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**FEBRUARY 2025**

**TEMPLE, TEXAS**



**GEORGE HUGH BALLENTINE CAMP 1250  
MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD**

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings,

Welcome to the second edition of the new version of the *Confederate Gazette*, our camp newsletter. There are several interesting articles in this edition, so I hope you will read it in its entirety. In honor of Valentine's Day, there is an article on Valentine's Day during the Civil War, and the Chaplain's submission is about love. In honor of Black History Month, I have included an article on a very famous black Confederate, Holt Collier, who was more famous for what he did after the war than during the war. If you don't already know who he was, you will enjoy reading this article.

Remember, this is YOUR camp newsletter. Just because I am the editor does not mean that I have to have all of the input into the newsletter. If you have any ideas, written presentations, photos, book reviews, etc., that you want included in the newsletter, please send them to me either by mail or email at the addresses below. I would be very happy to include your submissions into the newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Please reply via email and let me know what you think of this new format.

James Bozeman  
Editor, *Confederate Gazette*

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Hello everyone,

We had another successful Lee-Jackson Banquet last month, and I'd like to thank everyone who attended. Congratulations to everyone who received an award, especially to our Ballentine Award recipient, John Larson III. Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley gave a great program to us about the Christian ideals of our great generals.

We are coming up on our Annual Reunions in a few months. Division is being held in Mineral Wells, Texas, and National will be in Houston, Texas, this year. I plan on attending at least the Division one, and we need to start thinking about who will go as delegates. We will be electing officers at the Division and Brigade levels this year. I have never attended a National convention, but I'd like to go this year, not only to experience it, but because of the very exciting tours they have planned.

With it being a new year, we need to also start looking at events and recruitment possibilities. I would like to see our camp grow and get younger men to join. If anyone knows of events we can show up to for free or at low cost to the camp, please let me know. We have our Confederate History Month annual memorial ceremony coming up in April. Please try to come out and help place flags in early April and to attend our annual ceremony at South Belton Cemetery. We will need to also need to think about the Fourth of July parade. We are in it every year, but there are steps to ensure we get to attend. I know I am planning a little far in advance, but I don't want there to be any surprises, so if any last minute things come up, we have a plan. Bear with me as we go into this year and help make our camp great, look great, and work hard to preserve our history.

Thank you all for everything you do,

Jonathan Bozeman

Commander

Major Robert M. White Camp #1250



# HERITAGE DEFENSE REPORT



## NATIONAL

Pete Hegseth was confirmed as Secretary of Defense with JD Vance casting the deciding vote breaking a 50-50 standoff which has re-enforced the hope of the renamed bases being returned to the previous Confederate names. After speaking to the Pentagon press on DEI on Monday he referred to several of the bases by their previous names including Fort Hood which prompted a fair amount of social network traffic but this shouldn't be taken as a sure thing at this time. Yet this is all very encouraging especially considering the speed at which Trump has gone about "keeping his promises".

## TEXAS

For the past several years monument protection bills have been presented but made little progress due principally to the Calendar Committee, which was headed by a democrat that never allowed these bills to advance to a vote. This, in turn, was caused by the policies of House Speaker Dave Phelan that allowed Democratic Chairs and, in the case of the Calendar Committee; this could effectively stop virtually anything from making it to the floor.

This year there are two monument protection bills that have been drafted that appear to be competing as opposed to complementarily but the final analysis of that is still pending. Regardless of this, with the current status of the Speaker position, the same basic problem of getting the bill or bills scheduled and out of committee remains.

After barely surviving a primary challenge due primarily to the open primary system in Texas and then winning re-election Phelan chose not to seek the speaker position again this term recognizing that he was now nationally known and toxic. The two candidates for speaker were David Cook, who was endorsed by the Republican Party and virtually all grass roots groups, and Dustin Burrows (Lubbock) who represented the establishment or "Bush" wing of the party. There are 88 Republicans in the Texas House and 62 Democrats with 76 required to win the speaker position. Cook got 55 votes including 3 Democrats and Burrows won with 85 votes including 36 Republicans and 49 Democrats. The Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

published the votes for each house member in an earlier email. For those who are represented by Brad Buckley in district 54, he voted for Burrows.

There was a measure that subsequently passed that blocked Democratic committee heads which would appear to be a positive move but the rules package (HR4) that is required prior to the legislative session starting came out very late with some concerning items in it such as denying Republicans Vice-Chairman position and increasing the authority of those positions. Three weeks into the session, very little has happened in the House while the Senate is moving ahead with advancing the legislative objectives of the Republican Party.

Some would call the Republicans that voted with the Democrats to elect Burrows RINOS (Republican in name only) but this sort of person has really been representative of the Republican Party throughout most of its existence. What this conflict does demonstrate is the difference between establishment neoconservatives and grass roots conservatives that is often purposely obscured. The neoconservative is frequently on FOX and conservative media proclaiming positions that can be broadly agreed to but at their core they are globalists and corporatists who align more closely with the legacy of Leon Trotsky and German Philosopher Leo Straus than the Jeffersonian tradition embraced by the Confederate heritage and this can be best seen on matters pertaining to the perception of history. Simply asking a neoconservative their position on Confederate history is a very rapid litmus test to see their real beliefs.

## **LOCAL**

The vandalism case against the individual from Salado that vandalized the Georgetown monument and Congressman Carter's office was delayed again for the sixth straight time. Shelby Little attended the scheduled Pre-trial Hearing for the vandal, Reiss Funicelli, on January 7th along with a representative from Congressman Carter's office. Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, the Hearing was delayed again until 11 February. A visiting judge from Fort Worth, Judge McWilliams, took over the case in August. Funicelli was indicted on the graffiti charge on 17 December after numerous other delays. It appears that both he and the Williamson County District Attorney are in no hurry to bring this case to a resolution.

Jim Peterson  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander  
Major Robert M. White Camp #1250

## SECOND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Planning for Attack on Fort Parker is still underway. We will be having a cleaning day at Old Fort Parker on March 15th at 12pm. Plans are to help repair the porch between the bunkhouses and to clean up the horse pens to allow us to add that for anyone who is interested in bringing horses. There is talk about getting shirts and hats made for the event to help raise money as well. We are asking for volunteers to help with crowd control, trash, admission, and concessions. We will also be providing dinner for the re-enactors on the Saturday of the event if anyone would care to help prepare or serve the dinner. Any volunteers would be appreciated and can contact me for details. If contacting by email, please reference the event in the memo line so it doesn't get overlooked. [Johnlarson289@yahoo.com](mailto:Johnlarson289@yahoo.com) or 254-931-0124.

**An updated flyer for the Attack on Fort Parker is on the next page.**

Thank you and have a great day.

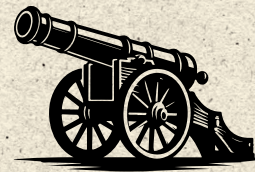
John Larson III  
2nd Lieutenant Commander  
Major Robert M. White Camp #1250



# EXPERIENCE THE ADVENTURE OF ATTACK ON FORT PARKER!



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Sunday - Battle at 1pm

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## NOTES FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING

January was the camp's annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, and we had another successful event this year. Unfortunately, of the 66 we had RSVP for the event, only 44 people showed up, mainly due to illness. We hope and pray that each of them is doing better and back on their feet.

After everyone enjoyed a fine meal from Miller's Smokehouse, we had an outstanding presentation from our guest speaker, Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley. His presentation was titled "The Hope of Lee and Jackson", and centered around each man's deep Christian faith and the hope that their faith brought to them every day of their lives. Commander Hurley started his presentation using a quote from Revelation 21, verses 1-8, which is the ultimate reminder that good shall prevail over evil, light over darkness, and truth over error. He continued by stating, "We have assembled here in remembrance and solemn reverence for two of the most remarkable men the South ever produced – Robert Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathan Jackson. They left us a legacy of honor, duty, devotion, and Christian faith."

At the conclusion of Commander Hurley's presentation, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the camp, as well as a signed collection of books from author, camp founder and first Commander, and former Texas Division Commander John Perry.

As we always do, camp awards were presented by the Camp Commander, with the annual presentation of the George Hugh Ballentine Camp 1250 Memorial Service Award presented after the other camp awards. The 2024 recipients of the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 awards were as follows:

Albert Sidney Johnston Award – James Bozeman

John Bell Hood Award – Jonathan Bozeman and Jim Pederson

Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross Award – Herb Cowan, Randy Kodis, John Larson Jr., Sterling Szulwach, and Terry Tyler

Southern Belle Award – Traci Alger

Dixie Darling Award – Lezlie Bozeman, Diana Cowan, and Judy Tyler

The 2023 recipient of the George H. Ballentine Award, Michael Oliver, had the honor of presenting the award to the 2024 recipient, John L. Larson III. This award is awarded to the recipient by a vote of the camp, to the person the camp members feel did the most for the camp in the past year. John did most of the planning and legwork for not one, but two re-enactments last year.

After the Ballentine trophy was awarded, Camp Commander Jonathan Bozeman then awarded the non-camp member George H. Ballentine Award, consisting of a certificate and medal, to Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley.

Please see photos of the evening on the succeeding pages.

## PHOTOS FROM LEE-JACKSON BANQUET



**Guest Speaker  
Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley**



**Former Division Commander John Perry  
Making Special Presentation to Commander  
Michael Hurley**



**Recipient of Albert Sidney Johnston Award  
James Bozeman**



**Recipients of the John Bell Hood Award  
Jonathan Bozeman and Jim Pederson**



**Recipients of Lawrence "Sul" Ross Award  
Randy Kodis, Herb Cowan, Terry Tyler,  
John Larson Jr., and Sterling Szulwach**



**2023 Recipient Michael Oliver Announcing  
2024 Recipient of George Hugh Ballentine  
Camp 1250 Memorial Service Award**



**Recipient of Southern Belle Award  
Traci Alger**



**George Ballentine Award Recipient  
John L. Larson III**



**Recipient of Dixie Darling Award  
Judy Tyler and Diana Cowan**

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

February 14th is Valentine's Day, and romantics all over the world will be finding clever ways to express their love to their Valentine with chocolates and hearts and roses! This is not a federal or state holiday, but a holiday to celebrate love. And, thank goodness for greeting card companies like Hallmark. They help those of us not good with words, specifically poetry, to express our love to our Valentine in the sweetest of ways. But when it comes to love, I believe the Bible does a better job than Hallmark can ever do, because it talks about the great love of God! One of the best known verses in the Bible is John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We all know that God loves us; but the question is do we love God as we should? Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me; keep my commandments." That's how we express our love back to God the Father. But aside from that the Bible helps us to understand the real nature of this thing called LOVE.

### 1 Corinthians 13:

<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

<sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.



Notice several things Paul tells us about real Love:

**1. Real love does the right things for the right reasons.**

Anybody remember the TV show “Leave it to Beaver”? Do you remember the character Eddie Haskell? He would act one way around grown-ups and totally different around Wally and the Beaver. That’s called being two-faced or a hypocrite. Paul says in verses 1-3 that real love does things from a pure motive and to do otherwise profits nothing!

**2. Real love has certain attributes.**

All over the South, people say go get me a “coke” and anything cold and wet would do! Coke is a generic name for any kind of soda. But the Coca-Cola company spends millions of dollars to let us know that “Coke” is the real thing. Here in Texas, we have Dr Pepper, and nobody would confuse it with Coke. Paul says in verses 4-7 that real love has certain unmistakable qualities.

**3. Real love stands the test of time.**

Paul concludes this wonderful chapter on love in verse 13 by saying that in the end there are three essential things that will matter - FAITH, HOPE and LOVE - and the greatest of these is real love! God’s love for us is a love that endures. He always stands ready to forgive and to pardon if we will only turn to Him in trust and repentance.

In Christian Service,

James Bozeman  
Camp Chaplain



## Arlington Victory, Closing the Deal

Friends & Compatriots:

The new administration in Washington is rejecting the Woke ideology. This provides us an opportunity to launch a counterattack against the Woke ideologues who attacked our Southern Heritage. If we act decisively, we can restore Military Base names, once again allow Southern National Guard Units to display unit battle honors won during the “Civil War,” and restore the Arlington Reconciliation Monument.

Your assistance is needed to push this effort forward. Below is a link to the SCV’s One Click Politics system.

<https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/65s>

This system allows you to inform your U.S. Senators and Congressmen about the necessity of correcting the anti-American Woke agenda.

Read the SCV’s letter to Defense Secretary Hegseth at the Confederate Legion link:

<https://scvconfederatelegion.com/2025/01/30/letter-to-us-secretary-of-defense/>

Thank you for your willingness to help vindicate the Cause.

*Deo Vindice,*

Walter Donald Kennedy  
Commander-in-Chief, SCV 2024-26

# **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!**

**Happy Birthday to the following camp members:**

**Aaron Mullen – February 11**

**Robert Long – February 16**

**Danny Murphy – February 17**

**Wyatt Kodis – February 24**



## VALENTINE'S DAY HISTORY AND THE CIVIL WAR

When you think of Valentine's Day, what do you think of? Flowers, candy, red hearts, romance, or something else? Every February 14<sup>th</sup>, people in many places across the globe celebrate a day for lovers, all in the name of St. Valentine. But, who was St. Valentine, and how did these traditions get started? The Catholic Church has at least three saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend claims that Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome, during the rule of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius decreed that single men made better soldiers than married men because they would not worry about their wives and families back home and could concentrate on the task at hand. So, the Emperor outlawed the marriage of young men. Valentine saw the injustice in this decree, so legend says that he would help young lovers secretly get married. When Emperor Claudius discovered what he was doing, he sentenced him to death – first by beating, then by stoning, then finally, by beheading.

Another legend suggests Valentine may have been killed for helping Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. After being imprisoned himself, Valentine supposedly sent the first "valentine" to a young girl he fell in love with, possibly his jailor's daughter. He signed the letter "From Your Valentine", an expression still widely in use today. There are many other stories surrounding the legend of St. Valentine. Although the truth behind his legend is murky, he is remembered as a sympathetic, heroic, and romantic figure.

Some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the death and burial of St. Valentine, in approximately 270 AD. Others believe Valentine's Day was placed in the middle of February by the Christian church to have a feast day in place of the ancient pagan celebration of Lupercalia, traditionally celebrated on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and to Romulus and Remus, the twin founders of Rome. At the beginning of the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave believed to be where Romulus and Remus were reared by a she-wolf. The Luperci would sacrifice a goat (for fertility) and a dog (for purification). Next, they cut the hide of the goat into strips and dipped it into the sacrificial blood, afterward parading thru the streets of the city gently slapping the young women of the city with the hides. This was believed to make them more fertile for the coming year, so the women welcomed the touch of the hide. At the end of the day, all of the young women put their names into a large urn, after which the bachelors of the city would draw a name and be paired with the chosen woman. These pairings often ended in marriage.

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity in Rome, but was declared "un-Christian" in the late 5<sup>th</sup> century by Pope Gelasius, who declared February 14<sup>th</sup> as St. Valentine's Day. It was much later, during the Middle Ages, that St. Valentine's Day become associated with love. It was widely thought throughout England and France that February 14<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of birds' mating season, and doves, especially, were considered romantic.



Valentine greetings date back to the early Middle Ages. The oldest known written valentine dates back to 1415, and is still in existence today, in a collection of manuscripts at the British Library in London. It was written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture during the Battle of Agincourt. Today, over 1 billion valentines are exchanged each year worldwide, making Valentine's Day the second largest card giving holiday after Christmas.

Valentine's Day as we know it got its start in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, just prior to the Civil War. The practice of exchanging Valentine's greetings had gained popularity since the Revolutionary War; however, many of these greetings were just hand-written on plain parchment. In the 1840s, a young Boston woman named Esther Howland came up with the idea of mass-producing valentines while working in her father's stationary store. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine" gathered her friends together at her home, along with lace, ribbons, and colorful pictures, and made an assembly line of valentines that sold almost as quickly as they could produce them. During the Civil War, these valentines became a very popular way of sending loved ones greetings both to and from the battlefield. I have brought several examples with me.



Esther Howland

During the war, especially in the South, as access to paper and envelopes diminished, soldiers used whatever they could get their hands on to send greetings to their loved ones. One example is the hand-made heart-shaped valentine Confederate soldier Robert King sent home to his wife Louiza. He cut the shape out with his penknife, including what looked like random holes, then wove the two different colors of paper together into the shape of a heart. When Louiza received it, she realized the heart unfolded into the shape of two people sitting opposite each other, crying. This particular valentine is considered a

foreshadowing of Robert's death, as Louiza received word later that year that he had been killed in battle.



A very popular Valentine's Day tradition today is the exchange of chocolate. One of the most popular types was invented in the 1840s, and gained popularity during the Civil War – the heart shaped box. In Europe in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, most citizens enjoyed drinking chocolate, not eating it. Richard Cadbury, the son of the founder of England's Cadbury Chocolate Company, found a way to improve the chocolate making technique that consisted of extracting pure cocoa butter from whole beans, which produced a better tasting "drinking chocolate". This process resulted in an excess amount of cocoa butter, so Cadbury started to produce varieties of what he called "eating chocolate". Recognizing the market for his new chocolates, he started selling them in beautifully wrapped boxes decorated with flowers and cupids, and the heart-shaped box of chocolates was born.

Another popular Valentine's Day treat is the conversation heart. In 1847, a Boston pharmacist named Oliver Chase was looking for a unique way to get in on the apothecary lozenge craze. Lozenges were becoming very popular as the remedy of choice for sore throats and bad breath; however, making them was complicated and time consuming. Inspired by the machines that were revolutionizing the country as she industrialized, he invented America's first candy making machine. Oliver's machine took rolls of lozenge dough and pressed it into perfect discs. He abandoned his pharmacy business and started what would become the New England Confectionary Company, cranking out miles and miles of NECCO wafers. It is said that Civil War soldiers carried these wafers into battle with them, as they had become very popular and easy to obtain just before the war broke out. In 1866, Oliver's brother, Daniel, figured out a way to print greetings on the wafers using vegetable dye during the cutting process. They became a very popular way to stoke the flames of love, and the wafers with their witty messages became a Valentine's Day staple. In 1902, the now famous heart shaped candies first appeared after improvements to the machinery were made.

This is the story of how an ancient pagan tradition and the memory of a martyr became one of the world's most beloved days of celebration. And, best of all, the traditions of Valentine's Day have special significance during the time surrounding the Civil War.



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
*Army of Trans-Mississippi*



# ***ATM Field Day!***

***on the Battlefield!***

***Saturday April 5, 2025***

This year's event will be returning to the Mansfield Battle Park in Mansfield, La. This year's program with focus on the role of troops from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri as well as Partisan troops in the Red River Campaign!

So plan to spend the day celebrating our Honorable History and Heritage!

***Speakers!***



***Food!***



***Music!***



***Games!***



***Fellowship!***

***[www.scvtaylorcamp.com/atm.pdf](http://www.scvtaylorcamp.com/atm.pdf)***

## PRIVATE HOLT COLLIER

Born in 1846 to the Mississippi slave family of Harrison and Daphne Collier, Holt was one of probably 11 children. The Colliers were house servants to the prominent and influential Howell Hinds family at the Home Hill Plantation in Jefferson County. Holt spent his young years at Home Hill caring for the large pack of hounds that Hinds would take on hunts and Holt would sometimes go along.

When Holt was 10, Howell Hinds took him to another family property, Plum Ridge Plantation, to help attend Hinds' young son, Thomas. Plum Ridge, located in Washington County, was in a rugged wilderness area with huge stands of giant trees and thick cane, stinging insects, venomous snakes, alligators, wolves, panthers and bears. One of Holt's primary duties was to provide meat for the Plum Ridge plantation workers. He hunted with a 12-gauge shotgun, became an excellent marksman and could shoot equally well from either shoulder. While still just 10, Holt shot his first bear.



When the Civil War started Holt joined the Confederacy to be with his masters Howell and Thomas Hinds. He was only 14.

He then joined Company I of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, was involved in frequent action and served successfully as a military spy. After the war, Holt became a Texas cowboy for about one year, but returned to Mississippi and lived most of the rest of his life around Washington County and part of the original Hinds County, named for his master's family.



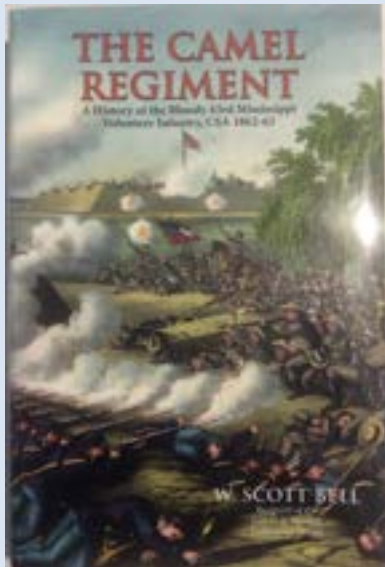
(Live Oak Cemetery, Greenville, Mississippi)

As the years passed, Holt became well known for his bear-hunting ability and is credited with killing over 3,000 bears – more than the number taken by Daniel Boone and Davy Crocket put together. It was the pursuit of black bear that brought President Theodore Roosevelt to Mississippi in 1902 and teamed him together with the then 56-year-old Holt Collier. Holt's unsurpassed expertise made the hunt a success even though the president would not shoot the large male bear that Holt single-handedly captured and tied to a tree. Instead, the incident was nationally publicized in editorial cartoons on the front page of the Washington Post. An enterprising New York store owner, Morris Michtom, saw the cartoon and created a stuffed toy he called "Teddy's bear." The popularity of the stuffed bear led to the formation of the Ideal Toy Company. And, when the Teddy bear turned 100 years old in 2002, Mississippi named it the official state toy. Holt Collier died on August 1, 1936, at 90 years of age. Holt was buried at Live Oak Cemetery in Greenville, Mississippi near the area where he killed his first bear.



# FROM THE BOOKSHELF

## **The Camel Regiment A History of the Bloody 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, CSA 1862-65**



**W. Scott Bell**

During the Civil War, few men had seen camels on the battlefield. But one Mississippi infantry marched into battle with Old Douglas, who served with the Bloody 43rd and died in the Siege of Vicksburg. The regiment became known as the Camel Regiment, and its soldiers carried memories of Old Douglas through the end of the war and until the end of their own lives. They went on to fight in fourteen Civil War battles, including Corinth, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and Bentonville, before they were surrendered at war's end.

# UPCOMING 2025 SCV REUNIONS



## 128th Texas Division Reunion – Sons of Confederate Veterans

The members of SVC Camp 2283, 34th Texas Cavalry and SCV Camp 1904, 2nd Texas Frontier along with TSOCR Chapters Painted Rose #66 and Cactus Rose #23 extend an invitation to all members of SCV Texas Division Camps and their guests to join us in Mineral Wells, Texas, June 6-8, 2025, for the 128th Reunion of the Texas Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

<https://scvtexas.org/128th-texas-division-reunion/>



## 130th Annual National Reunion – Sons of Confederate Veterans

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) 130th National Reunion, taking place from July 16-20, 2024, in the vibrant city of Houston, Texas. This milestone event promises to be a memorable gathering as we come together to honor our heritage, celebrate our shared history, and forge lasting connections.

<https://scv130.com/>

## **UPCOMING CAMP MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

**SPEAKER – DON SAWYER**

**COTTON PATCH CAFÉ**

**TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

**SOCIAL/DINNER @ 6:00 PM, MEETING @ 7:00 PM**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

**SPEAKER – JOHN PERRY**

**COTTON PATCH CAFÉ**

**TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

**SOCIAL/DINNER @ 6:00 PM, MEETING @ 7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**

**SPEAKER – JAMES BOZEMAN**

**COTTON PATCH CAFÉ**

**TEMPLE MALL, 3111 SOUTH 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

**SOCIAL/DINNER @ 6:00 PM, MEETING @ 7:00 PM**