



# PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
GILMER, TEXAS

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Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of  
Each Month at 7 PM  
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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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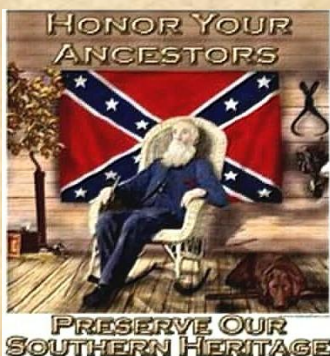
### Compatriots and Friends:

First, let me apologize for the lateness of this, our March Newsletter.

As you know, I have been sidelined for a while. This has been due to a couple of necessary surgeries and then a lengthy hospital stay due to other medical conditions.

I am feeling much better, am improving every day and I am planning on being with you at our April meeting.

*Thank you to 3 special people – Eddie, Phil and Gregg.*



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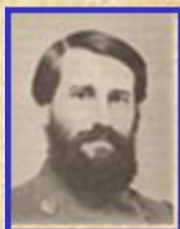
## CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**“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.**

**On June 23, 1864, Lee was appointed a lieutenant general, making him the youngest man to reach the rank in the Confederate Army. He took command of General John B. Hood’s former corps within the Army of Tennessee.**



## 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.



Bull Run



## THE GUARDIAN

By: EP

### The origination of the Guardian Program

*Proverbs 11:29*

*"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind"...*

By not honoring and protecting our forebears we are doomed to lose everything.

The original Guardian Program began in the early 1990's in the South Carolina Division. The Guardian Program was instituted to give recognition to Compatriots that have demonstrated their commitment to preserving, protecting and honoring the final resting place of a Confederate Veteran.

In the mid 2000's, National Headquarters of the SCV created a National Guardian Program utilizing the South Carolina Division's Guardian rules and guidelines as its model.

Our Confederate Veteran magazine, in 2011, printed an article about the Guardian Program. Shortly thereafter, Larry Davis (son of Past Guardian Chairman Phil Davis) a member of the South Carolina Division, contacted Commander Davis and asked whether the Texas Division had a Guardian Program and whether or not I was a member. Phil had to admit that he read the article, however the Texas Division



did not have a Guardian Program. Furthermore, after reading the article and talking to Larry, Phil had done nothing about it.

Phil then contacted then Texas Division Commander, Granville Block and discussed the aspects of having a Guardian Program in Texas. Commander Block agreed with the need for a Guardian Program and placed Phil on the March 2012 DEC Agenda to discuss the importance of such a program and the desire to have it in the Texas Division.

At that meeting, The Guardian Program was approved and Commander Block appointed Commander Davis as the Texas Division Guardian Chairman. Fortunately, the South Carolina Division took pity on him and made a copy of their rules and guidelines, along with their medal design and documents so as to avoid reinventing the wheel. Minor modifications to their rules, guidelines, application, and medal were made to suit our Division.

*What was the need for and why be a part of the Guardian Program?*

The Guardian Program was and is the next step beyond the Graves Registration program. The Graves Registration Program sought only to locate and identify the final resting places of Confederate Heroes, known and unknown. The Guardian Program ensures that these final resting places are catalogued, maintained in a good state of repair and appearance, while providing that appropriate monuments (flags, plaques, and stones) to the

Confederate Hero are present in honor of his service.

When we fail to honor our forebears we do a disservice and thus are a problem within our own house and will ultimately lose everything and “inherit the wind”.

*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](mailto:etaia@att.net)



### UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	37
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	51
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	48
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	8
Frank Smith	Full	2
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3
Rodney Love	Full	51
W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem		

*“A government that is not founded on the principles of reason is but an assembly of rogues.” – Thomas Paine*

At the time of his passing, Compatriot and Upshur Co. Patriot Tommy Ray was the Guardian over 19 graves. I am proud to report that 18 of these graves have been taken over for Guardianship by our own Phil Davis, Eddie Pricer, George Linton and Bill Starnes. 1 grave is in Louisiana and was given up to be re-assigned.

A very good example of how we should support each other and the meaning of what we stand for.

### STONEWALL JACKSON'S PRAYER BELIEFS

Stonewall Jackson believed that if anyone came before the Searcher of hearts, with sincere motives for light and guidance, he was sure to receive it. It was because he believed so strongly in Providence that he believed so strongly in prayer.



The Scriptures teach that prayer should occur throughout the day, *“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:17)*. Prayer is our direct communication with the Lord. It should be the cornerstone of our daily living, and a custom so familiar to us that we need not question if we are abounding in our prayers.

Through our prayers, we praise the Lord, seek His will and guidance, ask for understanding, and acknowledge our sins.



Prayer remained one of the most deciding parts of the general's fame. He once said, "I have so fixed the habit in my own mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without lifting my heart to God in thanks and prayer for the water of life."

As Jackson grew older and matured in the faith, those who knew Jackson best realized that he never decided his daily affairs without seeking the Lord.

## THE FIRST BATTLE OF KERNSTOWN

Wikipedia

**The First Battle of Kernstown** was fought on March 23, 1862, in Frederick County and



Winchester, Virginia, the opening battle of Confederate Maj. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall"

Jackson's campaign through the Shenandoah Valley during the American Civil War.

It represented a strategic victory for the South by preventing the Union from transferring forces from the Shenandoah Valley to reinforce the Peninsula Campaign against the Confederate capital, Richmond.

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*Photos courteous of Albert Colvin*







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