



## ***THE ROSE CITY STAR***



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

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
February 18, 2025  
6:00 P.M. to Eat  
7:00 P.M. to Meet**

**Manny's Tex-Mex Cafe  
1433 S. Beckham Ave.  
Tyler TX 75701  
*Need Directions?*  
*903-630-5163***

**Topic:  
"Courtship and Marriage  
in the Antebellum South"**

By W. Michael Hurley

**Wives are welcome  
and encouraged to attend.**

### **New Meeting Location!**



We are thrilled to announce that our next monthly meeting will take place at a fantastic new location! Say goodbye to the old venue and hello to a vibrant atmosphere where we can truly enjoy our time together. Our new place promises better food quality, a warm and welcoming staff, and the ability to proudly display our SCV logo and camp flags. Get ready for an exciting gathering filled with camaraderie and spirit!



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## New Camp Officers Sworn in for 2025-2026 Term!



Officers Taking Oath (L-R) Zach Sabota, Monty Williams, Adam Gloer, Michael Hurley, Billy Pribble. Swearing in by Matthew Lee, Commander, 8th Brigade, Texas Division SCV. (Not present Mark Vogl)



## Camp Officers 2025-2026

**Commander - Zach Sabota**

**1st Lt Commander - Monty Williams**

**2nd Lt Commander - Mark Vogl**

**3rd Lt Commander- Michael Hurley**

**Adjutants: Billy Pribble Sr.**

**Chaplain: Monty Williams**

**Color Sergeant - Adam Glover**



## *Camp Golf Shirts and Hats*



### **Walker's Greyhounds Golf Shirts**

**Cardinal Red, Cutter Buck  
brand Pique Golf Shirts**

**SHIRTS COST \$45.00**

*Sizes Available: SM - 3XL*



**Orders will be taken at  
the February Meeting.**

**HATS COST \$15.00**







**Compatriot  
Matthew Lee  
receives the  
National Award  
for Meritorious  
Service from  
Texas Division  
Commander  
Michael Hurley**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**Smith County  
Confederate Veteran  
Spotlight...**



**Thomas R. Bonner 1838-1891**

**Colonel 18th Texas Infantry - Walker's Greyhounds**

**T**homas Ruben Bonner, the son of William N. Bonner and Martha Ellen Wade Bonner, was born on Tuesday, 11 September 1838, in Holmes County, Mississippi. He moved with his parents to Rusk, Texas, in February 1850. Thomas was the third of four sons born to William and Martha Bonner. He would remain in Texas for the rest of his life. With no public school available, he began to educate himself by reading and self-directed study. He learned successfully, and in 1850, at the age of twelve, he became an apprentice printer for the Cherokee Sentinel in Rusk, TX. In 1854, he left the Sentinel to take charge and run the family farm at sixteen. In 1855, he married his first wife, Cynthia Ann Madden (1835-1884), and no children were born to this union. She died on 10 February 1884. He then married his second wife, Mary Davenport Bonner (1866-1933), in December of 1884 and had two sons, Thomas Davenport Bonner, in 1885 and Herndon, in 1887.

He entered Confederate service in April 1862 as Captain of Company C of Col. William B. Ochiltree's Eighteenth Texas Infantry. Subsequently, he was Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and Colonel of that regiment, which served in the Trans-Mississippi Department as an element of **Walker's Greyhounds Division**. Colonel Bonner gallantly led the 18th Texas Infantry in battles at Bourbeau, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, La., and Jenkins' Ferry, Ark., all being vital actions to prevent Federal invasions of Texas.

After the war, Thomas Bonner farmed until 1866. He then began studying law and was admitted to the bar in 1867. Bonner practiced law with his brother Micajah Bonner in Rusk until September 1872, when he moved to Tyler, Texas, and entered the banking business, where he founded the first bank in Tyler with E. C. Williams. Bonner became a leading East Texas banker, railroad director, and one of the founders of the Tyler Tap Railroad, as well as a financier. In 1866, Bonner represented Rusk County in the state legislature. In 1876, he was elected to the legislature from Smith County and was speaker of the House during the ensuing 16th session. He was the Grandmaster of Masons in Texas 1874-1875. Thomas R. Bonner Elementary School, located at 235 S. Saunders Ave, Tyler, TX, is named in his honor. Bonner Avenue, located in the historic brick streets district in Tyler, is also named in his honor.

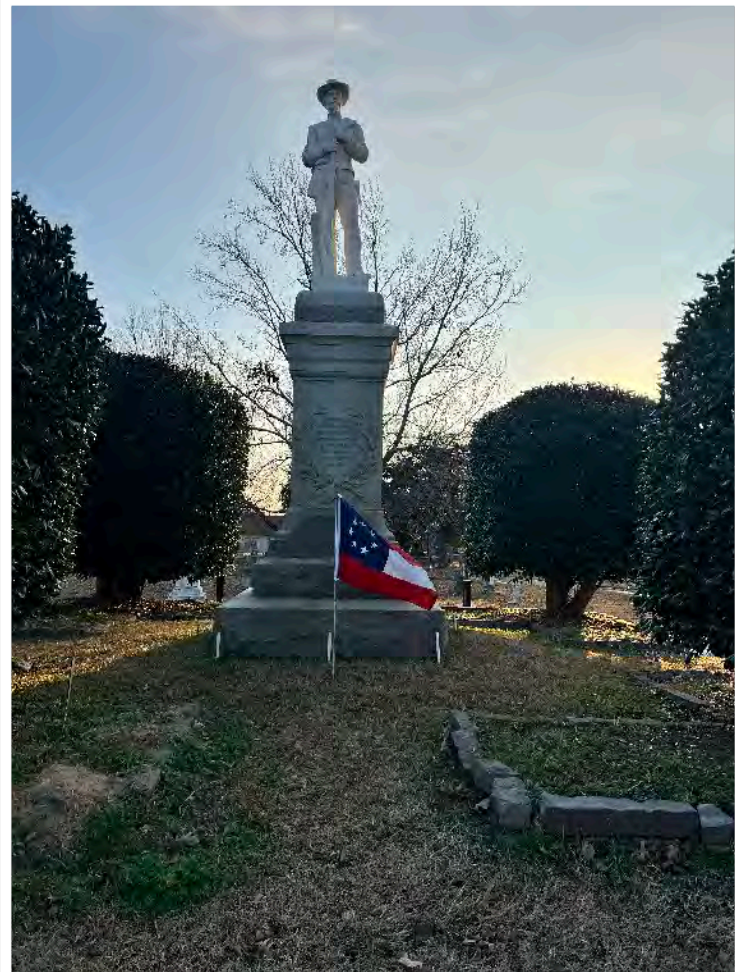
Thomas R. Bonner died on 30 August 1891 after only a few days of severe illness. He had been in declining health for the previous year, but his death was not supposed until his last day. His funeral was held at Marvin Methodist Church under the auspices of the Masonic order. He was fifty-four years old. He is buried in the Historic Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler TX



# *January 18, 2025...Greyhounds Place Confederate Flags on 158 Confederate Graves for Confederate Heroes Day!*



Special Thanks to... (L-R) Adam Glover, Zach Sabota, Jesse Walker, Jack Walker, Danny Dorsey (not pictured Michael Hurley).







*130th Annual Reunion*  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
**Houston TX**  
**July 16-20, 2025**



**Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport**  
**9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX**

**Full Reunion Details, Make Hotel Reservations  
and Convention Registration Online:**

<https://www.scv130.com>

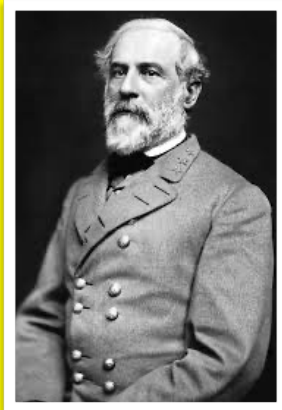
**To Call For Hotel Reservations**  
**713-943-7979**

**Use Reservation Code:**  
***SCV 2025 National CO***

**Hosted by the Texas Division SCV**

# *Walker's Greyhounds Observe Candlelight ceremony for Lee and Jackson Birthdays!*

**Robert E. Lee.**  
**January 19, 1807**



**Thomas Jonathan Jackson**  
**January 21, 1824**



**(L-R) Zach Sabota, Richard Smoot, Gail Smoot, Patty Williams, Tami Hurley, Adam Glover, Bill Hurley, Billy Pribble, and Matthew Lee.**





## Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes

The National Sons of Confederate Veterans welcomes you to the *21st-Century Confederate Heroes*. Your generous donation will serve to remember and honor our Confederate Heroes and our beloved Southland. The program comes with many perks.

- 1) Flag streamer or Neck Ribbon
  - a. If you submit as an individual, you will receive a neck ribbon with a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* medal on the ribbon.
  - b. If you submitted as a camp, division or organization, you will receive a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* streamer for your flag.
- 2) Paver – a paver placed on the Walkway of Confederate Heroes from the Museum to the Forrest Plaza
- 3) Certificate – A certificate documenting for future generations your membership as a *Confederate Hero*
- 4) A copy of the hardcover book *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* with a page dedicated to the information provided by you that details the individual or camp, etc. you wish to memorialize. Up to three photos may be included
- 5) Donor recognition in the National Confederate Museum – A Television will be placed inside the Museum's gift shop. This TV will display PowerPoint slides of the information *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* members provide. It can be you, your family, your ancestor, your camp, etc.
- 6) A Flag flown from the Forrest Plaza – One of the purposes of the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* is to restore the Forrest Plaza. Once the plaza has been rebuilt and the flagpole is placed, every month for a year a donor will be drawn to receive the flag flown the previous month.
- 7) A QR Code on a sign will be placed near the Forrest Plaza identifying all those who donated \$1,000 or more to the restoration of the Forrest Plaza prior to the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes* campaign.

### Notes:

Make checks out the Sons of Confederate Veterans and note 21<sup>st</sup> CCH in the memo line of your check.

For more information contact Commander-in-Chief Walter D. Kennedy at: [CiC@scv.org](mailto:CiC@scv.org)

Or contact National HQ by mail or email:

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# 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 - 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 Battery



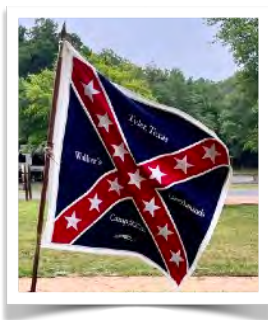




- ◆ **February 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM** - Missing CSA gave search at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX. See Commander Sabota for details.
- ◆ **February 18, 2025** - Monthly Meeting of Camp #2338
- ◆ **March 18, 2025** - Monthly Meeting of Camp #2338
- ◆ **April 19, 2025** - Texas Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration at the Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia, TX
- ◆ **MAXEFFORTEVENT - April 27, 2025, at 2:00 PM** - Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Confederate Monument at historic Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX.
- ◆ **June 6-8, 2025** - 128th Annual Texas Division SCV Reunion, Mineral Wells, TX
- ◆ **July 16-20, 2025** - 130th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Houston, TX.

**Find Us On the Web...**

**[walkersgreyhounds.net](http://walkersgreyhounds.net)**



### **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.