



The Parmley Post

Newsletter of Gen James J Byrne Camp 1



Dept of Texas and Louisiana SUVCW

April 2024



COMMANDING OFFICER

My Brothers,

As I write this, the 2024 Department Encampment is a little more than a week away. It will be held Saturday May 4th in Plano and will serve as our next in-person or Zoom opportunity to plug into the activities of our Order. As I have previously stated, it will also be a great chance to support our own Brother Timothy Phillips as he assumes the gavel as

Department Commander for 2024-25. Please see details of the Encampment in this newsletter, including the actual Zoom link (listed in the Secretary’s Report below).

Looking ahead to Memorial Day: Efforts to establish a second “alternate” Memorial Day commemoration at a more southern location have not borne fruit. Therefore, we shall focus solely on Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Brother Todd Wilber has an article in this newsletter detailing his plans for this event. And Brother Beau Moore has stated he plans to have a rifle detail, as is our tradition. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the patriotism and sacrifice of Union veterans on this hallmark day of the year for our Order.

Our Camp will revert to the combined Secretary/Treasurer model used for many years, and which is used by our Department and all its other Camps. Brother Ky White will become the Secretary/Treasurer.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Brother David Appleton for staying on as Treasurer for the first several months of this year. We could not have done without the continuity he has brought to the Camp during a year of several transitions. He completed a heavy load of paperwork which is due to Department and National this time of year. Again, **Thank You, Brother Appleton!**

Please contact me if I may be of service.
I remain, your obedient servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Butch Durham, Commander

Record of the Previous Camp Meeting

[no Camp meeting since the last newsletter]



From the Senior Vice Commander

Brothers,

I am currently working on bringing into our fraternity, four potential new members: Jeffrey Bunn of Lubbock; Grant Gee of Georgetown; Timothy Provorse of Copperas Cove; and Andrew Austin of Livingston. They are currently in the application approval process. I have been working with Brother Ben Powers of Harker Heights attempting to prove his Union Veteran connection, in order to allow him to move from Associate Member to Regular Member. I have recruited him and Brother Steve Hart of Waco, to switch from Camp #2 to Camp #1, as to their close location for Bell County meetings. Additionally, I have contacted friends here locally in Bell County that are interested in membership when we begin to meet in person later this year. I have worked with the Department Registrar on a new member application and may enlist his assistance on another as well.

I looked at potential venues to conduct our Bell County location for the Memorial Day ceremony, and did not find a suitable location, that I felt would satisfy requirements for the event. Therefore, this year I defer to the Memorial Day ceremony in Fort Worth and encourage all to attend at that location. Next year with some brainstorming and more searching we may be able to find a suitable location in central Texas.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Michael Belcher, SVC



From the Camp Secretary

Brethren,

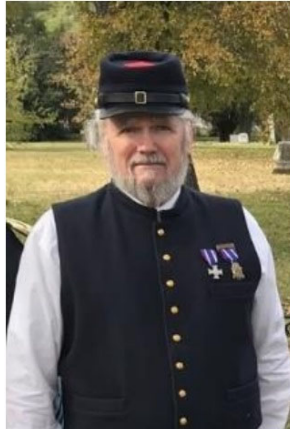
We encourage all brothers not attending in person, to use the following Zoom link information to attend the Department Encampment business meeting on May 4th at 1:00PM.

Please sign in about ten minutes prior to 1:00PM so that any bugs can be worked out!

Topic: TX & LA Department Encampment
Time: May 4, 2024, 1:00 PM Central Time
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89249996254>
Meeting ID: **892 4999 6254**

Lest we Forget
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ky W. White, Camp Secretary

From the Camp Treasurer *pro-tem*



Treasurer's Report as of 23 Apr 2024:

I will be meeting with Brother Ky White as the Camp's new Treasurer sometime this week or next week to get him substituted as a signatory on the Camp's checking account (that account is held at EECU in Fort Worth) and to transfer the Treasurer's files, accounts information, check endorsement stamp, cash box, etc. to him.

Treasurer's Report for April 2024:

Beginning balance (2/19/24):	\$2,491.20
Income:	
New member applications:	110.00
Expenses:	
National and Department annual dues:	920.00
Camp portion of PDC gift:	50.00
PayPal transaction fee:	.15
Ending balance: (4/23/24):	\$1,631.05

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David B. Appleton
Treasurer pro-tem

Good of the Order

August 1 - August 4, 2024 – Lexington, Kentucky

The 143rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in Lexington, Kentucky from August 1 through August 4, 2024. The event will be hosted by the Department of Kentucky. The venue will be The Campbell House in Lexington. Visit the National website (SUVCW.org) for registration information and full event details, including lodging, meals, tours, and local Kentucky attractions.

[Commander's Note: I am a member of the planning committee for the 2025 National Encampment to be hosted by The Department of Texas and Louisiana in Houston. Some of us are traveling to this year's Kentucky event to learn more about "how it is done." If you are interested in joining this field trip, let me know.]



From the Camp Graves Registration Officer

Camp 1 GRO Report

I am up to 70 undocumented bluebellies in Tarrant Co. I am working through our beloved Oakwood Cemetery.

Oakwood Cemetery- Ft Worth

- 65. George W Flenner Co A, 68 th OVI
- 66. John P. Smith Co B, 17 th PA Cav; 2 nd PA Prov Cav; Co G, 21 st US Inf; Co G, 32 nd US Inf
- 67. William P Gavin Co A, 5 th TN Cav
- 68. Peter Sterley Co L, 1 st MN HA
- 69. Andrew L Grimes Co C, 2 nd TN Mtd Inf
- 70. William H Percy Co H, 50 th IN Inf

All duly entered into the graves database.

In F, C, & L,
Todd Wilber
Camp 1 GRO

Camp 1 Memorial Day Plans

By Brother Todd Wilber

Commander Butch made me Minister Plenipotentiary to Oakwood Cemetery for Memorial Day.

They finally got back to me after a couple months and gave us the green light on our Memorial Day Ceremony. After all these years, they are now worried about liability.

Oakwood OKed the use of muskets but cannons are not allowed.

I suggest we continue with the tried-and-true template.

Gather at 0930 at the GAR monument.

Commence ceremony at 1000.

After the ceremony, make a quick visit to Gen Byrne's grave at Pioneer's Rest.

Gather to eat at the local restaurant.

Oakwood Cemetery
701 Grand Ave
Ft Worth, TX 76164

In F, C, & L,
Todd W
Camp 1 GRO

**National Patriotic Instruction
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

April 2024

PATRIOTS' DAY

Patriots' Day is an annual event, formalized as a legal holiday or a special observance day in the states of Massachusetts, Maine, Florida, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and North Dakota. It commemorates the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy in 1775, some of the first battles of the Revolutionary War. The holiday occurs on the third Monday of April each year, except in Florida and Wisconsin, which observe it on April 19th, the actual anniversary of the battles. Celebrations include battle reenactments and the Boston Marathon. The following is a 19th Century poem commemorating the day:

The Nineteenth of April

by Joseph A. Watson

What old North Ender, born below
The chimes of Christ Church steeple,
But feels within his bosom glow
The soul of those brave people.

Who, farther back than "seventy-six,"
Were vexed about some taxes,
And put King George in such a fix
By stirring tea with axes!

A hundred years and more have fled
Since, on that April morning,
Men, numbered never with the dead,
Heard Paul Revere's bold warning.

Ah, those true men who shed their blood,
On heights lived, not in hollows;
And on the "bridge that arched the flood"
They fired – you know what follows.

What dearer thing by poets sung –
Its spirit shines unrusted –
Than the "ole queen's-arm that Gran'ther
Young
Fetched back from Concord busted"?

But though 'tis busted, I aver
It speaks right on forever:
"Be patriots as your grandsires were!
Be less than free men never!"

This month, let us remember those patriots of 1775 that, in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, fired the "shot heard round the world!"

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
National Patriotic Instructor



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Texas and Louisiana
Michael L. Lance, Commander



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30th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas and Louisiana

Brothers,

We are now making final preparations for the *30th Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas and Louisiana*. Once again, we will be following the rich historical traditions and rituals of our *Order* and the *G.A.R.* Many elements of the program were established by our forefathers and had great meaning and import to them. Our commitment to honoring their memory and legacy will be reflected in the content and conduct of our upcoming Encampment.]

Attire

As with any formal SUCVW function, proper attire and decorum are expected. Attendees should either wear a 'civilian' uniform - consisting of a navy-colored blazer or sport coat, gray slacks, black shoes, a light-colored dress shirt, and a tie (*ties with the SUCVW logo are available for purchase online at the SUCVW Quartermaster store*). You may optionally complement the 'civilian' uniform with a Union kepi or slouch hat. In place of a blazer or sport coat, it is acceptable to instead wear a navy-colored Union vest with kepi or slouch hat.

Attendees may also wear a complete Civil War-era uniform if they choose. Brothers having active roles in the program, such as the Guard, Guide, Color Bearer, etc., are encouraged to properly 'roll play' the part by wearing a period-correct uniform. But again, wearing a 'military' uniform is optional.

Your SUCVW membership badge should be proudly attached to the left breast of your jacket or vest.

Registration and Credentialing

Any Brother in good standing can attend the Encampment. If you have not pre-registered, we will make it possible for you to remit the registration fee and obtain a credentials card at the door. Only those with proper credentials will be allowed into the Encampment room. *Be sure to bring your current Membership Card.*

A finite number of elected voting Delegates are allowed from each Camp. If you are not an elected Delegate, and therefore cannot vote, you are still encouraged to attend in-person and participate in discussions and voice your opinions. You may be 'promoted' to voting Delegate status if a vacancy is created due to the absence of an elected Delegate.

Virtual Attendance

The Encampment will be viewable via Zoom by non-delegates who are members of the Department in good standing but will be muted and not able to participate in discussions or ask questions.

Decorum and Protocol

- a) The Encampment will begin at 1:00 p.m. Delegates should arrive 30 minutes early to avoid last-minute congestion at the registration table.
- b) At all times, discourse between Brothers should be respectful and cordial and in keeping with our core values of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Never interrupt or speak over the person who has the floor.
- c) Never walk between the Altar, where the Bible is placed, and the Department Commander's station while the meeting is in progress.
- d) To address the Encampment or ask a question, step to the floor microphone placed conveniently near the seating area, salute the Commander, and wait to be recognized. Once recognized, (a) state your name (b) your title and (c) your Camp name. End your remarks with a salute to the Commander.

Promoting the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors who fought to preserve the Union and keeping fresh the ideals of the *Grand Army of the Republic* are our primary goals. Let us keep that foremost in mind as we conduct our business and deliberations. I am looking forward to seeing you on May 4!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ordered this 20th Day of March, 2024

By Order of:



Michael L. Lance, Commander
Department of Texas and Louisiana
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:



Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Texas and Louisiana
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

***[Commander's Note: the location of the Encampment is the American Legion
Harding-Blaine Post 321 located at 1236 J Ave, Plano TX 75074.]***

From Around the Department

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey

Namesake of Camp 5, Department of Texas and Louisiana, located at Shreveport, LA

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey, born May 6, 1825 in Ohio, is considered the saviour of the Union Army under Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks, who commanded during the ill-fated Red River Campaign. After Banks' tepid leadership led to the near-destruction of his army at the Battle of Sabine Crossroads (April 8-9, 1864), also called by the Confederates the Battle of Mansfield (April 7, 1864) and the Battle of Pleasant Hill (April 8, 1864), he and his army retreated to Alexandria. There, they reunited with the United States naval armada commanded by Admiral David D. Porter. His Mississippi flotilla consisted of ten ironclads, three monitors, eleven tinclads, one timberclad, one ram and numerous support vessels. Their progress downriver had been stymied by low water on the Red River, unusual following the spring melt of winter snows in southern Arkansas, which had left other rivers in high-water or flood stages. This was likely due to the Confederate forces at Shreveport destroying a dam at Tones Bayou, which diverted the waters of the Red River into Bayou Pierre, a tributary west of the Red. The falling waters had left the Red River impassable at Alexandria, where rocks and ancient geological upliftings created rapids that gave the area, Rapides Parish, its name.

Bailey, then a colonel and an engineer by trade, was Acting Engineer of the 19th Corps, and convinced Banks and Porter that a wing dam would allow the water to pool and allow the fleet to escape. Using sailors and the idle soldiers to fell trees and build the dam, the fleet - the bulk of the Union Navy not employed blockading Confederate ports - was saved. Troops who would prove invaluable in the capture of Atlanta and actions in other Southern states later in 1864 and 1865, lived to fight another day.

Bailey earned the official Thanks of Congress and was elevated to Brigadier General by President Abraham Lincoln. He was dubbed by the press "the Hero of the Red River."

He ended his federal service in June 1865 and moved with his family to Vernon County in southwest Missouri. There, he was elected sheriff. In 1867, while pursuing livestock thieves, Bailey was shot and killed. His murder has [never been solved](#).



Upcoming Camp Events (updated details/reminders to follow)

04 May -proxy Camp meeting as part of the all-day Dept Encampment (Plano)

Memorial Day commemoration event, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, details reported in this newsletter by Brother Todd Wilber, Graves Registration Officer

June Camp meeting, late in the month, details to be developed

August Camp meeting, late in the month, details to be developed

Camp 1 Officers for 2024

Commander	Butch Durham
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Belcher
Junior Vice Commander	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary	Ky White
Treasurer (pro tem)	David Appleton, PCC
Camp Council	Paul Kendall, PCC, PDC Craig Reves, PCC Gene Willis, PCC
Patriotic Instructor	Ky White
Chaplain	Timothy Phillips, PCC
Graves Registration	Todd Wilber



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War.

Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, SUVCW is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. <https://suvcw.org/>

The Department of Texas and Louisiana, SUVCW website may be found here: <http://txsuv.org/>

