



The Parmley Post

Newsletter of Gen James J Byrne Camp 1



Dept of Texas and Louisiana SUVCW

May 2024



COMMANDING OFFICER

My Brothers,

The 2024 Department Encampment was a good experience for those Camp Officers who have been involved for just a scant while. It was my third one, and I learned from this one, as I had from the previous two. We watched as our own Camp 1 Brother Timothy Phillips assumed the Department Commander role for 2024-25.

At the time of publication of this newsletter, Memorial Day is just a couple days away. Please come out and participate in this key annual event in the life of our Camp. It will be sunny and warm (83 degrees at 10AM), no rain, no mud!

Announced at the Encampment were the following awards:

- Camp 1 Brother of the Year (2023): Brother David Appleton, PCC
- Membership Recognition 20-Years: Brother John Via, Life Member
- Membership Recognition 10-Years: Brother Craig Reves, PCC

We plan to honor these in-person at the Memorial Day ceremony if they are able to attend.

Please contact me if I may be of service.

I remain, your obedient servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Butch Durham, Commander



From the Senior Vice Commander

Brothers,

The 2024 Department of Texas and Louisiana Encampment was a great success. We enjoyed the camaraderie in Plano, meeting old friends and making new ones as well. The Colonel E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18 did an outstanding job of hosting and supporting the encampment.

The Urban Rio Cantina & Grill brunch location and the American Legion Harding-Blaine Post #321 facilities were close and convenient. The American Legion folks were gracious hosts. The business meeting was accomplished expeditiously and we were privileged to have the National Junior Vice Commander as our guest.

I was pleasantly surprised to be presented with a ten-year length of service recognition pin and certificate by Past Department Commander Michael Lance. Congratulations to our newly elected Department Commander, our own Camp #1 Brother Timothy Phillips.

In addition to four potential members that I am currently working on bringing into our fraternity, two new ones have recently been added; Cody Andrews of Waco; and Thomas Hughes of Temple. They are currently in the application approval process as well. Additionally, I have contacted friends locally in Bell, Coryell and McLennan Counties that are interested in membership when we begin to meet in person later this year. I have worked with the Department Registrar, Daniel Pourreau, on a new member application and will enlist his assistance on another as well.

I am looking forward to the Memorial Day ceremony in Fort Worth and encourage all to attend at that location. The information for which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. For next year I have now located a cemetery in Waco where a few Union soldiers are buried, at which to conduct a Memorial Day ceremony.

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



From the Camp Secretary/Treasurer

Brethren,

The meeting of General James Byrnes, Camp No. 1 was held in conjunction with the Department Encampment 04 May 2024.

Officiating was the Department Commander Michael Lance accompanied by National Junior Vice Commander Kevin P. Tucker, PDC.

Attending from Camp No. 1 were Commander Butch Durham, Senior Vice Commander Mike Belcher, Secretary/Treasurer Ky White, Chaplain Timothy Phillips, PCC, and Graves Registration Officer Todd Wilber. I am not sure if others from our Camp were in attendance, as I have not met that many of our Brothers in person.

Old Business: There was none expressed.

New Business: Brother David B. Appleton, PCC was recognized for his service the past year as Camp Treasurer. Well deserved!

Department Officers for this year were installed by National Officer Kevin P. Tucker. They are Commander Timothy M. Phillips, PCC; SVC Brook J. Thomas; JVC John Vander Meulen, CC, Patriotic Instructor William Elliott, Historian Michael L. Lance, PDC.

Lest we Forget

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ky W. White, Secretary/Treasurer



Camp 1 Attendees at the Dept. Encampment (l-r): Brothers Belcher, Wilber, Phillips, Durham, and White



From the Camp Graves Registration Officer

Camp 1 GRO Report

I am up to 71 undocumented bluebellies in Tarrant Co.

Oakwood Cemetery- Ft Worth

71. Frank Lawrence- Co C&F, 1st Battalion, 18th US Infantry.

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**

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 (620 Samuels)

Gather to eat at the local restaurant (Mercado Juarez, 1651 E. Northside)

Oakwood Cemetery
701 Grand Ave
Ft Worth, TX 76164

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

Camp Patriotic Instruction

By Brother Ky White

This weekend we shall commemorate the fallen soldiers of all conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The **1st Alabama Cavalry Regiment (USA)** was a cavalry regiment recruited from Southern Unionists that served in the Union Army during the American Civil War. It was the only predominantly white Union regiment from Alabama. Of the 2,678 white Alabamians who enlisted in the Union Army, 2,066 served in the 1st Alabama Cavalry. It was mustered into service in October 1862 and was mustered out 3 years later on October 20, 1865.

The 1st Alabama Cavalry was raised from Alabama Unionists at Huntsville, Alabama and Memphis, Tennessee in October 1862 after Federal troops occupied the area. It was attached to the XVI Corps in various divisions until November 1864, when it became part of the XV Corps. During this time, its duties primarily consisted of scouting, raiding, reconnaissance, flank guard, and providing screening to the infantry while on the march.

In its early months, the unit filled traditional cavalry roles of the time; scouting, raiding, reconnaissance, flank guard and screening the army on the march. The regiment fought mostly in actions associated with those missions: actions no less deadly for being small.

Major General John Logan, commanding the 15th Army Corps in Sherman's forces, praised the troopers as "the best scouts I ever saw, and (they) know the country well from here to Montgomery." General Sherman, knowing the value of his Alabama troops as soldiers and symbols of the loyal South, chose them as his escort on the march from Atlanta to the sea.

Out of the 2,000 men who served in the unit during the war, 345 were killed in action, died in prison of disease or other non-battle causes, 88 were captured, and 279 deserted, with no accurate count of wounded.

Most of the regiment's battles occurred in the Atlanta Campaign, followed by Sherman's March to the Sea. The battles in which the regiment saw combat were Snake Creek Gap, Nickajack Creek, Resaca, Rome Crossroads, Dallas, Atlanta, and Jonesborough. The fought at Monroe's Crossroads, NC and Bentonville, NC as the war was drawing to a close in March of 1865.

Killed and mortally wounded: 5 officers, 482 enlisted men

Died of disease: 1 officer, 13 enlisted men

Wounded: 2 officers, 450 enlisted men

Captured or missing: 0 officers, 2 enlisted men

Total: 8 officers, 945 enlisted men

Two of my distant uncles, Drury Henry Whitehead and Joseph P. Whitehead served in this unit. Drury was captured but escaped and returned to his unit. He named two of his sons after famous U.S. Generals Drury Grant, and John Sherman. Both of these uncles had been drafted into the Confederate army.

The circumstances surrounding their enlistment are told in his application for a pension. They were arrested by Confederate conscript officers and taken to Tuscumbia, Alabama to begin service. They were there about two weeks and escaped. They made their way to Corinth, Mississippi where they joined the Union Army on Jan 16, 1863. My great-great-grandfather was only eleven when his brothers enlisted.

Camp 1 Recruitment Activities

Armed Forces Day 2024
Old Fort Concho National Historic Site
San Angelo, Texas



Armed Forces Day was spent with F Company, 16th Infantry. We fired their mountain howitzer on the hour 1000 – 1500, explained that and other military hardware to visitors, and posed for pictures. I talked about SUVCW and my setup to whoever would listen. We also told stories about the frontier, and wilted in the heat.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Phillips, Dept. Commander (and Camp 1 Chaplain)

Bonus Material!

If this actually works, you will be able to zoom in and read a full-page newspaper from 1922, containing “news” about GAR activities in Fort Worth. It is presented on the last page (unnumbered page 9) of this newsletter. Submitted courtesy of Brother Todd Wilber.

Enjoy!

Upcoming Camp Events (updated details/reminders to follow)

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

June/July Camp meeting, late in either month, details to be developed

August/September Camp meeting, details to be developed

Camp 1 Officers for 2024

Commander	Butch Durham
Senior Vice Commander	Mike Belcher
Junior Vice Commander	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary/Treasurer	Ky White
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://suvchw.org/>

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



CITY RECOGNIZED AS FOREIGN TRADE CENTER, ANNOUNCED

Department of Commerce Appoints Petrilli Secretary of Office. ONE OF TWENTY-FIVE El Paso and Dallas Only Others in State With Like Recognition.

Recognition of Fort Worth as a foreign trade center is the significance of the appointment of a co-operative office and foreign trade secretary here by the department of commerce...

ADAMS CAR LINE TO BE FINISHED, REPORT

Reported That Agreement Has Been Reached Between Sides.

Announcement has been received at the city hall that an agreement has been reached between opposing sides in the South Adams street car line controversy...

CHANGE MADE

J. H. Williford Is Now Plegly-Wiggly Manager In Fort Worth. Announcement of a change in the management of the Fort Worth chain of Plegly-Wiggly stores...

RANGER BOOMING

Fort Worth Visitor Optimistic Over Future of Little Town.

"Ranger's illimitable amount of publicity is going to make it the best town between Fort Worth and El Paso," according to J. W. Thurman, cashier of the El Paso Hotel...

Dalton Barbecue Called Off Due to Muddy Roads

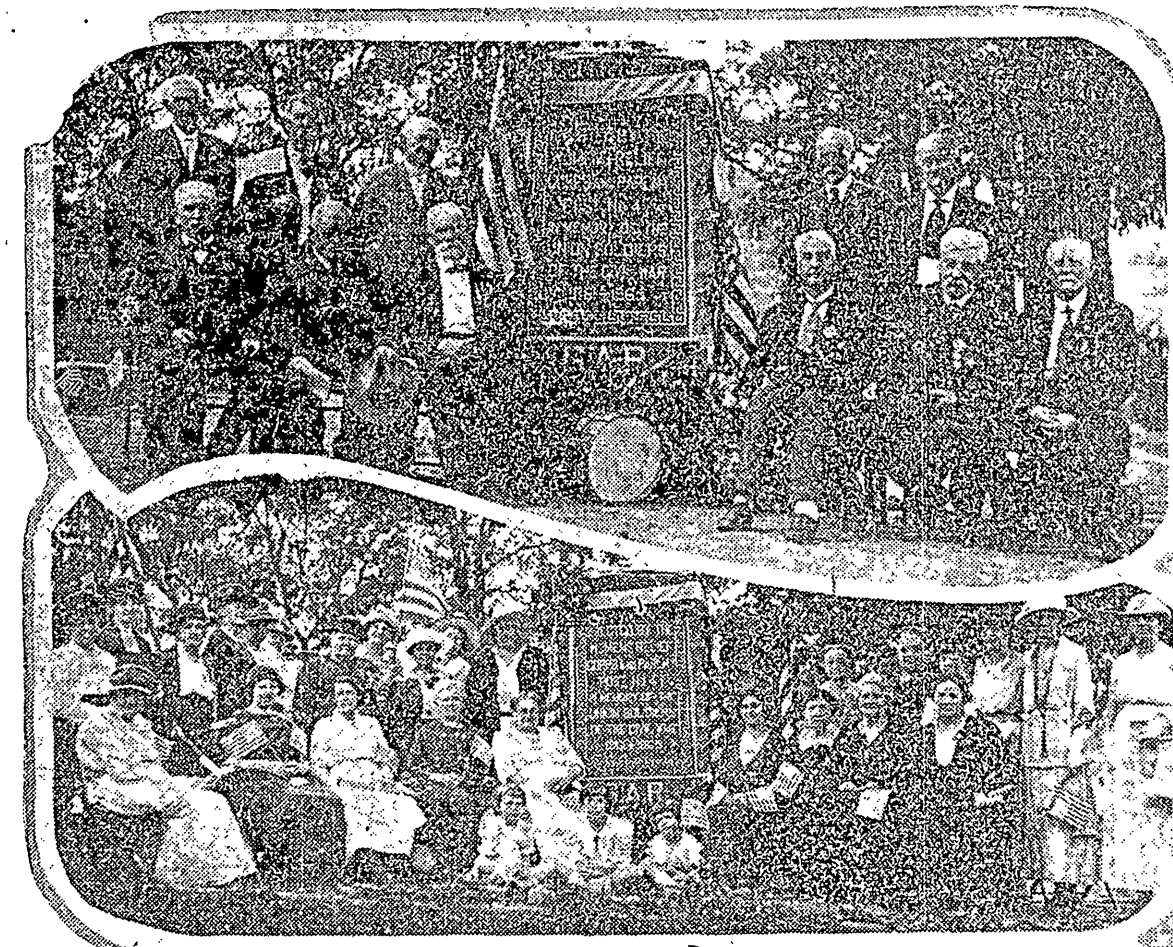
The Jack Dalton barbecue which was to have been held Thursday, June 1, in Palo Pinto county, has been called off, according to Hubb Diggins...

OPENING OF ROCK ISLAND CLUB HELD

Approximately 1,000 Celebrate at New Club House at Lake.

The opening of the Rock Island employees' clubhouse on Lake Worth with approximately 1,000 in attendance on a picnic marked the opening of the development of the spirit of co-operation among employees of a big corporation...

G. A. R. MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Scenes at G. A. R. Memorial day services at West Oakwood cemetery Tuesday morning.

REPEAL OF JITNEY ORDINANCE ASKED

Number Other Important Matters Taken Up at Commission Meet.

The petition filed with the city secretary last Saturday, bearing the names of twenty-two residents, asking that the city commission repeal the ordinance barring jitneys operating in Fort Worth...

Tribute Paid to Memory Of Heroes of Three Wars

Impressive Services Held at West Oakwood Cemetery in Honor of Dead.

Amid tears, smiles and beautiful flowers and with heads off in reverence to the huge American flags, tribute was paid to the memory of the thousands of veterans who answered the call for service to their country in the Civil war...

SERIOUS CHARGES FILED AGAINST MAN

Alleged to Have Brought Woman From Another State to Texas.

John T. Atkinson, an advertising specialty salesman and former oil promoter, is charged with white slavery in a complaint filed with United States Commissioner George W. Parker...

MAN IS SENTENCED

Wife Goes Into Hysterics When Verdict is Read.

C. G. Troop was convicted Tuesday in the criminal district court for forgery and passing two telegrams for \$50 each...

More Mash Is Found at Lake by City Police

Nine more barrels of mash were found by officers Tuesday, scouring the vicinity in which they found many parts of a sunken still and much mash on the shores of Lake Worth Monday.

CITY BATH HOUSE OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Accommodates 1,700 People and Holds 19,000 Gallons Water.

One of the monuments which the present city administration will leave to the city of Fort Worth will be thrown open to the public next Monday, June 5, when George C. Clarke, park superintendent, unlocks the new bath house and fills the huge swimming pool located in Forest park with fresh city water...

COMMISSION PASSES MARKET ORDINANCE

Attempts Only to Regulate Retailing in City; Opening Next Monday.

The ordinance drawn by the legal department, regulating the operation of the municipal market and designed to make it a success by restricting vegetable vendors from interfering with the market, was passed at the city commission meeting Tuesday morning...

GRAND JURY RETURNS BILLS: Sixteen Liquor Cases.

The Tarrant county grand jury Tuesday returned forty-three bills. Among those indicted were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whiting, alias Burton, and Vera McLean. Dan Dennard, deputy constable, is now in Baton Rouge, La., after them, where they are fighting extradition to Fort Worth.

DALLAS MAN KILLED IN STREET CAR CRASH

DALLAS, May 30.—J. E. Goodloe, 328 Twining avenue, was killed here this morning when crushed beneath a street car in Oak Cliff. The accident occurred at the corner of Cumberland and Jefferson streets. Goodloe was rushed to the infirmary, but died a few hours later.

ORDINANCE ON CAR FARE REGULATION

TO BE DISCUSSED

Declared Rate Will Be Reasonable and Fair to Traction Company.

OTHER CASES CITED

Utility Rate Expert McShane Expected to Complete Report Soon.

An ordinance regulating street car fare will be passed by the city commission as soon as Joseph M. McShane, utility rate expert, has compiled the data relating to holdings and valuation of the Northern Texas Traction Company...

AD LUNCHEON

Two Phases of Mail Advertising to Be Discussed.

Two phases of direct-by-mail advertising will be discussed at the regular weekly luncheon of the Advertising club to be held Wednesday at the Texas hotel. H. D. Ballenger will take up the importance of a correct mailing list, and G. A. Chrysler will discuss the mail piece itself and the importance of correct follow-up.

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