



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
August 18, 2026**

7:00 P.M.

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

Speaker:

Lt. Commander Monty Williams

Subject:

"The Great Locomotive Chase"



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

**Friendly
Reminder...**

**We Still Have
Compatriots Who
Have Not Paid Dues.**



**Questions?
Please See
The Camp Adjutant**



Fun at the June Camp Meeting...



Compatriot Richard Smoot receives the Texas Division Gold Cross



Compatriot Mark Vogl receives the Texas Division Gold Cross



Compatriot Monty Williams receives the Texas Division Gold Cross



Compatriot Bill Hurley receives the Texas Division Bronze Cross



Compatriot D. M. Edwards receives the Texas Division Bronze Cross of Service! ²



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRADITIONAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA IN HEREDITARY SOCIETIES

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is a patriotic and historical organization dedicated to the preservation of Southern history and the honor of our ancestors, and membership is open to male descendants of ones who served honorably in the second war for American independence, and

WHEREAS, hereditary organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) share a foundational commitment to preserving the lineage, traditions, and historical integrity of the organizations they serve; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of such lineage-based societies is rooted in the preservation of their original bylaws and the definitions of membership established by their founders; and

WHEREAS, there has been expressed concern regarding recent efforts to alter these longstanding membership definitions, which have historically been restricted to biological women; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans values the importance of tradition, genealogical accuracy, and the autonomy of fraternal and sororal organizations to maintain their founding principles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans, assembled in Convention, hereby expresses its solidarity with those members and chapters of hereditary organizations working to uphold and retain the original purpose and traditional membership criteria of their respective societies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans encourages our fellow historical and patriotic organizations to remain steadfast in the defense of their foundational bylaws and the preservation of the unique heritage they were established to protect; and that a copy of this resolution be distributed by official Social Media.

Adopted this the 17th day of July, 2026 in Lexington, KY

Walter D. Kennedy

Commander in Chief

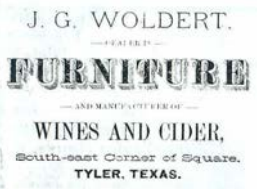
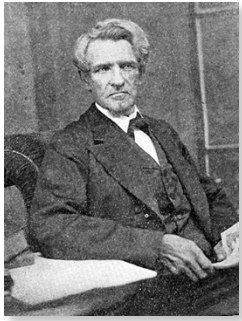
James B. Hill

Adjutant in Chief

Chad R. Hill

Resolutions Chairman

Proposed by Compatriot Brian Summers

**Before Cleaning****After Cleaning**

Smith County Confederate Veteran Spotlight John G. Woldert 1814-1887

John George Woldert, was born on 18 July 1814 in Adorf, Saxony (now Germany). According to a family diary, he cast an imposing presence as he was 6 ft. 2 in. With “broad shoulders, a deep bass voice, dark busy hair, and blue eyes”. As a young man, John was fascinated by the United States and Texas and began studying English at night. After a year of imploring, he convinced his parents that he should immigrate to the United States. He landed in New York in 1839, and then on to Texas arriving in Galveston, TX on 5 November 1839. Upon his arrival, he discovered that the city was in the midst of a Yellow Fever outbreak. Not wanting to be exposed, John left Galveston that same day, headed for East Texas. John made it as far as Shelby County (northeast of Nacogdoches), when he was captured by a band of Indians. As a prisoner of the Indians, he had his hands tied behind his back with buckskin. The Indians, with John in tow traveled more than 200 miles before he escaped from the indian set to watch him through the night. Having made his way through the Texas brush country, he survived on the run back to East Texas eating what ever he could find to include: grapes, roots, wild onions and eggs from bird’s nests. After two weeks and crossing the Brazos, Trinity, and Neches Rivers, he returned to settle in San Augustine, TX where in 1840 he aquired 320 acres of land granted by the Texas Legislature. He opened a local furniture shop, working the wood as his father had taught him back in Germany. In 1850, at age 36, John Woldert, closed his shop and set out on a return trip to Adorf, Saxony. On his way to Germany, he visited the 1850 World’s Fair in London, England. Finally arriving in Adorf, he was happy to see his parents and family again. While in Adorf he married to Miss Alma Edelina Richter, 12 years his junior. John set out in 1852 back to San Augustine, TX, arriving 63 days later in New Orleans.

Always the entrepreneur, he made a good living selling furniture in his store, canned goods, and imports of German wines, beer, and cheese in his retail store. He began a lucrative photo studio, making use of a state-of-the-art daguerreotype camera he purchased while in London. He was very successful and by 1856 John owned over 20,000 acres of Texas land, including several thousand acres in Smith County, TX. However, he had a problem, immigrants were pouring into East Texas, and squatters had taken up land owned by Mr. Woldert near Tyler, TX. As a result he moved to Tyler, TX permanently in 1859. Here, he and his wife had 4 children: Gustav (1862), Alexander (1865), Edwin (1867) and Clara (1872).

Confederate Service: John Woldert (now 49 yrs old) was called into service in 1863, as there were fears that the Union soldiers being held at Camp Ford were plotting to overpower the Confederate guards. John served briefly in the guard duty at Camp Ford but ended up with a medical discharge finding him incapable of performing his duties due to “excessive hemorrhoids”. Though no longer actively serving, John Woldert had to be paroled by the U.S. Army on 3 August 1865.

John Woldert lived the rest of his life in Tyler TX. After the war he opened a successful retail business on the North side the town square. He was a highly successful business man, he was an importer of goods, musical instruments, Bohemian glassware, a Cabinet maker, surveyor, and photographer. In 1870 he was worth about \$36,000, which is almost 1 million dollars today!

His life was not without sorrow, as he buried his first son John Jr. at only 23 years of age in 1873, then his wife Alma eight years later in 1881, and his first daughter in 1883. John George Woldert, died “quietly and peacefully” at his home on Fan Street (now Woldert Street). He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, next to his wife Alma Richter Woldert.

Note: Recently, the Oakwood Restoration Committee paid to have the Woldert monument cleaned. It looks GREAT! Thank you Oakwood Restoration Committee!

Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026, 7:00 PM; Manny's Restaurant, Tyler TX

In Attendance ~ Monty Williams – 1st Lt. Commander, Michael Hurley – Adjutant, Mark Vogl 2nd Lt. Commander, Richard Smoot – 2026 Texas Division Adjutant, Gail Smoot, Bill Hurley, J.J. Hurley, Tommy May, Dr. D. M. Edwards, Kevin McCall, Tami Hurley – 3rd Vice President General UDC, Patty Williams – District 8 Chair, Texas Div. UDC.

Invocation Monty Williams, Chaplain

Pledges, Salutes, and Reading of the Charge Pledges and Salute– Tommy May, Reading of “The Charge” – Mark Vogl.

May Minutes Approval - MOTION: Michael Hurley, a Second was made, PASSED

Adjutant Report:

Adjutant report: Beginning Balance: 15,231.30 Ending Balance: **\$1,345.79** (TX Bank & Trust)

Additional Deposits coming soon for the 129th Texas Division Reunion

MOTION: D M Edwards, a Second was made, PASSED

Old Business - Final Preparation for the Texas Division Reunion ~ June 5-7, 2026

- Austin Hurley Application, approved by HQ

New Business

- Texas Division dues notices (7/31 deadline) – wrong zip code on notices (should be **75701**)
- National SCV Constitution Amendments discussion
- Michael Hurley and Richard Smoot nominated as delegates for SCV National Convention in Lexington, KY (July 16-20) **Motion:** Bill Hurley **Seconded:** D. M. Edwards Delegates approved
- Walker's Greyhounds **will not** meet in July (National Convention in July at the same time) **Motion** Michael Hurley **Second** D. M. Edwards **PASSED**
- Walker's Greyhounds will donate \$500 to the Mollie Moore Davis #217 Tyler UDC chapter for their continued tremendous support and service including our recent 129th Texas Division Reunion in Tyler, TX.

June Camp Minutes Continued

Final 129th Texas Division Reunion report

- Many thanks to #2338 members and their wives for their dedication, organization, time and contributions that helped make the 129th successful, well-praised and memorable.
- Post-reunion surveys indicated excellent/good in all areas with value for the costs extremely positive.

Program – Texas Division Awards and 4 Star Camp Award for Walker's Greyhounds.

- 2025-2026 100% retention Award
- 2025-2026 4-Star Camp award
- Compatriots Awards
 - Honor Certificate– Danny Dorsey
 - Bronze Cross – Dr. D. M. Edwards and Bill Hurley
 - Silver Cross – Jesse Walker
 - Gold Cross – Zach Sabota, Richard Smoot, Mark Vogel, and Monty Williams

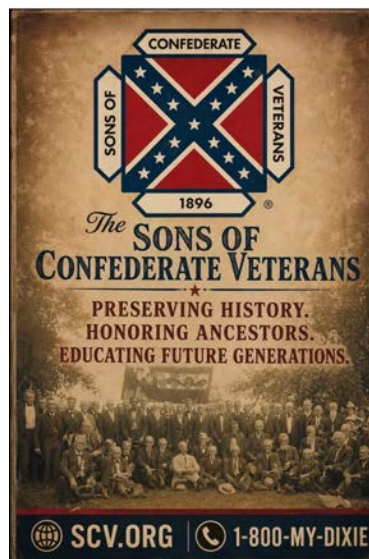
Announcements

July 16 – 20, 2026 – 131st Annual Reunion SCV, Lexington, KY
www.131scv.org

Benediction – Monty Williams, chaplain

Meeting closed with the singing of “Dixie.”

July Meeting – Cancelled due to National Reunion, next scheduled meeting, August 18, 2026 at Manny's Texas Mex Cafe, Tyler, TX



**Walker's Greyhounds
Compatriot Michael Hurley
Appointed Chaplain-in-Chief of the
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



**Chaplain Hurley with Commander-in-Chief Tony Griffin
on the occasion of his appointment**



**SCV Chat Podcast Features
New Chaplain!**

**Tune in to SCV Chat on the first
Monday of each month for the
“Chaplain’s Corner”. A live broadcast
on Facebook, and Youtube.**

Next Chaplain Corner Broadcast September 7

Memorial Service and Flag Raising Ceremony

Honoring 30 Texans

Saturday, August 22, 2026

This is a very important opportunity for the Texas Division to honor 30 soldiers of the 13th Texas Cavalry who died of disease at this place in the summer of 1862.

The 13th was made up of men from the following Texas counties: Anderson (Co D), Angelina (Co F), Cherokee (Co B), Leon (Co A), Henderson (Co E), Houston (Co B & C), Hunt, Jasper (Co G), Kaufmann, Madison, McClennan, Newton (Co H), Orange (Co I), Polk, Trinity, and Tyler (Co K). The death toll included men from every Company except Company A (Leon County). It would be fitting that the Texas Division contingent contain representatives from these counties.

There will be a Roll Call of the deceased at the end of the ceremony. Attendees are encouraged to wear their uniforms. 30 will be selected to answer the Roll Call in honor of these men who died for the cause.

Thanks!

Shelby K. Little

Texas Division Commander

 PROGRAM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS: Frank McFerrin, Commander, John B. Burton Camp #1664, SCV, Miller County, Arkansas INVOCATION: GREETINGS: Robert Barnard, Commander, Arkansas Division, SCV GREETINGS: Shelby Little, Commander, Texas Division, SCV GREETINGS: Brian McClure, Commander, Louisiana Division, SCV GREETINGS: Renee Mauch, President, Arkansas Society Order of Confederate Rose GREETINGS: Charles E. Lataret Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV GREETINGS: Donnie Kennedy, former Commander-in-Chief, SCV GREETINGS: Paul Grembling, former Commander-in-Chief, SCV KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Charles McMichaels, former Commander-in-Chief, SCV ROLL CALL TAPS: Buddy Gurganus, Commander, Patrick Cleburne Camp #2182, Conroe Texas	FLAG RAISING CEREMONY CAMP BLAIR TAPS: DENNIS SOWELL, PATRICK CLEBURNE CAMP #2182 CONROE, TEXAS BENEDICTION:  THE PARCEL OF LAND ON WHICH THE CEMETERY IS LOCATED WAS DONATED TO THE JOHN B. BURTON CAMP BY MR. HAROLD HOLLENSHEAD OF BENTON LOUISIANA. WITHOUT HIS GRACIOUS DONATION THESE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WOULD STILL BE DETACHED FROM THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR HISTORICAL SERVICE, AND TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY DIED.	BLAIR CONFEDERATE CEMETERY HONORING OUR VETERANS  CEREMONY 11:00 a.m. Saturday August 22, 2026 DODDRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER 189 MILLER COUNTY 201 DODDRIDGE, ARKANSAS
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Camp Facebook Report



611 Total Followers

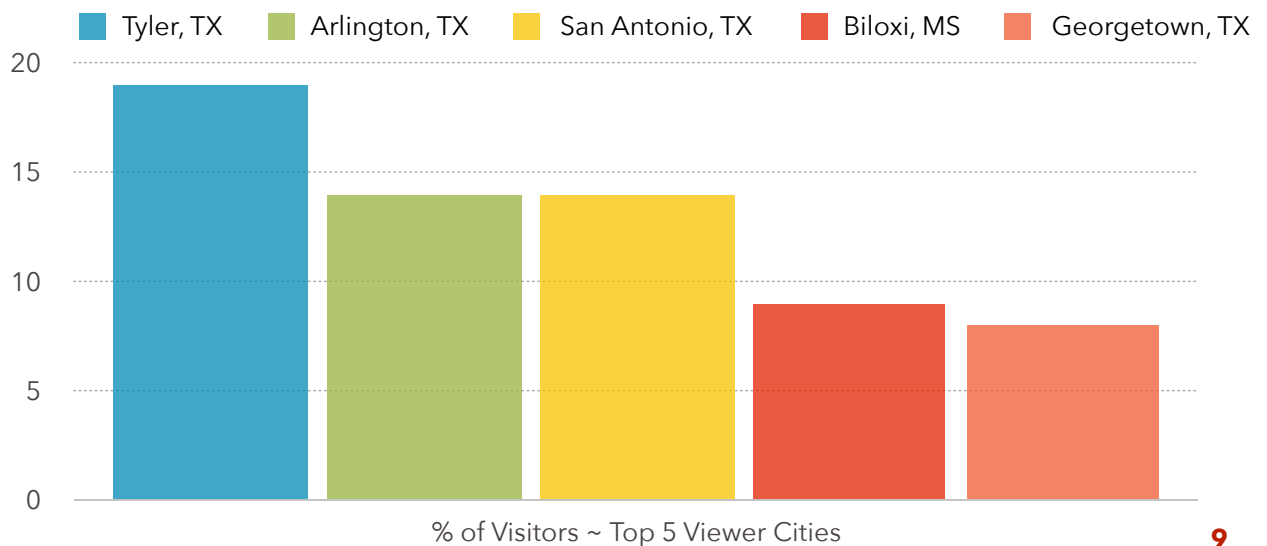
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In The Last 28 Days...

88 New Followers

5,779 Views

660 Social Media Engagements



131st SCV Reunion Election After Action Report



2026-2028 General Executive Council

Tony Griffin, Commander-in-Chief

Charles Lauret, Lt. Commander-in-Chief

J. Michael Pullen, Adjutant-in-Chief

Chuck McMichael, Chief of Staff

Scott D. Hall, Judge Advocate-in-Chief

George Conor Bond, Chief of Heritage Operations

W. Michael Hurley, Chaplain-in-Chief

James Graham, Jr., ANV Commander

Randall B. Burbage, ANV Councilman

James G. Patterson, AOT Commander

Forrest S. Dawes, AOT Councilman

John McCammon, ATM Commander

Bobby G. Herring, ATM Councilman

Larry McCluney, Jr., Past CIC

R.S. Jason Boshers, Past CIC

Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy, Past CIC

Memories from the 131st Annual National SCV Reunion



**Our Camp Delegates:
Michael Hurley and Richard Smoot**



**Michael Hurley with Debutante
Dixie Vaught of Kentucky**



Texas Delegation in Attendance at the Reunion!



**With the Arkansas Division
Commander Skip Bernard**



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 18, 2026** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **August 22, 2026** - Memorial and Flag Raising ceremony at Dodridge, Arkansas
- ◆ **September 12, 2026** - Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Waco, TX
- ◆ **September 15, 2026** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds



Camp Fund Raiser
Texas Division Caps
\$20.00
All proceeds goes
directly to the Camp

Get Your Texas Division Hat at Our Next Meeting!

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.