



THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

Next Meeting...

Tuesday,

June 4, 2023

6:00 P.M. ~ Eat

7:00 P.M. ~ Meet

Spring Creek BBQ

5810 Broadway Tyler

TX 75703

(903) 561-5695

SUBJECT:

“Voting on

Amendments and

Election of Delegates

to Attend SCV

National Reunion”



Notes From The Editors Quill,



As I write these words, it is the day after Memorial Day. A solemn day of memory of those who never took off the uniform. I was



honored to sing at the Tyler Memorial Day Services held at Tyler Memorial Cemetery. It was a fitting tribute and well attended by the Community. Before the service, I stopped by the historic Oakwood Cemetery. I posted the colors in front of the Confederate Monument in tribute to the 231 Confederate dead laid to rest beneath the monument, which made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their respective states. We do not know the names of these men, their religious affiliations, their race, or what rank they held. However, all of them made the same

selfless sacrifice. All are worthy of our remembrance and admiration. **They Are Not Forgotten.**

This weekend, Zach Sabota, Sam Daggett, and I will attend the 126th Annual Texas Division Reunion in Lubbock, TX. We will bring a full report to you concerning the elections and by-law changes that will be decided at our next meeting.

Finally, we need your help with an upcoming workday on June 10, 2023, at the Holt Cemetery in preparation for the headstone and iron cross ceremony for Irby Holt. See info later in this newsletter.

W. Michael Hurley, Editor





Greyhound's In Action!



Billy Pribble Sr.

Camp Officers pose for the camera right after Billy's Election!



2nd Lt Commander Elected!

At our May meeting Compatriot Billy Pribble Sr was elected 2nd Lt Commander responsible for Recruiting/Retention. Billy is the very first Compatriot to serve in this vital capacity as the position has been vacant since the camp was chartered November, of 2022.



April 29, 2023 Commander Hurley represents Walker's Greyhounds at Confederate Memorial in Gladewater Texas!

Pictured (L-R) Michael Hurley, Sam Mercer and Jimmy Moore, both members of the General John Gregg Camp of Longview TX



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

&

***Mollie Moore Davis 217, Tyler, Texas
United Daughters of the Confederacy***

***Invites You to Attend A
Iron Cross and Rededication Ceremony
Honoring Irby L. Holt
14th Texas Cavalry
At Holt Cemetery***

***When: Sunday, June 11, 2023
Where: Holt Cemetery- Tyler, TX
Located on Sunshine Church Road
When: 2:00 pm***

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

***For more information contact
SCV Camp Commander Zachary Sabota (903) 262-0212***

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Irby Leroy Holt 1830-1893

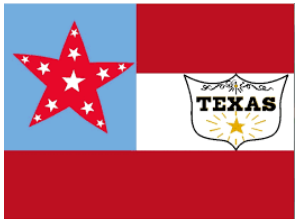
**Smith County
Confederate
Veteran**

Irby Holt was born on 6 January 1830 in Troup, Georgia, he was the 5th of five children born to his Father William Holt (1786-1849) and his Mother Jane Turner Holt (1781-1835). Irby married Martha Josephine Ivey (1836-1892) in Barbour, Alabama on 25 October 1853. To this union God blessed with 9 children. The marriage would last for 37 years until Martha passed away in 1892.

1853 while, still in Alabama, Irby received \$5,000 from his father and soon after moved to Smith County Texas arriving in 1854. He became a successful business man and owned a lucrative stage coach stop located half way between Kilgore and Tyler Texas on what is now State Hwy 31, very near to the Gregg and Smith County Line. Soon the dark clouds of war gathered on the horizon and in 1862 Irby Holt joined the 14th Texas Cavalry as a Private.



In the fall of 1861 Middleton Tate Johnson of Johnson's Station, raised a cavalry regiment known as "Johnson's Mounted Volunteers" for Confederate service. The men that comprised his regiment of ten companies were primarily from North and East Texas. The Fourteenth Texas Cavalry was dismounted in March 1862 at Little Rock, Arkansas, and served the duration of the war as infantry. On May 8, 1862, the regiment was reorganized, and John Lafayette Camp, from Gilmer, Texas, was elected colonel. The regiment's first action against the Union Army was a rear-guard action at Farmington, Mississippi, on May 28, 1862. In late 1862, the Fourteenth Texas Cavalry was placed in Brig. Gen. Joseph Lewis Hogg's brigade, which also contained the Tenth, Eleventh, and Thirty-second Texas Cavalry regiments, Douglas's Texas Battery, and McCray's Arkansas Battalion. Hogg died and was succeeded eventually by Brig. Gen. Matthew D. Ector. The Fourteenth Texas Cavalry remained in Ector's Brigade for the remainder of the war. On August 30, 1862, the Fourteenth fought at Richmond, Kentucky, which some historians have assessed as the South's most complete victory of the war. Casualty numbers in the Fourteenth Texas were not known but considered light. On October 5, 1864, the Fourteenth Texas Cavalry assaulted the Union works at Allatoona, GA. The Atlanta campaign had reduced the regiment to only eighty-seven officers and men. Fighting without the benefit of bayonets, the Fourteenth participated in some of the most desperate fighting in the war as they assailed the Federals in their trenches and forced them back into their stronghold. Total losses in the regiment were four killed and forty-five wounded. On May 9, 1865, as a part of Gen. Richard Taylor's army, the Fourteenth Texas Cavalry was paroled at Meridian, Mississippi. The regiment, had twelve officers and eighty-eight enlisted men present—a mere 10 percent of those who had served in the regiment at one time or another.



14th TX Cavalry Colors

Following the war Irby returned to Smith County Texas and lived his life in peace. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years and served as Church Steward, Trustee, District Steward and was a delegate to the annual conference many times.

He passed away at 4:30AM at his home on 20 April 1893. Per his request he is buried in the old Holt cemetery, next to his wife who preceded him in death one year and seventeen days.

He left a sizable estate behind for his children and many went on to be successful business leaders in the Tyler community for the next 50 years.

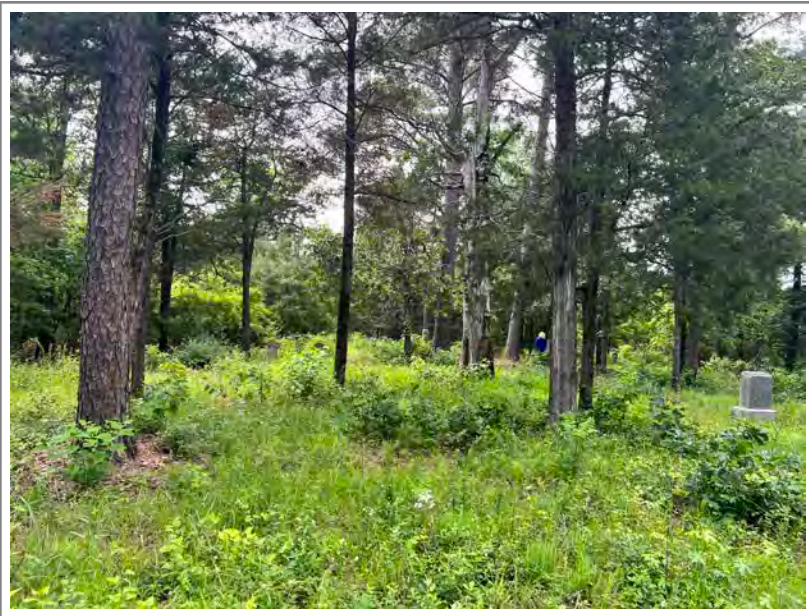


Greyhounds Needed June 10, 2023

A recent site visit to the grave of Irby Holt found that the cemetery has become overgrown and in desperate need of a clean up prior to the grave dedication to be held on Sunday afternoon at 2PM on June 11, 2023. To complicate matters, three of our members will be in Lubbock TX for the Division Reunion this coming weekend. This narrows the time we can get together as a camp for a workday to **June 10, 2023 Starting at 9AM**. Please bring lawn mowers, weed eaters, rakes, axes, a grass-cycle and any other tools you think can assist us.

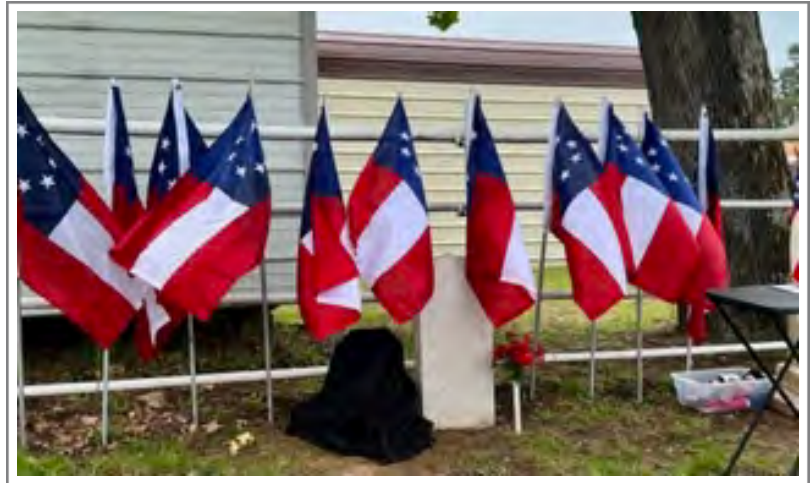
The cemetery is somewhat difficult to find the first time you go out there. So please meet Commander Hurley at the parking lot of the Family Dollar Store located at 17754 TX-31 Tyler, TX 75705 at 9AM. I will then lead you over to the cemetery which is nearby.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND



As you can see the cemetery needs some clean up before we can hold our Rededication Service

Camp Members Attend United Daughters of the Confederacy Iron Cross Ceremony Sunday, May 7, 2023 Sharon Cemetery, Winnsboro, TX



Walker's Greyhound Compatriots Monty Williams and Michael Hurley represented the Camp at the ceremony



Honoring Private John B. Smith, Company G, 6th Georgia Infantry



Members of Mollie Moore Davis 217, U.D.C. of Tyler TX who dedicated the iron cross of honor

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
- 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



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry.



1st Texas Infantry





- ◆ **June 2-4, 2023** - 126th Annual Texas Division Reunion, Lubbock, TX. To register and details: www.scv1352.com
- ◆ **June 6, 2023** - The next meeting of Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Spring Creek BBQ Tyler, TX
- ◆ **June 10, 2023** - Camp Workday at Holt Cemetery. 9AM (see page 5 of this newsletter for details).
- ◆ **June 11, 2023** - Iron Cross Deduction honoring Irby L Holt, 14th Texas Cavalry at 2pm
- ◆ **July 11, 2023** - Next Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338. Note: date moved to July 11, 2023 due to the 4th being a holiday.
- ◆ **July 17, 2023** - General N. B. Forrest Homecoming Celebration. SCV Headquarters, Elm Springs, TN.
- ◆ **July 19-22, 2023** - SCV National Reunion, Hot Springs, Ark To register and details: www.2023scvreunion.org
- ◆ **July 30, 2023** - Rose City Airfest, at Pounds Field, Tyler, TX. All proceeds benefit Camp V in Tyler. For more info: <https://www.campvtyler.org/rose-city-airfest/>

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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 18, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.