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Monthly Dispatch

We were saddened by the passing of Jovanna Joyce Herrington, sister of Camp Adjutant Dan Dyer, and Toni Holmes Ray, wife of former Reagan Camp Commander Rudy Ray this month. Please keep their families in your prayers during this difficult time.

We had a great meeting this month with John Stevens bringing us a historical power point program that talked in detail about letters from Confederate Soldiers. It was a very informative program that was full of first-hand information from soldiers who were writing to their families while far from home. The letters told of the battles and the injuries that the soldiers had received while fighting for their state's rights.

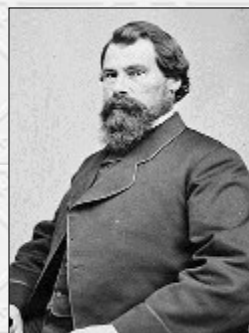
John is fortunate that his family has kept the letters for the past 150+ years, and we were fortunate that he was willing to share the information they contained with us. There is no telling how many letters that meant so much to the families of soldiers, as well as the soldiers themselves, have been lost and destroyed through the years.

We are thankful that John's family has preserved these

letters, because they have a wealth of information in them.

We live in a society where too many people verbally change the true history into whatever meets their agendas. It is a shame that people will lie, cheat, or steal in order to get what they want, but that is what is happening in our country today. We can no longer trust the news media to give us true, actual information. They are too busy trying to push their own personal agenda. Without the actual accounts from the war, untrue personal assaults on our Confederate heritage will grow even though they are not true.

We appreciate Mr. Stevens for his program and for making the long trip from Fresno (170+ miles) to Palestine to present it to the Reagan Camp.



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

card which contains his contact information for those who would like to contact him for booking a program.

Dwight Franklin

CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday 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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Hill County Court House
Below is John's business

Memorial Plaza Groundskeeping Calendar

- Nov. 2019 - Dan Dyer
- Dec 2019 - Dan Dyer
- Jan 2020 - Randy Huffman
- Feb 2020 - Randy Huffman
- March 2020 - Calvin Nicholson
- April 2020 - Andrew Petty
- May 2020 - David Franklin
- June 2020 - Marc Robinson
- July 2020 - Dwight Franklin

Prayer List

- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Compatriot Vernon Holliman
- Past Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- 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 Tuesday of each month in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room.

- Nov 15-16 - Giants of the Texas Confederacy (see flier on pages 3-4)
- Nov 19 - Reagan Camp Meeting 6:30pm
- Dec 17 - Reagan Camp Meeting/Christmas Party
- Jan 21 - Reagan Camp 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

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



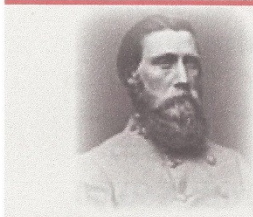
GIANTS OF THE TEXAS CONFEDERACY



Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated

11th Annual Seminar • November 15-16, 2019

Texas Civil War Museum & Norris Bible Center, Fort Worth, Texas



Friday, November 15: Reception at the Texas Civil War Museum - \$35.00

760 Jim Wright Freeway North, Fort Worth, TX 76108 • <https://texascivilwarmuseum.com/>

6:00 -8:00 pm Reception and tour of Texas Civil War Museum. We will be treated to a close-up view of some special items in Ray Richey's fabulous collection! (Iced Tea Reception included)

Saturday, November 16: Seminar at Norris Bible Center- \$60.00

724 Jim Wright Fwy, Fort Worth, TX 76108 • <https://www.norrisseminary.org>

8:00-9:00 pm Registration

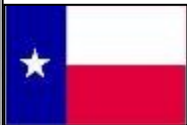
9:00-5:00 pm Seminar (lunch included)

We are excited to announce that we are basking in the hospitality of the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth, Texas for our 11th Annual Scholarly Seminar, November 15-16, 2019. The Texas Civil War Museum is famous for its outstanding collection of both Confederate and Union artifacts and also for its lovely collection of 19th century dresses. We will begin our "congregation" with an "Iced Tea and Cakes" reception at the Museum Friday evening. On Saturday, for our 11th Scholarly Seminar, we will enjoy the hospitality of the Norris Bible Center, which is next door to the Museum.

Our theme this year is "Giants of the Texas Confederacy." Dr. Rick McCaslin will speak on two prominent Texans who were with President Jefferson Davis "to the bitter end." Both of these men had illustrious careers in Texas and in the Confederacy. **John H. Reagan** was Postmaster General of the CSA, and after the war went on to serve in the U.S. Congress. **Francis R. Lubbock** was Governor of Texas 1861-63, then served on Davis' staff.

We will be celebrating, with Dr. David Gracy, the publication of his long-awaited biography of **George W. Littlefield**, who never forgot his service with Terry's Texas Rangers and after the war did so much to memorialize the achievements of Texans during the war. Not only did he see the Terry's Texas Rangers statue erected on the Capitol Grounds, but he also made possible the "final push" to complete the Hood's Brigade monument there.

It is crucial that young scholars be recognized and encouraged, and Joseph Ricci, a graduate student at Southeastern Louisiana University and a docent at New Orleans' Memorial Hall, will speak on **John Bell Hood**. Finally, we all know that the ordinary soldier in the ranks (let's not use the word "common") was also a "Giant of the Confederacy" and John Stevens will demonstrate through the letters of the **Watts Boys** what price the citizen soldier



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP



Hood's Texas Brigade Assn., Re-activated **GIANTS OF THE TEXAS CONFEDERACY**

11th Annual Scholarly Seminar • November 15-16, 2019

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

e-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

I am officially representing the following organization(s): _____

***Friday Reception & Supper (see Below*) @ \$35.00**

x No. Attending: _____

***Seminar: @ \$60 ea.**

x No. Attending: _____

***Student Discount for**

Seminar: \$25 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Make check out to Hood's Texas Brigade Association.

Names of others attending: _____

Where to Send Registration

Send this form, together with your check made payable to Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated to—

Martha Hartzog, President
605 Pecan Grove Road, Austin, TX 78704
(512-431-2682).

(indicate it is for the 2019 HTBAR Seminar).

Friday, November 15th \$35.00

Texas Civil War Museum

6:00 - 8:00 Tour of Texas Civil War Museum
& "Tea & Hors' doerues" at the Museum

Saturday November 16th \$60.00

8 am to 5:00 pm:

Norris Bible Baptist Seminary
724 Jim Wright Fwy, Fort Worth, TX 76108

Phone: (817) 367-3422

<https://www.norrisseminary.org>

Lunch included

Vendors • Speaker Book Signings • Exhibits

Hotel Room Block

Hotel Block: We have a block of rooms at the Best Western near the Texas Civil War Museum: 201 W. Loop 820N, 817/246-8777. A limited number of rooms have been set aside for the nights of November 15, 16. The rate is \$87.96 (including taxes). Breakfast is included.

Please make your hotel reservations by calling the hotel and mentioning "Hood's Texas Brigade." Reservations **MUST** be made by November 7th to receive this rate. After that date, the rooms will be released. If you need to cancel, it is recommended that you cancel the day before your reservation.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP OCTOBER MEETING



The October meeting for the John H. Reagan Camp was held at the Commercial Bank of Texas on October 16, 2019. We had a total of 12 in attendance at the meeting. The night started off with a delicious meal of Southern Fried Chicken, soft-fried new potatoes and onions, Purple Hull Peas, Cornbread and Yeast Rolls. We had Chocolate Pie, Blue Bell Ice Cream and Donuts for dessert. We appreciate all of the men who brought food. It was delicious. We appreciate Randy Huffman, Marc Robinson, Doug Smith, Dwight Franklin and Andrew Petty for bringing food.

Following the meal, John Stevens presented an informative historical program, "Average Two Scars To The Man", which was about the "Watts Boys" and the big price they paid in the mighty struggle for independence.

Our next meeting will be on November 19th at 6:30pm at the Commercial Bank of Texas Banquet Room.





OCTOBER HISTORICAL PROGRAM "AVERAGE TWO SCARS TO THE MAN"

BY JOHN STEVENS



This month's historical program, "Average Two Scars To The Man", was presented by compatriot John Stevens. There were 3 families named Watts who migrated from South Carolina to Anderson County in the 1850's. Several sons of these families of Anderson County served in various units, but 4 enlisted in the 1st Texas. Using 7 unpublished letters written to his ancestors, from members of the Watts family, and extensive research, John Stevens gave a power point presentation that followed these men through their service in Hood's Brigade. Of the 4, only 1 was in active service with his regiment at Appomattox.

Elizabeth White Gathings of Hill County, Texas was a second cousin to the head of these three Watts families. Various members of the Watts families wrote seven letters to Elizabeth and her husband Philip in Hill County, Texas. Based on these letters, online research from several sources, and books written by historians, this program has been assembled to tell the story of four young men named **Watts** who served in Company "G" of the 1st Texas Infantry. John's program followed them and other family members through the War for Southern Independence.

John will present this program at the "Giants of the Texas Confederacy" Seminar at the Texas Civil War Museum & Norris Bible Center in Ft. Worth on November 15-16, 2019. You can email John at jdssr.FamHis@gmail.com or call him at 713-885-5288 if you would like to have him speak at your meeting.



AVERAGE TWO SCARS TO THE MAN

FOUR WATTS BOYS OF ANDERSON COUNTY -
COMPANY "G" - 1ST REGIMENT TEXAS INFANTRY -
HOOD'S BRIGADE

John Stevens
Sept 2019

THE WATTS FAMILIES

Palestine, Texas
December 8, 1859

Dear Philip

"..... I received 40 sacks of flour from Mr. Washington and paid him \$22.50, which is more than you requested me to do, but he appeared to be destitute of money. I was compelled to buy provisions for his team or let them perish"

Yours truly,
R. M. Watts

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1861

Mitto, Texas
Cousin Philip

"..... I got home, but am not well. ...I am hardly able to write you.... if I live to get well enough I intend to go with the Boys of Capt. J. P. Weir's company..... Cousin Frank speaks of going with Me"

Yours Affectionately,
Willis J. Watts

OCTOBER 1, 1861

Dear Cousin

"..... Father, Mother, Beck, Sandy, Rufus, Frank, Pap, & myself are all Sick of the White family I expect to dry up and not even leave a greasy Spot as I am nothing but Skin and Bones I hop the time will Soon come when I will be able to go to the field of battle. I long for the time to come when I will be able to kill Some of the black Rascals"

Your devoted friend until death ,
Willis J. Watts

SPRING OF 1862 - NEW RECRUITS

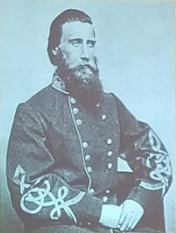
The Watts Boys of Anderson County Recruited By Capt. John R. Woodward of Company "G" 1st Texas Infantry

NAME	ENROLLED	AGE
Fredrick Julius Watts	Mar 31, '62	32
Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Watts	Apr 9, '62	25
Willis James Watts	Apr 8, '62	24
Alexander Julius "Sandy" Watts	Apr 8, '62	17

* Each Recruit Paid a \$50 Bounty

NEW BRIGADE COMMANDER

- On Mar 8 1862 John Bell Hood was promoted to Brig Gen and took command of the Texas Brigade



- Throughout history, the Texans have been known as **Hood's Texas Brigade**

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SICKNESS AND DEATH

Benjamin Franklin Watts

Died June 12, 1862

Buried in City Cemetery,
Lynchburg, Virginia
Grave 9, Row 1, Lot 172

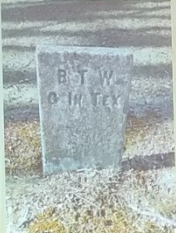


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BATTLE OF SHARPSBURG - SEPT 17, 1862




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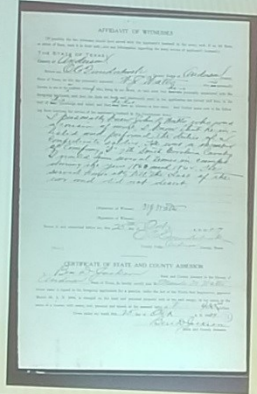


OCTOBER HISTORICAL PROGRAM AVERAGE TWO SCARS TO THE MAN BY JOHN STEVENS



JOHN RUFUS WATTS

- Willis J. Watts was a witness on the pension of his first cousin Cpl. John Rufus Watts - 7th South Carolina Cavalry, Co. "I"
- Gen Martin Gary's Brigade of Cavalry fought in close proximity the Texans until the close of the war



MAY 12, 1865

- ✦ John Fletcher Watts letter to Philip Gathings, in part describing family members in service.

"Brother Julius lost his right arm in the battle of Sharpsburg, he is now at home, clerk of the county court. Frank Watts and John Watts are both dead. Frank died in Va. and John in La. Willis is well and said to be the stoutest man in his Regiment. Sandy, poor fellow, has been shot nearly to death two or three times, and crippled for life."

NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 1865

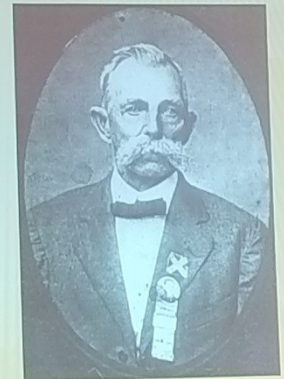
Two letters written 7 days after the youngest son of Alex Watts returned home from the war.

"..... their kindness to my soldier boys, but for which, they might have suffered greatly & perhaps died in a distant land."

"I came through safe, sound and unwhipped, although I lost all but honor during the war"

VETERANS OF COMPANY "G" - 1ST REGT TX INF

- Fredrick Julius Watts
Died in 1872 @ 41 years
- Benjamin Franklin Watts
Died in 1862 @ 25 years
- Willis James Watts
Died in 1918 @ 79 years
- Alexander J. "Sandy" Watts
Died in 1885 @ age 40



Willis J. Watts

1865 - THE WAR ENDS

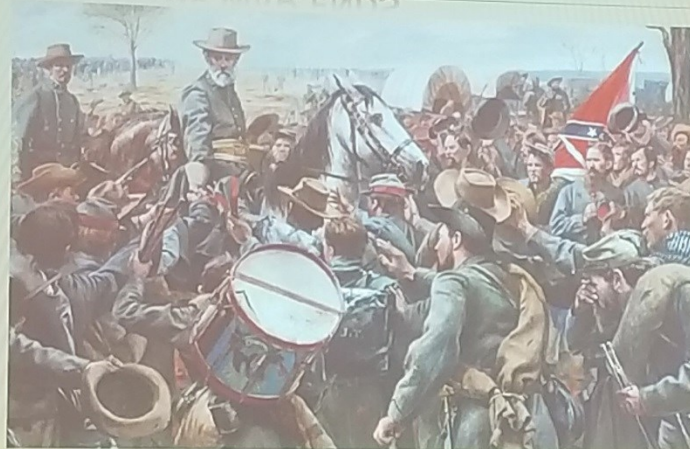
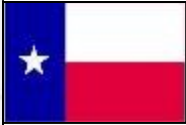


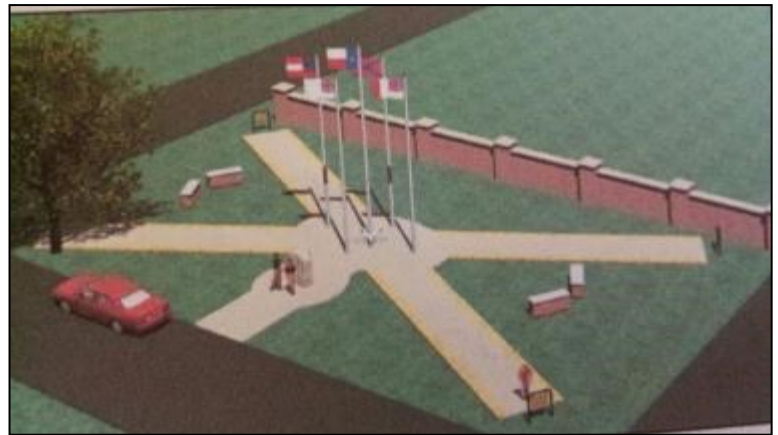
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A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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.



SAMUEL R. CORN CO B 33RD ALA. INF CSA	PVT. DAVID A. BRAY CO H 34TH GA. INF CSA	O. M. ROBERTS CAMP 178 - SCV WAXAHACHE, TEXAS	UPSHUR COUNTY PATRIOTS CAMP 2109 GILMER, TEXAS	PRIMUS KELLY BODY SERVANT GRIMES COUNTY
GEN. HORACE RANDEL CAMP # 1533 CARTHAGE, TEXAS	ERASTUS W DAVIS 31ST MISS INFANTRY 1825-1862	WILLIAM A LOYD 30TH TEXAS CAVALRY COMPANY F PRIVATE	1ST LT. LEWIS P. BROOKS CO. B /7TH GA REGT	ROGER O. MILLS CHAPTER 2466 UDC
PVT. JOHN LAND 54TH GA. INF CO H RUSSELL GUARDS	1ST LT. LEWIS P. BROOKS CO. B 7TH GA REGT	PVT THOMAS M. LORD CO L MARTIN-HOWELL G & LT ART. CSA	CPL J RILEY PATTY 59TH TN MTD INF. CO. A	MARY WEST #26 UDC WACO, TEXAS
PVT T. JEFF PARKS 22ND TX INFANTRY CO K	TERRY LEE HULSEY FOR 24 GA CO I PVT JOHN MCAFEE HULSEY	JAMES HALL BENDY PVT CO. A 25 TEXAS CAV. CSA	JOHN A. BUCHANAN SERGEANT CO H 27TH MISS INFANTRY	JOEL S. WALTERS PRIVATE CO C 12TH MISS INFANTRY
PVT W.C. HERRING 12TH TX INFANTRY CO K	JOHN PINKNEY MANN PVT. CO. K 13 TEXAS CAV. CSA	WILLIAM H L WELLS VA LIGHT ARTILLERY WELLS CLAY PLANO	WILLIAM L. WALTERS PRIVATE CO K 37TH MISS INF REGT	JESSIE C. ROBERTS 1ST LIEUTENANT 20TH TEXAS CAVALRY



ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019



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 farm.	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

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.

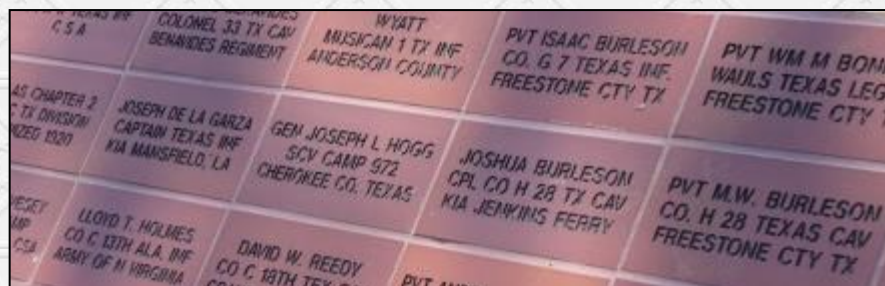
October 23 - On this day in 1863, the First Texas Cavalry, USA, left New Orleans for South Texas as part of the Union effort to interdict the lucrative trade between Confederate Texas and Mexico. The First was one of two regiments of Unionist cavalry from Texas to serve in the Civil War; the Second was 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 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.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156

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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.



Camp meetings: 3rd Tuesday Each
Month - 06:30 PM
Snacks served at each meeting.

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