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COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



Compatriots,

I hope everyone is staying out of the heat as much as possible. It's July, it's supposed to be hot and it is.

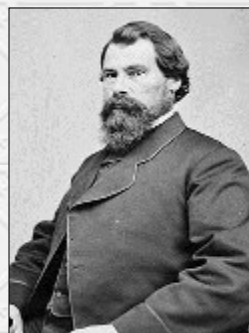
I think I solved the mystery of the light globe at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. I noticed the globes on the downtown Palestine street lights. They are the same as the new one that appeared at the Plaza. Apparently the City replaced it for us, which we are thankful. I know that if a few people knew this they would not be happy about it.

At the time I am writing this it is July 3rd. It takes my mind back 160 years to Gettysburg. On this day the fighting was fierce and many Southern boys lay dead on the battlefield a long way from their home. Some of the dead were

from Texas and a few were from Anderson County. One that comes to mind is Capt. Campbell from Palestine, Texas. He was married to one of the Micheaux daughters. After the war she built a house on the corner of E. Angelina and Sylvan and never remarried. The house is still there and is being lived in. I apologize for not remembering their first names. I know the names but can't think of them right now, sorry.

Think how different things would be if Gettysburg and Vicksburg had not fallen at the same time. I feel that if the Confederacy had prevailed at both of these the South would have won the War for Southern Independence and the stinking Yankees would have left us alone, just my opinion.

Dan Dyer
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

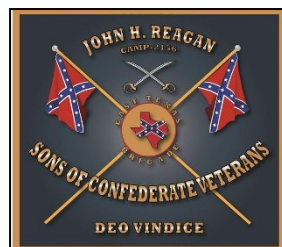
U. S. Rep. from Texas

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 danielyer497@yahoo.com
Phone: (903) 391-2224

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

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 22, 2023 - June Meeting

July 19-22, 2023 - National Reunion in Arkansas

July 27, 2023 - July Meeting

August 24, 2023 - August Meeting

There are several events & dates for them on pages 3 - 6 of this newsletter. Please check them out.

We would like to say "Thank You" to **Marc Robinson** for the work he has recently done on the Arch Entrance at the Plaza.

The arch entrance to the plaza was wire brushed with a grinder, ospho applied, and repainted with Rustoleum gloss black 24 hours later. It looks so much better. Marc said he will work on the handrails when he has more time. We appreciate Marc for all that he has done on the entrance.

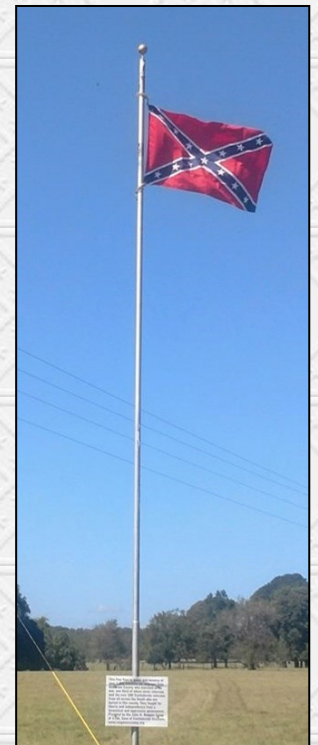


Officers for 2022

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

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.

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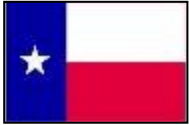
Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

"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-



SCV TEXAS COMMANDER DISPATCH



Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

June 27, 2023

Dispatch from the Commander...

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As the new Commander of the Texas Division, I wanted to express my sincere thanks to the men of the Texas Division for having the confidence to elect me as your 63rd Division Commander. It is a great honor to lead the Texas Division. I have always believed that the mark of a successful leader is the ability to constantly communicate. Therefore, I intend to send out these brief dispatches on a regular basis to keep you apprised of what the Texas Division Commander is working to achieve. Some quick highlights...

- I lead our first DEC Meeting on Sunday June 4, 2023.
- In accordance with the Division Constitution Item 6.4.1.11 as Division Commander I filled all the necessary positions, appointed officers, and created committees as needed to accomplish the work of the Division. A complete list of those appointments will be attached with this dispatch
- In accordance with the Division Constitution Item 10.10 I am in the process of appointing three qualified men to perform an audit of the records, books, and financial activities of the Texas Division. A report to be made at the next DEC meeting.
- I have conducted a Division wide electronic survey of our members to determine the direction you believe the Texas Division needs to go in the next two years. I was very pleased to see that 214 of you took the survey and provided me unique insight on the future of our organization. I will be presenting the results of the survey at the next DEC meeting. Thanks to all of you who participated and took the time to express your thoughts.
- **Key dates for the next 12 months for the Texas Division calendar...** The first 3 DEC meetings will all be held in Waco, TX on September 30, 2023; January 6, 2024; March 23, 2024 and the 4th on June 9, 2024 at the Reunion in San Antonio. The Division will hold a Division wide **Heritage Defense Training** on either February 10 or February 17, 2024 in Waco, TX. The exact date will be announced in a few weeks following the National Reunion in Hot Springs. In addition, a **Division Wide Confederate History Month Celebration** and Memorial will take place on April 20, 2024. More details on these events will be coming but please mark your calendars now!



The Division will host its first ever, day long training event dedicated for the purpose of teaching Heritage Defense strategies to our Camp officers and members!



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- **ATM Training Symposium** - Please note that we have an outstanding opportunity to learn from the top leadership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans on August 12, 2023 in Texarkana TX. When CIC Jason Boshers, Lt. CIC Donnie Kennedy and others will lead a symposium on Recruiting, Retention and Heritage Operations. Special thanks to the Red Diamond Camp #2193 of Texarkana TX for hosting. The event will be held at the Elks Lodge 3702 New Boston Rd, Texarkana, TX at 9AM. For more details or to register contact Red Diamond Camp Commander Phil Maynard at 903-278-6742 or ATM Commander JC Hanna, or Past Division Commander John McCammon for details.
- Our **SCV National Reunion** is only a few weeks away in Hot Springs Ark. I will have the Division Colors and the Texas Flag posted in the main meeting rooms so you can identify where we will be, and ask all attending Texans sit together at the Reunion. In addition, I will be hosting a dutch-treat dinner on Thursday night (July 20) of the Reunion at the Steinhaus Keller Restaurant. You will need to RSVP to me to attend so I can give a count to the restaurant. I will be sending a separate email out with all the details. So watch for instructions if you would like to go to dinner.
- **63rd Commander's Project** - I am in the process of ordering (at my own expense, no Division money involved), 250 **Texas Division logo lapel pins**. I will be selling those pins to raise money for the restoration of 14 UCV Camp flags which are in need of repair. When those pins arrive I will inform you. All proceeds of the sale of the pins will go to fund UCV flag restoration.
- I have been busy at various events representing the Texas Division to include an iron cross dedication in conjunction with the United Daughters of the Confederacy® on June 11, 2023. I was a keynote speaker at Camp Ben McCulloch, which is old Confederate Reunion grounds located in Driftwood, TX on June 20, 2023. I will be speaking at the Sam Davis Youth Camp on July 26th. Please Invite Me To Come To Your Camp! I am available to speak at camps and other functions that you might need just send me a request and I will check my calendar and make every effort to assist you.
- I am so excited about the next two years, I have no doubt that if we marshal our resources, and work together we can accomplish great things in 2023-2025!



**Come
enjoy
dinner
with
Tami and I
on July
20th!**

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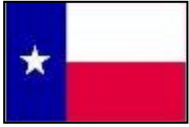


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Texas Division Commander Appointments 2023-2025 Term

Office Held	Compatriot Name
Chief of Staff	Allen Hearrean
Division Adjutant	Sam Daggett
Judge Advocate	Rob Jones
Public Relations	Shelby Little
Division Chaplain	James Bozeman
Division Color Sergeant	D W Davis
Inspector General	Tommy Holmes
Parliamentarian	Christian Lee
Guardian Program	Bill Elliott
Division Genealogist	Bob Hazelwood
Division Newsletter Editor	Christian Lee
Awards Committee Chair	Tommy May
Sergeant at Arms	Ray Johnson
Mounted Color Guard	Calvin Allen
Reunion Committee Chair	James Bozeman
Education Committee Chair	Bill Elliott



JUNE REAGAN CAMP SCV MEETING PICS JUNE 22, 2023



The John H. Reagan Camp meeting for June was held on June 22nd. We had nine members in attendance at this month's meeting. We always have a delicious meal before the meeting, and this month was no exception. We had a meal that consisted of homemade goulash, fresh squash and new potatoes, Church's fried chicken, fresh grown tomatoes and cucumbers, homemade chicken & dumplings, homemade brownies, Blue Bell ice cream and sweet tea. Everything was delicious. We would like to thank David Franklin, Richard Thornton, Ed Heitman, Marc Robinson, Deborah Franklin Flanagan and Dwight Franklin for the food. Everyone enjoyed it. A five-gallon bucket of fresh picked cucumbers was available for everyone who wanted to take cucumbers home.

After the meal, Reagan Camp 1st Lieutenant, David Franklin, brought a very interesting program on "Our Confederate Heritage". In that program, he told of six confederates who had descendants who were very well known. The way that he presented it had you wondering who it was until he finally unveiled their name. It was very good.



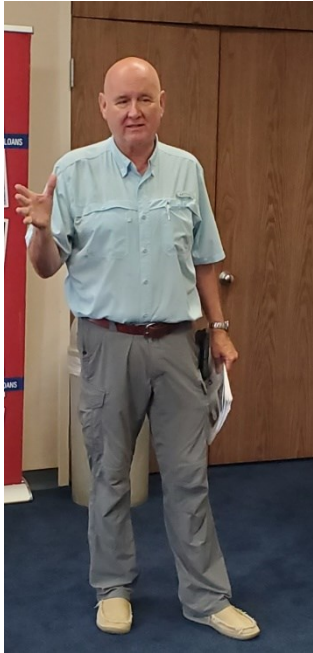
I am sorry to admit that I got so busy eating and visiting that I forgot to take any pictures of the meal or better pictures of those who were present. I hope these will suffice.





JUNE HISTORICAL PROGRAM

“OUR CONFEDERATE HERITAGE” BY DAVID FRANKLIN



Reagan Camp 1st Lt, David Franklin, presented the historical program for June. The program was titled, “Our Confederate Heritage”, and it was very interesting. David told of six different men who fought for the confederacy and then informed us of their famous descendant’s name. With most of them, it was a big surprise when he revealed the descendants name to us. He kept it suspenseful in the way that he presented it, and that just enhanced the effect that it had. It was excellent.

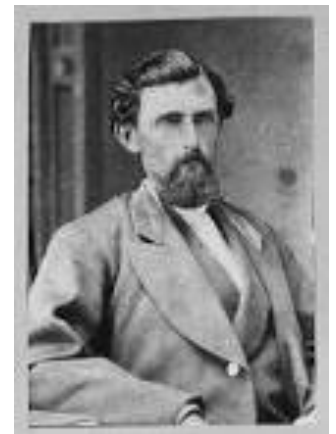
If you missed this program, you really missed out. David is so knowledgeable of so much about the war that he didn’t have a lot of notes. He spoke (and answered questions) mostly from memory, but he has allowed us to print the notes that he used so that those who were not able to attend will be able to know about these men.

Whether anyone likes it or not, our Confederate Heritage runs deep in the United States. We may live in a time where many are wanting anything that has to do with the Confederacy to be forgotten, but they don’t really know just how much of an impact it has had in the history, the present, and the future of this country.

All of the descendants who are going to be mentioned in this program are descendants of Confederate Veterans. Most of them are politicians. All of the are well-known.

“Our Confederate Heritage”

Samuel Ealy Johnson lived from November 12, 1838 until February 25, 1915. He enlisted in CO B, 26th Texas Cavalry, CSA on September 18, 1861. He participated in the Battle of Galveston and the Red River Campaign and served until the end of the war on the coast of Texas and Louisiana. The 26th received special recognition at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. Samuel Johnson was an American politician, businessman, farmer and rancher. In the fall of 1892, he was the Populist nominee for Blanco and Gillespie counties to the Texas House of Representatives. He is the namesake of Johnson City, Texas.



Samuel Johnson’s famous descendant was a Lt. Commander in the Navy in WW2. He was awarded the Silver Star by General Douglas MacArthur for “gallantry in action”. He was the

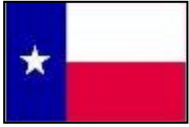


only member of the crew to receive the decoration. In addition to the Silver Star, he also received the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was released from active duty on July 17, 1942, and remained in the Navy Reserve, later promoted to Commander on October 19, 1949.

Who was this man who was the descendant of Confederate Veteran Samuel Ealy Johnson?

He was Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 37th Vice President of the United States and 36th President of the United States. He holds the distinction of being one of the few presidents who served in all elected offices at the federal level.

Descendant



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Thomas Jefferson Blythe was born August 1, 1829 in Alabama and died August 6, 1907 in Tippah County, Mississippi. Co F, 34th Mississippi Infantry CSA. Blythe enlisted on April 27, 1862 along with his two brothers, John Wesley Blythe and Newton Jasper Blythe. All three were able to survive the war even though they were involved in many battles. Some of the engagements that they were involved in were; Corinth, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, Franklin, and Nashville. The 34th surrendered on April 26, 1865 in Greensboro, N.C.

The great-great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson Blythe is William Jefferson Blythe III. William was born on August 19, 1946. He attended Georgetown University. He received a Rhodes Scholarship to study at University College, Oxford and later graduated from Yale Law School. He served as attorney general of Arkansas from 1977 to 1979. He then served two non-consecutive tenures as Arkansas governor.



Thomas Jefferson Blythe's headstone

Who was this descendant of Thomas Jefferson Blythe? William Jefferson Blythe III. After his father died, he took the surname of his step-father. He was the 42nd president of the United States. William Jefferson Clinton.

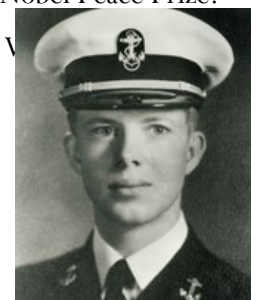
James Thomas Gordy was born November 13, 1828 in Baldwin County, Georgia. He enlisted in Co. B, 6th Georgia State Militia, CSA, in 1864 at age 36 as a Wagonmaster. After the war, he was a farmer and also served as a tax collector. He died October 10, 1889 in Cusseta, Georgia and is buried in the Cusseta City Cemetery.



James Thomas Gordy was the grandfather of Bessie Lillian Gordy. Her son, the Great Grandson of James Thomas Gordy, received an appointment to the Naval Academy and became a member of the Class of 1947. After completing the accelerated wartime program, he graduated with distinction and obtained his commission as ensign. In 1962, he won election to the Georgia Senate. He became Georgia's 76th governor in 1971. In 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Who was the grandson of Confederate Veteran James Thomas Gordy?

He was Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States.



Descendant

Private William Young was born on May 9, 1841 and died on November 10, 1916. He enlisted in Captain Lee Mills' Company, Co E, 12th Missouri Cavalry, Rossen's Regiment, Rains' Brigade, CSA. He was wounded twice, resided in the Missouri Confederate Veterans Home from 1904 to 1907. He was a member of the United Confederate Veterans. Engagements that he was in were in the state of Missouri and Marks Mill, Arkansas. His daughter Martha Ellen Young (1852-1947) was very bitter to Yankees after they burned her home in 1861. Her son joined the United States Army and became commander of the newly arrived Battery D, 129th Field Artillery, 25th Division. His unit joined in a massive prearranged assault barrage on September 26, 1918, at the opening of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. They advanced with difficulty over pitted terrain to follow the infantry, and set up an observation post west of Cheppy. On September 27, he saw through his binoculars an enemy artillery battery deploying across a river in a position which would allow them to fire upon the neighboring 28th Division. - continued on the next page -



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His orders limited him to targets facing the 35th Division, but he ignored this and patiently waited until the Germans had walked their horses well away from their guns, ensuring they could not relocate out of range of his battery. He then ordered his men to open fire, and their attack destroyed the enemy battery. His actions were credited with saving the lives of 28th Division soldiers who otherwise would have come under fire from the Germans. He was given a dressing down by his regimental commander, Colonel Karl D. Klemm, who threatened to convene a court-martial, but Klemm never followed through. William Young's grandson was not punished. Young's grandson's battery also provided support for George S. Patton's tank brigade, and fired some of the last shots of the war on November 11, 1918. Battery D did not lose any men while under Young's grandson's command in France. In 1922, he was elected Jackson County, Missouri county judge. In 1924, he was elected to the Senate. In 1945, he became Vice-President of the United States under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Confederate Veteran Descendant

Who was this man that was the grandson of Confederate Veteran Private William Young? He was Harry Truman, 33rd President of the U.S.

Major John William Puller, CSA, Co A, 5th Va Cavalry. Mustered in as Captain of Co A, 5th Va Cav, promoted to Major on December 15, 1862. He was killed in action at Kelly's Fords on March 17, 1863.



Major John William Puller CSA

Major Puller's famous grandson was proud that his Confederate grandfather had served in what he referred to as the War Between the States and died in that conflict. Major Puller's wife died of exposure after being put out of her home by federal troops. Also part of the Puller inheritance, as he was often reminded around the family dining table that had belonged to Robert E. Lee's aide-de-camp, included a great-grandfather shot out of the saddle with Jeb Stuart's cavalry, a great-uncle who commanded a division at Gettysburg, a cousin named George S. Patton.

Major Puller's grandson was quite a war hero himself. He grew up listening to old veterans' tales of the American Civil War and idolizing Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. He wanted to enlist in the Army to fight in the Border War with Mexico in 1916, but he was too young and could not get parental consent from his mother. The following year, he attended the Virginia Military Institute but left in August 1918 as WWI was still ongoing, saying that he wanted to "go where the guns are!" He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Beginning his career fighting guerillas in Haiti and Nicaragua as part of the Banana Wars, he later served with distinction in World War II and the Korean War as a senior officer. By the time of his retirement in 1955, he had reached the rank of lieutenant general. He is the most decorated Marine in American history. He was awarded **FIVE Navy Crosses and one Distinguished Service Cross**. With six crosses, Puller is second behind Eddie Rickenbacker for citations of the nation's second-highest military award for valor.



Descendant

Who is this proud descendant of Major John William Puller?

He is Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller, the most decorated Marine in United States history.



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NIMITZ, CHARLES HENRY (1826–1911). Charles Henry Nimitz, pioneering Fredericksburg hotelier, son of Karl Heinrich (Charles Henry) and Dorothea Magdalena (Dressel) Nimitz, was born in Bremen, Lower Saxony, on November 9, 1826. He joined the German merchant marine at the age of fourteen and followed his family to Sullivan Island, South Carolina, in 1844. The family operated a hotel in Charleston. Nimitz moved to Fredericksburg in 1846 with the first settlers and worked briefly as a bookkeeper for a lumber company. He built the Nimitz Hotel in 1852, and it soon became popular with travelers and local residents. Nimitz married Sophie Dorothea Mueller on April 8, 1848; they had twelve children, nine of whom lived to adulthood.

Nimitz joined the Texas Rangers on August 4, 1851, and served four months. When the Civil War began, he organized the Gillespie Rifles and was commissioned captain of that group by the Confederacy. Two months later, the Confederate

government appointed him enrolling officer for the frontier district commanded by John S. Ford. Nimitz, a Catholic and a Democrat, was elected to the Twenty-second Texas Legislature in 1890 from District Eighty-nine, composed of Gillespie, Blanco, and Comal counties. He deeded the Nimitz Hotel to his son, Charles H. Nimitz Jr., on June 6, 1906, but continued to live there until his death on April 28, 1911. He was buried in Fredericksburg.

The Grandson of Charles Henry Nimitz was fleet admiral in the United States Navy. He played a major role in the naval history of World War II as Commander in Chief, US Pacific Fleet, and Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas, commanding Allied air, land, and sea forces during World War II.

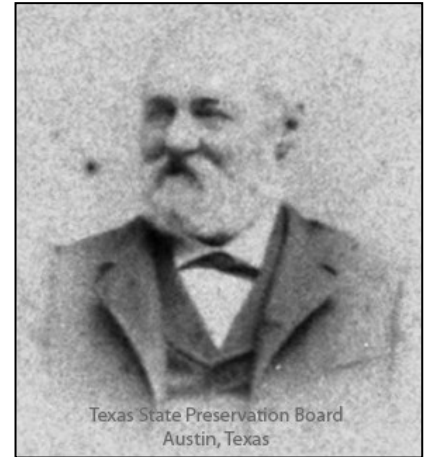
He was the leading US Navy authority on submarines. Qualified in submarines during his early years, he later oversaw the conversion of these vessels' propulsion from gasoline to diesel, and then later was key in acquiring approval to build the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus, whose propulsion system later completely superseded diesel-powered submarines in the US. He also, beginning in 1917, was the Navy's leading developer of underway replenishment techniques, the tool which during the Pacific war would allow the US fleet to operate away from port almost indefinitely. The USS Nimitz supercarrier is named after him.

Who is this famous grandson of Confederate Veteran Charles Henry Nimitz?

He was **Fleet Admiral Chester William Nimitz**. He was the United States' last surviving officer who served in the rank of fleet admiral.

We appreciate David for the interesting historical program. He presented it in a way that had everyone guessing who the descendant would be. Nimitz was an easy guess, but many of the others were a surprise until he announced who it was.

If you would like to give a program, please contact either Dan Dyer or David Franklin. They would be happy to talk to you about it.



The surrender of Japan aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, September 2, 1945: Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, representing the United States, signs the instrument of surrender.



Descendant

NATIONAL REUNION HOT SPRINGS PARK, ARKANSAS

JULY 19—22, 2023 www.2023scvreunion.org

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Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

July 19, 20, 21, 22nd 2023

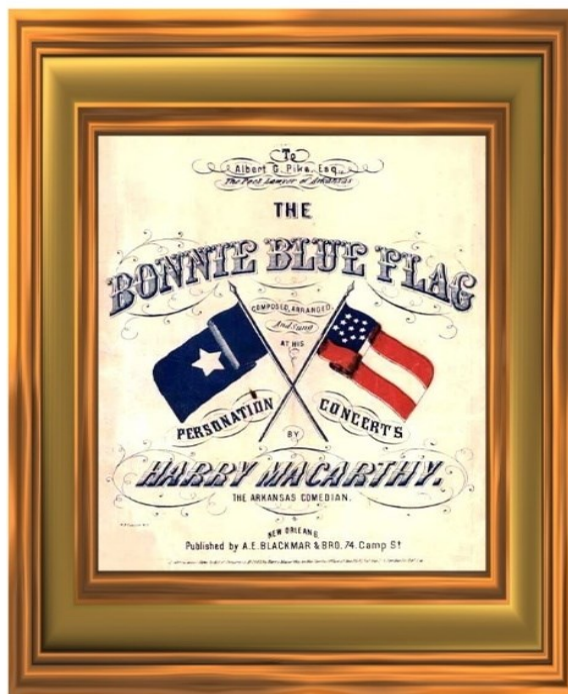


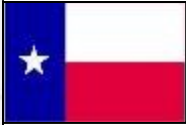
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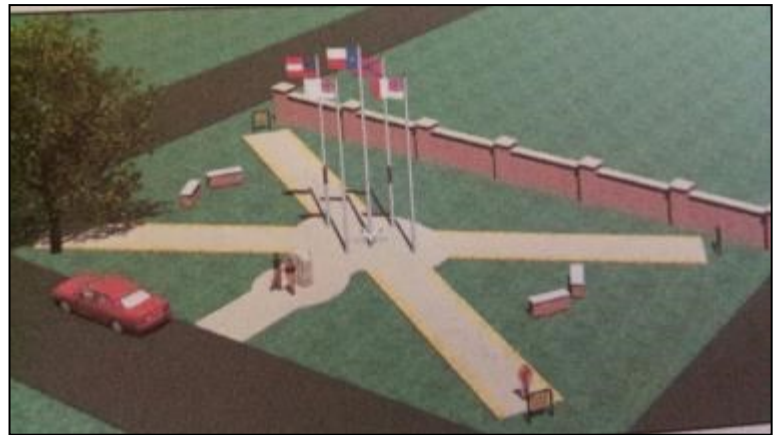




A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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
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



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 June 1864 - to Jeff Davis My daily prayer to the great Ruler of the world is that He may shield you from harm, guard you from evil & give you peace the world cannot take away	2 undated - You cannot be a true man until you learn to obey	3 June, 1863 - to wife I trust that a kind Providence will watch over us, & notwithstanding our weakness & sins will yet give us a name & place among the nations of the earth.
4 June, 1864 - to wife We are all in the hands of our Merciful God, whom I know will order all things for our good & upon Him is my whole faith & reliance.	5 June, 1839 - to his wife Mildness & forbearance, tempered by firmness & judgment, will strengthen their [children] affection for you, while it will maintain your control over them.	6 undated - to Markie I shall therefore have the great pleasure of being at Arlington Saturday where my affections & attachments are more strongly placed than at any other place in the World.	7 undated - No tears at Arlington! No tears!	8 June, 1863 - to wife What a beautiful world god has given us! What a shame that men endowed with reason & knowledge of right should mar His gifts.	9 June, 1861 - to wife I should like to retire to private life, if I could be with you & the children, but if I can be of any service to the state or her cause I must continue.	10 June, 1862 - to wife I cannot help grieving [grandson's death] but when I reflect upon his great gain by his merciful transition from earth to Heaven, I think we ought to rejoice.
11 June, 1863 - to Charlotte Wicham Some good is always mixed with the evil in this world	12 undated - to wife My trust is in our Heavenly Father to whom my supplications continually ascend for you, my children, & my country!	13 June, 1863 - I grieve over the desolation of the country& the distress to innocent women & children occasioned by spiteful excursions of the enemy, unworthy of a civilized nation.	14 June, 1864 - to Jeff Davis We have only to do our whole duty, & everything will be well.	15 June, 1869 - to Robert You will have to get married if you wish to prosper.	16 undated - I have great reluctance to speak on political subjects. I have, however, said I think all who can should register & vote.	17 June, 1865 - to Col. Taylor Tell [our returned soldiers] they must all set to work & if they cannot do what they prefer, do what they can.
18 undated - to College Faculty We must be very careful how we are influenced by hearsay.	19 undated - to wife In this time of great suffering to the state & country, our private distresses we must bear with resignation like Christians.	20 undated - to Robert With the improvement of your farm, proceeds will increase & with experience, judgment, & economy, will augment greatly.	21 undated - to Trustees I need not enlarge upon the importance of a good library to the advancement of the college. A useful literary institution cannot be maintained without it.	22 June, 1851 - to Custis I am opposed to the theory of doing wrong that good may come of it. I hold to the belief that you must act right whatever the consequences.	23 undated - I am fond of independence. It is that feeling that prompts me to come up strictly to the requirements of law & regulations.	24 June, 1861 - No one can say what is in the future, nor is it wise to anticipate evil. But it is well to prepare for what may reasonably happen & be provided for the worst.
25 undated - to Custis In regard to duty do your duty in all things—you cannot do more—you should never wish to do less.	26 undated - to Agnes You know how pleased I am at the presence of strangers, what a cheerful mood their company produces	27 June, 1863 - to his men It must be remembered that we make war only upon armed men & that we cannot take vengeance for the wrongs our people have suffered.	28 undated - As a general principle you should not force young men to their duty, but let them do it voluntarily & thereby develop their characters.	29 June, 1854 - to Markie Nor is it possible for us always to do 'the good that we would,' & omit 'the evil we would not.'	30 June, 1864 - to wife Do you recollect what a happy day 31 years ago this was? How many hopes & pleasures it gave birth to! God has been merciful & kind to us.	



TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN JUNE



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June 1, 1864 On this day, celebrated Confederate partisan Adam Rankin (Stovepipe) Johnson was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Johnson was born in Henderson, Kentucky, and moved to Texas in 1854. There he gained a reputation as the surveyor of much virgin territory in West Texas, as an Indian fighter, and as a stage driver for the Butterfield Overland Mail. With the outbreak of the Civil War Johnson returned to Kentucky and enlisted as a scout under Nathan Bedford Forrest. His subsequent exploits as commander of the Texas Partisan Rangers within the federal lines in Kentucky earned him a colonel's commission in August 1862 and a promotion to brigadier general in 1864. One of his most remarkable feats was the capture of Newburgh, Indiana, from a sizable Union garrison with only twelve men and two joints of stovepipe mounted on the running gear of an abandoned wagon. This episode won him his nickname. Johnson was blinded and captured at a skirmish at Grubb's Crossroads in August 1864. Upon his release he returned to Texas, where he lived for his remaining sixty years and founded the town of Marble Falls, "the blind man's town."

June 11, 1865 On this day, an estimated fifty desperados broke into the state treasury in Austin, one of the boldest crimes in Texas history. The robbery occurred during the chaotic period immediately after the downfall of the Confederacy in the spring of 1865. Gen. Nathan G. Shelley informed George R. Freeman, a Confederate veteran and leader of a small company of volunteer militia, that the robbery was imminent. By the time Freeman and about twenty of his troops arrived at the treasury, the robbers were in the building. A brief gunfight erupted in which one of the robbers was mortally wounded; all the other robbers fled toward Mount Bonnell, west of Austin, carrying with them about \$17,000 in specie, more than half of the gold and silver in the state treasury. None was ever captured. The loot was never recovered, although some of the money was found strewn between the treasury building and Mount Bonnell. Freeman and his company of volunteers were later recognized by the state for their service in defending the public treasury, but the resolution providing a reward for their services never passed the legislature.

June 19, 1865 On this day ("Juneteenth"), Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and issued General Order Number 3, which read in part, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor." The tidings of freedom reached the approximately 250,000 slaves in Texas gradually as individual plantation owners informed their bondsmen over the months following the end of the war. The news elicited an array of personal celebrations, some of which have been described in *The Slave Narratives of Texas* (1974). The first broader celebrations of Juneteenth were used as political rallies and to teach freed African American about their voting rights. Within a short time, however, Juneteenth was marked by festivities throughout the state, some of which were organized by official Juneteenth committees.

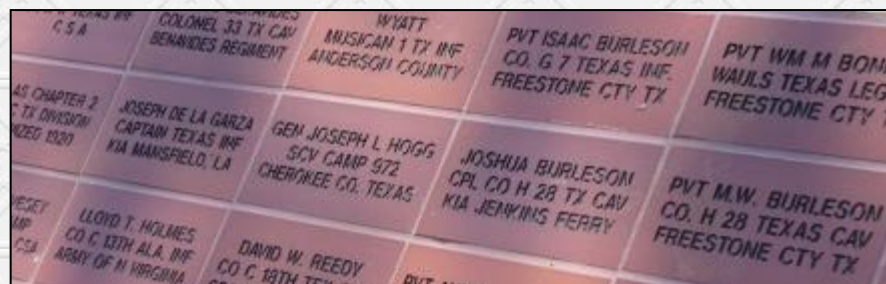
June 25, 1864 - On this day, a skirmish between Confederate and Union forces was fought at Las Rusias, a colonia located one mile north of the Rio Grande in southwest Cameron County. Confederate officer Refugio Benavides of Laredo led a company and joined John Salmon (Rip) Ford to overrun Union forces. Ford, a colonel of the Second Texas Cavalry who engaged in border operations protecting Confederate-Mexican trade, praised Benavides for his gallant conduct during the battle. Las Rusias had also been the site of a skirmish on April 25, 1846, when Mexican troops ambushed an American patrol; the shedding of "American blood upon American soil" sparked the Mexican War.



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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