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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Danny "Kid" Tillery



As we look to our next meeting I ask each of you to try and come up with some new ideas we as a camp can do for our community. I would really love to see everyone there. Thank you,  
Commander Kid Tillery

## UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.  
Old Union Community Center  
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas

## 2021 National Reunion

July 21-24, 2021  
Copeland Tower & Conference Center  
2601 Severn Avenue  
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

## Our Charge...

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Battle of Tupelo, also known as the Engagement at Harrisburg, was a battle of the American Civil War fought from July 14 to 15, 1864, near Tupelo, Mississippi. The Union victory over Confederate forces in northeast Mississippi ensured the safety of Sherman's supply lines during the Atlanta Campaign.<sup>[1]</sup>

The spring and summer of 1864 found the attention of the people of Mississippi focused on fighting in Virginia and Georgia. Interwoven with, and having important repercussions on, the fighting in northwestern Georgia were military operations in northeast Mississippi designed to prevent the Confederates under Lieutenant-General Stephen D. Lee and Major-General Nathan B. Forrest from striking into middle Tennessee and destroying the single-track railroad over which Sherman's army drew its supplies. The battles of Brice's Crossroads and Tupelo were fought to protect the Union's military railroad.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Right Wing, 16th Army Corps, commanded by Major-General Andrew J. Smith, advanced into north Mississippi from La Grange, Tennessee, on July 5 without much opposition in two columns until Pontotoc, was closely approached, when his advance was checked by Confederate Brigadier-General James R. Chalmers, Forrest meanwhile making preparations for battle near Okolona. Lee was also with the Confederate forces, and assumed general command.<sup>[2]</sup>

Three attempts to advance were checked by Forrest's men, on various roads, and on July 12 both columns turned off toward Tupelo. Lee then moved with the divisions of Chalmers and Brigadier-General A. Buford to attack Smith's flank, while Forrest with Mabry's Brigade, the escort, and his old regiment, assailed to the rear. A running fight was kept up for ten miles, but without any

considerable advantage to either side except a dash made upon the Federal wagon train by Chalmers, with Rucker's Brigade, near Bartram's Shop. He had possession of the wagon train for a time and killed all the mules, so that the Union forces were compelled to abandon and burn seven wagons, a caisson and two ambulances, but superior numbers soon compelled him to retire.<sup>[2]</sup>



Battlefield monument

On the morning of the 14th, Smith took a strong position at Harrisburg and entrenched. Lee reacted by forming lines with Roddey's Brigade on the right, Mabry's Brigade on the left, and Crossland's Brigade in the middle. Bell's Brigade was put in the front line on Mabry's right. The troops were all dismounted. Both Chalmers' and Buford's divisions were held in reserve. The plan of attack seemed to be swing the right, but Lyon's Brigade became engaged first and was forced to fall back with heavy losses. Chalmers' Division, dismounted, was ordered forward and, after Mabry and Bell had been repulsed, Rucker's Brigade made an equally futile assault. The men were swept away by the fire of a superior and entrenched force, and many fell from exhaustion in the great heat of a July sun. A little after noon the Confederates fell back and entrenched, but were not molested by Union forces, who contented themselves with tearing up the railroad in the vicinity of Tupelo and burning the town of Harrisburg.<sup>[3]</sup>

On the 15th, it appearing Smith would not attack, Buford made a demonstration on his left flank. Soon afterward Smith began his retreat, and a vigorous pursuit was at once begun. At Old Town Creek Buford came up with the Union in line of battle and was driven back in confusion. McCulloch's Brigade was ordered to attack, but being sent in by regiments was speedily repulsed. Here General Forrest and Colonel McCulloch were both severely wounded, and the command of the forces in front devolved upon Chalmers. Though the pursuit was continued, there was but slight skirmishing after this engagement.<sup>[4]</sup>



Monument to Confederate dead

Sherman, who was closing in on [Atlanta](#), was irritated Smith had not pressed Forrest at Tupelo, believing he should not have been allowed to escape.<sup>[5]</sup> If Forrest had been allowed to raid into [middle Tennessee](#) prior to the capture of Atlanta, it could have had disastrous consequences for the Union. Although Smith failed to destroy Forrest's Cavalry at Tupelo, he did break its combat effectiveness. Forrest would rally his cavalymen for more daring raids, but never again would they be able to fight and defeat infantry.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

We missed each member not at the meeting and hope to see each one of you there at the next meeting. We appreciate Talks With White Buffalo for the program on General Stonewall Jackson. We will miss Compatriot Jerry Lester, who passed away in January. Steve Austin, retired Titus Co. Veterans Officer and Chairman of Titus Co. Historical Society, presented the camp with a Titus Co. flag. Thanks to those who attended the meeting.

## BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF JULY



### Battle of Malvern Hill - Malvern Hill Virginia

1 July 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses General George B. McClellan. Casualties: 5355 Confederate, 3214 Union!

### Battle of Gettysburg - Gettysburg Pennsylvania

1-3 July 1863 - General Robert E. Lee verses General George G. Meade. Casualties: 28,063 Confederate, 23,049 Union!

### Siege of Vicksburg Ends - Vicksburg Surrenders - Vicksburg Mississippi

4 July 1863 - General John C. Pemberton surrenders his Confederate Army and thereby the City of

## LAST CAMP MEETING

Vicksburg Mississippi to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 39,941 Confederates and 8873 for the Union!

### **Siege of Port Hudson Ends - Port Hudson Surrenders - Port Hudson Louisiana**

26 May - 9 July 1863 - General Franklin Gardner surrenders to General Nathaniel P. Bank

### **Battle of Monocacy River - Monocacy River Maryland**

9 July 1864 - General Jubal A. Early verses General Lew Wallace. Casualties: 700 Confederate, 1880 Union!

### **Battle of Rich Mountain - Rich Mountain Western Virginia**

11 July 1861 - Colonel John Pegram verses General William S. Rescans. Casualties: 600 Confederate, 46 Union!

### **Battle of Tupelo - Tupelo Mississippi**

13-15 July 1864 - General Stephen D. Lee verses General Andrew J. Smith. Casualties: 1376 Confederate, 674 Union!

### **Battle of Peach Tree Creek - Peach Tree Creek Georgia**

20 July 1864 - General John Bell Hood verses General George H. Thomas. Casualties: 2500 Confederates, 1600 Union!

### **First Battle of Manassas - Manassas Virginia**

21 July 1861 - General Joseph E. Johnston, General P.G.T. Beauregard verses General Irvin McDowell. Casualties: 1981 Confederate, 2645 Union!

### **Battle of Atlanta - Atlanta Georgia**

22 July 1864 - General John Bell Hood verses General William T. Sherman. Casualties: 8500 Confederates, 3722 Union!

### **Second Battle of Atlanta or Ezra Church - Ezra Church Georgia**

28 July 1864 - General John Bell Hood verses General William T. Sherman. Casualties: 4300 Confederate, 632 Union!

### **Battle of "The Mine" - Petersburg Virginia**

30 July 1864 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 1200 Confederate, 3798 Union!



## **Hebrews 12:2**

King James Version

**2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Often we may wonder about tomorrow, as we face the struggles of today. Let us remember who the author of our life is. There is nothing that takes God by surprise and nothing that God can't bring us through. The Savior who paid such a great price to redeem our soul will never let us down. Remember because he lives we can face tomorrow because we know He holds the future life is worth a living just because He ( Jesus ) lives. So brethren don't be dismayed with what comes for the author & finisher of our faith is with us.

God Bless

Chaplain Tully



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## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Penny Oliver

July 13<sup>th</sup> – This day in 1821 General Nathan Bedford Forrest was born.

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## GUARDIAN NEWS



Our camp #2270 has 280 graves attended by 14 members. Remember to be a full Guardian your grave must have either a Confederate headstone or a Confederate footstone. Be sure to start to look into completing your responsibility to your veteran's graves.

As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks,

**“Are you a Guardian?”**

**If not, why not?”**



**Antioch Cemetery in Cass County, TX at corner of FM 2791 and TX 96. Nine Confederate veterans buried with headstones or foot markers.**

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## THE GOLDMAN BROTHERS CIVIL WAR LETTERS by Bobby Goldman

By November of 1861, Lafayette and Jasper had been moved East to the Richmond, Virginia, area. The following letter comes from there.

Richmond, Virginia, November 3, 1861

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers and Sisters:

It is with pleasure that I this evening have the leisure time to drop you a few lines and hope when these lines come to hand they may find you all well. I have nothing of very much importance to rite more than I am well my self, all but the tooth ake. But I am sorry to rite to you that Jas is very sick. But you know what is to be will be. Maw, I give him all of my attentions. Dr. Wilkes says he has got the Pneumonia. I now thank he is got some little better than he has bin. He is now blistered all over and seems to be easy all to the blisters. Pap, tell Unkle Dave that John is well and hardy and as fat as ever. He sends his best to you all and says he would be glad to see you all very much. Maw, I tell you that Gus Walker is very low aa several others of our Company. It ant worth my while to mention all of these men. Pap, they are some two or three of our regiment that has died since we have been here and

the Lord knows how many more will leave this bitter world of trouble, and god knows yesterday and there was no nuse in it worth riting to you. I have heard that they have been fighting there but it was all false report. To you my folks, we are now parted on earth a long ways apart. But if we never meet on earth no more, let us try to meet in Heaven where there are no wars to go through with. I would be glad to hear from Marion. Rite soon all of the nuse. I must close now and I remain your son until death.

Lafayette Goldman

A month later, Lafayette was sent to Portsmouth, Virginia. But Jasper had to remain in the hospital at Richmond. The Goldman boys were not involved in any battles during the Fall of 1861 or the early part of 1862. Numerous letters were sent to home from Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Virginia, December 9, 1861

Dear Father:

It is with pleasure that I seat my self to drop you a few lines to inform you that I am well and enjoying my self fairly. Jas is on the mend but Bill Hopkins is dead. I am 120 miles from Jas. I left him in Richmond, in the hospital. But Pap, I have had a hard time since I left Ole Lincoln, and I don't know how soon I will see harder times. We are now in the site of the Yankees and expecting fight every day. We are now rite where we can get a plenty of oysters and catch them our selves. I have no nuse of much importance to rite you more than half of our Company is sick. Tell Marion not to come until he gets shoes and have him a plenty of clothes or plenty to get them with. I must come to a close before I am missed. This is my fourth letter I wrote to you all and have got no answer. You all must rite soon for I want to hear from you all. Give my love to all my inquiring friends if I have such there, and save a portion of my love for yourselves. Pap, I have seen more cannons than I ever seen in all of my life. I have crossed over the big waters off Virginia, and seen more ships and boats than you

ever seen. The cannon balls is all over the ground thicker than you ever imagine on the ground. No more at this time but I remain your affectionate son until death.

Lafayette Goldman

More letters to follow.



## Camp Song

Sons of Confederate Veterans

By: Harry King

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans  
We wear the grey with Southern Pride  
In honor of our great forefathers  
Who went to battle, who fought and died

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans  
In every camp we take a stand  
To preserve our Southern Culture  
The memory of every fighting man

We guard the Heritage of God and Family  
The cornerstone of our History  
From old Jeff Davis to Stonewall Jackson  
And our commander Robert E. Lee

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans  
who shed their blood and stood their ground  
From Manassas to the fields of Shiloh  
Until they drove old Dixie down

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans  
from the Heart of Texas to the Caroline's  
Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains  
Louisiana to the Georgia Pines

So all you Johnny Rebs give a Rebel Yell  
Like your forefathers when duty called  
And hold your head up high in sacred honor  
of the fighting heroes who gave it all

We are the sons of Confederate Veterans  
We wear the grey with southern pride  
In honor of our brave forefathers  
Who went to battle who fought and died

Who fought for Dixie Who fought and died!



## Camp Photos



Steve Austin, retired Titus County Veterans Service Officer and Titus County Historic Society Chairman, displays new Titus County Flag.



Camp Treasurer Larry Joe Reynolds and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dennis Beckham receive Titus County Flag from Steve Austin.

## The Last Roll Call



**Jerry Dean Lester**  
August 31, 1949 – January 22, 2021

Compatriot Talks with White Buffalo presents  
program on  
General Stonewall Jackson



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