

Col. A. H. Belo

The Belo Herald



Sat., December 5 Meeting: Our Annual Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas party / meeting will be held at the Commander's house in Lake Dallas, Tx.

Time : arrival at 5:30pm to 6pm

Date : Saturday, December 5th, 2009

Bring : side dish, salad, or dessert (please let the Camp Commander know what you are bringing via phone or email. See contact information on p. 2.)

Map Link >> <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Lake+D....s&zipcode=75065>

And for those with GPS the Commander's address is:

744 Thousand Oaks Dr

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

We will be having Officer's elections and enjoy down home Southern hospitality of our camp members and guests.

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About Our Camp...

The Col. A. H. Belo Camp #49, Dallas, Texas was founded in 2006 to provide a larger presence in the Dallas area for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. For more information about the camp please contact one of the camp officers.

Meeting Time and Place...

The Col. A. H. Belo Camp meets at 7:00PM on the First Monday of every month at La Madeleine Restaurant, 3906 Lemmon Ave., Dallas, TX. The restaurant is a block west of Oak Lawn Ave on the North side of the street. All meetings are open to the public, and guests are always welcome. Members and guests who wish to eat supper with the Camp are advised to arrive no later than 6:30PM

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Reveille

Commanders Messages



Camp Commander

Our last meeting was a huge success and we received nominations for Officers as follows:

Commander : Paul Hamilton (incumbent)
Lt Commander : Marcus Black
Adjutant : Stan Hudson (incumbent)

Officers will be voted on and installed at our next meeting. Also, there is an opening for 2nd Lt Commander to help support other office positions if anyone is inclined to do so, please contact me (817) 891-3137.

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We are now launching our very own CAMP MESSAGE BOARD to keep up with events, share ideas, and of course share the True History of the South along with our ancestry that makes us the proud sons we are of the Noble Confederacy.

Here's the link and to get started, just login with a member name and password. I'll approve new member prospects and then you're ready to post messages under the various categories.

<http://colonelbelo.proboards.com/>

Feel free to be creative and pick a historical figure or use Southern terms and names as desired. I hope this is a benefit to all members with internet access.

I do ask that postings in the Officer's area be left to the leaders of the camp although everyone is welcome to read the messages.

Thanks and have fun with it - this is 21st century SCV connection at its best !
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Division Commander

Members of the Texas Division:

I recently read in my Texas Historical Commission monthly magazine that a Texas Veterans Museum has just expanded its size and had displays honoring all Texans who have served the state in some form of military service. The article said that the museum honors all military groups serving in all wars. I called them and ask them if they had any displays honoring the Confederate soldier who served Texas. I was directed to Randy Wells, the director of the Helping Every American Remember Through Serving (H.E.A.R.T.S) Veterans Museum and he told me that they did not. I reminded him that approximately 90,000 Texans served in the Confederate Army. He said he would be glad to put up displays telling the story of these brave men. I also told him that we had speakers that would be glad to come and talk to the kids when they toured the museum. He said several hundred come thru there every week. The museum is located in Huntsville. The phone number is 936-295-5959. I told him that we had camps all around him and that once the word got out he would be flooded with members offering their service. Here is our chance to indoctrinate the youth of Texas. If your camp is near by he is waiting for your call. Regards, Charles Oliver, Waco Camp

David L. Moore
3rd Lt. Cmdr., Texas Division



My Suit Of Confederate Gray

by Fannie H. Marr

*I never was one of the careful kind
For saving and hoarding away;
If it were not so, I'd never have been
As poor as I am to-day.*

*I have none of the care of the thrifts and keen,
When the wages of toil I could claim;
But ever to me the best of it all
Was the pleasure of spending the same.*

*But there's just one thing I would like to keep
As carefully hoarded away
As the gold of the miser, and that one thing
Is my suit of Confederate Gray.*

*It was made in a Southern loom, of wool
From sheep that were Southern bred;
It was fashioned and sewed by the
dearest hands
That ever used needle and thread.*

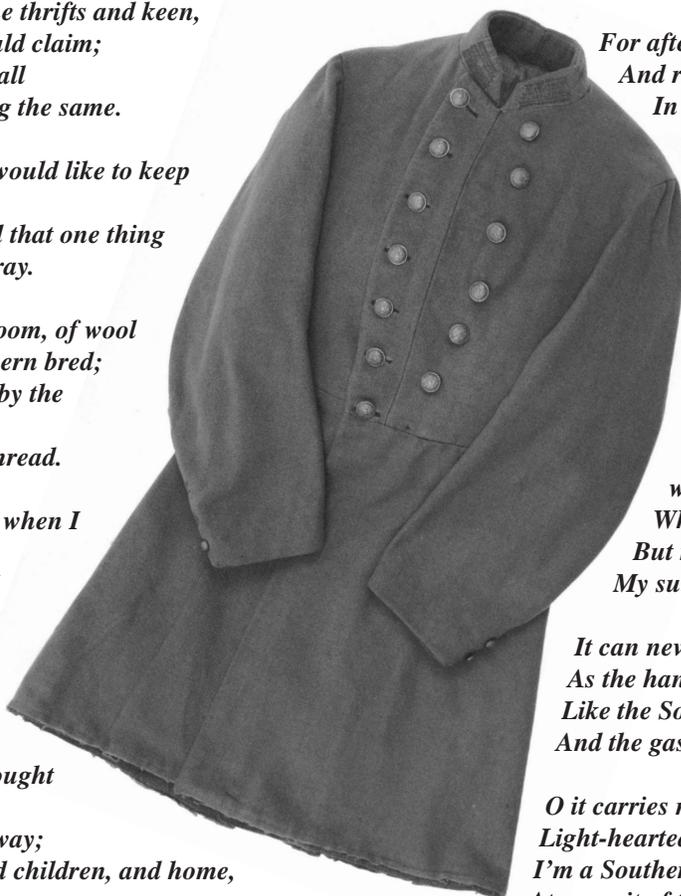
*It was handsome and bright when I
put it on,
And proud as a prince was I
Of my wife, my suit, and the
Cause in which
I was pledged to conquer or
die.*

*I dreamed not of failure, thought
not of defeat
As I turned to the conflict away;
Away from wife, mother, and children, and home,
In my suit of Confederate Gray.*

*I marched and paraded, I rested and drilled,
I ate and I slept night and day;
I skirmished and fought, advanced and fell back,
In my suit of Confederate Gray.*

*It was slashed and riddled by saber and ball,
It was soiled with the dust of the road;
It was mottled all over with ghastly stains
Of my own and another's blood.*

*But it's fairer than silk and satin to me,
It is dearer than gold this day;
The treasure and pride of my heart and my life
Is my suit of Confederate Gray.*



*For after one battle came General Lee,
And reined in his steed where I lay
In a puddle of blood, between comrades
slain,
In my suit of Confederate Gray.*

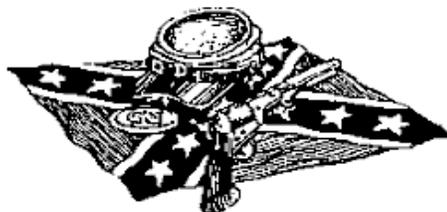
*"I'm sorry, my friend, would God I
had been
In your stead on this terrible day!"
Were his words, and a tear from his
eye fell down
On my suit of Confederate Gray.*

*The fields of our battles are covered
with grain,
Where we fought is now smiling and gay;
But nothing can brighten or freshen again
My suit of Confederate Gray.*

*It can never more be as I saw it once,
As the hand of its fashioner fair;
Like the Southern heart, the rents and the scars,
And the gashes and stains are still there.*

*O it carries me back! I'm a soldier once more,
Light-hearted, and daring, and gay;
I'm a Southern rebel whenever I look
At my suit of Confederate Gray.*

*Put it on when my form all breathless and cold,
In the dust of the grave ye shall lay;
For I want to rest, till the Great Captain calls,
In my suit of Confederate Gray.*



Beauvoir Announces Ground-Breaking for New Library

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home, will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum on at 2 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2009 (the 120th anniversary of Jefferson Davis' death). The original Jefferson Davis Library opened in 1998 and was severely damaged in Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. Due to the damage caused by Katrina, the original library had to be demolished. The Combined Boards of Beauvoir have approved and signed a contract with J.C. Duke Contractors of Mobile for the construction of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. The construction of the new library is estimated to be 550 days (18 months) in duration and the new building will be a 25,500 sq. ft. structure. The public is invited to attend the ground-breaking of the new library on Sunday December 6, 2009 at Beauvoir. Beauvoir is located at 2244 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531. Phone 228-388-4400. web address: www.beauvoir.org

Stephen Dill Lee Institute

February 26-27 2010
Sheraton Music City Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

The American System of Liberty:
Nullification, Secession and States' Rights
The Institute is now taking registrations and reservations for our upcoming meeting on February 26-27 in Nashville. Please call our headquarters at Elm Springs to register (1-800-MY DIXIE) or register at www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com.
Don't miss Thomas DiLorenzo, Donald Livingston, Kent Masterson Brown, Marshall DeRosa, W. Kirk Wood, and Brion McClanahan. A special treat will occur on Friday evening with a book signing by the authors and an unforgettable historical lecture on The Battle of Franklin by nationally known historian Thomas Cartwright. Anyone desiring information can contact Brag Bowling at 804-389-3620.



◆◆ New Members

Michael B. Vanhooser
Ancestor: Robert Steven Vanhoozer
Private, Company H, 15th Mississippi

How God Created Confederate Soldiers

by Gene Ladnier

When the Lord was creating Confederate soldiers, He was into his tenth day of overtime when a curious angel appeared. "You're certainly putting in a lot of extra effort on this model Lord," the Angel remarked.

And God said, "Have you seen the specifications on this order? A Confederate soldier has to be able to march thirty miles through rough terrain without shoes if required, endure with barely any sleep for days, enter into battle without a break from the march, and keep his weapon clean and operable."

"He has to be able to sit on a forward picket line all night and often during a massive attack, hold his buddies as they die, retreat or advance at a moments notice, and somehow keep alert for danger."

"He has to be in top physical condition, existing on a handful of dried corn and very little rest. And he has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook his head slowly and said, "Six pair of hands...no way!"

The Lord says, "It's not the hands that's causing me problems...It's the three pair of eyes a Confederate soldier has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through wilderness brush, another pair here in the side of his head for his buddies, another pair here in front that can look reassuringly at his bleeding, fellow soldier and say, "You'll make it"...when he knows he won't."

"Lord, rest and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I already have a model that can carry a wounded soldier one thousand yards during a frontal assault, calm the fears of the latest new soldier, and feed a squad of ten men on a handful of cornbread for three days."

The angel walked around the model and remarked, "Can it think?"

"You bet," said the Lord. "It can quote most of the Bible line by line, recite his weapons drill and company commands by heart, and engage in a division size attack maneuver in less time than it takes for his fellow Confederates back home to read the latest casualty list, and still keep his sense of patriotism."

"This Confederate soldier must also have phenomenal personal control. He can deal with 75 percent casualties, comfort a fallen soldier's family, and then read in the Yankee newspapers how all Confederate soldiers are cowards, slave abusers, traitors, and men of low morals."

The Lord gazed into the future and said, "He will also endure having his name vilified and spit on, and he will be rejected and forgotten by the very Southerners he fought and died for."

Finally, the angel slowly ran his finger across the soldier's cheek, and said, "There's a leak...I told you Lord that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord. "That's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's for bottled up emotions, for holding fallen soldiers as they die, and for commitment to that funny piece of cloth they call the Confederate Battle Flag."

"You're a genius," said the angel, casting a glance at the lonely tear.

The Lord looked very somber, as if seeing down eternity's distant shores..."I didn't put it there," He said.