



# ***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,**

**March 17th, 2026**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Program:**

**Charles Lauret**  
**Candidate for Lt.**  
**Commander in Chief.**  
**“Gen. J.J.A.A. Mouton”**



**Jose Tequila Restaurant**

**1205 East End Blvd.**  
**South**

**Marshall, TX 75672**

**Phone:**

**903-472-5695**

**Bring a Friend**



**2025 Texas Division Awards:** Superior Camp Award, Four Star Camp Award, 100% Retention Award, Best Camp Newsletter Award.

**2025 SCV National Outstanding Camp Award, 2023 & 2024 SCV National, ATM Superior Camp Winner**

Greeting Compatriots:

February was an outstanding month for our Camp, and the momentum we have built continues to grow. Our February meeting saw some new faces in attendance, including several potential members. We are happy to report that Brian Morrow has made it official, and we will be swearing him in at our March meeting. Please join us in welcoming him to our Camp. We had a great turnout for the Mardi Gras parade in Jefferson, with strong representation not only from our Camp but also from others across the Division, including our Division and ATM Commanders. It was a proud showing for everyone involved. We would also like to thank everyone who came out on February 21<sup>st</sup> to Greenwood Cemetery to help with the cleanup effort. We are very thankful and proud of our Camp member’s contribution to the preservation of hallowed grounds in this area. We are also excited to announce that our new Camp website is now live. One feature we are especially excited about is the new events page, where you can view all upcoming events along with links for more details. We encourage everyone to check it out and stay informed on what is ahead. On the signage front, we have signed the contract and paid for the same Billboard we had last year on US 59 S for the month of April, and we have received our smaller 5ftx8ft permanent Camp sign to go up at the old Marshall Hardware on S. Washington. These efforts continue to raise our visibility here in Marshall and across the area.

In your service, Website address, **[wwheartsill.org](http://wwheartsill.org)**

**Robb McMahan, Commander**

### Camp Meeting, February 17th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



**Robb gets our meeting going.**



**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Pete**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Daryl**



**Past CinC's Chuck & Paul**



**The Tomberlain's**



**Randy & Brian Morrow**



**Bill, Pete and Tom**



**Dathaniel Campbell & Family**



**Randy reports on sign**



**Reading Reports**



**Chuck & Paul**



**TJ Sr. & TJ Jr. Burrow**



**Katelyn Calhoun tells up about the Battle of Pleasant Hill. A great program**



Work Day Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Greenwood Cemetery



Thanks to Albert Colvin, Tom Scarborough, Randy Saxton, Pete Craig, Daryl Ware, Allan Bourne, Frank Crisp and Bill Elliott. We got 4 more piles of brush, 2 crepe myrtles gone and a rotten stump, straightened and repaired tombstones of the Tullis Family.

2026 Krewe of Hebe, Mardi Gras Parade, Jefferson, Texas Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.



26 SCV Compatriots



SCV was there



Bill & TJ



TX DV Commander Shelby Little, ATM Commander John McCammon, Past CinC Chuck



Pete & Taylor



Past CinC Paul & JC Hanna



POW Wow



Peyton Murray, Longview



Mt. Enterprise Compatriot



TX DV Commander Little



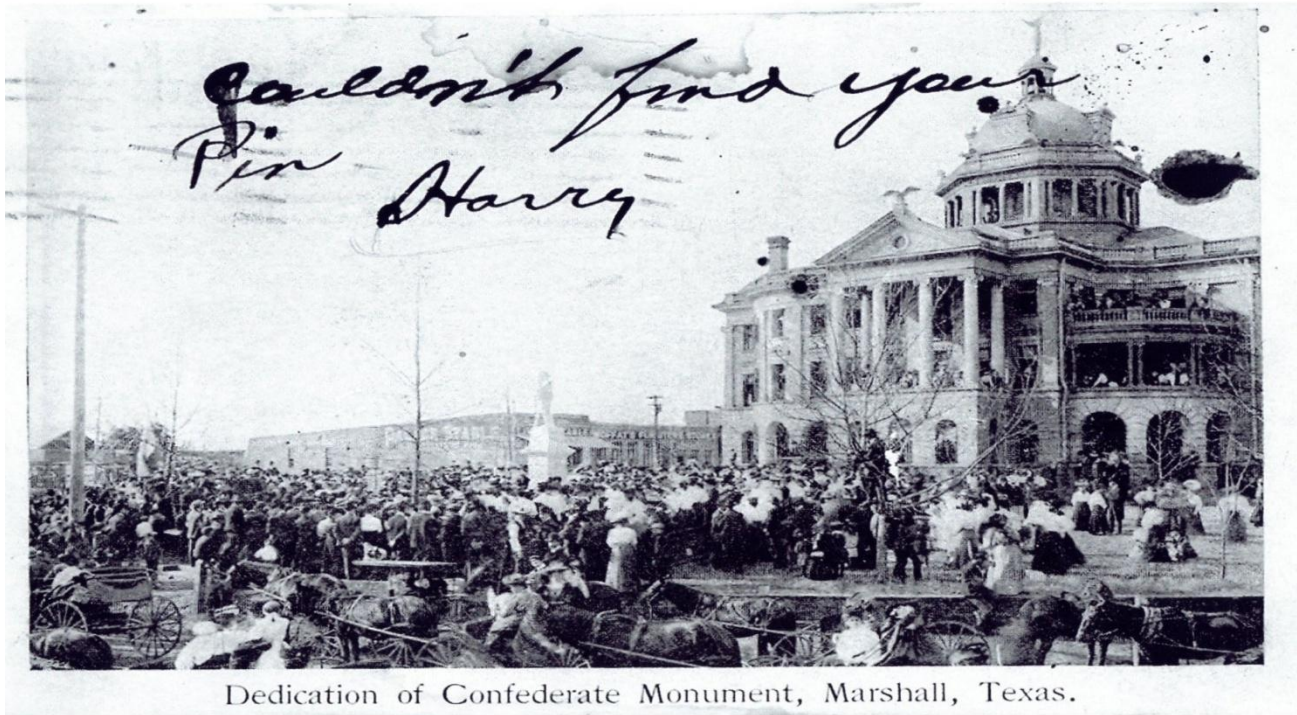
Float driver Randy



Bill Starnes, Gilmer Camp



Wrapping up, the final steps

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1906

Dedication of Confederate Monument, Marshall, Texas.

**MONUMENT UNVEILED TODAY**

Impressive Ceremony in the presence of a Large concourse with ideal weather conditions.

SPLENDID GIFT OF U.D.C.

The birthday of General Robert E. Lee could not have been more appropriately celebrated than it was in this city today and the ceremonies that attended the unveiling of the magnificent monument in the court house yard which was erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy, will linger long in the memory of those who were present on the occasion. At early dawn it looked very much like rain and the warm weather indicated that rain might begin falling at any time but the clouds came and passed over and the south winds blew but nothing happened to mar the occasion.

A stand was erected and seats placed around the monument and everything was ready for the ceremonies to begin at the appointed hour. A reception committee of W. P. Lane camp U.C.V. consisting of Capt. Hudgins, D. S. Hawley, James Wagnon and J. M. Bonham went to the station and met the morning train upon which the Dick Taylor camp No. 1265 U.C.V. and their ladies arrived from Jefferson. The line of march was taken up to the court house up Washington avenue, headed by Church's concert band. Upon arrival at the court house the camp was greeted by the members of the W. P. Lane Camp U.C.V. and the Ector camp Sons of Veterans. In the meantime the Marshall chapter Daughters of the Confederacy held reception in the Capitol hotel.

The Veterans and Sons of Veterans formed a line of march headed by the band and escorted by the Marshall musketeers and marched around the north side of the public square and east on East Houston avenue, turning in front of the post office and coming back by the Capitol Hotel, where they were joined by the Daughters, who marched to the courthouse yard through the open ranks amid the cheers of the Veterans and the sons, who were heartily assisted by the vast audience present.

The Veterans, Sons and band filed into the yard which was densely packed with kind and loving friends who had come to add their presence toward making the occasion one of the most memorable in the history of Marshall.

**On January 16, 2026 was the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Monuments dedication. I just received this picture from Mrs. Kay Hilburn with the UDC. Check out all the people on the ground and on the balconies.**



**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!* *Music!*

★ *Food!* ★ *Games!*

★ *Fellowship!* ★

**Battle for Jefferson**  
**CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT**

Produced by the Historic Jefferson Foundation, an All Volunteer Committee and the Men and Women of the Trans-Mississippi Volunteer Infantry

**Locations:** Throughout Historic Downtown Jefferson and Cypress River Ranch, 1552 FM 2208, Jefferson, TX

Event Headquarters located at The Jeffersonian Institute, 120 East Austin Street

**FRIDAY, MAY 1st**  
ALL DAY Ticket Sales & Re-enactor Registration  
ALL DAY Period Sutlers  
9AM - 1:30PM Student Living History  
7:30 - 10PM Illumination at Oakwood Cemetery

**SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**  
ALL DAY Ticket Sales & Re-enactor Registration  
ALL DAY Period Sutlers  
10AM Pilgrimage Parade & Town Skirmish  
11:15AM "Secret Codes of the Underground Railroad" by Pleasant Hill Quilters  
2PM Ladies' Tea  
4PM 1st Battle for Jefferson Re-enactment  
8 - 11PM "Muskets & Magnolias" Grand Ball

**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd**  
9AM - Close Period Sutlers  
9AM Period Church Service  
10AM Presentation of Colors  
1:30PM 2nd Battle for Jefferson Re-enactment

**MAY 1-3, 2026**

Come to Jefferson and celebrate our American history! Registration & advance tickets:  
[www.BattleforJefferson.com](http://www.BattleforJefferson.com)  
(903) 733-1035



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
**129th Annual Texas Division Reunion**  
Tyler, Texas June 5-6, 2026  
Hosted by Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler, Texas



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Current Rank, Title, or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (For Name Badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Holiday Inn & Conference Center Tyler**  
5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75703 - Phone 903-561-5800  
SCV Convention Rate includes Full Hot Breakfast Buffet  
**\$ 129.00 per Night + taxes**

For SCV rate, rooms must be reserved by May 22, 2026

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV REUNION EARLY BIRD	March 1, 2026	Cut-Off	Includes ticket for Commander's Reception, Awards Luncheon, Tour and Grand Ball (\$175.00 value)	\$150.00	
Friday, June 5, 2026	7:30 PM	Commander's Reception- Desserts, Cobblers, Brownies and Coffee	\$25.00		
Saturday, June 6, 2026	12:00 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon- Chicken Fried Steak, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Puddin'	\$35.00		
Saturday, June 6, 2026	2:00 PM	Tour of Tyler - Goodman Mansion, Ordnance Plant site, Camp Ford site, and "Spirits of Oakwood" Tour Oakwood Cemetery. Air Conditioned Bus provided.	\$50.00		
Saturday, June 6, 2026	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet/Grand Ball	\$60.00		
Ancestor Memorials - Each		You Must Submit Ancestor Info on Separate Form	\$10.00		
Extra Reunion Medal		Note: 1 Medal is included with your registration, order extras here	\$25.00		
<b>FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, Extra Medals</b>					

**ENTREE CHOICE FOR SOUTHERN BALL AND BANQUET YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE:**  
 CHOICE #1 BEEF TENDERLOIN  
 CHOICE #2 LEMON PEPPER CHICKEN

Please Make Checks Payable to: "Sons of Confederate Veterans #2338"  
Mail the Form & Check to **733 W 3rd Ave. Corsicana, TX 75110**



On this day in 1869, tragedy struck Caddo Lake when the sidewheel steamboat Mittie Stephens caught fire during a voyage from New Orleans to Jefferson, Texas. Sixty-one men, women, and children lost their lives in the disaster. The vessel had been operating along the New Orleans, Red River route since 1866, at a time when Jefferson served as the head of navigation because a massive logjam on the Red River blocked further travel.

The Mittie Stephens departed New Orleans on February 5 carrying 107 passengers and crew, along with cargo that included 274 bales of hay. On the night of February 12, a gust of wind carried a spark from the torch baskets lighting the bow onto the hay. The fire spread quickly and could not be brought under control.

As flames consumed the boat, the crew steered toward shore, just 300 yards away, but the vessel ran aground in shallow water near Swanson's Landing. In a desperate attempt to reach land, the pilot and engineer kept the paddlewheels turning. Tragically, the churning wheels pulled struggling passengers beneath them, causing many of the deaths.

The Mittie Stephens burned down to the waterline, and remnants of the wreck remained visible above the lake's surface into the early twentieth century. Jefferson continued as Texas' leading riverport until the Red River logjam was finally cleared in 1874.



Lynda Jean Gramling went to her Heavenly home January 30, 2026.

She was born Lynda Jean Richman to parents, Travis and Jean Richman on March 24, 1949 in Athens, TX.

On April 7, 2001 she and Paul Gramling were united in marriage.

Lynda attended school in Mabank, TX, where she graduated high school in 1967. She attended Henderson County Junior College and the University of North Texas.

She was employed at Mabank Bank for several years before she moved to Shreveport, LA. There, she was employed at Carter Federal Credit Union for almost 20 years as a mortgage loans officer.

Lynda joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1984. She spent the rest of her life defending the honor of her Confederate Ancestors. From 2018 - 2020, she proudly served as "The First Lady of the South" when her husband, Paul, was elected Commander-In-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. She and Paul traveled the country, which she loved so much, during that time making and cherishing new friends.

Lynda was a devout Christian and for the last 25 years, was a member of Oakmont Church of God, Shreveport, LA, where she was a loyal participant in church activities. She also loved shopping, especially in antique stores.

She will be deeply missed by a countless number of friends and family, but with the assurance we will be together once again in paradise.

Lynda was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Richman and mother-in-law, Betty S. Gramling.

She is survived by her husband of almost 25 years, Paul C. Gramling, Jr.; son, Marcus Estes and wife, Loren, their children, Scarlet Thibodeaux, Severin Barrett, and Seras Barrett of Midland, TX; sister, Trava Richman of Mabank, TX and her daughter, Jasmine Richman of Chicago, IL; stepson, Landon Gramling and wife, Paige and their daughter, Lilly of Bossier City, LA; father-in-law, Paul Gramling, Sr. of Anacoco, LA; brothers-in-law, Tim Gramling of Anacoco, LA and Bruce Gramling and wife, Shari of Shreveport, LA; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations and memorials be made to the National Confederate Museum in Columbia, TN.

**Memorial Service, for the celebration of Lynda's life will be: Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Oakmont Church of God  
5925 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St.  
Shreveport, LA. 71129**

**1pm visitation, 2PM service by Rev. Herman White**



The Confederate soldiers' standard battle accoutrements typically included a leather waist belt with a buckle, a cap pouch, a cartridge box for ammunition, a bayonet with a scabbard, a canvas or painted cloth haversack for food, and a canteen...Due to severe supply shortages, these items were often mixed with captured Federal gear or homemade, non-standard alternatives...

The primary, indispensable item was the leather cartridge box (often worn on the right hip) designed to hold roughly 40 rounds of ammunition, supplemented by a smaller cap pouch for percussion caps...

A bayonet and scabbard were standard, usually attached to the waist belt...

A haversack (painted canvas or cotton) was used to carry rations, while a canteen was essential for water...

A simple leather belt, sometimes a common one-piece, square frame or with a state-specific and in many cases a CS-marked brass buckle, was used, though many utilized salvaged, or captured Union buckles...

While not always worn during active battle, soldiers often carried a blanket roll or knapsack containing personal items...

Because of shortages, Confederate accoutrements were notoriously varied...Soldiers frequently replaced worn-out gear with captured Federal equipment...

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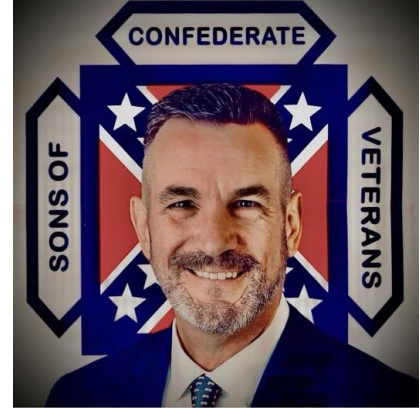


**Col. Richard Bennett Hubbard**

When the guns of the Civil War fell silent, many men disappeared into obscurity—but Richard Bennett Hubbard refused to vanish. In the wreckage of a fractured South, he quietly rebuilt his fortunes through law, land, and the roaring promise of railroads, each venture a stepping stone back toward power. By 1872, he had maneuvered himself onto the national stage as a presidential elector backing Horace Greeley, and the momentum only grew. Texans carried him into the office of lieutenant governor not once, but twice. Then, on a tense December day in 1876, opportunity struck: Governor Richard Coke resigned for the U.S. Senate, and Hubbard stepped into the storm. What he inherited was no prize—Texas staggered under crushing debt, brazen lawlessness, and a legislature that refused to convene, leaving him to wrestle chaos with little support. Yet in the shadows of opposition, he cut public debt, battled land fraud schemes, strengthened education, and restored accountability to the prison system. Even as political rivals blocked his renomination, the people watched closely—and many saw a steady hand where others saw only turmoil.

But Texas was only the beginning. In 1884, Hubbard strode into the Democratic National Convention as temporary chairman, lending his voice to the rising tide behind Grover Cleveland. When Cleveland captured the presidency, he rewarded Hubbard with a post far from the dusty plains of home: Minister to Japan. It was a moment charged with tension. Japan was shedding centuries of isolation, transforming itself into a modern power determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with the West. In Tokyo, amid lantern-lit streets and delicate diplomatic balances, Hubbard found himself navigating more than protocol—he was walking a tightrope between cultures. With patience and precision, he negotiated an extradition treaty and helped lay the foundation for sweeping treaty revisions that would redefine relations in the years ahead. The stakes were immense, and a single misstep could have fractured fragile trust.

When he returned to American soil in 1889, Hubbard carried more than memories—he carried perspective shaped by two worlds in transition. A decade later, he poured those experiences into The United States in the Far East, revealing the quiet negotiations, the cultural misunderstandings, and the careful compromises that rarely make headlines but shape history all the same. From the uncertainty of postwar Texas to the intricate dance of international diplomacy, Hubbard's journey was anything but ordinary. He had stood at crossroads where states struggled, nations awakened, and the future balanced on uncertain ground—and each time, he chose to step forward rather than retreat, leaving behind a legacy forged in moments when the outcome was never guaranteed.



**Charles Lauret has announced his intent to run for the SCV Lt. Commander in Chief.**

**“As Lt. Commander in Chief, my primary responsibility is to oversee recruiting and retention, the lifeblood of our Confederation. But that mission goes beyond just numbers. It’s about preserving and defending our history, symbols, and legacy for generations to come”.**

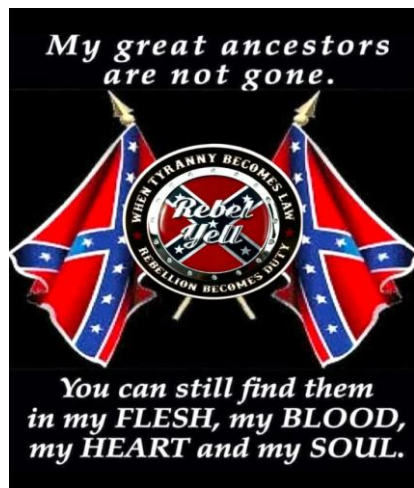
**I am married to my wife of 33 years, Amy and we have three grown children and two grandchildren. I am a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church and serve as Deputy Grand Knight in our Knights of Columbus Council. I am a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and a retired law enforcement officer with the Louisiana State Police with over 28 years of service. I am a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, having obtained a B.S. degree in Behavioral Science.**

**I have dedicated the last 25 years of my life to serving the Sons of Confederate Veterans because I believe deeply in our mission to honor the memory and defend the truth of our Confederate Ancestors. I joined the organization in 2000 and have since become a life member of both the SCV and the Louisiana Division. I originally joined as a member of the Bernard Eble HQ Camp in Louisiana and went straight to work helping form the Gen. Alfred Mouton Camp #778 in Opelousas, LA. Upon chartering, I served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander and subsequently Commander, an office in which I am currently acting until elections in the fall. I served as Commander of the Southwest Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander then Commander of the Louisiana Division 2008-2010. In 2010 I was appointed Chief Aide de Camp serving on CinC Given’s staff. From 2012 to 2016, I served as Councilman and then Commander of the Army of Trans Mississippi. From 2016 to 2020, I had the distinct honor and privilege to serve in the appointed position of National Chief of Staff for Commanders in Chief Tom Strain and then Paul Gramling. I also served as Chief of Staff of the Louisiana Division from 2018 to 2022. I served again as ATM Councilman from 2022-2024. Each role has taught me valuable lessons in leadership, unity, and the importance of standing firm when our heritage is under attack. I am proud to say that during my tenures in all of the aforementioned positions, I have cultivated and always had positive working relationships with fellow GEC members and Compatriots across the Confederation.**

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

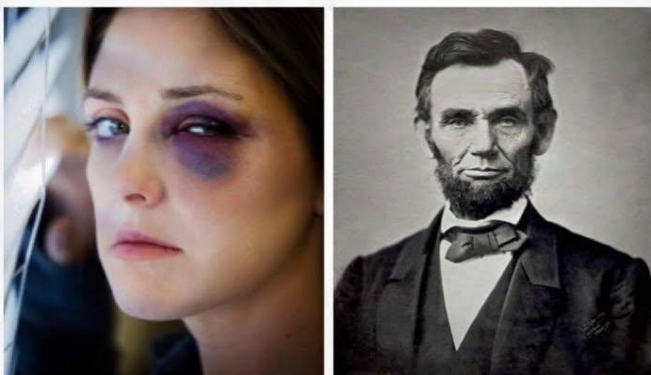
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|---|---------------------------|
| 2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F "Walter P. Lane Rangers"            | Captain Sam J. Richardson |
| 3rd Texas Cavalry Co A "The Texas Hunters"                  | Captain T. W. Winston     |
| 1st Texas Infantry Co. E "The 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        |
| 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. E             | Captain Hec McKay         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. L | Captain Stephen Webb      |





**We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, and the newsletter fund.**

**I TRIED TO LEAVE MY ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP**



**BUT HE WOULDN'T LET ME**

**Parting thoughts**

**We must keep on fighting for our ancestors**

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### March & April Camp members anniversaries and birthdays

March SCV entry dates: Dick Brassell, 3/10/2016, Bill Elliott, 3/27/2017. Hal Fletcher, 3/13/2018, David Sutton, 3/29/2019,

March Birthdays: LTC. Cole Clement, 3/13/1981, John Cornelius, 3/27/1956, Keith Finklea, 3/7/1965, Joshwa Thomas, 3/6/2009, Patrick Tomberlain, 3/7/1974.

April SCV entry dates: 4/16/21 Keith Finklea, TJ Henigan, 4/25/2018, Josh Thomas, 4/16/2021.

April Birthdays: Bill Elliott, 4/2/1957, Chris Hurley 4/19/1969. Robb McMahan, 4/30/1966, Tom Ware 4/7/1968, Spence Williams, 4/7/1958.