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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

I hope everyone is doing well. We did find out that member Tom James was in a North Carolina hospital but is now in the hospital in Mansfield, Texas. Please keep Tom in your prayers and thoughts. I will keep you posted about Tom when I find out more about his condition.

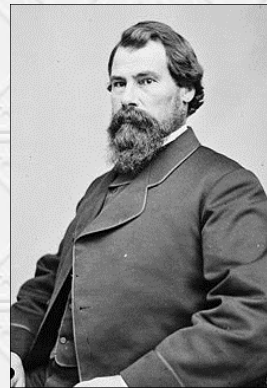
Since the last newsletter Bro. Len Patterson crossed over the river. Several Reagan camp members along with myself helped with a Confederate funeral. Bro. Len had requested a full Confederate funeral and that is what he got. It as my first one to attend, very emotional and one I will not soon forget. Other SCV members were in attendance including former CIC Chuck McMichael, ATM Commander Tim Owens, Texas Division Commander Granvel Block, Brigade Commander Johnny Holley, members of the Martin camp in Athens and many more. I would like to thank the Reagan Camp members Frank Moore, Gary Gibson, Rod Skelton, Marc Robinson and Doug Smith for their help with the service. Our Chaplain, Rod Skelton, did an outstanding job in the Pulpit. Bro. Len will be

missed.

The Texas Division Reunion was held on June 7th and 8th at Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma. Members in attendance were Marc Robinson, Doug Smith, Dwight Franklin and Dan Dyer. As delicates we voted the way our camp members voted.

The election of new leaders are as follows;
Texas Division Commander--Johnny Holley
1st Lt. Commander-----
--David Moore
2nd Lt. Commander-----
---Gary Bray
3rd Lt. Commander-----
---David McMahon

Membership growth needs to be on the top of our list for the remainder of the year. As I turned in our Delegate list to the Division Adjutant, I was informed that the Reagan Camp had fallen below 35 members so we only get 3 delegates. Needless to say I was stunned. For the past several years we have had 4 delegates, now only three. The new Howdy Martin



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 in Athens has well over 35 members and 4 delegates. We as a camp need to get busy and recruit some new members. I will announce awards at the July 13th meeting, make plans to be there and I hope we have a large turnout. I'll see you there.

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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The John H. Reagan SCV Camp remembers those who were willing to fight for the confederacy. Camp members have participated in numerous grave dedications for Confederate Veterans. If you would like more information on how join, contact a camp member listed on page 12.

“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
- Commander Dan Dyer
 - Compatriot Ed Furman
 - Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
 - Compatriot Tom James

- ### Prayer List
- Chaplain Rod Skelton
 - Dollye Jeffus
 - Jean Stokes
 - The Sons of Confederate Veterans



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

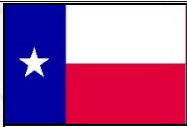
- June 7-9: SCV Texas Division Annual Reunion. Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro, TX
- June 22: 1pm -3:30pm Confederate monument Dedication in Gilmer, Tx
- July 27th: Marker Dedication for Tommy Gunnels' ancestor
- June 29th: Remembering Gettysburg Lectures at the Pearce Museum. Call (903) 875-7642 for information
- July 28– Aug 1: Sam Davis Youth Camp
- Nov 11: Veterans Day Memorial at East Texas Arboretum in Athens with Reagan Camp Color Guard @ 11am



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.

“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-



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 HISTORICAL PROGRAM

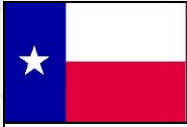


PRESENTED BY GARY WILLIAMS (REAGAN CAMP HISTORIAN)



Reagan Camp Historian, Gary Williams, presented the Reagan Camp members with an excellent and detailed account of the First Texas Infantry. The First Texas Infantry was organized in Virginia in August 1861 after ten companies, which were lettered A thru K, had arrived from Texas & were consolidated into one regiment. Col. Louis T. Wigfall was the original commander. This is the same Louis Wigfall that was promoted to Brigadier General and was also a Confederate Congressman. The First Texas later added companies L and M which brought the regiment to a total of twelve companies. The soldiers had come from fourteen different Texas counties which were: Anderson, Cass, Cherokee, Galveston, Harrison, Houston, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Trinity, and Tyler counties. The First Texas Infantry was one of three regiments from Texas that made up Hood's Brigade which was commanded by General John Bell Hood. The First Texas was first assigned to duty in the Potomac District. It became part of the Army of Northern Virginia and was attached to the Corps commanded by Gen. James Longstreet. The regiment saw extensive combat throughout the war and served primarily in Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia. Under Longstreet's command the regiment served in Georgia and in September 1863, then went to Tennessee, and came back to Virginia in the spring of 1864 where it remained to the war's end. Regimental Field Officers in the First Texas who were from Anderson County were Major Matt Dale, Major Alexis T. Rainey and Major John R. Woodward.

Compatriot Williams presented details about the life of Major John R. Woodward. John Woodward had seven brothers and sisters. He was born in South Carolina in 1831 and had relocated to Talladega, Alabama by 1850. At some point in the mid-1850's, Woodward moved from Alabama to Palestine in Anderson County, Texas where he began practicing medicine. There he and a woman named Mary Skilton had a child, John, in 1857. The couple wed shortly afterward on May 10, 1859. They owned no slaves and were not wealthy when compared to many of their neighbors. The total value of their property was less than \$1000 in 1861. The 28 year old Woodward joined the First Texas Infantry on June 23, 1862, as captain of its G Company. Joined to Hood's Texas Brigade, the First Texas participated in some of the most intense fighting of the war. The first, as a part of the Army of Northern Virginia, fought at Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and numerous other battles in the year from Woodward's enlistment until the battle of Gettysburg. Woodward, however, may have missed some of this fighting. In September of 1862, he was temporarily relieved of command due to being "on arrest" & was later placed on sick leave in Richmond for a short time at the beginning of 1863. He returned to Company G before the battle of Gettysburg where the soldiers under his command performed admirably, particularly in the assault of Devil's Den. In this confrontation, the First Texas rushed a fortified Union position and inflicted serious casualties but suffered a number of losses themselves. Company G was particularly effective in clearing opposition for the Third Arkansas, allowing the regiment to proceed deep into Union lines. As described in *Rags and Hope*, the published memoirs of Val C. Giles, Woodward died shortly after Gettysburg. On July 22, 1863, the captain, while fanning himself with his hat on a break from leading his men over a Blue Ridge mountain pass, suddenly collapsed to the ground. Although they heard no shot, they determined that he had been shot in the hip from Yankees who were far away. He died on August 26, 1863 from that wound. Another account holds that he died of wounds sustained at Gettysburg. The version has Woodward being struck in the head with a shell fragment during the advance on Devil's Den. Incapacitated, but not dead, he was unable to flee when Union soldiers advanced. He was taken to a Union Hospital where he died of his wounds on Aug 26. In this account, his remains were buried on the Gettysburg battlefield and remained there until being reinterred in the 1870s with other Confederate dead at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. Although this scenario is plausible, evidence from his service record indicates that Giles's account of Woodward's death is more likely.



2013 STATE SCV REUNION PHOTOS



The First Day's agenda had a Confederate Grave Dedication to honor a Confederate Soldier (photos courtesy of David Moore)



The meeting started with the Color Guard bringing in the flags. The Reagan Camp Flag was there. It is on the far left flagpole.

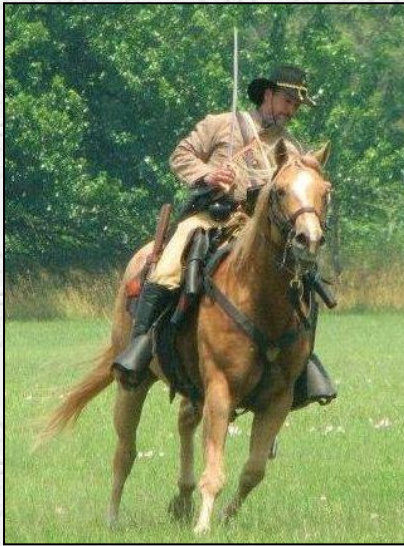


Reagan delegates Dan Dyer, Dwight Franklin & Doug Smith

Newly elected state officers pose for a picture.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO REAGAN CAMP'S
MARC ROBINSON ON BEING ELECTED
8TH BRIGADE COMMANDER TEXAS DIVISION SCV**



Marc was elected with an unanimous vote as the Commander of the 8th Brigade of the Texas Division. Congratulations Commander!





CHANNA ROBINSON TO REPRESENT TEXAS AT THE 2013 NATIONAL SCV REUNION IN VICKSBURG



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Miss Channa Marie Robinson is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs Charles Marc Robinson from Palestine, Tx. Channa will be honoring her Confederate ancestor, Private D.P. Bennett, 12th Texas Calvary, Co. B, "Freestone Boys", at the 2013 National SCV Reunion in Vicksburg this year.

Channa is a rising Senior who is homeschooled. She has been an active 4-H member for nine years where she has earned several awards including the I Dare You, Bronze and Silver Star Awards. She enjoys raising livestock as well as riding & training horses.

For three consecutive years, Channa has attended the Sam Davis Youth Camp where she learns about the true history of her Confederate ancestors and deepens her pride in her southern heritage. She believes this youth camp is so beneficial in educating the youth that she has given presentations at the local SCV and UDC meetings in hope of attracting new members and raising funds for campers. Through 4-H, she has actually assisted in recruiting three new campers, one of which decided to join the local SCV camp. Channa herself has now submitted her application for membership to the local UDC chapter. Many times she has attended camp meetings and participated in Confederate marker dedications. Additionally, she has been actively involved in living history, representing the 1860-1865 time period for the last 6 years.

Channa's future will most definitely include sharing her love of her Christian faith & southern heritage. She plans to seek a collegiate degree in agriculture & continue her hobby of training horses. She is currently an apprentice trainer for Blue Hill Farm in East Texas.

Miss Robinson is deserving of support by the Texas SCV as she proudly represents our state in Vicksburg. If anyone is interested in assisting her financially, please contact her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marc Robinson of Palestine, Texas.



ANCESTOR OF THE MONTH WILLIAM COLEMAN FRANKLIN

(ANCESTOR OF COMPATRIOTS DAVID FRANKLIN & DWIGHT FRANKLIN)



On February 26, 1862, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, William Coleman Franklin enlisted in the 8th Arkansas Infantry. On June 11, 1862, Major General Earl Van Dorn issued General order Number 39 which said in part: "These Battalions will be made up of chosen men, all of whom must be able-bodied, active and good rifle shot and of tried courage... An opportunity is therefore now afforded to young men of spirit to enroll themselves in a corps which is unquestionably to become the most distinguished in our Army. It is hoped and expected that no man will offer or be accepted into this select Corps who



Above: William Coleman Franklin's picture at the beginning of his

Confederate	
No.	12 8d. Allen
Name	William C. Franklin
Rank	Co. D. 12. Ark. Inf.
Appears on a roll of	
Prisoners of War	
received at Military Prison, Alton, Illinois.	
When received	May 11, 1862
Where captured	Port Gibson, Miss.
When captured	May 1, 1862
When exchanged	June 21, 1863
By whom exchanged	
Remarks, charges, &c.	
Alton, Ill., Register No. 17 page	
J. A. [Signature]	

Above: Prisoner Exchange Record

is not resolved to lead in every daring enterprise which may be undertaken." The commander of the 8th Arkansas, Lt Col. Batt Jones, refused to give up the best of the men to this new Battalion and was quickly court-martialed and discharged from the Army. The 8th was divided among the four companies, W.C. Franklin winding up in Company D with men from the 19th Arkansas. According to Bryan Howerton, retired U.S. Air Force officer and Civil War researcher, the 12th Arkansas Sharpshooters were the Army of the West's "Fire Brigade": Rapley's Sharpshooters underwent rigorous training, quite unusual for a typical Confederate unit, and became an efficient, professional, and deadly force. They needed to be, for they soon began a furious year of combat, unequalled in the Army of the West. The Sharpshooters were the army's "fire brigade", specializing in rear-guard actions, holding off superior Union forces while the Confederate army tried to maneuver through Mississippi. They were tenacious fighters and suffered correspondingly heavy casualties at Corinth, and Hatchie Bridge."

Private Franklin participated in a number of military actions in Mississippi, including the battles of Iuka, Hatchie Bridge and Corinth in the fall of 1862. He was wounded at Corinth on October 4, 1862 and hospitalized in Corinth, Mississippi on October 9, 1862. In the Spring of 1863, he fought at the Battles of Steele's Bayou, Rolling Fork, Grand Gulf, and Port Gibson. While engaged in battle at Port Gibson, he was captured on May 1st. (see picture above right) After being sent to a military prison in Alton, Illinois, he was exchanged with a group of 1,076 Confederate Prisoners at City Point, Virginia on June 21, 1863 and hospitalized. He returned to duty July 12, 1863.

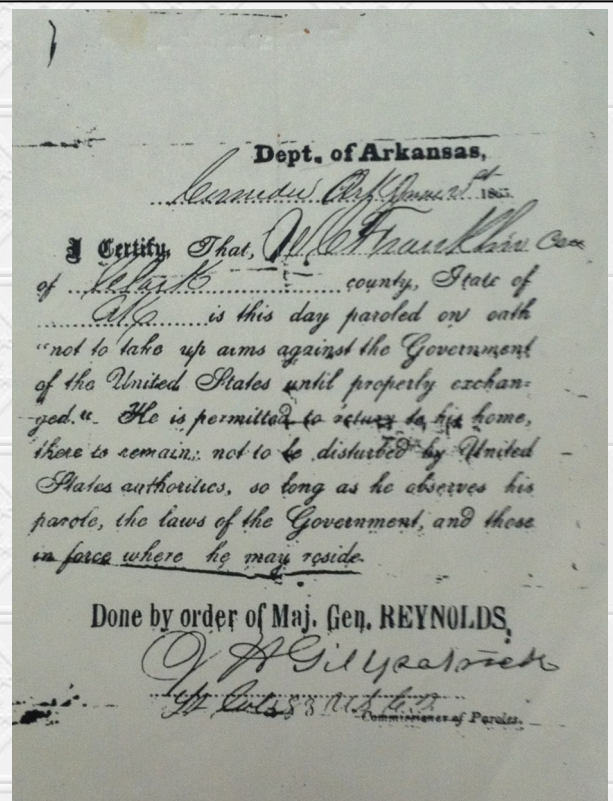


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WILLIAM COLEMAN FRANKLIN
 (ANCESTOR OF COMPATRIOTS DAVID FRANKLIN & DWIGHT FRANKLIN)

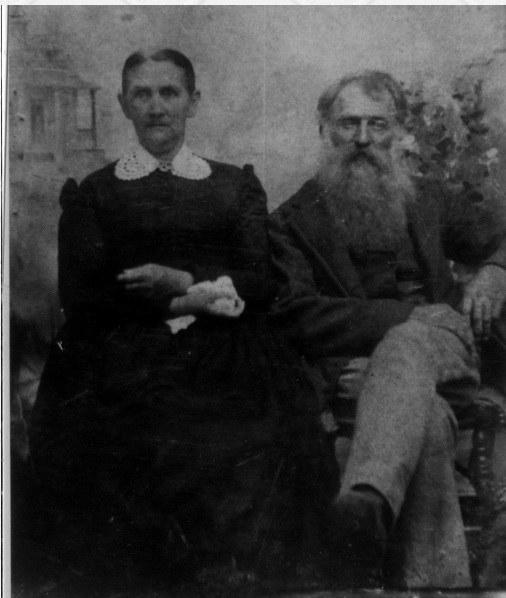
William Coleman Franklin was paroled at Camden on June 21, 1865.

After the war, he returned to farming and helped raise seven children. He became a committed member of Shady Grove Baptist Church and gave the church the land that it was built upon. In addition to land for the church, he also donated land for a cemetery behind it. In the obituary the church published upon his death, the church said that he was a tireless worker and "O how we will miss him." He died June 16, 1915 and is buried at Prescott, Arkansas in the cemetery behind Shady Grove Baptist Church.

As a side note: William C. Franklin's brother, James, was a colonel who rode under Bedford Forrest. He also had an uncle, David Franklin, who was a Missionary Baptist preacher in Tennessee.



Above: W.C. Franklin picture taken near the end of the war.



Above: Mr. & Mrs. William Coleman Franklin



Above: Confederate Marker of William C. Franklin



UPCOMING EVENT REMEMBERING GETTYSBURG



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Sat. June 29

GUEST LECTURERS

	<p>"I am alone to blame": Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg</p> <p>11:00 a.m. FREE</p> <p>Dr. Richard McCaslin, Ph. D. Professor, History Chair History Department University of North Texas</p>
	<p>The Gettysburg Address: A New Nation</p> <p>12:30 p.m. FREE</p> <p>Dr. Tommy Stringer, Ph. D. VP, Navarro College Director, NC Foundation</p>
	<p>"'Twas a Famous Victory": The Significance of Gettysburg & its Lasting Place in American Memory</p> <p>1:45 p.m. FREE</p> <p>Dr. Steven Woodworth, Ph. D. Professor, History Department Texas Christian University</p>

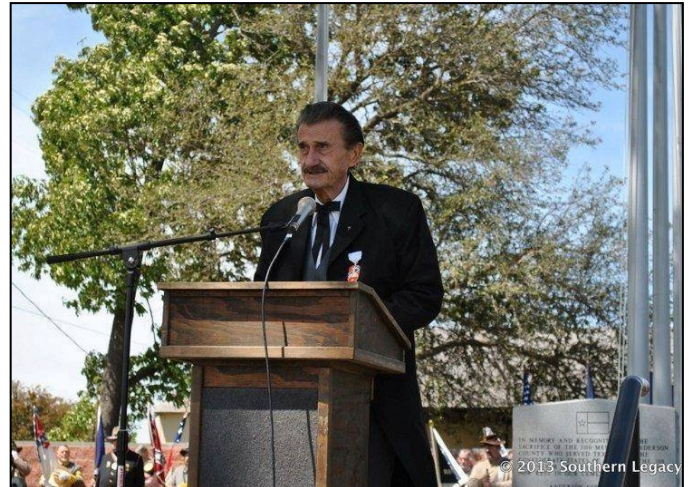
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The temporary exhibition
GETTYSBURG:
Standing With Desperate Bravery
Free Museum Admission all day!
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy...
Hotdogs & Hamburgers
available for purchase

Create...
Kids 19th Century Crafts
(small fee)



**REST IN PEACE
DR. LEN PATTERSON, TH. D
CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI**



Brothers and Compatriots,

Our dear friend and compatriot, Dr. Len Patterson, went home to be with the Lord yesterday after a long battle with cancer. Todd Owens, Commander of the Army of Trans-Mississippi, offered these words:

"Dr. Len's passing has left such a great void in my life that there is no way to completely explain my feelings. He was such a great man of the faith and a great warrior for the Confederation. Every once in a while we meet someone who plays such an important role in our lives and changes us forever. Dr. Len Patterson was one of those people. Please keep Jan in your prayers, and pray for Brother Len as he so often did for all of us."

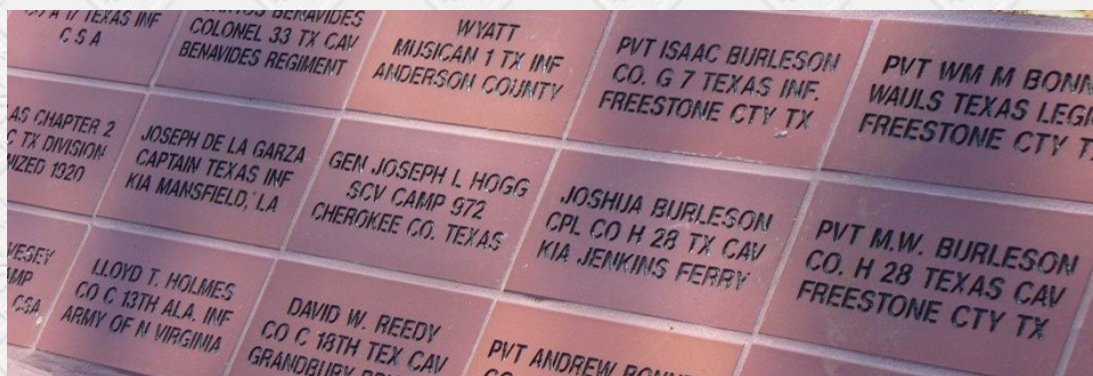
Services for Dr. Len Patterson were held Friday, May 31st at 2PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, St. Hwy. 274, Trinidad, Tx. Burial was in the Mankin Cemetery with full Confederate Honors.



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: danielyder@embarqmail.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224



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

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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