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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Greetings Compatriots!

At last, after almost a year of planning, it is almost time to actually pour some concrete at the plaza site! I look forward to seeing you all at the site on the 4th, even if you can't contribute much in the way of labor, your support and fellowship is important too! This phase will take two consecutive Saturdays to complete, so if you can't get there on the 4th, then get there on the 11th! The main goal is to get this project rolling, and just as importantly, to have a good time with each other.

Sometimes, with the seemingly constant attacks on our heritage, we become so defensively minded that we forget or neglect to take the time to enjoy the heritage that our ancestors left us. The pride that we feel as Confederate descendants should also equate, at least occasionally, to having fun at what we do. Without that outlet, I fear some if not most of the organization's members would eventually suffer from burnout, and begin to fall off the rolls.

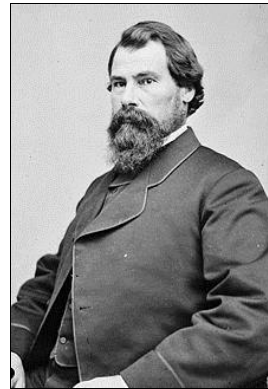
This theory, coupled with the assurance from diaries and letters of the period, confirms for me that not only an army, but any organization can go a lot farther, with higher morale, if

there is humor, laughter, and fellowship at every opportunity.

In spite of the hardships endured, our ancestors did have a sense of humor, and did find ways to enjoy themselves in the face of constant adversity. As an example, Gen. Hood's entire Division once became embroiled in a snowball fight among itself that lasted for hours, resulting in many bumps and bruises, and a few bloody noses from rock-laden snowballs. Brigade moving in precision formation against brigade! The most feared shock troops in the Confederate army did indeed know how to blow off some steam!

Our camp has already demonstrated that it knows how and when to fight! We have earned to right to be cocky. We are proud descendants of Confederate warriors and statesmen! To ensure that we have the numbers and strength to fight the entire war, take a minute or two occasionally to smile and enjoy who we are!

Respectfully,
 R. Hatfield—Cmdr.



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



CAMP MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of Each Month
 06:00 PM

Light meal served at each meeting.
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Guests are welcome!
 Bring the family!

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I'm jist sayin'

Did yall know;

...Accordin' to the yankee chief of ordinance who done the math after the war, Abe's sharpshootin' eagle-eyed yankee army used up 240 pounds of powder, and almost 900 pounds of lead for every Confederate soldier killed in battle... Kinda hard to shoot straight over yer shoulder while runnin' that fast ain't it?

...Iffen you was to line up every yankee in Texas in a column of two's, and commence marchin' em north for a week, you'd have... a perty good week!

...If Sherman had been charged, convicted, and sentenced for every war crime he committed, it would still be another twenty years before his first parole hearing!



“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
- CWO Andrew Davis U.S. Army (Afghan) Son-in-law of Cmdr. Hatfield
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- The United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Chaplain Ed Furman
- Sgt. At Arms John Brent Barnhart
- Athens SCV Camp Cmdr. Len Patterson
- Davis-Reagan UDC Pres. Dollye Jeffus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

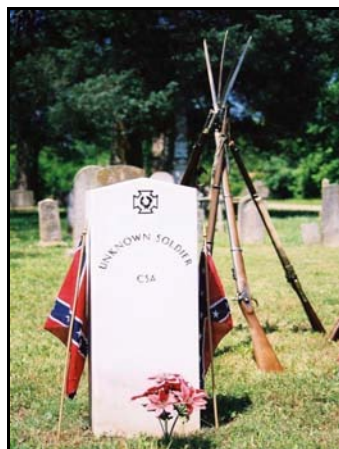
February 4, 2012 08:30 AM
Work day at Plaza site. Set forms for flag poles. Bring hand tools!

February 11, 2012 8:30 AM -
Work day at plaza site! Pouring concrete for flag pole bases. Bring hand tools, gloves, levels, etc.

February 11, 2012 6:00 PM -
Regular monthly meeting at First Christian Church. Meal menu theme is Mexican. Our program will be a DVD presentation entitled “The Hunley Experience.” Should be a good one!

February 18, 2012 8:30 AM -
Alternative work day at plaza site in case of bad weather on previous dates.

February 25, 2012 11:00 AM -
Marker dedication services at Elmtown and Dabbs Cemeteries.

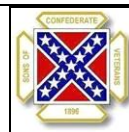


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-PRESEDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-



CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY



On Saturday the 21st, our camp made it's annual pilgrimage to the statue of our namesake in Reagan Park downtown to commemorate Confederate Heroes Day.

As has been the case the last few years, a chill blew over the landscape but not our hearts! We enjoyed a great turnout of camp members, plus were blessed as always with the participation and attendance of the Davis Reagan UDC Chapter and a number of special guests. Adjutant Terry Teems with the W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp out of Athens represented our newest brother camp to the north, and guest speaker Jimmy Odom not only represented the Anderson County Historical Commission as it's Chairman, but also represented the Cross of St. Andrews Camp from Alto. We were particularly delighted to host Commander and Mrs. Samuel Mercer of the General John Gregg Camp in Longview, who drove all the way down just for the opportunity to visit us and witness the ceremony. With welcome and recognition of our guests and the public extended, our invocation was then given by camp Chaplain and 1st Lt. Commander Rod Skelton.

ACHC Chairman Jimmy Odom congratulated and commended the camp on it's application for historical marker submitted last fall. The State Historical Commission had urged all branches at County level to encourage submission of WBTS related applications from interested parties to coincide with the sesqui-centennial. Jimmy felt extremely proud of the fact that Anderson County and the Reagan Camp had submitted the lone application in the state. He also spoke on the importance of continuing to honor those who have gone before us.

UDC president, Mrs. Dollye Jeffus, laid a wreath in memory of all Confederate veterans, encouraging all present to join her and the Davis-Reagan UDC Chapter in a rededication of purpose in preserving our Confederate heritage.

Past commander Marc Robinson served admirably as Color/Honor Guard Commander, directing the Reagan Guards through their paces during the presentation of, and pledges to our colors. As Camp Commander, I would be remiss in not commending their performance.

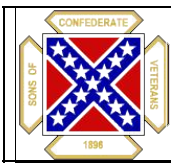
After the commander's address, entitled "This is why we remember," the benediction was offered by Chaplain Skelton and the service was concluded with the singing of "Dixie," much to the apparent delight of the public in attendance, whose smiles grew wider with each animated and enthusiastic *Hoo-ray!*

Below left; The Reagan Guards assemble for the presentation and posting of the Colors.

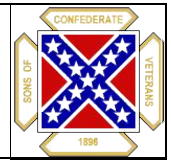
Below right: ACHC Chairman Jimmy Odom commends the camp for our marker application and heritage preservation.

Photos by Josh Pullin





A PICTURE IS WORTH... ?



Hopefully a lot! We were fortunate to receive the donated prints from the studios of renowned artist John Paul Strain. “The Christmas Gift” and “Kings of Kernstown” both arrived recently and were displayed at the January meeting.

All we have to do now is get them in the hands of some local citizen who would possibly trade them for a sidewalk or two in our plaza.

The prints are great in detail and content with characters so life-like they almost seem to jump off the page! Hope we can find them a good home! And soon!



We’ve not decided yet whether to frame them before adopting them out, but either way, they’d be a real prize for a collector. Both have the certificates of authenticity with them, and although the photos don’t show it, they’re both the same size. Thanks again to compatriot Vernon Holliman for approaching the artist about them and for getting them here!



THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 JANUARY PHOTOS!



Top left: Past Camp commander and 8th Brgde. 2nd Lt. Commander Marc Robinson gives a presentation on dealing with the media at the Leadership Conference held on the 7th in Tyler. **Top right:** Reagan Camp members in attendance at the Leadership Conference L to R were; 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rod Skelton, Adjutant Dan Dyer, Past Cmdr. Marc Robinson, and Quartermaster Frank Moore.



Top left: At the January camp meeting, compatriot Tom James of the Johnson-Sayers-Nettles Camp 1012, presented us a check on their behalf, to help fund our current projects.
Top right: Compatriot Jace Wilson, left, presented Past Commander Marc Robinson with a hand made coffin containing the ceremonial remains of Marc's ancestor Joshua Burleson, retrieved from the battlefield at Jenkins Ferry Arkansas where he was killed.
Bottom left: 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray gave an inspiring, emotional program on honoring the SCV Charge that earned a standing ovation from the crowd.



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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.



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