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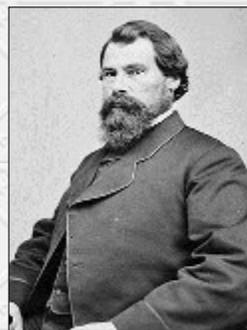
COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



Compatriots,  
I hope everyone is doing well. At the May meeting we decided to let Max take the Reagan Camp left over books and videos to the Grapeland Library. The books were donated by different people to the Reagan Camp Library that I had at the museum. When the museum closed, I had to remove them. The Grapeland Library was interested in them so they now have a new home.  
I have an update on the Reagan Camp's Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. Marc Robinson and

Frank Moore replaced light bulbs, a light fixture and new flags which needed to be replaced. I appreciate Marc and Frank for doing this. David Franklin also paid to have the Plaza mowed for the Memorial Day weekend. A big thank you to David also. We do have a mystery about the Plaza, someone replaced the globe on one of the street lights. I found the company we ordered from when we put them up years ago but had not ordered it yet. If anyone knows who replaced it please let me know so we can pay them for it. As of right now I don't have a clue who did it, but it is appreciated.

Dan Dyer

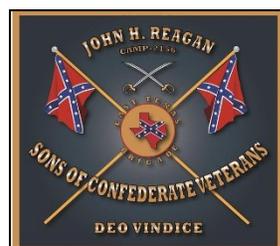
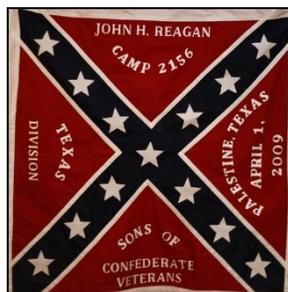


John H. Reagan

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 [danielyder497@yahoo.com](mailto:danielyder497@yahoo.com)  
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The **Trout House** was one of three hotels in antebellum Atlanta, Georgia, along with the Atlanta Hotel and Washington Hall. It was built in 1849 by Jeremiah F. Trout. It was a four-story brick building at the southwest corner of Decatur and Pryor Streets, facing the union depot and State Square.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis spoke here during his visit to Atlanta of February 16, 1861, although he did not spend the night.

The hotel was destroyed during General Sherman's burning of Atlanta.

**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 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**

**June 2-4, 2023 - Texas Division Reunion in Lubbock**

**June 22, 2023 - June Meeting**

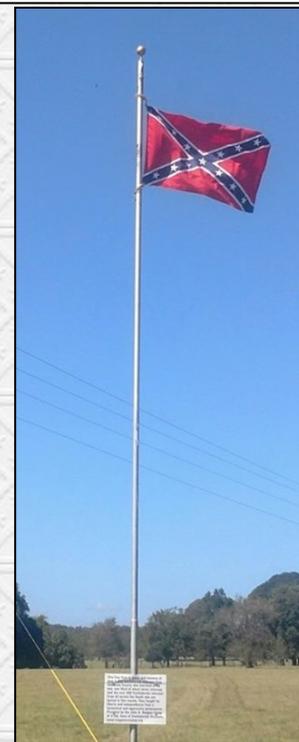
**July 19-22, 2023 - National Reunion in Arkansas**

**July 27, 2023 - July Meeting**

**August 24, 2023 - August 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.”

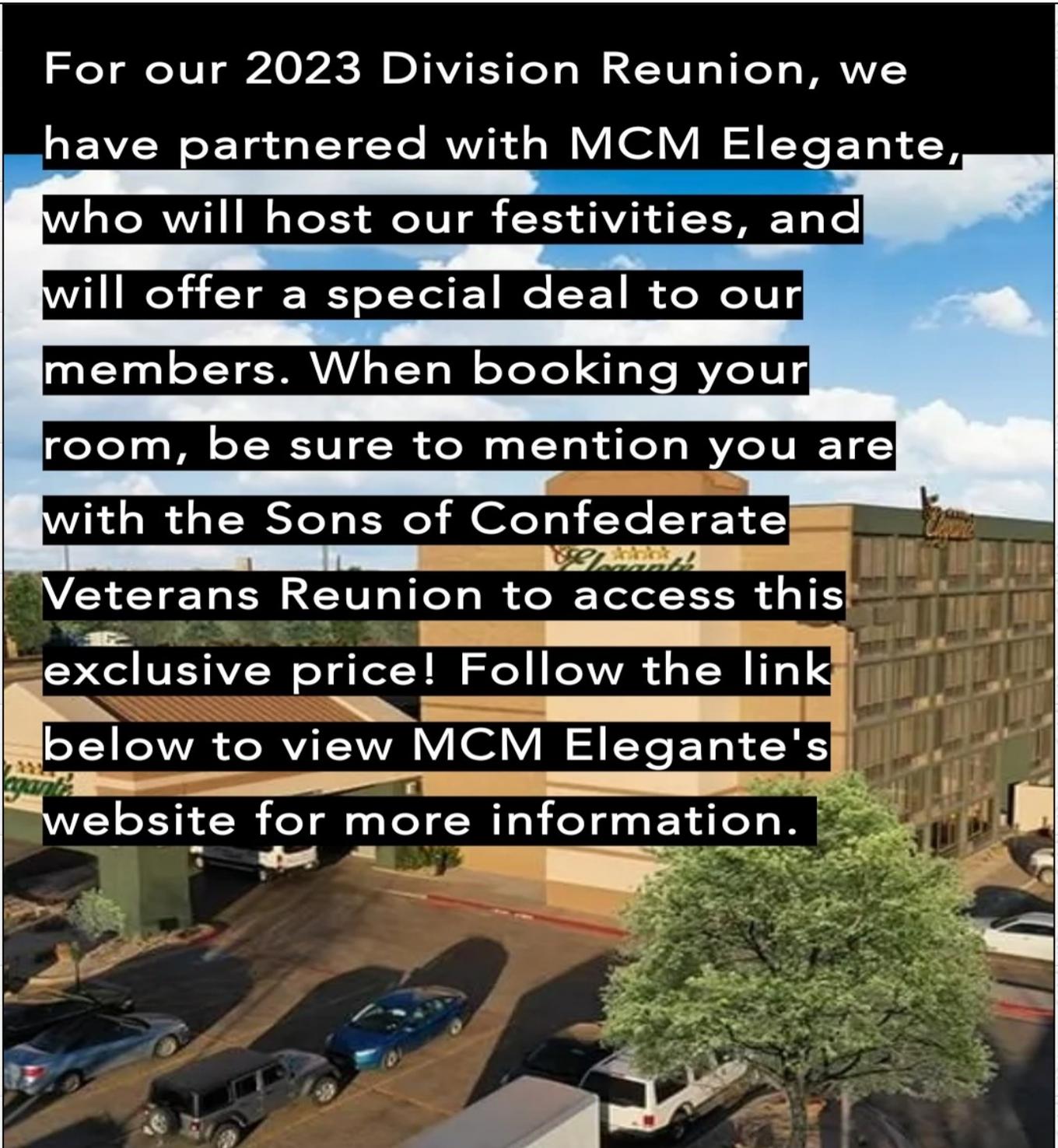
-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

“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-

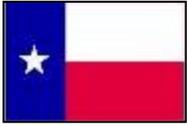
**TEXAS SCV DIVISION REUNION TO BE HELD IN LUBBOCK,  
JUNE 2—4, 2023**

**For our 2023 Division Reunion, we have partnered with MCM Elegante, who will host our festivities, and will offer a special deal to our members. When booking your room, be sure to mention you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion to access this exclusive price! Follow the link below to view MCM Elegante's website for more information.**



**Address:** 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Tx 79401

**Phone:** (806) 763-1200



## MAY REAGAN CAMP SCV MEETING PICS MAY 25, 2023



The May meeting was held in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room on May 25, 2023. Due to several end-of-school award ceremonies and other end-of-school activities, there were some who were unable to attend this month's meeting, but we still had 8 in attendance. David Franklin brought fresh corn, baked beans, homemade cookies and cornbread that his wife and daughter had prepared. Richard Thornton brought barbeque pulled pork. Everything was delicious! After enjoying a meal together, Ed Heitman presented an interesting program on the route of Sibley's brigade. He told about what you can see today as he told of the geography of it and presented several current pictures of the places mentioned.



Photo courtesy of David Franklin



## MAY REAGAN CAMP SCV HISTORICAL PROGRAM "4TH TEXAS MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS" BY ED HEITMAN



Ed Heitman presented the Reagan Camp historical program at the May meeting. His topic was the 4th Texas Mounted Volunteers. He had a powerpoint presentation that allowed us to see what many of the places that the 4th Tx Mounted Volunteers went to look like today.

**FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY.** The Fourth Texas Cavalry, also known as Fourth Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers, was organized in September 1861 and was assigned to Henry H. Sibley's Army of New Mexico. The men were primarily recruited from the counties of Caldwell, Cherokee, Dewitt, Guadalupe, Houston, Milam, Nacogdoches, and Victoria. On August 20, 1861, Sibley appointed James Reily commander of "Reily's Regiment" as colonel. Reily never exercised command, however, being detached, instead, on a diplomatic mission to the governors of Chihuahua and Senora.

He was replaced as head of the regiment by his lieutenant colonel, William Read "Dirty Shirt" Scurry whose commission, also issued by Sibley, dated August 23, 1861. William Polk "Gotch" Hardeman, the original captain of Company A, became the regiment's third commanding officer on March 28, 1862.

During the Sibley campaign, the regiment played a conspicuous role in the battles of Valverde, the siege of Albuquerque, and the disastrous battle of Glorieta. Of the 810 effectives who marched out of San Antonio on October 10, 1861, for Fort Bliss and the invasion of New Mexico Territory, 47 were killed or mortally wounded in battle, 28 died of disease, 92 were wounded, and 194 were taken prisoner.

Following the retreat to San Antonio, the regiment was reassigned to Tom Green's cavalry brigade in which it saw service at the recapture of Galveston on January 1, 1863. For the remainder of 1863, the regiment served in the defense of south Louisiana, including action at Fort Bisland, April 12–13; Irish Bend, April 14; Brashear City, June 23; Donaldsonville, June 28, 1863; Cox's Plantation, July 12–13; Stirling' Plantation, September 29; and Bayou Bourbeau on November 3.

In March 1864 it became part of Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor's army opposing Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks' Red River Campaign and was heavily engaged at Mansfield on April 8, 1864, and Pleasant Hill on April 9, 1864. The regiment surrendered with Lt. Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith at Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 26, 1865.

### 4th Texas Cavalry Regiment



William R. Scurry became the 4th Texas Cavalry Regiment's 2nd colonel and was later promoted to brigadier general.

#### Engagements were:

Battle of Valverde (1862)

Battle of Glorieta Pass (1862)

Battle of Albuquerque (1862)

Battle of Peralta (1862)

Battle of Galveston (1863)

Battle of Fort Bisland (1863)

Battle of Irish Bend (1863)

2nd Battle of Donaldsonville (1863)

Battle of Kock's Plantation (1863)

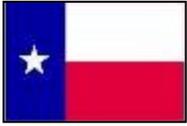
Battle of Stirling's Plantation (1863)

Battle of Bayou Bourbeau (1863)

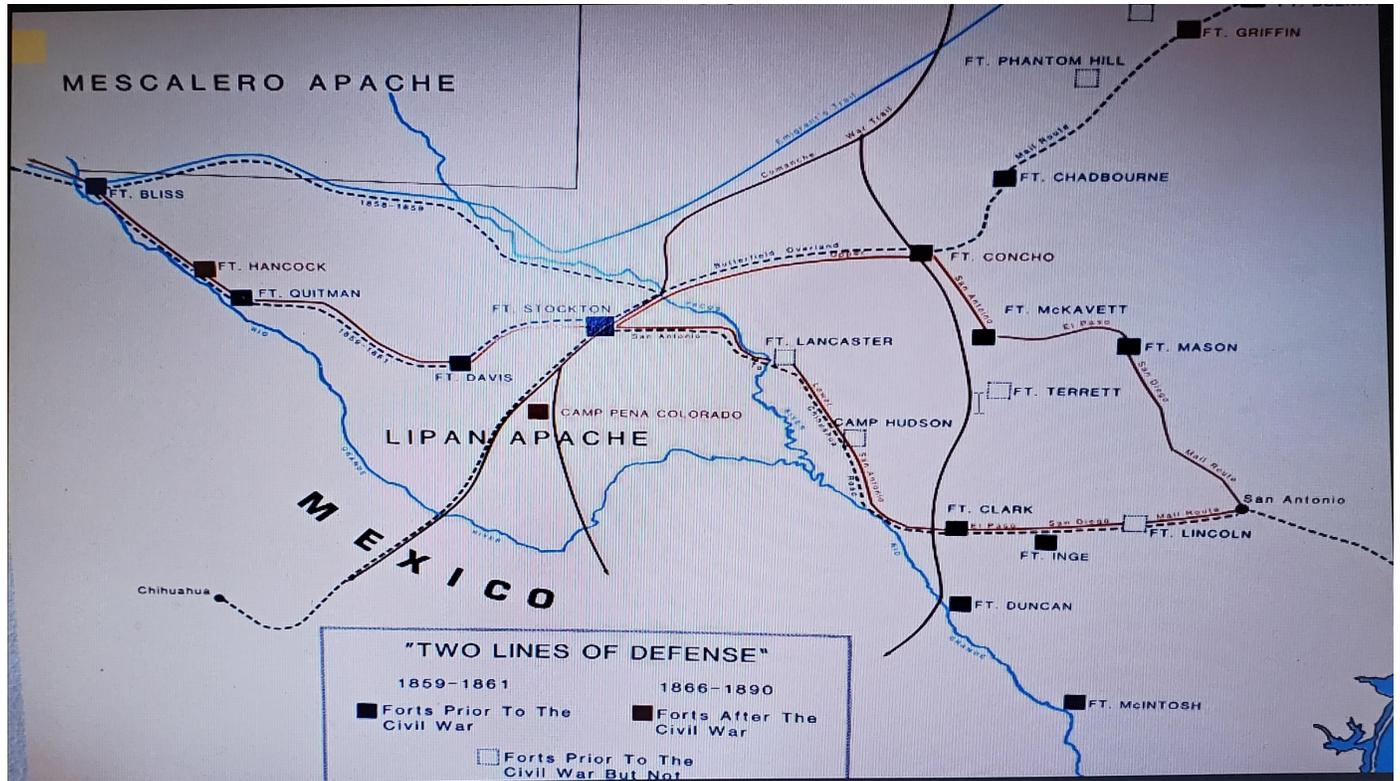
Battle of Mansfield (1864)

Battle of Pleasant Hill (1864)

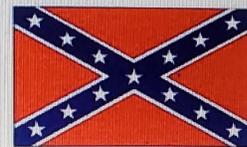




**MAY REAGAN CAMP SCV HISTORICAL PROGRAM**  
**“4TH TEXAS MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS” BY ED HEITMAN**



Above: Map showing Sibley’s Brigade Route from San Antonio to Fort Bliss—Late Fall 1861  
 Below: 4th Tx Cavalry Confederate Veteran William Alfonse “Bill” Ferguson



**Confederate Veteran**  
 William Alfonse “Bill” Ferguson, who served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry in Sibley’s Brigade in New Mexico and Texas, and in the Trans-Mississippi, mostly in Louisiana, once told his wife, Rosalie, who had mentioned buying something blue to put in the house, “I’ll have nothing blue in my house except the eyes of my grandchildren.” He is shown here, about 1916, with some of those grandchildren, from left, Fred Ferguson, held by Beulah, and Bee sitting at right.

# NATIONAL REUNION HOT SPRINGS PARK, ARKANSAS

JUNE 19—22, 2023 [www.2023scvreunion.org](http://www.2023scvreunion.org)

*2023 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion*

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*Hosted By The James M Keller Camp #648*

*Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas*

*July 19, 20, 21, 22nd 2023*

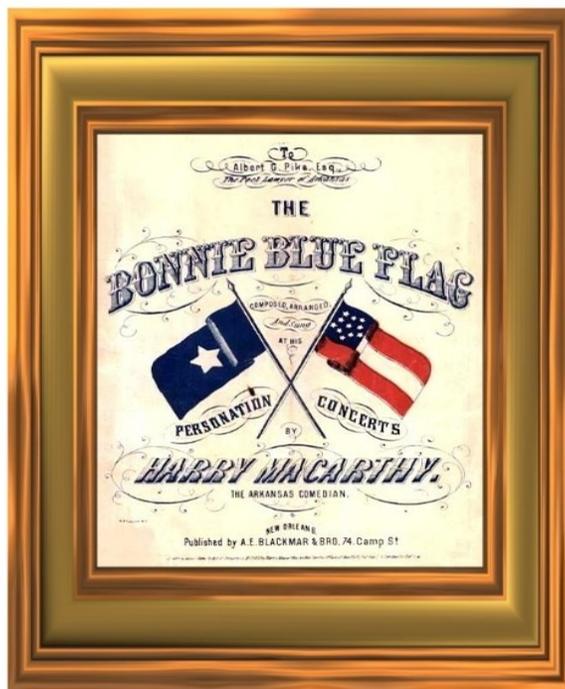


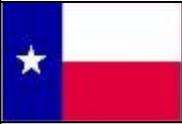
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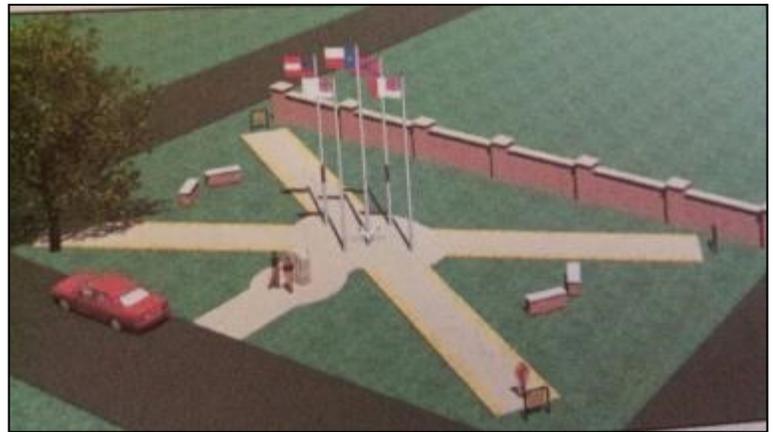




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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.



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
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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.

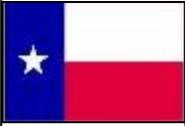


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 undated— [children] should also be taught to know that after having been reared & educated by their parents, they should not expect them to further provide for them.	2 May 2, 1865— To Markie: I trust in time to be able to procure a humble home somewhere.	3 undated—If habits of self control & self denial have been acquired during education the great object has been accomplished.	4 May 4, 1851— Be strictly honorable in every act, & be not ashamed to do right. Acknowledge right to be your aim & strive to reach it.	5 undated— to Custis Hold yourself above every mean action	6 undated— Diligence & integrity in any useful pursuit of life will be sure to secure prosperity.
7 undated— In answer to the prayers of God’s people. I trust He will soon give us peace. I haven’t seen my wife for nearly a year—my home in nearly two years.	8 undated to Custis Daily exercise of all your energies, acquiring knowledge, & knowing to do your duty, will bring you a delight surpassing all that idleness & selfishness can give	9 undated— The choice of a profession is not of so much consequence as the manner in which it is pursued.	10 May 10, 1863—To Gen Jackson: Tell him to make haste & get well & come back to me as soon as he can. He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right arm.	11 Undated—to son No one will attend to your business as well as you will yourself.	12 undated to wife Study human nature, more by experience than by precept, learn to guard himself & his actions & not to be deceived by the low, the cunning, & the envious.	13 undated to Mrs. Fitzhugh In truth the wilderness of Texas is more agreeable to me than its cities.
14 undated— We must never relax in our efforts to save our people or save our Country.	15 May 15, 1864 to General Hill: When a man makes a mistake, I call him to my tent, talk to him, & use the authority of my position to make him do the right thing the	16 May 16, 1864 to Gen. Hill: These men are not an army... I have to make the best of what I have.	17 May 17, 1867—The greater difficulties in our lives the harder must we strive for success.	18 May 18, 1857—to wife: If they [daughters] can lead the life of pure & earnest Christians they will realize the only true happiness in this world.	19 undated to Custis The necessity I daily have for money has I fear made me parsimonious.	20 May 20, 1863 to Jeff Davis: I wish to take advantage of every circumstance to inspire & encourage, & induce the officers & men to believe that their labours
21 May 21, 1863 to Gen. Hood: There never were such men in any army before. They will go anywhere and do anything.	22 undated— I know the difficulty of farmers. Their success & in a measure their pleasure, depend upon their daily attention to their affairs.	23 May 23, 1863 to wife: I hope the doctor’s prescriptions under the blessing of Heaven relieve your painful affliction for I can do nothing but offer my feeble prayers to God for	24 undated to wife: Kiss my daughters for me, & you must all remember me in your prayers	25 May 25, 1863 to Agnes: Good-bye my precious child. Kiss your mother for me & take good care of her.	26 May 26, 1863 to Robert: I wish I could be of some advantage to you, but I can only give you my love & prayers, & commit you to God who never forgets those who serve Him.	27 undated—To Custis: so long as I meet with such return from my children, & see them strive to respond to my wishes I can meet with calmness all else the world may have for me.
28 May 28, 1870 I am unwilling that my family should become a tax to the College, all its funds should be devoted to the purposes of education.	29 May 29, 1866 Above all things, learn at once to worship your Creator & to do His will as revealed in His Holy Book.	30 May 30, 1858 to Rooney: I hope you will always be distinguished for your avoidance of the “universal balm”, whiskey & every immorality.	31 May 31, 1863 to wife: I pray that our merciful Father in Heaven may protect and direct us! In that case, I fear no odds & no numbers.			



## TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN MAY



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

**May 6th, 1864:** On this day in one of the most moving incidents of the Civil War, Confederate General Robert E. Lee ordered the celebrated Hood's Texas Brigade to the front, and they in turn ordered him to the rear. During a critical moment of the fierce Battle of the Wilderness, as the Southern battle line was crumbling, Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, was heartened to see the Texas Brigade, under the command of John Gregg, arrive on the field as reinforcements. With a cry of "Hurrah for Texas!" Lee ordered them forward against the Union Army and, carried away by his enthusiasm, began to lead them into the charge. The Texans unwilling to risk their idol in battle, stopped and gathered around him, yelling "Lee to the rear!" and held onto his horse until he withdrew. The Texas Brigade suffered severe losses, but the Union army was once more fought to a standstill.

**May 9th, 1865:** On this day near Abbeville, Georgia, Jefferson Davis, former Texas governor Francis R. Lubbock, and Confederate postmaster and temporary treasurer John H. Reagan were captured by Union forces. Davis had been forced to flee Richmond with his cabinet on April 2, and the Confederate government had eluded Union patrols in both North and South Carolina. After his capture, Texan John Reagan was imprisoned until December.

**May 13, 1865:** On this day, more than a month after the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, the last land action of the Civil War took place at Palmito Ranch near Brownsville. The battle lasted four hours. Confederate casualties were a few dozen wounded. The federals lost 111 men and four officers, captured, and thirty men wounded or killed. Ironically, at the same time, the Confederate governors of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas were authorizing Confederate commander Kirby Smith to disband his armies and end the war.

**May 17th, 1865:** On this day, the last 1,200 Federal prisoners left Camp Ford, a Confederate prison camp located four miles northeast of Tyler, Texas. The Camp, named in honor of Col. John S. (Rip) Ford, originally opened in 1862 as a facility for training Confederate conscripts, but the Trans-Mississippi Department ordered the establishment of a prison camp there in July 1863; the notorious John Pelham Border became commandant in May 1864. About 6,000 prisoners were confined at Camp Ford over the two years of its existence, making it the largest Confederate prison camp west of the Mississippi River. Of this number 286 died there. The remains of the prison compound were destroyed in July 1865 by a detail of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry.

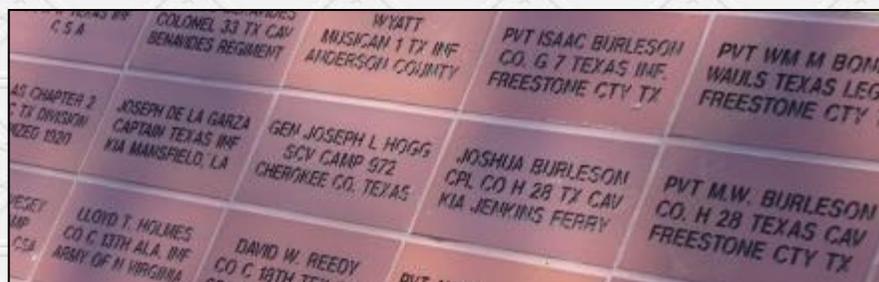
**May 25, 1896:** On this day, the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met for the first time in Victoria. The United Daughters of the Confederacy was established in 1894 by the merger of state groups in Georgia, Missouri, and Tennessee. The Texas Division was organized by Kate Cabell Muse, who had earlier organized a local chapter in her hometown, Dallas. The Texas Division has been active in marking historic locations and holds annual memorial observances to remember not only Confederate Veterans, but veterans of all wars. The division formerly sponsored the Texas Confederate Home and the Confederate Woman's Home and each year awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to descendants of Confederate veterans. It also maintains the Texas Confederate Museum.



## 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](mailto:danieldyer497@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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