



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,

October 21st, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Program:

**Bobby Herring,
Commander, Louisiana
Division. Collecting
Confederate Currency**



Jose Tequila Restaurant

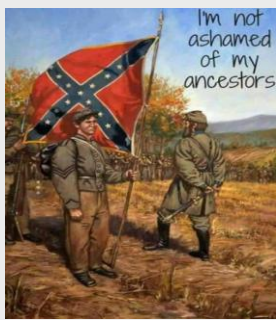
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2025 Texas Division Awards: Superior Camp Award, Four Star Camp Award, 100% Retention Award, Best Camp Newsletter Award.

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

Compatriots:

October brings with it new reasons for encouragement as we continue to build our Camp. At our last meeting we had the honor of swearing in two new members, Patrick Tomberlain and Cole Clements. It is always a blessing to see our numbers grow, and we must not stop there. I urge each of you to reach out to friends and family members and invite them to join us and share in our fellowship and our mission to preserve Confederate history. We also enjoyed an excellent program last month from Bill O'Neal, and the strong tradition of engaging speakers will continue. At our October meeting we will welcome Bobby Herring, the Louisiana Division Commander, who will present a program on Collecting Confederate Currency. This promises to be a fascinating and informative program, and I hope to see everyone present as we come together once again in unity and purpose.

At your service,

Robb McMahan, Commander



Henderson UCV gathering Nov. 10, 1897

Camp Meeting September 16th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



Robb gets our meeting going. J.C. & Ellie Hanna



The Fleming's from Carthage



Allen, Randy, Keith & Josh



Ronnie Wilson



The McCain's



Robb and Pete compliment Brother Albert for his poem in the Confederate Veteran



Silver Cross for Josh Thomas



Brother Jeff was remembered



2nd Lt. Commander Daryl Ware introduces our speaker Dr. Bill O'Neal



Dr. Bill O'Neil tells us about the Texas Legend, Col. RIP Ford



Patrick Tomberlain and LTC. Cole Clements are sworn into the SCV



Asst. Chaplain Tom Scareborough swears them in and Pat Tomberlain pins them.

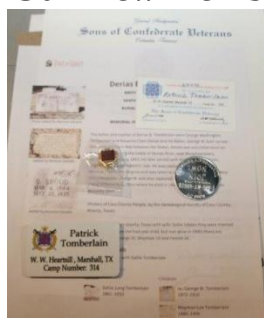


Visiting after the meeting



Mrs. Ellie Hanna visited us.

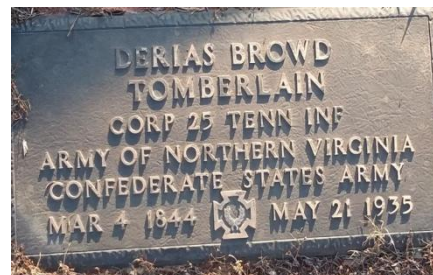
Our New members:



Our new members Patrick Tomberlain and Cole Clements



Lt. C. R. Curtright, Co. D 1st Texas Infantry



Corporal D.B. Tomberlain

Patrick O'Neal Tomberlain:

Joined under the service record of his GG-Grandfather, Cpl. Derias Browd Tomberlain, Co. C, 25th Regiment Tennessee Infantry. D.B. served also with his father George Washington Tomberlain. Derias was wounded twice on the same day during the battle of Stones River, near Murphreesboro, TN. In January 1863. He was captured in May of 1864 in Bermuda Hundred, VA. and was taken to a prison camp in Elmira, NY. His father George W. was also captured and taken to Chase Prison Camp in Columbus, OH. Where he died in 1864 after refusing to sign the Amnesty Oath. Cpl Tomberlain is buried at Hughes Springs in Cass County

Patrick is 51 and is a teacher in Texarkana, TX. Patrick was signed up by his Father Pat Tomberlain who joined under the service record of G. W. Tomberlain.

LTC. Cole Clements:

Joined under the service record of his GG-Grandfather, 2nd Lt. Cornelius Rowan Curtright, Co. D, 1st Texas Volunteer Infantry, Hood's Brigade, Star Rifles. Cornelius entered the Georgia Military Institute, in Marietta, Georgia, at age 17. On April 2, 1861, Company D, 1st Texas Volunteers Captain Clompton's company. Texas Volunteers, Star Rifles was formed in Linden, Cass County, Texas. Cornelius was elected 3rd Lt. and drilled the troops. His wife Susan Gertrude sewed the company flag, and after presenting it to Captain Clompton, sat on horseback and shook hands with all one hundred twenty one men as the unit formed to march to Jefferson where they took a boat to New Orleans. When they arrived in Virginia and officially formed up in late 1861 he was promoted to 2nd Lt. on July 15, 1862. Lt. C.R. Curtright is buried at Floyd Hill Cemetery at Cass County

Cole is 44 years old and is retired from the United States Marine Corps. He retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was signed up by Pat Tomberlain, his father in law.

Welcome to the SCV and the W. W. Heartsill Camp, Patrick & Cole.

Something to think about. Know your enemy SPLC, My view.

The **Southern Poverty Law Center** is perhaps most notorious for its “**hate map**” which not only neglects to track extremist groups on the left, but also lumps mainstream conservative and religious organizations right alongside some of the most reprehensible neo-Nazis and white supremacist in the country.

For this it has been regularly and rightly criticized. The controversial activist group has also phenomenally wealthy, with an endowment rivaling prominent universities and annual exceeding some of the most well-known charities in the country.

Recent visitors to its **website** may notice the following fundraising appeal: “**urgent: This is an all-hands-on deck moment. With so much at stake for American families, we need your help to stop attacks on our most basic rights. Please rush your emergency donation today.**”

Prospective donors who click on the prompt to “**Give Now**” were urged to make a one-time contribution of between \$35 and \$250, or a recurring monthly commitment of between \$15 and \$50.

The organization’s “urgent” pleas for an “emergency” cash infusion from small-dollar donors is puzzling, because the group literally appears to have more money than it knows what to do with. Its most recent **Form 990** for the fiscal year ending in October 2024 disclosed an astonishing **\$786.7 million** in net assets, much of which is parked in public and private equity funds. Its three-quarter of a billion-dollar endowment has more than doubled just since 2016. For context, this makes the SPLC wealthier than many colleges and universities, including in the group’s home state of Alabama. Samford University, the largest private school in the state with over 6,000 enrolled students, reported just **\$547.8 million** total net assets in 2024. Tuskegee University, which enrolled about 3,000 students, reported **\$550.6 million** in net assets that same year.

The SPLC’s net assets are not too far behind those of the Auburn University Foundation, which had just over **\$ 1 billion** as of 2024. Revenue is another method of measuring the SPLC’s riches. As of August 2025, a ProPublica search for all 501©(3) charities located in Alabama placed the SPLC at #17 in most recent available annual revenue – behind ten hospitals/health care providers, two private universities (Samford- Tuskegee), two housing providers, one private foundations, and the SEC collegiate athletic conference. The organization’s total revenues in **2024** were \$129 million, mostly from contributions and grants. This was down from the record-breaking haul of \$169.8 million the year before. To put that number in perspective, the combined 2023 revenue of Alabama’s eight regional food banks associated with Feeding America – which collectively serve the entire state – was \$183.6 million. In 2023, the SPLC brought in nearly **\$48 million more** than the United Way of Central Alabama. Well known nonprofits that brought in less money-as measured by total revenue- than the SPLC in 2023. The United Service Organization USO \$163.5 million, The YMCA of the USA \$153 million, The Special Olympics \$152.2 million, The Make-a-Wish Foundation \$132.2 million. Incredibly, the total 2023 revenues of the profession football, baseball and basketball halls of fame put together were just 35 percent of those of the SPLC.

There is another important consideration to all of this as well. Like these groups, the SPLC is organized as a 501©(3) charity, incentivized by the American public with tax-exemption and the ability to accept tax-deductible contributions. Unlike them, its activities are highly controversial and divisive- two descriptors not generally associated with the word “Charity”.

How many cash-strapped nonprofits nationwide could use some of the hundreds of millions of dollars warehoused in the SPLC’s investment accounts to make a genuine positive difference in the lives of others? That is, after all, the ultimate purpose of charity.

By Robert Stilson, Senior Research Analyst at the Capital Research Center.

Rueben M Herndon 1838-1915 & America E. Rains Herndon 1843-1912

DEATHS.

R. M. HERNDON.

R. M. Herndon died Friday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock, as a result of an accident Thursday morning. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon with interment in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Herndon was 70 years of age and afflicted with blindness. Lately he had been in feeble health and weak. Thursday morning, in arising he reached for his walking stick on which was a knob. Being uncertain in his movements he toppled over, falling over on the stick and striking the knob in such a way that the thigh bone of the leg was broken near the hip joint. While he rested well Thursday night and seemed to be getting along as well as could be expected for a man of his age and condition, yet the end came rather unexpectedly.

Mr. Herndon's wife died about two years ago, but he leaves several children, all grown, among them John Herndon of the firm of Rains & Herndon, and P. M. Herndon, deputy county clerk.

FUNERAL OF MR. HERNDON.

The funeral of Mrs. R. M. Herndon whose rather sudden death was recorded in The Messenger of Friday, was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his son, John Herndon, where he has made his home and where he died. The attendance was large, especially of those of his old friends, and was attended by Confederate veterans, the members of W. P. Lane camp conducting the services at the grave. Rev. A. O. Price of the First Presbyterian church conducted services at the house. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Those who acted as pall bearers are O. L. Hickman, Frank Daniels, M. Scully, Fred Marshall, George McDaniel and F. S. Riggs.

Mr. Herndon was born in Obion county, Tennessee, on December 24, 1838, and was 76 years of age. He was married to Miss America Rains, sister of Mr. M. M. Rains, on November 15, 1859, and they moved to Marshall in July, 1876, and lived here to the end of their lives. Mrs. Herndon died two years ago.

Mr. Herndon was a Confederate soldier, a member in a Tennessee regiment.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Will Bedell of Marshall, and Mrs. C. B. Daniel of Dallas, and sons, John W. Herndon of this city and P. M. Herndon, deputy county clerk.

An Old Resident Dead.

Mrs. America E. Herndon died here at her home on North Grove Street yesterday about 3 o'clock after an illness of several weeks at the age of 68 years. The deceased is the wife of Mr. R. M. Herndon and has been a resident of Harrison County for many years. She was born in Warren County, Tennessee, in 1844 and married Mr. Herndon in 1860, and came to this county about 35 years ago. The deceased leaves a husband, Mr. R. M. Herndon, who is blind, and four children, Mesdames Idella Daniels, of Dallas; W. T. Bedell and Messrs. John and Polk Herndon, of Marshall. The funeral took place here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, interment in Greenwood Cemetery.



Rueben & America tombstone before and after tree fell a couple years ago.

Rueben served for 4 years in Co. A, 16th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, he reached the rank of 2nd Cpl. His service records show he spent most of the time as a teamster/ wagoner. He was a carpenter as his trade. The story goes that as his in laws the Rains went into the Funeral service business he was the coffin builder. His son John William became a partner with his Uncle Major Mercer Rains in the Rains & Herndon Funeral Home, located at the Rains home on Grand Ave at Bolivar St. It later was moved to Alamo & Rusk St where it became Rains & Talley. Rueben and America married on May 23, 1861. She was the daughter of George Washington Rains. They had 3 sons and 2 daughters. I showed their grave to City Commissioner Danthaniel Campbell the other day and told him their story and explained the City dropped the ball on at least straightening their tombstone when removing the tree. He is willing to help get it corrected.

Don't Fade Away

By Albert Colvin

Oh ye aging Sons of Confederate Veterans,
We ask you not to fade away.
Though your hair has turned to white,
Your weary bones no more to fight.



While at last the time has come,
You ride into the setting sun.
Then again you ride once more,
On honored fields just like before.

When at last you need your rest,
The South will face its greatest test.
O Elder Sons all clad in grey,
Lead the charge into the fray,



Our Confederate Nation ask of thee,
Ride once more and set us free,
Confederate Veterans have walked this land,
In golden years they make a stand.



Almighty God we plead with thee,
Give them strength that we might see.
Stand with them we pray this day,
Our aging Veterans all clad in grey.

Albert Colvin is a member of the General John Gregg Camp 958 in Longview, Texas.

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September/October 2025



Outstanding poem by our friend and Brother Compatriot.

A members thought:

Im just a lowly ol' member , and this is just my opinion , not representing my camp)

- If you're not happy with the camp you're in, you don't quit the organization. You visit other camps , find one that more active in what you're interested in and they will welcome you with open arms. In our camp we have the admin guys, we have reenactors, I am a guardian.(that's just where I feel like I do the most to satisfy my CHARGE). There are a lot of other rolls that you can fill inside the camp you are in. The process is simple, go to your camp meet , make a suggestion on what you have in mind- I'll bet , you will get support from YOUR camp. That's the way it works..

Our camp is small

Example: We only have 2 guardians (I'm working on that), but if we need backup, I'll send a group message, and just that easy, we make it happen.

When the battle re-enactments are going on we all try to show up. We don't all shoot at yanks, but we're there to help set up , sell tickets, ect . Just for support.

We visit other camps and, they usually have something going on that you can help with . If you're so inclined. We Flag, We we stand at our monuments when the rumors start. We go to council meetings whenever they get to big for their britches..

We do letter campaigns and call our representatives (just so they know we're still here). 😊

All I'm saying is don't quit, make suggestions, visit other camps and get more involved. The more involved you are , the more you will enjoy the ride. The most important part of your membership is written on the back of your card....

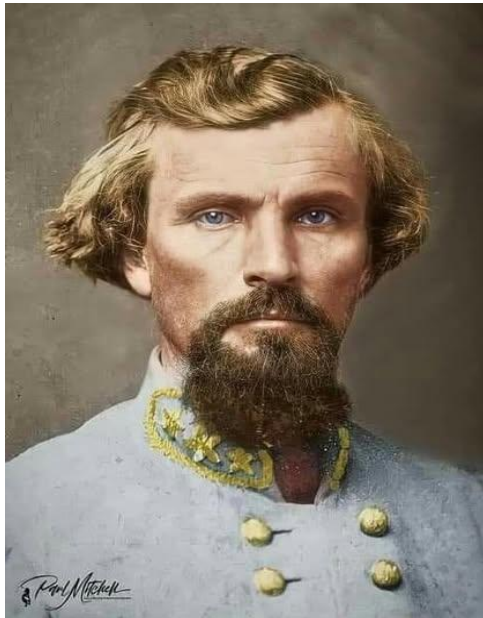
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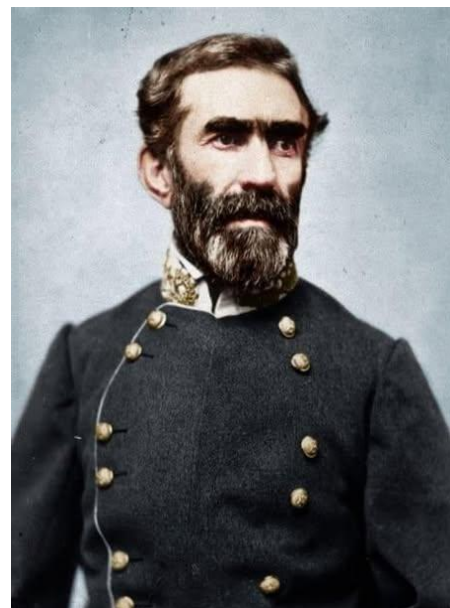
The Wrath of Forrest:

"I am not here to pass civilities or compliments with you, but on other business. You commenced your cowardly and contemptible persecution of me soon after the battle of Shiloh, and you have kept it up ever since. You did it because I reported to Richmond facts, while you reported damn lies. You robbed me of my command in Kentucky and gave it to one of your favorites—men that I armed and equipped from the enemies of our country. In a spirit of revenge and spite, because I would not fawn upon you as others did, you drove me into West Tennessee in the winter of 1862, with a second brigade I had organized, with improper arms and without sufficient ammunition, although I had made repeated applications for the same. You did it to ruin me and my career. When, in spite of all this, I returned with my command, well equipped by captures, you began again your work of spite and persecution, and have kept it up; and now this second brigade, organized and equipped without thanks to you or the government, a brigade which has won a reputation for successful fighting second to none in the army, taking advantage of your position as the commanding general in order to further humiliate me, you have taken these brave men from me. I have stood your meanness as long as I intend to. You have played the part of a damn scoundrel, and are a coward; and if you were any part of a man, I would slap your jaws and force you to resent it. You may as well not issue any more orders to me, for I will not obey them, and I will hold you personally responsible for any further indignities you endeavor to inflict upon me. You have threatened to arrest me for not obeying your orders promptly. I dare you to do it, and I say to you that if you ever again try to interfere with me or cross my path it will be at the peril of your life."

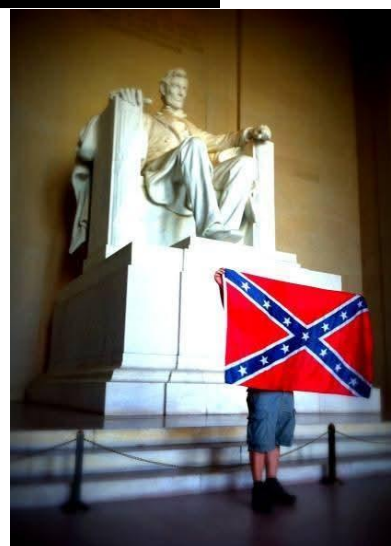
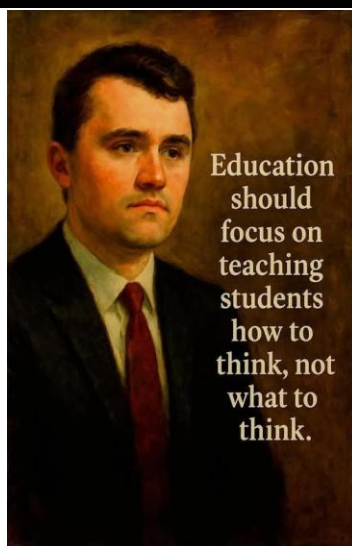
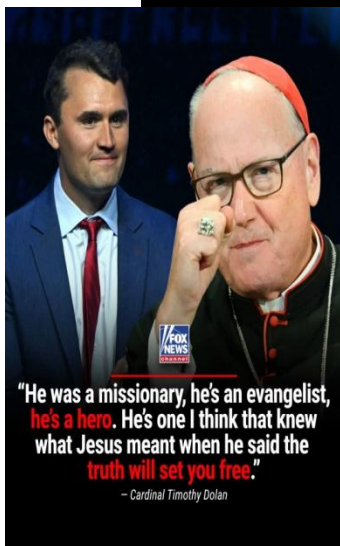
-Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, to Gen. Braxton Bragg following Chickamauga



Nathan Bedford Forrest



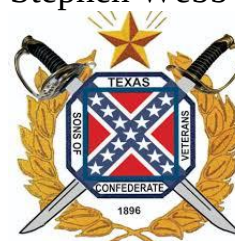
Braxton Bragg

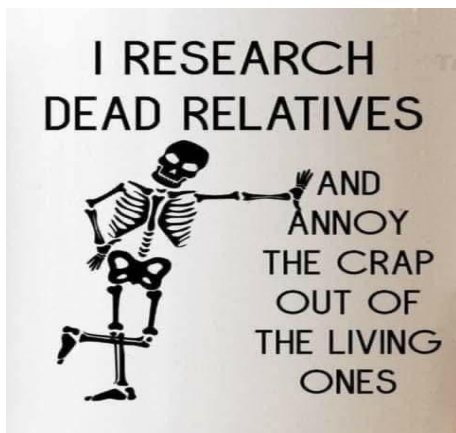
Charlie Kirk: Rest in Peace, and in the scared loving hands of our Savior.

In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F "Walter P. Lane Rangers"
 3rd Texas Cavalry Co A "The Texas Hunters"
 1st Texas Infantry Co. E "The Marshall Guards"
 7th Texas Infantry Co. D "Bass Greys"
 7th Texas Infantry Co. H "Texas Invincibles"
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. E "Hendricks Company"
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. K "Clough Rangers"
 14th Texas Infantry Co. B "Clough and Hill Avengers"
 14th Texas Infantry Co A. "Marshall Mechanics"
 14th Texas Infantry Co. H "Cypress Tigers"
 8th Texas Cavalry Co. F "Harrison County Lancers"
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. E
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. L

Captain Sam J. Richardson
 Captain T. W. Winston
 Captain F. S. Bass
 Captain K M Van Zandt
 Captain W. B. Hill
 Captain S. B. Hendricks
 Captain Gil McKay
 Captain W. L. Pickens
 Captain N. S. Allen
 Captain John Miller
 Captain Phil Brown
 Captain Hec McKay
 Captain Stephen Webb





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



**Parting thoughts
We must keep on fighting for our rights**

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September & October Camp members anniversaries and birthdays.

September SCV entry dates: Daryl Ware, 9/29/2020, Carson McCain, 9/4/2002, John Cornelius, 9/4/2009, Roby Whittaker, 9/6/2016.

September Birthdays: No birthday boys in September

October SCV entry dates: 10/19/2020, James R. Wilson, 10/27/2020, Terry Landrum, 10/18/1990. Joey Hudson.

October Birthdays: 10/11/1955, Tom Scarborough, 10/26/1955, Roby Whittaker, 10/15/1942. Pistol Pete Craig.