

# GEN. LEE'S DISPATCH

AUGUST 2016

R.E. Lee Camp 239

Fort Worth, Texas

## Commander's Report



I hope y'all have had a good summer and are keeping cool. It is time to renew our dues and, like most of you, I am not very keen on the increase of division dues. That said, we must keep our focus on the situation at hand, which is a war on history and Southern heritage by Neo-Marxist progressives. So I am asking you, in the

memory of your ancestors, to rise to the occasion. We stand against an enemy great in number and resources, just as our ancestors did. We need every member in this struggle to close ranks and rally to the flag.

Your obedient servant,  
Cmdr. Kirt Barnett  
R. E. Lee Camp #239



# Meeting Minutes • July 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Commander Barnett at 7:00 PM. Compatriot Hinson gave the invocation. Compatriot Hatch led the salute to the Texas Flag and Compatriot Turnage led the salute to the Confederate Flag. Commander Barnett recited "The Charge."

Commander Barnett thanked the Camp members for attending the meeting, and welcomed the several guests to the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

*Graves Committee:* Compatriot Turnage reported that the marker for Compatriot Ratliffe has been ordered, paid for by a \$300 loan from the Camp. The Graves Committee will absorb the additional \$25 for a Confederate Cross of Honor. Please contact Compatriot Turnage for information on obtaining a Confederate Cross for an ancestor's grave. The Graves Committee meetings and activities are open to all Camp members.

*Membership:* Camp 2nd LT Cox reported that the next gun show is August 27-28 at the Will Rogers Center. Camp members are always welcome to drop by the booth and help out for any length of time. There are seven membership applications in various stages. SCV HQ is stressing actions and activities that will result in retention of current members.

*Heritage Defense:* Camp 1st LT Hatch reported that a Congressional Representative from PA took down a Confederate flag from a displaying the US Capitol. The flag was later returned to the Speaker of the House, who returned it to the historical society so that it could be put back into the display. The Congresswoman was told by Capitol Police that she would be arrested if she tried to remove the flag again. The same Congresswoman has proposed that Confederate flags be banned from re-enactments at Gettysburg.

*Financial Report:* The Camp has \$1,961.26 in the monuments fund; \$450 in the Handley cemetery maintenance fund; \$80 in the gun show fund; \$3,437.82 in the Camp fund, and \$266.29 in the banquet fund, for a total of \$5,895.37. (Compatriot Cox was reimbursed from the last of the gun show fund, bringing that fund to \$0.)

Sixteen Camp membership renewals have been received to date.

There are 64 members on the National roster for the Camp. One more is in work at National HQ.

## **Program**

Compatriot Larry Wilhoite and OCR member Pam Wilhoite presented a program on the *Children of the Siege*. This was an excellent and informative first-person representation based on the memoirs of two children who experienced the siege of Vicksburg, MS. Compatriot Wilhoite is the Commander of the O. M. Roberts Camp in Waxahachie, and Mrs. Wilhoite is very active in the OCR.

## **Old Business**

Camp 2nd LT Cox reported on the National SCV reunion. All amendments passed except the proposed amendment on use of Roberts Rules of Order. In future, the most current edition of the Rules should be used. All new SCV officers were elected by acclamation. Rudy Ray lost the election to Commander of the ATM, polling only about 25% of the vote. There were many positive comments following the visit to the Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. Compatriot Biggers reported that many other SCV members considered our Camp, among others, as being among the "loyal opposition." That is a good role to play.

## **New Business**

Commander Barnett presented the Division Awards received at the June Division Reunion to Michael Biggers (Silver Cross). Commander Barnett also presented National Awards to Compatriots Franklin and Nation (Commendation Medal); and Compatriots Cox, Hatch, and Turnage (Meritorious Service Medal). Compatriot Turnage received the Dixie Award for recruiting. Chief of Staff Biggers presented Commander Barnett with the SCV Distinguished Service Medal.

Brigade Commander Allen informed the Camp that the first planning meeting for the 2017 Stock Show Parade will be held at the Ol' South Pancake House on August 20.

Lowell Bodiford, Barry Turnage, Allen Hearrean, and Wayne Pricer won the door prizes.

Compatriot Hinson closed the meeting with a benediction. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Barnett following a rousing chorus of *Dixie*.

*Daniel L. Nation, Adjutant*



# August Guest Speaker: Mark Vogl



Mark Vogl

We are expecting Mark Vogl to give a program on the military maneuvers leading up to and including the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Mark is a past 1st Lt. Commander of the Texas Division and an active writer on historical and political subjects.

He is a graduate of THE CITADEL, former Army combat arms officer, college professor, political aide, and author. His wife is a native Texan, a retired Lt. Col., U.S. Army, and grandmother of ten!

Mark's first book, "Military Lessons of the Civil War," was published in the spring of 2007 and received the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. His second book, published early in 2008, "The Rebel Mountain Reader," is a book which includes many of the presentations listed below, and more. His third book is "Dixie's Greatest Secret, the Confederate States Navy."

Mark is the great great grandson of Private David Parks Walter, 33rd North Carolina Volunteers, part of the famed Lane's brigade, Stonewall Jackson's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia! Mark has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1994, and was awarded the Texas Division Confederate of the Year Award in 2009.

## Notable Descendants of CSA Veterans

Through the following Congressional acts, Confederate soldiers were recognized by the United States Government as equivalent to Union Veterans:

Congressional Appropriations Act, FY 1901, signed June 6, 1900; Congressional Act of March 9, 1906; U.S. Public Law 810, approved by the 17th Congress February 26, 1929; U.S. Public Law 85-425, Section 410, approved May 23, 1958.

The following famous Americans were also descendants of Confederate States of America veterans:

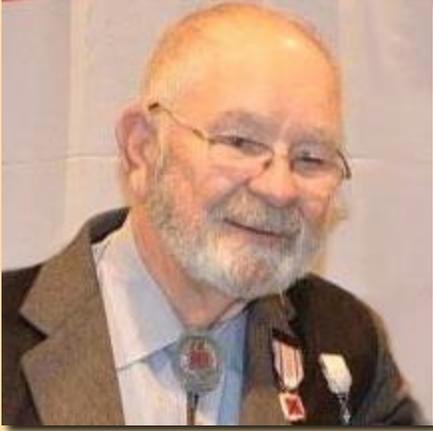
- 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps General [John A. Lejeune](#)'s father was Confederate States Army Captain Ovide Lejeune.
- Marine Lt. [General Lewis "Chesty" Puller](#)'s grandfather was Confederate Maj. John Puller, 5th VA Cavalry, killed in 1863.
- Army Lt. General [George S. Patton III](#)'s grandfather, Confederate Colonel George Patton, was killed at Winchester, VA in 1864.
- Army [Lt. General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr.](#), Commander of the U.S. 10th Army, was killed on

Okinawa in 1945. His father was Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner.

- U.S. Air Corps Brigadier [General Nathan Bedford Forrest III](#) was shot down and killed over Germany in 1943. His great grandfather was Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest.
- President [Theodore Roosevelt](#)'s uncle was Georgian Confederate chief foreign agent Captain James Dunwoody Bullock, Confederate States Navy.
- President [Woodrow Wilson](#)'s father, Rev. Dr. Joseph Ruggles Wilson, was a chaplain in the Confederate Army.
- President [Harry S. Truman](#) was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the record of William Young, a trooper in Upton Hayes Company of the Missouri Partisan Rangers.
- Confederate Generals Joe Wheeler, Fitzhugh Lee, Thomas Rosser, Matthew Calbraith Butler, and Colonel William Oates all served the U.S. after the War as generals in the Spanish-American War in 1898.
- More than 70 million Americans are descended from these men, many of whom served honorably in the U.S. armed forces.



# From the Chaplain's Tent • Kelley Hinson



Greetings  
Compatriots,  
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 passed 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 showed the 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.

*His Servant and Your Chaplain  
Brother Kelley Hinson*

## Dues Announcement

It is that time of year, and month, again. First, membership renewals are due. You should have received your renewal notice in the mail. If you did not, please contact me as soon as possible so we can get the process started to keep you in the SCV, the Division, and the Camp. If you so choose, you can bring your renewal to the next meeting. Unless you are a Life Member of either the Division or the National organization, annual dues are:

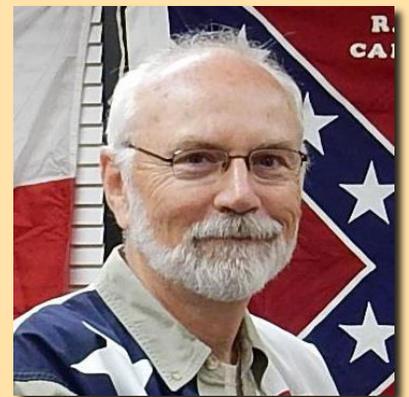
Camp - \$10; Division - \$15; National - \$30.

Recent member's dues are:

Camp - \$10; Division - \$15.

Only National dues are prorated. Checks or EXACT cash are appreciated. I usually don't carry enough cash to make change.

I have received 31 renewals to date - THANK YOU VERY MUCH for those.



*Daniel L. Nation,  
Adjutant*



*Lest We Forget*

# The Calendar

**August 20** – Fort Worth Stock Show planning meeting, Ol' South Pancake House Fort Worth 1:30 pm. We will start gathering early for lunch, join us if you wish, and we'll be ready to start the meeting at 1:30 PM. This meeting will be to discuss and plan our approach to the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show festivities.

Several items are on the Agenda regarding this activity.

The meeting will be chaired by Gary Bray. Meeting will be open to all interested Camp, Brigade, and Division members. So come join us for Lunch on the 20th at Ol'South, S. University Drive in Fort Worth, and then we'll start hammering out a plan!

RETURN THE FLAGS! RESTORE THE HONOR!

**October 14-16** – Battle of the Washitas at Fort Washita in Durant, OK.

**November 4-6** – [Fort Chadbourne re-enactment](#). Infantry, cavalry, and artillery will be represented, with "Southern" civilian impressions highly encouraged. Event is hosted by the Midland-Odessa Dunn-Holt-Camp 1441. Membership in a reenacting unit or the SCV is not required. For info and registration, contact Darrell Rhea: [gdrrebel22@yahoo.com](mailto:gdrrebel22@yahoo.com) Have a look at [Fort Chadbourne](#).

**Drawing soon** – SUPER RAFFLE – We have a beautiful CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA KNIFE (shown right) donated by Jim McNabb to our camp to help us raise funds. We are trying to sell 100 chances at \$5.00 each. So far we have sold 42 chances. Get your name in the hat before we sell out. This knife has a value of more than \$500 and everyone who buys a ticket will have a chance to win. You do not have to be a member of the Johnson camp to win. Contact Kyle Sims of Camp 1648 for tickets.



**July 18-23, 2017** – SCV Reunion Gathering at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in downtown Memphis, TN. [http://scvtexas.org/National\\_Convention\\_S4QK.html](http://scvtexas.org/National_Convention_S4QK.html)

*Click to see and hear the chorus of Dixie closing the 2016 national reunion just concluded in Dallas.*



## Stock Show Planning • Gary Bray

You are invited to a Texas Division “Heritage Offense” meeting Saturday August 20th, 2016 at the Ol’ South Pancake House 1509 S. University Dr. Fort Worth Texas. We will eat lunch and start the meeting at 1:30 PM, (restaurant rule for the meeting room).

For years we have reacted to heritage problems “after the fact” fighting a defensive battle for our heritage and history. The time is now to take this fight to an offensive instead of a defensive fight. Times are changing and we must prepare for these changes. Are you ready?

This meeting will cover lessons learned, pitfalls from passed battles and plans for future Heritage fights and events. This is a SCV Members only event! Bring paper, pens and ideas. Topics are too many to list but here is a short list. “Flags across Texas”, School name changes, monument battles, Court fights and law.

We are a people with a unique American history and heritage of our own. We as the sons of brave and valiant soldiers have a charge to protect their history and demand respect for their actions and sacrifices. We must firmly stand our ground. No one has the right to dismantle and remove our hard fought and proud Southern history, our family histories just to fit their agenda. We gentlemen are here to stay and stay we will.

May God, victory and perseverance guide us.



*Gary D. Bray, Commander,  
Texas Division*

## New Headstone Info • Wainner & McMahan

Great news from the VA regarding headstones for Confederate Veterans. VA regulations have been changed that allows for any individual to apply for a headstone or marker for veterans.

We no longer have to have a direct relative apply for a marker with the VA.

Effective April 1, 2016 - per paragraph 38.600(a)(1)(vi) ... which allows for “any individual” to apply for a headstone or marker for veterans whose service ended prior to April 6, 1917, or for an individual whose eligibility is based on such service.”

Here is a [link](#) to the VA decision.

Deo Vindice!

*Ray Wainner*

*3rd Lt Commander, Texas Division*

Linked [here](#) is the complete Confederate headstone information that is needed to order the stone from the veteran’s administration. My contacts in Arkansas, has told me that faxing the form is the best way to send it in. According to him you should be getting about 30 day turn around on your request. I have ordered one for my own great grandfather and will keep everyone appraised to its progress.

*David McMahan*

*Lt Commander, Texas Division*



# Fort Washita Re-Enactment

My name is Terry Phillips; I am hosting a reenactment on October 14-16, 2016, for the benefit of Fort Washita.

I also need some assistance with safety since there will be, of course, cannons. I need two inspectors to inspect the cannons. I would like to have a safety course for all cannon crews. If they have taken a safety course, and are preferably NPS certified for cannon fire, I would like for those certified to train the other crews on safety. I cannot emphasize enough on safety. Please contact me at 903.267.8644 if you can assist.

I need also need to get field commanders positions filled as quickly as possible; we need commanders, Union and Confederate sides, who will work together on the field so that everyone will have a safe, positive experience and a good ol' time! If you believe you can assist, again, please call me!

Also, for your information, this is the call as put out on Facebook:

October 14-16, 2016:

*Battle of the Washitas:* This "First Annual" Family Friendly Living History Event to reach out to the modern world to show what outdoor living was like 150ish years ago.

Fees: A \$10 charge for reenactors 18 and over; minors get in for free. These funds will go towards expenses of the event and any leftover monies will be forwarded to next year. The Fort will be also be open for Early Bird Reenactors on that Wednesday before the event.

Public entry is FREE!

## Event Schedule

*Friday* - School day - Volunteers are needed to teach children about the times. We are expecting 7700 children! Your participation would be greatly appreciated! Everyone who participates on Friday will receive half off of the admission fees.

*Saturday* - Gun fights will be scheduled; a reenactment is penciled in the day's events at 2pm. Volunteers are needed to bring these events to life and to educate the public.

Also, there will be a competition between Boy Scout Masters and Reenactors on "period correct" Beef Stew! Start seasoning your cast iron, now!

In addition to the Beef Stew Competition, we will be having a Blood Drive Competition! This non-mandatory blood drive will be a competition for bragging rights for next year between scout masters and reenactors. To reserve the Blood Drive Bus (sorry, not going to be period correct on this part), we will need a set number of participants to reserve the bus and its crew to pull this off; to pledge, please contact 903.267.8644 so that we are sure to meet that requirement and have a successful drive!

At the end of the day, everyone will gather together for a family-style dinner with the messes of beef stew as the main course, and fellowship. Bring your strings for some good ol' knee slapping tunes and your dancing shoes for a little shindig.

*Sunday* - A non-denominational Church Services will be held at 11a, and the day will wind down from there. We also will have a skirmish to entertain those who come Sunday.

Food vendors and Civil War Sutlers will also be on site. If you have a specialty you would like to share with the children and public, please contact 903.267.8644."

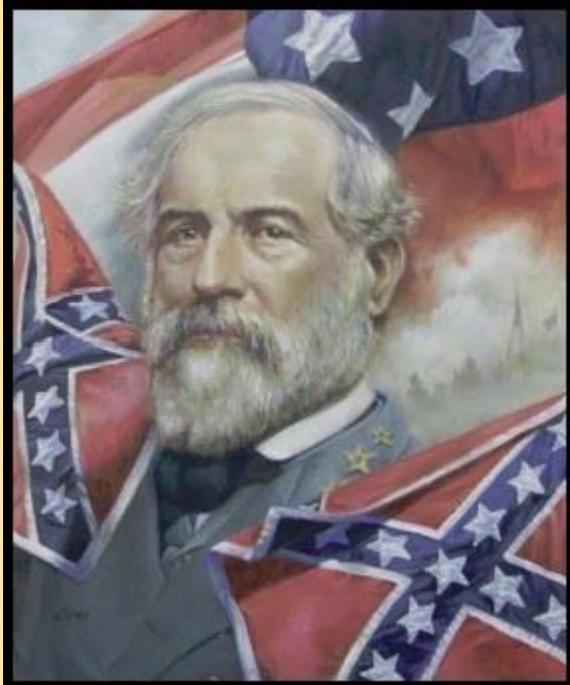
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and hope to see you there!

Regards,  
Terry Phillips



# 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 [wesleymassey@att.net](mailto:wesleymassey@att.net)

Find us on Facebook under

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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.



*Why should you join?  
Click image for video.*

**Please join us at our next meeting of the  
Robert E. Lee Camp 239.**

**We will meet on August 15, 2016 at *Ol' South  
Pancake House*, 1509 S. University Dr., Ft. Worth,  
Texas. Meeting comes to order at 7 pm.**

**Visitors are always welcome.**

