



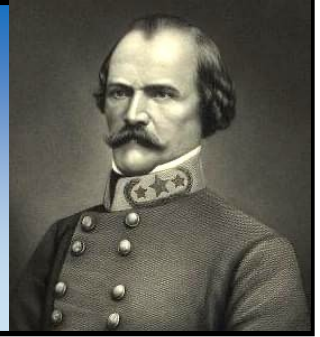
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Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983

Successor to Ben McCulloch Camp #30
United Confederate Veterans

DECATUR TX

NOVEMBER 2024



Festive Christmas Dinner & Special End-of-Year Camp Meeting Friday, December 6th

Our Camp members and friends will gather at Decatur Conference Center, 2010 West Hwy 380, Decatur, TX from 5:30 to 8:30 PM for our Christmas celebration. Our holiday Dinner will be Chicken Fried Steak with Au Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Rolls, Sopapilla Cheesecake and drink.

Special Speaker will be Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander John McCammon. There will be a special presentation of six (6) War Service Medals to deserving members of our camp. Officer elections will also be held as part of our business meeting. There will be door prizes and a silent auction of various commemorative items. Tickets are now available at \$25.00 per person. Contact Cmdr. Jim Cox by cell phone at 817-751-8202 or email: jimcox1630@gmail.com. Reservation Deadline is Friday, November 29.

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Officer Elections for 2025

The list of officers proposed for 2025:

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

Camp members will vote at the December 6th meeting.



ATTENTION !!!

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, Decatur.

We will have a larger room along with adequate storage for our materials. There is also plenty of parking.

We are excited to begin this new chapter in a great location for our Camp.

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

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!

www.asjohnstoncamp983.com



ADJUTANT REPORT



Our November camp meeting was attended by 14 members and guests. We had numerous items of business to discuss including the nominations for officers of 2025. We purchased new challenge coins, discussed our upcoming Christmas dinner, and talked about the details of the Decatur Parade of Lights in December. One of the most exciting items is the moving of our monthly meeting from The Wesley Building of the Decatur Methodist Church to Grace Baptist Church just a few Blocks away. This move will expand our potential by offering a much larger meeting space as well as many opportunities for other events in the future. This past 2024 has been full of lots of events and outreach projects and we look forward to the new year.

Deo Vindice,
Keith Hulsey, Adjutant



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.



GREAT NEWS!

New Texas Monument Placed in Richmond, Virginia

We witnessed a remarkable event this past Friday, November 15, 2024. Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley, assisted by several members from the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, erected a replacement monument dedicated to Texas soldiers buried at historic Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. The original monument, a symbol of their bravery, was established in the 1910s by the local Ladies Memorial Association. For unknown reasons, the monument disappeared over 60 years ago, but the dedication of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has brought it back to life.

In September 2023, the Division Executive Council approved funding for creating a replacement obelisk. Due to the high shipping cost, Commander Hurley picked up the monument on Wednesday, November 13, in Marshall, TX, and personally delivered it to Richmond, VA. The drive was a 34-hour round-trip drive.

Oakwood Cemetery is the resting place for more than 17,000 Confederate dead, most of whom died during the war while in hospitals located in the Confederate capital.



Special thanks to the members of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. Your annual dues to the Division funded the monument that proudly stands over the graves of our brave Texas soldiers, who paid the ultimate price in defense of Texas.

A formal dedication will be held in March 2025. This dedication will be a joint effort of the Texas and Virginia Divisions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Once the date has been solidified, information on the dedication will be sent to the Division membership.

Respectfully,
W. Michael Hurley
63rd Commander
Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans





CAMP MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS



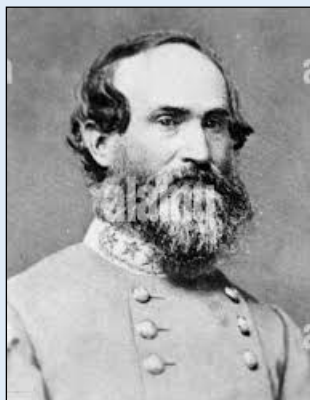
*Happy Birthday
Compatriot Keith Hulsey,
November 3rd!*

Hulsey's 3rd Great-Grandfather, Marcus Lafayette Keener, was born in 1831 and deceased on Nov 18, 1870. He served as a Texas Ranger and was listed as a private on the Muster Roll of Rangers in 1860 under Captain William C. Clayton's Company A, 1st Frontier District. His duties likely involved safeguarding the frontier, maintaining law and order, and protecting settlers from threats such as outlaws, Native American raids, and other dangers. He was living on the Brazos River, west of present day Weatherford. He was a Master Mason and he was buried with Masonic rites. Marcus passed away while hauling lumber from east Texas to build the town of Weatherford in Parker County, Texas. He is buried in the Old Chatfield Cemetery in Chatfield, Navarro County, Texas. His brothers



were Andrew Jackson Keener, Co. F, 11th Georgia Calvary and John F Keener Co. F, 52nd Georgia Calvary also a POW during the Battle of Vicksburg .

Notable November Birthdays



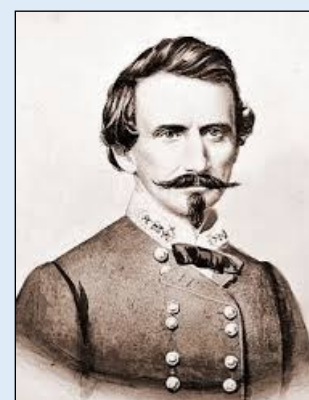
Lt. General Jubal Early
Nov 3, 1816 VA



Lt. Gen. Ambrose Powell Hill
Nov 9, 1825 VA



Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee
Nov 19, 1835 VA



Maj. Gen. Benjamin McCullough
Nov 11 1811 TN



Arlington Monument and Military Base Names—Time to Act

Gentlemen:

The recent election proves beyond a doubt that Americans in general and, in overwhelming numbers, Southerners in particular, have rejected the neo-Marxists woke agenda. The rejection of woke society offers the SCV a unique opportunity to assist in rolling back some of the more intolerant anti-South actions. These anti-South actions such as the removal of names of U. S. Military bases that honored Confederate heroes, the removal of Southern National Guard Units battle streamers won by Southern units during the War Between the States, and of course the removal of the Arlington Reconciliation Monument must now be corrected.

I am proposing a two-prong effort to take advantage of this “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity. (1) Members and friends of the SCV should send letters to the Trump Presidential Transition Team, asking them to urge President Trump to use his Executive Presidential power to restore the correct military base names, allow Southern National Guard Units to display battle-honors earned during the War, and restore the Reconciliation Monument to its correct place in Arlington Cemetery. (2) Using our SCV One Click Politic, flood all Southern conservative Congressmen and Senators with emails requesting them to urge President Trump to fulfill these three requests.

We must act now! We must not let this opportunity pass. Like all successful military maneuvers, a good plan is of little use if the men on the ground do not understand how to use their weapons. Learning how to retake that which the woke radicals have taken from us will be discussed at length on Saturday, November 16th at the Confederate Legion training session at Beauvoir, Biloxi, MS. I will be giving a rundown of this effort. We can win but we must learn how to correctly use the tools at our disposal. Join me at Beauvoir.

If you have not signed up for the Training Secession at Beauvoir, just email me and confirm that you will be there, and we will make a place for you and have your lunch ready—the registration fee is \$15.00. My email is: WDKennedy@Reagan.com

Deo Vindice,

Walter Donald Kennedy

Commander-in-Chief, SCV 2024-26



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

ASJ Meeting (<i>Christmas Dinner Meeting</i>)	December 6, 2024
Decatur Christmas Parade (<i>Johnston Camp</i>)	December 7, 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.





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The Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983 will have an entry in the “Moonlight Madness Parade of Lights” on December 7th. We will be riding on a trailer. We will also be joined by the R.E. Lee Camp 239 Honor Guard in Kilts. If you wish, you can wear your uniform and march as well. We encourage all camp members to participate.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

DECATUR CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

**MOONLIGHT
MADNESS**

Parade of Lights

PRESENTED BY:

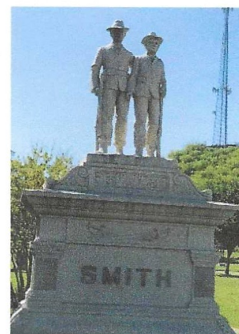
WISE Honda
OUTDOOR POWER
"The Wise Choice"

DECEMBER 7TH 2024
PARADE WILL BEGIN @ 6PM
DOWN TOWN SQAURE



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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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