



## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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## COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Greetings Compatriots!

Finally we can stop biting our nails over building permits, and get back to work on the CVMP! (Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza)

Can't say how proud I am of all the effort and determination shown by you guys and especially Adjutant Dan Dyer in securing us the needed building permits for completion of our Plaza. Danno, you da man! The only thing we need now is a labor force and enough work dates to keep ourselves on track for a dedication next spring.

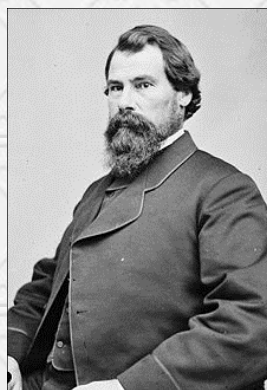
The next month is pretty busy with ceremonies and dedications, etc., (see event schedule Page 2) but I hope we can still find a way to get something new on the ground at 600 West Oak Street pretty soon.

Would also like to make one last plea for those who have not yet renewed your membership to get that on in right away so we can get on to other priorities.

While I'm remembering things, let me urge you to make a bid on our prints at the museum. Dan tells me that we've not had anything to speak of, and if this continues, we may have to resort to "in

camp" bids to get the funds into our heritage account.

Finally, I'm hoping we can all take a deep breath, and make a big push towards the end of the year. Lots to do, and not the least of things to do is for you folks to decide who you want running this camp next year. I have not filled the shoes of my predecessor as yall and I intended, and hope our next commander has more strength, patience, and enthusiasm than I have been able to muster. Had it not been for your other and former camp officers, I fear we might have faltered in our standards in this past year. I am deeply grateful for the assistance and encouragement.



### 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



Anyone  
but me  
remember  
who this  
is?

## CAMP MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of Each Month

06:00 PM

Light meal served at each meeting.

First Christian Church

113 East Crawford Street

Palestine, Texas

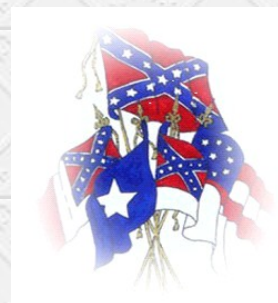
Turn north on N. Sycamore St. off of Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84,& 287) (across from UP train station) travel three blocks, turn right on Crawford St., go one block Church is on left

Guests are welcome!

Bring the family!

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# Fresh Off the Wire

## Flag Vigil

This Saturday, the 22nd, 2nd Lt. Commander Rudy Ray will be in Austin at the Supreme Court Building to represent our camp and the mechanized cavalry in continued protest of the removal of our plaques from that building. Count on Rudy to wave the flag proudly, and enlighten anyone who questions his reasons for being there. Join him either in person or in spirit!

## Linda Bradberry

For those not yet aware, Mrs. Linda Bradberry, wife of past adjutant Forrest Bradberry Jr. took a nasty fall at work recently, fracturing a kneecap and wrist. She is undergoing therapy in Tyler and will recover, but I've no doubt that our collective prayers will certainly hasten the process.



"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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sovereign State of Texas</li> <li>• The United States of America</li> <li>• Lt. Cmdr. and Chaplain Rod Skelton</li> <li>• The Sons of Confederate Veterans</li> <li>• The United Daughters of the Confederacy</li> <li>• Chaplain Ed Furman</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sgt. At Arms John Brent Barnhart</li> <li>• Athens SCV Camp Cmdr. Len Patterson</li> <li>• Davis-Reagan UDC Pres. Dollye Jeffus</li> <li>• Compatriot James Richardson</li> <li>• Linda Bradberry</li> </ul> |
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### September 24th: 6 PM

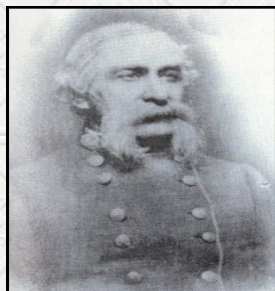
Reagan Guards drill at the home of Sgt.-At-Arms John Barnhart

September 29th: Grave marker dedications in conjunction with Davis-Reagan UDC Chapter for Miss Dollye Jeffus' ancestors. Full details announced at September meeting.

October 6th: Annual memorial service at Reagan home site.

### October 13th: 6 PM

Regular monthly meeting at First Christian Church.



CS General John Preston. That 'stache look familiar?



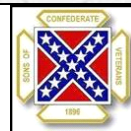
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INHERITANCE. OUR  
CAUSE WAS SO JUST,  
SO SACRED, THAT HAD  
I KNOWN ALL THAT  
HAS COME TO PASS,  
HAD I KNOWN WHAT  
WAS TO BE INFLICTED  
UPON ME, ALL THAT  
MY COUNTRY WAS  
TO SUFFER, ALL THAT  
OUR POSTERITY WAS  
TO ENDURE, I WOULD  
DO IT ALL OVER  
AGAIN."

-PRESIDENT  
JEFFERSON DAVIS-





## RECENT PHOTOS AND DIRECTIONS TO NEXT CEREMONY



**Left:** One of the coolest non-VA CS markers I've ever seen. Pvt. Charles Heil in East Hill Cemetery here in Palestine. You know he and his family were proud of his Confederate service!

**Right:** Qtrmstr Frank Moore takes a break from landscaping around the newly poured steps at the CVMP



### Dual grave marker ceremonies September 29th at the Matthews and Sheridan Cemeteries in Houston County

We will begin at the Matthews Cemetery, service starts at 11 AM so we need to be on site no later than 9:30 - 10 AM, earlier is better. We will need the cannon and muskets for this one, but sad to say, the property owner won't let us fire anything at the Sheridan Cemetery for fear of fire and "scaring his dogs." Yup, I see that look on your face from here, but that's what the noodle head said to Miss Dollye. Now how do you get there? Head for Grapeland on Hwy 287 and take the Business 287 turn that will run you into downtown Grapeland. At the flashing caution light downtown, turn right onto FM 227 and cross the RR Tracks. Three blocks down on 227 you'll see the 1st Baptist Church on your right. That's FM 1272. Turn right onto FM 1272 and go 7.6 miles on Fm 1272 looking for the Antrim Cemetery sign on the right side of 1272. Along the way, resist the urge to veer off 1272 at several misleading spots. The Antrim cemetery sign is at 1272 and CR 2290. Turn right at Antrim Cemetery sign/CR 2290, go .9 miles and look for sign on your right directing you into Matthews Cemetery. We'll have a few of our signs along the way so don't panic. The second ceremony is only about two miles back up the road from the first. Go back to 1272, turn left and go .5 miles to CR 2235 and turn right at the Historical Marker sign. Follow 2235 for 1.7 miles, you'll be at a tight left hand curve in the road and the old Sheridan home place is on the right in that curve. Again there'll be a sign there to let you know where to park, etc. There will be restroom facilities at the Matthews Cemetery but none at the Sheridan Cemetery.

**Safety tips:** bring plenty of water, maybe something to repel ticks and chiggers, and keep your eyes open for snakes at both places. I'll bring some black pepper for noodle head's dogs.



Quick! Name the movie this scene starring Clint Eastwood came from!



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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

## 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 General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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