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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

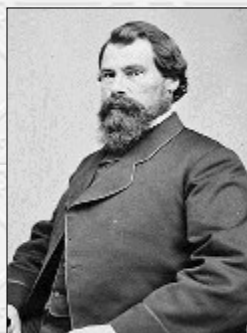


The Reagan Camp had a great August meeting! The meal was exceptional and the table was still full after all had eaten. We had a very large attendance and all seemed to enjoy the historical program.

A program on Hood's Texas Brigade and their battles from May to September 1862 (Battles of Eltham's Landing, Gaines' Mill, 2nd Manassas and Sharpsburg) was presented by Joe Owen, Head Park Ranger at the LBJ

Home and Ranch in Johnson City, TX. Compatriot Joe Owen is an interesting speaker and knows the subject well. He has the ability to insert interesting facts into his presentation. I enjoyed the program and am convinced all in attendance did also.

Your camp's mission is to honor our Confederate ancestors and to preserve the memory of the valor of the southern soldier. Also to protect the monuments erected to honor the southern cause. We would like to encourage all descendants of veterans who served honorably in the



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

confederate army to join us. If you have a friend or acquaintance who thinks he might have such an ancestor and needs help researching it to attend one of our meetings. I will assist him in his search.

Richard Thornton

CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of Each Month  
06:30 PM

Snacks and drinks 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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We still have some months left for volunteers to sign up to keep the Confederate Veterans Plaza mowed. You can mow it or hire it done. We just need to make sure it looks nice for visitors.

September 2018 **Need Someone to sign up**  
 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. Dollye 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.**

**Sept 20 - September Meeting**  
**Sept 29—Workday at the Reagan Home Place**  
**October 7—Reagan Family Reunion at the Museum for East Texas Culture.**  
**October 18—October Meeting**  
**November 15 — November 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-

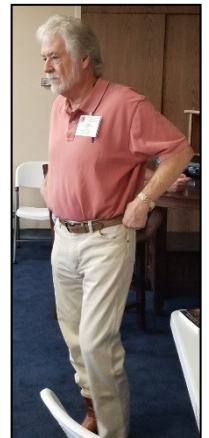
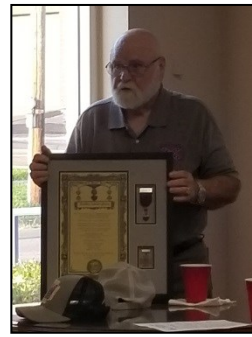


# JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP AUGUST MEETING



The John H. Reagan Camp's August meeting was held on August 18th. We had 25 in attendance and more food than we could eat. We had fried chicken, Cajun jambalaya, pulled pork, soft fried new potatoes with onions, baked beans,

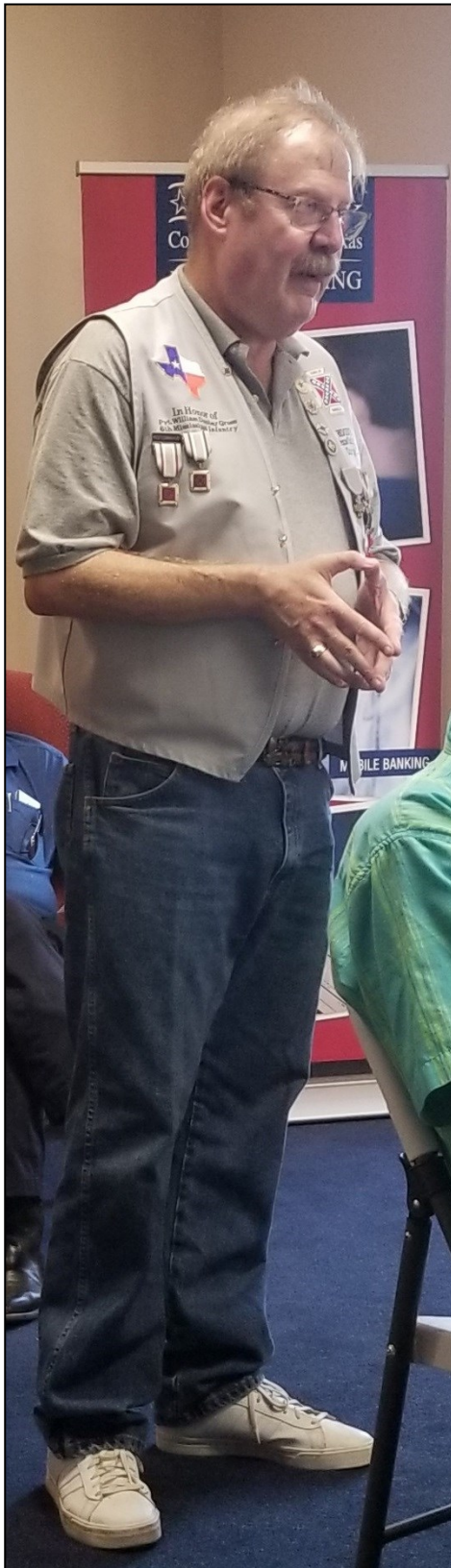
pinto beans with ham, garden raised tomatoes, brownies, carrot cake, white cake, cornbread, homemade dill pickles, sweet tea, ice cream, and more! It was quite a feast! Everything was delicious! After the meal, Joe Owens brought the historical program on Hood's Texas Brigade, May—September 1862. If you would like to attend a meeting with us, you are welcome to join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the Commercial Bank of Texas on the corner of North Mallard and East Lacey Streets.





## AUGUST HISTORICAL PROGRAM HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, MAY-SEPT 1862

BY JOE OWEN

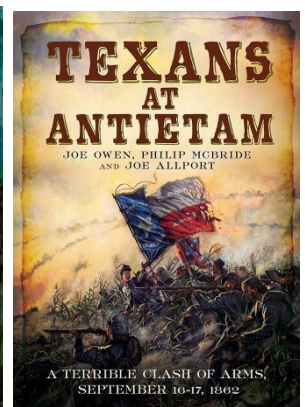
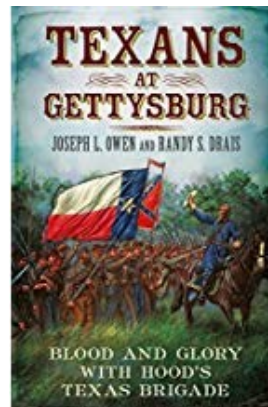


Joe Owen presented the Reagan Camp's historical program at the August meeting.

Joe's presentation was titled "Hood Texas Brigade, May-Sept 1862", and several battles were discussed during the presentation. The brigade served throughout the war in Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and in James Longstreet's First Corps. It participated in at least twenty-four battles in 1862, and Joe gave details about several of those battles. Some of those battles that he talked about were The Battle of Gaines' Mill, the Battle of 2nd Manassas, the Battle of Sharpsburg, the Battle of Gettysburg, & the Battle of the Wilderness. There were 5,000 men in Hood's Brigade in 1861, and only 500 were left after Appomattox. Lee depended greatly on the Texans and praised their courage on many occasions.

Joe gave interesting details about the battles and some staggering statistics. He told how Hood's Brigade lost one man every four seconds for forty-five minutes during the Battle of Sharpsburg. The flag of the 1st Texas Infantry was particularly special to the soldiers. It led the Texans into the cauldron of death in Miller's Cornfield. As they advanced, the color bearer was shot down, another soldier picked up the flag but he too was shot down. Again and again these Texans saw men in their front killed or wounded carrying the colors. The regiment would lose 82% of their soldiers killed and wounded, and nine color bearers fell beneath their flag. Their Lone Star flag was lost as it was dropped in the din and destruction in the corn. The Union soldier who found it said that 13 men lay dead within touch of it and the body of one of the dead lay stretched across it. The Texans would do anything, including giving their lives to save their colors and all that they represented. He said that the original flag from that battle was finally returned to Texas in 1906.

We appreciate Joe for the excellent program. Joe has written two books that are available for purchase. "Texans at Gettysburg" and "Texans at Antietam" are both great reading for anyone who is interested in the history of Texans in the War of Northern Aggression. Both books can be found at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).





**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156**  
**AUGUST IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN**



August 3, 1857: John H. Reagan Defeated Lemuel D. Evans by a vote of 341 to 9,929 in the race for U.S. Representative.



August 1, 1859 John H. Reagan defeated William B. Ochiltree by a vote of 23,977 to 3,464 for a 2nd term as a U.S. Representative



August 1, 1946: Home site of John H. Reagan deeded to Anderson County by Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan





## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #44 PICTURE FROM 1902



The John H Reagan Camp No 44, Confederate veterans, held a three-day meeting beginning on August 20, 1902, at Matthews and Strickland Park. Confederate veterans came from all over Texas to the meeting. The Governor-elect, Samuel Willis Tucker Lanham, was present for the festivities. He was the last confederate veteran to serve as Texas Governor. The only veteran identified is A.L. Huddleston, second from the right in the first row.

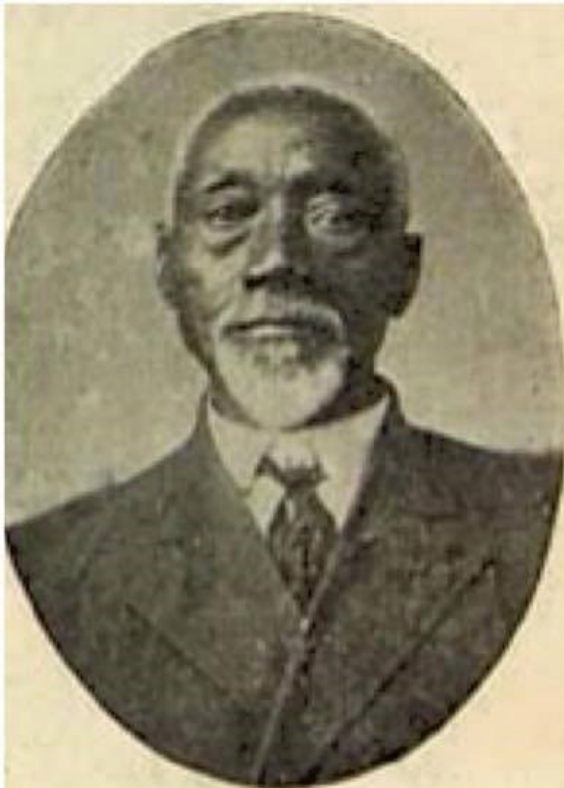




JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156  
THE TRUTH ABOUT ROBERT E. LEE



After the war of northern aggression had ended, there were many things written about Robert E. Lee. But the writings about General Lee was quite the contrary to what is said about him today. The things written about Lee back then were written by people who actually knew him and who knew of his true character. General Lee was not only popular in the southern states, but he was very popular in the northern states also. There were many from the north and south who wanted Lee to run for president. Why would they want a man who had led the Confederates as their leader? They wanted him because of his true character. Lee was not the man that many people try to portray him as being today. Below is a quote from Rev. William Mack Lee, who at one time was Robert E. Lee's servant. This man knew Lee better than anyone living today. They should listen to him.



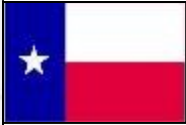
REV. WM. MACK LEE

*Still Residing in the South*

"I was raised by one of the greatest men in the world. There was never one born of a woman greater than Gen. Robert E. Lee, according to my judgment. All of his servants were set free ten years before the war, but all remained on the plantation until after the surrender."

William Mack Lee  
(Robert E. Lee's black servant)

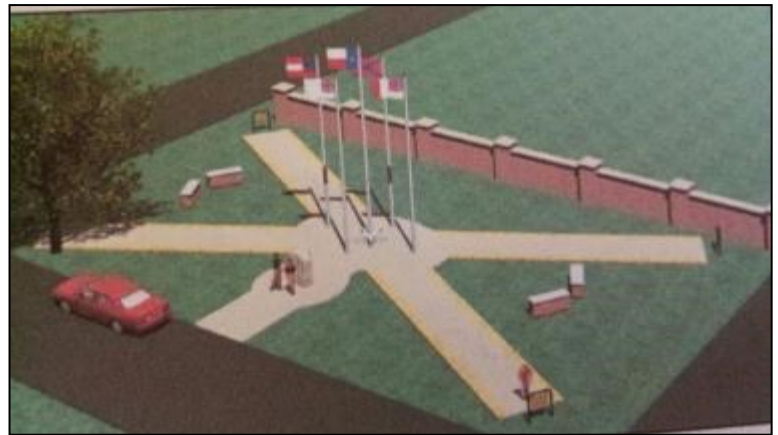
*Southern Culture On The Rise*



## 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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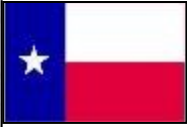
**ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR**  
**AUGUST**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1 undated</b> - to Annie</p> <p>I wish you to be very good, very wise, very healthy, &amp; very happy</p>	<p><b>2 undated</b> -</p> <p>If the subject of education could be of more importance at one period of our history than at another, that period is the present.</p>	<p><b>3 undated</b> -</p> <p>My only object is to endeavor to make students see their true interest, to teach them to labor diligently &amp; to prepare themselves for the great work of life.</p>	<p><b>4, August 1861</b> - to wife.</p> <p>What a glorious world Almighty god has given us. How thankless &amp; ungrateful we are, &amp; how we labour to mar his gifts.</p>
<p><b>5, August 1867</b> - to Robert</p> <p>A farmer's life is one of labour, but it is also one of pleasure.</p>	<p><b>6 undated</b> -</p> <p>We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom &amp; prudence, to call forth greater energies, &amp; to prevent our falling into greater disasters.</p>	<p><b>7 undated</b></p> <p>I dislike to have more than I actually require.</p>	<p><b>8 undated</b> - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>I know how prone we are to blame others for the nonfulfillment of our expectations. This is unbecoming in a generous people &amp; I grieve to see its expression.</p>	<p><b>9 undated</b> to Jeff Davis</p> <p>No matter what may be the ability of the officer, if he loses the confidence of his troops disaster must sooner or later ensue.</p>	<p><b>10, August</b> - to Rooney</p> <p>I shall endeavor to procure some humble, but quiet, abode for your mother &amp; sisters, where I hope they can be happy.</p>	<p><b>11 undated</b> -</p> <p>To succeed it is necessary to set the example.</p>
<p><b>12 undated</b> -</p> <p>Incubating discipline is a painful tedious process, &amp; is not apt to win popular favour.</p>	<p><b>13, August 1863</b> -</p> <p>God is our refuge &amp; strength. Let us beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism, &amp; more determined will.</p>	<p><b>14 undated</b> - to Eliza Stiles</p> <p>It is sad to see a soldier die, &amp; heart rending to announce it to his parents.</p>	<p><b>15 undated</b> - to Charlotte.</p> <p>Teach him that his only refuge is in Him, the greatness of whose mercy reacheth unto the heavens, &amp; His truth unto the clouds.</p>	<p><b>16 undated</b>— to a son.</p> <p>I hope you will continue never to exceed your means. It will save you much anxiety &amp; mortification.</p>	<p><b>17 undated</b>— to Judge Andrew Magrath</p> <p>The best troops are ineffective without good officers.</p>	<p><b>18, August 1865</b>— To Carter Lee</p> <p>I have to labour for my living and I am ashamed to do nothing that will give me honest support.</p>
<p><b>19 undated</b>—</p> <p>That is a political question, Mr. Hill &amp; you politicians must determine it; I shall endeavor to take care of the Army.</p>	<p><b>20 undated</b> to Custis</p> <p>Do not dream. It is too ideal. Live in the world you inhabit. Look upon things as they are. Take them as you find them</p>	<p><b>21, August 1835</b> - to wife</p> <p>I must not consent to do aught that would lower me in your eyes, my own &amp; that of others.</p>	<p><b>22 August 1866</b> - to H. C. Saunder</p> <p>I prefer remaining silent to doing anything that might excite angry discussion.</p>	<p><b>23 undated</b> - to College Trustees</p> <p>I think it the duty of every citizen, in the present condition of the country, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace &amp; harmony.</p>	<p><b>24 August, 1865</b> - to College Trustees - it is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the youth to set them an example of submission to authority.</p>	<p><b>25 undated</b> -</p> <p>I speak of the proper rule in republics, where, I think, we should have neither military statesmen nor political generals.</p>
<p><b>26 undated</b> - to Jack Mackay</p> <p>It is so much more easy to make heroes on paper than in the field.</p>	<p><b>27 August 1864</b> - to Custis</p> <p>I have only one earthly want, that God in His infinite mercy will send our enemies back to their homes.</p>	<p><b>28 August 1865</b> -</p> <p>There is no labour so beneficial, so elevated &amp; so sublime, as the teaching of salvation to every man.</p>	<p><b>29 undated</b> - to Gov. Letcher</p> <p>It is the part of wisdom to acquiesce in the result.</p>	<p><b>30 undated</b> - to B. Duncan</p> <p>Every man must do his part in this great work. He must carry into the administration of his affairs industry, fidelity &amp; economy.</p>	<p><b>31 undated</b> - to E. Pollard</p> <p>My thanks for the compliment by your proposition to write a history of my life. Independently of the few national events it presents little to interest the reader.</p>	



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**



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



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

August 9, 1946 - On this day, the last Confederate reunion was held at Camp Ben McCulloch. This golden Jubilee included a memorial service for the camp's last two members, who had died the previous year. The camp, near Driftwood, in Hays County, was organized in the summer of 1896 as a reunion camp for Confederate veterans and named for Confederate General Benjamin McCulloch. Annual three-day reunions were held at the camp, often with 5,000 to 6,000 persons attending. In 1930, Ben McCulloch was said to be the largest Confederate Camp in existence. Subsequently, the camp became the location of the annual meetings of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, with various activities and services spanning a week in early June. The campsite, on a branch of Onion Creek, also remains a popular picnic area for residents of northern Hays County.

August 10, 1862 - On this day, Confederate soldiers attacked a force of Hill Country Unionists camped in route to Mexico beside the Nueces River in Kinney County. The skirmish is known as the battle of the Nueces. The sixty-odd Unionists, mostly German intellectuals, had camped without choosing a defensive position or posting a strong guard. Nineteen of them were killed and nine were wounded. The wounded were executed by the Confederates later in the day. Two Confederates were killed and eighteen wounded. Of the Unionists who escaped from the battle, eight were killed on October 18 while trying to cross into Mexico. After the war, the remains of the Unionists were gathered and interred at Comfort, where a monument commemorates them.

August 13, 1906 - On this day, black soldiers of the Twenty-fifth U.S. Infantry allegedly attacked citizens of Brownsville. The event resulted in the largest summary dismissals in the history of the United States Army. The soldiers, newly arrived at Fort Brown from the Philippines and Nebraska, confronted racial discrimination for some businesses and suffered physical abuse from some federal customs collectors. A reported attack on a white woman during the night of August 12 so enraged the citizens that Maj. Charles W. Penrose, after consultation with Mayor Frederick Combe, declared an early curfew. Just after midnight on the thirteenth, a bartender was fatally shot and a police lieutenant was wounded. Various citizens claimed to have seen soldiers running through the streets shooting, even though it was dark. Several civilian and military investigations presumed the guilt of the soldiers without identifying individual culprits. When suspects were not forthcoming, the army inspector general charged a "conspiracy of silence." On November 5, president Theodore Roosevelt discharged "without honor" all 167 enlisted men garrisoned at Fort Brown. This action fueled political and "due process" arguments for more than sixty years. In 1972, the Nixon administration awarded honorable discharges, without back pay, to the soldiers involved. The only surviving veteran, Dorsie Willis, received a \$25,000 settlement.

August 20, 1866 - On this day, President Andrew Johnson, declaring that "the insurrection in the State of Texas has been completely and everywhere suppressed and ended," officially ended the Civil War by issuing a proclamation of peace between the United States and Texas. Johnson had declared a state of peace between the U.S. and the other ten Confederate states on April 2, 1866. The last land battle of the Civil War took place at Palmito Ranch near Brownsville on May 13, 1865, more than a month after Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse.

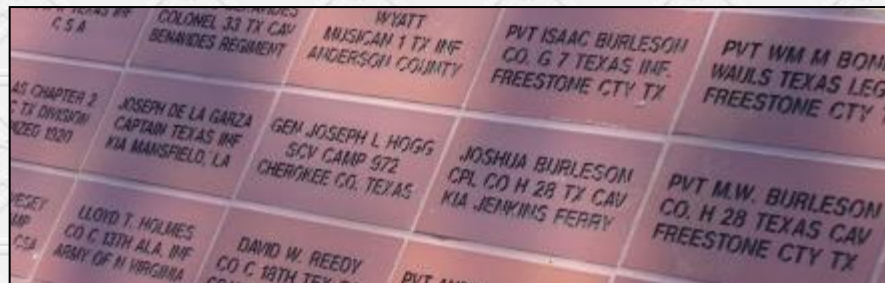
August 30, 1862 - On this day, Hood's Texas Brigade played a distinguished part in the battle of Second Manassas. After a Union assault was broken up by artillery fire, Confederate General Longstreet launched his First Corps, with the Texas Brigade in the lead, in one of the most successful counterattacks of the Civil War. The Fourth Texas Infantry, under the command of Lt. Col. B. F. Carter; captured a federal battery of artillery, losing eleven killed and twenty wounded in the process. After the battle the commander of the brigade, Gen. John Hood, encountered the commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee, who playfully asked him what had become of the enemy. Hood answered that the Texans had chased them across Bull Run "almost at a double quick." A regiment of New York Zouaves was shattered by the assault, and, seeing their brightly uniformed bodies scattered about the next morning, a Texas officer wrote that they gave the battlefield "the appearance of a Texas hillside when carpeted in the spring by wildflowers of many hues and tints."



## 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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