



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

# THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP NEWS

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## ADJUTANT'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

As most of you know by now Ronnie Hatfield resigned as Commander of the John H. Reagan Camp on Oct. 15, 2012 due to health problems. Our hopes and prayers go to Ronnie that his health improves. Ronnie will be missed as Commander of our camp but we hope he can still attend meetings when possible. I have always said since meeting Ronnie that if there was ever a Confederate soldier still alive in 2012, it would be Ronnie Hatfield. As Rudy Ray has said, Ronnie has been the Icon of the Reagan camp.

The Nominating Committee met on November 9, 2012 at the Museum. The committee consisted of Marc Robinson, Rudy Ray, Doug Smith, Dwight Franklin and Dan Dyer. The Nominations are:

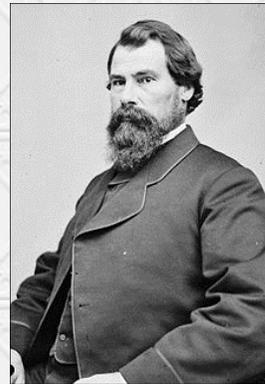
Dan Dyer, Commander  
 Rudy Ray, 1st Lt. Cmdr.  
 Dale Roberts, 2nd Lt. Cmdr.  
 Doug Smith, Adj./Treasurer  
 John Barnhart, Sgt-at-Arms  
 Gary Williams and Forrest Bradberry, Historians  
 Dwight Franklin, Chaplain

Quartermaster, Frank Moore

The camp members voted in favor of this slate of officers during the November meeting, and these men will be sworn in at the December meeting.

Our thanks to Jerry Watt for his program on "Tom Green's Cavalry at the battle of Mansfield" at the November meeting. The program was very informative and I think we all learned a few things from it. Also at the November meeting, Rod Skelton received the "Dixie Award" for recruiting from National HQ. We had two members that received the award, the other being Marc Robinson. Marc received his award at the October meeting. Our hats are off to you two gentlemen for a job well done and thank you from the camp for your dedication. I would like to see five or more of our members receive this award next year, it can be done.

Be sure to attend our



### 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

December meeting. A southern Christmas meal is planned along with the new officers taking the oath for the New Year and year end awards will be presented. I hope to see you all there.

Respectfully,

Dan Dyer  
 Adjutant/Treasurer

## 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.

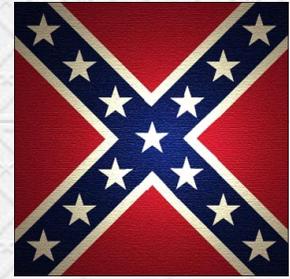
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*“If centralism is ultimately to prevail; if our entire system of free Institutions as established by our common ancestors is to be subverted, and an Empire is to be established in their stead; if that is to be the last scene of the great tragic drama now being enacted: then, be assured, that we of the South will be acquitted, not only in our own*

*consciences, but in the judgment of mankind, of all responsibility for so terrible a catastrophe, and from all guilt of so great a crime against humanity.”*

Vice-President Alexander Stephens, CSA



“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



**November 10, 2012, 06:00 PM**—John H. Reagan Camp 2156 Regular monthly meeting.

**Historical Program:** Mr. Jerry Don Watt will present a historical program on Gen. Tom Green, CSA.

**December 8, 2012, 06:00 PM**—John H. Reagan Camp 2156 Christmas party and awards banquet

**January 5, 2013, 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM**—1st Annual Sam Davis New Year’s Ball, Brushy Creek UMC Fellowship Hall, 14 miles north of Palestine.



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.”

-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-



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



Left: From left to right Billy Newsom, Frank Moore, Jean Stokes, Gary Gibson, Nancy Bundrick , Dan Dyer, Dollye Jeffus, and John Barnhart pose by one of the Reagan Camp’s mountain howitzers after the grave marker ceremony held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Old Parker Cemetery near Grapeland, Texas. Confederate Soldiers, Pvt. Josephus Parker and Pvt. George Fulgham, were honored.



**1ST ANNUAL SAM DAVIS NEW YEARS BALL TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013  
TO BENEFIT LOCAL YOUTH  
ATTENDING THE SCV SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP**



## When:

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., "Special Guests" introduced at 6:45, and ball begins at 7:00.

## Where

The ball will be held in the Education Building of the Brushy Creek United Methodist Church, Palestine, Texas. Directions and a Google Map link can be found at [www.facebook.com/samdavisnewyearsball](http://www.facebook.com/samdavisnewyearsball). The church is located on the left hand side of FM 837, traveling west from the intersection of FM 837 and FM 315 towards Bradford, Texas. It is located in the Brushy Creek Community 14 miles north of Palestine, Texas. If you are traveling on Hwy 19, you will go east on FM 837, travel about 11 miles and then the church will be on your right. From Hwy 155, you will travel west on FM 837 about 9 miles before reaching the intersection above.

## What

This social gathering was initiated for a several reasons. First and foremost, it is an opportunity for SCV Sam Davis Youth Camp participants to gather together and socialize. Secondly, it will serve as a fundraiser for scholarships for our local youth to attend camp that year. The Sam Davis New Year's Ball would like to thank the **John H Reagan Camp #2156, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Davis-Reagan Chapter #2292, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy**, for helping to make this ball possible.

You will have a terrific time enjoying a score of different types of traditional southern dances ranging from waltzes to the Virginia Reel, all set to common 1800's tunes. We will have live music furnished by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Texas String Band as well as some of the recorded favorites of Sam Davis Camp attendees. This will be a family event where you can enjoy the dancing or just listening to the music while visiting with friends. Refreshments will include finger foods. Please feel free to bring your favorites along with you to share with others.

## Cost

This year we will be accepting donations at the door in lieu of charging for tickets. Additionally, we will be accepting items for a silent auction to be held that evening. If you will be providing items for the silent auction, please let Deborah know by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the email address listed below. Money raised will be used to perpetuate the event and to provide scholarships for local SCV Sam Davis Youth Camp participants.

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## To Register

You may go to [www.facebook.com/samdavisnewyearsball](http://www.facebook.com/samdavisnewyearsball) and click on “Events”. Then, simply click “Join”. You may also email Deborah Robinson at [samdavisball@yahoo.com](mailto:samdavisball@yahoo.com).

## Schedule

- 6:00 p.m.     Doors open for Social Hour  
                  Bidding may begin on Silent Auction items.
- 6:45            Introduction of Special Guests (See below.)
- 7:00            Dancing begins with Grande March.
- 9:00            Silent Auction closes. Winners announced.
- 10:00          “Auld Lang Syne”

## Introduction of Special Guests

We would like to formally introduce those of you that have completed an SCV Sam Davis Youth Camp in the past. If that applies to you, please email Deborah and let her know you will be in attendance.

## Attire and Civility:

**To help achieve the goals for quality, excellence, integrity and historical value at this ball, we ask the following of our attendees:**

- 1) This is a formal event. Dresses or long skirts for women and coats and ties for men are encouraged. Period attire (hoopskirts for ladies and cravats and jackets for men) are always welcome.
- 2) This is a family event. Dancers under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by their parents or come as the guest of another responsible adult. The use of alcohol is prohibited. Gracious, respectful conduct and conversation is expected at all times.
- 3) Modesty is of the utmost importance. No cleavage, plunging necklines, or skirts above the knee, please.
- 4) We want to be good stewards of the building we are using and ask your help in that regard.
- 5) By “joining” the event on Facebook or emailing your RSVP to the email address provided, you are indicating that you and your guests have read and will abide by the above standards.

## Contact Information

For more information, contact Deborah Robinson by e-mail at [samdavisball@yahoo.com](mailto:samdavisball@yahoo.com).



## TRUTH IS OFFENSIVE!

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



Jesus was never one to back down, especially when He wanted to make a point that His audience desperately needed to hear and understand. So, in the face of a lynch-mob mentality, Jesus laid out some of His most direct and challenging teaching. An example of this is John 5:19-47. In these verses He states firmly the extent of His authority. Of course, in verses 16-18 of that same chapter we see that the Jews "sought the more to kill Him." Why? Because He was speaking the truth, and it's offensive.

Jesus did not fear the reaction of others to His message or works. Because of His commitment to the ministry God had given Him, Jesus attracted the love, loyalty, and devotion of many. However, many others rejected, despised, and sought to destroy Him and His influence. And, this is just as true today as it was two thousand years ago. To many, the truth is still offensive.

As Christians we have been given the responsibility of carrying out the Great Commission given to us by Christ in Matthew 28: 19, 20. Today, as it has always been, the most effective means of reaching a lost and sin-sick world with the love and saving power of Christ is the bold witness of faithful Christians. All the high powered Madison Avenue marketing techniques, dog-and-pony shows, concerts, social events, and other strategies used by many of today's "churches" cannot replace the fearless testimony of our Lord's Saints.

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we also have the duty and honor of carrying out the Charge given to us by Stephen Dill Lee. Can we succeed? Yes! With God's help and guidance, as we fearlessly present our most worthy Southern Cause, I have no doubt we can and will be successful in fulfilling our responsibility to our brave and noble Confederate forefathers.

We must let all those who oppose our just Cause know we are proud of our Southern heritage. We are proud of our Confederate ancestors. We are proud of our Confederate flags and symbols. We are proud to be the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and will proudly proclaim to all who will listen: The South was right . . . and still is.

As Christians and Compatriots of the SCV, we will succeed because like Jesus, Peter, Paul, and those who served our Confederation before us, we will not be discouraged by the response or attitude of others. We can't help it if someone acts offended. It's the truth, and it's offensive.

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 —OCTOBER 13, 2012



Left: Army of the Trans-Mississippi Chaplain, Brother Len Patterson and his wife, Mrs. Janet Patterson attend the October meeting of the John H. Reagan Camp where Brother Len presented an excellent historical program titled, “Southern Victory, Christian Awakening in CS Army.”



Above: Cal (left) and Trisha(not pictured) Nation donated a very nice Don Troiani painting titled, “Brandy Station Review” for Confederate Veterans Memorial plaza fund raiser. Commander Ronnie Hatfield accepts the painting on behalf of the John H. Reagan Camp.



Above: Compatriot Gene White is inducted into the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 as our newest member. From left to right: Adjutant/Treasurer Dan Dyer, new member— Compatriot Gene White, and Commander Ronnie Hatfield. Compatriot White was an attendee at this past summers Sam Davis Youth Camp where he made a decision to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans under his ancestor: Pvt. John Nelson Parker, Co. F, 1st Infantry Battalion, Waul’s Texas Legion.



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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

## 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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