



# ***THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN***

## ***IN MEMORY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOYS***



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A

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

**Tuesday,**

**August 20th, 2024**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Program:**

**Video on the Georgetown monument and how we can make a local version to use.**



**Jose Tequila Restaurant**

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**W. W. Heartsill**

**2024 Texas Division Awards:** Distinguished Camp Award, Four Star Camp Award, Community Service Award, 100% Retention Award, Best Camp Newsletter Award.  
**2023 & 2024 SCV, ATM Superior Camp Winner**

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

Wow is my main thoughts for the last couple months. For our Camp to win the Texas Division top awards for the work we all did last year, and to turn around and to have out little Camp here in East Texas to win the SCV-ATM Superior Camp Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row is mind blowing. Great work Compatriots, I have shared our information and the awards with my point of contact with the decedents of W. W. Heartsill and they are very happy we are keeping his name out in front of the public. Well the trip to Charleston was long, about 14 hours if you ad in the time zone change. TJ held up well sleeping a good 12 hours on the trip. I want to also thank Owen Carroll for also attending the Reunion his 2<sup>nd</sup>, TJ's 5<sup>th</sup> and my 7<sup>th</sup> National Reunion. Next year is in Houston and I hope all will think about attending. I would again like to welcome our transfers from the Mt. Pleasant Camp to our Camp. Joe Reynolds, Rex McGee, Hal Fletcher, Terry Landrum and Pat Tomberlain they join with us to honor our ancestors. We are sorry their Camp is closing but are honored to have them join with us. A new SCV is starting please come and share your ideas and thoughts.

**Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.**



### Camp Meeting July 16th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Pete Craig conducted a general discussion on planning for future activities



Discussing everything



getting serious



Frank presented the program for the Longview Camp



I checked on the monument and it is still dry but we still have the stain.

The 129<sup>th</sup> SCV National Reunion, Charleston, SC. July 16, - 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Checking out the meeting room. Waiting to bring in the Flags, TJ caring in our Camp Flag



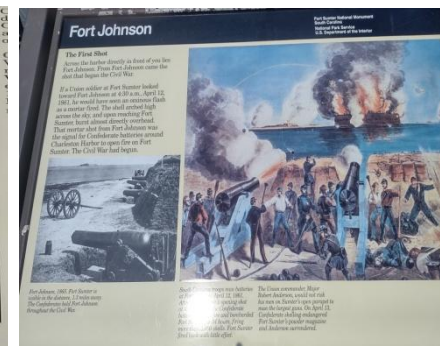
Bribing the CinC

Texas Delegation

Retrieving the colors



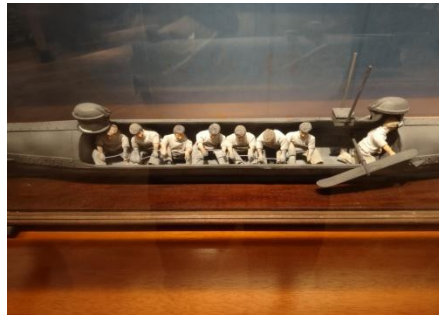
# Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*Ordered: First. That at the hour of noon, on the 14th day of April, 1865, brevet Major-General Anderson will raise and plant upon the ruins of Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, the same United States flag which floated over the battlements of the fort during the rebel assault, and which was lowered and saluted by him and the small force of his command when the works were evacuated on the 14th day of April, 1861.*

Excerpt  
General Order 41  
Issued by General Q.A. Gillmore, U.S.A.

# The H. L. Hunley July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## A MYSTERY is BORN

### Detonation

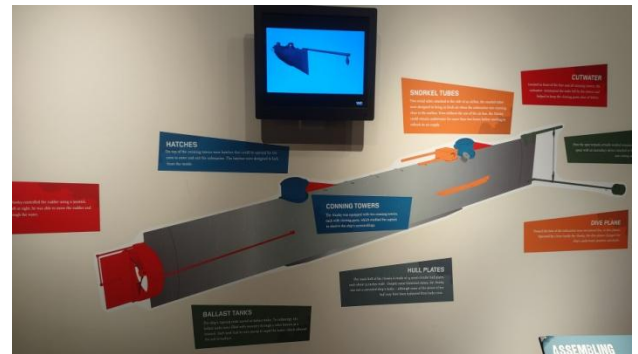
The men onboard the warship said the explosion sounded very much like a collision with another vessel. The explosion had blown a hole 10 feet wide in the ship.

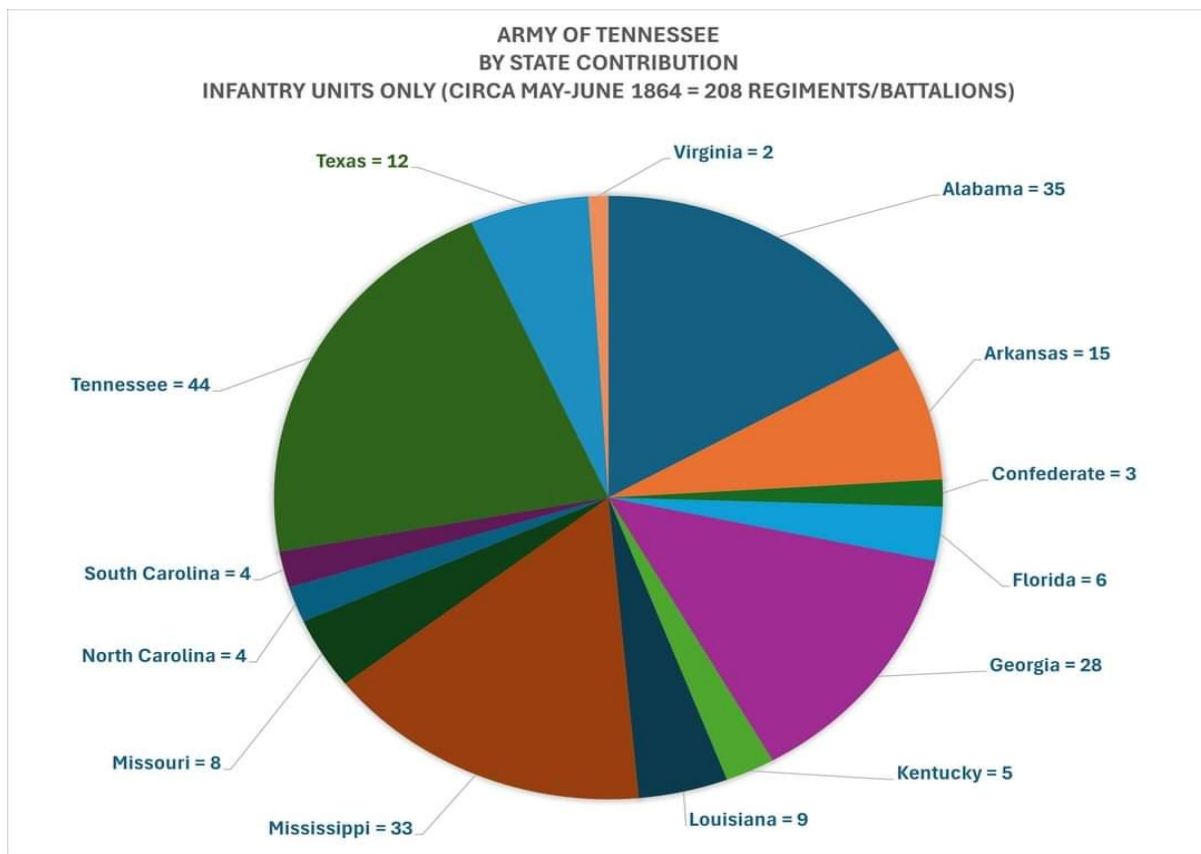
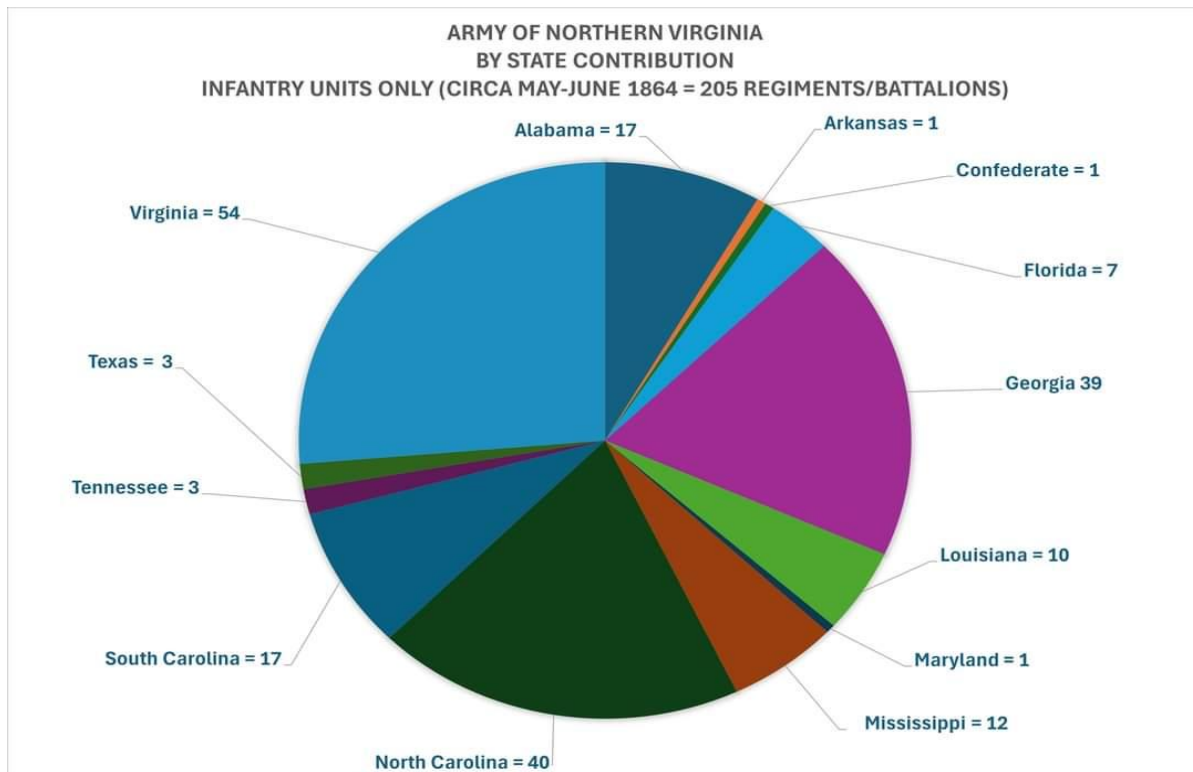
It sank in less than five minutes. The sloop lost 5 of its 160 crewmen.

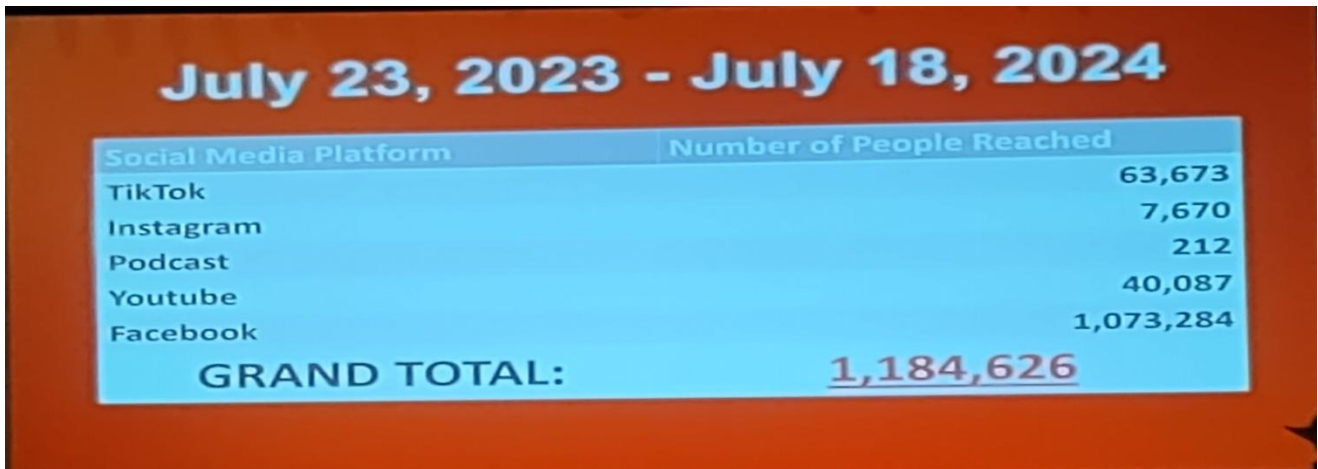
### The Blue Light

Nearly 45 minutes later, a Union sailor claimed he saw a blue light on the water. Some speculate this was the last reported sighting of the Hunley for more than a century.

According to some historical accounts, Dixon had promised the troops at Battery Marshall that, if successful, he would signal to shore by showing two blue lights. The Confederates on Sullivan's Island say they saw the agreed upon signal and lit a fire to guide the Hunley home, but she never returned and vanished without a trace. Her fate remained a mystery for more than 130 years.





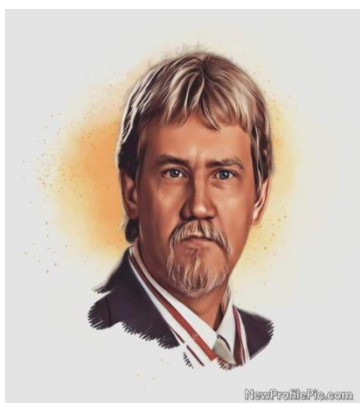


SCV Chat results for the last year in viewers. Reaching the younger groups about the SCV.

**New Command for the Army of Trans-Mississippi**



Our new Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander, John McCammon and his wife. They are from Schertz, Texas and John is the immediate Past Texas Division Commander.



Charles "Chuck" McMichael Past Commander in Chief 2008-2010 is our ATM Counselor



2023 Hot Springs, 128<sup>th</sup> SCV Reunion



2024 Charleston, 129<sup>th</sup> SCV Reunion



2023



2024

### Gen. William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award

The distinguished Camp Award is presented to the most excellent camp in the SCV, as determined by the total scoring of all the various categories on the award entry form. The camp with the highest score on the award entry will be presented the Gen. William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award. The highest scoring camp from each Army will be presented the Superior Camp Award. The next high scoring Camp will receive the Outstanding Camp Award.

There are roughly 198 Camps in 11 Divisions in 24 states with 5093 members in the ATM

Maybe by 2025 they will read the application that we are the *Heartsill Camp*



2023



2024



## Report of the 129<sup>th</sup> SCV National Reunion 2024, Charleston, SC.

As part of the starting program for the reunion TJ carried in our Camp flag to start the reunion. Daryl had to fill in last year as TJ did not make it too Hot Springs. The opening report on 6/18 showed we had 103 Camps and 436 delegates present, on 6/19 we had 150 Camps and 702 delegates signed in, and on 6/20 we 190 Camps and 860 delegates registered.

Executive Director Adam Southern reports we had 514 deaths since last Reunion leaving our membership manpower at 26, 007 cadets, members and Life members. Down from last year by 900 members, with 514 due to deaths. He also reported we had 103 Real Grandsons. He reported we had \$4.75 million in the investment accounts and \$332,000 in the cash accounts. Commander in Chief Boshier reported that we left the Hot Springs Reunion owing \$2.3 million on the Museum note. We started this reunion owing \$1, 067,000 on the note that will expire in June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The interest on the note is now at 3.85%. He asked if any Camps or Division had any checks to present for the museum debt. His goal was to leave the reunion with less than 1 million dollars in debt. If my additions are correct over the next 3 days we left the 129<sup>th</sup> Reunion only owing **\$984,974.00**.

The actions by the reunion started off well on the 10 proposed Constitutional Amendments until we got to number 3. It called for only ballot votes on the amendments. No longer voice or standing votes. So we had to cast ballots on the amendments and here are the results. #1 and #2 were approved by Reunion voice action. #3 failed 300 for, 471 against, #4 failed 219 for, 555 against, #5 failed 256 for, 502 against, #6 failed 226 for 542 against, #7 failed 224 for, 526 against, #8 passed, #9 passed and #10 withdrew by submitter. So we had to go and cast ballots on two occasions. Of the 3 amendments to the Standing orders #1 & #2 passes and # 3 failed. As for the Budget 2023 approved was \$1,695,500. For 2024 we adopted \$1,695,500 again.

The elections for CINC and Lt. CINC: **Walter D. "Donnie Kennedy"** from West Monroe, LA. Was unopposed. **Tony Griffin** from Virginia was unopposed going into the Reunion. When calls for any other nominations went out Kevin Stone for North Carolina was nominated. The election results came out TG 465 votes and KS received 228 votes. So our 2024-2026 Commander in chief is **Donnie Kennedy** and the Lt. Commander in Chief is **Tony Griffen**.

The elections for the Army of Trans-Mississippi are Commander John McCammon form Texas and Chuck McMichael from Blanchard LA. as Executive Counselor. On Saturday morning Chuck asked TJ if he would second Chuck's nomination as he wanted a young man to be visible in the ATM meeting, so TJ Henigan of the W. W. Heartsill Camp #314, Marshall, Texas seconded the nomination to elect Chuck as our Counselor.

Next Reunions: 2025 Houston, 2026 Lexington, KY., 2027 Mobile, AL.



SC DV CM Perry Smith, ANV CM Jamie Graham, SCV Lt. CinC Tony Griffin, SCV CinC Donnie Kennedy.

### **Article provide for our use by David Hill of the Gen. Taylor Camp 1308, Shreveport**

**Nathaniel Sykes Allen**, a native of Ellicott City, Maryland, was born August 7, 1829. The son of William and Ciscelia Burris Rhodes Allen, he was educated in nearby Baltimore. Allen married Miss Martha Ann Carroll in Maryland on December 23, 1852. Two sons and two daughters were first born to the couple, William George, born 1853; Katie McGowan, born 1855;; Benjamin Franklin, born 1856; and Mary Eliza, born 1859; all in Maryland.

When Allen was 30 years old, the family moved to Marshall, Texas, and became larger with the birth of another son, Charles Leslie, in 1861. Allen began working as a painter, but with the secession of Texas in February, 1861, Marshall was busy supplying troops to the Confederate cause. Nathaniel Allen answered the call of his newly adopted state, enlisting in the Confederate Army on February 24 1862, and was elected Captain of Company A, 14th Texas Infantry. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Edward Clark, who was Lt. Governor of Texas under Sam Houston. Clark served as Governor from March to November, 1861, filling the unexpired term of Governor Houston, who was evicted from office due to his refusal to swear an oath of allegiance to the Confederate States of America.

On June 12, 1862, the 14th Texas was ordered to report to Little Rock, Arkansas, and became part of Horace Randal's Brigade in the Texas Division, Trans-Mississippi Army. The regiment participated in operations for the relief of Vicksburg in June, 1863, including the Battle of Milliken's Bend. The year 1864 brought the Red River Campaign in which the Federal Army attempted to gain control of Shreveport and points west. Engaged in fighting at Fort DeRussy, near Simsport, Louisiana, on March 14th, a number of men from the 14th were taken prisoner. After the capture of Fort DeRussy by the Yankees, the regiment retreated north, by order of Major General Richard Taylor. On April 8th, the 14th Texas, as part of Walker's Texas Division, fought valiantly at the Battle of Mansfield, the largest Confederate victory west of the Mississippi, and again in the strategic Confederate victory at Pleasant Hill the next day.

With the Federals being repulsed and the threat of attack on Shreveport from the South gone, the regiment was order north to face General Frederick Steele's Army in Arkansas. After being mauled at Mark's Mill and Poison Springs, Steele's Army retreated. As they attempted to cross the rain-swollen Saline River at Jenkin's Ferry, the Confederates caught up with them on April 30th. The Battle of Jenkin's Ferry was a hard fought battle, resulting in the death of Brigadier General Horace Randal, who had been promoted to brigadier after the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. His promotion was never confirmed by President Jefferson Davis. N. S. Allen was promoted to major for gallantry in these battles as well.

Allen was surrendered with his regiment by General Edmund Kirby Smith on June 26, 1865, the unit was disbanded at Camp Groco, near Hempstead, Texas and returned home to Marshall. Two daughters, Edwina and



Mattie, were born during and soon after the war, in 1862 and 1866, respectively. A total of seven children would be born to the marriage.

The family moved to nearby Shreveport, Louisiana in January of 1870 where N. S. Allen opened a business as a sign painter & decorator on the corner of Milam and Market streets. An avid musician, he organized a band, which disbanded with the outbreak of the 1873 yellow fever epidemic in Shreveport. Of the city's 10,000 residents, all but 4,000 fled in the epidemic's first weeks. Of those remaining, 3,000 contracted the fever, between 800 and 1,000 died in the worst epidemic in all of 19th century America. Allen and his family had fled the city, and upon their return, he again formed a band, Retting's band, which had enough members to form a six to eight piece orchestra for the Talley Opera House. In 1875, he served as president of Columbia Fire Company #4.

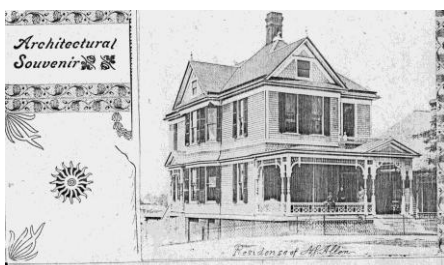
Allen began a career in building; he had been trained in architecture in his early schooling in Baltimore. He is credited with building over 300 structures in the Shreveport area, one of which being the city's first post office. Only five survive today, including the Slattery House at 2401 Fairfield; the Line Avenue School at 1800 Line Avenue; Antioch Baptist Church, 1057 Texas Avenue; Logan Mansion at 725 Austin Place; and the Texas Avenue Odd Fellows Hall in the 900 block of Texas.

Nathaniel Allen was a charter member of the Benevolent Association of Confederate Veterans, but at some time his membership lapsed as he applied for membership in the General Leroy Stafford Camp #3, United Confederate Veterans on January 10, 1897. Comrades F. A. Leonard and Dr. John J. Scott signed his application as witnesses to his Confederate service. Allen was also a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows; and an officer of Osceola Tribe #7, The Improved Order of Red Men, a fraternal organization. He was also a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Martha Allen, who was also called Mattie, was a charter member of Shreveport Chapter #237, United Daughters of the Confederacy, organized in 1898.

Mattie Allen died of cancer on November 27, 1906, and was laid to rest at Oakland Cemetery on Milam Avenue in Shreveport. Her daughter, Mattie continued to live at the family home with her father at 226 McNeil Street. On July 14, 1913, N. S. Allen applied for a Confederate Soldier's Pension. He was nearing his 84th birthday and was disabled due to partial blindness from cataracts. On his pension application he stated he was never wounded, was never a prisoner of war, and never took the oath of allegiance. His old comrade from the 14th Texas, William A. Ellett, of Mooringsport signed his application as witness to his Confederate service. His pension was allowed and he received \$90 per quarter for the remainder of his life. In July of 1921, he contracted pneumonia and suffered with it until his death on July 6, 1922. At the time of his death at 92 years old, he was reported to be the city's oldest voter and the world's oldest member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Services were conducted by Dr. Jasper K. Smith of the First Presbyterian Church and Allen was laid to rest in Section I of Forest Park Cemetery on Linwood Avenue in Shreveport. His beloved wife, Mattie, was disinterred from Oakland Cemetery and laid to rest beside her husband.

A tribute to this Confederate Veteran occurred in 1981 and again in 1982 when two of the buildings he designed were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Line Avenue School was added June 3, 1981, and the Antioch Baptist Church was added November 11, 1982.



# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers” Captain Sam J. Richardson

3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters” Captain T. W. Winston

1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards” Captain F. S. Bass

7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys” Captain K M Van Zandt

7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincibles” Captain W. B. Hill

17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company” Captain S. B. Hendricks

17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers” Captain Gil McKay

14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers” Captain W. L. Pickens

14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics” Captain N. S. Allen

14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers” Captain John Miller

8th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers” Captain Phil Brown

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment Partisans Rangers Captain Hec McKay





**We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, newsletter fund and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate program.**



**The original Logo of the SCV**

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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.