



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

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Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of
Each Month at 7 PM
at the Historic Upshur Museum
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COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS

Welcome to June and our Newsletter

The past month was full of events for us. We had a good turnout for the Jefferson Pilgrimage, the Trans-Mississippi Raid on the Border, and the Donation Presentation to For the Silent – thank you to everyone who attended these events. I encourage everyone to take part in all events scheduled.

If your schedule permits, attend a meeting with one of the other SCV Camps in our Brigade – there are several within a short driving distance of us. Camaraderie and the sharing of ideas can only make us stronger.



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THE GUARDIAN

If you're leaving flowers in the spring or summer, you want something that can handle the warmer months. Here are the best types of flowers to leave on a grave in the spring or summer.

Yarrow

This flower gives the impression of elegance wherever it's placed. They do best when exposed to a lot of sunlight, so they're a great choice for a grave that's out in the open.

Poppies

Poppies come in all different colors, from red to yellow to orange. With so many bright variations, they're perfect for spring and summer.

Sunflower

With the word "sun" in its name, you know sunflowers are perfect for the warmer months. These flowers thrive in the summertime, and they're a symbol of sunshine itself.

The SCV Guardian Program honors the Fallen.

"If you're not a Guardian, why not?"

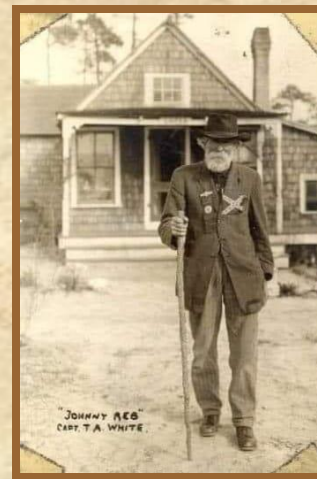
Contact Guardian Program Chairman Bill Elliot for information at: etaia@att.net



**UPSHUR
CO. PATRIOTS
GUARDIANS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	31
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	51
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



Confederate Captain Theodore A. White 1913

*Dear comrades on my brow the hand of death is cast,
My breath is growing short, all pain will soon be past;
My soul will soar away to that bright land of bliss,
Far from the pain and woe of such a world as this.*

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.



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.”



In 1906 General Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, gave a charge to the next generation of Southerners. This charge has defined the mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans ever since.

“The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.”
Stonewall Jackson



SCOTTSVILLE CEMETERY

By: DP

On Saturday May 18th I attended our annual "Meeting on the Grounds" at the Scottsville Cemetery. At this beautiful resting place, I visited my Mother and Father at their gravesites and my Ancestors, four of whom fought for the Confederacy.

The 1904 Chapel at the Cemetery (photo above) has always been inspiring for me since childhood. Fond memories of exploring inside and around it made for interesting times as my Mother and Grandmother placed fresh flowers on graves.

Only under supervision from my Mother was I allowed to play the pump organ in the Chapel.



The Bible on the Pulpit has the following memorial inside the front cover:

Earl Scott was my Great Uncle and V. Lee Scott was my Great Grandfather.



Much of the woodwork, railings and pulpit were done by V. Lee Scott



The town of Scottsville, Texas was named after William Thomas Scott, who moved to Texas from Louisiana in 1840. The Scotts also built a school and volunteered the services of the family governess to assist in the teaching the local children.

"Our ancestors hold a special place in our hearts, connecting us to our roots and shaping our identities."



SUMMER IS SHOWING

By: John Piper

What is *God* saying in the summer? What is summer saying about God? Psalm 19:1–2 answers:

“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament is declaring the work of His hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.”

The summer is showing the *glory of God*: the new angle of the rising sun; the new night-time order of summer constellations; the creation of leaves out of hard brown limbs. All these things and a thousand more, if we have eyes to see, are telling the glory of God, and declaring the work of his hands.

So, our aim is to join God in seeing and showing Christ this summer. So, if we want to show Christ this summer so that people can see him in us, our strategy must be to see him. To see him for who he really is.

“I am more anxious than I can express that my men should be not only good soldiers of their country, but also good soldiers of the cross.” ...Stonewall Jackson



HISTORICAL EVENTS IN MAY

1861

June 1 - Skirmish at Fairfax Court House, Virginia

June 10 - Engagement at Big Bethel, Virginia

June 16 - Thaddeus Lowe demonstrates the potential of hot air balloons to the government in Washington, D.C.

June 17 - Engagement at Boonville Missouri

June 17 - Action at Vienna, Virginia

1862

June 1 - General Robert E. Lee takes command of the Army of Northern Virginia

June 3 to 5 - Evacuation of Fort Pillow, Tennessee

June 6 - Battle of Memphis, Tennessee

June 7 - William Mumford hanged in New Orleans for destroying the U.S. flag.

June 9 - Battle of Port Republic, Virginia

June 12 - J.E.B. Stuart begins his "Ride Around McClellan"

June 13 - Skirmish at New Market, Virginia

June 16 - Battle of Secessionville, South Carolina

June 25 - Seven Days Battles begin at Oak Grove (French's Field), Virginia

June 26 - Battle of Mechanicsville, (Beaver Dam Creek), Virginia

June 27 - Battle of Gaines' Mill (First Cold Harbor), Virginia

June 27/28 - Action at Garnett's and Golding's Farms, Virginia.

June 29 - Battle of Savage Station, Virginia

June 30 - Battle of Glendale (Frayser's Farm), Virginia.

1863

June 7 - Battle of Milliken's Bend, Louisiana

June 9 - Battle of Brandy Station (Fleetwood Heights), Virginia

June 13 to 15 - Battle of Second Winchester

June 14 - Second Assault on Port Hudson

June 15 - Fight at Stephenson's Depot, Virginia, part of the Second Battle of Winchester

June 17 - Engagement in Wassaw Sound, Georgia

June 23 - Tullahoma Campaign begins in Middle Tennessee

1864

June 3 - All-out Union assault at Cold Harbor, Virginia

June 5 - Battle at Piedmont, Virginia

June 6 - Engagement at Lake Chicot (Dutch Bayou), Arkansas

June 11 - Skirmish at Pine Mountain, Georgia

June 11 - Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia

June 19 - USS *Kearsarge* sinks CSS *Alabama* near France

June 22 - Battle of Kolb's Farm (Culp's Farm), Georgia

June 27 - Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia

June 29 - Skirmish at Reams Station, Virginia on Wilson's Raid

1865

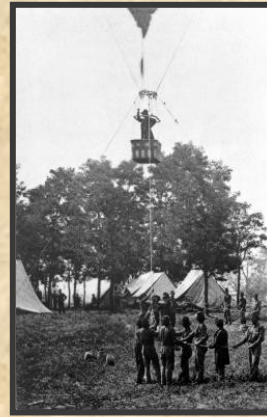
June 23 - General Stand Watie surrenders Confederate forces in the Indian Territory (OK).

"The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."

-Jefferson Davis.

OBSERVATION FLIGHT

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Thaddeus Sobieski Constantine Lowe demonstrated the use of a hydrogen-filled balloon in aerial reconnaissance through a series of tethered ascents in June 1861 in front of the Washington Armory, which sat on

the site now occupied by the National Air and Space Museum. His most significant ascent took place on June 16, 1861, when along with telegrapher Herbert Robinson and George Burns, Robinson's supervisor at the telegraph company, Lowe ascended to a height of 500 feet, from which they transmitted a telegraph to the White House describing their view of an "area near fifty miles in diameter." The success of the demonstration flight garnered the enthusiastic support of President Abraham Lincoln and Gen. George B. McClellan, leading to the adoption of balloon reconnaissance by the Union Army and the creation of its Balloon Corps. The first reconnaissance balloon, the Union, entered service on August 2, 1861.



Morris Island, South Carolina. The shattered muzzle of a 300-pounder Parrott Rifle after it had burst, photographed in July 1863.



GAINES' MILL

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In the afternoon of June 27, 1862, Confederate General Robert E. Lee attacked General Fitz John Porter's isolated V Corps at Gaines' Mill. The battle at Gaines' Mill was the second in a series of engagements known as the Seven Days Battles that drove General George McClellan's Union army from the doorsteps of Richmond.

It was a Confederate victory. After holding off the majority of a series of Confederate attacks for most of the afternoon, Porter's line began to crumble that evening, and his men fled towards the Chickahominy River.



KOLB'S FARM

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On the night of June 18-19, 1864, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston moved into a defensive position on Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia. Having

encountered entrenched Rebels there stretching southward, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman extended his right to envelop their flank with Maj. Gen. John Schofield's Army of the Ohio. Johnston countered by moving Lt. Gen. John B. Hood's corps from his right flank to his left on June 22 to confront Schofield. Hoping to flank Schofield, Hood attacked, moving down Powder Springs-Marietta Road toward the farm of Peter Kolb. Schofield and Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker's XX Corps from the Army of the Cumberland in line there held firm. Union artillery and swampy terrain thwarted Hood's attack and forced him to withdraw with 1,500 casualties. Although the victor, Sherman's attempts at envelopment had momentarily failed.



JEFFERSON PILGRIMAGE

The 77th annual Jefferson Pilgrimage, presented by the Allen Wise Garden Club, was held from May 3-5, 2024. The "Heart of East Texas" Jefferson Pilgrimage aims to respect the history of Jefferson with a variety of events throughout the first weekend in May.

Photos From the Events





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"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy" ... James Madison

It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority... Benjamin Franklin

Always stand on principle...even if you stand alone... John Adams

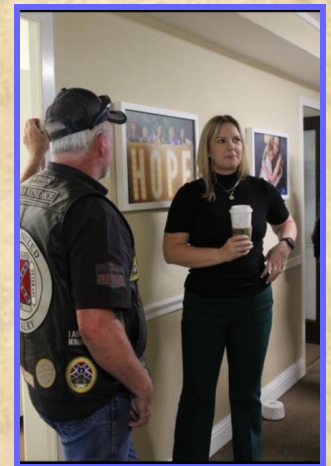


For The Silent

On Saturday May 25th the SCV Mechanized Cavalry, 1st Battalion, Co. C under the leadership of Captain Randall Yauch rode to the offices of For The Silent in Tyler Texas. The purpose was to present a donation to this worthy organization. Four Upshur Co. Patriots members who hold dual memberships in both SCV Organizations were present (Randall Yauch, Red Yauch, David Palmer and James Locke.) The Heartsill Camp from Marshall and the Lt. Alexander Cameron Camp from Greenville were also represented.

For The Silent is an organization in Tyler Texas led by Rebecca Cunig, is an anti-sex trafficking, non-profit group and provides preventative and restorative care for at risk and trafficked youth. "Empowering the voices of vulnerable and exploited youth through trust-based relationships, advocacy, prevention, community education, and active crisis response.

[Photos From the Presentation at the Office of For The Silent](#)



"Help others without any reason and give without the expectation of receiving anything in return."





MY GRANDFATHER

Perspective by Charles Moss

When I was a child, there was nobody I looked up to more. My grandfather was my North Star, one of the few guiding lights in a world of darkness and instability. I don't remember a time when Papa wasn't around and he was far too humble to share his accomplishments.

It seemed as though everyone knew my grandfather. People always asked me how Papa was doing. When I had friends over, he greeted them with a grandfatherly laugh, saying, "Hey, how are you doing? How about if I fix you boys a nice big cheeseburger?" He said McDonald's hamburgers were nothing compared to his. And he was right.

It took me years to cry over the loss of Papa. It wasn't until after he died that I realized how special he was.

Whether called Papa, Grandpa, or something else, grandfathers are a family's most-prized treasure and whose patriarchal wisdom, love, and support are needed and appreciated by every member. Grandfathers have lived full lives that show that, even though times may change, most of life's truths are timeless. With a compassionate ear always at the ready, their experiences have also gifted them with profound insight to share.

Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at: www.upshurpatriots.org



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