



The Parmley Post

Newsletter of Gen James J Byrne Camp 1



Dept of Texas and Louisiana SUVCW

June 2024



COMMANDING OFFICER

My Brothers,

We have entered the Dog Days of Summer. No matter that we haven't reached the summer solstice yet – it's hot out there! Stay cool my friends.

Planned Camp activities are going to slow down for the summer months. I am putting this June newsletter out a bit early, and I do not anticipate having Camp activities in July and August. I am thinking of an in-person meeting for September, somewhere in the Fort Worth area.

I have spoken with some PCCs and PDCs who tell me that our Camp will maintain its viability if we make sure to apply ourselves to the few times a year, like Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc., when our national organization requires us to "show the flag." We do not have many Brothers able to physically participate in meetings/events, it seems, so my focus during the remainder of my term will be for us to continue to fulfill the key assignments of our Order the best we can.

The bulk of the content of this June edition of the Parmley Post is to highlight your Camp's participation in Memorial Day commemorations. I thought it went pretty well. Thanks to those who participated! You are the backbone of our Camp. All photos came from Brother Todd Wilber's phone – I believe he had some volunteer assistance from Mrs. Reves.

Please contact me if I may be of service.

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

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

Assembled at the G.A.R. monument at Oakwood Cemetery, a rifle detail under the command of Brother Brian Glass, PCC, PDC, fires salute to those who gave their lives...



...in defense of the Union, as Camp 1 Brothers look on against the backdrop of downtown Fort Worth.

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

Reciting General Logan's Order of 30 May 1868...



...performed by Brother Mike Belcher, SVC (2nd from left)

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

Calling the Roll of Honor...



...called by Brother Craig Reves, PCC (3d from right)

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

All render salutes to the flag of our country...



...as Taps is performed by Brother Timothy Phillips, PCC, Department Commander, and Camp 1 Chaplain (far left)

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

Brothers were recognized with awards issued at previous Department Encampments...



Brother Craig Reves received Recognition for ten year's membership in the Order...

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

...while Brother Todd Wilber received his overdue 2022 Brother of the Year award (issued at the 2023 Encampment).



Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

These Brothers made it over to the General James J. Byrne marker at the Pioneer's Rest cemetery.



(by this time in the day, some of the Brothers had shed the wool uniforms!)

Scenes from Memorial Day 2024

This is the group of Brothers who came out to Oakwood, most of whom also gathered at the restaurant for lunch!



Seated (l-r): Butch Durham, Camp Commander; Timothy Phillips, PCC, DC, Chaplain.

Middle row (l-r): Craig Reves, PCC; Mike Belcher, SVC; Brian Glass, PCC, PDC; Paul Kendall, PCC, PDC, Camp Council;
Todd Wilber, Graves Registration Officer; Don Woodward.

Back row (l-r): Lucas Turbull; Ian Russeau; Beau Moore, PCC, PDC.

Upcoming Camp Events (updated details/reminders to follow)

- June/July/August Camp activities: None planned at this time
- September: Camp meeting, on a Saturday, (with a restaurant lunch?) details to be developed
- November: Veteran's Day commemoration, plans to be developed;
- December: Recruiting activity at "Christmas at Old Fort Concho" in San Angelo;
Zoom meeting with a program and election of officers for 2025.

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, DC
Graves Registration	Todd Wilber



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