



**PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL**  
**UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109**  
**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
**GILMER, TEXAS**

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**UNDERSTANDING**  
**SOUTHERN**  
**CULTURE**

*By Jeffrey Murrah*

The stereotypes of the South are often perpetrated by Hollywood, the media and academia. Southern culture has been largely shaped by its history. Although there has been an assortment of people from many nations that have contributed to the South, there is a culture and mindset that has developed over time. The people of the South have different way of living than people from other parts of the country. They maintained a fierce love of independent thought in intellectual pursuits and religion. They maintained a "live and let live philosophy" as opposed to the Yankee/Puritan north that wanted to 'save' the world and tell others how to live their lives.

To a Southerner, "separation of church and State" means that the government has no business trying to control any aspect of the church or ways that people worship.

Maintaining weapons continued through the days of the frontier and into the present day. During the days of the frontier, they were needed in responding to threats from attacks by man or wild animals. They also proved important in standing up to British oppression. Southerners believed that it was better to be armed in responding to crises than to call for someone who is armed to come to their assistance.

Southerners have willingly done their duty in military service. The South sends more volunteers into the service than other regions of the Union. Southerners are proud of their military heroes. Monuments are found at many courthouses throughout the South. As a people, they also revere their history and places of historic importance.

Southerners tend to disregard laws that restrict personal freedoms. Northerners use the law to force others to do their will. The differences between the regions erupted during the War Between the States. Although the Civil War ended, the regional differences have remained.

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**THE GUARDIAN**



In this this month's Guardian article we honor the memory of Mrs. Jane Davis. Mrs. Davis passed away February 26, 2022 at home. She was the wife of Compatriot Phil Davis.

As many of you know, Phil is a past Commander of the Upshur Co. Patriots, currently 1st. Lt. Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade and Director of the SCV Texas Guardian Program.

We hope you will keep Phil and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Psalm 23:4**

Heavenly Father, Your Word declares that "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me". I ask that You will help to apply Your Word in the midst of loss. This I ask in Jesus Name, Amen.



**Meetings of the Upshur County Patriots  
are held on the first Tuesday, 7 PM at the  
Historic Upshur Museum**

**UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS**  
**GUARDIANS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	46
T. Mitchell/G. Linton	Full	5
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Johnathan Tyson	Full	1
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



*“There is a true glory and a true honor: the glory of duty done--the honor of the integrity of principle.” Robert E. Lee*

*“Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southerner apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance.”  
Jefferson Davis*

**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.

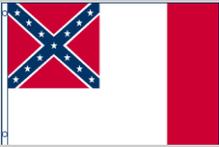


**SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:**

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



*The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate Veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendant of a Confederate Veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.*

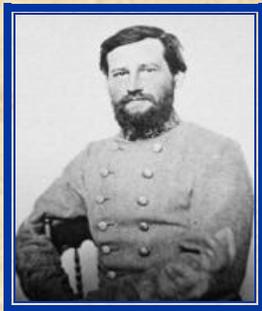


## CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“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.”



“Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander  
United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

*“The SCV’s Best Hope for Success is  
Knowledge of the Truth”*



## HAVING FAITH

R.L. Adams

*“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” Matthew 21:22*

Sometimes, when things don’t go according to plan, we lose faith, not only in ourselves, but also in any potential outcome in our lives. Faith, at its core, is deep-rooted in the expectation of good things to come. It goes beyond hope. While much of hope lives in the mind, faith is steeped in the heart and the spirit.

People have moved mountains with their faith. Even when situations seemed dire and bleak, it was their faith that carried them through. There’s little to no explanation for it in the physical realm; it’s the metaphysical fiber that binds us all, carrying each of our deepest wishes and desires. That’s where faith lives.

Unfortunately, some people don’t believe in things that they cannot see. They explain things away due to other causes and effects, failing to find the small miracles in life that exist and work in our favor on a constant basis. There’s an enormous level of importance attributable to having faith in life.

Faith is the pathway to finding solutions in life. Keep in mind that human beings were made to thrive, and not just survive. If

you're only surviving, there's far greater in store for you. There's a pathway to all of your solutions, and that pathway is steeped in faith and the expectation of greater things to come in time.

No matter what the situation is, no matter how bad or dire you think it might seem, your faith can and will get you through it. You must accept that as fact, and hold on to the expectation of greater things to come. Don't stop pushing or searching for an answer to help resolve whatever situation you might be facing in your life.



Our February program was given by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Jerry Akin. Jerry spoke on the U.S. Customs Service and taxes and tariffs.

## HISTORICAL DATES IN MARCH



### 1861

**March 4...**The "Stars and Bars" is named as the first official flag of the Confederate States of America by the Confederate Congress.

**March 6...**The Provisional Army of the Confederate States is established by the Confederate government.

### 1862

**March 6...**The Battle of Pea Ridge begins. It involves Confederate-aligned Cherokee

units. 10,500 Union elements face off against 16,500 confederates in northwestern Arkansas.

**March 8...**In a naval encounter at Hampton Roads, Virginia, USS Cumberland and USS Congress fall to the confederate warship CSS Virginia.

**March 9...**the historical battle of the U.S.S. Monitor against the C.S.S. Virginia (formerly the U.S.S. Merrimac) by Norfolk, VA. ends in a draw. This is the end of the era of wooden ships.

**March 14...**The Battle of New Bern is had in Craven County, North Carolina. 11,000 Union soldiers are supported by fourteen gunboats against a Confederate Army showcasing 4,000 troops and single cavalry regiment. The result is a Union victory with minimal losses on both sides.

**March 23...** Confederate General Henry Sibley claims Santa Fe, New Mexico.

### 1863

**March 3...**In a two-day clash of cavalry forces at Thompson's Station, Tennessee, Confederate forces are victorious.

**March 25...** Brentwood, Tennessee and Franklin, Tennessee are raided by cavalry forces under the command of General Forrest.

### 1864

**March 12...**Union gunboats and ironclads make their way towards Shreveport, Louisiana along the Red River.

**March 24...**Union City, Tennessee and its defenders are captured by Confederate General Nathaniel Bedford Forrest.

**March 25...**Paducah, Kentucky, at the Kentucky-Tennessee border, is raided by

Confederate elements of General Nathan Forrest.

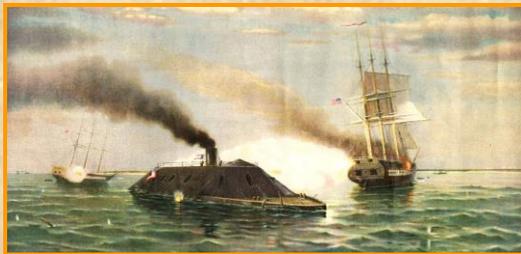
## 1865

**March 2...**The Battle of Waynesboro takes place in Virginia. It is a Union victory and notable for the destruction of General Jubal Early's army. Strength includes 2,500 Union against 1,600 Confederates with casualties being 9 to 1,500, respectively.

**March 10...**The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads is recorded on this date. Fighting takes place near Fayetteville in North Carolina and is an inconclusive engagement.

**March 14...**Union forces under the direction of General Sheridan take Fayetteville, North Carolina.

**March 27...**The Battle of Spanish Fort (Alabama) begins.



The CSS *Virginia* was an ironclad ship in the Confederate navy during the American Civil War. The first American warship of its kind—prior to 1862, all navy vessels were made of wood—it was constructed in order to attack the ever-tightening Union blockade on the Confederacy's major Atlantic ports and harbors.



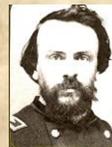
On March 8, 1862 the CSS *Virginia* steamed out to Hampton Roads under the command of Captain

Franklin Buchanan to take on the wooden warships of the Union's North Atlantic Blockading Squadron anchored near Fort Monroe. The first ship to tangle with the *Virginia*, the sloop USS *Cumberland*, was quickly rammed and sunk, although in the process the *Virginia's* ram was snapped off. Meanwhile, the rest of the Confederate James River Squadron had come out to join the fight, and Lieutenant Joseph B. Smith, commander of the frigate USS *Congress*, moved his ship into shallow water and grounded it, lest he, too, be sunk. He exchanged fire with Buchanan's ironclad for about an hour before he finally surrendered.



## THOMPSON'S STATION MARCH 1863

The Union force -- Indianans, Michiganders, Wisconsinites, Ohioans, and six cannons, under the overall command of Colonel John Coburn – slowed and prepared for battle. The Confederates, roughly 1,000 dismounted cavalymen arrayed in the muddy highlands north of Thompson's Station. The battlefield was split in half, north to south, by the Columbia Turnpike. Thompson's Station, the site of the main Confederate battle force, was in the



southern sector of the field. North of town, Confederate pickets defended a pair of hills that rose on either side of the Turnpike. The main Union force camped north of these hills. Coburn's Federals pushed stubbornly towards the Confederate advance line and drove it in, taking possession of the high ground overlooking Thompson's Station.

The Confederates ducked for cover as shells carved furrows down dirt roads and blew down sturdy walls. When they looked up, the Union attackers were almost on top of them. War cries and musketry cut the air as the Confederates rose up and counter-charged. At one point 17 year-old Alice Thompson dashed into the open and waved a Confederate battle flag aloft, exhorting the men to protect the town. At this point in the battle Coburn suffered a severe shock. Under some authority other than his own, the artillery and cavalry supports of his expedition quit the field. Suddenly outnumbered and outgunned, Coburn faced "a contingency against which all human foresight could not provide."



Nathan Bedford Forrest seemed to sense the vulnerability in front of him. He shouted and cursed at his men to reform amidst the bloody confusion and led them on a wide march to the east and north before finally taking position in Coburn's rear and cutting his line of retreat. Forrest led three or four charges and lost one of his favorite mounts, Roderick, when the wounded horse broke free of the hospital and was killed searching for his comrade on the battlefield.

A Confederate veteran later recalled that the carnage "continued ... about five hours, and, so deadly and stubborn was the nature of the contest that at times bayonets actually clashed, and hand to hand fights to the death were not uncommon." In the end, Coburn's exhausted and battered men surrendered.

The Confederate veterans of Thompson's Station knew that they had just won a striking victory.



### **BUCKHORN BARBER SHOP** GILMER TEXAS

The Buckhorn Barbershop was opened on the south side of the square in the 1930's by Steve Castloo. An avid hunter, Castloo also operated a taxidermy business and beauty shop for several years. He was a member of the Bethesda Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Castloo headed a deer hunting party of local residents for 36 years on a South Texas lease.

*"Associate yourself with Men of good Quality if you Esteem your own Reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad Company." George Washington*



## C.S.A HAT FACTORY GILMER, TEXAS

A modern business now stands where hats for the Confederate Army were made by Robert Potts Bros. Hatters during Civil War. The location was at 404 Titus Street. In a year's time 300 pounds of wool was used for 600 hats valued at \$7,000. Overcoats, blankets, shoes and caps were also made in Texas factories for the army.

Housewives carded cotton and wool. Homes having spinning wheels and looms made sheeting, linsey and flannel. Others knitted socks, caps, slippers or sewed drawers, shirts and pants.

Texas cloth output included 130,000 yards a month from the state penitentiary.

A Texas Historical Marker was erected in 1964 by the State Historical Survey Committee.

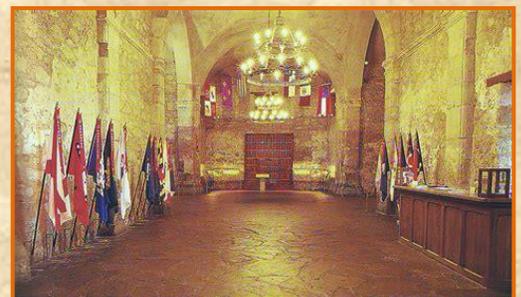


## THE ALAMO

*Wikipedia.org*

In the early morning hours of March 6, 1836 the Mexican Army advanced on the Alamo. After repelling two attacks, the Texians were unable to fend off a third attack. As Mexican soldiers scaled the walls, most of the Texian fighters withdrew into interior buildings. Occupiers unable to reach these points were slain by the Mexican cavalry as they attempted to escape. Between five and seven Texians may have surrendered; if so, they were quickly executed. Several noncombatants were sent to Gonzales to spread word of the Texian defeat.

An Estimated 600 -1,600 Mexican soldiers died at the Alamo along with the almost 200 Texian defenders.





## NAVIGATION WITH A TEXAN ACCENT

*W.F. Strong*

On Google Maps you can get navigator voices in English with either an American, British, Indian, or Canadian accent. I think they should offer a Texas navigator accent. We'll call the navigator Jim Bob. Of course he couldn't just have the accent. He'd need Texas expressions and colloquialisms too. Jim Bob would give you guidance something like this:

You're fixin' to wanta take the ramp for Dallas up yonder 'bout half a mile. You might oughta get in the left line right quick.

Now, if you miss your exit, Jim Bob will say, Where you goin'? Missed your exit back there. It don't matter. I'll fix it. Grab the exit onto the feeder road and then take the Texas turn around. You'll see a Dairy Queen catty-cornered to you there. Take a left.

In settings you can select surly Jim Bob. He begins most responses with "Do what now?"

Jim Bob, what's the traffic like in Dallas?  
Do what now? What do you think it's like?  
Same as always. A slow-moving train wreck.

Yup, I think we need a Texas accent navigator, to have Jim Bob along even outside of Texas.

Hey, Google. You listenin'?



## SOUTHERN HERITAGE

*From an article by: Steven  
Yates*

What is this Southern Heritage thing all about, anyway? Is it more than defense of a battle flag? What's so great about it?

It means more than merely protecting symbols, although this is of course important. It also means protecting a set of moral convictions or basic, fundamental values that are under assault today. These include the fundamental goodness of family, understood as one man married to one woman, with their children.

Another basic value frequently expressed among pro-South types is that of limited government, where the limiting element is a written Constitution. What is meant by this should be fairly obvious, but again, Constitutionally limited government is almost a foreign concept today.

Religion is another core element of Southern heritage: strong belief in and love for God. Again, it is popular in a lot of circles today to question whether God even exists. It is easy to respond that many of our worst problems, particularly in the schools, seem to have begun when God was gradually removed from them.

One thing Southern heritage is manifestly not about is hatred of those unlike oneself, combined with an urge to keep them "in their place." With the Southern mindset are values of honor, honesty, loyalty and trust, as well as liberty.

Thank you to everyone that braved the weather and turned out for the Jefferson Mardi Gras Parade Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Photos by Albert Colvin*



Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at: [www.upshurpatriots.org](http://www.upshurpatriots.org)



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