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Pontoon Bridge Blackburn Ford Bull Run Virginia March 1862
[The Medford Historical Society Civil War Photograph Collection](#)

March Camp Meeting

For our camp meeting this month we will be meeting in person at the Parkland Baptist Church, 5805 S. Sheridan Road. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m., March 25th.

JVC Scott Preston will present the program. His topic will be about the five living, former Presidents of the United States at the beginning of the war. Scott said, "I'll talk about the background of each and what support or non-support they gave the Union and President Lincoln. The meeting will be held in a large meeting room we have used previously. The entrance is nearest the flagpole.

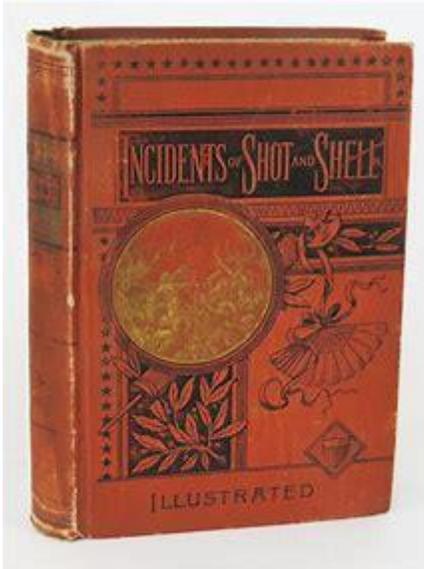
February Camp Meeting



Again in February, we met via Zoom and had 11 people attending. They were: C-in-C Brian Pierson; Charles Walker; SVC Joe Fears; Cdr. Clint Anderson; JVC Scott Preston; Sec./Treas. Carl Fallen; Rex Griffin; Mike

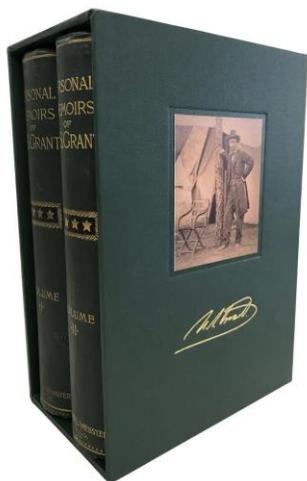
Gates; Mike Rusk; Steven Tolbert, and applicant Ray Walker.

The roundtable discussion plan revealed a number of interesting subjects and created a lively conversation between the members. Clint showed and told about a book he had that was printed four or five years after the Civil War, titled *Incidents of Shot and Shell*, by Edward Smith.



“The Only Authentic Work Extant Giving the Many Tragic and Touching Incidents That Came Under the Notice of the United States Christian Commission During the Long Years of the Civil War.”

Rex displayed a few rather old GAR badges that had belonged to our late Brother Gene Turner, and are now in Rex’s collection. C-in-C Pierson showed a couple Russian medals of more recent vintage.



The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant

SVC Fears said he was reading the *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* originally published as a two-volume set in 1885-86. A seller’s description was, “Grant’s Memoirs recount his childhood and personal history, his military career during the Mexican-American War, and offer historical perspective to his role in the American Civil War. Mark Twain is partially credited with encouraging Grant’s memoirs, as he predicted the work to be a source of future financial success that would support Grant’s family after his death. Volume I was published posthumously in 1885, after Grant died in July of the same year.”

Editor’s Note: About forty years ago, I was fortunate to acquire this two-volume set.



Cdr. Clint Anderson notifies that he and his wife have both tested positive for COVID-19. He will not be attending the camp meeting this month. SVC Joe Fears will conduct the meeting in his absence.

We’re happy to report that PDC Bernie Cooper of the Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp # 4 is on the mend.

As a patient, he was moved back to Tulsa from Oklahoma City on March 12. His daughter, Lori, says that he’s still weak, but able to talk slowly. If you’d like to send him a card or letter, his new address is:

Emerald Care Center In Tulsa
Room 54A
2425 South Memorial Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74129
918-878-2549

Lori can be reached at Bernie’s home phone number: 918-357-2590.

Frances Annette Hixenbaugh Obituary

October 30, 1936 – March 16, 2021

We are sad to announce that on March 16, 2021, at the age of 84, Frances Annette Hixenbaugh (Tulsa, Oklahoma) passed away.

Family and friends are welcome to [send flowers](#) or leave their condolences on the Echovita memorial page and share them with the family.

[Frances Annette Hixenbaugh Obituary \(1936 - 2021\) | Tulsa, Oklahoma \(echovita.com\)](#)

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 27th 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Moore's Southlawn Chapel (9350 E 51st St, Tulsa, OK 74145).



Annette Hixenbaugh

Annette was a Charter Member of the Rachel Cormany Chapter #2, SUVCW Auxiliary. She was a constant learner and gave many informative programs for the Auxiliary as well as to our camp. Lana Cooper, the Chapter's Chaplain, stated: "It was with such sadness to learn of Annette's passing. She was a truly incredible woman who had such an amazing effect on everyone who knew her.

"Her warmth and generosity made us all better people, and we consider ourselves lucky to have known her. She will be missed terribly."

Cards can be addressed to: 2931 South 129th Ave Apt. 2 Tulsa Ok 74134.

Union Ancestor of **Jeremy C. Woods**
Pvt. Nathaniel R. Ewing, Co. E/F
11th Kentucky Infantry

SUVCW's Adopt-a-School Program



The SUVCW began an Adopt-a-School program in 2005. Camps were encouraged to adopt a school in their locality "...so that children could learn about the flag and the sacrifices that made it what it was today."

The program is detailed under the 'Governance' heading on the National website. The SUVCW Forms below describe the program in detail.

- [The Adopt-a-School Program for Camps](#)
- [The Adopt-a-School Flyer for Teachers](#)

C-in-C Pierson expressed a heightened interest in the program, and is encouraging camps to become involved. The organization benefits from its association with the young people of the community, and by promoting good citizenship.

Essentially, the program is intended for corporate and community organizations interested in building relationships with schools that support student success. It pairs representatives from a camp with those of the school to work toward common, defined objectives for a certain length of time – usually for a minimum of one year. Support from the camp often entails contributions of time and effort of the camp members, and even contributions of funds to finance the activities defined. The schools would like the support tailored to meet their specific needs. Therefore, the projects will vary between schools.

American history is important to all of us, and a good understanding of it is essential to many aspects of life today. Yet, too many of us are ill informed about our nation's history as we concentrate more on ethnic history, or some other aspect, without presenting a firm view of our nation's history in general. An electorate ignorant of its nation's history is apt to commit grave mistakes in the conduct of the nation's affairs.

Camp Business

Hurrah! Everyone has paid their camp dues. We have 100% retention this year. Can't beat that.

The Camp Patriotic Instructor's Annual Report, Form 40 is due April 1. Camp Annual Report, Form 27, is due April 30.

Cdr. Anderson announced that the March camp meeting would be conducted in person at Parkland Baptist Church, where we have met earlier, although he would be willing to listen to any dissent. It was thought that most of our members would have received the vaccine by that time, and we would be meeting in a large room with adequate facility for social distancing.

JVC Preston urged brothers to use the 'Signup Genius' to reserve the month they would like to be responsible for the camp program. There are two slots available for each month: a 15 to 30-minute slot for the main program, and a 5-minute slot for a show and tell brief. Dept. SVC Jeff Kennedy has offered to present a program at one of our camp meetings, but no date has been determined.

Civil War Memorials officer Rex Griffin for both the Dept. and Camp, stated that he had received information on 43 memorial locations in response to his request for such data. He urged others to join in the effort to locate monuments throughout the state. Specific locations, condition, and photos would be most helpful.

Boy Scout Coordinator, Scott Preston, requested guidance on how the camp wished the award program to be administered, and requested that a budget for expenditures be established at the March camp meeting.

Clint Anderson email Mon. Mar. 1, 2:27 PM
To: Brian Pierson
Cc: Rex Griffin, Carl Fallen

CinC Pierson,

Discovered a neat little piece of history this morning during my trip to Enid, Oklahoma making sales calls.

I googled the cemetery in Enid to locate Medal of Honor recipient Robert Blair and locate the GAR monument for Brother Griffin. During my search I found a story that a stonemason by the last name of Pellow worked on General Grant's tomb. He later became the owner of a monument company in Enid across from the cemetery. I drove across the street to visit with the company if they could shed some light on the subject. The Pellow family owned the monument company for over 100 years and about six years ago finally sold to someone outside the family. The lady took my information and was going to call the remaining Pellow family to see if they would visit with me. Regardless, if the rumor is true, this is a neat little piece of history here in Oklahoma

FC&L,
Brother Anderson

★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★ PARK DAY 2021

25 Years of Inspiring |  AMERICAN
BATTLEFIELD
TRUST ★ ★ ★

Join us to **PRESERVE HISTORY** at our historic site

WHEN: Saturday, April 10, 2021

WHERE: Honey Springs Battlefield and Visitor Center

DETAILS: Our volunteer day will consist of cleaning off all of our new outside interpretive signs. We will also clear brush on two of our battlefield trails. Please bring gloves and rags. We will supply bottled water for those who attend and volunteer.

Share on social with #ParkDay2021 | Help save battlefields year-round at www.battlefields.org

If you would like to do a good turn and lend a hand to the preservation of a Civil War Battlefield, here is your chance. As you can see above, the Honey Springs Battlefield and Visitor Center is asking for volunteers to help with some cleanup work. Please give it your consideration. Take along a friend and have some fun too.



Camp Calendar

Mar. 25	Camp Meeting – Parkland Baptist Church
April 22	Camp Meeting – Parkland Baptist Church
May 8	Department Encampment – Location TBA
May 31	Memorial Day – Rose Hill Cemetery
June 14	Flag Day – Fly your flag!
July 4	Independence Day – Fly your flag!
Aug 9-11	National Encampment - St. Louis, MO

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Photo courtesy of Scott Preston.