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Open – Camp Adjutant

#### 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.

#### From the Commander's Desk

By: Camp Commander Don Green

**Greetings Compatriots**,

As we finish up the month of February, spring is right around the corner. With the warm weather upon us, it's time to get out and help defend our Confederate Heritage. We have a Brigade Meeting Friday March 4, 2022 at the Dixie Community Center South of Hattiesburg. The time is 7pm and it is potluck so everyone is encouraged to bring a dish. Confederate Flag Day is March 5<sup>th</sup> around the Confederation and can be celebrated at places like Beauvoir. If there is a cemetery near you, March is a fine month to go volunteer and work in them. We had a good meeting this month on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and I thank those who atended. Items covered were Camp T-Shirts, a website, future events, and scheduling speakers again since attendance is picking up. We have a real nice place to meet at the Mercy House across from Lakeshore Baptist Church courrtesy of Camp Member Don Elbourne. We need continued prayers for Camp Chaplain Brother John Storms and Charter Member Rankin Green. Each have had to make trips to the hospital for health reasons. Our next Camp meeting will be Tuesday March 29, 2022 at the Mercy House in Bay St. Louis. We hope you will join us, especially if you have not attended a meeting recently. Deo Vindice! God Bless the South!

## Oddfellows Pilgrimage



The Shieldsboro Rifles formed up to present colors at the Oddfellows Pilgrimage.



Kate Vinot presents the Camp Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Feb. 12, 2022.



The participants took a photo around the Tomb after the Ceremony ended.

## Battles for the Texas Hospital



The reenactors fired a volley at the Clarke County Courthouse on Saturday February 19.



The reenactors fired a volley at the Quitman Cemetery after the march through town.



The battlefield at Archusa Creek located right on the bank of the reservoir.

## Battle for the Texas Hospital



The Battle for the Texas Hospital raged on at Archusa Creek with a Rebel Victory.



The Shieldsboro Rifles pose for a photo at the cemetery after the ceremony.



The 9th Connecticut formed up for battle to capture and destroy the Hosptial.

## February Camp Meeting



Camp Members took a photo at the Camp Meeting at the Mercy House on February 22, 2022.









# 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi (1<sup>st</sup> Miss. Rifles Honor Guard & 9th Conn.) Infantry Regiment - 2022 Spring-Summer Schedule

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

- Lee Jackson Banquet Shieldsboro Rifles 2263; Lakeshore Baptist Church, 6028 Lakeshore Rd Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 January 15, 2022; 5pm; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- Winter Quarters-Dunn Plantation; Union, MS; January 21-23, 2022; Confederate Impression;
   MAX EFFORT
- Oddfellows 6th Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb The Unknown Confederate Soldier; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; February 12, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- Battle for the Texas Hospital; Archusa Creek Water Park; Quitman, MS; February 18-20, 2022;
   Federal Impression; MAX EFFORT
- 5. Battle of Fort Beauregard; Harrisonburg, LA; February 25-27; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- Fort Randolph Reenactment; Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site; 135 Riverfront St. Pineville, LA 71360 Pineville, LA; March 11-13, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- Shiloh Reenactment National Event; 1097-2467 Joe Dillon Rd. Michie, TN 38357; April 1-3, 2022
   Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT
- Thunder on the Bay- Fort Gaines Dauphin Island, Alabama; April 8-10, 2022; (Overlapping Event)
   Either Impression; Scouting Event
- Battle of Pleasant Hill; 23271 LA-175, Pelican, LA 71063-4004, April 8-10, 2022; (Overlapping Event) Fither Impression; Scouting Event
- Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS; <u>April 23, 2022</u>; <u>1st Miss. Rifles Impression</u>;
   MAX EFFORT
- Grand Gulf Living History; Grand Gulf Park; 12006 Grand Gulf Road Port Gibson, MS 39150 May 6-8, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 12. Trail of Honor; Harley Shop in Jackson, MS.; May 21-23, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- 13. Battle of Resaca; Resaca, GA.; May 21-23, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 14. Battle of Cuba Station; Gainesville, AL.; May 27-29, 2022 Either Impression; MAX EFFORT
- 15. <u>President Davis Birthday</u>; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; <u>June 4, 2022</u>; 10am-3pm; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression; Scouting Event
- MS Division Color Guard Duty; Columbus, MS; June 11, 2022; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression;
   Scouting Event
- 17. Vicksburg Living History; Old Courthouse Museum; Vicksburg, MS; July 2, 2022;
  Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 18. Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay Fort Morgan Garrison, Fort Morgan State Site; Gulf Shores, AL; August 6, 2022; Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT

Here is the schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry for the Spring 2022 Season.

## Brigade SCV Update



Brigade Councilman Forrest Dawes and Brigade Commander Oran Thomas preside over the Brigade Meetings in Dixie.

#### Good afternoon gentlemen,

The following dates are the ones selected for our 5th Brigade quarterly meetings in 2022:

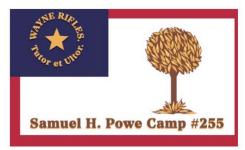
Friday, March 4th Friday, June 3rd Friday, September 2nd Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

All of these meetings will take place in the Dixie Community Center and will begin at 7:00 pm. Should anything change, we will do our best to convey those changes to the brigade members. Please share this information with your camp members. Thank you.

#### Respectfully,

Forrest S. Daws
5th Brigade Executive Councilman
Mississippi Division SCV

### **Division SCV Update**



# 3rd Annual Samuel H. Powe Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans Turkey Shoot and Fundraising Event

Date: March 5, 2022

Time: 8-Noon

Place: 709 SHUBUTA EUCUTTA ROAD, SHUBUTA, MS 39360

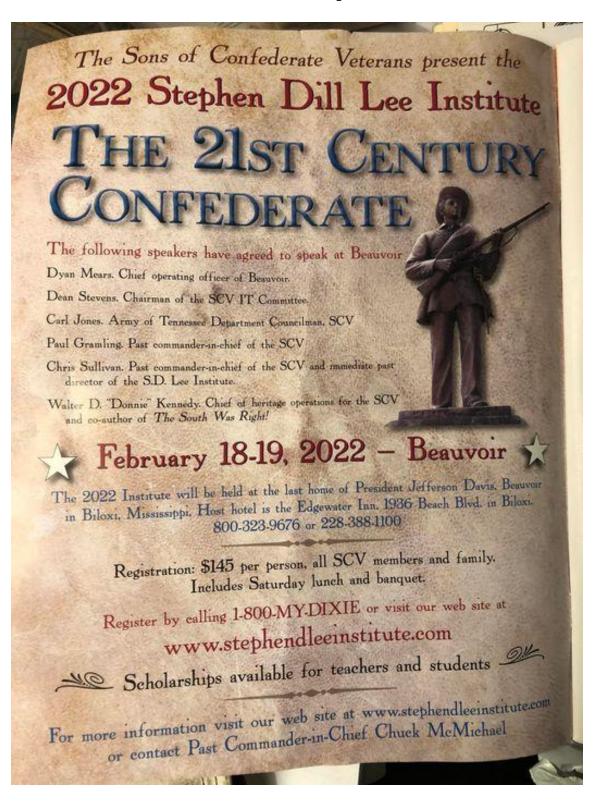
The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

The SCV has ongoing programs at the local, state, and national levels which offer members a wide range of activities. Preservation work, marking Confederate soldier's graves, historical reenactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War Between the States are only a few of the activities sponsored by local units, called camps.

If you are interested in joining our local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp, contact Camp Commander Forrest S. Daws by e-mail at forrestsdaws@gmail.com or Camp Adjutant Harrison Daws by email at harrisondawsscv@gmail.com.

The Waynesboro Camp is hosting a Turkey Shoot Saturday March 5, 2022. All are welcome!

### National SCV Update



Stephen Dill Lee Institute at Beauvoir 2022

## Beauvoir Upcoming Events



Meet the Spirits at Beauvoir for 2022.

#### 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 Member George Purvis is 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

Division Website: <a href="https://www.mississippiscv.org">www.mississippiscv.org</a>
Beauvoir Website: <a href="https://www.visitbeauvoir.org">www.visitbeauvoir.org</a>

National Website: www.scv.org

## 5th Brigade Meeting Dates 2022

The following dates are confirmed for the future Brigade meetings at the Dixie Community Center South of Hattiesburg. We hope those who can do attend.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

#### Beauvoir Dates 2022

February 11, 12, 2022 Pilgrimage to our Unknown(banquet on Friday(11th) Pilgrimage on Saturday(12th)

March 5, 2022 Confederate Flag Day

April 23, 2022 Confederate Memorial Day(Larry McCluney guest speaker)

May 7, 2022 3rd Annual Chuck Bond Run For Roses

June 4, 2022 Jefferson Davis Birthday

July 20, 2022 Coast Fest(Car show)

December 3, 2021 Wreath Laying

December 17, 2022 Christmas in Camp

Kitsaa Stevens Development & Programs Beauvoir Jefferson Davis Home 228.388.4400 ext. 217

## Order of the Confederate Rose

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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 <a href="mailto:pearlriversocr30@gmail.com">pearlriversocr30@gmail.com</a>.

Yours,

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

## Quitman in the Civil War

by: Wayne C. Bengston

Archusa Springs, an Indian derivation meaning "Little River" but for the people of Clarke County, Mississippi they have their own meaning for the Springs, "Sweet Water." The Archusa Springs consist of two streams that flow down to the Chickasawhay River just South of Quitman, Mississippi and flows through Clarke, Wayne and Greene counties where it enters the Pascagoula River and eventually empties into the Gulf of Mexico. The river was a highway for commerce plying steamboats, flatboats, and keelboats to and from the Gulf.

According to tradition, these springs were first found by the Indians who believed that the waters from these springs had healing powers and would camp by them for months. When the white man started settling the area, they would come for miles for the mineral waters. Eventually, a gazebo was built over the springs and they became a social gathering place on Sunday afternoons. One of the springs flowed freely from the high banks and into a stone jar. Legend has it that this stone jar was sent to the hospital containing thousands of pounds of snuff for the wounded Confederate soldiers that were brought to this area for care.

It was here, that with the help of citizens of Galveston and Houston, Texas, that a hospital was built in July of 1862 to assure that Texan Confederate soldiers and others would receive proper medical care. They sent Dr. Louis A. Bryan with wagon loads of medicine, purchased in Mexico, since these items were extremely difficult to obtain in the South due to the war.4 Assisting Dr. Bryan was Dr. Enos Thomas Bonney, a prominent surgeon from nearby Enterprise, and who eventually took charge of the hospital, in addition to a Dr. January. The hospital was commonly known as the "Texas Hospital."

Soldiers sent to the hospital were primarily Texans, however, it served as well soldiers from Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Louisiana. Not only did the hospital treat the wounded from battles at Corinth, luka, Jackson and other engagements, but they also treated those with ailments such as dysentery, cholera, croup, tuberculosis and other diseases that caused the majority of deaths during the war. Not only did the hospital serve soldiers, but it also cared for citizens of Quitman and the surrounding area. However, despite the efforts of the medical team, there were deaths, and the dead were buried in a plot near the hospital. In addition to the Texas Hospital, the Quitman Methodist Church was also converted into a hospital in order to care for the sick and wounded Confederate soldiers.

The war was going bad for the South. Lee was defeated at Gettysburg. Pemberton surrendered his army at Vicksburg. Bragg's victory at Chickamauga was over shadowed by his defeat at Missionary Ridge. By sheer numbers, the Union army continued to be victorious over Confederate troops in the Western Theater of the war. It was in January of 1864 that General William T. Sherman received approval from General U.S. Grant to make a raid into

the heart of Mississippi at Meridian, and to destroy anything that would be an asset to the Confederacy. Sherman had been planning to make such a raid since October 24, 1863 when he wrote General James B. McPherson about the "destruction in toto of a large section of the railroad at Meridian, the larger and more perfect the better."

On 3 February 1864, Sherman's expeditionary force left Vicksburg in two wings. The right wing was commanded by Major General James B. McPherson and consisted of two infantry divisions commanded by Brigadier General Marcellus M. Crocker, 4th Division, XVII Army Corps and Brigadier General Mortimer D. Leggett, 3rd Division, XVII Army Corps, in addition to a brigade led by Brigadier General Alexander Chambers. The left wing was commanded by Major General Stephen A. Hurlbut and consisted of Brigadier Generals Andrew J. Smith's and James C. Veatch's divisions of the XVI Army Corps.

From Vicksburg to Jackson, Brandon, Morton, Decatur to Meridian, Sherman swept aside all Confederate opposition, crossed the entire width of the State, and arrived in Meridian on the 14th of February, eleven days after starting out from Vicksburg. His goal was to destroy.

On 16 February, Major General Crocker gave the following order to Brigadier General Walter Q. Gresham, Commander of the Third Brigade, Fourth Division, 17th Army Corps. The next day, pursuant to orders from you, (McPherson) I detached General Gresham with his brigade to destroy the railroad bridge in the vicinity of Quitman, across the Chickasawhay, and the bridge and trestle-work across Alligator Swamp, this side of Quitman. The standing order from Sherman was to destroy anything that would be of military value to the Confederacy.

Crocker was a young General that just had celebrated his thirty-fourth birthday on February 6th. He attended West Point for three years, but had to drop out to take care of his mother and the family when his father died when he was nineteen. This expedition was hard on his health, for the coldness and dampness weakened him further since he had tuberculosis. He would die of that disease on 26 August 1865 following the end of the war. He was a veteran of the battles at Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, and Champion's Hill.

Gresham was also a young general of thirty-one years of age, just exactly one month shy of reaching the age of thirty-two when he and his troops destroyed Quitman. He too was a veteran of many battles as commander of the 53rd Indiana regiment. He would be shot in the knee later during the Atlanta campaign that would end his military career. He would however, in later years become Secretary of State under President Grover Cleveland.

Gresham commanded the 3rd brigade of the 4th Division. The brigade consisted of the 32nd Illinois regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George H. English, the 23rd Indiana regiment commanded by Colonel William P. Davis, the 53rd Indiana commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Jones and the 12th Wisconsin commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James K. Proudfit. Accompanying the brigade was the 11th Illinois Cavalry under the

command of Lieutenant Colonel Lucien H. Kerr. (A company of this regiment remained with Crocker and served as his escort), and a section (four napoleons) of Spear's battery.

Gresham's force arrived in Quitman and proceeded to burn the railroad depot, the Methodist Church that was used as a hospital, the town jail, courthouse, stores, a sawmill and a grist mill in addition to other buildings. The troops then also tore up over four miles of the track of the Mobile and Ohio railroad and had stacks of ties from ten to thirty feet high and proceeded to make "Sherman Neckties." To make these, they would take the torn up rails and throw them on a fire, made from the railroad ties, until their middle was red hot. Then they would take the rails and bend them around a tree or a telephone pole in such a manner that they would not be useful again.

Part of the force proceeded to the Chickasawhay River and destroyed a two hundred foot covered railroad bridge that spanned the river. They then also marched to the nearby Archusa Springs and set fire to all the Texas Hospital buildings. The hospital complex consisted of two large buildings, in addition to twelve or fifteen wooden barracks. There were other buildings as well, including a drug store built for the comfort of the recuperating soldiers.

Gresham's troops came, they saw, but they did not conquer. They destroyed not only things that would be an asset to the Confederate war effort, but they also destroyed wantonly anything and everything. The Methodist Church Hospital and the Texas Hospital were a place of healing, not a place of destruction. For those patients that were recuperating there, their war was over. They just wanted to get themselves well enough in order to go back home.

In the cemetery by the Texas hospital, lie over three hundred soldiers who were not able to find health and go home. Gresham was proud that he destroyed these hospitals and so indicated in his report to General Sherman. Instead of being proud, he should have reported his actions as moral shame.

Fifteen miles away, slaves on the Langsdale Plantation saw the smoke of Quitman and the Texas Hospital burning. The staff and patients of the hospital were evacuated upon learning of the approaching Union army, and moved on into Alabama and established a medical facility at Auburn. The Texas Hospital at Quitman was never rebuilt. The cemetery became forgotten for over a half a century.

In the 1930's, a Black farmer, plowing in order to put in a corn crop, turned up a handful of buttons from a Confederate uniform. He had discovered the long forgotten Confederate cemetery. In a course of time, identifications were made, and headstones were put into place. A story of the exploration was recorded in a compilation name Federal Writers of the WPA. The Quitman Woman's Club and the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) took interest in rebuilding and honoring those that had fallen for what they had believed in. An arch to the cemetery was designed by George Weir, a veteran of World War I, inscribed "Confederate Cemetery." (This arch was partially destroyed by hurricane Isabel in the 1970's).

The Long-Bell Lumber Company donated cement blocks which line the perimeter of the cemetery.

For years, the cemetery was cleaned by the nearby battalion of the Mississippi National Guard, Boy Scout troops, and interested citizens. Under the direction of V.F.W. Commander and Quitman Mayor, Sam E. Box, the Confederate Cemetery became a project of the Add Riley V.F.W. Post 4982, and that the cemetery would receive perpetual care. On Memorial Day, May 25, 1987, the cemetery was formally dedicated.

HONORED BURIED SOLDIERS

Interred in Quitman Confederate Cemetery

Wm. P. Armstrong, Co. C, 10th Texas Cav. died Aug 28, 1863

E.B. Adams, Co. K, 27th Texas Cav, died Sept 28, 1863

Hezekiah J. Atkins, Co. A, 12th La., died July 17, 1863

Wm. T. Brown, Co G, 55th Ala., died September 12, 1863

David D. Conoley (Coneley) Co. I, 39th Ala., died September 15, 1863

Alex Chancey, Co I, 27th Texas Cav., died July 20, 1862

Allen J. Creed, Co E, 9th Ark, died Sept 14, 1863

J.R. Davis, Co. E., 3rd Texas Cav, died July 1, 1862

Corp Chas. J., or Calvin J. Espey, Co. G, 43rd GA, died June 15, 1863

Prior Frame, Co. D, 12th LA, died July 6, 1863

James H. Flaningan, Co. H. 2nd Texas, died on Jan 16 or Feb 16m 1863

D.W. Fuller, Co D, 1st Bn, Texas Sharpshooters, died Sept 16, 1863

Thos. Fox, Co. K, 40th AL, died in 1863

John J. Gilley, Co. H, 2nd Texas, died Nov 17, 1862

Wm. Grigsby, Co. C, 14th Texas Cav, died Dec 17, 1863

Wm. Green, Co. F, 6th Texas Cav, died Jan 24, 1863

John L. Gamble, Co. H, 16th Ark., died at Quitman or Enterprise, MS., July 25, 1862

Sgt. Jos. K. Garrett, Co I, 16th Ark, died at Quitman or Enterprise, MS., July 16, 1862

Jerry A. Henson, Co. I, 3rd Texas Cav, died July 10,1863

A.P. Hauwood, Co A, 34th Texas Cav, died Oct 16, 1863

Sgt. Jos. Herman, Co A, 2nd Texas, died Nov 5, 1862

Mathew Holland, Co. G, 39th AL, died June 21, 1862

John Holly, Co I, 39th AL, died June 28, 1862

Wm. P. Henry, Co A, 27th Texas Cav, died July 20, 1862

R. Henry Hughes, Co A, 27th Texas Cav, died July 20, 1862

Pinckney L. Jones, Co F, 39th AL, died June 23, 1862

J.S. Jolly, Co I, 2nd Texas, died Dec 18,1862

Jasper N. Krby, Co G, 2nd Texas, died Nov 27, 1862

John King, Co I, 16th Ark, died July 16, 1862

James Lewis, Co. C, 9th Texas Cav, died in 1862 or 1863

Wm. M. McGlann, Co H, 39th AL, died Aug 18, 1862

P. H. Odell, Co. K, 2nd Texas, died between 1 May and 1 Sept 1863

Thos. H Overstreet, Co D, 7th Bn, MS Inf, died July 24, 1862

Jesse Powell, Co B, Waul's Texas Legion, died Jan 16, 1863

David H. Peoples, Co I 27th Texas Cav, died Aug 13, 1862

Sgt Alex M. Prickett, Co K, 3rd Texas Cav, died Sept 16, 1862

Dan'l Ryan, Co H, 24th AL, died July 14, 1862

J.A. Sharman, Co K, 32nd Texas Cav, died Aug 24, 1863

Newton J. Smith, Co E, 27th Texas Cav, died July 10, 1862

Chas. S. Strong, Co H, 6th Ark, Quitman or Enterprise, died July 21, 1862

James Taylor, Co A, 37th MS, died Aug 1863

Benjamin Weed, 2nd Texas, date of death unknown

W.B. Moore, 2nd Texas, died Feb 16, 1863

W.C. Frost, 50th TN, died July 19, 1863

B.C. Fife, 4th LA Battery., died Sept 3, 1863

W.D. Gilbert, 19th TN Inf, died Oct 12, 1863

M. Melchke, 2nd Texas Legion Inf., died Nov 2, 1863

W.B. Moon, 2nd Texas, died Feb 16, 1863

T.H. Spochlar, 7th KY Inf, died Nov 2, 1863

Wiley Lewis, Co. K 31st MS, died July 29, 1863

A Grave By The Hospital
In the woods by the hospital there lay
A new made grave today
Built by man in his thirst for war
A grave forgotten forever more
For here lies a fighting man
Dead in his youthful age
Never to love or laugh again
Trapped in this earthbound cage

A minie ball came flying through the air
Sought its prey and left him there
Leaving him there in a strange land
Covered with his blood and sand
For his country this came to be
For his country his soul is now free
Now over the battlefield silence is golden
For those that fell, we're always beholden

In the far distance, church bells ring
Then one can hear, the bugles sing
Sleep and rest brave one, sleep and rest
No one can say you didn't do your best
Let your rifle rest on the earthen floor
For you'll not need it anymore
The bugle's notes seem to tell
Farewell brave one, Farewell

Your soul shall be where the heroes are Your short life was a shining star Sleep well my hero, sleep well We now bid you a fond farewell

Courtesy of: https://civilwarhome.com/texashospital.html

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