



# EYES AND EARS



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Gen. Robert H. Hatton Camp #723  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Lebanon, Tennessee  
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## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING**

**6:30 PM, Sept. 27, 2007 at Michael's Café, 404 Castle Heights Ave.**

This month we're getting away from the routine and having an indoor picnic! We're bound and determined not to let ole' Mother nature spoil the fun and fellowship this year so we're moving indoors and serving up a good old fashion fish fry.

**We'll be meeting at Michael's Café at 6:30.**

Just follow Castle Heights North of City Hall, across the bypass, and you'll see Michael's on the left across from The Jimmy Floyd Family Center.

**The cost is only \$11.00 per person and the menu will be fried catfish, white beans, cole slaw, turnip greens, and cornbread.**

**Wash it down with sweet tea or yankee tea, and top it off with banana pudding.**

Bring the family and enjoy the food and fellowship.

We'll see you there!

## **LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

Last month it was our pleasure to host Mr. Dennis Lampley, historian and author, who shared with us some of the highlights of his newly released book Captain Ed Baxter & His Tennessee Artillerymen, CSA. This unit was formed from here in Middle Tennessee and saw action at Chickamauga, Atlanta, and ultimately surrendered at Macon, Ga.. The book chronicles the records of each of the unit's members, and in particular the accomplishments of Capt. Baxter as a prominent Nashville Attorney after the war. If you're interested, you can still get a copy from the publisher at:

<http://www.westviewpublishing.com/Bookstore>



## **INVITATION**

★ **To Our Non-Member Regular Guest and Potential Visitors** ★

Compatriots,

The Officers and Members would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend the above indoor picnic - fish fry. As always, this Camp is honored to have you meet with us and would encourage you, your spouse, your friend and your family to feel welcome at this event. We hope to meet you there.

## Comments from the Commander

Gentlemen,

Another not so well known but incredibly well accomplished Confederate General.

Byron

### Brigadier General Lawrence Sullivan 'Sul' Ross

(Sept. 27, 1838 – January 3, 1898)



Lawrence Sullivan Ross was born September 27, 1838 at Bentonsport, Iowa Territory. In 1839 his family moved to Texas, first settling in Milam County. By 1849 the family had settled at Waco. With an appreciation for education, 'Sul' Ross attended Baylor University at Independence, Texas and graduated from Wesleyan University at Florence, Alabama in 1859.

In the summer of 1858, Ross signed on with the U. S. Army as the leader of a band of Indian auxiliaries from the Brazos Indian Reservation. His skill and courage were noted by the regular army officers, and he nearly lost his life in October 1858 during a battle with Comanches near Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

Sul joined the Texas Rangers in 1860, first serving as a Lieutenant and later as a Captain. He was appointed by Sam Houston to raise a company of men to serve in Young County and the surrounding area. He showed the same skill and courage as a Ranger Captain as he had shown earlier with the Army. In December of 1860 he and his company pursued a Comanche raiding party that ended in the battle of Pease River in which Cynthia Ann Parker, who had been captured by the Comanche some 20 years earlier, was rescued.

Ross resigned from the Rangers and enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861. He was soon promoted to the rank of Major of the 6th Texas Calvary, and in May 1862 he was promoted to Colonel. He was promoted to Brigadier General as a reward for his skill in covering the retreat of Gen. Earl Van Dorn from Corinth, Mississippi in 1863. He commanded a brigade in Wheeler's cavalry, Army of Tennessee, and later was in command of the Texas Calvary, Army of the West.

Returning to Texas after the war, he took up farming. He served as Sheriff of McLennan County from 1873 – 1875. He was a member of the 1875 State Constitutional Convention, served as a State Senator from 1881 – 1886, and as the 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Texas from 1887 - 1891. It was during his term in office that the present State Capitol building was completed. Following his last term in office he was appointed president of the struggling Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A & M University), an office he held until his death on January 3, 1898, and is credited with the school's survival. He is buried in Waco, Texas. He is a member of the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame.