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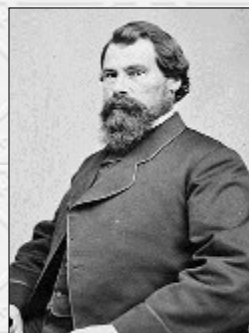
1st Lt. Commander's Dispatch

I imagine all of us have at one time or another been absolutely amazed at the story of Helen Keller. The Alabama-born girl was made blind and deaf at the age of 19 months by an unknown illness, possibly Scarlet Fever or meningitis. Aren't we all thunder-struck that she learned to speak, lecture, write, and publish books without hearing or seeing? What an obviously remarkably talented person! What exceptional intelligence she must have had! Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, Helen lived until 1968. With all that's been written about Helen, some facts about her life are ignored today.

Her daddy, who moved heaven and earth to find someone who could help his little girl, Arthur Henley Keller, was a Captain in the 27th Alabama Infantry, CSA.

Her maternal grandfather, Charles W. Adams, was a delegate to the Arkansas Secession Convention and was Colonel of the 23rd Arkansas Infantry and served as an Acting Brigadier General in the CSA, although never officially appointed to that rank. Supposedly, Helen's paternal grandmother was a second cousin of Robert E. Lee.

So much of our current greatness we owe to Confederates, although our current Southern leaders are, by and large, ashamed and intimidated into ignoring it. I am proud of my Confederate ancestors and those of my friends. In fact, I'm proud of them all. Maybe I shouldn't be so surprised Helen Keller accomplished so much and turned out so well: she



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

came from unusually good stock!

David Franklin  
1st Lt. Commander



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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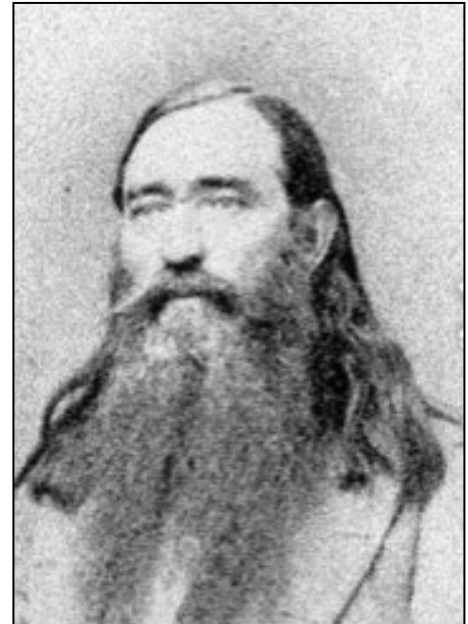
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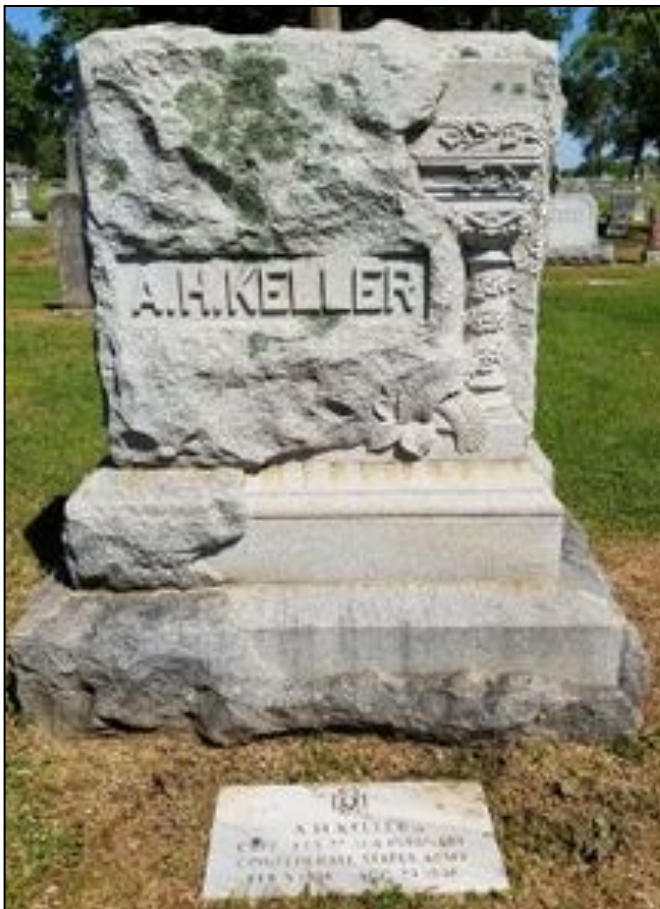
# HELEN KELLER'S ANCESTORS C.S.A. CAPTAIN ARTHUR KELLER C.S.A. COL. CHARLES ADAMS



Captain Arthur Keller



Col. Charles Adams





## Memorial Plaza Groundskeeping Calendar

July 2019 - Dwight Franklin  
 August 2019 - Andrew Harris  
 Sept 2019 - Richard Thornton  
 Oct 2019 - Alton Moore  
 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
- Adjutant Dan Dyer's sister
- 2nd Lt Commander Calvin Nicholson
- Toni Ray (wife of past comdr Rudy Ray)
- Compatriot Vernon Holliman
- Past 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 Tuesday of each month in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room.**

**Tuesday August 20—August Meeting  
Program by Calvin Nicholson (part 2)**

**Tuesday September 16 - September Meeting  
Program by Andrew Petty**



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 JULY MEETING JULY 16, 2019



"In the absence of our vacationing Commander Richard Thornton, 1st LT CDR David Franklin reports the July meeting was well-attended with a new member transferring from a camp in Covington, Georgia, an ice cream social courtesy of Compatriot Doug Smith, and an outstanding program presented by Compatriot Calvin Nicholson on the Val Verde Battery. Calvin will present Part 2 of this program at our August meeting."



Photo courtesy of David Franklin



Photo courtesy of David Franklin



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Photo courtesy of Randy Huffman



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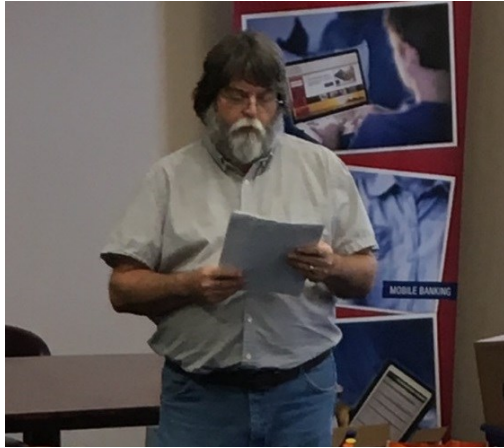
The Reagan Camp welcomes our newest member, Stuart Beavers, who is transferring from a camp in Covington, Georgia. He is pictured in the photo to the top left. Stuart is the man on the right (in the cap) with camp adjutant, Dan Dyer.

Our next meeting will be August 20th at the Commercial Bank of Texas in Palestine.





## JOHN H. REAGAN HISTORICAL PROGRAM BY 2ND LT, CALVIN NICHOLSON THE VAL VALVERDE BATTERY PART 1



2nd Lt, Calvin Nicholson, presented the historical program for July on the "History of the Valverde Battery". Calvin gave an interesting and informative program, and he was nice enough to allow us to print his notes in this newsletter for those who were unable to attend. He will continue with "part 2" of his program at the August meeting. We appreciate Calvin for the program and for all that he does for the Reagan Camp and the SCV.

### The History of the Valverde Battery

On February 21, 1862, during the invasion of the New Mexico territory, Confederate forces under the command of Brigadier General

Henry H. Sibley engaged Federal forces under the command of Colonel R.S. Canby below Union Fort Craig on the Rio Grande River not far from the settlement of Socorro at a place called Val Verde or "Green Valley". In a fierce charge Texans of the 4th Regiment under the command of Lt. Col William (Dirty Shirt) Scurry over ran the position of Captain Alexander Mc Rae's batter that had crossed the river supported by 250 infantry. After a savage fight at the cannon line, the Federal forces retreated leaving over half their force on the field. Three 6 lb. guns and two 12 lb. howitzers and possible a 12 lb. mountain howitzer were claimed as prizes of the battle. One of the 6 lb. guns was abandoned due to battle damage. Lt. Col. Scurry insisted the remaining guns be dragged over the mountains following the retreat from the battle of Glorieta Pass (Pigeon Ranch). It was not until later, while encamped in the Mesilla Valley, that General Sibley ordered a battery be officially organized from the captured guns. Members of the 4th and 5th Texas Mounted Volunteers were selected as crew many of which were members of a howitzer batter attached to the 5th Regiment. First Lt. Joseph D. Sayers, adjutant of the 5th Texas Mounted Volunteers was appointed to command the battery and was charged with its organization. He was promoted to Captain on April 25, 1862. The seventy-man unit fired its first shots as a provisional organization at the skirmish at Peralta, New Mexico Territory, on April 15, 1862. The battery was officially organized on June 1, 1862 at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

After arriving back in Texas, the guns received new fittings, harness and paint at the shop of A. Eickelin New Brunfel in September 1862. They were engraved with the names of the officers who fell in their capture. Inscribed on one of the howitzers was "Val Verde, Major Lockridge, Captain Adair, Feby 21, 1862." while the other read "Val Verde, Lt. Col. Sutton." The two 6 lb. guns were simply inscribed with "Captured at Val Verde Feby 21, 1862."

The battery was ordered to Houston in late 1862, and took part in the retaking of Galveston Island positioned at Virginia Point. Serving under General Richard Taylor, it participated in the ambush and capture of the Federal gunboat USS Diana on the Atchafalaya River, March 28, 1863. Rejoined with the Sibley Brigade shortly afterward the Valverde Battery saw service throughout the Bayou Tech Campaign.

Capt. Sayers was wounded in the ankle at the battle of Camp Bisland, April 3, 1863, where the battery was heavily engaged. Following his recovery, Sayers was promoted to Major, serving as assistant adjutant general on the staff of Brig. Gen. Tom Green. 1st Lt. Timothy D. Nettles was promoted to captain in charge of the battery, leading through the remainder of the war. Under heavy counterbattery fire two men of the battery were killed, and eleven wounded in the battle and eleven horses were also lost.

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**JOHN H. REAGAN HISTORICAL PROGRAM**  
**BY 2ND LT, CALVIN NICHOLSON**  
**THE VAL VALVERDE BATTERY PART 1**



The battery fought in a number of other small battles and skirmishes in Louisiana attached to Tom Green's cavalry, including Vermilion Bayou, April 17, 1863; the raid on Brasher City, June 22; and Bayou Bourbeau, November 3. The battery fought in rear guard skirmishing at Vermilion, bombarded enemy encampments and a gunboat at the edge of Berwich, enabling the Confederate forces to defeat the enemy at Brasher City. It also took part in skirmishes on the Nachitoches road as the Federal forces advanced further into Louisiana.

In the Spring of 1864, Federal Commander General Nathaniel P. Banks and a large Federal army were moving up the Red River toward Shreveport. On April 8, the Confederate forces under General Richard Taylor engaged the Federal troops in battle at Mansfield, Louisiana, in what was to be the largest battles west of the Mississippi River. The Valverde played an important part in the Confederate victory at Mansfield, helping to stop Federal advance up the Red River and the land invasion of Texas.

Next came the battle of Pleasant Hill, April 9th. An account of the Battle of Pleasant Hill is given in the diary of M.C. Medford, a Confederate soldier. Mr. Medford in his record gave this description of the Valverde Battery. "Our whole division of cavalry is to charge the enemy and Walker's and Mouton's division not to brought up unless necessary. At 5 pm the Val Verde Battery opens upon the enemy with telling effect. The enemy opens upon us, and good shooting. The artillery fight continues with great heart, until the enemy's batteries cease firing. But with the loss to the Val Verde Battery of 4 killed, several wounded, and six horses killed."

The battery was also successfully engaged and drove off a gunboat near Deloach's Bluff. In May, it fought at Chambers on Bayou Robert Road, and was in a spectacular artillery duel with the retreating Federals at Mansura.

With the reorganization of the artillery in the Trans-Mississippi in November of 1864, the Val Verde Battery was officially designated the 12th Texas Field Artillery and assigned to Major Oliver J. Semmes' Battalion, seeing no more action.

The Val Verde Battery is last mentioned in the official recorders of the war of the Rebellion on June 1, 1865, nearly two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse. The record states "Captain T. D. Nettles had four guns, two three-inch rifles and two six pounder guns, near Nacogdoches, Texas."

The men under the command of Captain Nettles, along with the four cannon, were apparently on their way to San Antonio to be disbanded, but since many of the soldiers in the battery lived in and around Fairfield, Texas, they disbanded there instead. The four cannon, according to local folklore, were buried in a buggy house during the Reconstruction period. Later, fearing former slave might reveal the burial place to occupying Federal Troops, they were dug up and reburied by a grove of trees about a mile west of Fairfield. In 1884 they were dug up, the two bronze tubes, due to bad condition were sold for scrap. One steel tube went to Jack's Creek Reunion Ground near Mexia (492), Texas and the other (528 remained in Fairfield.

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## JOHN H. REAGAN HISTORICAL PROGRAM BY 2ND LT, CALVIN NICHOLSON THE VAL VALVERDE BATTERY PART 1



For many years the old Val Verde cannon was fired during the meetings of the Moody Reunion Grounds in Fairfield. Later the cannon was mounted on a concrete pedestal on the lawn of the Freestone County Courthouse. (see picture below)

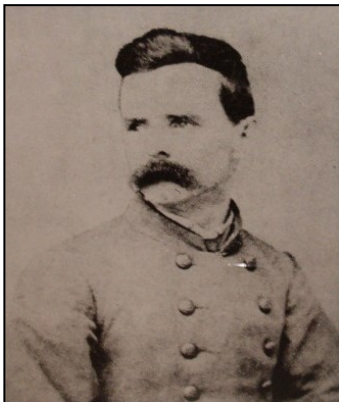
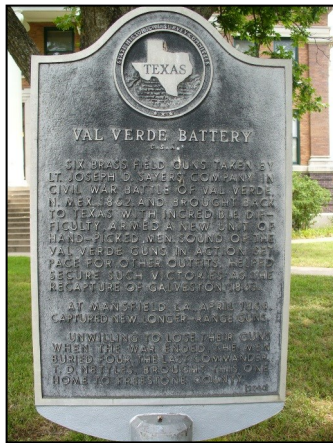
In 1864, the Freestone Historical Survey Committee had the old cannon remounted. In April of that year, it was carried to Mansfield, Louisiana, and fired during the centennial celebration of the Battle of Mansfield.

In August of 1997 the Val Verde Artillery 3 inch ordinance was restored to its present condition by the Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp 1012, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In 2014 it was again taken to the Mansfield battlefield to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mansfield and camped out with the latest version of the Valverde Battery (reenactors) about a hundred yards from where it was captured in 1864.

Gun 492 was eventually acquired by Confederate veteran R. J. Bryant, who helped bury it in 1865, in 1894. He brought it to Joe Johnston Camp 94, United Confederate Veterans, in Limestone County where it was known as "Old Val Verde." It now resides, fully restored, at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historical Site near Mexia, Limestone County.

Today the two remaining guns stand as a lasting tribute to the men who served them.



Captain T.D. Nettles



Cannon 528 in Fairfield, Texas





# JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP JULY HISTORICAL PROGRAM 12TH FIELD BATTERY LIGHT ARTILLERY ROSTER



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## 12th Field Battery Light Artillery

*Crute's compendium contains no history for this unit.*

### Roster (Surnames)

| First Name | Last Name  | Rank In           | Rank Out          |
|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| William    | Allen      | Private           | Private           |
| J.W.       | Applewhite | Private           | Private           |
| T. G.      | Avara      | Private           | Private           |
| P. M.      | Baccus     | Private           | Private           |
| Thomas     | Ball       | Private           | Private           |
| E. B.      | Beall      | Private           | Private           |
| H.         | Beckwith   | Private           | Private           |
| W. J.      | Berry      | Private           | Private           |
| James      | Brashear   | Private           | Private           |
| T. H.      | Burns      | Private           | Private           |
| J. C.      | Campbell   | Private           | Private           |
| John P.    | Campbell   | First Sergeant    | First Sergeant    |
| E.         | Chadwick   | Sergeant          | Sergeant          |
| W. C.      | Collins    | Private           | Private           |
| J. H.      | Cooper     | Private           | Private           |
| Samuel     | Delaplain  | Carpenter         | Carpenter         |
| Thomas     | Donnoho    | Private           | Private           |
| Thomas     | Donohoe    | Private           | Private           |
| Pat        | Dowd       | Private           | Private           |
| Frank      | Durrett    | Private           | Private           |
| A.H.       | Fish       | Corporal          | Corporal          |
| William    | Fisher     | Private           | Private           |
| G.F.       | Fleming    | Private           | Private           |
| John       | Foster     | Second Lieutenant | Second Lieutenant |
| Samuel     | Garland    | Private           | Private           |
| Frank      | Gerseke    | Private           | Private           |
| Frank      | Gesicke    | Private           | Private           |
| George     | Gilroy     | Private           | Private           |
| Thomas     | Graves     | Private           | Private           |
| John       | Greim      | Blacksmith        | Blacksmith        |
| John       | Hardin     | Private           | Private           |
| A.G.       | Harris     | Corporal          | Corporal          |
| Berry      | Harris     | Private           | Private           |
| John       | Hart       | Private           | Private           |
| John A.    | Haurie     | Private           | Private           |

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|           |           | First Lieutenant | Corporal         |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| P.G.      | Hume      | First Lieutenant | Corporal         |
| G. D.     | Jones     | Corporal         | Corporal         |
| J. C.     | Jones     | Private          | Private          |
| William   | Jones     | Private          | Private          |
| Edward    | Kelley    | Private          | Private          |
| Edward    | Kelly     | Private          | Private          |
| Jacob     | Koerbell  | Private          | Private          |
| C. J.     | Lane      | Private          | Private          |
| V. J.     | Lemons    | Private          | Private          |
| W. B.     | Mathis    | Sergeant         | Sergeant         |
| J. H.     | Mays      | Private          | Private          |
| M.        | McKee     | Sergeant         | Sergeant         |
| J. J.     | Miller    | Private          | Private          |
| L.        | Mills     | Private          | Private          |
| J. W.     | Moody     | Private          | Private          |
| L.        | Moore     | Private          | Private          |
| T. D.     | Nettles   | First Lieutenant | First Lieutenant |
| John L.   | Newsom    | Private          | Private          |
| A. G.     | Norman    | Private          | Private          |
| William   | Onell     | Private          | Private          |
| J. W.     | Patrick   | Private          | Private          |
| P. B.     | Payne     | Private          | Private          |
| J. H.     | Perkins   | Private          | Private          |
| B. T.     | Perry     | Corporal         | Corporal         |
| D. G.     | Pfueffer  | Private          | Private          |
| E.        | Phillippe | Private          | Private          |
| Eugene    | Phillippe | Private          | Private          |
| E.        | Phillippe | Private          | Private          |
| B. H.     | Renfro    | Private          | Private          |
| J. D.     | Renfro    | Private          | Private          |
| A. J.     | Robinson  | Sergeant         | Sergeant         |
| N. B.     | Roff      | Private          | Private          |
| J. W.     | Rose      | Private          | Private          |
| Charles   | Roser     | Private          | Private          |
| D. C.     | Ruddick   | Private          | Private          |
| W. J.     | Sanders   | Private          | Private          |
| Joseph D. | Sayers    | Captain          | Captain          |
| Anton     | Schoenert | Private          | Sergeant         |
| A.        | Schoenett | Private          | Sergeant         |
| A. T.     | Schrader  | Private          | Private          |
| B. F.     | Slater    | Private          | Private          |
| C. C.     | Smith     | Private          | Private          |

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|          |           | Private                | Private                |
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| J. A.    | Smith     | Private                | Private                |
| James A. | Smith     | Private                | Private                |
| L. W.    | Smith     | Private                | Private                |
| Lewis    | Smith     | Private                | Private                |
| William  | Smith     | Second Lieutenant      | Second Lieutenant      |
| John     | Sterns    | Quartermaster Sergeant | Quartermaster Sergeant |
| J. C.    | Thompson  | Private                | Private                |
| Rudolph  | Tschoepe  | Bugler                 | Private                |
| R. S.    | Tschoeppe | Bugler                 | Private                |
| Francis  | Watts     | Farrier                | Corporal               |
| Frank    | Watts     | Farrier                | Corporal               |
| J. J.    | Webber    | Private                | Private                |
| Jacob    | Webber    | Private                | Private                |
| Robert   | Whitiker  | Private                | Private                |
| G. A.    | Wimes     | Private                | Private                |
| T. B.    | Woodruff  | Sergeant               | Sergeant               |

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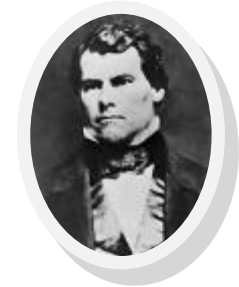




## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP JULY IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN



July 1, 1852--- Circular printed about the need for railroad in Texas; to the people of Texas from John H. Reagan, Wm. Alexander & A.E. McClure, all of Anderson County.



July 4, 1849--Democratic .Convention held in Palestine; John H. Reagan running for State Senate.



July 23, 1878-- John H. Reagan refused Democratic nomination for Texas Governorship in order to continue work on Interstate Commerce Bill in US Congress.

### Other important Dates

July 6, 1911-- Dedication of John H. Reagan Monument sculpted by P. Coppini.



July 6 1967-- Marker placed by Anderson County Historical Commission and the John Reagan Chapter UDC at base of Reagan Monument in Palestine's Reagan Park.

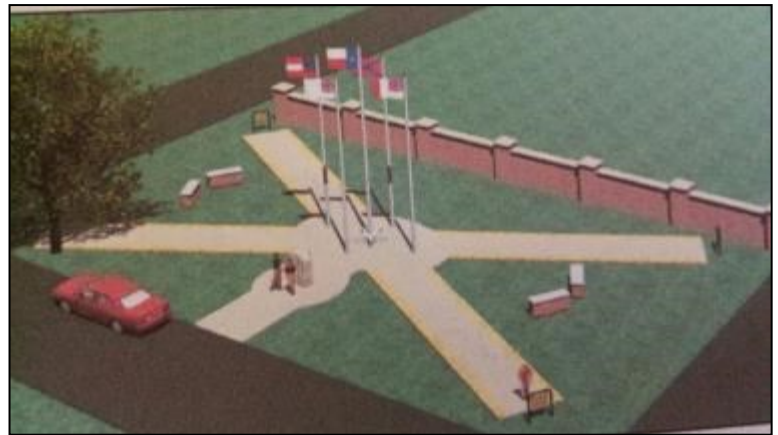




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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





# ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR

## JULY 2019



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   | <p>1 July, 1855 - to wife</p> <p>Any one can insist, but the wise alone know how to desist.</p>   | <p>2 July - to Fitzhugh</p> <p>You know the interest I take in your prosperity &amp; advancement, which cannot be assured without earnest attention to your business on your part.</p> | <p>3 July—to wounded Union soldier at Gettysburg.</p> <p>My son, I hope you will soon be well.</p>   | <p>4 July, 1863—on Gettysburg -</p> <p>It is all my fault, I thought my men were invincible</p>   | <p>5 July 1864—to Mildred I want to see you all very much. I think of you, long for you, pray for you. It is all I can do. Think sometimes of your devoted father.</p>   | <p>6 undated - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>I have no complaints to make of any one but myself</p>  |
| <p>7 July, 1863 - to wife</p> <p>I have heard with great grief Fitzhugh has been captured. We must bear this additional affliction with fortitude &amp; resignation.</p>          | <p>8 July, 1849 - to wife</p> <p>It is so difficult to regulate your conduct. Man's nature is so selfish, so weak, every feeling &amp; every passion urging him to folly, excess &amp; sin.</p> | <p>9 undated -</p> <p>Practice self-denial and self control, as well as the strictest economy in all financial matters.</p>  | <p>10 undated - to Rooney</p> <p>Let us all so live that we may be united in that world where there is no more separation, &amp; where sorrow &amp; pain never come.</p>       | <p>11 undated -</p> <p>Above all, [the teacher] must be uniform, consistent, firm &amp; kind in his conduct &amp; teach more by acts than by ends.</p>                | <p>12 July, 1863 - to wife</p> <p>We must expect to endure every injury our enemies can inflict upon us. Their conduct is not dictated by kindness or love. But I do not think we should follow their example.</p> | <p>13 July, 1863 - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>No one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire.</p>  |
| <p>14 July, 1863 - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>The general remedy for the want of success in a military commander is his removal. This is natural, &amp; in many instances, proper.</p>  | <p>15 July 1863 - to wife</p> <p>We must implore the forgiveness of God for our sins, &amp; the continuance of His blessings. There is nothing by His almighty power that can sustain us.</p>   | <p>16 undated - to Carter</p> <p>My pay seems to decrease as my children increase.</p>   | <p>17 July, 1867 -</p> <p>If it is true as taught by history, that greatness rests upon virtue, it is equally true that religion is the fountain &amp; support of virtue.</p>  | <p>18 July, 1862 - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>The whole division takes tone from its commander.</p>   | <p>19 undated -</p> <p>The teacher should be the example to the pupil.</p>   | <p>20 undated -</p> <p>Should the pupils be trained in obedience, reverence &amp; truthfulness, &amp; be convinced they are noble the main object will have been attained.</p>  |
| <p>21 July, 1861 - to wife</p> <p>All my thoughts &amp; strength are given to the cause to which my life, be it long or short, will be devoted.</p>                               | <p>22 undated - [The teacher] should aim at the highest attainable proficiency &amp; not at pleasing mediocrity.</p>  | <p>23 undated - [The teacher] must study the character &amp; disposition of his pupils &amp; adapt his course of discipline to their peculiarities.</p>                                | <p>24 undated -</p> <p>We have no printed rules. We have buy one rule here [Washington College] &amp; it is that every student must be a gentleman.</p>                        | <p>25 July, 1869 - to wife May</p> <p>God bless us all &amp; preserve us for the time when we too, must part, the one from the other, which is now close at hand.</p> | <p>26 July, 1863 - to wife</p> <p>How I long &amp; pray that God may pardon my many &amp; long standing sins &amp; once more gather around me you &amp; my children before I go hence &amp; be no more seen.</p>   | <p>27 July, 1863 - to Mildred</p> <p>May God bless you my daughter, strew your path with happiness, &amp; finally gather you &amp; all of us to His mansions of bliss in heaven, is my daily &amp; hourly prayer!</p> |
| <p>28 July, 1862 - to Mildred I cannot see what you are proud of &amp; advise you against all such feelings for you know what is said in that good book about a proud spirit.</p> | <p>29 July, 1863 -</p> <p>You must endeavor to enjoy the pleasure of doing good. That is all that makes life valuable.</p>  | <p>30 undated - I do not care for display.</p>   | <p>31 undated -</p> <p>Its duties [teaching] require love &amp; comprehensive preparation, it should be regarded as among the most honourable &amp; important professions.</p> |   |  |   |



## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP

### TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN JULY



From the Texas State Historical Association

**July 2, 1863** On this day in 1863, Hood's Texas Brigade became a major participant in the battle of Gettysburg. The brigade had been organized in 1861 in Richmond, Virginia. It was composed of the First, Fourth and Fifth Texas Infantry regiments, the only Texas troops to fight in the Eastern Theater. Col. John Bell Hood had been commander of the Fourth. On July 2, 1863, the brigade led the assault at Devils Den and Little Round Top, the crucial action of the second day of the battle. A soldier of the First Texas called the assault on Devil's Den "one of the wildest, fiercest struggles of the war." After routing the Union forces at the Devil's Den, however, the brigade was unable to capture Little Round Top. A thirty-five-foot monument to the men of Hood's Texas Brigade stands on the south drive of the Capitol in Austin.

**July 22, 1861** On this day in 1861, Confederate General Barnard Elliott Bee Jr. died from wounds received at the first battle of Manassas ( or Bull Run ). Bee's family had been very active in the government of the Republic of Texas. His father, Barnard Bee Sr., moved the family from South Carolina to Texas in 1836. The elder Bee's offices included secretary of state in the administrations of David G. Burnet and Lirabeau B. Lamar and secretary of war under Sam Houston. Hamilton P. Bee, brother to Barnard Jr., served as secretary for the commission that established the boundary between the Republic of Texas and the united States. Hamilton later fought in the Mexican War and served in the Texas legislature before achieving the rank of Confederate brigadier general during the Civil War. Barnard Bee Jr., a West point graduate and Mexican War veteran, was appointed brigadier general in the Confederate Army and assigned to command a brigade in Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard's Army of Virginia at Manassas Junction. It was there on July 21, 1861, where his soldiers suffered the brunt of the federal attack on the Confederate left wing. In an effort to encourage his men, Bee cried, "Rally behind the Virginians! There stands Jackson like a stonewall!" Bee's colleague Thomas Jonathan Jackson was forever known as "Stonewall."

**July 24, 1861** On this day, Lt. Col. John Robert Baylor led 300 men of the Confederate Second Texas Mounted Rifles in an assault on Union forces under Maj. Isaac Lynde at Fort Fillmore, Arizona. Baylor was under orders to occupy a chain of forts protecting the overland route between Fort Clark and Fort Bliss. He entered the nearby town of Mesilla that night. The next morning Lynde ordered an artillery attack on Mesilla, but after three of his men were killed and six wounded, he withdrew. Learning that Baylor had requested artillery from Ft Bliss, Lynde abandoned the fort the night of July 26. The next day, Baylor gave chase. The Confederates rode into Lynde's camp in the early afternoon, and Lynde surrendered his force of 492 men. Baylor proclaimed Arizona Territory, C.S.A., and named himself governor. He remained there until the spring of 1862. The victory at Mesilla was one of the Civil War's early and surprising Confederate successes.

**July 30, 1867** On this day, James Webb Throckmorton, first governor of Texas after the Civil War, was removed from office for being an "impediment to Reconstruction" on the grounds that the state of Texas did not support the Fourteenth Amendment, he refused to support it himself. He declined to increase protection for former slaves and to advocate Radical Republican policies. This "Tennessean by birth [and] Texan by Adoption" was a physician and politician who had a long and distinguished record of service to the state, the united States, and the Confederacy. He died at McKinney on April 21, 1894.

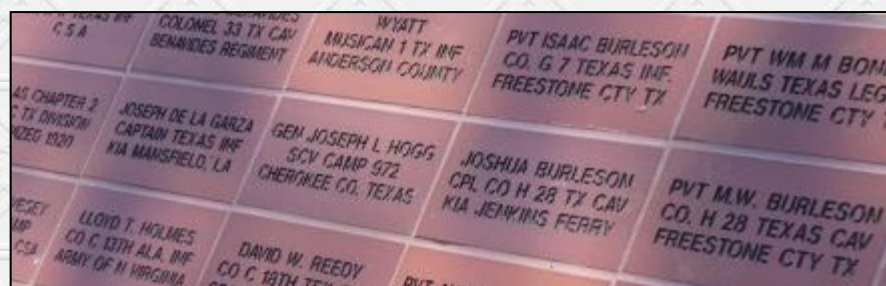




## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



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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