



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

# THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

As 2012 comes to a close we can look back at what we have accomplished in the past year. The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza has really taken shape this year with the sidewalks, flag poles, steps, grass, water and electricity, etc. As members of the John H. Reagan camp you should be proud of the head way that has taken place this year. Everyone has had a hand in working on the Plaza whether it is with manual labor or simply being there for support. Frank Moore and Gary Gibson have at times, spent more time at the Plaza than they do at home. Men your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by everyone. The Reagan camp officers for 2013 have been inducted and they are as follows:

Commander-----Dan Dyer

1st Lt. Cmdr.----Rudy Ray

2nd Lt. Cmdr.-----  
Dale Roberts

Adjutant/Treasurer-----  
Doug Smith

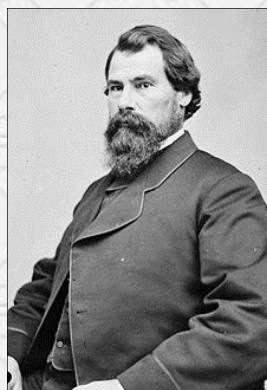
Sgt-at-Arms-----  
John Barnhart

Quartermaster-----  
Franklin Moore

Chaplains-----  
Dwight Franklin and Rod Skelton

Historians-----  
Gary Williams and Forrest Bradberry

Let's go forward into the New Year with excitement and dedication to the cause. We are doing this for our ancestors and not for ourselves, remember, we have their blood running thru our veins, we have their names, and they are looking to us to vindicate the cause for which they fought. In 2013 the Reagan camp WILL form



**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

our lines, we will NOT  
back down and we will  
NOT retreat, we WILL  
forward the colors in  
the names of our  
ancestors.

DEO VINDICE,

Dan Dyer

## CAMP MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of Each Month  
06:00 PM

Snacks and drinks 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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"The time had come when we believed we could not live peaceably with them. Therefore, we preferred to secede and for a government of our own, which we thought, we had a right to do. We did not demand any of the public treasure or public lands or any of the community property of the government of which we rightfully owned a part, but simply seceded from disagreeable company and set up a government of our own and asked only to be left alone.

I doubt if a constitutional lawyer could have been found at that time who would have said we did not have a right to secede and I doubt if you can find a constitutional lawyer today who understands the organic law of the government who will say that we had no right to secede. Then where did this power lie or come from authorizing Abraham Lincoln to make war on and devastate the Southern States?...

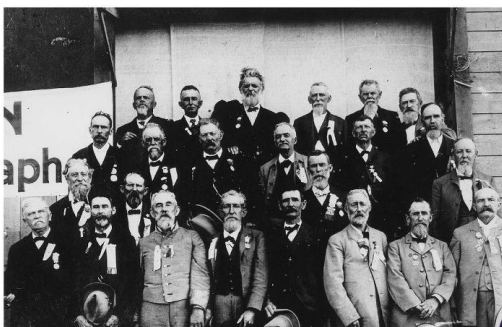
#### Conclusion

It is self-evident from the foregoing writings in these sketches that if the writer were asked to

fix the responsibility of the Civil War he would say without hesitation, Abraham Lincoln, his ill advisors and coadjutors were responsible for all of the bloodshed, the deaths, the horrors and devastation of that war."

James Knox Polk Blackburn from "Reminiscences of the Terry Rangers, 1919, page 76

Photo below - 1902 reunion in Dallas, TX of Terry's Texas Rangers



"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



- Compatriot Ed Furman
- Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- Chaplain Rod Skelton
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- The United Daughters of the Confederacy



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

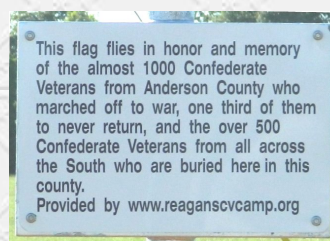
**January 5, 2013, 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM**—1st Annual Sam Davis New Year's Ball, Brushy Creek UMC Fellowship Hall, 14 miles north of Palestine.

**January 12, 2013, 06:00 PM**—John H. Reagan Camp 2156 regular meeting.

**Historical Program:** Cmdr. Dan Dyer and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray will present information relevant to the opening parade and ceremony for the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.

**April 12, 2013**—Reception for the opening of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza—Palestine from 06:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Museum for East Texas Culture, 400 South Mischeaux Avenue, Palestine, Texas. (West side of Reagan Park.)

**April 13, 2013**—Parade and Dedication Ceremony to officially open the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine—**Parade begins at 10:00 AM** at the courthouse with the **Dedication ceremony beginning at 11:00** at the plaza, 600 W. Oak St.

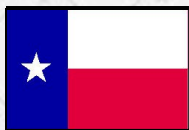


Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of

"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-





**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP'S ARTILLERY BATTERY  
FIRED A MEMORIAL ROUND AT THE GRAVESIDE SERVICES FOR  
MRS. CHRISTINE W. MARSTERS  
STEWARDS MILL CEMETERY, FREESTONE CTY TEXAS**



Photo top left from left to right standing are Compatriots Tom James, Gary Gibson, Calvin Nicholson, John Barnhart. From left to right kneeling are Compatriots Marc Robinson and Frank Moore. Mrs. Christine Marsters was a long time supporter of the Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp #1012 of Fairfield and made her request know to her family and to Compatriot Tom James that she wanted the men to fire the cannon at her funeral. The Reagan Camp gratefully accepted this inherited and honorable duty from the demised Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp. Mrs. Marsters son, Scott Marsters, is an SCV member. He and the rest of their family were very appreciative of our involvement in the graveside services of Mrs. Marsters held on December 15, 2012 and we were very honored to have taken part.



## A NEW BEGINNING!

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



Let's face it. We could all stand a little improvement. There are things we could do to make life better for ourselves, as well as those around us. Now, as we begin a new year, many people will do some self evaluation and resolve to make changes. Of course, changes are often good, if we stick to our resolutions, but there are times when change is not good enough. Sometimes we need to stop what we are doing and the way we are doing it. Sometimes we need a new beginning.

This is what God did as recorded in the sixth chapter of Genesis. God had created man, but after about sixteen hundred years, man had become totally wicked. We are all familiar with the story of Noah and his ark. Mankind had become so evil and unchanging that God decided to wipe the slate clean and start over.

Our country is on the road to ruin because it has turned it's back on God and made immorality and sin normal and acceptable. We have turned from the faith of our founding fathers, and are following the ways of the unrighteous. As a country, we seem to think we can change our direction without changing our ways. This country does not need changing, remodeling, or renovation. It needs restoration. This country has jumped the track and lost it's way. It needs a new beginning.

And what of our Confederation? Are we being faithful to the Charge handed to us over a hundred years ago? Are we moving forward in the direction of honoring our brave Confederate forefathers and the Cause for which they gallantly fought? If so, then why are we further from our destination today, than we were fifty years ago? I know we have oppressors, and they have gotten stronger over the years. But, why haven't we gotten even stronger?

Perhaps we need to be mindful of why the Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded. Perhaps we need

to remember the importance of our roots and our mission. Perhaps we need to reunite as a band of brothers shoulder to shoulder in the front line trenches. Perhaps it's time to quit trying to be nice guys and get offended. Perhaps it's time to get mad at those who would dishonor our Confederate ancestors. Perhaps we need a new beginning.

Sometimes people need a new beginning for themselves. If you're a Christian, but don't feel as close to God as you once did, like the old preacher said, "Guess who moved." You can have a new beginning also. Just turn around, He's not as far away as you think.

To those who have not committed their life to Jesus Christ, God promises a new beginning. In 2 Corinthians 5: 17, the Scripture says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." So, if life seems to have gotten out of hand and you feel lost, and without direction, just turn to Christ, receive Him as Lord, and start over with a new beginning.

You see, God is a God of new beginnings. In Revelation 21:5, Our Lord (He that sat upon the throne, Alpha and Omega) says, "Behold, I make all things new." And that includes me, you, our country, and the historic Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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."

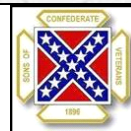
-GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE-





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### CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING —DECEMBER 8, 2012



Reagan Camp 2013 Officers  
From left to right: Commander Dan Dyer, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Dale Roberts, Adjt./Trsr. Doug Smith, Sgt-at-Arms John Barnhart, Historian Gary Williams, Chaplain Dwight Franklin, Chaplain Rod Skelton (not present due to surgery), and Quartermaster Frank Moore. These officers were sworn in by the East Texas Brigade 2nd Lt. Commander Marc Robinson.



2012 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray presents the Reagan Camp's "2012 New Member of the Year Award" to Compatriot Gary Gibson.



2012 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray presented the Reagan Camp's "Member of the Year Award" to Quartermaster Frank Moore.





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Left: 2012 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray presents Dan Dyer, 2012 Adj., with an awards certificate honoring him for his perfect attendance at camp meetings in 2012.



Above: 2012 2nd Lt Commander Rudy Ray conducted the meeting and awards ceremony until the new commander was installed.



Above photo: After the awards presentations and the 2013 officer induction, 2013 2nd Lt. Commander Dale Roberts presented a short history on the song, "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and then led us as we all joined in singing it and other songs enjoyed by our Confederate ancestors.



**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

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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

## 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-in-Chief

United Confederate Veterans

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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