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April is Confederate History Month. A month in which we should strive to honor our Confederate ancestors by bringing their stories to public notice, highlighting their courage, perseverance and sacrifice.

Today, Confederate History is under assault from many sides and there are very few who still are willing to fight the fight necessary to preserve the good name of our ancestors. We, the defenders of

our heritage and ancestors, must strive to be vigilant to prevent their being dishonored by those who seek to sully their names in the name of political correctness. We are now in the sesquicentennial of the War for Southern

GOD SAVE THE SOUTH



Independence, and we should redouble our efforts to tell the true history of these brave men in butternut and gray, the brave women who supported them and all those that suffered 150 years ago for a cause in which they believed was the Founding Fathers' true vision for the future of this country.

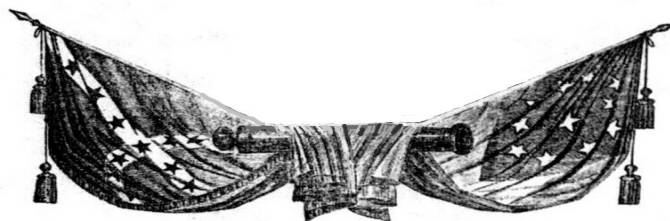
Let us rededicate ourselves to their memory and to honoring them in all that we do, particularly in this Confederate History Month. We must never

forget their courage and sacrifices and continue to honor them. As former Secretary of the Navy, James Webb said, "To tar the sacrifices of the Confederate soldier as simple acts of racism, and reduce the battle flag under which he fought to nothing more than the symbol of a racist heritage, is one of the great blasphemies of our modern age".

Our next meeting will be held on April 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the new location of Believer's Fellowship, still on the Public square but now at 126 North Water Avenue. Please plan to attend.

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Sumner County, Tennessee in the Civil War by Edwin L. Ferguson

CHAPTER TWO

2nd (Bates) Tennessee Infantry Regiment

Organized May 6, 1861. Mustered into Confederate Service

at Lynchburg, Va. May 12, 1861.

Col. -William B. Bate, W. D. Robinson.
Lt. Col.-David L. Goodall, John A. Butler,
William J. Hale.

Majors-William R. Doak, William T. Driver, W. H. Wilkinson.

Co. H. Capt.-David L. Goodall, William G. Henry, Charles P. Moore and William H. Saunders. Men from Sumner County.

Co. I. Capt.-William B. Bate, Joe P. Tyree, Lycurgus Charlton and John W. House. Men from Gallatin.

Co. K. Capt.-Humphrey Bate, Isaac P. Thompson. From Castalian Springs.

Immediately after being mustered into Confederate service the regiment was under fire at Aquia Creek, Va. on June 1, 1861 in less than 30 days after organization. Then it was sent down the Rappahannock River, this expedition resulting in the capture of two Federal ships loaded with supplies.

Was present at Manassas but not heavily engaged, then to what is now Quantico, Va. where they re-enlisted for three years or the duration. Then to Knoxville, to Huntsville, Ala. to Corinth, Miss. and bloody Shiloh.

The 2nd entered Shiloh with 385 effectives. Col. Bate was wounded the first days fighting and Lt. Col. Goodall took command.

In the two days fighting, April 6th and 7th, 1862, the regiment lost 235 men killed, wounded or missing. This was almost 65 percent.

In the second days fighting the regiment was in General Stewart's

Brigade.

Colonel Bate was promoted to brigadier general and later to major general and never did resume command of the regiment. Lt. Colonel Goodall resigned and Captain John A. Butler was elected Lt. Colonel. He commanded until the Battle of Perryville where he was killed.

The regiment remained in Cleburne's Brigade until just before the battle of Murfreesboro. During this time it took part in the siege of Corinth, the retreat to Tupelo, then to Chattanooga.

When Bragg started his invasion of Kentucky the 2nd was detached to operate with General E. Kirby Smith in the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky. At Richmond, Colonel Benjamin J. Hill was in command of the regiment. They entered the battle with 300 men and lost 112 including Lt. Colonel John A. Butler.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE LEGIONNAIRE

The Legionnaire cannot continue to function without your contributions. We need photographs and biographical sketches of your Confederate ancestors so we can feature them in future issues.

I salute the Confederate flag . . .



. . . with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands.

The brigade then rejoined Bragg's on November 30th and being virtually Army to take part in the Battle of Perryville October 8, 1862 under command of its Senior Captain C. P. Moore. They then retreated to Knoxville where Captain W. D. Robinson was elected Colonel and W. J. Hale, Lt. Col. Colonel Robison remained in command until wounded at Jonesboro, Georgia. He was its last Colonel.

The regiment was then moved to Shelbyville and College Grove, prior to the Battle of Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862, where it lost 63 killed, wounded and missing.

The 2nd wintered at Tullahoma then guarded the Rail Road south of Tullahoma then retreated with the rest of Bragg's army to Chattanooga when they were flanked out of Middle Tennessee.

The regiment then took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold Gap. It entered the Battle of Chickamauga with 264 men and lost 159 in casualties. At Ringgold Gap it had 133 men and lost 9. Lt. Colonel William J. Hale was commanding.

Early in 1864 the regiment was ordered to Mississippi to re-enforce General Polk but on getting as far as Montgomery, Alabama was ordered to return to Dalton, Georgia. From April until August the 2nd was almost constantly engaged air the way down to Atlanta. At Peachtree Creek Lt. Colonel Hale and two companies of 40 men were captured. In July 1864 the regiment was transferred from Polk's Brigade of Cleburne's Division to Tyler's Brigade of Bate's Division. Thus returning to the command of its first Colonel. The Brigade now consisted of the 2nd, 10th, 15th, 20th, 30th and 37th Tennessee Regiments, 37th Georgia, and 4th Georgia Battalion of Sharpshooters, Brigadier General Thomas Benton Smith commanding. At the Battle of Jonesboro, Colonel W. D. Robinson was wounded and Major William Driver killed.

The regiment was with General Hood on his desperate invasion of Tennessee suffering greatly at Franklin

In the final re-organization the 2nd was consolidated with the 3rd-10th-15th-18th-20th-26th-30th-32nd-37th-45th Tennessee Infantry Regiments and the 23rd Tennessee Battalion to form the 4th Consolidated Regiment of Tennessee Infantry, Palmer's Brigade Colonel Anderson Searcy commanding.

Lieutenant Edward L. Drake of Co. K. 2nd Regiment was elected Lt. Colonel. They were surrendered May 1, 1865 after exactly four years service all active. It would not be fitting to omit mentioning the part William Brimmage Bate of Castillian Springs, Sumner County had in being the main figure in raising the Second Tennessee Infantry. There were two Second Tennessee Infantry Regiments raised but owing to the fact that the regiment raised by Colonel Bate was the second recognized by the Confederate Government it became officially the Second Tennessee. The other was raised in Memphis by J. Knox Walker.

Colonel Bate bestowed upon the regiment the name "Walker Legion" in honor of L. P. Walker, Confederate Secretary of War.

General Bate served in the Mexican War, then studied law at Cumberland University at Lebanon. When the Civil War began, General Bates enlisted. as a private in a company being raised at Gallatin, became its Captain and later was elected Colonel of the regiment. When the one year's term of enlistment was about to expire, so great was the influence of Colonel Bate that the entire regiment re-enlisted for three years or the duration. Not one man refused. After serving in Virginia for a time, Colonel Bate was given a choice of the army in which to continue service. Naturally he selected the Army of Tennessee. When the transfer was made Colonel Bate gave the entire

regiment a sixty days furlough. Before this expired, the battle of Shiloh being imminent the regiment voluntarily hastened to report. At Shiloh, Colonel Bate was severely wounded but continued to lead and cheer on his men until loss of blood caused him to drop his bridle reins then his horse was shot from under him.

The surgeons decided that his only chance for recovery was amputation of his badly shattered leg. He over-ruled the decision of his surgeons knowing that with only one leg he would not be able to continue his service to his country. He returned to the army on crutches as a Brigadier General.

At Shiloh he had a brother, brother-in-law and a cousin killed and another cousin wounded. Five members of one family in one battle. I wonder how many families can equal that record.

General Bate was afterwards twice wounded while still so crippled from his first wound that he had to be helped to mount his horse. He had three horses killed under him at Chickamauga. At Bentonville, North Carolina when the surrender came he dismounted from his horse, hobbled on his crutches to the remnant of his old 2nd Tennessee to surrender with them.



FLAG OF THE 2ND TENNESSEE REGIMENT

What else could have been expected for he was born in sight of the location of Old Bledsoe's Station, the scene of so many encounters between our early settlers and the Indians. In sight of the sycamore tree in which lived one summer, Thomas Sharp Spencer, who cultivated the first corn ever grown by a white man in Sumner County. With this background it was but a natural course of events.

While this is not a history of "the greats" of the Civil War but rather given to mention of the private soldier and in as many cases as possible, a brief statement of what happened to him, I would like to include two true stories concerning Col. Bate.

Col. Bate had a younger brother, Capt. Humphrey Bate to whom he was very much attached. During a lull in the fighting at Shiloh the two brothers met and while they

were conversing the colonel asked for a light for his cigar from the cigar which his brother was smoking, and as he was in the act of lighting the cigar, Capt. Humphrey Bate received a mortal wound from the enemy and died in a few hours. Col. Bate was often seen with cigars in his mouth afterwards, but never lighted one as long as he lived.

At the battle of Chickamauga, Gen. Bate's command was waiting orders while under a heavy artillery fire from the enemy. Major John C. Thompson of Gen. Stewart's staff brought the order and as he reached the General he raised his hand in salute and began delivering the order, when a cannon ball passed through Gen. Bate's horse and he and the horse went to the ground together. Gen. Bate struggled to his feet with the aid of his crutch which he was still using as a result of the wound received at Shiloh and found the cool and daring Thompson still standing at salute, he then finished delivering the order, completing the partly finished sentence that was so rudely interrupted by the cannon ball, which had, or took, the right of way regardless of courtesy.

Co. H 2nd Tennessee Infantry

William G. Henry -Capt.
Resigned April 3 1862.

William J. Hale -1st Lt.
Made Adjutant April
3, 1862. Made Lt. Col., Dec. 20, 1862. Detailed as Conscript Officer. In battles at Manassas Shiloh, Shelton House, Farmington, Richmond, Perryville, Murfreesboro Chickamauga, Ringgold Gap, Dalton: Peachtree Creek and Atlanta. Wounded at Chickamauga by a spent ball. Wounded and captured at Peachtree Creek, Ga., July 19, 1864. Sent to Johnson's Island, Oh. Paroled at Johnson's Island in Aug. 1865.

Edwin R. Cryer -2nd Lt. 1st Lt. April 3, 1862.
Killed at Shiloh, April 6, 1862.

Golman D. Brevard -3rd Lt. 2nd Lt. May 14, 1862. , Resigned and enlisted in Co. B, 7th Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, later 2nd or 22nd Cavalry, which see.

Charles P. Moore -1st Sgt. Capt. April 3, 1862,
replacing Capt. Henry. Killed at Murfreesboro, Dec. 31, 1862.



William H. Saunders -2nd Sgt. 2nd Lt. April 3, 1862. Capt Jan. 8, 1863, replacing Capt. Moore. Wounded at Ringgold Gap, Ga., Nov. 27, 1863, on retreat from Missionary Ridge. Detailed to care for the baggage of Gen. Johnson.

Allen W. Lipscomb -3rd Sgt. Trans. to Co. G, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry where he became 2nd Lt. June 13, 1862. Was captured at Corinth, Miss., Aug. 19, 1862.

Pleas G. C. Henry -4th Sgt. Trans. to Day's unlettered company of the 44th Tennessee Infantry and was killed at Shiloh, Tenn., April 6, 1862.

Gilbert L. Siddons -1 st Corp. Trans. to Co. G, 2nd or 22nd Tennessee Cavalry, June 15, 1862.

John W. Hoffman -Shown present to March 1,1864.

Alexander C. Hogan -3rd Corp. Trans. to Co. I, 9th Tennessee Cavalry and was captured at Salineville, O., July 26, 1863, and sent to Camp Chase, O., then to Camp Douglas, Ill.

Moses W. Morris -4th Corp. On detached service as Forage Master then as Wagon Master. Wounded at Richmond, Ky., Aug. 30, 1862. Deserted May 1, 1864.

Adams, James B. -Discharged on disability Nov. 21, 1862. Captured as a deserter by U. S. forces in Macon County, Nov. 30, 1863. Sent to Camp Chase, O.

Adams, Marcus W. -3rd Lt. Jan. 12, 1863. Then 1 st Lt. Re-enlisted Feb. 6, 1862.

Adams, William H. -Corp. April 1, 1862. 3rd Lt. Dec. 23, 1862. 1 st Lt. Jan. 12,1863. On detached service as Conscript Officer Jan. 31, 1863.

Anderson, William C. -Discharged on disability at Tupelo, Miss. Enlisted in Day's unlettered company of the 44th Tennessee Infantry April 3, 1862. Captured just before Lee's surrender. Escaped and remained hidden to end of war.

Andrews, Samuel D. -Regimental carpenter.

Trans. to Co. E, 7th Battalion of Tennessee Cavalry, which see.

Avarett, John H. -Corp. Deserted Feb. 16,1864. Debtor for Accouterments.

Avaritt, Edwin W. -Enlisted April 25, 1861, at Hartsville. Wounded in right foot and ankle at Shiloh, April 7, 1862, just at end of battle. Shown present through April 1864. Paroled at Decatur, Ala. in 1865.

Ball, James A. Sgt. April 1, 1862. Wounded at Richmond, Ky., Aug. 30, 1862. Died from wound, Sept. 1, 1862.

Bancum, T. J. -Paroled in N. C., May 1, 1865.

Barksdale, Albert G. -1st Lt. May 1, 1862. Killed at Richmond, Ky., Aug. 30,1862.

Barksdale, Wm. H. -1 st Lt. then Capt. then drill master on Oct. 5, 1861. Made Color bearer. In battle of Bull Run, Va. Sent home for clothing in Oct. 1861. Enlisted in Co. G, 9th Tennessee Cavalry, which see.

Bennett, William F. - Trans. to Day's unlettered company, 44th Tennessee Infantry, April 3, 1862.

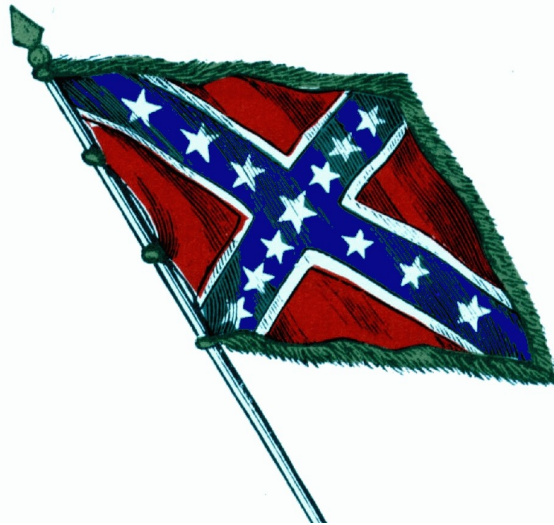
Bettersworth, Eugene H. - Wounded at Perryville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862. Shell struck lock of gun and exploded. Blinded in both eyes. Captured and in U. S. hospital at Harrodsburg, Ky. Exchanged at Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 5, 1862. Discharged on disability at Tullahoma, Tenn.

Boington, John W. -Left sick at Fredericksburg, Va., when the regiment returned to Tennessee. Rejoined regiment. Discharged on disability March 27,1863.

Brookshear, Willis -Deserted at Tunnel Hill, Ga. Debtor for accouterments. 5 caps at 22 cents each.

Brown, James Burnett -Trans. from Co. B, 7th Cavalry Battalion, which see. Wounded at Shiloh, April 6,1862. Died of wound in hospital at Corinth, Miss.

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SEGMENTS OF GENERAL DATE'S SERVICE RECORD

The Confederate States of America,
To Col. W. B. Bate 2nd Tenn. Regt. Dr.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION.		TERM OF SERVICE CHARGED.		PAY PER MONTH.		AMOUNT.		REMARKS.
	From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	
PAY—	<i>1 July</i>	<i>31 Aug 51</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>195</i>		<i>195</i>		
For Myself, - - - - -							<i>390</i>		<i>X</i>
For year's service, -									
Forage for horses, -									
							<i>\$ 795</i>		

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent, without leave, during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from *St. Louis* and to the *last* day of *June* 18*61*.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Wm. S. Scales* this *31* day of *Aug* 18*61*, the sum of *Three hundred & Ninety* Dollars, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay, - - - \$
Forage, - - -
Amount, \$

(Signed Duplicates.)
Wm. B. Bate
Col. 2d Tenn. Regt.

The Confederate States of America,
To William B. Bate Col 2d Tenn. Regt. Dr.

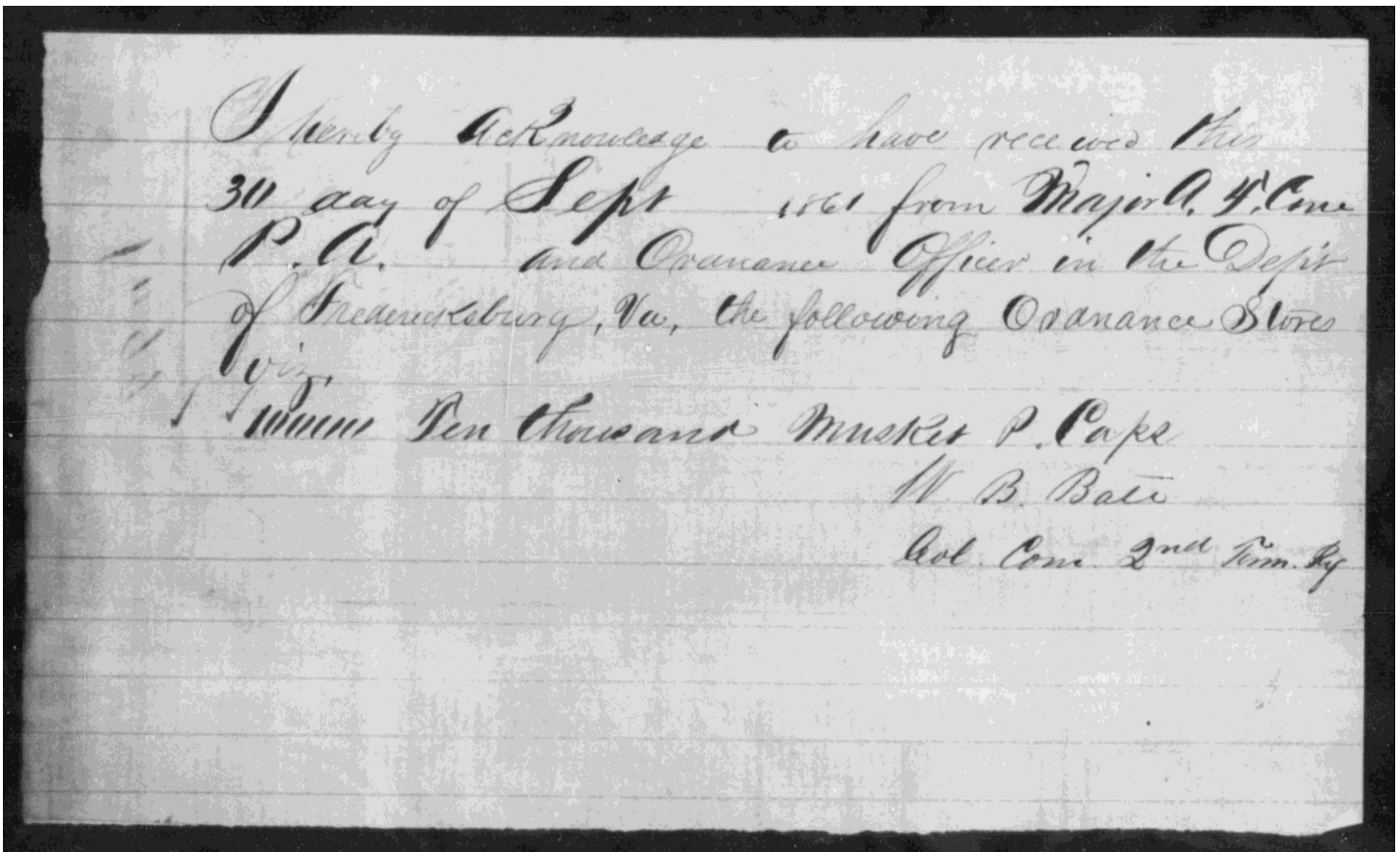
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	From	To	Months.	Days.	Doll.	Cts.	Doll.	Cts.	
PAY—	<i>April 27 61</i>	<i>May 6 61</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>865</i>	<i>00</i>	
For myself.....	<i>March 1 62</i>	<i>May 1 62</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>00</i>	
For..... Years' service									
Forage for.....Horses	<i>March 1 62</i>	<i>May 1 62</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>00</i>	
							<i>503</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>The 10 days from about 27, 61 to May 6 61, is from the beginning of his actual service to the beginning of his first appointment.</i>

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in the service and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my Staff appointment, I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States, on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from..... and to the..... day of..... 186*2*.

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of *Capt W. S. Scales* this *1st* day of *Aug* 186*2*, the sum of *Five hundred & Three* dollars, being the amount in full of said account.

Pay..... \$ *455.00*
Forage..... *48.00*
Amount..... *503.00*

(Signed Duplicates.)
Wm. B. Bate
Col. 2d Tenn. Regt.



COMMANDER'S MEMO

Compatriots and Ladies, I wanted to Festival coming up and we have been asked take a moment to address some of the events to participate in the parade with our that are coming up. We have Squarefest on Compatriots in the Portland Camp. I am April 26 which I think gives us an incredible going to ask the Camp's permission to order opportunity to do some recruiting. We tried a supply of small stick Battle Flags to hand this at the fall festival and it was, frankly, out at the parade. Tina Felts is coordinating more trouble than it was worth but I think our participation in this event which will we learned a great deal about how we ought involve both the Camp and the Ladies' to do this. As a result I am in then process of Auxiliary.

preparing a modified version of our genealogy form so that we will have the We also have Confederate Decoration Day opportunity to get contact information from coming up on June 7, 2014. We will have a people seeking to determine their War for ceremony at Confederate Circle with the Southern Independence ancestors. speaker provided by Eve Davenport, who is coordinating that event for the ladies, with a

We also have the Portland Strawberry

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COMMANDER'S MEMO

wreath laying, hopefully an artillery volley and an infantry honor guard. We also want to dedicate Charles De Leusomme's headstone. After the ceremony, Eve has again offered her home for a family gathering afterward. This will be a great event for the Camp and I hope all of you will mark your calendars and plan to attend these events.

Randy

General William B. Bate Camp 34, Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Color Sergeant – Eddie Felts
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Editor – Randy P. Lucas

Compatriots and Ladies:

As an endnote, I want to begin a feature in the Legionnaire on the Camp's ancestors. Y'all have heard some about my ancestor so I want to start with someone else's ancestor. If you will get me information on your ancestor, I will draft a brief biography of them, focused on their Confederate service, much in the same way Captain Oliver Hazard Perry Foster in our March issue.



This is a photo taken recently at my office of the replica of Colonel Bate's 2nd Tennessee Infantry flag that the Camp had made by Jeremy Davis at Southern Pride Fabrications. This is the flag carried by the 2nd Tennessee at the Battle of Shiloh.

The dimensions of this flag were taken from the flag now being conserved in the Tennessee State Museum and we thank them for providing the exact measurements so this flag could be reproduced.

Jeremy also made a second duplicate of this flag that was purchased by Wynnwood for display there.

This flag will be displayed at our meeting on the 10th and will be featured prominently in our future events.