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Shootin' from the Hip

by Commander Steve Wells

We all have heard of the goings-on in New Orleans. It is disgusting and heartbreaking to say the least. To date, the Mayor of New Orleans has removed two monuments over protest by many citizens, including the SCV, and the counter-demonstrations (think: obscene) by typical left-wing agitators, many paid by George Soros (think: worst possible person)! The monuments of Lee and Beauregard remain, as of now. On this topic, the SCV Commander has sent out a letter to all camps telling them that National and Louisiana Division are doing all they can to save the remaining two monuments, and would appreciate any pressure any of us could bring on the Louisiana legislators to pass a Monuments Protection Bill, similar to what we need passed here in Texas. May God help us here.

This brings to mind the structure of the SCV itself. I have been reading the SCV Constitution and would like to mention a few important aspects of the SCV's organization and Structure. For those new members, or older ones who might need a refresher, the SCV is structured along the lines of the Confederate Army. There are three Departments (Army(s): 1.) The Army of Northern Virginia; 2.) The Army of Tennessee; 3.) The Army of Trans-Mississippi (ATM!). The Headquarters of the SCV is in Elm Springs, Tennessee, with a Commander, Adjutant, and supporting staff. Our National Commander is Thomas Strain. The ATM consists of State Divisions: Arkansas; Louisiana; Missouri; Oklahoma; and Texas, again with Commander and supporting staff. Our ATM Commander is Johnnie Holley of Tyler. Texas Division also has a Commander and support staff. Our Bob Rubel is currently

2nd Lt. Commander of the Texas Division. Within Texas, there are eleven Brigades, also with officers. Our Bruce Wilson is currently 2nd Lt. Commander of the 7th Texas Brigade. Our 7th Brigade has ten (10) camps, of which Terry's Texas Rangers Camp #1937 is one. So, as you can see, our camp is an important part of a much bigger organization and the SCV Constitution is our governing document. More on that later.

May Southern Virtues Prevail!
Steve Wells, Commander, Camp 1937

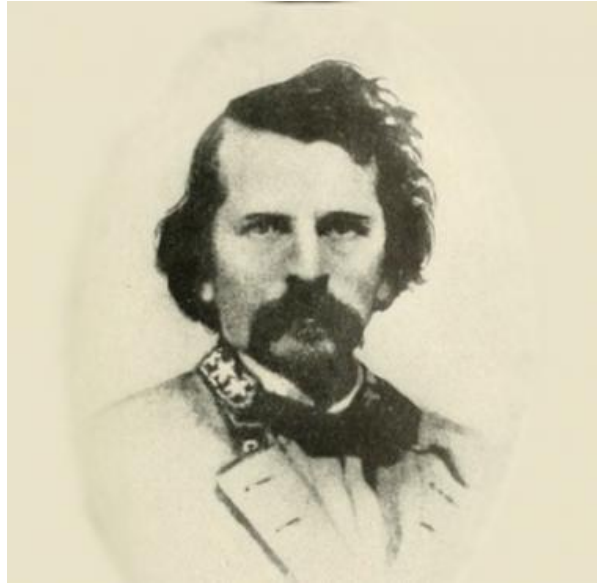


SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
2017 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION
June 2 - 4, 2017
Radisson Hotel North - Fossil Creek
2640 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76106

Hotel Reservations can be made at the Radisson
Hotel North - Fossil Creek by calling 1-800-333-3333



Confederate of the Month



General Earl Van Dorn Claiborne County, Mississippi

Earl Van Dorn began his military career after graduating from the United States Military Academy in the class of 1842. He first served in several posts throughout the Southern United States, before being sent to Texas and then Mexico during the Mexican-American War. He saw combat during the battles of Monterrey and Vera Cruz, and received brevet promotions up to major for his participation in the battles of Cerro Gordo, Mexico City, Contreras, and Churubusco. After the war, he was once again sent to outposts in the South, and took part in action against the Seminole Indians from 1849 to 1850. He also fought several engagements in the West against Comanche Indians from 1858 to 1859.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he resigned from the United States military and was appointed a brigadier general of the Mississippi Militia on January 23, 1861. He resigned this commission however, and was made a

brigadier general in the regular Confederate army on June 5, 1861. He was first sent west to Texas, where men under his command helped capture U.S. Army soldiers in the state before they could make it North. He was promoted to major general on September 19, 1861, and was briefly transferred to Virginia, where he was made commander of the Army in the West in the Trans-Mississippi Theatre.

His first major action of the war came at the battle of Pea Ridge, where Union forces under General Samuel R. Curtis defeated Van Dorn's large Confederate force. After his defeat, Van Dorn was transferred to the Army of the Mississippi, and commanded his troops during the battle of Corinth. Van Dorn again did well during the initial stages of the battle, but misjudged the Union defensive position and was repulsed, forcing his men to retreat. After this battle, Van Dorn was taken out of command of the army, and placed instead in command of the cavalry under General John C. Pemberton.

Van Dorn's most impressive achievement came while in command of Pemberton's cavalry. He led his troopers in action in December of 1862 against the supply depots of Union general Ulysses S. Grant located at Holly Springs, Mississippi. Van Dorn's forces destroyed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of supplies, and disrupted Grant's operations against Vicksburg. After the battle, Van Dorn took part in several minor cavalry skirmishes until his death in May of 1863.

On May 7, 1863, James B. Peters shot and killed Earl Van Dorn after Van Dorn had allegedly committed adultery with Peters' wife. Van Dorn's body was brought back to Mississippi and buried at Wintergreen Cemetery in Port Gibson.





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The recent events in New Orleans have been heartbreaking and, honestly, completely insane. The current mayor, Mitch Landrieu, and the City Council have completely derailed and are destroying the history of the very city they were elected to protect. Ironically, in the early morning hours on Monday Mr. Landrieu, according to reports, had local firemen dismantle one of four monuments that he and other elected officials (not the citizens) alleged to be offensive to the citizens of New Orleans. The irony here is that Landrieu himself was placed under house arrest for owing the firefighters pension fund over \$190 million dollars; yes, \$190 million dollars.

In 2015 word was received that the Mayor and his council started laying the groundwork for their plan, much like ISIS, to destroy monuments of our ancestors. With this information, the local Camp and Louisiana Division entered into litigation to stop this insanity. The National SCV entered into the litigation at a later date in an attempt to block the removal of historical monuments placed in the city. Thus far, after over thirty thousand dollars and countless hours of discussion and litigation, the fine men of Louisiana have basically been railroaded by Landrieu and his cronies over the years. What I personally find to be so ironic in all of this insanity is that for thirty two years the City was run by people of color who respected historical monuments, but now Mr. Landrieu chooses to create division among the people for some perceived political gain or notoriety. It is reported that Landrieu now has a list over one hundred streets and school names he wishes to change.

After much consultation with the Division Commander of Louisiana and members of my staff I am calling for a BOYCOTT of the City of New Orleans by the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and all right-minded people. Please visit Confederate GENERAL HEADQUARTERS Sons of Confederate Veterans "Historic Elm Springs" P. O. BOX 59 - COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE 38402-0059 - 931-380-1844 - FAX 931-361-6712 - www.scv.org Memorial Hall in this once fine Southern city but do not spend any of your hard earned dollars otherwise in the City. We must stand strong and let the historical terrorists and haters know who we are and what we stand for! New Orleans is no different than any other large town in the Southeast, and tourism dollars are what they thrive upon. New Orleans' busiest time of the year is Mardi Gras, and the money raised every year is used to promote the Mayor and City Council's agenda.

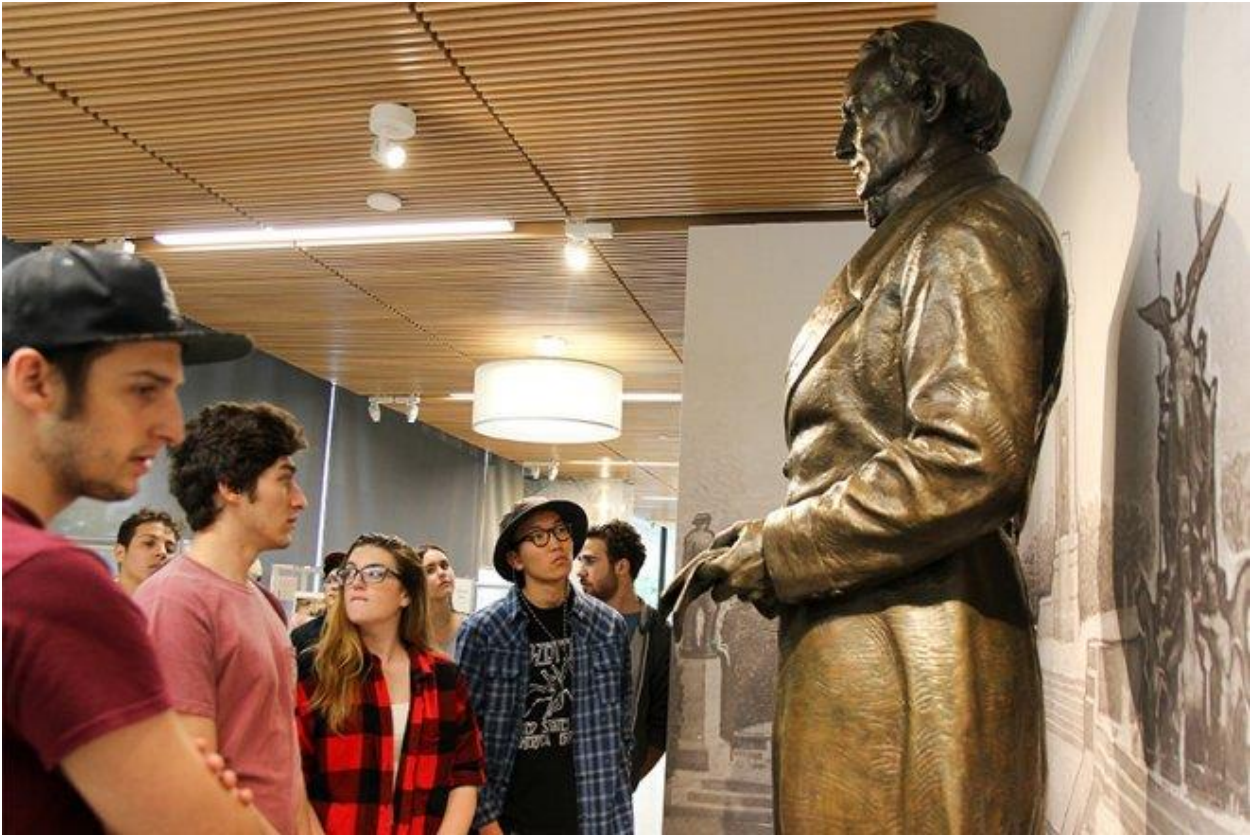
While I encourage you to visit Louisiana and the countless towns and communities that host Mardi Gras festivals, please avoid New Orleans. Let our voices and dollars be heard!!! Therefore, I call for a BOYCOTT of New Orleans, LA and highly encourage each of you to spread the word to friends and family. We need to show Mr. Landrieu and his cronies that we will not stand for his ISIS tactics and the absolute destruction of OUR history under the cloak of darkness with snipers on rooftops. We must collectively let the powers that be know that we will not allow OUR HISTORY and the world's history to be destroyed or re-written by a few despicable people in power.

Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.

75th Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans

Jefferson Davis is Back



After removal from the outdoor Main Mall of the University of Texas in Austin, the Jefferson Davis statue is now on display at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History nineteen months after being forklifted off its limestone base. It was placed in the back of a pickup and hauled away when then newly-hired UT President Greg Fenves gave the okay for its removal - despite the wishes of the George Littlefield Trust (former UT Regent, **Terry's Texas Ranger**) that provided for it. **(Note: it was actions such as this that prompted action of citizens and representatives to propose the bill that is currently before the House.)** The Coppini statue no longer faces southward as it did in its former place of prominence. The 9 foot tall 1,200 pound statesman now faces westward looking out a window over the LBJ Presidential Library's fountain.

(Article credited to the "May at the Museum" Texas Civil War Museum newsletter)

Texas Division Guardian Program

*Terry's Texas Rangers Camp Members Who Are Caring for Confederate
Veterans' Graves*

Mike Smith - Guardian
Bob Rubel - Guardian
Wade Chaney - Guardian
Ben Davis - Guardian
Brian Rubel - Guardian
Kevin Rubel - Guardian
Melvin Burt - Guardian
Michael Simons - Guardian

*These eight TTR members are caring for a total of 80 Confederate
Veteran's Graves.*

For more information about the Texas Division Guardian Program, contact

Bob Rubel, Commander, at (817) 483-6288 or (817) 929-5576.

Chaplain's Corner

He is Risen.

Mark 16:6

Just as He was Risen that Easter morning 2,000+ years ago we have the Blessed Promise that all those will arise again some day. 1Corinthians 15 vs 51-57.

In these Days of Trial for our Southland we just Rise and lift our voices against lies and false history where ever we find it. Stand tall for God n Right and Keep on the Firing line.

On a personal note continue to pray for us as Amy continues chemotherapy throughout the Summer. She been very weak.

God bless the South and God bless Texas
Chaplain Michael Simons

Name Badges

Terry's Texas Rangers Camp #1937 personalized name badges can be purchased at Bennett's Printing & Office Supply. They are located at 300 E. Chambers in Cleburne. The local telephone number is 817-641-9861.

There are two types of name badges - one with a pin on the back and the other with a magnetic clip. Bennett's Printing would be glad to answer any questions that you have on the name badges.



Uniforms for Terry's Texas Rangers

Mercury Sutler - Tom and Thelma Barry are our source for uniforms for Terry's Texas Rangers. They have been our suppliers for many years. They are based in Livingston, Texas. Their telephone number is 936-327-3707. They will be glad to help you. When you call just let them know you are interested in uniforms for the Terry's Texas Rangers Camp #1937 in Cleburne, Texas.

Email: mercurys@livingston.net

They also have a website: www.mercurysutler.com

Camp Chatter

Cadet Conner McMinn has crossed over from Cub to Boy Scout in Pack 673 .
The cross over took place at Chisholm Trail Museum on May 1st.

Aubrie Hatch, daughter of Michael Hatch, will be the bear mascot for
Brewer Middle School in White Settlement next school year.

Robert McMinn participated in the Battle of Jefferson demonstrating the
techniques of 1860's medical treatment doing amputations and bullet
removal. The field hospital was very popular and drew large crowds.

Quotable Confederates

"Tell Hill he must come up. . .Strike the tent."

--- Last words of General Robert E. Lee, October 12, 1870

"I would rather be a private in Virginia's army than a general in any
army that was going to coerce her."

--- General J.E.B. Stuart, CSA



Terry's Texas Rangers Camp #1937, SCV

2017 Camp Officers

For contact information, visit the camp's website at:
www.scvcamp1937.org

Commander	Steve Wells
1 st Lt. Commander	Doug Barron
2 nd Lt. Commander	Randy Simpson
Adjutant	Mike Smith
Chaplain	Michael Simons
Color Sgt./Quartermaster	Cecil Bonham
Camp Surgeon	Robert McMinn
Communications Officer	Doug Barron
Judge Advocate	Melvin Burt
Historian	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Michael Hatch
Camp Secretary	Bill Hawkins
Color/Honor Guard	Bruce Wilson

Committee Chairmen

Awards	Bob Rubel
Cemetery	Martin Pullen
Preservation/Heritage	

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR THE 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."

THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CHARGE

"TO YOU, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, WE SUBMIT 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 HE LOVED AND 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. GEN. STEPHEN D LEE

SUGGESTED LINKS

SCV National Headquarters
www.scv.org

SCV Army of Trans-Mississippi
www.scv.atm.com

SCV Texas Division
www.scv.texas.org

SCV Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937
www.scvcamp1937.org

SCV Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937 Facebook
www.facebook.com/texasterrysrangers

SCV Texas Division email list- This is for official communications from Division Command to the membership. Excellent for keeping abreast of current events within the SCV.

http://www.scvtexas.org/Mailing_List.html

