: John Miles, SVC Michael Rappe, Cmdr. Michael Lance, Rion Braddock, and Howard Rose.

Back row L-R: Curtis Lewis, Lanny Low, Glenn Camp (not visible), and Kerry Manning (not visible).

Captain of the Honor Guard, Thomas Whitesides, was positioned in front of the Honor Guard and is not visible in the image on the left.

Brother Stephen Duncan formed up with the Cadet Color Guard.



Following the official ceremony, the Honor and Color Guards marched as a unit in the large and impressive parade through downtown Houston. The Color Guard provided the marching cadence. Marching immediately behind the group was the rest of the Ball High *JROTC Cadet Corp*, led by Maj. Mark Knight.

After the parade, the *JROTC Cadets* boarded buses and visited the Buffalo Soldier's Museum in Houston.

**Ball High Cadet Color Guard
L-R: Cadet Noe Nava, Cadet Roselyn Gonzales, Cadet Sky Dotson, and Cadet Stacy Veatch**

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Veterans Day (continued)



The Veterans Day ceremony at City Hall was well attended by Veterans of various eras, their families, a bagpiper who performed, and many spectators.

Left: The spectators filled the seating area and overflowed onto the wall of the reflecting pond.

As usual, the Honor Guard received and honored many requests to pose for photos.



Some members of the Honor Guard assemble to pose for a photo behind the stacked arms.

L-R: Cmdr. Michael Lance, John Miles, Howard Rose, SVC Michael Rappe, Cindy Dietrich (Daughters of the Republic of Texas and DAR), Glenn Camp, and Rion Braddock.



Ball High JROTC Cadets visiting the Buffalo Soldiers Museum in Houston

*...submitted by Michael Lance
Photos by Stephen Duncan and Michael lance
Additional photo on page 26*

Friday-Sunday, November 22-24, 2019 – Liendo Plantation, Hempstead, Texas

Five Brothers of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp* and Sister Norma Pollard of the *Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary* traveled to Liendo Plantation near Hempstead on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 to erect the Camp's large recruiting tent. The usual location near the plantation house fence - under the large black walnut tree - was mowed and cleaned up. Then Brothers Michael Rappe, Gary White, Thomas Coughlin, William Pollard and Michael Lance muscled the large tent up into position. Afterwards, display tables and signage were positioned inside. All was now ready for the annual 3-day *Civil War Weekend* event.

Friday - School Day. The grounds were soon crowded with excited happy children. Their chaperones were working hard to keep their individual groups together.



Saturday - the Federals were greatly reinforced. A large city of canvas tents filled the open camp grounds as volunteers continued to arrive. A battalion of 3 companies was organized and drilled. The outlook for the upcoming battle this day looked a bit rosier for the men in blue!

Left: Brother William Pollard busy at selling raffle tickets

Meanwhile, back at the recruiting tent, raffle tickets were being briskly snapped up by visitors who wanted a chance(s) to win the beautiful quilt that was, once again, made and generously donated by Sister Linda LaBrot. A replica non-commissioned officer's saber as also on display as a raffle item.



Wed. L-R: Michael Rappe, Gary White, Thomas Coughlin, Michael Lance, and William Pollard.

Brother Gary White entertained groups of children with stories about the Civil War, the uniforms, and equipment.

Fri. Left: Brother White holds the attention of young listeners

The highlight of the day was a Civil War skirmish between the Confederate forces and a greatly outnumbered Federal unit. The federal infantry line was much too weak to defend the 4 Federal artillery pieces for very long. The Confederates quickly took the day!



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The two battles on Saturday were a reenactment of the *Battle of Manassas*. The bleachers along the side of the field hosted a huge throng of spectators. Brothers Michal Lance and Michael Rappe mustered with the infantry, and Robert Yeager commanded a federal artillery piece. Brother William Pollard remained in command of the recruiting tent. The fighting was done on a much larger scale this day. The fields were soon shrouded in a cloud of gunpowder smoke. Unfortunately, the Federals were eventually routed one again. This writer was shot during the final Rebel charge.



A company of Federal soldiers advance towards the front lines



A portion of a Federal Zouave unit



Federal cavalry on patrol

Sunday – Featured the reenactment of the *Battle of Chickamauga*. The opposing armies would again battle in earnest. The Federal army was again reinforced to full strength, with supporting artillery and cavalry. Brothers Michael Lance, Michael Rappe, Gary White, Ben Bonnett, William Martin, and Robert Yeager would all see action. *Company A, 13th U.S. Infantry* also had a good showing, with Curtis Lewis, Howard Storey, John Miles, Kerry Manning, Rion Braddock, Lanny Low, Gram Low and Chuck Beers all present for muster.

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During the action, a Federal Company approaches to pass through their deployed grounded skirmish line.



SVC Michael Rappe at the Camp recruiting tent
Sheltered under the branches of an ancient black walnut tree

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Civil War Weekend *(continued)*



Brother Gary White served as the position #1 Cannoneer on one of the big guns (*in action on the far left in the center photo*). As in previous engagements, the federal artillery was attacked by charging Confederate cavalry (*bottom photo*). The attackers were, once again, successfully repulsed by Union cavalry.

As the event drew to a close, the items on display inside the tent were boxed up, the recruiting materials were collected, and the tables were folded. Several Brothers remained on site to help carefully disassemble, fold, and pack the large tent. Soon the majestic black walnut tree had the area to itself once again!

One of the final activities was the drawing of the winning raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt made by Linda LaBrot (*top left photo*), and the non-com officer's saber. Both raffle winners were immediately contacted and the prizes claimed. The weekend event was very successful, and most participants were already looking forward to next year!



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....Report submitted by Michael Lance

....Photos by Brothers Michael Lance and Thomas Coughlin, and photographers Lisa Wooldrige and Herve St. Pierre

Wreaths Across America

Monday, December 14, 2019 – Houston, Texas

Brothers Michael Rappe, Stephen Schulze, and Michael Lance attended the Wreaths Across America event at the Houston National Cemetery on Saturday 14, 2019. The pleasantly cool sunny morning drew thousands of volunteers of all stripes: families with children, veterans of several wars, motorcycle clubs, scout troops, ROTC units, Civil Air Patrol squadrons, photographers, musicians, VFW posts, and the list goes on and on, to the cemetery. The Hemicycle was filled to capacity, with the crowd overflowing outside the walls of the structure.



L-R: Michael Rappe, Stephen Schulze, Michael Lance

The very skilled 1st Cavalry Division, Lone Star Brass band performed Christmas songs at the beginning of the event.

Then, after a moment of silence, opening remarks by Len Cannon of KHOU-11, and the invocation, the Colors were presented by the Kingwood High School

Navy Jr. ROTC. Then, the Lone Star Brass band played the National Anthem.

Alex deMasi, who was 8-years old in 2009 when he began the Houston Chapter of Wreaths Across America, took the podium to host the Presentation of Wreaths. He introduced elderly distinguished veterans of the U.S. Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Merchant Marines - who participated in presenting wreaths for their respective service branches. A wreath was also presented for POWs and MIAs.



1st Cavalry Division, Lone Star Brass

As in previous years, the Houston Highlander Pipe Band performed *Amazing Grace* and other patriotic tunes. Another highlight of the event was a 6-aircraft flyover by the *Commemorative Air Force, Houston Wing* – vintage *Flying WWII War Birds*. They performed the dramatic Missing Man Formation Flyover while trailing white smoke.



Left: Flyover by the Commemorative Air Force, Houston Wing – Flying WWII War Birds

The 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines fired a 21-gun salute, which was followed by Taps, performed by Specialist Paul Roberts of the 1st Cavalry Division Lone Star Brass band. The Kingwood High School JROTC retired the Colors to conclude the ceremonies.

Then the volunteers streamed out of and from around the Hemicycle towards the large boxes of wreaths that were stacked at strategic locations within the cemetery. Each volunteer collected one or two wreaths from the boxes and respectfully laid them at graves. Within a very short time, the cemetery was adorned with thousands of wreaths.

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Wreaths Across America (continued)

Brothers Lance, Rappe, and Schulze were assisted by 3 members of *Cub Scout Pack 926* of Humble, Texas. The patriotic young scouts helped lay the wreaths, read the veteran's names, and offered salutes. Together, they laid many of the dozens of wreaths donated by the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2*.



L-R*: Two unidentified girls, John Medgaarden (Webelos 1 Scout, *Lightening Patrol*), Cmdr. Michael Lance, Dean Medgaarden (Webelos 1 Scout, *Falcon Patrol*), Stephen Billey (Bear Scout), Stephen Schulze PCC, and JVC Michael Rappe



Volunteers decorated thousands of veteran graves

**....photo graciously submitted by Humble Pack 926 Cubmaster, Elizabeth Ross-Medgaarden*

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December 11-15, 2019 – Southeast Texas

I had decided last year that there were 17 cemeteries within 2-3 hours of me (Victoria, Texas) that should participate in the *Wreaths Across America* program. So after coordinating with several historical and heritage organizations, I agreed to be Location Coordinator if the interested organizations would sponsor *Wreaths Across America* events in their localities. Thor Chester and Steven Coons, members of Houston's *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2*, agreed to assist me as volunteers.

Wreaths Across America ceremonies were coordinated and scheduled for 16 Texas cemeteries beginning on Dec. 11, 2019 and to continue through Dec. 15, 2019. The cemeteries involved were located in Goliad, Choate, Victoria, Yoakum, Castroville, Corpus Christi, Smithville, and McDade.

Unfortunately, the *Wreaths Across America* organization had some issues getting the wreaths out nationally due to unexpected snow storms, heavy rains, and transportation issues. So initially, cases of wreaths were put on trucks with no idea where they were actually going or how close to the destinations the wreaths were going to be delivered. The wreaths did not arrive at our Texas destinations as planned on Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019. Instead, we started receiving the wreaths 3 days later - on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019.

The liaison for *Wreaths Across America* contacted locations near us to see which ones had received overflow wreaths. With that information, I called the locations that had more wreaths than they were supposed to have – and made arrangements to obtain from them the 40 cases we were supposed to receive. We contacted volunteers, borrowed vehicles, drove to pick up the wreaths, and rearranged ceremony dates.

We had to re-plan 6 *Wreaths Across America* events for Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. It was decided by the organizations I was working with, that I - as *United States Daughters of 1812, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service* representative - with *SUVCW* members Thor Chester and Steven Coons as volunteers, would go to Catholic Cemeteries 1, 2, 3, & 4 in Victoria, Texas, to put the wreaths out before the ceremonies. The task was up to us due to lack of volunteers available – a problem caused by the shipping issues.



Steven Coons – Adjusting a Wreath



Steven Coons and Thor Chester decorating a fence with wreaths

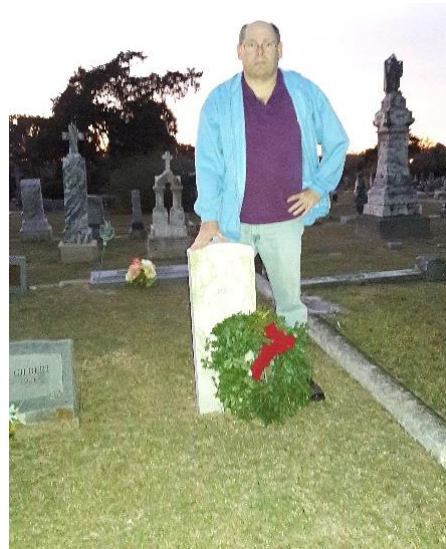


So, on Dec. 14th, we held a large ceremony - laying over 400 wreaths - at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Victoria. Then we had abbreviated services at Catholic Cemeteries 1, 2, 3, and 4 – also located in Victoria.

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Wreaths Across America (continued)

On Dec. 15, 2019, abbreviated *Wreaths Across America* services were conducted at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Yoakum, Texas - and in McDade and Smithville. Thor Chester led the pledges and placed wreaths. Steven Coons helped put out flags, handed out programs to attendees, and placed wreaths.



Thor Chester Placing wreaths at veteran graves

As of December 17, 2019, we are still receiving wreaths! Ceremonies are scheduled for December 18th in Goliad and Choate. So, as you can imagine, we have been very busy. But things are starting to settle down now. On a happy note, everything here smells like pine wreaths - *I wouldn't have it any other way!*

.....Submitted by Judy Turner, United States Daughters of 1812 & etc.

Bitter News to Impart

With a dead Union soldier beside him, Sam Wilkeson, a correspondent for the New York Times, wrote his dispatch from Gettysburg. In the midst of a bird's "warbling," he wrote, "a shell screamed over the house, instantly followed by another and another, and in a moment the air was full of the most complete artillery prelude to an infantry battle that was ever exhibited. Every size and form of shell known to British and American gunnery shrieked, moaned, whirled, whistled, and wrathfully fluttered over our [Union] ground." Almost instantly, "houses at twenty and thirty feet distant were receiving their death, and soldiers in Federal blue were torn to pieces in the road and died with the peculiar yells that blend the extorted cry of pain with horror and despair."

So severe was the Confederate barrage, "not an orderly, not an ambulance, not a straggler was to be seen upon the plain swept by this tempest of orchestral death thirty minutes after it commenced."

A somewhat earlier death was that of the young Federal lieutenant who lay next to him – Lt. Bayard Wilkeson, the newspaperman's son. And since he was, *had been*, his son, no wonder that Sam Wilkeson also wrote:

"Who can write the history of a battle whose eyes are immovably fastened upon a central figure of transcendently absorbing interest – the dead body of an oldest born, crushed by a shell in a position where a battery should never have been sent, and abandoned to death in a building where surgeons dared not stay?"

....source: *Best Little Ironies, Oddities & Mysteries of the Civil War*, by C. Brian Kelly, pg. 194, published 2000

Woman Still Getting Civil War Survivor Benefits

Abraham Lincoln couldn't have dreamed that 21st century Americans would still be paying for pensions created during his administration! During the Civil War, to bolster military recruitment, the U.S. government established pensions for veterans wounded in battle and widows of those killed. After the war, the system was repeatedly expanded to cover more and more classes of beneficiaries - including men whose disabilities had nothing to do with their service in uniform. Congress eventually granted pensions to widows of Union veterans who married after 1890. Then it included all widows whose marriages had lasted 10 years. Incredibly, in 1958, Congress granted pensions to widows of Confederate soldiers.

Mose Triplett had served in both the Union and the Confederate armies during the Civil War. In the early 1920's, his 1st wife, Mary, passed away. Mose remarried in 1924 to Elida, a woman 50 years his junior. With Elida, Mose went on to father 5 more children. Sadly, only 2 of their children - Irene Triplett and her younger brother, Everette Triplett - survived childhood. Irene was born in 1930, and is now the last living recipient of a Civil War pension. This survivor benefits pension is based on her father's Civil War service - 153 years after the war ended!

Mose Triplett's army career started on the Confederate side in 1862. He was only 16 years old when he joined the 53rd North Carolina Infantry Regiment. In 1863, he transferred to the 26th North Carolina Infantry Regiment, which was destined to participate in the *Battle of Gettysburg* in July 1863. Fortunately for him (and his descendants), Mose fell ill with fever and was admitted to a Confederate hospital just before the *Battle of Gettysburg*. He then escaped from the hospital 2 days later, deserting his regiment entirely. As a result, Mose entirely missed the *Battle of Gettysburg*, where more than 90% of his North Carolina regiment was killed, wounded, or captured.

The local people in North Carolina were mostly sympathetic to the Union and frequently helped Confederate deserters. With their help, Mose made his way over the mountains and on to Knoxville, Tennessee. There, in the summer of 1864,



he joined the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry, a Union regiment. He emerged from the war relatively unscathed.

Left: Irene Triplett and her Civil War soldier father, Mose Triplett

By the time his daughter, Irene Triplett, was born, Mose had reached an advanced age. She wouldn't have much time to spend with her father. He passed away in 1938 when she was only 8 years old.

In 1943, Irene and her mother, Elida, moved into a poorhouse in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Her younger brother Everette, ran away and found a job at a saw mill. He went on to have children of his own, but his sister Irene, who was born mentally disabled, moved into a nursing home with her mother.

Irene Triplett

In 2013, after breaking her hip, Irene moved from the nursing home into a Wilkesboro skilled-nursing facility. Today, she is 89 years old and is last person still collecting a Civil War pension - \$73.13 per month! Irene's story offers a rare glimpse into the past, and a chance to remember the sacrifices made by veterans in general.



Visit <https://youtu.be/Fwfs9uxTK8Y> to watch a short video about Mose and an interview with Irene Triplett.

In Memory

Mrs. Emily Leigh Hamlin Duke

Emily Leigh Duke was called from labor on November 27, 2019, at her home in Houston, after an extended battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. She was the wife of Charles L. Duke, Patriotic Instructor of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. She also the gr-gr-granddaughter of U.S. Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin, who served in the White House with Abraham Lincoln from 1861 to 1865.

Hannibal Hamlin later served as a Senator from Maine and Ambassador to Spain just prior to the Spanish-American War. He had also been Governor and Senator from Maine before the Civil War. His sons, Major General Cyrus Hamlin and Brigadier General Charles Hamlin, also served during the Civil War - at the battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana and at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, respectively - among other campaigns.

Major General Cyrus Hamlin commanded the *80th U.S. Colored Troops* (USCT) at the siege of Port Hudson, during the Vicksburg campaign, after which he was first promoted to flag rank. He died of yellow fever in New Orleans in 1867 - two years after the war - on occupation duty. He was buried in the Girod Street Cemetery, which was later incorporated into the playing field of the Louisiana Super Dome. The graves in the cemetery had first been moved, including that of Cyrus Hamlin, before the Super Done was built. There were also about a dozen Kings of Zulu buried in the old Girod Street Cemetery. It was said that the bad gris-gris from disturbing those graves would insure the Saints could not win anything for 25 years. They were right! Brig. General Charles Hamlin attended President Lincoln on the night he was shot at Ford's Theater. He had Lincoln moved across the street to the rooming house, where he died the next morning.

A memorial service will be held for Emily Leigh Duke at the Cherie Flores Pavilion in Centennial Gardens, in Hermann Park in Houston on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 1-3 p.m. A bench at Hermann Park will be dedicated in her honor. Interment will be in the family square at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. The family square was purchased in 1866 on the original grounds of the *Battle of Brooklyn Heights*, of Revolutionary War note.

Of further historical interest, Gustavus Allen, who founded Houston along with his brother, John Allen, is also buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Gustavus died during the Civil War and it was not then possible to ship him home to Houston to be buried with his brother. So he was buried where he was born and died - in New York.

John Allen is buried in Houston at Founder's Cemetery, at 1217 West Dallas St. There is a state historical marker and an empty grave for his brother Gustavus there. The graves are near the entrance to the small cemetery, which is maintained by the City Parks Division. The cemetery was originally known as the Houston City Cemetery. Later, the City granted Congregation Beth Israel the land next door as a Hebrew burial ground. A provision of the grant was that Beth Israel would maintain an outer row of graves on the back edge of the cemetery as a potter's field to bury the City's unclaimed dead / unknowns that were found in the city from time to time.

.....submitted by Brother Charles Duke

On behalf of the *Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp*, I would like to extend our sincerely sympathies to Brother Duke and his family for the loss of Mrs. Duke....*M. L. Lance*

Trailblazer

John Eaton Jr. marched off to war as Chaplain of the 27th Ohio Regiment. He was soon made a Colonel and placed at the head of a regiment of black fighting men. He later was promoted to brevet Brigadier General. That honorary rank came to him as a reward for his work with runaway slaves. These fugitives had flocked to General Grant's army in such numbers that they seriously hampered its movements - until Eaton took charge of them. Col. Eaton insisted that contrabands were desperately in need of both education and jobs. So he did his best to provide both. In the North, public opinion was only mildly favorable concerning 'experiments with former slaves.' This factor made it impossible for Col. Eaton to achieve more spectacular results, but his work did provide a model for the *Freedman's Bureau*, which was established in March 1865.

....Source: *Civil War Curiosities*, pgs. 50-51, by Webb Garrison, 1994

The *Medal of Honor* is the USA'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."



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

With this issue of the Harriet Lane, in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN - the namesake of our Camp, I am continuing to present a review of the recipients of the Medal of Honor who served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War....editor

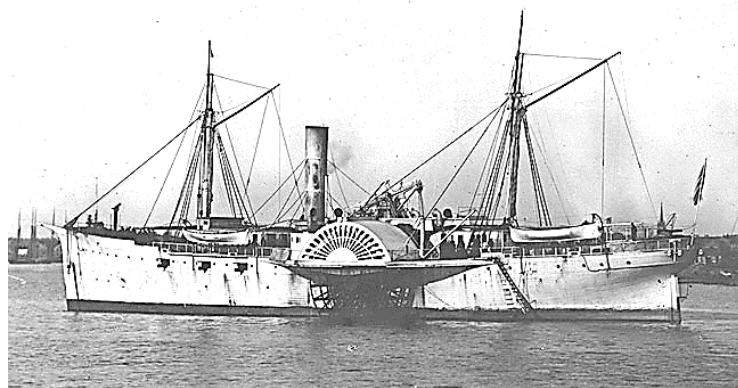
- **John Greene – Captain of the Forecastle** – John Greene joined the U.S. Navy from New York and served as a captain of the forecastle on the *USS Varuna*. At the Battle of Forts Jackson and St. Philip near New Orleans on April 24, 1862, *Varuna* was rammed twice by the Confederate steamer *CSS Governor Moore* (formerly known as the *Charles Morgan*) and eventually sunk. Greene acted as a gun captain and "remained steadfast at his gun throughout the thickest of the fight and was instrumental in inflicting damage on the enemy". For this action, Greene was awarded the Medal of Honor a year later. His Medal of Honor citation reads:

"Captain of a gun on board the U.S.S. Varuna during the attacks on Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and while under fire and ramming by the rebel ship Morgan, 24 April 1862. During this action at extremely close range while his ship was under furious fire and twice rammed by the rebel ship Morgan, Greene remained steadfast at his gun throughout the thickest of the fight and was instrumental in inflicting damage on the enemy until the Varuna, badly damaged and forced to beach, was finally sunk."

- **John Griffiths – Captain of the Forecastle** – John Griffiths was born in 1835 and emigrated from his native Wales to the U.S. He volunteered for service in the Union Army in 1864 as a private in the 30th Massachusetts Infantry. Within 30 days of his army enlistment, Griffiths transferred to the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the Union brig *USS Santiago de Cuba*. On January 15, 1865, the North Carolina Confederate stronghold of Fort Fisher was taken by a combined Union storming party of sailors, marines, and soldiers under the command of Admiral David Dixon Porter and General Alfred Terry. Griffiths was a member of the storming party. His Medal of Honor citation states:

USS Santiago de Cuba

"The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Captain of the Forecastle John Griffiths, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving on board the U.S.S. Santiago de Cuba



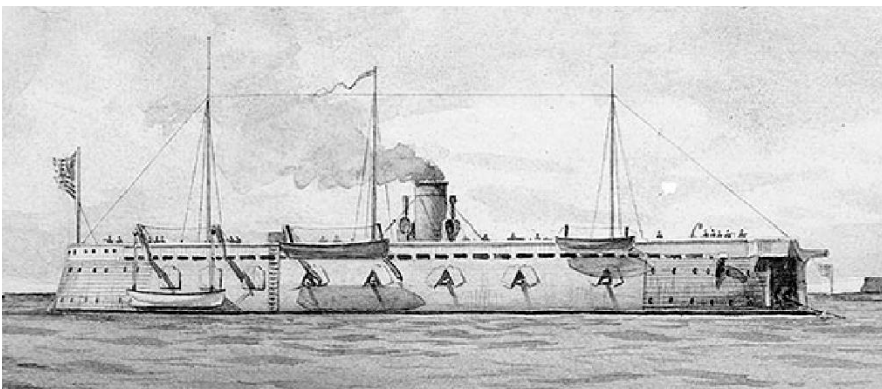
during the assault on Fort Fisher, North Carolina, on 15 January 1865. As one of a boat crew detailed to one of the generals on shore, Captain of the Forecastle Griffiths bravely entered the fort in the assault and accompanied his party in carrying dispatches at the height of the battle. He was one of six men who entered the fort in the assault from the fleet."

- **Luke M. Griswold – Ordinary Seaman** – Luke Griswold was born in 1837. He was awarded the Medal of Honor "for extraordinary heroism in action while serving on board the U.S.S. Rhode Island, which was engaged in saving the lives of the officers and crew of the U.S.S. Monitor, 30 December 1862 near Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

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Participating in the hazardous rescue of the officers and crew of the sinking Monitor, Ordinary Seaman Griswold, after rescuing several of the men, became separated in a heavy gale with other members of the cutter that had set out from the Rhode Island, and spent many hours in the small boat at the mercy of the weather and high seas until finally picked up by a schooner 50 miles east of Cape Hatteras."

- **Edmund Haffee – Quarter Gunner** – Edmund Haffee was born in 1832 and enlisted for a 3-year term in the U.S. Navy in August 1862. He was assigned to the Union ironclad *USS New Ironsides*. His enlistment is credited to the state of Pennsylvania. On January 15, 1865, the North Carolina Confederate stronghold of Fort Fisher was taken by a combined Union storming party of sailors, marines, and soldiers under the command of Admiral David Dixon Porter and General Alfred Terry. Haffee's Medal of Honor citation states:

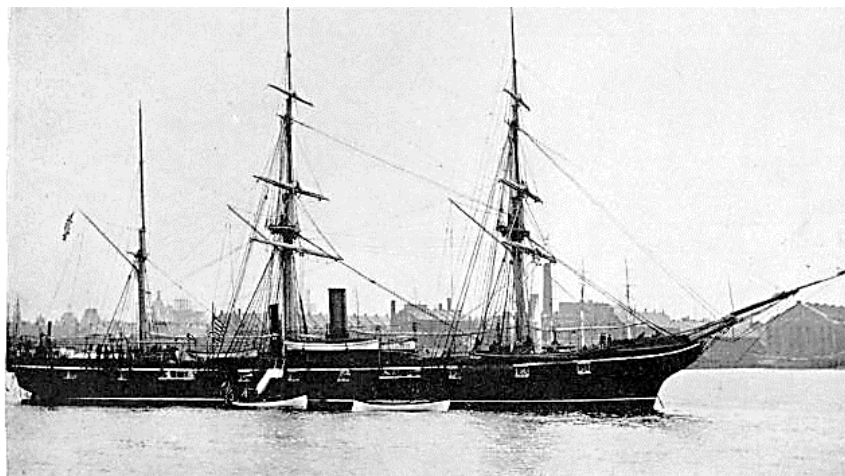


USS New Ironsides

"The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

Quarter Gunner Edmund Haffee, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving on board the U.S.S. New Ironsides during action in several attacks on Fort Fisher, North Carolina, 24 and 25 December 1864; and 13, 14, and 15 January 1865. The ship steamed in and took the lead in the ironclad division close inshore, and immediately opened its starboard battery in a barrage of well-directed fire to cause several fires and explosions and dismount several guns during the first two days of fighting. Taken under fire, as she steamed into position on 13 January, the New Ironsides fought all day and took on ammunition at night despite severe weather conditions. When the enemy came out of his bombproof to defend the fort against the storming party, the ship's battery disabled nearly every gun on the fort facing the shore before the cease-fire orders were given by the flagship."

- **James Haley (born Healy) – Captain of the Forecastle** – James Haley was born June 24, 1822 in Ireland. On June 19, 1864 he was serving as Captain of the Forecastle on the sloop of war *USS Kearsarge* when she sank the commerce raider *CSS Alabama* off Cherbourg, France. Haley was awarded his Medal of Honor for gallantry under fire exhibited while captaining a ship's gun. His Medal of Honor citation states:



"Served as captain of the forecastle on board the U.S.S. Kearsarge when she destroyed the Alabama off Cherbourg, France, 19 June 1864. Acting as captain of a gun during the bitter engagement, Haley exhibited marked coolness and good conduct and was highly commended by his division officer for his gallantry and meritorious achievement under enemy fire."

USS Kearsarge

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Facing Hermann Square Reflection Pond at City Hall, downtown Houston, Texas

L-R: Michael Lance, John Miles, Howard Rose, Michael Rappe, Cindy Dietrich, Curtis Lewis, Glenn Camp, Kerry Manning, Rion Braddock, and Thomas Whitesides – prior to the ceremonies and musket salute

“What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, the guns of our war steamers, or the strength of our gallant and disciplined army.

These are not our reliance against a resumption of tyranny in our fair land.

All of those may be turned against our liberties, without making us weaker or stronger for the struggle.

Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in our bosoms. Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere.

Destroy this spirit, and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.

Familiarize yourselves with the chains of bondage and you are preparing your own limbs to wear them.

Accustomed to trample on the rights of those around you, you have lost the genius of your own independence, and become the fit subjects of the first cunning tyrant who rises.”

Abraham Lincoln

(b. 1809 - d. 1865)

16th President of the United States (1861-1865)

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois (1847-1849)

Member of the Illinois House of Representatives (1834-1842)

Excerpt from Lincoln’s speech given at Edwardsville, Illinois on Sep 11, 1858