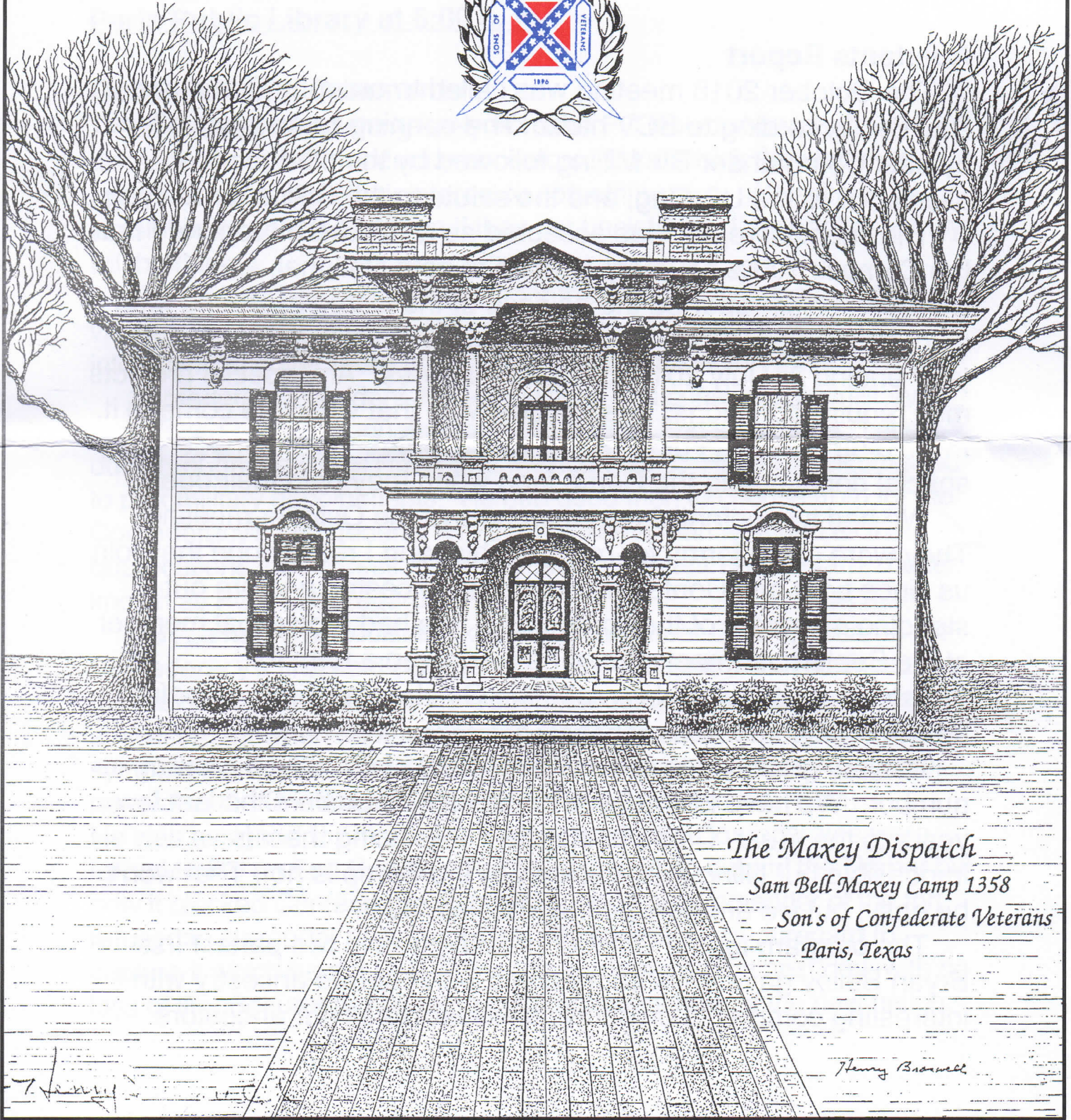
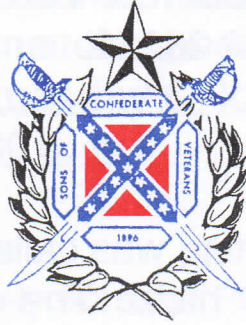


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**Adjutants Report**

The October 2018 meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was offered by past Commander Bill Milling followed by the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The financial report was accepted as read where I reported that the Camp is 100% payment of dues to both National, and TX Division. I also reported the balance of the Camp operating fund as of 1 October. It may be enough to see us through this fiscal year ending 31 July 2019 for usual business. Any special projects may require donations. We will deal with that when we come to it. I would be remiss if I didn't thank those members who made special donations to the Camp fund when they paid their dues.

We had two potential new members at the October meeting. They were given forms for membership, and I really hope they join us since both had Confederate veteran ancestry, and are outstanding members of the community. We had a potential member at the September meeting and he was given a form for membership, but he didn't make the October meeting. Hopefully he will in November.

It's very gratifying to see the possibility of our Camp growing in number. We have lost several of our older members the last few years to the great "Camp in the Sky." Replacing them is impossible but filling their vacancy in the Camp is not. That won't be easy, but we are duty bound to do our best.

The program for the October meeting was in two parts. First Bryan Bailey gave an account of his Confederate ancestry with interesting comments on showing respect to all our ancestors.

Very good program young man. The second half of the program was a video about the battle of "First Manasas/ Bull Run." No one volunteered to present a program for the November meeting so if no one gets the bug to do so at the meeting it will be pot luck.

**The next meeting will be tuesday 6 November 2018 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p, m.**

### **Quasi Editorial Comments**

Haven't heard anything lately from the PC crowd showing their disrespect to our Confederate ancestors. I don't think they have gone away but just shifted their interest to something else. We still need legislation to shut them down if they get back to us. I am confident they will be back.

The second half of the program for the October meeting was the video of the battle of first Manasas/Bull Run. I thought it would be interesting to cover more about that Confederate victory.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis had considerable military experience having graduated from West Point and serving on active duty through the Black Hawk and Mexican wars. He was well qualified to pick military appointments. He had good men to choose from for the Confederacy's first general. He then picked a man who had all the qualifications for success. Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, better known as PGT Beauregard.

PGT, a native of Louisiana known as the Great Creole, became the Confederacy's first field commander. He had served with distinction in the Mexican War, and was the Superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point when southern states started to secede. His southern sympathies required him to leave the Academy to become a brigadier general in the Confederate Provisional Army on March 1, 1861. He was assigned to Charleston Harbor when the Confederates were forced to fire on Fort Sumter. The fort was built to defend the Harbor but now it blocked Confederate ship traffic, and the commander of the fort refused to surrender it. In April 1861 the task fell to Beauregard to capture it which he did. When the fort surrendered the next day, with no loss of life, Beauregard became the first martial hero of the new nation.

That action is touted by many as the start of the Civil War, but most historians disagree since no major military action followed until several months later. The first major battle occurred in mid-1861, and despite his poor relations with President Davis Beauregard did perform outstanding service there, and later on more than one occasion.

Beauregard did have a tendency to devise grandiose battle plans but his true military talents emerged in battle. When he was given command of Southern forces gathering in northern Virginia in mid-1861 he moved an army along Bull Run Creek near Manassas Junction. When Union General McDowell made the mistake of a slow advance, Beauregard knowing his forces would be vastly outnumbered, called for help from nearby Confederate forces in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Reinforcements arrived in time, and the first major battle of the Civil War was an overwhelming victory for the Confederacy much to the surprise of the Union. Union General McDowell, and many civilians from Washington came to the battle field to watch the show, thinking this would be a simple rout of some Rebels. Instead they all, both military and civilians, raced back to Washington in a panic. The Union now knew it was in for a major test of their military strength and resolve.

After the victory at first Manassas, Beauregard's relations with President Davis further soured. He was too flamboyant for the stern Davis with his grandiose battle plans, but with his great ability as a tactician he was very successful. He most likely saved Richmond during Union General Grant's summer campaign in 1864 because he grasped the tactical situation more quickly than Lee did.

Beauregard would have been a far greater force for Confederate victory had he been better used by President Davis. It is without doubt that he was one of the greatest military minds this world has ever seen.

**Quasi Editor John Brown**

***Stand firmly by your Cannon  
Let ball and grapeshot fly  
And trust in God and Davis  
But keep your powder dry***