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COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



Compatriots,

I hope everyone is doing well. I would like to remind everyone that April is Confederate Heritage Month. We as SCV members do not have to have a month to celebrate the Confederacy, we do celebrate it 365 days a year.

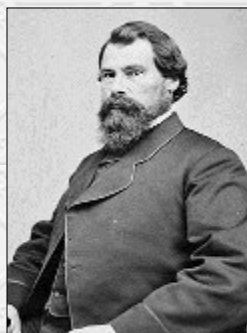
Another reminder is about the Texas Division Reunion which will be held in Lubbock, Texas on June 2-4. If any of the Reagan Camp's members would like to attend, go to the Texas Division website and you can register on line. Get in touch with Richard or myself and we will fill out the Credentials form to

take with you.

I want to share with you the words of General Patrick Cleburn,

" I am with the South in life or death, in victory or in defeat. I believe the North is about to wage a brutal and unholy war on a people who have done nothing wrong, in violation of the Constitution and the fundamental principles of government. They no longer acknowledge that all governments derives its validity from the consent of the governed. They are about to invade our peaceful homes, destroy our property and inaugurate a servile insurrection, murder our men and dishonor our women. We propose no invasion of the North, no attack on them, and only ask to be left alone".

Dan Dyer  
Reagan SCV Camp  
Commander



John H. Reagan

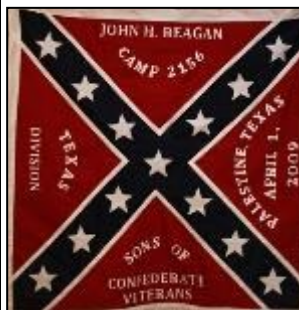
About 1863  
Oct 8, 1818 – March 6, 1905

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](mailto:danielder497@yahoo.com)



The Battle of Pea Ridge, also known as the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern, took place on March 6-8, 1862 near Leetown, northeast of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Prayer List**

- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Sgt at Arms Doug Smith (complications from hip replacement)
- Past Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- Former Camp Commander Rudy Ray
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Officers for 2023**

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

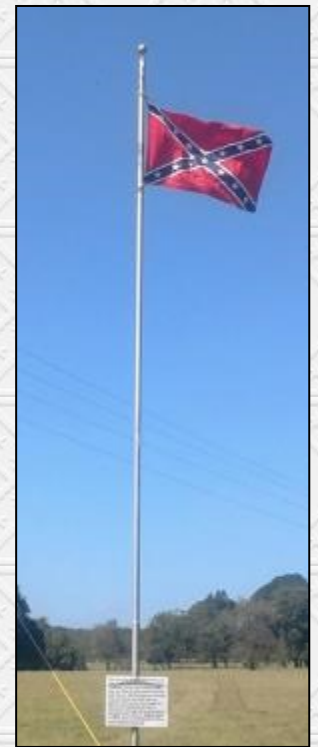
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

- March 23, 2023 - March Meeting
- April 27, 2023 - April Meeting
- May 25, 2023 - May Meeting
- June 22, 2023 - June Meeting
- July 27, 2023 - July 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.reaganscvcamp.org](http://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.

"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."

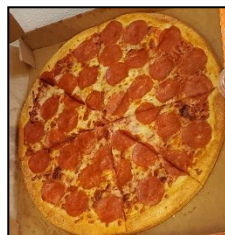
-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-





# March Reagan Camp Meeting

March 23, 2023



The John H. Reagan SCV Camp March 2023 meeting was held on 3-23-23 in the Commercial Bank of Texas Conference Room. We had a delicious meal of pizza, chic-fil-a nuggets, pinto beans with ham, beef and cheese noodle, garlic bread, cornbread, and homemade cookies (lemon and also chocolate chip). We appreciate Richard Thornton, David Franklin, Marc Robinson, and Dwight Franklin for bringing the food. It was really good, and there was enough to feed twice as many as we had in attendance.

Following the meal, we met in the conference room for the historical program. Reagan Camp Compatriot Mac McGuyre presented this month's program. It was on Terry's Texas Rangers, the 8th Texas Cavalry. He brought



several items with him as he described the way Terry's Rangers dressed and the flag that they flew. He did a very good job. You can read about his program in the following pages of this newsletter. We really appreciate Mac for the good program.

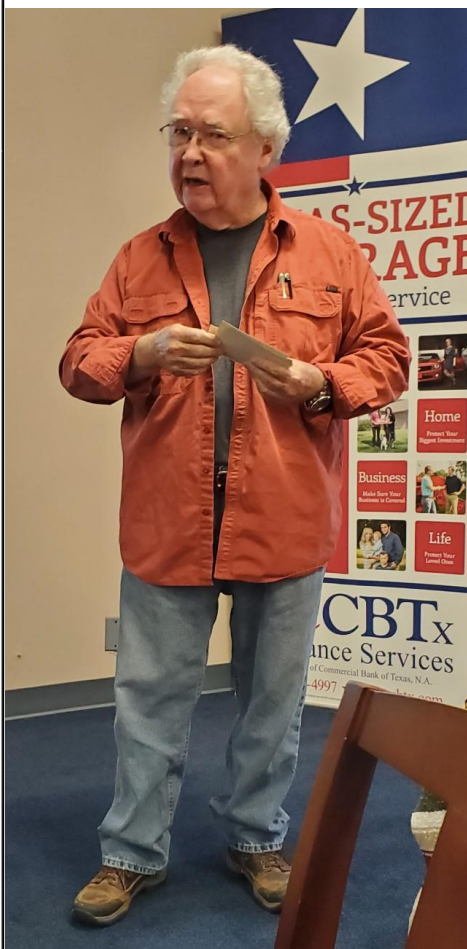
Our next meeting will be held on April 27th in the Commercial Bank of Texas. We appreciate them for allowing us to use their facilities for our meetings.







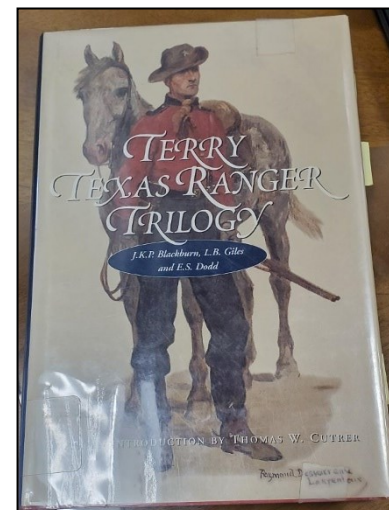
## March Historical Program by Mac McGuyre Terry's Texas Rangers: The 8th Texas Cavalry



Starley "Mac" McGuyre presented the Reagan Camp with the historical program at the March meeting. His program was based on the information that he had read in the book "Terry Texas Ranger Trilogy" by J.K.P. Blackburn, L.B. Giles and E.S. Dodd. (see picture of the book in the photo on the right). Mac brought some items with him like those that were worn and used by the Terry's Texas Rangers. Among them were a hat (with the star on the front), a poncho, an original Parker double barrel shotgun, a replica 1851 Colt Navy Revolver, and a Bowie knife. He said that the star that Terry's Texas Rangers had on their hats were made from cutting it out of a Mexican silver peso coin.

You can see a picture of the items he brought in the picture to the right. ➡➡

Confederate President Jefferson Davis authorized Benjamin Franklin Terry, a local celebrated figure in Texas, to raise a regiment. The 40-year-old wealthy businessman had made a name for himself



during the First Battle of Bull Run in Fairfax, Virginia, by shooting down a United States flag from atop a courthouse after the Rebel victory. It sealed his reputation with Confederate leaders as a brazen patriot. He would soon become the patriarch of the 8th Texas Cavalry, better known as Terry's Texas Rangers.

On September 9, 1861, roughly 1,200 men from all walks of life were mustered into service in Houston as the war began. They were college boys, white-collar workers and men raised in the saddle. They were experts with lariats, six-shooters and in bareback riding.

The Rangers were required to bring their own clothes, supplies and any weapons they could carry, usually double barrel shotguns, pistols and Bowie knives. Most chose to don Mexican ponchos and slough hats pinned with the five-point star of the original Texas Rangers. The Confederacy could only afford to outfit them with horses.

Their first real engagement was the Battle of Woodsonville three months later. Ranger leaders had drilled them on combat tactics but they were mostly ordered to do whatever it took to win. While the Union soldiers formed an orderly square formation, Terry's Boys wildly charged them, firing their shotguns and bellowing the Texas Yell. While the outcome of the battle was inconclusive, they quickly became a type of a "shock troop," a regiment reared to lead an attack.

The Rangers went on secret missions, often donning blue overcoats for maximum deception; they destroyed railway and telegraph lines, sneaked behind enemy lines and gunned down Yankees at close range with no regard for their own lives. They often led the front as well as covered the rear, the first and last line of offense and defense.

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## March Historical Program by Mac McGuyre Terry's Texas Rangers: The 8th Texas Cavalry



Their gusto for a fight served them well in battle. A captured Union officer wrote in a letter: "The Rangers are as quick as lightning. They ride like Arabs, shoot like archers at the mark, and fight like devils. They rode upon bayonets as if they were charging a commissary department, are wholly without fear themselves, and no respecter of a wish to surrender."

The Rangers were hard men who took being a man to the next level. They wore their pistols as regular as they wore clothes. It was said by a Ranger that "Rangers do not walk. A man on foot is just 1/2 a man." When told that they needed to start putting cooking utensils in saddle bags, they responded with "who ever heard of a Texas Ranger carrying cooking utensils and living in tents?" They slept on the ground. There had the mindset that they were tougher than the average man, and

they were.

Trained by General Hardy, he noticed that they could shoot from the horses while the Union Cavalry would dismount and stand on the ground to shoot. General Hardy said that he always felt safe where there were Terry's Texas Rangers. That's quite a statement.

Terry's Texas Rangers left the war as legends—one of the most effective cavalry units in the Confederacy. But it came with a cost. Of the more than 1,000 men who were mustered in, only around 275 returned home.

In 1907, more than forty years after the war, some of the surviving Rangers gathered in Austin for the dedication of a monument on the Texas Capitol grounds. It is a bronze statue depicting a Terry's Texas Ranger wearing a poncho, a slouch hat and carrying a shotgun astride a spirited horse. One of the inscriptions is, "There is no danger of a surprise when the Rangers are between us and the enemy."



We appreciate Mac for the program.  
He did a very good job presenting it.

To the right and left are pictures of  
the bronze statue in Austin depicting  
a Terry's Texas Ranger.

Below is a picture of a few of Terry's  
Texas Rangers.







## CONFEDERATE BUGLE



### MAKES APPEARANCE AT REAGAN CAMP MEETING

Reagan Camp Compatriot Frank Moore surprised the men at the meeting when he brought a white cotton sack to the meeting. Frank reached into the sack and pulled out a bugle that was an actual bugle that was used during the war of northern aggression. He said that he has had the bugle for many years, but he decided to bring it to the meeting to show some of the newer members who may not have seen it before.

It was a very interesting topic. Just imagine what this bugle could tell us if it could talk!!! There is no telling what we could learn from hearing those stories.

Pictured below is Frank holding the bugle. On the bottom right is a close-up of the inscription on the bell of the bugle.



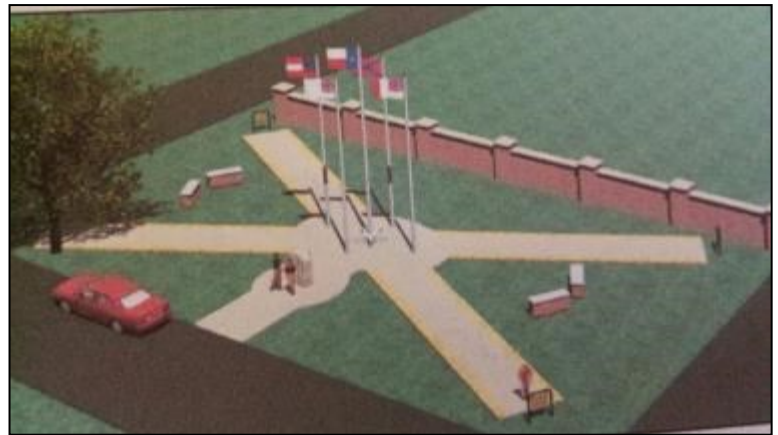




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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.



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
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L. E. SHERIDAN PVT. CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY	PVT WM. N SHERIDAN CO C 6 BATTALION TEXAS CALVARY	STEPHEN O. 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**



**MARCH 2023**

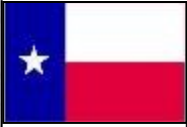
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1864 Kilpatrick's raid goes awry as troops and horses succumb to fatigue.	2 1863: Much of East Coast digs out after crippling snowstorm.	3 1865: 38th U.S. Congress meets for the final time to outline aid for displaced African Americans.	4 1865: Lincoln delivers his greatest speech, a 750 word second inaugural address.
5 1864: CSA government demands half of all space on blockade runners.	6 1865: Clara Baron attends Lincoln's inaugural ball at the White House	7 1862: Largest battle west of the Mississippi continues at Pea Ridge, Ar.	8 1865: Sherman enters North Carolina, having advanced some 350 miles through the Deep South.	9 1862: Modern naval warfare begins as ironclads clash off Virginia coast.	10 1809: U.S. Navy Admiral David Porter is born.	11 1861: Confederate Congress adopts constitution that specifically allows slavery.
12 1864: Admiral Porter leads a fleet of 13 ironclads into the Red River.	13 1865: President Davis signs law allowing African Americans to Carry arms for Confederacy	14 1865: African Americans seen in Richmond for the first time in soldier uniforms.	15 1866 Texas repeals the actions of the Secessionist Convention	16 1861: Robert E. Lee promoted by Lincoln to colonel of U.S. 1st Cavalry.	17 1862: McClellan's army begins its deployment to Fort Monroe on Virginia's Peninsula.	18 1861: In Texas, war hero Sam Houston refuses to take oath of allegiance to Confederacy.
19 1865: Heavy fighting erupts around Raleigh, NC, near the Harper House.	20 1865: Battle of Bentonville continues to rage outside Raleigh	21, 1864 Abe Lincoln signs legislation allowing Nevada & Colorado to become states even though they don't meet	22 1864: After a wet snowfall, Confederate soldiers enjoy a huge snowball fight in Richmond.	23 1862: Stonewall Jackson opens famous Valley Campaign outside Winchester, Va.	24 1863: The last attempt to take Vicksburg, Ms, by water fails.	25 1865: In his last assault of the war, Lee attacks Union lines at Fort Stedman, Va.
26 1863: West Virginia voters approve gradual emancipation of slaves.	27 1865: Lincoln meets with Grant, Sherman, and Porter on riverboat to discuss war's ending.	28 1862: Battle of Glorieta Pass rages near Santa Fe, New Mexico	29, 1861 Mississippi ratifies the Confederate Constitution	30 1865: In pouring rain, U.S. forces probe Lee's fatally overstretched lines.	31 1862: Lincoln meddles with McClellan and recalls some 15,000 troops to defend Washington.	

**Southern Born, Texas Proud!**

*"Learn About Your Heritage"*

**Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Texas Division**





## TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN MARCH

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



March 1, 1861: Texas accepted as a state by the provisional government of the Confederate States of America.

March 2, 1861: Texas Secessionist Convention reconvenes.

March 5, 1861: Texas secessionist convention accepts Confederate statehood.

March 11, 1846: U.S. Troops move into disputed land between Nueces and Rio Grande Rivers.

March 28, 1864: Civil War guerrilla leader William Quantrill was arrested by Confederate forces in Bonham, Texas. The Ohio native, wanted for murder in Utah by 1860, collected a group of renegades in the Kansas-Missouri area at the beginning of the Civil War. He fought with Confederate forces at the battle of Wilson's Creek in August 1861 but soon thereafter began irregular independent operations. Quantrill and his band attacked Union camps, patrols, and settlements. While Union authorities declared him and outlaw, Quantrill eventually held the rank of colonel in the Confederate forces. After his infamous sack of Lawrence, Kansas, and the massacre of Union prisoners at Baxter Springs, Quantrill and his men fled to Texas in October of 1863. There he quarreled with his associate, William "Bloody Bill" Anderson, and his band preyed on the citizens of Fannin and Grayson counties. Acts of violence proliferated so much that regular confederate forces had to be assigned to protect residents from the activities of the irregular Confederate forces, and Gen. Henry McCulloch determined to rid North Texas of Quantrill's influence. On March 28, 1864, when Quantrill appeared at Bonham as requested, McCulloch had him arrested on the charge of ordering the murder of a Confederate major. Quantrill escaped that day and returned to his camp near Sherman, pursued by more than 300 state and Confederate troops. He and his men crossed the Red River into Indian Territory. Except for a brief return in May, Quantrill's activities in Texas were at an end. Quantrill was killed by Union forces at the very end of the war.

March 31, 1861: General John Bankhead Magruder reassigned from Arkansas to Texas.





## 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

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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.

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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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