

# Gen. Lee's Dispatch

January 2016

R.E.Lee Camp 239

Fort Worth, Texas

## Commander's Report



Gentlemen of the Robert E. Lee Camp 239,

Our Commander who will be leading us on into 2016 and beyond is Kirt Barnett. He was unable to get his report in before this publication, so I would like to take liberty to ask the men of this great camp to get behind him with our utmost support, loyalty, and all the positive encouragement that we can muster. We have elected a very good man for this job and he is worthy and willing to lead us down the trail.

May God be pleased to bless our Lee Camp and our new Commander Kirt Barnett.

I would like to thank and recognize our guest speaker at our December meeting, Compatriot Mark Nash, the past Cmdr. of the Belo Camp in Dallas, for the very interesting program that he presented us with on "The First Confederate Cabinet". It was very well done and we shall not soon forget it.

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### *Commander's Report Cont.*

At our January meeting we will be presented a program titled: "Protecting Confederate Monuments And Memorials: A New Strategy" by Compatriot Kevin Newsom who is a spokesman for the Texas Vindicators, also a past Cmdr. of the Belo Camp in Dallas, and a Singer/Guitarist for Rebels And Stars.

So be sure come and welcome Compatriot Newsom and enjoy this educational and beneficial program.

I also feel it necessary to use this editorial space to recognize our camp Adjutant Daniel Nation for the outstanding job that he has done for this camp.

Gentlemen, the office of Adjutant is the heart of the camp, and Lee Camp has truly been blessed with a man of the highest quality and ability for this demanding job. So I beseech you my dear compatriots to thank him and give recognition for the remarkably great job that he continues to do for this camp on a daily basis.

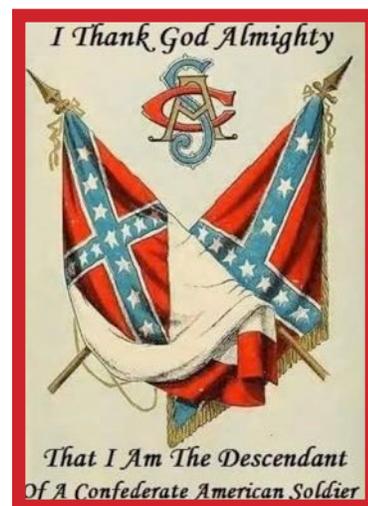
As I look at the outstanding line-up of our camp officers and staff, I am very excited and encouraged about the future of R.E. Lee Camp 239, and I have much confidence in these men who each and every one are worthy of mention, so please look at our list of officers and staff and get to know them and look to them as fine examples and help as we forward the colors!

We have been so blessed gentlemen, to have Commander Barry Turnage in our leadership for the past 6 to 7 years, who has given himself very selflessly to serve us, that we all should be humbled and honored when we reflect back on what has been accomplished under his guidance and drive for the noble cause that we have aligned ourselves to forward.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting Monday night, Lord willing of course.

Deo Vindice

Confederately,  
For Christ,  
By God's amazing grace alone,  
Wesley Massey  
outgoing editor



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## 1st Lt. Commander's Report



I'm sure that many of you have heard by now that that Battle Flag has been banned this year from the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. This is to update those planning to attend on the latest details. Despite the prohibition, the Third Brigade is still planning on attending and marching as before.

For those wishing to enjoy a breakfast with his compatriots, we will be meeting at Ol'South Pancake House on University Drive in Fort Worth early before the parade. Meeting time here is flexible; come however early you need to in order to have breakfast. We will be leaving Ol'South at 8:30 AM to proceed to our initial muster point.

At 9:00 AM we will begin to gather at the intersection of 3rd St and Pecan just East of Downtown Fort Worth. Here we can finish dressing for the parade and will finalize any other preparations as well. Be sure to park at curbside for free parking; the parking lots here are not free.

At 10 AM, we will leave here for our walk to the Tarrant County Courthouse, about 3 or 4 blocks away, and rendezvous with other Southern Heritage groups. Here we will assume our Brigade formation, make any last minute preps, and be mustered into the Parade at 11 AM.

About the Flag prohibition: at the time, the prohibition applies to the Battle Flag and all of its variations, the 2nd National, 3rd National, & Army of Trans-Mississippi flag are banned also. This also includes the Confederate naval jack. Not sure if this would include the Polk pattern flag; but I have heard during all this that anything that just looks like a Battle Flag could be banned, & its bearer ejected from the parade. No, we are not dealing with educated people here. We are dealing with ignorance, as usual, in one of its most virulent forms. The 3rd Brigade, while in profound disagreement with this prohibition, has assured the Stock Show officials that the Battle Flag will not be carried this year. This has been done with an eye to the future: next year is still to come.

Permitted flags are just about any flag that is not a Battle Flag. The Lone Star flag is OK, as is the 7-Star First National. Or just bring a pole...we'll figure out something. The important thing is to COME! But please keep in mind that the Third Brigade will be fielding a Confederate Color and Honor Guard regardless.

Muskets are permitted as in the past, and we'll need a number of those too.

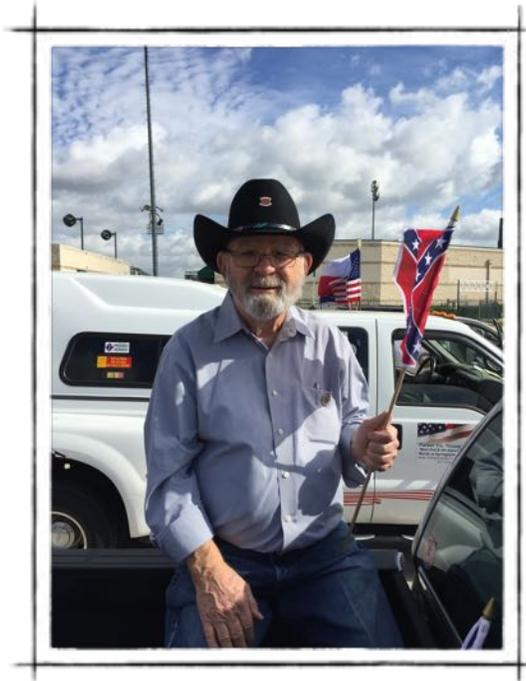
The parade route is about 20 blocks long, so come prepared for a good walk.

Well I believe that's it...if anybody has any further questions please Email me: [ironcladcaptain79@yahoo.com](mailto:ironcladcaptain79@yahoo.com). Please folks, let's have the biggest turnout ever for the Stock Show Parade this year. Even more eyes are on us this year than ever before.

Confederately,  
Ben Hatch  
1st Lt Cmdr. Camp #239

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## From The Chaplain's Tent



January 2016

From the Chaplain's Tent,

Greetings Compatriots from the Chaplain's tent in the name of Jesus Christ, the only Savior of sinners. In the gospel of John, chapter 5 and verse 24 Jesus said, "He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is past from death unto life."

There are a lot of folks who have twisted this verse around to make it mean something that Jesus did not say. They will quote this verse and tell you that if you will hear his word and believe on him that he will give you eternal life, but that is not what he said at all. He said that if you hear and believe you have eternal life already. Their kind of thinking would have you to believe that General Robert E. Lee was the one who started the war between the states. You see men, the bible tells us that we come into this world dead in trespasses and sin. We are dead spiritually and in order to hear we must be made alive and given a hearing ear. In John 8:43 Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word." They could not hear and understand because he had not given them eternal life. Paul the apostle tells us in Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is a gift, you cannot barter for it, you cannot earn it by good works, you cannot get it unless God gives it to you. It is a gift that God gives at His discretion and not as it pleases you. The bible says that it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but God the showed mercy. So my friend if you are a believer, if you know that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you from you sins, it is because God gave you eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son.

And He says that you shall not come into judgment. If all your sins are washed away then you have nothing to be judged for. And we can say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." All the praise be unto our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, Your Chaplain,

Kelley Hinson

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*From December 2015 Meeting*



*From left to right*  
3rd Brigade Cmdr. Calvin Allen administered the oath  
Adjutant Dr. Daniel Nation  
Commander Kirt Barnett  
1st Lt. Cmdr. Ben Hatch  
Historian Barry Turnage



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## Upcoming Events

Now or sooner if possible! Get your renewal dues paid please

**Jan. 16th— Fort Worth Stock Show Parade**

**Feb 5-6** — Reconstruction: Stephen Dill Lee Institute event in Columbia, SC. Speakers include the Kennedy brothers and Donald Livingston. See your copy of the Confederate Veteran for details.

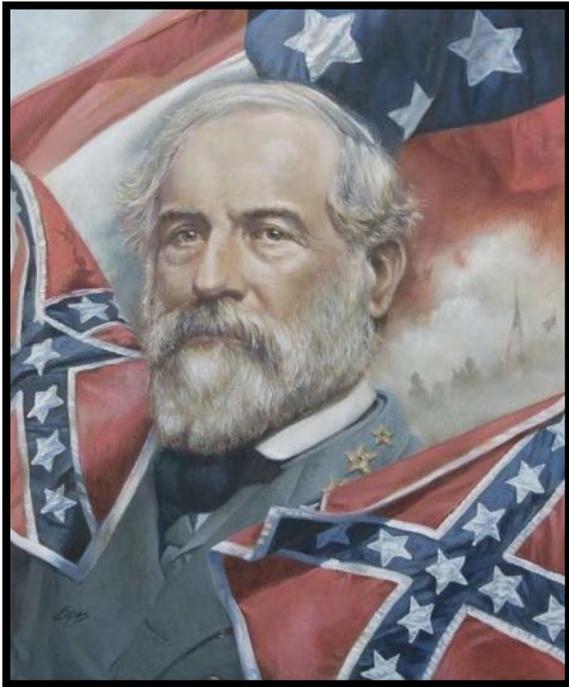
**April 23** — R.E.Lee Camp 239's Confederate Heritage Bar-B-Que. Purchase your ticket today!

**June 3rd thru June 5th**— Texas Division Reunion at the YO Ranch Resort in Kerrville TX

**July 13th thru 17th 2016** — SCV National Reunion in Dallas TX; Register today at [www.scv2016.org](http://www.scv2016.org)

For more info see flyers on the latter pages





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Newsletter Editor

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Chief of Staff

***Camp Information***

We meet on the third Monday of each month from 6:30-??? pm at the Ol' South Pancake house at 1509 S. University Dr. Please come and join us at our next meeting. For more information, contact Wesley Massey at 817-456-3833 or wesleymmassey@att.net

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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.*

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

The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our Republic and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause. The S.C.V. is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and is the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers, sailors and Marines. Organized in Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the S.C.V. continues to serve as a historical, patriotic and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

**Please join us at our next meeting of the Robert E. Lee  
 Camp 239. We will meet on January 18th, 2015 at 6:30 pm  
 Ol' South Pancake House, 1509 S. University Dr.  
 Ft. Worth, Texas. Visitors are always welcome.**

## Register Now For The Texas Division Reunion

Compatriots,

For those of you who have already registered early for the 2016 Texas Division Reunion events and/or made your reservations at the host YO Ranch Resort Hotel in Kerrville, thank you.

If you haven't yet done so, we would appreciate you reserving your hotel room at your earliest opportunity, since the end of January is the hotel's cut-off date to adjust our guaranteed block of rooms if it appears there will not be sufficient interest to match our initial estimate. (We understand that some Compatriots can only afford to attend either the Division or the National Reunion and may prefer to attend the National since it is in Texas this year.)

You may register at the Hotel on line at: [www.yoranchhotel.com](http://www.yoranchhotel.com) then use group code SCV2016. Phone reservation numbers are: 830-257-4440, Toll Free 1-877-967-3767. A discounted rate of \$109 will be given when asking as a member of "Sons of Confederate Veterans-TX Division". Be sure they register you with the SCV block of rooms so that we meet our obligations for the minimum number of rooms reserved and get the discounts on the rooms associated with the business meetings and other events. The hotel does not have elevators, so if you wish to have a 1st floor room, or have other accessibility requirements, please indicate that when you make your reservation.

We encourage everyone to register early for the Reunion events, using the forms at our website link: <http://hillcountrycamp.org/2016-texas-reunion>. Those who plan to attend the business meetings, but not the paid events, are still encouraged to submit their name and other information, using the registration form, so we can speed up the check-in process by having name tags pre-printed.

Since late registrations and unregistered walk-ins traditionally make it difficult to assure meeting room seating, as well as medals and programs for everyone, we would like to have an early estimate of those who realistically plan to attend. Therefore we are asking each camp commander or adjutant to poll your camp members and send me an e-mail regarding the number who plan to register at a later date for the paid events, as well as those who plan to attend only the business meetings on a walk-in basis. We don't need individual names at this point, just the numbers of those who seriously plan to attend. That information would be appreciated by mid-February. We look forward to hosting the best Reunion ever and appreciate your cooperation to help us make it happen. Thanks.

Best regards in honor of our Confederate and Southern heritage,  
Don Taylor

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SCV Hill Country Camp #1938 – Adjutant West Texas (2nd) Brigade – 1st Lt. Commander



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**The R. E. Lee, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #239  
Cordially Invites you to attend our  
★Confederate Heritage Bar-B-Que★**



*All proceeds will go directly toward the fight for our heritage defense*

**Location: Hawaiian Falls Banquet Room  
8905 Clifford Street, White Settlement, TX 76108**

**Business Casual Dress or Uniforms Requested**

**Order your tickets today, space is limited!!**

**Ticket Price: \$30.00 for singles or \$50.00 for couples**

**April 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM ~ doors open at 6:00PM**

**The Event will include with paid admission:**

♪ Music by Old Time String Band Buttermilk Junction ♪

**Texas Bar-B-Que with Sides and Desert**

**Special Guest Presentation by author & lecturer Pastor John Weaver**

**Awards, Silent Auction and Fellowship**

**Deadline to purchase tickets is April 16th**

**Contact Daniel Nation or Barry Turnage for tickets or**

**Information, Cash or Check only! Checks Payable to: R E Lee Camp 239**

**Please Send your Admission and Guest Names to:**

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Your 2016 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion

**Right in our own back yard. Be sure to Register now!**

The 4th Brigade of the Texas Division is proud to host the 2016 SCV National reunion in Dallas Texas July 13th—17th. Below is the 2016 Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion Website. This website will be your portal for registration and sign-up. As well as one of your best sources for information about the reunion.

# WWW.SCV2016.ORG

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