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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Greetings Compatriots,

The John H. Reagan Camp was very well represented at the 2011 Texas Division Reunion held in Bryan, Texas June 3-4. Camp members Gary Williams, Rod Skelton, Rudy Ray, Frank Moore and myself had a great time representing our camp there. Three of these men were presented Texas Division meritorious service awards and the camp received three division camp awards. You can read more and see photos of the event in this edition of our newsletter.

The month of June 2011 was an extremely dry and hot month. The Confederate grave marker dedication our camp hosted for seven Confederate veterans buried at the Augusta Cemetery near Grapeland, Texas was a huge success, but not without a challenge. I very much appreciate all of you who withstood the extreme heat to put on an outstanding ceremony for about 80-90 family members and guests at Augusta. I know I can speak for everyone who was involved in the ceremony by saying that we all very much appreciated the family and cemetery association for honoring all of these CSA veterans and for their hospitality hosting a wonderful covered dish meal after the ceremony. The camp also received and appreciates the very generous donations from the association and individuals who attended. More about Augusta in this issue.

I would like to speak about something that has been on my mind and heart lately and in which I feel you all will agree. We as defenders of the honor and memory of our Confederate ancestors are under continuous attack from those who do not like what our Confederate fathers and mothers stood for. Many of these attackers do not know nor want to know the truth about the War to Prevent Southern Independence and its causes. Many of these people are attacking us on what they have simply been told. Many of those people who have read and know the truth and still attack us, simply do not like the fact that our Confederate ancestors were lovers of the Constitution written and signed by the Founders of our country who also happen to be mostly Southern men. Yes, it could be said that the Constitution of the United States of America is mostly a Southern document and those people in this country who do not appreciate the U.S. Constitution and how it limits the power of the Federal government seem to dislike our Confederate ancestors and us the most. Many of these same people write and/or embrace revision history to cover up the illegal war waged on the Confederate States. In other words, they lie and/or embrace and perpetuate lies about our

Confederate ancestors history. Sometimes these lies are blatant and sometimes they are minor, but to even twist the truth to make oneself look clean and another look bad is still a lie.

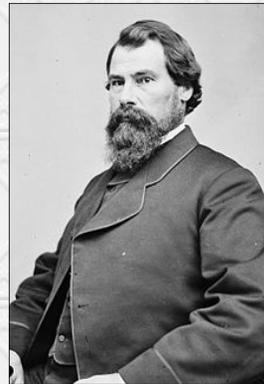
To make matters worse, we have good Southern people who now fully embrace political correctness and go along with these lies. In an attempt to somewhat counter this never ceasing onslaught of attacks on our ancestors and heritage one might be tempted to twist the truth toward the Southern side, but that would be a grave mistake! Let me explain my thoughts with the following quotes and summation.

President Jefferson Davis once said, *"The Principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."* Then in 1914, when Bennett H. Young was the Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, he said, *"The sword said the South was wrong, but the sword is not necessarily guided by conscience or reason. The power of numbers and the longest guns cannot destroy principle nor obliterate truth. Right lives forever, it survives battles, failures, conflicts, and death. There is no human power, however mighty, that can in the end annihilate truth."*

I truly believe that we must always present the precise truth about our Confederate ancestors and their just and noble cause to the very best of our ability no matter what. Whether we are writing or simply asked a question that we are unsure of an accurate and truthful answer, we must forego answering that question until an accurate and truthful answer can be obtained by research. If all descendants of Confederate veterans are determined to do this, no matter what the revisionist historians or attackers say or do, we will be honoring our fathers and mothers as God commands. Remember the Confederate States motto, *Deo vindice*, exclaims that, "God will vindicate." We would not want to interfere in any of God's sovereign will of vindication by being dishonest about our Confederate ancestors history.

Our Confederate fathers and mothers knew very well that God loves righteousness and truth, and we, must also always remember that.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
 Marc Robinson



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

"If this cause that is so dear to my heart is doomed to fail, I pray heaven may let me fall with it, while my face is toward the enemy and my arm battling for that which I know to be right."

Major General Patrick R. Cleburne

C.S.A.

March 17, 1828 – November 30, 1864

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

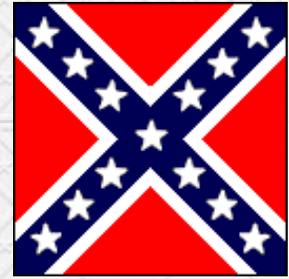
Turn north on N. Sycamore St. off of Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287) (across from UP train station) travel three blocks, turn right on Crawford St., go one block Church is on left

Guests are welcome!
 Bring the family.

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Above: Confederate Soldiers escorting Ladies during the Rose Ceremony at the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony held for seven C.S.A. Veterans at the Augusta Cemetery near Grapeland, Texas on June 5, 2011. Photo by Christina Stewart

“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

July 9, 2011, 06:00 PM— John H. Reagan Camp regular monthly meeting.

July 13-16, 2011, General Reunion held at Montgomery, Alabama

July 9 Program: Historian Gary Williams will present a program on the Battle of First Manassas.

July 9, 2011, 08:00 AM— Flag pole raising and Confederate Battle flag raising at intersection of FM 315 at AN CO RD 448 about 10 miles north of Palestine.



Above: Reagan Camp Commander Marc Robinson (left) with his son, Chance Robinson of the Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp #1012 of Teague, Texas at the 2011 Texas Division SCV Reunion held in Bryan, Texas June 3-4, 2011.

Attention Proud Southern Heritage Supporters!

Anderson County Confederate Memorial Plaza

The John H. Reagan Camp #2156 - Sons of Confederate Veterans

Palestine, Texas

Is pleased to announce the commencement of plans to procure, develop, and maintain a permanent memorial park worthy of the Confederate veterans of our county who so proudly served in the War Between the States, 1861-1865!

We will begin with the purchase of a prominent tract within the county, then develop the property with flagpoles, lighting, benches, and interpretive markers denoting the historical contributions, both during and post war, of the men who helped form our county and city. We foresee a spot wherein we would be able to honor and individually name each veteran with the purchase and sale of pavers similar to those in the city's Veterans Park. Not to imply that only Anderson County Veterans are to be honored. Even if your ancestor never saw the beauty of east Texas, we still invite you to honor his memory with a personalized paver. We also look forward to the opportunity to offer on site educational programs to the public on a regular basis, and give the thousands of descendants of those veterans who now reside in the county, a place to go, to pause, to honor and remember! A place to proudly fly the sacred symbols of those veterans, thus once and for all reclaiming those symbols from the parties who have abused and misrepresented the true and honorable meaning of them!

We Need Your Help!

Land is not cheap. As of the end of June we have our eyes on an ideal prospective location. We have begun accepting donations towards procurement and development of one of these locations, and wish to enlist the aid of our neighbors to reach this goal, as our Confederate ancestors enlisted beside their neighbors to achieve their goal of independence. We have a long way to go yet!

If you'd like to have something in trade for your donation, we offer, upon request and with your minimum \$15.00 donation, a nylon 3ft. x 5ft. First National flag of the Confederacy, like the one that flew at the Anderson County courthouse, or a 3ft. X 5ft. Confederate Battle flag shipped to you free of postage and handling costs.



We accept donations of all amounts however, and because we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible.

I'd Love To Help! What Do I Do Now?

Donors may contact Dan Dyer, Adjutant/Treasurer of the Reagan SCV Camp by phone @ (903) 391-2224, or mail their donation to John H. Reagan Camp #2156, Heritage account, c/o Dan Dyer, P.O. Box 913, Palestine, Texas 75802. All donations will be used entirely to fund this project. Let us know if you want the flag in return for your generosity, if you need a receipt for your donation, or if you'd just like to give to this worthy cause and want nothing more in return than to see this dream come true. We thank you in advance for your dedication and your generous gift!



The photo at left is of a Memorial Plaza similar but not identical to the one we have planned. This one is in Anderson, Grimes County, Texas.



THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—JUNE 11, 2011



Above: Texas 4th Brigade Commander Gary Bray presented the 2011 Texas Division camp awards to the John H. Reagan Camp #2156. Commander Bray and his wife Sissy were in attendance at this meeting. Texas Division Camp awards received by the Reagan Camp included Best Website of the Year, 2nd Newsletter Contest, and the 4 Star Camp Award. Pictured above are Reagan Camp officers from left to right: Adj. Dan Dyer, Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield, Sgt.-at-Arms John Barnhart, Chaplain Rod Skelton, Brgd. Cmdr. Gary Bray, Camp Commander Marc Robinson, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray, Historian Gary Williams, Qtrmstr. Frank Moore.



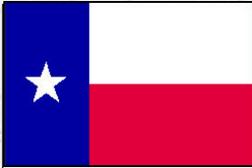
Above: Compatriot Calvin Nicholson presented a program in first person. He presented an 1861 Confederate troops recruiting speech written and delivered by Dr. Henry Jacob Hunter of Palestine.



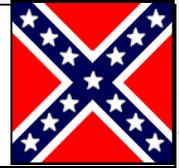
Above Right: Texas Historical Commission Preservation Fellow Norris White, Jr. is welcomed by Commander Marc Robinson.

Lower Right: Historian Norris White, Jr., who is writing a book on Texas History. Because of an invitation by the Reagan Camp to present a historical program on the Forgotten Black Confederates, he has decided to include a chapter in his book about these forgotten Confederates. He is also going to include some information about the Reagan Camp in this chapter. He came to the meeting this particular night to have us read and verify the accuracy of the excerpt from his book that includes our camp.





**PRIVATE FREDERICK JULIUS WATTS
Co. G, 1ST TEXAS INFANTRY, C.S.A.
"A PIONEER FROM ANDERSON COUNTY"**



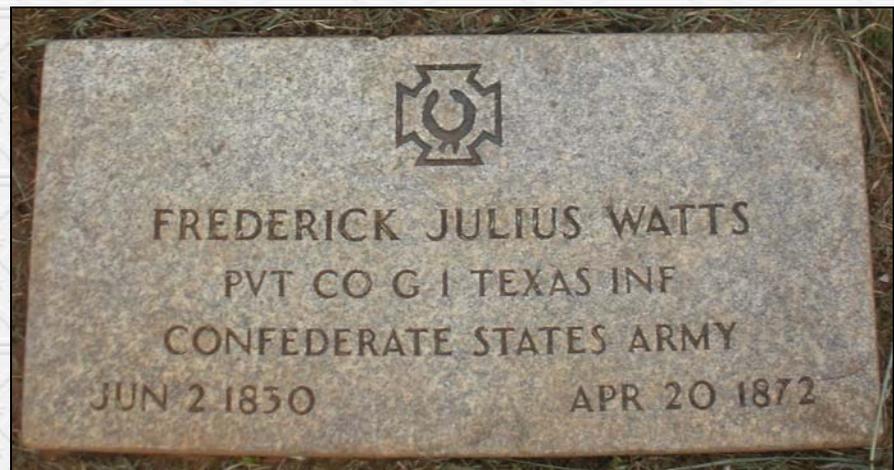
Obituary

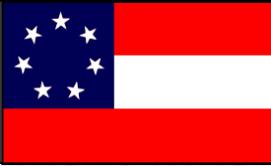
Died, of consumption, at his residence in Palestine, on the night of the 20th April 1872 Mr. Fredrick Julius Watts, aged 41 years and 10 months.

Mr. Watts was born in Sumter county, S.C, and emigrated to this county about the year 1850, where he resided up to the time of his death. He was elected and served several terms as Justice of the Peace in this county. In the late civil war he volunteered in capt. Woodward's company and went to Virginia, where he served as a brave and faithful soldier of the Confederacy. AT the battle of Sharpsbug he received a wound which caused the amputation of his right arm. Returning home he was elected County Clerk in 1864, which office he filled until the next election. There was no truer, better or more honest man than Julius Watts, and in his death the community has lost one of its most valued and trusted citizens. He left no enemies; but his widow and fatherless children have the sincere sympathies of the whole community.

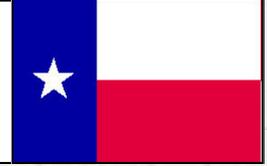
The obituary above appeared in the Trinity Advocate, 24 April 1882 and is from the library of James Neyland. It is provided by Thomas Harrison, a descendant of Frederick Julius Watts. Private F. J. Watts, Co. G 1st Texas Infantry of the famous Hood's Texas Brigade lost an arm at the Battle of Sharpsburg.

Grave markers like the one to the right, are provided by the U.S. Veterans Administration for all American veterans. Pvt. Watts is buried in the Old City Cemetery in Palestine, Texas. There are many other C.S.A. veterans who are buried in the Old Palestine City Cemetery, several serving with Pvt. Watts in Hood's Texas Brigade.





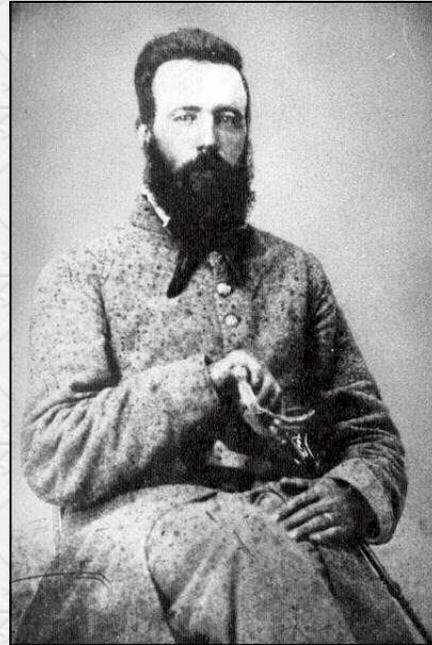
BRIG. GENERAL JOHN GREGG
7TH TEXAS INFANTRY, C.S.A.
“A PIONEER FROM FREESTONE COUNTY”



GREGG, JOHN (1828–1864). John Gregg, soldier, son of Nathan and Sarah (Pearsall) Gregg, was born on September 28, 1828, in Lawrence County, Alabama. He attended the "celebrated school" of Professor Tutwiller in La Grange, Georgia, graduated in 1847, and then taught mathematics and languages at the school. In 1851 he started his study of law in the office of a Judge Townes in Tusculum, Alabama. The next year he moved to Texas and settled in Fairfield. In 1855, after his first wife, Mollie (Winston), died, he married Mary Frances Garth. He had two children.

Gregg practiced law the next few years and began the first newspaper in Freestone County, the *Freestone County Pioneer*. His partner in this venture was Morris Reagan, brother of John H. Reagan. He was elected district judge in 1855 and served in that position until 1860, when he also had a farm and substantial property holdings, including four slaves. At that time he became one of the signers and publishers of the call for the state Secession Convention. He was one of six elected by that body to go to the provisional congress of the Confederacy at Montgomery, Alabama. Gregg went with the Congress to Richmond, Virginia. But immediately after the first battle of Manassas (or Bull Run) in July 1861, he resigned and returned to Texas to recruit and organize the Seventh Texas Infantry, of which he was made colonel.

He led the regiment in several battles before being captured at Fort Donelson, Tennessee, in February 1862. After his release, he was promoted to brigadier general on August 29, 1862, and rejoined the army in Mis-



Brig. General John Gregg, 7th Texas Infantry,
C.S.A.

issippi, where he fought in the Vicksburg campaign in 1863. He fought against Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's forces at Raymond and Jackson, Mississippi, and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga in Georgia. Gregg was then transferred to Virginia and placed in command of the famous Hood's Texas Brigade. He participated in most of the battles of the Army of Northern Virginia and was killed in action during the battle of New Market Road, near Richmond on October 7, 1864. His widow, Mary, went in person by wagon through battle lines to Virginia to claim her husband's body. Later, she was among the women whose efforts began a Memorial Day observance. Gregg and his wife were buried at Aberdeen, Mississippi. Gregg County, Texas, established in

1873, was named for General Gregg. It is one of eighteen Texas counties named for soldiers and statesmen of the Southern Confederacy.

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Douglas R. Shields

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**AUGUSTA CEMETERY 7 GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION
HOSTED BY THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**



Above: The John H. Reagan Camp #2156 SCV of Palestine, Texas hosted a seven Confederate grave marker dedication ceremony at the Augusta Cemetery about 9 miles east of Grapeland, Texas on June 5, 2011. Left to Right—Nancy Bundrick (UDC), Adj. Dan Dyer, Billy Newsom, Holden Shamburger (Douglas Camp back row), Chaplain Rod Skelton (middle row), Cmdr. Marc Robinson, Quartermstr. Frank Moore, Craig Robinson (front row), Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield, Caraline Robinson (front row), Historian Gary Williams, Deborah Robinson, Channa Robinson. Not pictured were Dale and Shirley Roberts, and Sgt. John Barnhart.
Photo by Geri Lynn Wright



Above: The Reagan Guards firing one of three rifle volleys during the ceremony. Left to Right: Adj. Dan Dyer, Historian Gary Williams, Sgt. John Barnhart, and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield directing the fire. Photo by Geri Lynn Wright



Above: Lt. Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield presenting the Confederate flag that was unveiled from the new grave marker of Pvt. Jacob Cutler to his great grandson, Mr. Tommy Cutler, as his wife Shirley looks on. Photo by Christina Stewart



Left: Reagan Camp Color Guard marching to present two of seven flags to descendants of the Confederate Veterans. Photo by Christina Stewart



Above: Color Guard posting colors. L-R: Frank Moore, Holden Shamburger, Billy Newsom. Photo by Christina Stewart



CSA Soldiers Honored at Augusta Cemetery

By Marc Robinson



The John H. Reagan Camp No. 2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans, hosted a Confederate grave marker dedication ceremony honoring seven soldiers at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 5, at the Augusta Cemetery east of Grapeland.

The ceremony began by the Reagan Camp honor guard and color guard marching in and posting the colors. Commander Marc Robinson welcomed the approximate 80 family members and guests in attendance to the ceremony. Chaplain Rod Skelton offered an opening prayer. Lt. Commander Ronnie Hatfield led everyone in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags and the salute to the Confederate flag. Commander Robinson delivered the opening remarks. He began by stating, "The South is also a land of legend, a land of hallowed and heroic men, women, and children; honorable memories and deeds; and patriotic leaders. The South is a land of valor and bravery, a land of God fearing people..." and closed with an eloquent quote from Robert Catlett Cave, a Pastor, Author and man who fought with the Army of Northern Virginia in the Confederate States Army for four years:

"The Men in Gray, who, with matchless courage, fought to maintain the principles of the Constitution and perpetuate the government established by their fathers, and whose heroic deeds crowned the South with deathless glory."

Lt. Commander Ronnie Hatfield read one of his original and

emotionally moving poems titled, "Do You Know Me." This was followed by Historian Gary Williams and Chaplain Rod Skelton alternating as they read biographies prepared by Mrs. Shirley Cutler for each of the seven soldiers receiving grave markers.

All Confederate veterans buried in the Augusta Cemetery and one who died in battle and whose grave site is unknown were honored with a roll call in which Confederate re-enactors answered for each of these twenty veterans.

The seven new grave markers acquired from the U.S. Veterans Administration were individually covered by a Confederate battle flag. An unveiling ceremony was performed and each flag folded with military honors. Lt. Commander Hatfield along with the color guard presented these flags one at a time to the oldest descendant of the honored soldier who was present. As the flag was presented to the descendant, Lt. Hatfield spoke the words, "*One behalf of President Jefferson Davis and a grateful Nation, I present you with this token of appreciation!*"

The following Confederate veterans were honored by a military grave marker: Private Jacob Jefferson Cutler, Co. L 28th Texas Cavalry and Co. C Morgan's Regiment Texas Cavalry; Captain John Long, Co. B 13th Texas Cavalry; Private Simon Elliott Long and Private John H. Sheridan who both served in Co.

I 1st Texas Infantry; 2nd Sergeant John Kennedy, Private Balis Madden, and Captain James McLean who all served in Co C 6th Battalion Texas Cavalry.

Assisting in the ceremony was the Davis-Reagan Chapter No. 2292 United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Dollye Jeffus of the UDC laid a wreath and dedicated the seven grave markers.

Full military honors were given during the ceremony by the Confederate re-enactors. This also included the firing of three volleys each of musketry and artillery and the playing of taps. The Ladies of the Reagan Camp also assisted in the ceremony by laying roses on each of the seven soldiers' graves as they were escorted by Confederate soldier re-enactors. Special 1860 period music was provided by Glenda Elles, Mary Marks, Florence Cruise, Sharon Mullins and Ray Ellen Gillis at specific times during the ceremony.

The ceremony ended with a closing prayer by Chaplain Skelton followed by the singing of "Dixie."

June 5th was also the 61st annual Augusta Cemetery Homecoming, so everyone thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful covered dish meal and fellowship under large oak trees after the ceremony.

(This article and photos appeared in the July 10, 2011 issue of the Palestine Herald Press)



PHOTOGRAPHS

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



I have an interesting photograph. It is the picture of a group of children, about six to ten years old, standing in front of a school building with their adult teachers on each side. I don't know any of the youngsters or adults in the photo. I know nothing about them at all, except that they're all dead. This photograph, you see, was taken about a hundred and twenty-five years ago.

Most, if not all of us enjoy looking at old photographs. We realize the people we are seeing in these pictures were real, just as we are. They were alive and active. They were doing something before the camera snapped, and they continued doing something afterwards. After the camera snapped, the children in my photograph grew up, got married, raised children, worked, played, and eventually died. But, I have one instant in their lives that is forever frozen in time. That's what makes this, and all old photographs, so interesting.

There were a lot of photographs taken during the War for Southern Independence. Many of them were done after a battle, and since they were taken by photographers with the Yankee invaders, they quite often showed the bodies of Confederate soldiers. We've all seen them, and these photographs of our Confederate dead should give us a very clear perspective of the work and mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

There is one photograph of a young Confederate lying dead in a muddy ditch. He had a mother, a father, brothers, sisters, and other family members that loved him. They cared about him and worried about his welfare. Now

he was dead and they didn't know it. They may never know what happened to him. They may only know he, like so many other brave Confederate soldiers, just didn't come home.

It is their honor that is at stake. It is the respect they are rightfully due, that is being viciously attacked. It is the Cause for which they fought and died that is being maliciously twisted to suit the agenda of the Unionists. It is their homes, country, and heritage, as well as ours, that is being subjected to ridicule by the willfully ignorant. It is their flag that is being made a symbol of shame and bigotry, by bigots who have no shame.

And who is going to speak for them? Who is going to be their voice? Who is going to defend their honor? Who is going to stand up and say, "I am the proud descendant of a brave Confederate soldier. The South was right and their Cause was just." Who? We are! It is our duty. It is our mission. Because, we are the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and that's what we do.

May God bless each of you in His service, and in service to our just and most worthy Cause.

Brother Len Patterson, Th.D
Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi

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

-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-



TEXAS DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS REUNION JUNE 3-4, 2011, BRYAN, TEXAS



Above from left to right: Reagan Camp members who attended the reunion were Historian Gary Williams, Chaplain Rod Skelton, 2nd Lt. Commander Rudy Ray, Quartermaster Frank Moore, and Commander Marc Robinson.



Above: Reagan Camp members receiving Texas division awards. Frank Moore—Bronze Cross, Rudy Ray—Gold Cross, and Rod Skelton—Bronze Cross.



Above: Confederate Memorial Ceremony held at the Bryan City Cemetery on June 3rd.



**TEXAS DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
2010 FOUR STAR CAMP AWARD
PRESENTED TO THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156**



**Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Four Star Camp Award**

John H. Reagan Camp #2156

has met the criteria established by the Texas Division Executive Committee for the year

2010

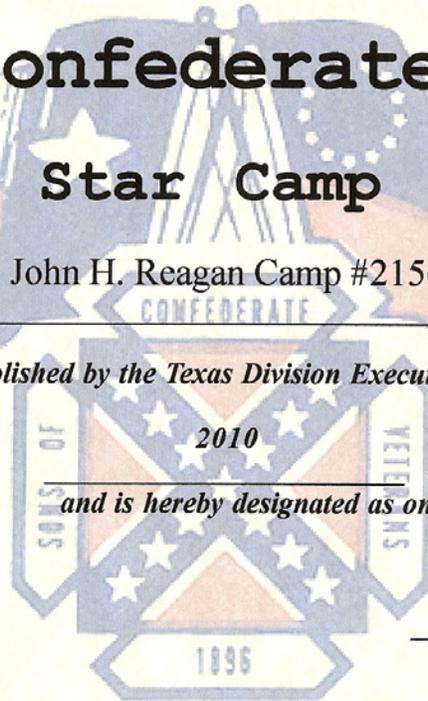
and is hereby designated as one of the best camps in the Division.

Convention
Attendance

Newsletter

Regular
Meetings

Timely
Remittance
of Dues



[Signature]
Division Commander

[Signature]
Division Adjutant

Requirements for being recognized as a Four Star Camp include sending at least one representative to the Division and the General Reunions, publishing one newsletter each month during the year, holding a camp meeting each month of the year, and each member having their dues paid by the deadline.



**TEXAS DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
REAGAN CAMP WINS BEST WEBSITE OF THE YEAR
AWARD FOR THE 2ND TIME IN TWO YEARS**



Left: East Texas Brigade Commander Johnnie Holley (left) accepted the Texas Division Best Website Award for the Reagan Camp at the Saturday evening awards banquet and ball. All Reagan Camp members who attended had to head home earlier that evening to prepare for the Augusta Cemetery grave marker dedication early the next morning.

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**TEXAS DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
NEWSLETTER AWARD, 2ND PLACE
PRESENTED TO THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156**



**Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



Best Newsletter Award

is presented to

2nd Place Winner

John H. Reagan Camp #2156

Editor - Charles "Marc" Robinson

Presented this 4th day of June in the year 2011

Division Commander



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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