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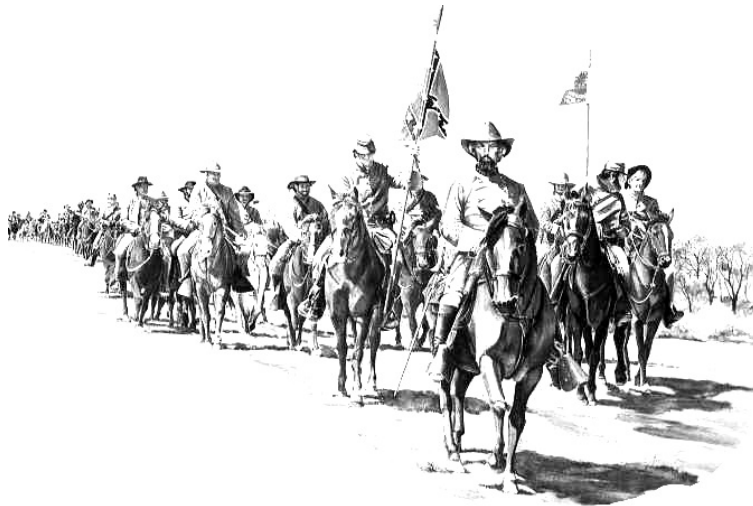
5TH BRIGADE TEXAS DIVISION
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29TH TEXAS CAVALRY



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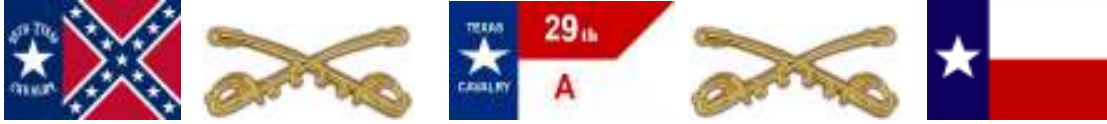
Next Camp Meeting

SAT. NOVEMBER 12, 2016 7:00 PM



29TH TEXAS CAVALRY SCV CAMP # 2269





**COL. CHARLES DEMORSE'S
29TH TEXAS CAVALRY SCV CAMP # 2269**



From Commander: Bobby W. Smith Sr.

I would like to take a few minutes to bring you up to date on our Honorary Camp Members. Introducing; Russell Edward Tefertiller, John Michael Fullingim, and Jerry Dean Herd. These Descendants of the Veterans of the 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment are now on our Camp Roster, and can be seen on our web-site. We are proud to have these Compatriots as members of our camp, to honor their ancestors who served the causes for which they fought. These Compatriots carry their Veterans names, it's always good to see the surnames of old Company Rosters, again on our SCV Camp Rosters. In Honoring, and keeping their memories alive. I thank each and every one of you, for your interest in our, Col. Charles DeMorse's 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2269.

As the summer comes to a close, and fall coming on with cooler weather, we are looking forward to the 5th Brigade Texas Division, Calendar of Events. Be sure to always check the Calendar of Events, and plan to join us. Participation and your presence is always a must, as events are planned for your enjoyment, and Honoring our Ancestors.

*Thank You
Deo Vindice,
Bobby W. Smith Sr.
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5TH BRIGADE TEXAS DIVISION



UPCOMING SCV EVENTS

GILMER YAMBOREE PARADE

From: 10/22/2016 9:30 a.m. To: 10/22/2016 1:00 p.m.

Location: Gilmer, Texas.

Description:

Muster: 10:00am - 12:00 noon, Parade starts: 11:00 a.m. Line up on Titus Street around Gilmer National Bank. Look for the flags. Trailer will be available for those that can't march.

COL. CHARLES DE MORSE'S GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

From: 10/22/2016 10:00 a.m. To: 10/22/2016 1:00 p.m.

Location: Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Texas.

Description:

Graveside Memorial Service for Col. Charles DeMorse at Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Texas. Honoring the Organizer of the 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment.

38 CONFEDERATE GRAVES GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

From: 10/29/2016 10:00 a.m. To: 10/29/2016 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hughes Springs, Texas.

Description:

Graveside Memorial for 38 plus Confederate graves at Hughes Springs Cemetery, Hughes Springs, TX. Muster: 10:00am – service: 11:00am. Lunch will be provided.

Directions: Cemetery is in town south of Hwy 11

Point of contact – George Linton – 903-734-7327 cell – 903-720-0305.

1ST LT. DAVID RICHARD REYNOLDS GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

From: 10/29/2016 2:00 p.m. To: 10/29/2016 10:00 p.m.

Location: Omaha, Texas.

Description:

Join us on Saturday, October 29th, 2016 for the first annual 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Birthday Celebration. We will start off with a Graveside Memorial for Lt. Reynolds and his Brother-in-Law, Albert Gallaten Brown at the Concord Cemetery in Omaha, Texas. Muster at 2:00 with the dedication at 3:00.



After the dedication we will retire to the Headquarters for the 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp #2270 at the Old Union Community Center, Highway 67 East in Mount Pleasant, Texas. There we will Celebrate his birthday, complete with a "Confederate Supper" Beans & Cornbread meal, Peach Cobbler and Homemade Ice Cream for desert.

Hal Roper and his band will provide period, country and gospel music to round off the night. Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE, 2017.

**TEXAS DIVISION REUNION
WILL BE IN, FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

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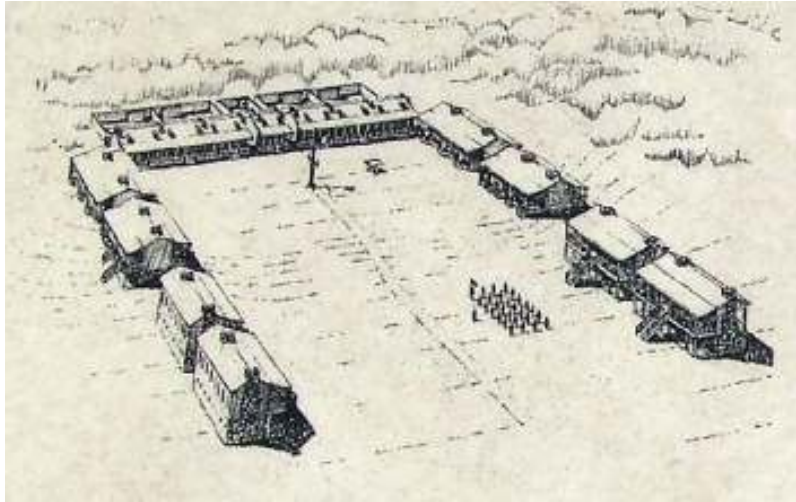
JULY 18-22, 2017

**NATIONAL SCV REUNION
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
MEMPHIS COOK CONVENTION CENTER DOWNTOWN**

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THE 29TH TEXAS CAVALRY REGIMENT WINTER CAMP 1863-1864



**Fort Towson,
Choctaw Nation Indian Territory**

Late October 1863

Col. DeMorse, arrived at Fort Towson in late October 1863 with his 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment.

Col. DeMorse, arrived at Fort Towson in late part of October 1863, and took up quarters there for several weeks. By November, the fort had become over garrisoned with troops who were to winter there. Several regiments were ordered to points around the fort to establish their winter camps. Col. DeMorse's Regiment was one of these unlucky commands.

9th November 1863 Monday

Col. DeMorse and the 29th Texas Cavalry Ordered to winter outside of Doaksville, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

Col. DeMorse and the his regiment was ordered by General Steele on 9th November 1863, to make winter camp outside of Doaksville, about two miles southwest of Fort Towson, and on the Kiamichi River, a major tributary on the Red River.



This order was met with much disapproval and disappointment by the troops, who were set to spend their winter in the warm barracks of Fort Towson. Desertions picked up about one hundred percent after the order was issued. But Col. DeMorse could only obey.

11th November 1863 Wednesday

Col. DeMorse and the 29th Texas Cavalry arrived at Doaksville, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, to organize a permanent winter camp.

Pitching tents were the first order of business. The small dog tents, of the type that were used at Camp Jeff Davis during the 29th's training period, were not so common in Confederate camps anymore, and had more or less gone out of style. In their place was the Sibley Tent, invented by Henry Sibley, a Confederate soldier. The Sibley more or less resembled an Indian wigwam, but was more squat and rounded. Because of its shape, it was often called a ball tent. The Sibley was eighteen feet in diameter and twelve feet high, and was supported by a single pole resting on an iron tripod. The canvas could be loosened or tightened by manipulating the tripod. A small stove could be placed near the center of the tent, with the stovepipe projecting through an opening at the peak. A small piece of canvas, worked by guy ropes, capped this opening in inclement weather. But stoves were not easily to be had for the typical soldier, so campfires were usually built in the center of the teepee.

The year of 1864 loomed upon the horizon, onto the men at Doaksville, bringing welcome relief from the misery of winter, a reprieve from the cold and privation of a harsh winter camp for the troops.

Winter Camp - December 1863

**General Edmond Kirby Smith, appoints; General Samuel Bell Maxey
Commander of the Indian Territory.**





BRIG. GEN. SAMUEL BELL MAXEY

General, Samuel Bell Maxey, had graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1846, alongside George Pickett, George B. McClellan, and Thomas Jackson. After fighting in the Mexican War, Maxey resigned his commission to study law and practiced in Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

In winter camp December 1863, General Edmond Kirby Smith, in charge of the Confederate Trans-Mississippi Department, appoints, General Samuel Bell Maxey Commander of the Indian Territory; to replace Confederate General William Steele in charge of Indian Territory. Gen. Steele was considered inept, because of his defeats at Cabin Creek, Honey Springs, Perryville, and Fort Smith. General Smith, as well as the common soldier, had much more faith in Gen. Maxey, a Texan, than in Gen. Steele.



Upon assuming command, Gen. S.B. Maxey had immediately ordered several major changes in his army, among them was the replacement of General Douglas Hancock Cooper, with General Richard Montgomery Gano, Gen. D.H. Cooper, like Gen. Steele, was partially blamed for the defeats at Cabin Creek, and Honey Springs. But unlike Gen. Steele's replacement, the dismissal of Gen. D.H. Cooper, did not go unopposed. The regiments under General Cooper, which included the 29th Texas Cavalry

Regiment, protested his dismissal, and gave their written support to General Cooper. General Maxey had the final say, though, and General Cooper was dismissed. Col. DeMorse's 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment, became part of General Richard Montgomery Gano's Brigade, under General Maxey's Division, and that included all of the Confederate Indians.

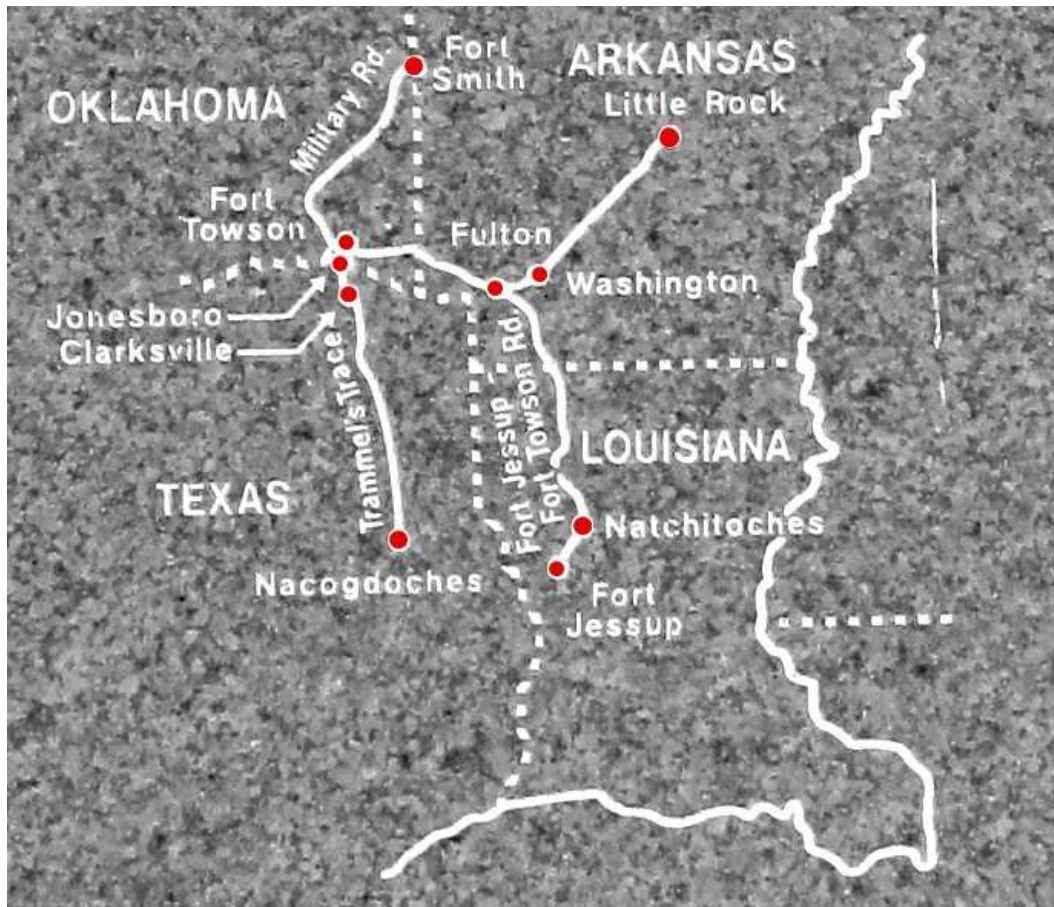


**ENTRANCE TO FORT TOWSON, CHOCTAW NATION,
INDIAN TERRITORY OKLAHOMA.**

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FORT TOWSON - DOAKSVILLE TRAIL MAP

Fort Towson, which had been established in May 1824 and named for General Nathan Towson, a hero of the War of 1812.

In the early period of the fort's existence, the federal government appropriated funds to build roads from Fort Towson to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and from Fort Towson to Fort Jessup in Louisiana, an important link in the development of southeastern Indian Territory.

During the Civil War Fort Towson served as the Confederate command post under General Sam Bell Maxey (CSA). After the war Fort Towson served as a dispersal point for Confederate veterans, bringing to a close its military role.





**THE NEW FORT TOWSON VISITORS CENTER
ON THE FORT GROUNDS**

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On 5th June 2016, I visited Fort Towson, I was amazed how beautiful the Fort Grounds were. The Fort is well maintained, and the New Visitors Center was completed, and had a very interesting Museum and Gift Shop. Fort Towson, has fall festivals and activities throughout the year. We are working with the management in hopes of doing some activities here, due to the fact that this was the 29th Texas Cavalry Regiments Winter Camp Area in 1863-1864.

**HC-63, BOX 1580
FORT TOWSON, OKLAHOMA 74735-9273
580-873-2634**

**HOURS OF OPERATION
TUESDAY - SATURDAY 9:00AM - 4:30PM**

CLOSED ON STATE HOLIDAYS



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OLD FORT TOWSON RUINS SITE

Foundation of the Old Fort Buildings Stood here.

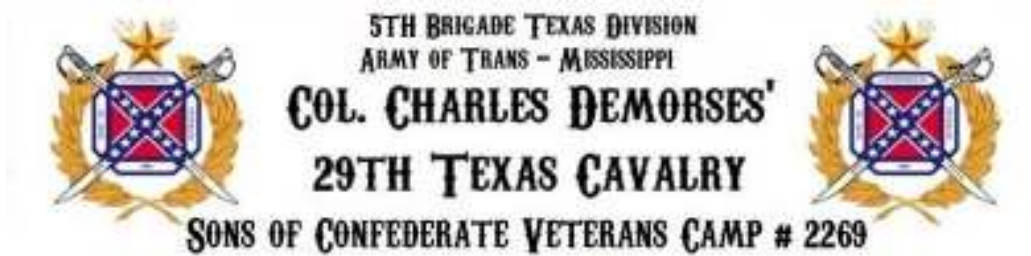
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Of old Fort Towson scarcely a vestige remains, with the exception of a few scattered piles of rock, and an occasional section of foundation walls. Several of the great chimneys stood until a few years ago, and the wall, eight or ten feet wide and walled with stone, may still be seen where it stood in front of the officers' quarters. In a few years more this fort, once the best built and best kept in all the West, will be only a memory.

**W. B. Morrison, Southeastern State Teachers College,
Durant, Oklahoma.**



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PLEASE CONTACT:

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ADJUTANT: RUSSELL VOLK 903-830-6932

GUARDIAN PROGRAM AND MEDAL

The Texas Division has instituted a special program to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting places. Any Texas Division camp member in good standing, who has demonstrated his willingness to serve in this special capacity, and who is at least fourteen years of age, and has tended a Confederate soldier's grave for two years prior, may become a **FULL GUARDIAN**. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in this most worthwhile program to honor our ancestors and protect their final resting places.

Guardians shall care for and protect the grave of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the site is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall be responsible that the grave has an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate Veteran. He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate Flag, or both, on the grave.

Individuals who wish to become a **GUARDIAN** must complete the Guardian Application form and submit it to the Chairman of the Guardian Review Committee. There is an application fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of the **GUARDIAN** pin and certificate.

**For more information about the program and how to apply,
Contact: Commander Bobby W. Smith Sr.**

