



THE ROSE CITY STAR



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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
September 16, 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: Mark Vogl

Author and in Demand Speaker

***"Providence Guides the Flow of
Our Latest Unpleasantness"***

Bring a Guest!

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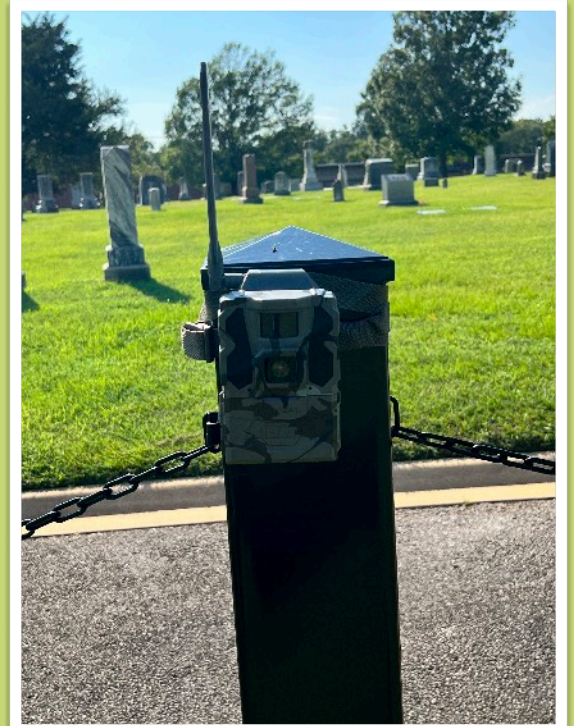
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Commander Zach Sabota Places Outdoor Cameras at Oakwood Confederate Monument



At our August camp business meeting, the camp considered placing wildlife cameras at the Confederate Monument located at Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX. This follows two recent incidents in which the Monument was vandalized. The issue was tabled until our next meeting in order to get prices for the cameras and to discuss at our September meeting. Commander Sabota chose to personally provide two game cameras for use at the monument. The cameras were posted at the cemetery on August 23, 2025.

THANK YOU ZACH!!!

Confederate Monument located in Oakwood Cemetery, Vandal Caught on August 26, 2025!



Vandal caught by game camera



NAME??

August Camp Meeting!



At the August camp meeting, we conducted camp business, swore in two new members, awarded National Awards and we heard a great presentation from Connor Herterich of Preservation Texas on the topic of “Antebellum Architecture in Texas”

Guest Speaker Connor Herterich, Preservation Texas



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.



Walker's Greyhounds Swear in Two New Members!



Commander Zach Sabota and 1st
Lt Commander Monty Williams
swear in two new members as
Adam Glover and Dr. D. M.
Edwards are sworn in as new
Compatriots!

Adam Glover is a Compatriot!



Dr. D.M. Edwards is Sworn in!

Several Members of Walker's Greyhounds Receive National SCV Awards



(L-R) Dr. D.M. Edwards, Richard Smoot, and Zach Sabota



(L-R) Mark Vogl and Monty Williams

Winning An Award But Not Present ~ Billy Pribble Sr.

Congratulations!

Our Official State Song Since 1929!



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!



Texas, Our Texas.

Words by
GLADYS YOAKUM WRIGHT
and WILLIAM J. MARSH

Music by
WILLIAM J. MARSH

Allegro Maestoso
with steady march rhythm—not fast

Tex-as our
Tex-as, O
Tex-as, dear

Tex-as! all hail the might-y Stato! Tex-as our Tex-as! So
Tex-as! Your tree-born Sin-gle Star, Sends out its ra-diance To
Tex-as! From ty-rant grip now free, Shines forth in splen-dor Your

won-der-ful-so great! Large-est and grand-est, With-stand-ing ev-'ry
na-tions near and far, Em-blem of 'Free-dom! It sets our hearts a-
Star of Des-ti-ny! Mo-ther of He-roes! We come your chil-dren

test: O Em-pire wide and glo-ri-ous, You stand su-pre-mely blest,
glow, With thoughts of San Ja-cin-to And glo-ri-ous Al-a-mo,
true, Pro-claim-ing our al-le-giance-Our Faith-Our Love for you,

STATE SONG.

The state song of Texas is "Texas, Our Texas," the music of which was written by William J. Marsh, Fort Worth, Texas, and the words by Mr. Marsh and Gladys Yoakum Wright, also of Fort Worth. It was adopted as the result of an award offered by the Legislature, (Acts of 1929, first called session, Forty-First Legislature, page 286.)

STATE FLOWER SONG.

In addition to the State Song given above, there is a State Flower Song of Texas, "Bluebonnets." Words are by Julia D. Booth and music by Lora C. Crockett. (Acts of 1933, Forty-Third Legislature, regular session, page 930.) This is not to be considered as a second State Song but as a song honoring the State Flower.

Walker's Greyhounds Represented at Burial of Five CSA Unkonwns

Commander Michael Hurley, and 3rd Vice-President General U.D.C Tami Hurley, attended the internment of four unknown Confederate soldiers in Williamsburg, VA on August 15, 2025. The remains were accidentally discovered during construction two years ago. The CSA Veterans were eventually turned over to the United Daughters of the Confederacy who interred the remains with headstones, and burial ceremony.



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

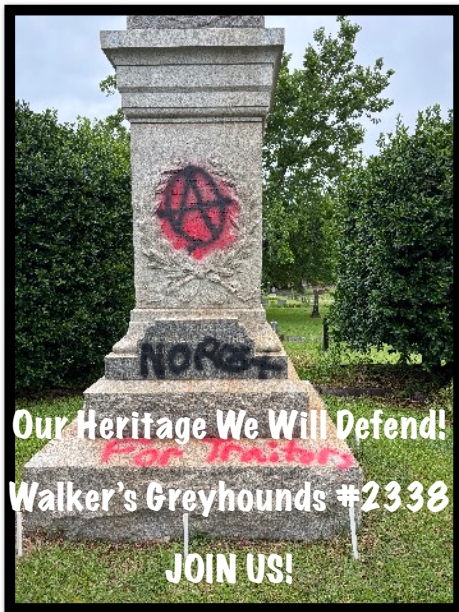


Douglas Battery





- ◆ **September 16, 2025** - Monthly meeting of Walker's Greyhounds #2338
- ◆ **September 28-29, 2025** - **Ft Randolph Re-enactment** Pineville, LA.
- ◆ **October 21, 2025** - Monthly Meeting Walker's Greyhounds.
- ◆ **November 8, 2025** - Camp Workday at Oakwood Cemetery
- ◆ **November 18, 2025** - 3rd Anniversary of the Camp's Charter Celebration dinner.
- ◆ **December 16, 2025** - Camp Christmas Party



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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.