



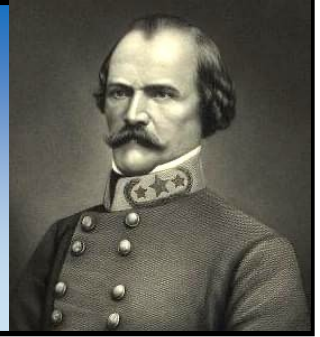
THE PICKET LINE

Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983

Successor to Ben McCulloch Camp #30
United Confederate Veterans

DECATUR TX

DECEMBER 2024



John McCammon, Commander of the Army of Trans-Mississippi was our special guest speaker.

Christmas Banquet A Big Success

Our December camp meeting and Christmas dinner banquet was attended by 34 members and guests! Our special guest speaker, Cmdr. John McCammon and his wife, Darrah, came from Boerne, and other guests attended from the Lee Camp, Fort Worth, and Jackson Camp, Denton. It was exciting to close out the year by awarding six (6) War Service Medals to our deserving compatriots. (See pages 2 & 3 for photos). The 2025 officers were elected and will be installed at our January camp meeting by 3rd Brigade Cmdr Joe Allcock.

Commendations go to 1st Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Cunningham and wife Helen, for all their hard work in setting up an excellent Silent Auction that was such a great success. Also our appreciation goes to Adj. Keith Hulsey and wife Wilma for all their work with providing many door prizes. (Both couples's had daughters who worked as great assistants as well)!

Army of Trans-Mississippi Cmdr. John McCammon was this year's special guest speaker and gave informative updates from National headquarters.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



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OFFICERS for 2025

Camp Commander:	Jim Cox
1st Lt. Commander:	Bruce Cunningham
2nd Lt. Commander:	Ed Harrelson
Adjutant:	Keith Hulsey
Chaplain:	Allen Glanville
Quartermaster:	K.E. Price
Sargent-at-Arms:	Scott Harris

Installation Ceremony will be at the January 9th Meeting.



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SCV WAR SERVICE MEDAL

THE WAR SERVICE MEDAL IS TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS OF CONFEDERATE DESCENT WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR COUNTRY'S MILITARY SERVICE DURING WARTIME. THE ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON CAMP 983 IS PRIVILEGED TO HONOR SIX (6) OF OUR COMPATRIOTS THIS SPECIAL AWARD AND MEDAL. THE CAMP NOW HAS SEVEN (7) RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD.



Pictured left to right: War medal Recipients 1st Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Cunningham, Past Cmdr. H.L. Ross, Color Sgt. K.E. Price, Ed Harrelson, Scott Harris, James Cox, John McCammon, Cmdr. Army of Trans-Mississippi and Jim Cox Camp Commander.





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At left: James Cox being presented with his War Service Medal for WWII.



Right: 1st Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Cunningham with his War Service Medal & Award.



At left: H.L. Ross being presented with his War Service Medal & Award.



Right: Ed Harrelson presented with his War Service Medal & Award.



At left: Scott Harris being presented with his War Service Medal & Award.



Right: Color Sgt. K.E. Price with his War Service Medal & Award.



AFGHAN RAFFLE

**1st National Flag of the Confederacy
"Stars and Bars" Hand-crocheted Afghan (3ft. By 5 ft.)**



\$5 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25

Raffle Fundraiser DRAWING will be APRIL 10th.

ADJUTANT REPORT



Our December meeting and Christmas dinner was attended by 34 members and guests. It was an exciting time to close out the year by awarding 6 war service medals to our members. The 2025 officers were approved and will be installed at the January meeting. We had an awesome time with many door prizes and we raised over \$600 dollars at our silent auction. Mr. McCammon spoke to our camp this year and has alot of great information for us. What a privilege it is to be a part of the SCV, especially the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp. I look forward to what the new year has in store for us. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Deo Vindice,

Keith Hulsey, Adjutant





Sons of Confederate Veterans
Texas Division 3rd Brigade

Xmas

party

dec 16

07 pm

R.E. LEE CAMP #228
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

White Elephant Gift Exchange
\$15 Maximum

Ol' South Pancake House
1509 S University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107

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PLEASE REMEMBER

New Meeting Location starting January 9th

The Camp Meetings will now be held at the Fellowship Hall of the historic Grace Baptist Church, 600 S. Trinity St., Decatur.



Pictured Left is Cmdr. Bobby Samuel presenting the sash and sword from his Robert E. Lee uniform that he passed on to Chaplain Allen Glanville. What a great, generous surprise for Allen.



Camp Commander/Editor

Jim Cox

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1st Lt. Commander

Bruce Cunningham

2nd Lt. Commander

Brandon Davis

Adjutant

Keith Hulsey

Chaplain

Allen Glanville

Color Guard Sgt.

K.E. Price

THE CHARGE OF STEPHEN DILL LEE

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906



Upcoming Events

3rd Brigade Christmas Party (<i>Fort Worth</i>)	December 16, 2024
ASJ Meeting (<i>Officer Installation</i>)	January 9, 2025
FW Stock Show Parade (<i>Lee Camp</i>)	January 18, 2025
ASJ Meeting	February 13, 2025
ASJ Meeting	March 13, 2025
ASJ Meeting (<i>Confederate History Month</i>)	April 10, 2025
2nd Annual TX Div. Confederate Heritage Picnic (<i>Mexia</i>)	April 19, 2025
Decatur Celtic Festival (<i>Decatur</i>)	May 2-3, 2025
ASJ Meeting	May 8, 2025
128th Texas Division Reunion (<i>Mineral Wells</i>)	June 6-8, 2025
ASJ Meeting	June 12, 2025
ASJ Meeting	July 10, 2025
130th National Reunion (<i>Houston</i>)	July 16-20, 2025
Old Settlers Reunion (<i>Decatur</i>)	July 21-26, 2025



130th NATIONAL REUNION TO BE HELD IN TEXAS!

**The 130th National Reunion
will be in Houston, TX
July 16—20th, 2025.**

Details are available at scv130.com. This is a rare opportunity for all Texas SCV compatriots to attend a National Reunion close to home. Mark your calendar and get your registration and hotel reservations in early.





Alabama Comes to Auburn's Aid: The Battle of Chehaw Station



View of the University of Alabama's Quad in 1859.

Alabama cadets played a big role in the little-known Battle of Chehaw Station in 1864.

The Battle of Chehaw Station is a largely forgotten conflict associated with the July 1864 cavalry raid through Alabama led by Union general Lovell Harrison Rousseau. Ordered by Gen. William T. Sherman, the raid aimed to disrupt Confederate operations in the area during the Atlanta Campaign. This skirmish holds a unique place in Alabama's history primarily due to the heavy involvement of conscripted teenagers and University of Alabama cadets, for many of whom it was their first combat experience.

Chehaw Station, a stop on the Montgomery and West Point Railroad, connected Alabama's capital to western Georgia—and, eventually, Atlanta. Near this station, Rousseau's rugged cavalrymen encountered the largest Confederate force assembled to stop them from severing a vital section of the critical rail line. Rousseau's men had met only minimal resistance as they carved a destructive path through eastern Alabama, reaching Loachapoka by sundown on July 17. Early the next morning, Rousseau divided his forces into four detachments, assigning each to destroy sections of the Montgomery and West Point Railroad in the area before advancing to join the Federal army near Atlanta. Key targets included Confederate facilities in nearby Auburn, home to the East Alabama Male College, the precursor of Auburn University.

Confederate authorities in Montgomery scrambled to meet the crisis as best they could, hastily cobbling together a meager force of perhaps 500 troops, most of whom were the untested teenagers of Lockhart's Battalion. To supplement their numbers, Gov. Thomas Hill Watts called upon a small contingent of University of Alabama cadets (Alabama operated as a military school at the time), who happened to be staying in or passing through Montgomery at the time. Gen. Bryan M. Thomas was entrusted with the overall command of the little makeshift army and soon had it rattling along the tracks aboard a train to meet the invaders east of town.

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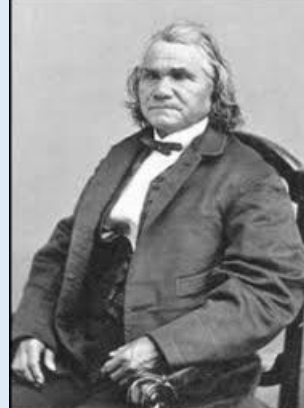
Notable December Birthdays



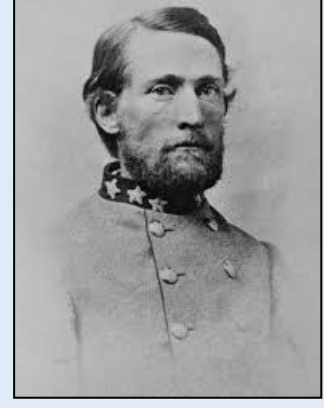
Major Gen. Arnold Elzey
Dec. 18, 1816 MD



Maj. Gen. Henry Heth
Dec. 16, 1825 VA



Brig Gen. Stand Watie
Dec. 12, 1806 GA



Colonel John Singleton Mosby
Dec. 6, 1833 VA

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The Confederate force approached Chehaw Station on the morning of Monday, July 18, 1864. About a mile past the station, they encountered a Federal force under Maj. Absalom Baird. The Yankees fired the first shot, striking a railcar near one of the troops. The boys were hastily deployed, and the fight ensued. The opposing lines clashed across a half-mile stretch of ground, with the Confederates anchored on a small ridge in a large field containing a gin house and the Federals positioned at the edge of a clearing a few hundred yards away. The two sides slogged away at each other intermittently for several hours as General Thomas directed the train to shuttle back and forth to the station, ringing its bell to create the illusion of reinforcements.

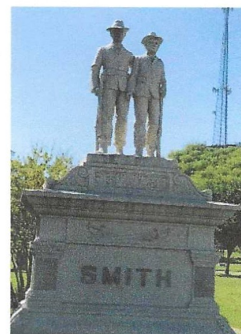
Already convinced he faced a force at least as large as his own, Major Baird sent a courier up the line to request reinforcements. When additional Union cavalry arrived, they stymied a tentative Confederate advance in the early afternoon. A Union detachment flanked the Confederate line under the cover of the railroad embankment, overwhelming the outnumbered and disorganized Southern troops. Thomas's thin line soon broke. Despite their success, Baird, believing he would need even more men to advance farther down the rail line, decided to pull back.

In the aftermath of the battle, both sides claimed victory. The Union forces had clearly gotten the better of the fighting, but they had left Confederates in control of the battlefield as they departed to join up with Sherman's army. Union casualties numbered about 15, while the Confederate losses ranged between 40 and 50. Among the Confederate casualties were two University of Alabama cadets, the first to be wounded in action during the war.

The Battle of Chehaw Station remains a significant yet lesser-known chapter in Alabama's Civil War history, illustrating the challenges and sacrifices faced by those defending the Confederacy.



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128th TEXAS DIVISION REUNION **SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS** **MINERAL WELLS JUNE 6-8, 2025**

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