



# Patriots Periodical

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Sons of Confederate Veterans  
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

*by Phil Davis*



May was again a very busy month. We traveled to two other camps to visit and present Guardian Certificates. David Palmer and Eddie Pricer accompanied (drove) me to these meetings. We had an informative visit at both the Howdy Martin Camp in Athens and the Matt Barton Camp in Sulphur Springs. It is always good to visit other camps to see how they conduct their meetings. We have a chance to pick up new ideas or even improve our own style.

Those of you that were at the May meeting know that we voted to buy a 3' X 5' camp flag. Well, we have received it, and it will be presented to you at our June camp meeting. I think you will be pleased. Joe Reynolds was a great help in procuring it. After we received it, my wife Jane, sewed the gold fringe around it. The flag is now mounted on its new staff and it looks great!

About the time you read this, your delegates will be ready to travel to the Texas Division Reunion. We plan to take our new camp flag and post it at the opening ceremony of the reunion. We will cast our votes on the amendments as we were instructed to do. We will bring back information on how the reunion went and what took place.

The 2016 National Reunion will be coming up in July and I would like to encourage you to attend. It will be held in Richardson and this will probably be the closest one we may ever have. I have been to two National Reunions and I thoroughly enjoyed both of them. You get to meet SCV members from all over our country and even some from foreign countries. There will be vendors of all kinds and you can pick up items that interest you of every nature. It will be held July 13-16. This is also an election year and you will have a part in electing your National Commander.

I leave you with this question, have you talked to some one about joining our camp or another SCV camp? Well, Why not?

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2016  
Meeting at 7 PM  
Walking S Steakhouse



June Program on:  
World War II  
By: Bill Palmer



### The Guardian

By Phil Davis

This month I am simply going to repost an article from the May-June 2016 issue of the Confederate Veteran. I know all of you receive the magazine, but did you read this article? The article hits the nail on the head of what our Guardian Program is all about. Please read and ponder on it, then just let it soak in. It's about what we do, as Guardians.

### On a Wayside Cemetery

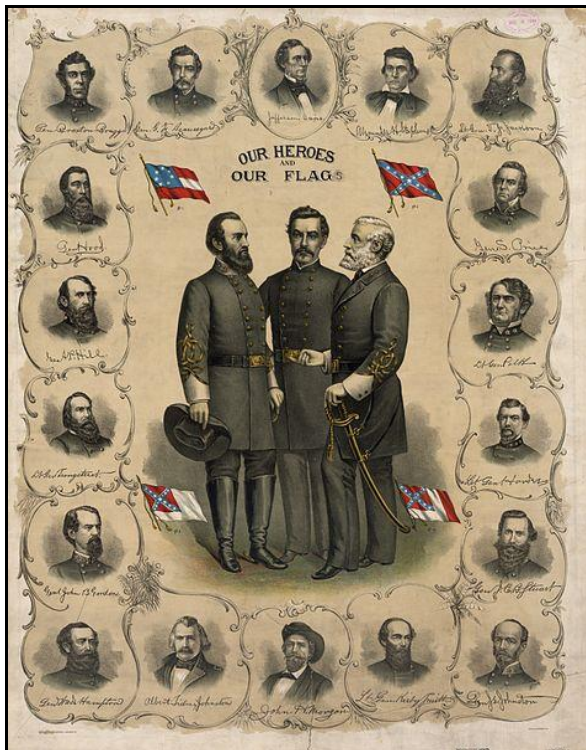
by Perry L. Angle

It stands distant, unkempt, molded, and weather-worn

A sentinel which rises marking hallowed ground.

It is a foreboding sight, a reminder that beneath its shadow, obedient to our cause, a lost friend lies.

His companions' stories are many years neglected and are scattered across the forgotten grassy knoll.





I note CSA Unknown initialed upon the monument letters chiseled upon my heart, engraved upon my mind.

I regret that I could not have stood with him as a soldier but I can as his caretaker.

It is my privilege, duty and honor to right his leaning stone, to bleach away the residue of unyielding time, to polish and restore the crumbling face.

Let us dress-right the monuments in our care so that they always stand well-aligned in formation and stand in awe and salute with pride as once again their markers shimmer in our fierce Southern sun.

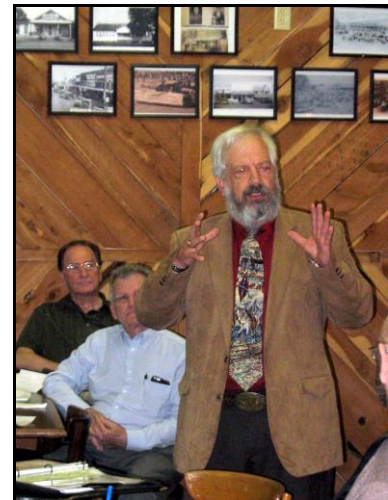
Perry L. Angle is a member of the Raphael Semmes Camp 11, Mobile, Alabama

As always I leave you with this question:

Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?



In memory of Horace K. McCain, True Grandson, Guardian and WWII Veteran. May he rest in peace and may God comfort his family.



Author, Mark Vogl speaks about the Battle of Chancellorsville at our May meeting.



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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.

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### A Prayer for Confederate History

By Ellison Capers, Episcopal Bishop  
The Confederate Soldier

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we adore thy love and providence in the history of our country, and especially would we thank thee for our Confederate history. We thank thee for its pure record of virtue, valor and for the inspiring reflection that despite its bitter disappointments and sorrows it proclaims for us to all the world that we came through its years of trial and struggles with our battered shields pure, and nothing to regret in our defense of the rights and honor of our Southland. Give us grace, our heavenly Father, faithfully to accept thy will concerning us, and make us all to glorify thee in a sincere obedience to thy holy commandments, through the merits and mediation of thy son, our only savior, Jesus Christ."



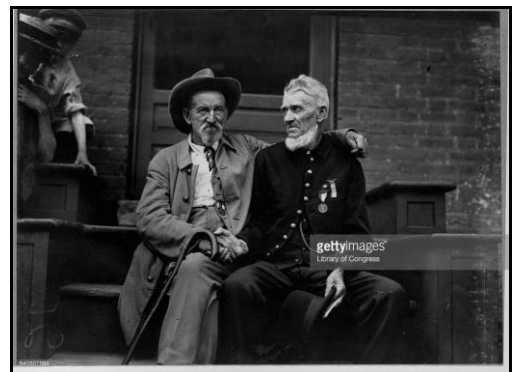
### Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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 General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee



Confederate and Union Veterans shaking hands at the Gettysburg Celebration in 1913.



### From: A Southern View of History

"What's the big deal? It's only a flag. Besides, you have all of those monuments, memorials, markers, etc. to remind you of the Confederacy - Can't we find a compromise?"



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.



### From SCV National

#### Membership Directory

The SCV Membership Directory will be mailed to those SCV members who ordered them in late May 2016. Harris Connect, the company who is publishing the SCV Membership Directory, had to change

printers which have resulted in delays. However, the manufacturing director stated that they will be mailed in May.

The SCV Headquarters will be receiving a small order of these directories for SCV members to purchase and we will place them on the online store once we receive them.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call Harris Connect Customer Service Group at (800)877-6554. Please do not call the SCV HQ as we will only direct you to the number above.



Our Cemetery Survey Committee met at the Enon Cemetery on May 5. Standing L – R Phil Davis, Kim Duffey, Eddie Pricer, George Linton, Ben Adkison and Badger seated. Not in photo; Eugene Brown and David Palmer. Thank you to all who participated in this project.



photo by Paul Ridenour

A Cemetery Memorial for 13 Confederate Veterans was held on May 14, 2016 at the Sardis Cemetery near Hughes Springs, TX. Thank you to all who participated.



### Historical Dates in June

June 1, 1862 Battle of Seven Pines

June 3, 1808 Jefferson Davis born

June 6, 1862 Battle of Memphis

June 12-15, 1862 Stuart's "Ride Around McClellan"

June 22, 1864 Battle of Kolb Farm, Ga.

June 27, 1864 Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Ga.

June 28, 1865 CSS Shenandoah fires last shot in defense of the Confederacy.



At our May meeting, Kim Duffey presents a letter about the Morgan Cemetery cleanup project. The letter appears below.

#### West Mountain Morgan Cemetery

Late in the evening when the survey team finished mowing, trimming, and cleaning the Morgan Cemetery they left. Mr. Jimmy Caughron the gentleman who lives by the cemetery and was helpful in giving some information on the ones that are buried there, came home from his DR. appointment and found the cemetery all cleaned up, so he called George to thank all the ones that came and cleaned the cemetery. He was very appreciative and said when the photo and write up comes out in the Gilmer Mirror, he will take it to the Commissioners court and show them the photo of the men who cared enough to see that the cemetery had been cleaned. Mr. Jimmy had told the commissioners court before that the Morgan Cemetery really needed cleaning and ask them if he could get some help on cleaning it up, but nothing came of it.

Jimmy Caughron

Upcoming events and functions can be found on our calendar at [www.upshurpatriots.org](http://www.upshurpatriots.org)



Thought to be a photo of the Marshall, Tx.

Powder Mill

Marshall Powder Mill

Marshall, Harrison County Texas

From: [stoppingpoints.com](http://stoppingpoints.com)

Throughout the Civil War, the Confederate Army struggled with the problem of lack of military stores. Following the fall of Vicksburg to Union forces in 1863, the supply of ordnance from Richmond was cut off. The Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy of which Texas was a part, established arsenals and ordnance stores at four sites in Arkansas. By the summer of

1863 the strategic position in Arkansas had become precarious, and the operations were relocated. The installation formerly at Arkadelphia was moved to Marshall at the end of August 1863. Buildings were erected here for the manufacture of small arms, shops for smiths and carpenters, a magazine, and a powder mill. The powder mill was in full operation sometime between March and August of 1864. The arsenal, completed by the time of the war's end in May 1865, produced gunpowder and repaired small arms for the Confederate Army. Following the surrender of the Confederate forces, the installation at Marshall was abandoned. After Federal forces occupied the town and began to dismantle the machinery, an explosion occurred which killed three soldiers and wounded two others.



## The Confederate Hat Factory

### In Marshall C.S.A.

#### 201 W. Grand Marshall, Texas

From: stoppingpoints.com

Texas had very few factories in 1861 when she joined the Confederate States of America and went to war on the issue of states' rights. Some of the manufacturing plants necessary to supply military goods were thereupon established in and around Marshall, which later (1863) became headquarters for Confederate operations west of the Mississippi River. At the site of this marker, there was operated in the basement of a dwelling house a factory which brought high quality fur felt from a plant situated on Young's Mill Pond near Hallsville (13 mi. W) and made military hats to outfit Texas soldiers and other troops fighting for the Confederacy. Some 40 men were employed here in blocking and finishing hats and in making blankets and saddle blankets. Successive generations of the Edmund Key family owned and occupied the house where the Confederate Hat Factory had been operated during the Civil War. After the structure burned in 1962 the Key family tendered (in 1975) the site to the Harrison County Conservation Society as a park dedicated in memory of

civic leaders Edmund and Rae Lyttleton Key.

#### 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



#### Editor's Note

Some of our camp members, as well as others perform an Acoustic Music Jam twice a month. This takes place at the Walking S Steakhouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 6pm – 8pm. Bring your instrument and join us or just come and enjoy the music.



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.



An adventure-filled, Christ-centered, week-long encampment for young folks in the beautiful Texas Hill Country...

Sam Davis  
Youth Camp  
Clifton, Texas



### Sam Davis Youth Camp Fund


Although most of you know the importance of the Sam Davis Youth Camp, many of our newer members may not. The Sam Davis Youth Camp provides a wholesome environment where youngsters learn Southern history, the genteel way of life, their heritage and the courage and fortitude to stand up unashamedly and honor their ancestors. Future leaders in our organization, as well as the OCR and UDC are developed here and with all of the distractions foisted upon our youth today, we cannot afford to miss the opportunity to guide and nurture them down the path of righteousness.

In the past, our Camp along with the Patriot Rose Camp of the OCR have taken the opportunity to sponsor in whole or in part three scholarships to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. This year we have a dilemma, albeit

a happy one. We have three young people, the children of our members who wish to attend. The Patriot Rose Camp has donated \$250.00 toward the fund. The families have provided whatever funds they could, along with gear and transportation to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Previously the Upshur Patriots have made up any monetary difference needed for the scholarship. To send all three, between the families and our Camp, we need an additional \$1250.00.

The Sam Davis Youth Camp does provide some scholarship funds as their Board does not want to see any youngster miss this opportunity of fellowship and learning. That being said, we need to band together and donate as generously as you can, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or more, before the Camp is asked to step up.

With all this said, as your Commander I am going to ask the Upshur Patriots to authorize our camp to send all three of these young people to this year's Sam Davis Youth Camp. I do this with faith that our members will step up and replenish our camp treasury.

Bring your wallets, pocketbooks, checkbooks and your  to the next meeting!

Donations may be made to: Upshur Co. Patriots, P.O. Box 472, Gilmer, Tx. 75644

Phil Davis, Commander

P.S. If you can't make it, I will meet you anywhere at any hour to receive your donation. Although if it is after dark one of my chauffeurs will usher me to your location.