

TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION



*Honoring
the
Bayland Guards*

*Saturday, September 18, 2010
Bayland Park – Baytown, Texas*

Program

Master of Ceremonies.....	Robert L. “Bob” Wright Biology Instructor, Retired – Lee College
Presentation of Colors	Bayland Honor Guard Living History Camp
Music.....	Bay Area Dulcimer & Strings Society
Pledge to the United States Flag.....	Led by Bob Wright

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Pledge to the Texas Flag.....	Led by Bob Wright
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PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible”

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions	Bob Wright
Greetings.....	Honorable Stephen DonCarlos Mayor of Baytown
Keynote Speaker.....	John Britt Honors Program Coordinator and History Professor, Lee College
Presentation of Marker	Trevia Wooster Beverly Harris County Historical Commission Bobby J. Wheat, Chairman Chambers County Historical Commission

Acceptance of Marker Honorable Stephen DonCarlos
on behalf of the City of Baytown

Greetings from Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia,
Harris County Precinct 2.....by Tracy Dillard
Baytown Annex Community Liaison

Music..... Bay Area Dulcimer & Strings Society

Volley Salute in Honor of all Men and
Women Who Have Served Our Country Bayland Honor Guard

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Bert Marshall

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*Join us for refreshments under the canopy
and visit the living history camp*

*With Baytown’s rich history, you could build a picket fence around it with
historical markers.* —A. Jean Shepherd

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Marker Inscription

On April 27, 1861, Dr. Ashbel Smith organized a group of volunteers from Bayland (now Baytown) and Cedar Bayou in Harris County, and Barbers Hill in Chambers County. The group, known as the Bayland Guards, drilled on Smith's Evergreen Plantation and worked in local defense of Galveston Bay. On August 13, 1861, they mustered into the Confederate forces as Company C of the Galveston Infantry regiment. The regiment was redesignated in October as the Second Texas Infantry Regiment and that December, it moved to Camp Bee in Houston. Among the Bayland Guards were three Sons of Republic of Texas presidents Sam Houston and Anson Jones: Samuel Houston, Jr., Charles Elliot Jones and Samuel Edward Jones.

The Bayland Guards fought with the rest of the regiment at the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Hatchie Bridge in 1862. At the battle of Shiloh, half of Company C was wounded or killed. During the Vicksburg Campaign in 1863, the Second Texas distinguished itself by defending a crescent-shaped fortification in the center of the line of Confederate defense while withstanding Union assaults and 46 days and nights of shelling and bombardment. The Second Texas Infantry and the other defenders were surrendered at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863 and were promptly paroled to make their way back to Texas.

The decimated regiment reorganized at Houston in the fall of 1863 and served out the war on the Texas coast from Matagorda to Galveston, helping to deter general banks' attempt to invade Texas early in 1864. The regiment was surrendered on May 26, 1865. After the war, many members of the Bayland Guards became leaders and respected individuals in their Communities.