



# THE ROSE CITY STAR

Newsletter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler TX

## Next Meeting...



**Tuesday,  
November 19, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**FD's Grillhouse  
8934 S. Broadway  
Suite #494  
Tyler, TX 75703**

We will meet for a Dutch treat dinner at FD's Grillhouse to celebrate and have fellowship in observation of the 2nd Anniversary of our charter ceremony.

Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend.



### Camp Christmas Party

Will be held

**Monday, December 16, 2024**

At the home of

**Michael and Tami Hurley**

**712 S. Chilton Ave, Tyler TX**

**Potluck Dinner Served**

**Please bring your favorite Dish**



## Smith County Confederate Veterans

### Benjamin Bryant Beard 1840-1915 15th Texas Infantry, Walker's Greyhounds



Regimental Colors  
15th Texas Infantry



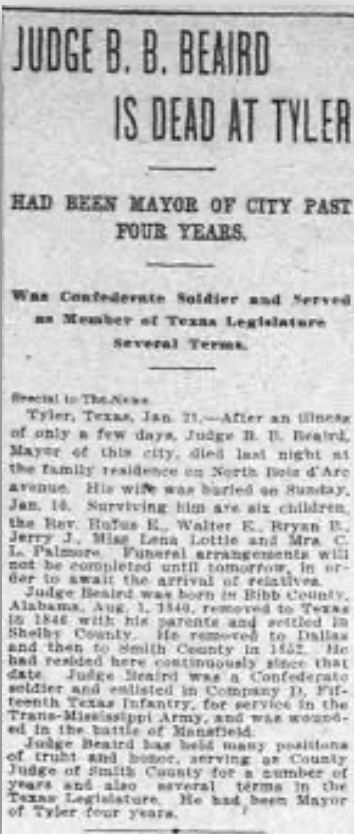
Benjamin Braird was born on 1 August 1840 in Bibb County, Alabama. His parents were Benjamin and Caroline McCullars Beard. He moved to Texas in 1846 when he was six years old—first living in Shelby County before moving to Tyler, TX, in 1852, where he attended local public schools. When the war broke out in 1861, he soon enlisted in the 15th Texas Infantry, Company D, Polignac's Brigade, Walker's Division, Army of the Transmississippi. He saw action in the defense of Texas at the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Yellow Bayou. He served as the Third Corporal of Company D and finally became the color bearer of the 15th Texas Infantry.

In 1875, he was admitted to the Bar Association, which led to a lifetime of service to Texas. He first served as a school trustee in Smith County. Later, he was elected and served as County Commissioner, County Judge (4 Terms), and Superintendent of Public Schools in Smith County from 1886 to 1894. He was elected as the State Representative of the 24th District (Smith, Upshur, and Camp Counties) in 1894, where he served two terms. He served as Chairman of the powerful Texas House Committee on County Government and Finances. He then served from 1911 to 1915 as the Mayor of the City of Tyler. He was President of the Smith County Fair Association from 1876 until 1909 when the old fairgrounds were sold to the Bergfield family, who eventually developed the property into the Bergfield shopping center now located on Broadway Ave. A member of the International Order of the Odd Fellows and Marvin Methodist Church of Tyler, TX.

Following the war, on 14 December 1865, he married Mary Ann Adams, daughter of JJ Adams, a well-known farmer in Smith County, at Marvin Methodist Church, in Tyler, TX. The Lord blessed them with ten children. He was a devoted family man, and among his children was Walter Beard, who served as a Smith County Commissioner; Rufus Beard, who was the first Pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church; and Patrick Henry Beard, who served as the Clerk of the District Court of Smith County. Many members of the Beard family remain active in the Tyler community to this day.

In 1866, Benjamin established the Beard farm. In 2000, the Texas Agriculture Department recognized the farm's historic significance of being run by the same family for over 130 years. He owned and edited "The Argent," a weekly newspaper published in Tyler, TX, and maintained an active law practice until he died in 1915.

January 15, 1915, on the day of his funeral, the Tyler Courier Times reported that every business in town closed for the memorial. Public schools were also closed, and his memorial drew a crowd that became known as one of the largest crowds ever assembled at Marvin Methodist Church. Benjamin and Mary Beard are buried in historic Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX.







TX Div Commander Michael Hurley & ATM Commander John McCammon



Confederate Rifle Squad



Priest Blessing the Monument

November 10, 2024

Tejano  
Confederate  
Monument  
Dedication

San Antonio, TX



Local Girl Scouts bring in the colors



*Celebrating Two Years!*



*Chartered November 1, 2022*



*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**

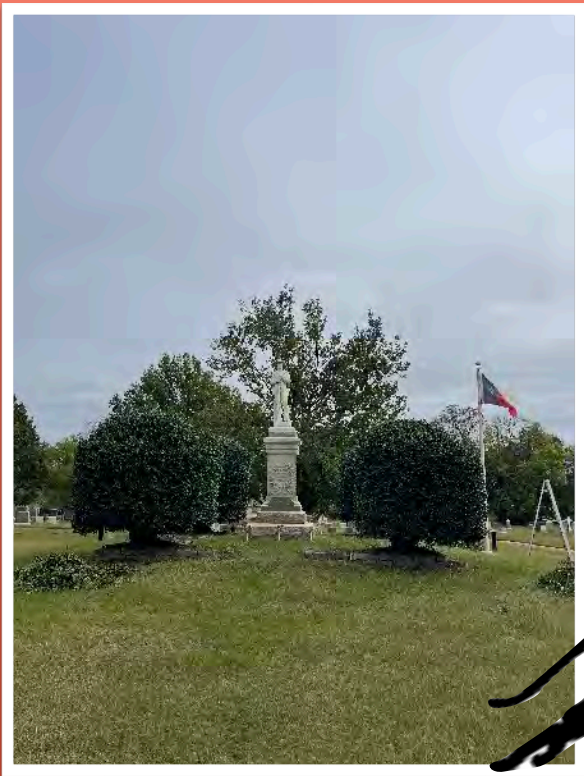
**Use Reservation Code:**  
**SCV 2025 National CO**

**Hosted by the Texas Division SCV**



# CAMP WORKDAY

## November 10, 2024



Member of Walker's Greyhounds spent a beautiful Saturday morning working at historic Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX. The work focused on landscaping around the Confederate Monument. Thanks to Monty Williams, Zach Sabota, Billy Pribble and Jesse Walker for attending!!

**Top 10 Reasons  
To Bring A Friend To The Next SCV Meeting**  
*By W. Michael Hurley*

1. Our camp's future depends on our recruiting the members and leaders of tomorrow.
2. Many of our neighbors and friends are descendants of brave Confederate soldiers and are not aware.
3. Inviting new members fulfills our duty to defend the historical truth of the reasons our Confederate Grandfathers fought.
4. The S.C.V. is the oldest and most influential defender of the Confederate soldier's good name. Growing the organization strengthens that defense.
5. Much good is done by our Camp in our local community. More can be done when others join us.
6. New members add ideas, energy, and talents to our camp.
7. Hundreds of Confederate graves lie in cemeteries all over Smith County. Growing the camp helps ensure those brave men are not forgotten.
8. The fellowship and friends we enjoy within our camp enrich our lives.
9. We need your help. If you do not help the Walker's Greyhounds Camp grow... Who will?
10. Just as our forefathers answered the call to defend Texas, we, their sons and grandsons, must be willing to answer the call to duty.





### NATIONAL AWARDS BESTOWED!

Commander Zach Sabota and 2nd Lt Commander Billy Pribble Sr received the prestigious Meritorious Service Award from the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Congratulations Compatriots!



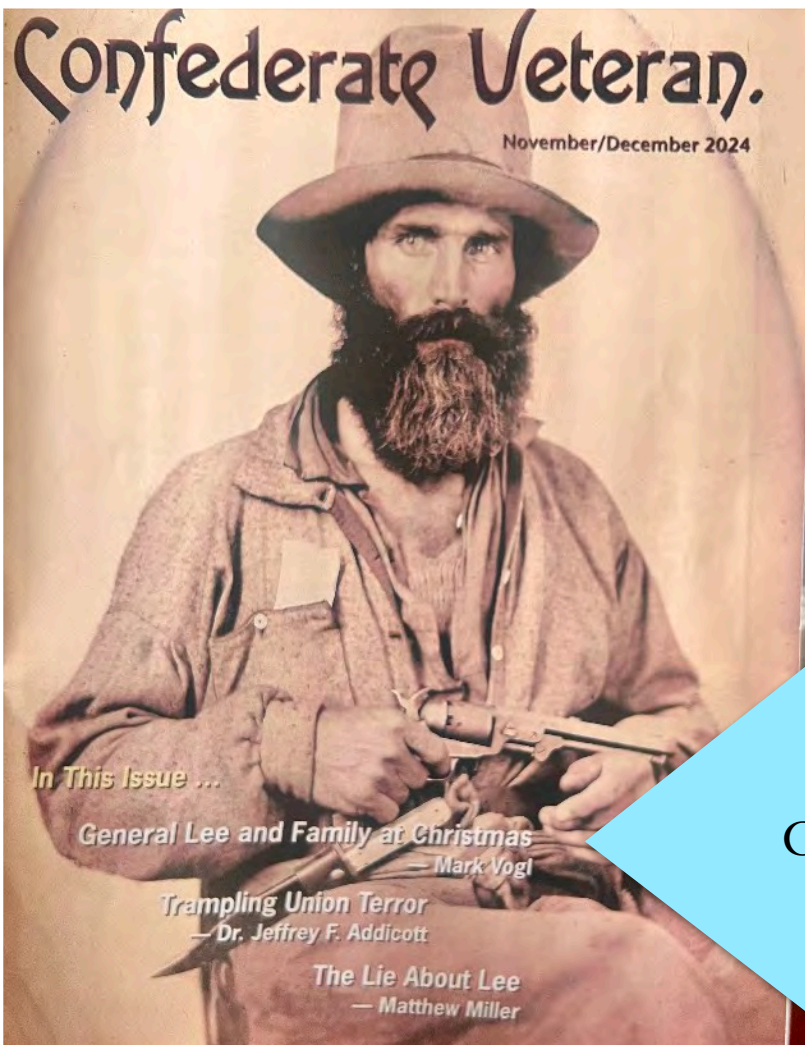
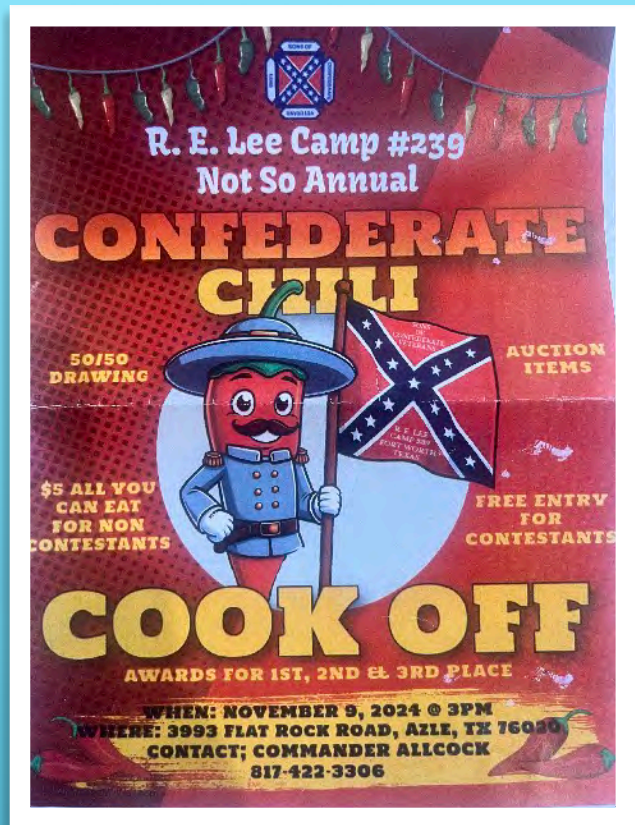
### Confederate Veterans Graves Flagged At Historic Smith Cemetery, Tyler, TX







Ronnie Russell transfers his membership from Ellis, TX, to Walker's Greyhounds! Welcome Ronnie!!



Camp celebrity Mark Vogl takes a pic with fan

Walker's Greyhound Mark Vogl recently had an article published in the latest issue of the Confederate Veteran!

Congratulations Mark Vogl!!



# 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 Division - 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





- ◆ **November 19, 2024** - 2nd Anniversary of the Camp's Charter.
- ◆ **December 16, 2025** - Camp Christmas Party
- ◆ **January 6, 2025** - Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX
- ◆ **January 19, 2025** - Confederate Heroes Day, Texas State Holiday
- ◆ **January 19, 2025** - 2 PM, Probable Confederate Heroes Day Celebration at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX
- ◆ **January 21, 2025** - Camp Officer Elections and Monthly Meeting.
- ◆ **April 19, 2025** - Texas Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration at the Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia TX

**Find Us On the Web...**

[walkersgreyhounds.net](http://walkersgreyhounds.net)



**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.