



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
October 21, 2025
6:00 P.M. to Eat
7:00 P.M. to Meet**

**Manny's Tex-Mex Cafe
1433 S. Beckham Ave.
Tyler TX 75701
Need Directions?
*903-630-5163***

**Speaker: Bill Starnes
Gilmer, TX**

***"7th Texas Infantry
A Tale of Courage & Sacrifice"***

Bring a Guest!

Dispatch from the Editor...

As I write this, we continue to experience our second Summer and the recent drought it has brought to our beloved East Texas.

However, the calendar clearly tells us that Fall is here. The weatherman promises a change to cooler temperatures in the next week or so. Regardless of the weather, we have a critical camp work day coming up on Saturday morning, Nov 8, at Oakwood Cemetery. By special request of the Mollie Moore Davis 217, UDC, we will be doing some major league trimming of the holly bushes which surround the Confederate monument. In light of the recent vandalism of the memorial, this is very badly needed. Please meet at the cemetery on Saturday, Nov 8, 2025, at 9 AM. More information can be found later in this newsletter. We also want to extend a welcome to **Tommy May**, who is transferring membership into our camp. I have known Tommy for many years; he is a devoted member and asset! This brings our total membership to Twenty-One!



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SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING OF WALKER'S GREYHOUNDS #2338.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MONTY WILLIAMS, 1ST LT COMMANDER

INVOCATION AND MINUTES APPROVAL

Invocation – Monty Williams, Chaplain

The minutes and treasurer report for the August meeting were not available for approval.

Approval of August minutes and treasurer report will be done in October.

PLEDGES/CHARGE

Richard Smoot, Texas Division Adjutant, led pledges to the American Flag, Texas Flag, and Confederate Battle Flag. Mark Vogel, 2nd Lt. Commander – Reading of “The Charge”

REPORTS

1st Lt. Commander, Monty Williams gave his report.

Old Business

- November 8, 2025, 9:00 AM, Location: Oakwood Historical Cemetery, Tyler, Camp members will meet to substantially trim the four holly bushes surrounding the Confederate Monument Statue in conjunction with the Mollie Moore Davis 217 UDC Tyler chapter, due to increased vandalism of the statue.
- Tabled the election of a new camp adjutant

New Business

- Game Cameras placed at Oakwood Historical Cemetery for protection of Confederate Statue
- Preparations for the 3-year anniversary celebration – November 18, 2025
- Scott McDonald, 8th Brigade Commander gave a report
 - 64th Texas Division Commander, Shelby Little, has asked the camps to turn in a quarterly report to the Brigade Commander. The correct form is on the SCV General Website
 - Heritage Defense Report
 - Camp Recruiting Flyer and cards to be placed on local bulletin boards and to be handed out by camp members. Suggestion for Title: Do You Have a Confederate Ancestor?

PROGRAM

Mark Vogl – “Providence Guides the Flow of our Latest Unpleasantness”

Meeting closed with the singing of “Dixie”

Recent Visitors To The Confederate Monument at Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler TX

**Always Encouraging to see
Members of our Community Visit!**



September visitors on camera



Douglas Camp Member John Threadgill!

Oran Milo Roberts

*17th Governor of Texas, US Senator, Texas Supreme Court Justice,
Colonel 11th Texas Infantry "Walker's Greyhounds"*



Colonel Roberts of
the 11th Texas
Infantry



The Colors of the
11th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Governor



Oran Roberts was born in South Carolina on 9 July 1815. A graduate of the University of Alabama in 1836, and was admitted to the bar the following year. He came to Texas in 1841, settled in San Augustine, and quickly became a successful attorney. In 1844, Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, appointed Oran as District Attorney. Before the War of Northern Aggression, he held positions as district attorney, district judge, and, in 1857, associate judge of the Supreme Court of Texas.

A strong advocate for secession, he was elected president of the Secession Convention that met in Austin in early 1861. When Texas seceded from the Union, he raised a regiment of Confederate infantry and became its first Colonel. Later, the regiment was designated the 11th Texas Infantry, Horace Randal's Brigade, of Walker's Greyhounds. He served with valor and distinction in the Red River Campaign, including the battles of Mansfield, Louisiana, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas, all in 1864. While still with his command, he received notice that he had been elected Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and served from late 1864 until he was removed from office following the Confederate surrender in June 1865.

After the war, Roberts was a delegate to the Texas Constitution Convention of 1866. Later, he was elected to the Texas state legislature and then elected to the US Senate in 1866. Still, the Yankee government refused his seat due to his past Confederate service. He moved to Gilmer, Texas, to practice law until he was appointed as chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court in 1874. He resigned as chief justice in 1878 after receiving a unanimous nomination from the Democratic convention to run for governor of Texas. He was elected as the governor of Texas in 1878 and served for two terms. While governor, he was instrumental in reducing high taxes and state debt imposed by Reconstruction and became known as "pay as you go Roberts". He was ultimately successful in reducing the state debt. While governor, the present Capitol in Austin was contracted, and the cornerstone for the University of Texas was laid in 1882.

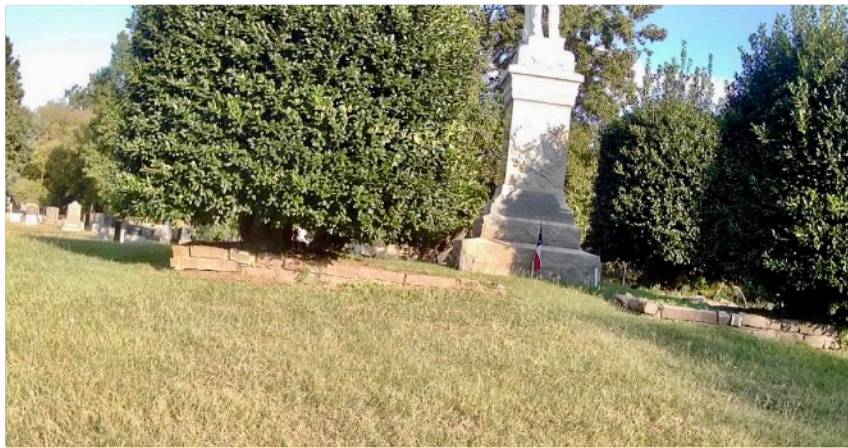
After retiring from politics, Roberts joined the faculty at the University of Texas as a professor of law in 1883, a position he held for the next ten years. There, he acquired the nickname "Old Alcade." He was immensely influential in the State's legal profession, where he impacted a generation of young attorneys. To continue his legacy, the University of Texas named its alumni magazine "Alcade" in his honor, and in 1963, it built and named a residence hall after him. While living in Austin, TX, Roberts helped organize the Texas State Historical Association and became its first president in 1898.

Family - Roberts married Frances W. Edwards of Ashville, AL, in 1837. They had seven children and remained married for 46 years, until her death in 1883. Roberts then married Catherine Border in 1885. He died in Austin, TX, on 9 May 1898. Orin Roberts is buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, TX.

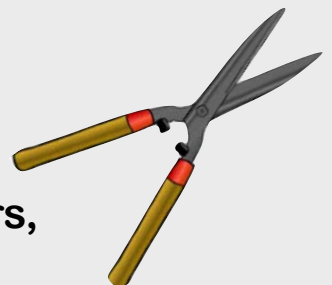
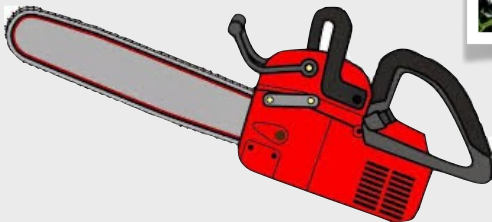
To Arms, To Arms!

Ok ... Maybe not arms but To Tools, To Tools!

Camp Workday Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 9 AM



**The Holly Bushes Have
Overwhelmed the
Confederate Monument
and Need Immediate
Trimming!**



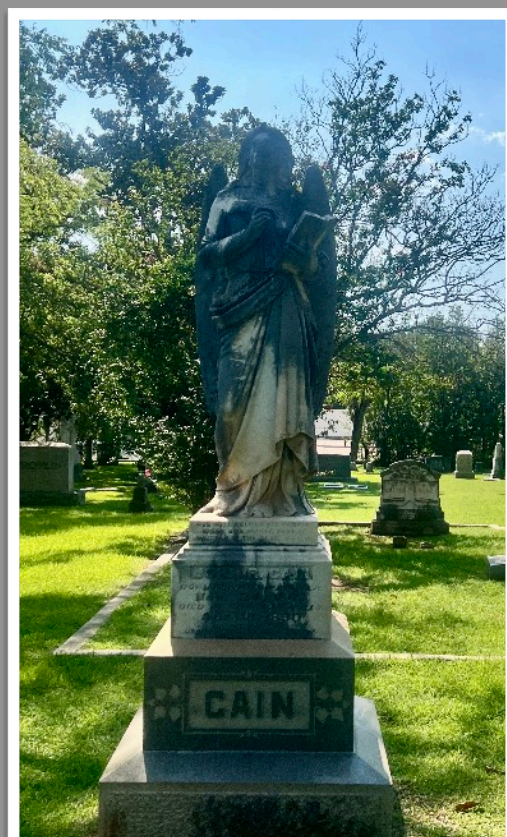
**Please bring chain saws, ladders, rakes, hedge trimmers,
and any additional tools you think may be needed.**

Reminder: Power not available at the cemetery.

Cain Family Monument Cleaned



Compatriot Michael Hurley recently cleaned the beautiful Monument of John R. Cain (1863-1890) located in Tyler's Oakwood Cemetery. John Cain was the son of a Confederate Veteran, Washington Cain, Captain 14th Texas Infantry, Walker's Greyhounds





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ONE WEEK AT A TIME

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Thursday at 7 PM



Our Heritage We Will Defend!

Walker's Greyhounds #2338

JOIN US!



Sons of Confederate Veterans
Army of Trans-Mississippi



ATM Field Day!

on the Battlefield!

Saturday April 18, 2026

This year's event will be returning to the Mansfield Battle Park in Mansfield, La. This year's program with focus on the role of troops from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri as well as Partisan troops in the Red River Campaign!

So plan to spend the day celebrating our Honorable History and Heritage!

SAVE the DATE!!

Speakers!



Food!



Music!



Games!



Fellowship!



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





- ◆ **October 21, 2025** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds #2338
- ◆ **October 25-26, 2025** - Attack on Ft Parker. 866 Park Rd, Groesbeck, TX. CSA Unit demonstrations, Sutlery shops, concession stands. Come enjoy history and adventure. For more info email: tx.6th_event_planning@yahoo..com
- ◆ **November 8, 2025** - Camp Workday at Oakwood Cemetery
- ◆ **November 18, 2025** - 3rd Anniversary of the Camp's Charter Celebration dinner.



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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.