

THE STANDARD

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

VOL.3.....ISSUE NO. 4

CHARLES DEMORSE

EDITOR & PROPRIETOR

GRAND SALINE, TEXAS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017



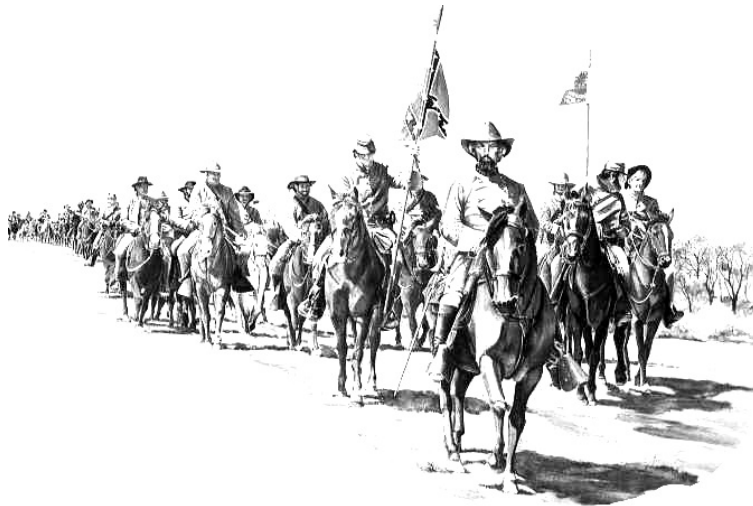
5TH BRIGADE TEXAS DIVISION
ARMY OF TRANS - MISSISSIPPI
COL. CHARLES DEMORSES'
29TH TEXAS CAVALRY



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP # 2269

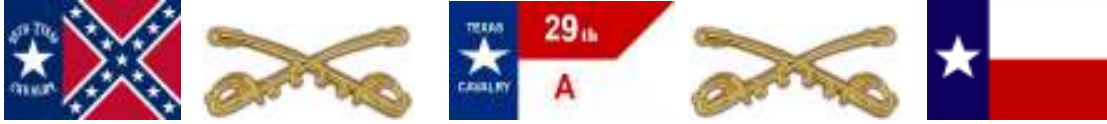
Next Camp Meeting

SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017 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.

On the 152nd year anniversary of the 29th Texas Cavalry, which was now attached to Walkers Greyhound's, 1st Brigade Division as of 2nd February 1865. Was Dismounted and Ordered by Gen. Edmond Kirby Smith to march to Hempstead, Texas, and was encamped at Camp Groce.

On the 30th March 2017, I, Commander Bobby Smith and Captain Marshall Neagle with our wives Rebecca Smith and Vickie Neagle; made a field trip, picking up the march trail starting at Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, and following the march trail to Hempstead, Texas. It was a cool, breezy and beautiful spring day, as it must have been when the troops marched 152 yrs ago. I was very excited in retracing the 29th Texas Cavalry dismounted march trail. Thinking of my family members of Company C, and how hard this trail must have been for them. They were only able to march, about and up to 15miles a day. I have in my possession and files of this march from diaries and reports of various soldier's who made this march. I will be inserting some of this material in this newsletter. I hope you Enjoy the Newsletter.

*Thank You
Deo Vindice,
Bobby W. Smith Sr.
bsmith9305@aol.com*





29th TEXAS CAVALRY



29th TEXAS CAVALRY



Col. Charles DeMorse's 29th Texas Cavalry SCV Camp # 2269

Commander Bobby W. Smith and Wife Rebecca Smith
At Loves Lookout at North of Jacksonville, Texas. (Beautiful Scenery)

31st March 2017

BEGINNING THE MARCHING TRAIL





29th TEXAS CAVALRY



29th TEXAS CAVALRY



Col. Charles DeMorse's 29th Texas Cavalry SCV Camp # 2269

**Captain Marshall Neagle and Wife Vickie Neagle
At Loves Lookout at North of Jacksonville, Texas. (Beautiful Scenery)**

31st March 2017

BEGINNING THE MARCHING TRAIL





**Coming into Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas.
Notice the Ridge line of the Hills around Rusk, Texas.**

THE FOLLOWING INSERTS TAKEN FROM

Private Joseph Palmer Blessington
of the 16th Texas Infantry Regiment,
4th Brigade, Walker's (Greyhound's) Texas Division,
Who wrote of the march in his personal journal.

Spring of March 1865

- March 23rd.** Our march to-day was nearly due west. Game was abundant. In the distance, looking west, a line of high bluffs had been seen, supposed to be the hills that border the town of Rusk, in Cherokee County, Texas.
- March 24th,** While pursuing a westerly course, with the high hills in plain sight before us, we reached a swift-running creek, where we camped for the night, after marching thirteen miles.
- March 25th.** After marching four miles, we arrived at the neatly-located town of Rusk. The town is located between two hills. The scenery is delightful. The population consisted of about 2,000 people. After passing through the town, we struck camp on a small creek, about one mile southwest of town.

Note : The Line of March on The Old Crocket Road now FM Road 1857.



CONFEDERATE TRAINING CAMP RUSK, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS.



TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

During the Civil War this area along the road from Rusk to Crockett served as a training camp for Confederate Soldiers. Located in a bare field with an available water supply from the nearby Pryor Branch, Camp Rusk was used for training new recruits as well as for reorganizing and equipping veteran units. Several units that spent time here went on to serve with distinction in such battles as Mansfield and Glorietta Pass. The training camp was occupied by Union soldiers after the war ended and was abandoned once the occupation period was over.

Note : The Line of March on The Old Crocket Road now FM Road 1857.

Compilers Notes: I, Bobby Smith, and Marshall Neagle visited this site on Friday, 31st March 2017.





After passing through the town, we struck camp on a small creek,
about one mile southwest of town.





**PHOTOS OF
THE CREEK AND AREA OF CAMP MADE ON
THE 25TH MARCH 1865
AFTER PASSING THROUGH RUSK, TEXAS.**

March 25th.we arrived at the neatly-located town of Rusk. The town is located between two hills. The scenery is delightful. The population consisted of about 2,000 people. **After passing through the town, we struck camp on a small creek, about one mile southwest of town.**

March 26thThe atmosphere was delightfully cool, after recent rains which had fallen. We continued our march in a southwesterly direction. We arrived at a beautiful valley, where wood and water were plentiful. A beautiful stream of water, some twenty feet wide and six inches deep, ran through the valley. We camped at this creek of water.....

Note : The Line of March on The Old Crocket Road now FM Road 1857.

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT CAMP NEWS LETTER



ANNUAL UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 2 – 4 , 2017.

2017 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

**RADISSON HOTEL
2540 MEACHAM BLVD.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76106
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:**

<http://www.txdivreunion.com/>



JULY 18 - 22, 2017

2017 NATIONAL SCV REUNION

**SHERATON DOWNTOWN HOTEL
250 N. MAIN STREET
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103**

MEMPHIS COOK CONVENTION CENTER DOWNTOWN

See www.scvmemphis2017.org for full details.



TEXAS 5TH BRIGADE EVENTS

GRAVE DEDICATION

April 8th 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Hubbard, Bowie County, Texas See www.5thbrigade.org for full details

*Grave dedication for Pvt. Green A Allison,
Co. E, 4th Texas Cavalry,*

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

April 15th, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Marietta, Cass County, Texas

See www.5thbrigade.org for full details

*Cemetery Memorial, Oak Ridge Cemetery,
Marietta, Cass County, Texas.*

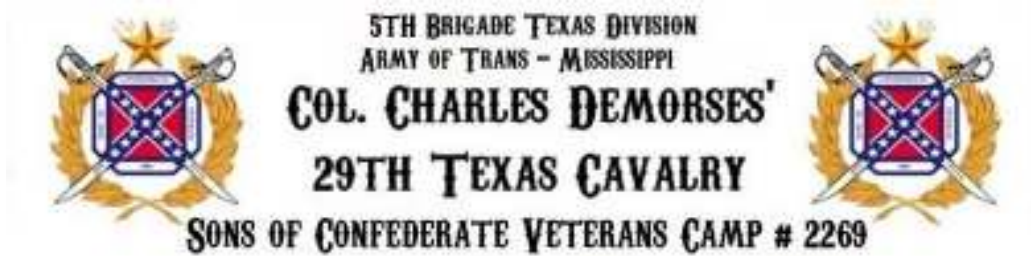
CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 13th 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Old Ming's Cemetery, Gilmer, Texas See www.5thbrigade.org for full details 2017

*Cemetery Memorial at Old Ming's Cemetery,
Gilmer, Texas.*





TO BECOME A MEMBER

PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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.**





**COL. CHARLES DEMORSES 29TH TEXAS CAVALRY
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP # 2269
CURRENT GUARDIANS**

Name	Cemetery	Graves
Bobby W. Smith Sr.	Providence Cemetery	1
Johnny M. Moore Jr.	Jamestown Cemetery	1
Russell Volk	Providence Cemetery	1
Robert C. Huff	Providence Cemetery	1
Carl D. Dobbs	Providence Cemetery	1
Marshall E. Neagle	Ford-Green Cemetery	1
Totals :		
Guardians 6	3 Cemeteries	6

“Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?”

