



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
April 21, 2026**

7:00 P.M.

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

**General Albert Sidney Johnston
"A Man on the Move"**



*Presented By Paula Patterson
Texas Division Registrar
for the Children of the Confederacy;
3rd Vice President
Mollie Moore Davis 217, Tyler, TX*

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

April is Confederate History Month!





***Mollie Moore Davis 217,
Tyler, Texas***

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

***Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338,
Tyler, Texas***

Sons of Confederate Veterans®

***Invites You to Attend
Wreath Laying Ceremony
Before the Confederate Monument
Honoring
The Fallen Confederate Soldiers Laid to Rest
At Oakwood Cemetery***



When: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Where: Oakwood Cemetery- Tyler, TX

Located at the corner of Oakwood and N. Palace Streets

When: 2:00 pm

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

March Camp Meeting...



Adam Glover receives Texas Division Honor Award



Austin Hurley signs his new member application



Guest Speaker James Bozeman from Temple, TX



Richard Smoot presents a sample of bag which will be handed out at the upcoming Texas Division Reunion!

March 17, 2026 Monthly Camp Meeting

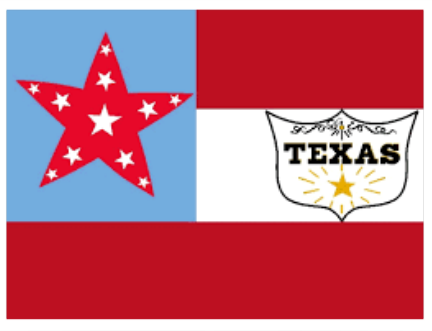


**Smith County
Confederate Veteran
Spotlight...**

**George Robert Kennedy 1842-1914
Private, 3rd Texas Cavalry, "Ross's Texas Brigade"**



George Kennedy was born on August 4, 1842, in Alabama. He was the fourth of seven children born to William Kennedy (1810-1860) and Julia Ann Bullard (1809-1855). He and his family moved to the community of Jamestown, Smith County, Texas, in 1846. The family is found in the 1850 Jamestown, TX census. When the War for Southern Independence began in 1861, George enlisted in the 3rd Texas Cavalry and was soon assigned to Ector's Brigade. After six months of service, he was transferred to the 14th Texas Cavalry Company B, Ector's Texas Brigade, where he served until June 1864. During this time, George saw action at: Murfreesboro, TN, Chickamauga, GA, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, and the Battle of Atlanta. He was transferred back to the 3rd Texas Cavalry, where he fought at the Battle of Franklin, TN. He left service at Citronelle, AL, May of 1865.



**14th Texas Cavalry
Regimental Colors**

Returning to Tyler, TX in 1865, he was a farmer for the rest of his life. The years of reconstruction (1865-1877) in Tyler, TX, featured Yankee military control and many cases of lawlessness. This proved to be a challenge for many, especially returning Confederate Veterans. The following is an interesting excerpt from "A History of Smith County, Texas," published in 1844.

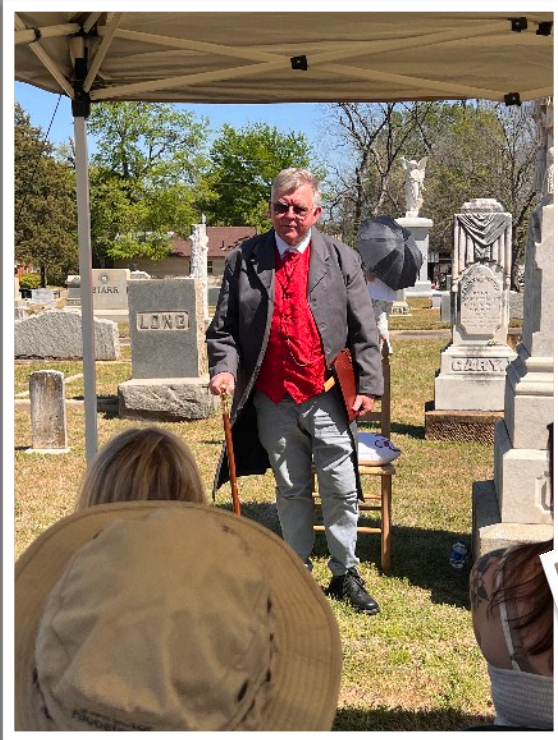
"George Kennedy was walking down South Broadway Street with a young lady when they were jostled by a group of drunken Negroes. Kennedy, a brave and chivalrous Confederate veteran, immediately used a stick with good effect upon the heads of several of the would be assaliants, for which deed he was arrested by Yankee soldiers and summoned to appear before the carpet-bag judge in court. Upon court day, the judge fined him one thousand dollars in gold (worth more than \$20,000 in 2026). Kennedy answered that he would pay in lead instead, reached for his hip pocket, produced a revolver, and emptied it into the chest of the judge. But the judge was unscathed, as he wore a steel breastplate. In the turmoil that followed, Kennedy jumped through the south window of the court house and fled down South Broadway amid a fusillade of bullets from the frightened Yankee soldiers and Negro policemen. Kennedy made his escape unhurt with the aid of friends, but was later captured in a distant town by the Yankees, tried before a drumhead court-martial, and sentenced to be shot. But after the election of Grant, he was turned over to the civil authorities for trial and was quickly acquitted. He was later a successful businessman in Tyler and a long-time marshal of the city. The period of lawless Yankee carpet bagger rule of Tyler came to an end in Texas after the state ratified a new state constitution, and the election of Richard Hubbard in 1876." ¹



**3rd Texas Cavalry
Regimental Colors**

George married Ida Wiggins (1853-1937) on 31 July 1871. To this union, God gave 7 children. He labored as a farmer until his death from cancer in 1914. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, Texas. Many of his great, great, great-Grandchildren continue to reside in the Tyler, TX area.

¹ "A History of Smith County, Texas" by William R. Ward. A Thesis to the Graduate Council of the Univeristy of North Texas in May 1944. Pages 145-146. Found online at unt.edu



**Walker's Greyhounds
participate in annual
Spirits of Oakwood
Cemetery Tour**

March 21, 2026



**1st Lt Commander Monty Williams
portrays Captian Franklin Gary
22nd Texas Infantry
Walker's Greyhounds**

Franklin N. Gary 1842-1886



Public learns of the life and contribution of Confederate Veteran Franklin Gary

Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026, 7:00 PM; Manny's Restaurant, Tyler TX

In Attendance ~ Zach Zabota – Camp Commander, Michael Hurley – Adjutant, Monty Williams - 1st Lt. Commander, Richard Smoot – 2026 Texas Division Adjutant , Gail Smoot, Mark Vogl – 2nd Lt. Commander, Barbara Vogl, Adam Glover – Color Sgt., Scott McDonald – Commander 8th Brigade – Army of Trans-Mississippi SCV, Danny Dorsey, Bill Hurley, L. D. McWilliams, Johnnie McWilliams - UDC, Tommy May, Keith Parris, Laurie Parris, Dr. D. M. Edwards, Austin Hurley, Kaleigh Hurley, James Bozeman – Texas Division Chaplain, Leslie Bozeman, Tami Hurley – 3rd Vice President General UDC, Patty Williams –District 8 Chair, Texas Div. UDC

Invocation and Minutes approval

Meeting Called To Order By Zach Sabota, Camp Commander

Invocation – Monty Williams, Chaplain

Pledges were lead by Danny Dorsey, Charge were lead by Mark Vogl, 2nd Lt Commander

Approval of January 2026 and February 2026 minutes -**MOTION**: D. M. Edwards, Seconded - **PASSED**

Adjutant Report:

Adjutant report: Beginning Balance: **3,955.49** Ending Balance: **\$5,708.49**

All camp reports were completed and submitted on time

Old Business

- Texas Division Reunion Convention update
June 5th – June 7th at the Holiday Inn (Tyler, TX).
 - Convention Website setup and maintenance Cost - \$700 (checked weekly for updates to be added).
 - Texas Division Reunion Medals Cost - \$1800
Four (4) sales tables sold
 - Approved neck wallet and convention messenger bag shown
 - At present date – 36 registrants and 20 guests
- Camp Social Media Facebook page report – more than 100 followers after only active one month.
- Planning and discussion for the wreath laying ceremony for Confederate Heroes Month **April 26, 2026**, at 2:00 pm, Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler– **Motion** to approve date – L.D McWilliams, seconded –**Passed**
 - Invitation extended to other SCV camps and UDC chapters
 - Mollie Moore Davis 217 Tyler UDC is furnishing wreath
- Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony – Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm
- Invitations will be extended to the UDC and James P. Douglas Camp

March Camp Minutes Continued

New Business

- Meet the candidate – Roy Hudson 1st Lt Commander National on April 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the home of Michael and Tami Hurley in Tyler, Texas.
- Past Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley and wife, Tami attended Texas marker dedication for Confederate Heroes Day in Richmond VA at Oakwood Cemetery on March 7, 2026
- New SCV billboards displayed in April for Confederate Heroes Month on IH35 and IH20 in Texas.

Program – James Bozeman, 2026 Texas Division Chaplain - “The 9 Gold Star Recipients of Hood’s Texas Brigade”

Announcements

- Army of Trans-Mississippi Confederate Heritage Month Memorial – Pleasant Hill Battlefield, Pleasant Hill, LA. – April 18, 2026
- Dr. D.M. Edwards – Reminder of celebration of 100 years for Tyler Junior College
- Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony – Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm
- Spirits of Oakwood – March 21, 2026 – Oakwood Historical Cemetery – 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Benediction – Monty Williams, chaplain

Meeting closed with the singing of “Dixie.”

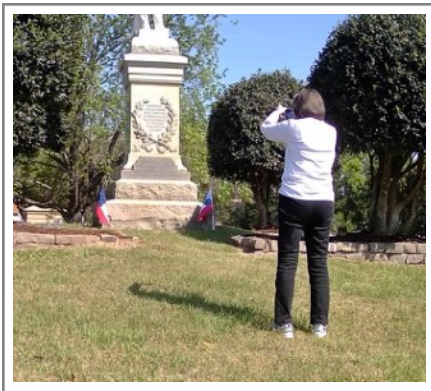
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Presenter – Paula Patterson - Mollie Moore Davis #217 Tyler, 3rd Vice President

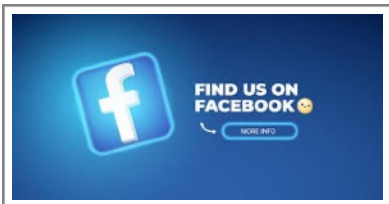
Program – Albert Sydney Johnston “A Man on the Move”



The Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Places Two Billboards Along I-H 35 and I-20 in Observance of April as Confederate History Month.



Recent Visitors at the CSA Monument



Our camp is now on Facebook! Make sure and go to the site and “Like” us so you can keep up with the latest news, and upcoming events of the camp! Just go to Facebook and search for “Walkers’s Greyhounds”.



Texas Division Reunion Registration Report

As of April 12, 2026

- ◆ Commander’s Reception - 59
- ◆ Awards Luncheon - 80
- ◆ Tour of Tyler - 34
- ◆ Grand Ball Tickets - 63
- ◆ Memorials - 17
- ◆ Extra Medals - 6
- ◆ Vendor Tables - 7
- ◆ Program Ads - 0 ← **HELP NEEDED!**





129th Annual Reunion

**Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Tyler, TX
June 5-7, 2026**



**Holiday Inn & Conference Center
5701 South Broadway, Tyler, TX
To Call For Hotel Reservations
903-561-5800**

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

www.scvreunion.com

**Hosted by the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338
Tyler Texas**

**Walker's Greyhounds Host Mixer For
Roy Hudson
Candidate for 1st Lt. Commander-in-Chief
April 12, 2026**



A few of the Walker's Greyhounds, Richard Smoot, Bill Hurley and Monty Williams visit with Lt Commander CIC Candidate Roy Hudson



(L-R) AOT Councilman Roy Hudson, ATM Commander John McCammon, and Immediate Past Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley



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 - 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





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- ◆ **April 26, 2026** - Wreath Laying At Oakwood Cemetery
2:00pm
- ◆ **June 5-7, 2026** - Texas Division Reunion in Tyler, TX!
- ◆ **July 15-19, 2026** - 131st National Reunion in Lexington, KY



Camp Website
Walkersgreyhounds.com

2026 Camp Leadership



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.