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Battle of Honey Springs Reenactment (Source: Oklahoma Historical Society)

February Camp Meeting

Please remember that our February and March camp meetings will be held in the Ash Room of the Hardesty Regional Library at 8316 E. 93rd Street. The Ash room is to the right as you enter the building on the ground floor. Let's all make a special effort to attend, and don't forget: wear your membership badge.

SVC Rusk stated: "I do not have a program for the February camp meeting. But I thought I might ask the Dept. Cdr. to read the latest material on gender and what it means to be a 'male' son etc."

January Camp Meeting

The first item of business was for CC Steven Tolbert to present an SUVCW Death Certificate to DC Clint Anderson for the untimely passing of his father on Christmas Eve, 2022. Brother Dewayne Anderson was a member of the Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 in Broken Arrow. Contributions, in lieu of flowers, went toward a scholarship for Copan High School's FFA Chapter.



CC Steven Tolbert presents a certificate to DC Clint Anderson in honor of his late father, Dewayne Anderson. (Photo by Carl Fallen)

PDC Mike Rusk, was the leadoff hitter at our first camp meeting of the year 2023. He delivered an excellent short program on the "Civil War Origin of Robert's Rules of Order." This was a subject that one

might ordinarily think had no connection to the Civil War, but it did.

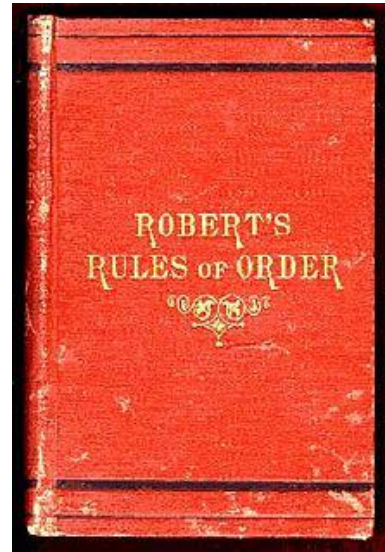


PDC Mike Rusk presents his program at camp meeting. (Photo by Carl Fallen)

The author, Henry M. Robert was a Union officer. Wikipedia says that “The author's interest in parliamentary procedure began in 1863 when he was chosen to preside over a church meeting and, although he accepted the task, he felt that he did not have the necessary knowledge of proper procedure.” Loosely modeled after rules in effect in the United States House of Representatives, his first book was published in 1876 with the cover title of Robert’s Rules of Order. With some revisions over the years, it has become the most widely used manual of parliamentary procedure in the United States.

Mike recited a rather humorous story of a dispute that arose between England and the US over San Juan Island off our west coast in the vicinity of Seattle that was valued for its strategic importance. The two sides set up camps at opposite ends of the island when a “Pig War” developed in 1859 over a farmer killing a pig for eating his potatoes. The pig owner offered in his defense that it was the responsibility of owner of the potatoes to keep them out of his pig’s mouth.

Well...as Rex Griffin said, “You had to be there.”



Anyway, the US sent an officer to the island to build a defensive redoubt on our end, and that officer was West Point graduate 2nd Lt. Henry Martyn Robert. He built such a strong position that the English didn’t challenge it. Lt. Roberts went on to become a general in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.



Henry M. Roberts as a West Point graduate shortly before the 'Pig War.'

Following the officer installation, Brother Rusk gave his view of the camp’s status and his plans for dealing

with it. It's clear that we need increased participation from our membership and a firm commitment for service this year. We all want to see the camp not only continue, but prosper as we all work together to honor our Union ancestors and keep their collective memory alive.

Remember to Pay Your Camp Dues

Each of you should have received at least one notice that it's time to pay your annual camp dues of \$40. You are strongly encouraged to do so. We don't want to lose any members, and your continued membership is highly valued, even if you aren't able to attend camp meetings. If so, we hope to keep you informed of camp affairs through the newsletter. We have done all we can to minimize the cost to you. Most of you have already paid your dues, but for those who haven't, please send payments to:

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Another Piece of Civil War History
(Photo by Clint Anderson)

DC Clint Anderson emailed the camp, "Seneca Native Ely Samuel Parker was present at Appomattox and completed the final draft of the Confederate surrender. He was honored on the 2022 Native American Sacagawea dollar last year. Another neat piece of history from our passion."

PDC Rex Griffin added: "At the 150th Anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox, there was a five-day ceremony in which our then Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell, rang the bell which started bells ringing all over the country in remembrance. One of the honored guests that day was Ely Parker's G-G-G Grandson (not sure of the G's). Dressed like Parker for the ceremony, his descendant was the spitting image of his honored ancestor."

SUVCW Contributions Now Tax Deductible

Dept. Secretary William Andrews notified camp secretaries, "The SUVCW is now listed on the Internal Revenue Service Publication 78 ("Pub 78"), which is available online. Our letter of determination is also posted on the site. Of note, subordinate organizations (Departments, Camps, and SVR units), remain under the National Organization's umbrella.

"This is of great importance to our Order. Pub 78 is a document published by the IRS that lists organizations that are qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions, as described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.12. Pub 78 is the primary reference that donors use to check an organization's eligibility to receive tax-deductible charitable cash and non-cash contributions."

Union Ancestor of John Michael Gambill:

Pvt. William Henry Fowler

Company E, 25th Indiana Infantry

Camp Business

At the January camp meeting, Dept. Cdr. Clint Anderson installed the camp's elected officers after the Treasurer's documents had been examined and approved by the Camp Council members present: Mike Gates, and Kevin White. Treasurer Fallen dis-

tributed copies of the camp's Check Register, and an Income and Expense statement of the year 2022. Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 officers Camp Cdr. Coby Sarnowski and Secretary-Treasurer Rex Griffin were installed alongside Indian Nations' elected officers.

Camp Commander	Steven Tolbert
Sr. Vice Commander	Mike Rusk
Jr. Vice Commander	Joel Fallen
Secretary / Treasurer	Mike Rusk
Camp Council#2	Kevin White
Camp Council#3	Mike Gates

The Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Officers, was signed at the camp meeting, and the Secretary had forwarded it to the Department Sec.

Also, the IRS requirements for filing our income tax postcard Form 990-N for the calendar year 2022 has been fulfilled, after some delay in system availability while they were getting their new system installed. The logon ID, password, and related data is in the hands of the Camp Commander and the Sec/Treasurer.

Brothers Fallen and Rusk met at Arvest bank to confirm that the names on our bank account enable the new Treasurer to write checks.

We are fortunate to have a new application for camp membership submitted by Mr. Robert Wilkerson, who we expect to attend our February meeting. He has submitted the supporting documentation and his dues check. Hopefully, his application will be found to be in order, and he will be voted into the SUVCW at the meeting.

We have been asked by the National Organization to react to a committee study that would change the wording of our Constitution and Regulations as to the meaning of 'male.' This word's importance has been magnified in recent times since it is a specification for membership admittance into our organization, and is sometimes accepted by society as something different from that determined at birth. This will be a topic of discussion at the February camp meeting.

An urgent call is being made to all camp members to take a renewed interest in camp affairs and commit to increased participation and camp meeting attendance. Cdr. Tolbert observed that practically all organizations are experiencing a drop off in both membership and in participation. We believe that the SUVCW has a

strong reason for commitment as we all share a desire to honor our Union ancestors and keep their memory alive. So, buck up: attend meetings, offer suggestions for how we can improve anything that would make the organization more fun and meaningful to you, and commit to do your share.

The Late Brother Johnny Manley's Encounter with Raquel Welch

By PDC Rex Griffin

Please allow me to relate a story about the late Raquel Welch that our late Brother Johnny Manley loved to tell:

For those who don't know, Johnny was a Navy Corpsman who did two tours in Vietnam patching up Marines. A Bob Hope show had come to his base, but he and 2-3 others had been "bad" and were restricted to the hospital during the show. The group of them were sitting around a table playing cards, Johnny with his back to the door, when, suddenly, the other guys all froze. Wondering what was going on, Johnny felt a hand on his shoulder and a woman's voice behind him said, "So you are the bad boys I was told about." It was Raquel Welch come to visit them in person. Johnny swore he would never wash that shoulder again.

Raquel Welch died Wednesday, at age 82. Johnny died March 31, 2021, age 75. May they both Rest In Peace.

Camp Calendar



Feb. 23 Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Library
Mar. 11-12 Battle of Cabin Creek Re-enactment
Mar. 26 Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Library
April 15 Battle of Fayetteville, AR, Commemoration
April Department Planning Meeting (Date TBA)
May 20 Department Encampment – Honey Springs

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