



Patriots Periodical

Upshur County Patriots, Camp #2109
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Gilmer, Texas

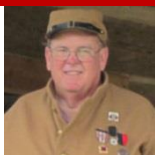
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Eddie "Spook" Pricer



Greetings to all my fellow compatriots, family, friends and anyone else who takes the opportunity to review our new camp newsletter, Patriots Periodical. The Patriots Periodical along with our new web site is the latest addition in our efforts to seek the truth and ensure that the world knows what occurred before, during, and after the War of Northern Aggression. All too often, history is distorted at best and fabricated at its worst. It's a little like statistics, depending on how you word the question slants the result and skews the message.

Meaningful discussion and presentation of the verifiable facts is the only way to heal the rift and wounds that resulted from this conflict. It is with great pleasure then, that I open this newsletter and forum with a challenge to others to research, document, and submit articles concerning all aspects of the struggle for independence. Also we need to hear and report about our civic activities both at the local, state or national level. This is our chance to showcase our support for and involvement with those activities important to our community.

Division Awards for 2013/2014

by Eddie Pricer

Our Camp was well received at the Division Reunion in the beautiful city of Houston, Texas. Many of our members were awarded Certificates and Medals for their added efforts to promote our Southern Heritage, our Ancestors, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. These awards are presented to those who have taken the extra step, over the regular attendance of meetings and remittance of dues, by participating in community and camp

events to further the goal of presenting to true history of the South.

The following is a list of the Upshur County Patriots who were presented with awards for outstanding, exemplary, or meritorious service to the cause:

Phillip L. Davis	Gold Cross
Phillip L. Davis	Silver Cross
Kim P. Duffer	Bronze Cross
James E. Eitson	Gold Cross
Rickie A. Gipson	Gold Cross
Jack L. Hamil	Gold Cross
Ronnie G. Hill	Gold Cross
James R. Jones	Gold Cross
Jared W. Jones	Silver Cross
Justin W. Jones	Silver Cross
Hunter R. Kramer	Bronze Cross
George E. Linton	Gold Cross
Donald Chris Loyd	Gold Cross
Donald R. Loyd	Bronze Cross
Clifton P. McLendon	Silver Cross
Mack M. Mullican	Bronze Cross
Milton E. Ojeman	Bronze Cross
Tommy L. Orms	Silver Cross
James Mac Overton	Gold Cross
Edward L. Pricer	Gold Cross
Jimmy A. Rieves	Bronze Cross
Bill Starnes	Gold Cross
Larry B. Swinney	Silver Cross

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Joe Reynolds, 1007 Stone Shore Street, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455-7487, (903) 717-8608, email: Joe.Reynolds@upshurpatriots.org (1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds, Co. D, 9th Texas Infantry)

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The Guardian

by Phil Davis

What is a Guardian? A Guardian is a dedicated Son of a Confederate Veteran that has demonstrated his willingness to care for and honor the final resting place of a Confederate Hero. It is with great pride and honor that we take on this special task. In the

Upshur County Patriots, we have nine members with a total of sixty-five approved applications honoring Confederate Heroes, enrolled in this program. Hats off to these dedicated Compatriots.

On another note our own Past-Commander Chris Loyd was the first ever Texas Division Guardian.

As the Chairman of the Texas Division Guardian Program I urge each of you to examine your priorities to see if you might be a Guardian. It is not costly or time consuming. There are thousands of Final Resting places near here that need a Guardian.

Until next time!

Are You A Guardian?

If Not Why Not?

The Monument

by Eddie Pricer



Just over 18 months ago, a small group of our members, headed by Commander Chris Loyd envisioned a monument to honor our Southern

Ancestors and the Cause for which they fought and endured untold hardships to preserve independence, chivalry, family and God. To that end, they prepared a proposal and presented it to the Historic Upshur Museum Board. The Board unanimously approved the proposal and graciously made allowances for the monument to be prominently placed in front of the museum adjacent to the Courthouse Square. That was the hard part.

Next, came the really hard part. Where to find the funding. After discussion at the September 2012 Camp meeting, the membership decided on seeking donations while giving people a chance to win a hunting rifle if they chose to enter the drawing. Very



shortly thereafter, like 4 or 5 minutes, four of our Compatriots volunteered to select and obtain the rifle. Little did they know, they had been hoodwinked? In the blink of an eye, maybe even faster, the Commander had appointed them to the fund raising committee. That's the committee that he started right after he appointed the committee members. To be fair, he did wave his magic wand or was that a switch, well anyway, the ball was rolling.

The committee gathered and formulated a plan of sorts, suggested donation amounts, and off we went without a clue. Fortunately for us, the good Lord watched over us and in two short months over \$4000.00 had been raised. To be honest, we were hoping to raise the funds over 2 or 3 years, never expecting to reach our goal the same year as we started much less in under 60 days. What a Christmas present

With a great idea, some dedicated work, some faith and a bit of good fortune, we were able to unveil the monument on Saturday June 22, 2013. The dedication was attended by several hundred who endured the oppressive heat baking off an old red brick street to honor, cherish and devote themselves

to seeking and preserving the true history of the South and permanently evoking the memory our gallant ancestors who gave their all.



See all pictures of this event at:
<http://upshurpatriots.org/06-22-13.html>

Private Edward Robinson Truitt Grave Marker Dedication and Memorial Ceremony

by Eddie Pricer

On Saturday June 14th, a grave marker dedication and memorial service was held at the Clark Cemetery just north of Lone Star Lake in honor of Private Edward Robinson Truitt. Private Truitt served in Company I, 4th Texas Infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America. The ceremony coincided with the Truitt / Hass family reunion and was well attended by both family and friends.

Compatriots from 7 different Sons of Confederate Veterans Camps participated in the event. Many flags were proudly displayed along with the Honor Guard muskets and a mountain howitzer. Several volleys were fired. A Cherokee native chant opened the ceremony. The Lone Star Color Guard

under the direction of Sergeant Paul Hamilton coordinated the activities.

After the graveside service and dedication the attendees adjourned to the family homestead and cabin where Private Truitt grew up. The cabin has undergone considerable renovations and was the focal point of the swearing in ceremony of Compatriots Archie Hass and Mark Hass. A preamble to the oath delineating the importance of the fraternal brotherhood of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was delivered by Commander Pricer of the Upshur County Patriots. The oath was administered by North East Brigade First Lieutenant Commander and Lone Star Color Guard Chaplain Phil Maynard on the porch of the cabin.





You can see most of the pictures on our website at:
<http://upshurpatriots.org/06-14-14.html>.

UPSHURPATRIOTS.ORG

Our new web site, <http://www.upshurpatriots.org> is now up and running on the Internet. Many of the pages are still under construction and we are open to suggestions on what you would like to see on your site.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: Joe.Reynolds@upshurpatriots.org and I promise to give it my full consideration.

I will attempt to keep you updated each month on new material that is added, but please visit it often, look around, explore, and share with your friends and family.

Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion 2014

July 16 – July 19, 2014

North Charleston Convention Center

5000 Coliseum Drive
North Charleston, SC 29418

Host: 10th Brigade, South Carolina Division

Click the Convention Button
at

<http://www.scv2014.org/Contact.html>

Our Charge...

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th of July Parade – Ore City, TX

Friday July 4

Muster at 8:00 a.m.

Location, Ore City High School, 100 East Rebel Drive about 2 blocks west of its intersection with US 259 South

Parade begins at 9:00 a.m.

Emma Sansom #2701 Chartering Ceremony

Saturday July 12

2:00 P.M.

Directions: Take Hwy 271 North towards Pittsburg, turn right on Lantana, it is the first building on the right

Semi to formal attire is appropriate. RSVPs must be made by July 8th

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DUES RENEWAL

It's that time again. Most of you will have received your dues invoice within the last few days. Several of our newest members paid the prorated amount and will not receive an invoice as they have paid through July 2015. Second Lieutenant Commander Don Loyd is now in charge of recruiting and retention and as such he will be reminding each of you the importance and necessity for dues payment, along with the timely response. Please remit your dues payment to Adjutant Rickie Gipson as soon as possible. If you are a bit of a foot dragger, don't be surprised to receive a reminder call or letter. Also,

additional donations may be made to help fund several other ongoing projects. Please give generously as these are worthwhile endeavors. Remember, your dues and gifts are deductible. We are a qualified 501.C.3 tax exempt organization.

Greater Hawkins Area Veterans Memorial



In the great city of Hawkins on FM 14 in Wood County, there is a grand memorial to the veterans of all wars suffered by this nation. Each year, a charitable golf tournament is held to raise funds for the care and maintenance of this memorial. The memorial honors Wood County residents that served from the earliest conflicts, through the War of Northern Aggression and into this century in Middle East and around the world. This year members of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans participated, with the SAR members presenting the colors to open the pre-tournament ceremony and the SCV Compatriots firing a volley to start the golf tournament. Our participation in this year's tournament on June 3rd received many accolades including front page coverage in The Journal.

Texas Division 117th Reunion

By Eddie Pricer

The 117th Reunion of the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was held June 6th-8th in Houston Texas. The event was hosted by Granbury's Texas Brigade Camp 1479 of Spring Texas. Our Camp sent 4 delegates and 1 alternate to represent the interests of the Upshur County Patriots both socially and more importantly in the business meeting. Five amendments to the Division Constitution were proposed. Four of the 5 amendments passed, with the amendment proposing a change to allow a second two year term for the Division Commander failing. This represented exactly the concerns of our membership.

On another note, this was my first attendance of a reunion and a bit of an eye opening experience. First, I want to commend our delegates for conducting themselves in a professional manner befitting the goals of our Camp and the SCV. They demonstrated proper decorum, all the while keeping in mind the goals of the SCV to honor our ancestors and see that the true history of the South is preserved.

This was a great opportunity to meet new friends, swap tall tales with old friends and strengthen ties with other Camps. Everyone should attend at least one reunion, it is fun, but it will give you a whole new perspective on the inner workings and politics of the organization.

Sam Davis Youth Camp Update

You will be happy to know that our youngest Upshur County Patriot SCV member, Joseph Moss, will be attending this year's Texas session (July 27th – August 1st) of the Sam Davis Youth Camp courtesy of the Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109 and the Order of the Confederate Rose, Upshur Patriot Rose Chapter 45. The Sam Davis Youth

Camp is a vital link in teaching our children the importance of their Southern Heritage. Our youth are our greatest link in spreading the true history of the South. Joseph is the grandson of Compatriot Ronnie Hill and we look forward to hearing about his activities at the Camp.

Emma Sansom # 2701

The Emma Sansom #2701 chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be hosting their Chartering Ceremony on Saturday July 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. This is a very special moment to have our own local chapter recognized and is a testament to the tedious and painstaking work required for charter approval. Please join our gracious Ladies in celebrating their endeavor. Semi to formal attire is appropriate. RSVPs must be made by July 8th. Please see the attached invitation for more information.

NECROLOGY

**Boren-Conner Funeral Homes
Jacksonville/Bullard**

IN LOVING MEMORY
CAROLYN LEE BLACK SWINNEY

AUGUST 11, 1949
JUNE 8, 2014

SERVICES:

GRAVESIDE
2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 11, 2014

INTERMENT;
WILLIAMS CEMETERY



EMMA SANSOM #2701

United Daughters of the Confederacy

Gilmer, Texas

**Cordially Invites You to Attend
Our Chartering Ceremony**

Saturday, July 12, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Sunday Dress is appropriate.



Directions: Take U.S. Highway 271 North from Gilmer toward Pittsburgh. Turn right on Lantana.

It is the first building on the right. Parking is on grass surrounding building.

RSVP by July 8, 2014

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Suggested Donations...

FLAG RESTORATION FUND

Help the Texas Division SCV to Preserve Historic Confederate Flags!



The Texas Division of the SCV has pledged its efforts to support the conservation of historic Confederate unit and UCV reunion flags. One UCV First National Flag is currently being conserved. Numerous flags are in various conditions and continue to deteriorate. Your help is desperately needed to continue preserving our flags and our history.



Please make a donation to the Flag Restoration Fund!

Sam Davis Youth Camp – Texas



Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne warned: "If the South should lose, it means that the history of the heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers, will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."



Today his words ring true. There is no question that the youth of today must run a terrible gauntlet, and that many are struck down along the way by one or more politically correct influences, which flourish in our schools. This summer you can help turn the tide. For one week, our Southern young men and ladies will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp, named for the great Confederate Sam Davis, will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the Cause for Southern Independence, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of Faith, and special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP – TEXAS!

TEXAS DIVISION HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND



There are many incidents of blatant discrimination against Confederate Americans and our Sacred Christian Banners. Many of these events take place in public schools and in the work place. These attacks are offensive to our Confederate History and Heritage, but we can only fight a limited number of these violations. In order to fight these battles, we must have proper funding. The TEXAS DIVISION HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND was established to assist in providing funds. Many of our members have contributed. Many other members will do so, in time. Please donate a few, or several, dollars to this notable cause.



Please make an additional donation to the Texas Division Heritage Defense Fund!

FLAGS ACROSS TEXAS PROJECT



The **Flags Across Texas Project** is part of the *SCV National Flags Across Dixie Project*, which is a confederation-wide effort supported by the individual Divisions. Currently, we have three locations in Texas. One is being unveiled at the reunion in Waco. The others are near Brenham and Orange. All funds will be used directly for the land, construction materials, perpetual care and insurance for each of the Texas flag locations.

Let's keep them flying!

"Texans always move them!" – General Robert E. Lee

PLEASE MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO THE FLAGS ACROSS TEXAS PROJECT!



Texas Memorial Fund Project

The Texas Memorial Fund Project is our effort to support the erection, repair and funding of monuments dedicated to Texans that fought for the Cause for Southern Independence on battlefields far from the Lone Star State.

Please make an additional donation to the Texas Memorial Fund Project.

