



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
October 20, 2026**

7:00 P.M.

**Manny's Tex-Mex Cafe
1433 S. Beckham Ave.
Tyler, TX 75701**

Speaker:

Monty Williams

Subject:

**"History of the Confederate
Reconciliation Monument"**

**Wives, friends, and families
are welcome to attend.**



**January We Will
Hold
Election of
Camp Officers
For
2027-2028 Term**

**If you have a desire to serve or
want to nominate someone to
serve, please see Camp
Commander Zach Sabota.**



Fun at the September Camp Meeting...



Lt. Commander Monty Williams led the meeting in style!



A nice crowd gathered for our September meeting

Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026, 7:00 PM; Manny's Restaurant, Tyler, TX

In Attendance ~ Monty Williams – 1st Lt. Commander/Chaplain, Michael Hurley – 2026-2028 SCV Chaplain General/Camp Adjutant, Richard Smoot – 2024-2026 Texas Division Adjutant, Gail Smoot, Dr. D. M. Edwards, Sharon Bondurant, Danny Dorsey, Billy Pribble, Van Matthews, Coly Matthews, Keith Parris, Laurie Parris, Patty Williams – District 8 Chair, Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy

INVOCATION AND MINUTES APPROVAL

Invocation – Monty Williams, Chaplain

Approval of August 2026 minutes - **MOTION:** D M Edwards **Second** Billy Pribble – PASSED

ADJUTANT REPORT AND APPROVAL

Michael Hurley - Adjutant

Treasurer report: - Beginning balance **\$6,998.80** Ending Balance: **\$6,723.80**

MOTION: D M Edwards **seconded** Billy Pribble. PASSED

PLEDGES, SALUTES, AND CHARGES

Pledges and Salute– Michael Hurkey

Reading of “The Charge” – Billy Pribble

REPORTS

Old Business –

- Reminder that 2026-2027 camp dues are now late
- Iron Cross ceremony for H C Dorsey tentative Sunday, November 15, 2026 (2:00 PM)
- Flag retirement ceremony in early 2027 (Mollie Moore Davis #217 Tyler UDC will help requested)

New Business

- Walker's Greyhounds **will not** meet at Manny's Tex Mex Café in November or December
- November meeting: 4th anniversary of Walker's Greyhounds #2338 Charter (Location TBA)
- Restaurant choices discussed, and final decision will be made at October meeting.
- December meeting - Camp Christmas Party (Location TBA)
- Confederate Heroes Day in January

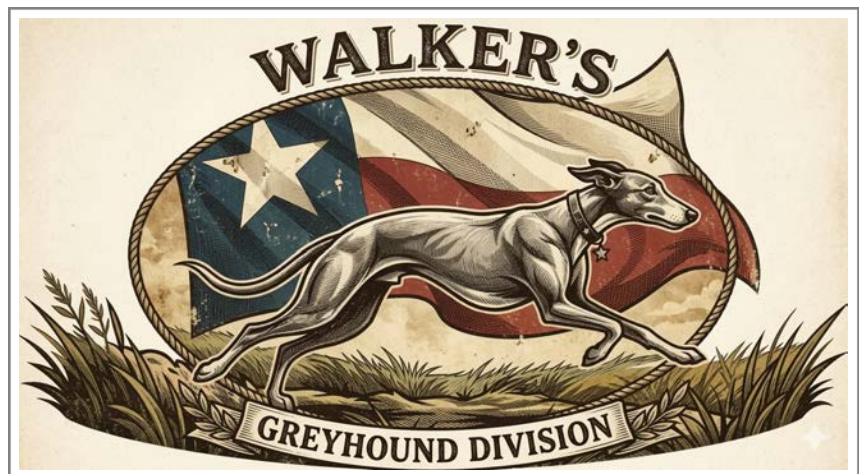
Program

- "Unsung Confederate Veterans buried at Oakwood Historical Cemetery"
Presented by Michael Hurley

Benediction – Monty Williams, chaplain

Meeting closed with the singing of "Dixie."

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Courage Beyond Their Years Cockade Pre-Order Form

Please support the 2026 - 2027 Children of the Confederacy President General's Project to honor and remember the children during the War Between the States by purchasing 1 or more cockades and wearing it to all CofC and UDC events this year. Please complete the following information.

Name _____ Division _____

Address: _____

Chapter Name & Number: _____

Circle one: CofC UDC

Description	Item Cost	Quantity	Total
PG Courage Beyond Their Years <u>Cockade</u> with CSA tartan (approx. 3" diameter)	\$40.00		\$
Pin to Magnet Conversion (optional) 	\$5.00		\$
Shipping is required unless picking up at UDC Convention in October. \$6.00 for up to 3 cockades.	\$6.00		\$
Each additional cockade is \$2 more for shipping.	\$2.00		\$
Total for all items			\$

All Divisions who purchase more than 10 cockades will be recognized at the 2027 CofC General Convention.

Make Checks payable to: Sumner A. Cunningham 13 CofC

Mail to: Ezekiel Pritchett
President General CofC Project
2742 Highway 411
Old Fort, TN 37362 - 6032

As this is a Pre-Order, the cockades will NOT be delivered/mailed until October.

For Questions, email Zeke at presidentgeneralcofc@gmail.com



The Children of the Confederacy are asking for your help to erect a monument to the sacrifice and hardship endured by Southern children during the War for Southern Independence.

All funds raised will go to the monument, which will be placed in front of the National Confederate Museum located at S.C.V. headquarters in Columbia, TN

Smith County Confederate Veteran Spotlight

Benjamin King Smith

Born circa 1833, Benjamin King Smith arrived in the rolling hills of East Texas as an ambitious young man eager to carve out a destiny on the American frontier. By 1860, the Federal Census recorded him as a resident of Tyler, Smith County, Texas. During this pre-war era, Tyler was rapidly transforming from an isolated courthouse settlement into a vibrant agricultural and trade center. Standing among the early pioneer merchants of the town, Smith established himself as a trusted local figure whose daily life revolved around commerce, credit, and community growth.

Confederate Service

The outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 fundamentally altered the trajectory of Smith's career. As Texas seceded, Tyler became a critical strategic powerhouse for the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederacy, eventually hosting the vital Tyler Ordnance Works and the Camp Ford prisoner-of-war facility.

Rather than marching to the front lines with a combat infantry regiment, Smith's unique legal and business acumen led to a distinct administrative appointment. On October 12, 1861, he was officially commissioned as a **Receiver of the Confederate States for the Tyler Section of the Eastern District of Texas**. Under the Sequestration Act of 1861, Smith held immense localized authority. It was his solemn legal duty to identify, audit, and seize the lands, funds, and merchandise of "alien enemies"—Northern citizens and Union sympathizers—and auction those assets to directly finance local Confederate military manufacturing. For four grueling years, Smith navigated the complex, high-stakes intersection of wartime law, logistics, and regional surveillance.

Reconstruction Days

When the Confederacy collapsed in 1865, Smith faced the monumental task of reinventing himself under the shadow of Union military Reconstruction. Demonstrating remarkable resilience and a lasting sense of community trust, he successfully transitioned from a wartime asset-seizer back into the peaceful fabric of civilian trade.

By the late 1860s and 1870s, Smith entered into prominent commercial partnerships, operating under the firm name **Brown, Smith & McFarland**, and later working closely with partner **Julius M. McFarland**. Strategically located directly on the bustling **Tyler Downtown Town Square**, their enterprise became a cornerstone of local health and culture. Operating a premier **drug and bookstore**, Smith provided Smith County families with pure chemicals, paints, varnishes, and essential school stationery. The storefront was far more than a retail shop; it served as a vital social hub during Tyler's post-war commercial rebirth.

Rest at Oakwood

Benjamin King Smith's industrious life was cut tragically short when he passed away in 1881. He was laid to rest in the historic soil of Tyler's Oakwood Cemetery. He left behind a grieving widow, Mary Josephine (Cox) Smith, and a family facing an uncertain future in a rapidly changing East Texas.



The Legacy of Benjamin King Smith

Though Benjamin King Smith died prematurely, leaving behind a chaotic estate and young children, the sharp commercial instincts and adaptive spirit he brought to the Tyler town square lived on through his lineage. His son, **Bertram King Smith**, was just four years old when his father passed away, having been born on **March 11, 1877**, in nearby Longview.

Raised by his widowed mother amid the economic hardships of the late 19th century, Bert inherited his father's entrepreneurial drive. As the new century dawned, Bert took his father's foundational merchant traditions and scaled them to a massive industrial level. Relocating to Fort Worth—the booming railroad and livestock capital of the region—Bert became a highly successful corporate executive in grain logistics and milling processing. When Bert K. Smith passed away at the age of 81 on December 10, 1958, he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, beautifully mirroring his father's final resting place in Tyler.

**Walker's Greyhounds Attend Historic Preservation
Seminar presented by Preservation Texas
held at Willow Brook Country Club on October 1, 2026**



Preservation Texas is a non-profit organization that works to empower Texans to preserve our cultural heritage and to serve as good stewards of historic buildings, collections, and significant landscapes to ensure permanent protection.



Walker's Greyhounds in attendance were (L-R) Adam Glover, Michael Hurley, and Zach Sabota



Compatriot Zach Sabota served as Master of Ceremonies!



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

***Invites You to Attend
Iron Cross Dedication Ceremony
Honoring***

***Hezekiah C. Dorsey
Private, Company G, 25th Georgia Infantry***

When: Sunday, November 15, 2026

Where: Crims Chapel Cemetery

Located at N. Highway 322, Henderson, TX

(Directions from Henderson: go north on HWY 259 to the first light, turn right (East) onto FM 322. Go 3-4 miles (past FM850), turn left onto CR243, and immediately turn right.

Time: 2:00 pm

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

**Greyhound Compatriots Monty Williams and Michael Hurley attend
the Annual Convention of the Texas Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy,
held in Tyler, TX October 2-4, 2026**



**Walker's Greyhounds Compatriot
Michael Hurley gave the keynote address
on Friday, October 2, 2026**



**Monty's wife Patty Williams, served as
the Convention Chair**



**Monty and Patty Williams, attended the
Texas Division UDC Convention!**



**Michael and Tami
Hurley pose for a
picture at the
Texas Division
UDC Convention**

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 Division - Colonel 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 Battery



Greyhound Compatriot Michael Hurley Visits Elm Springs for Fall General Executive Council Meeting.



**Beautiful Elm Springs
at night...**



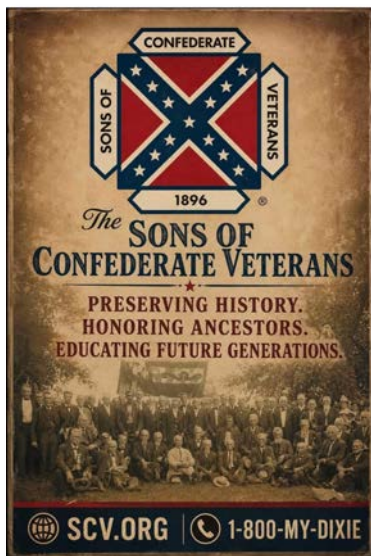
The battle flag flies at the National Confederate Museum



**Your General
Executive
Council hard
at Work!**



- ◆ **October 20, 2026** - Regular monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds.
- ◆ **November 15, 2026, 2:00 pm** - CSA Iron Cross Ceremony, Henderson, TX
- ◆ **November 17, 2026** - 4th Anniversary of the Camp's Charter! Celebration dinner at a restaurant to be announced at this month's meeting.
- ◆ **December 15, 2026** - Camp Christmas Party
- ◆ **January 18, 2027** - Confederate Heroes Day
- ◆ **January 19, 2027** - Camp Officer Elections for 27-28



Camp Website
Walkersgreyhounds.com

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.