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Grand Marshal of Tulsa's Veterans Day Parade from VFW Post 577
(Photo by Steven Pingry - Tulsa World)

December Camp Meeting

This will be our last camp meeting of the year, and it will be held on December 1 at our usual meeting place, the Parkview Baptist Church at 58th and Sheridan Road at 6:30 p.m. This is an important meeting, and all camp members are strongly urged to attend.

Officers for 2023 will be nominated. Cdr. Tolbert has appointed a Nominating Committee to suggest a slate of officers willing to serve. Other camp business will also be discussed to wrap things up for the year.

October Camp Meeting

The joint meeting with Tulsa's Daniel N. McIntosh Camp #1378, Sons of Confederate Veterans proved to have little interest judging from our camp's attendance. Only one Indian Nations Camp member was present other than those who were members of both camps.

Therefore, in light of this development, it appears that we need to seriously examine whether the joint meeting should be continued as a scheduled annual event. It has caused us to miss a monthly meeting and

disrupted our normal procedure for selecting candidates for camp office next year.

Originally, there was enthusiasm from both camps for the joint meeting, but attendance from both camps has tailed off each year.

Remembrance Day at Rose Hill

For the third year, the Oaklawn Cemetery has been off-limits for any ceremony at our GAR Monument in that cemetery. They're still digging up graves in hopes of finding those who died in the city's most disgraceful 1921 event. Therefore, our ceremony was again scheduled for the monument at Rose Hill.

DC Clint Anderson had replaced the American Flag on our flagpole there, although Carol Cox and others had plans to do so as well. The stiff wind had our fresh flag standing straight out at the time of the ceremony.



Patriotic Instructor Mike Rusk delivers opening remarks.
(Photo by Carl Fallen)

Several camp members were unable to attend, which left us with the smallest turnout ever. All those who attended were participants in the ceremony. It was a cold, windy day, and it's a good bet that everyone was hoping for a short event. Coats and warm clothing were the order of the day.

Patriotic Instructor, Mike Rusk, planned the program, which was quite similar to those in the past. Mike opened with some welcoming remarks, followed by Carl Fallen's reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The principal speaker was Rex Griffin on the topic of patriotism.



PDC Rex Griffin, Principal Speaker, talks of patriotism.
(Photo by Carl Fallen)

Lori Cooper, Mike Rusk, and Rex Griffin placed wreaths in honor of the GAR veterans for the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary, the Indian Nations Camp, and the Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp respectively.

Carol Cox of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary gave the Invocation and closing prayer. Lori Cooper provided carnations for those who wished to honor their GAR ancestors.



Kathy Rusk honors her ancestor. (Photo by Carl Fallen)



Carol Cox places a carnation for her ancestor.
(Photo by Carl Fallen)

Union Ancestor of Brother **Joe Fears**
Pvt. William A. Fears, Co. A
1st Arkansas Volunteer Cavalry

General Order 7 retracted

General Order #7 called for rather extensive new requirements for new applicants. It specified that they were to document their lineage from their Civil War ancestor rather than just listing it to

support their membership credentials. While this would be an admirable strengthening of the purity of our membership, it left some of the experienced recruiters scratching their heads. Why would we impose additional barriers to membership at a time when we're struggling to attract members? After all, the National dues had just been raised by approximately one-third, which seemed to be barrier enough.

Now, General Order #11 has been issued rescinding General Order #7.

Eagle Scouts Honored



Eagle Scout Coordinator Scott Preston presented the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificates to Evan Baumgartner, Daniel Looney, Miles Pope, and Daniel Elliot.
(Photo courtesy of Scott Preston)

Eagle Scout Coordinator Scott Preston continues to present Eagle Scout Certificates to area Eagle Scouts. This time, on October 10, it was to four Eagle Scouts from Troop 26, sponsored by the Good Shepard Lutheran Church. We have purchased more certificates from the National QM to replenish our supply.

Tulsa's Veterans Day Parade

The Tulsa parade, one of the nation's largest, traces its unofficial origin to the end of the war, Nov. 11, 1918. There were to be 142 total entries in the parade this year, including 3,720 registered participants, according to the parade committee. The American Legion Post 1 hosted a BBQ lunch free to veterans after the parade. A number of Tulsa restaurants also offered free lunches to veterans, as they have

traditionally done. The parade featured a special fly-over by the WW II Airborne Demonstration Team.



**Mrs. Oklahoma - Charlotte Shores
in Tulsa's Veterans Day Parade**
(Photo by Carl Fallen)



Float in Vets Day Parade. (Photo by Carl Fallen)



**Sons of the American Revolution entry in the
parade. (Photo by Carl Fallen)**

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Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 Remembrance Day

Dept. Cdr. Clint Anderson drove to OKC to attend the Jeremiah Smith Camp's Remembrance Day ceremony and has provided the following photos from it.

The ceremony was held at Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City on November 11, 2022.



Remembrance Day rifle salute at Fairlawn Cemetery.



Attendees at the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 Remembrance Day ceremony at Fairlawn Cemetery.

Battle of Prairie Grove Reenactment Dec. 3rd – 4th

Authentic, expansive, and well preserved, Prairie Grove is known as one of America’s most intact Civil War battlefields. With more than 900 acres, this park commemorates the site of the Battle of Prairie Grove, where on December 7, 1862, Confederate and Union forces clashed in a fierce day of fighting that resulted in 2,700 casualties. This battle marked the last major Civil War engagement in Northwest Arkansas. The state park offers walking and driving tours, programs, and weekend events. At the Hindman Hall Museum, artifacts recovered from the battle are displayed. Admission to the museum is free. Arkansas’s largest Civil War battle re-enactment takes place here biennially (even-numbered years) the first weekend in December.

Witness battle reenactments on the historic battlefield, walk through Union, Confederate, and civilian camps, and enjoy living history programs. This free event will commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Prairie Grove.

Battle reenactments are scheduled for 1 p.m. both on Saturday and Sunday. Camps are open to visitors at scheduled times.

There were an estimated 2,700 casualties in the Battle, with roughly one-half attributed to each side. It is thought of as a Union Victory, because the South ran out of ammunition and left the field during the night.

Camp Business

A supply of Eagle Scout Certificates was ordered from National Headquarters and it has been received.

No camp business was discussed at the October joint meeting with the SCV.



Camp Calendar



- Dec. 1 Camp Meeting – Parkview Baptist Church
- Dec. 3&4 Prairie Grove Battle Reenactment
Prairie Grove, Arkansas
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 New Year’s Day
- Jan. 26 Camp Meeting – Parkview Baptist Church
- Feb. 12 Lincoln’s Birthday

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