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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH



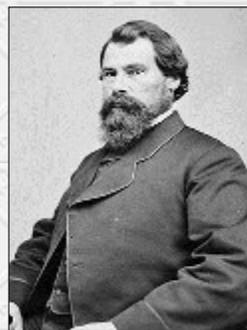
We had a great program and meal at our February meeting. I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and bring your friends. If you have friends who need to find information on their ancestor's Confederate military service, please contact me and I will attempt to help.

The program this month was on General Nathan Bedford Forrest an expert cavalry leader . It was both enlightening and entertaining. There is so much to learn about our ancestors and the Civil War. In my case, history has always been interesting and I am thoroughly grateful for the individuals who are giving our monthly

programs.

Your camp has started planning for a fundraiser for early summer. We hope it will help the treasury and create interest in our organization. Our Plaza is a great tribute to our ancestors and we are still adding bricks to our walk. If you would like to, or know someone who would like to purchase a brick to honor their ancestor, contact Dan Dyer or myself and we will expedite the purchase.

Our lives are in God's hands and I ask you to continue to pray for your compatriots who are ill. Also pray for those who are attempting to protect our Southern heritage from those who are



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

trying to remove all history of the Confederacy from public view.

Richard Thornton
Commander,
John H. Reagan Camp
#2156, SCV



CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of Each Month
06:30 PM

Snacks and drinks served at each meeting.

First Christian Church
113 East Crawford Street
Palestine, Texas

Turn north on N. Sycamore St. off of Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287)(across from UP train station) travel three blocks, turn right on Crawford St., go one block Church is on left

Guests are welcome!
Bring the family.

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Prayer List

- Forrest Bradberry—Camp Historian
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Toni Ray (wife of past comdr Rudy Ray)
- Past 1st Lt. Gary Williams
- Past Davis/Reagan UDC Pres. Dollye Jeffus
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans



Above are artifacts from the War of Northern aggression.

Courtesy of the History Channel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 15 - March Meeting

Apr 19 - April Meeting

May 17 - May Meeting

June 21 - June Meeting

July 19 - July Meeting

Aug 16 - August Meeting

Sept 30 - September 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.reaganscvcamp.org

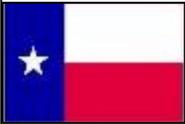
Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

“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 #2156 FEBRUARY MEETING



The John H. Reagan Camp's February meeting was held on February 15th at the Palestine Masonic Lodge. This month's meal was chicken spaghetti, pizza, brownies, and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Although we had several of our compatriots that were unable to attend this month's meeting, we still had 14 in attendance. We were happy to have four visitors with us this month. We were proud to have visitors Loail McKinney, Andrew Petty and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orler. Paul provided the camp with a great program on Nathan Bedford Forrest.



Special thanks to David Franklin for photos on this page.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 FEBRUARY HISTORICAL PROGRAM



Picture by David Franklin

The February historical program was presented by Paul Orler, former Commander of the J.L. Halbert Camp in Corsicana, the O.M. Roberts Camp in Waxahachie and past 2nd Lt. Commander of the SCV Texas Division. He presented a very interesting and educational program on General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Nathan Bedford Forrest, one of the most polarizing figures of the Civil War era, was born July 13, 1821 in Chapel Hill, Tennessee – a small town on the Duck River. When his father, a blacksmith, died when he was 16, Forrest moved to the Memphis Delta and eventually became a successful businessman – indeed a millionaire – dealing in cotton, land and slaves.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Forrest volunteered as a private before deciding to raise and equip an entire unit at his own expense. He was commissioned lieutenant colonel, and issued this call to arms in June, 1861:

In February 1862, Forrest's unit was stationed at Fort Donelson on the Cumberland when Gen. Ulysses S. Grant forced its surrender. Rather than accept Gen. Buckner's decision to capitulate, Forrest and his men slipped away, through the snow, and fought at the Battle of Shiloh less than two months later. That summer he began to make the kind of lightning raids that made him perhaps the single most feared cavalry commander of the entire war and earned him the nickname "the wizard of the saddle."

He was promoted to brigadier general and at the close of the year made himself a thorn in the side of Grant's Vicksburg campaign, disrupting his lines of communication and attacking his supply depots. During a skirmish at Parker's Crossroads on New Year's Eve, Forrest and his men were totally surprised when a Union force suddenly appeared in their rear and threatened to surround them. "Charge 'em both ways," Forrest famously ordered. They did, and were able to escape the trap and

to fight another day. Constantly on the move, bold on the attack and swift in retreat, no Union commander was able to effectively come to grips with Forrest's cavalry during the war. In September, they took part in the great battle of the Western

Theater: Chickamauga. Forrest's men pursued the retreating Union army into Chattanooga and took hundreds of prisoners. In December, 1863 he was again promoted to major general.



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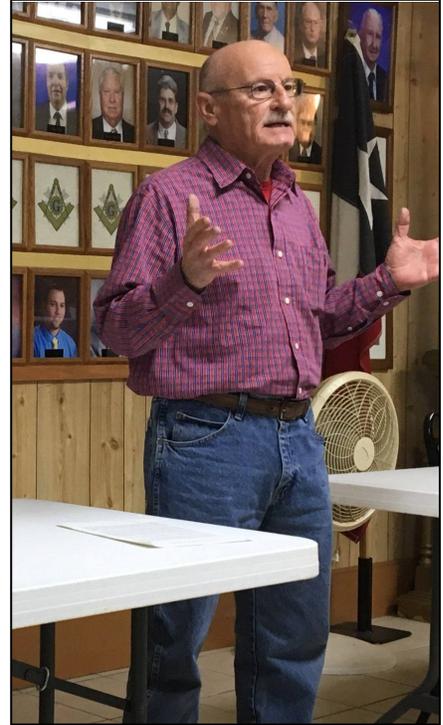


JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 FEBRUARY HISTORICAL PROGRAM



The following spring, in April 1864, Forrest and his men were involved in one of the most controversial episodes of the Civil War. After surrounding Fort Pillow, near Memphis, Forrest demanded the surrender of the garrison, which included 262 soldiers of the U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery. When the Union forces refused, Forrest's men easily overran the fort. Then, according to several eyewitness accounts, the Confederates, enraged by the sight of black men in Federal uniform, executed many of the colored troops after they had surrendered: an unambiguous war crime. Though accounts varied, the incident stands as one of the most gruesome of the Civil War era; "Remember Fort Pillow" became a rallying-cry for African-American soldiers throughout the Union Army.

Later in the summer, Forrest won one of his greatest victories at Brice's Cross Roads, defeating a force twice the size of his own. His legend was constantly growing. That year, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman declared: "that devil Forrest must be hunted down and killed if it costs ten thousand lives and bankrupts the federal treasury."



Forrest continued to torment the Union high command as the war entered its fourth year. In February, 1865 Forrest was again promoted, to lieutenant general, becoming the only man on either side to rise so far. When Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant in April, Forrest surrendered as well, declaring that, "any man who is in favor of a further prosecution of this war is a fit subject for a lunatic asylum." Over the course of the conflict, Forrest had given as much as probably any man for the cause. He had had 29 horses shot from under him, killed or seriously wounded at least thirty enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand combat, and had been himself wounded four times.

Forrest died of diabetes in Memphis on October 29, 1877.

We would like to thank Orler for the historical program on Gen. Forrest. It was a great program!

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JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 EAST TEXAS FLAG RALLY MARCH 3, 2018



Compatriots,

The East Texas Flag Rally will be held Saturday, March 3, at Camp Ford in Tyler, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Eighth Brigade.



Please bring as many flags as you wish and join us for a rally that you will not soon forget! We will start the event by marching around the perimeter of the grounds with our flags flying high. There will be several guest speakers including, but not limited to, Division officers. We also are expecting officers, camp members, their families, and many other guests from the 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th brigades.



The famous Clementine the Cannon will be there. We expect to have at least two additional cannons, all of which will be fired at some point during the day. Last year, we had the largest Flag Day Rally of the entire Texas Division. Come join us Saturday, March 3, so that we can set another record and make it even bigger than it was last year!

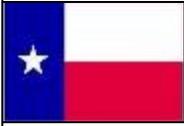
The physical address for Camp Ford is: 6500 US Highway 271 North Tyler TX 75708 ([map](#)) It is approximately 11 miles south of Interstate 20. *Levate Vexillum Magnum! Eighth Brigade*

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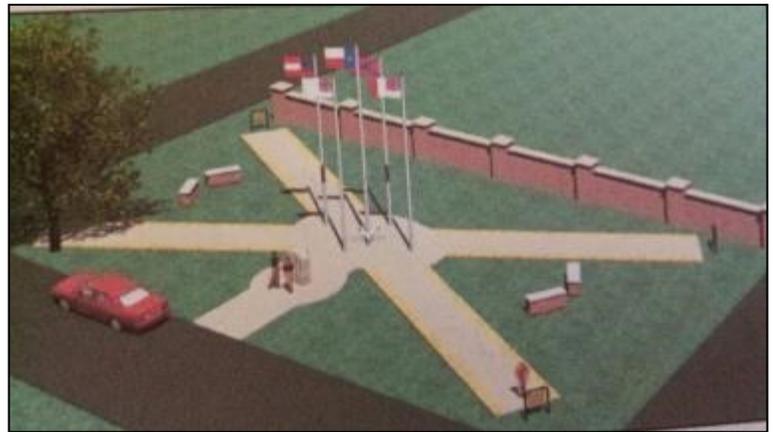




A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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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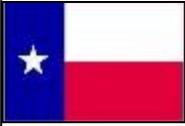


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1, 1863 Inflation reduces Confederate dollar to 1/5 its original value.	2, 1863 CSA Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston born 1865 Weather so cold that James River freezes around Richmond, Va	3, 1807 CSA Gen Joseph Johnston born
4, 1861 Confederate States of America formed in Montgomery, Al.	5, 1864 Sherman enters Jackson, Miss.	6, 1863 US Sec of State Seward rejects France's offer to mediate peace 1833 CSA Gen Jeb Stuart born	7, 1863 U.S. Secretary of State Seward rejects France's offer to mediate peace.	8, 1820 US Gen William Sherman born	9, 1861 New Conf gov elects Jefferson Davis President	10, 1862 CSA blockade-runner "Mosquito Fleet" is destroyed off North Carolina Coast
11, 1812 CSA V.P. Alexander Stephens born In 1861, While pruning roses, Davis hears that he is president-elect	12, 1865 Lincoln's b'day. Electoral College votes 212-21 to re-elect him	13, 1862 Battle of Ft. Donelson	14, 1824 U.S. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock birthday	15, 1861 Provisional Confederate Congress votes to take Ft. Sumter & Ft. Pickens by force if necessary.	16, 1863: U.S. Senate passes Conscription Act to draft men into army	17, 1864: The USS Housatonic sinks in 28 ft of water after being rammed by submarine Hunley. The Hunley sinks too.
18, 1862 The first Congress meets in Richmond, Virginia.	19, 1861 Jefferson Davis appoints his Cabinet which included John H. Reagan as Postmaster General	20, 1865: Conf. Congress passes bill that authorizes the arming of slaves.	21, 1862: Conf. win handily at Battle of Ft Craig near Santa Fe, NM	22, 1861: On Washington's b'day, both Lincoln & Davis give important speeches.	23, 1861 Texas citizens ratify the actions of the secessionist convention voting to secede 34,749—11,235	24, 1864: Pres Davis appoints Braxton Bragg his military advisor, despite generals' outcry
25, 1862 US War Dept seizes control of all telegraph lines	26, 1863 The Cherokee Nation rescinds its declaration of secession & abolished slavery	27, 1864: A rudely constructed prison outside Andersonville, Ga houses its first prisoners	28, 1862: A day of fasting is proclaimed across the South. Pres Davis invokes martial law in parts of Virginia			

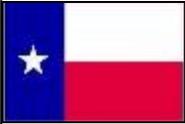


JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN FEBRUARY



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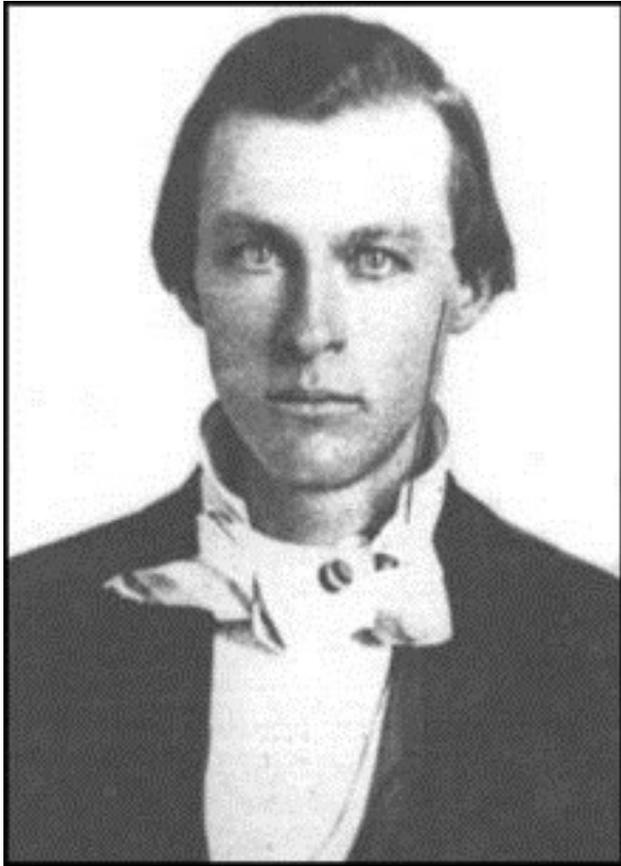
- February 1, 1861 - On this date, Texas became the 7th state to secede from the Union when a state convention voted 166-8 in favor of secession. Even though Sam Houston objected to Texas leaving the Union, the vote passed.
- February 2, 1861 - On this date, a declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union was adopted.
- February 2, 1861 - On this date the Committee of Public Safety directed to seize all federal property in Texas.
- February 9, 1861 - On this date, a proclamation by Gov. Houston setting an election on the Ordinance of Secession.
- February 16, 1861 - On this date, the US Army Facility at San Antonio was seized under authority of the Texas Committee of Safety
- February 18, 1861 - On this date, US General David E. Twiggs surrendered all US military posts in Texas.
- February 19, 1861 - On this date, Carlos A. Waite replaced Gen. Twiggs as US Army commander, Department of Texas.
- February 21, 1861 - On this date, Volunteers under the command of John 'Rip' Ford seize U.S. property at Brazos Santiago in the Rio Grande Valley.
- February 23rd, 1861— On this day in 1861, the people of Texas went to the polls to vote on a referendum to secede from the Union. The vote was 46,153 for secession and 14,747 against. Of the 122 counties casting votes, only eighteen cast majorities against secession. Only eleven others cast as much as 40 percent against. The referendum was held pursuant to a decision in favor of secession in the state Secession Convention.
- February 27th, 1850 - On this day in 1850, Carlos Esparza, a supporter of the Mexican folk hero Juan N. Cortina, and various followers attempted to establish a territorial government and separate themselves from the rest of Texas. The territory of the Rio Grande was intended to protect the interests of Hispanics, but the proposal became politically complicated and was dropped. Esparza, born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in 1828, was to all appearances an ordinary rancher possessing neither Cortina's striking appearance nor leadership qualities. The eccentric, sharp-tongued Esparza remained Cortina's man in the shadows, however. During the Civil war, he managed to aid Union and Confederate forces against each other while promoting the Cortinista cause.



CSA GENERALS FROM TEXAS

BRIGADIER GEN. RICHARD WATERHOUSE

JANUARY 12, 1832—MARCH 20, 1876



Early Life—Richard Waterhouse was born January 12, 1832 in Rhea County, Tennessee to elder Richard Waterhouse whom he has been confused. As a teenager, he ran away from home to fight in the Mexican-American War. After he returned, he and his parents moved to San Augustine, Texas in 1849. There he assisted his father in the mercantile business until the outbreak of the American Civil War.

Civil War Service—During the Civil War, he was instrumental in recruiting the 19th Texas Infantry in and around Jefferson, Texas. He was commissioned colonel of the unit on May 13, 1862 where he served under General Thomas C. Hindman and General Theophilus H. Holmes in Arkansas and under General Richard Taylor in Louisiana.

At Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, on August 18, 1862, he won high commendations from Gen. Henry Eustace McCulloch for leading a determined charge against Federal troops within artillery range of Union gunboats. McCulloch reported, "not only by a gallant and desperate charge over the levee" but by driving the enemy "to the very brink of the river and within short and direct range of the gunboats of the enemy." After transfer to William R. Scurry's brigade, he fought at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill during the Red River Campaign in the spring of 1864.

General E. Kirby Smith, who was commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department, was impressed with Waterhouse and he was "assigned to command" as a Brigadier General to rank from April 30, 1864. The promotion was not confirmed by Confederate President Jefferson Davis until March 17, 1865 and by the Confederate Senate until the 18th, the last day the legislators were in session before the government collapsed. His command was over the 3rd, 16th, 17th, and 19th Texas Infantry and the dismounted 16th Texas Cavalry.

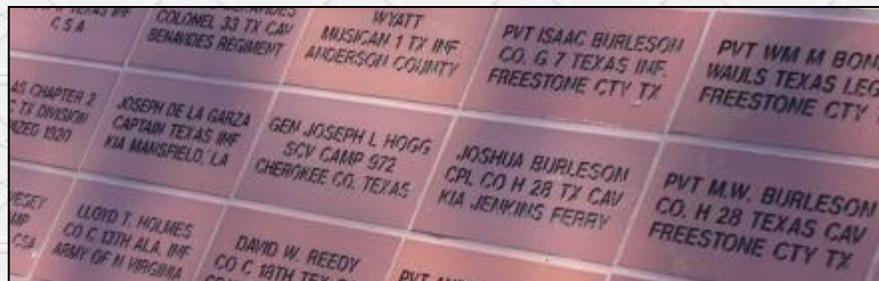
After the war, he resided in both San Augustine and Jefferson engaging in land speculation. In the course of a trip to Waco in March 1876, he fell down stairs in a local hotel and dislocated his shoulder. Two days later, March 20, he died of pneumonia. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Tx.



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 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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