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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

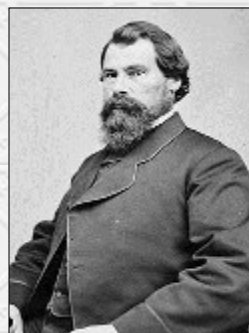


If you missed our October meeting, you missed a wonderful program by compatriot David Franklin. His subject was General Robert E. Lee. David's theme was the character of a great southern gentleman during the latter years of his life. It was an emotional program as we were told about the behavior and suffering of a true Christian defeated warrior. Both the heart ache and triumphs of his last years gave us an insight into the man behind the fame. I do hope we have another program from David Franklin soon.

SCV news from Texas Government: AUSTIN , Texas (AP) -

Texas' agriculture commissioner says he will back a Confederate group's latest attempt to sell specialty license plates, because "there's no profit in hiding our history." The Supreme Court of the United States refused to allow a license plate with the confederate flag because it was political speech by a state.

We are continuing to solicit new members. Many do not have the physical proof of Confederate ancestry. If you have a friend or associate who would like to obtain research on his possible Confederate ancestor, we would be happy to assist in his search. Within an hour, I can usually establish if a person has a Confederate ancestor.



John H. Reagan

About 1863  
Oct 8, 1818 – March 6, 1905

Post Master General of the Confederate States of America  
Secretary of the Treasury CSA

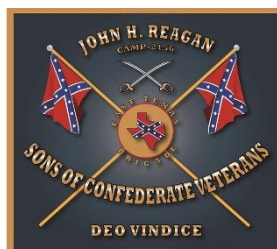
U. S. Senator from Texas  
U. S. Rep. from Texas  
District Judge

Texas State Representative  
First Chairman - Railroad Commission of Texas

A Founder and President of the Texas State Historical Association

Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2018 and we hope to see all of you there.

Richard Thornton



CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of Each Month  
06:30 PM

With a meal served at each meeting.

Commercial Bank of Texas on the corner of N. Mallard & E. Lacy Street

The Bank is located just south of the Anderson County Courthouse Annex.

Guests are welcome!  
Bring the family.

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**Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza Groundskeeping Calendar**

October 2018 - Richard Thornton  
 November 2018 - Richard Thornton  
 December 2018 - Dan Dyer  
 January 2019 - Dan Dyer  
 February 2019 - **Need Someone to sign up**  
 March 2019 - Calvin Nicholson  
 April 2019 - Andrew Petty  
 May 2019 - Charles Steen  
 June 2019 - Marc Robinson  
 July 2019 - Dwight Franklin  
 August 2019 - Andrew Harris

**Prayer List**

- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Toni Ray (wife of past comdr Rudy Ray)
- Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- Past Davis/Reagan UDC Pres. Dolye Jeffus
- Rod Skelton (former Camp Chaplain)
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**The Reagan Camp will have monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room.**

**November 15 — November Meeting**  
**December 20 — December Meeting/Christmas Party**  
**January 17 — January Meeting**  
**February 21 — February Meeting**  
**March 21 — March Meeting**  
**April 18 — April Meeting**



This flag flies in honor and memory of over 1,000 Confederate veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of whom never returned, and the over 500 Confederate veterans from all across the South who are buried in this county. They fought for liberty and independence from a tyrannical and oppressive government. Provided by the John H. Reagan Camp # 2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans. [www.reaganstvcamp.org](http://www.reaganstvcamp.org)

Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

“NOTHING FILLS ME WITH DEEPER SADNESS THAN TO SEE A SOUTHERN MAN APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEFENSE WE MADE OF OUR INHERITANCE. OUR CAUSE WAS SO JUST, SO SACRED, THAT HAD I KNOWN ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS, HAD I KNOWN WHAT WAS TO BE INFLICTED UPON ME, ALL THAT MY COUNTRY WAS TO SUFFER, ALL THAT OUR POSTERITY WAS TO ENDURE, I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.”

-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

“DUTY IS THE MOST SUBLIME WORD IN OUR LANGUAGE. DO YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER WISH TO DO LESS.”

-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-



## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP OCTOBER MEETING

PICTURES COURTESY OF DAVID FRANKLIN



The October meeting was held on October 18th in the banquet room of the Commercial Bank of Texas. We appreciate the bank for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings at their location.

Commander Richard Thornton provided garlic bread and spaghetti with meat sauce for the meal as well as one of the best strawberry cakes that has ever been made. Doug Smith provided Blue Bell Ice Cream, and David Franklin brought pizza. Someone also brought cookies to accompany the ice cream.

It is always great to be able to get together with other men who are descendants of the brave Confederate veterans who were willing to risk everything for the Confederacy.

Following the meal, Reagan Camp 1st Lieutenant David Franklin, gave an interesting account on the last years of General Robert E. Lee.

For those who are interested in meeting with us, we meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Commercial Bank of Texas banquet room at 6:30 pm.





## OCTOBER HISTORICAL PROGRAM

### LEE: THE LAST YEARS

BY DAVID FRANKLIN



Do your duty in all things.  
You can never do more;  
you should never wish to do less.



Gen. R.E. Lee, CSA  
1807-1870

Reagan Camp 1st Lieutenant, David Franklin, provided the Reagan Camp with a wonderful historical program on the latter years of General Robert E. Lee at the October meeting.

There are so many people today that don't know the true history of the war between the states, nor do they know the truth about the man, General Robert E. Lee.

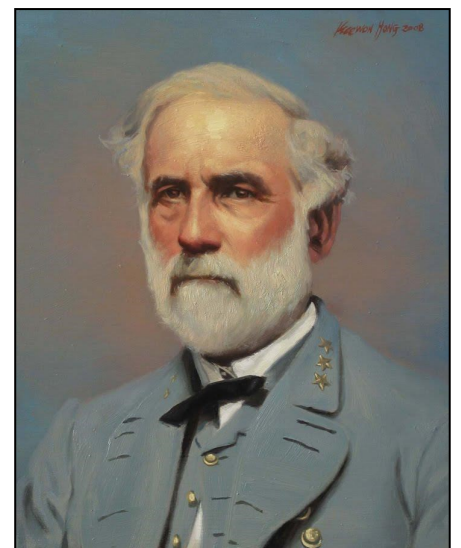
Robert E. Lee was a man of high morals, and he ensured that even in war, he didn't allow the heat of battle to overcome his desire to be an devoted Christian. This did not go unnoticed by the Yankees, because many of them tried to



persuade General Lee to run for President of the United States after the war was over. General Lee had no desire to be the president of the United States, but he did have a desire for the country to once again be united.

If a person would just read the true history of this brave, Christian man, they would certainly see that he was NOT

a man who hated the north or people of color. As a matter of fact, General Lee didn't hate anyone. He is known for several quotes, but one that really told of his character was "Do your duty in all things. You can never do more; you should never wish to do less." He was a devoted Christian man who saw it as his duty to love all men, and tried his best to do so. Robert E. Lee is being served a huge injustice in today's "politically correct" society, because the things that are being said about him are not true. He deserves the truth be told, and David did an excellent job of doing that.





## OCTOBER IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN



BY DAN DYER



**Oct. 8, 1818 Birth of John H. Reagan in Sevier County, Tenn.**

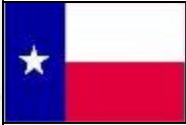
**Oct. 12, 1865 John H. Reagan paroled from Federal Prison in Boston Harbor.**



**Oct.29, 1877 John H. Reagan appointed Chairman of Committee on Commerce in U.S. House of Rep.**

**1903 UDC, Anderson Co. hosted celebration of John H. Reagan's birthday by bestowing Southern Crosses of honor on Confederate Veterans.**

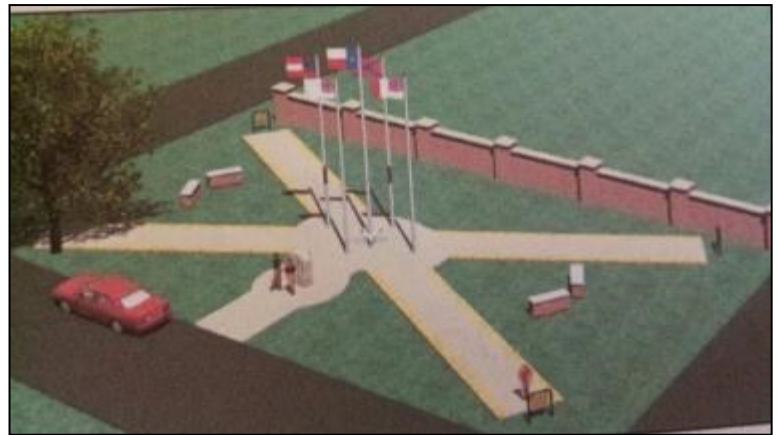




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



Many Americans have forgotten that freedom isn't free at all. There have been hundreds of thousands of Americans who have willingly given their life for their country so that we could continue to have the rights of free men. But there is a group of people in our country who have decided that they have the right to take away the rights of others, especially if those others do not agree with their agenda. These people have no respect for the true history of anything that goes against what they want. Although they cannot change true history, they are changing the history books and in so doing are changing what people are taught about the history of our country. These people don't care if they are dishonoring our Confederate ancestors. They care nothing about our ancestor's service. Do you care about preserving your ancestor's service? If so, you can do so by having his service noted in the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza with a paver that will include his name and service information on it for only \$50. It will last for years and years to come and will let countless people see his name and information. It is a wonderful way to give him the recognition that he deserves.



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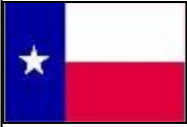


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 undated - to his wife: I am opposed to officers surrounding themselves with their sons & relatives.	2 Oct 1865 - at Washington college I shall devote my remaining energies to training young men to do their duty in life.	3 Oct, 1865 - to Gen Beauregard: The South requires the aid of her sons now more than at any period of her history.	4 Undated - to Gen Beauregard Every one should do all in his power to collect & disseminate the truth in the hope that it may find a place in history & descend to posterity.	5 Undated - War is a terrible alternative & should be the very, very last resort.	6 Oct, 1865 - to R.H. Chilton I have entered upon the duties of my new office, in the hope of being of some service; but I should prefer to be on a small
7 Oct, 1865 - to wife: I am sorry the armies cannot keep with the expectations of the editors of papers. I know they can regulate matters satisfactorily on paper. I wish they could do so in the field.	8 Oct, 1852 - to Markie: carry a brave as well as true heart for every occasion of life.	9 Oct, 1865 - Life is gliding away & I have nothing good to show for mine that is past. I pray I may be spared to accomplish something for the benefit of mankind & the honour of God.	10 undated If I could only have my children around me, I could be happy	11 undated - Charity should have no beginning or ending.	12 Oct, 1870 - Lee died at 9:30 Strike the tent!	13 Oct, 1870 - from Mrs. Lee: I have never so truly felt the purity of his character as now, when I have nothing left but his memory.
14 undated - to Anna Fitzhugh: A man may manifest & communicate his joy, but he should conceal & smother his grief as much as possible.	15 Undated - My only pleasure is in my solitary evening rides, which give me abundant opportunity for quiet though.	16 Oct, 1837 - to wife: I pray God to watch over & direct our efforts in guarding our dear son, that we may bring him up 'in the way he should go.'	17 Undated - Human virtue should be equal to human calamity.	18 Undated - no honest man can take long to deliberate which side he will choose.	19 Undated - to Rooney: We must unite in doing our duty & earnestly work to extract what good we can out of the evil that now hangs over our dear land.	20 Undated - to wife: Our little boy seems to have the reputation of being hard to manage, a distinction not at all desirable, as it indicates self-will & obstinacy.
21 Undated - to Robert: You could raise money on your farm only by mortgaging it, which would put you in debt at the beginning of life, & I fear in the end would swallow up your property.	22 Oct, 1837 - to Jack Mackay: Life is too short for them [his children] & their mother to be in one place, & I in another.	23 Undated - to Gen Beauregard: I fear the South has yet to suffer many evils, & it will require time, patience, & fortitude to heal her affliction.	24 Undated - to Robert: I am clear for your marrying, if you select a good wife; otherwise you had better remain as you are.	25 Oct, 1864 - to Wife: I am glad you had the opportunity of partaking of the blessed communion. May it serve to keep our Redeemer in our hearts & minds.	26 Oct, 1862 - to wife: I cannot express the anguish I feel at the death of our sweet Annie. To know that I shall never see her again on earth is agonizing in the extreme.	27 Undated - to Gen. Longstreet: I am of the opinion that all should vote for the most intelligent, honest, & conscientious men eligible to office, irrespective of former party opinions.
28 Oct, 1863 - to wife: I am glad you have some socks for the army. Tell the girls to send all they can. We have thousands of barefooted men.	29 Oct, 1865 - to Mildred: Traveller is my only companion; I may also say my pleasure. He & I, whenever practicable, wander out in the mountains.	30 Oct, 1865 - to Robert: If I find I can accomplish no good for her [Washington College], I will endeavor to pursue the course to which my inclinations point [farming].	31 Undated - to Robert: We must not, however, yield to difficulties, but strive the harder to overcome them.			



## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN OCTOBER



From the Texas State Historical Association— <https://texasdaybyday.com/#feedCarousel>

October 4 - On this day in 1862, on the second day of the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, Confederate General Earl Van Dorn called for a series of headlong frontal attacks against a heavily fortified federal position. Col. William Peleg Rogers of the Second Texas Infantry was ordered to lead the vanguard of the assault on Battery Robinett, a small fort anchoring the center of the Union line. After one bloody repulse, Rogers led a second desperate charge. Remaining on horseback in the face of a barrage of cannon and musket fire, and finally carrying the regimental colors himself, Rogers reached the deep trench fronting Battery Robinett, dismounted, and led several hundred Texans and Alabamans down into the trench, up the steep embankment, and into the fort. Suddenly federal reinforcements closed in from both flanks. Rogers shouted, "Men, save yourselves or sell your lives as dearly as possible." A few seconds later he was struck by multiple rifle shots and died instantly. Scores of others fell with him, and the battle soon ended. The Second Texas Infantry had lost more than half its numbers in casualties. The failure of Rogers's attack sealed Van Dorn's defeat at Corinth. In a remarkable tribute to Rogers's personal bravery, Union general William S. Rosecrans ordered his burial attended with full military honors, a ceremony normally reserved only for Confederate general officers.

Oct 8 - John H. Reagan's Birthday. (He was born in 1818 & passed away March 6, 1905).

Oct 12 - On this day in 1870, Robert E. Lee passed away.

October 23 - On this day in 1863, the First Texas Cavalry, USA, left New Orleans for South Texas as part of the Union effort to interdict the lucrative trade between Confederate Texas and Mexico. The First was one of two regiments of Unionist cavalry from Texas to serve in the Civil War; the Second was formed in Brownsville after the Rio Grande campaign got underway. Loyalty to the Union was anything but a major consensus in Texas during the Civil War. A total of 1,915 Texas men served the Union cause, in contrast to the many thousands who served the Confederacy. Brownsville was a center of Unionist sentiment. Significant numbers of civilians who supported the North fled to the lower Rio Grande, where a provisional state government was set up under Andrew J. Hamilton, and where Edmund J. Davis and others recruited cavalymen for the North. Davis had formed the First Texas Cavalry, USA, in New Orleans in 1862. In November 1864 the regiment was merged with the Second into the First Texas Volunteer Cavalry. This new twelve-company regiment engaged in patrolling and reconnaissance duties until the end of the war, and was mustered out of service on November 4, 1865.

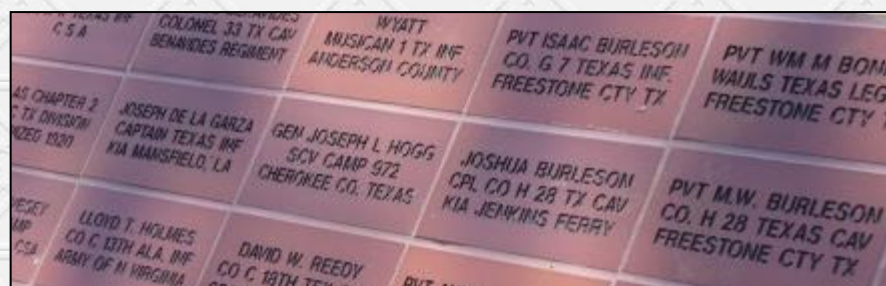




## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza had the official opening and dedication on April 13, 2013. It is a beautiful Memorial to the Confederate Veterans. Although it is open for visitors, there is still room along the sidewalks for you to purchase a brick paver in the name of your confederate ancestor. This will ensure that your ancestor's service to the confederacy will not be forgotten, but will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to make a donation for a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: [danielyer497@yahoo.com](mailto:danielyer497@yahoo.com) or Phone: (903) 391-2224



Would you like to honor you ancestor? There is still room in the plaza for you to have a paver with your ancestor's name and military information. You can also acquire a paver in the name of your SCV Camp.



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The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership in the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either **lineal or collateral** family lines and kinship to a veteran must be **documented genealogically**. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership. **Friends of the SCV** memberships are available as well to those who are committed to upholding our charge, but do not have the Confederate ancestry.

## THE CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."*

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander-in-Chief

United Confederate Veterans

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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