

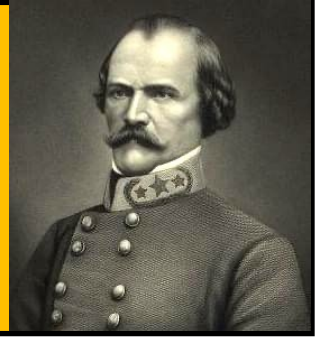
THE PICKET LINE

Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983

*Successor to Ben McCulloch Camp #30
United Confederate Veterans*

DECATUR TX

MAY 2025



Preparing for Upcoming Texas Reunion



*3rd Brigade Lt. Cmdr. Jim Harvey,
speaking with our ASJ camp.*

Camp meeting on May 13th began with a great meal prepared by our “Ladies of the Camp” and we were very privileged to have a special visitor, Jim Harvey, Camp Commander of Camp 2283, 34th Texas Cavalry and 2nd Lt. Commander of the 3rd Brigade. Their camp along with 2nd Texas Frontier Camp 1904 are hosting the 128th Texas Reunion in Mineral Wells.

Cmdr. Harvey was able to update the camp on the progress of preparation for the Reunion including needing additional volunteers to assist in various areas.

Our efforts to “flag” several cemeteries in honor of Confederate Heritage Month was very successful. We had three (3) teams cover five cemeteries to honor many of our local confederate heroes.

We reviewed results from our participation and activities of camp members of the Celtic Festival in Decatur and Butterfield Stage Festival in Bridgeport. The camp will have a vendors table at the Texas Division Reunion and the “Ladies of the Camp” will staff the table on Saturday. We have several items for “sale” in addition to our raffle for the beautifully framed Battle Flag.

Delegates were chosen for the division business meetings. They are: Bruce Cunningham, Ed Harrelson and Keith Hulsey. They will be voting on several amendments and new officers for the next two years.

As a side note: It has been my pleasure to serve the Texas Division as 3rd Lt. Cmdr. and lastly as 2nd Lt. Cmdr. I did not allow my name to advance for election this year, as I believe it is time for our younger compatriots to have the opportunity to serve.

Deo Vindice!

Jim Cox, Camp Commander

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In Honor of Confederate Heritage Month

Cemetery Flagings



*Cmdr. Cox at
Poolville Cemetery.*



*Adjutant Hulsey (pictured
above & below) at Sand Hill
Cemetery.*



*2nd Lt. Cmdr. Harrelson at
Goshen Cemetery*



Brandon Davis was at the Slidell Cemetery



FUN AT THE CELTIC FESTIVAL



At the Friday evening Ceilidh VIP dinner at the Celtic festival: 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Ed and Tanya Harrelson, Wilma and Adjutant Keith Hulsey (with daughter Sequoia), Brandon and Shannon Davis, Cmdr. Jim and Merlene Cox.

Our Celtic Festival booth (pictured at right) had many items for sale and looked great!

(Our energetic booth workers are pictured below)



ASJ Camp represented, marching in the Clan Procession!



Recruiting Booth at the Butterfield Stage Festival in Bridgeport. Thanks to the ladies who helped.

IMPORTANT LINKS



ADJUTANT REPORT



Hello all, thanks to those who attended our monthly meeting. The year is coming and going very quickly. We would like to express our appreciation to the ones who have stepped up over the last few weeks and flagged graves as well as helped with the couple of recruiting booths we have set up. The Decatur Celtic festival was a great time with all the activities Bruce and his family worked so hard to put together. I look forward to the growth of this event. We also had set up at the Butterfield Stage Days in Bridgeport. Shout out to all who helped. The TX Div. Reunion in Mineral Wells is next up and what a time it will be. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting now on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, led by a small meal starting at 6:00 PM.

Deo Vindice,
Keith Hulse, Adjutant



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Notable May Birthdays



Gen. Pierre Gustave Beauregard
May 28, 1818 LA



Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith
May 16, 1824 FL



Maj. Gen. William Fitzhugh Lee
May 31, 1837 VA



Maj. Gen. John Magruder
May 1, 1807 VA

Check out our website:

www.asjohnstoncamp983.com



REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR WISE COUNTY CONFEDERATES

Co. B, 15th Texas Cavalry—
Lt. Colonel George Bibb Pickett

Co. E, 23rd Texas Cavalry—*Col. Nicholas C. Gould*

Co. E, 31st Texas Cavalry—*Col. Trezevant C. Hawpe*

HQ, 1st Frontier District—
Cmdr. James Webb Throckmorton

Co. C, Frontier Cavalry—*Col. James Bourland*



Flag of the 15th Texas Cavalry



Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983

Muster Roll



CAMP COMMANDER.....JIM COX
1ST LT. COMMANDERBRUCE CUNNINGHAM
2ND LT. COMMANDERED HARRELSON
ADJUTANTKEITH HULSEY
CHAPLAINALLEN GLANVILLE
QUARTERMASTER.....K.E. PRICE
COLOR GUARD SGT.SCOTT HARRIS
PAST CAMP COMMANDER.....H.L. ROSS

DANIEL BLANEY

KERRY CLOWER

ROBERT COX

CLINT CRAFT

JAMES KEEN

DONALD MAJKA

BILLIE READ

BILL STILL

HARRY WALKER

RONALD WOMACK

CALVIN BUCHANAN

JAMES COX

ROBERT (BOB) COX

BRANDON DAVIS

RODNEY KILGORE

BILLY PRICHARD

TUCKER SCHURING

DANNY STILL

STEVE WILLIAMS

RODNEY WOOLEY



FRIENDS OF THE SCV
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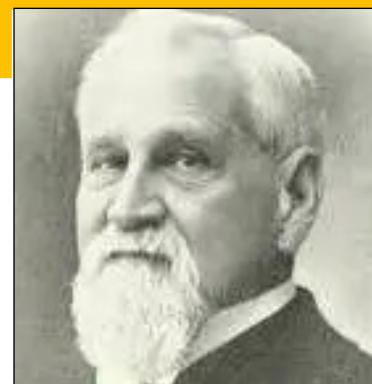
UPCOMING EVENTS

"Attack on Ft. Parker" (<i>Groesbeck</i>)	May 29-Jun 1
Texas Division Reunion (<i>Mineral Wells</i>)	June 6-8, 2025
ASJ Camp Meeting	June 10, 2025
ASJ Camp Meeting (CANCELLED)	
130th National Reunion (<i>Houston</i>)	July 16-20, 2025
Old Settlers Reunion (<i>Decatur</i>)	July 21-26, 2025
ASJ Meeting	August 12, 2025
ASJ Meeting	September 9, 2025
ASJ Meeting	October 14, 2025
ASJ Meeting	November 11, 2025
ASJ Meeting (Christmas Dinner)	December 5, 2025

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*



The Significance of Membership In The Sons of Confederate Veterans Cannot Be Overstated. The Veterans Themselves Entrusted Their Legacy To The Sons... A Responsibility Not To Be Taken Lightly. Ours Is Truly A Heritage Of Honor. Deo Vindice.

United Daughters of the Confederacy



will be awarding five (5) members of our camp with war service medals.

Mdme. Sheran Weible, Recorder of Military Service Awards and Chapter President of Major George B. Erath 2679, UDC, Texas Division, announced the following award recipients:

To be presented at camp meeting on August 12, 2025

1. Carl Edward Harrelson—Vietnam Cross
2. Scott Eli Harris—Persian Gulf National Defense Medal
3. Henry Lewis Ross Jr.—Vietnam National Defense Medal

To be presented at UDC 120th Annual Convention in Fort Worth October 3, 2025

1. Bruce Vincent Cunningham—Global War on Terror Cross
2. Brandon Shawn Davis—Global War on Terror Cross

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMPATRIOTS!



Vietnam



Global War on Terror



1st Lt. Commander Bruce Cunningham (L) presenting the First National Afghan to our lucky Raffle winner, Tanya Harrelson (R).

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1st Lt. Commander

Bruce Cunningham

2nd Lt. Commander

Ed Harrelson

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Chaplain

Allen Glanville

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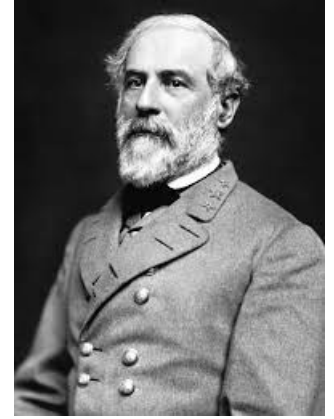
K.E. Price

Color Guard Sgt.

Scott Harris

An Ode to Robert E. Lee

Jeffrey F. Addicott, May 16, 2025, blueandgrayeducation.org



The Civil War, perhaps the most enduring conflict in the American psyche, also brought into sharp focus the extraordinary genius and character of Gen. R. E. Lee. As both a military commander and a role model, Lee left an indelible legacy—so profound that his influence on the U.S. armed forces continues to resonate more than 150 years after his death. This enduring impact is unsurprising when one considers that, even before the war began, Lee was widely recognized as one of the most capable military minds in the young nation.

The Civil War was not only the most consequential event in American history, but its outcome also helped forge a more unified national identity—what might be called a shared Americanism. At the same time, the Northern victory corrected a foundational wrong: the abolition of the morally repugnant institution of slavery. Though the war was not solely about slavery, it ended slavery. In the wake of defeat, the South ravaged, and finding himself in personal poverty, Lee found abiding satisfaction in that outcome. Just five months before his death in Lexington, Virginia, in May 1870, Lee voiced this truth:

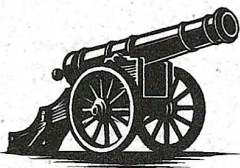
"So far from engaging in a war to perpetuate slavery, I am rejoiced that slavery is abolished. I believe it will be greatly for the interest of the South. So fully am I satisfied of this ... that I would cheerfully have lost all I have lost by the war and suffered all I have suffered, to have this object attained."

Indeed, out of the ashes of an internal firestorm that claimed the lives of well over 750,000 people, the country moved significantly closer to realizing Thomas Jefferson's aspirational ideal of the God-given rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for all Americans.

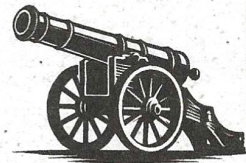
Lee's deep and abiding belief in the word of God, with the influence of Christian ethics on his thinking and action and with Americans fighting Americans, Lee understood that the long-term effects of engaging in retribution or reprisal would not be profitable for the nation or the South. He was undoubtedly correct. When the end came for Lee and the Confederacy at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, his decision to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia rather than to disband it was perhaps one of Lee's greatest moments. Lee could have ordered his decimated soldiers to scatter into the hills and fight a guerrilla war that would have lasted for decades. Instead, he saw no sense in waging a war of terror and ordered his men to lay down their arms, return home, and become once again model citizens. And so, when word of Lee's unequivocal surrender was learned, the rest of the Confederacy quickly followed suit and reflexively laid down their arms as well—Lee was their moral and military leader, not Jefferson Davis. When he quit, the Confederacy ceased to be.

In many respects, Robert E. Lee personifies the spirit of Americanism and manhood, contributing more than any other single officer in setting the very bedrock for some of the most outstanding and valuable attributes of U.S. military power. That bedrock remains so strong that when asked to identify the most notable characteristics of the United States military, one should expect the worldwide response to literally echo Lee's signatures of superior tactical leadership and the highest level of civilized warfare. His adherence to duty and to God are virtues that all Americans need to ever keep and pass to our progeny.

EXPERIENCE THE ADVENTURE OF ATTACK ON FORT PARKER!



MAY 29 - JUN 1



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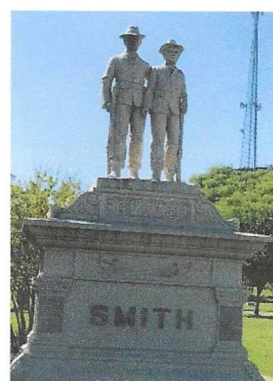
SCHEDULE Friday - School day
Saturday- Battles at 11am and 2pm
Sunday - Battle at 1pm

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

hosted by: SCV Camps:
34th Texas Cavalry #2283-Palo Pinto County
2nd Texas Frontier #1904-DeLeon

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PAINTED ROSE #66 (Mineral Wells)



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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.

