



THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
July 11, 2023
6:00 P.M. ~ Eat
7:00 P.M. ~ Meet
Spring Creek BBQ
5810 Broadway Tyler
TX 75703
(903) 561-5695**

**SUBJECT:
"The CSS Hunley"**

By Compatriot

Monty Williams



Notes From The Editors Quill,



Compatriots, the Lord God has left little doubt that the Summer season has arrived! Soaring temperatures coupled with very high humidity has caused us all to take notice and to pause and thank the good Lord for the miracle of air conditioning!



July also brings with it the annual dues notices from the Texas Division SCV. As you receive your dues statement, we ask that you please pay promptly. One of the goals of a growing and active camp is to make sure that we have 100% retention on our existing membership. Every member is important to the Greyhounds! Your dues go to fund the various works of the Texas Division and the National Sons of Confederate Veterans. When you examine the notice please note that our camp has not chosen to require any camp dues. We simply pass the hat or pay out of our pockets as the need may arise. You will also notice that the statement contains the opportunity to give additional funds to various works and projects of the Texas Division to include the Sam Davis Youth Camp, The Texas Division Heritage Defense Fund, The Flags Across Texas Project, and the Texas Memorial Fund. All are good works and worthy of your support and consideration.

Reminder that our meeting has been moved this month to the 2nd Tuesday of July as the 1st Tuesday of July is the 4th of July Holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at your usual meeting place.

W. Michael Hurley, Editor



Greyhound's In Action!



June 10, 2023 members of the Walker's Greyhounds gathered at the Holt Cemetery to clean the old burial grounds in preparation for an iron cross dedication held on June 11, 2023.



The dirty and sweaty clean up crew!

(From L-R) Billy Pribble, Monty Williams, Will Slinky, L D McWilliams, Michael Hurley, and 8th Brigade 1st Lt Commander Scott McDonald.



June 20, 2023 Commander Hurley represents Walker's Greyhounds at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood Texas!

Pictured on left, Michael and Tami Hurley spoke to attendees of the 127th Annual Confederate Reunion and Camp Out!

The Southern People and the 4th of July - by W. Michael Hurley

The men and women who lived in the Southern states before 1861 had always enjoyed a grand celebration of the 4th of July. Considering the Southern contribution to the cause of liberty, it seemed only natural to do so. The colonial states from the South had furnished some of the most outstanding leaders of the war for independence. The guerrilla-fighting Scotch Irish of Appalachia turned the tide of the war at the Battle of King's Mountain. The Southern state of Virginia gave America the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson. Virginia also contributed the most outstanding leader in the history of the United States, General George Washington. On Southern soil, the victory over British General Charles Cornwallis occurred when he surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown on 19 October 1781. After the war, the South contributed the nation's first President, George Washington, and went on to provide 9 of the first 12 Presidents of the United States: Jefferson (VA), Madison (VA), Monroe (VA), Jackson (SC), Harrison (VA), Tyler (VA), Polk (NC), and Taylor (VA).



When secession came to the South in 1861, the people were proud of their contribution to the struggle for freedom. Most Southerners felt they were fighting a second war for independence, fighting for freedom from an oppressive federal government, that no longer represented their values and rights. No different than that of their brave colonial forefathers who had stood against the King of England for many of the same reasons. This feeling was so strong concerning the principles of the American Revolution that the Confederacy's first national flag closely resembled that of their former foe. They, too, loved the red, white, and blue.

When the war between the states began, the Confederacy continued to celebrate the 4th of July in many cities and towns across Dixie. They celebrated the day on the pretext that they were fighting for the true meaning of what their forefathers fought for. To the South, the feeling was that the 4th of July brought a time to stress the Founding Fathers' principles. Rather than celebrating union, Southerners recognized the importance of constitutional rights and the true ideals of self-determination. As the years went by and the cost of the war came to bear on the homes, the treasury, and the blood which was sacrificed to defend against the invading yankees, many communities around the Confederacy reduced or eliminated the celebration of the 4th of July. By 1863 the mood of the country had changed. Devastating battlefield losses in Gettysburg, PA, and Vicksburg, MS, on the 4th of July all but eliminated the annual celebration. It would be 81 long years before the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, would celebrate the 4th of July again. It took the end of World War 2 in Europe to finally bring about the holiday celebration again on the 4th of July 1945.



Congress officially made the 4th of July a Federal holiday in 1941. Since the end of World War 2, the political importance of the holiday declined in the South. Today, the primary focus is on leisure activities and family get-togethers, and the unofficial song of the 4th has become John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

So how will you celebrate the 4th of July this year? At the lake with family? Setting off fireworks? Maybe eating a hot dog at a local baseball game? Where ever you are, I sincerely pray that on this 4th of July holiday, you will pause and remember the sacrifice made by countless austral men and women to establish the individual States we call Dixie. Never forget that Southerners have a long and proud heritage of fighting for freedom, the right to self determination, and to be left alone to establish our individual pursuit of happiness.



Red Diamond Camp of Texarkana, TX will be hosting:

The Army of Trans-Mississippi

**Recruiting, Retention, & Heritage Operations
Symposium**

★ **August 12, 2023** ★

Texarkana, Texas

9:00 AM

With Featured Presenters:

- ♦ **SCV Commander in Chief: Jason Boshers**
- ♦ **SCV Lieutenant Commander in Chief: Walter D. (Donnie) Kennedy**
- ♦ **SCV Chief of Heritage Operations: James Ronald Kennedy**
- ♦ **National Membership Coordinator: Eric Previti**

Early Registration - \$40.00 per Attendee ~ \$50.00 Per Attendee At the Door

**Fee includes: Symposium materials, Name Badge, Continental
Breakfast & Symposium Luncheon.**

Send Name, Address, Phone and Email to:

Red Diamond Camp #2193, P. O. Box 825 Nash, TX 75569-0825

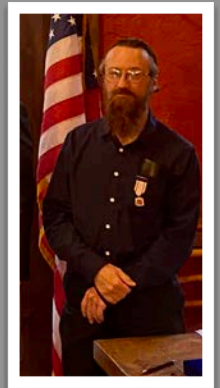
Make checks payable to: Red Diamond Camp



Greyhounds Hurley and Daggett take office as Division Officers!

Compatriot Sam Daggett was appointed as Texas Division Adjutant by Commander Michael Hurley. Sam has the responsibility for the management, and administration of the financial assets of the Texas Division. The Division Adjutant position is voting member of the Division Executive Council.

Congratulations Sam!!!!



Sam Daggett
New Division Adjutant

Congratulations is also extended to Compatriot Michael Hurley who was elected by acclamation as the 63rd Commander of the Texas Division.





**United Daughters of the Confederacy®
Children of the Confederacy®
and Walker's Greyhounds Hold Joint Dedication of Iron Cross
Sunday, June 11, 2023**



Lt Commander Matthew Lee and his Sons who are Members of the Colonel RIP Ford Chapter Children of the Confederacy



President Patty Williams and Chaplain Tami Hurley perform the U.D.C. Dedication



2nd Lt Commander Billy Pribble Assists with Dedication



Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley



Members of Mollie Moore Davis 217, U.D.C. of Tyler TX who dedicated the iron cross of honor



**Honoring Private Irby Leroy Holt
14th TX Cavalry**

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
- 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



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry.



1st Texas Infantry





- ◆ **June 30, 2023** - Rose City Airfest, at Pounds Field, Tyler, TX. All proceeds benefit Camp V in Tyler. For more info: <https://www.campvtyler.org/rose-city-airfest/>
- ◆ **July 11, 2023** - Next Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338. Note: date moved to July 11, 2023 due to the 4th being a holiday.
- ◆ **July 17, 2023** - General N. B. Forrest Homecoming Celebration. SCV Headquarters, Elm Springs, TN.
- ◆ **July 19-22, 2023** - SCV National Reunion, Hot Springs, Ark To register and details: www.2023scvreunion.org
- ◆ **August 12, 2023** - ATM Training in Texarkana, TX. Training begins at 9AM.

Find Us On the Web...

walkersgreyhounds.net

Don't Forget that

Dues are Due!



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.