

The Parmley Post

Newsletter of Gen James J Byrne Camp 1

Dept of Texas and Louisiana SUVCW

January 2023

From the Editor

When I volunteered to do the newsletter, I thought I would give it a little makeover.

I decided to christen it The Parmley Post in honor of Cpt William S Parmley Co B, 33rd Iowa Infantry. He was the first commander and namesake of GAR Post 4 and Sons of Veterans Camp 1 (our predecessors).

I hope y'all will enjoy the new Camp 1 newsletter.

In F, C, & L,

Todd Wilber

Memorial Day will be here before you know it! The Memorial Day Ceremony is very moving! I hope you will consider setting aside part of that day to attend the ceremony! It is the day where we can honor the memories of all those patriots who fought for the freedoms, we all have!

If there is anything you need from me, please let me know.

Fraternally,

Brother Hal Hughes

Commander's Message

Brothers,

Thank you for selecting me to be the Camp Commander for this year.

I hope to get to know you all better over the next year. The Camp will only be successful through all your efforts. I hope those of you who do not attend Camp Meetings on a regular basis will consider attending one Camp Meeting this year.

Camp Leadership For 2023



Hal Hughes sworn in as Camp Commander by Dept Commander Lance.



L to R: David Appleton, Treasurer; Hal Hughes, Commander; Todd Wilber, SVC; Butch Durham, Patriotic Instructor; Mark Parkison, Secretary. Sworn in via Zoom: Mike Belcher, JVC.

Senior Vice Commander's Message

Bros,

I am honored to be elected SVC for 2023. I hope Camp 1 has a good year of activities.

The Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville is on April 23. I hope we can make a showing like last year.

We need some fresh blood. Camp 1 has a rapidly aging membership base. We have staved off folding the camp the past two years by the skin of our teeth.

I would hope we could do a couple recruiting events this year. At least one at the Texas Civil War Museum.

If see any local events in your area that might be a good recruiting venue, please let the leadership of the camp know about them.

I would encourage those who cannot join us in person join us online for our camp meetings. Our camp covers a huge geographical area. Do not feel that precludes you from taking part in camp activities.

In F, C, & L,

Todd W

Secretary's Report

General James J. Byrne Camp No. 1

January 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The Camp's meeting took place as a hybrid meeting, combining in-person at the VFW Hall and on-line via Zoom.

The meeting was opened by Camp Commander Paul Kendall at about 7:20 p.m. with eight members (including Department Commander Michael Lance) and one guest, and half a dozen members via Zoom (including Brother John Vander Meulen, Department Signals Officer) in attendance.

The minutes of the November 19, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

The proposed slate of officers for 2023 was read, and contained the following:

Hal Hughes as Camp Commander

Todd Wilber as Senior Vice Commander

Michael Belcher as Junior Vice Commander

Butch Durham as Patriotic Instructor

Mark Parkison as Secretary

David Appleton as Treasurer

Gene Willis as Chaplain

Todd Wilber as Graves Registration Officer

Gene Willis, Craig Reves, and Paul Kendall as Camp Council

Following discussion and opening the floor for any additional nominations, the above officers were elected by acclamation. Department Commander Michael Lance then installed the newly-elected officers, and pinned the Camp Commander's badge on

new Camp Commander Hughes before turning the meeting over to him.

Camp Commander Hughes made a few remarks, and previous Camp Commander Paul Kendall was thanked and applauded for his service.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:25 p.m.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David B. Appleton

Treasurer's Report

Since our last meeting in November, we have had the following income and expenses:

Balance (November 15, 2022):
\$1,085.14

Income:

2023 Membership renewals: 962.00

Expenses:

PayPal transaction fees: 16.76

Form 30 Reinstatement to Dept: 48.00

Purchase of postage stamps: 15.00

Total expenses: (79.76)

Ending Balance (Jan 20, 2023): \$1,967.38

Of this ending balance, we currently must forward \$722.00 to the Department for National and Department with the Camp's annual report as their portion of the dues for all renewing members, leaving us with an effective balance of \$1,245.38.

As of this date, we still have six brothers who have not yet renewed their membership for 2023.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David B. Appleton

Patriotic Instructor's Message

Good January, Brothers!

This month in 1863 saw Major General Ambrose Burnside relieved of the command of the Army of the Potomac and replaced with Major General Joseph Hooker. Here is a bit more about that.

A career United States Army officer and Mexican-American War veteran, Hooker was appointed in 1861 as a brigadier general of the Union Army. Hooker began the war commanding a division of the Army of the Potomac around Washington DC under Major General George McClellan.

In 1862 Hooker commanded the 2nd Division of the III Corps in the Peninsula Campaign. During this time Hooker earned the reputation of an aggressive leader who cared for the welfare of his men. Hooker led the First Corps at Antietam under McClellan where he was injured in the foot. When McClellan failed to pursue Lee's army after Antietam, Lincoln replaced "Little Mac" with Major General Ambrose Burnside. Following a loss at Fredericksburg and a series of poor decisions Lincoln removed Burnside, promoting Hooker to the commander of the Army of the Potomac in early 1863.

As commander of the Army of the Potomac, Hooker improved conditions for the soldiers including food, medical care, and leave. However, disagreements with his staff and commanders along with a loss to Confederate commander, General Robert E. Lee at Chancellorsville, Virginia led to

Hooker's resignation as the commander of the Army of the Potomac.

Hooker continued his career in the United States Army and in the summer of 1863 transferred with the XI and XII Corps to the Western Theater with the Army of the Cumberland. Hooker enjoyed success at the Battle of Chattanooga and the Battle of Lookout Mountain. He was also successful in the 1864 Atlanta Campaign under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. From October 1864 until the war's conclusion Hooker commanded the Northern Department from headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mustered out of service in 1866, he retired from the Army in 1868, and is buried in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reference: Joseph Hooker. American Battlefield Trust; Washington, D.C. Retrieved at <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/joseph-hooker>

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Brother Butch Durham

Featured Article

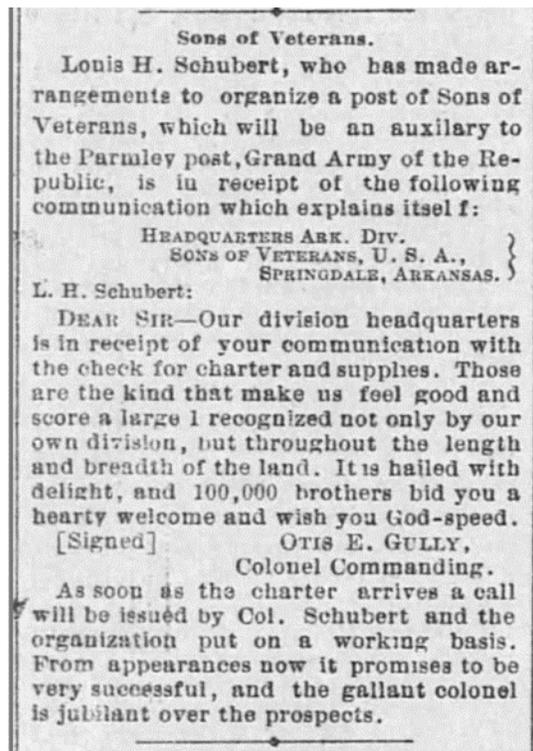
1st Sons of Veterans Camp in Fort Worth

By Todd M Wilber

On April 22, 1890, mustering officer Cpt. Louis H. Scheubert organized a Sons of Veterans Camp at Como Hall. It was named Parmley Camp in honor of GAR Post 4. There were nineteen charter members. A.N. McLaughlin was elected the first captain of the camp.

On May 3, 1890, there is a blurb in the newspaper from Col. Otis E. Gully commanding Arkansas Division, Sons of

Veterans, USA. The division HQ had received the new camp's communication with the check for their charter and supplies. Col. Gully rejoiced at the new camp and welcomed them to the 100,000 man brotherhood.



On May 15, 1890, Parmley camp was officially mustered in at Como Hall. GAR members were invited to attend the mustering.

Parmley Camp took part in Memorial Day observances in 1890 & 1891. They took part in the commemorations with GAR Posts 4 & 39 and the Woman's Relief Corp.

On 11 September 1890, the Sons of Veterans and the WRC had a grand ball and festival at Huffman's Hall. Over 50 couples danced the night away to "a good orchestra." "Choice refreshments of a refrigerated character were served and much enjoyed by the dancers."

There was a social party at Mr. George W. Hill's residence in October 1890. It was attended mostly by the GAR, WRC, and the Sons. The WRC presented the Parmley Camp with "a handsome new flag."

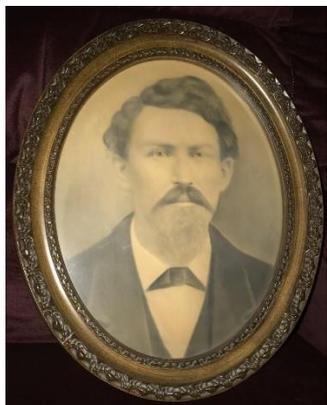
Huffman's Hall was the meeting place for the Sons. The meetings were held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

The Parmley Camp, Sons of Veterans must have been short lived. I see no mention of them in the newspapers after Memorial Day 1891.

Camp 1 Ancestor

From Bro Timothy Phillips:

My great grandpa, William R. Phillips, enlisted in what became B Company, 6th Tennessee Cavalry. It was a notorious regiment, organized and led by Fielding Hurst. Great grandpa was a farmer in Civil District 11, Henderson County TN. He married a Confed in 1866 and came to Texas around 1883, settling northwest of Abilene.



GRO's Report

As of the publishing of this newsletter, I have found ninety undocumented bluebellies in Denton County. All have been forwarded to the Dept GRO. Three do not have headstones. Something the camp might be able to rectify.

In F, C, & L,

Todd W

January in the Civil War

1861

January 2 - South Carolina troops seize Fort Johnson in Charleston Harbor

January 3 - Georgia state troops seize Fort Pulaski

January 4 - Alabama state troops seize the U.S. Arsenal at Mount Vernon, Alabama

January 5 - U.S. Senators from seven Southern states meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss secession

January 6 - The state of Florida seizes the Apalachicola Arsenal

January 7 - Mississippi and Alabama State Conventions meet to discuss secession

January 8 - Jacob Thompson of Mississippi - the Secretary of the Interior and last Southern member of President James Buchanan's Cabinet - resigns

January 9 - Mississippi secedes from the Union

January 9 - The Star of the West fails to relieve Fort Sumter

January 10 - Florida adopts an Ordinance of Secession

January 11 - Alabama adopts an Ordinance of Secession

January 14 - Federal troops occupy Fort Taylor at Key West in order to prevent its seizure by secessionist forces

January 16 - Crittenden Compromise dies in the U.S. Senate

January 19 - Georgia adopts an Ordinance of Secession

January 20 - Mississippi state troops seize Ship Island in the Gulf of Mississippi

January 24 - Georgia state troops seize the U.S. Arsenal at Augusta

January 26 - Louisiana adopts an Ordinance of Secession

1862

January 10 - Engagement at Middle Creek, Kentucky

January 15 - Edwin M. Stanton confirmed as U.S. Secretary of War

January 18 - The Confederate Congress votes to formally organize the Confederate Territory of Arizona

January 19 - Battle of Mill Springs (Logan's Cross Roads), Kentucky

January 22 - Bombardment of Fort Henry, Tennessee by USS Lexington

January 30 - The USS Monitor is launched at Greenpoint, New York

1863

January 1 - Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation goes into effect

January 2 - The Battle of Stones River concludes

January 9 to 11 - The Battle of Arkansas Post (Fort Hindman), Arkansas

January 12 - Skirmish at Lick Creek, Arkansas

January 17 - Lincoln approves Congressional resolution authorizing the Treasury to issue \$100,000,000 in new notes in order to pay Union soldiers and sailors. President Lincoln also calls for regulation of the national currency

January 22 - Union Major General Ambrose Burnside's "mud march" ends in failure

January 25 - Burnside relieved of the command of the Army of the Potomac and replaced with Major General Joseph Hooker

January 31 - Confederate ironclads temporarily break the blockade in Charleston Harbor

1864

January 11 - Rosser's Raid in West Virginia

January 18 - Skirmish at Grand Gulf, Mississippi

January 23 - Skirmish near Newport, Tennessee

January 27 - Engagement at Fair Gardens (Kelly's Ford), Tennessee

January 28 - Operations around New Bern, North Carolina

January 29 - Cavalry skirmish at Medley, West Virginia

1865

January 12 - Francis Preston Blair Sr. attempts to negotiate peace with Jefferson Davis

January 13 - Second attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina begins

January 15 - Fort Fisher stormed

January 23 - Joseph E. Johnston opposes Sherman's march through the Carolinas

January 31 - U.S. House passes 13th Amendment abolishing slavery

--From the American Battlefield Trust

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/day-civil-war>



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