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Special points of interest:

**8-10 September** - Confederate Muster & Living History at Proctor, Texas.

**16 Sept. 2023**—Quarterly Meeting of Maj. Benjamin Ficklin Chapter 310 @ Ft. Concho.

**6-7 Oct. 2023**—Fall General Executive Council meeting in Harrison, Ark.

**20-21 Oct. 2023**—Fall Society Executive Council meeting in College Station.

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## 13th Alabama Partisan Rangers

The 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Alabama Partisan Rangers also known as the 13<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry was organized about September 6, 1862 with four Companies, “A” thru “D” and was commanded by Major William A. Hewlett. Company “E” was organized April 30, 1863 and Company “F” was organized at the same time by transfers from other Companies. The men were recruited from the counties of Autauga, Butler, Mobile, Montgomery, and Walker. It was assigned to the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, and first served as scouts and pickets. With about 250 men, it fought at King's Creek under General Ruggles.

In June of 1863 the Battalion went through changes, Company A was transferred in early June to the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, as Company “H”, only to be transferred back later that month as Company “L”, as the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Partisan Rangers) were merged together to form the 56<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment Partisan Rangers.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment was brigaded under General Samuel W. Ferguson and sent to north Georgia. It served on the flank of the army during the Dalton-Atlanta campaign, and it saw arduous duty. The regiment moved with General John Bell Hood to Tennessee, then it turned and harassed Union General William T. Sherman. It was in the trenches of Savannah and operated

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## Scandinavians in the Confederate Forces

If you are of Scandinavian decent, here is a website that might interest you. <http://www.borgerkrigen.info/ScandinavianConfederates/index.htm>. The site covers a multitude of Confederate veterans from across the South and there is a focus on Texas units, cavalry, infantry, Marines and artillery as well as members of Texas Militia units. There is a section of wartime letters

that one can read, POW list, CS Navy members and the ships they served on, a Roll of Honor list and much more.



## Texas Society Leadership for 2023 – 2025

George Williamson was elected as our new Society Commander and David McMahon was elected as our new Lt. Commander at the 2023 Texas Society Convention held in College Station this past June. Here are the members of Commander Williamson's staff:

Commander: George Williamson,  
 Lt. Commander: David McMahon,  
 Chief of Staff: Col. Michael Gray,  
 Adjutant: Robert Melton, Communications Officer: David McMahon,  
 Judge Advocate: Michael Smith, Inspector General: Philip Whitley, Parliamentarian: David Underdown,

Genealogist: Peter Baron, Associate Genealogist: Charles Hand, Surgeon General: Dr. John Burdine, Sergeant at Arms: Michael Gonzales, Chaplain: Raymond Holder, Assistant Chaplain: James Stephens, Web Master: Larry Joe Reynolds, Newsletter Editor: George Williamson, Special; Event Chairman: Guy Kerby, Awards Committee: Larry Joe Reynolds, Graves Administrator: David Tidwell, and Scholarship Committee: Michael Gonzales.



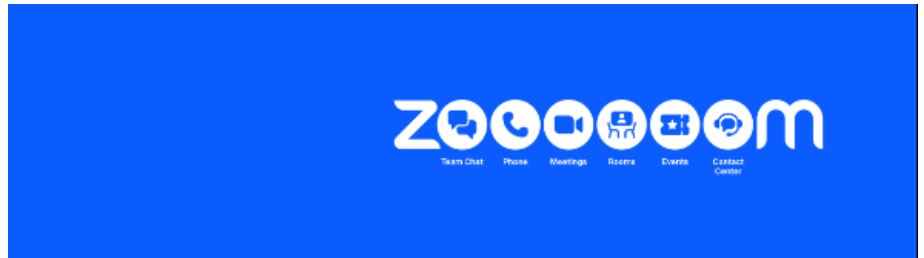
Lt. Commander David McMahon (L) and Commander George Williamson (R).



## “Zoom” To The Meeting

Chapter 310 will incorporate a feature for our distant Compatriots at the September 16th meeting. There will be an option to attend by “Zoom”. Those that would like to participate will need to get the APP for their phone or tablet devices or download free software to the computer. You will need to create an account, which is simple to do and there will be assistance to help. Anyone interested in

practicing, contact me at [maj.ben.ficklin310@gmail.com](mailto:maj.ben.ficklin310@gmail.com) and we can setup a practice session.



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near Augusta. It moved into the Carolinas and was surrendered at Greensboro, 26 April 1865, about 150 strong.

**Field and staff officers:** Col. William Boyles; Lt. Cols. William A. Hewlett, Arthur Warren Debardelaben and William F. Martin; Majors Arthur Warren Debardelaben (promoted); Wil-

liam F. Martin (promoted); Thomas D. Hall; and Adjutant Augustine I. Sykes; and David H. Boyles.

Lt. Colonel William Alexander Hewlett moved to Texas after the war and died in 1904 and is buried in the Necessity Cemetery, Stephens County, Texas.



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CHAPTER XVI

STATE SENATORS

The first Senator from Walker county, was William A. Hewlett. He was first elected Judge of the County Court, but owing to the establishment of the Probate system, he served but a short time. He opened a law office in Jasper. In 1853 he was elected to the Senate from the District composed of the counties of Lawrence, Winston and Walker, and served for four years.

Judge Hewlett was a nephew of Maj. David Hubbard, was a young man of fine personal appearance, very prepossessing in conversation, and if he had studied his cases a little better would have made a very fine lawyer. He was very kind and liberal as a friend and a citizen—always ready to give or receive favors, and it made but little difference with him whether he was granting or receiving them. He took a good stand in the Senate, was universally popular,—did not often occupy the floor, but whenever he did he commanded attention. Judge Hewlett was a Democrat of the Old School. In fact, he was so far in advance of his party as to advocate State Aid to works of internal improvements, and often predicted thro that instrumentality the development of mineral wealth now going on in the country, and which bids fair to make Walker county at no very distant day one of the most important counties in the State. In 1860 he supported the Breckenridge wing of the Democratic party. After the election of Mr. Lincoln to the Presidency, he was an ardent secessionist, and when the war broke out, he organized a Battalion of Cavalry and was commissioned a Major in the Confederate army. I think his Battalion was finally consolidated with another and formed into a Regiment, and Major Hewlett was promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

After the war the Judge moved to Texas,—since then I have heard but little from him.



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## Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge



*We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and civil officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the cause of the fundamental American principles of self-determination and states' rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society and for generations yet unborn.*

## 7th Brigade Muster and Living History

There will be a Confederate Muster and Living History event in Proctor, Texas September 8-10, 2023. This event is 'open' to the SCV Texas Division and is on 70+ acres of "Private Lands." There will be Reenactments and Drills for the troops with Sutlers, a Blacksmith, Spinning wheel and loom and a chuckwagon display. There will be Artillery and Infantry representation. If you wish to represent Cavalry, please check with D.W. Davis for information (254-433-9402).

The public is welcome to this

event (Admission by Donation) and may participate in the events scheduled which include Black powder Turkey Shoot, Horseshoes and Corn Hole tournaments. The Boy Scouts of America will be present to Post and Retire the 'Colors'. More to be added!

**NEED TO KNOW:** Camping is allowed, self-contained RVs are welcome...there is no water or electricity available. Food and Drink trucks are scheduled to be there but, they also say "Fend for Yourself", so 'Be Prepared.' **BURN BAN is in effect, no open fires.** Propane

stoves are allowed. Your ATV is welcome and must be operated in a 'Safe' manner from point 'A' to point 'B', NO riding around the countryside. Rule #1 – You Pack It In – You Pack It Out! So, bring trash bags, let's be respectful of our Southern Brothers. And most importantly there will be a Sunday morning Church Service.

As you enter Proctor, Texas, look for FM 1476. Turn south on FM 1476 and drive approximately 1.5 miles looking for a gate on the left side of the road. Area will be marked with flags.

