The Louisiana Tiger

Monthly Newsletter of the Lt Gen. Richard Taylor Camp #1308 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Shreveport, Louisiana

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Caddo Parish Confederate Monument

The men who went forth to battle under this banner were not actuated by hate, by desire for conquest, or to maintain the institution of slavery, but battled for what they believed to be a great fundamental doctrine, a foundation principle in a government founded upon the consent of the governed.

Rev. Dr. W.T. Boling 1906 dedication ceremony

Most of our members know that the Caddo Parish Confederate Monument was erected in 1906 as a memorial to those men who sacrificed so much, and those fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons who never made it home and are buried in marked and unmarked graves on distant battlefields. After 115 years of serving that purpose, the monument was recently disassembled and moved to Desoto Parish. So much could be written about how and why this came about, but that is for another time.

The good news is that the Monument is now standing on land donated to the SCV on the Pleasant Hill Battlefield in Desoto Parish. It is as beautiful as ever and is in a place where it should no longer be subject to the damages caused by ignorance and hate over the last few years. It is up to us to continue the loving care that it has had all these years.

At some point in the coming year, we will be having a rededication of the Monument. At the original dedication in 1906 many thousands of people attended, as seen in this picture postcard, to show how much it meant to them. The rededication will be our time to show just how much the Monument really means to us. If it ever truly meant something to YOU, you will be there.

Bobby G. Herring

Thank you to the past editor of this newsletter, Bobby G. Herring for his hard work. Also to all past editors. Thank you.
The unveiling of the Confederate Monument 1906.
Welcome to Our New Taylor Camp Members

July/August 2022

2021-2022

Elected Officers
Commander
Lute Lee
1st Lt Commander
Allen Lawrence
Adjutant
Don Carroll
Chaplain
John Long

Appointed Staff
2nd Lt. Commander
Keith Porter
Aide-de-Camp
John Long
Quartermaster
John Long
Newsletter Editor
Allen Lawrence

Next Camp Meetings
July 7, 2022
August 4, 2022

Camp meetings begin at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Shane’s Seafood & BBQ 
9176 Mansfield Road, Shreveport
Family & Friends are welcome

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Quote of the Month

"I can touch a bell on my right hand and order the arrest of a citizen of Ohio. I can touch the bell again and order the imprisonment of a citizen in New York; and no power on earth, except that of the President, can release them. Can the Queen of England, in her dominions, do so much?"

— U.S. Secretary of State William Seward in 1863 to Lord Lyons the British Envoy to the United States —
To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans:

We live in trying times! That's something I remember my parents used to say, a wise old statement from the past!

As southerners, we have always been counted on to compromise; it's part of our Christian heritage. The movement of our confederate monument was a compromise, not a happy situation with me. Nevertheless, it's a lot better than the possible destruction of that monument. Such destruction happened to monuments in other cities, under the influence of neo-Marxists.

We must stand fast to these neo-Marxists, but violence is never the best move! So what can we do?

Forrest said, "Charge them, too." But how? The battlefield has changed, somewhat, so we must be ready for the next situation. We should consider what that next situation might be.
And we should remember what is important to remember. June 4th was a good memorial at Pleasant Hill cemetery! Ken Kreft has a great memory for poems, concerning our confederate dead, which was very well done! Being together like that matters. Another opportunity for fellowship and remembering I had was to visit the James Hamilton Beard SCV camp in Logansport, a great short meeting with several compatriots that I know!

Being together sometimes means communing in memory with those who came before us. Keachie cemetery is mowed again, making folks welcome to this solemn place to visit and ponder the souls laid to rest there.

As we remember and help others to remember, I encourage you to always be proud to show our colors. The next opportunity to do that is with the Farmerville Watermelon Festival parade on July 30, at 8 in the morning! Another very important event is the National Reunion in Georgia, July 19, thru July 24th - the battlefield tours are a plus this year.

In closing, please remember our sick folks: Mrs. Lynda Gramling and Will Mason, and Larry Burford! Pray for our country and our SCV purpose, and God Bless to all.

Lest we forget!

Lute Lee commander Lt General Richard Taylor camp 1308
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."

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

TAYLOR CAMP MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

July 2 – Roy Tucker
July 3 – Judah Buck
July 6 – Donald Carroll
July 7 – Walter Soes
July 7 – Jim Curry
July 7 – Gregory Miceli
July 10 – Jason Lee Robertson
July 11 – Kenneth Irvan
July 11 – Matthew Pizzolato
July 12 – Landon Gramling
July 13 – Gary Fox
July 15 – Ben England
July 17 – Mark Steven Williams
August 1 – Richard Bradford Lepore
August 2 – Robert Whitehead
August 2 – Robert Dwayne Payne
August 4 – Richard Weatherly
August 6 – Will Mason
August 14 – Bitton Bailes
August 16 – Albert Lafitte
August 16 – Phillip Brian Smith
August 17 – Michael Solomon
August 18 – Bobby Gilliam
August 19 – Lyn Irish
August 21 – Keith McCullen
August 28 – James Randall Long
August 30 – Kent Bradford
August 30 – Gary Joiner
August 30 – Ricky Lyn Collins
UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership dues July 31, 2022

July 19—24  SCV National Reunion  Georgia

July 30  Watermelon Festival  Farmerville, LA  Line up at 8:15 am

August 6  11th Annual Jefferson Civil War Seminar, Jefferson Texas

Want to keep up with Current Events?

You can have the latest news on what is going on in the Louisiana Division sent directly to you by e-mail?

For Louisiana SCV members the best way to keep up with all the current events, dates, and times, around the state, is to subscribe to the Louisiana Tiger Courier. Just e-mail Richard Gandy at news@lascv.com and ask him to add you to the list.
Please remember that the information contained in the Adjutant’s Report is a recording of our most recent Camp Meeting’s minutes. It is not meant to be a calendar for future events. Sometimes the information in this section may seem repetitive or outdated, but it is important that we accurately report our camp minutes. The minutes will be open for discussion at the next camp meeting where we can vote to make adjustments or corrections or accept them as they are.

Adjutant’s Report — May

Minutes of the May 5, 2022, Camp Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Lute Lee.

The Invocation was given by John Long.

The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Chuck McMichael.

The “Charge” was recited by John Long.

Welcome: Commander Lee welcomed members and guests; Charlette Carroll and Lynda Gramling.

New Member Applications: None

New Member Packets: None

Financial Report – Adjutant Carroll gave the financial report and Bobby Herrin made a motion to accept the report, with David Hill seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Logger’s Festival – JC Hanna attended.

NEW BUSINESS

LA Division Reunion - May 20 thru 21 in Alexandria La. Make plans to attend.
Poke Salad Festival - May 14th Parade at 10. Line up at 9 in front of the elementary school. We will have a booth. Volunteers needed.

Memorial Day Services at Hillcrest usually around 8am. No time or schedule for Greenwood Cemetery.

Ancestor Stories — Chuck McMichael, and Lute Lee shared ancestor stories

Confederate Memorial Day June 3.

Program — Monument Cleaning by Todd Owen. Products to use and possible certification class.

Final Thought: Chuck McMichael reminded everyone to come to the Polk Salad festival and bring someone.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:22 pm

BENEDICTION by John Long

DIXIE led by Chuck McMichael.

Adjutant’s Report — June

Minutes of the June 2, 2022, Camp Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Lute Lee.

The Invocation was given by John Long.

The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Chuck McMichael.

The “Charge” was recited by John Long.

Welcome: Commander Lee welcomed members and guests.
OLD BUSINESS

The General Richard Taylor fund raising coins the camp approved last year have arrived and are available for $10.00 each. There was some discussion about how to sell them.

Polk Salad Festival we had a good turn out and the booth was successful in selling $165.00 of merchandise as well as distributing information. Thanks to everyone that came.

Caddo Monument is in the process of being moved. Report from UDC. Paul Gramling ask UDC to consider other events when scheduling the rededication. Discussion about the time capsules.

LA Division Reunion - May 20 thru 21 in Alexandria La. Our camp received the Tiger Award.

Memorial Day Services at Hillcrest and Greenwood Cemetery. There was a good turnout at both events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Float Trailer—Motion was made by Chuck McMichael for the camp to purchase a new trailer to be used for a parade float trailer for up to $3000.00. the motion was seconded by Paul Gramling. The trailer is also to have a permanent registration tag. Vote was taken and passed unanimously. There was some discussion about used trailers but a new one was more desirable. Chuck McMichael made a motion to allow the executive council to make the decision on the purchase of the trailer. It was seconded by John Long. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reminders that dues will be due July 31.

Confederate Memorial Day June 3—reminder of the event at Pleasant Hill at 10 am Saturday
New Member Applications: John G. Bullock. A motion was made by Paul Gramling and seconded by John Long to accept and vote to accept was unanimous.

New Member Packets: John T. Furlow

Financial Report – Adjutant Carroll gave the financial report and Don Carroll made a motion to accept the report, with Ken Krefft seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

National Reunion in Georgia July 19th through the 24th. Paul Gramling told us it will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas next year.

Ancestor Stories — Chuck McMichael, and Bobby Herring shared ancestor stories.


Commander Lee introduced Allen Lawrence as the new 1st Lieutenant Commander.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:48 pm

BENEDICTION by John Long

DIXIE led by Frank Walsh.

Members in attendance: Bill Nichols and Jackie; Roger Anderson; Donald Carroll; Paul and Lynda Gramling; Dave Knadler; Marc Anderson; Chuck McMichael; Steve Woodall; J. C. Hanna; Steve Spence; Blake Gibson; Ken Krefft; Allen Lawrence; Marc Anderson; Dr. John Goddard; Bobby Herring; Perry Montgomery; Jon Bullock; John Long; Mike Dyson; Ken Walsh; Frank Walsh. 22 members and 4 guest.

Minutes faithfully recorded and submitted by Taylor Camp Adjutant Donald Carroll
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Support our Northwest Brigade

Brother Camps

(all camp meetings begin at 7:00 pm)

Col. Samuel Russell Camp – Natchitoches (every second Tuesday)

560 2nd Street (next to Fire Station)

Col. James Beard Camp – Logansport (every second Thursday)

DeSoto Parish Library 203 Hwy 5 Logansport

Claiborne Invincibles Camp – Claiborne Parish (every fourth Thursday)

Country Cottage Restaurant in Arcadia (Hwy 151 South – just south of I-20 at exit 69)
Louisiana
Confederate
Memorial Day
June 3rd

Battle of Pleasant Hill 2022
Each month THE TIGER will feature a story of a Taylor Camp member’s Confederate Ancestor. If you would like your ancestor included, please send his story or service information to me in your own words at awl1957@outlook.com Pictures of your ancestor are welcome.

Our featured ancestor this month is

5th Sergeant Landrum Lewis Lawson of the 8th Missouri Infantry Regiment

Submitted by his great-great-grandson Keith Porter

Landrum Lewis Lawson was born April 13, 1842 to Isaac and Jane Hubbard Lawson in Phelps County, Missouri. He was the sixth of fourteen children of this family that were farmers that migrated between southern Missouri and Illinois, before finally settling around Spring Creek in Phelps County, Missouri in 1860. In 1861 Landrum married his distant cousin Marilda Lawson in Phelps County. Shortly afterwards, war broke out and Landrum joined the Missouri State Guard (MSG).

Most of the Guard units have no written history or muster cards, so it is not certain which one he initially joined. However, family accounts have him fighting at the Battle of Wilson’s Creek (aka Oak Hills or the Battle of Springfield) near Springfield Missouri on August 10, 1861. It was the first major battle and Confederate victory in the Trans-Mississippi Theater. The MSG troops were next engaged at the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (aka Pea Ridge) in Arkansas on March 7, 1862. Landrum’s 7th Missouri (Mitchell’s Battalion) as part of the MSG Brigade attacked and drove off the Carr’s Division of Federal troops. The next morning the Federals brought up infantry and artillery reinforcements and, after a furious artillery bombardment, the Federals attacked. Low on ammunition and lacking artillery support, the Confederates were forced to withdraw.

Records show that Landrum was sick in the hospital in Ft. Smith, Arkansas from December 1st thru 12th of 1862, while his unit fought at the Battle of Prairie Grove in Arkansas on December 7, 1862. In January of 1863 Landrum’s 7th Missouri and Frazier’s Battalions were merged to form the 8th Missouri Regiment. On February 19, 1863 Landrum was appointed 2nd Corporal.

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The Regiment garrisoned Ft. Pleasant near Camden, Arkansas until July of 1863, when they were ordered to Little Rock where they were briefly engaged in its defense. It was during this time that Landrum was promoted to 1st Corporal. Little Rock eventually fell on September 10, 1863. The Regiment was then garrisoned at Camp Bragg, Camden Arkansas from October of 1863 till January of 1864, and then Camp Sumter in Lewisville, Arkansas from January to March of 1864.

On March 18th the Brigade was ordered to Shreveport in preparation for the Red River Campaign although the Brigade arrived too late for the Battle of Mansfield April 8th. After a hard march the next day they were engaged at the Battle of Pleasant Hill late in the afternoon of April 9th. The Brigade formed on the extreme right of Parson’s Texas Division and charged forward capturing Federal skirmishers, and two artillery batteries, as well as shattering a Federal Brigade. As they continued their charge towards the hamlet of Pleasant Hill, they came under intense flanking fire as two Federal Brigades emerged from a concealed position attacking them in force and causing mass confusion. The 8th Missouri pulled back to their original position and reformed. By then darkness covered the field and by the next morning the Federals had withdrawn back towards the Red River, ending the battle.

The 8th Missouri, as part of Parson’s Division, were ordered north into Arkansas to defend Shreveport from advancing Federal troops. On April 30, 1864 they were engaged at the Battle of Jenkins Ferry in Arkansas where the Federal army was attempting to escape across the Saline River and back to Little Rock. The Federal rear guard was in fortified positions, and the Confederates could only advance across a four hundred yard wide open field. Due to torrential rains and deep mud, cavalry and artillery could not be brought to bear. After several attempts by various Confederate Divisions the overall attack was called off. The Second Kansas Colored Infantry shot and bayoneted surrendering Confederates and mutilated the bodies. The Federal army destroyed the pontoon bridges and escaped back to Little Rock.

From August 1864 to March of 1865, Landrum and the 8th Missouri were garrisoned at Washington, Arkansas, which by then was the Confederate capital of Arkansas. During this time Landrum was promoted to Fifth Sergeant. The Brigade was then ordered to Shreveport where they remained until the surrender.

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My Confederate Ancestor (continued from page 17)

Landrum returned to Missouri where he and Marilda reared nine children. Landrum farmed from the 1860's until around 1910 when he was 68 years old. He then owned a general store in Spring Creek and the 1920 census shows that he owns a dry goods store. His wife Marilda died on January 19, 1926. In the 1930 census Landrum was living with his daughter's family. Landrum died on January 10, 1931. Landrum and Marilda are both buried in Watts Cemetery in Pulaski County, Missouri. On January 29, 1931, several weeks after his death, the Houston Herald Newspaper (in Missouri) printed a message from one of its readers regarding the death of Landrum Lawson which read, “Sorry to hear of the death of Grandpa Lawson. Mr. Lawson was a good neighbor and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed help.”
Mansfield State Historic Site

Just 35 miles south of Shreveport lies one of our most important Confederate Heritage sites in this area. Located on La. Hwy 175 about 3 miles south of Mansfield, many of us still call it the Mansfield Battle Park and most of us have been there many times during our lives. But when was the last time you visited the Museum? With constant State budget cuts looming, the fate of all State Parks lie with their annual attendance. It is a classic example of USE IT or LOSE IT.

Please support this important part of our history by visiting the park on a regular basis. The park staff make it easy and interesting by presenting special programs each month. Please check the Tiger each month for a listing of the upcoming programs. You can also find detailed information at the Mansfield State Historic Site Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MansfieldSHS

Mansfield State Historic Site is located on La. Hwy. 175, three miles south of Mansfield. Admissions are $4.00 per person ages 4-61; seniors 62 and over and children 3 and under are admitted free.