



# TEXDIV REPORTER

The Official Newsletter of the Texas Division

**Texas Division 2025**

**By-Law Proposals**

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## Commander's Address to the Division

I am pleased to share that the spirit of the Division is incredibly positive, and we are united in our commitment to uphold "The Charge." This dedication is evident throughout Texas, where our local Camps actively work to preserve, promote, and celebrate our Confederate heritage. The enthusiasm and determination I have witnessed among the 97 Camps that comprise the Texas Division remain strong and unwavering despite the current anti-southern political climate. The friendships among our long-standing members grow more profound each year, and the fresh ideas brought by new members are not only inspiring but also essential to our growth and are deeply appreciated.



### Important Updates for Texas Division Compatriots:

**Texas Division Has Place Billboards on I-35 to Celebrate Confederate Heritage Month** - I am pleased to report that the Texas Division has purchased two billboards which were placed on the North and South sides of I-35 South of Waco, TX in observance of April as Confederate Heritage Month. The billboards will be in place on April 1, 2025. The two signs should receive 900,000 views per week or 3.6 million views over the 4-week run.

**Texas Legislature Update** - I am pleased to report that a committee of members from the Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, and the Texas Division SCV has been working hard behind the scenes in Austin, TX, to influence the Texas Legislature to pass a Monument Protection Bill. I am excited that **HB 3227** and its companion **SB 217** have been introduced for consideration. **HB 3227 has now been referred to the Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.** The bill is on the committee's calendar; we will send information via the Texas Division email system on who to contact and the dates of importance.

**2025 Texas Division Reunion Update** - The 128th Annual Reunion of the Texas Division will be held June 6-8, 2025, in beautiful Mineral Wells, TX. Preparations continue and registration is **OPEN**. Our host camps, **34th Texas Cavalry #2338** and the **2nd Texas Frontier Camp #1904**, should be commended along with Lucy Pickens Award winner **Peggy Harvey** for working so hard to provide what promises to be an outstanding Reunion. **Register now!**

**Texas Division 2nd Annual Picnic** - In observance of April as Confederate Heritage Month, the Texas Division met for fellowship and food at the Confederate Reunion Grounds located just outside Mexia, Texas. We gathered under the historic Pavilion, built in 1893, where our Confederate forefathers held their annual Reunions for decades. Special thanks to Compatriot Ross Cox for cooking his award-winning BBQ

**2025 National Reunion Update** - The 130th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held July 16-20, 2025 in Houston, TX. Preparations continue and registration is **OPEN**. The limited edition numbered reunion medals are available for \$100.00. The medals are a fundraiser of the Texas Division, and donations are tax-deductible. Find out details on the reunion on the website at [www.scv130.com](http://www.scv130.com)





## 128<sup>th</sup> TEXAS DIVISION REUNION SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

hosted by: SCV Camps:  
34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry #2283-Palo Pinto County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Frontier #1904-DeLeon  
With the support of  
Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose™, INC.  
CACTUS ROSE #23 (DeLeon)  
PAINTED ROSE #66 (Mineral Wells)



### CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Delegate ☐ Yes ☐ No

Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Organization(s):

- ☐ Texas Society of Confederate Rose
- ☐ United Daughters of the Confederacy
- ☐ Friend of the SCV

Chapter/Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CRAZY** TICKET PACKAGE DEALS:

THESE **CRAZY** TICKET PACKAGE PRICES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31, 2025!!!

The **CRAZY SOLDIER** Deal: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150.00 / per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes tickets for the Commander's Reception, Prayer Breakfast, Awards Luncheon, and the Crazy Southern Ball!*

The **CRAZY COUPLE** Deal: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$250.00 / per couple = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes two tickets for the Commander's Reception, Prayer Breakfast, Awards Luncheon, and the Crazy Southern Ball!*

ORDER SEPARATE EVENT TICKETS ON NEXT PAGE

**2025 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:**

Cut-off date for ALL individual tickets is  
**May 2, 2025**, unless SOLD-OUT sooner

**Commander's  
Reception**Friday night  
06/06/25

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Breakfast**Saturday  
06/07/25

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meritorious Awards  
Luncheon**Saturday  
06/07/25

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Southern Ball &  
Banquet**Saturday night  
06/07/25

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Reunion Medal**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Reunion medals are available while supplies last. They will be distributed on a first-come basis: 1) those who register and purchase meal(s), 2) those who register but do not purchased any meals, 3) any remaining medals will be sold for \$20 each after March 31, 2025.

**MEAL CHOICES Southern Ball & Banquet:**

\_\_\_\_\_ CHOICE #1 GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST with white cheddar polenta, garden vegetables, pan jus

\_\_\_\_\_ CHOICE #2 PAN-SEARED SALMON FILET, bitter greens, lemon-pepper butter

**TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to: SCV 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry #2283, include "TX Div Reunion" in the memo.

Registration forms and payment must be mailed to:  
SCV 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry #2283  
2651 Devils Hollow Rd

or emailed to:  
scv2025.pharvey@gmail.com  
Graford, TX 76449



# 2025 Reunion By-Law Proposals

**CURRENT:** Offered by Richard Smoot ~ Texas Division Adjutant

**Paragraph 10.8.1:**

Within 10 days after receipt by the Division Adjutant, Division Life Membership fees shall be deposited in a financial institution and shall be held in a permanent interest bearing account separate from all other Division funds. Under no circumstances shall the principal in this account be removed. Interest paid on the principal shall be removed and deposited in the Division's general fund.

**PROPOSED:**

**Paragraph 10.8.1:**

Within 10 days after receipt by the Division Adjutant, Division Life Membership fees shall be deposited in a financial institution and shall be held in a permanent interest bearing account separate from all other Division funds. ~~Under no circumstances shall the principal in this account be removed. Interest paid on the principal shall be removed and deposited in the Division's general fund.~~ **An amount equal to the number of Division Life members times the current annual per capita tax shall be removed from the Division Life Member account and deposited into the Division's general fund on or about January first of each year. The remaining funds in the Division Life Member account shall remain intact.**

**RATIONALE:**

Rates on insured, interest-bearing accounts (*i.e.*, bank accounts) are so low as to produce negligible returns. The Division Life Member account balance only grows over time, with no appreciable benefit to the Division. This change would allow the account to remain in existence yet provide a benefit to the Division in terms of lost dues revenue.

For example, current Division records show 374 Division Life Members. If all were to pay annual dues of \$15, there would be an additional \$5,610 for Division use. The Division Life Member program would continue to operate as before, with no effect on existing or future members.



Offered by

Christian Lee

Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Current	Proposed	Reason
Section 10.4 - Finances An amount of three dollars (\$3.00) for each Texas Division Compatriot (regular or Life Member, as of 1 May) shall be allocated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. No fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention.	Section 10.4 - Finances An amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Texas Division Compatriot (regular or Life Member, as of 1 May) shall be allocated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. No fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention.	To ensure the success and sustainability of Division Conventions. Costs associated with hosting have increased due to inflation, facility rental fees, insurance, hospitality, and equipment needs. The current \$3.00 allocation, unchanged for years, no longer adequately supports these events. A modest \$2.00 increase ensures camps are not overburdened while providing the host camp with the resources to meet modern expectations for planning and execution.



Offered by

Cody Crislip

Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Current	Proposed	Reason
<p><b>6.1</b> At each biennial odd-number year Division Convention, the Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander and three (3) Lieutenant Commanders. Division Officers shall be elected for a term of two years. Officers may succeed themselves, but the Division Commander and 1st Lieutenant Commander shall not be elected to more than one two-year term. In addition, the Division Commander shall appoint the following officers to be members of his staff: a Division Chief of Staff, a Division Adjutant, a Division Chaplain, a Division Color Sergeant, and such additional assistants and Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary. The Division Commander shall also nominate a Division Judge Advocate and Division Parliamentarian with the advice and consent of the Division Executive Council.</p>	<p><b>6.1:</b> At each biennial odd-number year Division Convention, the Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander and three (3) Lieutenant Commanders. Division Officers shall be elected for a term of two years. Officers may succeed themselves, <del>but the Division Commander and 1st Lieutenant Commander shall not be elected to more than one two-year term.</del> In addition, the Division Commander shall appoint the following officers to be members of his staff: a Division Chief of Staff, a Division Adjutant, a Division Chaplain, a Division Color Sergeant, and such additional assistants and Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary. The Division Commander shall also nominate a Division Judge Advocate and Division Parliamentarian with the advice and consent of the Division Executive Council.</p>	<p>This amendment removes the current term limits on the Division Commander and 1st Lieutenant Commander, allowing them to serve successive terms if duly elected by the membership. It provides continuity of leadership and allows the members to retain effective officers as long as they have the confidence of the Division.</p> <p>The Confederacy didn't tell Lee, Jackson, or Forrest, "Sorry, you've served two years, now get lost." Competence should not be punished, and incompetence should not be protected by arbitrary expiration dates. Term limits rob us of momentum, experience, and the ability to crush disorganization with an iron will. The voters already have the ultimate term limit: it's called voting them out.</p> <p>If a man is willing to sacrifice years of his life to serve this Division, we should be begging him to stay, not shoving him out the door. Limiting our best men because "it's time" is bureaucratic stupidity that belongs in Washington, D.C., not in Texas. Changing Commanders every two years just to say we did it how you got chaos, regression, and weak leadership — exactly what the enemies of our heritage want.</p> <p>If a Commander is so bad he needs to go, have the courage to beat him at the ballot box. Otherwise, let the strong stay strong. Arbitrary term limits are an insult to trust, loyalty, and proven service.</p>

## Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution

Offered by Compatriot: Jim Cox

Camp Name and Number: Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983

CURRENT	PROPOSED	RATIONALE
<p><b>Paragraph 3.3.1:</b> Life membership in the Texas Division requires the one-time payment by the Compatriot in an amount equal to twenty-one (21) times the Texas Division annual per capita tax as stated in Article 10- Finances for applicants up to 64 years of age, and half that amount for applicants 65 years of age or older, and half that amount again for applicants 80 years of age or older. The Compatriot will be furnished with a Texas Division Life Membership badge. The Compatriot shall be exempt from payment of the Texas Division per capita tax and dues to the Texas Division after payment is made. The Compatriot, in order to remain a Compatriot in good standing with the General Organization, must still pay annual per capita tax to the General Organization until such time as he meets Life Membership requirements for that organization.</p>	<p><b>Paragraph 3.3.1:</b> Life membership in the Texas Division requires the one-time payment by the Compatriot <del>in an amount equal to twenty-one (21) times the Texas Division annual per capita tax as stated in Article 10- Finances for applicants up to 64 years of age or older</del> from ages 12 to 50 in the amount of \$315.00, ages 51 to 64 in the amount of \$157.50, ages 65 to 75 in the amount of \$105.00 and 76 years of age or older in the amount of \$78.75. <del>and half that amount again for applicants 80 years of age or older.</del> The Compatriot will be furnished with a Texas Division Life Membership badge. The Compatriot shall be exempt from payment of the Texas Division per capita tax and dues to the Texas Division after payment is made. The Compatriot, in order to remain a Compatriot in good standing with the General Organization, must still pay annual per capita tax to the General Organization until such time as he meets Life Membership requirements for that organization.</p>	<p>The rationale for this amendment is improved retention within the Texas Division. We lose a lot of members because they relocate to an area where there is no camp reasonably close, they quit attending meetings due to health or simply due to cost. By adjusting the age brackets down, younger members in our organization would be motivated to obtain Life Memberships.</p>

Offered by  
Christian Lee  
Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Current	Proposed	Reason
No current section of the Texas Division Constitution provides for a method of recall for elected Division officers outside of the national disciplinary process.	<p><b>5.6.4 Officer Recall Provision</b></p> <p>Any elected officer of the Texas Division may be subject to a recall vote at the annual Texas Division Reunion. A petition requesting a recall vote must be signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of all active Camps in good standing as of January 1 of that calendar year and submitted to the Division Adjutant no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Division Reunion.</p> <p>The petition must clearly state the name of the officer, the office held, and the grounds for recall. The Adjutant shall verify the standing of petitioning Camps and notify the officer in question no later than forty-five (45) days before the Reunion.</p> <p>The officer shall be granted an opportunity to respond to the recall petition in open session before the vote. The recall vote shall be taken by written ballot and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of credentialed delegates present and voting to succeed.</p> <p>Should the recall succeed, the office shall be declared vacant and filled in accordance with existing succession procedures.</p>	This amendment provides Texas Division Camps with a fair, democratic means of holding Division officers accountable outside of the national-level disciplinary process. It empowers the Camps—who form the backbone of the organization—to express a loss of confidence in leadership without the burden of formal misconduct charges. This promotes responsiveness, transparency, and trust, while preserving due process and unity within the Division.

Offered by

Cody Crislip

Alamo City Guards Camp #1325

Current	Proposed	Reason
<p>Article 11: A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly. Effective beginning in 2022, the Spring Newsletter shall be a printed copy mailed to each Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant in the Texas Division, and a copy emailed via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership. The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order that are to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p>Article 11: A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly <b>annually</b>. <del>Effective beginning in 2022, the Spring Newsletter shall be a printed copy mailed to each Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant in the Texas Division, and a copy emailed via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership.</del> <b>The Newsletter shall be a printed and/or electronic copy sent to each Brigade Commander and Brigade Lieutenant Commander in the Texas Division. It shall be the responsibility of each Brigade Commander and Brigade Lieutenant Commander to ensure the Newsletter is distributed to all Camps within their respective Brigades. A checklist confirming the Camps that received the Newsletter shall be submitted to the Division Adjutant no later than fourteen (14) days after the Newsletter is sent out.</b> The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order that are to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p>To reduce publication and mailing costs associated with quarterly newsletters. Most updates and Division news will be made available at scvtexas.org, including a members-only blog section for insider content not intended for the public. Additionally, this structure ensures better and more consistent communication between Brigade and Camp leadership. It improves information dissemination across the Division and strengthens the leadership role of Brigade officers by tasking them with the responsibility of distributing the Newsletter to their Camps.</p>





*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**

# Candidate Announcements



Shelby Little, current 1st Lieutenant Commander of the Texas Division, has officially announced his candidacy for Texas Division Commander.

In his statement, Little emphasized his commitment to the SCV Constitution, his Christian faith, and the mission of preserving Southern heritage. He brings over 30 years of military experience, having retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army, where he served as a tank officer, battalion commander, and division personnel officer. His service earned him the Legion of Merit and the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal.

After retiring, he continued to advise allied forces in countries like Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan.

Within the SCV, Shelby serves as Commander of the Williamson County Grays and has led efforts to protect Confederate monuments from public threats. For his leadership, he was awarded the Deo Vindici Award, the highest honor in the Texas Division.

Shelby is now asking for the support and prayers of his fellow compatriots as he seeks to lead the Division with strength, honor, and determination.

Shelby has produced a campaign video for the Division to watch:

<https://scvtexas.org/slcv>



## Mackey Fair - Candidate for 1st Lt Commander

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the 6th Brigade Commander for the Texas Division these past four years.

I ask your consideration to allow me to serve as the next Lieutenant Commander for the Texas Division. The Lt. Commander serves the Division Commander and assists him in his duties. I also understand that it is the duty of the Lt Commander to serve in the event of the Commander's absence. However, the primary mission of the Lt. Commander is that of Heritage Defense throughout the Texas Division as well as supporting the efforts of the National Organization.

A member since 2015, I have served at the camp level as the 2nd Lt. Commander 2018, Lt Commander in 2019, and Camp Commander during 2020. In 2018 I was accepted into the 1st Battalion Company C Mechanized

Cavalry and serve as Sargent of 4th Squad in the 1st Platoon. In 2021 I took on the responsibility of camp Adjutant and continue in that role today.

A 10-year member of Williamson County Grays Camp 502 in Georgetown Texas, I have been a part of a 4-year engagement with the local "woke" Anti-Confederate group that has been trying to remove the Soldier and Sailor monument from the Williamson County Courthouse Square. I have spent many weekends talking to the public to educate and garner support for the cause. I take my obligation to the Charge very seriously and promise to hold the line and forward the colors at every opportunity.

I am certain that I have the requisite skills, resources and experience to address Heritage Defense Issues efficiently across the State of Texas.

I would appreciate your support. ~ Mackey Fair



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## Christian Lee - Candidate for 2nd Lt Commander

Christian is a battlefield general when it comes to recruitment. He understands that preserving our heritage starts with bringing in new blood folks who care, who show up, and who stay involved. With access to the recruitment data the 3rd Lt. Commander's office provides, Christian has the tools, the vision, and the hustle to launch a Division-wide recruitment surge like we've never seen before. This isn't speculation—this is strategy. He's already built one of the most active and welcoming camps in the Texas Division. He's shown how to turn data into action, names into members, and members into leaders. But Christian is more than a recruiter he's a unifier, a motivator, and a servant leader. He understands the responsibilities outlined in our by-laws: to support the Commander, to rally our camps, and to help lead this Division forward with integrity and purpose.

As 2nd Lt. Commander, he won't just fill a role he'll amplify the work of every officer above and below him. ~ **Cody Crislip, 3rd Lt Commander**





## Cody Crislip- Candidate for 3rd Lt Commander

Compatriots,

I'm running for 3rd Lt. Commander of the Texas Division, not for the title, but because the work that's been started isn't finished—and I've been doing my part to get it done.

Here's what I've been working on:

### For the Texas Division:

- Rebuilt and modernized SCVTexas.org — now it's faster, mobile-friendly, and actually works properly.
- Created dedicated pages for each Camp with maps, contact details, and updates.
- Managed event listings across the Division to keep everyone in the loop.
- Integrated news and announcements to keep us all connected.
- Provided behind-the-scenes tech support whenever it was needed—without asking for credit.
- Rolled out a secure backend system to manage roles and content up-dates—because things need to be secure and efficient.

With The Alamo City Guards #1325:

- Helped grow the Camp into one of the most active in the State
- Led communications to keep everyone engaged and informed
- Contributed to the recruiting efforts, providing both tech tools and hands-on support.
- Worked to honor the Confederate Tejanos by fundraising and contributions.





# BOB HAZELWOOD

For 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, Texas Division

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

My desire is to honor our ancestors and serve the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I appreciate your consideration for 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, Texas Division.

## CONTACT

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(432) 302-0553

EMAIL:  
csa.reb@yahoo.com

## INTERESTS

History  
Wood Carving  
Vinyl Record Collecting

**I fully support and defend the SCV Charge.** As a member of the Texas Division SCV I have assisted my Camp, my Brigade and my Division in honoring the memory of our combined ancestors. We are truly a brotherhood.

I am actively engaged as the Texas Division Genealogist, as well as a member of the National Genealogy Committee. If elected, I look forward to assisting in new recruiting, retention of existing compatriots and engaging the youth of Texas to our cause.

## SCV EXPERIENCE

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Member in good standing since 2016

2018-2019: Lt. Commander, Dunn-Holt Midkiff Camp #1441

2018: Charter Member, Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298

2018-2021: Adjutant, Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298

2019-present: Lt. Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Texas Division

2021-present: SCV National Genealogy Committee

2021-present: Member, Good's Light Artillery

2022-present: Commander/Adjutant, Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298

2023-present: Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Texas Division

2023-present: Texas Division Genealogist

## SCV AWARDS

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2019: Division Bronze Medal

2021: Division Silver Medal

2022: Division Silver Medal

2023: Dixie Club Certificate

2023: Division Gold Medal

2023: National Commendation Medal

2024: Dixie Club Bronze Medal

2024: National Commendation Medal

2024: Texas Guardian Medal

## SKILLS

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- Adult Education
- Verbal and electronic communications
- Microsoft Forms
- Microsoft Excel
- PowerPoint
- Sway (newsletter)