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Best Newsletter Award

**Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans
June 2016 Reunion**

COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Phil Davis



Greetings Compatriots, July has come and gone and August has arrived with a vengeance (heat wave). This means that we are a little closer to cooler weather. If you are like me, you will welcome it and if you are not, welcome it for the rest of us.

We traveled to Richardson this month for the National SCV Reunion. In my opinion it was a great and well planned event. There were excellent forums on our history and different battles during the war. Many vendors were there for us to browse and shop. We met old friends and made new friends. It was very informative to talk to other Compatriots on how we can fulfill the Charge in many different venues. I feel that it was most rewarding to me as your Commander, enabling me to do a better job in leading the Patriots.

The voting went well with no negativity in any of the elections or Constitutional amendments. Our newly elected National Leaders are Thomas Strain, Commander in Chief from Alabama, and Paul Gramling, 1st. Lt. Commander from Louisiana. The new Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander is our Past Texas Division Commander Johnnie Holley. I feel these men will do an excellent job for us the next two years.

My oldest Son, Larry, came all the way from South Carolina to be with me and attend the reunion. Needless to say we had a great time and got some long sought visiting done.

We will try to have a better report and answer any questions at our meeting on August 2nd.

Until then,

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

August 2, 2016
Meeting at 7 PM
Walking S Steakhouse



The Guardian

By Phil Davis

While at the reunion, I was able to talk with many Compatriots about becoming a Guardian. I received many promises and maybe some will come through and join the Guardian fraternity.

I was excited to find a two page spread on the Texas Division Guardian Program in the National Reunion program. It is good to know our Texas Division leadership is behind the Guardian Program.

I continue to receive applications and the number keeps growing. We are up to 656

in applications now. I look forward to reaching 700 next and then on to 1,000.

Eight out of eleven Guardian Review Committee members were at the reunion. I got to visit with each of them personally and discuss how good or bad things were going with each of them. We discussed what we could do to make the process go smoother. We are always trying to improve, but the Program has been tested and proven to be sound as it is written.

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some way you will be convinced of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge".

As always, I leave you with this question-

Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?



Author, Mark Vogl gives our July 2016 program.

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.



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

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

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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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THE CONFEDERATE CHAPLAIN IN MINISTRY DURING A FEARSOME WAR

By Mark W. Evans

Past Chaplain-in-Chief

Serving the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a chaplain is an immense privilege. The Chaplains' Corps of the Confederacy left a legacy inspiring the highest ideals of Christian service. For those occupying the office of chaplain, the responsibilities may seem overwhelming. The Apostle Paul asked, "Who is sufficient for these things?" (II Cor. 2:16). Ultimately, the answer is found in this verse: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (II Cor. 3:5).

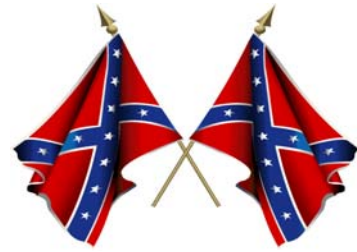
Confederate chaplains were predominantly men who knew by experience the forgiveness of sin through Christ's shed blood, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, and the assurance of everlasting victory. Their sacrificial service to the Southern cause flowed from deep conviction. What they contended for was founded upon the eternal truths of the Bible. Their part in the struggle was to fortify the souls of Confederate warriors. A

man right with God fears no enemy and triumphs over death itself. "As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:36, 37). The South still reaps the benefits of their labors. We are charged to follow their steps.

Confederate Chaplain W. W. Bennett estimated that "nearly one hundred and fifty thousand soldiers had been converted during the progress of the war". May the Lord also grant us fruit for our labors. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



Compatriot Mark Hass (on L) is presented with a Silver Cross for Meritorious Service by Commander Davis at our July meeting.



Historical Dates in August

August 19, 1861 Confederate Congress agrees to an alliance with Missouri's Confederate government.

August 27-29, 1861 Battle of Hatteras Inlet, NC.

August 4, 1862 Gen. Sibley's Brigade burns Ft. Bliss Texas.

August 8, 1862 Battle of Cumberland Gap, Tn.

August 12, 1863 Yankees begin shelling Charleston Harbor.

August 16, 1864 CSS Tallahassee captures 5 yankee ships off the coast of New England.

August 18, 1864 Gen. Grant refuses second Confederate request to exchange POW's.

August 21, 1864 Gen. Nathan Forrest's Calvary captures Memphis, Tn.

August 25, 1864 Battle of Ream's Station, Va.

August 31, 1864 Battle of Jonesboro, Ga.



Compatriot and 3rd Lt. Commander Bill Starnes (on L) is presented with a Purple Heart, honoring his Confederate Ancestor by Joe Reynolds, Commander of the David Reynolds Camp.



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 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 6pm – 8pm. Bring your instrument and join in or just come and enjoy the music.



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

By Eddie Pricer

With the recent spate of attacks and assassinations of law enforcement officers around the country, we should take time and seriously reflect upon both the attempted destruction of our republican form of government and the obliteration of the symbols that represent our way of life.

As a retired police officer, I feel the pain and despair of today's law enforcement officers in their effort to maintain order and prevent the erosion of our values and society in general. As within our own organization, we struggle, along with law enforcement officers with many of the same common issues, a misguided hatred of our symbols, an incorrect and many times deceitful view of facts, and even the loss of simple courtesies.

We can help our law enforcement officers. It can be as simple as saying hello with a big smile or when you see an officer at work, take a moment, if safety permits, and look around to see if someone or something looks out of the ordinary while the officer's focus is on the task at hand. It could save not only the officer's life, but maybe our own.

The following is a proclamation by our new Commander-in-Chief, please read it and heed it. Also, from a purely selfish position, we really do like coffee and donuts.

General Order 2016-01
21 July 2016
SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT
APPRECIATION DAY

Whereas, with the current vicious and despicable attacks being waged against the law enforcement officers around the country today, and

Whereas, law enforcement officers are the domestic protectors of our citizens, our society and our way of life, and

Whereas, a society cannot survive without the valor, dedication, and sacrifices of our law enforcement officers and the support of their families, and

Whereas, responsible citizens have a moral duty to support the institutions and citizens who place their lives in peril every day so that our society can enjoy the rights, privileges, and freedoms of citizens of a great republic which our forefathers and God provided us,

Now therefore, the following proclamation is hereby published to the Confederation:

Thursday August the 18th of 2016 shall be proclaimed as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps, Brigades, and Divisions are hereby highly encouraged to show their support to their local law enforcement officials on this day by any and all means appropriate on this day. We offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to

those who place their lives in the Almighty's favor on a daily basis protecting and serving the public.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,
Thos. V. Strain Jr.

Dues Renewal

It's that time again. Most of you will have received your dues invoice within the last week or so. Some of our newest members paid the prorated amount and will not receive an invoice as they have paid through July 2017. Please remit your dues payment to Adjutant Rickie Gipson as soon as possible. If you are a bit of a foot dragger, don't be surprised to receive a reminder call or letter. Also, additional donations may be made to help fund several other ongoing projects. Please give generously as these are worthwhile endeavors. Remember, your dues and gifts are deductible. We are a qualified 501.C.3 tax exempt organization.



Gettysburg 50th reunion 1913



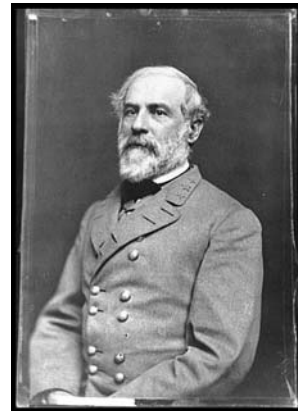
Ore City 4th of July Parade

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Thank you to Albert Colvin for the above photos.



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



"All that the South has ever desired was the Union as established by our forefathers should be preserved and that the government as originally organized should be administered in purity and truth."

General Robert E. Lee, CSA

Upcoming events and functions can be found on our calendar at www.upshurpatriots.org

Southern Heritage News and Views

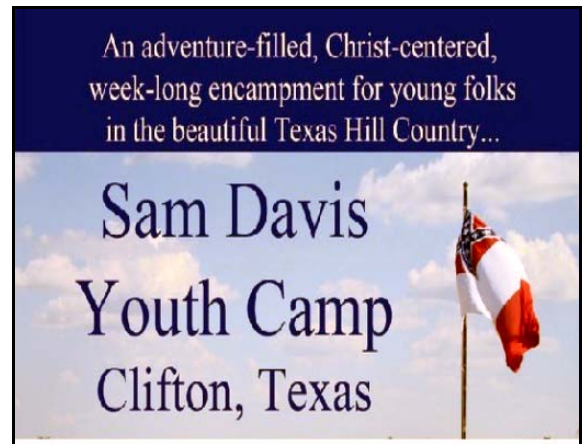
Hey You

Written by: John Wayne Dobson
Macon, Georgia

Hey, you out there, who are so bent on trying to destroy my Southern heritage. I am sure you see yourself as a very fair-minded, pure-hearted, noble creation and consider that I am only dust to be trodden under your political foot.

However, you will never find me reviling your heroes by trying to get the name of a street changed to my preference. You won't hear my voice calling for the renaming of a school nor the expulsion of traditional mascots and symbols. I neither author bills nor lobby to get long-established holidays removed. My legacy may offend you, and if that is your narrow view, so be it, but in no way can it do you harm.

You that seek to remove "every vestige" of my birthright are easy to spot. You are the ones calling loudly with the feigned words of "equality", "civil rights", "tolerance" and "fairness." Those are intriguing syllables considering your actions. You, now ride the crest of the wave because the winds of change have turned the political tide. Things change sure enough; in this State, this Country, in this world ... not in the hereafter - and here they sometimes change again. I owe you nothing! One day all that we strive for will not matter – but today, it does to me.



Donations for the Sam Davis Youth Camp fund may be made to: Upshur Co. Patriots, P.O. Box 472, Gilmer, TX. 75644
Phil Davis, Commander



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.



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David Palmer - Editor

Best Website Award

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Joe Reynolds - Webmaster



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The Dallas Morning News

July 11, 2016

A controversial organization that fights removal of Confederate symbols and monuments plans to meet in Richardson this week for its annual national convention.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Wednesday through Saturday. Gary Bray, Texas commander of the group, said about 500 to 600 people will be coming from all over the world. Bray said the decision to host the convention in North Texas was decided back in 2013 and was as simple as finding the best hotel deal.

Last year's convention in Richmond, Va. — which happened just weeks after the racially-motivated murders of nine people inside a historic black church in Charleston, S.C. — was met with protests. So far, no one's expecting any trouble in Richardson, but city leaders and the group said they are prepared if any protesters show up. "I have very thick skin and I'm used to this," Bray said. "They have the right to protest, but we are normal people going about our normal activity, it's just a convention, it's non-racial."

The group has publicly carried the battle flag in parades, like at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The organization has also been one of the most active in rallies and litigation to prevent the removal of Confederate symbols and monuments. Last year the group unsuccessfully asked for a temporary restraining order to prevent the University of Texas from removing its Jefferson Davis statue.

"The vast majority don't realize who we are or what we do," Bray said. "We aren't trying

to re-establish the old Confederacy. We just honor American veterans."

A national backlash against Confederate symbols, including the battle flag and monuments, followed the Charleston shootings. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley eventually signed a law removing the Confederate battle flag from the grounds of the State House. Officials in Alabama at followed suit and retailers like Wal-Mart, Sears and Amazon stopped selling Confederate flag merchandise.

There has been no word about any planned protests at the four-day convention that will feature speakers including former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, according to the group's itinerary. It also includes tours of the Civil War museum in Fort Worth, Dealey Plaza and the Fort Worth stockyards.

Most of the events at this year's convention will be held at the Renaissance hotel in Richardson, though some will hold at the city-owned Eisemann Center.

City spokesman Greg Sowell said the Eisemann Center was aware of the event, but that it was booked as a private event by the hotel.

"The Richardson Police Department is also aware of the event and will take whatever precautions it deems necessary, if any," Sowell said by email.