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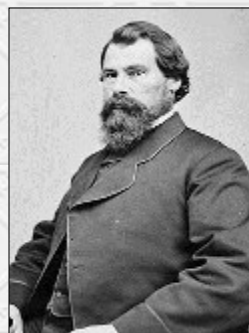
AUGUST 2023

COMMANDER DYER'S DISPATCH



Compatriots,  
We had a good meeting this past Thursday. Our 1st Lt. Commander, David Franklin gave our history program which you can read about it in this newsletter. It was also David's Birthday and his family were in attendance. Happy Birthday to a great guy.  
A discussion at the meeting was about the up coming months. For the September 28th meeting we will nominate Officers for 2024. We will vote and elect the

new Officers at the October 26th meeting. The Reagan Camp will NOT met in November due to meeting night falls on Thanksgiving. The December meeting will be our Christmas party. Since we have several guests for the Christmas party I prefer not to conduct any camp business.  
Therefore, the new officers will be sworn in at the start of the January meeting. If anyone has questions please give me a call.  
After 13 or so years as Adjutant or Commander I have decided not to be an officer in the coming year. I will however remain a member



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

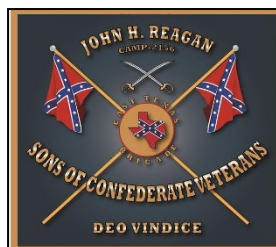
First Chairman - Railroad

Commission of Texas

A Founder and President of the Texas State Historical Association

and will attend meetings. I just think it is time for someone else to be the Camp Commander.

Dan Dyer



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



**August History:** The Battle of Wilson's Creek (Missouri) took place on August 10, 1861. You can read about this battle online at <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/encyclopedia/battle-wilson%E2%80%99s-creek>

**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


September 28, 2023 - September Meeting

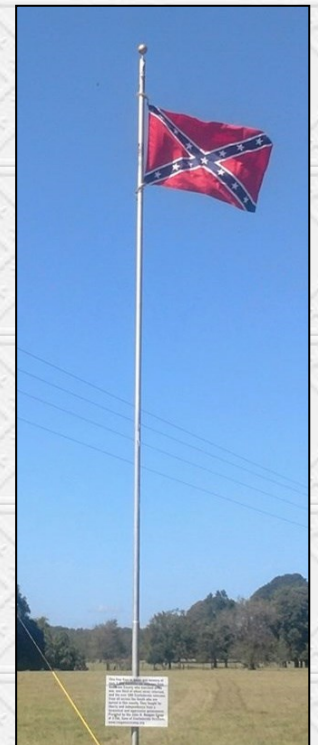
October 26, 2023 - October Meeting

November - we will not have a meeting.

December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. Date and location are yet to be determined.

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-



## AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

### AUGUST 24, 2023



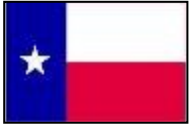
The August meeting was held at the Commercial Bank of Texas Conference Room on August 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Each of our meetings start with a meal together. This month we had grilled chicken strips, fresh corn, barbeque chicken,



Apple cobbler, 7up cake, and two cookie cakes. We had 15 in attendance this month with 9 members and 6 visitors. This was David Franklin's birthday, and his family had offered to take him out to eat for his birthday. He told them that he was giving the historical program at the meeting, so his wife, daughters, son-in-law, and two youngest grandchildren came to the meeting to be with him. We were honored to have Sheri, Deborah, Diana, David, Christina, and Liam as our guests. Our next meeting will be on September 28th at 6:30 pm.





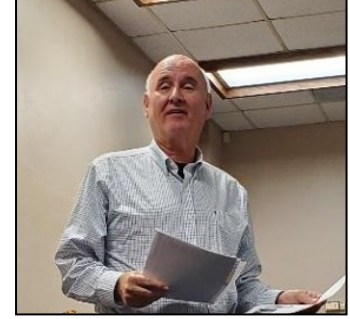
## “POP GOES THE CONFEDERACY”

BY 1ST LIEUTENANT DAVID FRANKLIN



Reagan Camp 1st Lt. David Franklin presented the Historical Program at the August meeting.

He is the contact person for anyone who would be interested in presenting a program, and he is always willing to fill in whenever no one else volunteers to do one. We don't mind that at all, because his programs are GREAT! He always makes them interesting, and he is an excellent orator. He has allowed us to print his notes so

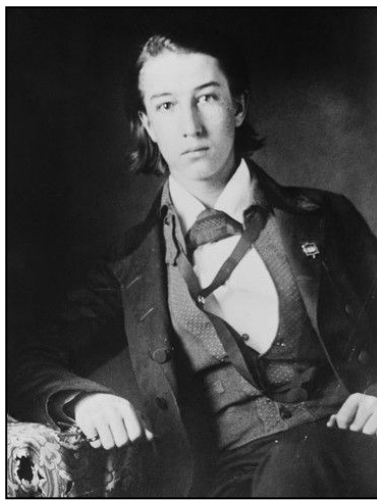


those who were not able to attend can also benefit from the program.

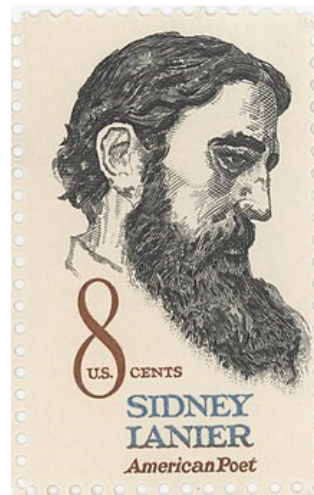
### "Pop Goes the Confederacy."

This is a look at 3 Confederates and 5 descendants of Confederates who influenced American popular culture and still do today. The three Confederates were all privates: a poet/professor, an author, and a musician about whom a song was written that changed modern folk music.

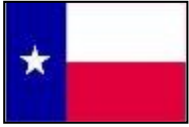
The 5 descendants had ancestors that included a General, a Colonel, a Captain, and 2 privates. They were/are actors, an author/social activist, and singers. Two are/were movie stars, one is an Academy Award winner, two were foundational in forming modern Country music, and one was named "one of the 100 most influential people of the 20th Century:" all descendants of Confederate soldiers!



**Sidney Lanier**



He fought in the Confederate Army, primarily in the tidewater region of Virginia, where he served in the Confederate signal corps. Later, he and his brother Clifford served as pilots aboard English blockade runners.<sup>[5]</sup> His ship was boarded on one of these voyages. Refusing to take the advice of the British officers on board to don one of their uniforms and pretend to be one of them, he was captured. He was incarcerated in a military prison at Point Lookout in Maryland, where he contracted tuberculosis<sup>[6]</sup> (generally known as "consumption" at the time).<sup>[7]</sup> He suffered greatly from this disease, then incurable and usually fatal, for the rest of his life.



## “POP GOES THE CONFEDERACY”

### BY 1ST LIEUTENANT DAVID FRANKLIN



#### Sam Clemens (Mark Twain) at the time of the Civil War

“When your secretary invited me to this reunion of the Union veterans of Maryland he requested me to come prepared to clear up a matter which he said had long been a subject of dispute and bad blood in war circles in this country – to wit, the true dimensions of my military services in the Civil War, and the effect they had upon the general result. I recognize the importance of this thing to history, and I have come prepared. Here are the details.

I was in the Civil War two weeks. In that brief time I rose from private to second lieutenant. The monumental feature of my campaign was the one battle which my command fought – it was in the summer of '61. If I do say it, it was the bloodiest battle ever fought in human history; there is nothing approaching it for destruction of human life in the field, if you take into consideration the forces engaged and the proportion of death to survival. And yet you do not even know the name of that battle. Neither do I. It had a name, but I have forgotten it. It is no use to keep private information which you can't show off. In our battle there were just 15 men engaged on our side – all brigadier-generals but me, and I was a second-lieutenant.

On the other side there was one man. He was a stranger. We killed him. It was night, and we thought it was an army of observation; he looked like an army of observation – in fact, he looked bigger than an army of observation would in the day time; and some of us believed he was trying to surround us, and some thought he was going to turn our position, and so we shot him.

Poor fellow, he probably wasn't an army of observation after all, but that wasn't our fault; as I say, he had all the look of it in the dim light. It was a sorrowful circumstance, but he took the chances of war, and he drew the wrong card; he over-estimated his fighting strength, and he suffered the likely result; but he fell as the brave should fall – with his face to the front and feet to the field – so we buried him with the honours of war, and took his things.

So began and ended the only battle in the history of the world where the opposing force was utterly exterminated, swept from the face of the earth – to the last man. And yet you don't know the name of that battle; you don't even know the name of that man.

Now, then, for the argument. Suppose I had continued in the war, and gone on as I began, and exterminated the opposing forces every time – every two weeks – where would your war have been? Why, you see yourself, the conflict would have been too one-sided. There was but one honourable course for me to pursue, and I pursued it. I withdrew to private life, and gave the Union cause a chance. There, now, you have the whole thing in a nutshell; it was not my presence in the Civil War that determined that tremendous contest – it was my retirement from it that brought the crash. It left the Confederate side too weak.”



## “POP GOES THE CONFEDERACY”

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**CAPT John Macon**, Co D, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Mountain Rifle Regiment, served under AS Johnston at Shiloh, 1829-1886.

His son **David Harrison Macon**, known as “Uncle Dave Macon”, record the song, Dixie Dewdrop, first recorded in 1924, considered the first star of The Grand Ole Opry:



In 1996 he was posthumously inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Uncle Dave Macon Days celebration occurs annually every second weekend in July in Murfreesboro, TN on the ground of the historic Cannonsburgh Village.



Gen. BG Elisha Franklin “Bull” Paxton

**BG Elisha Franklin “Bull” Paxton**, March 4, 1828 – May 3, 1863, died while leading the Stonewall Brigade at the Battle of Chancellorsville.

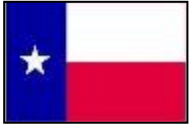
Gen. Robert E. Lee sent a wire to the authorities in the Confederate capitol of Richmond, saying:

The enemy was dislodged from all his positions around Chancellorsville and driven back towards the Rappahannock, over which he is now retreating. We have to thank Almighty God for a great victory. I regret to state that Gen'l Paxton was killed, Gen'l Jackson severely and Gen'l [Heth] and D. H. Hill slightly wounded.

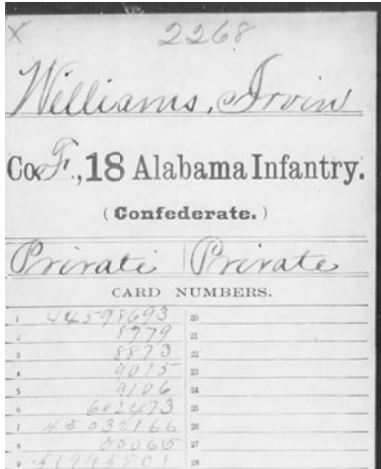


Bill Paxton

His descendant, **Bill Paxton**, was a famous actor who lived from 1955-2017. His movies were: Avatar, Aliens, Twister, Apollo 13, Terminator, Weird Science, Parkland, Hatfields and McCoys, Commando, True Lies, Edge of Tomorrow, Marvel’s Agents of SHIELD. Jennifer Anniston said Bill Paxton was “one of the less cynical, jaded people [she’d] ever met in the business.” James Cameron dedicated the movie Avatar: The Way of Water” to him.



## “POP GOES THE CONFEDERACY” BY 1ST LIEUTENANT DAVID FRANKLIN



Private **Irvin Polk Williams**, 1835-1909  
Private, Co F, 18 Alabama Infantry

Private Williams’ grandson was one of the most famous country singers of all time. He was none other than **Hank Williams Sr.**

Hank Williams had 11 number one country hits in his career (“Lovesick Blues”, “Long Gone Lonesome Blues”, “Why Don’t You Love Me”, “Moanin’ the Blues”, “Cold, Cold Heart”, “Hey, Good Lookin’”, “Jambalaya (On the Bayou)”, “I’ll Never Get Out of This World Alive”, “Kaw-Liga”, “Your Cheatin’ Heart”, and “Take These Chains From My Heart”, as well as many other top 10 hits.

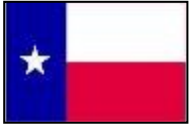


Pictured on the left is **Finis Bates**, Private, Co E 2 MS CAV, 1848-1923. After the war, he was a lawyer and an author. He wrote a book titled “The Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth”.

His granddaughter is actress/director Kathleen Doyle Bates. She is known for her roles in comedic and dramatic films and television programs. She has received various accolades throughout her career spanning over five decades, including an Academy Award, two Emmy Awards, two Golden Globe Awards, and two Screen Actors Guild Awards as well as nominations for a Tony Award.

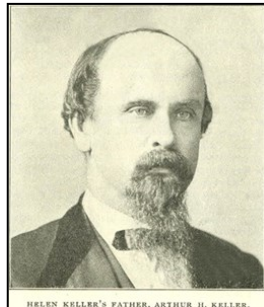
Some of the movies that she starred in were; Fried Green Tomatoes, Titanic, Primary Colors, The Waterboy, PS I Love You, The Blind Side, About Schmidt, Richard Jewel, Delores Claiborne, Revolutionary Road, Midnight to Paris, and Misery.





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LT COL of Cavalry for the AL State Militia,  
Aide de Camp of the Governor  
CAPT 27 AL INF **Arthur H. Keller**, 1836-1896



The granddaughter of Arthur H. Keller was **Helen Keller**. Helen was 19 months old when she contracted an unknown illness that left her both deaf and blind.

Her first teacher and life-long companion Anne Sullivan taught Keller language, including reading and writing. After an education at both specialist and mainstream schools, she attended Radcliffe College of Harvard University and became the first deaf blind person in the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was named one of Time magazine's 100 most important people of the 20th century.



Private Thomas Dula

**Thomas C. Dula**, Confederate war veteran, was born in Wilkes County, NC. On 15 Mar. 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private, serving in Company K, Forty-second Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He remained a private until March 1864, when he was rated as "Musician." Dula was hospitalized at Episcopal Church Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., on 10 Aug. 1864. He was captured at Kinston and was a prisoner of war at Point Lookout, Md., where he was released after signing the oath of allegiance on 11 June 1865.

Laura Foster was murdered May 25, 1866. Thomas C. Dula was charged with her murder, but it is commonly believed Anne Foster Melton committed the murder because Dula was about to elope with Laura, her cousin.

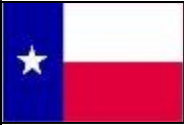
At his trials, Dula denied the murder but would not testify against Anne. Anne's cousin, Pauline Foster, testified that Anne had taken her to the grave one night to make sure it was still well hidden. As he stood on the gallows facing death, Dula reportedly said, "Gentlemen, do you see this hand? I didn't harm a hair on the girl's head".<sup>[9]</sup> He was executed on May 1, 1868, nearly two years after Laura Foster's murder.

COL Zebulon Vance, Wartime Governor of North Carolina, eventual US Senator, funeral held in US Capitol in 1894 represented Dula at this trial *pro bono*.

The Kingston Trio recorded the most popular version of the song, Tom Dooley, in 1958, for Capitol. This recording sold in excess of six million copies, topping the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, and is often credited with starting the "folk music boom" of the late 1950s and 1960s. It only had three verses (and the chorus four times), but it was about Tom Dula and the murder of Laura Foster. This recording of the song has been inducted into the National Recording Registry of the Library of Congress<sup>[15]</sup> and been honored with a Grammy Hall of Fame Award. The Grammy Foundation named it one of the Songs of the Century.

We appreciate David for the great program and for all that he does for the Reagan Camp. He is definitely an asset not only to the camp but to the community.

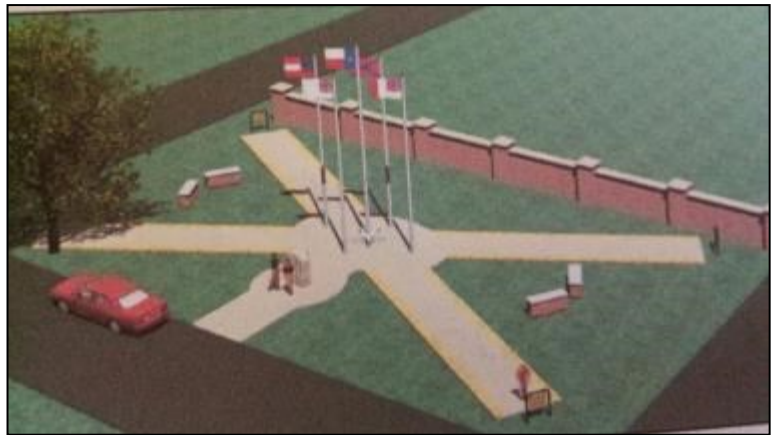




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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.
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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.

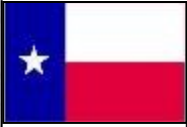


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 <b>undated</b> - to Annie</p> <p>I wish you to be very good, very wise, very healthy, &amp; very happy</p>	<p>2 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>If the subject of education could be of more importance at one period of our history than at another, that period is the present.</p>	<p>3 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>My only object is to endeavor to make students see their true interest, to teach them to labor diligently &amp; to prepare themselves for the great work of life.</p>	<p>4, <b>August 1861</b> - to wife.</p> <p>What a glorious world Almighty god has given us. How thankless &amp; ungrateful we are, &amp; how we labour to mar his gifts.</p>	<p>5, <b>August 1867</b> - to Robert</p> <p>A farmer's life is one of labour, but it is also one of pleasure.</p>	<p>6 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom &amp; prudence, to call forth greater energies, &amp; to prevent our falling into greater disasters.</p>
<p>6 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom &amp; prudence, to call forth greater energies, &amp; to prevent our falling into greater disasters.</p>	<p>7 <b>undated</b></p> <p>I dislike to have more than I actually require</p>	<p>8 <b>undated</b> - to Jeff Davis</p> <p>I know how prone we are to blame others for the nonfulfillment of our expectations. This is unbecoming in a generous people &amp; I grieve to see its expression.</p>	<p>9 <b>undated</b> to Jeff Davis</p> <p>No matter what may be the ability of the officer, if he loses the confidence of his troops disaster must sooner or later ensue.</p>	<p>10, <b>August</b> - to Rooney</p> <p>I shall endeavor to procure some humble, but quiet, abode for your mother &amp; sisters, where I hope they can be happy.</p>	<p>11 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>To succeed it is necessary to set the example.</p>	<p>12 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>Incubating discipline is a painful tedious process, &amp; is not apt to win popular favour.</p>
<p>13, <b>August 1863</b> -</p> <p>God is our refuge &amp; strength. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism, &amp; more determined will</p>	<p>14 <b>undated</b> - to Eliza Stiles</p> <p>It is sad to see a soldier die, &amp; heart rending to announce it to his parents.</p>	<p>15 <b>undated</b> - to Charlotte.</p> <p>Teach him that his only refuge is in Him, the greatness of whose mercy reacheth unto the heavens, &amp; His truth unto the clouds.</p>	<p>16 <b>undated</b>— to a son.</p> <p>I hope you will continue never to exceed your means. It will save you much anxiety &amp; mortification.</p>	<p>17 <b>undated</b>— to Judge Andrew Magrath</p> <p>The best troops are ineffective without good officers.</p>	<p>18, <b>August 1865</b>—To Carter Lee</p> <p>I have to labour for my living and I am ashamed to do nothing that will give me honest support.</p>	<p>19 <b>undated</b>—</p> <p>That is a political question, Mr. Hill &amp; you politicians must determine it; I shall endeavor to take care of the Army.</p>
<p>20 <b>undated</b> to Custis</p> <p>Do not dream. It is too ideal. Live in the world you inhabit. Look upon things as they are. Take them as you find them</p>	<p>21, <b>August 1835</b> - to wife</p> <p>I must not consent to do aught that would lower me in your eyes, my own &amp; that of others.</p>	<p>22 <b>August 1866</b> - to H. C. Saunder</p> <p>I prefer remaining silent to doing anything that might excite angry discussion.</p>	<p>23 <b>undated</b> - to College Trustees</p> <p>I think it the duty of every citizen, in the present condition of the country, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace &amp; harmony.</p>	<p>24 <b>August, 1865</b> - to College Trustees</p> <p>It is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the youth to set them an example of submission to authority.</p>	<p>25 <b>undated</b> -</p> <p>I speak of the proper rule in republics, where, I think, we should have neither military statesmen nor political generals.</p>	<p>26 <b>undated</b> - to Jack Mackay</p> <p>It is so much more easy to make heroes on paper than in the field.</p>
<p>27 <b>August 1864</b> - to Custis</p> <p>I have only one earthly want, that God in His infinite mercy will send our enemies back to their homes.</p>	<p>28 <b>August 1865</b> -</p> <p>There is no labour so beneficent, so elevated &amp; so sublime, as the teaching of salvation to every man.</p>	<p>29 <b>undated</b> - to Gov. Letcher</p> <p>It is the part of wisdom to acquiesce in the result.</p>	<p>30 <b>undated</b> - to B. Duncan</p> <p>Every man must do his part in this great work. He must carry into the administration of his affairs industry, fidelity &amp; economy.</p>	<p>31 <b>undated</b> - to E. Pollard</p> <p>My thanks for the compliment by your proposition to write a history of my life. Independently of the few national events it presents little to interest the reader.</p>		



## TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN AUGUST

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August 9, 1946 - On this day, the last Confederate reunion was held at Camp Ben McCulloch. This golden Jubilee included a memorial service for the camp's last two members, who had died the previous year. The camp, near Driftwood, in Hays County, was organized in the summer of 1896 as a reunion camp for Confederate veterans and named for Confederate General Benjamin McCulloch. Annual three-day reunions were held at the camp, often with 5,000 to 6,000 persons attending. In 1930, Ben McCulloch was said to be the largest Confederate Camp in existence. Subsequently, the camp became the location of the annual meetings of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, with various activities and services spanning a week in early June. The campsite, on a branch of Onion Creek, also remains a popular picnic area for residents of northern Hays County.

August 10, 1862 - On this day, Confederate soldiers attacked a force of Hill Country Unionists camped in route to Mexico beside the Nueces River in Kinney County. The skirmish is known as the battle of the Nueces. The sixty-odd Unionists, mostly German intellectuals, had camped without choosing a defensive position or posting a strong guard. Nineteen of them were killed and nine were wounded. The wounded were executed by the Confederates later in the day. Two Confederates were killed and eighteen wounded. Of the Unionists who escaped from the battle, eight were killed on October 18 while trying to cross into Mexico. After the war, the remains of the Unionists were gathered and interred at Comfort, where a monument commemorates them.

August 13, 1906 - On this day, black soldiers of the Twenty-fifth U.S. Infantry allegedly attacked citizens of Brownsville. The event resulted in the largest summary dismissals in the history of the United States Army. The soldiers, newly arrived at Fort Brown from the Philippines and Nebraska, confronted racial discrimination for some businesses and suffered physical abuse from some federal customs collectors. A reported attack on a white woman during the night of August 12 so enraged the citizens that Maj. Charles W. Penrose, after consultation with Mayor Frederick Combe, declared an early curfew. Just after midnight on the thirteenth, a bartender was fatally shot and a police lieutenant was wounded. Various citizens claimed to have seen soldiers running through the streets shooting, even though it was dark. Several civilian and military investigations presumed the guilt of the soldiers without identifying individual culprits. When suspects were not forthcoming, the army inspector general charged a "conspiracy of silence." On November 5, president Theodore Roosevelt discharged "without honor" all 167 enlisted men garrisoned at Fort Brown. This action fueled political and "due process" arguments for more than sixty years. In 1972, the Nixon administration awarded honorable discharges, without back pay, to the soldiers involved. The only surviving veteran, Dorsie Willis, received a \$25,000 settlement.

August 20, 1866 - On this day, President Andrew Johnson, declaring that "the insurrection in the State of Texas has been completely and everywhere suppressed and ended," officially ended the Civil War by issuing a proclamation of peace between the United States and Texas. Johnson had declared a state of peace between the U.S. and the other ten Confederate states on April 2, 1866. The last land battle of the Civil War took place at Palmito Ranch near Brownsville on May 13, 1865, more than a month after Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse.

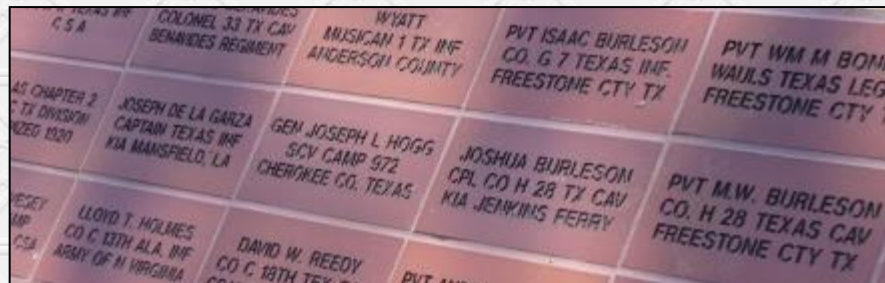
August 30, 1862 - On this day, Hood's Texas Brigade played a distinguished part in the battle of Second Manassas. After a Union assault was broken up by artillery fire, Confederate General Longstreet launched his First Corps, with the Texas Brigade in the lead, in one of the most successful counterattacks of the Civil War. The Fourth Texas Infantry, under the command of Lt. Col. B. F. Carter; captured a federal battery of artillery, losing eleven killed and twenty wounded in the process. After the battle the commander of the brigade, Gen. John Hood, encountered the commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee, who playfully asked him what had become of the enemy. Hood answered that the Texans had chased them across Bull Run "almost at a double quick." A regiment of New York Zouaves was shattered by the assault, and, seeing their brightly uniformed bodies scattered about the next morning, a Texas officer wrote that they gave the battlefield "the appearance of a Texas hillside when carpeted in the spring by wildflowers of many hues and tints."



## 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.



Camp meetings: 4th Thursday Each  
Month - 06:30 PM  
Meal served at each meeting.

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