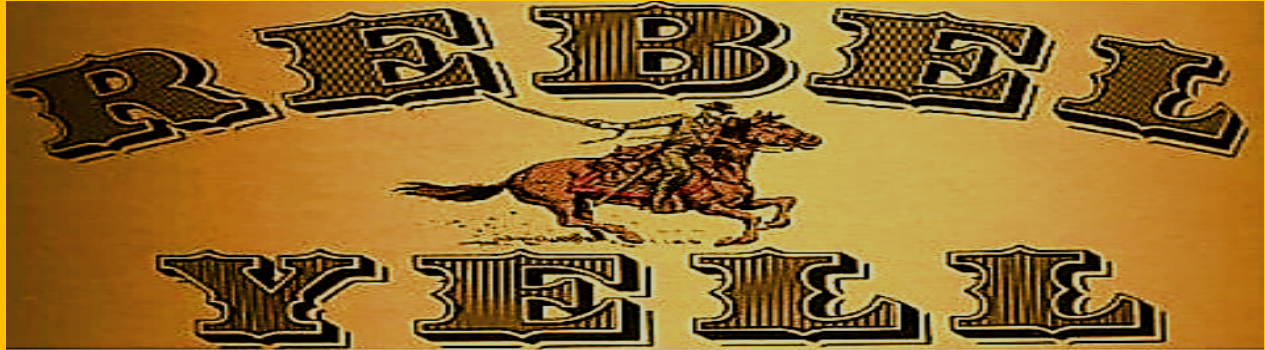




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Newsletter of the Texas Lonestar Greys (*The Biggest Little Camp in Texas!*)
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1953, San Antonio and Schertz, Texas
Our Brothers in the Sul Ross Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars
Serving our members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

Number 9; Vol. 7 (more or less ok; likely 10/11 now), SEPTEMBER 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 our **Commander, Juan Ramirez**. An invocation prayer was offered by our **Camp Chaplain, Mike Reynolds**. Pledge to the US flag, the Texas flag, and salute to the Confederate flag was led by **Camp Adjutant, Roy Poole**. *The Charge* was read by **Commander Juan Ramirez**, as is our Camp tradition. Ramirez introduced tonight's guests: **Mrs. Katy, Reynolds, Mrs Darrah McCammon, and Mr. Lee Wallace**. Thank you for attending our meeting tonight. **The Adjutant's Report:** was presented by **Camp Adjutant Roy Poole**, and we are doing very well, thanks to everyone's support. In addition to the financial report, Roy also recognized the Midland, Texas, Independent School District for changing the high school's historic name back to Robert E. Lee and for naming the new freshman school Robert E. Lee.

Old Business: 1. The Jefferson 14th annual Civil War Symposium was attended by **William Bozic**. William gave a brief overview of what to expect if you are attending the Symposium. If you love Civil War history, should you decide to attend next year's Symposium. **New Business: Camp Project;** Confederate soldiers, northern and foreign-born, and various ethnicities recognition project. The task is to locate and identify the Confederate soldiers' graves born in a foreign country or state and decorate their graves with their country or state flags. **Announcement: The Alamo City Guards Camp**, sponsors of **Confederate Heroes Day Dinner**, invite you to attend on Saturday, January 17, 2026, in the Bulverde Community Center at 5 PM, to their annual **Confederate Heroes Day Dinner**. See the Alamo City Guard webpage for details. Next DEC meeting is scheduled for September 6, 8-2 pm. Waco, Texas.

Camp Elections: In October, we will have camp elections. In November, the new officers will take over their elected positions.

The Program: Kentucky Civil War Sites and Points of Interest was presented by **Rusty Harris**. This was designed to motivate Camp members to **attend the 131st National Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky**. Rusty does an excellent job. You can count on him to do his part. Mike Reynolds led us with the benediction prayer, then we all sang **DIXIE** before calling it a night.

Juan Ramirez
Juan Ramirez
Commander,
Texas LONESTAR Greys

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AGAIN, "SAFE" BEING THE KEY WORD Y'ALL.

NEXT MEETING: NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2025, at **CASA JALISCO, 6846 US HIGHWAY 87E, CHINA GROVE, TEXAS.** We commence gathering at 6:00 pm to order our food, drinks, and to socialize. Guests and family members are always welcome, and please bring a friend or interested party, ***YOU KNOW, POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS.*** (Note: for those who are old Bexar County hands and unaware of our meeting place, it is the former Carlos Kelly's restaurant, a famous San Antonio eatery until the early 2000s.) We must be out no later than 8:00 pm, so the wonderful staff can clean up and close.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:



NEW BRAUNFELS GUN SHOW, September 13 & 14, 2025, Show Hours Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Show Size: 350 Six-foot tables, Contact (817) 732-1194. Admission Information: Weekend Pass – \$10, Military Discount at Gate – \$9 (cash only), Children 11 and Under – Free, Uniformed Peace Officers – Free. Parking: FREE parking is available at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center.

LAVERNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GUN SHOW, LaVernia Chamber of Commerce Hall, 12301 US Highway 87 W LaVernia, TX 78121, Date: Sep 5th – 7th, 2025, 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, <https://bigbossgunshow.com/> Contact Us 8ft Tables: \$95.00/each Set Up Time, Friday 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday 7 am to 9 am.

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, <https://bigbossgunshow.com/>, Vendor: 8ft Tables: \$95.00/each-Set Up Times: Friday 11 am to 7 pm, Saturday 7 am to 9 am.



Of interest from THE WILSON COUNTY NEWS:

"THE 36TH ANNUAL SUTHERLAND SPRINGS OLD TOWN DAYS CELEBRATION is coming up! This year's event is set for Saturday, Oct. 25. Vendors and entertainers are invited to participate in this annual celebration; contact Terrie Smith at 830-557-2607 to register or for more information. Do you know of area youth interested in representing Sutherland Springs as members of the Old Town Day Royal Court? Director Liz Braden is seeking "kiddos" who want to be on this year's court. Contact her at 210-288-7928 for more information. Meet current court members and their parents, who will be out on Sunday evenings from 7-10 p.m. at the Sutherland Springs Ball Field, running the concession booth. It's also time to sign up to be in the Old Town Days parade. For parade entry forms, contact Sarah Layman at sarah.layman.91@gmail.com."

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

THE SEASON for GIVING is *NEARING*

Think about giving gifts that educate and inform our friends and loved ones. Historically based movies and, of course, books; here are some of our suggestions. All materials presented are available at bookstores or online. Prices listed may vary.

BOOKS (NOTE: as nauseating as it may seem, Amazon has the largest selection and best prices on books and movies, Walmart is next followed by Barnes and Noble.)

Morgan's Raid Hardcover – January 1, 1961 by Allan Keller (Author) hardcover \$11.76

Lee's Tigers Revisited: The Louisiana Infantry in the Army of Northern Virginia Hardcover – October 18, 2017 by Terry L. Jones (Author) hardcover \$20.54

History of the 3d, 7th, 8th, and 12th Kentucky, C. S. A (Classic Reprint) Hardcover – August 24, 2018 by Henry George (Author) Hardcover \$27.97

Hood's Texas Brigade: Lee's Grenadier Guard by Colonel Harold B. Simpson (Author) Hardcover \$61.01

Confederate Agent: A Discovery In History, by James David Horan (Author) Hardcover \$49.95

The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads: and the Civil War's Final Campaign, by Eric J. Wittenberg (Author), Mark Bradley (Foreword), paperback \$17.44, hardcover \$13.00
Vicksburg, 1863 (Vintage Civil War Library) Paperback – Illustrated, April 20, 2010, by Winston Groom (Author), hardcover, \$20.63.
Shiloh, 1862 Paperback – November 5, 2013 by Winston Groom (Author), HARDBACK version \$20.29.
Shrouds of Glory: From Atlanta to Nashville: The Last Great Campaign of the Civil War Paperback – March 5, 2004 by Winston Groom (Author), HARDCOVER \$19.97.
THE SOUTH WAS RIGHT! by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy, A New Edition for the 21st Century – December 7, 2020 \$9.95 Hardcover and \$41.85 Paperback.
Reconstruction: Destroying a Republic and Creating an Empire, by James Ronald Kennedy, August 7, 2024, Hardcover, \$38.21, and Paperback, \$29.95.
Punished With Poverty: The Suffering South - Prosperity to Poverty & the Continuing Struggle, by James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy, May 26, 2020, Hardcover \$26.21 and Paperback \$22.06.
David Crockett Went Down Fighting: How We Know It, by Phil Guarnieri and Richard L. Range, – November 1, 2024, Hardcover \$26.95.
Dee Brown's Civil War Anthology, by Dee Brown – January 1, 1998, Hardcover, \$12.40, and Paperback \$14.95.
The Campaigns Of General Nathan Bedford Forrest And Of Forrest's Cavalry, by General Thomas Jordan and J.P. Pryor, November 8, 2018 (historic reprint), Paperback \$11.24.
Morgan's Raiders, by Dee Alexander Brown– January 1, 1993 (reprint, was originally titled The Bold Cavaliers), Hardcover only \$15.29.
Embattled Confederates: An Illustrated History of Southerners at War, by Bell Irvin Wiley and Hirst Dillon Milhollen, January 1, 1977 (reprint and reissue), Hardcover only \$37.23.

MOVIES

GODS & GENERALS / GETTYSBURG, a double feature of the two movies, DVD, Price, \$17.08 - \$19.00.
GONE WITH THE WIND, DVD, Price, \$14.20.
RIDE WITH THE DEVIL, DVD, Price, \$14.96.
CAVALRY CHARGE (aka THE LAST OUTPOST), DVD, \$7.00 - \$8.96.
PHARAOH'S ARMY, DVD, \$8.21.
THE KEEPING ROOM, DVD, Price, \$13.92 - \$14.93.
THE LITTLEST REBEL, DVD, Price, \$15.99 - \$19.99.
THE BIRTH OF A NATION, D.W. Griffith's silent era classic, DVD, Price, \$18.99, and Walmart has it for \$18.88.
FIELD OF LOST SHOES, DVD, Price, \$19.85 - \$23.00.

WE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OR SO, ALL SOUTHERN FRIENDLY, Of Course.



Compatriot and our Camp Adjutant had the honor of hoisting the Lone Star Greys Camp standard during the *Parade of Flags* ceremony at the 130th National Reunion in Houston this past July. Outstanding, Roy, you are looking every inch the descendant of proud Confederates and marching like a professional man-at-arms.



Roy during the Parade of Flags ceremony.

FROM OUR READERS and FRIENDS ACROSS DIXIE: This month, semi-occasional contributor Geoff Walden from the Ben Hardin Helm Camp in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, sent these great photos for his Texas Compatriots.



The Battle of Allatoona, also known as the Battle of Allatoona Pass, was fought on October 5, 1864, in Bartow County, Georgia. This was the first major engagement of General John Bell Hood's fateful Franklin-Nashville Campaign. Thank you, Geoff, for the great pictures. The Texas Camps appreciate the thought.

***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 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. ***

PSALMS THAT TEACH US HOW TO BATTLE

Psalm 18

I love You, O Lord, my God. The Lord is my refuge, my strength, and my deliverer. My God is my helper; in Him will I hope: my shield and the horn of my salvation, my defender. I call upon the Lord with songs of praise, and I shall be saved from my enemies...He reached from on high and took me; He drew me out of the deep waters. He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me, for they were mightier than I...He brought me forth into a spacious place; He will deliver me, because He delights in me...I will pursue my enemies and catch them, and I will not turn back till they are destroyed. I will crush them, and they will not be able to stand; they will fall under my feet. For You girded me with strength for war; You bound the feet of all my adversaries beneath me. You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me You have utterly destroyed...You who deliver me from my angry enemies will exalt me above those who rise against me; You will deliver me from the unrighteous man.

Notice the “synergy” happening in the battle. The Lord gives strength, help, protection, and deliverance while I pursue and catch my enemies without turning back. We win together.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defender of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assailed me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident of this. One thing have I asked of the Lord — that will I seek after — that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to look upon His temple. For He hid me in His shelter in the day of my afflictions; He concealed me in the cover of His tabernacle; He set me high upon a rock. And now, behold, my head has been lifted up above my enemies...Instruct me in Your way, O Lord, and lead me on a right path because of my enemies...I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be courageous and let your heart be strengthened; yes, wait on the Lord.

There are many surprising components to engaging the enemy. First, the primary focus is not on the enemy but on the Lord, His presence and beauty. There is confidence, not in my abilities, experience, or skills, but in God – the Lord is my light, salvation (the one who saves me), defender, shelter, leader, instructor, foundation, refuge, guide. There is also a vision of the end – the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Finally, there is a commitment to preparations/training – wait on the Lord.

Psalm 24

Lift up your gates, O you princes, and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your gates, O you princes, and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Understand the “gates and doors” as hearts open for the King of glory to enter. When you open up the gates and doors of your life, the strong and mighty Lord enters. There is victory only through union with the King of glory. The Lord of hosts, who is “mighty in battle,” fights through us bringing glorious results.

Psalm 144

Blessed be the Lord my God, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle; my mercy and refuge, me helper and my deliverer, my protector in whom I have trusted, who subdues the peoples under me.

There is necessary physical training for battle within the real sphere of the Lord God's mercy, protection, help, deliverance and power. It is hard to train fingers and hands without training the whole body and mind. They do not act on their own but in coordination with my heart, soul, mind, and other parts of the body. All need to be trained.

Psalm 33

A king is not saved by his great army; a giant is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory; despite its great might, it cannot save. Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, that He may deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our helper and defender. Our hearts shall rejoice in Him, and we have hoped in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.

The Lord is my only hope for victory. Human and animal strength, whether in numbers or size, cannot be fully trusted. My role is to fear Him, hope in His mercy, wait for Him, rejoice in Him, fix my whole being on Him.

Psalm 35

Judge, O Lord, those who wrong me; fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help. Draw the sword and stop the way against those who persecute me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." Let those be put to shame and confounded who seek after my soul. Let those who desire evil for me be turned back and brought to dishonor. Let them be as dust before the wind, with the angel of the Lord afflicting them. Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.

Prayer is key to success in the battle. I need to continually cry out for God to act. If we keep reading, we see that this Psalm is a poetic prophecy about Christ's sufferings and death on the cross. From the opening verses, we get a glimpse of Jesus' own faith in His Father and His ability to deliver Him from His enemies. Jesus is the primary example of how to deal with our adversaries. In union with Him, we have what is needed to fend off their attacks.

Psalm 46

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what wonders He has wrought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He will break the bow and shatter the spear and burn the shield with fire! Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

With unreserved confidence in the Lord's ability to win any war, I can be still (vs. anxious, fearful, angry, or revengeful) and experience (participate in) His might.

Psalm 60/108

Will not You, O God, go forth with our armies? Oh, grant us help in times of tribulation, for vain is the help of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is He who will bring our foes down to nothing.

This Psalm reminds us that we do not battle alone. God is with us. We can fight valiantly knowing that God the Almighty fights alongside us and through us.

Psalm 138

On the day I call upon You, hear me; in Your strength, You will multiply Your care for my soul...For the Lord is high, He regards the lowly; but the haughty He knows from afar. If I walk in the midst of trouble, You will give me life; You have stretched out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivered me. O Lord, you will fulfill your purpose for me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Your hands.

Before going into battle, most ancient traditions engage in ceremonies calling out for the help of their god. The Warriors clearly know their own limitations. Warriors who follow the Triune God can humbly submit to His care as they aggressively combat all enemies. For example, they need not fear death since God gives them life, nor do they need to fear the outcome since God fulfills His purposes. We need to ceremonially or otherwise call out to God, who provides what we need to battle well.

Here's the basic marching order taken from these Psalms –

Know God with your whole heart and body, for only in Him can you battle well.

Pursue God, not victory.

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

Periodically, we run a feature about celebs and others in government, sports, and whatnot who have Confederate ancestry just to let folks know that our Confederate DNA can show up in anyone, no matter who they may be or their societal postings. It is all in the blood, brothers.

RAY STEVENS (born: Harold Ray Ragsdale):



Georgia-born, Singer-songwriter, Country Music star, and country comedian. Stevens has recorded numerous hits and written many others; he is also a TV personality with TV variety shows in his career. Some of his hits include: "*Everything Is Beautiful*," "*Misty*," and novelty hits such as "*Gitarzan*" and "*The Streak*."

Paternal 2d Great Grandfather William Asbury B Ragsdale, Captain, Company B, 4th Regiment, 2nd Brigade, Georgia State Troops, CSA.

BIRTH 21 Feb 1836 Coweta County, Georgia-DEATH 20 Apr 1912 (aged 76) Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia, BURIAL New Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery, Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia.

Paternal 2d Great Uncle: George Washington Ragsdale, PRIVATE, Company C, 7th Regiment, Georgia Infantry, C.S.A.

DWIGHT YOAKUM



Kentucky-born notable Country Music singer, songwriter, and actor; among his hit recordings include: *Guitars*, *Cadillacs*, *I Sang Dixie*, *Ain't That Lonely Yet*, *Buenas Noches from a Lonely Room* (*She Wore Red Dresses*), *It Only Hurts When I Cry*, and movies include: *Sling Blade*, *The Newton Boys*, *South of Heaven*, *West of Hell*, *Bandidas*, and *Cry Macho*. He has won two Grammy Awards and one Academy of Country Music Award.

Paternal 4th Great Uncle Robert Grant Yoakum: PVT, Company E, 7th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A.

BIRTH 16 Sep 1824 Claiborne County, Tennessee-DEATH 10 Feb 1901 (aged 76) Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee, BURIAL J S Yoakum Cemetery, Lone Mountain, Claiborne County, Tennessee.

DENNIS (and Randy) QUAID: Texas natives, actors on the big screen and TV for decades. Both brothers are politically conservative, with Randy not unknown for controversy. The Quaid brothers are cousins of the Gene Autry family with Texas family ties going back to the War Between the States era.



Paternal 2d Great-grandfather: Benjamin Walter Quaid, PVT, Company F, 7th Regiment, Texas Cavalry (7th Mounted Volunteers), C.S.A. Birth 8 Aug 1837 Lafayette County, Mississippi-Death 31 May 1918 (aged 80) Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, Burial Darwin Cemetery, Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma.

Paternal 3d Great Uncle: Murdoch Macintosh "Mack" Ozment, PVT, Company B, 11th Texas Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A., Birth 6 Sep 1835, Tennessee-Death 25 Nov 1885 (aged 50), Cooke County, Texas, Burial Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas, Plot Division 2.

Paternal 3d Great Uncle: David Brewer Ozment, PVT, Company A, Borland's Texas Cavalry, C.S.A. Birth 3 Jun 1848, Mississippi-Death 2 Mar 1933 (aged 84) Burial Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas, Plot Division 6.

NOTE: The Ozments are also paternal family members of Gene Autry.



JOE DON BAKER: Texas-born actor who played leading and supporting “*tough guy*” roles on the big screen and the small screen. Baker is also a Veteran of the United States Army. He starred in the 1973 blockbuster hit *Walking Tall* about the life of Tennessee Sheriff Buford Pusser. Although one of the biggest hits in 1973, the so-called “*critics*” among other *elites* poo-pooed the movie. Some of Baker’s other movies include: *Junior Bonner*, *The Outfit*, *The Living Daylights*, *Cape Fear* (1991), *Congo*, *Tomorrow Never Dies*, and *Mud*.



Paternal 2d Great Grandfather Rev Fountain Summerfield Baker: Company F, 17th Texas Infantry, C.S.A. (one source claims 18th Texas). Birth 15 Jun 1842, Tennessee-Death 8 Oct 1913 (aged 71) Burial Hopewell Cemetery, Normangee, Leon County, Texas.



Paternal 3d Great Grandfather William Parks McWhorter Confederate Veteran
Birth 3 Dec 1819-York County, South Carolina, Death 19 Dec 1863 (aged 44) Grimes County, Texas, Burial Bethel Cemetery, Bedia, Grimes County, Texas.



John Perry Copeland: Co C, Texas Infantry CSA
Birth 16 Jan 1843, Lowndes County, Mississippi-Death 3 Feb 1887 (aged 44), Flynn, Leon County, Texas, Burial Clear Creek Cemetery, Leon County, Texas, Plot ROW 7 POT 11
Maternal great-grandfather.



Maternal 3d Great Uncle PVT Isaac Marion Copeland: PVT Co C 5th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army Birth 1842 Lowndes County, Mississippi-Death 16 Aug 1864 (aged 21–22) Virginia, Burial Bowling Cemetery, Leon County, Texas



SADLY, Joe Don Baker passed away in May 2025.

TEXAS and CONFEDERATE HISTORY 14TH ANNUAL JEFFERSON CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM IN AUGUST



Compatriot William Bozic attended the event and provided the following report and observations; he also took the photographs. This event has been held for several years and is often accompanied by living history displays and a reenactment. Thank you, William, for the report regarding this event.

I attended the 14th Annual Jefferson Civil War Symposium on August 2nd at the City of Jefferson's Convention Center in Jefferson, Texas, which is near the border with Louisiana and Arkansas. The Texas division's new president sat at my table, and there were plenty of Sons of Confederate Veterans as well as United Daughters of the Confederacy. There was plenty of coffee and homemade sweets, as well as amazing brisket from one of the top-rated brisket and barbecue places in the state of Texas. The event lasted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and well over 100 people attended.



This talk covered some of the potential courses of action and hypothetical reasons. In some respects, the talk was similar to Ed Cotham's program because he allowed the audience to make decisions, given the information that would have been on hand at the time. Everyone was able to strategize what they would do. Seeing the troop positions on various pieces of ground led to the actual decisions made. Since I helped with this book, of course, my opinions will be somewhat prejudiced.



David Sesser gave a talk on food for the Union Army during the Camden Expedition, which coincided with the Red River Campaign in Louisiana in the spring of 1864. Both campaigns were spectacular victories for Confederate forces. David grew up in Arkansas but now teaches at Southeastern Louisiana University in Louisiana, where he serves as the director of The Sims Memorial Library and has access to numerous Confederate records. He used these records to detail how the depredations of Union troops committed on innocent civilians came back to haunt them, and ultimately caused their defeat. David Sesser told the unbiased truth and didn't sugarcoat anything, which was a joy to hear in these very woke times.



It was amazing to listen to the strategy and tactics, as well as some of the potential actions that never occurred. Listening to Ed was almost like a strategy session with a coach or general because he engaged the audience in the decision-making process, providing the pros and cons of various decisions as well as what happened. It can be said that no plan survives initial contact, which Ed keenly pointed out.

Compatriot and our Camp Adjutant had the honor of hoisting the Lone Star Greys Camp standard during the *Parade of Flags* ceremony at the 130th National Reunion in Houston this past July. Outstanding, Roy, you are looking every inch the descendant of proud Confederates and marching like a professional man-at-arms.



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



The Time has arrived to Lay Down the *Bloody Shirt* and Accept Heritage and History

Waving the "*bloody shirt*" at the South has been ongoing since the Army of Northern Virginia laid down its arms in April of 1865. Furthermore, cries of Southern bigotry and racism have been unceasing since the early 1960s, perhaps earlier, but became more virulent in the sixties, continuing through the present. Discussions about the War Between the States are no longer about the causes of the war but have been narrowed down to a single cause by northern self-styled elitists and pseudo-intellectuals. Have we learned nothing in the study of history? Helen's face alone did not launch a thousand ships, recalling the Iliad. As honest and level-headed historians know, and fewer may be willing to admit, that every war in recorded history was waged due to multiple

causes or grievances. Moreover, the unlearned, dishonest, or simply out of naïveté join in the cacophony of insisting that the South's bid for independence was waged by those of Anglo-Saxon descent. In the not-so-recent past, briefly during the late 1980s to mid-1990s, things began to change slightly insofar as anti-Southern bias, but as we know, that all too brief hiatus was short-lived, beginning in the middle of the first decade of the 21st century. All of a sudden, all things Southern, especially Confederate, were attacked with a vengeance that need not be dwelt upon in this writing.

With the change in the national political landscape following the 2024 national election, there has been a breath of fresh air that the choking of our history badly needed. It was more akin to being given life-saving oxygen for the preservation of our national and sectional history; it was about time. In 2017, the Texas Lonestar Greys Camp and Sanford Reed of the Hood's Texas Brigade Camp commenced the Los Tejanos Rebeldes Project to identify the final resting places of Tejano Confederate Veterans and catalog them for the sake of preserving history. In 2018, a ceremony honoring those Tejanos who wore Confederate gray at the San Antonio Confederate Cemetery, and in November of 2024, the Alamo City Guards Camps, after a determined effort, dedicated a statue of a Tejano Confederate soldier at the historic Ruiz-Herrera Cemetery in Bexar County. The Los Tejanos Rebeldes Project is continuing as additional names are added to the list, but the good news remains that the project has expanded.

We are now researching the names of various nationalities and ethnicities that served in the Lone Star State's Confederate units at the state and national levels. Veterans from various faiths, too, are being researched and catalogued. Thus far, the cataloging has yielded very positive results as hundreds of names have been listed from the greater San Antonio area, which includes adjacent and nearby counties. This is a labor of love and is a major blow to our detractors, who no doubt will be decidedly confused by the facts. It is incumbent upon our area Camps and other heritage and history preservation organizations to join us in this effort. Many of the area SCV members belong to a variety of history and heritage organizations, as well as ethnic oriented and Veterans organizations. We encourage you to enlist the support of these organizations in the effort. Tentatively, a ceremony or possibly ceremonies are being conceived to honor these men, which, by the way, will include men of Northern birth who served the Southern cause for independence.

Thus far, Germans, Austrians, French, Poles, Italians, Spanish, Portuguese, Cubans, Chinese, a Syrian, Norwegians, and Swedes. Swiss, Czechs, and Hungarians. Several dozen Northerners in service to the Confederacy, as well as several men of the Jewish faith, and of course, additional Tejanos, have been identified. Furthermore, many have impressive service records who returned home to pick up the pieces, making Texas once again a thriving, productive state following the oppression of the Reconstruction. This is a worthwhile project with one objective to honor these men and catalogue them for the sake of historical posterity, and secondly to dispel many falsities and unfounded assertions about those who fought for the Confederacy. Southern and Confederate heritage and history are a part of our national story and must be preserved.

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



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