



## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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## COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



I would like to start with a reminder. The SCV dues need to be sent in to the Reagan Camp before September 1st. You can mail them in to the camp, P.O. Box 913, Palestine, Texas 75801.

The renewal notice you received in the mail does have a mistake. Life members in the National or Texas Division do not owe dues to them. The only dues for life members is the Reagan Camp dues which is only \$10.00.

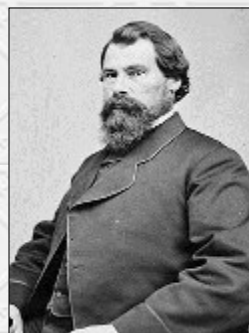
It will make our Adjutant, Richard

Thornton's, job a little less stressful if the membership dues can be sent before September 1st. I would hate to see anyone have to pay the extra \$10.00 reinstatement fee if not in by the deadline.

It will also save Richard some extra paperwork.

Dan Dyer  
Reagan Camp  
Commander

**Our next meeting will be held on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there**



## 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

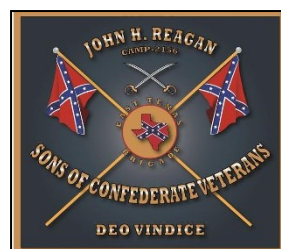
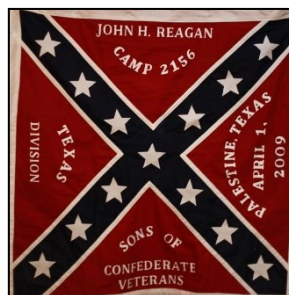
District Judge

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)  
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**

**August 24, 2023 - August Meeting**

**September 28, 2023 - September Meeting**

**October 26, 2023 - October Meeting**

**November Meeting date has not been set yet.**



**July History:** This 1887 depiction of Pickett's infamous charge was based on a painting made of the event by Thure de Thulstrup. Many say that the failure of Pickett's Charge sealed a strategic defeat for the Confederacy at Gettysburg.

### Officers for 2022

Commander - Dan Dyer

1st Lt. - David Franklin


Adjutant/Treasurer - Richard Thornton

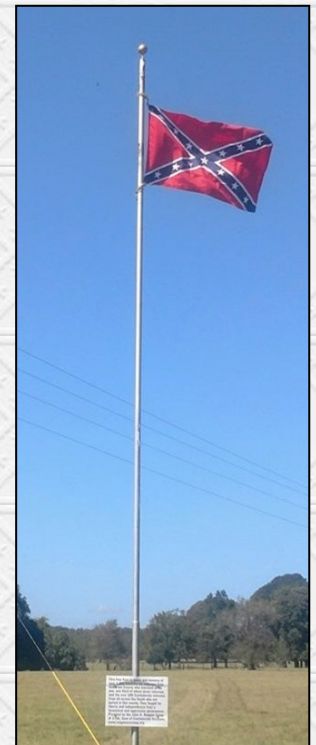
Sgt at Arms - Doug Smith

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.

Provided by the John H. Reagan Camp #2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans.  
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Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

"NOTHING FILLS ME WITH DEEPER SADNESS THAN TO SEE A SOUTHERN MAN APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEFENSE WE MADE OF OUR INHERITANCE. OUR CAUSE WAS SO JUST, SO SACRED, THAT HAD I KNOWN ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS, HAD I KNOWN WHAT WAS TO BE INFLICTED UPON ME, ALL THAT MY COUNTRY WAS TO SUFFER, ALL THAT OUR POSTERITY WAS TO ENDURE, I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN."

-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

"DUTY IS THE MOST SUBLIME WORD IN OUR LANGUAGE. DO YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER WISH TO DO LESS."

-GENERAL  
ROBERT E. LEE-





## JULY MONTHLY MEETING JULY 27, 2023



The July Reagan Camp meeting was held on July 27, 2023 at the Commercial Bank of Texas Conference room. There were 8 compatriots and one visitor in attendance at the meeting this month. One thing about the Reagan Camp meetings is that you will always get a good meal to start things off. This month's meal was sliced brisket, pinto beans with ham hock, link sausages in barbeque sauce, pizza, rolls and corn bread. For dessert we had a peach pie, a blueberry pie, and a cheesecake!!! Following the meal, Commander Dan Dyer presented the historical program to the group as he spoke on Confederate General JEB Stuart. Our next meeting will be on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!







## JULY HISTORICAL PROGRAM

### JEB STUART BY COMMANDER DAN DYER



Dan Dyer, Commander of the John H. Reagan, presented the historical program at the July meeting. Dan gave a presentation on General JEB Stuart. He has allowed us to print his notes for those who were not able to attend the meeting.

### JEB Stuart

James Ewell Brown Stuart was born on February 6, 1833 in Patrick County, Virginia. He entered the United States Military Academy on July 1, 1850. On January 15, 1861 he wrote to Jefferson Davis requesting a position in "The Army of the South". On May 3, 1861 Stuart sent his letter of resignation to the United States Army, and on May 24 he was named Captain of the Confederate Cavalry.

J.E.B. Stuart won much praise in the Battle of second Manassas. According to General Lee, Stuart was an ideal soldier; and because of his skill as an intelligence office, Lee regarded him as the "eyes of the army".

Dramatic in his appearance, Stuart always rode a grand horse, lined his gray coat with red material, wore his hat cocked to one side with a peacock's plume spraying from it, and always had a red flower or ribbon love-knot in the lapel of his jacket. Debonair and dashing, J.E.B. Stuart cut an unmistakable figure on and off the Battlefield during the Civil War. Regarded as the Confederate Army's most accomplished cavalryman, he proudly looked the part, typically adorned in flamboyant military garb as he sat atop his warhorse Skylark. Stuart made his mark leading successful reconnaissance missions, which in part helped him gain the undying friendship of Robert E. Lee.

(The painting to the right depicts Stuart as he may have looked while in his full "military" dress)

At the cavalry Battle of Brandy Station the Southern Newspapers felt that Stuart had been caught off guard and called for new leadership. The Confederate Cavalry had always enjoyed total domination over it's Yankee foe.

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The picture above is a painting that shows how elaborate JEB Stuart dressed. This painting print is for sale. If interested you can contact the gallery for pricing or more information: Phone: 413.586.3964 or Email: [RM@RMichelson.com](mailto:RM@RMichelson.com)



## JULY HISTORICAL PROGRAM

### JEB STUART BY COMMANDER DAN DYER



Stuart saw the criticism as a stain on his reputation and fought to regain the respect for the remainder of the war.

Stuart's raids behind the Union Army on his way to meet Lee and the Confederate Army in Gettysburg caused Lee to wonder where he was. On June 27th Stuart wrote a letter to Lee telling him of his raids and how much food and supplies he had captured and his location. The message never reached General Lee. Finally on July 2nd, the second day of battle at Gettysburg Stuart finally arrived at General Lee's headquarters. "Well, General Stuart ", Lee said simply, "you are here at last". However muted, the rebuke no doubt stung. Stuart and Lee's conversation was, according to an aid, "painful beyond description ". On July 3rd, Stuart's orders were to attack the Union rear and meet up with Pickett after the charge on the Union center. Stuart encountered the Union Cavalry led by David Gregg, John McIntosh and the flamboyant George Custer. Stuart's Cavalry could not defeat the Union Cavalry. Pickett's charge was also unsuccessful.

As the Confederate army retreated back to Virginia it was up to Stuart's Cavalry to guard the rear and protect the retreat which they did well.

Ultimately, Stuart legacy at Gettysburg remains mixed. The raid itself was a mild success, and in accordance with Lee's orders, but it came at a tremendous cost. Lee, whether by his own fault, the fault of the other cavalry at his disposal, or the fault of Stuart, was indeed blind as he moved north into Pennsylvania. When Stuart did arrive, his worn out and weary troopers failed to dislodge the enemy cavalry on July 3rd. It cannot be said that Stuart lost the Battle of Gettysburg for the Confederacy, but he certainly affected its outcome in his own search of glory and redemption.

On May 9, 1864, Union General Sheridan headed for Richmond to stage a siege of the city. It was during this battle on May 11, 1864 that J.E.B. Stuart was fatally wounded by a Union cavalry man. He died the following day and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.



The ***J. E. B. Stuart Monument*** (above) was a monument to Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart at the head of historic Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. It was dedicated in 1907. The equestrian statue of General Stuart stood for 113 years before being removed from its pedestal and placed into storage on July 7, 2020. The removal was in response to nationally reported events of police brutality which were widely exaggerated by the news media and those who control the woke agenda. The area where the beautiful monument once stood on "Stuart Circle" has now been converted into a garden.





## HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADAE MARKER



Hood's Texas Brigade Monument - Photographed By Don Morfe, June 6, 1998



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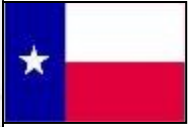


## HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADAE MARKER



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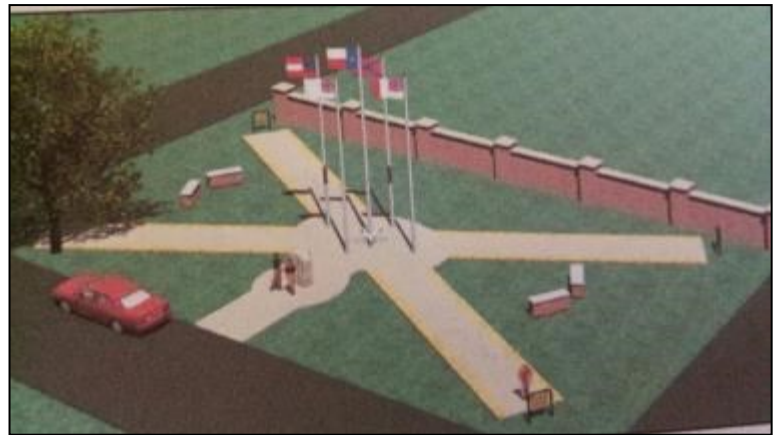




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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 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.



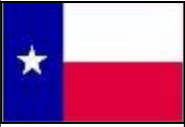
## ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



## JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				.		1 July, 1855 - to wife Any one can insist, but the wise alone know how to desist.
2 July - to Fitzhugh You know the interest I take in your prosperity & advancement, which cannot be assured without earnest attention to your business on your part.	3 July—to wounded Union soldier at Gettysburg. My son, I hope you will soon be well.	4 July, 1863—on Gettysburg - It is all my fault, I thought my men were invincible	5 July 1864— to Mildred I want to see you all very much. I think of you, long for you, pray for you. It is all I can do. Think sometimes of your devoted father.	6 undated - to Jeff Davis I have no complaints to make of any one but myself	7 July, 1863 - to wife I have heard with great grief Fitzhugh has been captured. We must bear this additional affliction with fortitude & resignation.	8 July, 1849 - to wife. It is so difficult to regulate your conduct. Man's nature is so selfish, so weak, every feeling & every passion urging him to folly, excess & sin.
9 undated - Practice self-denial and self control, as well as the strictest economy in all financial matters.	10 undated - to Rooney Let us all so live that we may be united in that world where there is no more separation, & where sorrow & pain never come.	11 undated - Above all, [the teacher] must be uniform, consistent, firm & kind in his conduct & teach more by acts than by ends.	12 July, 1863 - to wife. We must expect to endure every injury our enemies can inflict upon us. Their conduct is not dictated by kindness or love. But I do not think we should follow their example.	13 July, 1863 - to Jeff Davis No one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire.	14 July, 1863 - to Jeff Davis The general remedy for the want of success in a military commander is his removal. This is natural, & in many instances, proper.	15 July 1863 - to wife We must implore the forgiveness of God for our sins, & the continuance of His blessings. There is nothing by His almighty power that can sustain us.
16 undated - to Carter My pay seems to decrease as my children increase.	17 July, 1867 - If it is true as taught by history, that greatness rests upon virtue, it is equally true that religion is the fountain & support of virtue	18 July, 1862 - to Jeff Davis The whole division takes tone from its commander	19 undated - The teacher should be the example to the pupil.	20 undated - Should the pupils be trained in obedience, reverence & truthfulness, & be convinced they are noble the main object will have been attained.	21 July, 1861 - to wife All my thoughts & strength are given to the cause to which my life, be it long or short, will be devoted.	22 undated - [The teacher] should aim at the highest attainable proficiency & not at pleasing mediocrity.
23 undated - [The teacher] must study the character & disposition of his pupils & adapt his course of discipline to their peculiarities	24 undated - We have no printed rules. We have buy one rule here [Washington College] & it is that every student must be a gentleman	25 July, 1869 - to wife May God bless us all & preserve us for the time when we too, must part, the one from the other, which is now close at hand.	26 July, 1863 - to wife How I long & pray that God may pardon my many & long standing sins & once more gather around me you & my children before I go hence & be no more seen.	27 July, 1863 - to Mildred May God bless you my daughter, strew your path with happiness, & finally gather you & all of us to His mansions of bliss in heaven, is my daily & hourly prayer!	28 July, 1862 - to Mildred I cannot see what you are proud of & advise you against all such feelings for you know what is said in that good book about a proud spirit.	29 July, 1863 - You must endeavor to enjoy the pleasure of doing good. That is all that makes life valuable.
30 undated - I do not care for display	31 undated - Its duties [teaching] require love & comprehensive preparation, it should be regarded as among the most honourable & important professions.					





## TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN JULY



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

**July 2, 1863** On this day in 1863, Hood's Texas Brigade became a major participant in the battle of Gettysburg. The brigade had been organized in 1861 in Richmond, Virginia. It was composed of the First, Fourth and Fifth Texas Infantry regiments, the only Texas troops to fight in the Eastern Theater. Col. John Bell Hood had been commander of the Fourth. On July 2, 1863, the brigade led the assault at Devils Den and Little Round Top, the crucial action of the second day of the battle. A soldier of the First Texas called the assault on Devil's Den "one of the wildest, fiercest struggles of the war." After routing the Union forces at the Devil's Den, however, the brigade was unable to capture Little Round Top. A thirty-five-foot monument to the men of Hood's Texas Brigade stands on the south drive of the Capitol in Austin.

**July 22, 1861** On this day in 1861, Confederate General Barnard Elliott Bee Jr. died from wounds received at the first battle of Manassas ( or Bull Run ). Bee's family had been very active in the government of the Republic of Texas. His father, Barnard Bee Sr., moved the family from South Carolina to Texas in 1836. The elder Bee's offices included secretary of state in the administrations of David G. Burnet and Lirabeau B. Lamar and secretary of war under Sam Houston. Hamilton P. Bee, brother to Barnard Jr., served as secretary for the commission that established the boundary between the Republic of Texas and the united States. Hamilton later fought in the Mexican War and served in the Texas legislature before achieving the rank of Confederate brigadier general during the Civil War. Barnard Bee Jr., a West point graduate and Mexican War veteran, was appointed brigadier general in the Confederate Army and assigned to command a brigade in Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard's Army of Virginia at Manassas Junction. It was there on July 21, 1861, where his soldiers suffered the brunt of the federal attack on the Confederate left wing. In an effort to encourage his men, Bee cried, "Rally behind the Virginians! There stands Jackson like a stonewall!" Bee's colleague Thomas Jonathan Jackson was forever known as "Stonewall."

**July 24, 1861** On this day, Lt. Col. John Robert Baylor led 300 men of the Confederate Second Texas Mounted Rifles in an assault on Union forces under Maj. Isaac Lynde at Fort Fillmore, Arizona. Baylor was under orders to occupy a chain of forts protecting the overland route between Fort Clark and Fort Bliss. He entered the nearby town of Mesilla that night. The next morning Lynde ordered an artillery attack on Mesilla, but after three of his men were killed and six wounded, he withdrew. Learning that Baylor had requested artillery from Ft Bliss, Lynde abandoned the fort the night of July 26. The next day, Baylor gave chase. The Confederates rode into Lynde's camp in the early afternoon, and Lynde surrendered his force of 492 men. Baylor proclaimed Arizona Territory, C.S.A., and named himself governor. He remained there until the spring of 1862. The victory at Mesilla was one of the Civil War's early and surprising Confederate successes.

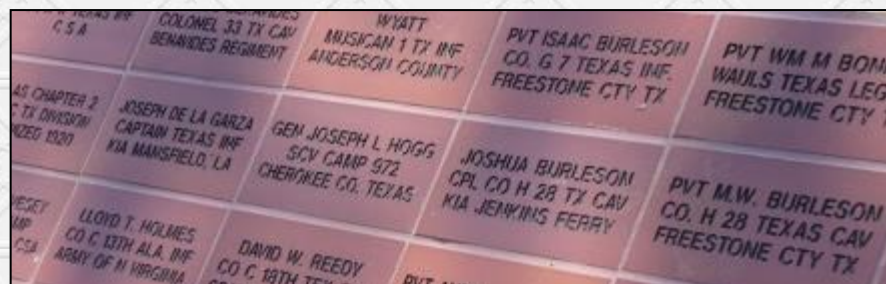
**July 30, 1867** On this day, James Webb Throckmorton, first governor of Texas after the Civil War, was removed from office for being an "impediment to Reconstruction" on the grounds that the state of Texas did not support the Fourteenth Amendment, he refused to support it himself. He declined to increase protection for former slaves and to advocate Radical Republican policies. This "Tennessean by birth [and] Texan by Adoption" was a physician and politician who had a long and distinguished record of service to the state, the united States, and the Confederacy. He died at McKinney on April 21, 1894.



## 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



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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