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COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



As the John H. Reagan Camp commander for 2022, I would like to thank all of our members for supporting the cause of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans.

It concerns me who will step up to honor our ancestors years from now.

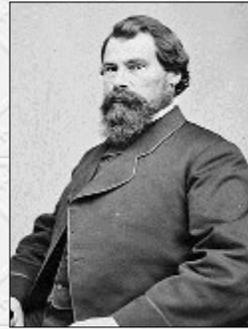
If anyone knows of some younger individuals that may be recruited into the camp please invite them to our meetings.

Our camp

membership is down from two years ago. I would love to see it back up to 30-35. I plan to contact some of our past members and try to get them back.

I believe we should also take better care of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza which the Reagan Camp built in 2012. It is in need of some repairs to the lights and landscaping. When and if Spring ever gets here I would like to have a short work day at the Plaza for about a couple of hours.

Take care, be safe. God Bless DIXIE.



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



CAMP MEETINGS

4th Thursday 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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The John H. Reagan Camp is requesting donations from those who would be willing to contribute financially to help keep the Confederate Heroes Memorial Plaza landscape manicured. If you would be willing to donate, please contact Dan Dyer at danielder497@yahoo.com



The picture on the left, "The Old Gray Fox", was painted by artist John Paul Strain.

This and more paintings are for sale on ebay by the artist.

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

Officers for 2022

- Commander - Dan Dyer
- 1st Lt. - David Franklin
- Adjutant/Treasurer - Richard Thornton
- Sgt at Arms - Doug Smith
- Judge Advocate - Martin Lawrence
- Chaplain - Dwight Franklin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Reagan Camp will have monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room

March 24, 2022 - March meeting

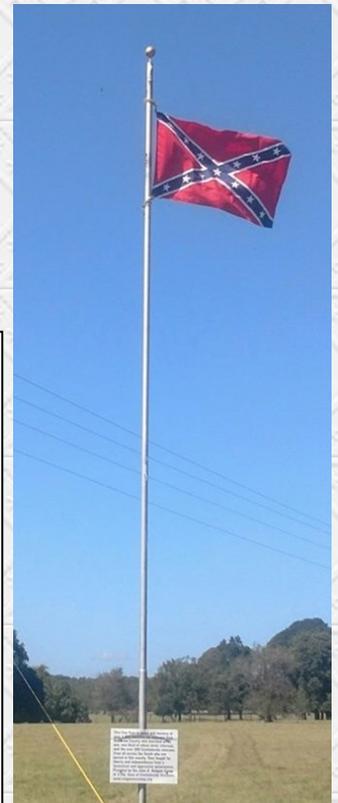
April 28, 2022 - April meeting

May 26, 2022 - May Meeting

June 23, 2022 - June 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.
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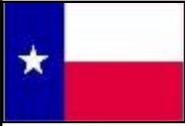
Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

"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-



FEBRUARY REAGAN CAMP MEETING & HISTORICAL PROGRAM

“AN EXAMINATION OF SOUTHERN BLACK PATRIOTS DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES”



The February meeting was held on February 24th in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room. The night started off with a delicious meal of barbeque, meatballs and gravy, beans and cornbread, and casserole.

After the meal, we were honored to have Dr. Bill Hardy present the February historical program. Dr. Hardy's great-great grandfather served as a Body Servant during the War Between the States. He had some personal family stories that he told about his family and his great-great grandfather.

1st Lt. David Franklin said, “the program was a fascinating look at Mr. Hardy's ancestors and their unique aspects as both slave and free men who saw their Southern heritage as a matter of pride. These ancestors had a loving relationship with Slave owners, a narrative that is pretty much ignored these days. This was a superb program of an oft neglected part of our history.”

Dr. Hardy currently serves as a Minister and as an Elder for the Palestine Church of Christ in Palestine. Over the past 45 years, he has also served as a youth minister, senior minister, elder, and missionary. He has served as a director at church youth camps, spoken at church lectureships, and served as an instructor at evangelistic workshops.



He has also served on the board of directors of various civic and ministering organizations.

Dr. Hardy worked in the department of psychiatry in VA hospitals and the Federal system in Oklahoma and Kansas for 15 years before being recruited by the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in 1996. He worked there for 23 years providing psychiatric care via UTMB contracted services within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice before retiring in 2017.

Bill was commissioned as a Medical Officer in the Army National Guard in 1983 and rose to the rank of full Colonel before retiring after 33 years of service.

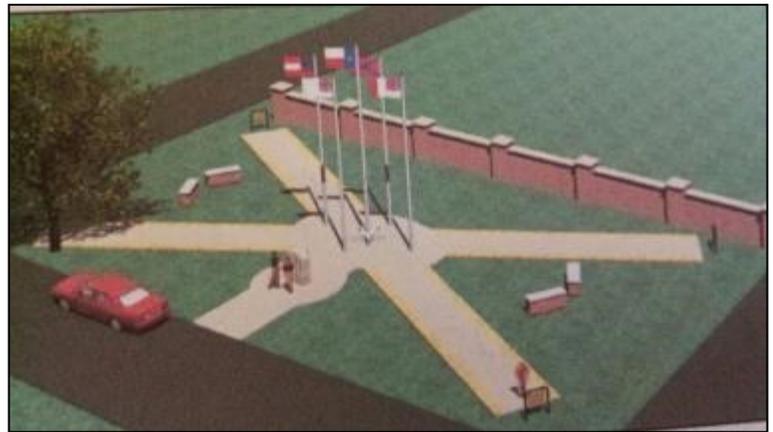
We appreciate Dr. Hardy so much for the excellent program and for all that he does and has done for our community. It was an honor to meet him and to have him join us for our meeting.



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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| WILLIAM C FRANKLIN CO D 12 BTTN ARK SHARP SHOOTERS | JOHN DANIEL LILES PVT DIED 4 / 25 / 1865 POW | WILLIAM J. CHAFFIN CO H 5 TEX CAV CSA 1829 - 1908 | JOHN H. REAGAN SCV CAMP #2156 PALESTINE, TEXAS | PVT WM. H. FOSTER CO. H 1ST TEX INF DIED AS POW OCT 63 |
| JASPER N. CARNES CO B 8 REGIMENT TEXAS INFANTRY | RICHARD A. HODGES CO K 22 TX INF CSA 1833 - 1905 | ANDREW J BEAUCHAMP CO F 13 TEX INF 12-9-1834 9-1-1894 | GEORGE KNOX GIBSON PVT. CO. B 12TH TEXAS CAVLRY, CSA | WILLIAM H. CRIST COMPANY I 7 TX CAV C.S.A. |
| JACOB L. SHERIDAN CAPT CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY | JOHN H. SHERIDAN PVT. CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY | COL. A.T. RAINEY CO. H 1 TEX. INF. HOOD'S TEX. BRIG | PVT. R. M. LUMMUS 53 GEORGIA INF. COMPANY B C.S.A | PVT ALLEN G TURNER CO A 7TH BATTALION MISS INF. CSA |
| L. E. SHERIDAN PVT. CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY | PVT WM. N SHERIDAN CO C 6 BATTALION TEXAS CALVARY | STEPHEN D. RAINEY CAPTAIN 1ST BATT. TEX CAV | SGT. AMOS G. HANKS CO F. 1ST TEX INF HOODS BRIGADE CSA | WILLIAM H. DYER PVT CO K MISS INF C.S.A. |

Above are some pictures of some of the pavers in the plaza. If you would like to purchase a paver for your ancestor, you can pick what you want to have inscribed on it. These pictures will give you some ideas to what you might want on your paver.

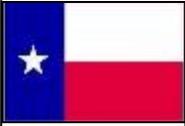


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2022

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



TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN FEBRUARY



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

February 1, 1861 - On this date, Texas became the 7th state to secede from the Union when a state convention voted 166-8 in favor of secession. Even though Sam Houston objected to Texas leaving the Union, the vote passed.

February 2, 1861 - On this date, a declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union was adopted.

February 2, 1861 - On this date the Committee of Public Safety directed to seize all federal property in Texas.

February 9, 1861 - On this date, a proclamation by Gov. Houston setting an election on the Ordinance of Secession.

February 16, 1861 - On this date, the US Army Facility at San Antonio was seized under authority of the Texas Committee of Safety

February 18, 1861 - On this date, US General David E. Twiggs surrendered all US military posts in Texas.

February 19, 1861 - On this date, Carlos A. Waite replaced Gen. Twiggs as US Army commander, Department of Texas.

February 21, 1861 - On this date, Volunteers under the command of John 'Rip' Ford seize U.S. property at Brazos Santiago in the Rio Grande Valley.

February 23rd, 1861— On this day in 1861, the people of Texas went to the polls to vote on a referendum to secede from the Union. The vote was 46,153 for secession and 14,747 against. Of the 122 counties casting votes, only eighteen cast majorities against secession. Only eleven others cast as much as 40 percent against. The referendum was held pursuant to a decision in favor of secession in the state Secession Convention.

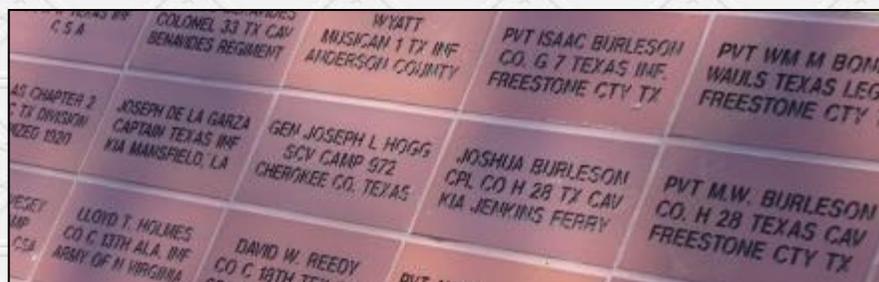
February 27th, 1850 - On this day in 1850, Carlos Esparza, a supporter of the Mexican folk hero Juan N. Cortina, and various followers attempted to establish a territorial government and separate themselves from the rest of Texas. The territory of the Rio Grande was intended to protect the interests of Hispanics, but the proposal became politically complicated and was dropped. Esparza, born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in 1828, was to all appearances an ordinary rancher possessing neither Cortina's striking appearance nor leadership qualities. The eccentric, sharp-tongued Esparza remained Cortina's man in the shadows, however. During the Civil war, he managed to aid Union and Confederate forces against each other while promoting the Cortina's cause.



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza had the official opening and dedication on April 13, 2013. It is a beautiful Memorial to the Confederate Veterans. Although it is open for visitors, there is still room along the sidewalks for you to purchase a brick paver in the name of your confederate ancestor. This will ensure that your ancestor's service to the confederacy will not be forgotten, but will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to make a donation for a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: danielyer497@yahoo.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224



Would you like to honor you ancestor? There is still room in the plaza for you to have a paver with your ancestor's name and military information. You can also acquire a paver in the name of your SCV Camp.



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The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership in the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either **lineal or collateral** family lines and kinship to a veteran must be **documented genealogically**. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership. **Friends of the SCV** memberships are available as well to those who are committed to upholding our charge, but do not have the Confederate ancestry.

THE CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander-in-Chief

United Confederate Veterans

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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