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MAY 2020

**MAY MEETING  
CANCELED**



## MEMORIAL DAY

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Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

*Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.*



Unknown  
Soldier  
Tomb



Confederate Monument  
Arlington, Va.

**Upcoming Events may be found on the  
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**2020 Texas Division Reunion Cancelled**

We regret to inform you the 2020 Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion scheduled June 5 thru June 7 at the hotel Embassy Suites Grapevine has been cancelled.

The Covid-19 Virus Pandemic makes planning for our event impossible. We cannot guarantee our members of this event an absolute date.

**THE GUARDIAN**



**Honoring Our Confederate Ancestors**

The question is simple: how should we treat the service of those who served in the Confederate military. Should we recognize it? Respect it? Honor it?

I will honor them as I have already done, by collecting their individual stories and to the extent that I can to protect and preserve their graves, monuments and to keep their flags flying. As to what course others may take, frankly, that is up to them.

All of the moralization imposing the present day morality on them seems, at best, misplaced and at worse even more of an effort to obscure and malign these men who, by any standard, were great men.

We should honor them as we see fit, whether that's decorating their graves, researching their lives, maybe portraying them in living history, etc., the way we'd honor/celebrate *any* of our ancestors.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Guardian Program is a wonderful way to honor those who fought and died for future generations of the South.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information. [userphill97@aol.com](mailto:userphill97@aol.com)



### UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	40
Tommy L. Mitchell/	Full	5
George Linton		
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	33
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	18
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3
W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem		

## 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 descendent 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.



## A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

*By Joanna Fuchs*

Lord, we need your help for our country, the United States of America. We've let things slide for so long that the mountainous task before us seems insurmountable. Yet we know, as Philippians 4:13 tells us, that we can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens us.

Please strengthen us, Lord. We pray You will give us courage, energy and abundant resources to put things right, according to Your will. Help us return America to the principles and values of our Founders. Show us, Lord, how to pare away the many parts of our federal government that violate our Constitution, which clearly defines strong, sovereign states. In this *Prayer for America* we pray you will reveal the steps we need to take to get it done, and give us the motivation, a driving passion, to take the necessary action.

Lord, for all of us, we pray that you will lead us farther and farther away from self-centeredness and materialism and closer to You, through the reading of Your word in the Holy Bible.

Please pray for America!





## HISTORICAL DATES IN MAY

**May 21, 1861**-The Confederacy names Richmond, Virginia as their Capital.

**May 24, 1861** - Union forces cross the Potomac River and occupy Arlington Heights, the home of future Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

**May 25, 1862** - First Battle of Winchester, Virginia.

**May 31-June 1, 1862** - The Battle of Seven Pines near Richmond, Virginia.

**May 1-4, 1863** - The Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia. General Lee's greatest victory is marred by the mortal wounding of "Stonewall" Jackson.

**May 18, 1863**-The Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi begins. Union forces under General Ulysses S. Grant attack Confederate defenses outside the city.

**May 4-5, 1864**-Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia, the opening battle of the "Overland Campaign" or "Wilderness Campaign".

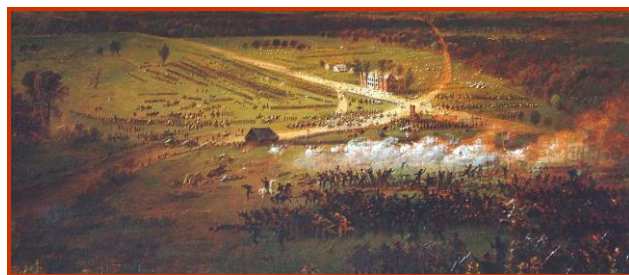
**May 7, 1864**-Beginning of the Atlanta Campaign. With three Union armies under his command, General William T. Sherman marched south from Tennessee into Georgia.

**May 8-21, 1864**-Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia. Lee successfully stalls Grant's drive toward Richmond.

**May 11, 1864**-Battle of Yellow Tavern. Six miles north of Richmond, Confederate cavalry under General J.E.B. Stuart blocked a force of Union cavalry under General Philip Sheridan.

**May 14-15, 1864**- Battle of Resaca, Georgia. General Sherman's armies are blocked at Resaca by General Johnston's Army of Tennessee.

**May 12, 1865**-The final battle of the Civil War takes place at Palmito Ranch, Texas. It is a Confederate victory.



## BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE

May 1-4, 1863

*History.com*

The Battle of Chancellorsville was a huge victory for the Confederacy and General Robert E. Lee during the Civil War, though it is also famous for being the battle in which Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was mortally wounded. Fought in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Lee's daring decision to face a force twice his size—Union General Joseph Hooker's Army of the Potomac—by splitting his own army in two made the Battle of Chancellorsville go down in history as Lee's most significant tactical victory.

The two armies clashed in an open field just beyond the Wilderness, a forest west of Chancellorsville, on May 1, 1863.



The South's greatest casualty was the loss of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, who was accidentally shot by his own men while returning

from a reconnaissance of Union lines. He survived the amputation of his left arm in the field, but infection set in, and he died of pneumonia on May 10.

Chancellorsville Casualties:

Confederate - 60,000 men engaged, suffered 13,303 casualties (1,665 killed, 9,081 wounded, 2,018 missing).

Union - 133,000 Union men engaged, 17,197 were casualties (1,606 killed, 9,672 wounded, 5,919 missing).



**BATTLE OF PALMITO RANCH**

*tshaonline.org*

On May 13, 1865, more than a month after the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the last land action of the Civil War took place at Palmito Ranch near Brownsville. Early in the war the Union army had briefly occupied Brownsville but had been unable to hold the city. They established a base at Brazos Santiago on Brazos Island from which to blockade the Rio Grande and Brownsville. They were, however, unable to blockade the Mexican (and technically neutral) port of Bagdad, just below the river. The Confederates landed supplies at Bagdad and then transported them twenty-five miles inland to Matamoros to be shipped across the Rio Grande into Brownsville.

The Confederates in Texas were aware of the fate of the Confederacy's eastern armies. On May 1, 1865, a passenger on a steamer heading up the Rio Grande towards Brownsville tossed a copy of the New Orleans *Times* to some Confederates at Palmito Ranch. Within the next ten days several hundred rebels left the army and went home. Those who remained were as resolute as their commanders to continue the fight in Texas.

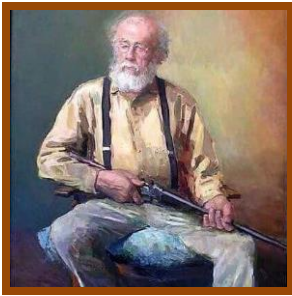
Union Colonel Theodore H. Barrett ordered 250 men of the Sixty-second United States Colored Infantry and fifty men of the Second Texas United States Cavalry (dismounted) to cross to the mainland from Brazos Island at Boca Chica Pass to occupy Brownsville.

At Palmito Ranch the federals encountered Capt. W. N. Robinson's 190-man company of Lt. Col. George H. Giddings's Texas Cavalry Battalion.

The federals lost 111 men and four officers captured, and thirty men wounded or killed. Ironically, at the same time as the battle of Palmito Ranch, the Confederate governors of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas were authorizing Lt. Gen. Kirby Smith to disband his armies and end the war. A few days later federal officers from Brazos Santiago visited Brownsville to arrange a truce with General Slaughter and Colonel Ford.

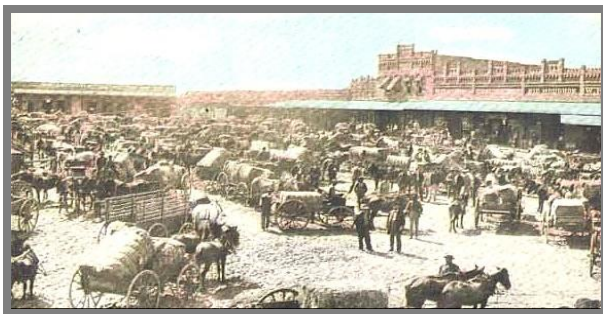
*"The policy of American government is to leave its citizens free, neither restraining them nor aiding them in their pursuits."*

**Thomas Jefferson**



## ADVICE FROM AN OLD FARMER

- \*The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.*
- \*Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.*
- \*Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.*
- \*A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.*
- \*Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.*
- \*Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.*
- \*Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.*
- \*Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.*
- \*If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.*
- \*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.*



Gilmer Cotton Day 1912



## OUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS ARE PROBABLY SPINNING IN THEIR GRAVES

[arebindixie.blogspot.com](http://arebindixie.blogspot.com)

It is shameful and intolerable that, right here in the South, children are taught to despise their heritage and culture while honorable Southern history is being swept from public view as though it were vile and repulsive.

The Southern Cause was a righteous and valiant defense of liberty as it was understood by the Founders of our Republic! Our Confederate ancestors were Godly men who fought for freedom while Yankees and their sympathizers fought to establish an unrestrained government controlled and manipulated by financiers and industrialists, not the Constitution. Northern victory established the Leviathan of perdition that we and much of the world suffer from today and, with each passing generation; it grows more aggressively, rapaciously consuming its host, much like a cancer.

Enemies of the South, its history, and its heroes are friends of tyranny and in reality, they are saying: "The federal government has the right to determine morality and impose its will upon the People and the States, despite the Constitution, and it has the right to kill citizens and seize or destroy their property to achieve its goals." This is indoctrination to further impose the yoke of tyranny and our Confederate ancestors are probably spinning in their graves.





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## AFTER THE PANDEMIC, TELEMEDICINE WILL BE HERE TO STAY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other health care providers (HCPs) transitioned their clinical practice to telemedicine in the last few weeks. As recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) cautioned that older adults, 65 years or older, were at a higher risk for illness with the virus, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) "broadened access to telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a health care facility." This was allowed on a temporary and emergency basis through the 1135 waiver authority and Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Prior to the pandemic, the only Medicare beneficiaries that qualified for telehealth services had to be seen in an originating site. This was a boon to all health care providers because, as we all know, illness does not stop for a pandemic. The innovations in telemedicine and relaxations of CMS's policies have created an atmosphere in which health care providers are thriving and doing what they do best: taking care of patients.



## OUR BILL OF RIGHTS



The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution by the First Congress to ensure that the government would never encroach upon the listed rights of the people. The general attitude of the Founding Fathers was that human rights were not *granted* by the government, but *protected* by the government. The rights themselves came from God as a gift to humans by virtue of their being human.

Government has strayed from the original vision of limited powers. Today there is no aspect of our lives - public or private - that government regards as exempt from its jurisdiction and control. Government now seizes over half our incomes in taxes; regulates every aspect of trade and commerce; censors books, movies and art; seizes our business records and bank accounts; confiscates our guns; taps our telephones and reads our mail and electronic messages; dictates wages and working conditions; and imposes fines and imprisonment with little regard for due process or justice. The vision of government as the servant of the people has been lost.

The Bill of Rights makes our country what it is today and most importantly, it is what makes our country have "freedom" and is Probably, if not the most critical, part of the Constitution.



## **COVID-19 STRESS**

*From: whitehouse.gov*

The outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones, changes in sleep or eating patterns, difficulty sleeping or concentrating and worsening of chronic health problems. How you respond to the outbreak can depend on your background, the things that make you different from other people, and the community you live in.

\*Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.

\*Take care of your body.

\*Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.

\*Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

People at higher risk for severe illness, such as older adults, and people with underlying health conditions are also at increased risk of stress due to COVID-19. Older adults and people with disabilities are at increased risk for having mental health concerns, such as depression.

Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope with stress. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

If you have any of these emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



## **LIFE AFTER THE PANDEMIC**

*By: Mike Bebernes*

The coronavirus pandemic has completely upended day-to-day life. This has happened on an individual level, as our routines have been abandoned. It's also occurring on larger societal, economic and political levels.

Though no one knows how long it will last, the pandemic will eventually end. Many of the changes that have happened in response to the virus will likely return to normal. Some things, however, may never go back to the way they were. The outbreak has affected so many parts of life, for so many people, that it stand as a pivotal point in history that fundamentally alters the way we live. Businesses may choose to continue remote work and the economic toll of the outbreak could make a lasting impact on a variety of businesses sectors



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