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THE NEWSLETTER FOR
UNRECONSTRUCTED REBELS

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

In occupied Collin County, Texas
Gary Bray, Camp Commander and Fearless Leader

"Often wrong but never in doubt."

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2010 TEXAS REUNION DRAWS NIGH: MORE DETAILS ANNOUNCED

by the Chief of Staff

Wells Camp Commander Gary Bray has announced that David T. Eschenfelder will be the featured speaker at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday June 5 at the 2010 Texas State SCV Reunion. Eschenfelder was born and raised in Shreveport. His ancestry is a combination of German, French, Scots-Irish, Spanish, and Caddo Indian. Eschenfelder's lineal and collateral ancestors served as volunteers in the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War of Northern Aggression (both sides), the Indian Wars, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He became fascinated with archaeology at age five upon finding his first arrowhead. Eschenfelder's doctoral dissertation concerns Civil War archeology.

Eschenfelder will be bringing approximately 4000 artifacts to put on display. The relics were dug up from the camps of Texas Confederate troops around Mansfield, Louisiana, and this will be the first time they have been displayed anywhere.

Commander Bray will be displaying some of his personal Civil War artifacts, and some United Confederate Veteran camp flags that have recently been turned over to the SCV by the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be on display also.

SCV National Commander Chuck McMichael will be the speaker on Saturday evening.

Vendor registration continues to be strong, with thirteen spaces sold. Civil War related merchandise is **not** a prerequisite for SCV Reunion vendors. Any items that would

be of legitimate interest to our attendees are acceptable. Prospective vendors are encouraged to sign up without delay, as our vendor space is almost sold out. A vendor registration form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

The Order of the Confederate Rose reminds us again that a silent auction will be held in conjunction with the SCV Reunion. They are in need of donated items for that auction and are prepared to receive those items now. Please contact Barbara Vogl at 903-725-3175 if you have one or more items to donate.

Lest you forget, the Reunion will be at the Radisson Hotel Dallas North—Richardson at Campbell Road and Central Expressway (US 75) on Friday through Sunday, **June 4—6**. This is also the kick off of the Sesquicentennial events relating to the War of Northern Aggression for Texas,

If you have not already done so, please use the Reunion registration form found at the end of this newsletter to sign up for this event. A hotel room reservation form is also provided herewith.

REAGAN'S SAFE ARRIVES IN TEXAS

by the Chief of Staff

A safe belonging to the Confederate Postmaster General was delivered by truck to Texas on the morning of May 3. John H. Reagan's office safe arrived at the Rolland Safe Company in north Dallas for several weeks of cleaning and restoration before being put on display at the Confederate Museum in Fort Worth.



John Henninger Reagan (October 8, 1818—March 6, 1905), was a leading 19th century American politician from the state of Texas. A Democrat, Reagan resigned from the U.S. House of Representatives when Texas seceded from the Union to join the Confederacy. He served in the cabinet of Jefferson Davis as Postmaster General. After the Confederate defeat, he called for cooperation with the federal government and thus became unpopular, but returned to public office when his predictions of harsh treatment for resistance were proved correct.



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President Davis picked Reagan to head the new Confederate States of America Post-office Department. He was an able administrator, presiding over the only cabinet department that functioned well during the war. Despite the hostilities, the United States Post Office Department continued operations in the Confederacy until June 1, 1861, whereupon the Confederate service took over its functions. Reagan' sent an agent to Washington, D.C., with letters asking the heads of the United States Post Office Department's various bureaus to come work for him. Nearly all did so, bringing copies of their records, contracts, account books, etc. "Reagan in effect had stolen the U.S. Post Office," historian William C. Davis wrote. When President Davis asked his cabinet for the status of their departments, Reagan reported he had his up and running in only six weeks. Davis was amazed.

Reagan cut expenses by eliminating costly and little-used routes and forcing the railroads that carried the mail to reduce their rates. Despite the problems the war caused, his department managed to turn a profit, "the only post office department in American history to pay its own way," wrote William C. Davis. Reagan was the only member of the cabinet to oppose Robert E. Lee's offensive into Pennsylvania in June-July 1863. He instead supported a proposal to detach Longstreet's First Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia to reinforce Joseph E. Johnston in Mississippi so that he could break the Siege of Vicksburg. Historian Shelby Foote noted that, as the only Cabinet member from west of the Mississippi, Reagan

was acutely aware of the consequences of Vicksburg's capture.

When Davis abandoned Richmond on April 2, 1865, before the Army of the Potomac, Reagan accompanied the president on his flight to the Carolinas. On April 27, Davis made him Secretary of the Treasury after George A. Trenholm's resignation, and he served in that capacity until he, Davis, and Texas Governor Francis R. Lubbock were captured near Irwinville, Georgia, on May 10.

Reagan was imprisoned with Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens at Fort Warren in Boston. On August 11, he wrote an open letter to his fellow Texans urging cooperation with the Union, renunciation of the secession convention, the abolition of slavery, and letting freed slaves vote. He warned of military rule that would enforce these policies if Texans did not voluntarily adopt them. For this, he was denounced by Texans. He was released from prison later that year and returned home to Palestine in December.

NTHC APPEAL

by the Newsletter Adjutant

Our friends at the North Texas History Center in McKinney are still hanging on after having their budget slashed by the Collin County Commissioners Court, and they have sent out another appeal for help.

Sarah Hatcher, the Museum Manager writes:

“As many of you are aware, we are actively seeking new ways to find funding. We know times are tough for many, many people

right now, but according to our calculations if every person in Collin County gave us just \$1 we would be able to maintain operations for three years. So we are asking everyone we know to send just \$1. You can even give online at:

<http://www.northtexashistorycenter.org/cgi-bin/shop/updates.pl>

Located at 300 East Virginia Street just east of the square in downtown McKinney, the North Texas History Center is open from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Saturday.

2010 BATTLE OF TEMPLE JUNCTION MAY 21-23

by the Newsletter Adjutant

The second annual Battle of Temple Junction reenactment will be held at the Temple Industrial Park in—where else?—Temple on May 21—23. Friday the 21st is strictly an education day for local area students. The actual battle will happen on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Sutlers and camp followers are expected as well.

It's only a 160-mile jaunt down to Temple, so mark your calendars now.

For additional info call John Larson at 254-760-3492 or go to:

http://www.scvtemple.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=33livepage.apple.com

MONTHLY MUSTERS

by the Chief of Staff

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 call; the actual muster starts at **7:00 P.M.** and typically ends around 8:30. Uniforms are optional.

The **May muster** falls on the **25th**. A program has not yet been announced, but we will continue our planning for the upcoming Texas Division Reunion in June.

Our **mechanized cavalry** unit musters at **Spring Creek Bar B Que** at George Bush Toll Road and Highway 78 on the **first Wednesday of every month**. Roll call at **6:30**. In May that will be the **5th**.

Quote of the Month

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

-Albert Einstein

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MURPHY CEMETERY

SATURDAY, MAY 29

by the Chief of Staff

On the 29th of May, our camp will be participating once again in the memorial ceremonies at the Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery.

The town of Murphy is the home of what once was the largest unmaintained cemetery in Collin County, the Maxwell Cemetery, currently named the Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery. Located on the northern edge of Murphy, this cemetery is the final resting place of many of Murphy's earliest settlers, including several Confederate soldiers, with burials dating from 1853 to 1966. The Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery contains approximately 3 acres and over 300 graves.

The memorial program starts promptly at 10:00 A.M., and we would like for our troops to get there around nine to help with the setup. If you have a uniform, please wear it. We will probably be firing several salutes, so bring your rifle and powder if you can.

Detailed directions to the cemetery can be found at:

<http://decaturnaxwellmurphycemetery.org/directions.php>

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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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

May 2010

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Battle of Port
Jefferson,
Jefferson, Texas

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Battle of Port
Jefferson,
Jefferson, Texas

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5 Mechanized
Calvary monthly
Meeting @ Spring
Creek Bar B Que
6:30

6 A. H. Belo Camp
Monthly Meeting
in Dallas

George Reeves, 11th
Calvary Camp, Monthly
Meeting in Sherman

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Calvary Iron Butt
Ride, Hella Temple
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Battle of Temple
Junction, Temple,
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Battle of
Temple
Junction, Temple,
Texas

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William H. L. Wells
Camp, 1588
Monthly Meeting
Tino's Too
Collin Creek Mall

26 SCV - Mech
Calvary
Escorting Traveling
Viet Nam Traveling
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Fair Pk muster Mimi's
Cafe Lewisville 7:00

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Memorial @ Murphy
Cemetery in Murphy
North of FM 544

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Convention Next
Month

A. H. Belo Camp
Dallas meets first
Thursday of the
Month

2010 SCV REUNION REGISTRATION
JUNE 4—6, 2010
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
1981 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY
RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75080
HOSTED BY THE WILLIAM H. L. WELLS CAMP

Friday June 4, 2010

2:00 – 7:00 PM Registration Open

5:30 PM Memorial Service at the hotel

7:00 PM Dinner and entertainment

No. of tickets _____ @ \$25.00 _____

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Breakfast on your own

7:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Opening Ceremonies

9:00 AM SCV Business Session

9:00 AM OCR Annual meeting

12:00 PM Awards Luncheon

No. of tickets _____ @ \$30.00 _____

1:30 PM Officer training seminars

1:30 PM Additional seminars for all attendees

6:15 PM Cocktails (cash bar)

7:00 PM The Planters' Society Ball

No. of tickets _____ @50.00 _____

Dinner, guest speaker Commander Chuck McMichael, dancing

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Breakfast on your own

9:00 AM DEC meeting

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____ City & Zip Code _____

Email address _____

SCV Member/Camp _____ Guest _____ OCR _____

Name to appear on convention badge _____

Spouse's name on convention badge _____

OCR name on convention badge _____

(All events will be at the hotel.)

Mail completed form to: Buddy Burch, 2970 Warm Springs, Richardson, TX 75082 or

EMAIL to: buddy.burch@gmail.com

2010 SCV Reunion



June 4—6

Richardson, Texas

HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATION

Registration for hotel rooms will be made through the William H. L. Wells Camp. The contact is Buddy Burch. Cost of the rooms is \$89 (plus tax) for a single or double room and \$109 (plus tax) for the Concierge floor. The rooms on the Concierge floor are larger and have a few more amenities. Please fill out the hotel registration form and email it to buddy.burch@gmail.com or snail mail to Buddy Burch, 2970 Warm Springs, Richardson, TX 75082. The hotel was formerly a Radisson but is now a DoubleTree. Location is at the intersection of Campbell Road and Central Expressway (US Highway 75) in Richardson.

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____, TX Zip _____

Camp name and location _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Type of room: _____ King _____ Double _____ Concierge floor

Credit card number _____ Date of expiration _____

Email address _____

SCV VENDOR SPACE APPLICATION FORM

for 2010 Texas Division Reunion

June 4 & 5, 2010

(This is NOT a binding contract.)

 Read the fine print carefully!

All vendors will set up in the lobby of the DoubleTree Hotel in Richardson. Every vendor space will be furnished with one 6-foot folding table and a couple of chairs courtesy of the hotel. Floor space is not a factor. Vendor setup will be on Friday morning in order to prepare for attendees who will begin arriving that same afternoon. Vendors will remain open until 5:00 PM Friday. Vendors will also be open at their own convenience on Saturday morning and will finally close at 5:00 PM that day. If you require electricity, please advise us of that on this application form.

Name of Business _____

Name(s) of Owner/Contact Person(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email address _____

Type of goods/services to be sold/exhibited _____

Requests and/or special considerations _____

PLEASE CALCULATE YOUR VENDOR FEE HERE.

_____ Vendor space(s) at \$50 each \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to:

Wells Camp #1588

Keep a copy of this form, and send—*do not fax*—the original with payment to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Attn: Chief of Staff Jim Henry

12040 Ashaway Lane

Frisco, Texas 75035