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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Greetings Compatriots!

Well the heat is officially on, both in the air and at our plaza site!. After several strenuous work days, we were gaining the upper hand on concrete pouring, (see photos inside) and then began the process of setting forms for our privacy fence footing and main steps/stairs into the park. Frank Moore and Dwain Schoppe, our two pro "constructioners" did a great job designing and setting the step forms only to find them "red tagged" a few days later when the inspector came by. Red tagged means "don't pour concrete till you talk to us, something's wrong..."

Turns out somebody at the permit office erroneously gave us a permit to pour a driveway which we don't need, and had us believe that it was good for all the concrete we wanted to pour up till November 9th. Truth is, if your building permit says driveway, you better be pouring a driveway only. And it better be authorized by the Historic Landmark Commission as well, **BEFORE YOU START!**

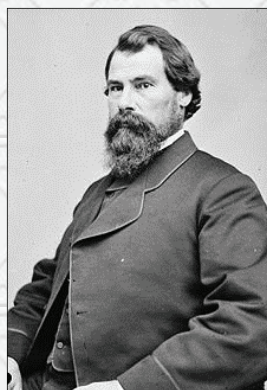
Being the hard headed determined camp that we are, we considered this set back as a mere speed bump, and

immediately set an appointment to meet with the appropriate officials at Main Street and Landmark Historical Commission, to iron out what needed to be done to get us back on track.

After a one hour meeting on Monday the 16th, we are now on the agenda for the Commission's next meeting on the 21st to officially present them with our plans for the site.

Their members have already indicated their verbal support and assurance that this is nothing more than a formality, but will accomplish the goals of getting all the necessary authorizations, all the correct permits, and in so doing, make officially public our intentions to the community, and allow us to go public immediately with Paver sales, along with updates and assurances to our supporters that we are indeed still on track toward permanent placement of our and their ancestors flags and legacy in a place of honor that we can all be proud of.

Now, another accomplishment is that although we will miss approximately six weeks of



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

test six weeks of the year, so our aging work crew may just survive this test into the cooler days of fall. At any rate, I urge you to applaud your construction crew, and thank those who are giving of their time to go before the appropriate boards seeking permits and permission for our endeavors. Regards-
Cmndr. Hatfield

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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Time to Re-up!!!!

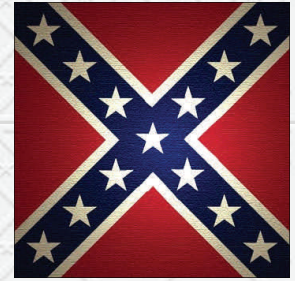
Yessir, it's that time again! Time to drag out the old check book and cough up your annual dues! Now qwitcher whinin', you know it's for a good cause, and it also helps us maintain our 4 star camp status if we get our dues paid in a "timely" manner. "Timely" of course, means right now.

Next, make sure your compatriot buddies all know that you've paid your dues on time, and thus shame them into doing the same! (HA!)

Finally, now is also the best time to recruit another member, and relieve our adjutant from the worries of cipher errors in pro-rating membership fees. Heck, bring a new recruit in on each arm, and we'll let you

Jump to the front of the chow line at next month's meeting!

All joking aside, please do look for your dues forms in the mail soon, if you've not already received it. Get it filled out and back to Adjutant Dyer ASAP. Recruit whenever you can. Thanks!



"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
- Lt. Cmdr. and Chaplain Rod Skelton
- 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
- Compatriot James Richardson
- Compatriot Dwain Schoppe
- Adjutant Dan Dyer

"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-



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 14th: 6 PM Regular monthly meeting at First Christian Church. Our program will be presented by Sherrie Holliman on Jeb Stuart.

July 16th: Adjutant Dan Dyer and Historian Gary Williams are to meet with the Landmark Commission to iron out our next phases and get their approval on the Memorial Plaza construction.





BALCH SPRINGS INAUGURAL EVENT AND ADJUTANT DYER GIVES US ALL A SCARE



We had a small War Between the States skirmish just prior to the 4th annual Balch Springs Juneteenth Jubilation ceremony parade. I understand that there are about 30,000 in Balch Springs with a majority being black and another high percentage Hispanic. We were well received along the parade route. Some of us marched about 1.5 miles with the union reenactors to the City Library and Civic Center including myself.

The city of Balch Springs Mayor is Dr. Carrie Gordon. She was quite a lady and very much enjoyed the skirmish and wearing period clothing. The Buffalo soldiers did not participate in the skirmish, but they did have a booth set up and two of them joined about 8 of us (CSA and Union reenactors) with the Young Marines color guard to post colors at the civic center.

All in all, I feel that it was very much worth while. The reenactor turnout was a little low, therefore it was probably a good thing that I took the time to attend, help out, and represent the John H. Reagan Camp. Sam Allen, the chief inspector to the Mayor of Balch Springs (Buffalo soldier reenactor and black Confederate reenactor) was very appreciative we turned out.

Story from Marc Robinson - Photos courtesy of David Moore

Our beloved and much overworked adjutant will go to any extreme it seems, to get out of duty assignments. (HA!) Dan gave wife Billie and all of us for that matter, a good scare about a week ago when he awoke with chest pains, nausea, shortness of breath, and dull aches in both arms. Figuring a morning smoke and cup of coffee would shoo away the discomfort, Danno bravely proceeded to make a pot of coffee and head for the smoking lounge, rather than wake Billie. Within a few minutes his bravado ceased and he decided waking Billie and dialing 911 was the better option, thus proving that discretion is indeed the better part of valor! After a "scenic" ambulance ride from home past East Hill Cemetery, and around the loop instead of straight down Sycamore street, he finally arrived at and spent a few days in the Palestine Regional Hospital where they confirmed that the old rascal had sure enough suffered a mild heart attack. Thankfully, a healthy sense of humor and a ready sarcastic wit provided entertainment for those of us who had a chance to visit with him during his short yet dignity robbing stay at the hospital. Dan LOVES hospital gowns...

This reporter is happy to announce that Dan was released to convalesce at home after much poking prodding and blood letting, and was back on the floor at the Museum of East Texas Culture within a few days, in spite of a diagnosis of some slight arterial blockage and a leaky valve. At his age, he's pretty lucky that a valve is all that's leaking. The doctor did however warn him about cutting back on his cheetoe consumption. We all join Billie and family in rejoicing that Dan will be around to pick on for a good while yet, and continue to keep him and his in our collective prayers.



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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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