



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

It has been a busy fall for the Reagan Camp. We were well received at the Hot Pepper Festival Parade. I would like to thank the East Texas Brigade Mounted Color Guard for being here to help out. The weather was great and we had a good time.

Gary Gibson, Marc Robinson and family and myself also participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Nacogdoches on November 9th. It was a Max. effort for the East Texas Brigade and Mounted Color Guard, and there was a very good turn out from several East Texas Camps.

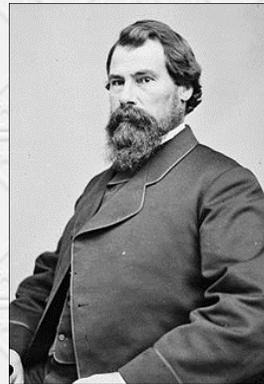
On November 11th Gary Gibson carried the cannon to Athens to assist the Howdy Martin Camp with the

Veterans Day Dedication. It was a much larger event than I expected. Turn out looked to be about 300-400 people, 2 High School Bands, and Buses with students on field trips. Thanks to Gary for being there to help us.

I will be putting together a list for our Christmas meal at the December meeting. I will bring a ham. If everyone will let me know what they can bring I would appreciate it very much. Just call me or send me an email.

Reminder about the monthly drill practice on the 2nd Tuesday, Dec. 9th at Rudy's at 6:00 pm. If you are Color Guard or Honor Guard make plans to be there.

Dan



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

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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What happened to Confederate General George S. Pickett?

He lived for a time in Canada after the war. He later returned to the United States and sold insurance for a living. He died 12 years after the charge that bears his name.

“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.”

-PRESEDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

Prayer List

- Comander Dan Dyer
- Historian Gary Williams
- Former Chaplain Ed Furman
- Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- Chaplain Rod Skelton
- Compatriot Tom James
- Quartermaster Frank Moore

Prayer List

- Compatriot John Brent Barnhart
- Davis/Reagan UDC Pres. Dollye Jeffus
- Jean Stokes
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 15-16: Fall Seminar for Hood’s Texas Brigade Association Reactivated in Huntsville, Tx.

Jan 18, 2014: Grandbury’s Texas Brigade, Camp 1479, **Confederate Heros Day Cotillion.** Phone 832-474-1263 for more info or email cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net

Jan 25th: East Texas Leadership Training Conference Sponsored by East Texas & Northeast Texas Brigades. For More information, see page 10 of the newsletter

The Reagan Guards will be having Drill Practice at 6pm on December 9th at the Bonnie Blue Inn located across from Rudy Ray’s house at 459 ACR 403. If you are interested in participating, you can contact Rudy at 903-731-7045 or 903-724-3905



“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-

This flag flies in honor and memory of over 1,000 Confederate veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of whom never returned, and the over 500 Confederate veterans from all across the South who are buried in this county. They fought for liberty and independence from a tyrannical and oppressive government. Provided by the John H. Reagan Camp # 2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans. www.reaganscvcamp.org

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.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 PARTICIPATED IN HOT PEPPER FESTIVAL PARADE



Members of the Reagan Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans participated in the Hot Pepper Festival Parade as they honored their ancestors.



The streets in downtown Palestine were full of folks. The local news reports estimated the crowd to be around 10,000 people. The Confederate flags being displayed with pride for all to see.



Gary Gibson



Forrest Bradberry and his grandson, Joshua Pullin



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 MORE HOT PEPPER PARADE PHOTOS



At left: Dan Dyer, Rudy Ray and Frank Moore getting ready to march in the parade.

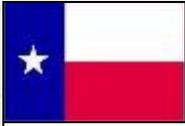


At right: Rudy Ray waits for the parade to start.



The horses followed behind for obvious reasons!





JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP PARTICIPATES IN NACOGDOCHES VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 9, 2013



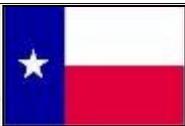
Members of the Maj. W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp of Athens and the John H. Reagan Camp of Palestine pose for a photo after the parade. L-R, Bob Lynch, Jim Day, Jimmy Abney, Marc Robinson, Joey Ables, and Dan Dyer. Photo by Teresa Day.

Craig Robinson on the cannon tube with Commanders Jimmy Abney of Athens and Commander Dan Dyer of Palestine's John H. Reagan SCV Camp.



The Confederate Colors were proudly displayed and the crowd was very receptive. It was a great day.

Douglas Camp trailer with Deborah, Caraline, & Craig Robinson, and SCV commanders Jimmy Abney of Athens and Dan Dyer of Palestine.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156
HISTORICAL PROGRAM
BY RUDY RAY—1ST LT. COMMANDER



The historical program for November was presented to the camp by our 1st Lieutenant Commander, Rudy Ray. Rudy reminded us that the Sons of Confederate Veterans exists to fulfill the charge. He spoke to us on how important it is for us to be honest and correct when we talk to people about the confederate position during the war of northern aggression. He quoted General Stonewall Jackson who said, “Duty is ours; consequences are God’s.”

He reminded us that as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we need to make sure that we are historically correct instead of politically correct. We need to make sure that we do not quote people out of context. We need to be honest and careful as we discuss the true history of the war, especially when it deals with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We need to make sure that we don’t mislead people. In order to keep our agenda legitimate, the truth must always be told.

How much do we need to know? At a minimum, we need to know enough so we aren’t misled, but also know enough so that we don’t mislead someone else.

We really appreciate Rudy for his willingness to speak to us and for the passion that he has for the Confederate soldiers and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP UPDATE BY ISAAC HALL



This year, the John H. Reagan Camp selected Isaac Hall as their representative at the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Isaac presented the Reagan Camp with a report of his experience at this year's camp. He told us that he had a very good time at the Youth Camp and that he really learned a lot. Isaac participated in all sorts of activities at the youth camp. He and his dance partner won the endurance test in the dancing competition by dancing constantly for one hour and forty minutes! Isaac told us that he was also selected as the Sam Davis Youth Camp "Camper of the Year". This is the second year in a row that the individual that the John H. Reagan Camp sponsored has won this award! We are very proud of Isaac. He represented the Reagan Camp well.



MARC ROBINSON RECEIVES GUARDIAN AWARD



Marc Robinson was awarded with the Texas Division Guardian Award for the Devotion and Care of the Final Resting Place of First Lt. James G. Blackmon, Company B. Waul's Texas Legion. Marc has cared for the grave, ensuring that the site is kept clean and well maintained year round. He has to personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate Flag, or both, on the grave.

The Guardian program was instituted by the Texas Division to honor the memory of our confederate ancestors and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting.

If you would be interested in being a Guardian of the grave of a Confederate Veteran, you can find more information at http://www.scvtexas.org/Guardian_Program.html



TEXAS DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE BY REVEREND DON MAJORS



The fall of the year brings us the beauty of God's creation. It truly is my favorite time of the year.

Gloria and I, along with my brother Steve and his wife Debbie, just returned from an awesome trip to the beautiful state of Tennessee. We spent two weeks up in Gatlinburg and the Smokey Mountains. It is our family roots. We saw lots of wildlife, and of course it was a special treat to see five black bear in the wild. Seeing all the beautiful trees as they change colors, as well as the water falls as they cascade down over the rocks. There's not another sound like it in the world. No wonder it is the time of the year that we keep and remember "Thanksgiving." We certainly were thankful for getting to view some of God's creation.

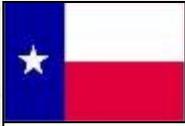
The setting of Psalm 137 was written at the time of the Babylonian captivity in the Sixth Century B.C. Ezekiel also gives us a description of the spiritual and political decline of Judah, which resulted in their collapse into Babylonian control. In 621 B.C., Ezekiel had witnessed the rise and fall of four kings. He had witnessed the desecration of the Temple, and the domination of the Babylonians. In 597 B.C., Ezekiel himself was carried off into exile. This is the setting of Psalm 137.

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it. For there those who carried us away captive required of us a song, and those who plundered us required of us mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"

For the people of Judah there was not much to be thankful over. Their nation had collapsed morally, spiritually, and politically. They are now captives and in Babylonian bondage. The setting tells us that they are now sitting by the rivers of Babylon. They have hung their harps on willow trees. There is no more mirth or song in their spirit. They are a defeated people.

This Thanksgiving Season, let us be thankful for all the blessings that our Lord and Savior has bestowed upon us, but let us also be thankful for our Confederate heritage. Our Confederate ancestors never lost their spirit. They never lost their mirth. They never lost their song. They have passed that DNA into our veins. The Sons and Daughters of the Southland will never lose our song. "Dixie" will remain loud and clear within our lungs. We will never hang the symbols of our heritage in the willow trees, and we will never forget the sacrifices that our ancestors gave to us all. The Southern spirit will never see defeat. We will remain a thankful people.

Reverend Don Majors
Texas Division Chaplain



**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156
SCV EAST TEXAS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JANUARY 25, 2014**



**EAST TEXAS LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE
SPONSORED BY
EAST TEXAS AND NORTHEAST TEXAS BRIGADES
Saturday, January 25, 2014**

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome - Invocation - Introductions and Conference Outline –	Marc Robinson, Cmdr. ET Brigade TX Division Chaplain Don Majors Marc Robinson
9:15 – 9:45	“Fulfilling the Charge,” a presentation by Rudy Ray, 1 st Lt. Cmdr., John H. Reagan Camp 2156	
9:45 – 10:25	Restoring and maintaining forgotten cemeteries – Mr. E. J. Adams, Texas Historical Commission RIP member (Restoration, Investigation, and Preservation of Historical Cemeteries) Mr. Adams does amazing work in East Texas. Most cemeteries that he has restored have CSA veterans interred. He will have a very inspiring presentation!	
10:25 – 10:40	Break	
10:40 – 11:10	Heritage Offense and Heritage Defense, what we need to know – David Moore, Div. 1 st Lt. Cmdr.	
11:10 – 11:25	National SCV to place more emphasis on heritage offense - Todd Owens, ATM Commander	
11:25 – 12:25	Lunch – Emma Sansom Chapter #31, Order of Confederate Rose	
12:30 – 1:15	Camp Growth, Stability, and Member Retention - Gary Bray, Div. 2 nd Lt. Cmdr.	
1:15 – 2:15	Commanders Command, Camp operations, programs, and projects - Johnnie Holley, Div. Cmdr.	
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 2:45	Connecting the Division (Calendar, email system, etc.) – David McMahon, Div. 3 rd Lt.	
Cmdr.		
2:45 – 03:15	Solving a few major issues from an adjutants perspective - Cooper Goodson, Division Adjutant	
03:15 – 3:45	Discussion and Closing Remarks – Moderator – Phil Maynard, 1 st Lt. Cmdr. NET Brigade	
3:45	Closing prayer -	Chaplain Don Majors

Please RSVP by 20 Jan 2014 to help plan for the meal: mrobinson1836@yahoo.com

Location of Conference: First Assembly of God , 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas 75707

Registration fee at door to cover expenses - \$10.00



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza had the official opening and dedication on April 13, 2013. It is a beautiful Memorial to the Confederate Veterans. Although it is open for visitors, there is still room along the sidewalks for you to purchase a brick paver in the name of your confederate ancestor. This will ensure that your ancestor's service to the confederacy will not be forgotten, but will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to purchase a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: danielyer497@yahoo.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224

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J. E. B. STUART LT GEN - CAV CMDR A.N.V. - C.S.A.	ROBERT EDWARD LEE GENERAL A.N.V. - C.S.A.	JEFFERSON F DAVIS PRESIDENT C.S.A.

Would you like to honor you ancestor? There is still room in the plaza for you to have a paver with your ancestor's name and military 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 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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