



# THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

## Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,**

**April 4, 2023**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Eat**

**7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**

**Spring Creek  
BBQ**

**5810 Broadway Tyler  
TX 75703  
(903) 561-5695**

**SUBJECT:**

**"General Sibley's New  
Mexico Campaign"**

**By Ed Heitman of  
Palestine, TX**



*Brigadier General Henry Sibley*

## Notes From The Editors Quill,



April is Confederate Heritage month, and is an opportunity to celebrate and share our heritage with those in our community.

### Why is this important?

1. *It ensures future generations remember Confederate history.*
2. *It honors those who fought and died in defense of Dixie.*
3. *It is officially proclaimed by the State of Texas.*
4. *It is an important time of reflection in the South.*
5. *It is a reminder to those who seek to rewrite our Southern history that we will not forget the true history of the South.*

**How to celebrate:** I encourage you to fly a Confederate flag of your choice at your home, attend our wreath laying ceremony coming up on April 23rd, watch a movie about the war and or southern culture. Films like "Gone with the Wind", "Gettysburg", "God's and Generals". Sing or whistle your favorite Confederate tune like "Dixie", "Bonnie Blue Flag" or "I'm A Good Old Rebel". There are lots of ways to celebrate, just find what works for you and do it!

I Will See You At Our Meeting On Tuesday, April 4th!

**W. Michael Hurley, Editor**



**APRIL IS  
CONFEDERATE  
HISTORY MONTH!**

**Greyhound's In Action!**



**Compatriot Hurley Attends General Executive Council Meeting at SCV Headquarters located at the Southern Heritage Center, Columbia Tennessee.**



**Commander in Chief Jason Boshers (center of table) leading the GEC meeting**



**SCV Headquarters - Elm Springs**



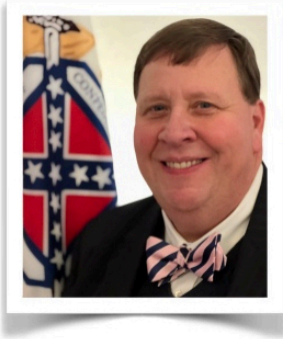
**The beautiful National Confederate Museum located adjacent to Elm Springs on the 88 acre Southern Heritage Center Campus**



**Stained glass SCV Logo located inside the museum**



**Walker's Greyhounds Compatriot Michael Hurley Announces  
Candidacy for Texas Division Commander!**



**Seeking the Office of Commander  
Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**My Top Priorities As Commander...** We are in harmony as an organization, and I believe poised to increase our momentum. When elected, I intend to help the Division leadership: 1. Take the necessary steps to increase our membership through camp initiatives designed to grow our numbers. 2. To effectively communicate and work together in defense of our Southern heritage to include monument protection progress within the State Legislature by 2025. 3. Demonstrate activities to increase our fellowship and camaraderie. I

am confident that these goals can be achieved during the next biennium by providing dynamic leadership and out-of-the-box thinking.

**My Experience and Preparation to Lead:**

**SCV Experience:** As a member for 27 years, I have served in numerous leadership roles. These include Camp Commander for three Camps; served as a South Texas Brigade Officer; as the Texas Division Chaplain, 2nd Lt Commander, and 1st Lt. Commander; and at the National level as ATM Heritage Defense Information Officer. A recipient of the 2020 Texas Division Deo Vindice Award. Awarded the SCV National Heritage Defense Award (x2), National Meritorious Service Award (x4), and multiple Texas Division Gold Crosses.

**An Effective Communicator:** I have been a public speaker for the past 27 years, having spoken on hundreds of occasions in twelve states. In addition, I have demonstrated effective use of social media as a communication tool. I have over 30 years of experience working professionally on various media delivery platforms, including podcast, radio, television, website, and print.

**Entrepreneur:** As a small business owner of Hurley Benefit Services LLC, I understand how to manage employees, work within budget and successfully work with varied personalities.

**Personal:**

I am a Bible Class Teacher and Worship leader at the West Erwin Church of Christ, Tyler. A graduate of the Brown Trail School of Preaching (1992); and Southern Christian University (B.A. 1994), and named an honorary Alumna of Baylor University (2020).

I am a member of the Sons of The American Revolution, Order of the Southern Cross; past Commander of the Texas Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars; City of Tyler Historic Preservation Board; President of Historic Tyler, Inc.; President-Elect of the South Tyler Rotary Club; Historic Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee board member; and named Loaned Executive of the year (2020) with United Way of Smith County. I love to sing and am a member of the Vocal Majority Chorus in Dallas, TX, and the East Texas Men in Harmony Chorus of Tyler, TX.

I am married to my high school sweetheart, Tami Upton Hurley, current 3rd Vice-President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. We have four children and two grandchildren.

**I humbly ask for your support at the Texas Division Reunion  
in Lubbock, TX June 3, 2023**

## Mertice Jerome Whitman 1845-1913

**Smith County  
Confederate  
Veteran**



M. J. Whitman of Rusk was born in Harris County, Ga., on May 1, 1845, and came to Smith county, Texas, on January 3, 1858, with his parents and raised on a farm near old Starrville, attending the schools of that community until November 1861.

When the war started he volunteered for Confederate service in Captain Ogburn's company of Smith county, of the 14th Texas cavalry, serving there until March 1862, when he was discharged due to his young age. A few days later, he again volunteered in Company D of the 28th Texas cavalry at Lewisville, Ark., in the summer of 1862. This regiment was then commanded by Colonel Horace Randall and went into quarters for equipment and drill. While training young Whitman was taken sick and sent to St. John's hospital in Little Rock and discharged from the army on December 18, 1862. Reaching home, he recovered his health and volunteered for a third time for Confederate service, entering Capt. Cal Murray's company, Company K of the 34th regiment, Texas cavalry, when organized at Wheelock, in Robertson county, Texas, in June 1863, A. W. Terrell of Austin, Texas, was its colonel. John C. Robertson of Tyler, Texas, was its lieutenant colonel. This regiment saw service in South Texas until February 1864. It was then sent to Louisiana and brigaded with the 1st Texas cavalry and the 35th Texas cavalry, and commanded by Col. Buchel, who died at the head of his brigade in a charge at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana the command then devolved upon Col. Terrell. Young Whitman saw active service in all the campaigns of '64 and '65 and participated in the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Monette's Ferry, William's plantation, Cluterville, Marksville, Mansura, and Yellow Bayou, and the heavy skirmishes between Taylor's and Bank's armies. When the war ended, after three years of continuous service, he reached home on his twentieth birthday on May 1, 1865.

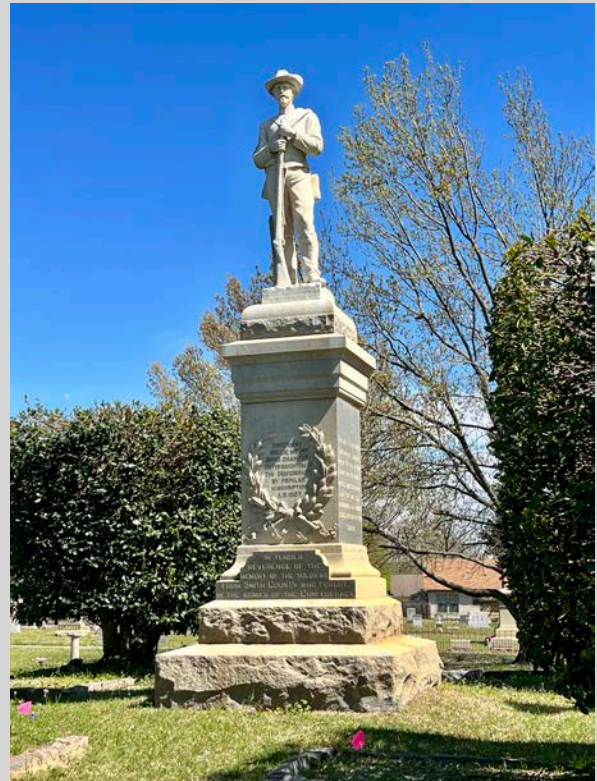


Mertice was said to be a detailed officer, filling many places, but always ready for duty and shirked nothing. In June 1870, he married Miss Janie Bloomfield at Starrville, Texas, and in 1873 he moved to Rusk, Texas, and began a law practice. In 1876 he was elected county attorney of Cherokee county and served until November 1882, when he was elected county judge of said county and served until 1890, when he retired. In 1882 his wife died, leaving one son, Walter B. Whitman, who later graduated from the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Md. After serving in the navy, he moved to Dallas, Texas, as managing editor of the Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine. Judge Whitman, in November 1882, married Mrs. Judith Bloomfield, who died in December 1898, leaving one son, Lee Whitman, who graduated from Tyler Commercial College in March 1903 and later became the bookkeeper for the Angelina Lumber Company. Judge Whitman later served as the commander of Ross-Ector Camp, U. C. V., No. 513. He died on April 23, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas.

# SPRING AT OAKWOOD!



After 3 months the D2 monument cleaner we applied to the monument has fully completed its work!



*The blue bonnets have bloomed around the Confederate monument located at the historic Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler TX.*

*The Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee*

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO ATTEND

*The "Spirits of Oakwood"*

A WALKING HISTORY TOUR THROUGH  
THE HISTORIC OAKWOOD CEMETERY

CORNER OF PALACE AND OAKWOOD STREETS  
TYLER, TEXAS

SATURDAY, April 08, 2023  
TOURS START AT 1:00 p.m.

*Tours will begin every 10 minutes. Last tour starts at 4:30 p.m.*

*Guests will follow a guide, visiting gravesites of  
historical figures from the past.*

**Cost - \$10.00 per person**

**Children under 12 - no charge - must be accompanied by parent.**

**Some gravesite seating will be available.**

Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee was organized in 1997, and has worked with the Tyler Parks Department since that time. Funds from the "Spirits of Oakwood" event are designated to help repair the broken monuments and make further improvements within the cemetery. Donations to help with this project are welcome. Send donations to:

City Cemeterian  
City of Tyler Parks Department  
P.O. Box 2039  
Tyler Tx. 75710

The "Spirits of Oakwood" event is an annual event, and is held in conjunction with the Tyler Azalea and Spring Flower Trails. For more information visit [www.oakwoodcemeterytyler.com](http://www.oakwoodcemeterytyler.com) or contact Rhonda Reagan at 903-316-2201.

*Historic Tyler Inc.*

*Invites You To Attend*

*Annual Spring Home Tour*

*Saturday, April 1st: 10 a.m. - 5 P.m.*

*Sunday, April 2nd: 1 Pm to 4 Pm*

*Tickets are*

*\$15 for members/\$25 Non-members*

*Go to [historictyler.org](http://historictyler.org)*

*To buy tickets*



**Annual Azalea Trail...**

**March 24**

**thru**

**April 9, 2023**





Walker's Greyhounds to Lay Wreath in Observance  
of Confederate History Month on

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**2 PM**

**Confederate Monument**

**Oakwood Cemetery Tyler, TX**

**All are Encouraged to attend.**



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

# 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
- 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
- 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



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry.



1st Texas Infantry







- ◆ **April 1-2, 2023** - Historic Tyler Inc. Annual Historic Home Tour. For more info: [www.Historictyler.org](http://www.Historictyler.org)
- ◆ **April 1-2, 2023** - 150th Anniversary Battle of Pleasant Hill, LA Reenactment. [www.battleofpleasanthill.com](http://www.battleofpleasanthill.com)
- ◆ **April 4, 2023** - Walker's Greyhounds Camp Meeting - Speaker Ed Heitman, Palestine, TX
- ◆ **April 8, 2023** - Spirits of Oakwood starting at 1PM. See flyer for full information on page 4.
- ◆ **April 23, 2023** - Confederate History Month Wreath Laying at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler TX 2pm.
- ◆ **April 29, 2023** - 12th Annual Robert E. Lee Camp 239 Confederate Heritage Banquet in Ft. Worth. Tickets \$30 each, sales end April 16th. Cash, Credit Card, or Check. Contact Chris Webb 817-739-8300 for details.
- ◆ **May 6-7, 2023** - Battle of Big Cyprus Bayou in Jefferson, TX. [www.battleofjefferson.com](http://www.battleofjefferson.com)
- ◆ **June 2-4, 2023** - 126th Annual Texas Division Reunion, Lubbock, TX. To register and details: [www.scv1352.com](http://www.scv1352.com)
- ◆ **July 19-22, 2023** - SCV National Reunion, Hot Springs, Ark To register and details: [www.2023scvreunion.org](http://www.2023scvreunion.org)

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

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



Camp Website:  
[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.