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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

“And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?” (1Sa 17:29)

This is what young King David replied to his older brother when questioned about leaving his sheep and coming down to the Battle between Israel and the Philistines. David had arrived at the battlefield just as the giant Goliath had mocked and challenged the Israelites who covered before him. David responded to the challenge of Goliath with the following:

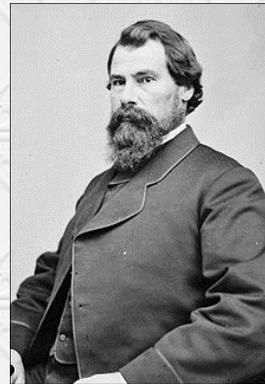
“And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” (1Sa 17:26)

David responded to his brother by saying that there was a cause and that he was responding in this way because of this cause. The SCV exists by and for the Charge given to us by our Fathers and at the heart of that Charge is “vindicating the Cause for which we fought.” As we enter a new year we have many strong, seemingly giant enemies challenging and even mocking us. But we have a Cause and we need to rally around that Cause and face these giants that oppose us and who will destroy us if they can.

In his upholding of his cause and facing off with his enemy

David had a seemingly small and insignificant weapon- a sling that wielded small stones. He was offered armor and a sword but declined such. Our weapon that we have to face our Goliaths also appear small and insignificant (Goliath laughed at David when he came out without armor and with only a sling). But this was the weapon that in David's hands and by God's blessing would bring the giant down and win the day for Israel.

Many well intentioned men would have us do battle with the same arms that our enemies' use- lies and spin. Our weapon is the truth- the truth of the Word of God, the truth of the historical record, and the truth of the contemporary mess that the Lincoln created United States is in. Our enemies lie and spin about Secession and the War; these are the weapons that they employ. Such are their weapons of choice. Many Southern patriots cower down in fear before the yankee lies and spin. Others respond to the yankee spin by seeking to employ the corresponding weapon of Southern spin. We need to make like King David, and rather than cowering down or trying to use the weapons of our enemies, we should meet our enemies on the field of battle and hit them right square between the eyes with our seemingly insignificant and yet mighty weapon of the



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

truth! If we do this, sooner or later we will see our enemy come crashing down and his army of spin routed. Let us arm ourselves with the truth and advance towards our enemies trusting in the God of Truth to ultimately vindicate the Cause for which our Fathers fought!

Deo Vindice!

Rudy Ray

CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of Each Month
06:30 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 Issac Trimble?

He lost a leg as a result of his wound at Gettysburg and spent most of the rest of the war in a Union prison. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland after the war, wrote his memoirs, and died in 1888.

“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

- Adjutant Dan Dyer
- Former Chaplain Ed Furman
- Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- Former 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

Jan 25th: East Texas Leadership Training Conference Sponsored by East Texas & Northeast Texas Brigades. For More information, see page 8 of the newsletter.

Feb 8th: Bonnie Blue Ball; Winnsboro City Auditorium @ 5pm. Contact Nancy Falster nancy@falsterfarm.com

Feb 18th: Reagan Camp meeting with Donnie Kennedy as guest speaker. Donnie is a co-author of the books “The South Was Right!” and “Why Not Freedom?”. More information can be at <http://www.pelicanpub.com/products.php?cat=316>

Mar 18: Reagan Camp meeting with Texas Division Chaplain Don Majors as guest speaker. Topic—”Jewish Confederates”

Mar 22: Camp Ford Living History Event 10am-4pm

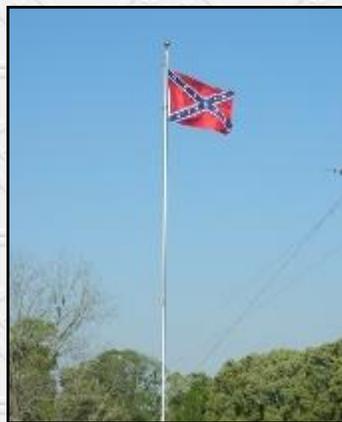
Mar 22: Dogwood Parade in Palestine

April: Confederate History Month

June 6-8: State Convention in Houston

July 16-19: National Reunion in Charleston

Oct 18th: Grave dedications in Houston County



“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

The Reagan Guards will be having Drill Practice at 5:30pm, at the First Christian Church Parking lot, prior to the monthly meeting which is held on the third Tuesday of each month. We would love to have you participate. You can contact Rudy at 903-731-7045 or 903-724-3905 if you have questions.

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.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM “CONFEDERATE LADY SPIES” SPEAKER: MRS. NORMA HOLLEY



Our historical program for January was presented by Mrs. Norma Holley. She is a member of both the OCR & UDC. She said although they are independent organizations, they are not in competition with each other. They both attend the same National Convention. (The UDC has its own Convention, the OCR meets at the SCV Convention) The OCR was established as an organization for women (and men) who cannot prove their confederate ancestry. Mrs. Holley said she is willing to help anyone in either organization and welcomes their calls.



“Female Spies of the Confederacy”

Below is a small portion of the information that Mrs. Holley told the Reagan Camp about some of the women who were spies of the Confederacy. She had pictures of each lady spy that she passed around to everyone in attendance.

Bell Boyd: Bell Boyd played spy as a light hearted game of charades. She was a strong southern lady who served as a spy from age 17 until the war was over. She was imprisoned twice, arrested 7 times & reported over 30 times. It was said that she kept Confederate flags all over her room where she lived. When Union soldiers tried to search her house, her maid hid the Confederate flags while she stalled them. When they then tried to hang a Union flag in front of her house, she shot the Union soldier. She was arrested in 1862 and taken to Baltimore, but nothing was ever done to her. She once hid in a hotel closet and listened to Union War Plans and then took the information to Confederates. She died in 1900 in Wisconsin and was buried with a marker that reads “Confederate Spy”.

Rose O’Neal Greenhow: Known as “Wild Rose”, she was said to be unscrupulous by Pinkerton. In early 1862, she was confined in the Old Capital Prison. Although she was defiant at her hearing, she was still released. She died at sea when her ship ran aground and she was being taken to shore in a smaller boat to avoid the Union blockade. She is buried in North Carolina with the inscription “A Bearer of Dispatches to the Confederate Government” on her headstone.

Antonia Ford: Said to be a good looking woman, she was a courier for Rose Greenhow. She would get info from Union soldiers in the Fairfax region and pass it on to Brigadier General J.E.B. Stuart. She also spied for John S. Mosby. In 1863, she was arrested & sent to the Old Capital Prison for giving information to Colonel Mosby. Mosby always proclaimed that she was as “innocent as Abraham Lincoln”. She died at age 33.

Laura Ratcliff: She lived in Fairfax County, Virginia. It was said she told Colonel Mosby of an upcoming attempt to capture him and in doing so saved his life. She would get money and supplies and hide them in rocks for the Confederates to use.

Nancy Hart: She was an expert in rifles, pistols and riding horses. After her brother-in-law was killed by the Yankees, it fueled Nancy’s hatred to the Union cause. She worked underground hiding Confederate soldiers and helped nurse them back to health. The feds offered a large reward that led to her capture at age 20. Although heavily guarded, she managed to escape by stealing Lt. Col. Starr’s horse & returned with Jackson’s troops to burn their stores and capture Col. Starr.

Eugenia Phillips: was married to a U.S. Congressman who was sided with the Union. She sided with the Confederacy. Once this was discovered, her whole household was arrested. Upon release, they moved to Richmond. After later moving to New Orleans, she rubbed the Yankees the wrong way by being accused of laughing out loud at a Union funeral procession. This caused her to be arrested and imprisoned on Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico.

Emiline Pigott: She aided the Confederacy by nursing Confederate soldiers as well as gathering supplies for them & hiding the goods in the hollow of trees. She would also hide goods in her hoop skirt. She was arrested in 1865, but ate and shredded most of the mail that she had before being searched. She received the death penalty, but was later released. She died in 1916, but never told anyone how she had been able to negotiate her release. She remained true to the Confederate cause until her death.

Ginnie & Lottie Moon: Daughters of a physician, these sisters were devoted to the Confederate cause. It was said that Lottie was engaged to Ambrose Burnside, but jilted him at the altar. She later married Jim Clark. Lottie would disguise herself as an old woman & carry messages and dispatches to Confederate Officers. Ginnie would also transport goods to the Confederacy. When she was found out & searched, it is said that she had 40 bottles of morphine, seven pounds of opium, and a quantity of camphor which was used as for medicinal purposes at the time. After the war, Ginnie moved to Hollywood where she had parts in the movies “The Spanish Dancer” & and “Robin Hood”.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 MONTHLY MEETING



If you missed the January meeting, you missed out on a great meal. Jambalaya, boiled shrimp, red beans with ham, cornbread, sandwiches, potato salad, cakes, cookies, and homemade candies were some of the things on the menu. The meal was great! We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who brought a dish.

Picture at left: Commander Rudy Ray presented previous Camp Commander Dan Dyer with a medal for his service as Commander of the John H. Reagan Camp for the year 2013.



We had about 22 people in attendance for the January meeting.



Gary Williams, Sam Hanks, Dan Dyer, and John Barnhart visit before the meal.



Norma Holley speaks to the camp during her presentation.



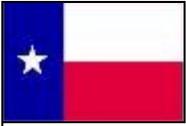
JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156 SAM DAVIS NEW YEAR'S BALL 2014



Below are pictures from the Sam Davis New Year's Ball. There was a good turnout and everyone had a great time.
If you would like to see more pictures, there are over 500 at

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JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP CADET MEMEBERSHIP OFFER



I believe that the future of the Sons of Confederate Veterans lies with our young men. I am hoping to add 100 new Cadet members by the time we meet in Charleston in July.

As you may already know, a Cadet membership is for those young boys and men who have not reached 12 years of age. Their application for membership is basically the same as for a full membership, i.e., application, family lineage and documentation of their ancestor's Confederate service.

I strongly believe in this program. As my way of getting more young men involved, I am offering to assist them by paying their first years dues of \$10.00. I am also willing to assist in preparing their applications and family lineage.

Your assistance in helping me grow the Cadet program would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, or comments, please contact me.

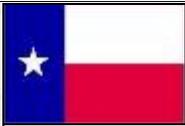
"For the Cause"

Bob Rubel
1st Lt. Commander
Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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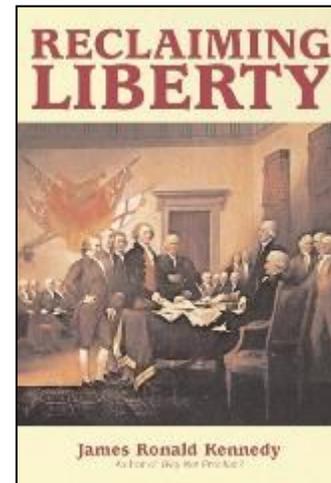
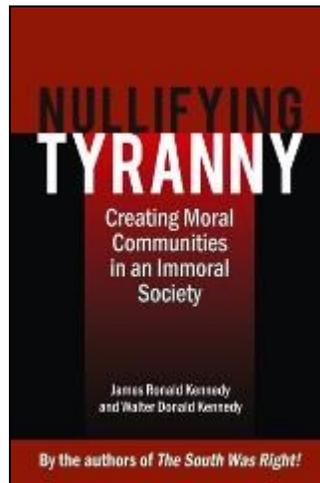
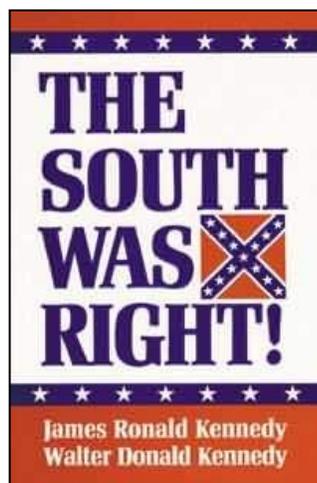
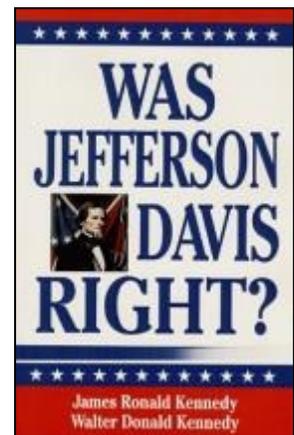
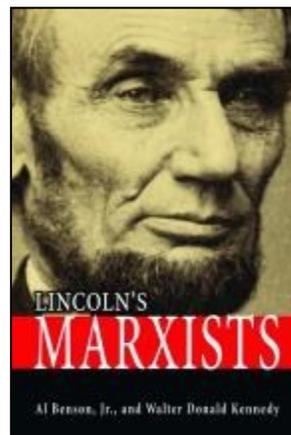
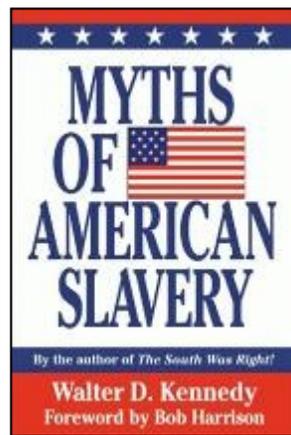
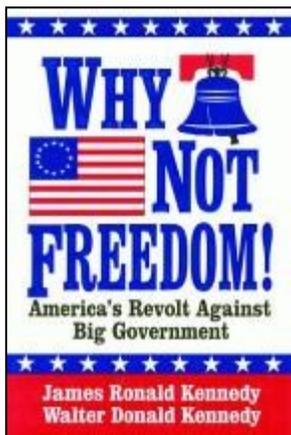


JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE WALTER DONALD KENNEDY (INFO BELOW)



Best selling author, Walter D. (Donnie) Kennedy, will be presenting a program titled 'Are You From Dixie?' at the upcoming meeting of the John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans on Tuesday, February 18th, 06:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 113 East Crawford St., Palestine, TX. Mr. Kennedy is the past commander of the Louisiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Kennedy and his twin brother, Ron, are authors of numerous books about the causes and consequences of the War Between the States. With over 130,000 copies sold, their first book, 'The South Was Right,' has become a nationwide best seller and the primary source of information about the traditional Southern view of the so called "Civil War." Mr. Kennedy has been interviewed by numerous American T.V. and radio programs as well as interviews with international media such as, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), French National T.V., and Al Jazeera T.V.

Mr. Kennedy will explain not only how the South became known as "Dixie" but also examine the many differences between the North and the South which led to the military conflict in 1861. Mr. Kennedy, a strong believer in State's Rights and limited government, will explore how the defeat of the Dixie in 1865 not only made big government in America possible but also made it inevitable. For more information about the Kennedy Twins and their books, visit their web site at www.kennedytwins.com Below are books that were written by Donnie and his brother.



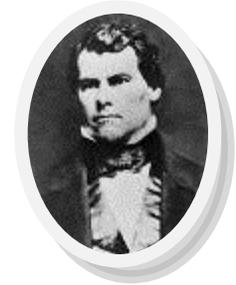


JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156
JANUARY IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN



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JAN. 15, 1858 John H. Reagan made his 1st introduction of a bill in U.S. House of Representatives



JAN. 19, 1858 John H. Reagan delivered speech in U.S. Congress on death of T.J. Rusk

JAN. 15, 1861 John H. Reagan delivered speech of resignation in U.S. House of Representatives prior to Civil War



JAN. 30, 1861 John H. Reagan arrived in Austin after resigning seat in U.S. Congress prior to Civil War

JAN. 19, 1876 John H. Reagan delivered speech in U.S. Congress pleading for unity of country to Celebrate U.S. centennial



JAN. 20, 1903 John H. Reagan retired from public office to Palestine farm at Ft. Houston





TEXAS DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S ARTICLE BY REVEREND DON MAJORS "BE A VERB"



"BE A VERB!"

"....Guard what was committed to your trust..." (First Timothy 6:20)

A few years ago while I was serving as a volunteer at a maximum security prison called Eastham Prison in Lovelady, Texas, I became acquainted with a "lifer" by the name of Danny. I was visiting him and five other men in the prison chapel one afternoon, when Danny said something to me that has stuck with me every since. He said, "Preacher, we've got to be verbs!"

Throughout the Bible, the believer is called upon to be a "verb." We are called to "go." We are called to "be." We are called to "do." We are called to "abide." We are called to "give." We are called to "tell," and we are even called to "fight."

In the English language, a verb denotes action.

A noun is a subject, person, animal or place. A noun represents substance. A noun represents quality, an idea, or state-of-being. We certainly need nouns. These walls hold the structured English language together. Nouns are very important. For example, in James 1:22, the Word of God tells us that "Hearer" is a noun, but the word "hear" is a verb. The word, "Doer" is a noun, but the word, "do" is a verb.

Adjectives serve as modifiers of nouns. An adjective denotes a quality of the thing named. Nothing will enhance or give succinct definition to a noun like an adjective.

An adverb serves as a modifier or a verb, a preposition, or a phrase. Nouns are great, and adverbs are essential glue needed in the English language. Adjectives are great. They all help to build and construct our English language, but a "verb" is very special. A verb expresses an act. A verb expresses an occurrence. A verb denotes action. Nouns, adjectives, and adverbs are all important in sentence structuring, but there's nothing like a verb. We need to be "verbs." The Sons and Daughters of the Southland, we are called to be verbs, because if we are not verbs we are nothing.

We have to "go." We have to "do." We have to "give." We have to "tell," and we have to "fight." By-the-way, a "Do-nothing" is an adjective or noun. It means, "A habitually lazy person marked by a lack of initiative." It also means, "Failure to make progress." Message? We must be more than nouns. A noun has its place, but we must be more than a noun. We must be more than an adjective. An adjective has its place, but we must be more than an adjective. The message for 2014 is, "We must be verbs."

Society's norms today are attempts at neutrality. They take convivial positions such as "Political Correctness." However, organizations and societies that are against our Southern heritage have no problem being verbs. They attempt to "disarm," and they attempt to "disable" our Southern Cause. We must recognize the battlefield that we are on. This 2014 is not the day for the SCV to be lukewarm and indifferent. A flippant attitude is not what is called for in today's society. We are called to be verbs. Certainly, our enemy-of-action will continue to bring action against the things that we hold sacred.

Some people brood their whole lives wishing the past had been different. Some things we cannot change. They are done. We could not change them in 2013, and we will not change them in 2014. What must be done? We must turn it over to God, and with His help, change what can be changed.

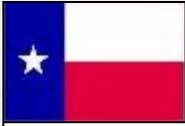
I must be honest, I sit and ponder a lot about the past. I wish things would have been different. I wish General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson would not have died. I wish things would have been different at Gettysburg. I wonder what would have happened if our ancestors would have won that conflict. As a layman, I'm a student of history like many of you. I'm crazy about the past. It has its place. I can learn from the past, but I cannot live in the past. I must live in the present with my vision and hope for the future. As Southerners we must carry on with our Cause. We must carry our Cause into 2014. That will require that we be verbs. We must continue to "Guard what was committed to our trust." To do that will require action.

God Bless Ya'll,

Reverend Don Majors

Texas Division Chaplain

Sons of Confederate Veterans



**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, 1st 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 – 11:15	Heritage Offense and Heritage Defense, what we need to know... – 1st Lt. Cmdr. David Moore	
11:15 – 11:30	National SCV to place more emphasis on heritage offense - Todd Owens, ATM Commander	
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch – Emma Sansom Chapter #31, Order of Confederate Rose	
12:30 – 1:15	Camp Growth, Stability, and Member Retention - Gary Bray, Div. 2nd 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.) – Johnnie Holley, Div. Cmdr.	
2:45 – 3:30	Discussion and Closing Remarks – Moderator – Phil Maynard, 1st Lt. Cmdr. NET Brigade	
3:30	Closing prayer -	Chaplain Don Majors

Location of Conference Registration fee at door to cover expenses - \$10.00

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

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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

JOHN H. REAGAN SCV CAMP #2156 PALESTINE, TEXAS	PVT WM. H. FOSTER CO. H 1ST TEX INF DIED AS POW OCT 63	PVT WM. H. NIX CO. K 22ND TEXAS INF
GEORGE KNOX GIBSON PVT. CO. B 12TH TEXAS CAVLRY, CSA	WILLIAM H. CRIST COMPANY I 7 TX CAV C S A.	PVT JOHN FOSTER CO. H 1ST TEX INF KIA GAINES MILL

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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