



# THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

## Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,  
April 16, 2024  
6:00 P.M. ~ Eat  
7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**

**Spring Creek BBQ  
5810 Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75703**

**Speaker:  
Zach Sabota**

**Subject:  
"Collecting Confederate  
Memorabilia Part 2"**

### Texas Divison Confederate Heritage Month Celebration and Picnic!



#### Come Celebrate Confederate Heritage Month!



•Blanco State Park is located to the South of Blanco, TX at 101 Park Road 23, Blanco, TX 78606

•Location is 1 hr drive from SA, and Austin, 2 hrs from Waco, 3.5 hrs from Houston, and 4 hrs from Dallas.

•The historic CCC built Picnic Pavillon sits on the banks overlooking the beautiful spring fed Blanco River

•Enjoy the Texas Hill Country in the Spring time.

•Hiking, fishing, and bird watching!

•Camping and RV Hook Ups are available

•Pavillon features a playground, kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and large bbq grill on site.

•Bring your favorite Dish for an old fashioned potluck!

•Important Note: \$5.00 entrance fee per person is required for entry to the park (children under the age of 12 are free).

**April 20, 2024  
Save the Date!  
Blanco State Park  
Blanco, TX  
Lunch at 12 Noon**



## Captain James Postell Douglas (1836-1901)

### Smith County Confederate History Spotlight...



Born on 7 January, 1836 near Lancaster, South Carolina. He was the son of Alexander and Margret (Cowsar) Douglas. His family left South Carolina and moved to Alabama in 1838, and then on to Tyler in 1848. He became the family patriarch at age 17 upon the death of his father in 1854. He attended public schools when available but was primarily self educated; he was fluent in Latin, and gifted in Mathematics. He became the principal of the Tyler Male Academy, and studied law at night. Although he eventually became licensed to practice law, he never focused on his law practice, and in 1859 at age 23 he bought an interest in the Tyler Reporter (which later became the Tyler Courier-Times), serving as it's editor.

Upon the outbreak of the War Between the States, he organized the Smith County Artillery with fifty local recruits. Combined with a similar unit forming in the Dallas area the Good-Douglas Battery was formed. The battery went on to become the only Texas artillery to serve east of the Mississippi River. Following a period of training, the battery was assigned to General Ben McCullough's Army of the West in Arkansas. Following an engagement at the battle of Pea Ridge, the battery was transferred to the Army of the Tennessee. Following the Battle of Corinth, MS; he was promoted to the rank of Captain and placed in charge of what became known as "Douglas's Battery" for the remainder of the war. The unit fought at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and the Atlanta Campaign. While covering the retreat from the seige of Nashville in 1864, the battery became mired in the mud, and was overrun by Union Cavalry, but Captain Douglas and his brother managed to escape capture riding away on horseback. On February 16, 1864, the Confederate Congress offered a formal vote of thanks to the battery. Douglas's battery was paroled at Mobile, Alabama, on 12 May 1865.

Following the war, he returned to his work with the Tyler Reporter and in 1870 (age 34) was elected to the Texas Legislature, where he was well known for his anti-reconstruction politics. Later he entered the agricultural business in and around Tyler. He established a chain of canning factories, the first in Tyler, to market produce from his farms. As a planter, he was interested in agricultural experimentation and owned a large peach orchard, said to be the first in East Texas. This would move him to form the Tyler Tap Railroad where he served as it's first president. The Tyler Tap Railroad would grow to become the Texas Branch of the Cotton Belt railroad.

Married twice, first on 24 March 1864, to Sallie White, who died in 22 August 1872, and then to Alice Smith on 7 July 1874. Four children were born to the first marriage and six to the second. Douglas died on 27 November 1901 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX.



**James P. Douglas**



***Mollie Moore Davis 217, Tyler, Texas  
United Daughters of the Confederacy®***



***Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler, Texas  
Sons of Confederate Veterans®***

***Invites You to Attend  
Wreath Laying Ceremony  
Before the Confederate Monument  
Honoring  
The Fallen Confederate Soldiers Laid to Rest  
At Oakwood Cemetery***

***When: Sunday, April 28, 2024***

***Where: Oakwood Cemetery- Tyler, TX***

***Located at the corner of Oakwood and N. Palace Streets***

***When: 2:00 pm***

***Suggested Dress: Business Casual, Confederate Uniforms are welcome,  
and Heritage/Military decorations are encouraged.***



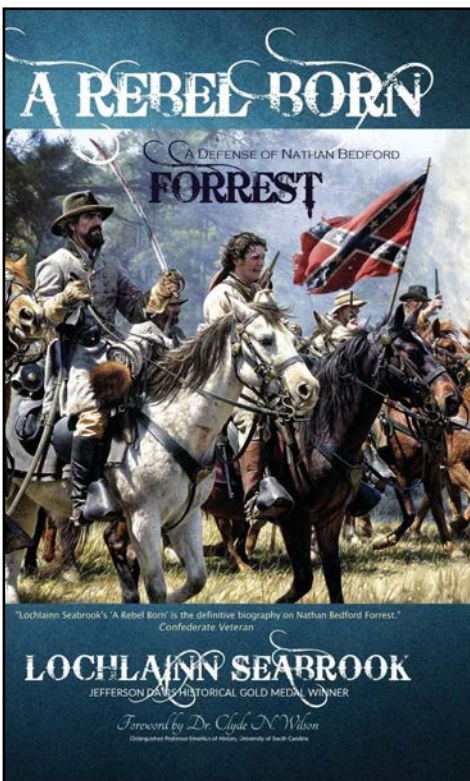
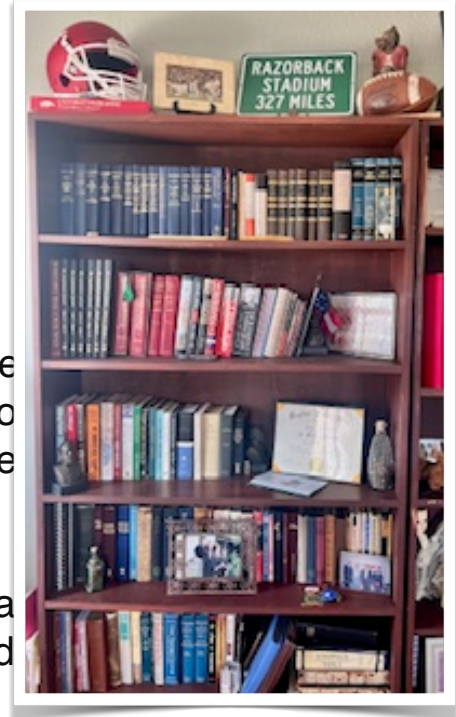
*From the Bookcase of Michael Hurley...*

## ***A Rebel Born***

***"A Defense of Nathan Bedford Forrest"***

***by Lochlann Seabrook***

General Nathan Bedford Forrest was a brave and ingenious Confederate officer who won all but one of the battles he led; a philanthropist who gave generously to family, friends, and charities; and a humanitarian who not only spared the lives of numerous Yankees on the battlefield, but who freed his slaves years before Lincoln reluctantly issued his Emancipation Proclamation. No one would know any of this by reading the conventional titles of Forrest, however, nearly all which are written and published by enemies of the South. In fact, according to most Northern and New South authors Forrest was a violent redneck, an unregenerate racist, a barbaric slave trader, a philandering husband, an illiterate hillbilly, the founder and grand wizard of the KKK, and "the butcher of Fort Pillow." None of this is true, but it continues to be presented in our history books as fact.



In *A Rebel Born: A Defense of Nathan Bedford Forrest*, unreconstructed Southern historian, Tennessee author, and Forrest scholar Colonel Lochlann Seabrook reveals the truth about one of history's most fascinating, charismatic, complex, romantic, and unique individuals. In this refreshingly positive appraisal of Forrest, widely acclaimed as Seabrook's "masterpiece," the author corrects the many falsehoods about him, and, using well researched documentation, shows that the modern negative image of the General Forrest is unfounded myth. The longest book ever written on Forrest and called the "definitive Forrest biography" by the Confederate Veteran Magazine, this book is definitely worth reading.

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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' Texas Battery





- ◆ **April 16, 2024** - Next Meeting of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338
- ◆ **April 20, 2024** - Texas Division Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration and Picnic at the Blanco State Park, Blanco, TX
- ◆ **April 28, 2024** - CSA Wreath Laying at Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX
- ◆ **May 4-5, 2024** - Battle of Port Jefferson Reenactment. Jefferson, Texas
- ◆ **June 7 - 9 , 2024** - Texas Division Annual Reunion in San Antonio, TX
- ◆ **July 17 - 21, 2024** - SCV National Reunion in Charleston SC

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## 2024 Camp Leadership

Camp Website:  
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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.