



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

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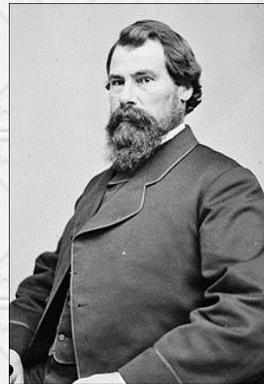
I hope everyone is doing well. I heard last night that member John Barnhart is in the Tyler hospital with diabetes problems. I talked to Dollye last night and she told me they were doing test on him today, July 24th. Please keep John and Dollye in your prayers. Our Chaplain, Rod Skelton also had some problems with the heat last week and we hope he is doing better. After thinking about all the health problems camp members Gary Williams, Ronnie Hatfield, Rod Skelton, Tom James and myself have had lately, we sure need to recruit some younger members to the Reagan Camp.

A marker dedication at Pilgrim Cemetery is set for Saturday July 27th at 9:00. We need to be there at 8:00am to get set up and I will assure you that our part will be over by 10:00 am. With the hot weather we do not need to be out in it very long. Please make every effort to attend, as I have said in the past, you don't

have to have a uniform to help us get set up and load up after wards. I hope to see every one there. This will be the last outdoor event until the weather cools off in October.

This Friday, July 26th is the Korean Veteran's Day at Dogwood Assisted Living Center. The John H. Reagan Camp is helping sponsor this event. It will start at 11:00am with a fish fry to honor our Korean War Veterans. The Reagan Camp has been getting some positive press from this event. If anyone can help with this please let me know, we do need some help.

For those that missed the July camp meeting, The John H. Reagan Camp 2156 won the Outstanding Camp in the Texas Division. It is a very high honor from the Division and we should all be proud of our camp. I would like to thank each and everyone of our members for making this award possible.



### 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

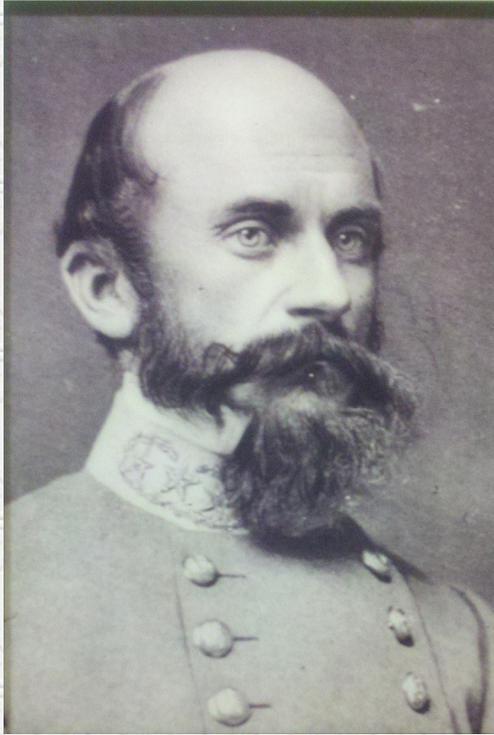
Turn north on N. Sycamore St. off of Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287) (across from UP train station) travel three blocks, turn right on Crawford St., go one block Church is on left

Guests are welcome!  
Bring the family.

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What happened to  
**Confederate General Richard Ewell ?**  
 He was relieved of command of the Confederate 2nd Corps in late May 1864 and assigned to the defenses of Richmond. He was captured during the Confederate retreat from the capital on April 6, 1865. After the war he became a gentleman farmer in Tennessee where he died in 1872.

“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 Dan Dyer
  - Compatriot Gary Williams
  - Compatriot Ed Furman
  - Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
  - Chaplain Rod Skelton
  - Compatriot Tom James

- Prayer List**
- Compatriot Frank Moore
  - Compatriot John Barnhart
  - Dollye Jeffus
  - Jean Stokes
  - The Sons of Confederate Veterans



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

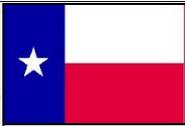
- July 26th: Korean War Veterans Day at the Dogwood Hills Assisted Living (we are co-sponsoring this event along with the Vietnam Veterans & Disabled American Veterans)
- July 27th: Marker Dedication for Tommy Gunnels' ancestor
- July 28– Aug 1: Sam Davis Youth Camp
- August 24th: Texas 8th Brigade SCV Meeting @6pm in Nacogdoches at the Spring Creek Restaurant
- 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](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.”  
 -PRESEDENT  
 JEFFERSON DAVIS-



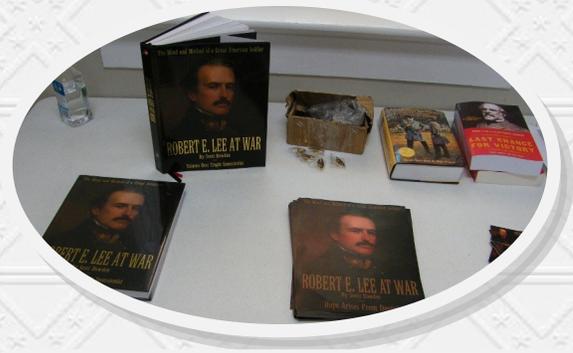
## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 HISTORICAL PROGRAM JULY 13, 2013



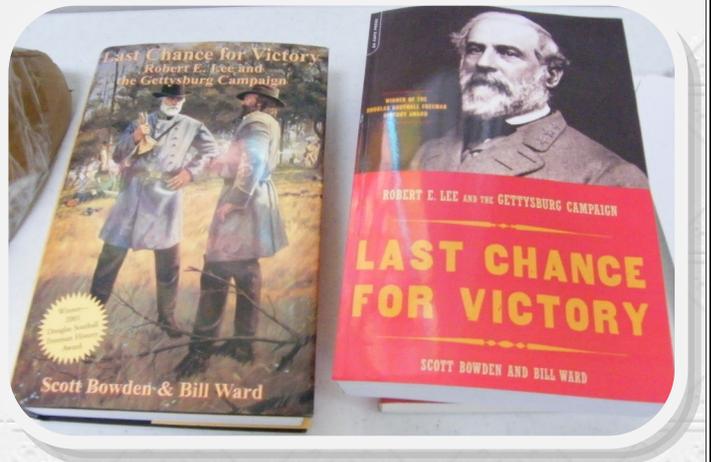
The Reagan Camp was presented an excellent Historical Program by Scott Bowden. Scott is a graduate of Texas Christian University and nine-time award-winning author of 25 works connected to Napoleonic and American military history. His book, **Last Chance for Victory: Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign**, received numerous literary awards, including the Douglas Southall Freeman American History Award, and was named to the Chief of Staff Air Force Recommended Reading List— only the second title connected to the War for Southern Independence ever to receive such a distinction. **Last Chance for Victory** is also part of the curriculum at the School of Advanced Military Studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

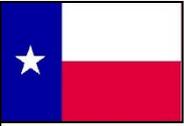
Scott's current project is the multi-volume work, **Robert E. Lee at War: The Mind and Method of a Great American Soldier**.

Scott is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and recipient of the Commander-in-Chief's Award.



Scott had a table set up with several of his publications. If you have not been attending the meetings, you are really missing out on a lot of history. We have had some excellent history programs, and we can learn a lot from them.

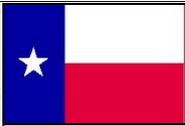




**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156  
RECEIVES OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD AT THE  
2013 STATE SCV REUNION**



John H. Reagan Camp #2156 was selected as the **“Outstanding Camp”** in the **Texas Division** for 2013. Above: Marc Robinson accepts the award on behalf of the Reagan Camp at the State Reunion on June 9, 2013. (photo by David Moore)



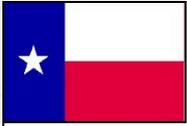
# JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 RECEIVES DIVISION AWARDS AT THE 2013 TEXAS DIVISION SCV REUNION



Left: The Reagan Camp received “The Best Website Award” at the State Reunion. This was the 4th year in a row that the Reagan Camp has placed 1st in the Best Website Award.



Left: The Reagan Camp was Awarded the “Four Star Camp Award”. This was the fourth year in a row that the Reagan Camp had received the Four Star Camp Award.



## 2013 TEXAS DIVISION SCV AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE INDIVIDUAL REAGAN CAMP 2156 MEMBERS



Left: Doug Smith was awarded the Bronze Cross.



Right: Gary Williams was awarded the Silver Cross.  
(Photo from file)



Left: Gary Gibson was awarded the Bronze Cross.



**2013 TEXAS DIVISION SCV AWARDS  
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
INDIVIDUAL REAGAN CAMP 2156 MEMBERS  
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Left: Dan Dyer was awarded the Gold Cross.



Right: Frank Moore was awarded the Gold Cross.



Left: Rudy Ray was awarded the Gold Cross.

Right: Marc Robinson was awarded the Gold Cross.





**UNITED DAUGHTER'S OF THE CONFEDERACY  
DAVIS/REAGAN CHAPTER 2292  
INDUCTS NEW MEMBER DURING REAGAN CAMP JULY 2013 MEETING**



Left: Channa Robinson receives her certificate of membership into the Davis/Reagan United Daughters of the Confederacy from President Dollye Jeffus at the July 13th Reagan Camp SCV July meeting.



Pictured above is Betty Bowen (Channa's Grandmother), Deborah Bowen Robinson (Channa's mother), Channa Robinson, Dollye Jeffus UDC—President of Davis/Reagan Chapter, and Marc Robinson (father).



Left: Channa delivered a speech in support of the SCV Sam Davis Youth Camp at the 2013 National Convention in Vicksburg and received a **Standing Ovation** from everyone in the audience. She is proud of her confederate heritage, and we are proud of Channa!  
Photo by David Moore



## CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR OF THE MONTH

### LIEUTENANT JESSIE CARTER ROBERTS

### ANCESTOR OF DALE ROBERTS



The following was sent in by Dale Roberts in reference to his Confederate Ancestor Lieutenant Jessie Carter Roberts.

Jessie Carter Roberts was born 1833 in the Louisiana Purchase in what would later be in the Missouri Territory and later still the Arkansas Territory. In 1846, the family moved to Texas and settled in Navarro County. Here he married Catherin White and they began their family. When the War for Southern Independence began, Jessie was 28 years old and had a wife and three small children.

Jessie Carter joined the Texas Militia and was given a commission of 3rd lieutenant. This was probably because he had some college training or possibly a degree. He is listed in the Texas archives as being assigned to the 19th brigade of the Texas Militia having enlisted in 1861. The Texas Militia men were to be used as home guard troops, and it is likely that he joined thinking he could possibly remain close to home. It appears that he didn't remain with this outfit long though, because in 1862 his name appears on the roster of the 20th Texas Cavalry as a first lieutenant. According to Ms. Peggy Fox, an historian with the Hillsborough College History Dept. in Hillsborough, Texas, this was almost standard procedure at the time. As the war got underway and the Confederacy needed more men, they began to call the Militia men into the regular army, and I suspect that is what happened to Jessie. His military records show him enlisted in the 20th Texas cavalry in 1862. He served with the 20th throughout the rest of the war and resigned late in 1864 according to his service record.

Family stories have him being brevetted a Captain and then a Colonel and being captured by the Yankees and spending some time in a prison camp. I have not been able to document this as yet. We do know that he left a young pregnant wife and three small children to fight for the Confederacy even though neither he nor any of the family owned any slaves, which tells me the War was not to save slavery. No Texan as independent as the Roberts were would have served through the hell of this war just so some rich plantation owner could keep his slaves.

He came home a sick man with a combat wound and a belly full of ulcers. It is said he got the wound in the battle of Elk Creek near Honey Springs in the Indian Territory which is present day Oklahoma. Confederate records are very skimpy and sketchy and sometimes nonexistent.

Jessie Carter Roberts never fully recovered from his war wounds and was in bad health as a result of his time spent in a Yankee prison. He moved to far West Texas to the little town of Marathon hoping to improve his health. He died in 1888 at the age of 55. He is buried in the Marathon Cemetery in Brewster County, Texas.

James Roberts, a younger brother to Jessie, enlisted about the same time and ended up in Hood's Texas Brigade and was mortally wounded at the battle of Gains Mill, Virginia early in the war. Though I have not seen it myself, it is said he is listed among the fallen on a plaque in Richmond, Virginia. I have checked the records of the Hood's Brigade and have not found a James Roberts there. There is no question that he was killed in Virginia early in the war according to family records.

Hawkins Gregory Roberts, another brother, enlisted at the same time as Jessie, but was pulled into a different outfit, the 12th Texas Cavalry. He earned the rank of First Sergeant and fought in quite a number of battles including White River, Shiloh, Arkansas Pass, Cotton Plant, Bank's Raid, and others. He also was wounded but recovered and returned to service. He survived the war and returned home to Navarro County. He spent the rest of his life in that area and became a prominent citizen. He and his wife America Kerr had five children. Hawkins Gregory Roberts died on November 5th, 1902 and is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Navarro County, Texas.



**DR. LEN PATTERSON, TH.D (DECEASED)  
CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI**



The article below was written by the late Dr. Len Patterson on March 3, 2013 for members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is printed in its entirety.

### A New Religion?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)  
"And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14a) This is a Scriptural truth, but the question may come to mind as to, Why?

Why did Jesus of Nazareth come into this world, live among us for about thirty-three years and die a cruel death on a Roman cross? Then, following His resurrection, a forty day post resurrection ministry and ascension, the Holy Spirit is sent to empower the Church. Why, indeed?

I think I can safely say it was not because God, in His wisdom, decided the world needed a new religion. Throughout history the world has had plenty of religion, and of course, still does. Religion is an invention of men in their effort to reach, please, or appease and find favor with some supreme being or power that has control over the affairs of humanity. This has proven to be a futile effort since the Tower of Babel.

True Christianity is not a religion. It's a relationship. A relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. True Christianity is not man trying to reach out to God with a set of rules, rituals, and sacrifices. It is God reaching out to man. This is why the Word was made flesh. This is why Christ died an agonizing death. This is why Christ in us is the secret hidden from ages and generations. (ref. Colossians 1:26 & 27) Remember John 3:16, perhaps the best known verse in the Bible, "For God so loved the world that He gave....." True Christianity is an act of God toward mankind and not an invention of men.

The only question is, how do we, as individuals and as a Confederation dedicated to truth, respond to God? The only reasonable response is to accept His gift of life and put our faith and trust in Him. Jesus tells us in Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

God has done all the work. All we need do is, as someone once said, "Let go and let God."

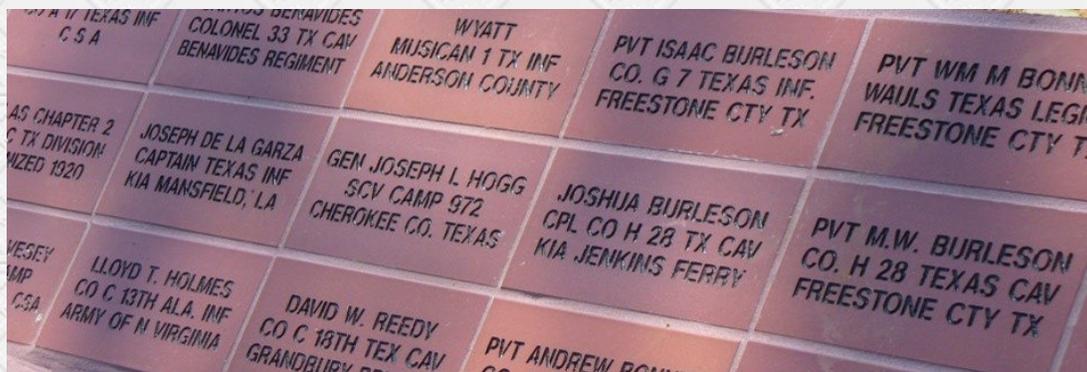
The late Bro. Len Patterson, Th.D  
Chaplain, Army of Trans-Mississippi  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## 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: [danielyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:danielyer@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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