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A Confederate reenactor battery unleashes a volley at Union forces in a portrayal from the Crazy Crow Trading Post website describing this year's battle reenactment at Yale, OK, on February 14 to 16.



## January Camp Meeting

Same as December, our January camp meeting will be held at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8215 E. 93<sup>rd</sup>

Street at 6:30 p.m. Our new camp officers will be sworn in. The installation ceremony will be followed by a short program by Cdr. Mike Rusk on the history of the SUVCW.

Important camp business will also be taken up. At this time, we do not know whether there will be an interim OK Dept. meeting at the February reenactment of the Battle of Honey Springs, or not.

Plans will be addressed for succeeding camp meetings and activities for the year. Let's see if we can spice things up a bit. Please make every effort to attend and have your input added to the mix. New ideas are not only urged, they will be enthusiastically welcomed.



## December Camp Meeting

Carol Cox of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary gave a presentation about her Great Grandfather and Sherman's march to the sea.

Sherman's forces followed a scorched earth policy, destroying military targets as well as industry, infrastructure, and civilian property. He disrupted the Confederacy's economy and transportation networks. The operation is generally credited with breaking the back of the Confederacy and helping lead to its eventual surrender.

Carol was gracious in accepting our invitation to speak to our camp, because we gave her only a short notice. She had been recommended, and we were grateful to get her. This may be the first time we have had a program presented by a member of the Auxiliary. Thank you Carol.

### More photos from November's Remembrance Day ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery

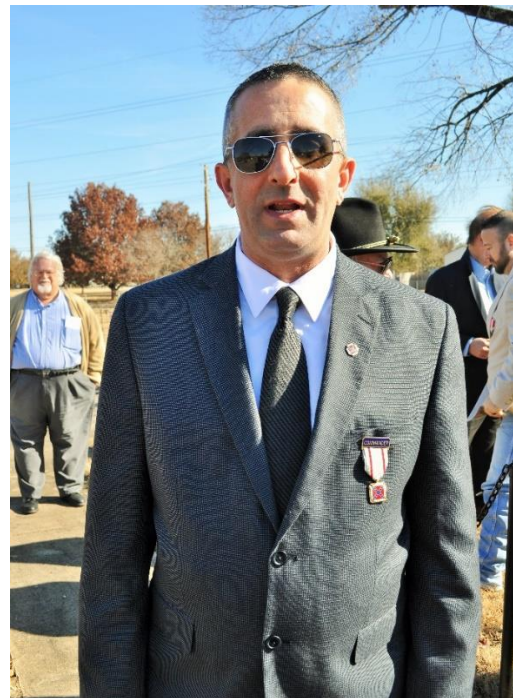
We always have more photos from Remembrance Day than we select for inclusion in the newsletter, and since January is a slow news month for us, we'll include some of the others here.



**Pres. Lori Cooper, of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary, presents their wreath.**



**PDC Rex Griffin places the Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp's wreath.**



**Cdr. Deryk Newberry of Tulsa's Col. Daniel N. McIntosh SCV Camp was invited to attend.**





**Cdr. Mike Rusk presents the Indian Nations Camp wreath honoring Union soldiers at Remembrance Day.**

Following the Remembrance Day event, SVC Carl Fallen and Cdr. Rusk prepared a proposed article for the National Organization's Banner magazine and sent it to the editor for consideration.

We got an immediate response from PCinC Editor James B. Pahl that the article would be printed in the next issue. So.....be on the lookout for it. You may recall that he represented the National Organization at one of our OK Dept. Encampments in Del City.

The Department has been lax in submitting material for The Banner magazine in the past, and that's something we need to correct. If we don't submit anything, we won't get anything published.

Publicity on a local level is even more important, because that is the way our organization becomes known to the general population. We can improve this aspect of our camp operation by arranging camp programs well in advance so that we can notify local editors of our plans in hopes that they will be printed and publicized.



**Stephen Thompson of *Bugles Across America* plays Taps to end the ceremony.**

## **Camp Business**

The dues amount for the year 2020 has been set at \$35, which is the same as last year: Payable now.

Other nominations were entertained for camp officers, but none were received. A ballot was sent by email to all camp members and an election held. All officer candidates were elected by a majority of camp votes.

Cdr. Rusk continues to try to find us a regular home for our camp meetings, but so far has been required to schedule them on a month-to-month basis. We find this disruptive to the members, who may go to a particular location out of habit, rather than checking their email or the newsletter for the actual meeting location.

Lacking a reservation for the month of March, we're considering a restaurant meeting with each member bringing his wife or guest.

Camp Officers are asked to check their officer notebooks, and any other camp equipment and records,

to be sure they are in order for transfer when they leave office.

Dept. Cdr. Jesse Walker gave a short report on Department affairs, saying that the Dept. website has not been updated since his predecessor, and that we no longer have the means to do so. Therefore the Dept. remains without a functioning website. Some suggested that perhaps a Facebook site could suffice. Another suggestion was to have one of the camp websites be connected to the National webpage so that references from that source would not be lost. To pay for the construction and yearly maintenance of a website by outside sources is thought to be an expensive solution. The situation remains unresolved.



Brother Clint Anderson, while visiting his In-Laws in Fresno, CA, learned of an ancestor's Civil War artifact in the family. It was a flute now owned by his wife's grandmother. (Photo courtesy of Clint Anderson)

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**2020 Camp Membership Payments Due**  
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(Photo by Lana Cooper)

## Cdr. Rusk Speaks to United Daughters of the Confederacy

In a message of friendship and harmony, Cdr. Rusk was the featured speaker at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Christmas Party this year. Also attending were several SVC members as well as the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary and members of the Stars and Bars and the ladies of the DAR. Recognizing the plight of Civil War Organizations everywhere, Mike emphasized our common objectives and the desire to remain relevant in a time of increasing competition for the public's attention.

Declining membership creates difficulties for the local organizations in various ways. First of all, the younger generations seem not to become interested. Secondly, people are basically unwilling to devote the time it takes to really commit to active membership. Leaving older folks as the core membership limits the kind and extent of activities the organization is able to undertake.

Organizations of small size are handicapped by the inability to attract prominent speakers, if only a small number of members attend the meetings. That is not to say that these organizations don't have qualified and interesting speakers within their ranks, but turning to this source repeatedly can generate monotony.

Cdr. Rusk spoke of our common objective of keeping the memory of our Civil War ancestors alive, as well as perpetuating our organizations into the future. He said we can all work together in ways to support each other, because we have more in common than differences to separate us.

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OK Dept. Cdr. Jesse Walker's Ancestor:  
Pvt. Henson Casey  
Co. B, 1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Infantry  
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## Camp Calendar

Jan. 23      Camp meeting – Hardesty Regional Lib.  
Feb. 12      Lincoln's Birthday  
Feb. 14-16   Battle of Round Mtn. reenactment - Yale  
Feb. 27      Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Lib.  
?              OK Dept. Encampment  
                 (Time and place not yet determined)

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