



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

“Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Ps.133:1)

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Am 3:3)

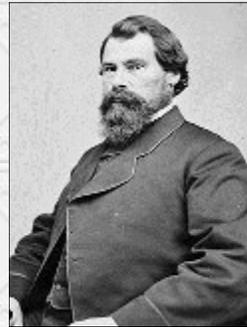
We continue this month our look at the issue of unity in the SCV. We have seen that unity is a good and pleasant thing and that division, usually, is a bad and unpleasant thing. We saw that secondary things should not divide us and that our unity is in our foundational, basic, and primary things. Division over secondary matters is a bad and unprofitable division but unity at the expense of that which is fundamental and foundational to who and what we are and what we are about is a bad and ruinous unity! This, which I will comment more on later, is what I meant by division being “usually” a bad thing. There is a

good division.

So our unity lies in that which is fundamental to who and what we are. And who and what we are is found in our SCV Charge.

*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.*

First, “To You”. We are talking about the Unity of the SCV- of SCV members and SCV Camps... WE are united in and by OUR Charge. Secondly, “To You, Sons”. WE are Sons, actual



**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

descendants, male descendants of Confederate Veterans. Our unity lies in our common lineage and this must never be lost or compromised. “To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans.” Our unity lies in the fact that we are the Sons of CONFEDERATE Veterans!

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## CAMP MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of Each Month  
06:30 PM

Snacks and drinks served at each meeting.

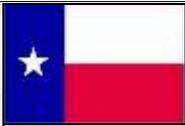
First Christian Church  
113 East Crawford Street  
Palestine, Texas

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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## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

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We are NOT just another Veterans organization. We are unique.... We are CONFEDERATES! We represent CONFEDERATE Veterans who no longer can represent themselves. We have been charged with representing them and their Cause and nobody else's! Now, this month we are going to look at the very heart of our Charge.

*To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought.*

The vindication of the Cause is not only the heart our Charge but it is also the heart of where our unity lies. If we are united in the Vindication of the Cause then we should seek to preserve THIS unity at all costs and refuse to allow lesser and secondary thing to divide us. However, on the other hand, if we are not united in the vindication of the Cause then all of whatever unity we have is a farce, a bad and evil unity which in itself militates against our Charge.

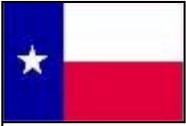
Now in order that we can be united in the vindication of the Cause we must first know what the Cause was and I might add still is. The Cause was never given up and is alive and well today among true Confederates and true SCV members and Camps. A denial, whether overtly or covertly, whether blatantly or subtly, of the Cause is a denial of our Confederate Veterans and a denial of the SCV! We hear silly statements from our yankee masters, the nice ones, that the Confederate soldiers fought a good fight for a bad cause! Balderdash! BS! It always grieves me when I hear so-called Southern sympathizers repeat such dribble. It grieves me when the "nice and condescending" yankees toss us that bone and ignorant or compromised Southerners snatch it up and say thank you. The truth is that there were indeed some yankee soldiers who indeed fought a good fight for a bad cause, an evil cause! When they throw that bone at us we should snatch it up alright and toss it right back at em!

Why has the Confederacy refused to die? Why is the love, the passionate, fiery love for the old Southern Confederacy, one hundred and forty nine years after Appomattox still alive and well? For the good fight they fought? For their courage against overwhelming odds? Yes, yes indeed; but such, though true, does not adequately reveal the reason for such strong and undying sentiments for the CSA. The reason why we Confederates still exist and are still passionate for the Confederacy is "the Cause for which" our ancestors fought! The Cause is alive and well. It was never surrendered and it never died and the SCV exists today in order to vindicate that cause. This is where our unity lies!

"...Is there not a cause?" (1Sa 17:29 AV)

Yes! There is a Cause and the Cause of the Confederate Veteran, of the Confederacy itself is also the Cause of the SCV and for any SCV member that this is not true of said SCV member is a traitor to our Cause and the sooner we are "divided" from such the better off we are and the more able we will be to fulfill our Charge and vindicate the Cause! We are NOT a "Civil War" or even a "War Between The States" Roundtable! We are not a "history club". Such organizations have no Charge from confederate Veterans and no Cause to vindicate. We Do.

So what was the Cause for which our Southern Fathers fought? The simple and yet very valid answer is that we were invaded and invaded to subjugate us. We fought to be free from yankee subjugation. We were forced to lay down our physical weapons but we did not lay down the Cause, our liberty to rule ourselves according to OUR values, beliefs, and way of life. Oh I am very aware, sadly and angrily aware, that to some extent, by the stacking of our arms, we in many ways were subjugated and ruled by an alien power; but our old Southern Fathers who survived the Shooting War



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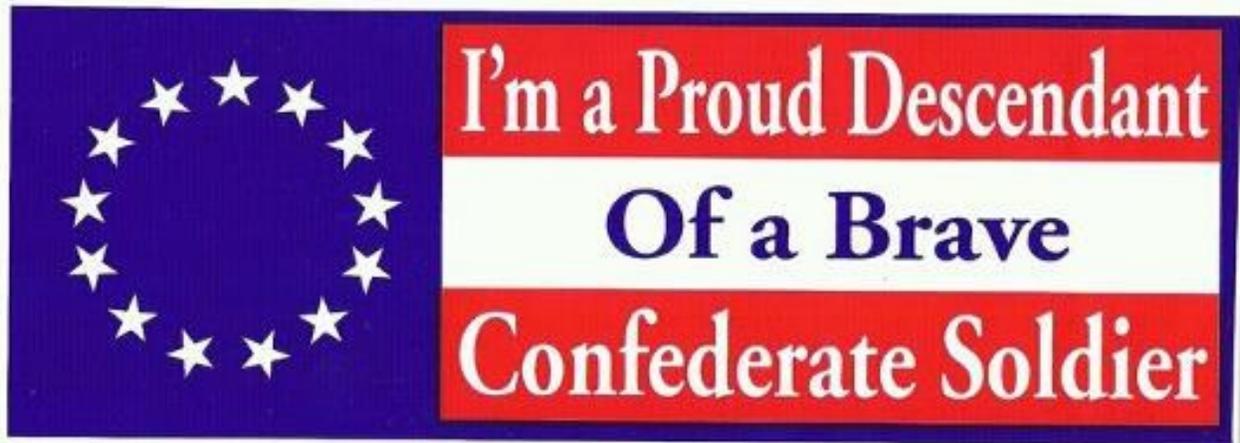
continued to fight thru its second phase (Reconstruction) to preserve as much liberty as we possibly could. Our Southern Fathers fought Radical Reconstruction and many of them continued to fight yankee, Progressive rule to the day they died refusing to be Reconstructed/Re-Patriated, Re-Programmed. And they did so because to do otherwise was to give up the Cause that they had suffered immensely for and that they had lost many a family member and dear friend for. They continued to fight at the polls and with their voice and pen a Cause that no bayonet or cannon could successfully condemn- a just and righteous cause.

Now since Appomattox, and really long before Appomattox and indeed long before Sumter and Secession, the Progressive yankees had been seeking to condemn, rule, and change us- to Reconstruct us. To do this successfully they had to condemn and dismantle our Cause. They could never hope to change us and get us to lie down under their Progressive Rule as long as we held to our Cause. This War, the Reconstruction phase of this War, continues on and we have one Rallying Point, one place to defend, one place that we cannot give up or give in and if and when we do so we have lost all! THE CAUSE is what the Confederacy was all about and what we are all about and what our Flag is all about! We must defend it at all costs! That Battle Flag that the Yankees of the 1860s called the damned red flags of the Rebellion are still cussed by the modern yankee Progressives and for good reason. That Flag represents our Cause and take it to the bank they hate it NOT because they do not understand it but rather because they damn well do understand it! HERE is where our unity in the SCV lies! We should desire, seek, and work hard to have unity with all who embrace and hold to the Cause but for anyone and everyone who espouses and promotes a unity that denies, or weakens or compromises, in word or deed, blatantly or subtly, the Cause for which we exist then such unity is a damnable unity, a unity to be exposed and opposed!

I have run out of space for this article but next month God willing we will take a closer look at this unity in and around the Cause and its vindication. Deo Vindice!

Rudy Ray





**Prayer List**

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

**Prayer List**

- 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**

**Oct 18th:** Grave dedications in Houston County

“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-

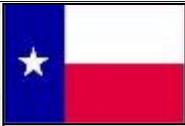


“DUTY IS THE MOST SUBLIME WORD IN OUR LANGUAGE. DO YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER WISH TO DO LESS.”

-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](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.



## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCV COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Compatriots,

In light of the issues at Washington Lee University, I feel it is important to let the membership know who I appointed to the position of Chief of Heritage Operations. Mr. Ben Jones, currently from Virginia, was a former US Congressman from the state of Georgia. His expertise in dealing with high profile situations is one of the many reasons he was chosen. His diplomatic skills will prove to be invaluable in this position. On many occasions he has proven that he loves his Southern heritage by the fights he has already participated in. One of the most recent that many may remember is when he took on Warner Brothers after they announced they would remove the Confederate Battle Flag off the General Lee, a car he repaired in the Dukes of Hazard. Yes, Mr. Jones is none other than "Cooter" in the hit TV series that still captivates audiences through out the world. He won that battle, as he has many, and brought awareness to the history of the flag, as well as the Southern people. I hope you will join with him as he guides us through the future heritage issues.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow  
Commander-in-Chief

2014 National Reunion elections results:

Commander in Chief  
Charles Kelly Barrow

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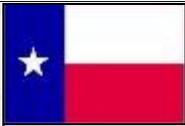
Commander-Randy Burbage  
Councilman- Ronnie Roach

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Commander-Larry McClunney  
Councilman- James Patterson

ATM

Commander- Charles Lauret  
Councilman- Paul Gramling



**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP  
HISTORICAL PROGRAM “THE GALILEAN REBELS”  
BY TEXAS DIV. CHAPLAIN REV. DON MAJORS**

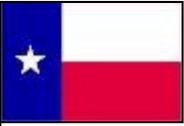


**The John H. Reagan  
Camp received a  
double treat from  
Texas Div. Chaplain  
Rev. Don Majors  
during the August**



**meeting. Chaplain Majors entertained the camp with  
his Singing and guitar, then he gave a great history  
lesson on the Jewish Confederates entitle  
“The Galilean Rebels”.**





## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR PICTURE AUGUST



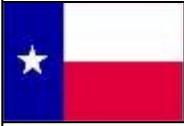
Photo by Bob Krist

### CADETS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY—WEST POINT, NEW YORK

Robert E. Lee served as superintendent of the Academy from 1852 to 1855

West Point was founded on March 16, 1802. Its longstanding mission is, “To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation.” A favorite expression at West Point is that “much of the history we teach was made by people we taught.”

**Robert E. Lee** entered West Point on June 28, 1825 and during his senior year served as adjutant of the corps. In 1829, he graduated second in his class without a single demerit for misconduct or delinquency. Lee



## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR AUGUST



**1 undated -**  
to Annie  
I wish you to be very good, very wise, very healthy, & very happy

**2 undated -**  
If the subject of education could be of more importance at one period of our history than at another, that period is the present.

**3 undated -**  
My only object is to endeavor to make students see their true interest, to teach them to labor diligently & to prepare themselves for the great work of life.

**4, August 1861 -**  
to wife.  
What a glorious world Almighty god has given us. How thankless & ungrateful we are, & how we labour to mar his gifts.

**5, August 1867 -**  
to Robert  
A farmer's life is one of labour, but it is also one of pleasure.

**6 undated -**  
We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom & prudence, to call forth greater energies, & to prevent our falling into greater disasters.

**7 undated**  
I dislike to have more than I actually require.

**8 undated -**  
to Jeff Davis  
I know how prone we are to blame others for the nonfulfillment of our expectations. This is unbecoming in a generous people & I grieve to see its expression.

**9 undated**  
to Jeff Davis  
No matter what may be the ability of the officer, if he loses the confidence of his troops disaster must sooner or later ensue.

**10, August -**  
to Rooney  
I shall endeavor to procure some humble, but quiet, abode for your mother & sisters, where I hope they can be happy.

**11 undated -**  
To succeed it is necessary to set the example.

**12 undated -**  
Incubating discipline is a painful tedious process, & is not apt to win popular favour.

**13, August 1863 -**  
God is our refuge & strength. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism, & more determined will.

**14 undated -**  
to Eliza Stiles  
It is sad to see a soldier die, & heart rending to announce it to his parents.

**15 undated -**  
to Charlotte.  
Teach him that his only refuge is in Him, the greatness of whose mercy reacheth unto the heavens, & His truth unto the clouds.

**16 undated—**  
to a son.  
I hope you will continue never to exceed your means. It will save you much anxiety & mortification.

**17 undated—**  
to Judge Andrew Magrath  
The best troops are ineffective without good officers.

**18, August 1865—**  
To Carter Lee  
I have to labour for my living and I am ashamed to do nothing that will give me honest support.

**19 undated—**  
That is a political question, Mr. Hill & you politicians must determine it; I shall endeavor to take care of the Army.

**20 undated**  
to Custis  
Do not dream. It is too ideal. Live in the world you inhabit. Look upon things as they are. Take them as you find them

**21, August 1835 -**  
to wife  
I must not consent to do aught that would lower me in your eyes, my own & that of others.

**22 August 1866 -**  
to H. C. Saunder  
I prefer remaining silent to doing anything that might excite angry discussion.

**23 undated -**  
to College Trustees  
I think it the duty of every citizen, in the present condition of the country, to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace & harmony.

**24 August, 1865 -**  
to College Trustees  
it is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the youth to set them an example of submission to authority.

**25 undated -**  
I speak of the proper rule in republics, where, I think, we should have neither military statesmen nor political generals.

**26 undated -**  
to Jack Mackay  
It is so much more easy to make heroes on paper than in the field.

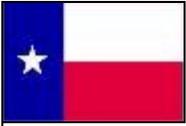
**27 August 1864 -**  
to Custis  
I have only one earthly want, that God in His infinite mercy will send our enemies back to their homes.

**28 August 1865 -**  
There is no labour so beneficent, so elevated & so sublime, as the teaching of salvation to every man.

**29 undated -**  
to Gov. Letcher  
It is the part of wisdom to acquiesce in the result.

**30 undated -**  
to B. Duncan  
Every man must do his part in this great work. He must carry into the administration of his affairs industry, fidelity & economy.

**31 undated -**  
to E. Pollard  
My thanks for your compliment by your proposition to write a history of my life. Independently of the few national events it presents little to interest the reader.



**THE ARTICLE BELOW IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK  
“LEE THE LAST YEARS”**

**BY CHARLES BRACELEN FLOOD PG 1 OF 2**



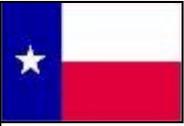
The day after he was inaugurated, Lee sat down in his office and came to grips with an enormous correspondence that was not to stop until his life ended. The entire nation knew where Lee was; a large wicker laundry basket overflowing with letters of every sort awaited him. This correspondence was to be a seamless web; letters written to him on one subject nevertheless touched on others, and in even the smallest matters, Lee was in effect offering a lesson to those he answered, by what he did and did not say. In this bare office next to a classroom that in three days would be filled with young men's voices answering questions. Lee was meeting by mail the vast constituency that considered him the unelected but undoubted leader of the South.

He tried to answer some of the most important letters during the seventy-two hours before classes began. One of the first to which he gave his attention was from Major General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, the proud and fiery professional soldier from Louisiana whose varied service had included fighting under Lee in Virginia. Egotistical and given to planning military operations too ambitious for the supplies and transport available, Beauregard had sometimes failed to cooperate with Lee, but now, in these complicated postwar months, he again turned to him as a leader.

Beauregard was one of the principal officers from whom Lee was hoping to receive records and reports for his projected history of his campaigns. Lee now read the Beauregard's papers were missing and for the moment at least, unavailable.

Then Beauregard addressed the question that so many recent Confederate leaders, both civilian and military, were asking themselves: What position should I take in relation to defeat? Beauregard and Lee had both heard from Confederate generals who had left the country. These recent comrades were writing from Havana, from Mexico City, from Canada, from England. Before long there would be an entire colony of Confederates and their families in Brazil, a nation in which slavery was still legal; wanting enterprising immigrants who knew how to work with slaves in clearing land for new farms, the Brazilian government would offer them free transportation and free land. Matthew Fontaine Maury, the internationally known oceanographer and recent commodore in the Confederate navy, was in Mexico, trying to start a settlement of his fellow Virginians. Confederate officer would enter the military service of the Khedive of Egypt, the Prince of Rumania, the Emperor of Korea.

And what, Beauregard respectfully asked Lee, did Lee think of all this, and, by implication, what did Lee think that he, Beauregard, should do?



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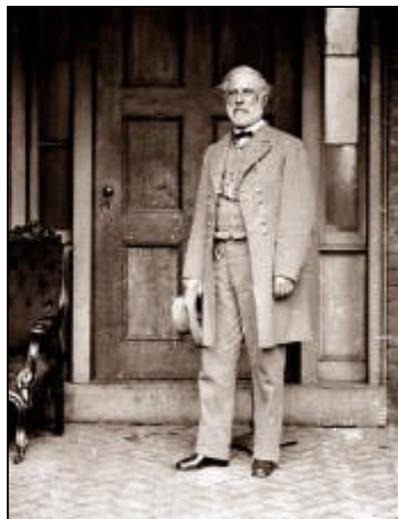


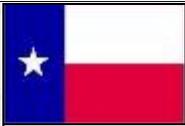
Sitting next to a silent classroom on the first working day in his office, Lee picked up his pen and wrote a famous letter to a famous man. Beauregard was not Lee, but what he did would have a great influence with many thousands of veterans and with a Southern public that held his name in esteem.

“I am glad to see no indication in your letter,” Lee wrote, “of an intention to leave the country. I think the South requires the aid of her sons now more than at any period in her history. As you ask my purpose, I will state that I have no thought of abandoning her unless compelled to do so.”

Lee reviewed for his Napoleonicly inclined lieutenant who had suddenly become humble his own efforts to regain full United States citizenship. His concluding passage was to be quoted for generations:

I need not tell you that true patriotism sometimes requires of men to act exactly contrary, at one period, to that which it does at another, and the motive which impels them — the desire to do right — is precisely the same. The circumstances that govern their actions, change, and their conduct must conform to the new order of things. History is full of illustrations of this: Washington himself is an example of this. At one time he fought in the service of the King of Great Britain; at another he fought with the French at Yorktown, under the orders of the Continental Congress of America, against him. He has not been branded by the world with reproach for this, but his course has been applauded.





## JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP CONFEDERATE ARTIFACT CONTRIBUTED BY ANDREW HARRIS



### Louisiana Lieutenant Confederate Chasseur Pattern Officer's Kepi

Few items transmit the depth of personal association the way an original uniform piece does; and no single artifact is more representative of the War Between the States than a soldier's distinctive kepi with its flat, circular top and short visor. Not to be confused with the model 1858 forage cap, which evolved from the regular army shako of the 1850's and that was described by some soldiers as "shapeless as a feedbag", the kepi was by comparison much more dapper in its appearance with a neat, low profile, characteristic sunken crown and squared visor. The word "kepi" is the French term for "cap", and the name itself is indicative of the hat's European military origin; it was the style of headgear worn by French "chasseurs" (soldiers) of the time period. While some Confederate troops wore the forage cap (Stonewall Jackson being the most notable example), the CS government preferred the French "chasseur pattern" and Confederate uniform regulations specified a French-style kepi.



*Photos:  
CS Kepi from the  
collection of Andrew Harris*

While the colors, materials, and construction of surviving examples vary greatly, the Confederate cap shown here closely adheres to the regulation for field officers. It is made of cadet gray wool, with a dark velvet band around the base and is accented with gold braid. The braid consists of a single, narrow band that circles the cap and extends up the front, back and sides with a matching quatrefoil, or "Austrian knot", on top of the crown. As with corresponding braid on the sleeves of an officer's coat, the number of braided bands was typically used to indicate the wearer's rank: one band for lieutenant, two for captain, three for major or colonel, four for lower ranking generals, and five for major generals. The quilted interior of this finely-made cap is lined with plain brown cotton cloth and a paper-thin leather sweatband, which are still stained with the toil of the struggle for Southern liberty. The leather visor and chinstrap are also present; well-worn yet remarkably still showing much of their original glossy lacquer finish.



Although this iconic Rebel kepi has no identifying marks to tell us exactly who the owner once was, we do know that it was worn by a Louisianan. The narrow chinstrap is held in place on each side by two small, and extremely rare, Louisiana buttons that bear the state seal pelican. The buttons are back-marked "Hyde & Goodrich N-O". Hyde and Goodrich were partners in importing and retailing that operated their firm out of New Orleans, supplying military goods to a number of states in the Deep South during the War for Southern Independence.

*Detail: Louisiana Button,  
Hyde & Goodrich,  
New Orleans*



**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156**  
**AUGUST IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN**  
**CONTRIBUTED BY DAN DYER**



August 3, 1857: John H. Reagan  
Defeated Lemuel D. Evans by a vote  
of 341 to 9,929 in the race for U.S.  
Representative.



August 1, 1859 John H. Reagan defeated William B. Ochiltree  
by a vote of 23,977 to 3,464 for a 2nd term as a U.S.  
Representative



August 1, 1946: Homesite of John H.  
Reagan deeded to Anderson County  
by Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan





## TEXAS DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S ARTICLE A MESSAGE FROM REV. DON MAJORS TEXAS DIVISION CHAPLAIN



"Strike the tent." - General Robert E. Lee

When a military unit was preparing to move out, the command would be given, "Strike the tent." Sometimes we must sheath our sword, and sometimes we must strike the tent. It had come time for General Lee to strike the tent.

Physically speaking, time takes our energy, our step, the brightness of our eye, our hearing, and our firm grasp. But, there is one thing that time cannot take from us, and that is our character and our integrity.

The physical and emotional stress that was upon General Lee must have been hard to imagine. The stress that he was under must have been brutal. In fact, it was only a few years after the conflict between the states when General made his famous statement from his deathbed, "Strike the tent." But through it all, the great general never lost his character, and he never lost his integrity. When it came time to strike the tent, he had nothing to hang his head about. General Lee could truly identify with the great Apostle Paul in Second Timothy 4:6-9 when he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." There are times to move forward and there are times to stand still.

In the Book of Exodus, there came a time for Moses to "strike the tent." For forty years Moses had gone in circles with a very hard-headed people, but he never lost his character, and he never lost his integrity. But the time came for him to pass the mantle down to Joshua. It would be Joshua who would bring the people of the Book into the Promise Land. Joshua made it clear when he said to them, "You have not passed this way before." It would be a brand new path.

Sometimes God calls us to strike our tent, and sometimes He does it at the most difficult moments. At this time, the Jordan was at flood stage. The melting snows in the Lebanon mountains had run down and the river was at its highest peak. It was not the best of times to strike the tent. But, it is in those difficult moments that we must remember to live life. From the cradle to the casket we should live life to the full.

Strike the tent carries a twofold purpose. For Moses, "strike the tent" was an indication that his time for leading the people of the Book had come to an end. Moses could also identify with the Apostle Paul when he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith." Like our General Lee, Moses also carried a heavy load upon his shoulders, but neither did Moses have any reason to hang his head.

For Joshua, "strike the tent" carried a different purpose. It was time to rise up and move out into "The Land" that YAHWEH had given to them. For Joshua, "strike the tent" carried with it a progressive -offensive connotation. He couldn't just stay camped in their location. It was time to move out into the purpose and the call that God had established for them. For Joshua and the people, there would be many difficulties and battles. There would be Jericho, and there would be the terrible embarrassment at the Battle of Ai. There would be no time to put down their stakes. Many battles lie ahead. Now would the time to possess the land.

Deep in North Carolina, you don't see too many people hang-gliding. Bubba decided to save up and get a hang-glider. He takes it to the highest mountain, and after struggling to the top, he gets ready to take flight. He takes off running and reaches the edge, and into the wind he goes! Meanwhile, Maw and Paw Hicks were sittin' on the porch swing talkin' 'bout the good ol' days when Maw spots the biggest bird she ever saw! "Look at the size of that bird, Paw!" she exclaims. Paw raises up, "Git my gun, Maw." She runs into the house, brings out his pump shotgun. He takes careful aim. BANG! BANG! BANG! The monster size bird continues to sail silently over the tree tops. "I think ya missed



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him, Paw," she says. "Yeah," he replies, "but at least he let go of Bubba."

It's not always easy to strike the tent. You have to leave your comfort zone. You have to move out. Consequently, there will be the struggles of life as we progress toward the goal that has been laid out for us. Sometimes it will feel as though the bottom has fallen out (poor Bubba), but the Word is clear that God has never left us or abandoned us. He will not let us fall. (Psalm 139)

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, "Man goes to his eternal home, but the mourners go about the streets."

It came time for Moses to strike the tent. It came time for Jesus to strike the tent as well. We cannot even begin to imagine the physical and emotional load he carried on his shoulders for the whole world, but He accomplished what He came to do, and now He would face the cross. On that cross He would say, "It is finished."

We must live with the realization that each moment is precious. It is time for us to strike the tent. There are many battles out there for us to win. Some will be Jericho, and some will be Ai, but we must press on, because the time is coming when "The dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." - Ecc 12:1-7.

Like General Lee, the day will come when we will all have to "strike the tent." Let it be said of us as well that we fought the good fight, and we finished the race, and we kept the faith." No greater compliment can be said of us that that statement.

Compatriots, lets break camp. Let us strike the tent. There are battles for our great Confederation that must be won. Let's face our Jericho's and our Ai's with conviction and purpose, so when it comes time for us to sheath our sword that it can be said of us that we carried on the faith given to us by our great General Lee. Let the testimony ring true for each of us "Sons of the Confederacy," that we "fought the good fight," "We finished our race," and "We kept the faith."

Southern Blessings,

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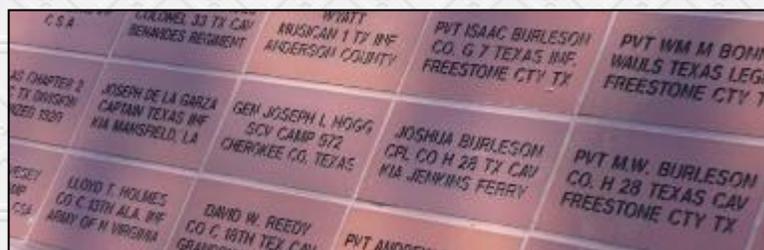




## CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



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](mailto:danielyer497@yahoo.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 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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