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## The Charge

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.*

*Given at New Orleans, LA in a speech on April 25, 1906 to the SCV National Convention by Lt. Gen. Stephen D Lee.*

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## **From the Commander's Desk** *By: Camp Commander Don Green*

*Greetings Compatriots,*

*I would like to give you what is the general opinion of what a Camp Member, Good Camp Member, Really Good Camp Member and a Great Camp Member is. First off, a Camp Member is one who pays his dues on time. That's pretty basic to send your dues in and this covers the members who live more than an hour away from Bay St. Louis. A Good Camp Member is one who pays their dues on time and attends the monthly Camp Meetings. This is the what the basic Camp Member that lives within an hour of the meeting place should strive for. A Really Good Camp Member is one who pays his dues on time, attends camp meetings and attends camp functions throughout the year. This is the member who really likes to volunteer for functions, dress out at events and be willing to take on a project and be an appointed committee chairman over something. A Great Camp Member pays his dues on time, attends camp meetings, attends camp functions throughout the year, dresses out for events, takes on Projects, can be a Committee Chairman and is willing to be a Camp Officer. Now I ask each of you in this camp, which Camp Member are you? We have over 60 members in our Camp and half of those live within an hour of our central location. We work really hard to have a quality speaker and we have 7 Camp Members Show up for a camp meeting. We understand personal lives will supersede the Camp Meeting, however can you really not take 2 hours out of your month to make a Camp Meeting. Physical issues aside such as eye sight and travel limitations, family issues such as taking care of your kids is understandable as is a job conflict. So ask again....Which type of Member are you? Our next Camp meeting of the year will be this Tuesday May 25th, 2021 at 6:30pm at The American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis. Past Commander Bruce Roberts will be our speaker for this month. We hope to see you there.*

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*April Camp Meeting*



*Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling was the speaker for the April Meeting.*



*Camp Members look on at the monthly meeting at the Legion on Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021..*



*The Camp Members and guests take a photo with Past CiC Gramling after the meeting..*

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*Destrehan Plantation*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles pose for a photo in front of Destrehan Plantation May 1, 2021.*



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry lines up to march to battle on the historic grounds of Destrehan.*



*With the regimental flag flying high, the Shieldsboro Rifles present arms after the battle.*

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## *Resaca Reenactment*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles lined up for inspection at Resaca on Sunday May 16, 2021.*



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry marched to battle at Resaca on Saturday May 15, 2021.*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles posed for this photo at Resaca on Saturday May 15, 2021.*



### **3rd Mississippi Infantry Regiment 2021 Spring Schedule**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270849566691036/>

1. **Winter Quarters:** 15121 Hwy 15 S. Union MS 39365, MS January 15-17 - **Scouting Event**
2. **Work Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS - January 30 - **Scouting Event**
3. **Battle for the Texas Hospital:** Quitman, MS February 19-21- **MAX EFFORT**
4. **Fort Beauregard Reenactment:** Harrisonburg, LA February 26-28 - **Scouting Event**
5. **Confederate Flag Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS March 6 - **Scouting Event**
6. **Fort Randolph Reenactment:** Pineville, LA March 12-14 - **Scouting Event**
7. **Siege of Port Hudson:** Jackson, LA March 26-28 – **MAX EFFORT**
8. **Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment:** Pleasant Hill, LA April 9-11 - **Scouting Event**
9. **Confederate Memorial Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS April 24 - **MAX EFFORT**
10. **Destrehan Plantation:** 13034 River Rd, Destrehan, LA 70047 May 1-2 - **MAX EFFORT**
11. **Surrender Oak Festival Reenactment:** Citronelle, AL May 1-2 - **TBA**
12. **Battle of Resaca Reenactment:** Resaca, GA May 14-16 - **Scouting Event**
13. **Trail of Honor:** Jackson, MS May 23-25 **TBA** - **Scouting Event**
14. **Battle for Cuba Station:** Gainesville, AL May 28-30 - **MAX EFFORT**
15. **SCV Convention:** Vicksburg, MS June 12 - **Scouting Event**

Capt. Don P. Green, Jr.  
3rd Miss Inf. Co. F



*Here is the schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry for the Spring 2021 Season.*

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*Brigade SCV Update*



*The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting took place at the Dixie Community Center May 14, 2021.*



*5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Camp Members enjoy the potluck supper at the Brigade Meeting.*

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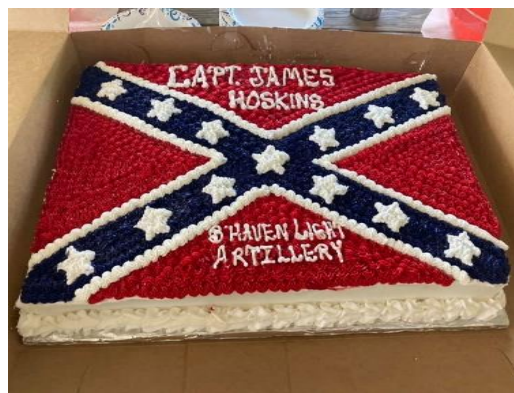
*Division SCV Update*



*The Brookhaven Light Artillery Camp hosted the Capt. Hoskins Headstone Dedication.*



*Participants are dressed out in Confederate uniform for the Ceremony on May 15, 2021.*

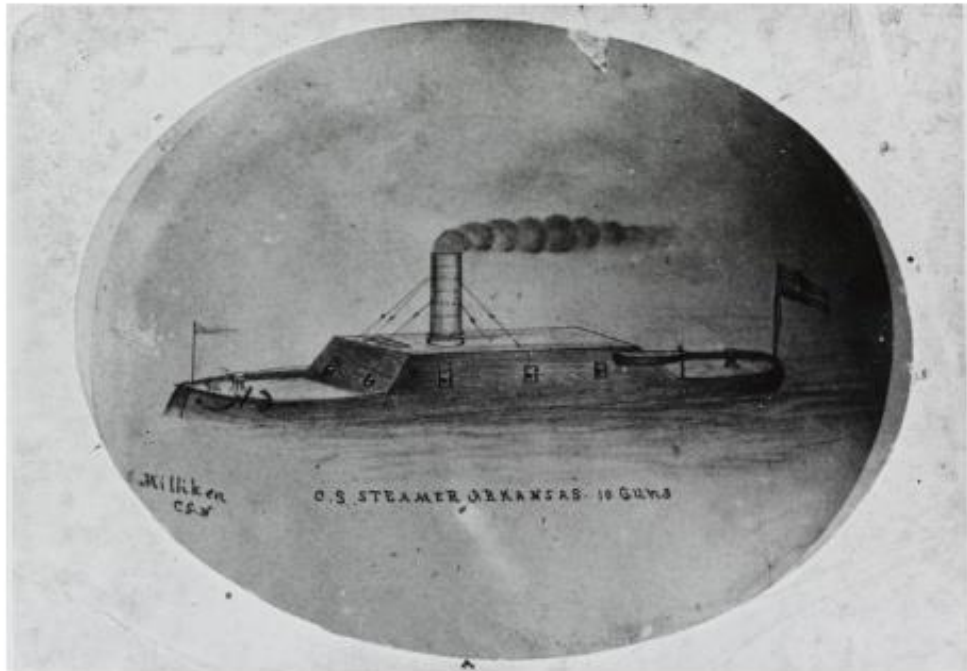


*The host Camp provided a cake for the ceremony which was all decked out nicely.*

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# *C.S.S. Arkansas*

## *Crew Memorial Dedication*



*June 13, 2021 10:00 A.M.*

*CSS Arkansas Plot*

*Cedar Hill Cemetery*

*Vicksburg, MS*

*Sponsored by Mississippi Division*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

*United Daughters of the Confederacy*

*Order of Confederate Rose*

*Hosted by*

*Lt. Gen. J.C. Pemberton Camp 1354*

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*The CSS Arkansas Dedication will be a part of the Vicksburg Weekend.*



# CALL TO ARMS

Old Warren County Courthouse  
Vicksburg, MS

July 2-4 ~~2021~~ 1861

Come spend the weekend, listen to presentations from Military leaders and Civilians. Tour the Museum, visit the camps, watch drills, and interact with historical reenactors.

Early War Militia, Civilians, Ladies & Children. All are encouraged to attend and dress in period attire, but not required.

In 1860 the City had a number of militia units, including the Vicksburg Sharpshooters. In May 1861 the Citizen Office made a humble contribution to the brave Vicksburg Sharpshooters, by presenting each member with a beautiful blue badge with the coat of arms and the motto "Southern Rights, For This We Fight"

Camps open	9am
Drill demonstrations	10am
Presentations	11am
Presentations	1pm



## Museum Hours

Saturday  
8:00am - 5:00pm

Admission  
Adults \$6  
Children \$4

*The Old Courthouse in Vicksburg will host a living history on July 3, 2021.*

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*National SCV Update*



*The Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney speaks at the Elm Springs Pilgrimage.*



*The Honor Guard poses for a photo at Elm Springs on May 1, 2021.*



*The crowd gathers on the lawn at the 1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural SCV Pilgrimage.*

*Beauvoir Upcoming Events*

Messenger 10:12 PM

Happy Birthday Jefferson Davis



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 AT 10 AM CDT – 2 PM CDT

### Happy Birthday Jefferson Davis

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library · Biloxi

Interested Going Share More

Your response is visible to the hosts and Friends

106 going or interested including Jim, Kris and 17 others



Event by Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis

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*The Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration will take place Saturday June 5, 2021*



**July 24, 2021-Doors open at 5 PM.**

**Dance Into The Past**

**Come join us to waltz, tango and jitterbug on July 24th, as we celebrate our shared heritage and histories throughout time. Come dressed in clothing from different eras ranging through 1800's to the 1940's. Grab your top hat, white gloves, hoop skirt, corset and dancing shoes and join us dancing through time at Beauvoir.**

**LIVE MUSIC by Red McWilliams and Daniel Driskell.**

**Price includes buffet style dinner that begins at 6 PM.**

**Come enjoy fried chicken, pulled pork and ribs with potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw with peach cobbler to finish. Dance starts at 8 PM to midnight.**

**Put on your your favorite 1800 to1940's style clothes, grab your top hat and cane and get your dancing shoes polished.**

**Gates will open at 5pm close at 8pm**

**Admission price includes:  
Buffet style dinner will be served from 6 - 8pm**

**Dancing will begin at 8pm**

**Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or at the door.**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dance-into-the-past-tickets-152140308759>**

***Beauvoir will host a dance through the ages July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.***

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## *Media Pages Update*

*We are looking at creating a new website for a minimum fee, possibly free, for the Camp. Our original website was a bit costly and has not been renewed as of yet. Camp Members are looking at this for us and will report to us in the very near future with possible options. We are also looking at creating other pages on different social media sites given the biasedness against our heritage that exists on present medias. More to come.*

*Camp Website: In Progress*

*Brigade Website: [www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv](http://www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv)*

*Division Website: [www.mississippiscv.org](http://www.mississippiscv.org)*

*Beauvoir Website: [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)*

*National Website: [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org)*

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## *Upcoming Speakers List*

*\*All Subject to change.*

*Saturday January 16, 2021 – Conor Bond – Life Lessons of Generals Lee and Jackson*

*Tuesday February 23, 2021 – Trent Lewis – Artifact Collection*

*Tuesday March 30, 2021 – Tristan Dunn – Period Music by Keyboard*

*Tuesday April 27, 2021 - Paul Gramling – SCV Today*

*Tuesday May 25, 2021 – Bruce Roberts – Forrest Rides West (TBD)*

*Tuesday June 29, 2021 – Terry “Beetle” Bailey – TBD*

*Tuesday July 27, 2021 – Don Green – CSS Shenandoah (TBD)*

*Tuesday August 31, 2021 – Pat Alford – Davidson’s Raid*

*Tuesday September 28, 2021 – Grady Howell - 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Rifles (at Beauvoir)*

*Tuesday October 26, 2021 – Dorthy Necaise – Period Undertakers*

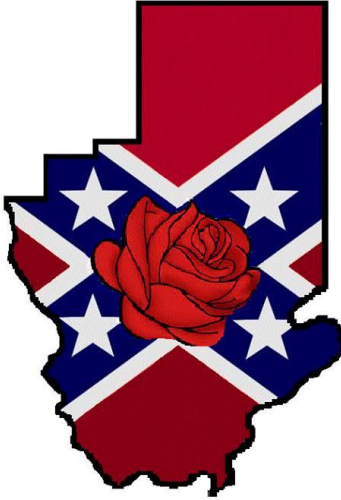
*Tuesday November 16, 2021 – Election of Officers*

*Tuesday December 14, 2021 – Camp Show & Tell*

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*Order of the Confederate Rose*

*ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE*



*HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER,  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS*

***The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30 chartered into the Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose during an interesting time in our world. We chartered in January 2020 and were unable to have our first independent meetings due to the COVID pandemic. We are proud to say that we will be hosting our first meeting on September 1st, where our members will discuss activities we hope to accomplish and how we plan on supporting our host Camp.***

***We hope to invite prospective membership to our future meetings, which will be the first Tuesday of each month. If you have a female family member who would like to join the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose, please email the Chapter at [pearliversocr30@gmail.com](mailto:pearliversocr30@gmail.com).***

***Yours,***

***Callie Bunter  
President  
Pearl Rivers Chapter #30,  
Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose***

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## *What Happened in May throughout the War?*

### *May 1861*

*May 3 - Lincoln calls for volunteers to join the Union Army for a three-year term*

*May 6 - Arkansas and Tennessee adopt Ordinances of Secession. Tennessee schedules a referendum for June 8*

*May 13 - U.S. troops occupy Baltimore, Maryland*

*May 20 - North Carolina adopts an Ordinance of Secession*

*May 20 - Kentucky declares its neutrality*

*May 21 - The Confederate Congress agrees to move the Confederate capital from Montgomery, Alabama to Richmond, Virginia*

*May 23 - Virginia voters ratify the State Convention's decision to secede*

*May 24 - Federal troops seize Alexandria, Virginia*

*May 24 - Zouave leader Elmer Ellsworth killed in Alexandria by James W. Jackson*

### *May 1862*

*May 5 - Battle of Williamsburg, Virginia*

*May 7 - Engagement at West Point (Eltham's Landing), Virginia*

*May 8 - Battle of McDowell, Virginia*

*May 9 - Bombardment of Pensacola, Florida*

*May 10 - Naval engagement at Plum Run Bend, Arkansas*

*May 10 - Union forces capture Norfolk, Virginia*

*May 11 - Confederate sailors blow up the CSS Virginia to keep her from falling into Union hands*

*May 15 - Battle of Drewry's Bluff, Virginia*

*May 20 - Lincoln signs the Homestead Act*

*May 23 - Engagement at Front Royal, Virginia*

*May 25 - Battle of First Winchester, Virginia*

*May 26 - Skirmish at Calico Rock, Arkansas*

*May 29/30 - Confederates evacuate Corinth, Mississippi*

*May 31 - Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), Virginia begins*

### *May 1863*

***May 1 - Battle of Port Gibson, Mississippi***

*May 2 - During the Battle of Chancellorsville, Confederate General T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson is accidentally shot by his own men*

*May 3 - Second Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*May 3/4 - Chancellorsville Campaign continues with the Battle of Salem Church*

*May 6 - Battle of Chancellorsville ends with Confederate victory*

***May 10 - Death of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson***

***May 12 - Battle of Raymond, Mississippi***

*May 14 - Engagement at Jackson, Mississippi*

***May 16 - Battle of Champion Hill (Baker's Creek), Mississippi***

***May 17 - Battle of Big Black River Bridge, Mississippi***

***May 19 - First assault on Vicksburg, Mississippi***

*May 21 - Engagement at Plains Store, Louisiana*

*May 22 - Second assault on Vicksburg*

***May 22 - Siege of Port Hudson, Louisiana begins***

*May 27 - First assault on Port Hudson*

### *May 1864*

*May 5 - Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia*

*May 6 - Day two of the Battle of the Wilderness, General James Longstreet is seriously wounded in combat*



***May 7 - Sherman begins his Atlanta campaign***

***May 7 - Union troops seize **Tunnel Hill** on the first day of the Atlanta Campaign, an important tunnel on the Western & Atlantic Railroad.***

***May 8 - Battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia***

***May 8 - Engagement at **Dug Gap**, Georgia***

***May 9 - Engagement at Swift Creek, Virginia***

***May 11 - Battle of Yellow Tavern, Virginia on Sheridan's Richmond Raid***

***May 12 - Battle of Spotsylvania continues with the fight for the Bloody Angle***

***May 12 - Death of J.E.B. Stuart***

***May 13 - Battle of Resaca, Georgia begins***

***May 15 - Battle of New Market, Virginia***

***May 18 - Engagement at Yellow Bayou (Bayou de Glaize), Louisiana (Red River Expedition)***

***May 20 - Battle of Ware Bottom Church***

***May 23 - Battle of North Anna River, Virginia***

***May 25 - Battle of New Hope Church, Georgia***

***May 27 - Battle of Pickett's Mill, Georgia***

***May 28 - Skirmish near Jacksonville, Florida***

***May 28 - Battle of Dallas, Georgia***

***May 29 - Confederates capture wagon train at Salem, Arkansas***

***May 31 - Combat at Bethesda Church, Virginia***

***May 1865***

***May 2 - A \$100,000 reward offered for the arrest of Jefferson Davis***

***May 4 - Surrender of Confederate General Richard Taylor's forces at Citronelle, Alabama***

***May 10 - Confederate President Jefferson Davis captured by U.S. troops at Irwinville, Georgia***

**May 12 - Skirmish at Palmito Ranch, Texas - the last engagement of the Civil War**

**May 23 to 24 - Grand Review of Union armies in Washington, D.C.**

**May 26 - Surrender of Confederate General E.K. Smith's Trans-Mississippi forces, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**May 29 - President Andrew Johnson proclaims amnesty for most ex-Confederates**

Courtesy of: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/day-civil-war>



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## THE BATTLE OF PALMITO RANCH

*May 13, 1865 – A skirmish that took place in south Texas after the war ended ironically resulted in Confederate victory.*

*Colonel Theodore Barrett had dispatched a force of about 300 Federals under Lieutenant Colonel David Branson to seize the vital port city of Brownsville, on the tip of Texas where the Rio Grande meets the Gulf of Mexico. This violated an unofficial truce between the opposing forces that had been in place most of this year. Branson hoped to surprise the Confederate outpost at Palmito Ranch, situated on a hill commanding the approach to Brownsville from Brazos Island. But as Branson later reported:*

*“I could not reach Palmetto Ranch before daylight to surprise it, and therefore hid my command in a thicket and among weeds on the banks of the Rio Grande one mile and a half above White’s Ranch, where we remained undiscovered until 8.30 a.m., when persons on the Mexican shore seeing us started to give the alarm to the rebels. At the same time soldiers of the Imperial Mexican Army were marching up that bank of the river.”*

*Branson reported that his Federals attacked and drove the Confederates “from their camp, which had been occupied by about 190 men and horses, capturing 3 prisoners, 2 horses, and 4 beef-cattle, and their ten days’ rations, just issued.” The Confederate field commander at Brownsville, Colonel John S. Ford (nicknamed R.I.P. or “Rest in Peace” Ford), planned to counterattack, even though “this may be the last fight of the war, and from the number of Union men I see before me, I am going to be whipped.”*

*Ford’s superior, Brigadier General James E. Slaughter, had learned that the major Confederate armies to the east had surrendered and told Ford that he did not want a fight. Ford replied, “You can retreat and go to hell if you wish! These are my men, and I am going to fight. I have held this place against heavy odds. If you lose it without a fight the people of the Confederacy will hold you accountable for a base neglect of duty.”*

*Supported by two guns, Ford’s Confederate cavalry advanced and drove the Federals back. Ford told his troops, “Boys, we have done finely. We will let well enough alone and retire.” That night, Branson reported that “a considerable force of the enemy appeared, and the position being indefensible, I fell back to White’s Ranch for the night, skirmishing some on the way...” Colonel Barrett, who was not on the scene, reported to his Federal superiors:*

*“The enemy was driven in confusion from his position, his camp, camp equipage, and stores falling into our hands. Some horses and cattle were also captured and a number of prisoners taken. Destroying such stores as could not be transported, Lieutenant-Colonel Branson returned to the vicinity of White’s Ranch, and took up his position for the night.”*

*Barrett answered Branson’s call for reinforcements by sending another regiment. The troops crossed the Rio Grande in skiffs and marched up to join their comrades at White’s Ranch that night. Barrett arrived early next morning to take personal command of the force, which now numbered 800 men. Barrett later reported, “I at once ordered an advance to be again made in the direction of Palmetto Ranch, which, upon the retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel Branson, had been reoccupied by the rebels. The enemy’s cavalry were soon encountered.”*

*The Federals drove Ford’s 350 Confederates away from Palmito Ranch and, according to Barrett, “Such stores as had escaped destruction the day previous were now destroyed, and the buildings which the enemy had turned into barracks were burned, in order that they might no longer furnish him convenient shelter.” The Federals then fell back to rest and regroup.*

*During this time, Ford and Slaughter reformed their force and led a Confederate counterattack. Barrett reported:*

*“With the Rio Grande on our left, a superior force of the enemy in front, and his flanking force on our right, our situation was at this time extremely critical. Having no artillery to oppose the enemy’s six 12-pounder field pieces, our position became untenable. We therefore fell back, fighting. This movement, always difficult, was doubly so at this time, having to be performed under a heavy fire from both front and flank.”*

*The Federals fell back toward Brazos Island, with the Confederates trying to sustain an effective pursuit. Ford, concerned about the condition of his horses, finally called a halt. The Federals withdrew to Boca Chica, where they were evacuated by sea. Barrett sustained 115 casualties in a fight that he had started but had no effect on the war’s outcome.*

*When news reached the Confederates at Brownsville that many of their comrades had already surrendered, they began dropping from the ranks to go home. Nevertheless, the last battle of the War Between the States ended in a Confederate victory.*

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