



# Patriots Periodical

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

*by Phil Davis*



This being the first article I write to you as your Commander, I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me to this office. I count it as an Honor and Privilege to be the Commander of the Upshur County Patriots Camp #2109. I pledge to you that I will do everything I can to continue the work of those Commanders that have gone before me. I firmly believe in calling on them for their experience and knowhow of running our SCV Camp. With each of you helping, the Patriots will continue to grow and to be strong. Each member in our camp has the duty to support and promote the Upshur County Patriots and I know I can count on you.

Compatriots Eddie Pricer, George Linton and I ventured down to Lorena, Texas, on January 9<sup>th</sup> to attend the DEC (Division Executive Council) meeting. There were several topics that caught our attention – one was that the Texas Division has come

up with a new design for the SCV specialty license plates. The design looked good and maybe they will be approved this time. We will get more information later. Other items that were discussed were flying the Battle Flag at the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Parade. They were told only the 1st National Flag would be allowed. At the time of the meeting there was a great deal of backroom arm twisting and maneuvering to resolve this issue. Since then I have received info that they were able to fly our beloved Battle Flag. Another item was that very few have registered for the 2016 Texas Reunion in Kerrville in June. We should have six delegates and I encourage you to attend to ensure we cast all of our votes.

Again, I thank you for your confidence and look forward to all of the events with which our camp is involved. Also, I urge you to attend meetings at the other camps within our Brigade.

I leave you with this question, Have you talked to some one about joining our camp or another SCV camp?

*\*Give What You Can to Heritage Defense\**



Incoming Commander Phil Davis (on R) receiving his Commander's Pin from outgoing Commander Eddie Pricer. It is our custom to pass on the Commander's Pin from one Commander to the next. We look forward to Commander Davis' leadership in the coming year.



## The Guardian

By Phil Davis

I am delighted to report that in the past two weeks I have received and processed 31 Guardian Applications, 18 from our camp. Twelve applications are from one of our new members. At our February meeting I will present about a dozen certificates. Our camp is doing very well as we have many Guardians. My goal is for each Patriot to be a Guardian.

I presented a Medal and Certificate at the DEC meeting in Lorena in January and also urged Commanders and Brigade Officers to help me promote the Guardian program.

I was also encouraged by assisting some of our members in filling out Guardian Applications at our last meeting.

If you have seen the commercial on TV "Real men wear the Gown", I say concerned Sons of Confederate Veterans wear the Guardian Medal.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **NEXT MEETING**

February 2, 2016  
Meeting at 7 PM  
Walking S Steakhouse

#### **Jefferson Mardi Gras Parade**

February 6, 2016  
Parade Starts at 2 PM  
Muster 1 PM



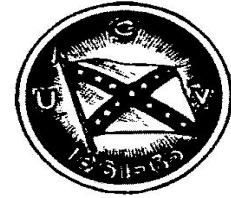
As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some small way I can convince you of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge". We must, now more than ever, show the world that we care about our Southern Heritage and the Valiant Heroes that fought to preserve it.

As always I leave you with this question

Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?



Compatriot Michael Pepper giving a program on Uniforms of The Confederacy. On display were some examples of the different colors and materials.

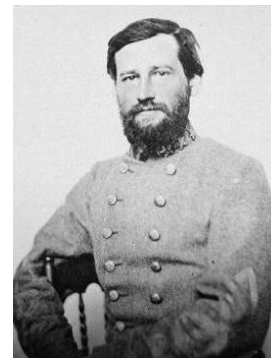


### To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans . . .

. . . "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 he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul?"

"Not in the clamor of the crowded street,  
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,  
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat." . . .

From a speech by  
Confederate Gen. Stephen D. Lee,  
presiding officer at the 16th Annual Reunion  
of the United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana,  
April 25th - 27th, 1906.



Lt. General Stephen D. Lee



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New Member Mark Davis (on R.) being sworn in by Commander Eddie Pricer at our January meeting.



Kim Duffey (on R.) being presented a Campaign Medal in honor of his Ancestor by Joe Reynolds, Commander of the David Reynolds Camp.

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## OUR PLEDGES



### PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



### PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



### SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



General Robert E. Lee



## THE CHAPLAIN IN THE ARMY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

*By H. Rondel Rumburg*

Past Chaplain-in-Chief

The standard for a Confederate Chaplain was: he must be a true child of God who preaches the Gospel. Stonewall Jackson's question regarding whether one was fit to be a chaplain was, "Does he preach the gospel?"

A Confederate Chaplain was one who preached the gospel which he personally believed. The gospel was/is the good news about Jesus Christ being the only way of salvation, because of His personal substitutionary atonement (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Faith, which is the gift of God, comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Eph. 2:8-9). How can men hear without a preacher (Rom. 10:14-15)? The chaplain preached "the word of faith." "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).

### From: A Southern View of History

The issue of whether to fly a Confederate battle flag is only the "tip of the iceberg". We are now seeing children abused in schools for wearing clothing with a portrait of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson or a likeness of a Confederate symbol, not only by roving gangs of black students, but by the administrators as well. We have seen numerous efforts by various groups to change street names, remove Confederate monuments, censor the playing of Dixie (a song written by a Northerner) and otherwise purge our society of a visible remembrance of Southern Heritage.

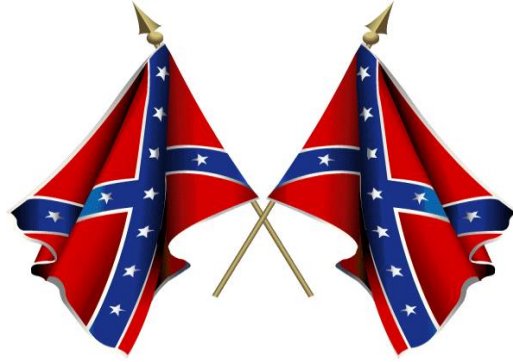


Upshur Co. Patriots

Cemetery Survey Committee

Chairman: Kim Duffey

During the month of January 2016, our Cemetery Committee met and surveyed the gravesites at the Mitchell Family Cemetery and Pleasant Hill Cemetery, both in Upshur County. Graves of all War Veterans and Able Bodied Men of the era were documented. Thank you to everyone who helped with this important project.



### Famous Confederate Quotes

From the American Revival

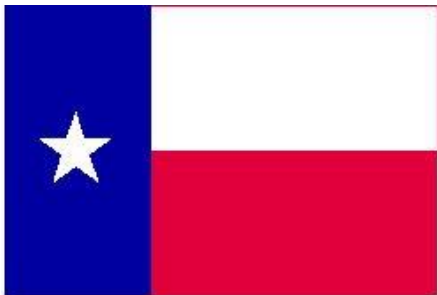
If centralism is ultimately to prevail; if our entire system of free Institutions as established by our common ancestors is to be subverted, and an Empire is to be established in their stead; if that is to be the last scene of the great tragic drama now being enacted: then, be assured, that we of the South will be acquitted, not only in our own consciences, but in the judgment of mankind, of all responsibility for so terrible a catastrophe, and from all guilt of so great a crime against humanity. -Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America



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The Lone Star Color Guard won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Special Entry category in this year's Ore City Christmas Parade.



A Banner in honor of the late Paul Hamilton was presented to the Lone Star Color Guard at our December 2015 Christmas Party.

#### Historical Dates in February

2/1/1861 Texas Passes Ordinance of Secession.

2/4/1861 Confederate States of America created.

2/5/1865 Battle of Butcher's Run Virginia.

2/6/1862 Battle of Fort Henry Tennessee.

2/6/1864 Battle of Morton's Ford Virginia.

2/7/1861 Resolutions of The Choctaw Nation Approved.

2/7/1862 Battle of Roanoke Island North Carolina.





### Confederate Heroes Day

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, members of the Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade met at the Gregg County Courthouse to celebrate Confederate Heroes Day and Robert E. Lee's birthday. The celebration was led by 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Sam Mercer. A good crowd gathered in cold and rainy weather to honor our Confederate Heroes.





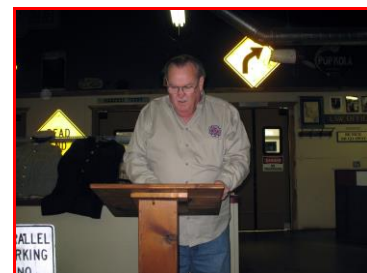
From: Commander Gary Bray, Texas  
Division SCV

Compatriots,

1/25/2016 The decision has been made that our Texas Division will move forward with the SCV State License plate project. The money from the plate will help fund the many battles we face almost daily. As you know we can "not" use our battle flag or our SCV logo on the tag so we are doing a redesign for the plate. We want to show our pride as Sons of Confederate Veterans but also our pride for being Texans and our Texas Division. A number of plate designs were given to the DEC for a vote. One was a standout design and is the one that won. The artwork does not belong to us so we are going to have a little fun with this project. We are going to have a photo contest and the winning photo will be the art work for the plate. The photos will be judged by the DEC. The idea here is to get some member as a model and dress him to look like a color bearer for Hoods Texas Brigade.



We are proud to be associated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Order of Confederate Rose.



Thank you to outgoing Commander Eddie Pricer for his leadership and generosity during the last two years.

