



Patriots Periodical

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
Gilmer, Texas

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Phil Davis



Here it is May and we've finally gotten thru April, which was a very busy month for the Upshur Patriots. Those of us that attended the grave dedications, Camp Ford living history, Jefferson school days and parade, and assisted the John Gregg Camp living history exhibit at the Longview Museum, besides the everyday activities of our Camp, know just how busy we have been.

Thanks to all who lent their support? Here's hoping May will slow down just a bit, but we all know if duty calls we will be there.

If you remember we were booked up every weekend of April, for grave dedications, living history and parades. Not to mention all the week days spent at the Longview Museum and visiting other camps. On April 15 we had two dedications three hours apart. I must say that as busy as we were, our camp

showed up in force. Also, thanks to the other camps in our brigade for helping out.

The Texas Division Reunion is coming up June 3 – 5. If you are going and will be there on Saturday June 4, please let me know, as we have five votes in the business meeting. We do not need to let our votes go uncounted. Some have indicated they will be there, but we also need some alternate delegates. If you have never been to the Texas Division Reunion, you need to go to learn how things get done at the Division level.

I haven't received the completed information yet, but the best I can decipher, we will be voting on a dues increase, reunion registration fee and a clarification of how our Brigade officers are voted on. If I find out anything more I will inform you at the May 3 meeting. We will also decide how our camp delegates will vote. Do your best to be there at our meeting.

All members are appreciated and as always:

I leave you with this question, Have you talked to some one about joining our

camp or another SCV camp. **Well, Why not?** And yes Otter, I know you gave out recruiting material in town. If Otter can do it, so can the rest of us.

Give What You Can to Heritage Defense

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

May 3, 2016
Meeting at 7 PM
Walking S Steakhouse
Program on
The Red River Campaign
By Mark Vogl

Cemetery Memorial

May 5, 2016
Sardis Cemetery
Hughes Springs
Service at 11 AM



Mrs. Norma Holley speaking at our April 2016 meeting on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



The Guardian

By Phil Davis

This past month (April) I received an application from a 97 years young Compatriot. He and his family had been tending this Confederate Hero's (Private William Anderson McCain) grave since he was very young.

He was not an SCV member, but when he heard about the Guardian Program and what we do, he wanted to be a part of it. With the help of the 4th Brigade's Lee-

Borland Camp he submitted his SCV membership form and as soon as he became an SCV member, he submitted his Guardian Application.

He wanted to HONOR his Grandfather. The Guardian Review Committee unanimously approved him as a Full Guardian. When he was presented his Guardian Medal and Certificate, his camp also presented him with a Real Grandson Medal. This ceremony took place April 16.

Now you may say how can a 97 year old man take care of a grave and fulfill the duties of a Guardian? His camp and his son will be helping him with these duties. The important thing here is, He wants to publicly honor this Confederate Hero while honoring his Grandfather. His son will assume the duties when this Compatriot joins his Grandfather.

What a great tribute this Compatriot is to the SCV and the Guardian Program.



His name is Horace K. McCain and he is also a WWII Veteran. As you can see by the picture he is in a wheelchair. At the ceremony, when he got close to the gravesite, he stood and walked as far as he could to Honor his Grandfather. What an example this man is for us. Can we not follow his example?

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some way I can convince you of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge". As always, I leave you with this question:

Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?

This morning April 27, 2016, I received a call from his camp informing me that Compatriot Horace K. McCain had passed away. He went on to be with his Grandfather, whom he had so graciously honored. I am proud to have had a small part in his last tribute to his Grandfather. May he rest in peace and may God comfort his family.





At our April 2016 meeting, Mr. Parsons (above) gave a presentation on the New London, Tx. School explosion of 1937.



A Cemetery Dedication was held on April 23, 2016 in honor of Pvt. James Monroe Turlington. The event was at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Upshur County.



On April 16, 2016, a Memorial was held at the Old East Mountain Cemetery honoring Pvt. George Foster Wyatt.

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This month's Corner will feature a prayer by Robert E. Lee.

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:

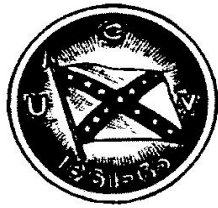
I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—to really pray. Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight—all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice." - *Robert E. Lee*



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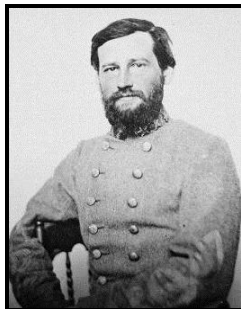


**To you,
Sons of Confederate Veterans . . .**

. . . "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.



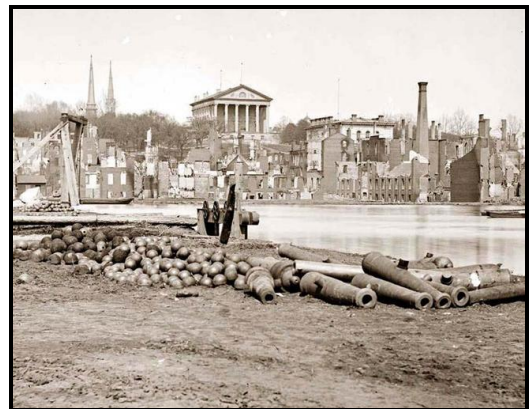
General Stephen D. Lee

From: A Southern View of History

The South viewed a strong centralized government as a form of a monarchy. The South well remembered their War for Independence from Great Britain and they did not desire to come under such rule again. The South could see that the federal government was becoming more and more like the old government that their forefathers had shed their blood to free them from.



If "A Picture is worth a thousand words",
then this photo speaks volumes.



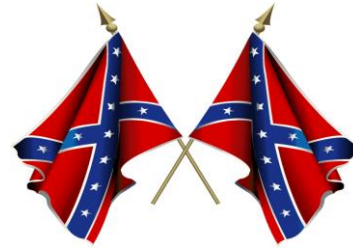
Richmond, Va. 1865



At our April 2016 meeting, Commander Phil Davis administers our oath to new members Dick Brassell (L) and James Plumlee (R).



A Cemetery Memorial was held at the Greathouse Cemetery on April 9, 2016. Pvt. T.H. Greathouse was honored.



Historical Dates in May

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| May 6, 1861 | Arkansas secedes |
| May 7, 1861 | Tennessee secedes |
| May 20, 1861 | North Carolina secedes |
| May 31, 1862 | Battle of Seven Pines |
| May 1 – 4, 1863 | Battle of Chancellorsville |
| May 10, 1863 | Stonewall Jackson dies |
| May 4, 1864 | Virginia Campaign |
| May 4 – 5, 1864 | Battle of the Wilderness |
| May 8 – 12, 1864 | Battle of Spotsylvania |



The Upshur County Patriots held 2 workdays in April to clean up the Morgan Cemetery in Upshur County. The cemetery

was overtaken by brush and several fallen trees. Thank you to all that participated.



Morgan Cemetery Cleanup April 25, 2016



The 2 photos above show the cleaned up Morgan Cemetery and some of the Compatriots who took part.



Spotlight On

By: Eddie Pricer



Esther Linton

As we strive to enhance and improve our newsletter, it is time that we focus on those who support the "Cause" both on a personal level as well as pursuing the ideals of genteel Southern living through organizational endeavors. This new section in the Patriot's Periodical will be printed from time to time to throw a spotlight on one of these dedicated souls. It is with great pleasure that we turn the first "Spotlight On" toward our own Esther Linton.

Esther is a fine Christian woman in the truest sense of the definition. She is an active member of her Church, works within the community to aid the needy and leads others on the path to salvation. Esther is well respected within the community and volunteers for many endeavors that

promote the well-being of the citizens. She is the quintessential Southern Belle.

Esther Linton is the current President of the Upshur Patriot Rose Chapter #45 of the Order of the Confederate Rose and the Registrar for the Emma Sansom Chapter #2701 of the United Daughters of Confederacy. She is a charter member of both groups. Some of the activities with which Esther is involved, include parades and public memorial ceremonies at both grave and monument sites. Esther provided significant support in the procuring and placement of a monument honoring Confederate Heroes on the front lawn of the Historic Upshur Museum across from the Courthouse on the downtown square in Gilmer. Esther has successfully worked to provide scholarship money for youngsters to attend the Sam Davis Youth Camp. She is keenly interested in ensuring that our children are exposed to the positive values of our forebears.

Esther has spent countless hours conducting research and preparing documentation and notes for speeches and letters authored by SCV members for publication in both the local newspapers and the Upshur County Patriots Camp Newsletter. Her research and encouragement has resulted in favorable press coverage promoting both the local SCV, OCR and UDC Camps. Esther keeps a close eye on the news of the day and is quick to alert officeholders when there has been a slight (great or small) against our

Southern way of life or that distorts the true history so that our heritage defense response may be undertaken in a timely manner.

In addition to youth scholarships, Esther is keen to educate our teens in both historical facts differentiating between popular notions and actual events. In promoting Southern ideals, she instills a sense of worth and humility lacking in so many today. Esther takes every opportunity to correct all the misconceptions of the Southern Cause, whether at the grocery store or at the local cafe.

One of Esther's most glowing and important attributes is her ability and willingness to undertake genealogical research. Esther has conducted many hundreds of research projects to identify and locate ancestral information for anyone who asks or has been referred to her by others. Esther has on several occasions located Confederate lineage for people who had previously been unsuccessful and given up all hope. This has resulted in new members to the SCV as a result of her tenacity. She discusses the importance of the information she has located and how to continue to increase awareness of their ancestors' background on both a personal and public level.

Esther is a member of the Upshur County Patriots Grave Registration and Research Team, spending many hours walking cemeteries searching for potential and actual Confederate Soldier gravesites. In

addition, she was instrumental in the location of the Terry Family Cemetery which was long lost to and swallowed by the Arkansas wilderness. Esther aided in the reclamation, proper outlining of the cemetery boundaries and obtaining headstones for those buried there. This included one Confederate hero whose grave now has his deserved VA monument. Esther has been successful in obtaining other VA monuments for Confederate Veterans in this time of foot dragging and outright denial of the lawful recognition of Confederate service.

One of Esther's other activities is as a docent for the Historic Upshur Museum in Gilmer, Texas. She provides tours of the various exhibits which include a small section dedicated to the War of Northern Aggression. Although the display is limited, Esther is always on the prowl for something to add to the collection.

Esther represents quite effectively, the Upshur County Patriots as their "Matron of Honor" and these are but the highlights of Esther's passion for and dedication to promoting and protecting our Southern way of life and the Heroes that sacrificed themselves.

Lastly, with all that Esther does, she somehow manages to keep George focused. Congratulations, Esther for being the first to have the "Spotlight On".

U.S. Treasury Department News

~News Alert~



On Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that Abolitionist Harriet Tubman's image will appear on a new series of \$20 bills, becoming the first African-American to appear on U.S. paper currency and the first woman in more than a century. Andrew Jackson will be moved to the back of the bill. Tubman became a conductor on the Underground Railroad, helping slaves escape to freedom. During the Civil War, she was active in the Union cause, serving as a nurse, a cook, and a scout, gathering intelligence.



CSA \$50 dollar bill depicting Jefferson Davis



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



Thank you to the Starnes family and everyone at the Walking S Steakhouse for their hospitality and providing a great meeting place for the Upshur County Patriots. Serving great food on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

2016 Texas Reunion

June 3-5, 2016

YO Ranch Resort and Conference Center
2033 Sidney Baker (TX Hwy 16)
Kerrville, TX 78028

2016 National Reunion

July 13-16, 2016

Renaissance Hotel

900 E. Lookout Dr.

Richardson, TX 75082