



## *THE ROSE CITY STAR*



Newsletter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Walker's Greyhounds Camp

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
January 21, 2025  
6:00 P.M. to Eat  
7:00 P.M. to Meet**

### **Spring Creek BBQ**

**5810 S. Broadway Ave.  
Tyler TX 75703  
Need Directions? 903-561-5695**

**Topic:  
Camp Officer Elections  
2025-2026 &  
Lee/Jackson  
Remembrance Service**

Wives are welcome  
and encouraged to attend.

### **Confederate Heroes Day**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**



In recognition of the State holiday our camp will be placing flags on the graves of Confederate Veterans interred at Oakwood Cemetery

If you would like to help please meet at the cemetery Saturday

**January 18, 2025 at 8 AM**

Oakwood Cemetery is located at the corner of Palace and Oakwood Streets in Tyler TX

After placing flags we will be going to eat breakfast together at the Whataburger located at 2215 W. Gentry Pkwy.



The nomination Committee Recommends the following Compatriots as Officers of Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 for the 2025-2026...



**Commander - Zach Sabota**

**1st Lt Commander (Programs) - Monty Williams**

**2nd Lt Commander (Recruiting) - Mark Vogl**

**3rd Lt Commander (Communications) - Vacant... will you step up and help?**

**Adjutants: Billy Pribble Sr. and Michael Hurley**

**Chaplain: Monty Williams**

Note: These Compatriots are recommended and are willing to serve. All members in good standing who wish to serve but have not been nominated can be nominated from the floor. The elections will occur at the January 21, 2025, meeting, and a simple majority of the Compatriots attending will determine any

*Camp Officer Elections Will Be Held on  
January 21, 2025*





# *Celebrating Two Years!*



*November 19, 2024*

**Walker's Greyhounds gathered at FD's Grill house in Tyler, TX, to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the Charter of Camp #2338**

*Chartered November 1, 2022*



# Confederate Heroes Day in Texas

## January 19, 2025

Approved as an official Texas State Holiday by the 63rd Texas Legislature on June 1, 1973. It is the only holiday in Texas commemorating Texas Confederate Veterans.

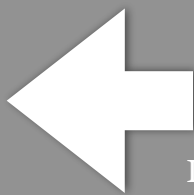
The holiday falls on the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, who was born on 19 January 1807 at Stratford Hall, his family's estate in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Lee entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1825, where he excelled scholastically and militarily. He graduated in 1829 and two years later wed Mary Custis, the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington. He served with distinction in the Mexican War (1846-1848). In 1852, he was appointed the superintendent of West Point. When the war between the States broke out in 1861, he resigned from his commission in the U.S. Army and offered his service to the Confederacy. Lee rose in rank to Command the Army of Northern Virginia and was the most influential leader to emerge from the Southern cause. He surrendered the Army at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865. After the war, he served as President of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, until he died in 1870. He is buried in Lexington, VA.

As Sons of Confederate Veterans, we are dedicated to preserving and celebrating this important holiday. We encourage all Compatriots to celebrate this day to remember those gallant individuals who bravely defended their families and homes from invasion in the war for Southern Independence.





# Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley visits Richmond, VA



In the Grand Hall of the Memorial Building, Headquarters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy



Confederate Monument at Charlotte Courthouse, VA. Commander Hurley's GGG Grandfather, Edwin Stone Collins (1826-1902) served in the Staunton Hill Light Artillery from Charlotte County, VA



Visiting Confederate Memorial Chapel





*130th Annual Reunion*  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
**Houston TX**  
**July 16-20, 2025**



**Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport**  
**9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX**

**Full Reunion Details, Make Hotel Reservations  
and Convention Registration Online:**

<https://www.scv130.com>

**To Call For Hotel Reservations**  
**713-943-7979**

**Use Reservation Code:**  
**SCV 2025 National CO**

**Hosted by the Texas Division SCV**

## New Year Brings Blessings and Challenges

*By W. Michael Hurley*



*“When you are finished changing, you are finished.”*

**Benjamin Franklin**

I've been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for 30 years and have seen several changes. I have witnessed SCV Camps that resisted change and loved the comfort that routine offers. I have also witnessed Camps that seemed to bring about change for the sake of change, often leaving some of its best and brightest behind for the less qualified because they were “new.” Two extreme examples, neither of which are successful in the long run.

Change is inevitable in our lives and is no different for our organization. It's all around us, and how we embrace it and learn from our past experiences can be the key to our future success as an organization. It's not something to fear but to understand and adapt to.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the past. My great-grandfather, Edwin S. Collins, was born in 1901 and lived to be 79 years old before passing in 1980. I spent many hours with him and was always amazed at the changes he had seen. When he was born, the primary mode of travel was the horse and carriage. He lived to see a man walk on the moon in 1969! The world has not slowed down one bit since he left this life. He would be amazed to see the use of the internet, cell phones, and cars now powered by electricity.

Changes in the Present - As an organization, we are forced to change or risk the consequences of our actions. Indeed, in recent memory, we have seen changes in technology, religious belief, politics, race relations, and power. All these simultaneously simmering together to leave us living in a quagmire of constant variation.

As we look to the future, the potential for change is limitless. Who knows what the future holds? No doubt technology will continue to evolve. Artificial intelligence, micro-sized medical robotics, exploration and colonization of other planets? How does a vacation on Mars sound? The possibilities are endless, and it's up to us to embrace and adapt to these changes.

So, how will the Sons of Confederate Veterans change and adapt to remain relevant in the future? I advise embracing the fantastic changes today. Be open-minded to altering our actions without compromising the universal absolutes of truth, morality, and kindness, which are the backbone of Judo-Christain belief. Sons of Confederate Veterans must be willing to look for new and exciting ways to keep “The Charge” as we seek to venerate the memory of our brave Confederate forefathers. Don't fear change, but embrace and adapt. Remember, the price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change. It's not just about surviving but thriving in the face of change.

## *Walker's Greyhounds Lays Christmas Wreath...*

**A wreath was placed on the monument at the Soldiers Plot located at historic Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX, in observance of the Christmas Season.**

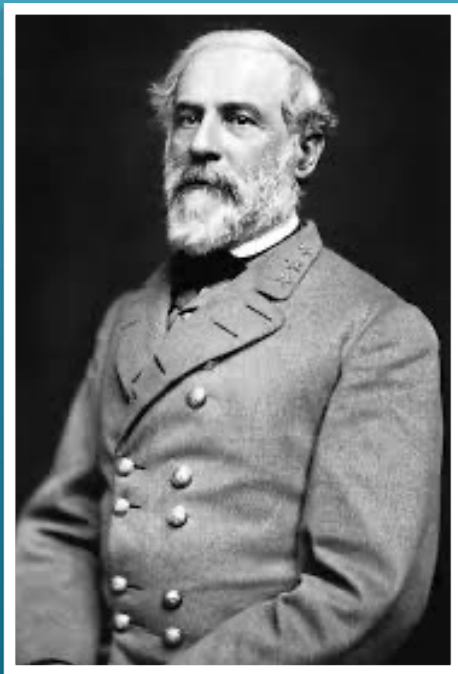






*Happy Birthday!*

**Robert E. Lee**

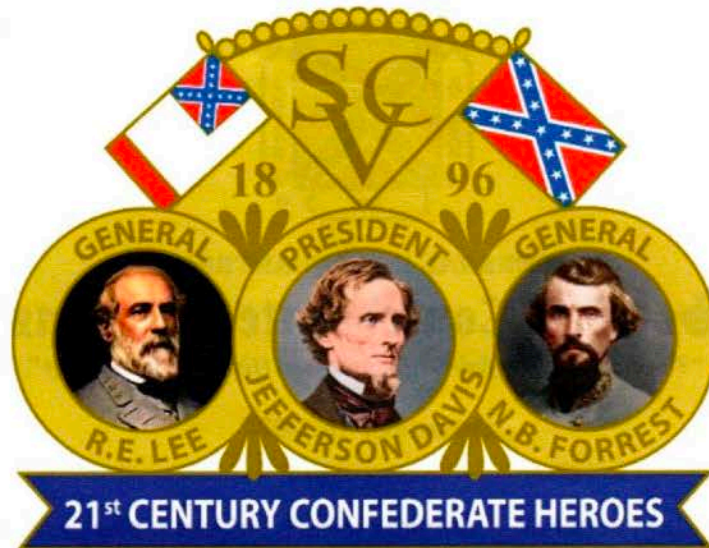


**January 19, 1807**

**Thomas Jonathan Jackson**



**January 21, 1824**



## Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes

The National Sons of Confederate Veterans welcomes you to the *21st-Century Confederate Heroes*. Your generous donation will serve to remember and honor our Confederate Heroes and our beloved Southland. The program comes with many perks.

- 1) Flag streamer or Neck Ribbon
  - a. If you submit as an individual, you will receive a neck ribbon with a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* medal on the ribbon.
  - b. If you submitted as a camp, division or organization, you will receive a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* streamer for your flag.
- 2) Paver – a paver placed on the Walkway of Confederate Heroes from the Museum to the Forrest Plaza
- 3) Certificate – A certificate documenting for future generations your membership as a *Confederate Hero*
- 4) A copy of the hardcover book *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* with a page dedicated to the information provided by you that details the individual or camp, etc. you wish to memorialize. Up to three photos may be included
- 5) Donor recognition in the National Confederate Museum – A Television will be placed inside the Museum's gift shop. This TV will display PowerPoint slides of the information *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* members provide. It can be you, your family, your ancestor, your camp, etc.
- 6) A Flag flown from the Forrest Plaza – One of the purposes of the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* is to restore the Forrest Plaza. Once the plaza has been rebuilt and the flagpole is placed, every month for a year a donor will be drawn to receive the flag flown the previous month.
- 7) A QR Code on a sign will be placed near the Forrest Plaza identifying all those who donated \$1,000 or more to the restoration of the Forrest Plaza prior to the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* campaign.

### Notes:

Make checks out the Sons of Confederate Veterans and note 21<sup>st</sup> CCH in the memo line of your check.

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# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Smith County, Texas

1st Texas Infantry Hood's Texas Division "The Ragged Old First" - Colonel Louis T. Wigfall

3rd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - General William R Scurry

3rd Texas Cavalry McCulloch's Divison - Major George W. Chilton

11th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Major Nathaniel J. Caraway

14th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Edward Clark

14th Texas Cavalry "Johnson's Mounted Volunteers", Ector's Brigade - General Matthew Ector

15th Texas Infantry Polignac's Brigade, Speight's Regiment - Lt Colonel James E. Harrison

17th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - Colonel Robert T. P. Allen

22nd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Hubbard's Regiment - Colonel Richard B. Hubbard

28th Texas Cavalry (dismount) Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Horace Randal

Douglas Texas Battery of Artillery, Army of the Tennessee - Captain James P. Douglas



15th Texas Infantry



11th Texas Infantry



3rd Texas Infantry.



Tyler Guards - 3rd Texas Cav



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry



1st Texas Infantry



Douglas Battery





- ◆ **January 6, 2025** - Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX
- ◆ **January 11, 2025** - Annual David O. Dodd Memorial. To be held at his grave in Little Rock, AR.
- ◆ **January 18, 2025** - 8 AM, Place flags on CSA graves in observance of Confederate Heroes Day at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX
- ◆ **January 19, 2025** - Confederate Heroes Day, Texas State Holiday
- ◆ **January 21, 2025** - Camp Officer Elections and Monthly Meeting.
- ◆ **February 18, 2025** - Monthly Meeting of Camp #2338
- ◆ **April 19, 2025** - Texas Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration at the Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia TX

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### How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.