



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
September 15, 2026**

7:00 P.M.

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

Speaker:

Michael Hurley

Subject:

**"4 Uncommon Smith County
Confederate Veterans"**

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

Friendly Reminder...

Camp Commanders and Adjutants!

The dues grace period has come to an end.

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If you haven't already, now is the time to follow up with those members who have not renewed!

 You are encouraged to reach out to them in person.

 Make that telephone call, check in on them and encourage them to renew.

The SCV needs all its members and the Camp is ground zero for the effort to keep them and encourage them to stay!

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**Questions?
Please See
The Camp Adjutant**



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August 28, 2026

Sons of Confederate Veterans Official Statement on the Removal of Monuments from Virginia Capitol Square

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) oppose the removal of historic monuments honoring American veterans from Capitol Square in Richmond, Virginia.

On Friday, August 28, 2026, the last three Confederate statues on the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol were taken down: General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson (dedicated 1875), Governor William "Extra Billy" Smith (dedicated 1906), and Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire (dedicated 1904). These monuments had stood for more than a century. The Department of General Services carried out the work under Budget Item 71 #1C after standalone legislation passed the Senate but died in a House committee.

The citizen-soldiers who fought for Virginia and the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom motivated the South's decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes underpin our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built. In our opinion, those principles were not followed here. The bill did not pass on its own merits. The removal was accomplished through a budget provision rather than the ordinary legislative process.

While the SCV does not support the removal of any Confederate monument, we are pleased that the statues have been transferred to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and will soon be re-erected on appropriate battlefields rather than destroyed.

Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines are American veterans by Act of Congress (U.S. Public Law 85-425, Section 410, approved May 23, 1958). They deserve the same respect as every other American veteran. The SCV therefore opposes the removal, renaming, or alteration of monuments, memorials, and public names that honor veterans of any conflict, the Founding Fathers, or other historical figures. Such changes do not erase history; they only remove the public reminder of it.

We call on all Southerners to stand up for their heritage and to insist that the memory of American veterans be treated with dignity and fairness. The SCV will continue to work within the law to protect veterans' monuments, memorials, and grave markers.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of Confederate veterans and ensuring that their service and sacrifice are remembered with accuracy and honor.

Fun at the August Camp Meeting...



Nice crowd gathered for our August meeting



Commander Zach Sabota lead the meeting in style!



Compatriot Monty Williams delivered an interesting speech on the "Great Locomotive Chase"



Compatriots Richard Smoot and Michael Hurley show off thier 2026 SCV Reunion Medals!

Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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, Adam Glover – Color Sergeant, Gail Smoot, Bill Hurley, J.J. Hurley, Dr. D. M. Edwards, Danny Dorsey, Barbara Dorsey, Billy Pribble, Van Matthews, Coly Matthews, Keith Parris, Laurie Parris, Tami Hurley – 3rd Vice President General United Daughters of the Confederacy, Patty Williams – District 8 Chair, Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy

INVOCATION AND MINUTES APPROVAL

Invocation – Monty Williams, Chaplain

Approval of June 2026 minutes - **MOTION:** Adam Glover **Second** Billy Pribble – PASSED

ADJUTANT REPORT AND APPROVAL

Michael Hurley - Adjutant

Treasurer report: - Beginning balance **\$6522.80** Ending Balance: **\$4180.80**

MOTION: Adam Glover **seconded** Billy Pribble. PASSED

PLEDGES, SALUTES, AND CHARGES

Pledges and Salute– Adam Glover

Reading of “The Charge” – Monty Williams

REPORTS

Old Business –

2026 SCV National Reunion Report (Michael Hurley and Richard Smoot)

- List of 2026-2028 National Officers elected at convention
- Good Reunion atmosphere/fellowship with smooth business meetings

Update report on Walker's Greyhounds Camp website and Facebook page

- [HTTPS://walkersgreyhounds.com](https://walkersgreyhounds.com). (low visitor volume during summer months)
- Facebook page (600+ followers)

New Business

- Flag Raising Memorial Service at Doddridge, AR on August 22, 2026 (13th Texas Cavalry)
- Potential Iron Cross Ceremony (H. C. Dorsey in Crims Chapel Cemetery, Henderson, TX)
- Iron Cross Ceremony date is set for Sunday, November 15th, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- Flag retirement ceremony (TBD in January or February 2027)
- Walker's Greyhounds **will not** meet at Manny's Tex Mex Café in November or December due to restaurant scheduling conflicts
- November and December meeting dates and locations (to be decided at the September meeting)
- Van Matthews application for membership to Walkers Greyhounds 2338 was presented.

MOTION: to accept application of membership of Van Matthews -Michael Hurley Second
Monty Williams PASSED

Texas Division Awards for 2026 presented by Michael Hurley, 2022-2024 Texas Division Past Commander

- Zachary Sabota (Gold Cross)
- Danny Dorsey (Certificate of Merit)
- Jesse Walker (Silver Cross)

National Service Award

- Billy Pribble

Program

- "The Great Locomotive Chase of 1862" Presented by 1st Lt. Commander Monty Williams

Benediction – Monty Williams, chaplain

Meeting closed with the singing of "Dixie."

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at Manny's Tex-Mex Café, Tyler

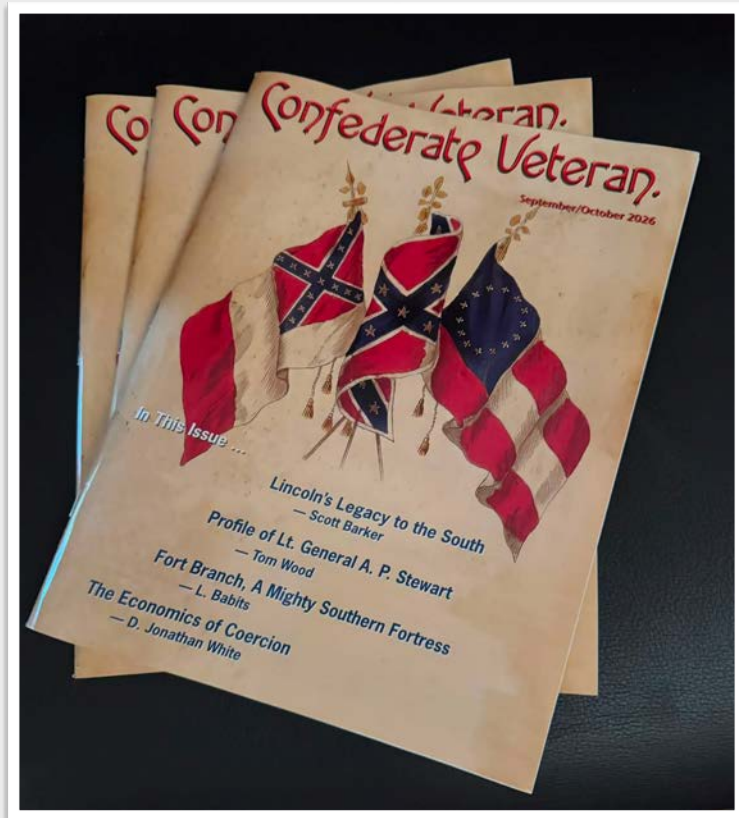




**Camp Fundraiser. Texas
Division Caps**

\$20.00

**All proceeds go directly to
the Camp. Pick one up at
the September meeting!**



The latest edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine should have been delivered to your home. If you are not receiving the magazine, contact the Camp Adjutant to verify your home address on file.



**Tune in to SCV Chat on Monday, September 14th
at 7:00 PM for the "Chaplain's Corner" featuring
our own Michael Hurley. A live broadcast on
Facebook and YouTube.**

Confederate Veteran Spotlight

Joseph Calhoun Darracott



**26th Georgia
Infantry Colors**

Joseph Calhoun Darracott was born on 6 May 1847 in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia. His father was John Darracott (1818-1902), and his mother was Harriett Aurelia Johnston (1827-1895). He was the third of eleven siblings and was educated in the local school in Brooks County, GA.

Confederate Service: Joseph would have been only 14 years old when the war broke out, and 17 years old by war's end. However, many young men his age served in the Confederate Army, and Joseph was no exception. Records show he enlisted on 1 August 1864 as a Private, Company I, 26th Georgia Infantry. Joseph joined a battle-hardened unit, having served since 1862 in Lawton's Brigade, Jackson's Division (later Ewell's Division), Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. Before Darracott's enlistment, the unit saw action at Gaines Mill, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. It was in Virginia that Joseph received his basic "School of the Soldier" Training.



After only six weeks of basic training, Private Joseph Darracott saw his first action at the Third Battle of Winchester, VA, on September 19, 1864. It was there that he was severely wounded by a grape shot from a Union cannon, which tore into his left lung. Captured by the Yankees, he was conveyed to the field hospital, where the wound was hermetically sealed. Afterward, he was transferred to a Baltimore hospital. He remained in the Union hospital until paroled at Ft. McHenry, Maryland, on 9 May 1865. He walked home to Quitman, Georgia, with the conviction that he had done his duty.

Reconstruction and a Move to Texas (1865-1875) - Like many Southern families in post-war Georgia, Joseph left his native Georgia and made his way West. We find him living in Tyler, Texas by 1872, where records show he worked in the retail dry-goods business. A vocation he kept for the rest of his life.

Life and Love in Tyler, Texas - Having established himself in the Tyler community, he looked to find a wife and start a family. He met and began a courtship with a local young lady from the well-known Bynum family, and on 19 March 1876 he married Martha Ann Bynum at the Marvin Methodist church in Tyler, TX. To this union, God gave 5 children: 4 Girls - Gertrude, Hattie Blanche, Johnnie Elizabeth, and Alice Artemisia and one son - Joseph Calhoun Darracott Jr.



**Gordon's Division
Lawton's Brigade
by Don Troiani**

It was during this time (1872-1918) that Tyler was transitioning into an important agricultural, railway, and commercial hub for East Texas. No doubt Joseph experienced the prosperity and opportunity this exciting time in Tyler's history provided. He and his wife Martha lived at 606 W. Ferguson Street in Tyler, TX. The home was located a short walk northwest of the bustling Tyler downtown square, and stood in an area where many of Tyler's professionals, merchants, and retirees lived prior to the oil boom of the 1930's. The home no longer stands, and the area is now a parking lot for the First Baptist Church of Tyler.

He is said to have suffered all his life from the wound he sustained in combat. He passed away on 11 January 1918 at the age of 70 years old at his home on W. Ferguson Street in Tyler, TX. His wife, Martha, passed on 19 February 1924. They are laid to rest side by side at Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX.



Interesting note: Joseph C. Darracott Jr. (1880-1943) became a prominent early Texas physician. He was educated in the local schools of Tyler, TX, and then went on to graduate from the University of Texas Medical Branch before heading out west to build his practice. Eventually settling in Marfa, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy during the First World War as a Naval Medical Officer before returning to Marfa, where he became a beloved physician. He was deeply integrated into the community and was one of the first medical doctors to use X-ray technology in the State of Texas. During the Mexican Revolution, he was called to treat the wounds of many refugees who streamed across the border, including the famous Mexican guerrilla leader Pancho Villa

Walker's Greyhounds Receive Awards at August Camp Meeting



**Compatriot Danny Dorsey receives
the Texas Division Certificate of
Meritorious Service from
Commander Zach Sabota**



**Commander Zach Sabota receives the
Texas Division Gold Cross for
Meritorious Service from Compatriot
Michael Hurley**



**Compatriot Billy Pribble Sr receives the
SCV National Meritorious Service Medal**



***Mollie Moore Davis 217, Tyler, Texas
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***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 1414 S. Main Street, Henderson, TX

Time: 2:00 pm

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

Greyhound Compatriots Zach Sabota and Michael Hurley attend the Memorial and Texas Flag Raising Ceremony, honoring 30 Texans, at Dodridge, Arkansas, on Saturday, August 22, 2026



Compatriot Monty Williams receives the Texas Division Gold Cross



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

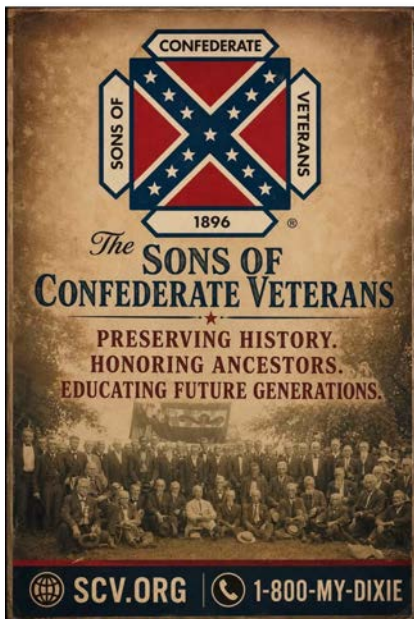


Douglas Battery





- ◆ **September 12, 2026** - Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX
- ◆ **September 15, 2026** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **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 restaurant to be announced.



2026 Camp Leadership

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.