

*Patriot's Periodical*  
*Upshur Co. Patriots Camp #2109*  
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Phil Davis



October is here and it will soon be Yamboree time. As we have done for the past few years we will have our Information Booth. In addition to information, we will again give caps and flags for a minimum donation. This is a fund raiser for our camp. Again we will need some men to man the booth. Please plan your Yamboree time to include working in the booth. Does not take a college degree just the will to talk to others about what we do and why we do it. They are very few out there that know and understand the true history of our beloved South. On another note the ladies are

welcome to help us as they so graciously always do. We will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting.

The October meeting will be a very special meeting, as we will have for our program a Confederate Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have not attended one, you will be deeply moved and inspired by this ceremony. We will retire any Confederate Flag. If you have Confederate Flags that are faded, worn or tattered please bring them to this ceremony. Remember that the Texas Flag is a Confederate Flag also. (Please no American Flags as we do this in another Honorable Retirement ceremony, usually led by the Boy Scouts or a US Veterans Group.) Please invite your friends so they might understand our respect for the Confederate Flag.

November will soon be here and time for our Annual Meeting, where we will elect

our Officers for the next two years. The nominating committee will meet and bring a slate of officer-candidates to you. These will be just that, candidates. We will entertain nominations for all offices from the floor. If there is an office you would like to seek please let it be known to the committee and camp. We need each of you to get involved in the leadership of our camp. If you are not sure about an office, there will be someone to step up and help you.

Our camp has done extremely well since we came to be in 2006. We have had an excellent slate of officers as well as a great wealth of knowledgeable members. We have those that have excelled in giving programs and participating in grave dedications, parades and anything else that is needed for our camp. As your Commander I owe you a great Thank you. Keep up the good and glorious work.

As always, I leave you with this question, have you talked to someone about joining our Camp or another SCV camp?

## Well, Why Not?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Next Meeting**

October 3, 2017 - 7 PM  
Walking S Steakhouse

#### **Yamboree Parade**

October 21, 2017 - 11 AM

\*All upcoming events can be viewed at our website on the calendar.

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**The Guardian**

**By Phil Davis**

**Chairman Texas Div. Guardian Program**

**Chairman National Guardian Program**

October is here and I only have these next months to reach my goal of 1000 applications. I am short 224 applications. Those of you that see this newsletter, I need your help. Many of you have told me you are going to submit your applications to care for the final resting place of a Confederate Hero. Let's get on the ball and get them submitted.

I have tried to spread the word and beat the bushes, but to little avail. In this time of turmoil with the monuments coming down, we need to stand strong in our belief of the Southland! Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to further generations. As I have said many times, I firmly believe that the Guardian Program is one way we can accomplish this portion of the "Charge"!

All I ask of each of you is to think and pray about becoming a Guardian.

As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and it is my hope and prayer that in some small way you will be convinced of its importance, not only in fulfilling "The Charge" but in honoring your duty to your Confederate Forebears. As always, I leave you with this question-

*Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?*



**Upshur Co. Patriots Guardians**

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Guardian Status</u> | <u>Number of Graves</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Phil Davis     | Full                   | 29                      |
| Kim Duffey     | Full                   | 3                       |
| Jamie Eitson   | Full                   | 1                       |
| Larry Harper   | Full                   | 1                       |
| Jared Jones    | Full                   | 1                       |
| Justin Jones   | Full                   | 1                       |
| Chris Loyd     | Full                   | 5                       |
| George Linton  | Full/W/GPT             | 40                      |
| Tommy Mitchell | Full                   | 5                       |
| Eddie Pricer   | Full/GPT               | 33                      |
| Milt Ojeman    | Full/GPT               | 4                       |
| David Palmer   | Full                   | 1                       |
| Bill Palmer    | Full                   | 10                      |
| Tommy Ray      | GPT                    | 17                      |
| Bill Starnes   | Full/W/GPT             | 7                       |

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem

## OUR PLEDGES



### **PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



### **PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:**

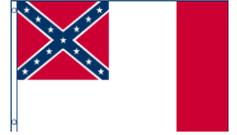
Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



### **SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:**

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.

“Fate is the course when men fail to act.”



## Charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



“Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander  
United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



**This Must Stop !**



### **Steadfastness in Adversity**

By: Chaplain Larry Harper  
2nd Sgt. Michael Pepper

"We must expect reverses, even defeat, for they are sent to us by God to teach us wisdom" – General Robert E. Lee

The words above were spoken by the good General during the War, and whether in wartime or today, these words hold true in more ways than any of us can comprehend. In this new stage, this new era of strife against all things not only Confederate but also Southern, we must remember those words spoken by Lee and be ready to accept defeat in some area. Those defeats will serve to enlighten us in new ways and tactics to win victory against all those who

seek to destroy what we all hold dear. While some may believe this is yet another conflict with the Yankee, this new conflict is not against solely the at-times-appearing to be constant nemeses of Southerners, but also against our own people as well, fellow Southerners, and fellow decedents of Confederates. I know for some that may be a hard realization, but it is a tragic truth. Such is the tragedy of those who have fallen under the false heathen deity of Socialism, this poison that has corrupted the youth and uninformed all around the world since the tragic days of the Revolution of 1848. Revolutions from which more than a few failed Communist revolutionaries sprouted to serve Lincoln. In these dark days, now and ahead, we ask you to remember the one true Lord and to remember these words he had set down for us.

The Lord is my Sheppard I shall not want,  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
he leadeth me beside the still waters  
he restoreth my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake. Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy Rod and thy Staff they comfort me, thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.



## Revised Statement of Purpose

From: SCV National Headquarters

*We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments and gravesites for ourselves and future generations.*



Photo from: old-worldphoto.com

Fair Oaks, Virginia Professor Thaddeus S. Lowe observing the battle from his balloon "Intrepid" in 1862. This was at the Peninsular Campaign, May-August 1862.



Camp Adjutant Rickie Gipson gives our September program on General J.A. Early.



Commander Phil Davis (L) presents a Commendation Certificate to Compatriot Jamie Eitson.



Commander Phil Davis (L) presents a Guardian Certificate to Color Sergeant George Linton.



## **Historical Dates in October**

October 3, 1862 The Battle of Corinth.

October 5, 1862 The Battle of Hatchie Bridge Mississippi.

October 7, 1862 The Battle of Laverge Tennessee.

October 8, 1862 The Battle of Perryville Kentucky.

October 18, 1862 The Battle of Lexington Kentucky.

October 21, 1861 Battle of Balls Bluff Virginia.

October 5, 1863 The Confederate David attacked the New Ironsides outside Charleston Harbor.

October 9-22, 1863 The Bristoe Station Campaign.

October 19, 1864 The Battle of Cedar Creek Virginia.

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## **Weather During the Civil War**

From an article by: Kathryn S. Meier

Meteorologically, the Civil War took place at the tail end of what is often termed the “Little Ice Age,” a period of general cooling and unpredictability that most scholars date from roughly 1310 to 1850. Despite what its name suggests, the Little Ice Age actually encompassed dramatic fluctuations in weather, with one year bringing an intensely cold winter and

easterly winds, and the next heavy rains and raging heat. On the whole, conditions began to warm after 1850, but during the war Virginia experienced extreme precipitation and alternate periods of blazing heat and bitter cold.

Weather considerations influenced strategic planning in the Civil War. Army commands requested weather predictions and some data was collected using the telegraphs, though the resulting forecasts were not very accurate. Perhaps most significant, armies usually did not campaign in the winter months, with a few notable exceptions, and instead established more permanent camps from about December through March. In winter camps, soldiers often constructed log cabins with chimneys and fulfilled trivial obligations, such as picket duty, or engaged in leisure activities. Still, most agreed they were eager to leave behind the tedium and chill of winter for spring. April’s fair weather signaled renewed movement, new campaigns, and higher morale.

While stormy weather tested soldiers in battle, heat was also a worthy opponent. During the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864, the unseasonable heat helped fuel the forest fires that consumed dead and wounded men’s bodies. Some soldiers, wearied by the fight and weather collapsed on the subsequent march to Spotsylvania Court House.

Weather was one of the most recorded events by soldiers in their letters and diaries because of its constant influence on their daily experiences in battle, in camp, and on the march. Most Civil War soldiers found themselves transported to a new

geographical region, and therefore had to acclimate themselves to different weather patterns. In addition, both Confederate and Union men now had to live almost entirely out-of-doors, sometimes with only a flimsy tent to protect their sleep, other times completely exposed.

While exposure to the elements wearied almost every soldier at some point in his career, prisoners of war perhaps had it worst. Men erected crude "shebangs," or scrap shelters, in an attempt to shield themselves from the rain and heat, yet they found little relief in their exposed pens. Most of the men had but rags to protect their skin from the elements, and many died of diseases related to exposure.

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'Hot' shot furnace inside the Confederate Army's Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, 1860s.

The use of hotshot goes back centuries and only ceased when modern armored warships appeared in the world's Navies.

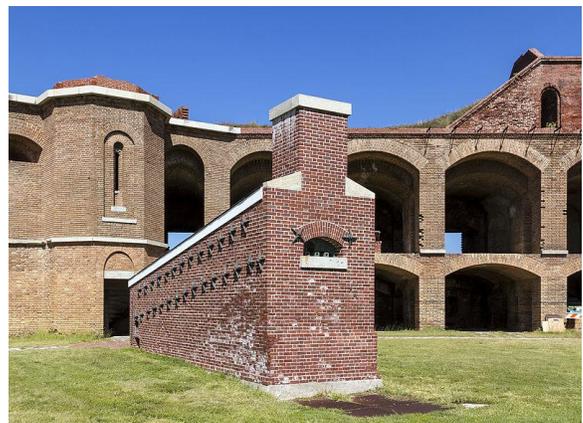
Hot Shot Furnaces were used in forts to heat non-explosive cannonballs red hot for use against the unarmored wooden enemy

warships of the period. Once heated to red heat in the furnace, the cannonballs were loaded into cannons and fired into enemy warships to set them afire.

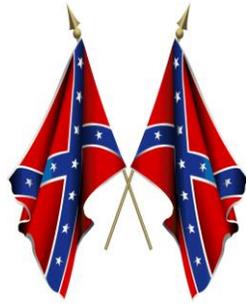
The friction caused by the cannonball speeding through the air actually adds heat to the temperature. The cannonball can be made to ricochet upon the surface of the water several times without losing enough heat to ignite wood.

Cold cannonballs are placed on the shot rails from the high end of the furnace. They roll down over the firebox. When those directly over the firebox are heated to red heat, they are removed, allowing the next cannonballs to roll into their place over the fire to begin heating.

Implements were used to remove the red hot cannonballs from the furnace and carry them up to the cannons for loading. In loading hot shot into cannon, gun crews placed wads of clay or wet hay between the cannon's gunpowder charge and the red hot cannonball to prevent a premature discharge of the cannon.



Hot Shot Furnace at Fort Jefferson, Florida.



### A Bright New Day - Chuck Porretto

Kick in that marble headstone, for he wore  
a coat of grey.

He has no right to rest in peace upon our  
bright new day.

Dismantle that old statue; for he battled for  
the south.

And don't you stand against us, either join  
or shut your mouth.

Knock down that bloody obelisk; you know  
he owned a slave;

and dump his wretched remnants deep  
inside an unmarked grave.

The bearded top hat fellow, blow him up  
and knock him down.

The Navajo will tell you that he scorched  
their sacred ground.

The one that wore a wheelchair, let us  
purge him from the earth,  
His new deal was internment for the sin of  
Asian birth.

And every war memorial is next upon our  
list.

For the innocent collateral demands they  
not exist.

Blow up that Black Hills mountain, as we  
feel the rush no more;

for a roughish riding monger killing  
Spaniards by the score.

The other peddled genocide against the  
native Sioux,

and bondage is the stain upon the  
loathsome other two.

Rip up the iron railway from our sea to  
shining sea.

The Chinaman was chattel, as he toiled  
slavishly.

Incinerate the White House, and then bury  
its remains;

for some of its construction was completed  
wearing chains.

There is no rest until our noble cause is  
finally through.

And that is when we burn the flag adorned  
with red and blue.

And now that we are at it, let us cross the  
briny sea,

and topple every monument where  
righteous disagree.

The Roman Coliseum, for the Christians that  
would bleed.

The Arc de Triomphe glorifies a tyrant's  
bloody greed.

The Taj Mahal for celebrating executed kin.  
The tower up in London for the torture held  
within.

We shall tear down Chichen Itza for its  
human sacrifice.

The Vatican for patriarchal view of paradise.  
And all the German buildings that were  
built before the war.

And every Ancient fortress that still stands  
upon a shore.

The Pyramids an edifice to power over serf  
The China Wall a racist, xenophobic love of  
turf.

The world is full of evil; we shall right it with  
our force.

And everyone is guilty..... Well except for us  
of course.





David Palmer, James Barham, and Otter Hass at a recent Music Night.

### Acoustic Music Night

Some of our Camp members and others perform an Acoustic Music Jam twice a month at the Walking S Steakhouse. This takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights from 6pm – 8pm. Bring your instrument and join in or just come by for the music.



Come by and visit our Upshur Co. Patriot's Booth at this year's Yamboree Festival October 18 – 21. We will have flags, caps, and other items available.



Gadsden Flag

Anonymous writer in 1775 upon seeing the Gadsden Flag...

First, it occurred to me that "the Rattle-Snake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America."

The rattlesnake also has sharp eyes, and "may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance." Furthermore,

"She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage...She never wounds 'till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her."

Finally,

"I confess I was wholly at a loss what to make of the rattles, 'till I went back and counted them and found them just thirteen, exactly the number of the Colonies united in America; and I recollected too that this was the only part of the Snake which increased in numbers. ...

The yellow "don't tread on me" standard is usually called a **Gadsden flag**, named for Colonel Christopher Gadsden...Brigadier general in the Continental Army.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans broke ground at Elm Springs for a new building “The National Confederate Museum.” The museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. A building fund for this purpose is ongoing. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate Soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and the media. We are invited to take a stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

\*The Upshur Co. Patriots have a designated fund to help with this project. Please donate what you can.



### Matters of Fact

From: briansite

In 1884, smallpox broke out in Upshur County. Many cases were quarantined. Tents, hospitals, and pest houses were set up. Excitement ran high and everyone

would stay home for fear of catching it. It was a deadly disease to them and almost incurable. W.M. Parrish was paid \$16.00 for 8 days service as quarantine guard of Big Sandy. Dr. G.A. Taylor of Bettie took smallpox while waiting on the sick but he finally recovered. If a family took smallpox they had to take care of each other and bury their own dead as nobody else would go near them except those who had, had the disease and had gotten well.



### The Truth Behind Removal of Confederate Monuments

Written by: Jerry Newberry

If you pause for a moment and take a closer look at the current obsession surrounding the removal of Confederate monuments and statues, it’s easy to see, if you can have an open mind for just a few moments, the force that is driving the movement.

It’s not about racial discrimination, reminders of slavery, or “trigger moments”

that send our youth and college students racing to their safe spaces and hugging their comfort dolls.

It is seizing a moment of political opportunity, pure and simple. In the vein of the maxim, never let a crisis go to waste, the left has jumped on the movement to rally its forces around the Democratic flag, by trying to present all conservatives as white supremacists and violent members of a secret society with plans to execute or enslave all persons who are not of the white race.

Stop and consider for a moment, these statues and memorials to Confederate officers and soldiers, for the most part, have been in place for upwards of 100 years. They were standing in the exact same spot for eight years under President Obama, for the previous eight years under President Bush, and even more remarkably, while John F. Kennedy was president as well.

Why the Kennedy significance? Because during that time period and the years surrounding it, the country went through hundreds of protests and marches in support of Civil Rights for black Americans. Many were held in front of or marching past those same monuments, without giving them as much as a sideways glance. People of that era didn't believe the monuments or statues represented a desire to return to

the days of slavery. Admittedly, there were pockets of those who claimed to continue to fight the Civil War. Such extreme groups exist even today, but are small in number, even if they get a lot of press and TV time.

History is not a blackboard to be erased and re-written, depending on the mood of the nation in any given point in time. History is not always pretty. Many mistakes have been made by persons, governments, and ideologies. Pretending they didn't happen doesn't change them, but it does provide for a perverted version of the truth.

This is simply a cold, calculated political move, to garner support for the Democratic Party, and hold onto their identity politics base. To divide and conquer. And there will be another movement soon.

A while back it was flags. Today, it's Confederate monuments. What will it be tomorrow? Churches? Mosques? Classical music? Books and movies with racial references? Sound eerily familiar? Sooner or later, it will be something that touches you, the individual.





We are proud to be associated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

From: [udc@hdudc.org](mailto:udc@hdudc.org)

The General Organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was founded in Nashville, Tennessee, on September 10, 1894, by Mrs. Caroline Meriwether Goodlett of Tennessee as Founder and Mrs. Lucian H. (Anna Davenport) Raines of Georgia as Co- Founder.

The Objectives of the society are Historical, Benevolent, Educational, Memorial and Patriotic and include the following goals:

1. To honor the memory of those who served and those who fell in the service of the Confederate States.
2. To protect, preserve and mark the places made historic by Confederate valor.
3. To collect and preserve the material for a truthful history of the War Between the States.
4. To record the part taken by Southern women in patient endurance of hardship and patriotic devotion during the struggle and in untiring efforts after the

War during the reconstruction of the South.

5. To fulfill the sacred duty of benevolence toward the survivors and toward those dependent upon them.
6. To assist descendants of worthy Confederates in securing proper education.
7. To cherish the ties of friendship among the members of the Organization.



Thank you to the Starnes family and everyone at the Walking S Steakhouse for their hospitality and providing a meeting place for the Upshur Co. Patriots. Open for dining Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

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