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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

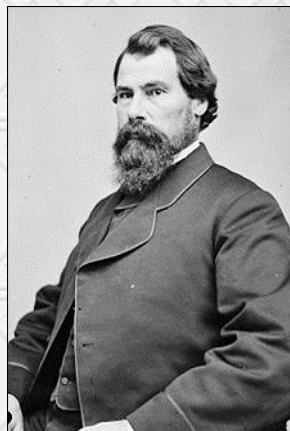
I hope everyone is doing well. As you know we are on the downhill side to the opening of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza, it has been a very fast year. My hat is off to Frank Moore and Gary Gibson; it seems that they are at the Plaza every day working on something, raking, mowing, etc.. You can drive by any afternoon about 5:00 pm and one or both of them is either there or have been there that day, talk about dedication! I will venture to say that if not for these two men, we would be several months or even a year from opening our Plaza.

Marc Robinson is in charge of organizing the parade and ceremony and has done an outstanding job. It is amazing how many

small details that have to be worked out for an event like this. The parade and ceremony is growing bigger that I ever expected it to be, the support we have received is also growing. The Texas Division Color Guard will post the colors during the ceremony but the John H. Reagan Camp #2156 WILL raise all 5 flags and will also unveil the marker and fold the 5x8 battle flag to present to 1st. Lt. Commander-in Chief of the National SCV, Kelly Barrow. It will be a great day in DIXIE on April 13th.

DEO VINDICE

Dan



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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Camp Events



This Lone Star Battle Flag of the First Texas Infantry was known as the "Wigfall Flag." The 5 x 8 foot silk flag was made by Mrs. Louis T. Wigfall, and presented to the regiment in 1861. The battle honors were added in the summer of 1862. The Wigfall flag, along with 9 flag bearers, was lost in what was arguably the most vicious fighting of the war at Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862.



"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 Ed Furman
- Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- Mrs. Dollye Jeffus

- Chaplain Rod Skelton
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans
- The United Daughters of the Confederacy



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 9, 2013 — Camp Workday at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. We will be pouring the final sidewalk and some doing some other things to get it ready for the April opening.

April 12, 2013—Reception for the opening of the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza—Palestine from 06:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Museum for East Texas Culture, 400 South Micheaux Avenue, Palestine, Texas. (West side of Reagan Park.)

April 13, 2013—Parade and Dedication Ceremony to officially open the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza in Palestine—**Parade begins at 10:00 AM** at the courthouse with the **Dedication ceremony beginning at 11:00** at the plaza, 600 W. Oak St.

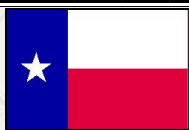


This flag flies in honor and memory of the almost 1000 Confederate Veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of them to never return, and the over 500 Confederate Veterans from all across the South who are buried here in this county.
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Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of

"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."

-PRESIDENT
JEFFERSON DAVIS-



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA WORK IN PROGRESS



Pictures on this page are of the construction of the back wall of the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza. The construction was done by compatriot Muddy Waters and his crew. Muddy is past commander of the Capt. James P. Douglas Camp #124 in Tyler, Texas.





MORE PICTURES OF THE WORK IN PROGRESS AT THE MEMORIAL PARK



Above: Quatermaster Frank Moore and Compatriot Gary Gibson clean up after the wall construction is complete.



Above: Quatermaster Frank Moore installs lighting for the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza



From Left to Right: Marc Robinson, Gary Williams, Frank Moore, Mrs. Dollye Jeffus, and John Barnhart are admiring how nice the memorial is looking.



The five flagpoles that will fly confederate flags have been installed and eagerly await their flags that will be raised during the grand opening on April 13th.



The picture to the left is a usual scene at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza. Frank Moore has devoted countless hours working for the Confederate Soldiers that will be honored here.

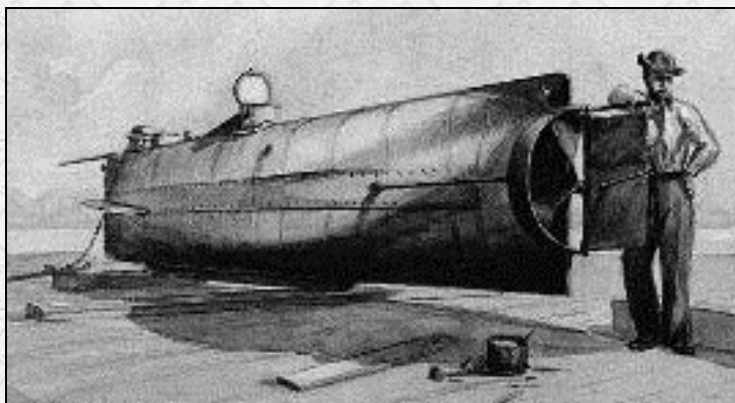


THE JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP #2156

PROGRAM: BY 2 LT. CMDR BY DALE ROBERTS
THE H. L. HUNLEY SUBMARINE

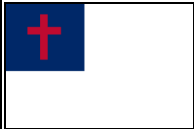


2 Lt. Commander Dale Roberts presented an excellent Historical Program on the H.L. Hunley Submarine & the men who were willing to risk their lives for the confederacy.



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The H.L. Hunley was a submarine of the Confederate States of America. It played a large role in the history of naval warfare by being the first submarine to sink an enemy warship. 21 confederate soldiers lost their lives during the short time that the submarine was used. The Hunley sank on Feb 17, 1864, after attacking and sinking the USS Housatonic in Charleston's outer harbor. The submarine was recovered in 2000 & is on display in Charleston.



AND, THEY PRAYED!
BY BROTHER LEN PATTERSON, TH.D
CHAPLAIN, ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI



They were men of prayer. President Jeff Davis, Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. Jackson, Nathan B. Forest, and many others. From the greatest generals to the newest recruits, the men in gray believed in the presence and providence of Almighty God. In Confederate camps there was Bible study and worship services led by Godly chaplains, and sweeping revivals where the lost were saved and the saved grew closer and stronger in their relationship with God. And, they prayed.

They prayed for their homes and families. They prayed for their brothers in arms. They prayed for their leaders. They prayed for the preservation of their country: The Confederate States of America. They prayed faithfully and fervently for God to help them defend the just Cause for which they fought, and preserve the ideals for our founding fathers. And, they prayed for vindication.

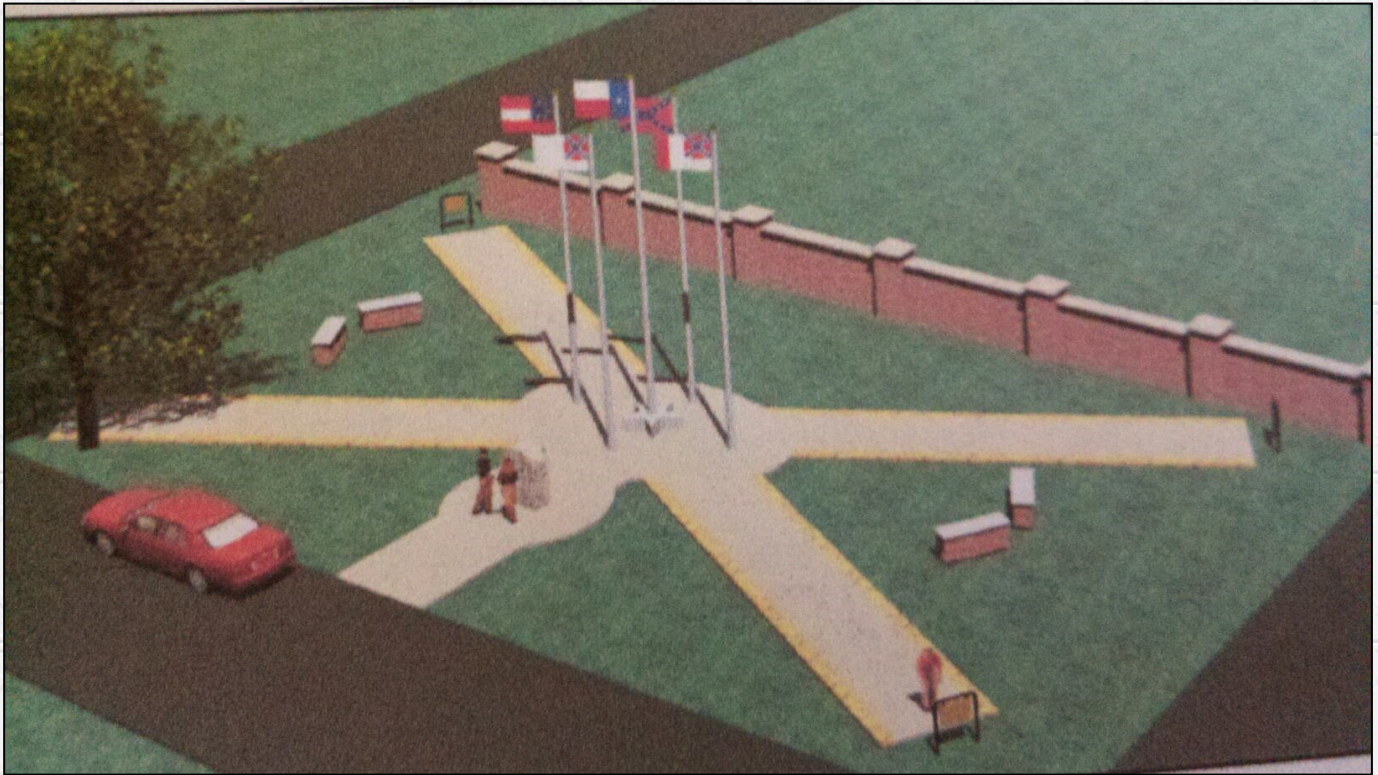
On the Great Seal of the confederacy are the words, “Deo Vindice.” These words are often used by the Sons of Confederate Veterans also, and mean, “God will vindicate.” The question is, do we really believe it? Do we believe that God will vindicate the Confederate Cause and our brave and honorable forefathers who fought in it’s defense? Do we believe that God answers the prayers of righteous men?

Do you believe that when Davis, Lee, Jackson, and other Godly men of the Confederacy prayed for vindication, God said no, I have a better idea? Do you think this country, which is becoming more and more ungodly and moving further and further from the precepts of our founding fathers and the nation’s Constitution, is God’s “better idea?” If so, then it makes no sense to say Deo Vindice, God will vindicate, when you believe He has already said, “No.”

The alternative, of course, is that God said, “Yes, but later.” Do you believe that, in due time, God will yet vindicate our Southern Cause? If so, then we, like our Confederate forefathers, must be men of prayer. The leadership of our Confederation, like Davis, Lee, and Jackson, must be men of prayer. We must trust and rely on Him. We must seek and follow His guidance and direction. We must put our Cause in His hands. We must be men of prayer, because, God answers prayer.



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza is nearing completion. 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 be remembered for years to come. If you would like to purchase a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: danieldyer@embarqmail.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224

The parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the NE corner of the Anderson County Courthouse with the dedication ceremony beginning at 11:00 at the Memorial Plaza located at 600 West Oak Street.

We are in hopes that many of y'all will come to Palestine to participate in the parade and dedication ceremony to officially open this privately owned Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.

You are not only cordially invited, we would more than appreciate and need the help and support from all of you. Men in uniform or other period clothing, ladies in period dresses (preferably not black dresses at this particular dedication), cavalry on horses, cannons pulled on trailers, horse drawn buggies if possible and others simply to attend and watch the events are all needed. Please help us pass the word around to anyone who you think would be interested in participating and/or attending. The information flyer can be found on the "Events" page at:

<http://www.reaganscvcamp.org>



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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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Spring St. (Hwy 19, 84, & 287)
travel three blocks, turn right on
Crawford St., go one block Church is
on left)