



Granbury's Texas Brigade



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**2009 Officers
"Granbury's Texas Brigade"**

MONTHLY CAMP MEETING
The next meeting will be May 5th at the Gander Mountain store in Spring. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Civil War Fact
On May 13, 1865, a month after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Private John J. Williams became the last man to die in the War For Southern Independence. He was killed at the Battle of Palmetto Ranch, a Confederate victory.

General Andrew Jackson got the nickname "Stonewall" from General Banard Bee at the first Battle of Bull Run.



The Order of Confederate Rose "Montgomery Rose" chapter is seeking members to support the efforts of "Granbury's Texas Brigade" and the SCV Texas Division. Anyone ten years of age or older is welcome to join. The Order of Confederate Rose assists the SCV with their historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. Refreshments served at our monthly meetings are compliments of the Montgomery Rose.

Please see the link to the Montgomery Rose on the Granbury's Texas Brigade web page for additional information.

If you or someone that you know would like to become a member, please contact Susan Sager at montgomeryrose47@gmail.com, or Mark Sager, Adjutant, Granbury's Texas Brigade at texasmusic@charter.net.

If you are interested in learning more about the Order of Confederate Rose, please visit the Texas Society Order website: <http://www.texasocr.org/>



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CAMP NEWS

Sergeant-At-Arms Sodich is leading an Honor Guard drill / practice at the Old Danbury Cemetery on March 11th at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for our upcoming Honor Guard events.

The 2009 Texas Division convention is going to be in Waco, Texas June 12th, 13th and 14th. The Waco Hilton is the host hotel. The Hilton is located at 113 S. University Parks Drive and their phone number is 254-754-8484. A room rate of \$109.00 for has been negotiated, but you must reserve before April 30th to get that price. You may call the hotel direct or you can visit their website <http://www.waco.hilton.com/>

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The camp companies are being re-formed as of the last camp meeting. Camp leaders are now: Joe Ferguson, Steve Sodich, Billy Gorman, Kip Othold, Frank Johnson, JR Wells, Bill Dillard and Larry Turner.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are a few of the ways to get involved in Camp activities. Please review these and make a commitment to attend any or all of these great events.

- General Granbury's Birthday Celebration Parade March 21st in Granbury, Texas
- Grave marker ceremony April 18th @ Old Danville Cemetery on Shepard Hill Rd near Willis, TX
Magnolia Rangers and Granbury's Texas Brigade event
- Grave marker ceremony April 25th @ Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, TX
- April 24th – 26th re-enactment in Brenham, TX
Eberly Ranch - <http://www.eberlyranch.com/index.htm>
- Battle of Temple Junction re-enactment May 15th – 17th in Temple, TX
<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/index.asp?nid=1065>

If you hear of an event or activity that you feel would be of interest to our camp or members of our camp please contact Adjutant Mark Sager and present it to him for inclusion in this spot.





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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

TEXAS HCR No. 50 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States reads as follows: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”; and

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

WHEREAS, The scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and

WHEREAS, Today, in 2009, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Many federal laws are directly in violation of the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment assure that we, the people of the United States of America and each sovereign state in the Union of States, now have, and have always had, rights the federal government may not usurp; and

WHEREAS, Section 4, article IV of the Constitution says “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government,” and the Ninth Amendment states that “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people”; and

WHEREAS, A number of proposals from previous administrations and some now pending from the present administration and from Congress may further violate the Constitution of the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this serves as notice and demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers; and be it further



(Resolution Continued)

RESOLVED, That all compulsory federal legislation that directs states to comply under threat of civil or criminal penalties or sanctions or that require states to pass legislation or lose federal funding be prohibited or repealed; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Texas Secretary of State forward official copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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POSSIBLE CONFEDERATE SHIP FOUND

The ghostly image of an object recently found on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico just off Galveston Island is little more than a shadow.

But experts believe the sonar scan could be that of a well-known but never before discovered ship that sank nearly 150 years ago as it tried to break through the federal blockade of Galveston during the Civil War.

The Carolina, also known as the Caroline, was a merchant ship that left Galveston in July 1864 with a load of cotton.

Federal gun ships followed the ship for hours until its crew ran it aground in shallow water between Galveston and San Luis Pass, then set it ablaze rather than let the enemy capture it.

Experts know little more about the ship except that it was privately owned and sank in the area where workers took the sonar image, said Steven Hoyt, state marine archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission.

Hoyt said he will research the ship's size, style and other characteristics so that he and other divers can determine whether the object is the ship or part of it. It could be a more modern shipwreck or other debris. But experts said the shape of the image suggests it is a ship.

Hoyt said he expects divers to investigate the site in the spring or summer when the Gulf's waters are calm. Even then, the cloudy water makes visibility near zero, and divers may have to identify the object by touch.

"It's certainly significant if it turns out to be a historic wreck, as we think it is," Hoyt said. "That's really exciting."

State officials won't disclose the site's location to prevent the public from plundering what could be a historically important discovery.



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Contractors found the site about a month ago in nearly 20 feet of water after the state General Land Office hired them to survey the Gulf floor for Hurricane Ike debris.

The crews operated as far out as about 300 yards. They also are cleaning up the surrounding bays. Crews have located hundreds of cubic yards of underwater debris so far. They've seen a shrimp boat as well as such household possessions as washing machines, refrigerators and furniture, said Jim Suydam, land office spokesman.

They also scanned two previously charted and recorded Civil War-era shipwrecks: the Acadia, a blockade-runner that sank in 1865 about 10 miles northeast of the mouth of the Brazos River, and the Will-o-the-Wisp. The two ships remain where they were found and are protected state archeological landmarks.

About a dozen Civil War wrecks are known to lie in the Gulf along the Texas coastline. At least six of them have been discovered and charted.

Experts believe the hurricane uncovered the Carolina. They had known from historical records that it sank near where the sonar image was taken, but they had never seen it because it probably was buried in the sand.

Just as the storm eroded Galveston's beaches, it scoured the Gulf floor, exposing the apparent shipwreck.

The workers clearing debris will not disturb the object, in order to allow Hoyt and other marine archeologists to determine whether it is a historical shipwreck.

"We may have one," Hoyt said, "but we have to check."



The remains of a Confederate sailor, recovered from a shipwreck at the bottom of the English Channel, were buried in Mobile, Alabama in January in a handmade wooden coffin pulled by a horse drawn caisson. The skeletal remains were found on the underside of a cannon raised from the wreck of the *CSS Alabama*. The Confederate warship was sunk in the channel off the coast of France June 19, 1864 by the Union warship USS Kearsarge. The sailor's coffin was accompanied by members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans





On The Lighter Side

(Humorous News and Stuff)

A bus driver is conducting a tour of famous civil war battle sites. "Here", he points out "is where Southern troops routed an entire regiment of Yankees".

"Over there is where some Rebs wiped out a whole platoon of yanks".
"Just a mile or so down the road some Confederates captured over one thousand Union troops."

A tourist asked "didn't the north ever win a battle"? The bus driver replied "Yes, but not when I drive the bus".

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