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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Season's Greetings Compatriots,

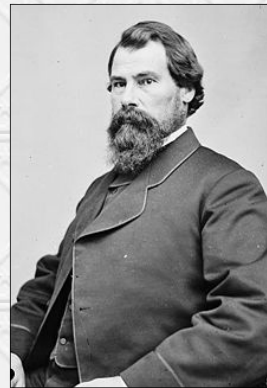
2011 has been a great year for our camp. We have had many accomplishments in striving to fulfill the Charge to the SCV and enjoying comradeship and much good fellowship along the way. As the outgoing commander of this camp, I have to take a step back in awe at how dedicated each of you are in honoring the Confederate soldier. In addition, I could not have asked for a more talented and unified group of men to work with. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have served all of you the past three years. The Reagan Camp is truly blessed with not only wonderful members, but also a good slate of officers for 2012. Commander-elect Ronnie Hatfield will in no doubt, lead the Reagan Camp to yet another level of accomplishments in striving to fulfill the Charge and will be assisted by the leadership of our other officers.

In these days of political correctness at every turn, there are many who are hostile toward the flying of Confederate flags and the existence of Confederate monuments even though our objective is to simply honor those men who sacrificed so much in fighting, bleeding, and many dying for our county, state, and the CSA 150 years ago. In the midst of all of this, it is such a good feeling to know there are still many others like us across the South and elsewhere who will not sell out our brave and noble Confederate ancestors for this thing called political correctness. These are our fellow members in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and others as well. It is a blessing in itself to be able to fellowship with others of like mind in camp meetings and ceremonies, etc. knowing that we can openly discuss our pride in being a descendant of one or

more of these brave men and display their beloved symbols without criticism or attack by the politically correct or from those who simply do not know their history. I thank each and every one of you for that Confederate fellowship. I must also say that seeing and experiencing your devotion to the Confederate veterans memory and history, makes me feel that much closer to them. Our Confederate ancestors left us so much to be thankful for including and most importantly their legacy of Christian faith, and their sacrificial love for family, liberty, freedom, and the principles of the Constitution as established by the founders of our nation.

As we near the season that we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us first remember the reason for the season. We may also want to reflect on the fact that one of the greatest Christian awakenings in this country happened in the Confederate Army and throughout the South during the War for Southern Independence. Thousands of men came to know Christ as their Lord and savior and assisting this all along the way was the Confederate Chaplain's Corps. These chaplains set a wonderful example for us to follow in many ways. Their evangelical efforts were extremely fruitful, but also of special note was that all of these chaplains from various denominational backgrounds came together and worked as one to accomplish their goal. That goal was to win souls for Christ and they were extremely successful at it.

I feel that we as members of the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 have done a good job in striving to (continued on page 2)



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

*Not for fame or fortune.
 Not for place or rank.*

*Not lured by ambition,
 or goaded by necessity,*

*but in simple obedience to duty,
 as they understood it.*

These men suffered all, sacrificed all,

dared all... and died...

An inscription on the Confederate Memorial Monument at Arlington National Cemetery, dedicated June 4, 1914

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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emulate the virtues of the Confederate soldier and the Confederate Chaplains Corps in that we have been and need to continue to always stand together as ONE for God, family, country and in honor of and when necessary, a strong defense of the Confederate soldiers' good name.

In this last dispatch as commander, I must also mention to the members of the Reagan Camp that we must continue to grow in membership to remain strong and viable as a camp. I would like to relay the challenge given to us by Lt. Commander-elect/Chaplain Rod Skelton for each of us to recruit two new members this fiscal year and I might add that we must also make sure each and every camp member knows that they are very important to the camp as a whole and to each one of us. Both recruitment and retention of members is of vital importance to our camp and to the SCV at large, but I personally feel that retention should rank just slightly higher than recruiting, not taking anything away from the importance of recruiting. Striving to get more members involved with various camp projects and activities will also help with retention.

The East Texas Brigade SCV lead by Brigade Commander Johnnie Holley will be hosting a leadership training conference on January 7, 2012 in Tyler (See calendar of events). I am aware of two SCV leadership conferences within the Texas Division that have already been held this year, one in Gainesville and the other in San Antonio, and both were huge successes with many SCV members stating that the respective conference was very helpful. I would like to challenge each and every member of our camp to try and attend this East Texas Brigade Leadership Training Conference in Tyler. I feel that you will be very glad you did and the training is sure to help our camp in fulfilling the Charge.

Again, it has been an honor to have served each of you as your camp commander. I wish all of the Lord's blessings upon you and your family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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
- Chaplain Ed Furman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

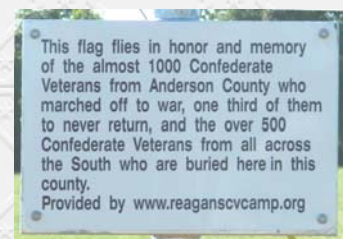
December 3, 2011, 11:00 AM—Confederate Grave Marker Ceremony for Pvt. Egbert B. Beall, Capt. Sayers Co., 12 Texas Light Artillery, Val Verde Battery. Ceremony will be at the Old Zion Cemetery, just East of Donie, Texas in Freestone County.

December 10, 2011, 06:00 PM—John H. Reagan Camp 2012 Officer Installations, Annual Awards Presentations and Christmas Party will be held at the First Christian Church, 113 East Crawford, Palestine, Texas

Leadership Training Event:

Saturday, January 7, 2012
Event: East Texas Brigade Lead-

ership Conference
Where: West Erwin Church of Christ Benevolence Center 215 South Bonner, Tyler
Directions: From Hwy 31 W at WSW Loop 323, go 2.1 miles east on Hwy 31 (West Front) to South Bonner and turn left (north). Go 0.2 miles to the Benevolence Center on the left.
Time: 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)
Needs: OCR members to help serve lunch.
POC: Johnnie Holley, Brigade Commander 903-522-1904 (cell) 903-725-6774 (home)
Email: jlh63@flash.net



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.”

-PRESEDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

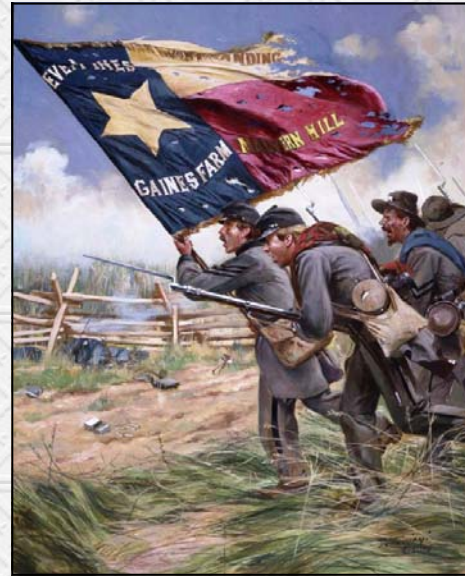


My fellow compatriots:

As we draw near the end of another productive year for our camp, I encourage us all to take a moment and reflect on the importance of our Cause, the true meaning of the holiday season that is upon us, and in so doing, find strength to rededicate ourselves individually and as a camp to our families, our faith, our goals, and to each other.

We have come a long way this year in reaching our proposed goals, we have opened some eyes, we have firmly demonstrated that we will not just "go away" because of the bigoted, uneducated complaints of a few, and we continue to work towards promoting our beloved Confederate heritage.

I wish to congratulate and thank each and every one of you for your efforts in attendance and participation this past year, for without you dedicated members, this would be nothing more than a "meet, eat, and retreat" type of camp. I further wish to express my thanks and gratitude to Commander Robinson, for his outstanding leadership from the very beginning of the Reagan Camp. I know you all will join me in letting Marc know that it has been an honor and privilege to serve under him for the past three years. I would be remiss in not acknowledging the depth of dedication demonstrated by our Camps' sister organization, the Davis-Reagan UDC Chapter, headed by President Mrs. Dollye Jeffus. She and her girls have shouldered up in our lines, never faltered, never failed, when we've need them. Without Dollye's personal efforts, our Memorial Plaza, would still be more on the drawing board than a reality. I



would have no problem facing front in line of battle knowing that the Davis-Reagan Chapter has my back. Finally, I wish to express my profound pride in the trust that you all have placed in me to lead our Camp through the next year. I am at once honored and humbled. The commander's office has big shoes ready for me to try to fill, but I know that with your continued support and participation, we will not only prevail, but excel as well.

May the God of our fathers continue to bless and keep each of you in His tender care, now and through the coming year. I ask this blessing in His holy name.

Most respectfully,

1Lt. Commander Hatfield
John H. Reagan Camp 2156



IF THE TRUTH BE TOLD...
 BY BRO. L.E. "LEN" PATTERSON, THD.
 SCV CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI



The well known preacher, Charles Spurgeon once said, "A lie travels around the world, while truth is still putting on her boots."

According to John 18: 37, when Jesus was brought before Pilate, He told him that He came into the world to "bear witness unto the truth." Then said, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." To this Pilate asked. "What is truth?" Then immediately walked out. He wasn't interested in hearing an answer. (Verse 38)

In the Gospel according to Matthew 24: 4, Jesus states, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Here, in what is known as the "Olivet Discourse," our Lord is warning us to be on guard against deception and deceivers. The Devil is the father of deception, just as God is the author of truth. In fact, the Bible tells us that the devil "is a liar, and the father of it" (Jn. 8: 44), and that God cannot lie. (see Tit. 1: 2 & Heb. 6: 18) It is amazing to me that so many people will reject the truth and except a lie just because it suits their purpose or interest.

The Scripture also states, "If God be for us, who can be against us." (Rom. 8: 31) So, is God for us? That is, the SCV and our Cause. We need only ask, who are the deceivers? Who has been lying about the War for Southern Independence? Who has been lying about our proud Southern heritage, our honorable forefathers, the Confederate Cause, and yes, even Christ and all things Christian? It's time for the truth to get her boots on and catch up.

In referring to the last days, the Apostle Paul writes, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2 Tim. 3: 13) We are certainly in those days. The two things that the liars and deceivers can't stand is the Cross of Christ and our honored Confederate Battle Flag.

Why? Because they both represent the one thing they fear and the Devil hates. TRUTH!

All truth is God's Truth. If we stand for the truth, then yes, God is for us, and there are none that can prevail against us. As he continues speaking of the last days, the Apostle Paul writes, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." Then he tells us, "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Tim. 4: 3&4) So, what is truth? It is absolute truth that the Sons of Confederate Veterans cannot succeed in it's mission without the guidance, strength, and blessings of Almighty God. To think otherwise is to turn to fables.

It is also truth that all men are sinners bound for eternal destruction and in desperate need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. To believe that men can live and die without the saving grace of our Lord is the Devil's biggest lie, and his greatest deception.

May God in His love and mercy guide, strengthen, and bless the Sons of Confederate Veterans and each member as they seek to serve Him and our most worthy Southern Cause.

Bro. Len Patterson, Th.D
 Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi
 Sons of Confederate Veterans

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

-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-



THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—NOVEMBER 12, 2011



Left: The John H. Reagan Camp 2156 honors Compatriot Barry Thomas Swinney with the SCV War Service Medal for his service in the Vietnam War. Pictured from left to right are fellow camp members who are also veterans, Chaplain Rod Skelton, Barry Swinney, Dwain Schoppe, and James Richardson. The John H. Reagan Camp 2156 is very proud of all of our veterans.



Above: The John H. Reagan Camp 2156 Historian, Gary Williams, presented the camp with a very good historical program on the “Trent Affair” at our regular monthly meeting.



Above: Compatriot Vernon Holliman, left, presented a very nice donation check to the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 to pay for the application fee required to apply for a Confederate Historical Marker to be placed at the Anderson County Courthouse. Commander Marc Robinson appreciatively accepts the donation from Compatriot Holliman. Lt. Commander Ronnie Hatfield wrote an extremely nice and well researched narrative for the historical marker application that was submitted to the Texas Historical Commission and Historian Gary Williams, Forrest Bradberry, Jr. and Cmdr. Robinson proofed the application.



VETERANS DAY PARADE—PALESTINE NOVEMBER 12, 2011



Left: Reagan Camp members participating in parade from left to right: Chaplain Rod Skelton, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray, Dale Roberts, Bobby Francis, Jace Wilson, Calvin Nicholson, Vernon Holliman, Sgt.-at-Arms John Barnhart, Quartermaster Frank Moore, Dwain Schoppe, Billy Newsom, Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield



Above photos: Members of the John H. Reagan Camp participating in the Veterans Day Parade by riding with mountain howitzer or marching in the color and honor guard.



Above: WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and more recent War Veterans participating in the parade and ceremony that followed.



1871 CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF GEN. NATHAN B. FORREST

SOURCE: LIBRARIAN AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



"In 1871 a Congressional investigation was convened to look into Forrest's alleged involvement with the Klan and to revisit the Ft. Pillow "massacre." The investigation was chaired by Forrest's old enemy, William Tecumseh Sherman, who told the press that, "We are here to investigate Forrest, charge Forrest, try Forrest, convict Forrest, and hang Forrest."

The outcome of the 1871 investigation was twofold. The committee found no evidence that Forrest had participated in the formation of the Klan and that even the use of his name may well have been without his permission. They also found that there was no credible evidence that Forrest had ever participated in or directed any actions of the Klan.

"The reports of Committees, House of Representatives, second session, forty-second congress," P. 7-449.

"The primary accusation before this board is that Gen. Forrest was a founder of The Klan, and its first Grand Wizard, so I shall address those accusations first. In 1871, Gen. Forrest was called before a congressional Committee along with 21 other ex-Confederate officers including Admiral Raphael Semmes, Gen. Wade Hampton, Gen. John B.

Gordon, and Gen. Braxton Bragg. Forrest testified before Congress personally over four hours. Forrest took the witness stand June 27th, 1871. Building a railroad in Tennessee at the time, Gen

Forrest stated he 'had done more , probably than any other man, to suppress these violence and difficulties and keep them down, had been vilified and abused in the (news) papers, and accused of things I never did while in the army and since. He had nothing to hide, wanted to see this matter settled, our country quite once more, and our people united and working together harmoniously.'

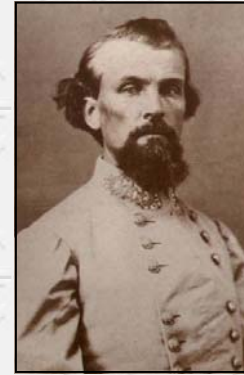
Asked if he knew of any men or combination of men violating the law or preventing the execution of the law: Gen Forrest answered emphatically, 'No.' (A Committee member brought up a document suggesting otherwise, the 1868 newspaper article from the "Cincinnati Commercial". That was their "evidence", a news article.) Forrest stated '...any information he had on the Klan was information given to him by others.'

Sen. Scott asked, 'Did you take any steps in organizing an association or society under that prescript (Klan constitution)?'

Forrest: 'I DID NOT' Forrest further stated that '...he thought the Organization (Klan) started in middle Tennessee, although he did not know where.

It is said I started it.'

Asked by Sen. Scott, 'did you start it, Is that true?'



Forrest: 'No Sir, it is not.'

Asked if he had heard of the Knights of the white Camellia, a Klan-like organization in Louisiana,

Forrest: 'Yes, they were reported to be there.'

Senator: 'Were you a member of the order of the white Camellia?'

Forrest: 'No Sir, I never was a member of the Knights of the white Camellia.'

Asked about the Klan:

Forrest: 'It was a matter I knew very little about. All my efforts were addressed to stop it, disband it, and prevent it...I was trying to keep it down as much as possible.'

Forrest: 'I talked with different people that I believed were connected to it, and urged the disbandment of it, that it should be broken up.'"

The following article appeared in the New York Times June 27th,
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1871 CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF GEN. NATHAN B. FORREST

SOURCE: LIBRARIAN AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



“Washington, 1871. Gen Forrest was before the Ku Klux Klan Committee today, and his examination lasted four hours. After the examination, he remarked that the committee treated him with much courtesy and respect.”

Congressional records show that Gen. Forrest was absolved of all complicity in the founding or operation of the Ku Klux Klan, and he was certainly never a “Grand Wizard”. These committees had the utmost evidence and living witnesses at their disposal. The evidence precluded any Guilt or indictment of Gen. Forrest and the matter was closed before that body of final judgment in 1872. The following findings in the Final report of this committee of Congress concluded,

“The statement of these gentlemen (Forrest and Gordon) are full and explicit...the evidence fully sustains them.” (Personal Note: At this time Honor was a big part of their society and daily lives with many duels being fought over just that “HONOR” as much General Sherman would have welcomed an excuse to have hanged Forrest, he too concluded he was innocent).

Later the surviving participants from the battle were individually interviewed “Both white and negro soldiers were interviewed fully supporting General Forrest’s testimony”.

After the war committees determined the rumor was started to ensure the USCT would fight, many white officers felt they (USCT) could not be counted on and they had to either be threaten, coerced or frighten. Apparently they got

more than they bargained for as in several engagements the USCT were killing both Confederate prisoners and civilians in retaliation for Pillow and could only be controlled under threat of harm.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Fort Pillow

More than fifty Union soldiers that were present at this battle who gave sworn testimonies contradicting these findings first presented in the press.

LT Van Horn’s report makes no mention of any “massacre” or misconduct on the part of Forrest or his men and was for a time a prisoner himself, reporting “I escaped by putting on citizen’s clothes, after I had been some time their prisoner. I received a slight wound of the left ear”

LT Van Horn reported that “Lieutenant John D. Hill, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery, was ordered outside the fort to burn some barracks, which he, with the assistance of a citizen who accompanied him, succeeded in effecting.” This accounts for the barracks allegedly burned by Confederates in which wounded Union soldiers were supposed to have perished.

Union officers were in charge of burials and made no such report of living burials.

The report of Lieutenant Daniel Van Horn, Sixth U. S. Colored Heavy Artillery confirmed this in which he report-



ed: “There never was a surrender of the fort, both officers and men declaring they never would surrender or ask for quarter.”

“Some of our men were killed by both whites and Negroes who had once surrendered”

Numbers 16. Report of Lieutenant Daniel Van Horn, Sixth U. S. Colored Heavy Artillery, of the capture of Fort Pillow – Federal Official Records, Series I, Vol. 32, Part 1, pp. 569-570 HDQRS. SIXTH U. S. HEAVY ARTILLERY (COLORADO), Fort Pickering, Memphis, Tenn., April 14, 1864.

COLONEL: I have the honor to submit the following report of the battle and capture of Fort Pillow, Tenn.:

At sunrise on the morning of the 12th of April, 1864, our pickets were attacked and driven in, they making very slight resistance. They were from the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry. Major Booth, commanding the post, had made all his arrangements for battle that the limited force under his command would allow, and which was only 450 effective men, (Continued next page)



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consisting of the First Battalion of the Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery, five companies of the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry, and one section of the Second U. S. Light Artillery (colorado, Lieutenant Hunter.

Arrangements were scarcely completed and the men placed in the rifle-pits before the enemy came upon us and in ten times our number, as acknowledged by General Chalmers. They were repulsed with heavy loss; charged again and were again repulsed. At the third charge Major Booth was killed, while passing among his men and cheering them to fight.

The order was then given to retire inside the fort, and General Forrest sent in a flag of truce demanding an unconditional surrender of the fort, which was returned with a decided refusal.

During the time consumed by this consultation advantage was taken by the enemy to place in position his force, they crawling up to the fort.

After the flag had retired, the fight was renewed and raged with fury for some time, when another flag of truce was sent in and another demand for surrender made, they assuring us at the same time that they would treat us as "prisoners of war."

Another refusal was returned, when they again charged the works and succeeded in carrying them. Shortly before this, however, Lieutenant John D. Hill, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery, was ordered outside the fort to burn some barracks, which he, with the assistance of a citizen who accompanied him, suc-

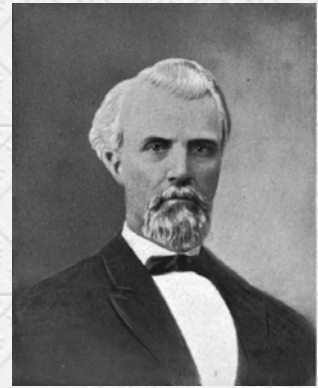
ceeded in effecting, and in returning was killed.

Major Bradford, of the Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry, was now in command. At 4 o'clock the fort was in possession of the enemy, every man having been either killed, wounded, or captured. There never was a surrender of the fort, both officers and men declaring they never would surrender or ask for quarter. [emphasis added, ed.]

As for myself, I escaped by putting on citizen's clothes, after I had been some time their prisoner. I received a slight wound of the left ear.

I cannot close this report without adding my testimony to that accorded by others wherever the black man has been brought into battle. Never did men fight better, and when the odds against us are considered it is truly miraculous that we should have held the fort an hour. To the colored troops is due the successful holding out until 4 p. m. The men were constantly at their posts, and in fact through the whole engagement showed a valor not, under the circumstances, to have been expected from troops less than veterans, either white or black.

The following is a list of the casualties among the officers as far as known: Killed, Major Lionel F. Booth, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored); Major William F. Bradford, Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry; Captain Theodore F. Bradford, Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry; Captain Delos Carson, Company D, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored); Lieutenant John D. Hill, Company C, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored);



Lieutenant Peter Bischoff,* Company A, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored). Wounded, Captain Charles J. Epeneter, Company A, prisoner; Lieutenant Thomas W. McClure, Company C, prisoner; Lieutenant Henry Lippett, Company B, escaped, badly wounded; Lieutenant Van Horn, Company D, escaped, slightly wounded.

I know of about 15 men of the Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored) having escaped, and all but 2 of them are wounded.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, &c.,

DANIEL VAN HORN,
2nd Lieutenant Company D, Sixth U. S. Heavy Artillery (colored).

Lieutenant Colonel T. H. HARRIS,
Assistant Adjutant-General

In the first interview at Murfreesboro, TN, Forrest was asked by Generals Duke & Morgan to what he attributed his stunning success. The General replied that he "*just got there first with the most men.*" Of course, Forrest rarely had the most men, but was adept at finding the weak point and bursting upon it with an overpowering thrust with more men than the enemy had at that point. From this the legend grew and was spread by friend and foe alike.

Source: www.nbforrest.org



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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.



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) travel
three blocks, turn right on Crawford
St., go one block Church is on left