



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

# THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

As you know by now the Palestine Chamber of Commerce denied the John H. Reagan Camp 2156 a booth and permission to participate in the Dogwood Trails Parade. We received a lot of support and positive media coverage and it made the Chamber Board of Directors look like the fools they are. As it turned out they did us a favor, we had our own Festival at our Plaza and had a great crowd of visitors. As someone told me, we gained a lot of respect and received more publicity than being in the parade. Gary Williams and Gary Bray set up tables and displayed Civil War relics which drew visitors to the event. I would like to thank all the members that were at the Plaza that day to help out.

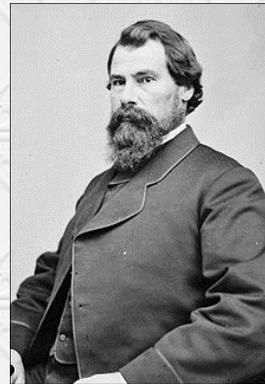
We have received 175 pavers that need to be put in place, I will be calling for a work day when Frank Moore can be there to supervise the rest of us, we

will need a lot of help to get the Plaza ready for April 13. Thanks to Doug Smith for going before the Palestine Zoning Board, we did get approval to put up our entrance sign 2 feet back from the property line instead of 10 feet.

The Executive Committee met and voted on two more granite monuments for the end of the sidewalks. One is a quote from General Pat Cleburne, and the other is the "Charge" from Gen. S. D. Lee. The monument with a quote from President Jefferson Davis has been installed. We have also acquired an 18 piece brass band to play period music during the Parade and at the Plaza on April 13. It will be a grand day in DIXIE on April 13<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

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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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“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-

The **First Battle of Bull Run**, also known as **First Manassas** (the name used by Confederate forces), was fought on July 21, 1861, in [Prince William County, Virginia](#), near the city of [Manassas](#). It was the first major land battle of the [American Civil War](#). Just months after the start of the war at [Fort Sumter](#), the [Northern](#) public clamored for a march against the [Confederate](#) capital of [Richmond, Virginia](#), which they expected to bring an early end to the rebellion. Yielding to political pressure, [Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell](#) led his unseasoned [Union Army](#) across [Bull Run](#) against the equally inexperienced Confederate Army of Brig. Gen. [P. G. T. Beauregard](#) camped near Manassas Junction. McDowell's ambitious plan for a surprise flank attack on the Confederate left was poorly executed by his officers and men; nevertheless, the Confederates, who had been planning to attack the Union left flank, found themselves at an initial disadvantage.

Confederate reinforcements under Brig. Gen. [Joseph E. Johnston](#) arrived from the [Shenandoah Valley](#) by railroad and the course of the battle quickly changed. A [brigade of Virginians](#) under a relatively unknown colonel from the [Virginia Military Institute](#), [Thomas J. Jackson](#), stood their ground and Jackson received his famous nickname, "Stonewall Jackson". The Confederates then launched a strong counterattack, and as the Union troops began withdrawing under fire, many panicked and it turned into a [rout](#) as McDowell's men frantically ran without order in the direction of [Washington, D.C.](#) Both armies were sobered by the fierce fighting and many casualties, and realized the war was going to be much longer and bloodier than either had anticipated. ( source: Wikipedia)

## PRAYER LIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Compatriot Ed Furman</b></li> <li>• <b>Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield</b></li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Dollye Jeffus</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chaplain Rod Skelton</b></li> <li>• <b>The Sons of Confederate Veterans</b></li> <li>• <b>The United Daughters of the Confederacy</b></li> </ul> |
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“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-



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

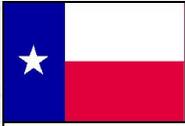
**April 12, 2013**—Reception for the opening of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza—Palestine from 06:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Museum for East Texas Culture, 400 South Micheaux Avenue, Palestine, Texas. (West side of Reagan Park.)

**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.  
Provided by [www.reaganscvcamp.org](http://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



# CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA PRACTICE FOR THE DEDICATION CEREMONY



Texas Division Color Sgt Jack Dyess speaks to the group at drill practice on March 2, 2013.



Cmdr. Dennis Brand, Douglas Camp and Cmdr. Jimmy Abney, Howdy Martin Camp



Reagan Camp officers 1st Lt. Cmdr. Rudy Ray and Historian Gary Williams.



Above: Ronnie Hatfield of the Reagan Camp and Paul Hamilton of the Lane Camp are old reenactment buddies. Both were 1st Sgts.



At Left: TX Div. Color Sgt. Jack Dyess and Mrs. Reta Brand, Pres., Emma Sansom Chapter OCR



## PICTURES OF THE WORK IN PROGRESS AT THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA



Above: Commander Dan Dyer (left) and Quartermaster Frank Moore (right) trowel what will be the seats to the park benches when completed.



Above left to right: Quartermaster Frank Moore, Sgt at Arms John Barnhart, Commander Dan Dyer and Compatriot Gary Gibson work on the sidewalk.



Above: Compatriot Vernon Holliman works on the azalea bed in preparation of the park opening.



Above: Sgt-at-Arms John Barnhart works on a base to one of the park benches in the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.



Left: Quartermaster Frank Moore sweeps the newest sidewalk so it will have a finish that is not slippery when the concrete is wet from rain.



# THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156

## EXHIBIT FOR DOGWOOD TRAILS

### AT THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS PLAZA



4th Brigade commander Gary Bray displayed some of his War memorabilia during the Dogwood Trails opening.



L to R: Marc Robinson, Frank Moore, Gary Williams, Vernon Holliman, Dale Roberts, & Rudy Ray with flags



There was a big turn-out of visitors who came to the Veterans Plaza to see the War memorabilia.



Reagan camp Historian Gary Williams and Quartermaster Frank Moore.



Vernon Holliman cooking some good grub!



Marc Robinson & Rod Skelton with visitors.



# THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 EXHIBIT FOR DOGWOOD TRAILS AT THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS PLAZA



There was a big turn-out of visitors at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza during the Dogwood Trails opening.



Reagan Camp members and Reagan-Davis UDC members pose for a picture while in traditional clothing.



More members of the Reagan Camp pose for a picture with 4th Brgde Cmdr. Gary Bray and some of his relics.



More of the memorabilia that Gary Bray brought to display to the public.

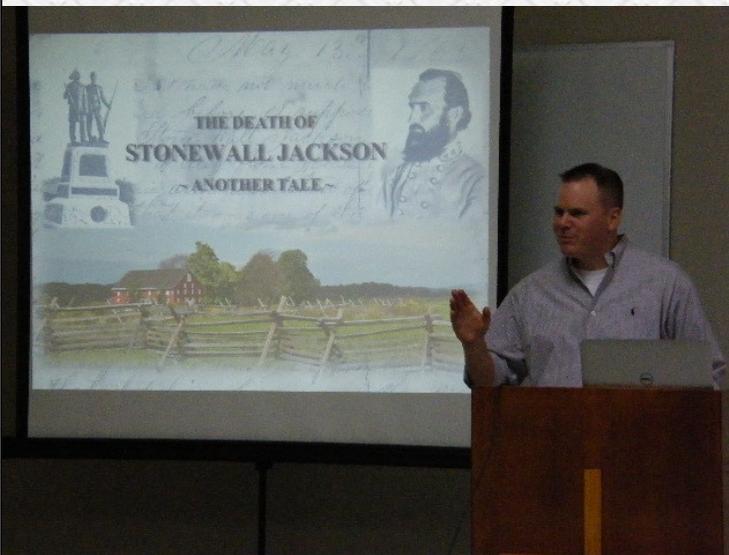
Compatriot Gary Gibson (L) and Quartermaster Frank Moore (R) talk to a visitor at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.



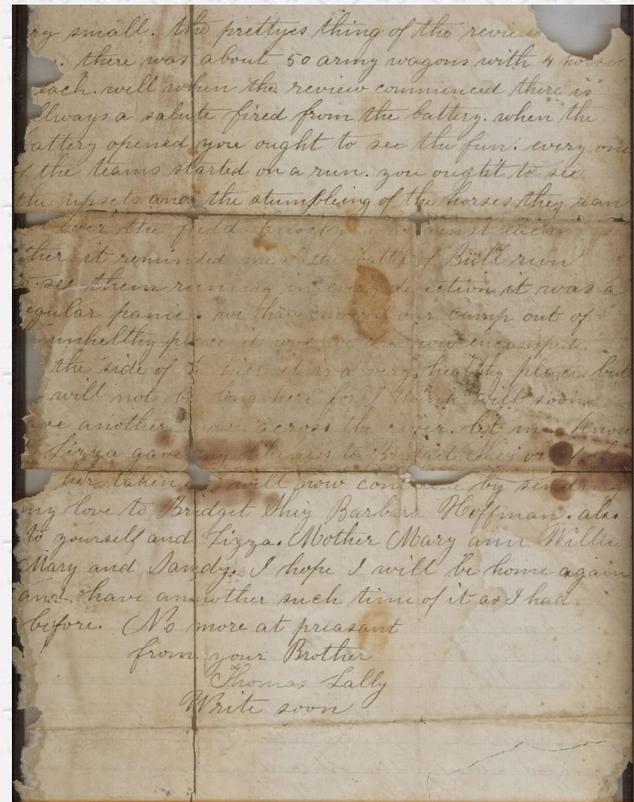
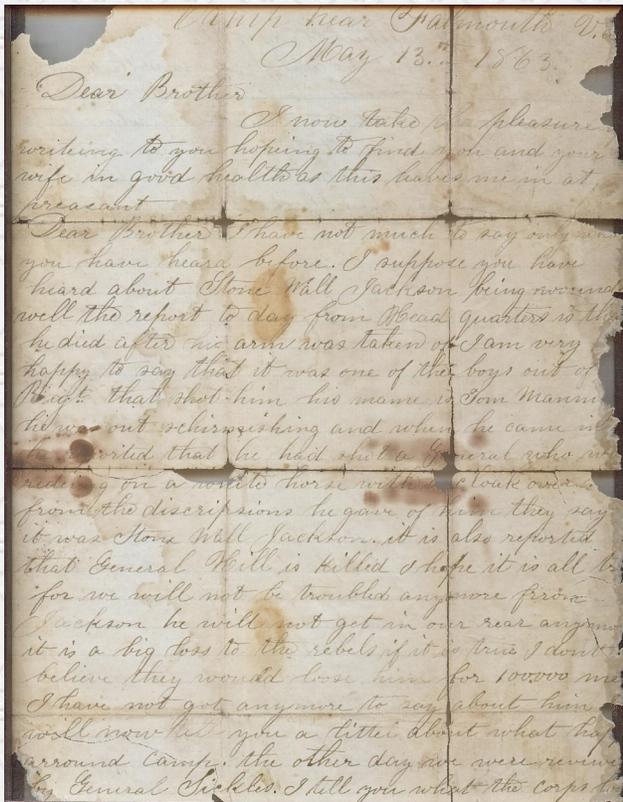


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### MARCH MEETING'S HISTORICAL PROGRAM: STONEWALL JACKSON



Compatriot Andrew Harris presented the Reagan Camp with a very interesting historical program on the Death of Stonewall Jackson. Mr. Harris had various slides which allowed the camp to see how the preceding battle had progressed, and where Stonewall Jackson had gone ahead of his troops to do some scouting. Compatriot Harris also had some original relics from the war that he passed around the room for all the members to see. One of these was an original letter from Thomas Lally of the 73rd New York Infantry which told about the death of General Jackson. It was an excellent program. Compatriot Harris is a tremendous asset to the Reagan Camp.



This is a copy of the front (left) and back (right) of the Lally letter that Compatriot Andrew Harris owns. He included a detailed account of this letter and its contents in his presentation.



## THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 MARCH CAMP MEETING



Commander Dan Dyer calls the March Reagan Camp meeting to order.



1st Lt. Rudy Ray reads the charge to the Reagan Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Reading of the treasurer's report by Doug Smith, Adjutant/Treasurer



**A SUCCESSFUL DIRECTION**  
**BY BROTHER LEN PATTERSON, TH.D**  
**CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI**



Have you noticed that we have more and more conveniences, but have less time? We are acquiring more and more education, but have less reason. We are building more and more churches, but have less true Christianity. We have more activities, but accomplish less. We have more comfort, but less joy. We have more of the things people want, and seem to think they need, but less happiness. Have you noticed that as a people, we are moving in the wrong direction?

Have you noticed that our government is gaining more and more control over the people, and being less controlled by the people? Have you noticed that people are becoming more and more upset and angry over being told what to believe, instead of being asked what the majority of us believe? We have more taxes, but less money. We have more laws, but less safety. We are being promised more, but getting less. We are told by anyone running for office that they will make things better, but things keep getting worse. Have you noticed that as a country, we are moving in the wrong direction?

Have you noticed the apathy and self indulgence that exists in this country? Have you noticed that many people are so preoccupied with their on interests they can't see the direction they or this country is going, or the danger that lies ahead? In First Corinthians 6:13, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Meats for the belly, and belly for the meats: but God shall destroy both it and them." As a people and as a country we are traveling on the road to ruin, and picking up speed every day. Have you noticed we are moving further and further from God and closer to destruction, Again, the Apostle Paul warns, "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." (Phil. 3:19)

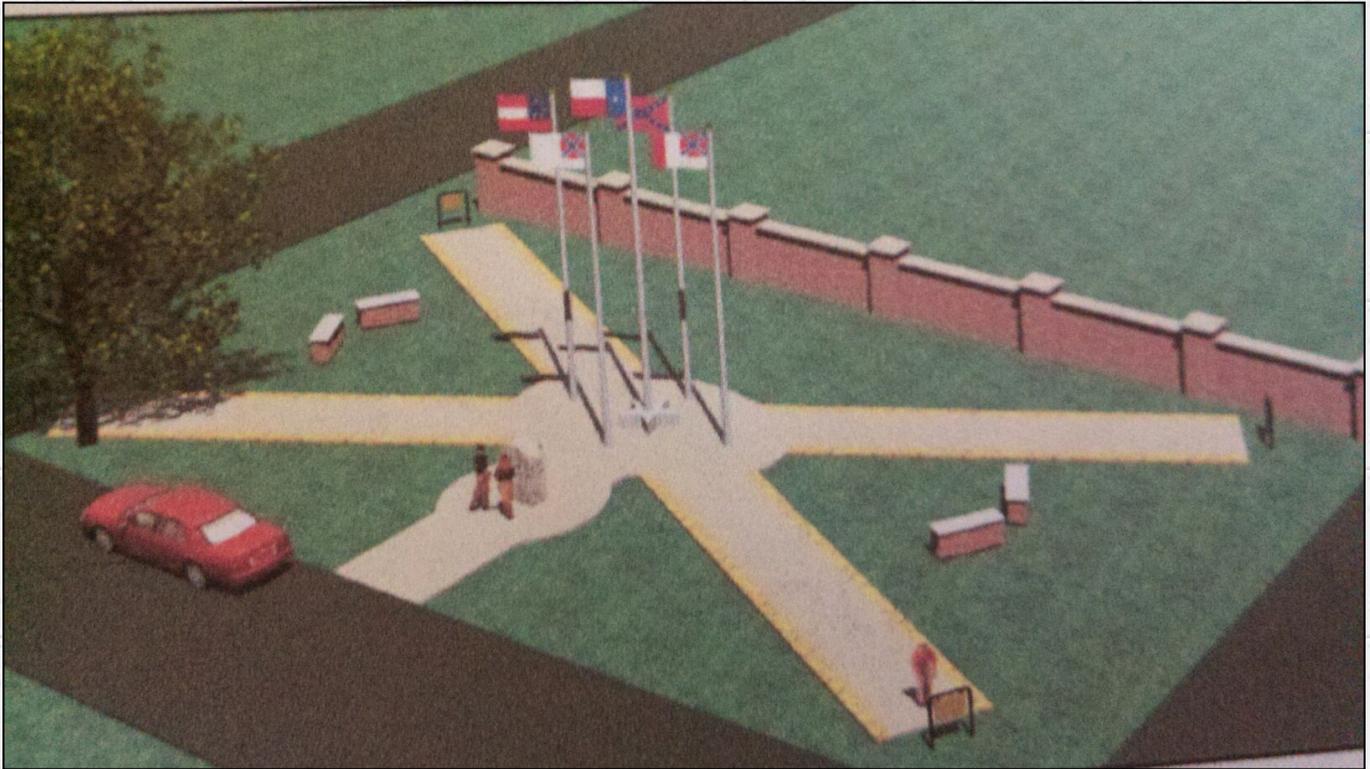
And what have we noticed about the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our just and worthy Cause? Have you noticed we are a unified group of patriotic Americans faithfully carrying out the Charge with which we have been commissioned? And, have you noticed we have been successful on many fronts in fulfilling our mission? I believe this is not only what we have noticed about our Confederation, but hopefully what those who oppose us have noticed.

But, to continue to be successful means devoting ourselves, in unity and one accord, to our responsibilities as the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Continuing to be successful means committing ourselves, as a confederation, to our Lord, Jesus Christ, seeking his will, guidance, and strength to enable us to defend the cause for which our brave Confederate forefathers fought, and preserve our proud Southern heritage. Continuing to be successful means being faithful in our service to God, as well as our duty to our brave and noble ancestors. That's a successful direction.

Bro. Len Patterson, Th.D.  
Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza is nearing completion. 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 be remembered for years to come. If you would like to purchase a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: [danielyder@embarqmail.com](mailto:danielyder@embarqmail.com) or Phone: (903) 391-2224

The parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the NE corner of the Anderson County Courthouse with the dedication ceremony beginning at 11:00 at the Memorial Plaza located at 600 West Oak Street.

We are in hopes that many of y'all will come to Palestine to participate in the parade and dedication ceremony to officially open this privately owned Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.

You are not only cordially invited, we would more than appreciate and need the help and support from all of you. Men in uniform or other period clothing, ladies in period dresses (preferably not black dresses at this particular dedication), cavalry on horses, cannons pulled on trailers, horse drawn buggies if possible and others simply to attend and watch the events are all needed. Please help us pass the word around to anyone who you think would be interested in participating and/or attending. The information flyer can be found on our camp's events web page or: [http://www.reaganscvcamp.org/Flyers/CVMP-Palestine\\_Flyer\\_9=2012.pdf](http://www.reaganscvcamp.org/Flyers/CVMP-Palestine_Flyer_9=2012.pdf)



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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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