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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

As we start the New Year this month, I want to wish every one of you a Happy New Year.

The main agenda for the Reagan Camp in 2013 is the opening of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza on April 13.

Let me update the progress so far since the last newsletter. The blocks have been ordered and paid for, they will be ready for delivery before the 1st of February. I have talked to Muddy Waters and he can start laying the blocks in about a week or 2 weeks after they are ready. That means the wall should be up and finished by the middle of Feb. When the wall is finished we need to hit the ground running to get the rest of the Plaza ready for the opening. We will still need to finish the sidewalk and handicap ramp, install Lighting, Landscaping and any other details that need to be finished. We will have one marker to go at the end of one of the sidewalks, the Executive Committee

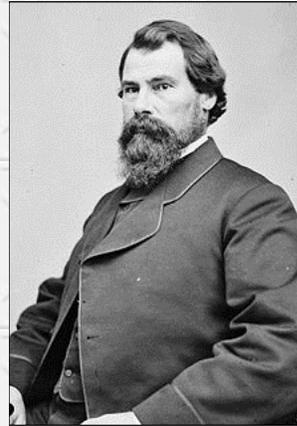
voted on Granite instead of metal due to the issue of price and the Granite will out last the metal ones.

As far as other actives beside our regular meetings, I think we should limit them until we get finished with the Plaza. We do not want to burn ourselves out. After the opening, we can return to other actives, marker dedications, etc. I am not fond of doing any passed June 1st as the heat will be too much. We are not as young as we used to be. If possible, we can put them off until fall.

Thanks to Gary and Donna Williams for the newspaper coverage of the Confederate Hero's Ceremony at the Reagan Statue on January 19th. The picture was in the January 26th Herald Press. Thanks to everyone that helped with the ceremony.

DEO VINDICE

Dan Dyer



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

"THE MEN IN GRAY, WHO, WITH MATCHLESS COURAGE, FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PERPETUATE THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED BY THEIR FATHERS, AND WHOSE HEROIC DEEDS CROWNED THE SOUTH WITH DEATHLESS GLORY."

ROBERT CATLETT CAVE
CONFEDERATE VETERAN,
AUTHOR, AND PASTOR

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.

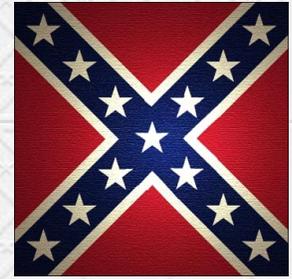
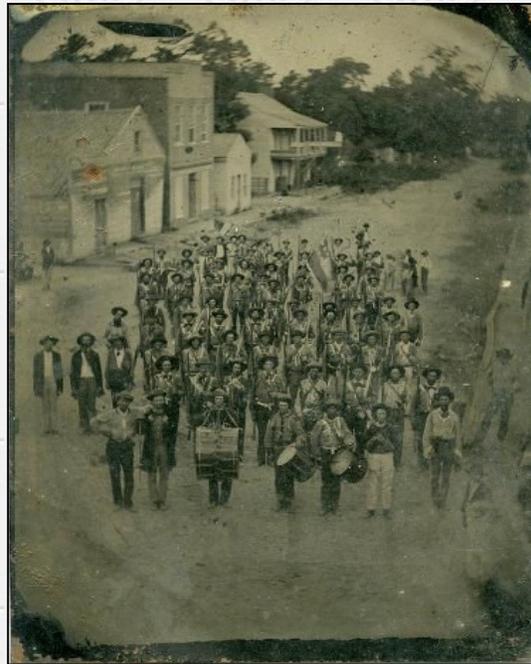
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On the morning of May 4, 1861, a company of Arkansas State Troops known as the Hempstead Rifles prepared to leave for the War.

Standing in front of the Jones Hotel in Washington, Arkansas, the men of Company B were given a flag in a presentation ceremony. That afternoon, accompanied by the town's band, the Rifles marched away, eventually joining Brigadier General Benjamin McCulloch's Western Army and fighting at Wilson's Creek on August 10, 1861.

Mustered out shortly after the battle, many of the company's members re-enlisted in other Confederate units.



“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

- Mrs. Dollye Jeffus



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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.



This flag flies in honor and memory of the almost 1000 Confederate Veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of them to never return, and the over 500 Confederate Veterans from all across the South who are buried here in this county.
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Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

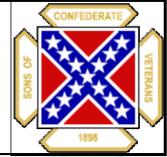
“NOTHING FILLS ME WITH DEEPER SADNESS THAN TO SEE A SOUTHERN MAN APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEFENSE WE MADE OF OUR INHERITANCE. OUR CAUSE WAS SO JUST, SO SACRED, THAT HAD I KNOWN ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS, HAD I KNOWN WHAT WAS TO BE INFLICTED UPON ME, ALL THAT MY COUNTRY WAS TO SUFFER, ALL THAT OUR POSTERITY WAS TO ENDURE, I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.”

-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-



GUNG-HO!

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



During the Second World War, the Marines adopted a Mandarin Chinese saying, or slogan. It was Gung-Ho! It means to pull or work together. Later this phrase was incorporated into English and refers to someone who is zealous or enthusiastic.

It is doubtful that any two people will agree on everything. Someone once said that if two people agree on everything, one of them is unnecessary. But, if two people, or a group of people are going to accomplish the goal they intend they must work together and have a common purpose. They must also be zealous and enthusiastic. In other words, they must be gung-ho.

This truth can be applied to the Lord's Church today. As long as the members are working as one to carry out the Lord's Great Commission, as found in the last two verses of Matthew, they will be enthusiastic and work together for a common purpose. However, when the members forget or ignore the Lord's command to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach, they will begin to concentrate on their differences and disagreements. When you see a church fighting over minor issues you know they have lost sight of their reason for being a church. They have become, as Jesus said in Matthew 23: 24, "Blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." They are not gung-ho.

It can also be said of any group or organization, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is working together in agreement. We call it "The Charge."

The Charge is our common purpose. It is our defining characteristic. It is our very reason for being. We are agreed. The South was right. The Confederate Cause was just, and still is. We are proud of our Southern heritage and want to defend it. We are proud of our brave and noble Confederate forefathers and want to honor them. We want the truth about the War for Southern Independence to be told. We are zealous, enthusiastic, and pulling together. We are gung-ho!

Since 1896, many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have come and gone, faithfully following in the footsteps of those who fought the Union invasion. They can say, as the Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 4: 7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Now it is we who must join ranks with our Confederate ancestors, and with those Sons of Confederate Veterans who served before us, and fight a good fight. We've heard it said, "Let's agree to disagree." May I suggest a better way: Let's agree to agree. Then the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be what they must be to succeed. Gung-Ho!

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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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.

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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