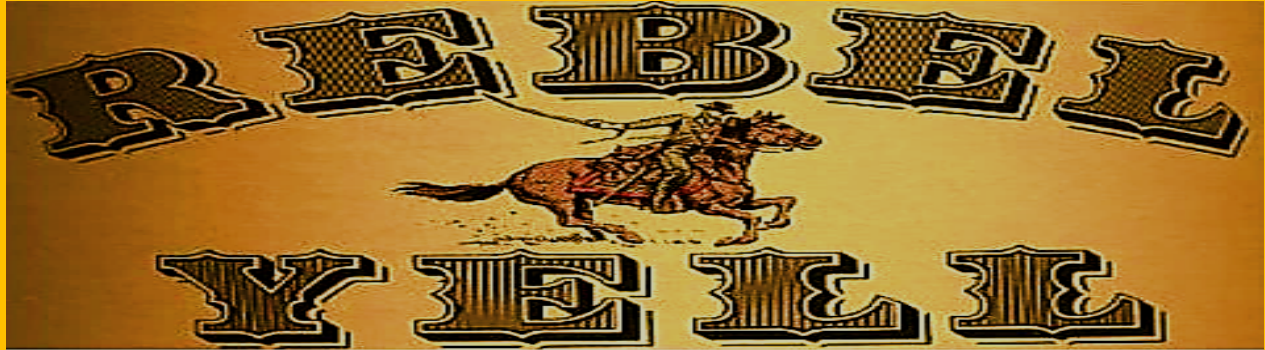




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Newsletter of the Texas Lonestar Greys (*The Biggest Little Camp in Texas!*)  
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1953, San Antonio and Schertz, Texas  
Our Brothers in the Sul Ross Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars  
*Serving our 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!

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**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**

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**MEETING:** The LONESTAR GREYS September meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Camp Commander Juan Ramirez. The Invocation was given by Camp Chaplain Mike Reynolds. Pledges to the US flag, Texas flag, and the salute to the Confederate flag were led by Camp Adjutant Roy Poole. The CHARGE was spiritually read by Camp Commander Juan Ramirez. Introduction of guest: our guest tonight is Mrs. Dara McCammon, (wife of trans.-Mississippi CDR). Mrs. Katy Reynold ( wife of Camp Chaplain ), 6th Brigade CDR. Charles Thacker and Lee Osborn, Quarter Master, Medina Greys. Welcome. And thank you for attending our meeting.

Camp Adjutant Roy Poole provided the Adjutant's Report. Roy covered upcoming events throughout the Texas Division, including the Fort Parker Civil War reenactment in Groesbeck, TX. To the Lilly Langtry Birthday celebration in Sheffield, TX.

The Chili cook-off in Wellington, Texas, and the Confederate Heroes Day Dinner in San Antonio. More details on these events can be found on the website for the SCV Texas Division under the tab for calendar.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mark Goode was officially inducted into the SCV and is an official member of the Texas Lonestar Greys.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Camp elections of officers will take place next month at the October meeting.

The program: *Good Days for the South Texas men in Gray*, presented by William Bozic. Another awesome presentation by William. His presentation included maps of troop formations and movements before, during, and after the battle around the Indianola area. Indianola was the second-largest city in Texas at that time.

Following William's presentation, we had a drawing for door prizes. Chaplain Mike Reynolds offered the benediction prayer, then we all sang *Dixie* before calling it a night.

Juan Ramirez  
Juan Ramirez  
Commander,  
Texas LONESTAR Greys



Camp Chaplain Mike Reynolds administers the oath, and Commander Juan Ramirez and Chaplain Mike Reynolds present Mark Goode with his membership shingle, *A HARDY WELCOME, AND REBEL YELLS*.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 16 October 2025, at JALISCO MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL, 720 FM 78, Cibolo, Texas 78108. We will gather at 1800 HRS/6:00 PM to order food and socialize, and the meeting will commence at 6:30 PM. There is a great deal to cover: **CAMP ELECTIONS (WE NEED A MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE EFFORT ON THIS MATTER, IT IS IMPORTANT)**. Please bring a friend, family members, and interested parties to the meeting. Let us share in the preservation of heritage and history and partake in Southern fellowship. The program is TBD and may be short due to Camp elections and other necessary business.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**ATTACK ON FORT PARKER – CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT** October 24 @ 8:00 am - October 26 @ 5:00 pm. Step into history and witness the thrilling Attack on Fort Parker reenactment in Groesbeck, TX! This unforgettable Civil War event brings to life the Union surprise attack, dramatic cavalry charges, and fierce Confederate defense. 📅 **Dates:** Friday, October 24 – School Day, Saturday, October 25 – Battles at 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM, Sunday, October 26 – Battle at 1:00 PM. 📍 **Location:** Fort Parker, 866 Park Rd 35, Groesbeck, TX 76642. 🎫 **Tickets:** Available for purchase at the Visitor Center. ⚔️ **Special Attractions:** Unit demonstrations, Sutlery shops, Concession stand, Living history experiences. 🗓️ Don't miss this weekend of history, heritage, and excitement! Organizer Info: 6th Texas Cavalry 📧 tx.6th\_event\_planning@yahoo.com 📱 Instagram: @attackonfortparker.



**BIG BOSS GUN SHOW**, Schertz Mikulski Hall, 509 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX 78154, Dates: Oct 31st – Nov 2nd, Hours: Friday: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission: General Admission: \$10.00, Military: \$9.00, Special Weekend Passes: \$15 ALL 3 DAYS, Children Under 11 Free, Uniformed Officers - EMS - Fireman Free, cash only at gate. Contact: Betty Johnson Phone: (830) 399-5955, Email: [bigbossgunshow@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbossgunshow@yahoo.com), <https://bigbossgunshow.com/>, Vendor: 8ft Tables: \$95.00/each, Set Up Times: Friday 11 am to 7 pm, Saturday 7 am to 9 am.



**In our effort to support area events of historical and tradition-rich remember the FLORESVILLE PEANUT FESTIVAL: 2025 81ST ANNUAL FLORESVILLE PEANUT FESTIVAL Tuesday, October 7, Thursday, October 9, Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11.** For Additional information: Floresville Peanut Festival, P.O. Box 81, Floresville, TX 78114, PH: 210-313-0926, [Letsgonutsfloresville@gmail.com](mailto:Letsgonutsfloresville@gmail.com), or 1430 3rd St., Floresville, Texas.



**SAN ANTONIO GUN SHOW:** Location: Alzafar Shriners, 901 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78258 **Dates:** Oct 31st – Nov 2nd, 2025. **Hours:** Friday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. **Admission:** General: \$15.00, Children 12 & under: Free. **Free Parking** **Vendor:** 6ft Tables \$95.00/each. Set up times are on Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 10 am. **POC INFO:** Contact: Darwin Boedeker, Phone: (210) 844-9599, Email: [info@gunshowstx.com](mailto:info@gunshowstx.com) or <https://gunshowstx.com/>

**NOTE/ADVISO:** These events can potentially be good for building membership.



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

**SAN ANTONIO CONFEDERATE CEMETERY CLEANUP-**Commander Juan Ramirez organized and ramrodded the recent cleanup. Paul Ramirez and helpers (volunteers) joined the detail and Got-r-dun; y'all dun gud! Many thanks are in order from our like-minded preservation and heritage groups. Looking at photos, Juan and the crew really did a magnificent job; they ought to be rewarded with a case of *Lone Star* (yes, if you drink mixed grain and hops, it ought to be Texan).



## **GRAY RIDERS IN THE SKY**



**\*\*\*CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:** Originally Contributed or Inspired by Sanford Reed, 6<sup>th</sup> (South Texas) Brigade and past Texas Division Chaplain (National SCV Genealogist) and our Camp Chaplain, the late Tom Guion. 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 Guion. Our Current Camp Chaplain, Mike Reynolds, gives us spiritual inspiration, and his efforts are always welcome and deeply appreciated. \*\*\*

### **WHAT NOW?**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

A few days ago, the forces of evil struck a blow that was supposed to silence the voices of good and right. That blow silenced one voice, but immediately thousands, no, millions of voices have been raised.

The evil that lashed out this past week sought to destroy the voice of anything which opposed its goals for domination of our children, our society, and our souls.

What was supposed to instill fear instead has awakened in the hearts of millions globally a deep disgust of the institutions that nurtured, taught, and encouraged the vile and disgusting mental state that would warp a mind to the point where acts such as murder are preferred to civil debate.

Our enemies have been indoctrinated by the evil to accept that murdering the unborn is not only acceptable but it's preferred to bringing an innocent child into the world. They accept lawlessness and despise those whose lives are dedicated to enforcing the rules of civil society. Any moral behavior is unacceptable to them. They have demanded any mention of biblical morality be removed from our children's schools while replacing it with symbols of their deviant beliefs. They corrupt the minds of our children's teachers, and by doing so, they seek to corrupt the minds of our children, turning them against us and any moral behavior.

Our enemy thought that through their actions, we would just roll over and die. They thought that the threat of violence would cause us to surrender to them. They thought that their lies regurgitated by the global media would be blindly accepted by those with working brain cells. They thought we would be led like lemmings to the cliff.

**OUR ENEMY WAS WRONG!!!!**

This weekend at places of faith, the services did not see a drop in attendance. What happened was just the opposite. Services were packed to the brim. People who previously were riding the fence have now been polarized. Pastors have found new voices and messages to share.

The faces of evil have been exposed for what they are and who they represent. They and their vile messages and attitudes are no longer accepted by those of us with an ounce of morality.

We are angry and appalled by what happened. Our resolve to protect our children and grandchildren from the vile, disgusting behavior and morals of our enemies has been restored. We were shocked by the murder. We were appalled by the celebration of our enemies after the murder. Now we are angry, and that anger has turned to a cold resolve to defeat the evil and those who claim those things.

Our enemies want us silenced, and if not silenced, they want us dead. They hate us, but not just us, they hate our faith. They hate our faith because they hate themselves. They hate themselves because they are taught that by their evil peers and mentors.

The demons thought that by silencing one voice, they would end a movement focused on morality and righteousness. The rabbis thought the same thing in Jerusalem when they murdered Jesus on the cross. In Memphis, a shooter thought that by silencing Martin Luther King, his message would be silenced.

Those movements did not die with the messenger. No, they grew instead and spread to all corners of the world.

We must grieve. We must mourn. We must also remember that it's the message that must be shared even when the messenger is no longer capable of being heard.

From this point on, remember how you felt when you heard the news of the assassination. Don't forget the feelings. But don't let those feelings embitter you. Take those feelings and use them to strengthen your resolve to defeat the enemy. Our enemies thought they were powerful and above all of society's rules. They are finding themselves now in the crosshairs of those they sought to destroy.

Don't celebrate the downfall of our enemies' lapdogs. Celebrate the victories of the good and moral values that evil seeks to destroy.

Like Paul said in Philippians 4:6-9: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things...And the God of peace will be with you." (NIV translation)

Keep the faith, never stop fighting, and remember that we must never forget what we are fighting for.

**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**



**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2025 WILL BE CELEBRATED FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15.**  
**HERE ARE SOME OF THE TEJANOS REBELDES WHO FOUGHT AND SERVED FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE.**



**Joseph Policarpio "Polley" RODRIGUEZ (Rodrigues)** served as a PVT in Mitchell's Company (mounted), 3d Frontier District, CSA, Bandera County. **Jose (Joseph), Rafael DE LA GARZA** of Bexar County, served as a CAPTAIN in Company K, 6th Texas Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana, on April 8, 1864. **Thomas (Tomas), A. RODRIGUEZ** was a 2nd Lieutenant in Company H, 8th Texas Infantry; Lieutenant, Ragsdale's Battalion of Texas Cavalry; Captain and Adjutant, Benavides' Regiment. Rodriguez was a Pre-war Bexar County Clerk and Tax Collector. In the post-war era, he was a clerk, commissioner, businessman, and respected member of the Texas State Legislature. **Alejo Encarnacion PEREZ** was a toddler in the Alamo and the last of the Alamo survivors. In 1861, Perez enlisted in the Confederate army in Company B, 2d Texas Mounted Rifles, C.S.A., attaining the rank of First Corporal. During the post-war years, he served as a police officer, as city Marshal, and as a councilman on an infrastructure committee. **Blas Buenaventura HERRERA**, enlisted in the Medina Guards (Mounted) 40th Texas Brigade, Texas Militia, C.S.A., Bexar County. He was promoted to the rank of corporal. **Bibiano/Viviano HURON/URON**, 1LT (First Lieutenant), 30th BDE, Texas Militia, Precinct 11, CSA. He was a locally prominent resident descended from among the older, leading Mexican families. **Jesus Vialpando FLORES**, PVT Gray's Mounted Company, TEXAS Militia, Bexar County, CSA. He was two years old when the Alamo fell and lived until 1924. **Joseph, Santana CRUZ Jr.**, was a Private in Company C, 33rd Texas Cavalry Regiment CSA.

**TEXAS and CONFEDERATE HISTORY**

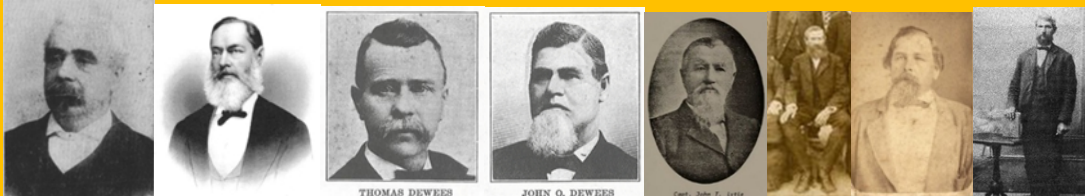
**BEYOND THE STEREOTYPE: TEXAS CONFEDERATES, FOREIGN-BORN & FORGOTTEN:**  
 Texas Confederates of Many Cultures, and Not Just Anglo: The Many Faces of Texas Confederates.

*"YELL" Staff*

SINCE we are in the midst of a new project calling attention to our project by honoring 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 underway, with around a thousand area men identified along with their burial sites. On a side note, as men from other counties outside the Greater San Antonio Area are identified during our research, we will list those veterans as well. However, the primary goal to our area of responsibility is the Greater San Antonio Area. This is an educational project of sorts to be used not only to identify these men but to counter criticisms and accusations regarding the makeup of Confederate armed forces, not to mention dispelling derisive mythology. What the "YELL" Staff has done in this issue is to give a sampling of some of the material that has been researched thus far.



German immigrant **CHARLES PHILLIP AUGUST ADOLPH "KARL" BASSE** served in the 1st Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Yager's) (1st Mounted Rifles). His brother Oscar, also a Confederate soldier, served in Company E, Waul's Texas Legion. German IMMIGRANTS **FRIEDRICH WILLIAM (KNOWN AS WILLIAM) EISENHAUER** and his **BROTHER PETER (ALSO PICTURED)** were conscripted Confederate soldiers. Their brother Jacob served in the 3rd Regiment, Texas Infantry. Jacob drew a Texas Confederate Veteran Pension; his wife was awarded a Texas Confederate Veteran Widow's Pension. Another locally known surname, Menger, furnished three brothers to the Confederate army. Pictured, **ERICH MENGER SR.** was a Private and a conscript; his brothers, August and Julius, were Confederate soldiers. Julius was a member of Company F, 4th Texas of Hood's Texas Brigade, and was badly wounded at Gettysburg. August served in Company A, 36th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Woods'). **WILHELM HERMANN FERDINAND TOEPPERWEIN, EMIL ALBRECHT FERDINAND TOEPPERWEIN, PAUL JOHANNES FERDINAND TOEPPERWEIN**, and Gustav Adolph Ferdinand Toepperwein (not pictured) served in Confederate units. Wilhelm served in Company F, 36th Cavalry Regiment, while Emil was a member of 6th Texas Field Battery and Dege's Battalion, Texas Field Artillery. Paul was a Musician, Field and Staff, in the 36th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Woods'), and Gustav also served in the 36th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Woods').



**CHARLES LOUIS WURZBACH (PICTURED)**, Emil Friedrich Wurzbach, and Rudolph Theodore (also known as "Rob") Wurzbach, all from Germany, were Confederate Veterans. Charles was a Captain in the Confederate army. He fought at Galveston and took the demand for surrender to Union forces in the recapture of the city. Emil was in John H. Duncan's company in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Texas

Mounted Volunteers. Emil was also in service with Albert Sydney Johnston during the Mormon Expedition to Utah and was a Texas Ranger as well. Rudolph served in the 6th Field Battery, Texas Light Artillery. **DR. GEORGE CUPPLES** initially served as the first surgeon of the Seventh Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers. Later, he became Medical Director for the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, C.S.A. **THOMAS DEWEES, JOHN DEWEES**, and William (not pictured) DEWEES immigrated to Texas from Illinois and founded Dewees, Texas, which is now a tiny community bordering on being a ghost town in neighboring Wilson County. Thomas was a member of the 32d Regiment, Texas Cavalry, CSA, and John was also a member of Company B, 32nd of the Texas Cavalry, and William was initially with Duff's 33rd Texas Cavalry, later served with Company A, McCord's Frontier Regiment, Texas Cavalry. The Dewees brothers became post-war cattlemen and founded the once thriving rural community of Dewees, Texas. **JOHN THOMAS LYTLE**, a native of Pennsylvania, immigrated to Texas and founded the town of Lytle, Texas, in neighboring Atascosa County. Actually, the town grew out of Lytle's ranch, which grew in part due to the expanding beef cattle trade, with John Thomas Lytle being the namesake for the town. John Thomas Lytle served in Company H, 36th Texas Cavalry Regiment. **FRIEDRICH WILHELM WEIDNER**, at one time a popular and prominent Comal County resident, served in the 3rd Texas Infantry Regiment in Captain Kampmann's Company, C.S.A., and was detailed to the C.S.A. Quartermaster Department. **FERDINAND MICHAEL DIETZ**, a founder of the now-defunct Guadalupe County community of Dietz, was known for its agriculture and a famed school of music. Ferdinand Dietz, a German immigrant who cofounded the town now marked by a historic marker, was a Confederate soldier who served in Company K, 8th Texas Infantry Regiment. **JOHANN (JOHN) RITTIMANN SR.**, who immigrated from France to Texas and engaged in agricultural pursuits from Bulverde to Schertz, was also a Confederate soldier who served in Company K, 3rd Texas Infantry Regiment.



**AUGUSTINE DE ZAVALA** was the son of Texas patriot and signer to the Texas Declaration of Independence and first Vice-President of the Republic of Texas, Dr. Lorenzo De Zavala, and father of Educator, historian, and historic preservationist Adina De Zavala. Augustine served in Company A, Madison's Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Phillips') (3rd Regiment, Arizona Brigade) and as a Lieutenant in the Confederate Navy, mostly on blockade runner duty but also as an artillery officer and in the Texas Marines. Following the war, he became involved in the cattle business and in area businesses. **MANUEL YTUURI JR.** was among the leading San Antonio families descended from northern Spanish colonists. He was educated in Bardstown, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, and engaged in local commerce before the war. Yturri served as a Captain in Company F of the 3rd Texas Infantry Regiment. After the war, he became engaged in commerce, veterans' issues, and politics. **LOUIS ADOLPH OGE** immigrated to Texas from France and became an asset during the post-war era with the growth of San Antonio. Oge enlisted as a Private in Duff's Company Partisan Rangers, afterward Company A, Duff's Battalion, which became 33d Regiment Texas Cavalry (not to be confused with Santos Benevides' Regiment that grew out of the 33d Texas Cavalry). Oge, a school and experienced engineer and architect, became associated with the post-war expansion and modernization of downtown San Antonio. **SOLOMON DEUTSCH**, one of several Jewish Confederates in the area, 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade, C.S.A., wounded; served until the end of the war, became a noted businessman in San Antonio, and was a pillar of society not just within the local Jewish community but across all ethnicities in San Antonio. **LOUIS FREDRICK COWEN**, an immigrant from Poland, "was born as Lewin Krotoszynski. *Came to America in 1850. In Confederate Army. 1870-1880 lawyer in Brownsville, TX.*" **THOMAS JEFFERSON DEVINE**, for whom the town in Atascosa or Medina County was named. Devine was an immigrant from Nova Scotia, Canada, to Texas, where he became active in the judiciary, business, and politics. During the War Between the States, he was a Confederate Diplomat and C.S.A. Judge Advocate General for the army in Texas. Devine was one of the very few Confederates who were indicted and tried for treason. **GUSTAV HOFFMAN**, an immigrant to Texas from Prussia, helped settle Comal County and was a locally prominent farmer before the war. He sided with the Confederacy and organized a company (Company B) of cavalry for the 7th Texas Cavalry. Due to his service in the Prussian military and demonstrated competence and bravery, Hoffman moved up to command the regiment and was wounded several times. Following the war, he resumed farming and became a Texas legislator.



**CHARLES STEIN** was an immigrant to Texas from Belgium who would serve the Confederate cause in Company A, Baylor's Regiment, Texas Cavalry (2nd Regiment, Arizona Brigade), C.S.A. Stein settled in Medina County before and after the war. **JOHN FINTO**, a native of Hungary, came to Texas and settled in Bexar and Wilson Counties. During the War Between the States, he served in Company D, 5th Texas Regiment CSA (Hood's Texas Brigade). **THOMAS P. "SHERIFF" MCCALL** was born and raised in Northern Ireland and came to call Texas home. McCall served as a 1st Lieutenant in Company B, Texas State Troops. He was also a post-war peace officer who was forced to sift through the shootings at the infamous "Fatal Corner" (northwest corner of Commerce and Soledad Streets) in San Antonio. **LUIS Z. CASTAÑON (CASTAÑON)** of Atascosa County served Texas from the Texas Revolution through the War Between the States. He was a member of Lieutenant Salvador Flores' company that was part of the Alamo garrison until ordered to protect area families from Santa Anna's troop depredations. After the fall of the Alamo, they protected fleeing refugees during the "Runaway Scrape." Following Texas independence through the onset of the War Between the States, Castañon/(Castañon) served as a Texas Ranger. During the War Between the States, he was a member of Duran's Company of 3rd Frontier District Troops, C.S.A. **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. **ALEXANDER NORDHAUS**, one of fourteen Bexar County Jewish Confederate soldiers, immigrated from Germany and served in Company H, 36th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (Woods'). **GILBERT B. HATHAWAY**, a New Yorker who came to and did not hesitate to serve the Confederacy. Hathaway served as a SGT and 2LT in Company A, 15th Texas Cavalry CSA. **NEMENCIO DE LA ZERDA (or CERDA) I (SR.)**, descended from the original colonial families and a locally prominent Wilson County rancher, served as a Corporal in Company H, 8th Texas Infantry Regiment. **FABIAN (FAVIAN), C. PACHECO**, descended from the earliest Spanish colonists, served in two Texas Confederate organizations. He was a member of Gray's Company (MTD), Texas Militia, Precinct 5, Bexar/Wilson County, and Company H, 8th Texas Infantry Regiment, respectively.

In the comfort and complacency of the 1950s, leading to the Civil War Centennial in the early 1960s, a renewed concerted attack on Southern history and heritage began and grew with vigor into vengeance, resulting in massive erasures and destruction of Southern history. The Confederate statues, memorials, and cemeteries have been subjected to removal, vandalism, and, in some instances, the removal of soldiers' graves. School, building, and military installation names have been removed, which, by the way, have cost millions of dollars to taxpayers.

It is incumbent upon historical societies, heritage and historical preservation organizations, and yes, veterans and civic organizations to protect and preserve our history. Education, not brainwashing, must continue, as we all know no war in the course of recorded history has ever been waged over a single cause. Helen's face alone did not launch a thousand ships. Many of George Orwell's quotes have significance today, which is interesting since during the turbulence of the 1960s through early 1970s Orwellian literature and quotes were all the rage amongst the radical left, my how things change. Two of his more relevant quotes in our era are: *"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."* George Orwell and *"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book has been rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And that process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except the endless present in which the party is always right."* George Orwell (from the novel 1984). This is why we must be proactive in the preservation of history and as purveyors of the truth.

Road names, buildings, institutions, towns such as CUPPLES, TOEPPERWEIN, TOBIN, FROST, MCCALLISTER, MARBACH, RITTIMANN/RITTIMAN, WEIDNER, WURZBACH, SCHERTZ (while not all were named after a Confederate soldier, members of the family did serve in the Confederate army), POTEET, DEVINE, DIETZ, CAMPBELTON, GRAYTOWN, LYTLE, NIXON, STOCKDALE, BIGFOOT, WIMBERLEY, STAPLES, (named for Col. John (Jack) Douglas Staples, Company A; 36th Texas Cavalry and Benjamin F. Moss first postmaster of Yancey, TX it was initially known as Moss, TX, Moss was a Confederate Veteran), and Kendalia Texas named for a Confederate businessman and productionist; George Wilkins Kendall, also the namesake for Kendall County, all reflect in some form the Confederate legacy that exists in the greater San Antonio area. Counties bordering those covered in this fact-pack also have place names involving former Confederates; the heritage in reality permeates society, and most of those namesakes contributed mightily to the recuperation of Texas following the war and beyond. In school, or at least the schools and colleges this writer attended, we were taught that we are a united and reconciled nation with regional idiosyncrasies and pride. In the spirit of the 1960s, supposedly a decade of "love," everybody was supposedly accepted in American society, or was that just idle idyllic symbolism and frivolous chatter?

NOTE: Title credit goes to William Bostic, Paul Ramirez, and John McCammon. Thanks, boys.



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



**HALLOWEEN**

October is a month that we used to look forward to as children. Perhaps it was the cooler weather, or was it the Halloween parties and trick or treating, these writers always opted for the latter. We liked the neighborhood and the organizational parties with the associated games, costumes, goodies, and, of course, the *trick or treating* and all those now forbidden goodies. In those days, folks would pass out fruit, popcorn balls, candy, or caramel apples, all homemade, something unheard of today. If you lived in a rural area, as these writers did, you would go out the back door around to the front door in our made-up costumes and holler *"trick or treat"* as kinfolk put goodies in our paper bags. We had fun and did not know better; it would not have mattered anyway. In town, children gathered at a given house and were escorted by parents who guided the mob of costumed *ghosts, hobos, gypsies, cowboys and cowgirls, witches, policemen, soldiers, Indians*, and, in one of the writer's cases, a *Rebel*, by the way, all are *verboten* these days due to not being *"woke."* There was the bobbing for apples, which is rare these days due to the fear of someone getting some kind of infection. Jack-o'-lanterns were almost entirely real pumpkins that reeked of wax and singed pumpkin. Let's not forget the school and church carnivals that we waited for year-round. It was fun being a child back when, yes, back when life was simple and we had fun. Yes, there was the occasional window-soaping, and if you could find one



an outhouse to tip over, hopefully with no one in it, as happened to another of our writer's cousins. Suffice it to say, those boys could not comfortably sit for a week, not to mention all the excess chores. We still laugh about that night anyway.

In the present day, children still *trick or treat*, often in the afternoon or at church events, home parties, and organizational functions, in the interest of safety for our young'uns, which is understandable given the meanness we see and hear about. Children should experience this fun time of the year as much as possible, and we as adults can join in, ok, we are too old to trick or treat, but can enjoy the parties, cookouts, and yes, the candy the little ones bring home, or, as in our respective households, buy a little extra "*in case*." That "*in case*" is not for a tidal wave of unexpected young'uns, it is if the little creatures of the night will not share the goodies. We love for our little ones to have a good time, and we can have enjoyment too, but **KEEP THEM SAFE ABOVE ALL THINGS.**

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