

Oklahoma Camp Namesake Series



The Southern Preceptor



"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 made him glorious and which you must also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations" (Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906)

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Confederate Veterans, 1894, Altus, OK - William Taylor on horse

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ALTUS OKLAHOMA CONFEDERATE VETERANS - This photo comes from Otis Stratton, a member of the Pvts. Grayson & Brewer Camp of Elk City. It was made, as stated on the photo itself, 118 years ago, at the corner of Commerce and Main in Altus. This is a huge gathering of Confederate Veterans and several of their descendants must still live in Jackson County—named, incidentally, for Gen. Stonewall Jackson. The man on the horse is William Taylor, son of Basil Manley Taylor and Dicie (Williams) Taylor of Trenton, Tenn. William Taylor was a private in Co. H, 12th Tennessee Infantry, enlisting on Aug. 31, 1861 at Camp Brown. He was wounded through the wrist and hand at the Battle of Shiloh which left him a life-long handicap. No doubt, many of these Veterans are buried in and around Altus, Oklahoma.

Christmas Vandals In Georgia

Mrs. Mary S. Mallard in Her Journal [1864, Liberty County, Georgia].

"Monday, December 19th: Squads of Yankees came all day, so that the servants scarcely had a moment to do anything for us out of the house. The women, finding it unsafe for them to be out of the house at all, would run in and conceal themselves in our dwelling. The few remaining chickens and some sheep were killed. These men were so outrageous at the Negro houses

that the Negro men were obliged to stay at their houses for the protection of their wives; and in some instances, they rescued them from the hands of these infamous creatures.

Tuesday, December 20th. A squad of Yankees came soon after breakfast. Hearing there was one yoke of oxen left, they rode into the pasture and drove them up...needing a chain...they went to the well and took it from the well bucket. Mother went out and entreated them not to take

it from the well, as it was our means of getting water. They replied: "You have no right to have even wood or water," and immediately took it away.

Wednesday, December 21st: 10 A.M. Six of Kilpatrick's cavalry rode up, one of them mounted on Mrs. Mallard's valuable gray named Jim. They looked into the dairy and empty smokehouse, every lock having been broken and doors

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Division Commander's Comments

Larry Logan

Oklahoma Division Commander

We have completed our convention and the division has started its new year. In mid-July, the national SCV will hold its convention and will start its new year Aug. 1. I hope every compatriot in our division has been contacted over the past year, not just with meeting announcements or dues requests, but by both officers and members of local camps so they know how important they are to us. Let's try for 100 percent retention this year!!!

We are getting leads for the division in one way or another, on a weekly basis. Please, please, contact these men and stay with them. Some take longer than others.

In the pursuit of forming several new camps in the division, I have visited with several former members. There is great interest in reinstating when they hear of how the division has grown in the past 6 years. There reasons for dropping are varied and almost all had different circumstances.

At my last local camp meeting, we had a very simple video from 1991 about the SCV. It was so simple but so informative and easy to understand. It would make a great program for any camp as long as you have someone who knows how to put it on a computer. Division Adjutant Les Tucker is in possession of this and I am sure he would share it with any camp as long as he was assured he would get it back. A meaningful camp meeting is the backbone to our organization. With the commencement of an active Division Executive Council, camp commanders, I am sure, will be recharged to make sure each local camp is satisfying the obligations of the charge we are given through great camp meetings.

We have had some special times over the past few years. Great conventions, the monument project's finish is within reach, continued growth, and numerous camp events that have fulfilled our obligation to our ancestors. As we ready ourselves to start another new year in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, let us resolve to make this next year the best, brightest, and biggest yet.

What a pleasure to serve!!!
DEO VINDICE!!!!!!!!!!

Larry

Christmas Vandals In Georgia (Concluded)

wide open day and night. They searched the servants' houses; then they thundered at the door of the dwelling. Mother opened it, when one of them presented a pistol to her breast and demanded why she dared keep her house closed, and that "he be d----d if he would not come into it."

She replied, "I prefer to keep my house closed because we are a helpless and defenseless family of women and children." He replied, "I'll be d----d if I don't just take what I want. Some of the men got wine here, and we must have some." She told them her house had been four times searched in every part, and everything taken from it. And recognizing one who had been of the party that had robbed us, she said: "You know my meal and everything has been taken."

He said, "We left you a sack of meal and that rice."

Mother said, "You left us some rice; but out of twelve bushels of meal you poured out a quart or so upon the floor—as you said, to keep us from starving."

Upon one occasion one of the men as he sat on the bench in the piazza had his coat buttoned top and bottom, and inside we could plainly see a long row of stolen breast jewelry—gallant trophies, won from defenseless women and children at the South to adorn the persons of their mothers, wives, sisters, and friends in Yankeeland!" (**The War the Women Lived, Walter Sullivan, J.S. Sanders & Company, 1995, pp. 238-239**).

Division Is Growing; New Camps Planned

Three new camps are in the planning and formation stage in the Oklahoma Division. Commander Logan announced this month that the process of forming camps in Tahlequah, Norman and Yukon has begun.

When the new camps are formed, the Oklahoma Division will have a total of 19 camps.



Confederate Adventure Day In The Wichita Mountains



Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men Camp of Duncan sponsored a family outing in the Wichita Mountains on March 24th for all SCV members and families who desired to attend.

The day was spent climbing Mount Scott, tossing meddling Yankees from its summit, and eating the famous Mears Burgers at the Mears Cafe. At left are photos of some of the activities. Camp Commander, Frank Gilbert writes,

"The first picture is of the induction of a new member and a new cadet member. From left to right are Steve Stricklin, Honor Guard member, Rick Durvin new cadet, Marc Durvin new member, Hubert Reeves, Color Sgt. and Lt. Cmdr, and Frank Gilbert, Cmdr.

"The second shows most everyone in a group photo. We have the colors flying as we have taken the *high* ground.

"And the last one shows some Iron Men retiring the colors as we have reported to HQ that Mt. Scott is secure and that all yankees have been dispatched to the bottom."





CONFEDERATE HOME - This photo of the Confederate Home in Ardmore, taken in 1920, comes from Commander James Catron, Brigadier General Stand Watie Camp in Ardmore/Madill. Many of the home's former residents are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery's Confederate Section where the Monument will be erected.



Memorial Day Ceremonies At Rose Hill Cemetery

These are photos of Memorial Day activities at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore on Memorial Day. In the first, the Battle Flag is struck from the newly installed flagpole, and in the second, Ardmore/Madill's Brigadier General Stand Watie Camp Commander, James Catron address the assembled crowd.





More Photos From Memorial Day Ceremonies At Rose Hill



In the first photo, Oklahoma Division Commander Larry Logan addresses the group. Also shown is Terry Pierce who heads up the Rose Hill Confederate Monument project.



In the second photo, the honor guard fires a rifle salute honoring the memory of Confederate Veterans buried in Rose Hill.



The Third photo is a group picture of many of those who attended the annual Memorial Day ceremonies at Rose Hill in Ardmore.

The Rose Hill Confederate Monument project is making progress toward raising the \$20,000 needed for it. Memorial bricks may be purchased at \$100 each to honor Confederate ancestors



Rosehill Confederate Monument Commemorative Brick Order Form

Name of Donor _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Inscription (up to 3 lines of text, 20 characters per line)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Examples:

Pvt. John Smith
Co. A.

15th Miss. Inf.

John Smith Family
Ardmore Oklahoma

Include check to "Rosehill monument project" for \$100.00 per brick. Be sure to note (Brick) on check.

Mail to :

SCV

P.O. Box 82366

Okla. City Ok. 73148

All donations are tax deductible. A receipt acknowledging your donation will be sent to you upon request.

Duty Is Sometimes Hard

"I was sitting on my horse near General [JEB] Stuart, who had put in the skirmishers, and was now superintending the fire of his artillery, when a cavalry-man rode up and reported that they had just captured a deserter.

"Where is he?" was Stuart's interrogatory.

"Coming yonder, General."

"How do you know he is a deserter?"

"One of my company knew him when he joined our army."

"Where is he from?"

"_____ county." And the man mentioned the name of a county of western Virginia.

"What is his name?"

"M____." (I suppress the full name. Some mother's or sister's heart might be wounded.)

"Bring him up," said Stuart coldly, with a lowering glance from the blue eyes under the brown hat and black feather. As he spoke, two or three mounted men rode up with the prisoner. He was a young man, apparently eighteen or nineteen years of age, and wore the blue uniform, tipped with red, of a private in the United States Artillery.

"You say he is a deserter?"

"Yes sir; acknowledges that he is M____, from that county; and after joining the South he deserted."

A kinder-hearted person than General Stuart never lived; but in all that appertained to his profession and duty as a soldier, he was inexorable. Desertion, in his estimation, was one of the deadliest crimes of which a human being could be guilty; and his course was plain – his resolution immovable.

"Where are you from?" [said Stuart].

"I belonged to the battery that was firing at you, over yonder, sir."

"Did you belong to the Southern army at any time?"

"Yes sir."

"So you were in our ranks, and you went over to the enemy?" he said with sort of a growl.

"Yes sir," was the calm reply.

Stuart turned to an officer, and pointing to a tall pine near, said in brief tones: "Hang him on that tree." (*Outlines from the Outpost*, John Esten Cooke, Richard Harwell, editor, Lakeside Press, 1961, pp. 301-305)



THE BATTLE FLAG OVER ROSEHILL - Sherry Thompson Catron, the new President of the Chickasaw Chapter 299 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Ardmore, hoists the Battle Flag over Rose Hill Confederate Cemetery.



Confederate Monument, Wynnewood, Oklahoma



The photo at the left was taken by Division Commander Logan on his trip to Wynnewood for the wedding of Compatriot Eric McBroom and Miss Rhea Anna Lynn Holm in April.

When he sent this photo of that city's monument to the Confederate soldier, he wrote that, "I stopped and paid my respects at the Confederate monument in Wynnewood. If you can't read the inscription, it says, 'Though Ragged, Weary, Tired, and Poor. He Boldly Made The Fight. Though Fate Denied Him Victory. Can Truth Deny Him Right?'"

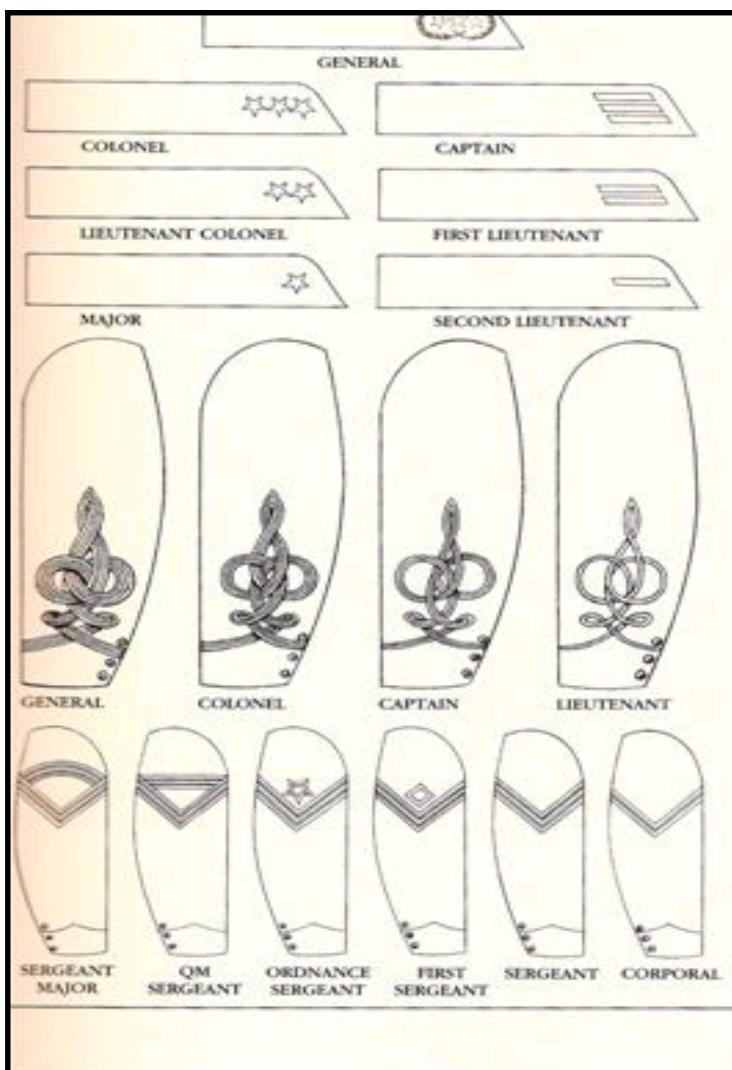
"What wonderful words. This monument was dedicated in 2004."

Confederate Military Rank Insignia

The illustration of Confederate rank insignia, in the bottom photo, comes to us via Commander James Catron, Brigadier General Stand Watie Camp, Ardmore.

"The Alabamians Are Coming!" More Troops For Harper's Ferry

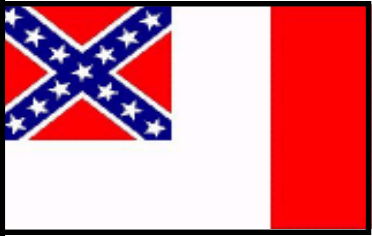
"We learn from a gentleman who came up from Harper's Ferry on Tuesday, that he met 1,254 gallant Alabama volunteers, on their way to join our troops at the Ferry. They were all armed to the teeth, and had with them from 50 to 75 negroes, all of whom were also armed, and ready to fight for themselves and their masters. They went down with flags flying, the negroes hurraing for "Marse Jeff Davis!" and declaring they were bound to have "old Abe Lincoln's head!" These poor negroes know very well that their greatest enemies are the enemies of the South. These Alabamians are generally men of wealth, and they insist upon bearing their own expenses.—They say they came to Virginia to fight for her citizens who are their brethren, and not to put them to expense. They are in for the war." (The Rockingham Register & Virginia Advertiser, Rockingham County, May 17, 1861).





"...In The Shade Of The Trees"

One of our Division Compatriots has "crossed over the river." The Oklahoma Division extends deepest sympathy to his family. May the God of all comfort enfold you in His Providential arms.



**Compatriot
Jack Penn (1935-2012)
SCV Life Member
Charter Member,
Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men
Camp, 1356
Duncan, Oklahoma**

Compatriot Penn was a charter member of Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men Camp of Duncan, Oklahoma and a Life Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Funeral services were conducted from the Comanche Funeral Home, Comanche, Okla. on Tuesday, Mar. 27, by Oklahoma Division Chaplain Jerry C. Brewer.

An Air Force Veteran, Compatriot Penn was interred in the Comanche Cemetery with full military honors and with full honors from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, led by Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men Commander Frank Gilbert and the camp's honor guard. He was the Great Grandson of Pvt. Willis Dalton, Co. K, 13th Texas Volunteer Regiment.

Letters To Home From A Confederate POW

Editor's Note: The following comes from Nov.- Dec. issue of *The Parapet*, newsletter of the Descendants of Point Lookout Organization

February 28, 1864 - Point Lookout POW Camp, MD.

Dear Wife:

I seat myself to answer your most kind and welcome letter I received today, bearing date February 15th. You don't know how glad I was to get a letter from you and to hear from you and the baby, and to know you know where I was.

I had almost given up all hopes of ever hearing from you. This is the first letter I have had from you in five months, and I know if you had not heard from me you had given up all hopes of ever hearing from me.

You don't know how much pleasure it was to me to get your letter

and to know you knew I went through the fight safe. You must write often and fail not and I will as often as I can. I am here a prisoner and have no money and haven't got means to get stamps. The prison I am in is unhealthy. I fear it will be very sickly in the summer as the water is bad and sometimes the tide rises and nearly covers the island. I am as well treated as a prisoner could expect. I suffer a great deal with cold here as well as for something to eat. It is very cold here. I can't say I am lonesome here for any time you look out on the waters day or night you can see the big ships riding on its bosom and the sailors going up and down the mast pole. So I will close for this time. Hope to hear from you soon. I as ever remain your husband till death,
T. L. Morrison.

May 1, 1864 - Point Lookout POW Camp, MD.

Dear Wife:

I seat myself to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will soon come to hand and find you and the baby both well. I have had but one letter from you since I have been here. I have had no sickness since I have been here. The Prisoners are beginning to die here very fast. There are some few cases of smallpox in the prison. We see nothing green here to tell us that spring is coming. Nothing grows on this island but pines. There are no trees of any other kind.

Our rations is a little piece of meat and bread for breakfast; for dinner a tin of some kind of soup and for supper nothing. We do get but two meals a day

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Oklahoma Division Annual Reunion, April 14, 2012



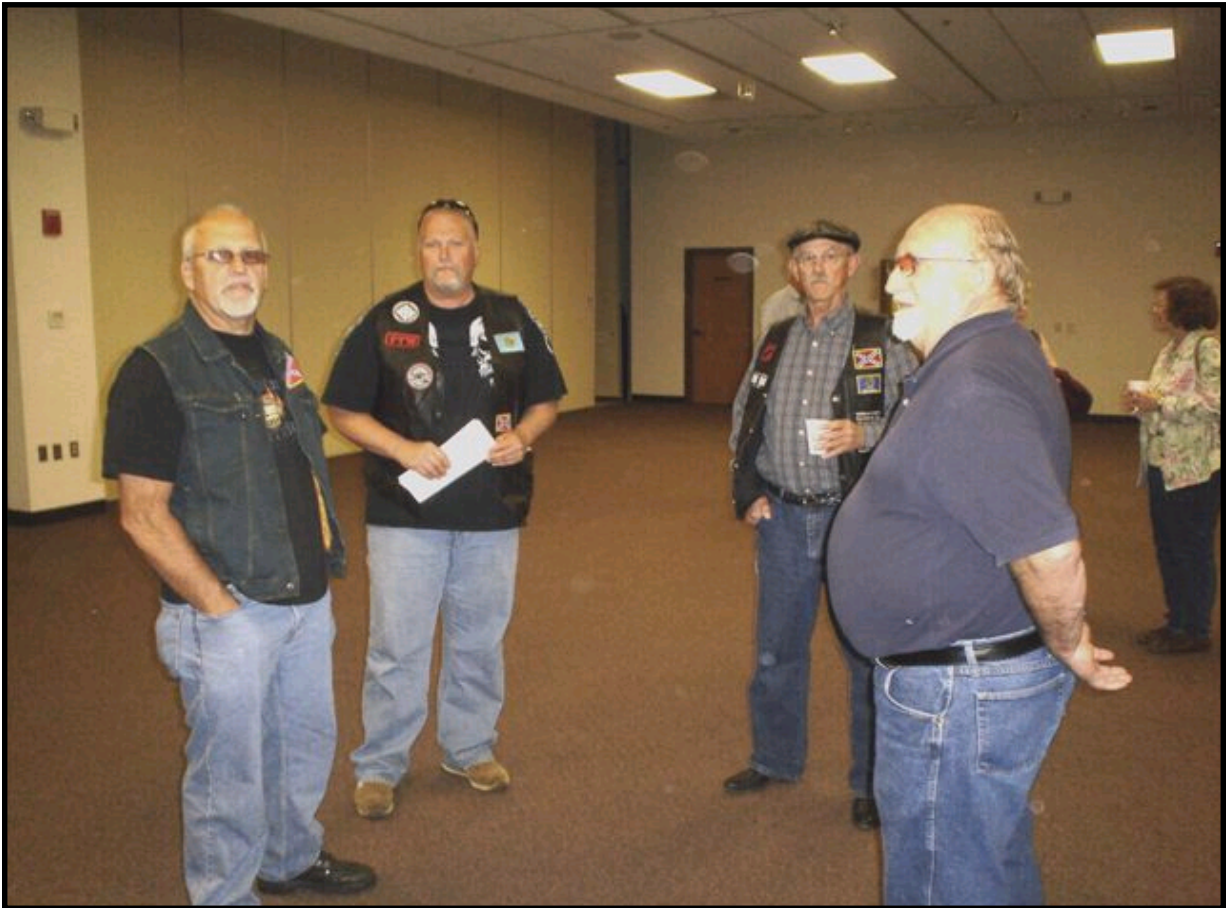
Division Commander Larry Logan Addresses Reunion Delegates.



Delegates ended the Division Reunion with a flag-waving, rip-roaring, rousing rendition of "Dixie".



Oklahoma Division Annual Reunion, April 14, 2012



SHOOTIN' THE BREEZE - These delegates take an opportunity to visit and just shoot the breeze before the Reunion begins.



COLOR GUARD - These men from Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men Camp served as Color Guard.



Oklahoma Division Dispatches

Poteau - Brig. Gen. Richard M. Gano Camp 892 would like to report seven new members in the last three months and we just signed another new member up tonight making a total of eight. They are, Donald Lee Branham, Jackie Lee Colwell, Donald Dean Davis, Jack H. Michael, Jessi Howard Michael, Carlton Ray Montoya, Danny Keith Toney, and Ronald Gordon Hoffman. Brig. Gen. Richard M. Gano Camp had one of its own, 1st Lt. Camp Commander David Tamplin named to the position of Lt. Commander of the Oklahoma Division at the Shawnee Convention!! We're very proud and honored to have Lt. Tamplin as a member of our camp. We will be setting up a recruiting booth and selling Confederate merchandise from it, Saturday, June 9, at the Southern Cruisers Car and Bike Show located at the Heavener Runestone Park in Heavener, Okla. We are really excited about the event and will be flying our new camp banner for the first time. We are also currently working on setting up recruiting booths at local events in Poteau this summer and fall. I will keep advised on dates as they come along. It was with great pride that Mechanized Cavalry Members from Camp 892, Lt. David Tamplin, Sgt. Everett Plummer, and Pvt. Jack Colwell attended the Confederate grave dedication for Lt. Richard Crossland on May 19, at Webbers Falls, Okla. Camp Commander Marty Persall is doing an awesome job coming up with and getting new ideas from camp members on recruiting and merchandising for our camp. His Confederate wheels are always turning. Looks like its gonna be a busy summer for us, but that's a good thing. We're very proud of our camp and the achievements it's made in the past few months and looking forward to the many more we have planned in the months ahead. In closing I

would like to report Oklahoma's first Order of Confederate Rose Society located in Poteau, Okla. The purpose of the Confederate Rose is to assist the SCV and these ladies are doing a fine job in helping our camp grow. OCR officers include, President Liz Persall; Vice President Priscilla Tamplin; Secretary Melissa Colwell; and Treasurer/Historian Richille Plummer.

Everett Plummer, Adjutant
Brig. Gen. Richard M. Gano
Camp 892
Mechanized Cavalry Sgt. 1st
Batt. Comp. F

Edmond - The April meeting of the Chrekoee Mounted Volunteers Camp included a presentation by Division Commander Larry Logan on his great-grandfather Robert Logan's service in the 26th Alabama Regiment of Infantry. Ms. Mary F. Duffe, Second Vice President of the Oklahoma Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy was the Camp's guest at its May meeting and provided a very informative presentation on the UDC, its background, mission, and current national and state activities. Ms. Duffe is also the president of the UDC's Robert Edward Lee Chapter #2127 in Oklahoma City. Camp members attended the May 28th Confederate Memorial Day service at Ardmore's Rose Hill Cemetery, with member and Division Commander Larry Logan providing remarks during the ceremony. The Camp's June meeting included an SCV recruiting video, provided by Camp Adjutant Les Tucker, and election of Larry Logan as delegate to the upcoming National Reunion. The Camp decided to forgo meeting in July, and will next meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 7th, at the Edmond Denny's on 2nd Street, about two blocks east of the University of Central Oklahoma campus.

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here. If I live to get home I will tell you my ups and downs.

I can't tell of half I have seen and gone through.

There is no prospect of peace here. The Yankees say when they whip us it look like all of the South will soon be in prison.

Do the best you can and maybe I will get home some time. I would freely give all I have to get this.

So farewell, I as ever remain your husband till death,

T. L. Morrison

August 6, 1864 - Point Lookout POW Camp, MD.

Dear Wife:

I seat myself to answer your letter which came to hand today, bearing date of May 20th. It found me not well. I have been very low with fever. I have been sick for two months and now slowly recovering. There were three weeks I was out of my head. I can now only sit up a little while on my bunk.

Don't grieve about me. I will do the best I can. It has sickly here since warm weather has set in. It is very hot on this island. The average is about fifteen every day and night that die. The most die with diarrhea and fever.

I am too weak to write any more now. Write soon and often. Your husband till death,

T. L. Morrison

October 1st, 1864 - Point Lookout POW Camp, MD.

Dear Wife:

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still yet alive. I wrote to you the 8th of August. I had been sick a long time. I have gotten about well.

I know you want to hear from me. You know I have no way to get stamps and paper. I have no money and have to save a little of my rations. I only get a piece of meat and bread for breakfast, for dinner a tin of soup, for supper nothing. I live a hard life.

I hope to hear from you soon, I will close at this time. Your husband till death,

T. L. Morrison

January 30, 1865 - Point Lookout POW Camp, MD. (Last Letter)

Dear Wife:

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Cherokee Mounted Rifles, Camp No. 1501, Edmond



Confederate officials commissioned Stand Watie a colonel in the Confederate States Army in July 1861 and authorized him to raise the First Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. Cherokee Chief John Ross signed the Cherokee-Confederate treaty of alliance in October 1861 and raised the First Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles, commanded by Col. John Drew. At that time Watie's regiment became the Second Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles.

A portion of Drew's regiment deserted in late 1861. Following the Battle of Old Fort Wayne in October 1862, most of the remainder of Drew's men deserted. What remained of his troops was combined with Watie's regiment and reorganized as the First Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles with Watie in command.

During the War Between The States Watie's troops participated in twenty-seven major engagements and numerous smaller skirmishes. Although some of the engagements were set-piece battles, most of his activities utilized guerrilla tactics.

Watie's men launched raids from south of the Canadian River throughout northern-held Indian Terri-

tory and into Kansas and Missouri, tying down thousands of Union troops. Poorly equipped and armed mostly with castoff rifles or captured weapons, the Cherokees were well suited to this type of warfare.

Watie was promoted to brigadier general in May 1864, becoming the only Native American general officer to serve on either side during the conflict. In February 1865 Watie was given

Division Officers And Staff Appointments

Following the reelection of Oklahoma Division Commander Larry Logan to a second term at the annual Reunion in Shawnee, he sent the following message concerning division staff appointments.

"Returning staff personnel are, Chaplain Jerry Brewer, Elk City; Heritage Defense-Bryce Hill, Tulsa; Chief of Staff-John Priddy, Edmond.

Named to a full two-year term, Adjutant Les Tucker, Edmond; Judge Advocate James Catron, Ardmore.

'Historian-Since Les Tucker, our division historian, is now division adjutant, he and I both thought someone else should fill this spot. The new division historian will be Ken Cook, Tulsa Camp Commander. He is an avid historian and very knowledgeable about the war in Indian Territory.

"Inspector-James McFarland has served in this capacity for two years. This position is not mandated by the constitution and was created to fulfill a specific task. A committee was formed to support it. That task was completed and Jim has asked to be relieved of this position. Since this is not a mandated position, it will be filled on an as needed basis. Thanks to Jim McFarland for a fine job

command of the Indian Division of Indian Territory but was unable to launch any offensive operations. He released most of his troops following the collapse of Confederate resistance in the spring of 1865.

After participating in the Camp Napoleon Council in May, Stand Watie officially surrendered on June 23, 1865, becoming the last Confederate general to lay down his arms.

in this capacity.

"Aide-de-Camp, Harold Tydings has asked to be relieved of this position. He will be 80 in September and wants to concentrate on his local camp of Muskogee. That is the most important priority. Obviously, this is a big hole to fill and he will be missed by all of us a great deal. As with Terry, I expect to correspond with Harold regularly about items. That is fine with him, he just doesn't want to be dealing on a daily basis with division items that a division official closely involved experiences. I don't think we can ever thank Harold enough for his service.

"As to Harold's replacement, that is impossible. I looked for someone who would be confident in himself to be himself and not try and be Harold. Someone who would be comfortable in being who he was and not feel intimidated by Harold's preceding service. I have found such a man. A man two years younger than Harold so we have a spring chicken. Tom Poteet, compatriot and chaplain of Camp No. 149, Capt. Clem Van Rogers of Oklahoma City, will be the new Aide-de-Camp. Thanks Tom for your commitment.



Oklahoma Division Report To National

The following report to National Headquarters had been submitted by Division Commander Larry Logan.

Oklahoma Division-Sons of Confederate Veterans
Report to the National S.C.V. Reunion and Convention
To be included in the Book of Reports

Compatriots,

It is again with pleasure I pen these words. As I write this a few weeks after our convention, our membership stands at 259 compared with 210 at this time last year. Our number of camps has increased from 16 to 18, and our newly formed 4 brigades have been fully implemented into our division structure. Our Division Executive Council, dormant since the reorganization in 2006, has recently been activated and will meet two weeks after the national convention is completed.

Our main project is placing a monument at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore, Ok. Ardmore was the site of the Confederate Soldiers Home in Oklahoma being completed in June 1911. As these men passed, many of them were buried in this cemetery and today this sacred place holds the earthly remains of 174 Confederate Veterans and many of their wives. It is the largest concentration of Confederate soldiers graves in Oklahoma and, as far as we can determine, the largest concentration in the world that doesn't have a monument on it. We have raised approximately half the \$20,000 needed to complete this project. We anticipate dedication sometime in 2013. Terry Pierce, just completing a 2 year term as Division Lt. Commander, has chaired this committee and has done a wonderful job in carrying out the responsibilities necessary to fulfilling the task. He will continue to chair the committee.

The division has continued to develop its website and it is now completed with all division information of events, projects, camp contacts, history, how to contact all officials, and contains many inspiring quotes and pictures. We also launched a new and improved facebook page that is publically proclaiming our pride in who we are with many pictures of compatriots fulfilling the charge given them. Our website and facebook page are updated usually within 24 hours and are monitored daily.

The division has participated in all national conventions since the reorganization and have participated in both sequecentennial events so far and plan on participating at Biloxi.

Finally, the division would like to recognize Harold Tydings who recently stepped down as Aide-de-Camp to the Division Commander. He wants to concentrate on his local camp in Muskogee and his service and loyalty is of unquestioned quality. Thanks Harold, you sir, are a saint!!!

It is a pleasure to serve this cause.

Larry W. Logan
Oklahoma Division Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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I seat myself to write you a few lines. Have got no answer yet from my last letter. I have no way to get stamps and paper, only as I save my rations and sell them.

I have seen hard times since I left home. I suffered with hunger, suffered with sickness and with cold, with heat, hard marching. Home may be ever so poor but it is the happiest place on this side of heaven. I would rather be at home and live on crumbs that fall from your table than to live a soldier's life.

You may look for me at home by fall for this war is bound to end this summer. There is no exchange of prisoners. There has been no exchange of prisoners now for over 15 months.

I was on the second boat of the prisoners fetched here. There were only 3000 men here when I got here There has been no exchange since I came. Nearly all of the first prisoners are dead. The average death here are 18 every day and night, and if on this island my body must mold away and your face I never be-hold, grieve not after me. Write soon and often. You husband till death,
T. L. Morrison.

Conclusion:

Today (February 1, 1865) I enrolled my name for to go home. Left Point Lookout February the 6; was on the Chesapeake bay one day and night: landed at the mouth of James river the 8th at 5 o'clock; got up to Richmond at 9, got to Camp Winder at 11 o'clock.

Left Richmond the 18 at 4 o'clock, got to Danville 12 o'clock. Left there the 19th at 10 o'clock and got to Salisbury at 12 o'clock. Left there 22 and got in six miles of Morganton till 8 o'clock which was as far as the train runs. Stayed all night with the Widow Whisenant. Left there the 23 at 4 o'clock and walked 18 miles and got home at 2 o'clock that evening.

I was then back at home again, a paroled prisoner, with my wife and child whom I had not seen in two years, five months, and one day. The war ended April the 26, 1865.



Editorial

Flags And The Pledge

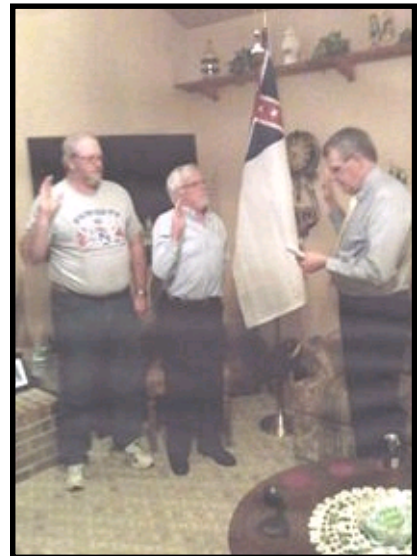
"Every so often the question of our use of the U.S. flag comes up so I would like to briefly touch on the subject. Some camps utilize it and some don't. In the SCV camp handbook it does list the order of pledges with the U.S. pledge being first and when we take the oath we pledge allegiance to the United States of America and to its Constitution and promise to defend it against all enemies and I believe that any good Southern American would; however with this said there is nothing written that says camps must display or say the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag to open meetings or that they must carry it in a Color Guard. There are some, most even, who find it contrary to the honor of our Confederate ancestors, some who died fighting against an enemy who fought under the Stars and Stripes. Therefore it is my opinion that it is the context in which it is used. I would find it reprehensible at the dedication of a gravestone for one of our Confederate veterans and I would not carry it as part of a Flag Corp if I were in confederate uniform as this would be a contradiction" (Commander J. Barry Turnage, "Commander's Report," *General Robert E. Lee's Dispatch*, May, 2012, newsletter of Robert E. Lee Camp, 239, Ft. Worth, Texas).

More and more camps are questioning the use of the United States flag in Confederate ceremonies and rightly so. In our opinion, that is analogous to using an Imperial Japanese flag in ceremonies honoring American World War Two veterans. The only disagreement I would have with Commander Turnage is that I would not use the U. S. flag in or out of uniform. We are committed to the cause of our Fathers whether we are uniformed or not. Our camp does not display the United States flag, nor do we recite the socialist Francis Bellamy's pledge of allegiance which was designed to consolidate Lincoln's aim of American Empire in young American minds.

We know of at least one other camp in our division which does not pledge allegiance to the United States flag and there are many other individuals who refuse to recite the pledge although their camps may use it. We have no quarrel with those who wish to do so, but it is a matter of conscience with us to refrain from pledging to a flag under which Lincoln's hordes invaded our ancestors' land and laid it waste.

We also take umbrage at the practice of referring to the stars and stripes as "the American flag." It is an American flag. The First, Second, and Third National flags of the Confederacy and our Battle Flag are as "American" (if not more so) as the stars and stripes.

New El Reno Officers Sworn In



TAKING THE OATH - Carl Hoffman (left) and Greg Parker (center) of the Brig. Gen. Albert Pike Camp, 1367 of El Reno, take their oaths of office administered by Col. Roger Mills Brigade Commander, Robert Weaver (far right). Compatriot Hoffman is the new camp commander and Compatriot Parker is the camp's new adjutant. Commander Weaver has sworn in officers in three of the four camps in his brigade. The fourth camp does not elect officers until next year.

Camp Commanders And Adjutants

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Johnny Manley

Ft. Washita Brigade
Commander
Allen Harrison

Col. Roger Q. Mills Brigade
Commander
Robert Weaver

Indian Territory's
Red River Brigade
Commander
Frank Gilbert



Camps Of The Oklahoma Division

Col. Dew M. Wisdom Camp, No. 307
Muskogee

Capt. Clem Van Rogers Camp, No. 481
Oklahoma City

Brig. Gen. Albert Pike Camp, No. 1367
El Reno

Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp, No. 1378
Tulsa

Lt. William H. Mayes Camp, No. 2078
Pryor

Privates Grayson & Brewer Camp, No. 2118
Elk City

Capt. James J. McAlester Camp, No. 775
McAlester

Brig. General Stand Watie Camp, No. 149
Ardmore/Madill

Shelby's Okla. Iron Men Camp, No. 1356
Duncan

Cherokee Mounted Rifles Camp, No. 1501
Edmond

Brig. Gen. Richard M. Gano Camp, No. 892
Poteau

Col. John W. Jordan Camp, 817
Mannford

Col. John Jumper Camp, 900
Claremore

Pvt. Drury Warren Camp, 2180
Ponca City

5th Sgt. Thomas Benton Wood Camp, 150
Grove

Col. William Penn Adair, Camp 2206
Bartlesville

Col. Tandy Walker, Camp 2207
Shawnee

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Lt. Commander
David Tamplin

Adjutant
Les Tucker

Chief of Staff
John Priddy

Aide-de-Camp
Tom Poteet

Judge Advocate
James Catron

Chief of Heritage Defense
Bryce Hill

Division Historian
Dr. Les Tucker

Chaplain
Jerry Brewer

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Harold Tydings

Ponca City
Charley Wilson

Mannford
Chris Leeson

Claremore
Jim McFarland

Grove
Scotty Haralson

Bartlesville
James Herndon

Shawnee
Bobby Corban