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JEFFERSON DAVIS REDEDICATION

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SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 2020
2 PM – 4 PM

The National Confederate
Museum at Historic Elm
Springs 740 Mooresville Pike
Columbia, TN 38401



This event is for the “Rededication of the Historic statue of President Jefferson Davis,” rescued from Memphis, TN. There will also be a soft opening of the National Confederate Museum that day as well. We welcome everyone to come out and support this momentous occasion.

Built in 1837, Elm Springs is also the National Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the site of the National Confederate Museum.

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#MakeDixieGreatAgain



THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS



Elm Springs is a two-story, brick house built in 1837. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 and

has served as the headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1992.

The house was built in 1837 by Brothers James and Nathaniel Dick, wealthy New Orleans cotton merchants, as a gift for their sister, Sarah Todd.

In 1992 it became the headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

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WHY WE REVERE
OUR
CONFEDERATE
ANCESTORS

*Contributed by Jared Taylor
Louisville, Kentucky*

It is so natural for Southerners to be proud of their ancestors who wore the gray that we seldom stop even to think about it. And yet it is worthwhile to reflect on what it was about what those men did that continues to stir our hearts 155 years after they laid down their arms.

Everyone has their own thoughts about this, but surely what most inspires us about our Confederate ancestors was their devotion to their cause, a devotion that found its highest expression in the willingness to face death in the name of something sweeter than life itself. The Confederate soldier fought for his messmates as all soldiers do, but he also knew the larger meaning of the war. He fought for independence, for the rights of sovereign states, for the same freedom from tyranny that had inspired the revolution in 1776.

Those of us who honor the Confederacy today are therefore moved, not just by the extraordinary bravery and sacrifice of our ancestors, but by the cause for which they fought: Freedom.

Our Confederate forebears, whose grievances were lighter than ours, were braver and nobler men than we. They took freedom seriously enough to die for it and for that we cannot help but remember and revere them.



THE GUARDIAN

While cemeteries can be sweet places of reflection and remembering, they deserve a certain level of respect. People go to cemeteries to mourn and honor their loved ones. Consequently, it is important to understand cemetery etiquette. Loud, boisterous laughing or talking will likely disturb anyone else who may be visiting the cemetery at the same time as you. Be courteous to others by keeping your voice low and avoiding disruptive jokes or behavior.

Always remain polite and respectful when you visit the cemetery: Avoid walking over graves, keep pets leashed, respect the personal space of other visitors, and respect the cemetery's rules.

Become involved in honoring our Ancestors and consider taking part in our Guardian Program.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information. pdavis37@etex.net



UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Guardian Status</u> | <u>Number of Graves</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Phil Davis | Full | 29 |
| Kim Duffey | Full | 3 |
| Jamie Eitson | Full/GPT | 8 |
| Chris Loyd | Full | 5 |
| George Linton | Full/W/GPT | 46 |
| Tommy L. Mitchell/ George Linton | Full | 5 |
| Eddie Pricer | Full/GPT | 40 |
| Milt Ojeman | Full/GPT | 4 |
| David Palmer | Full | 1 |
| Bill Palmer | Full | 10 |
| Tommy Ray | Full/GPT | 19 |
| Bill Starnes | Full/W/GPT | 7 |
| Frank Smith | Full | 2 |
| Mitch Tyson | Full | 3 |
| Gregg Gipe | GPT | 3 |

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
5TH BRIGADE
COMMANDER
EDDIE PRICER
OCTOBER 31ST**

"A true Southerner will never say in 2-3 words what can better be said in 10-12."

"Only a true Southerner can show or point out to you the general direction of yonder."

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.

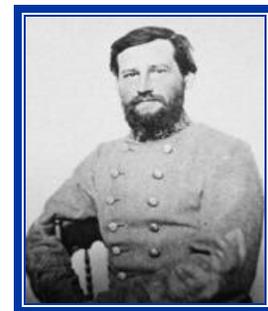


CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“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.”

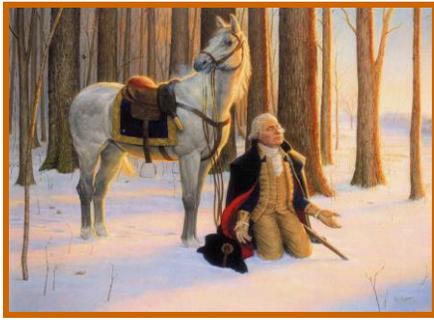


Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

*“The SCV’s Best Hope for Success is
Knowledge of the Truth”*



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.



MORNING PRAYER

What we do in the morning tends to have a big impact on our outlook and mood throughout the rest of the day. Starting our mornings with prayer reinforces our mind, body, and spirit with a sense of calmness, gratitude, and joy to help us maintain a positive perspective through our daily tasks. It is common to get distracted, frustrated, or in a rush, especially in the morning, but praying to God and giving thanks soon after waking, gives us peace to better approach each day. It is much easier to enjoy our life when we begin each day praising the grace and gifts from God!

“This daylight, upon waking and getting ready for my day, I pray that you give me strength today, to be strong for You in this world full of temptations.

Lord, You know that there are struggles I will go through today. I pray that you be with me as I go through them. Carry me when I am too weak. If I stumble into temptation, forgive me Father. Lead me away from them, Father. I need Your strength to overcome these evils.

When I triumph against them, I praise you, Father. For without You, I will not be where I am and I will not have the strength I have.

Bless my loved ones with the strength You have given me, Lord. You are worthy of all praises and the entire honor in the world. You are my strength and my protection.”

COVID-19 IN EAST TEXAS

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Upshur County

(387 CASES, 3 DEATHS, 337 RECOVERIES)

On Friday, September 25, the county reported 387 total positive cases and 337 total recoveries. There were 47 active cases.

Gov. Abbott loosens COVID restrictions

Updated: Sep. 17, 2020 8:31 p.m.

Gov. Greg Abbott further loosened restrictions on the state’s reopening plans in a Thursday press conference at the Texas state capital, allowing many businesses to expand capacity to 75 percent and for nursing homes to reopen for visitation.

Bars will remain closed for the foreseeable future, Abbott said.

The latest reopening plans allow for restaurants, gyms, retailers, museums, libraries, manufacturers and office-based employers to increase capacity to 75 percent by Monday, Sept. 21. Hospitals in the approved regions may also begin offering elective procedures and surgeries immediately.

Beginning Sept. 24, Texas nursing homes and other long-term care facilities are allowed to reopen for visitation and other essential caregiver visits.

HISTORICAL DATES IN OCTOBER



1861

October 3-Battle of Greenbrier River, Va.

October 9-Battle of Santa Rosa, Florida.

October 21-Battle of Camo Wildcat Kentucky.

October 21-Battle of Ball's Bluff, Virginia. Colonel Edward D. Baker led troops across the Potomac River only to be forced back to the river's edge where he was killed. The ensuing Union withdrawal turned into a rout with many soldiers drowning while trying to re-cross the icy waters of the Potomac River.

October 25-First Battle of Springfield Missouri.

1862

October 4-The Battle of Galveston Harbor.

October 22-Battle of Old Fort Wayne, Oklahoma.

October 27-The Battle of Georgia Landing, Louisiana.

1863

October 5-Outside of Charleston Harbor, the Confederate *David*, a partially submerged, steam powered vessel, attacked the *New Ironsides*, part of the Union fleet blockading the harbor, with a torpedo. Both ships survived the attack, though the commander of the *David* and one of his crew were captured.

October 9-22-Bristoe Station Campaign. In a feint toward Washington, Lee's Army of the Northern Virginia marches into northern Virginia in an attempt to flank the Army of the Potomac, under General Meade.

October 14-Battle of Bristol Station, Virginia.

October 25-Battle of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

1864

October 19-The Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia. In an early morning surprise attack, Jubal Early's Confederates successfully attack and drive troops of the Army of the Shenandoah from their camps on the banks of Cedar Creek south of Middletown.

October 28-The Second Battle of Netonia, Missouri.



BATTLE OF SANTA ROSA ISLAND

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Santa Rosa Island is a 40-mile barrier island located in the U.S. state of Florida, thirty miles from the Alabama state border. At the western end stood Fort Pickens, which in the fall of 1861 was garrisoned by parts of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th U. S. artillery and the 3rd U.S. Infantry, under command of Col. Harvey Brown, of the 5th artillery.

After midnight on October 9, Brig. Gen. Richard Anderson crossed from the mainland to Santa Rosa Island with 1,200 men in two small steamers to surprise Union camps and capture Fort Pickens. He landed on the north beach about four miles east of Fort Pickens and divided his

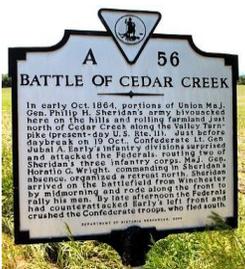
command into three columns. After proceeding about three miles, the Confederates surprised the 6th Regiment, New York Volunteers, in its camp and routed the regiment. Gen. Anderson then adopted a defensive stance to entice the Federals to leave the fort and attack. Receiving reinforcements, Col. Harvey Brown sallied against the Confederates, who reembarked and returned to the mainland.

Florida's first major land battle of the Civil War was over. Both sides claimed victory, and accounts of the battle and its resulting casualties varied. General Anderson viewed his expedition as a complete success.



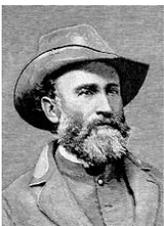
BATTLE OF CEDAR CREEK

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**Note: 5th Brigade
Commander Eddie Pricer's
Ancestor Private John
Martin Pricer was
wounded at the Battle of
Cedar Creek, ultimately
losing his hand and wrist**

**after being struck by a cannon ball. He
was captured during the battle.**



The Battle of Cedar Creek, or Battle of Belle Grove, fought October 19, 1864, was the culminating battle of the Valley Campaigns of 1864 during the American Civil War. Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal Early launched a surprise attack against the encamped army of Union

Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan, across Cedar Creek, northeast of Strasburg, Virginia. During the morning fighting, seven Union infantry divisions were forced to fall back and lost numerous prisoners and cannons. Early failed to continue his attack north of Middletown, and Sheridan, dramatically riding to the battlefield from Winchester, was able to rally his troops to hold a new defensive line. A Union counterattack that afternoon routed Early's army.

At the conclusion of this battle, the final Confederate invasion of the North was effectively ended.



TEXAS ANNEXATION

On October 13, 1845, Texas voters approved annexation to the United States and a state constitution.

Voters overwhelmingly approved annexation by a vote of 4,245 to 257 and adopted the proposed state constitution by a vote of 4,174 to 312.

Most Texans had long been in favor of annexation but political circumstances prevented it from happening until 1845. On December 29, 1845, the United States Congress allowed the new state of Texas legal entry into the Union.

Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic, handed over power to the State's first governor James Pinckney Henderson.



A HYMN NO CHRISTIAN SHOULD SING

Excerpts from an article by Frank Bussey

Wait, what??? I've sung that song all my life! I like it, what's wrong with singing it?

Sing it if you will... but not in the House of God! There is no worship of God or Jesus in it. It is blasphemous! What is a Battle Hymn? Battle is combat, a hostile encounter between opposing military forces. A Hymn is words bound to music that are sung to honor and thank God for His goodness, love, forgiveness, His mercy and His faithfulness in holding us in His hands. Christians sing hymns to God and pray we can stay out of battles. This arrogant, blood-letting war chant was heard in the Union camps in the War Between the States.



The author of the verses Mrs. Julie Ward Howe was NOT a Bible-believing Christian. As a Unitarian, she did not believe in the Trinity or the deity of Christ. She believed that Christ was merely a great teacher with no higher claim to preeminence in wisdom, goodness and power than any other man." She believed that personal experience, conscience and reason should be the final authorities in religion, not the Bible. Mrs. Howe and her husband Dr. Howe joined the Unitarian "Church of the Disciples", pastored by the well-known Unitarian transcendentalist James Freeman Clark. She even preached occasionally in Unitarian pulpits.

Mrs. Howe was a radical abolitionist and although she was devoted to the anti-slavery movement, her own words reveal her to be a hypocrite on the subject of race. Julia Ward Howe wrote the "ideal negro" would be one "refined by white culture, elevated by white blood." She also wrote, "the negro among Negroes, is coarse, grinning, flat-footed, thick-skulled creature." Mrs. Howe also supported the extreme abolitionist beliefs of the infamous John Brown.

Christian congregations sing this song, feeling very patriotic, without knowing what the song means, why it was written, or anything about Julia Howe. But despite its author's use of biblical phrasing, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is not about Christ "marching" against sin and the Church being "victorious" over evil.

An example may be seen in the verse "*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.*"

Mrs. Howe applied the apocalyptic judgment of the Revelation (14:17-20 & 19:15) to the Confederate nation. She pictured the Union army not only as that instrument which would cause Southern blood to flow out upon the earth, but also the Union army as the very expression of His Word (sword) itself.

The "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is apostasy. It promotes hatred and vengeful

destruction. It has no place in a worship service.

Traditions are hard to break, and especially religious ones, but the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is one that must go. It is not a Christian hymn at all but blasphemy.

CENOTAPH IN ALAMO PLAZA

Sep 22, 2020



A state historical review panel voted overwhelmingly Tuesday against relocating a monument to the 200 Alamo defenders killed by the Mexican army in 1836. The Texas Historical Commission voted on Tuesday 12-2 to

reject a proposal by the city of San Antonio to repair and relocate the Alamo Cenotaph that has stood since 1939 in Alamo Plaza. Planners of a \$450 million Alamo renovation project had wanted to move it about 500 feet to the south.



The 58-foot-tall marble slab has been a focal feature of Alamo Plaza in San Antonio Since1939.



The Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA) created billboards warning visitors that they would be entering Austin at their own risk. The billboards sit along I-35 and were created after the Austin City Council voted to defund the police.

According to TMPA, the billboards were designed "to raise public awareness that Austin is a defunded city."

"This reckless act, a political stunt by the city council pandering to the radical left, will do nothing but endanger the people of Austin," the organization said in a statement. "As the largest police association in Texas, it is our duty and responsibility to stand up for the brave men and woman of the APD, as well as the other law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction within the city limits which will have less of APDs resources to depend on, and to raise public awareness of the dangers of defunding not just Austin, but any city across the U.S."

Austin, Texas, is the latest city to announce a police defunding effort, with the City Council on Thursday voting unanimously to cut \$150 million (roughly one third) from the police budget, reinvesting much of that sum in social programs, including food access, violence prevention and abortion access.



Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at:

www.upshurpatriots.org



In honor and in loving memory of our Confederate Ancestors who sacrificed and gave their all to protect home, our beloved Southland, and a way of life. May the heroic deeds of these men be studied and

understood, never to be lost or forgotten. Protecting and defending their memory to future generations. We are proud descendants of these brave and valiant soldiers for those who chose Upshur County, Texas as their home and final resting place - we will forever remember.

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Place for the Upshur Co. Patriots



We are proud to be associated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

