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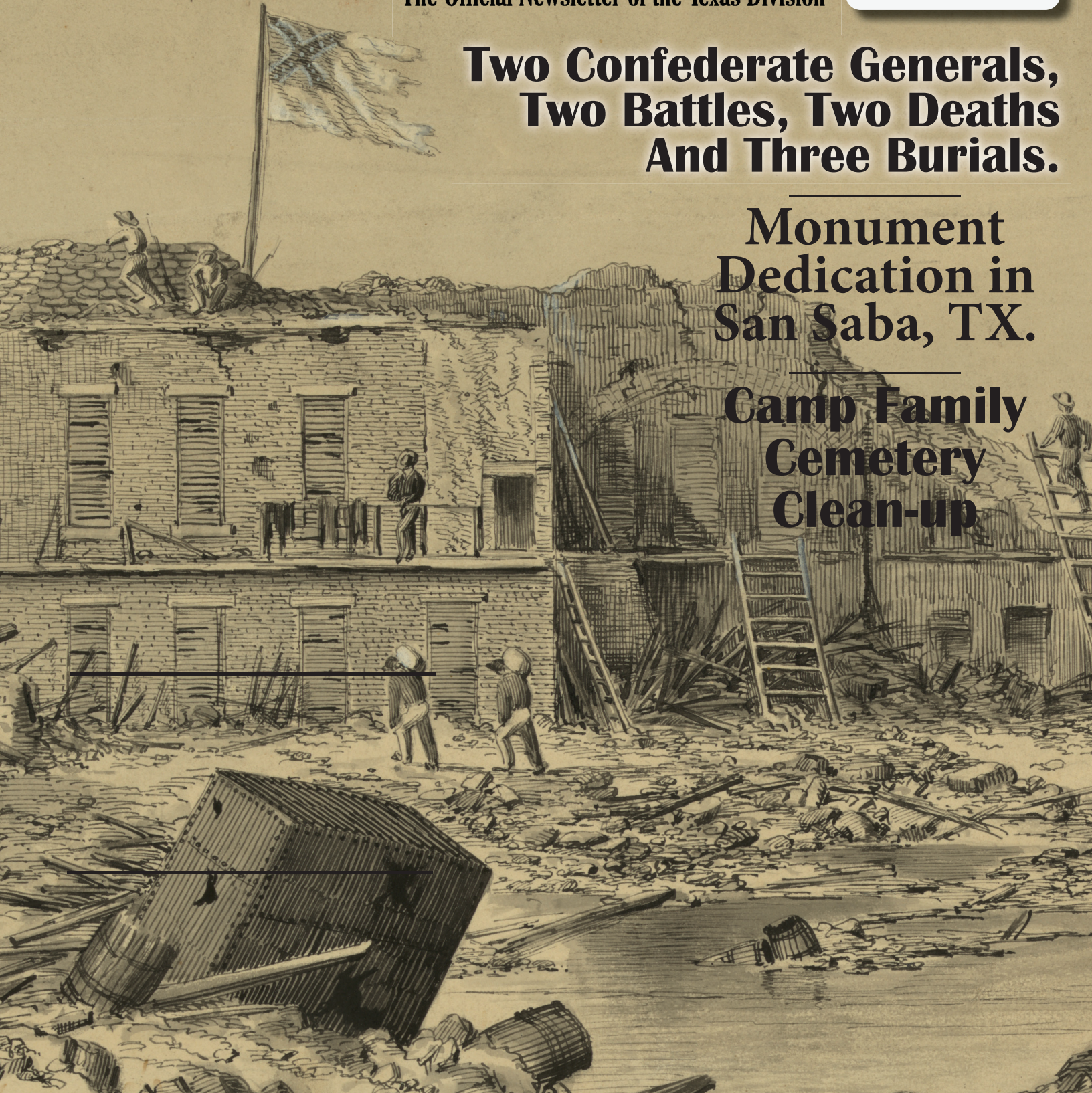
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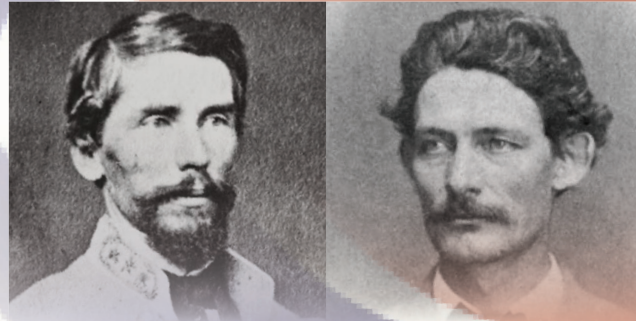
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# COMMANDERS ADDRESS TO THE DIVISION



Texas Division Compatriots,

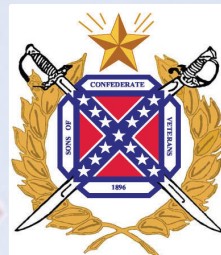
We end the 2022 year and have an opportunity to make a difference with a positive start to 2023. Our Texas Legislative Session begins this month, and we will advance the flag of Dixie with our determination to work as a team in Austin at the State Capitol. The building is large, but we have men and women with faith that can save our heritage while promoting our true history. We have walked the halls and entered the committee rooms with resolute courage defending our monuments and now our Confederate Heroes Day. Gentlemen, we will work with the UDC and TITFF and other groups to stand up against the woke culture that threatens the very fabric of our society.

Will you make a difference and work with your fellow camps, brigades, and the Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans? We cannot win this battle if we are not united and supporting adjacent camps and brigades. An organization that does not work with and for its brother camps cannot achieve all that it might as compared to one working in harmony as a team. Do you and your camp reflect a positive image? Can someone taking a glimpse of your camp see positive efforts and an atmosphere of unity and concord with other camps? Why these questions?

Your organization faces enemies from without and across the country. Our organization cannot function or survive without congruity and consonance. We fight together as one or we will surely die as individuals against the madding crowd known as wokeness. Compatriots, your Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans calls on you to fight against our enemies in Austin and in a party that is determined to erase the history of America.

Will you make the commitment to put your hand on the shoulder of your fellow compatriot and ask him to join you in fighting the enemies of our organization?

Deo Vindice,

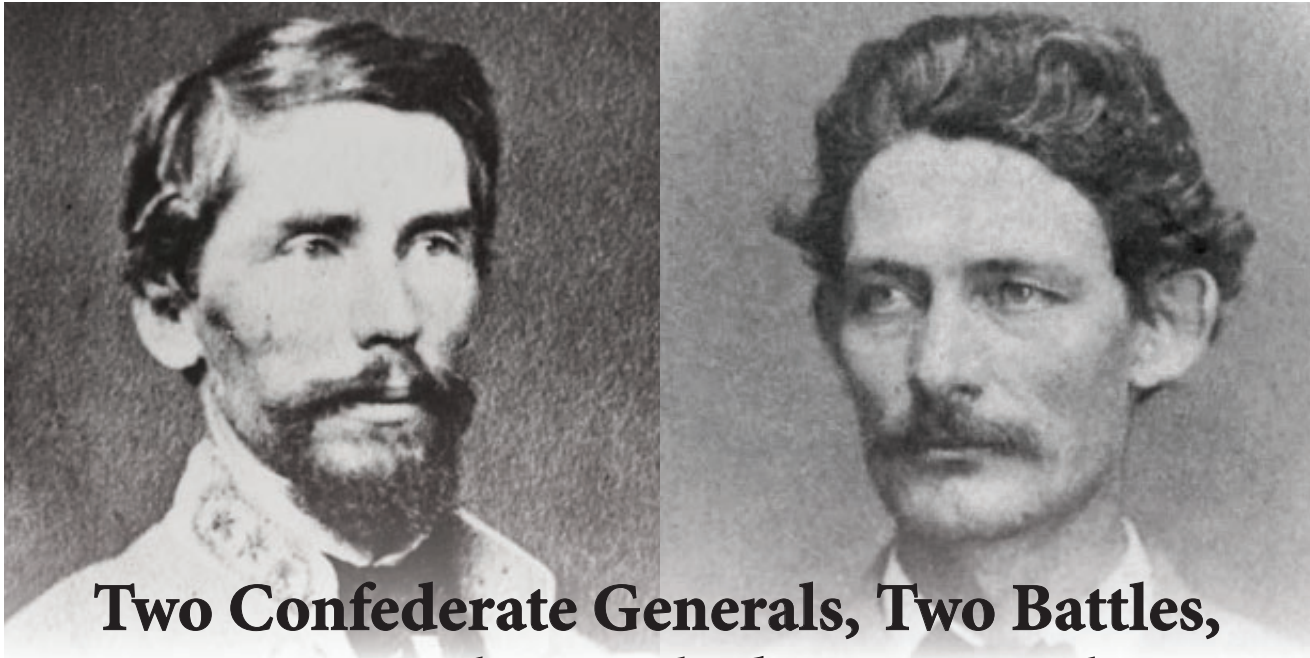


John McCammon  
Commander  
Texas Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## A brief of some of the activities of the Commander these past few months.

- 9-12-22 Goliad Camp Meeting
- 9-12-22 Met with Chamber of Commerce ~ Future Boerne Parades
- 9-13-22 City Cemetery Boerne ~ Maintenance of grass & flag respect from parks dept.
- 9-15-22 Drove UDC 92 yr. old member, Virginia Milner to SA & attended Luncheon
- 9-15-22 Texas Lonestar Grey Camp meeting
- 9-27-22 Kerrville Veterans Breakfast, "WWII Generals with Southern Ancestors"
- 10-13-22 Family History Place ~ Kendall County Historical Talk
- 10-20-22 Texas Lonestar Greys Camp Mtg. Cibolo, TX
- 10-22-22 Flag replacement CCA with Don Lawrence
- 10-27-22 SCV member Don Lawrence passes & family visit
- 11-4-22 Mac Williams funeral, WWII Vet and SCV supporter in Kendall Co.
- 11-5-22 Delivered SCV Compatriot Donald D. Lawrence's eulogy Universal City, TX
- 11-7-22 MOS&B Dinner San Antonio, TX
- 11-8-22 Hondo, Medina Grays camp meeting
- 11-10-22 DEC Zoom meeting
- 11-11-22 Kendall County Veteran's day @ plaza
- 11-11-22 Menger Springs, distribution of SCV pamphlets
- 11-15-22 SCV Member Don Lawrence, Ft Sam Houston Natl. Cemetery, pall bearer
- 11-17-22 TX Lonestar Greys camp meeting
- 11-30-22 Gustav Hoffmann camp, San Marcos, TX
- 12-3-22 Graham Monument Rededication





## Two Confederate Generals, Two Battles, Two Deaths And Three Burials.

The two men, each in their mid-thirties, died on the same day on the same battlefield. The last words of one (“Never let it be said that Texans lag in the fight”) were overheard. The death of the other came in a cloud of battle smoke so thick that no one saw him fall. Both men were generals. Both were trained as lawyers. And both would be buried three times before their mortal remains came to rest.

**HOUSTON MONDAY JANUARY 25, 1864**

***We are as yet without much information regarding the part Texas troops bore in the battle of Missionary Ridge. We notice Smith’s Texas Brigade gallantly held their place, being commanded by Col. Granbury, of the 7th, after the fall of Gen. Smith, that the 6th, 10th and 15th consolidated, led by Col. Mills, who was wounded, as was also Maj. Sanders, who lost an arm, was led by Gen. Cleburne in a charge which inflicted great injury upon the enemy. When these regiments were engaged the enemy was bloodily repulsed.***

In this era of instant and endless news coverage, we forget how slowly news traveled in the days before BT (before Twitter). Case in point: On January 25, 1864, the Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph printed a report on the role of Texas soldiers in the War for Southern Independence’s Battle of Missionary Ridge in Tennessee. The Battle of Missionary Ridge had been fought on November 25, 1863—two months before the newspaper account was published.

Of particular interest the report mentions Confederate officers Colonel Hiram Bronson Granbury and General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne.

Patrick Ronayne Cleburne (left) and Hiram Bronson Granbury (right) survived the Battle of Missionary Ridge. But one year later and 130 miles away on November 30, 1864 Cleburne and Granbury (by then a general) were killed at the battle of Franklin in Tennessee. Four other Confederate generals died in the battle.



“The space between the enemy’s first line and the main line was about two hundred yards. The ground was level, and I don’t think there was a tree or bush between them. The fire and destruction were beyond description. I went up to the works with Granbury’s brigade. Generals Granbury and Govan, and their staff, were on foot. About halfway between the first and main line General Granbury was killed. I was within ten feet of him and remember well the last words he spoke: ‘Forward, men; never let it be said that Texans lag in the fight.’”

“One, not in the battle of Franklin, might think it strange that such a conspicuous character as General Cleburne should be killed and his death not witnessed by anyone; but the fire was so terrific and the smoke so dense that one could not distinguish an object at twenty feet distant. The morning after the battle information came to our headquarters that General Cleburne’s body was found. I immediately went in search of it and found it laid out on the gallery of the McGavock brick house—boots, pocketbook, diary, and sword belt gone. I afterward found the latter on a soldier, who claimed to have found it. His (General Cleburne’s) face was covered with a lady’s handkerchief finely embroidered. Who placed his body there I have never been able to ascertain? General

Cleburne received but one wound and that was from a Minnie ball which passed through his body. I procured coffins for Generals Cleburne and Granbury and Colonel Young, of the Tenth Texas, carried their remains to Columbia for interment, sent a courier ahead to have three graves dug in some suitable place in the country there; reached Columbia late in the evening. The remains of these three heroes lay, during that night, in the parlor of Mrs. Mary R. Polk. While the body of Cleburne was lying in Mrs. Polk’s parlor.”

“The following verses were placed upon his coffin, written by the talented and accomplished Miss Naomi Hays, niece of ex-President Polk, who afterward married the late lamented Major W. E. Moore, chief commissary of the Army of Tennessee:

*Fare thee well, departed  
chieftain!  
Erin’ land sends forth a wail,  
And O my country sad  
laments thee,  
Blow, ye breezes, softly o’er  
him,  
Fan his brow with gentlest  
breath;  
Disturb ye not the peaceful  
slumber—  
Cleburne sleeps the sleep of  
death.  
Rest thee, Cleburne, tears of  
sadness  
Flow from hearts thou’st nobly  
won.  
Mem’ry ne’er will cease to  
cherish  
Deeds of glory thou hast done.*

“Funeral rites were

performed the next day by the Right Rev. Bishop Quintard. The bodies were borne to the cemetery and placed in graves beside General Strahl and Lieutenant Marsh, of his staff. After the burial, I discovered that these gallant men were buried in that portion of the cemetery known as the ‘potters’ field’, between a row of negroes and Federal soldiers. I felt very indignant, and so expressed myself. General Lucien J. Polk, brother to General and Bishop Leonidas Polk, was present, and most kindly offered me a lot in the Ashwood Cemetery, six miles south of Columbia, which kind and generous offer I most thankfully accepted. The next day I obtained a detail from the commandant of the post and disinterred Generals Cleburne, Granbury, and Strahl, Colonel Young, and Lieutenant Marsh. I disinterred General Strahl and Lieutenant Marsh at the request of Bishop Quintard. Having only a slight acquaintance with those gentlemen, I did not feel authorized to remove their remains from where their friends had planted them, but did so at the earnest request of Bishop Quintard, who I know was a warm friend of General Strahl and Lieutenant Marsh. Five graves were dug in Ashwood Cemetery, in a row, where I buried these five noble and gallant soldiers. (1)

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## Report of the First Lt. Commander Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX January 7, 2023

I have the honor to submit the following report for the office of 1st Lt Commander Texas Division responsible for Heritage Defense.

Heritage Defense Issues in Texas: Here is a brief update on the Heritage Defense issues currently in Texas.

**Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Caught In Middle Of Controversy** - The newly chartered camp in Tyler was the secondary subject of a video which has gone viral on social media. It seems that a former disgruntled employee posted to several social media platforms a video disparaging his employer for harsh and unfair treatment. His primary example of such mistreatment centered around the Texas Music City Grill (located in Tyler, TX), asking a sodomite employee named Connor Gee and a fellow employee who was African American, to provide service for the October 2022 meeting of Camp #2338. In the video, Mr Gee claimed that he knew they would be mistreated by our membership, not tipped, and could be in bodily danger by serving the attendees at the meeting. Since the video aired both Mr Gee and the owner of the restaurant have filed lawsuits against one another. Subsequently we were told by restaurant management that we could no longer meet at the restaurant. We have since found a new meeting place.

**Williamson County Monument- Georgetown, TX** - the camp continues its public defense of the monument located on the courthouse square. In addition, the frivolous lawsuit against the camp continues to make its way through the court system. The community support remains strong in the area to keep the monument on the courthouse square. COS Little will have a full report to share at the DEC meeting.

### Reminder 88th Texas Legislature Begins January 10th!

As expected, once again we will be working in the capitol in Austin, TX to see that a Monument Protection Bill is passed and signed into law. In addition, we should have an opportunity to speak before Texas Senate and House sub-committees to oppose bills that have already been introduced to remove Confederate heroes Day as a State holiday, and all Confederate plaques, monuments, and any reference to Texas being a part of the Confederacy be removed from the State Capital.

**GENTLEMEN WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH A LARGE TURNOUT THIS YEAR!** I will be communicating to you key dates and times and ask that you sacrifice your time, and treasury, get in the truck and be in Austin, TX when needed. More as the opening of the Legislature approaches.

1st Lt. Commander Activity:

September 20, 2022 - Speaker for W.W. Heartsill Camp #2042 located in Marshall, TX.



September 22, 2022 - As President of Historic Tyler Inc. I made a presentation to City Officials concerning two key properties which were owned by former Confederate Veterans.

September 25, 2022- Several members of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, joined with the ladies

of the Mollie Moore Davis 217 UDC to clean the Confederate monument located in Oakwood Cemetery.

Humbly Submitted,  


**W. Michael Hurley, 1st Lt Commander, Texas Division**



## 2nd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Gentlemen of the Texas Division:

I want to start off my report by letting you know what we as an organization is faced with. I received a call from a woman in Fredericksburg, Texas and she was looking for a camp for her husband. They had their genealogy done and application printed and filled out but was having problems contacting someone about joining. She told me she had called 4 different places and was getting no help from anyone. She didn't know how to reach anyone in the Hill Country Camp until finally she was able to reach me. I'm not sure how she found my number.

I advised her, that I knew the camp adjutant of the Hill Country Camp and will send him an email with their contact information. However, their meeting place was not listed on the website, so I had no idea where to send them for the upcoming meeting in just a few days. Hopefully, the adjutant made contact and was able to obtain a new member.

I understand the concerns everyone has about publishing their contact information as well as their meeting place on the various social media and websites, but if we continue in being in the dark or becoming secretive, then our ability to fully be accessible to the public will make recruiting difficult. My philosophy is to make opportunities as easy as possible for prospects wanting to join the SCV.

On another note, I was proud of the Brooks camp having their Monument dedication at the Court House Square in Graham. Tx. Commander Kevin Sullivan and his officers did an outstanding job. The speakers for the event were Tx. Division Commander John McCammon, Camp Commander Kevin Sullivan, 3rd Brigade Commander Barry Turnage, Texas OCR President Becky Bussey and me.

Thanks to the Texas Division and their kind donation, the Brooks camp had the depreciated Monument soda blasted. Once the monument looked brand new, the Brooks camp Re-Dedicated it on Dec. 3rd, 2022. Not bad for a camp less than a year old.

While we were waiting to start the Re-dedication, a couple of people of showed up to visit with us. One woman by the name of Thurmond looked at me and said I looked familiar and was sure I did her husband's genealogy when they lived in Euless, Tx. Her husband was a member of the Taylor camp. They moved to Graham about 4 years ago and had no idea there was a local camp. I advised Commander Kevin Sullivan to get their contact information and reinstate her husband into the Brooks camp.

The other person who showed up was a store owner who owned the Western store right across the street. He was most interested in the SCV and wanted me to stop by the store after the Re-Dedication. By the end of the day, I walked away with 2 applications from the Western store. The store is owned by a father and son and they both wanted to join. Luckily, I had some applications on me.

What we have to learn from this, is always be prepared at an event for prospects who show interest in the SCV. If they don't know their genealogy, just let them know we have people willing to do their genealogy for free. Always have applications on hand for prospects that happen to show interest. Also, have your camp generate camp activities. Be known in your community. Be visible and be vigilant.

Respectfully,  
Kyle Sims  
2nd Lt. Commander  
Texas Division







## Division Executive Committee Meeting

January 7, 2023

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander Report

We are updating the Division email list from the most recent rosters. If you have any additions, changes, or deletions, please email me.

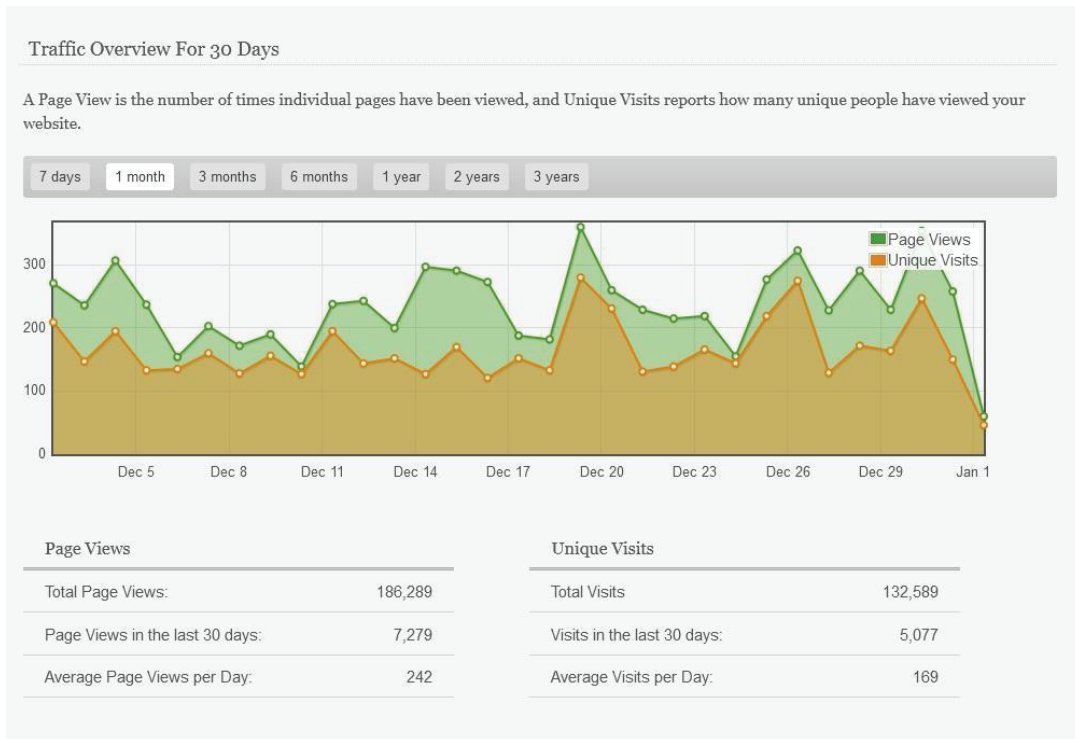
I encourage all to send photos of your camp activities to post on the Division Website.

Texas Division Reunion registration information is on the website.

I was privileged to attend the re-dedication of the monument in Graham for the Brooks Camp.

### Texas Division Website information

#### Traffic Overview For 30 Days (December 2022)



Respectively submitted,

Jim Cox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander



# ACROSS THE DIVISION



[ABOVE] The Camp Flag was presented to the members of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Tyler TX on the occasion of their Charter Ceremony by the Patty Williams, President of the Mollie Moore Davis #217 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tyler, TX and Tami Hurley, Texas Ex - Division President, United Daughters of the Confederacy . Receiving the flag in the center of the picture is Camp Commander Zachary Sabota. Also pictured is Past Commander in Chief Paul Gramling, ATM Commander J C Hanna, Texas Division Chief of Staff Shelby Little and members/officers of the Camp. The charter ceremony took place November 1st, 2022 at the Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler, TX.



[ABOVE] Max Strozier of Hood's Texas Brigade #153 attending the Scottish Society's "Burns Night" celebrating the life of the Scottish poet Robert Burns at Mikulski Hall in Schertz, TX. Among other great works, Robert Burns wrote Auld Lang Syne.

[BELOW] The State Association of Texas Pioneers Group at Burns Night





## Monument Dedication in San Saba, TX

I recently had the honor to represent the Division for the dedication of the newest Confederate monument to be erected in Texas. It was a spectacularly beautiful day. The monument is relatively safe being on the private property of Ross Cox Sr. Trespassing would certainly lead to an untimely demise for any and all who'd dare vandalize this outstanding work of art.

The ceremony began with multiple division camps coming together as well as having masons, the Confederate Rose represented and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, District VII Chairwoman Sheran Weible who spoke to the large assembly.

*"It is an honor and a privilege to be here today," she began. "In this day and age of monuments being moved and torn down, what a wonderful thing to see this beautiful monument being erected today. There has been much hard work and dedication to the memory of our brave Confederate Soldiers by honoring them with this monument today. Hats off to those who have given so much to organize this event. The ladies of the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy support the protection of monuments and although we have lost some, we have saved many through tireless efforts from our members through letters, phone calls and visits to legislatures and County officials. The Daughters, with many who have Texas Confederate Blood in their veins identify with the phrase spoken by Robert E. Lee, "The enemy never sees the backs of my Texans."*



The statue itself is a marble statue of a common soldier created by Monuments Across Dixie, on a base which is covered in historical symbolism, including but not limited to the Seal of the Confederacy, the UDC and also to the Knights of the Golden Circle.

A fifty year time capsule was placed inside the monument with various items including a camp #1325 medal and postcard of the Alamo City Guards flag. Captain William Edgar was a member of the KGC giving the symbolism of the monument an even more elaborate story to tell in the future.

Brigadier General J. C. Moore Camp #578, 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904, BG Richard M. Gano Camp #2292, Confederate Rose #2655 were in attendance. Some coming as far as Washington state for the solemn occasion.

The following poem was written and recited by Dan Vandiver Jr. and subsequently given to be placed within the contents of the time capsule;

***We Stand Uncorrected:***

*The land of the free and the home of the brave that now was offended and always dismayed,  
Political Correctness would right all wrongs by picking and choosing where each one belongs.  
As reeducation sweeps over the land, what you thought you knew you should not understand,  
Heritage and history must pass this test, or be "corrected" by those who know what's best.  
The P.C. Police have established their "Rights," Their right to correct whatever is in sight.  
Statues and flags and the names of those places must be removed and changed and leave no traces.  
Your heritage won't have a public display, your history taught in the corrected way.  
A Cultural cleansing is on the attack. Only the uncorrected would dare fight back.  
Long live the stand of the uncorrected kind, Long live defiance that has made up the mind.  
With minds made up the will cannot be denied, so do we stand on the uncorrected side.*

**BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE SAN SABA LODGE**

**NO. 612, A PROCLAMATION.**

**Now therefore, I Stephen Craig Brister, Worshipful Master, do pronounce and declare that San Saba Lodge No. 612 was chartered under the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1885, and seceded San Saba Lodge No. 225 after it demised in 1882.**

**Whereas: San Saba Lodge No. 225 was chartered 16 June 1859, and its members were active in organizing the county, serving in the public offices and settling the frontier. Many served in the home guard for defense against Indians and later answered the call for Southern Independence.**

**Whereas: Freemasons of both lodges were Confederate Soldiers, who served the Confederate States of America in its bid for independence.**

**Whereas: the following are hereby remembered for their service and sacrifice: A. J. Hall, A. R. Brown, D. Nelson, David S. Hanna, Dr. S. H. White, George B. Cooke, Hugh Barber Smith, J. A. Hall, J. D. Williams, J. L. Tate, James Kelley, James Moore "Jim" Hall, James W. Means, Jerry W. Flemming, John Conner, John F. Duncan, John H. "Shorty" Brown, John Hudson, John Hutton, John T. Davis, John W. Blakeney, L. Montgomery, Nathan Jones Hall, P. D. Turner, Reuben W. Gray, Richard Kolb, S. A. Hamilton, Sam M. Moore, Samuel Estep, Samuel R. Dockery, Sanford Huffstetler, Warren B. Goodwin, Warren B. Goodwin, William L. Hayes, William Mack Allison, William R. Gregg and William R. Wood.**

**Whereas: after the War For Southern Independence, these Confederate veterans returned home to rebuild their state and home, and were peaceful and leading citizens in their respective communities.**

**Now whereas, I recognize this monument as a token to represent their service to the Confederate States of America, and hereby deposit this proclamation for posterity in this time capsule for the preservation of our Masonic and Southern heritage.**

**By the Worshipful Master: Stephen Craig Brister**

**Attest: Ross J. Cox Sr.**

A procession of over forty attendees made their way out to the monument for a viewing and rifle salute. This moment will be written in the history books. With Confederate monuments supposedly becoming a thing of the past, here we are in the 21st century with a brand new memorial. If we keep our focus and eyes on the horizon, our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have their ancestors memorialized during the bicentennial in 2061. It is up to us. "Wise men plant trees under whose shade they'll never sit."

*Christian Lee is Texas Division Newsletter Editor and Commander of the Alamo City Guards Camp #1325 in San Antonio, TX.*

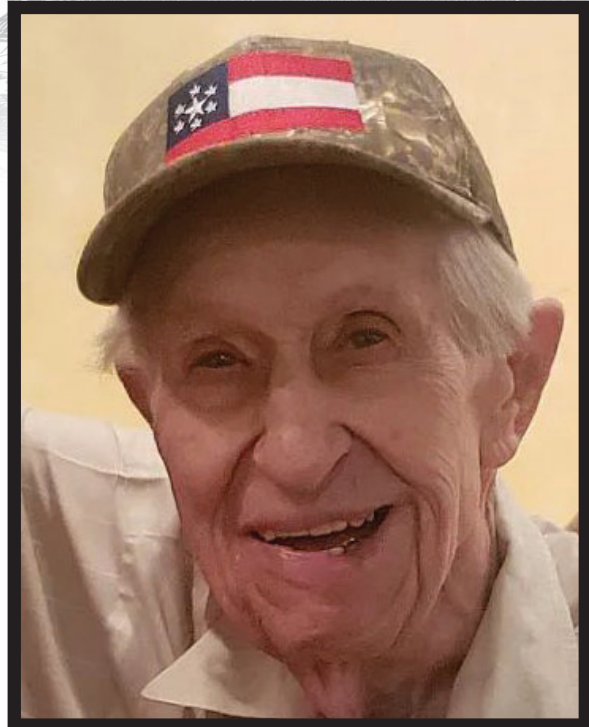




# Rest Under the Shade of the Trees.



*Sam Cornelius*  
*Charles Goodnight Frontier*  
*Regiment #2280*

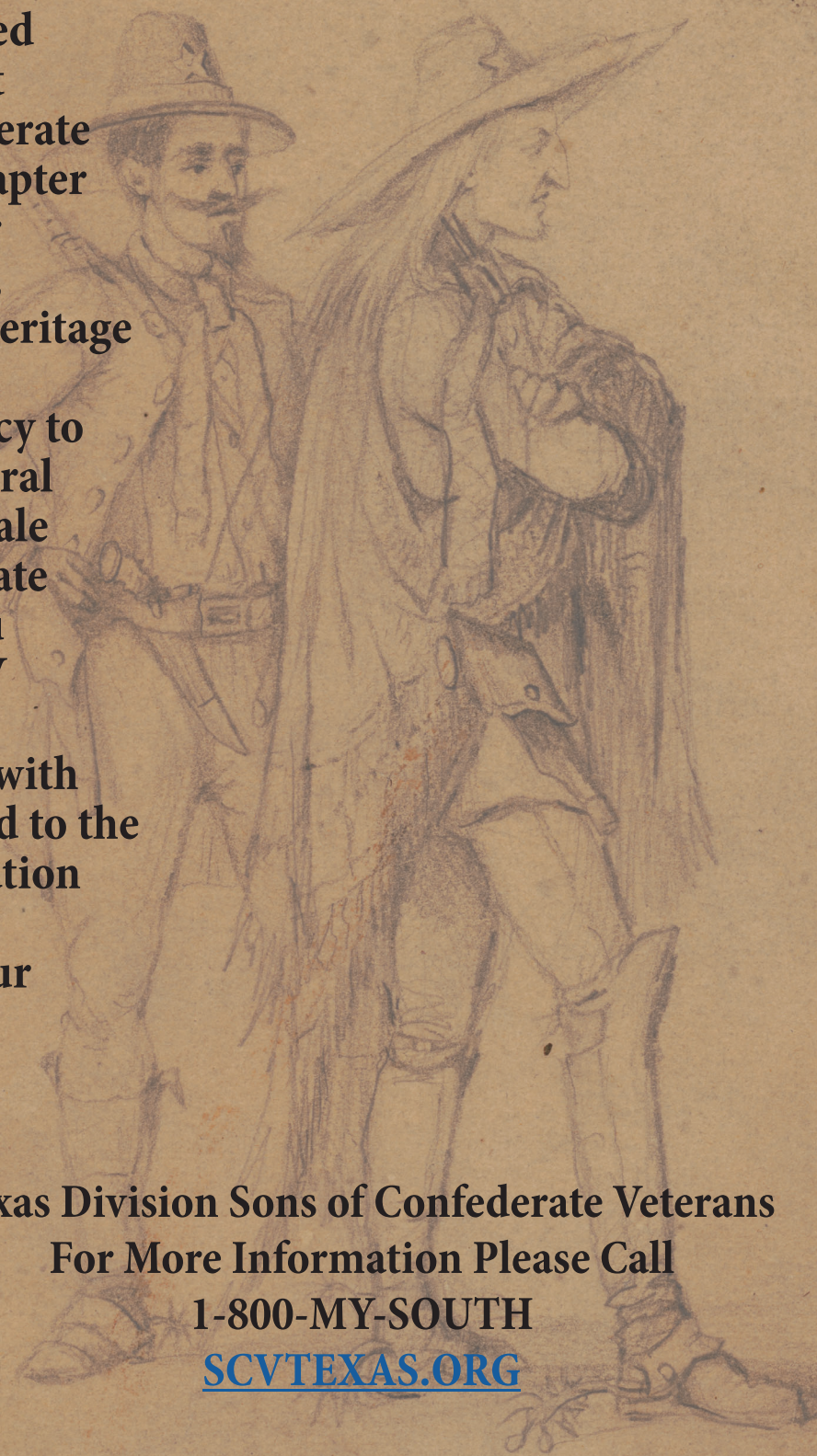


*Don Lawrence*  
*Lonestar Grey 1953*



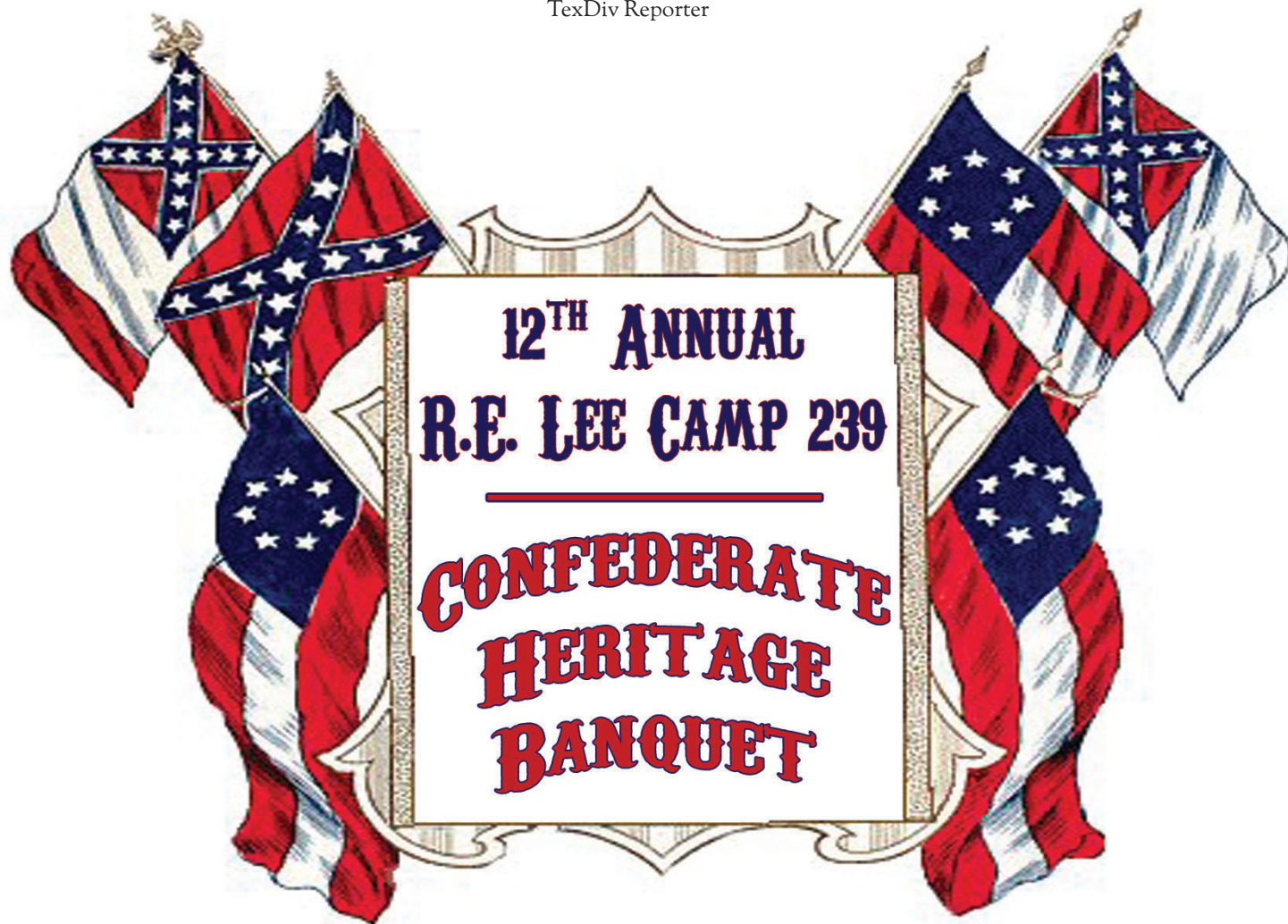
# DO YOU HAVE A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR?

**O**utmanned, out-gunned and out-supplied (but never out-fought) Confederate soldiers wrote a proud chapter in this nation's history for independence, toughness, bravery, patriotism and Heritage of Honor. If you want the symbols of the Confederacy to remain a part of our cultural history and you are the male descendant of a Confederate soldier, then we invite you to join our cause. The SCV is a non-political heritage organization unaffiliated with any other group, dedicated to the preservation of the reputation of men like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and your great-great-grandfather.



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# Camp Family Cemetery Clean-up



The Camp Family Cemetery is located just outside of Navasota, Texas. It is the gravesite of Ira Camp and his wife Eliza Collins and their children. In addition, it is the burial place of Miriam Beck Forrest Luxton (mother of General Nathan Bedford Forrest). In 1863, at the height of the war, General Forrest moved his mother and two of his younger half-siblings to the safety of the Camp Inn. James Madison Luxton, one of these half-brothers served as a Grimes County Deputy Sheriff. In 1867, he fell ill, and Miriam was called to his side. She got in a carriage and hurried to assist him. When she arrived at the location, she stepped off the carriage onto a nail. She died of tetanus and/or blood poisoning on November 15, 1867. Her son recovered. In 1924, the Hannibal Boone Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy place a beautiful grey stone marker on Miriam's grave in honor of her son, Lt General Nathan Bedford Forrest.



On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Grimes County Greys Camp 924, Anderson, Tx took the lead in cleaning up the Camp Family Cemetery. Arranging the event with current property owner was lead and organized by Camp Chaplain Faber McMullen. Saturday's cleanup was in preparation for placement of a Texas State Historical Marker next spring.

Jody Ballard, Commander, Grimes County Greys Camp 924, reported a great turnout and that efforts in cleaning up the gravesite – as well as access to the cemetery – were successful.

As can be seen from the photos, cleanup efforts were extensive and, indeed, successful. Ten workers were in attendance including Jerry Nelson, Commander, 11th Brigade.

- The Grimes County Greys Camp 924 was represented by Jody Ballard, Faber McMullen, Terri Grimm and Don Midkiff
- The General Jerome B. Robertson Camp 992 was represented by Commander Finney Clay and Tom Merka, Lt. Commander.
- The Sul Ross Camp 1457 was represented by Commander Bill Boyd, Dan Wood and Bobby Diess.



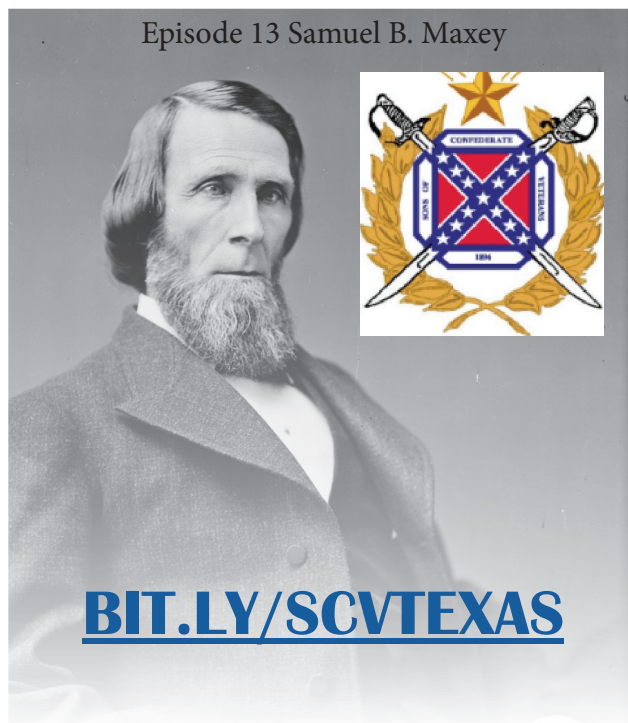




## THE TEXAS GENERALS NEW EPISODES

Episode 13 Samuel B. Maxey

- **Jan. 28th 2023 (Saturday) Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298 3rd Annual Commander Stu Black Powder Shoot:** 11:00 AM at the Sheffield Community Center. Lunch and Black Powder provided. 321 Pine St, Sheffield, TX 79781
- **Jan. 28th 2023 (Saturday) Major Robert M. White Camp 1250 Lee-Jackson Banquet:** Gober Party House, 1516 West Avenue H, Temple, Texas 76504 RSVP james\_bozeman@hughes.net
- **April 29th 2023 (Saturday) R.E. Lee Camp 239 Confederate Heritage Banquet:** Splash Dayz Banquet Room, 8905 Clifford St. White Settlement, TX 76108
- **June 2-4 2023 Texas Division Reunion** Earlybird registration ends February 15th. Visit [scv1352.com](http://scv1352.com) for more details.



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October 1, 2022 - Brought Greetings on behalf of the Texas Division Commander McCammon SCV to the 126th Annual Convention of the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, McKinney, TX

October 5, 2022 - Participated in the early morning clean up of the historic Oakwood cemetery, Tyler TX. Trimmed trees, raked leaves, and removed brush in anticipation of the upcoming Spirits of Oakwood public tour.

October 6, 2022 - Met with the staff of the Smith County Veterans Affairs Office to discuss a Confederate Veteran Headstone they have in their possession. The headstone was stolen and later recovered by the Smith County Sheriff's Office. The Veterans Affairs Office asked me to find the grave of Private Irby Holt, 14th TX Cavalry. Once the grave location has been discovered the VA Office will return the stone to the Walker's Greyhounds #2338 for placement and rededication.

October 13-15, 2022 Attended the annual meeting of the Order of the Southern Cross at the historic Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Was successful in helping secure over \$100,000 in grants for projects of the SCV across the country.

October 20, 2022 - Speaker for the Mollie Moore Davis #217 U.D.C. in Tyler, TX. Following my speech, was awarded the Jefferson Davis Historic Gold Medal for my work in support of U.D.C. chapters in Texas.

October 23, 2022 - I attended the dedication of a Confederate Monument in historic Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, TX. I was invited to attend by the men of the Colonel E.W. Taylor Camp #1777 of Bedford, TX and the Julia Jackson #141, U.D.C. of Ft. Worth, TX.

October 29, 2022 - I was the Chairman of the Spirits of Oakwood tour/fundraiser, to include portrayal of several Confederate Veterans buried in the historic Tyler Texas cemetery.

November 1, 2022 - Organized and attended the Charter ceremony of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler TX. The ceremony was held at the Willow Brook Country Club in Tyler, TX. Special guests were Past CIC Paul Gramling, and current ATM Commander J C Hanna.

November 11, 2022 - My Barbershop Quartet "The Misfits" sang at the Veterans Day Ceremony in Historic downtown Pittsburg, TX. The song repertoire included a rousing rendition of "Dixie"!

December 3, 2022 - Was the keynote speaker for the Elizabeth Denton English Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Mineola, TX. My speech was titled: "George Washington, the Father of Two Countries" a reflection on Washington's influence on both the United States and the Confederate States of America.

January 5, 2023 - Speaker at the William H. L. Wells Camp #1588, Plano, TX

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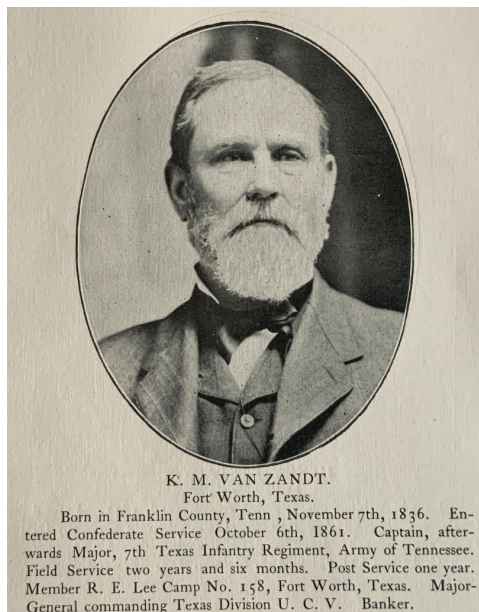
(1) In Campaigns and Battles of the Sixteenth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, in the War Between the States, a war memoir published in 1885, Confederate Veteran L. H. Mangum recalled the deaths of Granbury and Cleburne and Mangum's role in the original burial (and prompt reburial) of the two generals near the Franklin battlefield.

In 1866, two years after Granbury was killed, Hood County was formed by the State Legislature of Texas and named for Confederate General John Bell Hood. The county seat was named for General Granbury. The Fayetteville Observer located in Fayetteville, Tenn. Reported that the remains of Gen. Patrick Cleburne were finally interred in Helena, Arkansas, his adopted town, on May 29th, 1870.

Fast forward to 1893, Khleber Miller Van Zandt, Fort Worth civic leader and president of Fort Worth National Bank for forty-six years, had fought with Granbury at the Battle of Fort Donelson sin 1862 and at the Battle of Missionary Ridge in 1863. Van Zandt wrote in his autobiography that sin 1893 the town of Granbury was given permission by General Granbury's sister to move his remains from Tennessee to the town named for him for reburial. The town sent its mayor, Dr. John Doyle, to Tennessee to fetch the remains. When Doyle got to Tennessee, he found that only bones and buttons had survived.

On the train trip back to the town of Granbury, Dr. Doyle stopped in Fort Worth and left the remains of General Granbury with Van Zandt for temporary safekeeping. General Granbury would be honored in a ceremony in Fort Worth and his remains then escorted to Granbury for the reburial ceremony in Granbury's city cemetery a few days hence on November 31—the anniversary of Granbury's death. It is interesting to note that Van Zandt kept the remains of General Granbury in the safest place she knew of the vault of Fort Worth National Bank.

The remains of General Granbury were transported from Fort Worth on a special train of the Fort Worth & Rio Grande railroad. Rufus Columbus Burleson, who was president of Baylor University (and who in 1854 had baptized Sam Houston), served as chaplain at the reburial ceremony. Before the war General Granbury had been a resident of Waco and McLennan county judge.



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