

CHRISTOVAL-ON-THE-CONCHO HERITAGE DAY

WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 2013

WHERE: Main Street and City Park, Christoval, Texas

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*:

10:00 AM	Main Street Parade
11:00 AM	Monument Dedication: Confederate Reunion Grounds (City Park)
NOON	Lunch by Masonic Lodge
1:00 PM	Christoval Pioneer Museum Tours
2:00 PM	A.S.U. Graphic Arts Official Exhibit Opening Pioneer Museum

* **Christoval Heritage Trail Geocaching Event** begins at 9:00am. Geocacher packets and coordinates can be picked up at the Pioneer Museum, Main Street Christoval. Caches are being added to those existing in Christoval and along Toenail Trail to total 85 caches.

SUMMARY:

With a historical monument poised to be unveiled on April 13, 2013, the tiny, unincorporated town of Christoval will come to life. Located on Toenail Trail and along the Texas Forts Trail, Christoval will host a monument dedication in memoriam to Confederate and Union Veteran Soldiers who reunited along the banks of the S. Concho River after the American Civil War concluded. With the monument dedication, visits by volunteers dressed in period clothing, Pioneer Museum tours and a treasure hunt (GPS based) for caches at historically relevant sites, the event will offer a glimpse of frontier life in the South Concho River Valley.

WHO'S INVITED: General public, descendants of confederate and union soldiers, Christoval descendants and community, reenactors, and, everyone interested in the Civil War and Tom Green County history

THE MONUMENT DEDICATION CEREMONY INCLUDES:

Color Guard w/ Marching Troop(s), music, pledges (U.S., TX., Confederate), invocation and program/dedication, firing volleys by troops and volleys with cannons.

BY WHOM: Tom Green County Historical Commission, Sons Of Confederate Veterans-General Tom Green Camp 1613, Texas Society Order of the Confederate Rose—Mamie Yearly Chapter 55

CHRISTOVAL-AREA SUPPORTERS INCLUDE:

Christoval Independent School District, Community Groups, Christoval Volunteer Fire Department, Masonic Lodge, Christoval Community Chamber and citizens

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

The site was selected because of its history.

(Per Golda Foster, Chair-Tom Green County Historical Commission...) "Shortly after 1900 ex-Confederate soldiers began gathering for annual reunions across Texas. In the San Angelo area, Confederate veterans met in Christoval on both sides of the S. Concho River. These reunions lasted three days and brought veterans from throughout our West Texas region to town. Union veterans and their families were invited and they joined in the comradeship and hospitality. "

"Christoval Confederate Reunion Grounds played a significant role in the history of Tom Green County and West. Texas. It is appropriate 150 years after the conclusion of The War Between the States, an appropriate monument be erected to preserve the important role Christoval played in the lives of our county's early settlers and pioneers—veterans of the South and North. "

The Monument will be set in place in City Park located on the North bank of the S. Concho River, at the intersection of Main Street and Toenail Trail.

(Per Golda Foster...) "When the old veterans could no longer attend reunions, the City Park became the Reunion ground for the Tom Green county Old Settlers Association, and the former Texas Ranger Association." Later, powerful Baptist Encampments were held during summer seasons which were known to attract as many as 10,000 followers. Also during the summer and on the same grounds, for most of the 1920's some of the first Artist Colony gatherings in Texas were held.

With the site initially purchased as bottomland in 1906 for a city park, it has been chosen as home for the monument with hope other historical markers will follow. Having a site such as this will also provide another stop to add to Texas' renowned heritage tourism offerings which has over 200 million people traveling to experience on an annual basis. Such places are critical to the state's ability to deliver the legendary Texas mystique travelers expect.

MONUMENT INSTALLATION:

Measuring 4 feet tall and nearly 3' wide, it will be made of Texas grey granite and will replicate the 1936 Texas Centennial monuments in size and design...which are in the shape of a confederate headstone. The base will be concrete, 18 inches deep. The handsome monument will cost approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 which has been fully subscribed by event sponsors.