

Salute to the Texas Flag: "To the flag which flew over the embattled Republic; to the flag proudly carried by our God-fearing ancestors into battle; to the flag which flew over decades of liberty, growth and prosperity; I salute the Lone Star Flag of Texas."

Salute to the Confederate Flag: "I salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands."

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Hello Compatriots!

I write my commander's report with much on my shoulders about the SCV and our camp. Please take the time to read this newsletter if you can.

First, old news. SCV was going to take part in the Lone Star Celtic Fest up in McKinney on April 19-21st. Unfortunately, they decided to revoke our request for a booth there and refunded our money. Their loss. The good news is that the Texas Division is having a fellowship picnic down in Blanco State Park on April 20th. I will not be able to attend but I hope you can. Also, we will be taking part in Decatur's Celtic Fest on May 4th. I hope to see you there! Please see Frank's excellent event's page for further details.

Second, and this is the most important, we discussed and voted last meeting on moving our camp's guidon from Grapevine to Kaufman. There were numerous reasons for this, and so the members present at the last meeting decided to make it happen. If you were not present at the last meeting, and want to discuss this, PLEASE do not hesitate to call me (214-676-3200). I would not mind discussing this with you.

In regards to our upcoming April meeting on Tuesday the 16th, I decided to do something to celebrate Confederate Hero's Month. At **6 pm**, instead of showing up at Chill's as we normally do, please show up at the **Grapevine City Cemetery** located at the corners of N. Dooley St at Wildwood Lane Grapevine, Texas 76051. It is north of Northwest Highway. We are going to do a small ceremony honoring Thomas Nash, one of the founders of Grapevine. Afterwards, we are going to head down to Chills and maybe sit on the patio (weather permitting) and have an informal meeting and fellowship time. I hope to see you there!

For God, Texas, and the South,

Sean Partee, Commander Gano Camp 2292

1st Lt Commanders Report

Ladies and gentlemen of the SCV and our friends we are transitioning.... No, not like that!

The camp has had to make some difficult decisions. You might notice some changes coming but we are still the same camp fighting and doing all we can to honor our Confederate dead. We have decided to move East to Kaufman. I trust our great commander Partee to lead us into battle and into the future. The News-letter will be going out on Facebook, the Website and to camp members only this month. We have had a slight issue with Constant Contact but hope to have a resolution for this issue soon. We might look into just Shrinking our email list from over 740 emails to a few hundred and emailing directly from out camp email account since we have only had 400 of those email recipients even open our emails in the last 90 days...

Come celebrate Confederate Hero's Month with us this Tuesday the 16th! This will most likely be our last meeting in Grapevine, Texas. Meet us at **6 pm**, instead of showing up at Chill's as we normally do, please show up at the **Grapevine Cemetery** located at the corners of N. Dooley St at Wildwood Lane in Grapevine, Texas 76051. It is north of Northwest Highway. We are going to do a small ceremony honoring Thomas Nash(pictured below), one of the founders of Grapevine. We will also be placing a Iron Cross with battle flag like the one pictured below in the ground at the base of his grave marker(I will bring a shovel). Afterwards, we are going to head down to Chills and maybe sit on the patio (weather permitting) and have an informal meeting and fellowship time. I will be present and I hope to see you all there! I apologize I was not able to be at the previous two meetings.

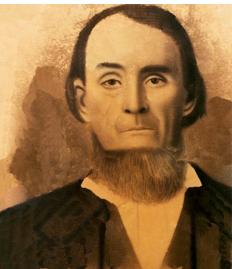
Don't forget this is Confederate heritage month and to fly your battle flags high!

God bless Texas and Dixie!

Unreconstructed,

Frank Krawiec







Events

April 16 - Camp meeting at Grapevine City Cemetery at 6pm. Flagging and Iron cross Instillation. Meet at Chill after to eat and fellowship.(page 2)

April 20 - Division Confederate Heritage Celebration Fellowship Picnic at Blanco State Park(page 9)

April 25 - 28 - Mech Cav's 3rd Annual Trans-Mississippi Raid on the Boarder. 143 Crestwood Park Rd., Avinger, TX.

May 4th - Decatur Celtic Festival.

June 7-9 - Texas Division Reunion at the Double Tree Hotel San Antonio Airport.(page 10)

July 15-21 - National Reunion in Charleston, SC.





Chaplaín's Corner

The Tale of Two Houses

The story begins with a veteran returning from World War II. He is married and thinking of starting a family. The G. I. Bill helps afford their first home, and so the search for a home begins. Our Veteran has found employment as a news writer and columnist for a local newspaper while his bride began working as a school nurse. The two had been living in "rent" houses since his return from service and were anxious to find their "dream home". Now with two small children the search began in earnest and the search was finally narrowed to one home in particular, a three bedroom and a bath and a half. The "new" house needed new wallpaper and painting inside and out to bring the house up to Mom's standard.

Dad was responsible for mowing and yard, trimming the hedge, as well as interior and exterior maintenance. Mom had a "green thumb" and planted an assortment of seasonal flowers around the home. Together they were very proud of their new home.

"Coming of Age" in the 50s and 60s meant a small black and white TV. Programs for us kids were "Superman", "Roy Rogers", "Lone Ranger", "Captain Kangaroo", "American Bandstand ", "Soupy Sales", "Mickey Mouse Club". I spent more time doing "guy stuff" with the "25th Street Gang" making Sling shots out of bicycle tubing and a "Y" shaped tree branch, exploring alleys, riding the bike downtown, shooting BB guns. I was in scouts, so we had the "authority" to carry our pocketknives to school.

Remembering the Civil War Centennial in the early '60s. Parades, Battle Flags all around. Sears, J.C. Penny, Woolworth's sold CW merchandise. You could be a Confederate Soldier or Yankee which wasn't a hot selling item in Texas (as I recall). In 1959 my Dad telephoned that I'd better hurry down to the Safeway store (on the corner of 25th and Hwy. 6) to view the

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motorcade containing the remains of the last surviving Confederate veteran Walter Williams who passed at 117 years of age. I remember vividly the Battle Flag draped casket as it sped fast on its way to its final resting place in Franklin, Texas. The crowd that greeted the hearse flew Battle Flags and stood 2 deep along both east and west sides of Hwy. 6.

Dad passed first. Mom tried to maintain the house, however, the work of maintaining her home and her safety proved too much. Mom's health began to fail and a few years later she passed. After Dad passed, Mom would mention that she did not feel safe. She, on several occasions, indicated that the neighborhood was changing, and she did not know her neighbors.

Some fifty years later went ack to the old neighborhood and to Mom and Dad's first home. The neighborhood had indeed changed. A fire had destroyed the home where the Cole's had lived, right across the street from my parents' home. I was aghast at the condition of Mom and Dad's dream home. The yard was overgrown with weeds, and a rusty old pickup sat on blocks. The flower beds were gone, the paint was peeling and blistered, one of the windows smashed out and covered with cardboard and foil. Some kids played dodgeball in the front yard. I managed a wave and smiled as I drove past,

The home that my Dad and Mom loved and cared for was gone, just a memory in my mind of past things and times of long ago.

I now think of our country and how it has changed in forty years. Is this a path that we want to continue? We did this to ourselves. We became complacent, self-centered, striving for goods that didn't matter. We lost our faith in God the Father and the saving grace of His son Jesus Christ.

We've torn down monuments that speak of courage, honor and valor. What will take their place? What lessons can be learned and who is left to

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tell of a time when they stood tall and proud? What is left now is an empty space, a pile of rubble.

May God forgive us of our ignorance and indifference. May we always keep in our hearts and minds the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. Those who, in spite of loss remain great in our hearts and minds.

Are we falling into disrepair or are we going to rebuild and maintain a home that once was.

Deo Vindici

Jack Bowen, Chaplain





The camp has some hard decisions to make...





Camp News - Last Months Meeting

State News - Commanders Report



Report of the 63rd Commander to the Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX March 23, 2024





Compatriots,

I am pleased to report the Texas Division remains strong and active. As your Commander, it has been a thrill to observe firsthand the incredible good done in our community in the name of our brave southern lineage. Here are a few essential items that I would like to mention as they relate to our work to keep "The Charge" of our organization.

Upcoming Texas Division Reunion in San Antonio - Our reunion is just around the corner, June 7-9, 2024. I have visited the hotel and sampled the food and hospitality. We are in for a great time of fellowship and fun, and we will conduct training and business of the Texas Division. Please make every effort to be there. I know you will find it and money well spent. If you still need to register, do it now, as the prices will be higher after April 1, 2024. Registering by April 1, 2024, will allow attendance at all events to cost \$85 per person.

Heritage Defense Seminar: Our first Heritage Defense Seminar was a huge success. Over fifty men and guests attended the meeting held at the Baylor Club in McLane Stadium on the campus of Baylor University on February 10, 2024. Practical information and breakout sessions provided inspiration and practical application in our efforts to defend our monuments, traditions, and culture as Southerners. We had an all-star lineup of excellent speakers, including Lt Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy, Heritage Operations Chief Ronnie Kennedy, Texas Division 1st Lt Commander Shelby Little, and 3rd Vice President General of the U.D.C. Tami Hurley. A follow-up survey of attendees revealed overwhelming approval of the event and its value.

Hollywood Cemetery - Richmond, Virginia's famed Hollywood cemetery is the resting place of several hundred Texas soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of Texas. For the past 50 years, their graves have remained unmarked following the removal of the Texas marker. The Texas Division is working to replace the marker, with final designs and approval set to take place at the March DEC meeting. A time and dedication date will be announced, and all Texas Division members will be invited to its dedication. Watch your email for the date and time.

Key Dates To Remember:

- April 6, 2024 ATM NATIONAL SCV EVENT at Mansfield State Park, Mansfield, LA, at 10 AM
- April 20, 2024 Confederate Heritage Month Division Wide Celebration/Picnic. Blanco State Park, Blanco, TX at 12 Noon
- June 7 9, 2024 Texas Division Reunion in San Antonio, TX
- July 17-21, 2024 SCV National Reunion in Charleston, SC
- Upcoming DEC meeting Dates For the remainder of this term June 9, 2024, at the Annual Division Reunion to be held in San Antonio, TX.; Saturday, September 21, 2024, in Waco, TX.; Saturday, January 4, 2025, in Waco, TX.; Saturday, March 29, 2025, in Waco, TX

Reminder: I welcome invitations to speak at your local Camp or Brigade meetings; please contact me for availability.

State News Cont. - Confederate Month Picnic

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 State News Cont. - Texas Division Award Committee



Texas Division Award Committee

To All members of the Texas Division Executive Council

The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Deo Vindice
- Confederate of the Year
- Lucy Pickens
- Lifetime Achievement

These Awards are due in by April 15th to be sent out for Balloting by the DEC on April 19th.

Please review the 2024 edition of the Division Awards Manual on the Texas Division website.

Bill Elliott, Texas Division Awards Chairman

State News Cont. - 2024 Texas Division Reunion

Make Plans To Be at the 2024 Texas Division Reunion in beautiful San Antonio, TX



Any registrations that are postmarked <u>March 30</u>, will still be accepted. All remaining early bird registration specials will need to be emailed to: <u>2024txdivreunion@scvhoods153.net</u> OR <u>commander@scvhoods153.net</u> on <u>March 31</u>! State News Cont. - 2024 Texas Division Reunion



Gentlemen of the Texas Division SCV, Ladies of the UDC & TSOCR,

On behalf of Hood's Texas Brigade, along with our distinguished compatriots, Lone Star Grey's and Medina County Grey's, it is our honor and privilege to invite y'all to our hometown – the beautiful and historical City of San Antonio for the 2024 SCV Texas Division Convention and Reunion. San Antonio is a unique city with a rich cultural heritage and a vibrant presence. Explore the history, and entertainment that makes San Antonio a one-of-a-kind destination. Please take some time to explore our great city and enjoy yourselves with everything it has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

All the information about ticket prices, and hotel information is attached here in this registration book for your convenience. Please keep an eye out on your emails, and for the first time, you can also stay up to date on the official Facebook page at <u>facebook.com/2024txdivreunion</u>. You can also check out our website at <u>hoodstexasbrigade.net</u> as well!

Y'all come back now, ya hear!

2024 Convention Planning Committee SCV Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153

CLICK HERE FOR THE REGISTRATION BOOKLET

HOODSTEXASBRIGADE.NET

National News - 2024 Submission of Award Nominations



Gentlemen of the SCV,

It is time for us to consider submission of Award Nominations. The updated version of the 2024 SCV Awards Manual is posted on the website. Submission dates are listed for each award on page one and in the award criteria. Please take time to read the new Awards Manual and get familiar with the nomination / submission process. Please follow the submission process for each award as published in the Awards Manual.

Deadline for submission of nominations for Graves Award to the Graves Chairman and Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award to the Chaplain-in-Chief is April 15^{th} .

Specific and Individual Nomination Submission Forms are posted on the website. Camps will submit completed Nomination forms to their Division Commander for approval by May 1st. Award Nominations will be vetted by Division Commanders, compiled as a division onto one form (Division Commanders Award Nomination Submission Form) and sent as one complete Division submission to the SCV Executive Director at <u>exedir@scv.org</u> and the Awards Chairman at <u>SCVAwards@scv.org</u> by May 15, 2024. Nomination forms sent directly to the Commander-in-Chief or GHQ will not be accepted for consideration.

Camps and Divisions are to submit applications for the General Samuel Cooper Website Award to the National IT Director @ scv<u>hqit@gmail.com</u> by May 15th.

Newsletters should be submitted to all members of the Awards Committee by email. Email address for Awards Committee listed on page 1 of Awards Manual. Deadline is May 15. There will only be one newsletter award this year.

Scrapbooks are to be submitted to SCV HQ table at the Reunion by 9 am on Thursday. There will be one scrapbook award this year.

Butler Historical projects must be submitted to all Awards Committee Members by May 15th via email or by US mail, addresses furnished by request.

Submissions for the Gen. William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award with proper documentation should be submitted by *email to each member of the Awards Committee by June 15th*. Late submissions will not be considered. Email addresses on page 1 of Awards Manual.

Awards are a great way to recognize the dedicated hard work our members and camps do each and every year to preserve our Confederate history and the memory of those men. Our submission policy is crafted to make sure all award submissions are handled in a professional manner so our members receive the recognition they deserve.

Thanks, Randy Burbage SCV National Awards Chairman

National News - 2024 Submission of Award Nominations



Just to let you know, National has changed its Awards Calendar for this year.

As such, the National Graves Award, Heritage Defense, and the Rev Jones Christian Award entries deadline to National is April 15th. You must get them into Division Awards or Commander Hurley now!

They will only be accepted if we get them in time for the Division Commander to turn them in by the 15th.

See official dates from National SCV

This booklet was developed to assist members in becoming familiar with and understanding eligibility for all national awards and officers' insignias of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It includes all awards approved through March 1, 2024. An electronic copy of this booklet can be found on the SCV website at <u>www.scv.org</u>. Please Note:

Bill Elliott Texas Division Awards

Commander Hurley's Contact Information: Our nomination submission policy was changed some years back. Please follow the submission protocol for each award nomination submission found in the current year's SCV Awards Manual at http://scv.org/awards-manual. "National Reunion Individual Merit Awards Nomination Forms" on our website www.scv.org must be used. Completed National Reunion Merit Awards nomination forms are then submitted to the Division Commander for approval. Division Commanders will compile all nomination forms and submit them to the SCV Executive Director, Chief of Staff, Awards Chairman, or proper Committee Chairman as one package submission from each division. Award nominations submitted by Camps or individual members directly to National HQ, the Commander-in-Chief, or the Awards Committee Chairman will be returned. Please follow the awards submission protocol so the dedicated hard work of our members is recognized. Awards listed in the Chapter 6 Camp Level Individual Awards are obtained from SCV National HQ.

Michael Hurley 712 S. Chilton Ave. Tyler, TX 75701 scvtexascommander@gmail.com

Important Award Dates to Remember

712 S. Chilton Ave. April 15 - The General Executive Council starts gathering their nominations for awards

April 15 – Deadline for submission of Graves Award to the Graves Chairman, Heritage Defense Medal to the Chief of Heritage Defense, and Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award to the Chaplain in Chief nominations from Division Commanders.

May 1 - Deadline for General Executive Council nomination submissions.

May 1 - Deadline for SCV units to submit nominations for National Reunion Individual Merit Awards to Division Commanders

May 15 – Deadline for **Division Commanders**, **Army Commanders**, **and GEC Members** to submit National Reunion Individual Merit Awards nominations to SCV Executive Director and SCV Awards Chairman. Awards should be fully vetted by Division Commanders as duly attested to have earned the award.

May 15 - Camp notification deadline to SCV National IT Director @ scyholt@gmail.com for General Samuel Cooper Website Award.

June 1 – Deadline for camps to electronically submit Newsletter Awards to all Awards Committee members.

June 15 – Deadline for submission of General William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award to all Awards Committee members.

Awards Committee Members

Randall B Burbage - Chairman SCVAwards@scv.org

Keith Alan Porter – ATM Rep porterkeithalan@gmail.com Archie Herring – ANV Rep. 750ace@bellsouth.net

Mike McMurray - AOT Rep divcommander@alscv.org

Mattie J. Gano Grapevine Texas Chapter 64

CCR Update - Membership Dues are Due

Hi there Mattie J Gano Roses,

I am happy to announce that at our January 6th General Business Meeting, Annual dues were rolled back to \$10!

With that being said, it is time to renew your membership.

Please contact me for invoice, fill it out and return it to me. Cash, Venmo or check is fine.

Please verify your information on the invoice and return-even if you are a life member or golden rose and do not actually have annual dues. You can return the invoice via email or mail which ever works best for you. My address and number below.

P. O. Box 821872 North Richland Hills, TX 76182 817-291-5291

At the annual meeting in June this year (in San Antonio) we will be voting on Bylaw changes. This is the time to make a difference, but you must be in good standing to vote and that means dues paid. As noted on the invoice, I need all dues by April 1 in order to get everything to the treasurer by the delinquent date of May 1st.

2024 holds many good things and I hope to see y'all at events and meetings.

Thank you for being a part of such a wonderful organization!

Thank You,

Debbie Hearrean

Mattie J Gano #64 Chapter Rep

TSOCR Director

SLRC UPDATE - Updates



The Court of Appeals DC Circuit has granted our motion to extend time to file the initial Appellants Brief. Our brief is now due on 22nd MAY. The court in granting the extension has ruled that the brief will be a joint Brief by the Defend Arlington Plaintiffs and the SCV Plaintiffs, which were consolidated while still at the District Court level. Apparently joint parties filing separate briefs is "extremely disfavored" by the Court, so Defend Arlington and the SCV will need to forge a working partnership to produce a flawless and hard-hitting joint brief. I believe that we can do that – we are ALL on the same team - The GOOD GUYS!

And we are advancing 2 VERY important national issues 1. Protecting a national treasure from WOKE bureaucrats and 2. Preserving "Judicial Review" over bureaucratic acts "mandated" by Congress. In its briefing the Department of Justice lawyers basically told the Judge that she as a representative of the Judiciary, had NO authority to review Secretary of Defense Austin's order to dismantle the 1914 Reconciliation Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, because the order was mandated by Congress. So (Clinton appointed) Judge, for the sake of the Regime – Fall on your sword!

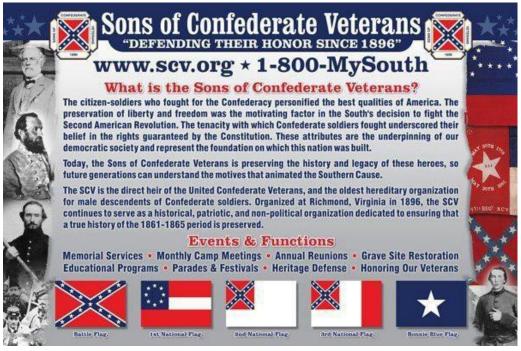
This is a combined arms fight – and if we are to win everyone has a part to play!!

We, the lawyers, will do our job, BUT you, our loyal supporters need to do yours!!!!

So please tell your congress-critter to support RESTORATION of the Reconciliation Memorial in Arlington by amending the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act of 2024 to include restoring the removed Reconciliation Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery.

Go to DEFENDARLINGTON.ORG AND call the Capitol Switchboard 202-224-3121 to contact your congressman & senators!





Do you have an ancestor that was a Confederate Veteran?

Are you interested in honoring them and their cause?

Do you think that history should reflect the truth?

Are you interested in protecting your heritage and its symbols?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions, then you should "Join Us"

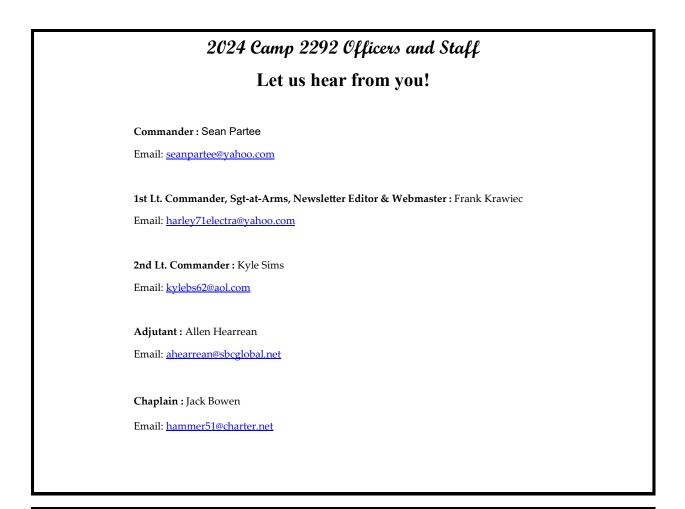
Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces regardless of the applicant's or his ancestor's race, religion, or views.

How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. 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 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, We have Genealogist that can help you for free.

CLICK HERE FOR GEANEOLOGY HELP



CHARGE TO THE SONS

OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee Comm<mark>ander-General United Confederate Veterans New Orlea</mark>ns, Louisiana 1906

Remember, it is our duty to see that the true history of the South is preserved and presented to future generations.

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us the undeniable birthright of our Southern Heritage and the vision, desire and courage to see it perpetuated.