



# **PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL**

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

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Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of  
Each Month at 7 PM  
at the Historic Upshur Museum  
[www.upshurpatriots.org](http://www.upshurpatriots.org)

**NOVEMBER 2025**



It was good to see everyone at our last meeting. Compatriot Roger Hammett Attended and re-upped his membership – Welcome Roger. After all of our Camp's dues were paid, the Upshur County Patriots are 100% on retention of our members from last year.

Our program was presented by Adam Gibbons. Adam had recently visited Fort Sumter and shared his experience with us.



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## 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.



1864. Fredericksburg, Virginia. "Army of the Potomac soldiers drawing from a well, filling their water cart."



## THE GUARDIAN

Fall is a good time to inspect for algae that can trap moisture that will expand inside a stone's pores when temperatures dip below freezing. The seasonal process of repeated freezing and melting can crack and spall gravestones. Some types of molds secrete acidic chemicals that dissolve minerals, such as marble and concrete.

Historical markers can fall into disrepair when relatives of the departed move away or pass on themselves. Before cleaning one, be sure you are not mistaking an older grave's natural patina for dirt and that you use only soft brushes and plain water.

***The SCV Guardian Program honors the Fallen.***

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

Contact Guardian Program Chairman Bill Elliot for information at: [etaia@att.net](mailto:etaia@att.net)



## UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

| <u>Name</u>                       | <u>Guardian<br/>Status</u> | <u>Number of<br/>Graves</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Phil Davis                        | Full                       | 31                          |
| Chris Loyd                        | Full                       | 5                           |
| George Linton                     | Full/W/GPT                 | 51                          |
| Eddie Pricer                      | Full/GPT                   | 40                          |
| Milt Ojeman                       | Full/GPT                   | 4                           |
| David Palmer                      | Full                       | 1                           |
| Roger Hammett                     | Full                       | 9                           |
| Bill Starnes                      | Full/W/GPT                 | 7                           |
| Frank Smith                       | Full                       | 2                           |
| Gregg Gipe                        | GPT                        | 3                           |
| Rodney Love                       | Full                       | 51                          |
| W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem |                            |                             |



*When the Confederate flag is displayed, the flag of the United States of America must always be displayed with it; this includes use on platforms and in parades. The U.S. flag must be to its own right (the observer's left). The Confederate flag must be to the U.S. flag's left (the observer's right). The U.S. and Confederate flags must be on separate staffs with the staff of the U.S. flag higher than the staff of the Confederate flag. An eagle should be used as the standard on the staff of the U.S. flag. A spear should be used as the standard on the staff of the Confederate and State Flags.*



## NOVEMBER EVENTS DURING THE CIVIL WAR



### 1861

November 7 -Engagement at Belmont, Missouri

November 8 - The Confederate emissaries to England and France are removed from the British vessel *RMS Trent*, initiating the "Trent Affair" and endangering the United States' relationship with Great Britain

November 8/9 -Engagement at Ivy Mountain, Kentucky

November 12 - The blockade runner *Fingal*, bought by Confederates in England, arrives in Savannah

November 22 - Union begins bombardment of Fort McRee in Pensacola, Florida

November 28 - Missouri admitted to the Confederacy despite never officially seceding from the Union

### 1862

November 28 - Engagement at Cane Hill, Arkansas.

### 1863

November 3 - Engagement at Grand Coteau (Bayou Bourdeau), Louisiana

November 7 - Battle of Rappahannock Station, Virginia

November 16 - Battle of Campbell's Station, Tennessee

November 17 - Longstreet lays siege to Knoxville, Tennessee

November 23 - Battle of Orchard Knob begins near Chattanooga, Tennessee

November 25 - Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee.

November 26 - Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia

November 27 - Engagement at Payne's Farm, Virginia

November 29 - Assault on Fort Sanders, Tennessee

### 1864

November 2 - Affair at Hazen's Farm near Devalls Bluff, Arkansas

November 4 - Engagement at Johnsonville, Tennessee

November 11 - Battle of Bull's Gap, Tennessee

November 15 - William T. Sherman departs Atlanta on the March to the Sea, leaving Atlanta in ruins

November 24 -Skirmish at Columbia, Tennessee

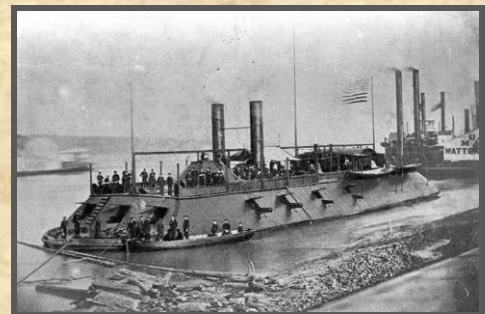
November 25 - Confederates fail at attempt to set fire to New York City hotels and Barnum's Museum

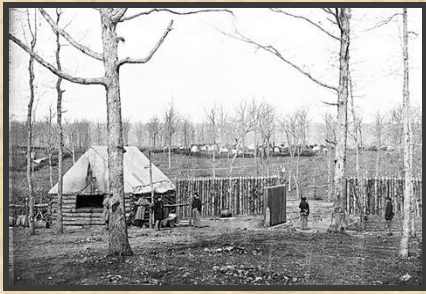
November 28 - Rosser's Raid on New Creek near Keyser, West Virginia

November 29 -Battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee

November 30 -Battle of Franklin, Tennessee

November 30 - Engagement at Honey Hill, South Carolina





## RAPPAHANNOCK STATION

*battlefields.org*

On November 7, 1863, Union General George G. Meade launched a two-pronged attack against Confederate General Robert E. Lee's lines in the Battle of Rappahannock Station, resulting in a Union victory and forcing Lee to retreat below the Rapidan River.

Meade pursued and launched an assault on Confederate lines on November 7th. General William H. French's Third Corps attacked Lee at Kelly's Ford while General John Sedgwick's Sixth Corps struck the Confederate bridgehead at Rappahannock Station.

French's men struck the Confederate lines first, taking the position at Kelly's Ford, and he managed to capture around 300 Confederates in the process. Meanwhile, at about 3 pm, Sedgwick's advance captured key locations on the hills looking above the Confederate defenses at Rappahannock Station. Once Sedgwick's advance got underway, Confederate General Jubal Early called upon Lee for reinforcements and received three North Carolina regiments under Colonel Archibald Godwin's brigade, which aided General Henry T. Hays' Louisiana brigade. Sedgwick did not press any further for the rest of the afternoon



and bombarded the Southern lines. However, Union General David A. Russell's division launched an assault on the Confederate lines after nightfall and successfully captured the position at Rappahannock Station.

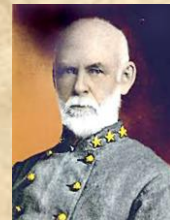
By the end of the fight, Russell's men had overrun the Confederate bridgehead at Rappahannock Station and taken more than 1,600 of Early's men prisoner. With his position along the Rappahannock breached, Lee withdrew below the Rapidan River.



## THE BATTLE OF IVY MOUNTAIN

*hmdb.org*

On Nov. 8, 1861, 300 men from Companies A & C, 5th Kentucky Infantry, C.S.A. and Companies B, C, & D, 1st Battalion Kentucky



Mounted Rifles, C.S.A., commanded by Captain Andrew J. May, fought a delaying action against four Federal regiments; the 2nd Ohio Infantry, the 21st Ohio Infantry, the 59th Ohio Infantry, the 16th Kentucky Infantry, and a section of Battery D, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, that was commanded by



General William "Bull" Nelson. Mustered into service just two weeks earlier and armed only with shotguns and squirrel rifles, General May's Confederate mountaineers were outnumbered eight to one. Nevertheless,

they detained Nelson's progress long enough to allow Colonel John S. Williams to vacate Piketon (Pikeville) and move the main body of Confederate troops to Pound Gap. Union losses were eight killed and twenty-four wounded. Confederate losses were ten killed and fifteen wounded.



### Event Announcement **Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans**

Brothers, This year's Veteran's Day Parade in Waco kicks off November 11th at 11:00 a.m. and we'll be there flying our colors proudly!

Right now, we've got three vehicles with trailers, and two of those are hauling artillery pieces! There's even talk of a horse or two joining the lineup.

But we need marchers, walkers, and supporters to make our presence strong. Come be part of the action and help us put the "Charge" into this year's parade!

 **Date:** November 11, 2025

 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. **Location:** Waco, Texas

[For More Information Contact:](#)

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## MECHANIZED CAVALRY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Brothers,  
Time to get together to meet and discuss  
future events, Cemeteries, and  
Monuments in our area.**

**Let's meet on Saturday, November 1st, at  
2:00 p.m., at THE BARREL HOUSE BAR &  
GRILL, 105 E. Broadway, Winnsboro, Texas  
75494.**

**See you there!**

**Deo Vindice + Damnant quod non  
intellegunt,**

**NEWELL V. RAMBO, RA/RID  
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***Thank you to the Historic Upshur Museum  
for providing our meeting location.  
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of  
each month at 7 PM.***



**Compatriots,**

At the January DEC meeting, the council voted to approve the Texas Division's sponsorship of Wreaths Across America at the Texas State Cemetery. This was a clear commitment to honor the more than 2,200 Confederate veterans buried there.

We are now approaching the deadline for sponsorships on November 28, 2025, and we need your leadership. To date, 385 wreaths have been sponsored—with the Division itself sponsoring 250 and the Williamson County Grays, Camp #502 sponsoring 30. That leaves us well short of even our modest goal of 500 wreaths, and further still from our stretch goal of 1,000.

This is the best opportunity we have each year to honor these men publicly and visibly, in the heart of our State Capital. A wreath is not just a decoration, it is a powerful statement that these veterans are remembered, respected, and not forgotten.

**I urge each of you to take immediate action:**

- Encourage your camps to sponsor wreaths directly.
- Remind your members of the deadline.
- Challenge each camp to step forward, whether by sponsoring individually or as a group.

**We have only a few weeks left. Without your leadership, we risk falling short of our responsibility to those who wore the gray and rest at the Texas State Cemetery. Let us not allow that to happen.**

**The sponsorship link is here:**

**[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1603](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1603)**

**Now is the time to act, the Sons of Confederate Veterans keep faith with our ancestors.**

**Deo Vindice,  
Johnny Anderson  
Division Public Relations Officer  
Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.**



**Charles P. Matthews, a Civil War veteran, parades the flag of the 9th Texas Regiment at his home in Paris, Texas circa 1920. This was the actual flag that the regiment carried into battle.**



**Wishing you a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving! May your home be filled with warmth, your table with bounty, and your heart with joy.**

An annual thanksgiving holiday tradition in North American colonies is documented for the first time in 1619, in what is now called the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thirty-eight English settlers aboard the ship *Margaret* arrived by way of the James River at Berkeley Hundred in Charles City County, Virginia on December 4, 1619. The landing was immediately followed by a religious celebration, specifically dictated by the group's charter from the London Company.

Thanksgiving in the United States has been observed on differing dates. From the time of the Founding Fathers until Abraham Lincoln made it a national holiday in 1863, the date of observance varied from state to state. On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November in an effort to boost the economy.<sup>[35]</sup> The earlier date created an extra seven days for Christmas shopping since at that time retailers never began promoting the Christmas season until after Thanksgiving.



***“A well regulated Militia,  
being necessary  
To the security of  
a free State, the right of  
the people to keep and  
bear Arms shall not be infringed.”***

*metatactical.com*

**This single sentence, 27 words, has fueled centuries of debate, but has an unmistakable core intent - to protect the rights of the people to defend themselves, their families, their communities, and their country.**

**Contrary to popular misconceptions, the Second Amendment is not about hunting. It's not about sport shooting. It's about liberty, autonomy, and the preservation of a free society.**

**The Second Amendment exists to protect the other nine. It reinforces the First Amendment—freedom of speech, press, religion, and peaceful assembly—by ensuring that government power cannot silence or suppress its citizens unchecked.**

**Governments that disarm their citizens eventually control them. The framers of the Constitution understood this and gave future generations the means to stand against tyranny if it ever arose again.**

**The Second Amendment is a necessity for the present. It guarantees that no matter how uncertain the future may feel, American citizens will always have the means to defend their freedom, their families, and their way of life.**