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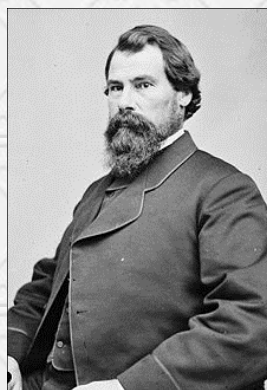
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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,  
The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza, as you know is now open to the public. We had perfect weather and a good turn out for the Parade and Ceremony. I would like to thank past commander of the Reagan camp, Marc Robinson for the hard work and dedication for putting together the Parade and Ceremony. Everything went as planned. We had heard rumors that 1000 to 5000 naacp protesters were going to march. As it turns out approx. 30-35 showed up. We would like to thank local, state and National law enforcement for making this a peaceful and respective ceremony. I would also like to thank the John H. Reagan Camp members

for their help and support whether it was labor, participation in the ceremony and parade or just for buying a paver. Our thanks also to the Texas Division and the many camps across Texas for their help. I am proud to be associated with a great group of men like the Reagan Camp.

Please don't forget May 4th, Mt Zion Cemetery dedication close to Fairfield. We will be honoring 10 Confederate Veterans buried there. It should be a large turnout. I want to show these descendants of Confederate veterans what the Reagan camp is all about, which is honoring out ancestors. We need all hands on deck, if you do not have a uniform we still need people to



**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

help set-up, take pictures, and help pack up following the ceremony and to be there for support  
To the John H. Reagan Camp # 2156. JOB WELL DONE MEN!!!

Dan

## 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 Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine, Texas was opened on April 13, 2013. It was constructed by the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor those brave men who were willing to give their all for the Confederacy. We welcome visitors to come to the plaza and see it for yourselves. If you would like a paver for your ancestor, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: [danieldyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:danieldyer@embarqmail.com) or Phone: (903) 391-2224.

## PRAYER LIST

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

April 27: Massing of Flags and Rededication of the UDC Confederate Monument. Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX. 2:00

May 2-4: Battle of Port Jefferson, Jefferson, TX. [www.jefferson-texas.com](http://www.jefferson-texas.com) for information.

May 16-18: Battle of Temple Junction, Temple, TX

June 7-8: SCV Texas Division Annual Reunion. Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro, TX



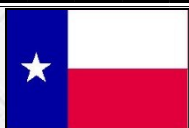
This flag flies in honor and memory of over 1,000 Confederate veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of whom never returned, and the over 500 Confederate veterans from all across the South who are buried in this county. They fought for liberty and independence from a tyrannical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





## CONFEDERATE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA PARADE - PHOTOS



The Frontier Brigade Band provided period appropriate music for the dedication



The parade started with a huge escort from the SCV Mechanized Cavalry



Compatriots marched from the Anderson County Courthouse to the Plaza bearing the flags of the confederacy



Kelly barrow, Lt. Commander-in-Chief National SCV walked with compatriots



Ladies of the Emma Sansom Chapter 31 Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose



Reagan Camp members Gary Gibson, Tom James, Frank Moore & his granddaughter





## CONFEDERATE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA DEDICATION - PHOTOS



Left: Texas Cavalry Division SCV flanks south side of Plaza.

Right: SCV Compatriots line the back wall with flags of the Confederacy



Left: More flags of the Confederacy

Right: Reagan Camp Color Guard members.



Left: L to R Charles Lauret, ATM-SCV Councilman; Todd Owens, Commander Army of Trans-Mississippi SCV; Kelly Barrow, Lt Commander-in-Chief National SCV







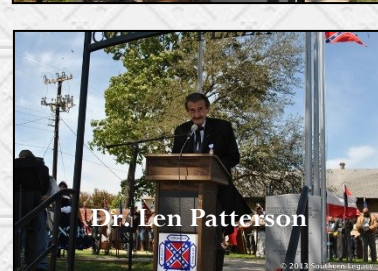
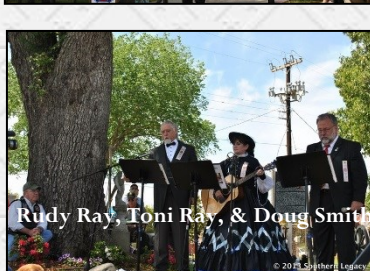
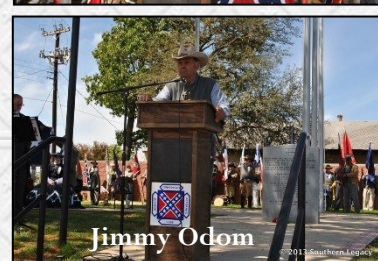
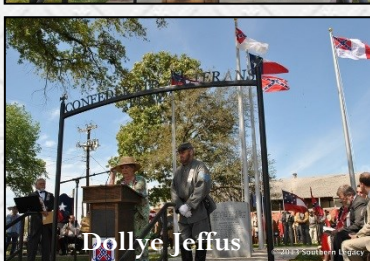
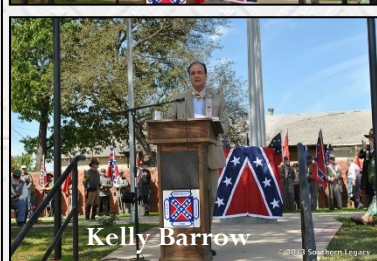
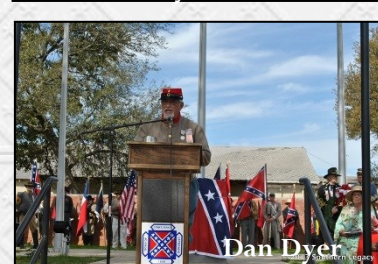
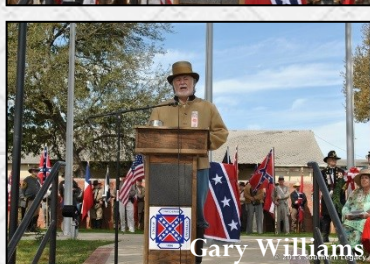
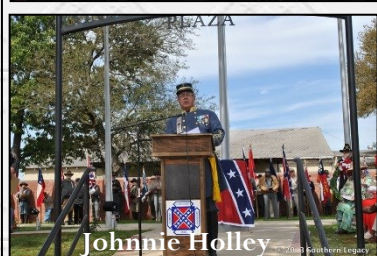
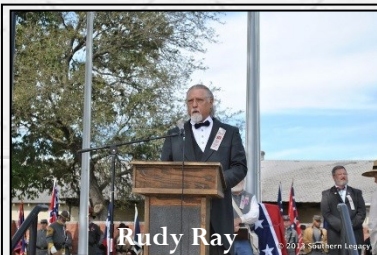
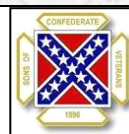
## THE RAISING OF THE FLAGS AT THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA DEDICATION







## CONFEDERATE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA ORDER OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONY







## THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156

### COMMANDER DAN DYER'S PLAZA DEDICATION SPEECH



My name is Dan Dyer. I am the Commander of the John H. Reagan Camp #2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Palestine, Texas. I would like to welcome you to Palestine and thank you for your attendance today.

The idea for the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza that we are dedicating today was born back in 2011. At the time we had been given permission to fly the First National flag at the Anderson County Courthouse for the month of April to celebrate Confederate Heritage and History Month. However, after 4 days we were forced to take it down, and those who opposed the flag told us if we wanted to display it, we should limit it to a parade or on private property. With that in mind, we set out to find a place where we could fly our flag and honor our ancestors without interference or interruption. About 2 weeks later, this land was donated and deeded to us by Joe and Ann Coleman. We can never thank them enough for their generosity.

Our camp commander at that time was Marc Robinson, and Marc got things rolling by the soliciting of donations we would need to pay the construction costs. Past camp Commander Ronnie Hatfield came up with the plaza design. After several meetings of planning, the work began. It took a lot of hard labor and money to build, including a grant from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. national organization, which funded most of the block wall, and another grant from the Order of the Southern Cross which helped with the lighting. Many other personal donations from our friends locally, across Texas and the south made the completion of the plaza possible. My hat is off to Reagan Camp members Frank Moore and Gary Gibson for the unbelievable amount of hours of hard labor it took to make this plaza a reality, and to all of our camp members that worked as a team in the true Southern Spirit.

We built this, not for us, but rather to memorialize our ancestors, to show that they are not forgotten, and will not be forgotten for generations. We are proud of our Southern Heritage and intend to protect the good name of our ancestors. After all, we have their name, we have their blood running thru our veins, and they deserve to be honored. Many of their names are permanently etched in this plaza, in the form of the many brick pavers you see here. There are quite a few spaces left for your Confederate ancestors as well. If you would like to purchase a paver for them, you will have the opportunity to do so here today.

I would like to add that the Confederate 1st National flag that will be raised today is the same flag that flew over the Anderson County Courthouse in April 2011 for 4 days. We have kept it locked in a safe place since 2011, and it was brought out today to once again fly over Palestine, Texas. To the people that told us back in 2011 that it did not belong on County or City property, but that it belonged on private property or in a museum, we send our thanks for giving us a great idea. Apparently they thought when we took down our flag at the courthouse, that would be the last they'd hear of us. But they didn't count on the tenacity of the John H. Reagan Camp or our compatriots from across the South. "Going away quietly" was never an option. It is not in the Southern DNA to "go away quietly".

To all our compatriots and Southern friends and family, it is a GREAT day in DIXIE!

Thank you, and God Bless you.





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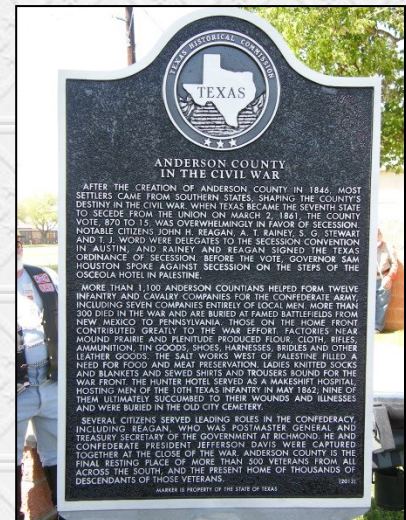
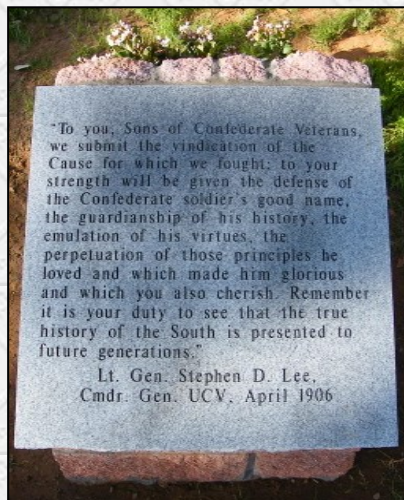
### CAMP MEMBERS PHOTOS







## THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 MEMORIAL PLAZA PHOTOS



"The North was mad and blind; it would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came, and now it must go on till the last man of this generation falls in his tracks, and his children seize the musket and fight our battle, unless you acknowledge our right to self government. We are not fighting for slavery. We are fighting for Independence, and that, or extermination."

President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A

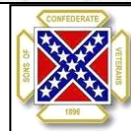
"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

Major General Patrick R. Cleburne,  
C.S.A., January 1864





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



One of the things that strike people visiting the South from other parts of the country (particularly Yankees) is the number of churches we have in our beloved homeland. It would seem you can't drive more than a few blocks in the city or a mile on a country road without seeing a church. Because of this, we are called a people of "The Book" and the South is referred to as the Bible Belt.

And why is that? Why are there so many more Christian Churches, and I dare say, more Christianity, in the South than in other parts of the country? The Scripture tells us, in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This verse, and many others, assure us that God's love and saving grace is available to all He calls and call upon Him. And yes, there are churches, and I'm sure true Christians in other parts of the country. But, why is it so much more prevalent in the South. Why are we called the Bible Belt?

To understand this we must go back to 1861, following the Confederate victory at Manassas. At this time it must be said that spirituality in our Southern Armies was all but non-existent. It was reported at the time there were few chaplains in the Southern armies and many of them were "worthless." Drinking, gambling, and profanity were rampant. One faithful chaplain wrote, "But, O! brethren, the great trial of being in the army is not its hard bread, its weary marches, its cheerless bivouacs, or even its absence from the loved ones at home. It is the having to see and hear, all the time, such abounding wickedness." Another chaplain stated that of 300 men he only found seven who even professed being a Christian. There is much more to be said, but allow this to suffice, "But the general moral picture of the army during the autumn of 1861, and the winter of 1861-62, was dark indeed." (Both quotes from Christ in the Camp)

But then something began to happen. It began in the mind of God and settled in the hearts of our Southern soldiers. Chaplains, ministers, colporters, came to the army. They brought Bibles, Testaments, tracts, and other Christian reading material. They preached the Gospel of Christ and visited the troops in the fields and hospitals. Souls were saved by the thousands and professing Christians who had become careless in their conviction became devout servants of Christ. Our find Southern ladies opened the door to their homes for the sick and wounded and served in hospitals. A revival began in our Confederate Armies that grew and spread for four years.

Then after the war, hundreds of thousands of men returned to their homes as an army of saints. They filled churches, they built churches, they became ministers, pastors, elders, deacons, and servants of Christ, they were elected to public offices and became leading citizens in their communities. They brought Christ home from the war and the great awakening of spiritual truth continued in our Southern cities, towns, and farms. The great revival that began on the battlefields of war grew during the twelve years of dreadful Union occupation to such an extant that today, a hundred and fifty years later, the South is still known as the Bible Belt.

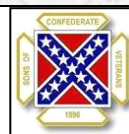
The South lost the war to overwhelming odds (sad to say), and in so doing lost our country and it's bid for independence. But, there was another war raging. A war against the dark powers of hell. A war led not by generals, but by Confederate Chaplains. And this was a war the South won.

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





## REAGAN CAMP COMPATRIOT MARC ROBINSON RECEIVES HONOR AT CEREMONY



Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Texas Division  
Texas Division Mounted Color Guard

Texas Order of Saint George



Greetings to:  
Marc Robinson

In recognition of your invaluable service, your dedication to the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities undertaken while serving the Texas Division Commander and the Commander-in-Chief, this certificate is given for your contribution to the Confederate History and Heritage.

Given under my hand and Seal this 13 day of April 2013.

*Bill Fowler*  
Texas Division Mounted Color Guard  
Colonel Bill Fowler



Legend of Saint George

Patron Saint of Cavalry

Profile: Soldier, Martyr.

According to most scholars, Saint George was a Christian cavalry officer of Imperial Rome who was martyred for his faith during the persecution ordered by the Emperor Diocletian.

There are a variety of stories about Saint George. Mostly, they have in common the theme of a knight riding up on his horse, and with a lance, slaying a dragon in order that a maiden would be saved.

In today's society there are many Dragons. Secular beasts that work to turn people against God, Country, and each other. To name a few are "Political Correctness" and "Popular Culture". These Virtual Dragons prey upon societies by devaluing human life, throwing out traditional values, and leading society into chaos.

Imagine your world, and all that is good in it. As a helpless maiden, a person innocent, and defenseless against the dragons of "Political Correctness and Popular Culture". Where would your world lie, if it weren't for our Principled Hero, "George"? A saintly man, who valiantly puts all that is best in our world together and shares it faithfully with all of humanity?

When, we serve a Lord, who is life; who will stand and call evil by its name and declare it so? Who will risk personal status, fortune, and favor for what is right?

The Texas Order of Saint George, we are offering today was started by men, who believe in Principles above self.

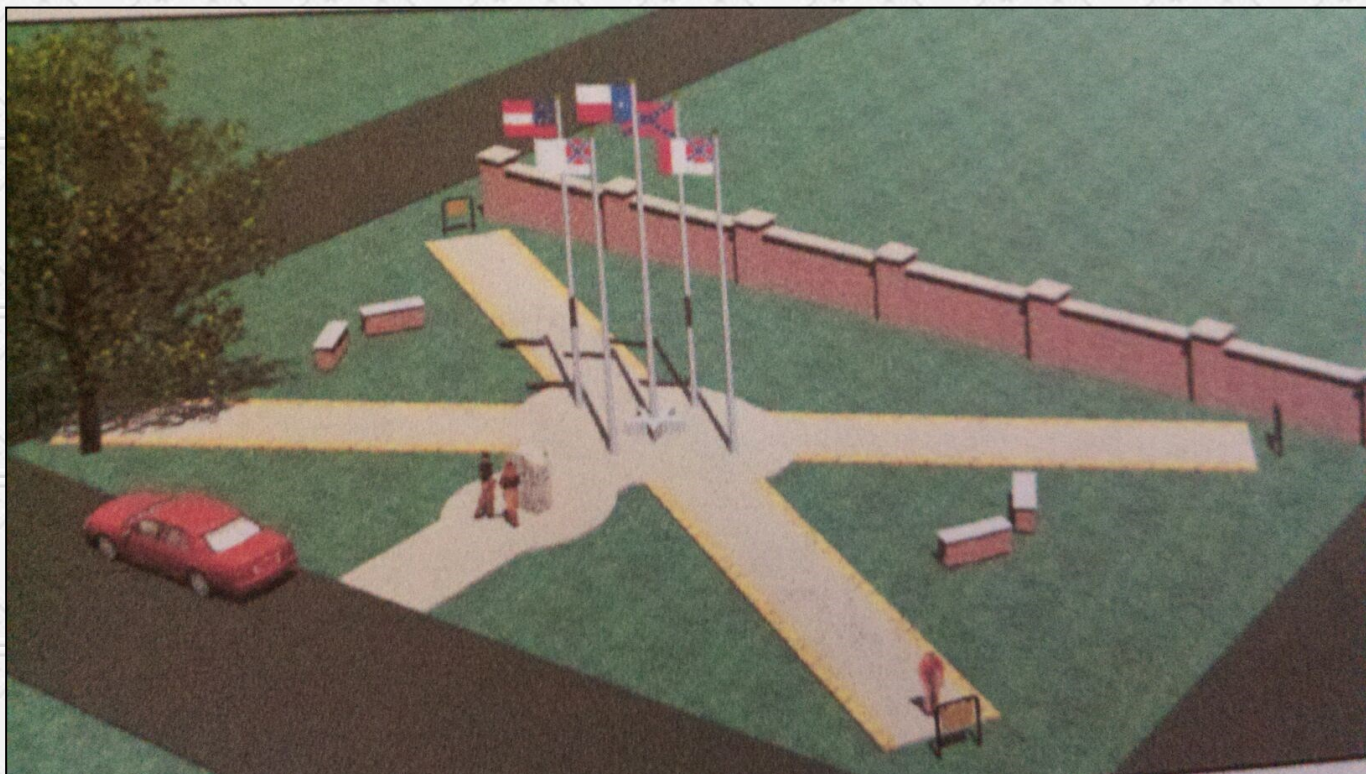
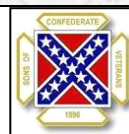
The person before us today; is just such a person, and due recognition by all: Family, Friends, Acquaintances.

The celebrated *Knights of the Garter* are actually *Knights of the Order of Saint George*.

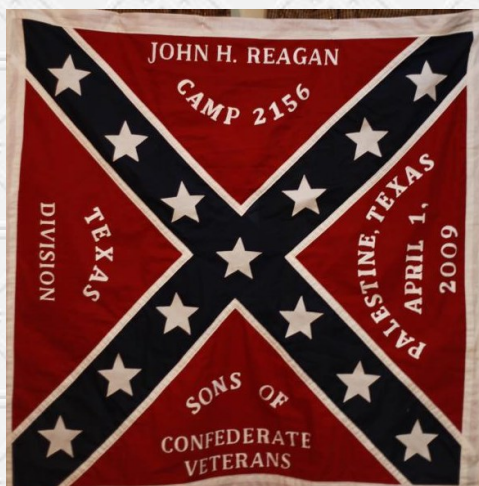




## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



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: [danieldyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:danieldyer@embarqmail.com) or Phone: (903) 391-2224







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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.



Camp meetings: 2nd Saturday of  
Each Month - 06:00 PM  
Snacks served at each meeting.

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Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287)  
travel three blocks, turn right on  
Crawford St., go one block Church is  
on left)