

# THE STANDARD

“ LONG SHALL OUR BANNER BRAVE THE BREEZE -  
THE STANDARD OF THE FREE “

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ARMY OF TRANS - MISSISSIPPI  
**COL. CHARLES DEMORSES'**  
**29TH TEXAS CAVALRY**

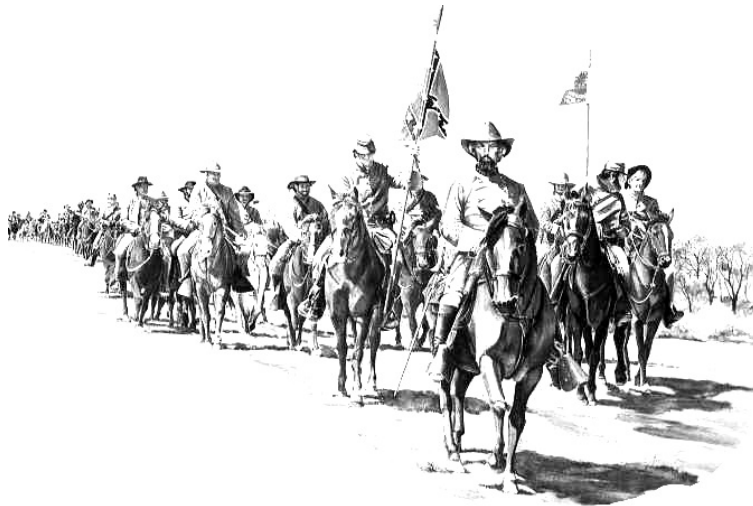


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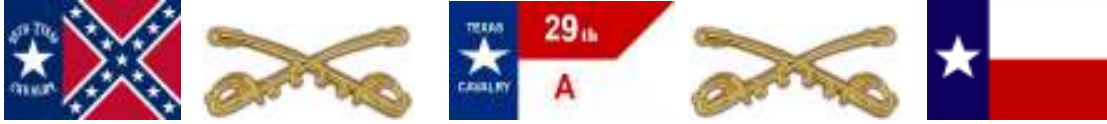
## Next Camp Meeting

SAT. OCTOBER 8, 2016 7:00 PM



29<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS CAVALRY SCV CAMP # 2269





**COL. CHARLES DEMORSE'S  
29<sup>TH</sup> 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 the National Reunion in Richardson, Texas, on July 13th – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The elections went as almost everyone predicted –*

***Thomas V. Strain, Jr.**, who ran unopposed was elected as our  
**Commander-in-Chief,***

***Paul Gramling, Jr.** who also ran unopposed was elected  
**Lt. Commander-In-Chief.***

***Johnny Lee Holley, Jr.** Past Texas Division Commander, had an overwhelming win, **Ruddy Ray** to take the Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander and **Darrell L. Maples**, Past Divisions Command of Missouri ran unopposed as the Army of Trans-Mississippi Department Councilman.*

*By; Commander Larry "Joe" Reynolds*

*Deo Vindice,  
Bobby W. Smith Sr.  
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## 121st National SCV Reunion Richardson, Texas.



**Tom V. Strain Jr., Commander in Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



**Lt. Commander in Chief, Paul Gramling Jr.  
Sworn in by Kelly Barrow.**





**Army Trans-Mississippi Commander,  
Johnnie Lee Holley Jr.**



**David and Sandra Moore**

**Photos Courtesy of David Moore, Thanks for the pictures---**  
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**AFTER THE BATTLE OF ELK CREEK  
CONTINUED ----**

Major General, James G. Blunt, a Union Commander, led federal troops against General Douglas H. Cooper, a Confederate Commander, at the Battle of Elk Creek, Honey Springs, Indian Territory, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1863. This resulted in a Union Victory.

Gen. Cooper and confederate troops retreated to North Fork Town, (*North Fork Town is now under the waters of Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma*) down the Texas Road at the time and preceded to Perryville Depot, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

After winning the encounter at Elk Creek, Honey Springs, Gen. Blunt learned from scouting reports that Gen. Cooper and his confederate forces had withdrawn to the confederate supply depot at Perryville. Gen. Blunt, then at Fort Gibson, reassembled a force and led them to Perryville.

**THE BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE, INDIAN TERRITORY  
23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 1863**

Gen. Blunt, arrived there on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1863 in late evening, he found that the Confederate Commanders, Gen. Cooper and Gen. Watie, had already left for Boggy Depot. Only a rear guard, Commanded by Brigadier General William Steele, remained at Perryville.

Gen. Steele was in a fixed position of hastily constructed barricades in a line that included artillery, of two howitzers, centered in the road, to block the road that led into the north side of Perryville. At 8:00 p.m., Union Troops arrived at the edge of town and engaged the Confederates in a rare night fight. The Union troops deployed on both sides of the road and opened fire with their own artillery. The Union forces quickly scattered the confederates. The Confederates, fearing they would be engulfed, retreated without their stores, leaving them in the hands of the Union troops, hit with such swiftness that Gen. Steele was unable to summon reinforcements Gen. Blunt secured all supplies he could use and burned the rest, along with the town. The Union army was also victorious at the Battle of Perryville on 23rd August, 1863, when General Blunt again defeated General Cooper.

**SIEGE OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 1863**

Instead of following the retreating Confederates southwest toward Boggy Depot, Gen. Blunt proceeded to attack Fort Smith, which he captured and took control of on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1863.



## INDIAN TERRITORY 1863 EXPEDITONS



### **PERRYVILLE, INDIAN TERRITORY**

Perryville was an important town in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, about half way between Skullyville and Boggy Depot. during the mid 19th Century. It was established as a trading post by James Perry, member of a Choctaw family, about 1838, and was located at the crossing of the Texas Road and the California Road. The site is about 3 miles (4.8 km) south of McAlester, Oklahoma on U. S. Highway 69. A post office was established there on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1841. It was notable as the site of the Colbert Institute, the Methodist School for Chickasaws, and the Battle of Perryville.

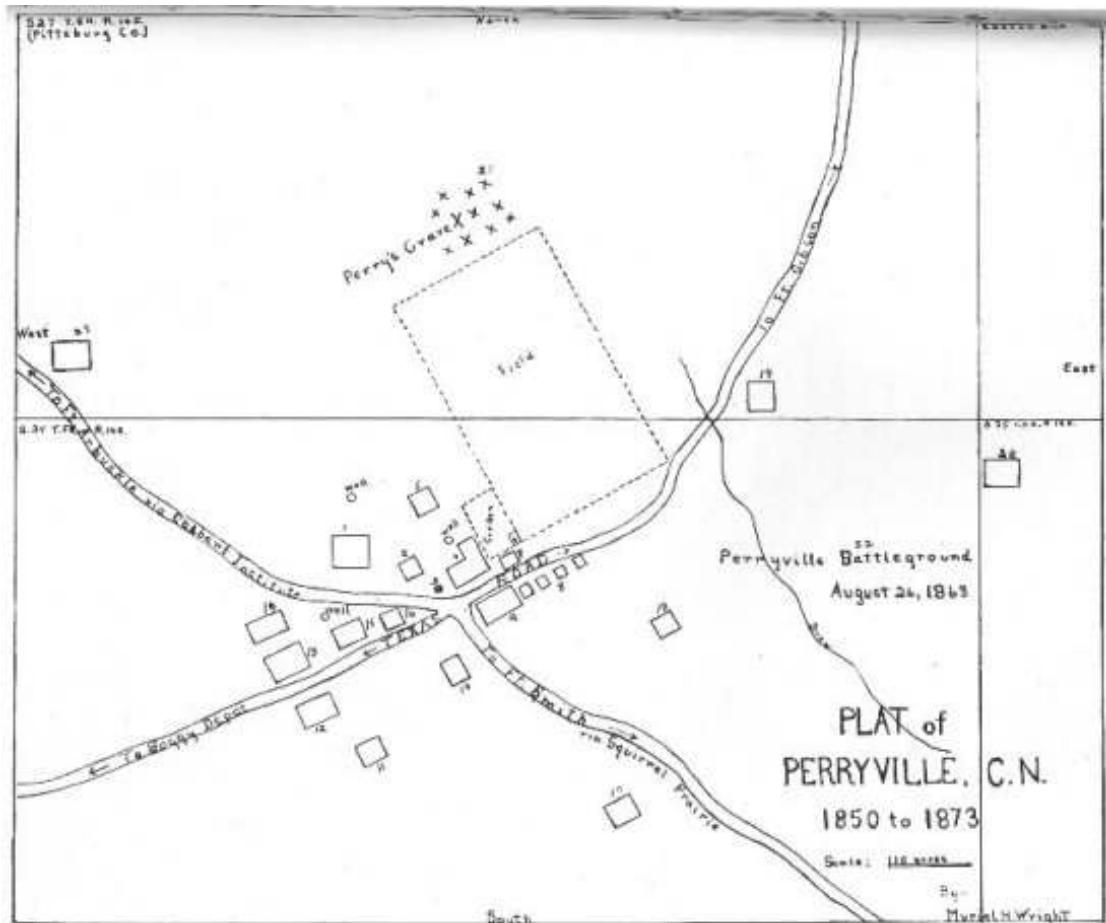
Perryville was a stage stop from about 1852 until the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway (Katy) built a line through the area in 1872. The community was burned after the battle and no structures survived. The retreating Confederate Army soldiers also dumped a quantity of salt into the community well to assure that the advancing Union forces of Gen. Blunt, could not use the site.

Perryville was at least partially rebuilt after the end of the Civil War, though it did not return to its former importance or population. It survived as a community until about 1872, when the Katy railroad line reached the Choctaw town of Bucklucky and built a railroad station named McAlester. Businesses that had stayed in Perryville moved to the area of the station. This marked the end of Perryville. The site is now the location of Cameron, Oklahoma.



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Plat Map of Perryville, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory

After the establishment of Fort Arbuckle in 1852, Perryville was important as the point where a military trail from Fort Smith to that post crossed the Texas Road. Emigrants traveling from Missouri to Texas were familiar with the village, for a stage stand was kept there until the construction of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad in 1872. The site of Perryville is now in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. This location is on Highway 73, about three and one-half miles southwest of the City of McAlester, Oklahoma. None of the original buildings of Perryville are standing today, but their locations, as they are shown on the plat.

*Chronicles of Oklahoma Volume 8, No. 2, Muriel H. Wright.*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 11:00 A.M.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> BRIGADE MEETING  
PIZZA INN, PITTSBURG, TEXAS**



**JUNE, 2017.**

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

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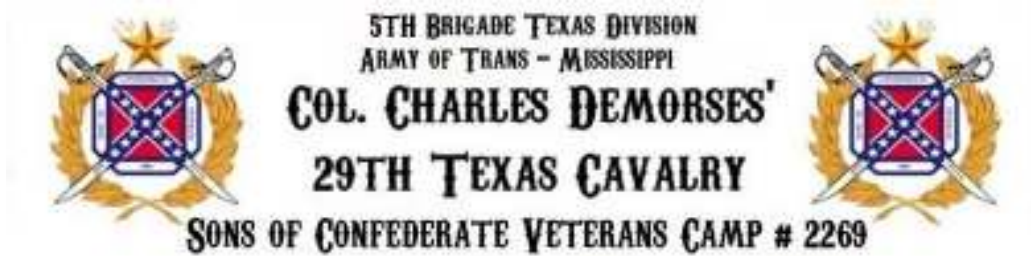


**JULY 18-22, 2017**

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

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**TO BECOME A MEMBER**

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

**COMMANDER: BOBBY WAYNE SMITH SR. 903-245-5631**

**ADJUTANT: RUSSELL VOLK 903-830-6932**

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## **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.**

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