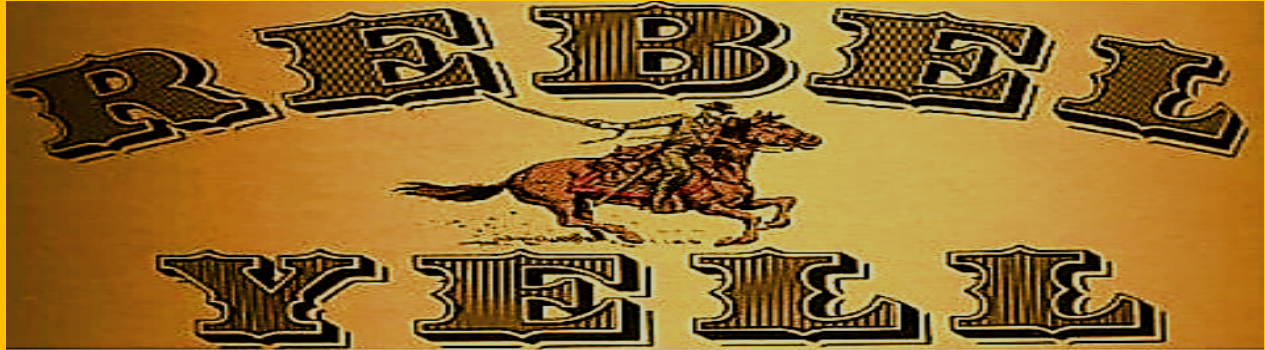




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Newsletter of the Texas Lonestar Greys (*The Biggest Little Camp in Texas!*)
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1953, San Antonio and Schertz, Texas
Our Brothers in the Sul Ross Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Serving our members in; Parts of the Hill Country, East Bexar County, Western Guadalupe County, and Eastern Wilson County, Texas.



REVISED Again in 2015 July and August dedicated to The Texas Lone Star Greys and named for the Cry that chilled the Hearts of the Intruders, brought Joy to the True Believers, and Echoes still heard in the Hollowed Valleys, Plains, Forests, Swamps, Bayous, Rivers, Shores, and Upland Reaches (Hills and Hollers) of the BELOVED SOUTHLAND!

VOLUME VIII (*YES, THIS IS THE TENTH YEAR of the REVISED PUBLICATION*),

Number 7; Vol. 7 (more or less ok; likely 10 now), JULY 2025

Rules for Contributions: This newsletter will post meeting information on past, present, and future meetings and activities; announcements from other camps in our area; articles (please use sources); editorials or comments will be accepted but they must be acceptable **ABSOLUTELY: no bigotry or racial prejudice will be accepted** this is an organization for **HERITAGE NOT HATE**; if you are interested in buying or selling items of organizational interest your announcement is encouraged; finally if you want to include historical trivia related to southern heritage feel free to submit (include your source); **CAMP STAFF**

MEETING: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by **Commander Juan Ramirez**. **Camp Chaplain Mike Reynolds** gave the invocation prayer. **Pledge to the US flag**, the **Texas flag**, and a salute to the **Confederate flag** were led by **Camp Adjutant Roy Poole**. *The Charge* was read by **Commander Juan Ramirez**. A warm welcome to our guest, **Miss Katy Reynolds**, and camp member **Mike Eighinger**. Katy is a regular visitor at our meetings, and we always welcome her attendance. Mike Eighinger is a member of our camp who resides in Oklahoma. We had a nice visit. Mike, will try to make our Christmas social this year.

The **Adjutant Report** was given by **Roy Poole**. The financial statement shows a current balance of \$2756.58.

Announcements: The Medina Greys Camp; Invite all camp members to attend the Leakey Parade on July 5 at 9 AM and ride in their float.

Old business, Texas division election results: Texas division Commander Shelby, Little. First Lieutenant Commander Jim Cox, Second Lieutenant Commander Bob Hazelwood, and Third Lieutenant Commander Cody Crislip. The 2027 reunion site will be Granbury, Texas. John McCammon and Roy Poole will represent the LONESTAR Greys as delegates at the national SCV reunion in Houston, Texas, on July 17 through the 20th.

New business: Confederate soldiers, foreign-born, Northern-born, as well as various ethnicities. The LONESTAR Greys will begin identifying graves of Confederate veterans who were born elsewhere and still fought for the South. The graves will be identified with a Confederate flag and a flag from their home country or state of birth.

Camp elections will be held in November.

The Program: *Thomas J Jackson* was presented by **Juan Ramirez**

Mike Reynolds offered the **Benediction prayer**. Then we all say *Dixie* before concluding for the night.

Juan Ramirez

Juan Ramirez

Commander,

Texas LONESTAR Greys



BE HAPPY, THANKFUL, and SAFE

NEXT MEETING: NEXT MEETING: 17 July 2025 at 6:30 PM (1830); however, we gather at 6:00 PM (1800) to socialize, order food, and set up for the meeting. The meeting location will be at Casa Jalisco, 6846 US Highway, 87E, China Grove, Texas. Guests and family members are always welcome, and please bring a friend or interested party, you know, possible new members. As of this publishing time, we do not have program information, so watch your email or your caller ID. **NOTE: Be flexible on the meeting date, as it will likely change due to the date of the National Reunion at Houston.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:



News: new Texas division Commander Shelby, Little, First Lieutenant Commander Jim Cox elected, second Lieutenant Commander, Bob Hazelwood, elected third lieutenant Commander Cody Crislip ran unopposed.



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GUNSHOWS: FLORESVILLE GUN SHOW: Jul 19th – 20th, 2025; Hours Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Admission; *SPECIAL WEEKEND PASS,* Adult: \$10.00, Military: \$9.00, Children 11 and under are FREE, Uniformed Peace Officers: FREE, FREE PARKING! LOCATION: Floresville Event Center 600 TX-97, Floresville, TX 78114; Vendor 300+ Tables 8ft Tables \$90.00/each. AND NEW BRAUNFELS GUN SHOW Jul 26th – 27th, 2025 Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Admission: General: \$10.00 Weekend Pass, Good for both days. Children 11 & under: Free; LOCATION: New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center 375 S Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130, Vendors 6ft Tables \$90.00/each.


GO YE FORTH AND EDUCATE THE IGNORANT AND NON-BELIEVERS.



ATM Commandeer and Texas LONESTAR Greys member John McCammon addresses the 2025 Texas Division at Mineral Springs.



Camp Commander Juan Ramirez reads a citation from the Texas Division for the *Texas Lonestar Greys* of the 6th (the biggest little camp in Texas of the South Texas Brigade), Texas Brigade, receiving a four-star rating in the Texas Division, and displays the certificate suitable for framing, Roy Poole and Roy Taubert receiving well-earned medals for their hard work and dedication to the cause (*U dun gud boys*), and the Camp poses in front of the new Camp flag; left to right Mike Reynolds, Roy Taubert, back row standing-, Paul Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, William Bostic, front row-kneeling (old dudes with bad knees too) Roy Poole, Rusty Harris, John McCammon, and Mike Eighinger.



We will run a Southern trivia contest periodically, as in the past, and the winner will win a selected prize. This month's prizes will be a Camp Challenge Coin and a *Burnet Flag* in the event of a tie or close second. If you are not an area resident, we will mail your prize. Here are our questions. Please send your answers to either Juan Ramirez or "YELL" editor Rusty Harris, or write them down and bring them to the July meeting. Commander Juan Ramirez has donated the prize.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What Confederate general served as the United States Vice-President before the War Between the States (in fact, he was the only sitting Vice-President to serve the Confederacy)?
 - a) Harry S. Truman
 - b) John C. Breckinridge
 - c) Theodore Roosevelt
 - d) John Tyler
2. Which Confederate general was known as the "*Stonewall of the West*" (hint: he was an Irish immigrant who commanded troops in both the Trans-Mississippi and the Army of Tennessee)?
 - a) Walter P. Lane
 - b) Joseph Finnegan
 - c) Patrick R. Cleburne
 - d) William M. Browne
3. What Confederate general is lamented as "*the general whose star never shined*" due to his being killed in battle?
 - a) James Ewell Brown (JEB) Stuart
 - b) Roger W. Hanson
 - c) Albert Sydney Johnston
 - d) Ambrose Powell Hill (AP Hill)
4. Which non-seceding Southern state birthed both the President of the Confederate States of America and the United States of America?
 - a) Maryland
 - b) West Virginia
 - c) Kentucky
 - d) Missouri
5. Texas Trivia: What was the actual unit designation of Colonel (Acting General) Santos Benavides' Texas Confederate Cavalry Regiment?
 - a) 33d Texas Cavalry Regiment
 - b) 3d Texas Cavalry Regiment
 - c) The Benavides Regiment, Texas Cavalry
 - d) 26th Texas Cavalry Regiment
6. In what battle did the Cadet Corps of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) engage and charge Union forces, helping to win a much-needed or crucial victory (hit, the battle occurred on May 15, 1864)?
 - a) Philippi
 - b) Cross Keys
 - c) Winchester
 - d) New Market
7. Which former Confederate generals served as U.S. Generals during the Spanish-American War (this includes the follow-on Philippines Insurrection Campaign)?
 - a) Matthew Calbraith Butler
 - b) Fitzhugh Lee
 - c) Thomas Rosser
 - d) Joseph Wheeler
 - e) All of the Above
8. Local Trivia: Who ultimately commanded the Confederate Arsenal at San Antonio?
 - a) Colonel John Salmon "RIP" Ford
 - b) Captain Trevanion T. Teel
 - c) COL John R. Baylor

d) MAJ John Hermann Kampmann

9. While the Yankees had their famous "*Iron Brigade*," the Confederacy, too, had its "*Iron Brigade*" *hint it was made up of Missouri and Arkansas horsemen. Rather than surrender, they crossed the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass. Which Confederate general commanded this illustrious brigade? (Hint: he was from Lexington, Kentucky, and a boyhood friend of John Hunt Morgan)
- a) John Hunt Morgan
 - b) Joseph Orville Shelby
 - c) Fletcher Stockdale
 - d) Hylan B. Lyon
10. Area trivia: What company of the 4th Texas Infantry Regiment recruited, organized, And received rudimentary initial military training at the location?
- a) Name the town. LaVernia, Wilson County, Texas
 - b) Give the company's designation and its nickname:

BONUS: What battle (actually a series of fights) fought on 29-30 August 1862 it ended in the most lop-sided Confederate battlefield victory of the war (hint: the Confederate forces include Texans, Arkansans, Tennesseans, a regiment of Louisiana cavalry, and a company of Kentucky Independent Cavalry?

Name the Battle:

TIE BREAKER: Local Trivia; Who is a famous Texas Ranger and Confederate Colonel buried at the San Antonio Confederate Cemetery?

Name?

Him:



***CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Originally Contributed or Inspired by Sanford Reed, 6th (South Texas) Brigade and past Texas Division Chaplain (National SCV Genealogist) and our Camp Chaplain, the late Tom Gulon. This issue, Compatriot Sanford Reed, inspires us spiritually by touching our hearts and souls with a patriotic-inspired prayer. Thank you, Chaplain Reed, and our departed Brother, Tom Gulon. Our Current Camp Chaplain, Mike Reynolds, gives us spiritual inspiration, and his efforts are always welcome and deeply appreciated. ***



George Washington and Robert E. Lee in prayer, no further explanation is needed as we are a spiritual people

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.

On this day, we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come.

We thank You for our independence, peace, and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people, we have not always chosen the right way.

We ask You to forgive us for these times.

On this day, we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.

With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people,

A holy nation,

A people set aside to love You forever,

For the sake of the land of the brave and free,

And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.

Our land is in need of You,

Our people are in need of You,

Our industry and business is in need of You.

May we look only to You

This Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,
 Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.
 May justice flow like rivers,
 And righteousness like a never-failing stream,
 Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory,
 As the waters cover the sea.
 We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,
 Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.
 One God, now and for all eternity.
 Amen.

"If we were wrong in our contest, then the Declaration of Independence of 1776 was a grave mistake, and the revolution to which it led was a crime. If Washington was a patriot, Lee could not have been a rebel." Lieutenant General Wade Hampton, CSA (after the war,
 a United States Senator)

GOD BLESS AMERICA, and ALL VETERANS ARE EQUAL!

HOPE Y'ALL HAD A SAFE AND REVERENT INDEPENDENCE DAY Compatriots!!!!

Mike Reynolds
 Mike Reynolds,
 Texas Lone Star Greys,
 Camp Chaplain

***NOTE: the insignia for the Confederate Christian Chaplains used by the Confederate army we also included a symbol of all our Old Testament predecessors and used the U.S. Army Jewish Chaplain branch insignia the Confederate army included thousands of Jewish soldiers they had no official chaplain corps rather local Rabbis filled in when possible and soldiers who took it upon themselves to hold services. Since we have some Jewish Compatriots in the SCV we could not overlook their faith.



SOUTHERN CULTURE, HUMOR, PRIDE, and PRINT

The Concord Hymn
By That Yankee: Ralph Waldo Emerson

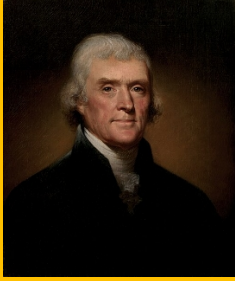
By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
 Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
 Here once the embattled farmers stood,
 And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
 Alike the conqueror, silent sleeps;
 And Time the ruined bridge has swept
 Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
 We set today a votive stone;
 That memory may their deed redeem,
 When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
 To die and leave their children free,
 Bid Time and Nature gently spare
 The shaft we raise to them and thee.

This short poem of Emerson's credits and rightly so, the American farmer who, through many trials and tribulations, engaged the British army and at great sacrifice won our independence from Great Britain. Likewise, we read the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who highlighted the ride of Revere and how men from tiny villages and family farms rallied to fire the "shot heard around the world." These historic works, while celebrating New England taking the lead in launching a revolution but it was the South that gave the movement strength and leadership to complete the job. The American Revolution was won in the South. Here are just a few examples of those who carried the Revolution forward to its victorious conclusion.



Thomas Jefferson of Virginia wrote the Declaration of Independence, which created a new nation, until the war was won and the Constitution was written and adopted.



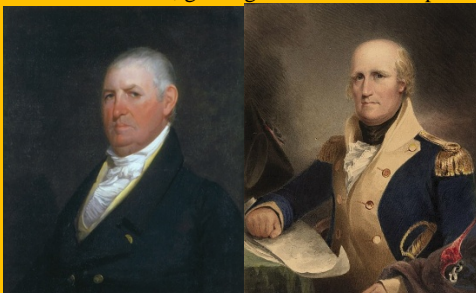
George Washington of Virginia led the Continental Army, comprised of farmers and villagers, molding it into an army that was eventually able to stand toe to toe with the British army.



Patrick Henry of Virginia, whose fiery rhetoric inspired many freedom-seeking American colonists when he said, *“Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”* Henry, as with Jefferson, remained a citizen soldier, a militiaman for the duration of the war.



Francis Marion, known in history as *The Swamp Fox*; **Andrew Pickens**, also known as *The Wizard Owl*; and **Thomas Sumter**, known as the *Gamecock*: these men carried on the war in South Carolina and North Carolina, waging a relentless guerrilla war, buying time for the Continental Army to recoup its losses. These energetic and efficient citizen soldiers forced most of the British forces to retreat out of the Carolinas to Yorktown in Virginia, allowing George Washington to besiege British forces, thus forcing them to surrender, gaining our national independence.



Isaac Shelby led independent mountaineers at the Battle of King’s Mountain in 1780, defeating British-led Tory loyalists in South Carolina, decisively defeating them, paving the way for further victories in the southern colonies. **George Rogers Clark** led a

force of Virginia and Kentucky militia volunteers into Indiana and Ohio, capturing British garrisons that had been equipping and leading Indians on devastating raids along the colonial frontier, relieving the Continental forces from guarding an extra flank.



On October 19, 1781, British forces surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, ending the Revolutionary War, gaining American independence. the war was won in the South.



CONFEDERATE CONNECTIONS TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE US

CSA President Jefferson Davis was the son of a soldier in the American Revolution.

Vice President Alexander H. Stephens was the grandson of a soldier in the Revolution.

General R.E. Lee was the son of a cavalry general in the Revolution and the nephew of two signers of the Declaration of Independence. His wife was the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington.

Samuel Cooper, Jr., ranking general of the CSA, was the son of a Revolutionary officer from Massachusetts. He was born in New Jersey and appointed to West Point from New York. His wife was the granddaughter of the Virginia Revolutionary statesman George Mason. Her brother was the Confederate minister to Great Britain, James M. Mason.

William Henry Chase, who commanded the Florida state forces in the early days of the Confederacy, was a native of Maine and was the great-nephew of John Hancock, a famous signer of the Declaration of Independence from Massachusetts.

Brigadier General Hylan B. Lyon, CSA, was born in Kentucky, but his grandfather, Matthew Lyon, was a congressman from Vermont who was one of the few strong supporters of Jefferson in New England and was famous for having been prosecuted under the Sedition Act. (Lyon was a West Point graduate who served in one of the Seminole Wars and in Washington Territory commanded the Kentucky Brigade under Forrest and led a series of raids into Kentucky during the Nashville Campaign. Yell Staff)

Brigadier General and Secretary of War George W. Randolph was the grandson of Thomas Jefferson.

Brigadier General James E. Slaughter was the grand-nephew of James Madison.

Major General Daniel S. Donelson was the nephew of Andrew Jackson.

Brigadier General Lucius M. Walker was the nephew of President James K. Polk.

General Joseph O. Shelby, a native of Kentucky, was the great-grandson of Isaac Shelby, who defeated the British at King's Mountain and was the first elected governor of Kentucky. By the way, rather than surrender, Joseph Shelby led his command to Mexico, crossing the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass, Texas. The place where he and his men crossed is Shelby Park. **Lieutenant General Richard Taylor, CSA**, was the son of General and President Zachary Taylor and the grandson of a Revolutionary officer.

Lieutenant General Leonidas Polk's father was a Revolutionary War colonel as was his maternal grandfather.

Major General Matthew C. Butler was the nephew, on his mother's side, of the great Connecticut naval heroes, Oliver Hazard Perry and Matthew Calbraith Perry. Butler's wife was the great-granddaughter of the Revolutionary General Andrew Pickens. (General Matthew Calbraith Butler served as a Brigadier General during the Spanish-American War. he was symbolic of a unified nation and worked toward the building of an emerging America as a world power. Yell Staff)

A number of the early heroes of the US Navy were Southerners like Stephen Decatur. Most of the rest of the outstanding naval officers were from the Middle States and almost none from New England, though New England was supposedly the most seafaring

part of the Union. The US Marine Corps, from its beginning to the War, was mostly led and manned by Southerners. After his experience before the mast, Herman Melville, author of *Moby Dick*, contrasted Southern navy officers very favorably with others for their decency and fairness to lower ranks.

Major General David E. Twiggs was the son of General John Twiggs of the Revolution.

Brigadier General Hugh W. Mercer was the grandson of Revolutionary General Hugh Mercer.

General Joseph E. Johnston, CSA, was the son of a Revolutionary army colonel.

Major General Benjamin Huger's grandfather was a Revolutionary officer and a friend of Lafayette.

Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton was descended from one of the prominent first settlers of Pennsylvania.

Brigadier General William Nelson Pendleton's forebears included Thomas Nelson, Revolutionary governor of Virginia and signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Virginia patriot Edmund Pendleton.

At least two grandsons and many other relatives of Patrick Henry served in the Confederate army.

President John Tyler was a member of the Confederate Congress, and his son Robert was Treasurer of the Confederate States.

Lieutenant General Richard H. Anderson, CSA, was the grandson of a Revolutionary officer.

Lieutenant General D.H. Hill was the grandson of a Revolutionary officer.

Lewis A. Washington, a grandnephew of George Washington, was one of the people slaughtered by John Brown on his raid on Harpers Ferry. (Brown stole a sword of George Washington's, which he regarded as a talisman.)

The father of General Edmund Kirby Smith, CSA, was a distinguished War of 1812 officer from Connecticut, and his brother, a colonel, was killed in action in the Mexican War.

Major General Joseph B. Kershaw was the grandson of a Revolutionary officer.

Lieutenant General Wade Hampton's grandfather was a Colonel in the Revolution and a general in the War of 1812.

Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall was the grandson of the first US Senator from Kentucky. (Humphrey Marshall was a U.S. Congressman, a West Point graduate, served in both the Black Hawk War and the War with Mexico, a Confederate general, and a member of the Confederate Congress. Yell Staff)

Major General John C. Breckinridge, besides being Vice-President of the US, had a grandfather who was an early Senator from Kentucky and a member of Jefferson's cabinet. (Breckinridge was a veteran of the War with Mexico, a US Congressman and senator, commanded the famed 1st Kentucky "Orphan" Brigade, and was the last Confederate Secretary of War. Yell Staff)

Brigadier General Turner Ashby's grandfather was an officer in the Revolution.

The father of Brigadier General William Carroll, CSA, was a general in the War of 1812.

Brigadier General Henry A. Wise was the son-in-law of John Sergeant, distinguished Pennsylvania political leader and candidate for Vice-president of the U.S. (Conrad Wise Chapman was the "artist of the Confederacy" known for many of his paintings including one of the submarine H.L. Hunley also served in the 1st Kentucky "Orphan" Brigade and Virginia units. Yell Staff)

Brigadier General William Preston, CSA, was the grandson of two Revolutionary officers. (Preston was a veteran of the War with Mexico and US Congressman, US Minister to Spain [Ambassador], and helped recruit and organize fellow Kentuckians for the Confederacy. he commanded troops in the field and was a Confederate agent to Mexico. Yell Staff)

Brigadier General Bradley T. Johnson, CSA, was the grandson of a Revolutionary officer.

John P. MacLay, General of Louisiana State forces in the Confederacy, came from a family who were the leading Jeffersonians in western Pennsylvania, including an important Senator.

Brigadier General Lewis A. Armistead had a father and four uncles who fought in the War of 1812.

Robert W. Johnson, member of the Confederate Congress from Arkansas, was the nephew of Richard M. Johnson, Vice President of the US

The father of Brigadier General Thomas F. Drayton was born in St. Augustine, where his family had been exiled because of Revolutionary activities.

Revolutionary War General William Henry's son, Gustavus, was a member of the Confederate Congress from Kentucky and his grandson was a Confederate colonel.

William R. Caswell, a Confederate officer from Tennessee, was the grandson of North Carolina Revolutionary War general and Governor Richard Caswell.

The great American painter James McNeill Whistler, though born in Massachusetts, was a Confederate sympathizer, which partly explains why he spent his life in Europe, according to a recent biography. His brother was a Confederate surgeon.

The words to the US national anthem were written by Francis Scott Key, as is well known. Less well-known is that his grandson,

Francis Key Howard, was one of the Marylanders imprisoned by Lincoln for Southern sympathies. Howard was also the grandson of Col. John Eager Howard, commander of the famous Maryland Line in the Revolutionary War. Another Francis Scott Key grandson was Richard Hammond Key, a Confederate soldier who died in a Yankee prison camp. **(Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan was related to Francis Scott Key; in fact, his youngest brother Key Morgan was named for the relative. Yell Staff)**

This is just to scratch the surface. This list of Confederate family connections to the American Revolution and the early development of America could be expanded for many pages. This is not even to touch on the political and military leaders of the Confederacy who were themselves or whose close relatives were leaders in the 19th century before the War:

The list includes many unmentioned Senators, Congressmen, cabinet members, jurists, diplomats, soldiers, educators, clergy, and many others.

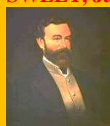
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TEXAS and CONFEDERATE HISTORY

Several years back, the TEXAS LONESTAR GREYS, with help from individuals from area camps, launched the Los Tejanos Rebeldes Project, which by the way is ongoing. The success of the Los Tejanos Rebeldes Project led to a new project that includes: FOREIGN-BORN TEXAS CONFEDERATES, also includes TEJANOS, JEWISH, Black, and Native American, and Texas Confederates not stereotyped as Ethnically Anglo-Saxon, as well as Northern-born Texans who served the Confederacy. This project is well under way with a few hundred area men identified along with their burial site. This is an educational project of sorts to be used not only to identify these men but to counter criticisms and accusations regarding the make-up of Confederate armed forces, not to mention dispelling derisive mythology. We have various programs geared to a positive outcome and to educate open-minded folks. Programs and events will be announced well ahead of time to allow for planning to attend said activity. Meantime, we have included some of those Veterans in this issue.

SWEET, James Robert



James Robert Sweet; Born in Nova Scotia, CANADA, immigrated from St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada to Texas in 1849. Bought land in what became Alamo Heights in Bexar County, building a large home there that was later purchased by George W. Brackenridge. The land is also the site of Incarnate Word College (University) and Brackenridge Park. Sweet sold the land to George W. Brackenridge, a Unionist who left Texas during the war, only to return after hostilities ended. Sweet served twice as mayor of San Antonio from January 1855 to January 1856 and January 1859 to May 1862, when he resigned to join the Confederate army. Initially serving as a **1LT in the 33d Texas Cavalry Regiment (Duff's)**, seeing duty from the Rio Grande Valley to the Brazos and Trinity River regions. **Sweet was one of the numerous Confederates who fled to Mexico**, fearing harsh retribution by Federal authorities, but returned to San Antonio in 1867. Sweet reached the rank of **LTC in the Confederate army** and is **buried in San Antonio City Cemetery Number 1**. Sweet was also editor and publisher of the now-defunct newspaper *The San Antonio Herald*. SOURCES: THOMPSON, Jerry D., editor and José Roberto Juarez, translator, *Tejanos in Gray*, Texas A&M University Press, College Station, 2011, pp. 102-103. And, S. W. Pease, "Sweet, James R.," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed February 10, 2024, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/sweet-james-r>. Published by the Texas State Historical Association. FINDAGRAVE, NPSCWSSSS Also, Frances Donecker, "*San Antonio Herald*," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed February 10, 2024, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/san-antonio-herald>. Published by the Texas State Historical Association, and Korte, Joan Marston, and Peché, David L., *Downtown San Antonio*, Images of America series, Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, South Carolina, 2012, pg.28.

SEFFEL, Frank Anton Sr.: PVT, Company B, 3rd Regiment, Texas Infantry, **Birth, 7 Dec 1843, Liberec, Okres Liberec, Liberec, Czechia (Present-day CZECH Republic)**, Death 15 Nov 1905 (aged 61), San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, **Burial Dignowity Cemetery, San Antonio**, Bexar County, Texas, Plot Section B, Row 12. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, USNPSCWSSSS.

OGE, Louis Adolph:



33rd Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Duff's Partisan Rangers) via NPSCWSSSS. **BIRTH-17 Oct 1832 FRANCE-DEATH-26 Jul 1915 (aged 82)** San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, **BURIAL -Alamo Masonic Cemetery San Antonio**, Bexar County, Texas. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE and NPSCWSSSS.

BASSE, Charles Phillip August Adolph "Karl": PVT, F/S, 1st Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Yager's) (1st Mounted Rifles



Birth 7 Mar 1839 Brandenburg, GERMANY – Death 7 Oct 1889 (aged 50) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, Burial St. John's Lutheran Cemetery Old, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. SOURCE: Findagrave and USNPSCWSSSS.

TOEPPERWEIN, Emil Albrecht Ferdinand:



PVT, 6th Texas Field Battery and Dege's Battalion Texas Field Artillery CSA; BIRTH-22 Nov 1841 (HIS YOUNGER BROTHER AND AN OLDER BROTHER WERE BORN IN GERMANY, and served in Confederate forces)-DEATH-5 Oct 1882 (aged 40) BURIAL-City Cemetery #1, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE and NPSCWSSSS.

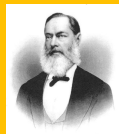
DEUTSCH, Solomon, 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade, C.S.A., wounded; served until end of war,



BIRTH-4 Jul 1843-DEATH-16 Jan 1890 (aged 46) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, BURIAL-Temple Beth El Cemetery San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE and Wolf pg. 384.

HALAMUDA, Albert: PVT, Bugler, Company I; 36th Texas Cavalry Regiment (Wood's), Frances Halamuda; soldier's wife received a Texas Confederate Veteran Widow's Pension, her pension# 11711 Bexar County, BIRTH-14 Jul 1844 probably POLAND-DEATH-11 Oct 1894 (aged 50) BURIAL-Saint Michaels Polish Catholic Cemetery Bexar County, Texas. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, Texas Confederate Veteran Pension List, and NPSCWSSSS. NEW APRIL 2021

DR. GEORGE CUPPLES



Scottish immigrant Dr. George Cupples

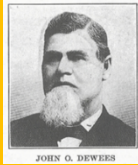
George Cupples; Via FINDAGRAVE; was born in Berwick County, Scotland, a son of Camilla Campbell and Robert Cupples. He served two years as assistant surgeon with the British Auxiliary Legion and he graduated from the University of Edinburgh in August 1838, in the field of medicine. From 1839 to 1843, he studied at the University of Paris. He moved to Texas in 1844 with his first wife, Alexia Bourland Cupples, whom he had married in 1843. He settled in San Antonio, Texas as a member of Castro's colony. He was a surgeon for the Second Regiment under Jack C. Hays during the Mexican War and he served as first surgeon of the Seventh Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States." And Cupples became chief surgeon and Medical Director for the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, C.S.A. He also served as a San Antonio alderman and a Bexar County commissioner. He is buried in San Antonio City Cemetery Number 4. **SOURCES: THOMPSON, Jerry D., editor and José Roberto Juarez, translator, Tejanos in Gray, Texas A&M University Press, College Station, 2011, pp 109-110. FINDAGRAVE, and Robert Read Nixon, "Cupples, George," Handbook of Texas Online, accessed February 09, 2024, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/cupples-george>. Published by the Texas State Historical Association. Also, NPSCWSSSS.**

PETERSON, Godfrey: BIRTH-1 Apr 1847 SWEDEN-DEATH-15 Aug 1934 (aged 87) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, BURIAL - Confederate Cemetery San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, Narrative via Findagrave; "From his obituary (San Antonio Express News Aug. 8, 1934: Joining the Confederate army at the age 14, he was wounded at Huntsville, Ala., in one of the final battles of the war. He was a native of Sweden, but had lived in this country since childhood. Capt. Peterson served as adjutant of the Albert Sidney Johnson Camp, United Confederate Veterans, for many years. He was at one time postmaster of Fort Sam Houston, receiving his appointment from President Wilson." Godfrey Peterson; Texas Confederate Pension Number-46787 -Bexar County. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE and Texas Confederate Veteran Pension List.

LAAGER, Phil Henry: "Served Company H, 3rd Regiment, Texas Infantry for the Confederacy during the Civil War," Birth 19 Mar 1831, Raron, Bezirk Raron, Valais, SWITZERLAND, Death 19 Mar 1885 (aged 54), San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, Burial Odd Fellows Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, SOURCES: Findagrave.

NIGGLI, PVT Rudolph: PVT, Bexar Guards, 30th Texas Brigade, TST, CSA, enlisted: 1 Jul 1861 and Company H; 3d Texas Infantry Regiment CSA. **BIRTH-21 Apr 1823 SWITZERLAND DEATH-13 Dec 1886 (aged 63) BURIAL -Hermann Sons Cemetery - Harmonia Lodge #1 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, PLOT-Row 5, Stone 1. SOURCE: FINDAGRAVE.**

DEWEES, William Preston: McCord's Frontier Regiment, Texas Cavalry, CSA



BIRTH-2 Jan 1842 East Dundee, Kane County, ILLINOIS-DEATH-18 Jan 1905 (aged 63) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, BURIAL - San Fernando Cemetery #3 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Mrs. Nellie Dewees; Texas Confederate Veteran Widow's Pension #3283, SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, NPCWSSSS, and Texas Confederate Veteran Pension List. 7.

HATHAWAY, Gilbert B.: SGT and 2LT Company A; 15th Texas Cavalry CSA,



BIRTH-11 May 1835 NEW YORK-DEATH-28 Mar 1912 (aged 76) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, BURIAL-City Cemetery #3 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Texas Confederate Veteran Pension # 07758, Bexar County, Texas. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, NPCWSSSS, and Texas Confederate Veteran Pension List.

KOKERNOT, David Levi: SGT, Company I, 2nd Regiment, Texas Infantry, CSA:



BIRTH 28 Dec 1805 AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND-DEATH 10 Dec 1892 (aged 86) BURIAL Kokernot Cemetery Kokernot, Gonzales County, Texas. Kokernot was born in Amsterdam, Holland of Jewish parents (Moses Levi van der Beugel Kokernot & Elizabeth Cohen), immigrating with his family to Louisiana. Former U.S. Revenue Cutter Service (U.S. Coast Guard) Warrant Officer, served in the Texas Revolution beginning with the Anahuac disorders later fought in the actions at Concepcion and the Grass Fight. He served as a courier up to the Runaway Scrape and San Jacinto, obtaining permission from Sam Houston to evacuate his family Kokernot likely did not return to the army until just after victory at San Jacinto. While the army was rounding up General Santa Anna's escaping troops, Houston detailed Kokernot to recruit a company of men to collect cattle and horses as well as hunt-down American collaborators of Santa Anna, this would later cause Captain Kokernot trouble in coming years as he and his men were accused of stealing livestock and being overzealous with rounding up collaborators, Sam Houston later defended the captain in court where Kokernot was cleared of any charges leveled against him. Following Texas independence Kokernot became a captain of a Texas Ranger company serving at various times until the outbreak of the War Between the States. Initially Mr. Kokernot joined Company I; 2d Texas Infantry Regiment as a sergeant and served in Louisiana he later returned to Texas and served in the Lavaca County Home Guards. Both before and after the war he was a cattle rancher and at some point, he converted to Christianity although his parents were practitioners of the Jewish faith. His son Levi Moses served in Confederate forces from 1861-1865 in one of the most celebrated Confederates cavalry regiments; Company I; 8th Texas Cavalry Regiment known as Terry's Texas Rangers. **SOURCES:** Kent Gardien, "**Kokernot, David Levi,**" *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed March 15, 2023, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/kokernot-david-levi>. Published by the Texas State Historical Association., *The Eastern Texas News, Palestine, Tex., May 14, 1881*. Orton, Wanda, "**David Levi Kokernot,**" TEXAS ESCAPES, accessed March 15, 2023, <https://www.texasescapes.com>, FINDAGRAVE, and NPCWSSSS.

ALLEY (ALI): Mohamed: PVT, Texas Confederate Cavalry, CSA;



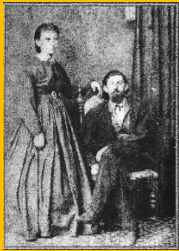
BIRTH-DATE IS UNKNOWN; Born in TURKEY or SYRIA, immigrated to Texas before the war; DEATH Nov 1885; BURIAL - Nockenut Cemetery, Nockenut, Wilson County, Texas. Served in the Confederate Army. SOURCES: Findagrave and Confederate Service Record (via: Sanford Reed-Genealogist).

FINTO, John: Company D; 5th Texas Regiment CSA, (Hood's Texas Brigade);

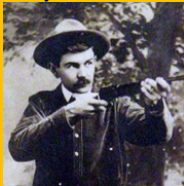


Birth-21 Nov 1831 HUNGARY-Death-12 Jan 1905 (aged 73) Wilson County, Texas, Burial -Fairview Cemetery Fairview, Wilson County, Texas John FINTO served during the Hungarian Revolution before coming to this country in about 1854, then served in Co D of the 5th Texas Regiment during the Civil War. Some records have his name as Finta, which may have been the original spelling. He married Lorinda LOCKE on February 10, 1866, in Bexar County, TX. He was known to live off Cibolo Creek near Wetmore in Bexar County. Lorinda died in 1881 and is buried in Coker Cemetery in San Antonio. John remarried on July 30, 1887, to Mary Irwin. **SOURCE: FINDAGRAVE.com and Texas CSA Veteran Pension List. Finto, John (Texas CSA Veteran Pension number: 05962).**

TOEPPERWEIN Emil Albrecht Ferdinand: PVT Dege's Battalion, Texas Light Artillery/ 6th Field Battery, Texas Light Artillery



BIRTH 22 November 1841 Germany - DEATH 5, October 1882 (aged 40) BURIAL City Cemetery #1 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, **SOURCE: FINDAGRAVE and NPSCWSSSS. NOTE:** Emil Albrecht Ferdinand Toepperwein was also the father of famous Texas exhibition shooter **Adolph "Ad" Toepperwein**. "Ad" Toepperwein was the nation's favorite crowd-drawing exhibition shooter that spanned forty years. he retired in 1951 but held nationally recognized shooting camps across Texas that not only emphasized good marksmanship but also safety as well. "Ad" Toepperwein died in 1962 and was buried at Mission Burial Park South in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.



"Ad" Toepperwein

These are a few of the men we have researched and listed. we are primarily researching counties in the greater San Antonio area and the project has, as mentioned, listed several hundred men, and the list continues to grow.



OPEDS: the pen is mightier than the sword; Therefore, keep your inkwells full and your swords sharpened!



Many of us grew up listening to the late great conservative editorialist and, dare we say, politically conservative philosopher, Paul Harvey, whose *"rest of the story"* was a feature on many radio stations and later in his life on TV. He was also a noted speaker and columnist who even the liberal rags would publish due to his common-sensical approach to the conservative viewpoint. Somehow, we thought this might be appropriate in these difficult days. In this resurrected OP-ED, Harvey signals there is always hope despite the appearance of dire conditions.

'If I were the devil'

I would set about, however necessary, to take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first, and I would begin with a campaign of whispers.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves and nations at war with themselves until each, in its turn, was consumed.

And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellect but neglect to discipline emotions. I'd tell teachers to let those students run wild. And before you knew it, you'd have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

What'll you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich?

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

As Harvey would say and *“that is the rest of the story.”* “In this instance, hope springs eternal, and that is what Mr. Harvey was trying to relay to the citizenry when he delivered this publicly in 1978. Rest in peace, Paul Harvey (Sept. 4, 1918 – Feb. 28, 2009).

Also, by Paul Harvey in 1978

And GOD Made the Farmer

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker.” So, God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the field, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.” So, God made a farmer.

“I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild...somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies – then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon – and mean it.” So, God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt... and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say ‘Maybe next year.’ I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks, and shoe scraps. Who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, painin’ from tractor back, put in another 72 hours.” So, God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So, God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to wean lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark.”

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and brake, and disk, and plow, and plant, and tie the fleece and strain the milk, and replenish the self-feeder... and finish a hard week's work with a 5-mile drive to church.

Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing... who would laugh, and then sigh... and then reply with smiling eyes when his son says that he wants to spend his life doing what Dad does. So, God made a farmer.

**In DIXIE, We Kneel Before GOD Almighty, and a fallen Veteran, and Stand for the National Anthem
ALL VETERANS ARE EQUAL!!!! Get It!**



CHARGE!

