

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



GENERAL JAMES J. BYRNE CAMP 1, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS WITH LOUISIANA

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER:

19 January 2022

Brothers!

A new year has begun. However, we find ourselves still living with concerns that have now been here for a couple of years. I pray that this year is a turning point for the better. In the meantime, we will continue to move forward and keep the spirit of the SUVCW alive and well.

A very welcome piece of news is that we have instituted Zoom meetings to allow us to reach all the Camp 1 members, now and in the future. For now, all meetings will be on Zoom (third Tuesday of every month) until such time as COVID rates reduce to the point where in-person meetings are again viable.

We are now actively looking for a new meeting place. The Civil War Museum in Fort Worth has offered us a meeting space, and we will be investigating this further in the next few weeks. Hopefully, this will resolve the meeting place issue that we have had periodically and provide us with an appropriate setting for all future meetings. This does not mean that we will then abandon the use of Zoom. With the assistance of the Department Signal Officer, we will migrate to a hybrid meeting with in-person AND Zoom capabilities. This will allow all the Camp 1 brothers who live outside of the immediate Fort Worth area to attend virtually and be an active part of the Camp going forward.

The new officer staff is also looking at other ways to engage all the members and will be discussing alternatives to ensure increased participation in events both locally and across the state. We will be discussing these actively over the next few meetings. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email one of the officers with your idea. Nothing is off the table at this point.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to actively participate in this Camp's activities and meetings. We have for too long relied upon a small group of individuals to run the Camp. We can no longer afford that luxury. We need new faces in the roles, and also new ideas. Without this increased level of activity, I am concerned about the future of the Camp. I believe this year will be a watershed that determines the future viability of this Camp. So please get involved and consider running for an office this fall. With the use of Zoom, distance is no longer a roadblock to serving as an officer.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on February 15 at 7pm (1900 hours). I look forward to seeing everyone there. If you cannot make the Tuesday meeting, PLEASE let us know if another day/time would work for you. We will be looking at this as well over the next meetings, in an effort to maximize your involvement in the Camp's meetings and activities. I'll see you there!

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,

Paul L. Kendall

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT:

Opening Balance:	\$862.81
December Income:	
Membership renewals:	\$285.00
January Income:	
Membership renewals:	\$121.00
December Expenses:	
PayPal fees:	\$8.35
January Expenses:	
PayPal fees:	\$1.67
Ending Balance:	\$1,258.79



Brothers!

General James J. Byrne Camp No. 1 held its first meeting of 2022 on Tuesday evening, January 18, via Zoom. Eight Camp 1 brothers were in attendance. Brother John Vander Meulen is the Department Signals Officer and he hosted the Zoom meeting. The following officers were elected by the Camp and installed by Department Commander Bo Vets:

Camp Commander – Dr. Paul Kendall
Senior Vice Commander – Brother Beau Moore
Junior Vice Commander – Brother Todd Wilber
Secretary/Treasurer – Brother David Appleton
Patriotic Instructor – Brother Mark Parkison
Chaplain – Brother Gene Willis
Camp Council:
Brother Craig Reves
Brother Gene Willis
Brother Mike Belcher

Congratulations and thanks to all of these Brothers, and we all look forward to a year of renewed activity and involvement.

On Monday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., there was a Department meeting via Zoom. Twenty Brothers from the Department attended. Brother Michael Lance will begin publishing the Department newsletter, The Unionist. The Department website and Facebook group is up and running. The Department Encampment is tentatively planned to be held in the East Texas town of Jefferson on May 7. It is planned to visit Oakwood cemetery to visit the grave of Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Daniel Murphy who served in the Civil War as a Sergeant in Company F, 19th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He was awarded the CMOH for his bravery at the Battle of Hatcher's Run, Virginia on October 27, 1864. His citation reads "Capture of flag of 47th North Carolina Infantry (C.S.A.)". His Medal was issued on December 1, 1864. He was one of seven 19th Massachusetts Infantry soldiers to be awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery during the Civil War.

As you may have noticed from the Treasurer's Report in this newsletter, ten of our members have already renewed their memberships for 2022. (We also have one Life Member, so he is automatically renewed each year.) However, that number means that there are still fourteen of our members from last year who have not yet renewed for 2022. If you have not renewed your membership in Camp 1 and the SUVCW for 2022, now is the time to do so!

Membership dues for 2022 have not increased and remain the same as they have been for the past several years, \$40. And as before, there are several convenient ways to pay. Please note that if paying via PayPal which has options to pay by credit card, debit card, or directly from your checking account, or they even have a pay later option of four payments over two months. The Camp charges a \$1 convenience fee to cover part of the transaction fee that PayPal charges us, for a total of \$41.

The \$40 option:

You can write a check in the amount of \$40 payable to SUVCW 1 General James J. Byrne and mail it to:

SUVCW
c/o David B. Appleton
1014 Georgeland Drive
Duncanville, TX 75116

The \$41 options:

You can go on-line directly to <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/GeneralJamesJByrne/41> to pay via credit/debit card or directly from your checking account (only PayPal sees that information; we do not have access to any of your personal account information).

Or you can email me at davidbappleton@att.net to request a PayPal invoice, which I will email directly to you and that you can pay on-line.

Naturally, if you have any questions about your 2022 membership, please feel free contact me at the email address above.

David B. Appleton

Secretary / Treasurer

General James J. Byrne Camp No. 1

Department of Texas with Louisiana

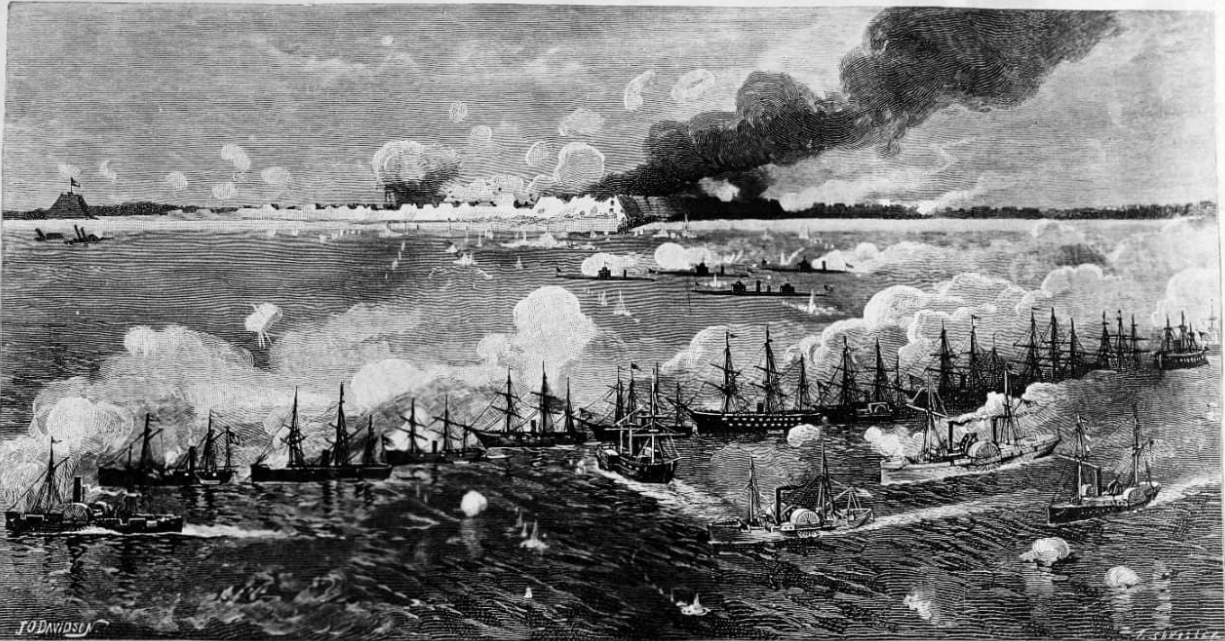
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



IMPORTANT CIVIL WAR DATES FOR JANUARY:

On January 15, 1865, Fort Fisher, nicknamed “Gibraltar of the South,” fell to Union troops. Built on a peninsula known as Federal Point at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, 18 miles south of Wilmington, Fort Fisher was the largest earthen fortification in the Confederacy. It guarded the port of Wilmington, and, in that capacity, was the most powerful seacoast fort in the South. Fort Fisher was the last remaining lifeline in the closing months of the Civil War, allowing blockade runners to take advantage of the Cape Fear River to route supplies to troops inland. On December 23 and 24, 1864, the Union Navy bombarded the fort. At the same time, the fort’s forces were reinforced with about 600 more men from Wilmington, increasing the number to around 2,000. The Union Navy attacked again on January 13, 1865. After two days, Union forces led by Gen. Alfred Terry overwhelmed the Confederate defenders led by Maj. Gen. W.H.C. Whiting and Col. William Lamb, and captured Fort Fisher. The fall of Fort Fisher robbed Robert E. Lee’s army of its last connection to the outside and served as the beginning of the Wilmington Campaign, which also resulted in the fall of Fort Anderson and the occupation of Wilmington.





THE BOMBARDMENT OF FORT FISHER, JANUARY 15, 1865. TAKEN FROM LITHOGRAPHS.



Union Major General Gouverneur Warren

Born January 8, 1830, Cold Spring, NY

A West Point graduate, civil engineer and career U.S. army officer, Gouverneur Kemble Warren served in the Corps of Topographical Engineers prior to the Civil War. Teaching mathematics at West Point when war broke out, Warren helped form and lead the 5th New York Infantry.

In the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, Warren put his considerable skills as a civil engineer to work leading reconnaissance teams and developing maps for the Army of the Potomac's advance up the Virginia Peninsula. He commanded a brigade during the Seven Days' Battles. At the Battle of Malvern Hill, his troops stopped a division-sized Confederate force. Warren later led his brigade at the Battles of Second Manassas, Antietam and Fredericksburg. Based on his service at Malvern Hill, he received a promotion to brigadier general in September, 1862. Following Hooker's reorganization of the Army of the Potomac in February 1863, Warren was appointed chief topographical engineer, then chief engineer. His greatest achievement in battle came at Gettysburg, when, on the second day of battle, he directed Union troops to seize Little Round Top on the far left end of the Federal line. Warren's quick action protected the exposed left flank of the Union army.

FEATURE ARTICLE:

A Tale of Three Kentuckians

By

Todd M Wilber

I found my 4th great grandma Hannah Little-Cundiff's three brothers served in the Union army.

Elsberry Little enlisted Oct '61 and mustered in Jan '62 in Co E, 8th KY Inf US.

He was left behind at Bardstown, KY in Oct '62 sick.

He was captured and paroled by John Hunt Morgan Dec '62

He reported to Camp Chase, OH as a paroled soldier.

He decided to go home 'without proper authority' to Wolfe Co in Apr '63.

AWOL from the 8th KY, he joined the Co I, 47th KY Mounted Inf in Oct '63.

He was found out and returned to the 8th KY in Apr '64.

He was court martialed and restored to duty without punishment.

He was then assigned to Co B, 8th KY Inf Battalion.

Elsberry mustered out with 8th KY.

George Little enlisted Oct '61 and mustered in Jan '62 in Co E, 8th KY Inf US.

He deserted at Glasgow, KY Nov '62.

He enlisted with his brother Elsberry in the Co I, 47th KY Mounted Inf in Oct '63.

He was found out and then deserted again in Apr '64.

George took his weapons and equipment with him.

(He got a pension. Believe it or not.)

Charles Little served in Co I, 47th KY Mounted Rifles.

He was out on a five man scouting mission around Mt. Sterling, KY in Oct '63.

They were surprised and captured at Camargo by twelve guerillas.

The scouts were stripped, disarmed, and marched to a bridge outside Ticktown (Jeffersonville).

They were told they were going to be paroled.

They were all lined up and shot.

4 of the 5 including Charles was killed.

(A detachment of the 47th KY burned down Ticktown as retribution for the murders).

Sources

1. <https://eakycivilwar.blogspot.com/2013/05/the-ticktown-murders-and-fiery.html>
2. Fold 3. CMSR. Elsberry and George Little. 8th and 47th KY.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION FOR JANUARY:

Many loyal southerners who spoke out against secession during the War of the Rebellion suffered severe consequences. One man from North Texas, who was a hero of the Texas Revolution, almost lost his life to the Gainesville, Texas high vigilance committee whose mission was to find and liquidate traitors to the Confederacy.



Dr. Mansil Walter Matthews (1806 – 1891) joined the Texas Revolutionary Army and served as a surgeon. He was at the battle of San Jacinto and attended the wounded Gen. Sam Houston when Houston's soldiers brought Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna to Houston as a captive. He also served with Company F of the Texas Rifles during the Mexican War.

Dr. Matthews was a Unionist and he was a popular traveling evangelist in the Fort Worth region. He was arrested in 1864 and charged with treason which often resulted in the death penalty. Hearing of the popular preacher's arrest, E. M. Daggett - an early builder in Fort Worth who voted against secession- journeyed at once to Gainesville, telling the court Matthews' mind may be with the North but his heart is with the South. The Court reconsidered, decided Matthews

should not die, but that he should remain in jail three days without knowing his life had been spared.

Daggett thought the edict was cruel, and determined to tell Matthews, whom he was allowed to visit under escort. Daggett and Matthews immediately began a long discussion of the Bible, boring the guard who became inattentive. Daggett then asked Matthews for his favorite Bible quotation, and Matthews asked Daggett for his.

"Fret not thy gizzard and zizzle not thy whirligig; thy soul art saved," Daggett told the preacher. Matthews looked at the floor and trembled, daring not to show more emotion before the guard. Dr. Matthews died in 1891, age 84, and is buried in Paradise, Wise County, Texas.



I found a great metal grave marker for my Union Army ancestor from The Flag Guys. Phone: 845-562-0088. Stock Number is #GMB36 (\$79.00). Price includes 18" brass rod and holder on the back for a flag. www.flagguys.com/gmarker



Yours in Fraternity, Charity and
Loyalty. Brother Mark Parkison,
Patriotic Instructor

