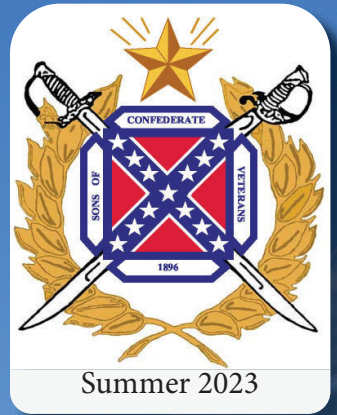




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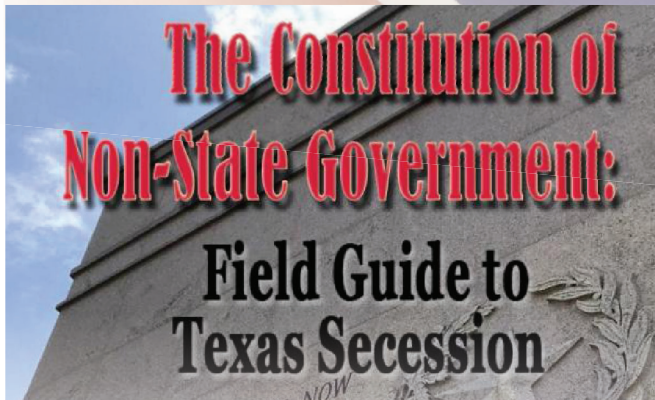
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COMMANDERS ADDRESS TO THE DIVISION



Texas Division Compatriots,

As the new Commander of the Texas Division, I wanted to express my sincere thanks to the men of the Texas Division for having the confidence to elect me as your 63rd Division Commander. It is a great honor to lead the Texas Division.

I have always believed that the mark of a successful leader is the ability to constantly communicate. Therefore, I intend to send out these brief dispatches on a regular basis to keep you apprised of what the Texas Division Commander is working to achieve. Some quick highlights...

- I lead our first DEC Meeting on Sunday June 4, 2023.
- In accordance with the Division Constitution Item 6.4.1.11 as Division Commander I filled all the necessary positions, appointed officers, and created committees as needed to accomplish the work of the Division. A complete list of those appointments will be attached with this dispatch
- In accordance with the Division Constitution Item 10.10 I am in the process of appointing three qualified men to perform an audit of the records, books, and financial activities of the Texas Division. A report to be made at the next DEC meeting.
- I have conducted a Division wide electronic survey of our members to determine the direction you believe the Texas Division needs to go in the next two years. I was very pleased to see that 214 of you took the survey and provided me unique insight on the future of our organization. I will be presenting the results of the survey at the next DEC meeting. Thanks to all of you who participated and took the time to express your thoughts.
- Key dates for the next 12 months for the Texas Division calendar... The first 3 DEC meetings will all be held in Waco, TX on September 30, 2023; January 6, 2024; March 23, 2024 and the 4th on June 9, 2024 at the Reunion in San Antonio. The Division will hold a Division wide Heritage Defense Training on either February 10 or February 17, 2024 in Waco, TX. The exact date will be announced in a few weeks following the National Reunion in Hot Springs. In addition, a Division Wide Confederate History Month Celebration and Memorial will take place on April 20, 2024. More details on these events will be coming but please mark your calendars now!
- ATM Training Symposium - Please note that we have an outstanding opportunity to learn from the top leadership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans on August 12, 2023 in Texarkana TX. When CIC Jason Boshers, Lt. CIC Donnie Kennedy and others will lead a symposium on Recruiting, Retention and Heritage Operations. Special thanks to the Red Diamond Camp #2193 of Texarkana TX for hosting. The event will be held at the Elks Lodge 3702 New Boston Rd, Texarkana, TX at 9AM. For more details or to register contact Red Diamond Camp Commander Phil Maynard at 903-278-6742 or ATM Commander JC Hanna, or Past Division Commander John McCammon for details.
- Our SCV National Reunion is only a few weeks away in Hot Springs Ark. I will have the Division Colors and the Texas Flag posted in the main meeting rooms so you can identify where we will be, and ask all attending Texans sit together at the Reunion. In addition, I will be hosting a dutch-treat dinner on Thursday night (July 20) of the Reunion at the Steinhaus Keller Restaurant. You will need to RSVP to me to attend so I can give a count to the restaurant. I will be sending a separate email out with all the details. So watch for instructions if you would like to go to dinner.
- 63rd Commander's Project - I am in the process of ordering (at my own expense, no Division money involved), 250 Texas Division logo lapel pins. I will be selling those pins to raise money for the restoration of 14 UCV Camp flags which are in need of repair. When those pins arrive I will inform you. All proceeds of the sale of the pins will go to fund UCV flag restoration.
- I have been busy at various events representing the Texas Division to include an iron cross dedication in conjunction with the United Daughters of the Confederacy® on June 11, 2023. I was a keynote speaker at Camp Ben McCulloch, which is old Confederate Reunion grounds located in Driftwood, TX on June 20, 2023. I will be speaking at the Sam Davis Youth Camp on July 26th. Please Invite Me To Come To Your Camp! I am available to speak at camps and other functions that you might need just send me a request and I will check my calendar and make every effort to assist you.
- I am so excited about the next two years, I have no doubt that if we marshal our resources, and work together we can accomplish great things in 2023-2025!

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Not One Red Cent: Apportionment Of National Debt Upon Texas Secession

The most muddled arguments of all surround the apportionment of the national debt upon the seceding state. It is muddled not only because of the difficulties of finding a “just” portion of the debt to be imposed, but also because demands for payment often mask ulterior motives. But let us assume for the moment that both parties are at least trying to negotiate in good faith.

As part of that good faith reckoning, future values, intangibles, and “goodwill” would be excluded as too arbitrary, with the focus strictly on national debt accumulated in the past. However, even that amount has no straightforward accounting. One must assume the continuation of totalization agreements between the Federal government and the seceding State, so that those having paid into Medicare and Social Security receive proportional coverage and disbursement, respectively. But if that is so, then there must be a consideration of the debt from unfunded Federal liabilities, the most significant of which are Medicare and Social Security. The net present value of the US government’s 75-year future liability for Medicare and Social Security amounts to an additional \$46.7 trillion on top of the familiar \$30 trillion national debt. These amounts are so vast as to have no meaning, and simply cannot be paid by any government, including the United States. They can only have significance as threats, and are thus null and void since they amount to “odious debt,” under its definition as “hostile debts”:

“Hostile debts” can be defined as debts incurred to suppress secessionist movements[.]

Under the concept of odious debt, none of the states in Africa that seceded from colonial powers paid any part of their national debts. Certainly, any accounting should not run exclusively against the seceding state. If it is true that these states were exploited, then quite the contrary: The colonial powers subtracted from the

new states' national wealth and should repay it – which of course has not been done. In any case, the seceding states repudiated the debt under another definition of odious debt – that it was

clearly in contradiction to the interests of the people of the entirety of the former State or a part thereof [... and that...] the creditors, at the moment of paying out the loan, were aware of its odious purpose.

The concept of odious debt is not a spurious notion, but is one in principled contention with the established one of *pacta sunt servanda* (contracts must be honored). Article 38 of the 1983 Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of State Property, Archives and Debts reads in part:

When the successor State is a newly independent State, no state debt of the predecessor State shall pass to the newly independent State, unless an agreement between them provides otherwise[.]

Nor is this concept a product of modern scholarship, e.g., Éric

Toussaint (2019), Michael Kremer and Seema Jayachandran (2006), Alexander Nahum Sack (1927); it has an intellectual pedigree of 400 years:

Grotius (1625) held that contracts made by the sovereign that are of no advantage and harmful to the State should not be honoured[.]

The history of past secessions are a muddled guide as well. The United States did not assume any part of Great Britain's debt in 1783, nor apparently did Norway assume any part of Sweden's in 1905. It seems that seceding Singapore and Bangladesh paid some part of the national debt of the country that they left. The countries seceding from the former Soviet Union did pay a share of the USSR's national debt, but only after intense pressure from international bankers, who threatened to cut off future lending to non-payers. Under similar pressure, each of the states emerging from Yugoslavia also agreed to accept its share of the parent nation's national debt. However, the bankers surely issued a poker bluff: For if it is true that such debt would become the new nation's sovereign debt, then it should also be true that international banks never lend to those nations having

defaulted on sovereign debt, which is absolutely false. A few of the dozens of sovereign debt defaults include Russia (1917, 1998), Mexico and a dozen other Latin American nations (1982), Ukraine (1999), Nicaragua and Ecuador (2008), Ecuador and Lebanon (2020), Argentina (2001, 2020, etc., etc.), and most famously, that paragon of states:

The United States is famous for never having defaulted on its debt, except that it has. In 1862, the government defaulted on demand notes, in 1933 it defaulted on gold bonds. It also effectively defaulted in 1968 by refusing to redeem silver certificates and did so yet again in 1971 when it went off the gold standard.

Academic attempts to establish a formula for apportioning national debt upon secession have failed. Daniel S. Blum offered several methods of calculating this apportionment: By per capita share, by State GDP share of national GDP, by the ratio of State benefits received versus State payments made, and by a detailed State versus national comparison of asset and liability classes. But Blum solves nothing, since each method yields a different, equally "just" result. *(Continued on page 13)*

1st Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Compatriots,

The 4th was an exciting day with or without the fireworks.

The Williamson County Grays started out with participation in the Belton 4th of July Parade (thanks to Lee, Tracey, and Carleton). It was a little warm, but good cloud cover and a favorable reception by the crowd - no incidents and a lot of well-wishers. Thanks to James Bozeman and the Temple Camp for the invitation!

As I was starting back to Georgetown about 11:30, I got word that the Wilco "Patriots" - in actuality, an umbrella that shelters the BLM, Antifa, "Courageous" Conversations, and a host of other Marxist, atheist hard left groups - had covered the Williamson County Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Memorial with a black shroud. I got really angry. I called County Judge Gravel and Commissioner Covey immediately, but, as usual, there was no answer.

It took me about a half hour to get to the Square where I found past Commander Tommy Turner with a quartet of Georgetown PD officers. I immediately asked the officers what they intended to do about removing the shroud. They said they were awaiting instructions from their lieutenant who they said was looking up the appropriate law/ordinance covering this situation. We spoke for a few more minutes, during which I told the officers that we were not going to tolerate this outrage which resulted in them getting pretty defensive and threatening to take us all to jail if there were any "problems". I was already in full uniform, so I proceeded to remove our Betsy Ross flag from the truck and walked over in front of the anarchists' table and posted myself there for the next 2.5 hours or so. Lt Commander Billy Ayers joined me during this time and interacted with the dozen or so police and deputies that were now in place - in the shade. Several folks came by offering me refreshments, asking questions, and generally being supportive.

About 2:45, a lieutenant arrived from the Sheriff's Office and told Bryan Register to take down the shroud. Register responded that they intended to take it down after their "rally" which was to start at 3:00. The lieutenant said "No, now." Register again objected, the lieutenant summoned several officers who immediately came over, carefully removed the U.S. flag that had been pinned to the shroud, and then removed the shroud itself taking care not to damage the Memorial - no easy task given the size of the shroud.

Then, something rather extraordinary happened. A considerable number of people had gathered in the area of the Memorial to see what was going on. When the shroud was removed, these people all erupted in cheers and applause and congratulations to the law enforcement guys. It was one of those moments that will stay with me. As I departed my post, I said to the red-bearded anarchist, "Don't make us do this again." He responded, "Is that a threat?" I said, "No, it's a promise." Billy and I spoke with a few well-wishers and most of the crowd and lawmen then dispersed.

It was about time for the big rally that the anarchists had advertised for 3:00. At about 3:30, Register picked up the microphone and started talking. I counted 8 people there: Register, Norwood, Norwood's 2 daughters, the girl cooking hot dogs, red beard, and 2 other young women that I did not recognize. This showing broke their previous attendance record of 9 at the Georgetown stroll; really pathetic. I left the Square shortly thereafter. NOTE: Register did offer Billy and me a 4th of July cookie, but we declined citing the high calorie content.

A young man from KXAN came by during all of this and asked to do some filming. I made no objection but assumed that it would never make it by his production editors. Strangely, they did air a portion of the interview last night and it is now posted on the KXAN website. The printed version is attached.

Gentlemen, this Saturday is Market Day. There were a great many postings on social media regarding this event, a lot of it very negative - much of it from people not even living in Texas. I am hoping, and feel pretty confident, that we're going to have another great day this Saturday but may see more negativity than usual. Want to see for yourself? Come on out, we have a chair for you!

I have requested an audience with Judge Gravel at his earliest convenience to discuss the situation as it appears that the anarchists are escalating their provocations. Doesn't make any sense to me, but something is going on.

Thanks!

Shelby

Shelby K. Little

2nd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Greetings Compatriots,

It's that time of the year. Membership renewals!

By now, each member should have received their dues renewal notice. I encourage every member to send in your renewal and payment as soon as possible. Camp Commanders and/or Camp Adjutants please contact each member of your roster to encourage a quick response.



Make your camp a 100% Retention Camp and get that Award! Remember, we lost 193 members last year from the active rolls. Interest in our organization is growing and we are regularly getting request to join the SCV. Be active in your recruitment efforts and let's increase our numbers and support.

Remember, the Division has a designated genealogist to handle the research on your applicants. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or assistance I can provide.

Deo Vindice!

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3rd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

I trust this report finds you well. I am diligently handling routine tasks, such as managing mass emails and updating contact information in our Constant Contact database.

If you require an email to be sent out to a brigade or the Division, don't hesitate to reach out to me. To ensure a smooth process, there are some guidelines for sending emails to the Division. You must explicitly mention that the communication is intended for a brigade(s) or the entire division. It's essential to provide the email content to me at least 72 hours in advance, or even sooner, if possible. This allows me sufficient time to format the message and address any unforeseen issues. Additionally, kindly include a scheduled send date if you have a specific day or time in mind for delivery.



Regarding Constant Contact, there are some insights I've gained. If you voluntarily unsubscribe from our email lists, I am unable to re-add you, as Constant Contact respects your decision to opt-out of receiving communications. However, I can send you a one-time email to inquire if you wish to rejoin our email list. Should you delete that email, it won't be possible to add you back using the same email address; an alternate email will be needed.

Furthermore, I've noticed that a significant number of bouncing emails occur due to typos in the addresses. On average, approximately 40% of the emails I send out encounter this issue. Constant Contact provides specific information about the bouncing emails, making it easy to identify and fix typos in domain names such as "@gmail.com," "@yahoo.com," or "@xyz.com." However, there may still be instances where the username portion of the email address contains errors.

Commander Hurley initiated a survey post-election to gather feedback from our membership regarding our Division Website. The responses indicate that there are several areas requiring attention and improvement. To address the concerns, needs, and desires of the Division membership, I have drafted a proposal, which I have already submitted to Commander Hurley for consideration.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or need assistance with anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me. Your input and cooperation are highly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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A Southern Fourth of July by W. Michael Hurley

Commander, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

The men and women who lived in the Southern states before 1861 had always enjoyed a grand celebration of the 4th of July. Considering the Southern contribution to the cause of liberty, it seemed only natural to do so. The colonial states from the South had furnished some of the most outstanding leaders of the war for independence. The guerrilla-fighting Scotch Irish of Appalachia turned the tide of the war at the Battle of King's Mountain. The Southern state of Virginia gave America the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson. Virginia also contributed the most outstanding leader in the history of the United States, General George Washington. On Southern soil, the victory over British General Charles Cornwallis occurred when he surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown on 19 October 1781. After the war, the South contributed the nation's first President, George Washington, and went on to provide 9 of the first 12 Presidents of the United States: Jefferson (VA), Madison (VA), Monroe (VA), Jackson (SC), Harrison (VA), Tyler (VA), Polk (NC), and Taylor (VA).



When secession came to the South in 1861, the people were proud of their contribution to the struggle for freedom. Most Southerners felt they were fighting a second war for independence, fighting for freedom from an oppressive federal government, that no longer represented their values and rights. No different than that of their brave colonial forefathers who had stood against the King of England for many of the same reasons. This feeling was so strong concerning the principles of the American Revolution that the Confederacy's first national flag closely resembled that of their former foe. They, too, loved the red, white, and blue.

When the war between the states began, the Confederacy continued to celebrate the 4th of July in many cities and towns across Dixie. They celebrated the day on the pretext that they were fighting for the true meaning of what their forefathers fought for. To the South, the feeling was that the 4th of July brought a time to stress the Founding Fathers' principles. Rather than celebrating union, Southerners recognized the importance of constitutional rights and the true ideals of self-determination. As the years went by and the cost of the war came to bear on the homes, the treasury, and the blood which was sacrificed to defend against the invading yankees, many communities around the Confederacy reduced or eliminated the celebration of the 4th of July. By 1863 the mood of the country had changed. Devastating battlefield losses in Gettysburg, PA, and Vicksburg, MS, on the 4th of July all but eliminated the annual celebration. It would be 81 long years before the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, would celebrate the 4th of July again. It took the end of World War 2 in Europe to finally bring about the holiday celebration again on the 4th of July 1945.

Congress officially made the 4th of July a Federal holiday in 1941. Since the end of World War 2, the political importance of the holiday declined in the South. Today, the primary focus is on leisure activities and family get-togethers, and the unofficial song of the 4th has become John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." So how will you celebrate the 4th of July this year? At the lake with family? Setting off fireworks?



Maybe eating a hot dog at a local baseball game? Where ever you are, I sincerely pray that on this 4th of July holiday, you will pause and remember the sacrifice made by countless austral men and women to establish the individual States we call Dixie. Never forget that Southerners have a long and proud heritage of fighting for freedom, the right to self determination, and to be left alone to establish our individual pursuit of happiness.

ACROSS THE DIVISION

Greyhound's In Action!



Want to see your camp featured in the TexDiv Reporter's ACROSS THE DIVISION?

Submit your photo with a brief description to Newsletter Editor at

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June 10th, 2023
Members of the Walker's Greyhounds gathered at the Holt Cemetery to clean the old burial grounds in preparation for a Southern Cross of Honor dedication the next day.



Before



The Dirty & Seaty Clean up Crew!

(From L-R) Billy Pribble, Monty Williams, Will Slinky, L.D. McWilliams, Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley & 8th Brigade 1st Lt. Commander Scott McDonald.



After

United Daughters of the Confederacy® Children of the Confederacy® and Walker's Greyhounds Hold Joint Dedication of Iron Cross Sunday, June 11, 2023



Walker's Greyhounds Lt. Commander Matthew Lee & his sons who are members of the Colonel RIP Ford Chapter Children of the Confederacy



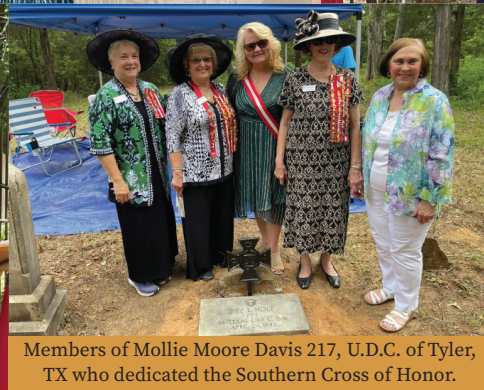
President Patty Williams & Chaplain Tami Hurley performing the U.D.C. dedication.



Walker's Greyhounds 2nd Lt. Commander Billy Pribble assists with the dedication.



Texas Division SCV Commander Michael Hurley



Members of Mollie Moore Davis 217, U.D.C. of Tyler, TX who dedicated the Southern Cross of Honor.



Honoring Private Irby Leroy Holt 14th TX Cavalry



ACROSS THE DIVISION



Charles Thacker and the Medina Guards Camp 2254 float took 2nd Place overall at the Leakey, TX Independence Day Parade. Joined by past Division Commander John McCammon, Alamo City Guards camp Commander, Christian Lee, Division Third Lt. Commander, Cody Crislip, Gerry Lee Osburne, Darryl Perry, & Kaitlyn & Brent Thacker.



R.E. Lee Camp 239 members Chris Webb, Gail Allcock, Tim Bingham, Dan Nation, Bob Templeton, Haggan Allcock, Barry Turnage, Kirt Barnett, Festus Allcock, Olen Allcock, and Lowell Bodiford at the Confederate Park historical marker. Photo thanks to a passing college student from Michigan. He learned a lot about the area from us.



Local businessman Khleber M. Van Zandt organized the Robert E. Lee camp of the United Confederate Veterans in 1889. By 1900 it boasted more than 700 members. The camp received a 25-year charter to create the Confederate Park Association in 1901, then purchased 373 acres near this site for the "recreation, refuge and relief of Confederate soldiers" and their families. Opening events included a picnic for veterans and families on June 20, 1902, and a statewide reunion September 8-12, 1903, with 3,500 attendees. The park thrived as a center for the civic and social activities of Texas Confederate organizations. By 1924 the numbers of surviving veterans had greatly diminished, and the Confederate Park Association voluntarily dissolved when its charter expired in 1926.



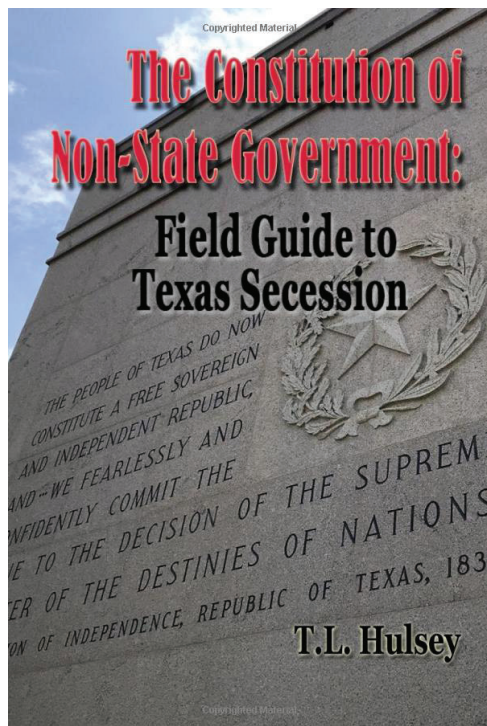
On April 8th, 2023 the Sons of Confederate Veterans' Grimes County Greys along with many other Texas Division Camps recognized Confederate History and Heritage month at the Confederate Memorial Plaza located in downtown Anderson, Texas. SCV members and guests were amazed by the displays of memorabilia set up in the Confederate Memorial Plaza as well as at the opportunity to tour the beautiful Grimes County Courthouse, and toured the Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site. The Confederate Memorial Plaza was created 23 years ago by the SCV Grimes County Greys Camp 924. Many thanks to all our Compatriots of numerous SCV camps as well as the ladies of the UDC and Order of Confederate Rose for participating. Also a special thanks for Texas Division SCV Commander John McCammon for his attendance and participation.

Book Review: "The Constitution of Non-State Government: Field Guide to Texas Secession" by Christian Lee

In "The Constitution of Non-State Government: Field Guide to Texas Secession," T.L. Hulsey presents a compelling and thought-provoking examination of the state as a form of government, challenging its legitimacy and proposing an alternative in the form of kleristocracy. Through a masterful blend of historical examples and innovative political theory, Hulsey makes a compelling case for a new type of governance that could replace the perceived impending ruin of traditional states.

Hulsey begins by painting a grim picture of the state of public life throughout the West, pointing to issues like unrepayable public debt, increasing violent crime, and deep social divisions. He argues that the state, as a relatively recent form of government, has led to these problems by centralizing power, expanding its authority to tax and coerce, and eliminating intermediary institutions between the government and its citizens. With the state's majoritarian absolutism failing, Hulsey turns to historical examples such as the Hanseatic League, Swiss Confederation, and Venetian Republic, which demonstrate that non-state governments have enjoyed longer lifespans and greater success throughout history.

Central to Hulsey's argument is the concept of "architectonics," a new praxeological category that positions reason as the directing agency of political affairs in a communitarian polity. Drawing inspiration from the subjective theory of value in economics, architectonics forms the basis of the proposed kleristocratic constitution. This groundbreaking idea reimagines the structure of government, offering a fresh perspective on how a community could be governed without relying on traditional state structures.



Throughout the book, Hulsey meticulously dissects and discredits political theories that support the state, from historical figures like Hobbes to modern scholars like Rawls. He rigorously demonstrates the superiority of the kleristocratic constitution over these traditional models, providing a compelling case for its implementation in the American State most likely to succeed: Texas.

One of the book's most commendable aspects is the level of detail in the proposed kleristocratic system. Hulsey takes readers on a journey through the practical implementation of his principles, offering a roadmap for those intrigued by the idea of non-state government. The specificity and practicality of his vision lend credibility to his argument, making it a compelling and thought-provoking read.

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(Con't from page 5) Indeed, reckoning by his third method would result in Texas paying nothing at all. Other equally plausible methods could be offered. For example, a historical reckoning by the number of votes cast by the Texas Congressional delegation in favor of each debt increase, compared to the other States' votes in favor. Or again, if the borrowing that formed the national debt resulted in capital formation or redistribution that provided a net benefit to those outside Texas, then those recipients owe Texas a repayment for helping to effect it. If this borrowing provided a net benefit to the citizens of Texas, then those demanding some repayment must calculate what part of it went to the exclusive benefit of Texans, at the expense and detriment of the larger economy. Any amount resulting in mutual benefit requires no repayment.

The debt-to-GDP ratio of the United States currently stands above 100%, even if one takes the much lower percentage that considers only "debt held by the public" – as if debt held within the government magically "doesn't count." The true debt-to-GDP stands above 136%. This means that the government of the United States is in fact bankrupt. There can be no determination of the national debt until it is written down in a liquidation. This of course does not mean that the United States "goes out of business," any more than the bankruptcy of Puerto Rico in 2017, the largest in the history of the United States, meant that this territory "went out of business," since there is separate legal provision for governmental bankruptcy. However, it does mean that the government must come to terms with its bondholders, who must "take a haircut," just as the government must agree to follow legally imposed austerity measures. Until this reckoning is performed by the courts, any statement of proportional debt supposedly owing will be grossly overstated.

In any case, if as a practical matter a fair apportionment of the national debt of the United States could be determined – which cannot be done – it would not be payable to the government designated as the United States of America. It would be payable directly to the individual bondholders of that debt. If the goal is a proportional sharing of this debt, then the Republic of Texas is justified in awaiting the day when the United States begins to pay off these bondholders, when it might retire its share of the debt in like proportion. But who is fooling whom in this charade? Any reasonable person knows full well that the United States has no intention of ever attempting to pay off any part of its \$30 trillion dollar debt, since this enormous sum cannot be repaid. Clearly, any clamor to impose upon Texas a "fair share" of the national debt is nothing more than an exit tax, whose sole purpose is not equity but confiscation, and furthermore an odious debt as previously defined.

But why should the central state want to shift off its national debt? According to the Keynesian and Modern Monetary ideologies that rule Federal economic policy, debt is a good thing; national debt creates wealth, creates jobs, and prospers economic activity in general. Under this prescription, a reduction of the national debt, to say nothing of its eventual elimination, was never contemplated. Texans therefore could not in good conscience impose their hillbilly household views of debt on a Federal government whose celebrated luminaries of Northeastern academe champion a robust national debt. Texans will magnanimously forgo any claim on this treasured debt. Logic, justice, and the big-hearted cowboy way demand that they must leave it as a parting gift.

Finally, one must not be blind to the elephant in the room: One of the very reasons for choosing secession in the first place is the fact that Texans wish to escape the destructive indebtedness of the United States. It is absurd that they should cast it off, only to pick it up again in the republic formed to escape it. It is duplicitous to assert that "the elected representatives of Texas voted to augment the debt," when every honest person is aware of the political framework that made that debt possible. That framework rests on "pork barrel" politics of majoritarian absolutism, on beggaring member States in the name of the "common good," and in general on the fiction that there exists a "society" that may be plundered without consequence to the individual members of which it is constituted.

But let us assume for completeness of argument that by their saber-rattling and intimidation, the functionaries of the United States impose a part of its debt on the Republic of Texas. Very well: Any fictitious accounting may impose any number it pleases. The Republic of Texas does not fold to the poker bluff of international banking. Let the world know that the Republic of Texas cheerfully and in advance announces that it will repudiate every last penny of the exit tax of apportioned debt. The Gordian Knot of debt settlement is untangled with a single stroke.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 3rd 2023 (Thursday) Monthly Camp Meeting:** 6 PM Join the Alamo City Guards as they welcome past Commander in Chief, Paul Gramling Jr. for an entralling lecture. La Fonda Alamo Heights 8633 Crownhill Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78209
- **August 12th 2023 (Saturday) Red Diamond Camp Hosts AOT Recruiting, Retention & Heritage Operations Symposium:** Elks Lodge 3702 New Boston Rd. Texarkana, TX 75501
- **September 30th 2023 (Saturday) Division Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:30 AM Papa Rollo's 703 N. Valley Mills Dr., Waco, TX 76710
- **June 7-9 2024 Texas Division Reunion.** Visit hoodstexasbrigade.net for more details.
- **July 16-21 2024 Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion** Visit scv4.org/2024/ for more details.

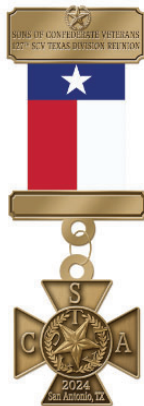
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Additional Events:
Reunion Kick Off Party,
Confederate Heroes Memorial Service,
Ladies Alamo Tour...
AND MORE!

TICKET SPECIALS:
June 4th, 2023 - March 31st, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
May 7th, 2024

A Chaplain's Message

As I sit watching the sun set on a hot July summer evening, I look around and see the Lord's handy work. The creek is running and the wild mustang grape's are ripe, all of God's creatures are at creek drinking the cool spring water and eating the sweet grapes!!

The Lord God, in his wisdom, has given us the grapes and water for us and all his creatures to benefit from. When you need the Lord to help you, drink from His spring of wisdom and love. Fear not, He is the Lord, our God. He gives us His unconditional love.

So when in doubt, ask for sustenance for body and soul. He will provide. And if you get the chance, take a dip in the creek and cool off in the rushing water in remembrance of His love.

Have fun !!
God bless everyone!!
Kevin Knippa, Chaplain
Alamo City Guards Camp 1325

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"The Constitution of Non-State Government" is written with a logical power and iconoclastic verve that challenges readers to reconsider long-held notions of what constitutes good government. Hulsey's persuasive writing style makes even the most complex ideas accessible to a broader audience, inviting readers to engage deeply with his ideas and rethink their understanding of governance.

However, readers should approach this book with an open mind, as Hulsey's ideas are unconventional and might challenge deeply ingrained beliefs about the state and its role in society. While the historical examples he provides lend weight to his argument, some readers may still find the concept of kleristocracy difficult to fully embrace.

In conclusion, "The Constitution of Non-State Government: Field Guide to Texas Secession" is an intellectually stimulating and ambitious work that presents a compelling alternative to the traditional state model of governance. T.L. Hulsey's thought-provoking examination of historical examples and the innovative concept of architectonics opens up new avenues of exploration for those interested in political theory and the future of governance. Whether one agrees or disagrees with Hulsey's proposals, this book undoubtedly leaves a lasting impression and challenges readers to critically assess the current state of affairs in public life.

Christian Lee is an amateur historian who has produced dozens of lectures and documentaries on southern history. He is a 6 year member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Alamo City Guards Camp 1325 and also its commander.

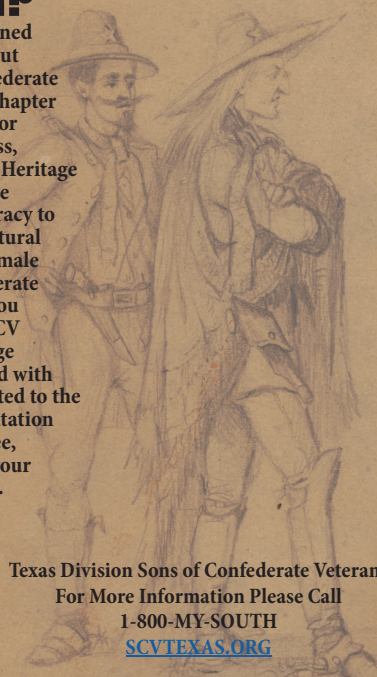


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Division Chaplain	James Bozeman
Division Color Sergeant	D W Davis
Inspector General	Tommy Holmes
Parliamentarian	Christian Lee
Guardian Program	Bill Elliott
Division Genealogist	Bob Hazelwood
Division Newsletter Editor	Christian Lee
Awards Committee Chair	Tommy May
Sergeant at Arms	Ray Johnson
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Education Committee Chair	Bill Elliott

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