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*Union and Confederate veterans shake hands at a reunion to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913. (Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division)*

## October Camp Meeting

Our camp meeting this month will be a joint meeting with Tulsa's Daniel N. McIntosh Camp #1378, Sons of Confederate Veterans. This joint meeting of the two camps has become an annual event, and a gesture of friendship recalling the old vets' handshake across the rock wall at Gettysburg during a reunion of veterans from both sides. This example of "forgiveness and re-

conciliation" is something we could use a little more of during these days of entrenched political divisions.

This year, it is the SCV camp's turn to host the meeting, which will be held at the Tulsa Little Theatre, 1511 S. Delaware Ave. During the pandemic, SCV member Bryce Hill, who owns it, has his law office there and offered it as the camp's meeting place. Camp McIntosh will present the program. Let's turn out in force. We'll meet Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30.

## August Camp Meeting

Following a discussion of several business topics, Cdr. Steven Tolbert gave a presentation on the Battle of Locust Grove. This was a small engagement east of here in which a detachment of about 300 troops under the command of Colonel William Weer surprised about 250 Confederate troops commanded by Col. James J. Clarkson early in the morning of July 3, 1862, in their camp near Pipe Springs.

The engagement was decided early, before the Confederates could establish a line of battle. Union troops quickly captured 64 Confederate wagons and 66 mule teams, along with other supplies. However, without their commander, who was captured, the Confederate troops took up positions in a grove of locust trees, and continued the battle for the rest of the day, before making their escape. The Union troops counted their losses at 3 killed and 6 wounded, while they estimated Confederate losses at about 100 dead and 100 wounded.

The battle had a chilling effect on morale and future recruiting efforts of the Confederate army in Indian Territory. In addition, there were reports of increased desertions among Cherokee troops.

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Union Ancestor of Brother **Joel Grant Fallen**  
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## Camp Business

No progress has been made toward possibly changing the meeting location for our monthly camp meetings.

DC Clint Anderson addressed about 100 members of the Phillips Petroleum veterans' organization, with about another 80 online. The meeting was held in Bartlesville, and Clint's presentation was well received. He promoted the SUCVW with the goal of laying the groundwork for a Bartlesville camp.

A family campout was planned for Thursday, October 6, but had to be cancelled on October 5, with the intent of being rescheduled.

Our joint SCV / SUCVW camp meeting this year will be held on October 11, at the Tulsa Little Theatre.

A special camp meeting was previously scheduled for late in October, but has since been cancelled, making the last remaining camp meeting on Dec. 1.

The National Organization has requested that we set the time and place for our Department Encampment to enable officers to solidify travel plans. Also, in an important move, the last national Encampment voted to raise national dues \$10, from \$23 to \$33, and an applicant's descendancy from his Union ancestor will now have to be documented, where it formerly only had to be listed. We'll have to see, but both these moves could have a negative impact on membership. The latest changes were published in GO #7.

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Don't forget the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade downtown on November 11. It begins on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at 11 a.m. Also, please plan to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at Rose Hill on November 19.

## Camp Calendar



Oct. 11 Joint Camp Meeting with D. N. McIntosh  
Camp, SCV – Tulsa Little Theatre  
Nov. 4-5 Honey Springs Visitor Center Grand  
Opening  
Nov. 11 Tulsa Veterans Day Parade  
Nov. 17 Wreaths Across America Day  
Nov. 19 Remembrance Day – Rose Hill Cemetery  
Dec. 1 Camp Meeting – Parkview Baptist Church

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