



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

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COMMANDER'S DISPATCH

Compatriots,

With Summer coming to an end (I hope), actives for the Reagan Camp will pick up in October and November. I hope all members are prepared to give maximum effort for these events this Fall and into Winter and also next Spring.

The first event will be to honor John H. Reagan on Oct. 5, 2013 at 10 am at the Reagan home site. Reagan's birthday is the 8th. I have talked with the ggg-granddaughter of John H. Reagan and her and her husband and maybe some other family would like to be in attendance. The Reagan Ceremony is a Davis/Reagan UDC and a Reagan Camp SCV event. A drill will be called for the Reagan Color Guard and Honor Guard before Oct.

I am calling for a work day at the Reagan home site on Saturday Sept. 28th. All and any help will be most welcome.

Up coming events and dates;

Sept. 28 Work Day at the Reagan Home site at 8am

Oct. 5th John H. Reagan Ceremony at 10am

Oct. 26th Hot Pepper Festival Parade at 10am. We will have the trailer and cannon in the parade. The Texas Mounted Color Guard will also be with us at the parade.

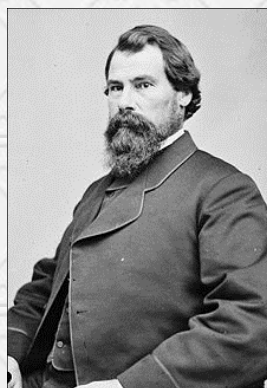
Oct. 26th Living history at the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza after the parade.

Nov. 9 or 16 Marker Dedication at Tubbs Cemetery in Houston County

We will discuss these events at the October 13th Camp Meeting. I hope to see you there. At our October meeting, we will also discuss changing the camp meeting night to a night during the week.

Forward the Colors!.

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.

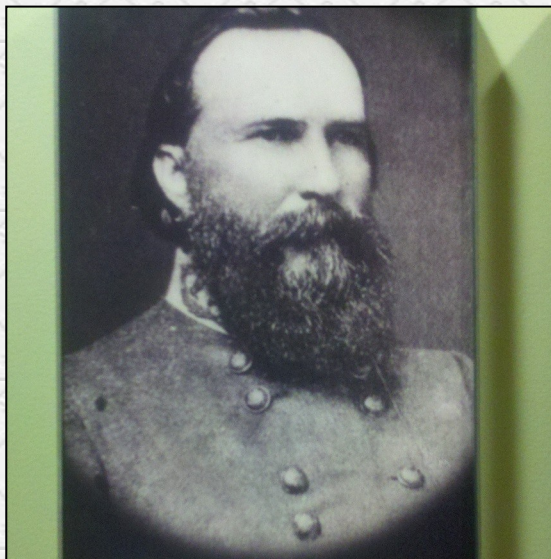
First Christian Church
113 East Crawford Street
Palestine, Texas

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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What happened to Confederate General James Longstreet?

Badly wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864 but returned to the Army of Northern Virginia shortly before the surrender at Appomattox. After the war, he enraged fellow Southerners by criticizing some of Robert E. Lee's decisions, joining the Republican Party, and remaining friendly with his old comrade Ulysses S. Grant. Longstreet died in 1904.

"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

- Comander Dan Dyer
- Historian Gary Williams
- Compatriot Ed Furman
- Past Cmdr. Ronnie Hatfield
- 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

Sept 19-22nd: 150 Anniversary of Battle of Chickamauga, Ga Reinactment (www.150anniversarychickamauga.com for more information)

Sept 27th: 2nd Texas Frontier Camp 1904 invites SCV members to march with them in 27th Annual Gorman Peanut Festival Parade. Uniforms & Period Clothing requested. Meet at Gorman High School by 8:30am.

Sept 27-28th: SCV National Leadership Workshop (see page 7 for details).

Sept 28th: Regan Camp workday at Reagan Homesight at 8am. Workers need to bring mowers & weeders.

Oct 5th: John H. Reagan Birthday Ceremony at the home site.

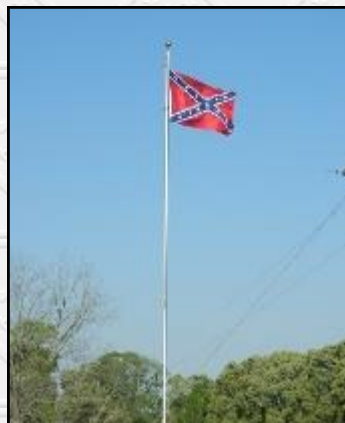
Oct 26th: Palestine Hot Pepper Festival & Parade (Regan Camp will have a living history exhibit at the Memorial Plaza)

Nov 11: Veterans Day Memorial at East Texas Arboretum in Athens with Reagan Camp Color Guard @ 11am

Nov 15-16: Fall Seminar for Hood's Texas Brigade Association Reactivated in Huntsville, Tx. (See page 8 for more info)

Jan 18, 2014: Grandbury's Texas Brigade, Camp 1479, Confederate Heros Day Cotillion. Phone 832-474-1263 for more info or email cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net

Jan 25th: East Texas Leadership Conference (see pg 9 for info)

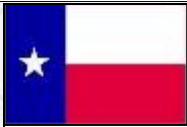


This flag flies in honor and memory of over 1,000 Confederate veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of whom never returned, and the over 500 Confederate veterans from all across the South who are buried in this county. They fought for liberty and independence from a tyrannical and oppressive government. Provided by the John H. Reagan Camp # 2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans. www.reaganscvcamp.org

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.

"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-



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156 PROGRAM BY MARC ROBINSON “CAMP GROWTH & RETENTION”



The Program for this month's meeting was presented by Marc Robinson who is the 8th Brigade Commander and a member of the John H. Reagan SCV Camp. Marc spoke to the camp on "Camp Growth, Stability, and Member Retention". **Below are some points that he made during his presentation:**

- I. Camp Growth: Recruit at every opportunity. It is usually best to do your recruiting in public while NOT in uniform since that often tends to make people keeps their distance from you. If possible, it may even help the public image of us if we are dressed in a sports coat with tie or SCV pin. It helps to have a copy of the last two months newsletters so they can see the activities in which the camp participates.
- II. When you make contact with someone who is interested in the SCV, follow up within 24 hours with a phone call or email or card. When you invite someone to a meeting, you will get better results if you will go pick them up and bring them to the meeting.
- III. At meetings, provide a friendly atmosphere, and have interesting programs. Make sure that people are greeted as they arrive.
- IV. Successful camps have members who are informed, interested, and involved.
- V. Recognize members for their efforts. Don't take members for granted. Most organizations that do not recognize their members lose nearly 50% in the first year.
- VI. Let outside people who are interested know that we are an Historical Honor Society who honors Confederate Veterans. We want the true history told.

Remember that the 1st Texas Infantry, at the battle of Sharpsburg on September 16-17, 1862, lost 82.3% of their men in Miller's Cornfield. It was the greatest percentage of men lost in any battle in the war. There were 8 flag bearers lost that day. But they were willing to make the supreme sacrifice.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156
TWO MEMBERS RECEIVE NATIONAL COMMENDATIONS
COMMANDER DAN DYER & QUARTERMASTER FRANK MOORE



Above: Marc Robinson (L), Reagan Camp Commander Dan Dyer (Middle), Reagan Camp Quartermaster Frank Moore pose for a photograph after Marc presented them with their Commendation Certificates and medals that they received from the National Sons of Confederate Veterans. Congratulations to both of these hard working members of the Reagan Camp. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. We are proud of y'all!

Above: Close up of the Commendation Medal that accompanied the certificate.



ANCESTOR OF THE MONTH

PVT. WILLIAM H. FOSTER, COMPANY H, 1ST TEXAS INFANTRY
ANCESTOR OF RONNIE HATFIELD



William H. Foster was born in Amelia County, Virginia, in 1813. His family moved to Maury County, Tennessee in 1820, where he worked on his father's farm along with his two brothers and four sisters. He remained in Maury County until the late 1850's, when he moved his parents, wife (the former Sarah Goad), and their four children to Anderson County, Texas. They settled in the Northwestern part of the county near "Fosterville."

With the outbreak of the Civil War, grandpa William felt that he should serve his country. He mounted his old mule and rode fifteen miles from his home to Kickapoo, which was located about three miles south of the present-day city of Frankston. When he left, his youngest daughter Viola, was only 4 months old. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in late April of 1861, along with about 1000 other men from Anderson County.

He was placed in Company H of the First Texas Volunteer Infantry. Company H was mustered in Palestine, Texas, which was the county seat. After a flag presentation ceremony and a speech by local dignitaries, the company marched to Shreveport, Louisiana where they were loaded on a boat headed for New Orleans by way of the Red and Mississippi Rivers. After arriving in New Orleans in late June, Company H was officially mustered in to Confederate Service for the "duration of the war" by Lieutenant John. G. Deveroux on June 24, 1861.

After some weeks of basic training and equipment issue, Private Foster, along with the rest of Company H, was loaded on a train bound for Richmond, Virginia. They arrived the day after the First Battle of Manassass. His first assigned duty was to go to Manassass and help retrieve the shattered equipment left behind by retreating Yankees.

Grandpa Foster served with Hoods Brigade and so participated in many of the war's early battles. He fought at Gaines' Mill, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, and Sharpsburg (Antietam), where his regiment, the First Texas, suffered an 82.3 percent casualty rate which was the highest of any unit, North or South, during the war.



ANCESTOR OF THE MONTH

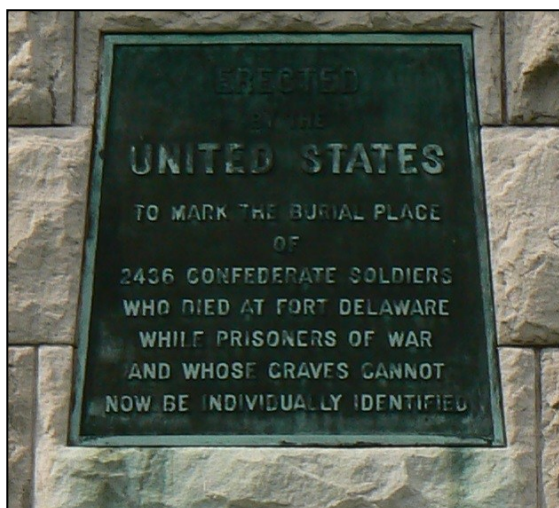
PVT. WILLIAM H. FOSTER, COMPANY H. 1ST TEXAS INFANTRY
ANCESTOR OF RONNIE HATFIELD (PG 2)



In February 1863, his health failed, and he spent the next month, in and out, in the Texas Hospital in Richmond, while his regiment camped outside the city waiting for the spring campaign to begin. By March, he was back on active duty and stationed near Rappahannock Station until April.

By the middle of June, he and the First Texas had moved to Culpepper Court House as part of General Lee's invasion force into Pennsylvania. On the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg (July 2, 1863), William Foster was taken prisoner in the confusion of battle. On July 6th, he was temporarily taken to Fort McHenry, Maryland. He was then transferred to Fort Delaware prison camp, where he arrived on July 7, 1863.

Private William H. Foster of Company H, First Texas Volunteer Infantry Regiment, died on October 13, 1863, a victim of starvation, exposure, and a typhoid epidemic in the prison camp. William is buried in Finn's Point National Cemetery in Salem, New Jersey. (This article was written by Ronnie Hatfield)



Above: Close up of the inscription on the front of the Confederate Memorial at Finn's Point National Cemetery.



Above: Confederate Memorial at Finn's Point National Cemetery. Confederate burials extend to the right of this monument.



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156
SCV NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
SEPT 28TH SAN ANTONIO



SCV National Leadership Workshop

As we move through the challenging years of the Sesquicentennial, leadership training has become even more important to the defense of our Southern heritage. In an effort to insure that our members better understand the challenges of leadership roles and to aid our leaders in acquiring the knowledge to better perform their duties, the SCV has scheduled an Autumn National Leadership Workshop.

This year's event will be held September 28, 2013 at the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel, 8818 Jones Maltsberger Rd (at intersection with Hwy 410), San Antonio, TX. It will be hosted by the Alamo City Guards Camp 1325. A tentative schedule for the day is posted below along with registration and lodging information.

Please note that this event will include relevant presentations and individual workshops for more specialized training for Commanders and Adjutants; however, ALL members are invited to attend!

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome & SCV Protocol Cmdr. Russ Lane, Camp 1325

8:40 – 8:55 Introductions & Overview Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

8:55 – 9:40 Commanders & Command CIC R. Michael Givens

9:40 – 9:50 BREAK

9:50 – 10:30 Adjutants & Administration AIC Stephen Lee Ritchie

10:30 -10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 11:30 Recruiting & Retention Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

11:30 – 12:30 DINNER

12:30 – 1:15 Vision 2016 Past Chief of HD Tom Hiter, Ph.D

1:15 – 1:25 BREAK

1:25 – 2:10 Camp Operations & Success Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

2:10 – 2:20 BREAK

2:20 – 3:05 Commander's & Adjutant's Workshops CIC, Lt. CIC & AIC

3:05 Concluding Remarks & Discussion Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

Benediction

Registration, which includes dinner, is only \$20 each and will be handled through our General Headquarters at Elm Springs. You may mail a reservation with a check or call 1 (800) 380-1896 ext 209 (Cindy) or email accounting@scv.org with credit card information (MC, VISA or AMEX).



**JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP # 2156
HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE ASSN. REACTIVATED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2013**



Hood's Texas Brigade at Home & at War

"The Best Material on the Continent"

Annual Seminar

Friday, November 15-2:00pm FREE

John W. Thomason Rare Books Room

Tour the Rare Books

Friday Evening: 6pm Reception—\$45 in the E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center

- Tour the Sam Houston Museum Rotunda
- Enjoy a reception with seminar speakers & hors d'oeuvres
- Special presentation by Rick Eiserman, "Will the Real Pvt. Joe Joskins, 5th Tx, Please Step Forward?" Rich Eiserman, HRBAR Historian and independent scholar, has solved the mystery of the secret source for some of Col. Harold B. Simpson's most intriguing material.

"The Best material on the Continent"

Saturday November 16th: 8am to 4:30pm - \$60 (lunch included)

E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center - *Come and hear outstanding speakers give us a glimpse of what made Hood's Texas Brigade "the best material on the continent".*

- **Dr. Keith Bohannon**, "Hood's Brigade & Chickamauga" - Dr. Bohannon is Associate Professor of History at the University of West Georgia and author of numerous books on the Civil War. He will take us through the Battle of Chickamauga.
- **Dr. Charles Grear**, "Sam Houston & the Fate of Texas" - Dr. Grear is Associate Professor of History at Prairie View A&M and author of *Why Texans Fought in the Civil War*. He will discuss Sam Houston's motivations and the climate in Texas on the Eve of the War.
- **Phillip Sozansky**, "Hood's Texans: Frontier Warriors" - An emerging scholar, Sozansky will explain how the frontier experience equipped the Hood's soldiers to be arguable Robert E. Lee's best fighting force.
- Dr. Susannah Ural, "To See the Boys from Texas" - Associate Professor & Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her most recent book is *Don't Hurry me Down to Hades*. She will draw from her extensive collection of Hood's soldier's letters to give us an unparalleled view of the boys from Texas.

Vendors * Speaker Book Signings * Exhibits



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 -	Marc Robinson, Cmdr. ET Brigade
	Invocation -	TX Division Chaplain Don Majors
	Introductions and Conference Outline –	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

5309 Rhones Quarter Road

Tyler, Texas 75707



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 or Phone: (903) 391-2224

WILLIAM C FRANKLIN CO D 12-BTTN ARK SHARP SHOOTERS	JOHN DANIEL LILES PVT DIED 4/25/1865 POW	WILLIAM J. CHAFFIN CO H 5 TEX CAV CSA 1829 - 1908
JASPER N. CARNES CO B 8 REGIMENT TEXAS INFANTRY	RICHARD A. HODGES CO K 22 TX INF CSA 1833 - 1905	ANDREW J BEAUCHAMP CO F 13 TEX INF 12-9-1834 9-1-1894

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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