



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP NEWS

www.reaganscvcamp.org

VOLUME 4, ISSUE 10

OCTOBER 2012

ADJUTANT'S DISPATCH

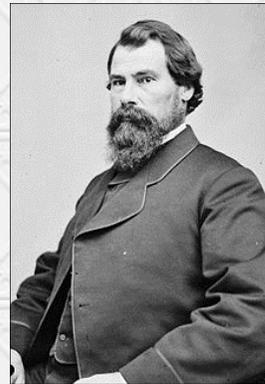
Compatriots,

Hopefully the weather will be cooling off a little so we can get more done on the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. We do have all 5 of the flag poles up and the Monument is set in place. It was a very productive work day, and a very proud day for all of us. To see the flag poles standing and to be able to read the monument put a lump in my throat, and to think our vision is actually becoming a reality. I sometimes think we should send Judge Johnson and Mayor Herrington a thank you letter, after all, if it was not for these two spineless folks the Plaza would have never been. We do have a lot of concrete left to

pour but we will get it done.

Our paver sales have slowed down, we as a camp, should be pushing the sale of these pavers to friends and other family members. Money from paver sales will help complete our project and also provide the funds for up keep for years to come.

Several members set up camp at the Plaza during the Hot Pepper Festival to promote our camp. Frank Moore set up his tent and we also had the cannon there which drew some attention also. We passed out paver applications, and a couple of Membership applications plus had a



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

very good time.
Let us remember why we do all of this, for it is not for us, but rather for our ancestors and future generations.

Deo Vindice,

Dan

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.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

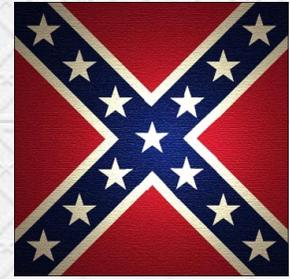
CAMP EVENTS	2
CONFEDERATE GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY	3
CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE	4
SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING NEWS	5
MEMBERSHIP/ CONTACT INFO	6

Colonel Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia , at the dedication of the Confederate monument at Old Chapel in Clarke County, Virginia:

"Twenty eight years have passed since the close of our civil war. Time, I trust has healed the wounds of war, but with the revolving years the causes and events of that terrible struggle seem to be forgotten, or if not forgotten, considered as unimportant events of history. And even the history of those events, and the causes that led to that struggle, are not set forth fairly and truthfully. It is stated in books and papers that Southern children read and study that all the blood-shedding and destruction of property of that conflict was because the South rebelled

without cause against the best government the world ever saw; that although Southern soldiers were heroes in the field, skillfully massed and led, they and their leaders were rebels and traitors who fought to overthrow the Union, and to preserve human slavery, and that their defeat was necessary for free government and the welfare of the human family.

As a Confederate soldier and as a citizen of Virginia , I deny the charge, and denounce it as a calumny. We were not rebels; we did not fight to perpetuate human slavery, but for our rights and privileges under a government established over us by our fathers and in defense of our homes."



"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



- Chaplain Ed Furman
- Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- 1st Lt. Cmdr. and Chaplain Rod Skelton
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- The United Daughters of the Confederacy



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 6, 2012, 11:00 AM—Davis-Reagan Chapter 2292 UDC annual John H. Reagan Birthday Ceremony

monthly meeting.
Historical Program:
Bro. Len Patterson, presents Southern Victory, Christian Awakening in CS

October 13, 2012, 08:00 AM—John H. Reagan Camp 2156 WORK DAY at the Confederate Veterans Plaza

October 20, 2012, 11:00 AM— Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony at the Old Parker Cemetery, Houston County Texas near Grapeland.

October 13, 2012, 06:00 PM—John H. Reagan Camp 2156 Regular



Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of

"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."

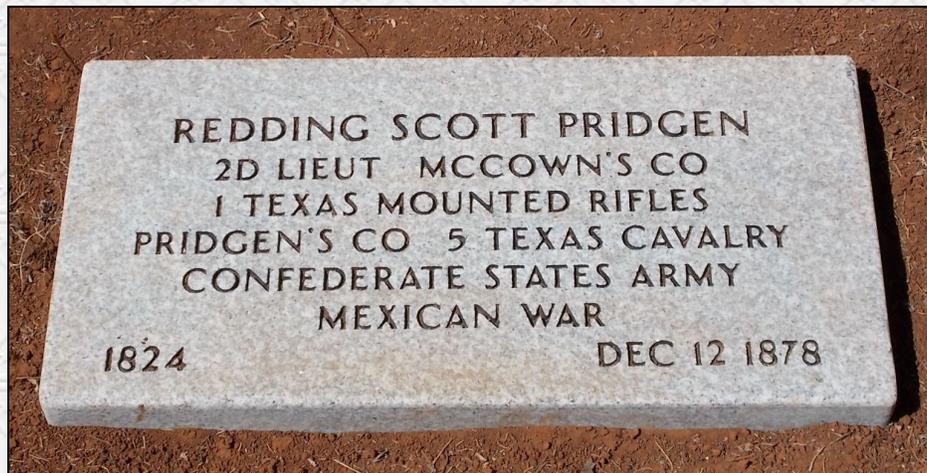
-PRESEDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-



**THE DAVIS-REAGAN CHAPTER #2292 UDC
AND THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 SCV
HOST CONFEDERATE GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION
CEREMONY AT THE MATTHEWS CEMETERY, HOUSTON COUNTY**



Left: From left to right John Barnhart, Frank Moore, Gary Gibson, and Jesse Giles fire one of three rounds from one of the Reagan Camp's mountain howitzers during the military tribute part of the ceremony held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 that honored 2nd Lt. Redding Scott Pridgen.



REDDING SCOTT PRIDGEN
2D LIEUT MCCOWN'S CO
1 TEXAS MOUNTED RIFLES
PRIDGEN'S CO 5 TEXAS CAVALRY
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY
MEXICAN WAR
1824 DEC 12 1878



Now!

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



Everywhere you look the American people are growing weary of being used and taken for granted by a government that has simply gotten too big. We the people, the majority who have supported this country and continue to do so, are tired of being ignored by a bureaucratic government that promotes it's own agenda and caters to the demands of a few malcontents.

Americans are becoming more and more dissatisfied, many to the point of anger, and our elected leaders are not listening.

The Bible says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." (Ps. 9: 17) Have you noticed that the further this country moves from the God of our fathers, and His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the worse things get? Our politically correct politicians and other leaders say we're being tolerant. Or, inclusive. Or, diversified. Or, anything but Godly. America is heading for hell because America is forgetting God.

The good news is that the time is ripe for evangelism. Remember, for the first several hundred years the Lord's Church grew and prospered under very adverse conditions. However, to do so would require us to be like those early Christians. We must become something more than smiley faced, sweet talking, Sunday-go-to-meeting, Bible toters. Preachers must be allowed, and have the conviction, to quit worrying about offending Sister Suzie or Brother Joe, and preach the truth of God's Word to a lost world. Churches speak of having a revival, when what they really need is a renewal. What they need is to return to the faith of our fathers.

And, what of the Sons of Confederate Veterans? Does not the circumstances today present an opportunity to reach out with the truth of our Cause? Aren't Americans becoming more aware the country they love has been lost to a centralized government our founding fathers never intended to exist? Isn't this the time for our Confederation to grow in strength and

numbers?

Our former president, the honorable Jefferson Davis, said, "The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert it's self, though it may be at another time and in another form." Question: If it is not up to us, the historic Sons of Confederate Veterans. If it is not up to us, the descendants of those who bravely fought to defend our Southern homeland. If it is not up to us, who know and understand the truth of the Confederate cause. If it is not up to us to reassert and contend. Then who? And, if that time is not now, then when?

Speaking to the Mississippi legislature in 1881, Jefferson Davis also stated, "The contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena." This was true in 1881, and it's true today. It's not over! Our Southern heritage, homeland, and values are still being attacked by malicious, self serving misfits and it's up to us to stand and firmly contend for the truth and honor of our Confederate Cause. And, the time is now!

However, for our Cause to be successful we must join together as a band of brothers with a common purpose in faithful support of each other and our SCV leaders, and turn to God, putting our faith and trust in Christ our Lord.

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 MONTHLY MEETING —SEPTEMBER 8, 2012



Left: Commander Tommy Holmes of the Gen. Horace Randall Camp 1533 of Carthage, Texas present the Reagan Camp a historical program on Reconstruction in Louisiana after the War Between the States.

Right: Adjutant/Treasurer Dan Dyer during the September camp meeting addresses the camp during the business meeting . We appreciate all of his dedicated work for our camp!





JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156

c/o Daniel Dyer, Adjutant/Treasurer
P.O. Box 913
Palestine, Texas 75802
E-mail: danielyer@embarqmail.com
Phone: (903)391-2224

Ronnie Hatfield, Commander
E-mail: reh53@embarqmail.com
Phone: (903) 538-0130

Please visit our website @
www.reaganscvcamp.org

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

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