

***Patriot's Periodical***  
***Upshur Co. Patriots Camp #2109***  
***Sons of Confederate Veterans***  
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**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

By Phil Davis



The Yamboree has come and gone. Our Camp did an outstanding feat again this year as we have done in past years. We had an information booth for all three days of the Yamboree and were again present in the Queen's Parade on Saturday. I wish to thank and commend those of you that supported your camp in these efforts. We also had other Compatriots from different camps help out. My thanks go out to them for their help.

Our booth sales were good and we sold many tickets for the 1851 Navy Confederate

.44 caliber Black Powder replica that is offered as our fund raiser. We have many tickets left to sell, so put your sales hat on or get your wallet out!

On the information side of our booth we talked to many people that seemed to be interested in what we do. I hope we can enlist at least 10% of them. We handed out many camp pamphlets with our information and web site on them.

Our \$1034.00 check has been sent to National in support of our National Museum at Elm Springs. Thank you to all who gave to help us reach our goal of \$1000 (We passed our goal by \$34.00, but will forward any additional contributions). When it is completed you will be able to visit and see our Camp's name on the wall and know you had a part in building this museum to honor and preserve Our History.

Just for your information, the Upshur County Patriots Camp #2109 has led the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade in activities reported for all the past months but one. (We must have taken a vacation that month) Each time you do anything for the support of the SCV it is counted as an activity. If you flag a grave or talk to someone about joining the SCV please write it down and give it to George Linton.

November is here and time for our Annual Meeting, where we will elect our officers for the next two years. The nominating committee has met and will bring a slate of officer-candidates for your consideration. These will be just that, candidates. We will entertain nominations for all offices from the floor. If there is an office you would like to seek please let it be known. We need each of you to get involved in the leadership of Our Camp. If you are not sure about an office, there will be someone to step up and help you. For each of us that have taken a leadership role in Our Camp, it has been a learning process. I am just now feeling comfortable. Don't be afraid of failing, we won't let you. As always, I leave you with this question, have you talked to someone about joining our Camp or another SCV camp?

### **Well, Why Not?**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **Next Meeting**

November 7, 2017 - 7 PM  
Walking S Steakhouse  
Election of New Officers

\* All upcoming events can be viewed at our website on the calendar.

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## **The Guardian**

**By Phil Davis**

**Chairman Texas Div. Guardian Program**

**Chairman National Guardian Program**

There is not much to say in this article that I haven't said, but if you know me I will keep pounding and pounding Guardian until I go to my final resting place.

To you that have accepted the honor of being a Guardian over the final resting place of one or more of our Confederate Heroes, I praise you for accepting this great and emotional honor.

To those who have said they would, but have not, you are missing out on a fulfillment in your life and soul that only a Guardian knows. This inner feeling of knowing that your ancestors are proud of the work you are doing on this earth.

To those who have not considered being a Guardian, I hope and pray that somehow you may see the commitment you need to make. These Confederate Heroes left their family, home, and a way of life they loved and enjoyed, to go many miles from home to support a cause that has been proven to

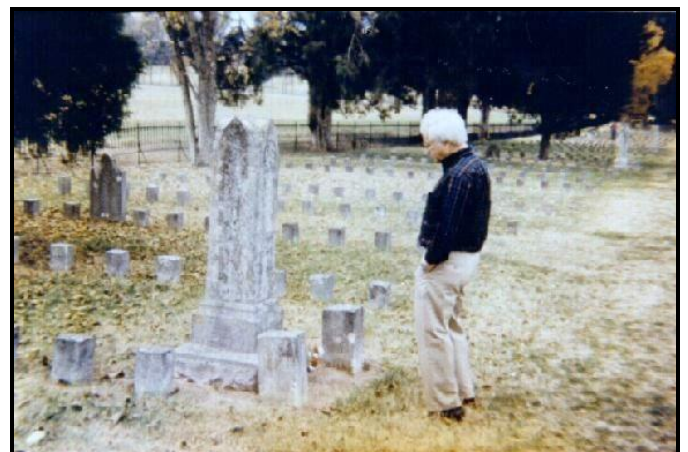
be true. When I think about what they endured it brings tears to my eyes.

There may be those of you that take care of our hero's graves as we do in the Guardian Program, but I ask you who will do it when you are gone or not able to do it anymore? In the Guardian Program these graves will be passed on to another member of your camp, or it may be passed on to a male family member. There are also hard copy records of these resting places. If you are taking care of the Final Resting Place of a Confederate Hero, I commend you for the honorable work you do.

Just for information the Texas Division Guardians are now watching over 803 graves as of this date.

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and it is my hope and prayer that in some small way you will be convinced of its importance, not only in fulfilling "The Charge" but in honoring your duty to your Confederate Forebears. As always, I leave you with this question-

***Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?***



## 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	1
Larry Harper	Full	1
Jared Jones	Full	1
Justin Jones	Full	1
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	40
Tommy Mitchell	Full	5
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	33
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	GPT	17
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



Compatriot Austin Moss shares his experiences from the Sam Davis Youth Camp last summer.

## 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:**

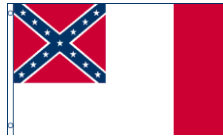


I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.

“Fate is the course when men fail to act.”







## Charge to 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.



Written by: Rev. Don Majors

Once upon a time, Satan was growing old and weary, and he decided that the time had come for him to retire from active work. His plan was to offer his entire devilish inventory of tools for sale to the highest bidders.

At the time of the auction, the tools were neatly arrayed. Envy, malice, deceit, enmity, and numerous other devices of evil were put on the auction block. Each "tool" was plainly marked, and the prices were surprisingly low, except for an ungainly piece of much-used steel marked "discouragement." It was priced higher by far than that of any of the other tools.

"Why, Mr. Satan" asked a prospective buyer, "Why do you ask so much for this tool?" "Well, replied the Tempter, "This tool has always been my most useful one. You can see that it had more wear than any of the others. I can use it as a wedge to get into a man's mind when all other means fail. Discouragement, once inside the consciousness of a man, will cause him to do anything I feel he should. Practically, every human being has had this tool used on him. Discouragement is the finest device ever patented by Hades, Inc. It certainly should bring the highest price."

As it worked out, none of the shoppers

could afford to pay the price Satan wanted for discouragement. Since he will not reduce the price one cent, he is still using it, and we see the results every day.

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick." – Proverbs 13:12 "A quitter never wins, and winners never quit."

Nehemiah had a daunting task. His job was to lead scattered and saddened Jews in rebuilding their holy city of Jerusalem. It was more than just a city to them. It symbolized re-birth. It symbolized the rebuilding of personal dreams and national dreams. Nehemiah's mission was to rally disillusioned Jews to dream again. They needed to rebuild their dreams. Rebuilding dreams is not an "event." It is a "process."

Their spirits began to revive. Instead of seeing broken walls, they visualized newly built walls. They visualized a rebuilt city. Nehemiah's vision became their vision. "Let us rise up and build."

Even with the scorn, the hatred, the ridicule, the slander, the contempt and the innocuous mockery they went forward. They persevered. Even with the misrepresentation they stood strong.

To rebuild dreams, talk must turn into action. Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, may we keep the dream alive, and may we rise up and build. God bless Dixie. God bless the Southland. Southern Blessings

### **\*Fund Raiser Upshur County Patriots**



Replica Model 1851 Confederate Navy .44  
Caliber  
Black Powder Revolver

\$1.00 per Ticket  
6 Tickets for \$5.00  
25 Tickets for \$20.00

Drawing January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

All proceeds go to the Upshur County  
Patriots to preserve our history.

**Must be 21 years old to purchase a  
ticket.**

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#### **New Commemorative Pistol**

A new pistol is on the market in honor of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. It will be named "The Congressman."



It doesn't work and you can't fire it.



### Historical Dates in November

November 6, 1860 Abraham Lincoln is elected President

November 6, 1861 Two Confederate officials sailing toward England are seized by the US Navy

November 7-8, 1861 Battle of Port Royal Sound, South Carolina

November 7, 1861 Battle of Belmont, Mo.

November 19, 1863 The Gettysburg address

November 23-25, 1864 The siege of Chattanooga

November 15, 1864 Sherman begins his "March to the Sea"

November 27, 1863 The siege of Knoxville, Tn.

November 30, 1864 The Battle of Franklin, Tn.



Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns and battles and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for those principles.

\_\_\_ *Robert E. Lee*



Founding Member Bill Starnes speaks on Flag Retirement



Flag Retirement Ceremony at our October Meeting

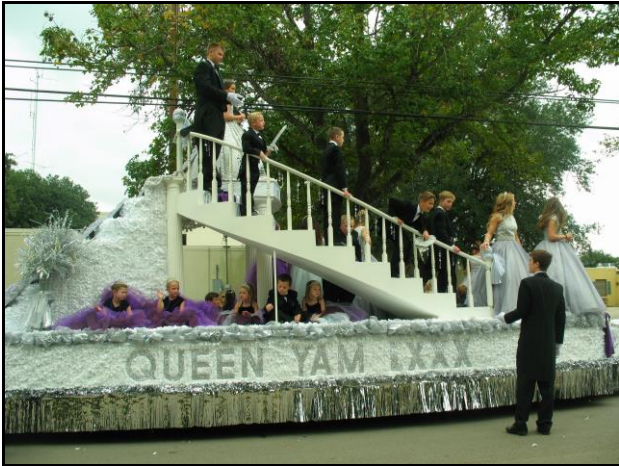


Commander Phil Davis (L) presents a Commendation Award to compatriot Archie "Otter" Hass



## The Photos Below are From This Year's Gilmer Yamboree Parade

Thank you to Esther Linton  
For taking the photos





## Respecting the Flag

From: The Daily Gazette, Letters to the Editor  
October 25, 2017

The flag and national Anthem are symbols/representations of the United States.

Through the generations, it was taught/passed on that respecting/honoring them by standing, placing hand over heart, taking off hats and saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag were ways of showing patriotism to our country. It showed that one was proud to be a citizen of the country.

Our country is made up of humans and there are many flaws that need addressing. There have been strides in the right direction over the years, and much more needs to be done. We are fortunate to have rights protected by our Constitution, there is no denying that.

The outrage isn't because Sports Players are exercising their right of these freedoms; it's the manner they choose. People see it as turning their backs on/rejecting the country's patriotism and pride of the generations that have gotten it this far. There's always, and will always be, issues that need improvement. Only we the people can do that. But let us not tear at our show of patriotism and country pride in doing so.



## Confederate Flag Etiquette

From: [www.confederatecolonel.com](http://www.confederatecolonel.com)

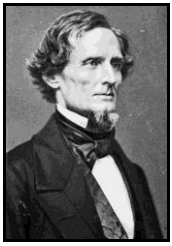
Confederate symbols have been abused and desecrated not only by those who hate the South, but increasingly by well-meaning Southerners. This Code of Confederate Flag Etiquette is designed as a guide for those who respect The South. If Southerners will not respect the Confederate flag, then how can we expect others to respect it?

The flag and other symbols of the Confederate States of America represent the dreams of a Southern nation for which our ancestors sacrificed their lives and their fortunes, and for the high and noble standards that we should once again strive for. The flags and other symbols of the Confederate States of America should be treated with the highest respect and never used or modified in a manner that diminishes the image of a great and noble South. Use of the Confederate flag should be held to the same high standards as any other national flag.

The flag should never be modified in any way. It should be displayed as originally designed without alteration. The basic flag design may be incorporated into the logo of an organization only if it is done in such a manner as to hold the Confederate States of America in the highest respect. The flag, or design elements of the flag, should never be used to associate The

South or the Confederate States of America with any other political or social agenda.

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## **Confederate Thanksgiving**

From: Civil War Talk

Proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1861  
by President Jefferson Davis

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of events, to protect and defend us hitherto in our conflicts with our enemies as to be unto them a shield.

And whereas, with grateful thanks we recognize His hand and acknowledge that not unto us, but unto Him, belongeth the victory, and in humble dependence upon His almighty strength, and trusting in the justness of our purpose, we appeal to Him that He may set at naught the efforts of our enemies, and humble them to confusion and shame.

Now therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, in view of impending conflict, do hereby set apart Friday, the 15th day of November, as a day of national humiliation and prayer, and do hereby invite the reverend clergy and the people of these Confederate States to repair on that day to their homes and usual places of public worship, and to implore blessing of Almighty God upon our people, that he may give us victory over our

enemies, preserve our homes and altars from pollution, and secure to us the restoration of peace and prosperity.

Given under hand and seal of the Confederate States at Richmond, this the 31st day of October, year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

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## **Confederate Turkey Recipe**

### **To Boil a Turkey**

From: Thomas Constable, 1862

“Having cleaned the turkey nicely, draw and truss it, with the legs drawn under the skin, and fasten them with a bit of tape around the joints, and tie it round the rump, to prevent the legs from starting. Have a stuffing prepared with a few chopped oysters, and put it where the crop was taken out; sew it up, put the turkey in a pot which will just hold it, with the breast down; cover it with cold water, add a tea cup full of milk, skim it when it comes to a boil, draw it to the side of the fire, and let it boil slowly; if the turkey is young, one hour will boil it, but if an old one, it will require two hours. When you dish it, take off the tape, and serve it with oyster, celery, or plain white sauce, with small white turnips and cauliflower.



**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**



For most of us, Texas Whitetail Deer Season begins on November 4<sup>th</sup>. A simple checklist can save problems while on a hunt.

A current hunting license and all necessary tags for the game being hunted are needed. Double check all firearms to be used and preferable take a few practice shots. Always take a flashlight with new batteries, water, snacks, and matches or lighter. It is a good idea to be prepared to stay in the woods longer than anticipated. Above all, make sure of the target before firing.

Good Luck and Good Hunting...



### What's the big deal? It's only a flag

The issue of whether to fly a Confederate battle flag is only the "tip of the iceberg". The goal is to remove ALL Confederate symbols from public property. 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 any visible remembrances of Southern Heritage. Flying

the Confederate Flag is a way to honor our ancestors who fought so bravely against the Northern aggression that invaded their land. When inscribed on a monument, the intent is to honor the ancestors of those who had that monument erected. It does not represent racism, it does not represent hatred, and it does not call for a return to the days of slavery.



### Acoustic Music Night

Some of our Camp members and others perform an Acoustic Music Jam twice a month at the Walking S Steakhouse. This takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights from 6pm – 8pm. Bring your instrument and join in or just come by for the music.

### \$ Monument Removal Costs \$

From: Brietbart.com

A recent review of costs from just a few cities across America that began the process of removing Confederate statues from public property shows the extreme expense involved. Costs include both the actual removal costs and the police and public safety costs as cities send out police officers to keep protesters at bay while the destruction of the monuments commences.

One of the first cities to indulge the left's desire to destroy Confederate monuments was New Orleans. While some of those costs were supposed to be taken on by a private citizen of the city, the city budget



was also burdened with a whopping cost of \$2.1 million. The extra costs came in city employee overtime costs, police overtime costs, and fees related to the court cases that the removal of the statues forced onto the city. New Orleans even had to shell out \$50,000 to build a storage facility to store the four large statues.

San Antonio, Texas, recently reported that it spent \$258,680 to remove a Confederate statue from Travis Park. The price tag included \$147,775 to tear down the monument, \$103,809 for police overtime costs, and an additional \$7,000 to cover landscaping costs after the statue was removed. But that cost, some city officials said, did not include the incredible \$17 million previously spent on a police presence around the statue during the months the city was contemplating the monument's removal.

Authorities in Dallas, Texas, revealed a similar story with upwards to \$450,000 spent to remove its Robert E. Lee statue. But Dallas is also eyeing the removal of another statue situated in Pioneer Park that will cost an estimated \$800,000 to remove. Some of the costs in Dallas also include the removal of Confederate-themed street signs, with new signs featuring new names replacing them.

Certainly, other cities looking to eliminate statues that in many cases have stood for nearly 100 years will see similar costs passed onto taxpayers, and the final dollar amount is growing by the month.



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



Thank you to the Starnes family and everyone at the Walking S Steakhouse for their hospitality and providing a meeting place for the Upshur Co. Patriots. Open for dining Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

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