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Memorial Plaza Groundskeeping Calendar

April 2020 - Andrew Petty May 2020 - David Franklin June 2020 - Marc Robinson July 2020 - Dwight Franklin August 2020 -

Prayer List

- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Past Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- Rod Skelton (former Camp Chaplain)
- Former Camp Commander Rudy Ray
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America

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 April 21 — April Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday May 19 — May Meeting

Tuesday June 16 — June Meeting

Tuesday July 21 - July Meeting

Tuesday August 18 - August Meeting

"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-

Due to the government's request to restrict gatherings of people in excess of 10 people, (and some members being concerned about the Coronavirus) the March meeting of the John H. Reagan Sons of Confederate Veterans was cancelled.

The restriction has been extended until the end of April. For that reason, the April meeting has also been canceled.

If we are permitted to meet on May 19th, we will meet in the Commercial Bank of Texas banquet room.

We invite you to come enjoy a meal with us and join us for the meeting. We will treat you right and make you feel welcome.



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

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

"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-



BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIRF



News for SCV members

Compatriots,

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 has had an effect on several camps, brigades and divisions. Let it be known, National stands behind the decisions made on all levels of this organization.

I realize numerous camps have cancelled their meetings. However, even though you're not meeting in a designated place, there are things you can do. Give the older members in your camp a call and see if they are alright. Get together with other camp members and take food and supplies to those members that can't get out.

We will make it through this and be stronger for it. I will leave you with a post from Donnie Kimbell, chaplain for the LA Division.....

Compatriots, we are in troublesome times, no doubt. And some of the news media is painting our situation as doomsday. The media is not in control. I try to avoid this type of hype so I get my news from a source I can depend on, God's Word.

It tells me that God is in control and HE knows what HE is doing. Scripture also tells me that suffering and death are all part of life. God even allowed His Son to suffer and die.

But Jesus' death was for us. He took our sins to the Cross. We are forgiven, once and for all.

Events like the COVID-19 will come and go. Heaven is eternal. You can choose to worry, or you can choose to trust in HIM.

HE holds the key to comfort in these troublesome times.

Paul Gramling, Jr. Commander-In-Chief Sons Of Confederate Veterans





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

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

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| ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR APRIL 2020 | | | | | | | | |
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| 5, 1862 Andrew Johnson, military governor of Tennessee, suspends city government of Nashville | 6, 1862 U.S. Grant caught by surprise attack at Shiloh along Tennessee River | 7, 1862 Union bury thousands of dead at Shiloh— some 300 per trench | 8, 1864 Grant issue famous ord Meade: "Wherever goes, you also | der to r Lee | 9, 1865 One year after that order, Lee surrenders his army at Appomattox | 10, 1863 President Lincoln reviews Hooker's army near Falmouth, Va. | 11, 1861 Confederate officials visit Fort Sumter and demand to its surrender | |
| 12, 1861 Confederates open fire on Ft. Sumter and demand its surrender | 13, 1861 After 34 hours of shelling, Ft. Sumter is surrendered to Confederates | 14, 1865 Lincoln spends the evening at Ford's Theatre on Good Friday | 15, 1865 Lincoln die 7:22 am | es at | 16, 1862 Lincoln signs a bill ending slavery in District of Columbia | 17, 1861 Virginia votes narrowly to secede from Union | 18, 1861 R.E. Lee is offered command of Union Army and declines the offer | |
| 19, 1865 Washington draped in black for Lincoln's funeral | 20, 1861 Lee resigns from U.S. Army after Lincoln offers him command | 21, 1861 Stonewall Jackson attends church with VMI cadets then leaves Lexington, never to return alive | 22, 1865 Lincoln's f train trave through Pennsylvar | ls | 23, 1865 John Wilkes Booth is cornered in Virginia | 24, 1863 Confederate Congress imposes 10 percent tax on all agricultural products | 25, 1865 President Davis arrives in Charlotte, NC, hoping to resume war efforts | |
| 26, 1865 Johnston surrenders to Sherman at Durham Station, NC | 27, 1822 U.S. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant is born | 28, 1865 USS Sultana explodes at Memphis, TV, killing more than 1,200 | 29, 1865 Lincoln's f train reach Cleveland, where 50, pay respec | nes , OH, 000 | 30, 1864 President Davis' son falls to his death while playing on a balcony at the Confederate White House | | | |

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ANDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE RESOLUTION

R-7 -2011

Confederate History and Heritage Month Resolution In and for Anderson County, Texas

Whereas, the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, adopted Senate Resolution 526 on March 30th, 1999, recognizing the month of April as Confederate History and Heritage Month; and

Whereas, that resolution encouraged the schools and citizens of the State of Texas to join in efforts to become more knowledgeable of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our country; and

Whereas, April 2011 commemorates the sesquicentennial of the onset of the War Between the States; and

Whereas, Anderson County voters voiced their support of secession by a margin of 865 to 14; and

Whereas, almost 1,000 men from Anderson County elected to serve in the Confederate armed forces, filling out the ranks of 10 companies of Infantry and Cavalry; and

Whereas, Companies G and H of the 1st Texas Infantry Regiment were made up of men solely from Anderson County, and by written accounts were among General Robert E. Lee's favorites; and

Whereas, almost a third of Anderson County's finest gave their lives on battlefields and in POW camps while serving in the defense of Texas, Anderson County, and their families; and

Whereas, the cemeteries of Anderson County hold the remains of almost 500 Confederate veterans; and

Whereas, many of the descendants of those 1,000 Anderson County Confederates still reside in the county today, and are still proud of the heritage bequeathed to them from their ancestors; and

Whereas, Anderson County contributed not only her civilian soldiers, but material goods as well, in the form of the Iron Works near Plentitude, the Salt Works, west of Palestine, and the arms and munitions factory near Mound Prairie; and

Whereas, the Honorable John H. Reagan served as Postmaster General in the Confederate Cabinet, and U.S. Senator post-war, and called Palestine his home; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Commissioner's Court, of and for the County of Anderson, State of Texas, henceforth recognizes the month of April as Confederate History and Heritage Month, and pays honor to its Confederate veterans and their legacy by adding the 1st National flag of the Confederacy, below and along with the U.S. and Texas flags, at the County Courthouse during and throughout the month of April. The Court encourages the citizens of Anderson County to honor and remember those veterans, their sacrifices, and their contributions to the rich and colorful history of Anderson County and the State of Texas.

Anderson County Judge

at o'clock M.

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WANDA BURKE County Clerk, Anderson County, Texas By Deputy



TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN APRIL

From the Texas State Historical Association

April 8th, 1964: On this day, Confederate forces under Richard Taylor defeated a much larger Union force at the battle of Mansfield, Louisiana. Union general Nathaniel Banks had gathered an army of some 17,000 Federal troops to advance up the Red River to Alexandria and Shreveport, hoping to cut off the flow of supplies from Texas and to capture large quantities of cotton. General Taylor, commanding a Confederate force of Texas and Louisiana units, attacked the long, 12,000-man Union column three miles south of Mansfield with an army of 8,800 men. Taylor's force killed or wounded 700 Union soldiers, captured 1,500, and took 20 Union cannons and 200 wagons. About 1,000 Confederates were killed or wounded. It was one of the most humiliating Union defeats of the war. The following day Taylor's army was repulsed when it attacked the Union army at Pleasant Hill. Nevertheless, stung by his defeat on the 8th and convinced that Taylor's army was much larger than it was, Banks gave the order to retire on the night of April 9.

April 15th, 1869: the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Texas v. White* that the state still had the right to sue in the federal courts despite having seceded in 1861. In a suit originally filed by the state in 1867, George Paschal argued on behalf of the state for an injunction preventing defendants George W. White, John Chiles, and others from transferring bonds they received from the secession-era Texas State Military Board for supplying the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. The most historically significant question involved was whether or not Texas, having seceded and not having completed Reconstruction, had status in the Union and therefore the right to sue in the United States Supreme Court. Paschal argued that the Union was indestructible and that the state's status in the Union and later waging a war against the united States, had lost the status of a state in the Union and therefore had no right to sue in the United States Supreme Court. In its five-to-three decision, read by Chief Justice S.P. Chase, the court held the Union to be indestructible and thus not dissoluble by any act of a state, the government, or the people. The court thus repudiated the doctrine of state sovereignty.

April 20th, 1928: On this day, Felix Huston Robertson died in Waco. Robertson, the only Texas-born general officer to serve the Confederacy, was born in 1839 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. His father, Jerome Bonaparte Robertson, also fought in the Civil War, and was for a time commander of Hood's Texas Brigade. Felix Robertson was appointed brigadier general in 1864. He was a harsh disciplinarian whose savage punishments and Indian-like features earned him the sobriquet "Comanche Robertson." The most controversial incident of his military tenure occurred in Saltville, Virginia. There, on October 3, 1964, troops under Robertson's command killed well over 100 wounded, mostly black survivors of a Union attack. Though Robertson returned to Texas, where he became an enthusiastic member of the United Confederate Veterans and served as the commander of the Texas Division in 1911. At the time of his death he was the last surviving general of the Confederacy.

April 25th, 1861: On this day, 500 Federal troops stranded at the port of Saluria in Calhoun County were forced to surrender to Confederate colonel Earl Van Dorn. Saluria, at the eastern end of Matagorda Island, was founded in the 1840s and was a thriving port and ranching center in the 1850s. With the outbreak of the Civil War, Federal troops flocked to the coast, hoping to find transport to the North. Van Dorn intercepted 500 of them at Saluria. After being paroled, they were allowed to sail for New York. During the federal blockade of 1862, when invasion seemed imminent, Saluria inhabitants fled to the mainland. Confederate troops stationed at nearby Fort Esperanze later burned the town, dismantled the lighthouse, and drove most of the cattle off the island. Confederate artillerymen defended the fort until November 29, 1863, when they retreated to the mainland. In June 1864 Federal troops left Fort Esperanze. Afterward, citizens began moving back to the island. What finally destroyed Saluria was hurricanes, in 1875 and 1886. By 1904 a rural school with one teacher and seven students was the only vestige of the community. The more famous nearly port of Indianola was similarly destroyed.





FROM MY HEART TO YOURS....IN A TIME OF FEAR AND TROUBLES. BY W. MICHAEL HURLEY



TEXAS DIVISION CHAPLAIN SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

To the compatriots of the Texas Division

It is safe to say that we are living in times that have not been seen within our lifetime. The COVID-19 virus has caused our economy to experience a free fall, our isolation from each other brings boredom or even worse depression. Trials seem to be all around as we are forced to deal with the threat of physical sickness, the lack of key supplies, financial disruption, and a future that is unclear. Each of us is dealing with the realization that we have no control over what is happening, or how long this will last. All of these daily hurdles can easily cause us to be consumed with fear. Let us all be warned that fear is one of the greatest arrows in the quiver of the old devil, that diabolical demon, that crafty chameleon, the father of lies. We like our brave Confederate forefathers, must learn to face dangers, face the unknown, without fear. My prayer is that each of you place your trust in the living God. !

Here are a few quick Bible facts to consider and encourage you:!

1. Do Not Fear is an Often Repeated Command of the Old Testament. When God sent Abram away from all of his earthly security in the of Ur to the unknown land of Israel, God said: "After this the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision saying 'DO NOT BE AFRAID Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward" (Genesis 15:1). Many generations later God's servant Moses lead the people out of Egyptian bondage..."But Moses said to the people DO NOT FEAR! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today" (Exodus 14:13). God's servant Joshua told God's people in his day "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; DO NOT BE AFRAID, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". (Joshua 1:9).

2. Do Not Fear is an Often Repeated Command of the New Testament. Before Jesus was born to Mary, the Angel of the Lord said "DO NOT BE AFRAID, Mary; for you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). Following the death and burial of Jesus, to the women who came to the tomb of Christ "The angel said unto the women DO NOT BE AFRAID; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified." (Matt 28:5). In the great book of Revelation God tells the Christian "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer" (Revelation 2:10). !

3. How Do We Overcome Fear? Believe in God and place your Trust in Him! "Be content with what you have. For He Himself said: "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU" so that we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper, I WILL NOT FEAR. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6). The inspired pen of John wrote: "There is NO FEAR IN LOVE; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love." !My fellow Compatriots let me remind you that Christians are to be an example to the world of a Peace in the midst of turmoil, difficulty, and fear. Philippians 4:7 "and the PEACE of GOD, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus".

Hebrews 13:5-6 "Be content with what you have. For He Himself said: "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU" so that we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper, I WILL NOT FEAR. What can man do to me?" Jesus commands us: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3).

My fellow Compatriots, I cannot imagine facing these days of anguish without knowing Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you have not obeyed the gospel of Christ, I am available to assist you through study of the scriptures concerning the marvelous gospel of Christ.

In addition, If you need to talk to me or would like me to pray for you please contact me at:

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PRAYER BY RICHARD LEE MONTGOMERY

Our most merciful and gracious God – You are the God of heaven and earth. You are the giver of life and the giver of death. You are the source – the only source of eternal salvation. You are truth itself. Our greatest need in life is You and to be clearer – our only need in life is You – through Jesus Christ.

As the prayer was lifted up to You at the start of Lincoln's War – we lift up to you now – these same words acknowledging You as our greatest need, hope and strength. The war we find ourselves in today – is not traveling from one section of our land to another – engaging in hand to hand combat. It's not the firing of cannonades and firearms – but rather it is our pledge to walk dispensing the truth – and giving the fuller history of our country.

We ask God that you would "preserve our homes and Altars from pollution, and secure to us the restoration of peace and prosperity—all of which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour—to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we will give all the praise and glory in time and throughout all eternity!"

"Set up within us thy kingdom of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Restore peace to our bleeding land. Revive thy people who are scattered abroad everywhere. Reunite congregations and households. Restore commerce and agriculture, and may the earth again yield her increase, and the abundance of the sea bring prosperity. May our colleges again become the seminaries of learning, the fountains of wisdom, and the nurseries of pious and patriotic citizens, and of faithful and zealous ministers of the everlasting gospel; and may order, harmony, and peace be effectually and permanently restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, universally prevail."

May we walk from this meeting place – looking to you for wisdom – when we are confronted by conflict. Draw us nearer and nearer to you. May we stand for what it right – in your eyes.

I pray this prayer in the most precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Richard Lee Montgomery





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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: danieldyer497@yahoo.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224

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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.





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.

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.