



## ***THE ROSE CITY STAR***



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

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
August 19, 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***

**National SCV Awards  
Will Be Presented!**

**Bring a Guest!**

**Wives are welcome  
and to attend.**

**Dues have been paid  
and we had 100%  
Retention!**

**Thank you and  
Great Job  
Compatriots!**



## **Confederate Reconciliation Monument to Return to Arlington National Cemetery!**



**Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 announced that the “Reconciliation Monument” sculpture will be returned to it’s place of honor amid the Confederate graves at historic Arlington National Cemetery.**

**The sculpture was made by Moses Ezekiel, a Jewish Confederate Veteran. The memorial was authorized in 1906 by Secretary of War William Howard Taft. It was unveiled by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 and the United Daughters of the Confederacy as an effort of reconciliation of the nation.**

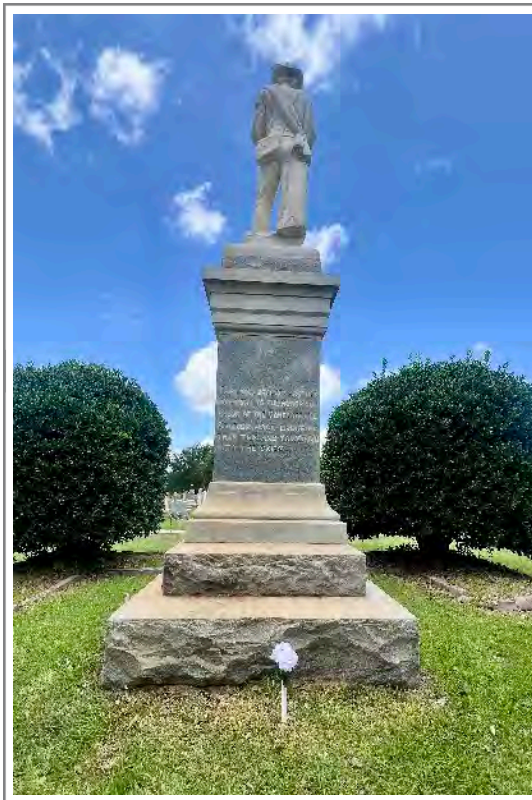
**The monument features a bronze woman standing on a 32-foot pedestal. Below the woman are the details which feature the coat of arms of the 13 Confederate States , with figures of Confederate soldiers.**



## **Confederate Monument located in Oakwood Cemetery, is vandalized for second time on June 19, 2025!**



**Monument after cleaning!**



**SCV Compatriot Michael Hurley, called the Tyler Police Department who turned the investigation over to the Fire Marshall since the damage involved the use of fire. The monument was cleaned by Compatriot Hurley after the investiagtion.**



## Billy Pribble Speaks At June Camp Meeting



At the June camp meeting, we conducted camp business, selected delegates for the SCV National Reunion and we heard a great presentation from Billy Pribble on the military organization of the Confederate Army.



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Billy explains the Confederate Army Organization



## **William Samuel Cole 1843-1941**

### ***The Last Confederate Veteran in Smith County Texas***

William Cole was born on November 6, 1843, in Heard, Georgia. His father, Samuel Madison Cole, was 25 years old and his mother, Ruth Ann McPherson was 23. He was educated in the local schools of Heard County. His father was a farmer, so young William followed in his footsteps working on the family farm.

When the War for Southern Independence broke out in 1861, William Cole answered the call to defend his native state. He was mustered into Confederate Service as a private in Ferrell's Battery, 14th Georgia Light Artillery, Company C. In the fall of 1862, the Artillery Battalion was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. Ferrell's Battery saw action in many battles and skirmishes with the Army of the Tennessee. The unit was surrendered in the Spring of 1865.

After the war, he met and married Elizabeth Ann Speights in Randolph, Alabama on a cold January 2, 1869. The Lord blessed them with two children, the first born in Alabama and the second in Texas.

William Cole moved with his wife and firstborn child to the Garden Valley Community in Smith County, Texas on July 25, 1870. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away in 1873. Leaving William with two small children. He then married Virginia Louisa Curry in Garden Valley on June 10, 1875. To this union, God gave 10 children. According to census records, by 1900, the family was living in Lindale, TX. Two years later, his second wife, Virginia, passed away on March 5, 1902, she was only 47 years old. William Cole never remarried and spent the rest of his life as a resident of Lindale, TX.

William Cole was an active member of the community and frequently attended local reunions of Confederate soldiers. As the years passed, he became well-known as the last living Confederate Veteran in Smith County. He was treated as a hero and even appeared at the Smith County Fair in 1940.

William Samuel Cole died on January 14, 1941, in Lindale, TX, at the age of 97. He is buried at the Bethesda Cemetery, located behind the Bethesda Presbyterian Church just outside Lindale, TX.





## Compatriots participate in the 130th Annual SCV Reunion Held in Houston, TX - July 16-19, 2025



Walker's Greyhounds Pose With Camp Flag

(L-R) Monty Williams, Richard Smoot and Michael Hurley



Compatriot Michael Hurley addresses the  
Convention



**SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
130th NATIONAL REUNION  
HOUSTON, TEXAS ~ 2025



Texas Division Attendees at  
2025 SCV Reunion



## Confederate Headstone Repaired...

Restored Grave of Captain John M. Jessup

Yarbrough's Company, Smith County Light Infantry



**BEFORE**

Special Thanks to the **City of Tyler**,  
and the **Oakwood Restoration  
Committee** for funding the repair!



**AFTER**



## Several Members of Walker's Greyhounds Receive Texas Division Awards



**Richard Smoot**  
**Gold Cross for**  
**Meritorious Service**



**(L-R) Billy Pribble, Monty Williams**  
**Silver Cross for Meritorious Service**



**Bill Hurley**  
**Honor Award for Service**





## Fun Times at 130th Annual SCV Reunion Houston TX





# 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



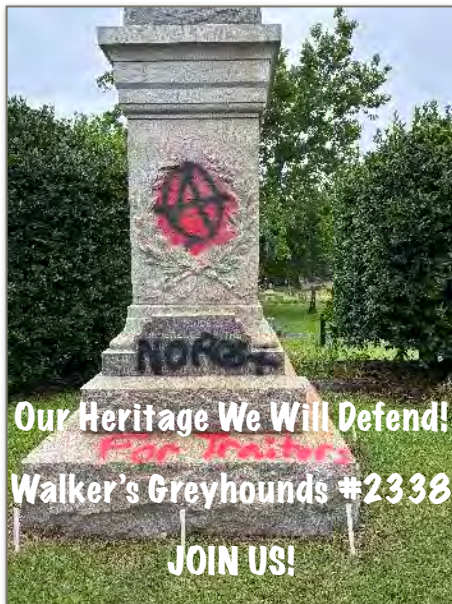
Douglas Battery







- ◆ **August 16, 2025 - SCV Officer Training Seminar**  
Gatesville, TX from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. See Commander Hurley if you wish to attend for more details.
- ◆ **September 6, 2025 Texas Division Executive Council Meeting** - Papa Rollo's Pizza, Waco, TX 9 AM
- ◆ **September 16, 2025** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds #2338
- ◆ **September 28-29, 2025 - Ft Randolph Re-enactment**  
Pineville, LA.



### 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.