



PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL
UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
GILMER, TEXAS

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of each month at 7 PM in the
Historic Upshur Museum
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*"I do hereby invite the people
of the Confederate States to
meet on that day at their
respective places of public worship, and to
unite in rendering thanks and praise to God
for these great mercies, and to implore Him
to conduct our country safely through the
perils which surround us, to the final
attainment of the blessings of peace and
security" ...Jefferson Davis 1862*

As in most wars, the men of the Civil War found it excruciatingly difficult to be away from loved ones at holiday time. Thanksgiving was no exception. Due to their harsh surroundings, many Civil War men in the field enjoyed only the most spartan of celebrations.



"A thankful heart is the parent of all virtues." Therefore, Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to give thanks for all the things we have and those that we are yet to receive. Have a blessed Thanksgiving."—Unknown

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THE GUARDIAN

When we visit Civil War battlefields, we see them as commemorative spaces, often forgetting that all Civil War battlefields are cemeteries, and they're cemeteries today. The process of removing the dead was a gradual and, unfinished one. Union armies began that process of removing their dead to national cemeteries during the war and immediately after the war. But for the Confederate dead, they remained in the ground for a number of years, well into the 1870s. They were eventually removed to Confederate cemeteries below the Mason-Dixon line. That process of removing the dead was an difficult one. We come to battlefields today and pay homage to the sacrifices that men made for their respective causes. We should not forget that.

If you are interested in sponsoring an SCV Grave Marker, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Guardian Program helps to ensure preservation of a Soldiers final resting place.

“If you’re not a Guardian, why not?”

Contact Guardian Program Chairman Bill Elliot for information at: etaia@att.net



**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/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	51
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Johnathan Tyson	Full	1
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



“Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you.”
Robert Lewis Dabney, Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson



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.

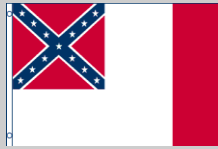


SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

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



"We could have pursued no other course without dishonour; and as sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner."
Robert E. Lee



CHARGE TO THE 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

"The SCV's Best Hope for Success is Knowledge of the Truth"



CHRISTIAN MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

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"May the day of your thanksgiving be a day of joy and peace. May the spirit of the almighty God flow in your life, and may you and your family see many more thanksgivings on earth."

The spiritual person is the one who is thankful for everything. He is the one who receives everything with thanksgiving and who knows that he has nothing except what he has received from God. *"A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."* (John 3:27)

The Gospels introduce and the Epistles develop the concept that gratitude for God's deliverance in Christ characterizes the believer. The spiritual person has thanksgiving and praise in all circumstances, in everything, and for everything. This thanksgiving is rooted in the total belief of God's merciful providence and care in all things. To thank God in everything and for everything is the fruit of faith and faithfulness in God. It is the outcome of complete trust in the Lord.



HISTORICAL DATES IN NOVEMBER



1861

November 7-The Battle of Belmont is fought on Missouri soil. It marks the first major engagement for Union General Ulysses S. Grant. A force of about 5,000 Confederates square off against 3,114 Union in Mississippi County, Missouri. It is a Confederate victory but gives Grant much-needed experience in field command.

November 11-The Union ship G.W. Parke Curtis releases an observation balloon to spy on Confederate positions off the Potomac River.

November 12-A Scottish-built merchant ship, the "Fingal", acquired in England by Confederate agents, successfully runs the Union blockade at Savannah to deliver much-needed supplies.

November 22-Indian territories of the south are now under Confederate rule.

1862

November 3-The CSS Cotton and shoreline guns at Berwick Bay, Louisiana, drive away Union naval forces.

November 21-Union General Edwin Sumner calls for Confederate forces to surrender Fredricksburg.

November 28-General Wade Hampton directs a cavalry raid at Hartwood Church in Virginia against Union forces and captured nearly 100 men.

1863

November 2-Union forces form up at Brazos Santiago, Texas near the Mexican border.

November 2-This date marks the start of the Battle of Brownsville, Texas. General Nathaniel Banks leads the Union against Mexican Patriots led by former Confederate Generals.

November 17-Union elements take Aransas Pass in Texas.

November 23-The Battles for Chattanooga take place from November 23rd to November 25th. Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Rossville Gap are some of the names associated with the actions. General Grant faces General Bragg and his Army of the Tennessee.

1864

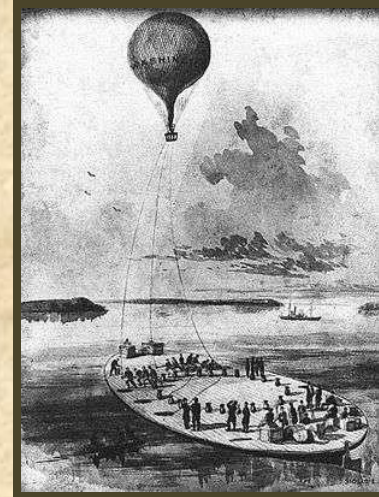
November 4-Three Union gunboats in the Tennessee River are claimed by Confederate forces near Johnsonville, Tennessee.

November 15-Union General Sherman's "March to the Sea" is begin in Georgia. The campaign would last until December 21st and result in a major Union victory. The offensive starts in Atlanta, Georgia which is now under Union control.

November 24-The Battle of Columbia in Tennessee is had between a Confederate force of 35,000, led by General Hood, against a Union Army numbering 28,000 under General Schofield. The fighting lasts until the 29th.

November 30-The Battle of Franklin takes place on this date. 27,000 Union troops face-off against 27,000 Confederates. The battle is recorded as a Union victory for General Schofield over General Hood.

Losses include 2,326 for the victors and 6,252 for the Confederates. An ill-advised charge by Hood costs the Confederate army dearly as losses total 25% of his fighting force.



The USS *George Washington Parke Curtis* was a barge acquired by the Union Navy for the purpose of using her as a balloon-launching platform in order to spy on Confederate defenses a long distance off.

Early in the morning of 11 November 1861, steamer *Coeur de Lion* towed *George Washington Parke Custis* out of the Navy Yard and down the Potomac River. The next day Thaddeus Sobieski Constantine Lowe, accompanied by General Daniel E. Sickles and others, ascended in his trial balloon from the barge off Mattawomen Creek to observe Confederate forces on the Virginia shore some three miles away. On the 12th Lowe reported "We had a fine view of the enemy camp fires during the evening and saw the rebels constructing batteries at Freestone Point."



BATTLE OF BROWNSVILLE

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The Battle of Brownsville Texas took place on November 2–6, 1863 during the American Civil War. It was a successful effort on behalf of the Union Army to disrupt Confederate blockade runners along the Gulf Coast in Texas. The Union assault precipitated the capture of Matamoros by a force of Mexican patriots, led by exiled officers living in Brownsville.



Nathaniel Banks assembled 6,000 soldiers from three brigades from Napoleon J. T. Dana's XIII Corps.

The Confederate forces in the area were commanded by General Hamilton P. Bee.



Bee's forces consisted of a mere 4 companies from the 33rd

Texas Cavalry under Colonel James Duff and another two companies of three month volunteers. All other Confederates along the coast had been called elsewhere in the wake of the Union attack at Sabine Pass. The total Confederate force amounted to roughly 150 men stationed at Fort Brown. One company of volunteers under Captain

Adrian I. Vidal defected, killing a private and wounding another from the 33rd Texas.



BATTLE OF COLUMBIA

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The Battle of Columbia was a series of military actions that took place November 24–29, 1864, in Maury County, Tennessee, as part of the Franklin-Nashville Campaign of the American Civil War. It concluded the movement of Lt. Gen. John Bell



Hood's Confederate Army of Tennessee from the Tennessee River in northern Alabama to Columbia, Tennessee, and across the Duck

River. A Union force under Maj. Gen.



John M. Schofield skirmished with Hood's cavalry, commanded by Maj. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, and

fortified a defensive line south of Columbia, but soon withdrew north across the Duck River, abandoning the town. Hood's invasion of Tennessee continued as he attempted to intercept Schofield's retreating army at Spring Hill.



Following the Civil War little was left for southern families to survive on. Southerners were looking for a new life in an area which could offer them virgin farmland and safety from the carpetbaggers and past. Word quickly spread that Upshur County, Texas offered dense virgin forests and land that could produce far more than the old states. Families packed their ox-drawn wagons and made the long journey to the piney woods of East Texas.



WEST MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Part of a Republic of Texas land grant formerly occupied by Caddo and Cherokee Indians, this cemetery was established in the mid-1850s by plantation owner Alpha Phillips. The first grave, that of his father,

William, is marked with a stone cairn. The family cemetery came to be used by neighbors, West Mountain community residents, and transients. A volunteer association was begun in the 1920s to maintain the grounds, and its members have added acreage to the graveyard over the years. Originally known as Old Phillips Cemetery, it has been called West Mountain Cemetery since 1933.



THE INVASION OF THE NORTH

Phillip Mericle

In 1860 the federal government simply did not have the legal capacity to prevent States from seceding. The Constitution granted no such federal authority. Despite this legal framework, despite the Constitution, Lincoln retaliated with war. He called for 75,000 volunteers to put down what he termed the “rebellion” of Southern States. Civil liberties were suspended, and thousands of people who opposed Lincoln’s actions, even loyal Northerners, were

imprisoned without trial or due process of law.

In order to justify these illegal actions and the federal government's use of force in coercing the Southern States, several myths, misrepresentations and outright lies were constructed.

- The South was poor and backwards, while the North was rich and sophisticated.
- The seceding States did not threaten the existence of the Union. They did not attempt to conquer the North nor did they demand the dissolution of the United States. They only exercised their right to leave the Union and practice their sovereignty and self governance.
- Secession was treason. This is also a lie. No law prohibited or condemned States for seceding.

The Civil War was a war of survival for the Old South against the federal attack. Lincoln usurped State authority, ordered the illegal and unconstitutional invasion of the South, illegally imprisoned thousands of Northerners who opposed him and waged war on false pretenses to secure unlawful power for the federal government. The South legally, morally and philosophically had the right to defend itself from that tyranny.



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Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin announced Oct. 6 that he had approved Fort Hood, in Killeen Texas, to be renamed Fort Cavazos. The new name must be finalized by Jan. 1, 2024.



The post, opened in 1942, was named after John Bell Hood. The West Point alumnus resigned from the U.S. Army as the Civil War broke out and, unhappy with his home state of Kentucky's neutral stance, declared himself as a Texan.

The Central Texas post will be named after the late Gen. Richard Cavazos, a hero of the Korean and Vietnam wars. Cavazos was born in 1929 and died in 2017. He grew up on a cattle ranch in Kingsville, Texas. Cavazos became the Army's first Hispanic brigadier general. He broke another barrier when he became a four-star general in 1982, the same year he wrapped up a two-year stint commanding Fort Hood.

FREEDOM

Brad Lips



There is a causal link between freedom and prosperity. A country's level of prosperity today is best explained by its level of freedom meaning that freedom in the short term leads to prosperity in the long run. "Freedom begets prosperity, which, in turn, begets more freedom."

Count your blessings to live in what remains one of the freest countries in the world. At the same time, we must remain vigilant in protecting our individual liberties. They are not guaranteed.

Those pursuing a different direction – full of government mandates, price controls, and "emergency interventions" – will only lead us to a dead end. In 2022, Americans have two options to consider: Freedom or the ugly alternative. Let's choose wisely.

Exercise your right to vote and make your voice heard.



EXCLUSION AND CENSORSHIP

1 person's opinion

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"Hate Speech: Removal of any group/individual or object that is deemed offensive and violates the East Texas Yamboree Associations' protections of its private First Amendment rights. Examples but not limited to Confederate attire, Battle Flags or any other confederate symbols or flags"...Gilmer Yamboree Rules 2022.

Ever heard of "private First Amendment Rights? Neither have I. The First Amendment as with the other Nine are "Inalienable Rights endowed by our Creator." Jeff Dodd and the Yamboree Association embarked on a mission this year to protect all of us from what they deem offensive history. According to Dodd in a telephone conversation, Mr. Dodd referred to history as being "fluid" but historical facts and events do not change over time. He said that "Confederate Attire" would be clothing in gray or gray and blue. But wait, then it could include blue with red stripes. Historic colors and clothing are now offensive. There seems to be an arbitrary pattern here. There seems to be a "bowing down" to outside influence and pressure on the Yamboree Association by groups/organizations outside of our community. Looks like "wokeism" is part of the Yamboree Association now.



AND THEN IT IS WINTER

Author unknown

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

But, here it is...the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember seeing older people through the years and thinking that they were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it.

Age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day. Taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory, cause if I don't on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit.

And so...now I enter into the winter of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things. Though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth... its over. A new adventure will begin.

So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done in all the years past.

Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at: www.upshurpatriots.org



Thank you to the Historic Upshur Museum for providing our meeting location.

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