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13-inch seacoast mortars of Federal Battery No. 4 with officers of 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, near Yorktown, Virginia in May of 1862. (Internet source)

October Camp Meeting

Thanks to JVC Clint Anderson, we have an indoor meeting site this month, that will have the spacing to give proper protection to our camp members. The meeting place is a room in his church, Parkview Baptist Church, located at 5802 S. Sheridan, and will occur on our regular 4th Thursday meeting date: October 22nd.

Brother Michael Gambill will present a program entitled "The 1864 Presidential Election - Lincoln v. McClellan." The meeting will begin at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. and last for about an hour. A slate of officers who have agreed to serve will be announced for

the year 2021. Of course, other nominations would be in order and will be solicited, with an election expected.

September Camp Meeting

Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp No. 1378, Sons of Confederate Veterans, hosted our joint camp meeting last month at the Tulsa Little Theater, which is owned by one of their members, Bryce Hill. The meeting was attended about evenly between members of both camps, but the pandemic has cut attendance at camp meetings. A discussion of common goals and interests of both camps and recent events involving attacks on, and the destruction of, Civil War monuments ensued.

Standing at a podium on the Tulsa Little Theatre stage, JVC Clint Anderson, a member of both camps, presented a program on the Battle of Honey Springs. Like many of us, Clint honors his ancestors on both sides.



JVC Clint Anderson presents the program at the joint SUVCW/SCV meeting at Tulsa Little Theatre.

As hosts, Cdr. Deryk Newberry, of Camp McIntosh, conducted the meeting, but Cdr. Mike Rusk also addressed the group to express his wishes for the long-time health of both camps, and possible ways we could work together to support one another and build membership.

Maj. Gen. James Gilpatrick Blunt

Union General James Blunt was a prominent actor during the Civil War in these parts. He lived from 1826 to 1881. A seaman in his teens, he graduated from an Ohio medical school, practiced there and later engaged in Kansas politics. An ardent abolitionist, he was associated with John Brown in helping escaped slaves reach Canada.

He was named Lt. Col. 3rd Kansas in July 1861, commanded the cavalry of Lane's brigade and,

promoted B.G. US Volunteers 8 April, 1862. He took command of the Dept. of Kansas 15 May, 1862.

At Old Ft. Wayne he defeated a large force of Indians under Col. D. H. Cooper. He commanded the 1st Div. Army of the Frontier from 12 October, 1862, to 31 December, 1862, defeating Marmaduke at Cane Hill, Arkansas. Joining forces with Herron, he defeated Confederate Gen. Hindman at Prairie Grove, Arkansas 7 December, 1862. Promoted to Major General US Volunteers 29 November, 1862, he then captured Ft. Van Buren near Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Taking command of the District of the Frontier (9 June, 1863 to 6 January, 1864), he suffered a humiliating defeat at Baxter Springs, Missouri.

At Honey Springs he again defeated Col. Cooper. He commanded the District of Upper Arkansas from 25 July to 22 December, 1864, and the District of South Kansas from 10 October, 1865, to 28 June, 1865.

Gen. Blunt successfully opposed Gen. Price's Raid in Missouri, thereby ending the last Confederate threat in the West. As the war ended, he was mustered out of the military 29 July, 1865, and settled in Leavenworth, Kansas.



Parkview Baptist Church, 5805 S. Sheridan - location of our camp meeting Thursday night. We will use the entrance near the flagpole.

Camp Business

A regular meeting location remains a primary concern as the pandemic continues and the Tulsa City/County Library system's meeting rooms remain closed. We've been fortunate so far, but with the winter months approaching, the need for indoor locations will become more pressing.

October is the month we need to select officers for the next year. When Cdr. Rusk, and SVC Fallen met for

their monthly lunch at Schlotzky's to discuss camp affairs, they assembled a suggested slate of officers to be presented at the October camp meeting. Mike was to contact the suggested candidates and get their concurrence that they would be willing to serve. Completing his third consecutive year as Camp Commander, Mike has certainly done his duty, and done it in an outstanding manner. It is time for new leadership, and we are fortunate to have acquired members who have shown interest, leadership, and a willingness to become involved.

The SUVCW's National Remembrance Day has been cancelled this year, but we will hold our usual observance at the GAR monument in Rose Hill Cemetery on November 21, at 10 a.m. Please bring your own seating.

The Tulsa Veterans Day Parade is scheduled to be held as usual on Wednesday, November 11.

Remember that because of the conflict in Thanksgiving dates with our normal 4th Thursday camp meeting, we do not meet in November. Instead, we meet on the first Thursday in December.



Photo from *Civil War Monitor Website*

In Accordance with General Order No. 37, the National Encampment will be held on October 24, 2020. It will commence at 1200 hrs, virtually. Attendance will be restricted to credentialed PCinCs, PDCs, and Delegates.

The Chairman of the National Credentials Committee directs: When you sign into the encampment next Saturday, October 24, you will need to make sure you have your first name, last name, and your department code: OK



Brothers Brian Pierson, Steve Clapp, Norman Crowe, Jeff Kennedy and Terry McClain pose for a photo by JVC Clint Anderson on Saturday, October 17.

SVCinC Brian Pierson Hosts Octoberfest

Brother Pierson, of the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1, hosted an Octoberfest for his camp and invited other members of Oklahoma's allied orders to attend as well. The event was held on Saturday, October 17 at Brother Pierson's home in Bethel Acres from noon to whenever. A flyer with directions was distributed to all concerned. Brother Clint Anderson and his family attended from Tulsa. Whether there were few, or many, Brother Pierson assured, "we will have a good time." Activities included grilling (with burgers provided, but other meats and sides were welcome), shooting, and camaraderie. Attendees were welcomed to bring their own musket for live-fire on the shooting range.



Brother Norman Crowe, formerly of Indian Nations Camp, takes a bead on Brother Brian Pierson's shooting range at the Octoberfest event. (Photo by Clint Anderson)

