



THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
February 20, 2024
6:00 P.M. ~ Eat
7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**

**To be Held at
Spring Creek BBQ
5810 Broadway
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 561-5695**

**Subject:
A Report on Heritage
Defense Seminar and
2024 Camp Planing**

Notes From The Editors Quill,



Due to a severe winter storm last month, making the streets dangerous, we reluctantly cancelled our January meeting. That means this month's meeting will be the first chance for our camp to get together since our December Christmas party. I hope you are as excited about getting together again as I am.



I am pleased to report that in our very first year as a camp we have met the criteria to be named a **FOUR STAR CAMP** by the Texas Division. In order to qualify a camp must accomplish the following: Hold Regular Meetings, have a monthly Newsletter, 100% Retention of Membership Dues, Attendance at the Texas Division Reunion, and Attendance at the National Reunion. This is a very prestigious Division award, and last year only 5 Camps from the 93 Camps in the Division were bestowed the award. Not to bad for a camp in it's very first full year!

Lastly, one area we need to focus on is recruiting. So think about inviting your friends, neighbors and family to our next meeting.
See you this Tuesday!

Michael Hurley

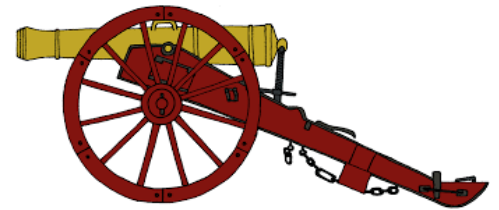
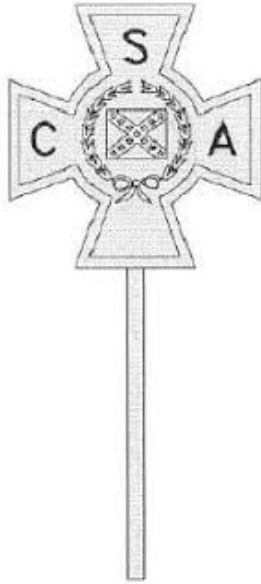


Mollie Moore Davis 217
United Daughters of the Confederacy®

Iron Cross Dedication

In Memory of

Edwin Stone Collins
(1826-1902)



Private
Paris' Company,
Stauton Hill Artillery,
Army of Northern Virginia

Curits Cemetery
1302 Bois D Arc Street
Weatherford, TX
9 March 2024
2:00 p.m.



Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Life Lessons Learned from Texas Division Heritage Seminar

By W. Michael Hurley

On February 10, 2024, I was blessed to attend the Texas Division Heritage Defense Seminar. A gathering of more than 50 Compatriots and friends from all over Texas. It is evident from their presence that they all had a sincere interest in listening, learning, and living out the charge in their community. Several days have now passed since the seminar ended. As I reviewed the meeting, I could not help but close my eyes and look back with fond memories of the workshop and the lessons learned. Here are a few key points I discovered at the meeting.

The Merit of Knowing Your Friends - It is vital that camps work closely with our like-minded friends in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Rose, and Military Order for the Stars and Bars. We are much stronger together than working without the support of our friends.

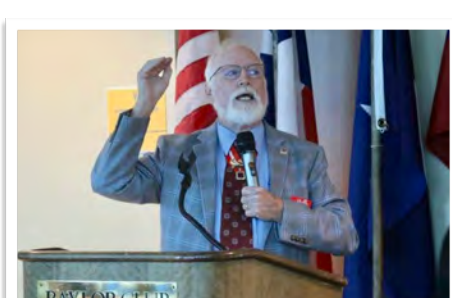
The Importance of Knowing the Tactics of Our Enemy - There is no substitute for knowledge and experience when dealing with our opposition. Being able to anticipate the arguments and accusations of our antagonist before they ever occur is key to a successful Heritage defense. We are often accused of supporting treason, rebellion, and slavery. How you respond to such false claims is essential in winning over the hearts and minds of the people in Texas.

The Immense Talent Found in the Texas Division - It was evident after hearing our seminar speakers and listening to the best practices shared in the breakout sessions. The Texas Division has been blessed with many intelligent, articulate, and determined men in our ranks!

The Cause Was Just and Right! - Ron and Donnie Kennedy did a masterful job of highlighting the political history of several subjects, including the Rights of the peace-loving men and women of the South to throw off the shackles of a President and Federal Government that no longer represented their values and interests. Believing all men are born with the right to pursue happiness, they exercised the Constitutional Right to leave the union of States.

Never Ever Give Up! - One of the most outstanding examples of determination, strength of will, and firmness of purpose was seen in the actions of the Compatriots of the Williamson County Grays Camp #502. Forty-three months of standing guard before the Confederate Statue on the grounds of the Williamson County Courthouse, showing to the opposition and the people of Georgetown, TX, that they would not yield, compromise, nor fail in defending the good name of our brave Confederate ancestors. The beautiful statue still stands in its original resting place. All because of men who would not give up!

These are but a few of my fond memories of a February day spent working together to be better equipped to keep "The Charge". The enthusiasm in the room was both inspiring and contagious!



**Greyhounds Place Confederate Flags on
Veteran Graves at Tyler's Historic Oakwood
Cemetery in Observance of
Confederate Heroes Day!**

January 19, 2024



**Camp Chaplain Monty Willimas
posts a flag!**



A Cold Windy January Morning!
(L to R) Compatriots Zach Sabota, Matthew
Lee, Michael Hurley, and Monty Williams.



THE BATTLE OF MANSFIELD APRIL 8, 1864



ARMY OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL SCV EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
 Mansfield State Historic Site
 15149 LA-175, Mansfield, LA 71052
 10am - 3pm

The Army of the Trans-Mississippi invites you to the 1st Annual ATM National SCV Event!

Guest Speakers include:
 • Scott Dearman, Mansfield Site Manager (ret.)
 • Charles Laurel, ATM Councilman
 • Dr. John Goddard
 • Chuck McMichael, Past SCV Commander in Chief

Music will be provided by The PineKnotz!

Mark your calendars today for this Historic Event to commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Mansfield & 125 years of the Louisiana Division.

Admission \$4. The fee is for everyone over 12 & under 62. This includes the museum. Please bring a chair for the event. You may also bring a small cooler for snacks & drinks. Parking will be in Mansfield with buses for attendees.

For more information please contact ATM Commander JC Hanna, 318-560-7076 or Louisiana Division Commander Brian McClure, 318-480-1948.




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

**Smith County
Confederate History
Spotlight...**

Colonel George Hugh Yarborough (1826-1899)

George Yarborough came to Tyler, TX from Alabama in 1854. He soon entered into a partnership with Alfred Ferguson and opened a general merchandise store. In 1859, Yarbrough built a hand made Brick structure, which was the first three story building in the city of Tyler. The building was located at 100 East Fergusson Street in downtown Tyler. Note: The building was razed in 1978 and today the Regions bank building stands in it's place.



Yarborough Building Marker

In 1862 Geogreg Yarabough, W. Biscoe, and J.C. Short started the Tyler Ordnance Works, located near the present day location of Bergfeld Park. The factory was founded using evacuated equipment from the Little Rock, Ark arsenal. It was a private gun factory, used to make rifles for the State of Texas. The factory was purchased by the Confederate Government in 1863. The gun factory expanded into the Confederate States Ordnance Works at Tyler. The plant made around 2,233 rifles, which beacme known as "Tyler Rifles". They repaired thousands of other weapons, produced millions of small arms and cannon cartridges, and employed around 200 men and boys. It was destroyed to avoid it's use by th enemy in May 1865.

The Tyler Courier says: "In the death of Col. George Yarbrough, this community loses a prominent citizen--one whose life and works have been felt in the home, in church, in commercial affairs, and in every way that he has touched elbows with his fellow man. It has ever been for the advancement and promotion of the community and betterment of those with whom he was associated. Yarbrough was a Confederate supporter, and resident of Tyler for 46 years.. In early life he united with the Baptist denomination and remained a consistent member of this body until his demise. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church in this city for 42 years, and was one of the original members.



Headstone of George Yarborough



CSA Ordnance Plant Texas Marker



Yarborough Building Downtown

Walker's Greyhound Receives Sons of Confederate Veterans National Award of Merit...

**February 10, 2024 Camp Adjutant Sam Daggett received the Award of Merit from
Lieutenant Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy and Army of the
Transmississippi Commander J C Hanna**



**(L to R) Lt CIC Donnie Kennedy, Compatriot Sam Daggett,
and ATM Commander J C Hanna**

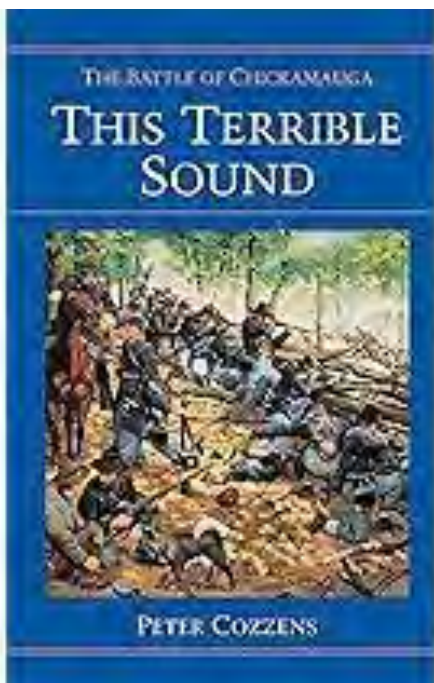


From the Bookcase of Michael Hurley...

The Battle fo Chickamauga...The Terrible Sound ***by Peter Cozzens***

When Braxton Bragg, and the Confederate Army of Tennessee assailed the Union Army of the Cumberland, under command of William Rosecrans on the hills of northwestern Georgia in September of 1863, they began one of the bloodiest and most decisive campaigns of the war.

The Battle was a Confederate victory, but it came at a high cost to both sides. The second bloodiest battle of the war, with over 125,000 total forces engaged (60,000 CSA), with an estimated total of 34,624 casualties (18,454 CSA). Interestingly, the battle included the famed "Hood's Texas Brigade" as Longstreet's Corps was transferred to the Army of the Tennessee.



This book has been in my library for many years. A favorite among my collection for it's vivid battle details and descriptions of the mental toll the fight placed on the men who participated in the battle. Cozzens writes movingly of both the heroism and the suffering of the common soliders. He also does and admirable job in his evaluation of the strengths and flaws of their commanders.

Written in 1992, it was the first study of the campaign written in more than thirty years. The book contributed greatly to a resurgence in the interest of this great battle. Offering new interpretations, that challenge the conventional wisdom on key moments of the battle. It is volume well worth the investment of your time and focus.

January 7, 2024

Two of Walker's Greyhounds Attend the Historical Marker Dedication of Colonel John Burke (1832-1871), 1st Texas Infantry, Company E "The Marshall Guards" at Oakwood Cememetry, Jefferson, TX

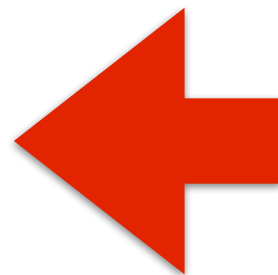


(L to R) **Allen Bourne** (Heartsill Camp #314), **Bill Hulrey** and **Michael Hurley** (Walker's Greyhounds #2338)



The Dedication was the work of the W.W. Heartsill Camp #314 of Marshall, TX

Great Job!



We still Have A Few Left!

We still have a few Camp T-Shirts left. I have seveal size XL and one size L. All 3 colors (red, black, and grey) If you would like a shirt please see Michael Hurley at the meeting.

Cost is \$15.00

Texas Division Commander
Michael Hurley
Represents Greyhounds Camp at State Events



Ft Worth Stock Show Parade ... with the 3rd
Brigade Color Guard
January 13, 2024



Conductng DEC Meeting
January 8, 2024



Speaker for Combined Meeting of W.L. Cabell Camp #1313 Dallas, TX and
William H.L. Wells Camp #1588 Plano TX.
January 5, 2024

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



- ◆ **March 9, 2024** - Iron Cross Dedication for Pvt. Edwin Stone Collins (1826-1902) Weatherford TX
- ◆ **March 19, 2024** - Next Meeting of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338
- ◆ **April 6, 2024** - ATM Confederate Heriatge Rally
- ◆ **April 12-14, 2024** - Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment. For more info www.battleofpleasanthill.com
- ◆ **April 20, 2024** - Texas Division Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration and Picnic at the Blanco State Park, Blanco, TX
- ◆ **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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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.