

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE  
JOHN H, REAGAN SCV CAMP 2156**





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## DECEMBER DISPATCH

Confederate soldiers faced severe Christmas hardships: grim winter conditions (cold, mud, primitive huts), severe food shortages (rancid meat, wormy hardtack), rampant disease, homesickness, lack of decent clothing/pay, and the constant specter of death, with celebrations often marked by meager rations, makeshift camps, occasional caroling, and the stark contrast to idealized holiday home life, especially as the war dragged on and supplies dwindled.

**Physical Hardships:**

**Weather & Shelter:** Soldiers built crude log huts, often with tent roofs, in freezing conditions, living on cold, hard frozen ground.

**Food:**

Scarcity: Rations were poor (salted pork, cornmeal), often infested with worms; fresh food from home became rare as the war progressed.

**Disease & Sanitation:**

Poor sanitation & crowded camps led to widespread sickness, exacerbated by malnutrition, as noted by the "famine-glistened eyes" of ragged soldiers.

**Lack of Supplies:** Inadequate uniforms, boots, and medicine were common, with shortages worsening by 1864-1865.

**Emotional & Psychological Hardships:**

**Homesickness:** The holiday season intensified longing for family & the comfort of home, a feeling worsened by the war's devastation.

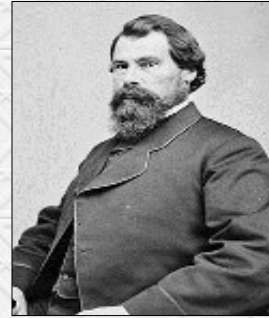
**Sorrow & Loss:**

Christmas became a painful reminder of fallen comrades, with many families facing vacant seats & mourning, especially by war's end.

**Discontent:** Long periods in camps, even during winter, bred unhappiness, though camaraderie & gambling sometimes offered temporary diversions.

**Wartime Realities: Supply Collapse (Late War):** By 1864, Union control of railroads & cities like Atlanta meant the South couldn't even send gifts home, let alone receive them, leaving soldiers with virtually nothing.

**Grim Realities:** Battles & military executions sometimes occurred even on Christmas Day,

**John H. Reagan**

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

contrasting sharply with  
the holiday spirit.

**Glimmers of Celebration:**  
**Gifts from Home:**  
 Rare parcels with peanuts, cakes, or sugar were treasured.

**Brotherly Truces:** On the Rappahannock in 1862, Union & Confederate soldiers exchanged gifts & greetings, bridging the divide temporarily.

**Simple Pleasures:**  
 Caroling, makeshift decorations (mule-antlered 'reindeer'), & drinking often marked the day, but were overshadowed by the harsh reality.

**CAMP MEETINGS**

4th Tuesday of Each Month  
 06:30 PM at the First  
 Congregational Methodist  
 Church of Elkhart.

With a meal served  
 at each meeting.  
 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 Richard Thornton at 903-731-1557 or email [tx\\_tsar@hotmail.com](mailto:tx_tsar@hotmail.com).**

### Prayer List

- Lt. Commander David Franklin in the passing of his brother, Terry Franklin.
- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot Gary Gibson & his wife, Lynn
- Past Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- Former Camp Commander Rudy Ray
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Reagan Camp will have monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held at the First Congregational Methodist Church of Elkhart.

**Dec 13th - Wreaths Across America**

**Jan 27, 2026 - January meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Feb 24th - February meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**March 24th - March meeting 6:30 p.m.**



This original 1863 Thomas Nast print shows a touching scene of Husband and Wife on Christmas Eve 1862. The picture is from the January 1863 edition of Harper's Weekly. This leaf is a stunning illustration and is over 140 years old!

Please contact [paul@sonofthesouth.net](mailto:paul@sonofthesouth.net) if you are interested in acquiring one of these original leafs.

### Officers for 2025

Commander - Ed Heitman

1st Lt Cmdr. - David Franklin

Adjutant/Treasurer - Richard Thornton

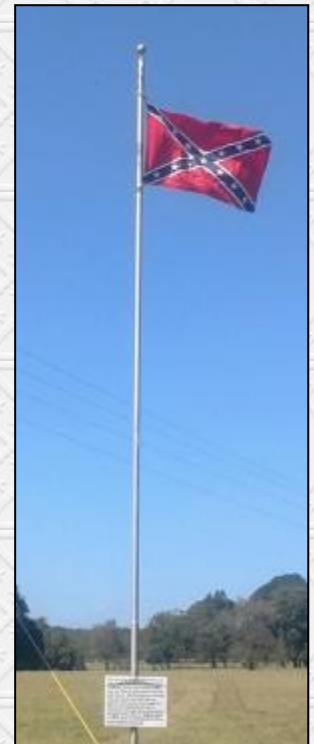
Sgt at Arms - Marc Robinson

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.

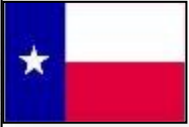
"NOTHING FILLS ME WITH DEEPER SADNESS THAN TO SEE A SOUTHERN MAN APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEFENSE WE MADE OF OUR INHERITANCE. OUR CAUSE WAS SO JUST, SO SACRED, THAT HAD I KNOWN ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS, HAD I KNOWN WHAT WAS TO BE INFLICTED UPON ME, ALL THAT MY COUNTRY WAS TO SUFFER, ALL THAT OUR POSTERITY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





## The Reagan Camp Mourns the Passing of Compatriot & Friend Terry Franklin January 18, 1953 ~ December 9, 2025

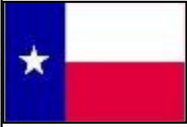


**The Reagan Camp** mourns the passing of our dear friend and compatriot, **Terry Lynn Franklin**. Terry was the beloved older brother of 1st Lt. Commander David Franklin, a former Camp Commander. He was a quiet, steadfast man—known for his hard work, integrity, and unwavering commitment to his word. Though he spoke seldom, his words carried weight and meaning, and those who listened knew they mattered.

We ask that you keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss. Terry will be deeply missed,



Above: David & Terry on a recent vacation together



## REAGAN CAMP MOURNS THE PASSING OF COMPATRIOT & FRIEND Terry Franklin January 18, 1953 ~ December 9, 2025



*Beloved Father, Brother, Grandfather and Friend, Terry Lynn Franklin, age 72, of Palestine, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday the 9th day of December 2025 at his home. Born on the 18th day of January 1953, in Palestine, Texas, Terry was the cherished son of William "Coleman" Franklin and Wanda "Elaine" Beauchamp Franklin.*

*For many years, Terry was the dependable driver of a saltwater truck for Franklin & Franklin. His dedication to his work was evident to all who knew him. In 1984, Terry embarked on a career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), where he served with distinction until his retirement in 2008. His time with TDCJ was marked by the same commitment and excellence that characterized his earlier years.*

*After retiring from TDCJ, Terry's love for the open road and his desire to remain active led him to drive a Hot Shot truck. He continued this until 2014, forming many friendships and collecting stories along the way. He was a member of First Congregational Methodist of Elkhart, a Master Mason, and*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans. Terry's hobbies included gardening, blacksmith knife making, and spending quality time with his grandchildren collecting stories along the way. He was a member of First Congregational Methodist of Elkhart, a Master Mason, and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Terry's hobbies included gardening, blacksmith knife making, and spending quality time with his grandchildren.*

*Terry is survived by his brother, David and Sheri Franklin, of Slocum, Texas; sons James Franklin, of Palestine, Texas; William Halestead of Washington; daughters, Jennifer Franklin of Palestine, Texas, Linda and Brent Morton of Granbury, Texas, Becky Richards of Neches, Texas, and Sheila and Chris Blevins of Palestine, Texas; bonus daughters, Brandy Patrick, Laura Griswald, and Leighe Ann Minton. He also leaves behind 13 precious grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.*

*He is preceded in death by his parents; Coleman and Elaine Franklin; wife, Nancy Franklin; and his sister, Judy Franklin.*

*Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from five o'clock until seven o'clock in the evening, on Monday, the 15th day of December 2025 in the Rhone Memorial Chapel.*

*Funeral services to celebrate Terry Franklin's life are to be conducted at ten o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, the 16th day of December 2025 in the Rhone Memorial Chapel with Bro. John Day and Bro. Mike Parker officiating the service. Interment will follow in Guiceland Cemetery.*

*Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Jonathan Phillips, Josh Hill, Danny Jones, Dwight Franklin, David Franklin, and Bro. Michael Lumpkins. Honorary pallbearers include Wesley Hill.*

*In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Terry L. Franklin can be directed towards Masonic Lodge of Elkhart, Texas.*

*Funeral services for Terry Lynn Franklin are in care of Rhone Funeral Home, 3900 S. State Highway 19, Palestine, Texas. Please visit his online memorial tribute at [www.rhonefuneralhome.com](http://www.rhonefuneralhome.com), where words of comfort and condolence may be shared electronically with his family.*





## JEFFERSON DAVIS PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 6, 1889



Former Confederate president Jefferson Davis died of bronchitis complicated by malaria in New Orleans on December 6, 1889. His body was dressed in a new suit of Confederate gray fabric that Jubal Early had given him. His bier was on display in the New Orleans City Hall until the day of his funeral, December 11. It has been said that 70,000 viewed his remains before his funeral, and as many as 200,000 people came to see the funeral procession from City Hall to the Metairie Cemetery. Four years later his remains were taken to Richmond and re-interred in Hollywood Cemetery.



Above: Standing guard over Jefferson Davis' body as it lies in state



Above: Flowers adorn the grave of Jefferson Davis





## JEFFERSON DAVIS FUNERAL PROCESSION DECEMBER 11, 1889



The picture to the left is a historical photograph of the funeral of Jefferson Davis in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 11, 1889.

The image depicts the funeral car carrying the coffin as the procession winds through the French Quarter of the city. The body was lying in state at City Hall (now Gallier Hall), where an estimated 70,000 people viewed his remains before the procession to the temporary burial site at Metairie Cemetery.

This specific image is part of an album of nine photographic prints documenting various aspects of the funeral proceedings.







## DECEMBER MEETING PICTURES JOHN H. REAGAN SCV CAMP



We had 7 at our December meeting. We had a delicious meal of sliced ham, broccoli & rice casserole, purple hull peas, cornbread, homemade banana pudding, corn casserole, and fresh fruit. We would like to thank David, Dan, Randy, Dwight and

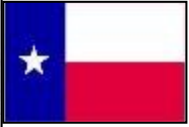
Shelly for the delicious meal. David's homemade pudding was amazing!

Our next meeting will be on January 27, 2026 at the First Congregational Methodist Church in Elkhart.

We hope to see you there.





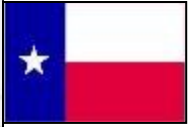


## TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JOHN H. REAGAN



1. Born in Tennessee, he left in 1838 to come to Texas via Natchez, Mississippi.
2. He participated in the Cherokee War in 1839 and then worked as a surveyor.
3. After statehood, he was elected first county judge of Henderson County and in 1847 he became a member of Texas' second legislature.
4. He was reelected as Henderson County judge in 1856 and became a US Congressman from East Texas. In 1859 he won reelection but resigned his seat to become the Confederate Postmaster General in 1861.
5. At the end of the Civil War, John H. Reagan was captured with Jefferson Davis on May 10, 1865 near Abbeville, Georgia.
6. Held in solitary confinement in Boston for nearly six months, Reagan appealed to the people of Texas to recognize that they were back to being a part of the Union, but it didn't win him friends. He returned to Texas in December of 1865.
7. Reagan, who was proven right on how Texas would fare by opposing reunification, became known as "The Old Roman." He was given amnesty, and his citizenship was restored.
8. From 1875 to 1887 Reagan served in Congress before being elected to the U.S. Senate.
9. He became the first Railroad Commissioner of Texas when that body was formed in 1891.
10. Reagan ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1894 and remained chairman of the Railroad Commission until 1903 when he retired and returned to Palestine. He died there two years later of pneumonia.

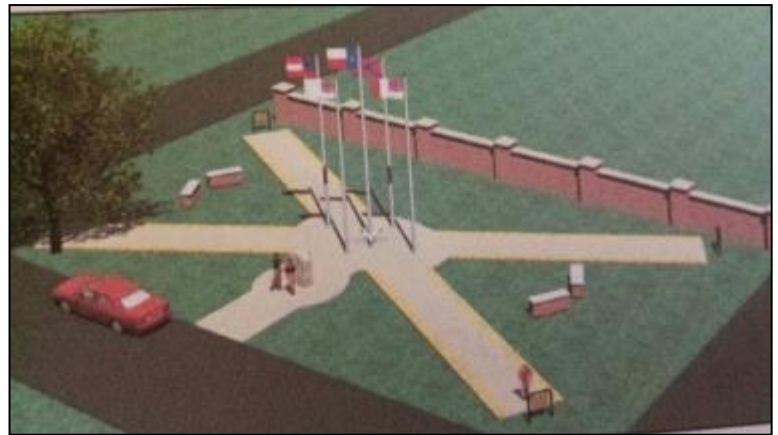




## A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



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.



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| WILLIAM C FRANKLIN<br>CO D 12 BTNN ARK<br>SHARP SHOOTERS | JOHN DANIEL LILES<br>PVT<br>DIED 4 25 1865 POW         | WILLIAM J. CHAFFIN<br>CO H 5 TEX CAV CSA<br>1829 - 1908     |
| JASPER N. CARNES<br>CO B 8 REGIMENT<br>TEXAS INFANTRY    | RICHARD A. HODGES<br>CO K 22 TX INF CSA<br>1833 - 1905 | ANDREW J BEAUCHAMP<br>CO F 13 TEX INF<br>12-9-1834 9-1-1894 |

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| JOHN H. REAGAN<br>SCV CAMP #2156<br>PALESTINE TEXAS        | PVT WM. H. FOSTER<br>CO. H 1ST TEX INF<br>DIED AS POW OCT 63 |
| GEORGE KNOX GIBSON<br>PVT. CO. B 12TH<br>TEXAS CAVLRY, CSA | WILLIAM H. CRIST<br>COMPANY I 7 TX CAV<br>C.S.A.             |

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| JACOB L. SHERIDAN<br>CAPT CO I 1ST REGT<br>TEXAS INFANTRY | JOHN H. SHERIDAN<br>PVT. CO I 1ST REGT<br>TEXAS INFANTRY | COL. A.T. RAINEY<br>CO. H 1 TEX. INF.<br>HOOD'S TEX. BRIG |
| L. E. SHERIDAN<br>PVT. CO I 1ST REGT<br>TEXAS INFANTRY    | PVT WM. N SHERIDAN<br>CO C 6 BATTALION<br>TEXAS CALVARY  | STEPHEN O. RAINEY<br>CAPTAIN<br>1ST BATT. TEX CAV         |

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| PVT. R. M. LUMMUS<br>53 GEORGIA INF.<br>COMPANY B C.S.A      | PVT ALLEN G TURNER<br>CO A 7TH BATTALION<br>MISS INF. CSA |
| SGT. AMOS G. HANKS<br>CO F. 1ST TEX INF<br>HOODS BRIGADE CSA | WILLIAM H. DYER<br>PVT CO K MISS INF<br>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.





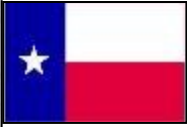
## ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2025



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|  | 1 Dec, 1866—<br>To Markie<br>Our communication with the world beyond the Mountains is reduced to one stage a day & the tri-weekly packet boat.  | 2 Dec, 1862 -<br>to wife<br>I tremble for my country when I hear of confidence expressed in me. I know too well my weakness & that our only hope is in God.                                   | 3 Dec, 1860 - to<br>Rooney As<br>an American citizen I prize the Union very highly & know of no personal sacrifice that I would not make to preserve it, save that of honour.   | 4 Dec, 1863 -<br><br>I believe a kind God has ordered all things for our good  | 5 Dec, 1860 - to<br>Custis<br>The education of a man or woman is never completed till they die. There is always before them much to lean & more to do.                                     | 6 Dec, 1846 - To<br>Wife I am<br>one of those silly persons when I have anything to do I can't rest satisfied till it has been accomplished..<br><br><b>Jefferson Davis dies on this date 1889</b> |
| 7 undated -<br>To Wife<br>It is satisfactory always to have facts to go on; they restrain supposition & conjecture, confirm faith, & bring contentment   | 8 undated -<br><br>With a grateful heart I thank him for his preservation of you thus far & trust to his mercy and kindness for the future.   | 9 Dec, 1869 -<br><br>While moderation & temperance in all things are commendable & beneficial, abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard of morals and health.                 | 10 undated - I<br>shall think of you & my grandson very often during the season when families are united & though absent from you in person, you will always be present in mind.  | 11 undated - to<br>S.G. Miller<br>Practice habitual temperance, so that you may form the habit in youth & not feel the inclination to depart from it in manhood.           | 12 Dec, 1851 -<br>To Custis<br>Do your best, and I shall be satisfied.   | 13 Dec, 1862 -<br>at Mary's Heights It is well that war is so terrible; we should grow too fond of it.   |
| 14 Dec, 1860 - to<br>Custis<br>Pay all your debts as soon as   | 15 Dec, 1866 - to<br>Fitzhugh<br>I know of no fitter resting place for a soldier than the field on which he has nobly laid down his life.   | 16 undated - to<br>wife<br>I expect to die a pauper & I see no way of preventing it. So that I can get enough for you & the girls I am content.   | 17 undated - to<br>a friend<br><br>If I could only have my children around me, I could be happy   | 18 Dec, 1869 - to<br>son<br>I must begin by wishing you a pleasant Christmas & many Happy New Years, & may each succeeding year bring to you & yours increasing happiness. | 19 undated - to<br>Mildred<br>I trust many of you will be assembled around the family hearth at dear Arlington for another Christmas. Though absent, my heart will be in the midst of you. | 20 undated -<br>to Mildred<br>I hope you will find time to read & improve your mind. Read history, works of truth. Get correct views of life & learn to see the world in its true light.           |
| 21 Dec, 1866 - to<br>daughter Mildred<br>Experience will teach you that you will never receive such a love as is felt for you by your father and mother. | 22 Dec, 1866 - If<br>I was an artist I would draw a true picture of Traveller. Such a picture would inspire a poet. But I am no artist & can therefore only say he is a Confederate grey. | 23 undated -<br>I shall think of you on that holy day & shall pray to the God of heaven to shower his blessings upon you in this world & to unite you all in his courts in the world to come. | 24 Dec, 1846 -<br>to sons I hope<br>Santa Claus will fill Rob's stocking tonight; that Mildred's, Agnes's & Anna's may break down with good things. If he only leaves for you one half of what I wish, you will want for nothing. | 25 Dec, 1862 -<br>to Mildred<br>You must study hard, gain knowledge & learn your duty to God & your neighbor; that is the great object of life.                            | 26 undated -<br>Occupy yourself in aiding those more helpless than yourself.   | 27 Dec, 1863 - to<br>M. Stuart<br>Thus is link by link the strong chain broken that binds us to earth & our passage soothed to another world.  |
| 28 undated -<br>to Custis<br>There is nothing so military as labour & nothing so important to an army as to save the lives of its soldiers               | 29 Dec, 1863 -<br>The object of this life is to prepare for a better and brighter world.  | 30 Dec, 1864 -<br>to Wife<br>I pray daily & almost hourly to our Heavenly Father to come to the relief of you & our afflicted country.  | 31 undated -<br>to a student<br>We cannot undo the past; that is forever gone; but the future is in our hands   |  |  |  |





## TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN DECEMBER

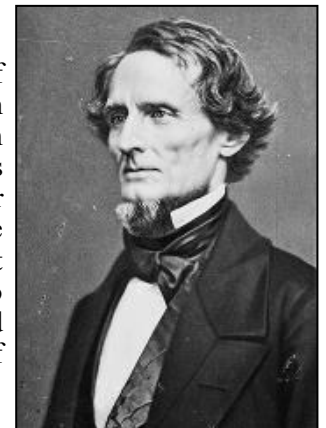
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**On December 2nd, 1862**, the Confederate government issued \$100 notes bearing a portrait of the renowned Southern beauty Lucy Pickens. Lucy Holcombe was born in 1832 in Tennessee. Between 1848 and 1850 the Holcombes moved to Wyalucing plantation in Marshall, Texas. Lucy became highly acclaimed throughout the South for her "classic features, titian hair, pansy eyes, and graceful figure." In the summer of 1856 she met Francis Wilkinson Pickens, twice a widower and twenty-seven years her senior. Her acceptance of his marriage proposal, it is said, hinged on his acceptance of a diplomatic post abroad. President James Buchanan appointed him ambassador to Russia, and Pickens and Lucy were wed in 1858 at Wyalucing. Lucy was a favorite at the Russian court, but Pickens resigned his

diplomatic post in the fall of 1860 in anticipation of the outbreak of the Civil War. Upon his return home he was elected governor of South Carolina. By selling the jewels that had been given her in Russia, Lucy helped outfit the Confederate Army unit that bore her name, the Lucy Holcombe Legion. Her portrait was also used on the one-dollar Confederate notes issued on June 2, 1862 and 1863, and the \$100 bill of 1864. She was the only woman to appear on Confederate currency. She died in 1899.

**On December 6th, 1889**, Jefferson Davis, former president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans. Davis, born in Kentucky in 1808 but later a senator from Mississippi, was first in Texas as an army officer during the Mexican War in 1847 with Zachary Taylor's force on the Rio Grande. In 1854, while Davis was United States secretary of war, he recommended the Texas or thirty-second-parallel route for construction of a railroad to the Pacific Ocean, and in 1856 he sent camels to Camp Verde to test the animals' suitability as military transportation. After Reconstruction a movement was launched in Dallas to purchase a homestead for Davis and invite him to move to Texas. In 1875 he was offered the presidency of the newly established Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. In declining the appointment, he wrote of his hopes of revisiting Texas, but he never did so.



**On December 16th, 1863**, Confederate colonel Sul Ross assumed command of a brigade formed from the Third, Sixth, Ninth, and Twenty-seventh Texas Cavalry regiments, and the men in these units thereafter fought together as Ross's Brigade. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was born in Iowa in 1838; his family moved to Texas a year later. He realized his early ambition to become an Indian fighter like his father, Shapley Ross, when he served in campaigns with the Texas Rangers against the Comanches in 1858 and 1860; in the latter year he led the raid that resulted in the recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker. With the coming of the Civil War he joined the Confederate forces and rose to command the Sixth Texas Cavalry. He was promoted to the rank of general soon after taking command of Ross's Brigade. Under his able leadership, his brigade saw action in the Atlanta and Franklin-Nashville campaigns, although Ross was in Texas on furlough when his men surrendered at Jackson, Mississippi, in May 1865. After the war he served Texas as a state senator and then as governor from 1886 to 1891.

**December 21, 1861:** On this day in 1864, the state legislature established the Frontier Regiment to patrol west of the line of settlements from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Less than a month later, the Confederate Congress authorized the secretary of war to receive the regiment into Confederate service for the protection of the Indian frontier of Texas. President Jefferson Davis vetoed the bill, however, because it withheld the control of the executive of the Confederate States over the troops. In early 1863, after James E. McCord replaced James M. Norris as commander. State authorities finally transferred the regiment to Confederate control in 1864, but only after the legislature approved the establishment of the Frontier Organization to ensure the continued protection of the frontier. During the last eighteen months of the Civil War, the regiment increasingly devoted itself to enforcing Confederate conscription laws, arresting deserters, and tracking down renegades and outlaws.

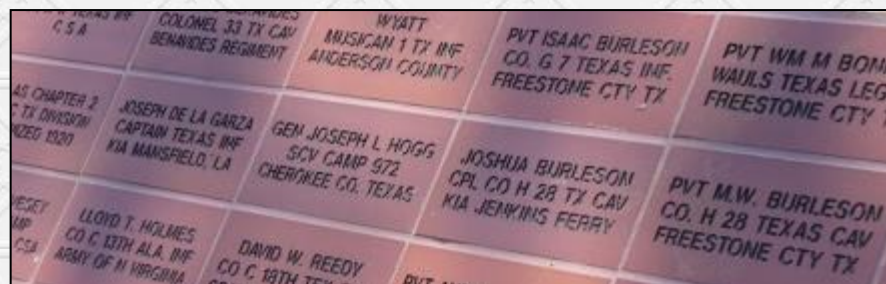
( Information provide by Texas State Historical Association's "Day By Day" website. You can see other events listed for each day of December on their calendar online at <https://texasdaybyday.com/> )



## 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 Commander Ed Heitman, E-mail: [edheitman@gmail.com](mailto:edheitman@gmail.com); Phone: (903-504-6674) or Dan Dyer at E-mail: [danieldyer497@yahoo.com](mailto:danieldyer497@yahoo.com); Phone: (903) 391-2224 or Richard Thornton, Adjutant/Treasurer at E-mail: [tx\\_tsar@hotmail.com](mailto:tx_tsar@hotmail.com)



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 Tuesday**  
**Each Month - 06:30 PM**  
Meal served at each meeting.

Held at **First Congregational**  
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