



Texas Division Quarterly Report Commander

Compatriots,

The War on all things Confederate has ramped up quite a bit since my last report. The SCV was told in January that it could not fly the Battle Flag in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. Also, our flag was not allowed at the Stock Show Rodeo and all Battle Flag items were not allowed to be sold by vendors. This news came to us days before the events were to start leaving us little time to respond. Some wanted to drop out of the parade but we could not win a battle by running away from the issue. Commander Jack Dyess tried to negotiate with the powers that be to restore the flag to the parade but they would not budge.



A battle plan was worked out for the parade. We divided our forces like Lee and Jackson. Half would follow the rules and be in the parade with empty flag staffs marked with black streamers in place of our Battle Flags that made us "legal" and the people of Fort Worth did not have to see our eight to ten flags in the parade. "BUT" the other half of the SCV folks passed out over 1400 large stick Battle Flags to the crowd. The people of Fort Worth saw hundreds upon hundreds of Battle Flags instead of eight or ten.



We won that battle and it was a GREAT day to be a SCV member! I had tears in my eyes when I saw all of the people in the crowd waving our Battle Flags and Fort Worth could not stop them! The public had a choice to display the flags or not....they displayed them. Fort Worth, the public has spoken!!



The rest of the plan was to "Flag" The Stock Show from start to finish and hand out flags to the people as they went into the show. Commander Calvin Allen spearheaded the flagging operations and the Flaggers did great service for our cause for weeks. Near the end of the Stock Show we had a plane pulling a large Battle Flag around the skies of Fort Worth and it was a great sight.



A heart felt thank you to all of the folks that worked so hard to make this plan work! God bless you all.

UT Statues Case

No news yet from the Court in Texarkana so all we can do is wait.

Confederate Reunion Grounds Problem

I called the Confederate Reunion grounds near Mexia to check on the status of our flags that were taken down in June to see if they were still down. I found that they were back up but that they were not flying the Battle Flag. After a phone discussion about a possible SCV rally at the park they said the flag was not banned and it would be returned to a flagpole.....another win.

Austin and Houston School Name Changes

We are battling name changes at schools in Houston and Austin. Letters went out from me as Commander to the people involved in each school district explaining that they should stop due to the fact that they may be breaking the law and may face jail time for their actions. This is a hard one due to the fact that "we" the SCV have no "standing" in court to fight this type of thing. The people that pay school taxes in Houston and Austin need to step up and say "NO" to the school name changes. I want to thank the men of the 6TH Brigade for their heroic battles in Austin with the AISD. A job well done gentlemen!

Texas Division Rolling Flag Rally

We had a good turnout at the National Confederate Flag Day, Texas Division "Rolling Rally" We flagged Fort Worth then towns up to and including Denton where we clashed with some hecklers at the Court House.



I want to thank everyone that came out in support of the Rolling Rally and our cause!
Thank you for your hard work for our Division, we even had a man from Georgia join us.

Jefferson Davis Monument at Brownsville

At this time the battle seems to be over and the monument is safe. Thanks to the SCV men that fought that very hot battle! GREAT JOB!!!!

Austin Monument

It is good to know that as our enemies try to take Southern monuments down Southern men are adding new monuments! This wonderful monument was just placed by the Major George W. Littlefield Camp #59 in Austin. Superb work gentlemen!!!



In closing I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with you at the upcoming Division Reunion in June and of course again at the National Reunion in July. For information about the two reunions please visit the Texas Division Webpage at scvtexas.org

Stand firm and stay the course,
Gary D. Bray
Commander
Texas Division, SCV
March 15, 2016



Lieutenant Commander's Spring Report March 15, 2016

What a winter Texas has experienced. Since my last report to the Division we have travelled thousands of miles and have endured some of the most unusual weather Texas has seen in decades. We send special prayers to all our compatriots who have endured flooding and tornados. We pray for a dryer spring and fast recovery.

January brought great tributes to our beloved Confederate Heroes in Texas. Our camps in Central and

West Texas hosted a variety of Lee-Jackson banquets and special camp meeting programs. We travelled to Kerrville for the Hill Country Camp #1938 banquet at the YO Ranch Hotel and Resort. Their dinner featured an excellent "Flags of the Confederacy" program by Compatriot Larry and Pam Wilhoite. I had the distinct pleasure of presenting a 25-year service certificate and medal to **Camp Commander James Maxwell Jr.** (photo to the right) We also swore in a new slate of camp officers.



The next weekend we attended Midland's Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp #1441 banquet and Silent Auction. I am especially proud to have a very large contingent attend from Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613 and our Mamie Yeary #55 OCR chapter. Midland's annual morning cemetery memorial was a very moving experience. Each year more compatriots and Roses travel to Midland for this great program.

The last weekend of the month we travelled to Weatherford for the very first Lee-Jackson banquet hosted by Gov. Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #586. Our hat is off to this camp for an excellent first-time event. My only regret is I was not cloned and could not attend more camp events.

We kicked off February by travelling to Columbia, SC for the annual Stephen Dill Lee Institute. I highly encourage every SCV member to attend the Institute. It is held in a different location every year. This is a remarkable educational opportunity, especially with two Texans presenting programs. Following the Institute, we travelled back through Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi checking on over a dozen graves I have adopted through the SCV Guardian program.

Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153 in San Antonio invited us to their February camp meeting where I reported on Division activities and gave a special program on Texas Unit Flags and uniforms.

I have spent a great part of my time this month preparing the *2016 Texas Division Muster Roll Book*. It is at the printers and will be available very shortly at \$20 per copy. If you can't make it to the State Reunion and would like to purchase a copy, please contact your Brigade Commanders.

We still wake up every day to new challenges to our ancestors' honor and memory. School districts across the state consider renaming schools and obliterating the names of great men. The San Antonio and Austin area camps have held fast in their efforts to preserve the names of many area schools.

I was recently asked if there could be an end to the boycott of Fort Lancaster. I responded that it would happen the day after Confederate Private Norris's headstone is replaced.

This weekend we will attend the March Division Executive Council meeting in Lorena. We will discuss new artwork for our revised application for a State of Texas license plate.

Remember, we are the only organization holding the line on the truth about the War Between the States and the Confederate soldier. We continue our efforts to preserve the values and vindicate the honor of the Southland.

Deo Vindice,

David McMahon

Lt Cmdr. - Texas Division



Texas
Division Quarterly Report
Robert F. Rubel
2nd Lt. Commander
December 2015 thru February 2016

Texas Division Officers and Compatriots:

On December 5th my wife and I attended the annual 4th Brigade Christmas party in Gainesville. A great time was had by all in attendance,

On January 5th my wife and I attended the monthly meeting of the Colonel William Griffin Camp #2235 in Haltom City. With the assistance of 3rd Brigade Commander Calvin Allen, I had the honor to officially induct 3 new members into the Camp. Commander Allen and I also swore in new officers of the Camp.

On January 9th my wife and I attended the Brigadier General John Creed Moore Camp #578 Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Oglesby Community Center. I had the privilege of installing the new officers of the Camp and gave a presentation on "Terry's Texas Rangers - 8th Texas Cavalry." Lots of good food and fellowship. I was presented a hand crafted, portable speaker's podium that outgoing Camp Commander James Kinnear made for me.

On January 30th, my wife and I attended the Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #586 Lee-Jackson Banquet in Weatherford. Over 70 people were in attendance. Keynote speaker was Sam Allen who spoke on "Black Warriors in the Confederate Army." Music was provided by Buttermilk Junction.

The number of Recruiting Leads from National has slowed down since my last report. Since December 1st I have referred 61 leads to camps in the Texas Division. These leads come from individuals who have downloaded an Application for Membership at www.scv.org. We must continue to recruit new members as well as devoting time to bringing former members back into the fold. There is strength in numbers.

Total membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as of March 7, 2016, is 31,024 members. Delinquent members, as of January 1, 2016 was 4,906. As of March 7, 2016, there are 3,000 delinquent members. According to Executive Director Michael Landree, "most of the 3,000 members don't even know they dropped off the active roles." Looks like a good time to follow up on those members who are not current with their dues.

Brigade Commanders and Lt. Commanders, please review the Division webpage and be sure that the information for the Camp Commanders and Adjutants is correct. This includes telephone numbers and the meeting place and time. It is very important that this information be kept up-to-date. Many Camp's contact information is not current.

I want to continue to stress the importance of Division Leadership Training Seminars across the state. These seminars are an excellent way for new members, as well as current members, to understand how camps work and the duties and responsibilities of camp officers. I encourage Brigade and Camp Commanders to start planning for a seminar in your Brigade area. Please contact me or Commander Bray if you are interested in scheduling a seminar.

Brigade Commanders, any news on new camps forming? Any camps in trouble or in danger of closing? Please contact me at bobrubel@iglide.net if I can be of any assistance.

I am currently assisting with the formation of new Camps in Childress and Palo Pinto.

Keep up the good work and continue to share our story and recruit new members.

“Keep the Flags Flying”

Bob Rubel
2nd Lt. Commander
Texas Division
14 March 2016

TEXAS DIVISION
Sons of Confederate Veterans
11 March 2016

Report of 3rd Lt. Commander to the DEC

Gentlemen of the Division:

It has been a non-stop assault on everything we hold dear by the NAACP and their liberal allies the press. At times, it seems as if we are fighting ignorance more than we are a diabolical enemy set upon our destruction as an organization.

I find that in speaking with people that many of them are truly uninformed and have no education on what actually occurred in the War Between the States and scant understanding of that period of time in history. Many are dumbstruck when you tell them of certain events and explain the history of it to them. They usually retort with something like "I didn't know that" or "I never learned much about the Civil War in school." As a result, we find that we are on the defensive because of a vast propaganda push by those that would love nothing better than to see us lose our heritage.

In the past 50 years we have seen a degradation of our school standards, especially in the teaching of history in the public schools. We must reverse this trend if we are ever to have any success in turning the tide on these assaults. It is my belief that we need to do more and concentrate more on flooding the public and private schools with programs that will enlighten the students by putting on more living history programs for the schools. The teachers and students love these type of activities when presented to them. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to gain access to the elementary and middle schools not only in Texas but across the entire nation so that the foundation of southern history can be taught correctly to the masses of students.

I have been privy to some valiant efforts put forth on the part of some of our Brigade Commanders, Commanders and Compatriots to deflect these vile efforts to do away with our cherished heroes and to combat the enemy at every turn. I applaud these men and admire their efforts on behalf of the Texas Division. They are standing in the breach and are sustaining our efforts in the battle over our southern culture.

During the past quarter there have been 63,512 Division emails dispatched to our members with a total of 8,727 bounced emails which represents a bounce rate of 13.7%. That is a .7% decrease in bounced emails this quarter. 32.9% of the emails were opened which, according to the industry standard of 21.0%, is an above average rate of opens when compared to other organizations. I have forwarded numerous newsletters for posting upon the website and encourage more camps to forward newsletters so that they may be posted on the website and viewed by the entire Division.

Deo Vindice

Ray Wainner
3rd Lt. Commander
Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENT
Presented March 01, 2016

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Presented March 1, 2016

<p>CURRENT CONSTITUTION</p>	<p>REVISION AND RATIONALE</p>	<p>PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ</p>
<p>8.8.1. All delegates shall have credentials signed by the Camp Commander and/or Camp Adjutant. The credentials shall include the name of the Chairman of the delegation and the names of the other delegates elected to represent the camp. If the Chairman of the delegation is not in attendance at the convention, those delegates in attendance are authorized to elect a Chairman from among themselves.</p>	<p>8.8.1 All delegates shall have credentials signed by the Camp Commander and/or Camp Adjutant. The credentials shall include the name of the Chairman of the delegation and the names of the other delegates elected to represent the camp. If the Chairman of the delegation is not in attendance at the convention, those delegates in attendance are authorized to elect a Chairman from among themselves.</p> <p>(Add) The credential forms shall be submitted by a US Postal Mail or an email to the Texas Division Adjutant by the 15th day of May preceding the current year's convention. Any credentials postmarked or date marked after that date shall be assessed a ten dollar (\$10.00) late fee and those received the day of the convention will be assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee. Changes to the delegates may be submitted at any time prior to the posted start for the beginning of the morning business session.</p> <p>Rationale: This change will help in speeding up the registration of delegates at the convention. We have 96 current camps and waiting until Saturday morning to receive credential forms does not allow for an efficient process. Also, by assessing a late fee, camps will be encouraged to file their credentials early. Allowances are made for changes to the delegates prior to the start of the business session</p> <p>Submitted by: Cooper Goodson</p>	<p>8.8.1. All delegates shall have credentials signed by the Camp Commander and/or Camp Adjutant. The credentials shall include the name of the Chairman of the delegation and the names of the other delegates elected to represent the camp. If the Chairman of the delegation is not in attendance at the convention, those delegates in attendance are authorized to elect a Chairman from among themselves.</p> <p>The credential forms shall be submitted by a US Postal Mail or an email to the Texas Division Adjutant by the 15th day of May preceding the current year's convention. Any credentials postmarked after that date shall be assessed a ten dollar (\$10.00) late fee and those received the day of the convention will be assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee.</p> <p>Changes to the delegates may be submitted at any time prior to the posted start for the beginning of the morning business session.</p> <p>Please note: Amendments may be altered from the floor.</p>

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**CURRENT
CONSTITUTION**

10.3.2 Annual per capita tax of five dollars (\$5) shall be paid by each Camp to the Division Adjutant for every active member, with the exception of Real Sons and life members of the Texas Division. In order for a member to be considered in good standing in the Texas Division, that member must be current in his payment of per capita tax to a Camp within the Texas Division, the Texas Division itself and the General Organization.

**REVISION AND
RATIONALE**

10.3.2 Annual per capita tax of (Delete) ~~five dollars (\$5)~~ (Add) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid by each Camp to the Division Adjutant for every active member, (Add) plus any reinstatement fee, with the exception of Real Sons and life members of the Texas Division. (Add) A prorated per capita tax of eight dollars (\$8.00) shall be paid for per capita tax after February 1, plus any reinstatement fees. In order for a member to be considered in good standing in the Texas Division, that member must be current in his payment of per capita tax to a Camp within the Texas Division, the Texas Division itself and the General Organization.

Rationale:

The increase will allow the Division to have adequate funds to operate and monies to support camp request for project funding.

Submitted by: Don Taylor

**PROPOSED
CONSTITUTION WOULD
READ**

10.3.2 Annual per capita tax of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid by each Camp to the Division Adjutant for every active member, plus any reinstatement fee, with the exception of Real Sons and life members of the Texas Division. A prorated per capita tax of eight dollars (\$8.00) shall be paid for per capita tax after February 1, plus any reinstatement fees. In order for a member to be considered in good standing in the Texas Division, that member must be current in his payment of per capita tax to a Camp within the Texas Division, the Texas Division itself and the General Organization.

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<p>10.4 An amount of one dollar (\$1) of the per capita tax shall be dedicated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. An amount of one dollar (\$1) of interest paid on the Life Membership Fund for each Life Member of the Texas Division shall also be dedicated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. No registration fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention.</p>	<p>10.4 (Delete) An amount of one dollar (\$1) of the per capita tax shall be dedicated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. An amount of one dollar (\$1) of interest paid on the Life Membership Fund for each Life Member of the Texas Division shall also be dedicated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. No registration fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention. (Add) The Texas Division shall fund the annual convention with one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from its regular operating account. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be advanced when the contracts have been finalized and approved. The final five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be disbursed after the filing of the convention final financial report.</p> <p>A ten-dollar (\$10.00) registration fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention business meeting or part thereof. This registration fee shall be allotted to the Texas Division Convention host camp to help defray expenses incurred.</p> <p>The Reunion Planning Guide will include guidance about mark-ups on convention meals and other charges by Host Camps.</p> <p><i>Submitted by: Don Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> <p><i>This change should allow for the convention to be partially self-financing, to help host camps with expenses, and to increase the funds available to the Division for heritage defense by reducing Convention expenses.</i></p>	<p>10.4 The Texas Division shall fund the annual convention with one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from its regular operating account. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be advanced when the contracts have been finalized and approved. The final five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be disbursed after the filing of the convention final financial report.</p> <p>Aten-dollar (\$10.00) registration fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention business meeting or part thereof. This registration fee shall be allotted to the Texas Division Convention host camp to help defray expenses incurred.</p> <p>The Reunion Planning Guide will include guidance about mark-ups on convention meals and other charges by Host Camps.</p> <p>Please note: Amendments may be altered from the floor.</p>