

# The Parmley Post

## Newsletter of Gen James J Byrne Camp 1

Dept of Texas and Louisiana SUVCW

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### Commander's Message

Bros,

Good news. The Texas Civil War Museum is not closing. After the outpouring of support this year, the museum board decided to keep the museum open.

I hope see y'all at the Massing of the Colors in Fort Worth on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards we will be paying our respects to Gen JJ Byrne at Pioneer's Rest Cemetery.

Since we do not have the numbers to participate in the Ft Worth Veteran's Day Parade, I would like to encourage y'all to do something for Veterans in your local community.

Per Camp Charter, the election of next year's officers will be at the November meeting. Please join us to elect next year's leadership.

In F, C, & L,

Todd Wilber, Commander (Short-timer)

### Secretary's Report

October 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Camp 1 Commander Todd Wilber called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Five brothers were in attendance via Zoom. Commander Todd Wilber welcomed the camp and led the pledge to the flag of the United States. Butch Durham offered the invocation.

### OLD BUSINESS

Massing of the Colors, Nov 5, Sunday 2 PM, Birchman Baptist Church. Mark Parkison will register Camp 1.

Ft Worth Veterans Day Parade, Nov 11, Sat 9 AM, Panther Pavilion. Camp 1 decided to skip the parade.

Special Dept Encampment on Oct 28 (Sat) will be attended by seven brothers.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Camp Commander: Todd Wilber welcomed the camp.

Secretary Report: Mark Parkison read the September camp meeting minutes and they were approved by the camp.

Patriotic Instructor: Butch Durham reported he and Timothy Phillips attended Ft. Griffin History day on October 13 and 14.

## NEW BUSINESS

Committees for New Camp 1 Meeting Location and Speakers and Programs for Camp 1 Meetings were created.

## CLOSING

Butch Durham gave the benediction. Camp Commander Todd Wilber adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

In F, C, & L,

Mark Parkison

## Upcoming Events

Camp Meeting- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

Massing of the Colors/ Byrne Grave- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>  
Birchman Baptist Church, 2pm

Veterans Day- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

## For Sale

We still have some SUVCW Texas Marshal badges for sale

Contact Bro David Appleton if interested.

## Rambling Reves

Bro Craig Reves saw GAR monuments in Newport, R.I. and in Boulder, Colorado and wanted to share them with Camp 1.



## Camp Patriotic Instruction

Submitted by Bro Butch Durham

From TimeLines Magazine

### Clara Barton: Highlights of an Extraordinary Life



Born December 25, 1821, in North Oxford, Massachusetts, Clara Barton was the fifth child of Stephen and Sarah Barton. After an early career in teaching, Clara moved to Washington, D.C., and worked at the U.S. Patent Office. She was one of the first women to work for the federal government.

#### “Angel of the Battlefield”

Clara was still living in Washington when the American Civil War began in 1861. During that time, she bravely provided nursing care and supplies to soldiers — activities that ultimately defined her life and earned her the nickname, Angel of the Battlefield.

When the war ended, Clara found new ways to help the military. With permission from President Lincoln, she opened the Office of

Missing Soldiers, helping to reconnect more than 20,000 soldiers with their families.

During a trip to Switzerland in 1869, Clara learned about the Red Cross movement, a European humanitarian effort to provide neutral aid to those injured in combat. Inspired by that cause, Clara volunteered with the International Committee of the Red Cross, providing civilian relief during the Franco-Prussian War. This experience, along with her work during the Civil War, inspired Clara to bring the Red Cross movement to America.

#### Founding the American Red Cross

On May 21, 1881, Clara founded the American Red Cross, and by 1882, the U.S. ratified the Geneva Conventions — laws that, to this day, protect the war-wounded and civilians in conflict zones. This later resulted in a U.S. congressional charter, officially recognizing Red Cross services.

Clara Barton served as Red Cross president for 23 years, retiring in 1904. After a lifetime of service, Clara died at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland, on April 12, 1912.

To this day Clara’s legacy lives on, reflected in the spirit of Red Cross volunteers and employees.

Because of one woman, Clara Barton, the American Red Cross brings help and hope across the nation and around the world.

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### In Their Own Words

*Capt Silas Miller led the 36<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the battle of Perryville. At public meeting in Aurora, IL, he gave a few remarks on Perryville.*

"On the 7th of October we neared Perryville. That night we were called on for pickets as we had been four nights before. The first thing to be done was to deploy in search of water, which we found some of our boys in quiet possession of. The next morning our army was attacked, the first gun being fired by the pickets of the 36<sup>th</sup> Regiment. From early in the morning heavy skirmishing continued, the 2nd Missouri Regiment driving the Rebels before them. That night the corps of Gen. Gilbert came up. Later in the day Gen. McCook's corps was attacked very sharply. We fell back, and had hardly executed a change in front, when, hearing a yell, we saw the banners of the Rebels advancing over the fields. We could see their bright bayonets glitter in just as beautiful a line of battle as was ever formed. We lay perfectly still and did not display ourselves till they came within range of canister. We then received the order to fire, and from a thousand pieces leaped forth the death-dealing bullets which finally caused the Rebels to reel and fall back in utter confusion. Oh! you do not know the sweet little gulp of satisfaction that comes up in the throat to see them bite the dust. You don't know the ecstasy it gives a man to see them mowed down in swaths and see their banners fall to the ground. You don't know and you cannot conceive the delight and indescribable joy it gives one to see a Rebel fall and welter in his own death gore. I know it is wicked to think and say so, and it is damnable to act so. We call it glory! Is it not glory to destroy a public pest and put out of existence those who have

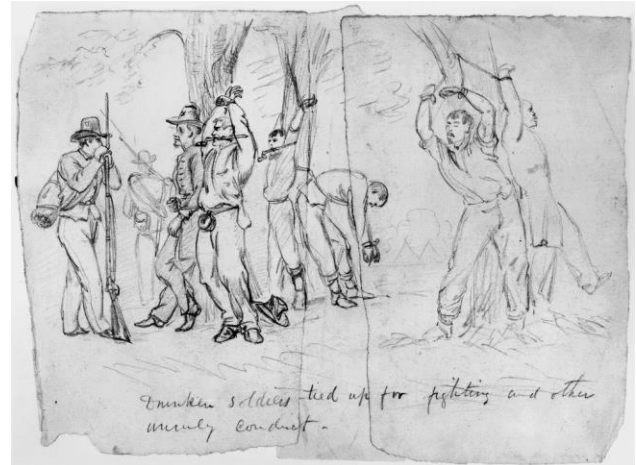
caused so much misery and bloodshed? I think it is. I never felt more confident and joyful than when I saw them coming upon us: Was glad they were to be so badly punished-glad they were coming up to try us. But mark! we left nine men dead, and seventy-five just as good boys as ever breathed the air of heaven, on that day sealed their patriotism with their blood."

#### Source

Bennet, LG & Haigh, Wm. History of the Thirty-Sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, during the War of the Rebellion, pp. 281-2  
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### Civil War Punishment

Tied up for fighting and unruly behavior while drunk.



### GAR History

Ft Worth Daily Gazette 19 Oct 1895, p. 6

# COLORED VETERANS.

SECOND GRAND REUNION OF COLORED EX-FEDERAL SOLDIERS

Will Be Held in Fort Worth October 22, 23, 24 and 25—Program of Exercises.

The second grand annual reunion of the colored ex-Federal soldiers will be held in Fort Worth, October 22, 23 and 24, and the convention on the 25th, four days in succession. All ex-soldiers, and A. J. R. S., are especially invited to attend. A grand entertainment is promised for all. This body is incorporated under the constitution and laws of the state of Texas. By charter its life is assured for 50 years. It was created for the purpose of erecting a home for all disabled ex-soldiers, and for the widows of soldiers and for the endowment of a college for their orphan children. The following are the state officers: George Harris, commander; Joe Blackburn, second commander; C. H. Jones, deputy commander; H. H. Butler, inspecting general; W. M. Jones, quarter master general; C. H. Thomas, Judge A. D. V.; H. Vickers, commissary general; John Osborne, state treasurer; W. H. Williams, aide-de-camp; T. W. Wilburn, chaplain. The exercises will be held at Douglass Park under the auspices of Parmlly Post, G. A. R. Excursions will come from Sherman, Dallas, Shreveport, Waco, San Antonio and Austin. Five thousand people are expected.

The procession will form at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, on Front street, between Main and Jones streets, under the command of Hon. Joseph Blackburn, headed by the Waco band, followed by the commander in chief and state officers, Capt. Payne and company, Capt. Moore and company, of Sulphur Springs, Capt. Ray and company, of Dallas, and Capt. Howard and company of Weatherford. The United States standard, followed by the champions of the wheel. The march will extend from the court house square direct to Douglass park, a park which is owned and controlled by the colored citizens of Fort Worth. At the grounds the address of welcome will be delivered by Hon. B. B. Paddock, mayor of Fort Worth, answered by Dr. W. E. Davis. The exercises will consist of speeches, essays, music, etc.

A cordial invitation to all citizens and soldiers, both white and colored.

## National Patriotic Instruction

Albert Woolson

With Remembrance Day coming soon in November and the annual Memorial Service at Woolson's Memorial, one might ask the question why do we gather to remember Albert Woolson? Even though he was the last surviving member of the GAR, he never saw action and served less than one year.

Whereas Corporal Horatio D. Chapman of the 20th Connecticut Volunteers experienced the following:

*... the dead in some places were piled upon each other, and the groans and moans of the wounded were truly saddening to hear. Some were just alive and gasping, but unconscious. Others were mortally wounded and were conscious of the fact that they could not live long; and there were others wounded, how bad they could not tell, whether mortal or otherwise, and so it was they would linger on some longer and some for a shorter time—without the sight or consolation of wife, mother, sister or friend. But such is war and we are getting used to it and can look on scenes of war, carnage and suffering with but very little feeling and without a shudder."*

Albert Woolson did not have this type of experience. Nor was he with Joshua Chamberlain who described the end of the first day's fighting at Fredericksburg as follows:

*"But out of that silence rose new sounds more appalling still; a strange ventriloquism, of which you could not locate the source, a smothered moan, as if a thousand discords were flowing together into a key-note weird, unearthly, terrible to hear and bear, yet startling with its nearness; the writhing concord broken by cries for help, some*

*begging for a drop of water, some calling on God for pity; and some on friendly hands to finish what the enemy had so horribly begun; some with delirious, dreamy voices murmuring loved names, as if the dearest were bending over them; and underneath, all the time, the deep bass note from closed lips too hopeless, or too heroic to articulate their agony...It seemed best to bestow myself between two dead men among the many left there by earlier assaults, and to draw another crosswise for a pillow out of the trampled, blood-soaked sod, pulling the flap of his coat over my face to fend off the chilling winds, and still more chilling, the deep, many voiced moan that overspread the field."*

The combat soldier experiences various traumatic stressors such as: witnessing death or dismemberment, handling dead bodies, traumatic loss of comrades, realizing imminent death, killing others and being helpless to prevent others' deaths. If you survived your war you still had to face a formidable foe:

The Aftermath!

-Countless veterans left the war with diseases, wounds, destitution, and mental disorders.

-Many soldiers suffered from *Old Soldier's Disease*, a term applied to soldiers addicted to pain killers.

-Hearing loss was common.

-There was no shell shock, battle fatigue, or (PTSD) to help explain mysterious conditions.

-Tens-of-thousands veterans were homeless.

-Many suffered a disability which prevented them from enjoying life's basic tasks and responsibilities.

-Union veterans did not receive VA benefits and assistance.

Corporal Charles Morey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont wrote:

*"Society will not own the rude soldier when he comes back, but turn a cold shoulder to him, because he has become hardened by scenes of bloodshed and carnage. I tell you, dear sister, there are feelings, tender feelings, down deep in the soldier's breast, which when moved will prove that all that's good is not quite dead."*

Albert Woolson did not see combat, however, he served and was willing to. He did not go untouched by the war because like so many he lost his father to wounds incurred at Shiloh.

The GAR started as an organization for Veterans to network, maintain connections with each other, and became an advocate for these Veterans. Albert Woolson as the last member of the GAR and last Union Veteran of the Civil War also died the last living soldier advocate and representative of the Boys in Blue. That is why we remember Albert Henry Woolson.

Today we the members of the SUVCW represent those soldiers who saw the elephant. Let us assure that we do so in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

## October in the Civil War

1861

- October 3 - The Battle of Greenbrier River (Camp Bartow), Virginia (now West Virginia)
- October 9 - Engagement on Santa Rosa Island, Florida
- October 12 - First ironclad in the U.S. Navy, USS *St. Louis*, launched at Carondelet Missouri
- October 21 - Battle of Ball's Bluff (Leesburg), Virginia
- October 24 - Western Union completes the first trans-continental telegraph line
- October 25 - Union Major Charles Zagonyi's "famous" charge into Springfield, Missouri
- October 31 - Secessionist Missouri legislators meet at Neosho and vote to leave the Union

1862

- October 1 - Skirmish near Sharpsburg, Maryland
- October 3 - Battle of Corinth, Mississippi
- October 8 - Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), Kentucky
- October 10 - Fighting at Harrodsburg and Danville Cross Roads, Kentucky
- October 10 - Jefferson Davis asks Virginia to draft 4,500 blacks to complete fortifications at Richmond
- October 11 - Skirmish near Helena, Arkansas
- October 15 - Skirmish at Neely's Bend on the Cumberland River in Tennessee
- October 18 - Garrison captured at Lexington, Kentucky in Morgan's Raid
- October 22 - Skirmish at Fort Wayne, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)
- October 24 - Union Major General William Rosecrans replaces Major General Don Carlos Buell as commander of the Army of the Ohio
- October 29 - Skirmish at Island Mound, Missouri, the first time in the Civil War that African American soldiers fight as part an organized unit

1863

- October 5 - Torpedo attack on USS *New Ironsides* outside Charleston Harbor, South Carolina
- October 9 - Bristoe Station Campaign begins in Virginia
- October 14 - Battle of Bristoe Station, Virginia
- October 16 - U.S. Grant named to command Union Military Division of the Mississippi
- October 17 - Lincoln calls for 300,000 additional volunteers to join the army
- October 19 - Cavalry engagement known as the Buckland Races, Virginia
- October 20 - Skirmish at Warm Springs, North Carolina
- October 26 - Fight at King's House near Waynesville, Missouri
- October 28 - Engagement at Wauhatchie, Tennessee
- October 29 - Fighting at Warsaw and Ozark Missouri

1864

- October 2 - Engagement at Saltville, Virginia
- October 5 - Battle of Allatoona Pass, Georgia
- October 6 - Cavalry engagement at Brock's Gap, Virginia
- October 7 - Capture of CSS *Florida* by USS *Wachusett* at Bahia, Brazil
- October 7 - Battle of Darbytown Road, Virginia
- October 9 - Engagement at Tom's Brook, Virginia
- October 12 - Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney dies in Washington, D.C.
- October 13 - Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby robs train near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
- October 19 - Raid on St. Albans, Vermont
- October 19 - Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove), Virginia
- October 22 - Battle of Byram's Ford, Missouri
- October 23 - Battle of Westport (Kansas City), Missouri

- October 25 - Battle of Mine Creek (Marais Des Cygnes), Kansas
- October 27 - Battle of Boydton Plank Road (Burgess' Mill), Virginia
- October 27 - Engagement at Fair Oaks and on Darbytown Road, Virginia
- October 27 - Union navy uses "torpedo" to sink Confederate ironclad Albermarle at Plymouth, North Carolina

- October 30 - Skirmish at Muscle Shoals, Alabama

1865

--From the American Battlefield Trust

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



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, SUVCW is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. <https://suvchw.org/>

