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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

We had another wonderful historical program this past month as Major General John T. Furlow presented our camp a program on the 10th Texas Cavalry (Dismounted) CSA in which he is an authority and had an ancestor who served in that unit. It was extremely good and I would like to thank 2nd Lt. Commander Rudy Ray for continuing to line up excellent historical programs for us each and every month. Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams will be presenting a program on the Trent Affair at our November meeting.

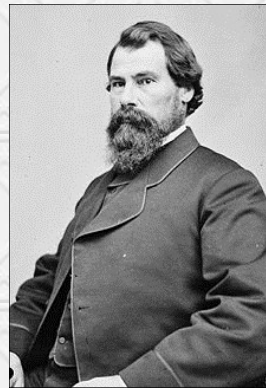
The October 8th John H. Reagan Birthday Memorial Ceremony hosted by the Davis-Reagan Chapter 2292 UDC was a very nicely put together program thanks to Mrs. Dollye Jeffus, President of the chapter. I very much appreciate all of you Reagan Camp members who participated in the ceremony and Adj. Dan Dyer, who is also director at the Museum for East Texas Culture which provided historical pieces from Reagan's home, Fort Houston, at the ceremony.

I am very appreciative of the Palestine Area Veterans organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion for inviting our camp to participate in the Palestine Veterans Day Parade on Saturday November 12th. The organizers asked that we march with only Confederate flags to represent CSA veterans and the VVA color guard will be marching with the U.S. and Texas flags at the head of the parade. This is a wonderful opportunity for our camp to participate in to honor all American Veterans including the Confederate Veterans.

2012 Camp Officer elections will be held during our November 12th regular meeting. Please plan to attend for the elections, a great historical program and a wonderful meal planned by our Ladies of the Reagan Camp.

The John H. Reagan Camp is honored to be hosting a grave marker dedication for Pvt. Egbert B. Beall, 12th Texas Light Artillery, Val Verde Battery at the Old Zion Cemetery near Donie, Texas on Saturday December 3rd at 11:00 am. Pvt. Beall enlisted in the 5th Texas Cavalry in August of 1861 and went to New Mexico where the Confederates won the Battle of Val Verde capturing the famous cannons of the battery that was formed when they arrived back at Fort Bliss Texas. Pvt. Beall was one of those first members in the Val Verde Battery and he served with the Battery throughout the War until the very end. We will be assisted in the ceremony by the Halbert Camp in Corsicana and the Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp in Teague.

It seems that at almost every turn in defending our Confederate ancestors honor these days we are confronted with the untrue Yankee revisionist version of the War for Southern Independence and especially when it comes to slavery. Let us thoroughly educate ourselves on all of the issues our ancestors faced at the time. Please remember that secession was legal and Lincoln's invasion of the South was illegal so lumping both of these topics together or in the same sentence would not be the best way to explain the causes in my opinion.
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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

**"Fear not, for I am with thee. Say to the North give up, and to the South, keep not back."
 ~Isaiah 43:6-7**

Inscription on the spearhead of the flagstaff of the 4th Texas Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia

CAMP MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of Each Month
 06:00 PM

Light meal served at each meeting.
 First Christian Church
 113 East Crawford Street
 Palestine, Texas

Turn north on N. Sycamore St. off of Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287) (across from UP train station) travel three blocks, turn right on Crawford St., go one block Church is on left

Guests are welcome!
 Bring the family.

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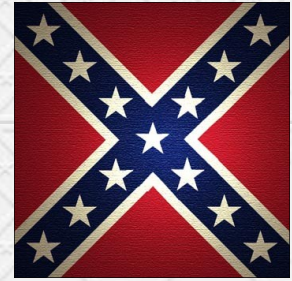
(continued from page 1) When it comes to the slavery issue, let us view it from the context in which those Southerners lived, by reading primary sources and what God's Holy Word says about it. Our camp website has a suggested reading list on the "About Us" page for starters. Once educated with the true facts about antebellum slavery and how and to what degree it related to why the first seven CSA states seceded, you will be much more prepared for dialogue on this topic. I hope that everyone would consider not condemning the Southern slave owners who treated their slaves according to God's Holy Word (which was the vast majority and remember that only approximately 6% of the Southern population owned slaves), but rather be able to place the slavery issue to one side and then focus on the important aspect of honoring the Confederate Soldier and Sailor. These men simply did their duty when called upon by their perspective States to defend and protect their families and country from an army of northern aggression and their cause in fighting was to protect their homes and so that they could live under the Constitution as given by the founding fathers. Their service to God, Family, State and Country was abso-

lutely no different than that of any and all American Veterans who have done the same from the Revolutionary War to the most recent Wars in the Middle East. The Confederate Army was also made up of many Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Jewish Americans, and other minority groups.

It should be obvious that almost 100% of SCV members would not condone or like the idea of slavery or advocate racism of any kind, but at the same time, we should not judge our forefathers by using today's standards. I hope y'all agree that we should all stand on the truth and never fall victim to being politically correct with untrue history when defending our ancestors honor. The TRUTH is always of vital importance, it will win in the end.

Deo vindice!

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
 Marc Robinson



"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-

PRAYER LIST

- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Davis U.S. Army (Afghanistan). Son-in-law of Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield

- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- The United Daughters of the Confederacy

"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."

-PRESEDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 12, 2011, 06:00 PM—John H. Reagan Camp regular monthly meeting.

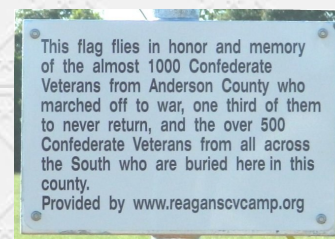
November Program:

Historian Gary Williams will present a program on the Trent Affair.

November 12, 2011, 10:00 AM—**Veterans Day Parade Downtown Palestine**—All Reagan Camp members and family in period correct attire will form up at the Anderson County Courthouse at 08:30 AM.

December 3, 2011, 11:00 AM—**Confederate Grave Marker Ceremony for Pvt. Egbert B. Beall, Capt. Sayers Co., 12 Texas Light Artillery, Val Verde Battery.** Ceremony will be at the Old Zion Cemetery, just East of Donie, Texas in Freestone County.

December 10, 2011, 06:00 PM—John H. Reagan Camp 2012 Officer Installations, Annual Awards Presentations and Christmas Party.



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.



TO ARMS! A POEM BY RONNIE HATFIELD COPYRIGHT 1994



To Arms, my Southern Brethren, To Arms,
goes out the call,
rise up again for honor, lest the gloried
colors fall!

Let not our fathers sacrifice, be blood
that spilled in vain,
let not them watch from Heaven's rest,
and feel again the pain.

For they wept at Appomattox, with the
battle not yet won,
when the last flag had been folded, and
they'd fired the final gun.

The standard these men followed, though
battle torn and stained,
should represent to each of us, a cause
which still remains.

A symbol to their memory, and the devotion
these men gave,
we as Sons of Veterans, are duty bound
to save!

Take up the fight our fathers knew, and
defend our sacred land,
from those who would write history, with
a tainted pen in hand!

Take back the flag our fathers loved, from
those who bring her shame,
and let no man e'er dishonor her, or the
men who brought her fame!





THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—OCTOBER 8, 2011



Left: SCV members who are veterans and who were present that evening where asked by Cmdr. Robinson to stand with the Camp's guest speaker at the October meeting, **Major General John T. Furlow, USA (Retired) CPA, CFE** for a photo. From left to right, Dwain Schoppe, James Richardson, Chaplain Rod Skelton, Major General John Furlow, Forrest Bradberry, Jr., and Cal Nation.



Above : We were all very honored to have Major General Furlow present a historical program on the 10th Texas Cavalry (Dismounted) to the Reagan Camp. General Furlow's Confederate ancestor fought with the 10th. Here he is showing everyone his authentic replica of the 10th Texas Cavalry's regimental flag. His program was an amazing one to hear.



Above: Mrs. Dollye Jeffus held a fund raiser to benefit the Confederate Memorial Plaza. Pictured here with her is Craig Robinson who drew the donation ticket of Ms. Beverly Anderson of Elkhart who won the Ruger 22-10 semi-auto rifle. All donations were given to the John H. Reagan Camp Confederate Heritage Plaza fund.



DAVIS-REAGAN CHAPTER 2292 UDC JOHN H. REAGAN BIRTHDAY CEREMONY, OCT. 8, 2011



Left: John H. Reagan Camp #2156 Camp members who participated in the Birthday Ceremony for John H. Reagan at his home site that he called Fort Houston just west of Palestine. Pictured from left to right are: Bobby Francis, Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield, Billy Newsom, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray, Sgt.-at-Arms John Barnhart, Vernon Holliman, Cmdr. Marc Robinson, Chaplain Rod Skelton, Dwain Schoppe, Calvin Nicholson, Adj. Dan Dyer, Qtr. Mstr. Frank Moore.



Above left to right: Davis-Reagan UDC officer Mrs. Geri Lynn Wright and President Mrs. Dollye Jeffus; Forrest Bradberry, Jr. giving and excellent history of John H. Reagan at his home there at Fort Houston where the ceremony was held; Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield reciting one of his Confederate poems.



Above left to right: Reagan Camp Chaplain Rod Skelton preparing to offer the invocation to begin the ceremony; Lt. Commander Ronnie Hatfield and Commander Marc Robinson posing beside a painting of John H. Reagan on loan from the Museum of East Texas Culture.



WHAT AM I?

BY BRO. L.E. "LEN" PATTERSON, THD.
SCV CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI



Many of us are familiar with the Popeye's statement, "I yam what I yam." Other than being a sailor, I'm not sure what Popeye *may* have been referring to. But whatever it was, he was proud of it. Like Popeye, I believe we should all be proud of what we are, especially those things that we chose to be.

Those of us who are truly Christians know that God's Holy Spirit led us the point of receiving Christ as our Savior and Lord, and committing our lives to Him. However, we still could have said, "No! Thanks but no thanks. I'm going to live my life my own way and do my own thing." Now, I won't debate that God knew our answer before we did, but we had the free will to make a choice.

We chose to accept Christ and be a Christian. Therefore we should be able to say, as Popeye did, "I yam what I yam. And, what I am is a Christian, and proud of it." Of course we shouldn't flaunt our faith, but those around us should recognize us as being a Christian. Then if someone were to ask, "Are you a Christian?" We can answer, "Yes I am, and I'm glad you asked. Now, let me tell you why I'm a Christian."

The Apostle Peter writes, "But sanctify the Lord in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1Pet. 3: 15) This is called witnessing.

We are also members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This again is by choice, and most of us, if

not all, joined for the same reason. We want honor and respect for our brave and noble Confederate forefathers. We want to see our great Southern heritage preserved. And, we wish to have the truth of the heroic struggle for Southern freedom taught and accepted.

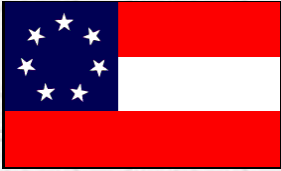
So again, we should be able to say, "I yam what I yam. And, what I am is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and proud of it." Then when someone notices our lapel pin, window sticker, or receives a handout (I personally like the silver dollars), or in some other way notices the Cause for which we stand, and asks, "What is this all about?" We can answer, "I'm a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the proud descendant of a brave Confederate Soldier, and I'm glad you asked. Now, let me tell you what it's all about." This is called recruiting.

May God bless all my Christian and SCV Brothers in their service to Him and our just Cause.

L.E. "Len" Patterson, Th.D
Army of Trans-Mississippi Chaplain

"IN ALL MY PERPLEXITIES AND DISTRESSES,
THE BIBLE HAS NEVER FAILED TO GIVE ME
LIGHT AND STRENGTH."

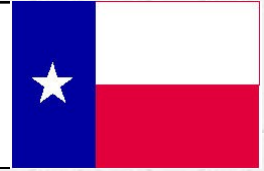
-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-



THE BATTLE FOR LAKE HUBBARD

OCTOBER 22-23, 2011

HUBBARD, TEXAS



Top Left: Re-enactors with the 12th Texas Artillery included members from the John H. Reagan Camp 2156. They are pictured here with two of three cannons used during the Battle for Lake Hubbard. The Confederate flag flying is a handmade replica of the General Richard Taylor flag of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi (reverse colored Army of Northern Virginia Battle flag).



Bottom Left: Don Babbs, Don's grandson, Marc Robinson, John Barnhart, and Frank Moore with one of the Reagan Camp's mountain howitzers.

Members of the John H. Reagan Camp who participated in the first Battle for Lake Hubbard reenactment with men from the 12th Texas Artillery were Calvin Nicholson, John Barnhart, Frank Moore, and Marc Robinson. The reenactment was sponsored mostly by the City of Hubbard which was a very refreshing thing in itself. It was a great reenactment and everyone enjoyed it very much.



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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.

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 General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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