PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
GILMER, TEXAS

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Meetings are held the
1st Tuesday of
Each Month at 7 PM
in the Historic Upshur Museum
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Texas Division Commander Shelby Little Guest Speaker

By: EP

At the October meeting of the Upshur County Patriots' Camp, members were provided a special treat (Spook's birthday is the last day of the month) when Division Commander Shelby Little provided the night's program.

Commander Little provided insight on SCV operations to include: the importance of quarterly and annual reporting, communications and chain of command, recruitment, and rapport with government and civic leaders with tips on how to approach these individuals or groups.

He further discussed his goal of attending a meeting at each camp within the Texas Division and that he would be at the Chartering Ceremony of a new camp in Burnett Texas the following week.

Commander Little spoke with members both before and after the meeting and received a small token of appreciation from the Camp as a thank you for speaking and giving his time to the membership.

The program was informative, insightful, and well received by those in attendance.





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Inaelible Right--incapable of being repudiated or transferred to another.

"I ask who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officers."– George Mason

"The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun."– Patrick Henry

"To disarm the people is the best and most effective way to enslave them."-George Mason





CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"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



In 1906 General Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, gave a charge to the next generation of Southerners. This charge has defined the mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans ever since.



On June 23, 1864, Lee was appointed a lieutenant general, making him the youngest man to reach the rank in the Confederate Army.

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.





Thank you to the Historic Upshur Museum for providing our meeting location.

THE GUARDIAN

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On October 15th, 1st Lt. Commander Rodney Love spoke to the Linden Lions Club about our Guardian Program.



Consider joining this rewarding program.

The SCV Guardian Program Honors the Fallen.
"If you're not a Guardian, why not?" …PD

Contact Guardian Program Chairman Bill Elliot for information at: etaia@att.net

UPSHUR CO.PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

Name	Guardian Status	Number of Graves
Phil Davis	Full	37
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	51
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	48
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	8
Frank Smith	Full	2
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3
Rodney Love	Full	51

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem

Upshur County Patriots
Members that Were Guardians
and have Passed Away
Paul Hamilton

Tommy Mitchell

Tommy Ray

William "Bill" Palmer



5th Brigade Commander and Division Chief of Staff Bill Elliott speaks at the October meeting of the Upshur County Patriots Camp

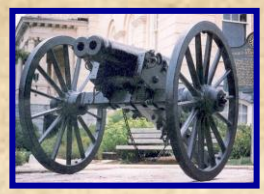
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5th Brigade Commander Bill Elliott speaks to the audience at the October meeting of the Upshur County Patriots. Commander Elliott updated those in attendance of a new national policy as well as several important notices.

First, the new national policy enacted by the General Executive Council (GEC) is that no new national level projects will be authorized until all existing projects are completed. Of special note was a contract in place to complete the Forrest monument and plaza (fully funded) and the installation of paving stones honoring family members. There are several other projects to be completed in addition to the aforementioned.

Next, Commander Elliott discussed the Wreaths across Texas project at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin including the importance and significance of the activity and ceremony. He then reminded the audience of the upcoming Grace Cemetery Walk to honor Confederate heroes in Longview, Texas, hosted by the General John Gregg Camp.

Lastly, Commander Elliott discussed the newly formed Mansfield Battlefield Association to provide upgrades to the Mansfield Battlefield National Park which are not funded by the federal government. One of the new enhancements will be new signage with smart phone capabilities whereby an individual can use their phone to hear an audio presentation of the significance of the specific site within the park. A Friend's of the Mansfield Battlefield Association is available for $30.00 per year, individual or group.



The double-barreled cannon, designed by John Gilleland during the American Civil War, is a unique experimental weapon. It was intended to fire two cannonballs connected by a chain, aiming to create a devastating effect on enemy troops.



OCTOBER EVENTS IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

November 7 - Engagement at Belmont, Missouri
November 8 - The Confederate emissaries to England and France are removed from the British vessel RMS *Trent*, initiating the "Trent Affair" and endangering the United States' relationship with Great Britain
November 8/9 - Engagement at Ivy Mountain, Kentucky
November 12 - The blockade runner *Fingal*, bought by Confederates in England, arrives in Savannah
November 22 - Union begins bombardment of Fort McRee in Pensacola, Florida

1862

November 28 - Engagement at Cane Hill, Arkansas



1863

November 3 - Engagement at Grand Coteau (Bayou Bourdeau), Louisiana
November 4 - Knoxville Campaign begins
November 7 - Battle of Rappahannock Station, Virginia
November 16 - Battle of Campbell's Station, Tennessee
November 17 - Longstreet lays siege to Knoxville, Tennessee
November 19 - President Lincoln delivers the "Gettysburg Address"
November 23 - Battle of Orchard Knob begins near Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 24 - Battle of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
November 25 - Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee
November 26 - Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia
November 27 - Engagement at Payne's Farm, Virginia
November 29 - Assault on Fort Sanders, Tennessee



1864

November 2 - Affair at Hazen's Farm near Devalls Bluff, Arkansas
November 4 - Engagement at Johnsonville, Tennessee
November 8 - Abraham Lincoln is re-elected President of the United States
November 11 - Battle of Bull's Gap, Tennessee
November 15 - William T. Sherman departs Atlanta on the March to the Sea, leaving Atlanta in ruins
November 24 - Skirmish at Columbia, Tennessee
November 25 - Confederates fail at attempt to set fire to New York City hotels and Barnum's Museum
November 28 - Rosser's Raid on New Creek near Keyser, West Virginia
November 29 - Battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee
November 30 - Battle of Franklin, Tennessee
November 30 - Engagement at Honey Hill, South Carolina

BATTLE OF BAYOU BOURBEUX

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The Battle of Bayou Bourbeux also known as the Battle of Grand Coteau or the Battle of Carrion Crow Bayou was fought in Southwestern Louisiana, west of the town of Grand Coteau, Louisiana during the American Civil War. The engagement was between the forces of Confederate Brigadier General Thomas Green and Union Brigadier General Stephen G. Burbridge.





The plan of the battle adopted by General Green and his officers was as follows: Colonel O. M. Roberts, with his in-fantry brigade, was to move southward upon the enemy, under shelter of the timber, between the bayou and the road, driving back the pickets and outposts. The brigade of Par-tisan Rangers, under command of Colonel Majors, were to exhibit themselves in line of battle on the prairie eastward, insight of the enemy, so as to attract their attention in that direction.

Colonel Bagby's brigade of cavalry, accompanied by the Valverde Battery (I believe) and General Green, was to advance from the northwest, towards the enemy's camp; dismount, give the signal, by filing cannon, for the fight to commence, and, as soon as practicable, form a line on the right of the infantry. Colonel Majors' rangers were to advance upon the enemy, so as to fall in on the right of Bagby's brigade, and to act in conjunction with or in support of the dismounted cavalry and infantry, in what was intended to be an almost simultaneous concentration and dash of all of Green's forces upon the enemy's camp.

Under orders from Major General Richard Taylor, Green launched the attack on the Union camp after receiving three infantry regiments on November 2. These regiments were led by Colonel Oran M. Roberts.

Lieutenant William Marland of the 2nd Massachusetts Battery earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during this battle.

The war would continue for another year, continuing to the north, leaving a path of destruction in Opelousas, Alexandria, and Monroe.





Wreaths Across America

Wreaths across Texas Project

By: EP

The Wreaths across Texas Project which is a subgroup of the Wreaths across America initiative is again underway. Last year the Upshur County Patriots Camp set a goal of sponsoring 50 wreaths. The Camp sponsored 10 of the wreaths and through the membership's generous donations, the goal was attained. Some of you may not know that for every 3.4 wreaths purchased (approximately $58.00) the sponsoring individual or group is credited with 1 free wreath. This is called the $5.00 Forward Plan. Because of this we were able to have

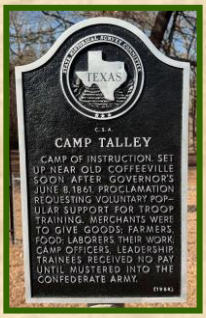
65 wreaths placed on the graves of Confederate heroes or wives of the veterans. As it was last year the cost of a wreath is $17.00, but any amount will help further the cause.

This year, our goal is 55 wreaths. The Camp has authorized sponsoring 15 wreaths, leaving 40 for the general membership as we did last year. Between the Camp and individual donations, we are already just over 50% of the way to achieving our goal.

Our donations are used to provide a visual memorial at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin where over 2000 Confederate Veterans are laid to rest. Phil Davis and Eddie Pricer are again the Co-Chairmen of this important initiative and ask that you give generously. The "adjutant mentality" in Eddie requests that donations be forwarded by December 1 to ensure that our wreaths are ready for the ceremony just prior to Christmas.

Last year, we had 100% participation from our members and are well on our way to doing so again. Donations may be sent to Eddie or Phil at their respective home addresses, in person at the November 3rd Camp meeting, or to the Upshur County Patriots PO Box 472 Gilmer, Texas 75644.

CAMP TALLEY



During the Civil War, Camp Talley was a Confederate recruit-training camp at old Coffeeville 32° 50.319' N, 94° 45.345' W. Marker in northeastern Upshur County. The camp was established shortly after Texas joined the Confederacy in 1861. The 10th Texas Cavalry, later dismounted, was organized here with recruits drawn from the surrounding counties before being marched north in 1862.

Camp Talley was a Civil War recruiting camp in Texas, where local men were mustered and organized into companies for Confederate service during the conflict. It served as a gathering point for volunteers and conscripts, reflecting the war's impact on small communities across the state.

Purpose and Function

- Recruitment: Camp Talley was primarily used to muster and organize soldiers into companies for the Confederate Army.
- Local Impact: It reflected how the Civil War affected small communities in Texas, funneling local men into military service.
- Community Farewells: For families in our area, Camp Talley was a place of farewells, marking the departure of sons, brothers, and husbands to war.

The camp symbolizes the extensive mobilization efforts during the Civil War, highlighting that the conflict also began in local communities… *texasroam.com*

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR OCTOBER MEETING

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From: Shelby Little
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Cc: Eddie Pricer , Bill Elliott , Jim Cox
Subject: October Camp Meeting

Frank,

A little late, but I wanted to let you know that I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Upshur County Patriots Camp meeting on the 6th instant. I understand that you are in the process of having your shoulders "fixed", so I wish you well with that.

Eddie and Rodney did a great job in conducting the meeting; very professional. And even let me get my 2 cents in!

The Camp is obviously well-run, well-led, and active in the community. Makes my job as Division Commander and Bill's, as your Brigade Commander, a lot easier.

Keep up the good work!

Best regards,



Shelby
Shelby K. Little

Commander
Texas Division

