

**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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# 놑 Commanders Report 🕆

# Hello Compatriots!

In our last newsletter, I informed y'all we were moving the camp to the Kaufman area. We discussed this at our May's meeting, which was informative. For the most part it is still a go. So, for June's meeting I would like to have it again at my house located at 7140 Rose Hill Drive, Terrell, Texas 75160 (I live between Terrell and Kaufman). This time, though, I would like to move the date and time that we meet. For June's meeting, I would like to have it on SUNDAY, June 23rd, at 4pm. Hamburger, brauts, and beer (and other spirits) will be provided. If you cannot find it, give me a call, 214-676-3200. It will be an informal meeting to continue the discussion of where we will go from here.

The Texas Reunion was held this past weekend (June 7-9) down in San Antonio. Nothing much was really discussed at the business meeting on Saturday. Friday's dedication at the Confederate Cemetery was good, as was the Commander's reception Friday night. 3rd Brigade Commander, Festus Allcock, got the Texas Division's "Confederate of the Year." Congratulations to Commander Allcock! I hope to see you this month!

For God, Texas, and the South,

Sean Partee, Commander Gano Camp 2292

# 1st Lt Commanders Report

Congratulation to Festus Allcock, he deserves every award from the SCV. We are blessed to have him in our organization. RIP Frank Bussey, we are not the same without him. We are just not the same and things are not the same as used to be...

I talked with an old compatriot who was a member of our camp for years. Afterward I sat down and somberly thought about what all we have been through as camp members. I thought of our beginning at camp 1648 in Arlington. I thought of Frank Bussey and Craig Stone and Jim McNabb and Dan Hayes and so many more... I then went into the archives of this newsletter back to May of 2015, over 9 years ago. It was my third Newsletter to ever put together since I had volunteered to take over the then "Confederate Voice Newsletter" from the previous editor Wayne. As I scrolled through March, April and May of 2015 newsletters and re-read all the articles and reports I realized it was like a different world. It was a different world! All the monument's were still up and not vandalized. Our battle flags still flew proudly as the Mississippi state flag and over the South Carolina State House Grounds. I want to share with you a small sample of some of the information I found in this old 2015 newsletter about our then camp 1648...

#### Report from the Comdr.

Retention, Comdr requested that we all contact our buddies that have recently missed camp meetings.

We have 11 votes to cast at the Reunion in Temple, TX. We need a total of 13 people to go to the reunion including two reserve. The dates of the Reunion are June 5-7, 2015. We need a rep. for each of the 11 votes. Commanders plan is to drive to Temple Saturday morning and to return that same evening.

#### Report from the Adjunct:

Adjunct Allen Hearrean gave the current report. We currently have 110 members. We are the second largest camp in Texas and the 10th largest in the U.S.A. We also have 2 actual grandsons of Confederate Veterans. They are Theodore Washington McNabb and Winfred McRee.

110 members with 11 votes of power in the 2nd largest camp in the state of Texas.

We need to get back to this! What needs to be done? What do we need to change?

All camps except two or three in the Division are shrinking. Pray for the SCV. Pray for a resurrection. Pray for a revival. Pray for the South, our Dixie!

Unreconstructed for God, Texas and Dixie! Deo Vindice! Frank Krawiec Lt Commander R. M. Gano Camp 2292 WWW.CAMP2292.ORG

# Events

**June 23** - Camp meeting 7140 Rose Hill Drive, Terrell, Texas 75160 at 7pm.

June 30 - July 6 - Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp in Gainesville, TX.

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**July 6 -** ELEVEN Grave Dedications on north side of Lake Tawakoni in Greenville at 9am. (page 5)

July 16-21 - SCV National Reunion in Charleston, SC.

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Confederate monument in Terrell, TX

# Camp News - Camp Remembers Frank Bussey



Frank Bryson Bussey January 19, 1947 – May 29, 2024Frank Bryson Bussey was born in Silver, Texas on January 19th,1947, to Frank Henry "Judge" Bussey, a cowboy with Church of Christ values from West Texas, and Marie Kiely Bussey, a lovely Irish Catholic lass from Derry, Ireland. Both parents preceded him in death.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Becky Bussey, of Gorman, Texas; his son, Christopher Lee Bussey, wife Rachelle Bussey, and their three daughters, Brooke Bussey, Blaire Bussey, and Brittni Bussey, all of Mansfield, Texas; and his stepson Tim Hannie, wife Raquel Hannie, grandson Aaron Hannie, wife Loren Hannie, and granddaughter Sarah Hannie of San Antonio, Texas. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Pastor Doyle Evans and his wife Gena Hannie Evans; brother-in-law Fred Hannie; sister-in-law Charmayne Hannie Crawford; brother-in-law Judson McCann, all of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and sister-in-law Amanda Hannie of Galveston, Texas. Numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews will miss their Uncle Frank dearly.

Frank will be long remembered for his signature "neck-rag" look that represented the character, integrity, and honor of a Southern Gentleman. His strong work ethic made him a valuable employee of Exxon Mobil for over 30 years on their Safety and Response teams. Upon retirement, Frank and Becky moved to Gorman, TX, where he joined the ranks of Gorman's Volunteer Firefighters, battling fires and ensuring the Tanker Truck was refilled with water. He also served his country in the Army National Guard and was a life member of the American Legion.

Frank had a profound love for horses. He was a longtime member of the American Quarter Horse Association, and his dedication to horses followed him into retirement, with his last ranch chore being feeding and watering his beloved animals.

As many know, Frank was an avid student of history. He could provide intricate details of battles from the War Between the States or describe a musket used by Texans. He was Southern to the core, demonstrated by his over 30 years as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, showcasing his knowledge and passion for history.

Frank loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and was outspoken about the Bible and his faith. He had a big, welcoming smile and would always respond to "How are you doing?" with "good, all things considered." You never wanted to ask him what things he was referring to unless you had plenty of time to hear it all.

Frank Bussey was a hero in so many ways. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. "If heaven needs a Cowboy, they are getting a top hand!"

Brigade News - Grave Dedication July 6th



# Compatriots,

We will be hosting a grave marker dedication for 11 Confederate Veterans at the Forrest Park cemetery in Greenville Texas on Saturday morning **July 6th at 9am**.

Our camp has ordered and set these markers for these Confederate Veterans who did not have military markers.

Please bring your muskets if you want to participate in the musket salute.

The cemetery is just off Business Hwy 69 beside the Greenville golf course.

5605 South Business Hwy 69, Greenville, TX 75402 on north side of Lake Tawakoni.

Confederatly,

Mike Pierce



# State News - New Adjutant



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#### Update on Texas Division Adjutant

I am your new Texas Division Adjutant. Since we are in the dues-paying season, I want to remind you of the procedures for paying and submitting dues.

#### All members:

You can send your dues, National, Division, and any additional donations, to your camp adjutant. Dues will be considered late if received by national after August 31st and will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00.

#### Camp adjutants:

- You should pay your camp dues for National to National, either electronically or by check, before September 1st. Include a list of members paying and amounts. Forms to document these payments are attached ("Blank National-Division Dues").
- You should pay division dues by check only, again before September 1st. Include a list of members paying and amounts. Forms to document these payments are attached ("Blank National-Division Dues").
- Additionally, you should complete the "Adjutant Dues Collection Report 2024" to account for your payments. This will allow me to allocate your payments between dues and the donation categories.
- Remember, camp adjutants should mail their camp checks and rosters to:

Richard Smoot, Texas Division Adjutant 733 W. 3rd Avenue Corsicana, TX 75110

Mailing to any other address will delay or possibly prevent your members' receiving prompt credit for their dues.

I hope that these instructions are understandable, It's the same procedure we've followed for years. If you have any questions, contact me.

Sincerely, Richard Smoot, Texas Division Adjutant

# State News Cont. - Commander Report



Report of the 63rd Commander to the Texas Division Executive Council San Antonio, TX June 9, 2024





#### Compatriots,

I am thankful to report to the Texas Division that our organization stands strong and unwavering in our commitment to the tasks at hand. I have observed numerous Confederate grave dedications, parades, roadside cleanups, recruiting events, collaboration with local historical museums, and an exceptional demonstration of representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans to the public and upholding "The Charge." As your Commander, it has been a privilege to witness firsthand the remarkable and influential work our camps do in their local communities. THANK YOU!

#### I am overjoyed to report good news to the Texas Division:

- On May 10, 2024, the Shenandoah County School Board in Virginia reversed a 2020 decision by a
  previous board to rebrand two schools named after Confederate Generals Turner Ashby, Thomas
  "Stonewall" Jackson, and Robert E. Lee. The schools have been renamed, with Mountain View High
  School restored to Stonewall Jackson High School and Honey Run Elementary again named Ashby-Lee
  Elementary School.
- On May 13, 2024, I had the privilege to attend the formal dedication of the monument erected by the State of Texas to the brave Texas who served with such valor and sacrifice on the hollowed field at Franklin, Tennessee. This was the first Confederate monument the State of Texas placed in over a decade. In this day and age of historical revision, seeing our State government place the memorial was so encouraging.
- On May 17, 2024, more good news was received when Governor Glenn Youngkin of Virginia vetoed the bill passed by the Virginia State Legislature, which would have eliminated all tax exemptions for the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

#### Welcome Two New Camps:

I am pleased to report the continued growth of the Texas Division. Two camps recently received their Camp number and will hold Charter ceremonies shortly. Welcome to:

- 1. 1st Lieutenant Jesse Page Camp #2351 in Boerne, TX. The New Camp Commander is Chuck Hand.
- Salt Works Camp #2353 of Lampasas, TX. The New Camp Commander is Michael Oliver.

This brings our total number of Camps to ninety-five, the largest in the Confederation.

#### Report on the 2025 National Reunion:

Preparations for the 2025 SCV National Reunion are almost complete. The registration website is nearly finished, and the Reunion medals have been approved and ordered. Tours have been planned, menu choices have been selected, and hotel bookings have been confirmed. Registration will officially open on July 18, 2024, at the Reunion in Charleston, SC. Keep an eye on your email for opportunities to volunteer at the Reunion in Houston, TX, scheduled for July 17-20, 2025.

State News Cont. - Sam Davis Youth Christian Camp



# Dear Members and Friends,

We are thrilled to announce that the Southern Heritage Youth Camp (SDCYC) is still open for late applications for our summer program, running from June 30th to July 6th. This is a unique opportunity for our youth to engage with our heritage, enjoy a range of activities, and make lasting friendships.

## Camp Highlights:

Location: Nestled close to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, our new campsite boasts lush shade trees, top-notch restaurant-quality food, and comfortable, historically-themed cabins. Plus, we have RV hookups for those who prefer to bring their home on the road.

Activities: A week packed with educational and fun activities designed to enrich our youth's understanding of our history and values.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website:

https://belocamp.com/sam-davis-christian-youth-camp-texas

Don't miss out on this wonderful experience! Spread the word and let's make this summer unforgettable for our young members.

National News - SCV National Reunion



# The 2024 Reunion will be at The Embassy Suites in North Charleston, S.C.

Charleston, S.C. is one of the most beautiful cities on Earth. Featured Tours include touring Fort Sumter, Warren Lasch Conservation Center (Hunley Museum) St. Michael's Church, White Point Garden, Museum at Market Hall, Historic Downtown Charleston, and Much more.

Register NOW as tickets are limited.



https://scv4.org/2024/

# National News Cont. - Chaplains Conference



The Sons of Confederate Veterans to resurrect the "Chaplains Conference" to honor Christ and the inheritance He has given us!

Compatriots:

Great news! The SCV will once again host a conference for Chaplains. Please save the date (September 14th).

There is no budgeted money allowed for this Chaplains Conference, therefore, a \$20 fee for participants which will include lunch and help on other expenses. There is other material we hope we can furnish if money allows. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Conference is to assist all Chaplains in proclaiming Christ to each SCV member, and to:

To give tools to be an effective part of the camp; to show how Christ is indeed our inheritance and how he has worked through Southern history; to suggest techniques that will benefit each camp member; to help them feel they belong, and; to give ideals of how Chaplains can assist in enriching camp meetings.

The date for Chaplain Conference is Saturday, September 14th, starting at 9:00am in the conference hall at Historic Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee. Speakers are still being contacted.

I have been asked to give this information to those who wish to donate to this conference. If you wish to donate, send a check to Jason Boshers

405 North Main St.

Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474

Please note donation to Chaplains Conference on the memo line of your check.

If you wish to donate by credit card, call SCV Office Manager at 931-380-1844, ext. 5.

Registration will come out very soon. God Bless Dixie with another Southern Revival!

Deo Vindice,

Gary Carlyle Chaplain-in-Chief

#### Polish Confederates and the Principle "For Our Freedom and Yours

The history of Poles' participation in the formation of the American Republic, especially participation in the American War of Independence, has been perfectly documented by Polish and non-Polish researchers. For example, there are extensive biographies of Tadeusz Kosciusko and Casimir Pulaski. Unfortunately the contribution of Poles in the period of the Civil War still remains a topic for broader discussion, particularly when it comes to the Confederacy. There are still no studies or monographs on the participation of such Poles as Waldemar Sulakowski, Kacper Tochman (Gaspar Tochman), Ignacy Szymanski or Hipolit Oladowski in the Southern army. It should be noted, that the number of Poles in the Union army reached about 3,000 while in the Southern army this number fluctuated around 1,000. The difference to the detriment of the South is understandable. Most Polish emigrants settled in New England and industrial areas, where it was easier for them to take up lucrative jobs. Most ships from Europe called at ports in the North, mainly New York. They were mainly used by Poles emigrating for political reasons, not only for economic reasons. On the other hand, the largest number of Poles emigrated to the Southern states only in the 1850s. And they were mainly Silesians who fled because they didn't want to serve in the army of Prussian invader. One of them was Kacper Tochman, a court lawyer, a participant in the November Uprising in Poland 1830-1831 and proceedings supervisor of Tadeusz Kosciusko inheritance.

Currently, in Polish academic discourse, the only researchers who have addressed the topic of Poles' participation in the American Civil War are two historians: Łukasz Niewiński and Piotr Derengowski. The works of these historians are an excellent introduction to the understanding of motivations of Poles in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies. Łukasz Niewiński is the author of a work extremely rich in source material: "Relacje polskich uczestników wojny secesyjnej" (Relations of Polish participants of the Civil War). Niewiński's book plays a similar role to James McPherson's "For Cause and Comrade: Why Men Fought in the Civil War". The difference is that it narrows its scope only to Polish reports. In turn, Piotr Derengowski undertook the topic of statistical analysis and registration data in the work "Polacy w wojnie secesyjnej 1861-1865" (Poles in the Civil War 1861-1865). Both authors are also pioneers in the Polish academic community when it comes to scientific articles on this topic. Another important work, that fills this research gap in the world is Mark F. Bielski's "Sons of the White Eagle in the American Civil War: Divided Poles in a Divided Nation". It helps to understand why Poles were so divided about this issue, just like the Americans. The fact that Poles were one of the smallest national groups fighting in the American Civil War makes their motivations even more significant.

Let us think about the most important thing. Why the motivations of Polish participants in the American Civil War are so important? What can we say from the point of view of historical truth? During the war, Poland – as a country – disappeared from the European map. It was under the occupation of Tsarist Russia. Therefore, Poles' aspirations to regain independence coincided in a similar way with the cause of the South. Studying the letters and writings of Polish soldiers of the Southern army allows us to add another brick to the whole puzzle about the cause of the Civil War. Source texts allow to de-mythologize of the Yankee nationalist message, which reduces the complexity of the war only to slavery. We need more works like these ones. Primarily, works that would focus on sources – memories, diaries and letters of soldiers. The works of Niewiński and Derengowski mentioned here, clearly show that the main reasons why some Poles sided with the South were the principles of the American Republic. For example, Kacper Tochman who attempted to form a Polish brigade consisting of Poles from New Orleans and Texas, in the letter to the Polish Democratic Societies wrote:

"The Confederate States in this conflict uphold this law of nature and fight to save these principles from the destruction of centralism. The motivations that led me to take the side of the Confederacy are the same as those that animate the Southern people – to preserve the principles on which the Constitution of the US was founded...

#### Polish Confederates and the Principle "For Our Freedom and Yours Continued

We can see that Tochman and other Poles fighting on the side of the South were motivated primarily by the defense of their natural rights to independence and the defense of constitutional principles. It should be added that, observing the situation in Europe and based on the declarations of Polish participants in the Southern army, the Daily Richmond Enquirer wrote: "the cause of Poland is the same cause for which the Confederates are now fighting". On the other hand, the Polish independence activist Ludwik Żychliński who decided to fight on the Union side, later wrote with bitterly that: "A native American from the North, he hates war and has no military courage, because he puts all his courage on merchant speculations and will fight only for money".

His regret stemmed from observing the rhetoric the Yankees used to tempt immigrants to enlist in the army. He was struck by the intrusiveness with which the military agents of the North harassed recruits in drinking dens, cafes and public places. About Confederates – Żychliński wrote that each of them was a soldier, ready to defend their land, wives and families. Żychliński's observations also noted that the main cause for which Southerners used to fight was independence and the defense of freedom.

Coming back to the issue of motivations, we should say one more thing. The issue that also made some Poles decide to fight for the South was primarily the diplomatic relations of Abraham Lincoln with Tsar Alexander II. Russia occupied the Republic of Poland at that time. And it should be remembered that Lincoln's administration diplomatically supported the Tsar in "bringing order in Warsaw" and officially did not oppose the suppression of Polish January Uprising in 1863 (January Insurrection). Cassius Marcellus Clay for the Court of the Tsars, as Joseph Wieczerzak wrote, "poured salt on Polish wounds" and he tried to discredit the Polish cause for independence with Yankee's propaganda, writing that the Union's interests and sympathies are on the side of Russia against "reactionary, Catholic and despotic Poland!. Moreover, Lincoln's friendly relations with Alexander II are no secret. The myth of great liberators and emancipators clings to both of them. Lincoln of slaves and the Tsar of peasants (in 1861 by enfranchisement reform the 22,558 Russian peasants received personal freedom). To this day, in Russia, the myth of benevolent Tsar who abolished serfdom and gave the peasants freedom is being built, just like the myth in the US about Lincoln. The imperial ambitions of the Tsar and his despotic character are completely ignored not only by Russian historians. It should be mentioned that Tsar ordered the forced deportation of thousands of people (not just the Poles) to backbreaking and deadly exile to Siberia. For Poles, Lincoln's lack of official support for the Polish cause was surprising considering the fact that most European states favored the Polish cause. Lincoln preferred "friendship" with a despot who could be helpful to him in possibly supporting the war in the South and Confederate naval blockade. Of course Russia supported the Union at the beginning of the American Civil War.

Polish historians Bogdan Grzelonski and Izabella Rusinowa point out another interesting aspect of the Polish initiative for the South. With the collapse of the January Uprising, Waldemar Sulakowski made efforts to bring the insurgents to the South to fight against the Union. Embittered by the attitude of Lincoln and Seward, the Poles were ready to support and fight for the South. The plan was submitted to General John Magruder and was accepted at Richmond. The Poles received a two-masted "Dodge" ship for their disposal. Unfortunately, the organized transport and the whole plan of Polish insurgents failed.

So finally, we should present, in short, the concept of freedom developed by Poles, which Mark F. Bielski discusses in his book. Its main characteristic motto was "in the name of God, for our freedom and yours". This motto contained all the motivations of Poles fighting on many fronts of the world while being aware that they had lost their own country's independence. After over 128 years of partitions and Poland's disappearance from the map, Poles managed to regain independence in 1918, after the WW I.

### SLRC UPDATE - Reconciliation Memorial



Last Friday (13 JUN) 24 GOP congress-things voted with the demo-bolsheviks to defeat the Clyde Amendment which would force the Army to restore the Reconciliation Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. The Amendment was part of the House vote on the National Defense Authorization act of 2025. Our friends at Defend Arlington have been told that if 13 of the dirty double-dozen Republicans that voted with the Democrats to oppose restoration will change their vote, a new vote in Congress on the amendment can be undertaken!

WED 19 JUN Update We made a tremendous effort this past week. Over 500 of you used the widget and (presumably) called Congress!

Save Southern Heritage volunteers are continuing to call the 24 GOP no-voters to see if they will explain their no vote and agree to change. If we get any traction Clyde would be willing to resubmit his amendment.

Look here to see how your congressman voted on the Clyde Amendment on Arlington: <a href="https://data.elpasotimes.com/roll-call/clyde-of-georgia-part-b-amendment-no-44/2024-house-269/">https://data.elpasotimes.com/roll-call/clyde-of-georgia-part-b-amendment-no-44/2024-house-269/</a>

If he voted for the Amendment be sure and call him (Capitol Switchboard 202-224-31210) and thank him and encourage him to do what he can to restore the Reconciliation Memorial.

The Senate has not yet voted on the National Defense Authorization act of 2025 (NDAA) but will soon – while we seek a Senate sponsor for a Reconciliation restoration amendment for the Senate version, go ahead and call your 2 Senators and encourage them to support restoration of the Memorial. AND contact them by widget DEFENDARLINGTON.ORG

Meanwhile, the Appeal COURT EFFORT CONTINUES!!!!!! I will be working on the draft of the brief this weekend. We must file our initial brief by 25 JUL (we got more time). The final briefs will be filed in October, putting oral arguments sometime after the election.

Thank you our loyal supporters for aall you have done to keep us in the fight!

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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.

# 2024 Camp 2292 Officers and Staff Let us hear from you!

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#### **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 Comman<mark>der-General United Confederate Veterans New Orl</mark>eans, 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.