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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



This year is quickly coming to an end, or so it seems. We have only two more Monthly Meetings to bring our canned good, etc. for our Christmas Baskets this year. I would like to provide 4 baskets this year, one for each of the counties that we are responsible for (Camp, Franklin, Morris and Titus).

Will each member start bringing your goods to the lodge, where we will store them and divide them up. Also, if you know of a family that could use our assistance this year, please let me know.

It's also time to start planning for our Second Annual 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Birthday Celebration, which will be held on October 28th. I would love for everyone to attend this with your wife. Prior to the dinner we will have a booth set up at the Omaha Fall Fest. I invite all of you to come out and help us spread the word about our organization.

Perhaps the most important event that is fast approaching is the election of new officers for the camp. I would like for each of you to seriously consider holding an office next year and if you have any questions about the duties, I have a list of each position and the responsibilities that goes with the office. If you are interested in a particular office, please talk to 1st Lt. Commander Rex McGee about it. The camp is growing and now we need individuals to step up and help lead.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 16th, 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Old Union Community Center
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas

Graveside Memorial Service

Saturday, October 14th, 10 a.m.
New Boston Cemetery, New Boston, Texas
See www.5thbrigade.org for full details

Graveside Memorial Service

Saturday, October 21st, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Texas
See www.5thbrigade.org for full details

Gilmer Yamboree Parade

Saturday, October 21st, 11 a.m.
Gilmer, Texas
See www.5thbrigade.org for full details

2nd Annual 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Birthday Celebration

Saturday, October 28th, 6:00 p.m.
Old Union Community Center
Mount Pleasant, Texas
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"Breathe there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself has said,
This is my own, my native land!"
Sir Walter Scott

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

1. Near what city did 16,000 Confederates keep 55,000 Federals at bay in October, 1862?
2. How did animals aid the Confederates during Union Colonel Abel Streight's raid into northern Alabama in the spring of 1863?
3. Ordered to reduce Vicksburg, David Farragut bombarded the city with Federal naval guns for how long?
4. What Confederate Commander kept his army in the field for six weeks after the surrender at Appomattox?
5. Who was the last surviving general of the C.S.A.?

Answers on page 10

DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCV, this includes attending other camp meeting, public speaking, or even putting flags on graves.
- I've updated our Calendar of Events.

I'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org and I promise to give it my full consideration.

Our Charge...

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!

UNIT SPOTLIGHT

11TH TEXAS CAVALRY

(Continued from Last Month)

On December 31, 1862, Ector's Brigade spearheaded the initial charge at the battle of Murfreesboro. The Confederates quickly surprised and overran the Federal positions, capturing men and artillery. The Eleventh Texas Cavalry suffered heavy losses, officially reported as eight killed, eighty-nine wounded, and eighteen missing. Among the fatalities were Colonel Burks, who was mortally wounded during the battle and died several days later. Pressing his hand to conceal what he knew to be a fatal wound, he shouted encouragement to the men, "charge them, my brave boys," until, faint from the loss of blood, he could go no further. He was highly commended by his brigade and division commanders.

Following Colonel Burks's death, the Eleventh Texas Cavalry was remounted and transferred to the Cavalry Corps. Some say it was Burks's dying wish to have his regiment remounted. Whatever the reason, the Eleventh Texas Cavalry was remounted and transferred to the Cavalry Corps on January 23, 1863.

Under the command of Joe Wheeler, the Eleventh Texas Cavalry were led on several raids through Tennessee and Kentucky. Following those raids, they fought at the battle of Chickamauga on September 19–20, 1863.

On October 27, 1863, Colonel Bounds was apparently murdered by W. R. Dulaney of Company D. Dulaney deserted the regiment the same day. This incident is shrouded in mystery, but Bounds became the second colonel of the Eleventh Texas Cavalry to be killed by a private assassin.

The regiment passed a hard fall and winter of 1863–64 near Knoxville in East Tennessee, an area known for its Union sentiment and bushwhacking. Two large Federal cavalry raids resulted in many of the members of the Eleventh Texas being captured. Company-grade officers were particularly hard-hit, as Capt. Nathan Burks of Company F and Capt. John Russell of Company G were both captured, and Capt. W. W. Gibson of Company I was wounded and unable to return to the service. At least forty-two other members of the regiment were captured during the winter of 1863–64.

From April to September 1864, the Eleventh Texas Cavalry participated in the defense of Atlanta. Always against great odds, the Eleventh served side-by-side with the Eighth Texas Cavalry, also known as Terry's Texas Rangers. Following the Atlanta campaign, the Eleventh pursued Sherman on his trail of devastation through Georgia and the Carolinas. The surrender of the Army of Tennessee occurred at Greensboro, North Carolina, on April 26, 1865. However, most of the members of the cavalry corps refused to surrender. Instead, many joined President Jefferson Davis, and others tried to make it to the Trans-Mississippi to continue the fight there. Most of

the members of the Eleventh Texas Cavalry did not surrender. Instead, they left North Carolina in small groups and simply returned to Texas.

On May 16, 1865, at Columbus, Mississippi, a detachment of Second Lt. A. C. Bailey and seven enlisted men from Company C surrendered in what is believed to be the last organized surrender involving the regiment. The war was over.

Most of the men returned to their pre-war occupations, mainly farming, to make a living. Some, such as Ben Bickerstaff and Lt. Tom Emmett, both of Company I, opposed the Reconstruction government in a movement referred to as "The New Rebellion."

The post-war years were hard ones, but by the 1880s, the old veterans could again gather together, tell old tales of fighting Indians and Yankees, and relive the comradeship they had enjoyed during the war. Two of the larger reunions enjoyed by the members of the regiment were the twenty-second reunion at Clarksville, Texas, on August 3, 1899, and the one at Whitesboro, Texas, on August 1-2, 1912. Robert Bean, formerly Second Lt. of Company B, served as president of the Eleventh Texas Cavalry Veterans Association for twelve years, despite being dropped from the rolls in 1864 for being absent without leave.

Of the original field-grade officers of the regiment, Maj. J.W. Mayrant lived the longest. He died in Grayson County in 1894. Lieutenant Colonel Diamond died in the yellow fever epidemic in Houston in 1867. Lt.Col. Robert W. Hooks was killed in a sawmill explosion in Bowie County in 1870. Colonel Reeves, who commanded the regiment longer than anyone else, returned to politics and was Speaker of the House in Texas in 1882. Returning home from a session, Reeves was bitten by a rabid dog. He died of hydrophobia shortly thereafter.

Maj. John Brent Puryear was the last surviving field-grade officer of the regiment, as he breathed his last on August 29, 1921, in Poolville, Parker County. Capt. Washington Underwood of Company F was

the last surviving company commander, as he died in Honey Grove, Fannin County, during the same year. The last junior officer was possibly Lt. Henry H. Allison of Company K, who died in Abilene in 1924.

The other veterans gradually grew old, obtained pensions from the state, and finally passed into history. The last survivor of the Eleventh Texas Cavalry is believed to have been William J. Brewer of Company E, who died on April 20, 1937, in Fisher County. Upon his death, it was said that the last of the old veterans of the Eleventh Texas Cavalry had "crossed the river to rest 'neath the shade of the trees."



SOME USEFUL INTELLIGENCE

Finding information about our Confederate ancestors isn't as difficult, and in some ways is less expensive, than it used to be. Lots of things are now available online, and the Dallas Public Library has a collection which will amaze you.

Let's talk about Confederate pensions. Every state which granted pensions to Confederate veterans kept their applications and paperwork on file.

You can see the whole file, for every soldier and state, by simply driving to the Dallas Public Library. It's all there on microfilm, and copies are only a quarter each.

Dallas also has the Compiled Military Service Records for all the Confederate soldiers from Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, those raised directly by the CSA government, and many of the Galvanized Yankee files...the same things you used to order from Washington City for big bucks and then wait and wait and wait....

If you need to order several military service record files from Washington consider getting yourself a subscription to footnote.com. Then you'll have quick and easy access to the Compiled Military Service Records of every Confederate soldier from every

state whose records have survived. For about the cost of three files, you can get a year's subscription to footnote.

Your humble newsletter editor knows about as much about computers as Harriet Beecher Stowe knew about slavery. He lacks the requisite synapses to learn most software programs. He has managed to learn the rudiments of PowerPoint, and so will be forced to present your monthly Newsletter in that format. He will present to you what he has in his hands at the end of business on the 15th day of each month. He appreciates your input and support.

CONFEDERATE PENSION HELPS...

Many states now have their Confederate pension indexes online:

[Florida]

http://www.floridamemory.com/collections/pension_files/PensionSearchResults.asp

[Texas]

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions/>

[Oklahoma]

<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/docs/pension.pdf>

[Arkansas]

http://www.arkives.net/documenting/confed_pensions.asp

[Louisiana]

<http://www400.sos.louisiana.gov/archives/gen/cpa-alpha.htm>

[South Carolina]

<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/search.aspx>

[Virginia]

http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas10&file_name=find-bclas10&local_base=CLAS10



Our Honored Ancestors

David Richard Reynolds
First Lieutenant

Company D, 9th Texas Infantry, Maxey's Brigade, Young's Regiment, CSA

October being the birth and death date of our Camp's Namesake, I thought it only fitting that I should run his biography each year during October - Editor

David Richard Reynolds, the Hero and Ancestor of Larry "Joe" Reynolds was the seventh child and fourth son of Henry and Mary (Brown) Reynolds was born on October 17, 1838 in what is now known as Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee. Shortly after David's birth he moved with his family to Sand Mountain in Jackson County, Alabama, where he grew to manhood.

Little is known of David Reynolds' early years, we know that he was educated in public school and on September 10, 1860 He was living with a C.N. Garrett and his wife M.A. Garrett in Titus County, Texas where his occupation was shown to be a teacher.

On October 5th 1861, shortly after the war of Northern Aggression broke out, David Richard Reynolds joined the Confederate Army at Daingerfield, then Titus County, Texas. He enlisted as a Private in Company "D", 9th Texas Infantry, Maxey's Regiment. According to letters and his journal we know that they marched from Daingerfield to Camp Rusk, in Lamar County, Texas where they were organized and trained.

Shortly after the organization, measles and pneumonia broke out in the regiment. Due to the sickness and the poor quality of the water at Camp Rusk, Lamar County, Colonel Maxey had to move the 9th Texas to Camp Benjamin, in Fannin County, about 26 miles distant. On January 1, 1862, the regiment took up the line of march to Memphis.

D. R.'s first battle of the war took place on Apr 6th and 7th, 1862, when the 9th Infantry was engaged in the Battle of Shiloh, TN. It was on the 10th of July 1862 that the 9th Texas Infantry found themselves

without a 2nd Lieutenant, and David Richard was promoted from Private to 2nd Lieutenant by the "vote" of the men in his unit. During the three years of the war, David Richard found himself moving all over the south. You can see the complete timeline of the 9th Texas Infantry by visiting our page at: www.davidrreynolds.org/9th_time_line_html! He along with other members of the 9th Texas Infantry fought in many small scrimmages as well as the Battles of Perryville, KY, Murfreesboro, TN, Jackson, MS, Chickamauga, GA, Atlanta, GA, Allatoona, GA, Nashville, TN, and Spanish Fort, AL.

David Richard Reynolds along with what remained of the 9th Texas Infantry, surrendered with the rest of Ector's Brigade at Meridian, Mississippi on May 4, and was paroled on May 11, 1865, under the command of Major James McReynolds. There were just 8 officers and 79 men-a small fraction of the 1,018 men who had served with the 9th at one time or another. I'm not sure of the date of promotion but his parole papers have him listed as a First Lieutenant.

After the war David Richard returned to Cookville, Titus County, Texas, where he set upon starting a farm and family. David's first marriage was to Judith Elizabeth "Babe" Holder the daughter of John Holder, born April 10, 1845. They were married on June 8, 1865 in Titus County, Texas. There were four children born to this marriage. Mary Ellen, born in October 1866 in Cookville, Titus County, Texas, who went on to marry her cousin James David Dukes; Henry Presley Reynolds born on September 20, 1869; John Arthur Reynolds who was born in either 1868 or 1869 and is buried in Oklahoma. I believe that John went on to become a Doctor; and Nancy Lundy Bell who was born in 1874. Judith Elizabeth "Babe" Holder died on February 4, 1879. She is buried in the Concord Cemetery in Morris County, Texas, next to David Richard.

David Richard next married Frances Melvina "Callie" Coffman on May 13, 1879 in Cookville, Titus County, Texas. Callie was born in January of

either 1861 or 1862, she died after January 27, 1917 in Pomona, California.

D.R. and Callie had a total of seven children: Josephine Anna, born May 20, 1880; Dosa E., born August 1882 and married P.E. Johnson on October 5, 1902 in Morris County, Texas; William Lafayette born April 24, 1884; Ada Jerusia born on March 28, 1886 and married a Barrier; Albert Obee born on July 19, 1889; Rosa Ethel born in July 1891 and married Francis Eugene Gallagher on May 7, 1911 in El Paso and their last child Roy Richard who was born on June 12, 1899. All of these children were born in Cookville, Titus County, Texas.

After the war was over, David Richard Reynolds served the town of Cookville, Texas as a teacher, a banker, a store owner, the Editor and Proprietor of the Cookville Banner Newspaper, and the Post Master of the Cookville, Post Office. I know that many of the land deeds and transfers in Titus County were witnessed by David Richard, who was also a Notary Public. There are also a number of land transactions that deals with "Reynolds Mortgage Company", so perhaps David Richard was his own banker for a time in Titus County.

D.R. Reynolds died on October 17, 1901 on his Sixty Third Birthday. He is buried next to his first wife Babe, in the Concord Cemetery in Morris County, Texas.



GUARDIAN NEWS

By 1Lt Commander Rex McGee

The past few months have seen our number of Confederate graves being cared for by Camp Compatriots taper off as new Guardians are not entering the program for various reasons. The issue with the monuments and other similar issues of school names and other things Confederate drawing negative publicity has created an interest in Confederate ancestors joining our ranks, but that has not yet equated into new Guardians. However, this

past month we received a commitment from two Compatriots who agreed to take on the responsibility for ten to twelve Confederate graves in two more Titus County Cemeteries. As soon as the paperwork and other work necessary to assign these graves is completed we will have two new Guardians. Hopefully this spur a new period of enthusiasm and growth of the program in our Camp



1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds
Camp # 2270, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Current Guardians
Effective September 30, 2017

Name	Graves
Adams, O.M.	14
Gunn, Dennis	1
Guy, W. H. (Bill)	3
Jones, Robert	11
Love, Rodney	18
Mars, John Michael	12
McGee, Rex*	50
Reynolds, James Robert	13
Reynolds, Jerry Don	7
Reynolds, Larry Joe*	35
Tommy Lee Reynolds	15
Talks With White Buffalo	23

*Full Guardians

We have numerous cemeteries and individual graves that need a compatriot to step up and be counted as it relates to showing our respect for our forefathers.

Many of you have cemeteries that are a stones throw from your front door. Two to three hours of your time per year will insure that the graves in these cemeteries will not be lost to the ravages of time & history. Our Confederate Heroes gave up to four years of their lives fighting a war while some paid the supreme sacrifice for us and our families. Show them that they did not serve in vain.

As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Upshur Patriots CDR and Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks,

“Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?”

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

October 5th – Burnis Covington

October 8th – Richard Fountain

October 3rd – Penny Knox

October 10th – Carole McGee

October 15th – Karen Adams

October 25th – Jamie LeAnn Farley

October 11th – Richard & Darline Fountain

October 24th – Robert & Kara Jones

October 12th – This date in 1870 General Robert E. Lee died. He is buried in Lexington Virginia.

LAST CAMP MEETING

We missed a lot of you at our September meeting, if you were one of the ones who wasn't there, I would like to ask you to please consider making our next one. In these times of everything Confederate being destroyed or degraded, please don't let the SCV and our camp be one of them. We miss all of you and need you in our ranks.

We did vote on two new members this month, Shawn Tully of Bogota and Kaden Beggs of Naples. Kaden will become one of our Cadet members.

Compatriot Glover brought our program, John Hall's Military Breechloaders, he also brought along three actual rifles for the men to see and hold. The food was good and everyone in attendance seems to have had a good time!



BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST



Battle of Corinth - Corinth Mississippi

3-4 October 1862 - General Earl Van Dorn verses General William S. Rosecrans. Casualties: 4233 Confederate, 2520 Union!

Battle of Allattoona - Allatoona Georgia

5 October 1864 - General Samuel Gibbs French verses General John Murry Corse. Casualties: 799 Confederates, 707 Union!

Battle of Perryville - Perryville Kentucky

8 October 1862 - General Braxton Bragg verses General Don Carlos Buell. Casualties: 3396 Confederate, 4211 Union!

Battle of Cedar Creek - Cedar Creek Virginia

19 October 1864 - General Jubal A. Early verses General Philip H. Sheridan. Casualties: 2910 Confederates, 5665 Union!

Battle of Ball's Bluff - Ball's Bluff Virginia

21 October 1861 - Colonel Nathan G. Evans verses Colonel Edward D. Baker. Casualties: 149 Confederate, 921 Union!



A Legacy of Courage *Joshua 1:9*

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua must have felt overwhelmed when The Lord gave him the responsibility to lead Israel. The Lord promised him, though, that He would give him the strength to do what was right if he would have the courage to be obedient. Moments earlier, The Lord had promised, "as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee." Joshua, having been taught and mentored by Moses, could reflect on Moses' courage and faith as a pattern for daily living and for fulfilling his responsibilities. God's Word is always good and true. What was right in Joshua's day remains right, and doing the right thing still requires as much courage as ever.

We, as descendants of courageous and honorable people, have been endowed with a legacy of courage. We have each accepted the charge to defend the honor of our ancestors and perpetuate the values for which they stood. Whether they volunteered for service or were conscripted, we know that our ancestors exhibited courage in fulfilling their duty. We can look at their deeds and know that they were men of courage. We can also understand that the principles for which they fought were right and just and know that they have left us an honorable heritage.

Doing what is right always requires courage, and it requires much more courage to stand up for the honor of those who are not present than it does to attack the honor of someone who is not present. It takes more

courage to do the right thing than to cut corners. It takes more courage to be truthful than to lie. It takes more courage to stand up to an enemy than to hide. Let us be courageous to do what is right, whether it is in defense of our heritage or our nation, or in making everyday choices in life . As the voices and threats of those who reject the truth of God's Word and history become louder and more numerous, let us remember that the God of Moses and Joshua is still God, and He still works through those who have the courage to serve Him faithfully.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Mars



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

September 1st – Get Well Card sent to Compatriot Jimmy Reynolds, who had stint installed on August 31, 2017

September 1st – Get Well Card sent to Lilma Godsey who has been diagnosed with stage 1 cancer.

September 18th – Get Well Card sent to James Reynolds of Omaha, he had a Heart Attack on Sep 14th.

September 18th – Get Well Card sent to Joanne Floyd, she was diagnosed with cancer.

September 26th – Sympathy Card sent to Cathy and Kaden Beggs for the loss of her husband, Paul Beggs, on September 25th.



The Continental Congress

Sep 2014

Delegates, appointed by the “*Several Colonies and Provinces*”, met in Philadelphia at Carpenter’s Hall. What was their first order of business?

Monday “*The Congress proceeded to the choice of a President... [and] Secretary. The gentlemen from the several Colonies produced their respective credentials, which were read and approved*”
Journals of Congress, September 5, 1774

Tuesday “*Resolved, That in determining questions in this Congress, each Colony or Province shall have one Vote... Resolved, That no person shall speak more than twice on the same point... Resolved, That the Revd. Mr. Duché be desired to open the Congress tomorrow morning with prayers...*” **Journals of Congress**, September 6, 1774

Wednesday “*Agreeable to the resolve of yesterday, the meeting was opened with prayers by the Revd. Mr. Duché.*” **Journals of Congress**, September 7, 1774

“O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords... look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee...

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish among the people... Amen.” **Rev. Jacob Duché**, First Prayer of Continental Congress, Sep 7, 1774

James Still, JamesStill@RetraceOurSteps.com

“Voted, That the Thanks of the Congress be given to Mr. Duché... for performing divine Service, and for the excellent prayer, which he composed and delivered on the occasion.”

Journals of Congress, September 7, 1774
-- *"I must confess I never heard a better Prayer... for*

America, for the Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially the town of Boston. It has had an excellent effect upon everybody here." John Adams, Letter to Abigail Adams, September 16, 1774



"She was so Southern that she cried tears that came straight from the Mississippi."

Sarah Addison Allen



Trivia Answers

1. Perryville Kentucky
2. Braying of their mules betrayed their location
3. Sixty-seven days, with no success.
4. Lt. General Kirby E. Smith, Commander of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi.
5. Felix H. Robertson (1839-1928)



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