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Members attending the joint meeting of the Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp and the Indian Nations Camp at the Hardesty Regional Library in September. Seated: Cdr. Mike Rusk (SUVCW); Cdr. Deryk Newberry (SCV); Charlie Walker; Speaker Joe Fears. Back Row: Joel Fallen (visiting from Dallas), Clint Anderson; Mike McGraw; Jesse Walker; Ken Cook (SCV); and Bob Woodall (SCV). Carl Fallen and Clint Anderson are members of both camps. (Photo by Carl Fallen)

## October Camp Meeting

Again this month, our camp meeting will be held at the Hardesty Regional library, 8215 E. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There are four meeting rooms there, and sometimes we don't know which one they'll give us. Therefore, if you arrive a little late, you may have to poke around a bit to find which one we're in.

This is an important camp meeting, because we will be selecting candidates for, or electing officers and having a Civil War trivia contest. Therefore, members should

have candidates in mind and be sure to have their agreement that they would be willing to serve. There are a number of tasks that must be performed each year in order to have a proper and functioning organization. It behooves us all to pitch in and contribute what we can. Others are more than willing to step up and lend a hand to an officer who he gets in a bind, or whose workload becomes such that he can't perform a task function in a timely manner. We're fortunate to have a good core of supportive and interested members that we can rely on.

We had an excellent turnout last month. Let's see if we can do that again!

## Commander's Dispatch

I hope that everyone plans to attend camp meeting this week on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the Oak Room of the Hardesty Library. We will be discussing new officers for the coming year and I hope that all Indian Nations Camp #3 members will see their way to serve in a camp position great or small. Many have served as camp commander in the past, but that doesn't mean that we don't still have a duty to carry our camp into the future by recruiting strong new members and being effective in our Tulsa community. Please consider standing for a camp position. All possible participation is vital. I plan to hold our camp officer election between the first of November and mid-December. Remember that there will be no camp meeting in November. After our October camp meeting we will not meet again until December 5, 2019, also at the Hardesty Library but in the Oak room.

Cdr. Mike Rusk

## September Camp Meeting



Brother Joe Fears delivers the program for our joint blue and gray camp meeting.

This is the third year in a row that we have met with Tulsa's Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp No. 1378, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Since we hosted the meeting, it was held on our regular meeting date, rather

than theirs. They failed to get out a reminder before the irregular meeting date for them, and consequently had few members attend. Our camp turned out in good form, however, with Cdr. Mike Rusk, Charlie Walker, Joel Fallen, Jesse Walker, Joe Fears, Mike McGraw, Clint Anderson, and Carl Fallen attending.

Brother Joe Fears, Patriotic Instructor, provided the program, and pulled off his usual fine performance, which was well received by the audience.

Joe told about some of his Civil War ancestors in Arkansas. His grandmother lived close enough to the Battle of Prairie Grove that she remembered hearing the cannons from the battle. In one instance, the enemy soldiers were about to enter her house, and the occupants quickly devised a scheme to discourage the soldiers from coming inside and ransacking the place. One of the ladies jumped into bed and used red pokeberry juice to spot her exposed skin to fake the effects of smallpox. When the soldier learned that a person inside was infected with smallpox, they decided they didn't really need to search the place after all.

During his presentation, Joe passed around family photos of his ancestors and even a photo locket containing a ringlet of the person's hair.



Elk Creek at the Honey Springs Battlefield.

## Honey Springs Reenactment November 1-3, 2019

The battle reenactment is held biannually at the Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site in Checotah, OK. The event features an Education Day with numerous stations teaching topics related to the Civil War in Indian Territory and the battle itself. Living historians demonstrate various military drills, cooking techniques, and other everyday activities for soldiers. The battle reenactments are held on Saturday and Sunday. Visitors from around the state come to see special presentations and watch the battle. This reenactment is a scripted

battle, meaning the reenactor companies and regiments make the same actions that were taken in the original battle, on the original battleground.

<http://www.okhistory.org/sites/honeyspringsbattle>

Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 North Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 405-521-2491.



The new Visitors Center at Honey Springs dedicated in 2016.

### Pea Ridge Monument

(Source: Waymaking.com)

Pea Ridge National Military Park contains a statue, Goddess of Liberty, carved by Lucy Daniel, who lived in Springdale in the late 19th century. Daniel was one of only two known female stonemasons in the United States at the time, having learned the trade from her

father. Located near the Elkhorn Tavern, it is one of only two monuments on the battlefield site.



Goddess of Liberty Statue - Pea Ridge Battlefield – Monument to a Reunited Soldiery

#### Monument text:

*Spirit of eternal light  
Keep silent vigil o'er the brave  
The untarnished blue  
The unsullied gray  
In peace and love unite.*

*Proud heroes have fallen,  
And over their grave  
Our hearts are united  
Our country to save.*

*Over the dead the living bend,  
And up to their God their voices send  
That in Liberty's crown or Eternity's day  
He may place as fair Jewels  
The Blue and the Gray*

#### Proper description: (with corrections)

A female, representing the goddess of Liberty, stands clasping a flower garland in her proper right hand to her side. She wears a full-length dress with her bare feet

visible below its hemline. With her proper left hand she grasps her dress with her index finger extended. The sculpture is limestone and mounted atop a base composed of various types of stone, including a marble shaft & cornice. On the front of the cornice, in relief, is a hand with an index finger pointing up, surrounded by an inscription. On the front bottom of the shaft, below the inscription, are two clasped hands in relief. The shaft rests atop a bottom section consisting of two layers of marble blocks on top of two layers of dark concrete blocks. The sculpture is in the center of a circular walkway." ~ paraphrased from Smithsonian American art Museum.

**Remarks:**

*The sculpture commemorates all who took part in the Battle of Pea Ridge. It was dedicated in 1889, during a five-day reunion of the Blue and Gray, an association of reunited Confederate and Union soldiers. The sculpture was the artist's first work. During the ceremony, the fields of Pea Ridge were dedicated as a National Battlefield Park. The inscription on the monument was composed by Captains Puckett and Lamkin, and Professor John R. Roberts" ~ Smithsonian American Art Museum*



New transferee Scott Preston and Cdr. Rusk at the September Camp Meeting.



Cdr. Mike Rusk presents a Dept. Encampment Badge to Speaker Joe Fears at the September Camp Meeting.

There will be no camp meeting in November.



**Camp Calendar**

- Oct. 24 Camp meeting – Hardesty Regional Lib.
- Nov. 1-3 Reenactment of Battle of Honey Springs
- Nov. 11 Veteran’s Day Parade – Downtown Tulsa
- Nov. 23 Remembrance Day – Rose Hill Cemetery
- Dec. 5 Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Lib.

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