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who ride, rope, and get rowdy with the...

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Wm. H. L. Wells Camp: No. 1588
4th Brigade, Texas Division

In liberal, enlightened, and progressive PLANO, TEXAS
Gary Bray, Camp Commander Brave and True
"Onward through the fog!"

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THE PACE QUICKENS: ACTION IMMINENT! COMMANDER CANCELS ALL FURLOUGHS

by the Newsletter Adjutant

The *Rebel Rag* has been advised that Commander Bray has cancelled all end-of-year furloughs in anticipation of serious action and multiple activities for the 4th Brigade in general and the Wm. Wells Camp in particular. All true Sons of the South will come to attention and mark their calendars accordingly. To wit:

BATTLE OF FORT CRAWFORD

The 2^d Battle of Fort Crawford will be fought on **2—4 October** on private land near **Hallsville** about a mile east of Longview.¹ The 1st Battle of Fort Crawford was fought last year and ended in a resounding Confederate victory. But the Yankees are back, and they're

spoiling for another whipping. And we're just the outfit that can give it to them.

Fort Crawford was a real fort, though only during pre-war times. It was built in the 1840s as a protection against hostile Indians. By 1849 the fort had a post office and a two-story building that served as a school, a church, and a Masonic hall. When the railroad bypassed the fort in 1869, it's heyday was over. All that remains today is a cemetery.

This is a serious reenactment, especially for those who enjoy Confederate camp life. Even if you're just a spectator, it should be a lot of fun.

For complete info, go to:

<http://battleoffortcrawford.com/index.html>

¹ Hallsville is 150 miles from Tino's Mexican Restaurant in Plano. Our supply lines will be stretched thin.



GAINESVILLE DEPOT DAY

This one-day event on **Saturday, 10 October**, will be an excellent recruiting opportunity for the 4th Brigade's camp in Gainesville. The action will take place around the Cooke County courthouse square, and the hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. At this time we do not anticipate trouble with the Yankees, but we have been forewarned to come armed in the likelihood that we may have to shoot it out with some gunslingers. More info at:

http://www.gainesville.tx.us/RecreationDev/Events/Depot_Day.html



BATTLE FOR MYERS LANDING

The **Battle for Myers Landing** on **6—8 November in McKinney** will undoubtedly be our major event of this year. It's a full-scale battle reenactment with the blessing and cooperation of the North Texas History Center and the Collin County Commissioners Court. For some years now, the powers-that-be in this area have yielded to the Politically Correct carpetbaggers who want to rewrite the Confederacy completely out of American history. Myers Landing represents a rare and precious opportunity to muster for the general public and promote our historical agenda.

There's more. Our camp has been given the rights to most of the food and beverage sales at this event. Our camp volunteers will be manning the kitchen, the sales window, and—most importantly—the cash register.



This is the biggest part of the kitchen. We need to bring our own utensils, so put your name somewhere on your frying pan.

Please plan on assisting in one of these areas between about lunch and 5:30 on Friday, 9:00 and 5:30 on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. We get to keep one hundred percent of the food and beverage profits, so if the expected turnout of at least a couple of thousand spectators shows up, our treasury will be bulletproof for a long time to come.



Kitchen view of sales window.

You can view a map of the battlefield at:
<http://www.co.collin.tx.us/living/MyersLanding.pdf>



View of part of the battlefield. Yankee troops will be camped in the trees in the distance. Artillery batteries will be positioned near the camera.

You can see a TV plug for Myers Landing at:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/NTxHistoryCenter>

The footage is from the Tyler campaign in '07.

If we perform honorably at Myers Landing, the door will almost certainly be kicked open for us to host and/or participate in other reenactments in North Texas in the foreseeable future. This is a Big Deal, and it has everything to do with what—and who—we are.

MONTHLY MUSTERS

by the Newsletter Adjutant

Camp Wm Wells members muster on the **fourth Tuesday of the month** at **Tino's Mexican Restaurant at Collin Creek Mall** in

Plano at 6:00 P.M. for an optional Tex-Mex mess; the actual roll call/muster starts at **7:00 P.M.** and typically ends by eight-thirty. Uniforms are optional.

The **September muster falls on the 29th**. Bryan Lean will address the camp concerning the Yankee threat at Myers Landing.

The **October muster falls on the 27th**. At this time only a routine business meeting has been scheduled, but this will be our last muster before the Battle for Myers Landing is upon us.

The **November meeting** falls on the **24th**, just a couple of days before Thanksgiving. No special program has been announced at this time, but we hope to have another newsletter out before then.

There is NO MEETING in December.

2010 TEXAS STATE SCV CONVENTION

by the Newsletter Adjutant

We are working on our Texas Division Reunion for 2010. It will be at the Radisson Hotel Dallas North—Richardson on June 4—6. This is also the kick off of the Sesquicentennial events relating to the War of Northern Aggression for Texas.

We are extremely pleased that SCV National Commander Chuck McMichael will be the keynote speaker for our Reunion.

More info will appear in the *Rebel Rag* as it becomes available.

NOW HEAR THIS

The officers of the SCV Wm Wells Camp No. 1588 hereby advise that any and all events and activities sponsored by this camp are intended solely for the benefit and participation of our members and their immediate families and guests. Nothing in this newsletter should be construed to mean that the general public is invited to participate with our chapter in these activities unless specifically so stated. Members participate in any and all activities and meetings at their own risk and peril. The SCV Wm H L Wells Camp No. 1588 and its officers assume no responsibility or liability for any persons (camp members or otherwise) or property at any camp function.

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