



PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
GILMER, TEXAS

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Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of
Each Month at 7 PM
at the Historic Upshur Museum
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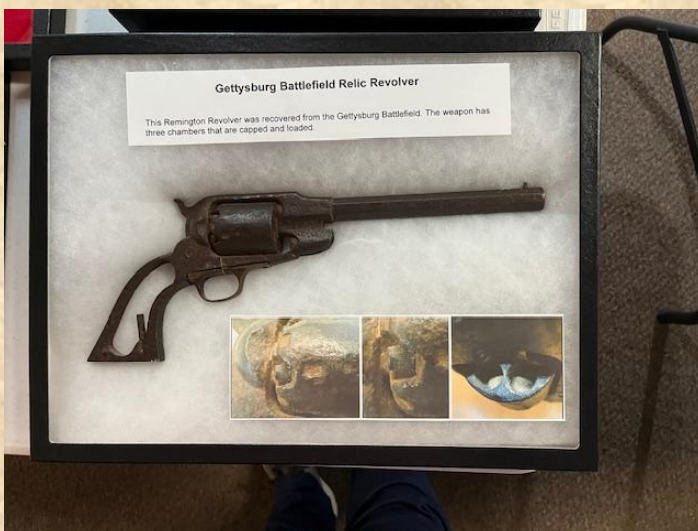
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Presentation by Past Division Commander Gary Bray

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At the May Meeting of the Upshur County Patriots, Past Division Commander Gary Bray provided a visual and oral presentation of actual Civil War artifacts. The collection was quite impressive and allowed the viewer to experience the historical significance of the struggles for independence.





The American Civil War was a crucible that tested the mettle of the United States, a nation on the brink of dissolution over deep-seated issues such as state rights and slavery. The war's outcome depended heavily on the men who fought, their tactics, and the weaponry they wielded. Confederate firearms played a role. While the Union possessed considerable advantage in terms of manufacturing, the Confederacy managed to establish its own robust system for producing weaponry, specifically firearms.

Thank you to Commander Emeritus Phil Davis for arranging this presentation.

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"The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."...Thomas Jefferson

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth."George Washington



**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."

In 1906 General Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, gave a charge to the next generation of Southerners. This charge has defined the mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans ever since.

On June 23, 1864, Lee was appointed a lieutenant general, making him the youngest man to reach the rank in the Confederate Army. He took command of General John B. Hood's former corps within the Army of Tennessee.



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.



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



THE GUARDIAN

Upshur County Patriots

Members that Were Guardians
and have Passed Away

Paul Hamilton

Tommy Mitchell

Tommy Ray

William "Bill" Palmer

*The SCV Guardian Program honors the
Fallen.*

"If you're not a Guardian, why not?"

Contact Guardian Program Chairman Bill
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UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	37
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	51
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	48
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	8
Frank Smith	Full	2
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3
Rodney Love	Full	51
W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem		