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Mr. Robert Edwards

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Army of the Trans-Mississippi Executive Councilman



A native of Louisiana, Mr. Edwards now resides in Benton, Arkansas. He is the former Division Commander for the Arkansas Sons of Confederate Veterans and has served in several positions of leadership in the organization on the camp, division, army and national levels. He is active in researching family and military history and has been invaluable in helping to complete many projects over the years in honoring the memory of our Confederate ancestors.

Mr. Edwards currently serves as the Army of Trans-Mississippi Councilman in the National Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Kerry King Jones, M.A.

Interpretive Park Guide

Pea Ridge National Military Park, Pea Ridge Arkansas



Mr. Jones is a seventh generation Arkansan, of Scot-Irish origins, and loves his home state. He was the first person in his family to go to college. Mr. Jones earned undergraduate degrees in History (BA) and Political Science (BA) from Wichita State University. He also earned a masters degree in History (MA). Mr. Jones has taught History at the college level for eleven years. He has worked for the National Park Service for fourteen years. Mr. Jones received major awards from the National Park Service for

his programs. He currently lives in Springdale, Arkansas with his wife Holly.

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Dr. James Newsom, PhD.

Senior Lecturer, Department of History, University of Texas at Tyler



Dr. Newsom has been at UT Tyler since 2000.

He is the author of a forthcoming book, *Grand Phalanx of Intrepid Infantry: The 7th Texas*.

He has presented to numerous historical groups such as the Sons of the Texas Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy and has given numerous on-campus and

off-campus Constitution Day lectures.

Dr. Newsom holds a B.S. degree and two M.A. degrees in History and Political Science from The University of Texas at Tyler and his Ph.D from Texas Christian University.

Dr. Newsom has taught classes in; U.S. History, Texas History, 20th Century Presidential Leadership, American Social History, US-Global Diplomacy, Colonial America, Revolutionary America, Civil War and Reconstruction, Industrial and Progressive America, America since 1945 and Applied Community History.