



THE ROSE CITY STAR

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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
May 21, 2024
6:00 P.M. ~ Eat
7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**

**Spring Creek BBQ
5810 Broadway
Tyler, TX 75703**

**Speaker:
Zach Sabota
Subject:
"Discussion of
Division
Amendments"**

**Please join us this month as we
make selections of delegates to
attend the Division Reunion
in San Antonio, TX**



**We will also discuss
and vote on
Division Constitution
Amendments**





Some of the lovely U.D.C. Ladies!

(L-R) Tami Hurley , Carrie Woolverton, and Patty Williams



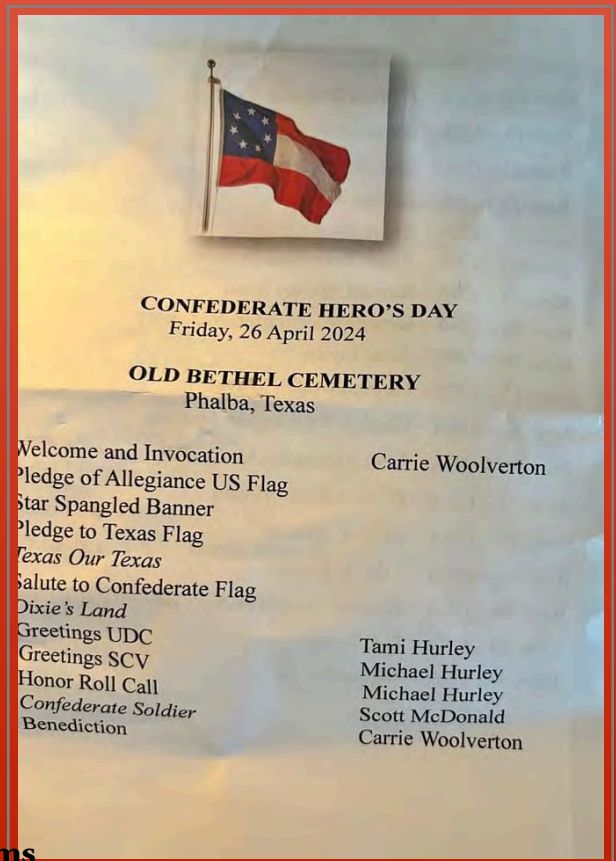
April 26, 2024

Members of Mollie Moore Davis 217 U.D.C. and Walker's Greyhounds #2338 S.C.V. attended Confederate Hero's Day at Old Bethel Cemetery located in Phalba, TX.



Walker's Greyhounds in the house!

(L-R) Michael Hurley , Billy Probble Sr., and Monty Williams



**Smith County
Confederate History
Spotlight...**

History of the Confederate Monument, Tyler Texas

On April 9, 1898, the Mollie Moore Davis Chapter 217 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Tyler, Texas, was chartered with eighty-one members. The chapter is named after Mollie Moore, a talented young woman known for hosting friends and their soldier beaux who were in town to train to defend the Confederacy in battle. Mollie was known for reciting poems to departing troops. She presented the Douglas' Texas Battery battle flag at their departure for military service on June of the 10, 1861. She was a well-known author and considered to be the "**Poet Laureate of the South.**"

It has been said that the list of early members of the local Mollie Moore Davis chapter read like a Who's Who list and many of the ladies from Tyler's most prominent families were members, wives, widows, and daughters of Confederate veterans.

Following the war, Mollie Moore Davis 217 soon committed to setting up a monument dedicated to the courage of our Confederate heroes. A contract was made with the Morris Brothers Marble Works to furnish the monument for \$5000 or almost **\$220,000.00** in today's dollars. The Daughters spent years fundraising. The ladies gave formal teas, hosted elaborate dinners, set up festive bazaars, and accepted donations to raise the entire total, but often, funds came in through friends giving just a few dollars here and there.

After eight years of fundraising, the statue was ordered from Morris Brothers Marble Works. After discovering that the chapter had failed to plan for a curb or filling for the plot, the members set to work fundraising for the added expense. The Daughters were again set back when, after all preparations had been achieved and the monument was shipped to Tyler, the face of the statue had a sizeable purple vane, requiring the statue be returned and a new one created. Yet the women persisted.

The Confederate monument was finally unveiled on July 7, 1909. The inscription at the monument's base reads: "**The Confederacy gave to the World its best type of Soldier.**" Facing east toward the sunrise, "**Fame has erected another monument to the honor and valor of the Confederate Soldier, more enduring than this and towering into the skies.**" Mrs. Cone Johnson, U.D.C. 217 Chapter President, was later credited for her "determination and dogged spirit to see the finish"

The dedication day was spectacularly celebrated. The afternoon kicked off with a picnic for the remaining Confederate veterans on the east side of the courthouse. As stores closed, the townspeople began to gather for the festivities. The gathered veterans posed for a group picture, and the large Bell rang out from the top of the courthouse. **(Continued on page 3)**



Mollie Moore Davis

A procession line soon started to form. The Tyler Children's Band took the lead with eighty-nine Confederate Veterans headed by the Commander of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, United Confederate Veterans. Townsfolk fell into line, and the short march began toward the city cemetery.

It was estimated that some five thousand or more people gathered on the grounds of Oakwood Cemetery, including several choirs from area churches. Children dressed in white scattered flowers over the newly restored Confederate plot. For decades, this would be remembered as the happiest occasion the Mollie Moore Davis U.D.C. Chapter ever experienced. The celebration was more than a veneration of the dead but a celebration of the community in honor of her sons who answered the call to defend Texas against invasion.



The July 10, 1909 issue of The Tyler Courier Times reported one of the speeches that accompanied the ceremony: "Cemeteries and public squares contain a history of men and events associated with the war written in imperishable bronze and marble, and though their inscriptions are brief yet they speak more eloquently and teach more truly than all the records of history's pages." the speech continued: "this monument . . . becomes a silent but eloquent witness to the youth and coming generations of the righteousness of the South's cause and our belief in its righteousness."



Over the next 100 years, Mollie Moore Davis 217 worked tirelessly to serve our community. The chapter served in a variety of ways, from delivering Christmas gift baskets to area veterans to recognizing men and women who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces in World War I, World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, and most recently, Operation Desert Storm.

The Mollie Moore Davis 217 U.D.C. chapter was instrumental in preserving Camp Ford, a Confederate Camp of instruction, and later a P.O.W. camp. With the help of a generous benefactor, the ladies purchased 8.1 acres of land, which would later be deeded to the Smith County Historical Society. The Society promised to ensure the camp would be restored as a historical site to teach future generations of Smith County's contribution to Confederate history. They did all of this the while reverently and without fail, keeping the graves of Confederate Veterans buried at Oakwood maintained. In 1997, the chapter would begin work on having Oakwood Cemetery designated and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. After 100 years of work with the city, Tyler finally agreed to make provisions to care for Oakwood Cemetery perpetually. The town started a trust fund devoted to the cemetery, which will receive taxpayer dollars until it reaches **1,000,000**.



Today, the monument continues to stand proudly and reverently over the graves of our hallowed dead. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to the ladies of Mollie Moore Davis 217, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In Observance of April as Confederate History Month, Walker's Greyhounds together with Mollie Moore Davis 217 U.D.C. laid a wreath of remembrance at the Confederate Monument located at Historic Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX

April 28, 2024



Eight Members of Walker's Greyhounds Attended the Ceremony! ⁵



Walker's Greyhounds and Wives pose for the camera in front of the monument

April 28, 2024

President of Mollie Moore Davis 217, Mrs. Patty Williams and 3rd Vice President General of the U.D.C. Tami Hurley, also a member of Mollie Moore Davis 217 U.D.C. took part in the service



From the Bookcase of Michael Hurley...

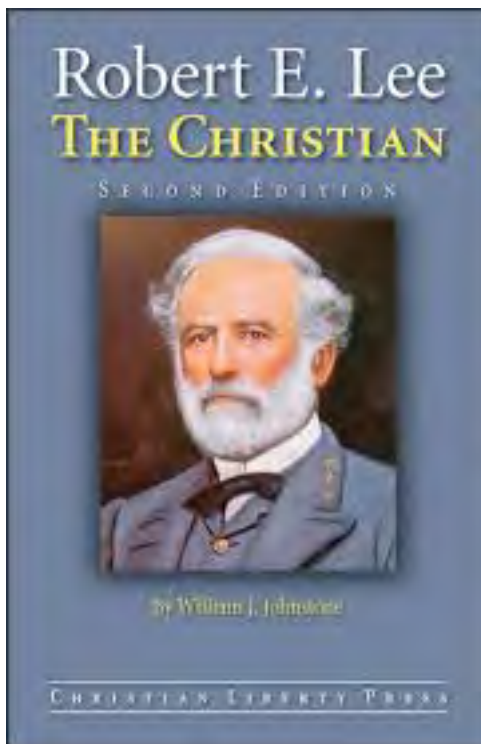
Robert E. Lee "The Christian"

by William J. Johnstone

This amazing book has become a valued addition to my library just over a year ago, a gift from the U.D.C. While many biographies have been written of General Lee since his death, this one is unique. No picture of Robert E. Lee could be complete that did speak of his religion.

Rather than a traditional biography, the author reveals that the true source of Lee's greatness was his Christian faith. Written in 1933 by William Johstone, the book examines both Lee's personal and public life in detail. The book showcases how his character, ethics and devotion to God were the overwhelming guide in General Lee's decisions both small and great. It was upon this foundation of faith that all else rested.

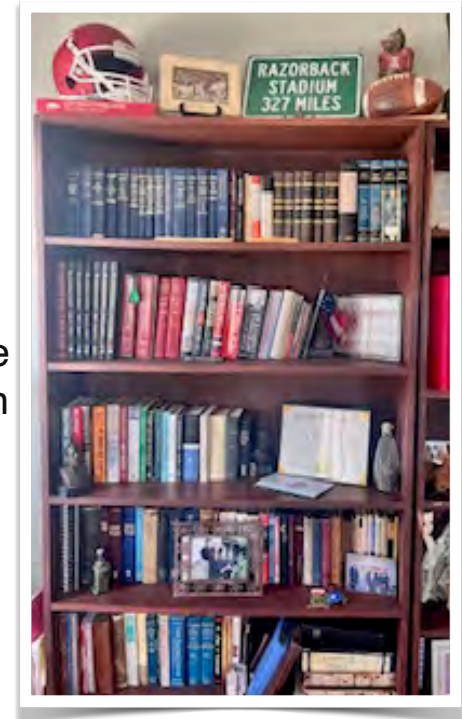
His confidential letters to members of his family are the primary source of citation by the writer.



In his public papers and orders written during the war, he never failed, whenever the opportunity offered, to call attention of the people to the great disposer of all human events and to inspire others with gratitude or submission, as the circumstances might require.

In this book, which is a quick read with only 195 pages, we see how constantly he was guided and sustained, throughout his whole life, by divine grace and wisdom from above.

The book is now out of print, but I found it still available on Amazon in both used and new condition. I highly recommend every SCV member have a copy!



WJH

Camp Ford Living History



*May 18, 2024
10:00AM- 5:00PM*

*Come step back in time to the
Spring of 1864 and see how both
guards and their prisoners lived
their daily lives at Camp Ford
during the Civil War*

6500 US-271, Tyler, TX 75708

Texas Division Constitution Amendments

These Amendments will be voted on at our next meeting



**Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by Compatriot: Dustin W. Seiler, Lt. Commander
Camp Name and Number: Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153**

CURRENT	PROPOSAED	RATIONALE
<p>NONE CURRENTLY IS IN EXISTANCE.</p> <p>This is a new proposed Bylaw to the Texas Division Constitution.</p>	<p><u>4.7 Social Media</u> <u>4.7.1 To further strengthen the Nature and Purpose of the organization; all camps shall have the full enjoyment of utilizing social media platforms for the benefit of their camps. Such as posting of photos, videos and memes containing information regarding recruiting, announcements of camp activities and meetings, camp projects, southern heritage, educational and historical information as examples. Camps should refrain from creating posts on Social Media that is in conflict with Articles 2.1 and 3.2 of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as well as posts that could potentially violate the intellectual property rights or infringe on the copy rights of others.</u> <u>4.7.2 Each Camp Commander may appoint a Camp Social Media Administrator to assist in the facilitation Such forms of communications.</u> <u>4.7.3 Each Camp may adopt it's own Social Media policy to help in providing guidelines for their camp's Social Media platform, provided that they are not in conflict with the National Sons of Confederate Veterans Social Media Policy established by the General Executive Council.</u> <u>4.7.4. No discussions or postings of partisan political subjects nor political action endorsing aspirants for political office, the organizations' specific internal business such as finances, disciplinary investigations and/or actions, or minutes of camp meetings shall be posted on any Camps' Social Media platform.</u></p>	<p>We need to keep up with the 21st century! This amendment focuses on the Camps in the TEXAS Division that has their camp name listed on a Social Media page and NOT ANY INDIVIDUAL! Roberts Rules of Order (12th Edition) states that it is highly recommended to have society adopt a set of rules/standing rules/bylaws to administrate & operate the organization's business over electronic forms of communications (I.E. Social Media). BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, there are now federal and state laws that are catching up to the modern era BECAUSE of what is being posted on Social Media. Also our opposition is looking for any advantage, and or excuse to invalidate our 501(c)3 status, as well as any other information That could be used against us for legal or other purposes.</p>

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Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by Compatriot: Jim Cox
Camp Name and Number: Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983

CURRENT	PROPOSED	RATIONALE
<p>Paragraph 3.3.1: Life membership in the Texas Division requires the one-time payment by the Compatriot in an amount equal to twenty-one (21) times the Texas Division annual per capita tax as stated in Article 10- Finances for applicants up to 64 years of age, and half that amount for applicants 65 years of age or older, and half that amount again for applicants 80 years of age or older. The Compatriot will be furnished with a Texas Division Life Membership badge. The Compatriot shall be exempt from payment of the Texas Division per capita tax and dues to the Texas Division after payment is made. The Compatriot, in order to remain a Compatriot in good standing with the General Organization, must still pay annual per capita tax to the General Organization until such time as he meets Life Membership requirements for that organization.</p>	<p>Paragraph 3.3.1: Life membership in the Texas Division requires the one-time payment by the Compatriot from ages 12 to 50 in the amount of \$315.00, ages 51 to 64 in the amount of \$157.50, ages 65 to 75 in the amount of \$105.00 and 76 years of age or older in the amount of \$78.75. The Compatriot will be furnished with a Texas Division Life Membership badge. The Compatriot shall be exempt from payment of the Texas Division per capita tax and dues to the Texas Division after payment is made. The Compatriot, in order to remain a Compatriot in good standing with the General Organization, must still pay annual per capita tax to the General Organization until such time as he meets Life Membership requirements for that organization.</p>	<p>The rationale for this amendment is improved retention within the Texas Division. We lose a lot of members because they relocate to an area where there is no camp reasonably close, they quit attending meetings due to health or simply due to cost. By adjusting the age brackets down, younger members in our organization would be motivated to obtain Life Memberships.</p>

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Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Standing Orders
Offered by
Christian Lee
Alamo City Guards Camp 1325

Current	Proposed	Rationale
<p>No Current Provision</p>	<p>6.4 Intellectual Property Management Committee</p> <p>6.4 Intellectual Property Management Committee shall be led by a Chairperson and include additional members as necessary, ensuring representation from diverse backgrounds within the Texas Division. The committee's primary responsibility is to oversee the identification, protection, and utilization of intellectual property assets owned or managed by the Texas Division and its camps. This includes but is not limited to trademarks, patents, copyrights, and trade secrets. The committee shall develop and implement strategies to safeguard intellectual property rights, assess the need for licensing agreements, and monitor compliance with intellectual property laws and regulations. Additionally, the committee may advise on the acquisition or disposition of intellectual property assets and provide guidance on the ethical and responsible use of intellectual property within the Texas Division. The Chairperson shall maintain a comprehensive record of intellectual property assets and activities, reporting regularly to the Division Commander or designated authority.</p>	<p>This committee will make sure that anything created for Texas Division, Brigades, or Camps belongs to them forever, or they have permission to use it whenever and wherever they want. The IPMC will also make sure that when we work with other people to create stuff, they can't suddenly take it back without warning. If that happened, it could really hurt us, both in money and reputation. Consider the IPMC like the protectors of everything that's made for us, making sure it's always ours to use.</p>

Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by
Cody Crislip
Texas Division 3rd Lt. Commander

Current	Proposed	Rationale
<p style="text-align: center;">11. Division Newsletter</p> <p>A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly... Effective beginning in 2022, the Spring Newsletter shall be a printed copy mailed to each Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant in the Texas Division, and a copy emailed via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership. The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order that are to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11. Division Newsletter</p> <p>A Division Newsletter shall be published quarterly... Effective beginning in 2022 2024, the Spring Newsletter shall be a printed copy mailed to each Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Adjutant in the Texas Division, and a copy emailed via the Texas Division email system to the entire membership. The Spring Newsletter shall include any proposed Constitutional amendments or Special Rules of Order that are to be voted on at the Division Convention.</p>	<p>To save money, the organization should reduce mailing costs by changing how the TEXDIV Reporter newsletter is distributed. Currently, printing and mailing 198 copies to 93 camps, 186 commanders and adjutants, and 12 brigade officers is costly.</p> <p>Instead, let's print 12-15 copies in total. Send 12 to brigade officers, who can then distribute them to camps that need printed copies due to digital disconnection. Any extras should be sent to state libraries for archival purposes. This approach reduces costs while ensuring that printed copies are available where they're needed, and that archives are properly maintained.</p> <p>Almost all brigade officers and camp commanders communicate via email or phone, which has been effective for announcing meetings and reunions. This approach should also work for distributing the newsletter, reducing costs while maintaining communication.</p>

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Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by
James Bozeman
Major Robert M. White #1250

Current	Proposed	Reason
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Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by
Allen Hearrean
Chief of Staff

Current	Proposed	Reason
<p>5.5.1 Brigade Officers shall be elected to serve for a period of two years, taking office during the biennial Texas Division Elections Convention following administering of the oath of office. Brigade Officers are expected to uphold the requirements of the Texas Division and General Constitutions and any Standing Orders associated with each.</p>	<p>5.5.1 Brigade Officers shall be elected to serve for a period of two years, taking office during the biennial Texas Division Elections Convention following administering of the oath of office. Brigade Officers are expected to uphold the requirements of the Texas Division and General Constitutions and any Standing Orders associated with each. Brigade Officers shall not have a felony record of any degree, including any State jail Felony.</p>	<p>All members in a position of authority need to be gentlemen of good moral character with a respectable past. Members expect leaders to be honest, law-abiding individuals that can be trusted with positions that require respect. Leaders show integrity, self-awareness, courage, respect, empathy, and gratitude, as a leader, you must be able to influence others to get the work done — you cannot do it all alone. The aforementioned qualities are the very reason why leaders cannot have an unexcused past.</p>

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Proposed Changes to the Texas Division Constitution
Offered by
W. Michael Hurley
Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338
SCV Member #42208

Current	Proposed	Reason
Not Current Provision	<p>Item 6.4.1.13</p> <p>The Division Commander shall be given a travel budget each year in the amount of \$1,200.00. These monies can be used to reimburse the Division Commander for travel expenses incurred while traveling to support the work of the Texas Division. These expenses include, but are not limited to hotel, fuel, meals, and registration at Division and National Reunions.</p>	<p>To encourage increased participation of the Division Commander at Camp and Brigade events across the State of Texas.</p> <p>It is my suggestion that this provision be made effective on July 1, 2025</p>

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Offered by
W. Michael Hurley
Walker’s Greyhounds Camp #2338
SCV Member #42208

Current	Proposed	Reason
<p>Item 8.5 Effective beginning in 2020, the Convention Planning Committee shall work with the Division Convention Host Camp to set a registration deadline (not later than 1 May), set a registration fee to cover the basic costs associated with the business meeting, and limit the mark-up over basic costs of optional events to reflect they are no longer subsidizing the business meeting expenses. Texas Division members may attend the Convention without pre-registration, by paying the registration fee plus a late fee, but will not be guaranteed a printed program or Reunion medal.</p>	<p>Item 8.5 Effective beginning in 2020, The Convention Planning Committee shall work with the Division Convention Host Camp to set a registration deadline (not later than 1 May). set a registration fee to cover the basic costs associated with the business meeting, and limit the mark-up over basic costs of optional events to reflect they are no longer subsidizing the business meeting expenses. Texas Division members may attend the Convention without pre-registration, by paying the registration fee plus a late fee, but will not be guaranteed a printed program or Reunion medal.</p>	<p>Item 8.5 of the Texas Division Constitution is in direct conflict with Item 10.4 which reads: “An amount of three dollars (\$3.00) for each Texas Division Compatriot (regular or Life Member, as of 1 May) shall be allocated toward the expenses of the annual Division Convention. No fee shall be required for attendance at any Division Convention.”</p> <p>Amending Item 8.5 will put the Texas Division Constituion in harmony with itself by eliminating the conflict.</p>



Texas Division
Picnic Blanco, TX
April 20, 2024



Army of the Transmississippi
Celebration at
Mansfield Battlefield
Mansfield, LA
April 6, 2024



Confederate History Month Celebrations



Confederate Heriatge Celebration at Shiloh Cemetery, Mt Enterprise, TX. April 27, 2028



Arkansas Division Confederate Flag Day at the State Capital April 13, 2024



Confederate History Month Celebrations

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 Divison - 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

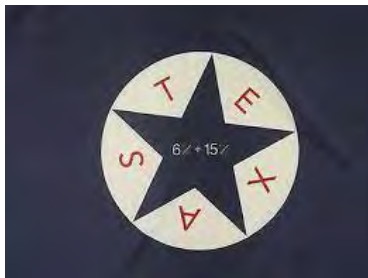
15th Texas Infantry Polignac's Brigade, Speight's Regiment - Lt Colonel James E. Harrison

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' Texas Battery

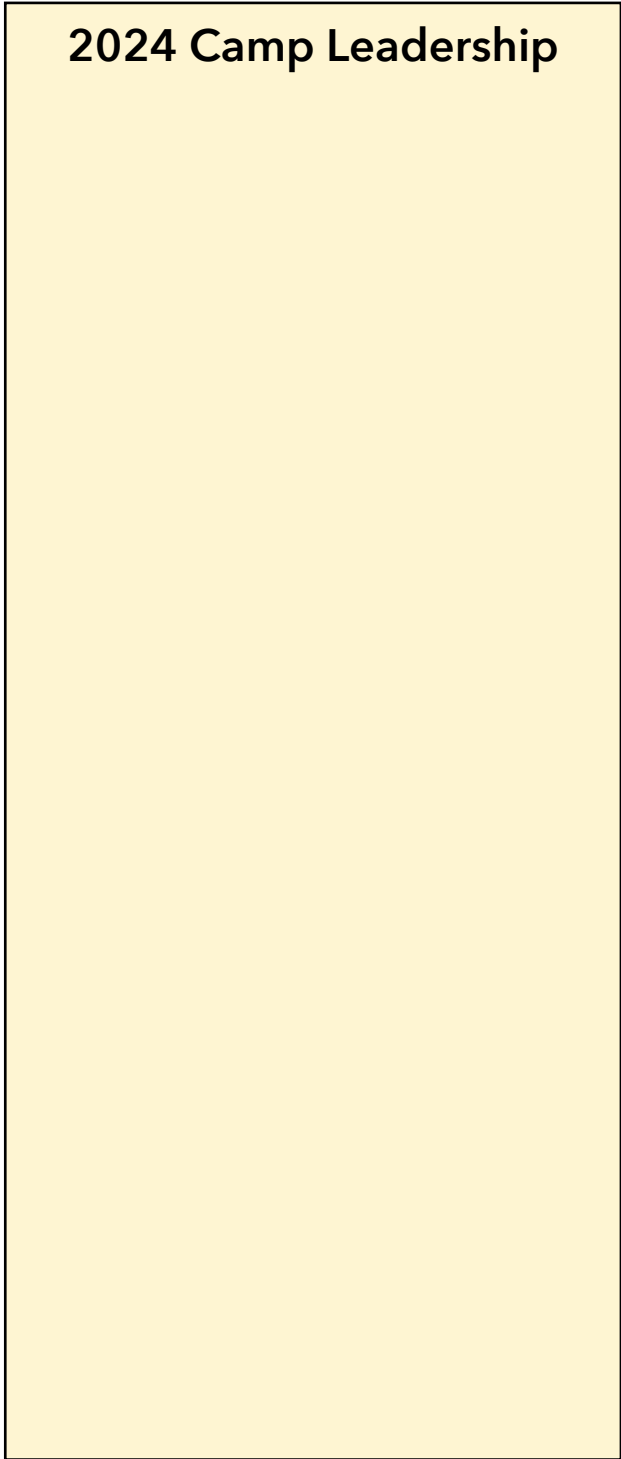




- ◆ **May 18, 2024** - Living History at Camp Ford
- ◆ **June 7 - 9, 2024** - Texas Division Annual Reunion in San Antonio, TX
- ◆ **June 18, 2024** - Next Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **July 17 - 21, 2024** - SCV National Reunion in Charleston SC
- ◆ **July 16, 2024** - Monthly Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **August 20, 2024** - Monthly Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds

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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 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.