

Newsletter of the Texas Lonestar Greys (*The Biggest Little Camp in Texas!*) Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1953, San Antonio and Schertz, Texas Our Brothers in the Sul Ross Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Serving our members in; Parts of the Hill Country, East Bexar County, Western Guadalupe County, and Eastern Wilson County, Texas.

REVISED Again in 2015 July and August dedicated to The Texas Lone Star Greys and named for the Cry that chilled the Hearts of the Intruders, brought Joy to the True Believers, and Echoes still heard in the Hollowed Valleys, Plains, Forests, Swamps, Bayous, Rivers, Shores, and Upland Reaches (Hills and Hollers) of the BELOVED SOUTH LAND!

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Rules for Contributions: This newsletter will post meeting information past, present, and future meetings and activities; announcements from other camps in our area; articles (please use sources); editorials or comments will be accepted but they must be acceptable ABSOLUTELY: <u>no</u> <u>bigotry or racial prejudice</u> will be accepted this is an organization for <u>HERITAGE NOT HATE</u>; if you are interested in buying or selling items of organizational interest your announcement is encouraged; finally if you want to include historical trivia related to southern heritage feel free to submit (include your source); CAMP STAFF

MEETING: The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Commander Juan Ramirez, the Invocation was offered by Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler, The Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag was recited. The Pledge to the Texas flag and Confederate flag was led by Lieutenant Commander, Mark Riser. The CHARGE was read by Commander, Juan Ramirez. A hearty welcome and thank you, to our guests for attending our meeting; From Hood's Texas Brigade Camp, Lieutenant Commander Dustin Seiler, Camp Adjutant Hood's Texas Brigade Camp Rodney Seiler, and Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler Secretary of the Confederate Cemetery Association. Adjutant's Report financial statement was not available at this time. Old Business: cemetery cleanup day January 20. was successfully completed and a deep appreciation for those who participated. The task was to fill a 20 cubic yd. dumpster with wreaths removed from the Veterans Cemeteries. New Business: Confederate Decoration Day, will be on April 28, 2024, the weekend prior will require a thorough cleanup. We need as many folks as we can get, in reality "lolly golly everybody" (sounds like a First Sergeant) The San Antonio Confederate Cemetery needs your help. The Texas Division Reunion: 2024 is being held in San Antonio. This is a great opportunity to attend a Texas Division Reunion and it would be nice to have our Camps have maximum participation. Please consider going it could be a golden opportunity and you will have a good time. Our Program was presented by Compatriot William Bozic consisted of a slide presentation on Civil War Actions Along the Texas *Coast*, as usual, William did an outstanding job of presenting the program. Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler offered Benediction, followed by member and guest singing Dixie to conclude the meeting.

**Juan Ramirez** Juan Ramirez Commander, Texas LONESTAR Greys

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 21, March 2024 6:30 PM-7:30 PM (more or less), at <u>Casa Jalisco, 6846 US Highwav 87E,</u> <u>China Grove, Texas</u>. We commence gathering at 6:00pm to order our food, drinks, and to socialize. Guests and family members are always welcome and please bring a friend or interested party, you know; possible new members. As of this publishing time we do not have program information, so watch your email or your caller ID.



**FROM OUR FRIENDS at the MOSB:** Lawrence Sullivan Ross Chapter #184 Military Order of the Stars & Bars March 2024 Monthly Convivial Dinner Po Po Trattoria Pizzeria 15614 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78248 6:30 - 8:00 PM Monday, March 4, 2024 RSVP by e-mail to David Towery at dtowery@toweryassociates.com FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME; CASUAL

**DO YOUR CIVIC DUTY: VOTE:** Texas will be holding its primary election on March 5, these too are very important events, this gives one a say in the national election coming in November. Remember; be a good citizen and vote. Many among us wore our nation's uniform to defend the right to vote, and if you do not get out and vote, you cannot complain about things that you disagree with, VOTE!

AREA GUN SHOWS: San Antonio Gun Show March 1st – 3rd, 2024 Location: Alzafar Shriners, 901 N Loop 1604 W., San Antonio, TX 78258 Friday: 4:00pm - 7:00pm; Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm Admission: General: \$15.00, Children 12 & under: Free. This San Antonio gun show is held at Alzafar Shriners and hosted by Texas Gun Shows. All federal and local firearm laws and ordinances must be obeyed. Contact: Darwin Boedeker Phone: (210) 844-9599 Email: texasgunshows@gmail.com Vendor 8ft Tables \$100.00/each 6ft Tables \$85.00/each.

**2024** Texas Division Reunion, San Antonio, Texas, Friday June 07 - Sunday 09, 2024: Go to the Hood's Texas Brigade Camp website or the Texas SCV website for more information.

www.hoodstexasbrigade.net/2024-texas-division-reunion-.html https// OR www.scvtexas.org/state-reunion

\*\*\*CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Originally Contributed or Inspired by Sanford Reed; 6<sup>th</sup> (South Texas) Brigade and past Texas Division Chaplain (National SCV Genealogist) and our Camp Chaplain the late Tom Guion. This issue Compatriot Sanford Reed inspires us spiritually by touching our hearts and souls with a patriotic inspired prayer. Thank you, Chaplains Reed, and our departed Brother; Tom Guion. Our Current Camp Chaplain: Mike Reyolds gives us spiritual inspiration and his efforts are always welcome and deeply appreciated. \*\*\*

# MARCH CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

First of all, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Mike Reynolds the newly appointed camp chaplain. I'm not ordained nor recognized in any official way by any organized denomination. I'm simply a very opinionated and outspoken layman. I don't have formal training in theology or a degree from any school other than the one of "Hard Knocks".

With that being said, I do have a sympathetic ear and the word of God in my corner. I'm not one to quote scripture and verse right off the top of my head. On that matter I've taken so many head shots I'm surprised I remember my name at times. I do, however, have a strong personal relationship with Our Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. If it were not for the strength that relationship has given me, I would not be here today.

Now enough about me.

Over a century and a half ago our forefathers decided that they were fed up with what was being forced upon them by an overreaching government that they felt did not represent them. We all know how that eventually worked out. The majority of the men leading the Southern revolution and the armies of the South were good, honest God-fearing leaders of their communities and congregations. Their opponents from the other side, not so much so.

Fast forward to now. Unless you have been under a rock for the last three or four years, you know that the next conflict is simmering just under the surface just waiting to break through like the lava in Iceland. This revolution will not be geographical but ideological.

Now folks will ask *"Chaplain, how can you claim to be peaceful but talk of violence?"* Well, as peaceful as he was, Jesus was also known to flip over tables when appropriate. Simon Peter was pretty good with a sword when pushed into a corner. There might be a time when we are called to stand up for what we hold precious just like our forefathers did.

### Isaiah 6:8 says

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I, Send me!"

I'll catch y'all later. Have a good one and I'll be praying for ya.

#### Mike

\*\*\*NOTE: the insignia for the Confederate Christian Chaplains used by the Confederate army we also included a symbol of all our Old Testament predecessors and used the U.S. Army Jewish Chaplain branch insignia the Confederate army included thousands of Jewish soldiers they had no official chaplain corps rather local Rabbis filled in when possible and soldiers who took it upon themselves to hold services. Since we have a number of Jewish Compatriots in the SCV we could not overlook their faith.



### SOUTHERN CULTURE, HUMOR, PRIDE and PRINT LET'S TALK SOUTHERN LINGO

With increasing numbers of Yankees and foreign nationals descending on the Lone Star State, we are losing our Southern or Texan draw, it is a sad thing for those of us who love our homeland. It is not only Texas this loss of heritage is occurring across all of our beloved Southland. For decades we have been lampooned for our accents and yes there is a variety of Southern accents and colloquialisms or sayings and phrases. Nonetheless they are all associated with this land we love called **Dixie**, many are colorful and indicative of our multifaceted Southern culture. We have been portrayed by the media as bumkins, hillbillies, swamp rats, peons, rubes, hayseeds, all of low intelligence of course due to our manner of speech. Now we laughed at Jeff Foxworthy, Larry the Cable Guy, Ron White, Bill Engvall, Jerry Clower, Brother Dave Gardner, Louis Grizzard, Don Knotts, Andy Griffith, Wendy Bagwell, Justin Wilson, Ray Stevens, Grandpaw Jones, String Bean and yes there are others not listed that we have enjoyed and rolled eyeballs at over the decades. We read Mark Twain, Joel Chandler Harris, Irvin S. Cobb amongst other Southern humorists. Even Ducan Hines in his reviews of Southern cuisine and the *maw and paw* places that dished our wide-spread varieties of cuisine used humor and colloquialisms in his column. Before the movie *Urban Cowboy* came out, the CBS program 60 Minutes ran a segment just after Jimmy Carter occupied 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The crux of the segment was how northern business was moving into the Southern during position that the Southern accent must go because it makes one appear uneducated and ignorant or as folks down here would say "*ignernt*." Imagine Yankees coming down here teaching Southerners how to sound like normal intelligent Yankees and our people bought off on that disgusting demeaning trashing of our culture. Teachers from other regions emphasized proper Yankee pronunciation and enunciations of our unique styles of verbal utterances.

This writer decided that this was not going to happen and made it a point to keep the accent. The following are some pet peeves regarding the linguistic cultural identity and the writer's take on the meanings of our unique linguistics. Here are a few examples: Aunt, you know as in the mother of your cousins, is really pronounced ant or aint; not the other way the pseudo-sophisticates use. Fix. We use fix for preparing something to eat; example; what are you gonna fix for supper? Not make like the illiterate minions on TV and the movies; you do not make a meal. There are two things you make; one is babies the other is a mess and if someone tells you they made you a meal don't eat it likely it is a mess! Bless Your Heart, well you have done something dumber than a post or isn't he or she stupid and that is sugar coating it. She Was Madder Than a Wet Hen, you made her mad just go on outside and let her cool off. Fixin' To, getting ready to do whatever your better half already told you to do. Over Yonder or Yonder, nodding or pointing to something or individual. Carry Me to ...: take over to such and such place. A Month of Sundays, in other words a coon's age, that should need no translation. Hill of Beans, a thoroughly Southern expression for it just doesn't matter. You Can't Make a Silk Purse Out of a Sow's Ear, basically, you can't fix stupid. Gimme Some Sugar, someone telling you give them a kiss. Gussied Up, all dressed up and hopefully somewhere to go. Hold Your Horses, don't rush things, slow down. Well, I swan, means I declare used by folks who refuse to say well I swear. He Was Funny as All Get Out, that individual was hilarious or one might say he was comical. I'll Tell You What, a Southerner giving his or her opinion. I Reckon, in common usage it means, I guess. Too Big for His Britches, used when an individual gets rather uppity. She's or he's Got Gumption, that person has spink, or has nerve. In Texas we borrow the phrase from our Tejano friends; he's got huevos, means that individual has intestinal fortitude. Quit Being Ugly, watch your mouth or conduct. He Thinks the Sun Comes Up Just to Hear Him Crow, again referring to a self-important person or someone who is self-absorbed. Livin' in High Cotton or tall cotton, it means living high on the hog or to seem that you're putting on the dog. Pitch a fit, it is not throw a fit but just plain old losing your temper usually

over nothing, definitely not throwing a fit as the uneducated barbarians from up north say. It's Blowin Up a Storm, the weather is about to change quickly. Hissy Fit, someone really pitching a fit. Preachin' to The Choir, you're telling me, you don't have to tell me. It'll All Come Out in The Wash, like that old Beatles song; *We can work it out*, it will be alright, or the truth will come out. *"Y'all,"* means all of you or everyone, not; you all or yose guys, or you guys. "Pot Calling the Kettle Black," describing two peas in a pod or persons of the same ilk bad-mouthing each other. More Than Carter's Got Little Pills, well it means you have had that or heard that many times than you care to remember or as with Southern colloquialisms there are more than Carter has liver pills, certainly, more than we can list here.

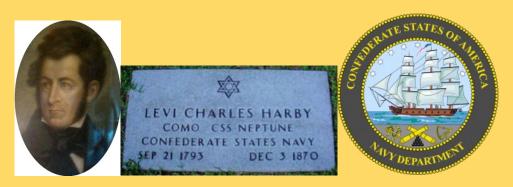
Bottom line just get out there and speak Southern, we don't have to feel ignernt we are what we are, it's a Southern thang Y'all!

# TEXAS CONFEDERATE HISTORY

# COMMODORE LEVI CHARLES MEYERS, HARBY, C.S.A and C.S.N.

**Unsung Confederate Hero a True Southern Warrior** 

**By Rusty Harris** 

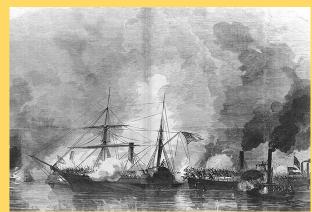


Levi Charles Meyers Harby, an American naval, Coast Guard, and Confederate officer, a product of Jewish and Southern upbringing was born in Georgetown, South Carolina, on September 21, 1793. It seems he was destined to be a warrior he served in the U.S. Navy during War of 1812 fought several actions before he was captured and incarcerated in Barbados. Upon his release Harby returned to duty later requesting a leave of absence ostensibly to serve with Simon Boliver in his effort to liberate South American territories from Spain. Returning to the Navy for a time Harby somehow ended up as an officer in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service (forerunner of the U.S. Coast Guard). When Texas was struggling for its independence from Mexico, Harby resigned his commission offering his service to the fledgling Republic of Texas Navy, it seemed that Levi Harby thrived on war.

Over the next decades, Harby appears to have alternated service with U.S. Navy and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service until the national chasm widened and war broke out. Harby serving on a Revenue Cutter at the time, turned in his vessel, resigned his commission and offered his services to the Confederacy, he was sixty-nine years of age and still looking for a war. When Harby turned in his ship he was in Galveston, Texas and was promptly commissioned as captain of heavy artillery in the Confederate army. Harby's two sons and his son-in-law also served in Confederate forces for the duration of the war. Captain Harby also commanded two vessels and was an artillery training officer until Federal forces threatened Galveston a very active port for the Confederacy's blockade running.

On October 4, 1862, Federal forces launched a combined land and sea assault on the important Southern city. Harby was in command of the guns on the *C.S.S. Neptune*, a cotton clad hastily readied for the coming battle. The *C.S.S. Neptune* was a tug boat that the Texas Marine Corps converted into a naval reconnaissance vessel, the wooden watercraft was converted in part at the direction of Commodore Harby for the defense of Galveston. When the vessel engaged the Union steamer the *U.S.S. Hariett Lane* the *Neptune's* crew fought valiantly losing eight of its fifteen gunners and Harby's lieutenant, Harby was the last member of the *Neptune's* crew to leave the useless war-ravaged vessel, after ramming the *U.S.S. Hariett Lane*. The *C.S.S. Neptune* sank in eight feet of water into the mud its final resting place was near Galveston's 32d Street. The fighting septuagenarian then joined the artillery on shore and continued to engage Federal forces. Harby directed the artillery and pitched in with serving the guns. By the end of the war, Harby now a Commodore was in command of the Galveston harbor and its defenses. When the war came to an end Commodore Harby refused to take the loyalty oath remaining unreconstructed and probably too old to care what the occupation authorities thought.

After the war's end amidst the oppression of *Reconstruction* the gallant old warrior of the sea and land died on December 3, 1870 in Galveston, according to his peers, he never took the oath of loyalty. Commodore Levi Harby C.S.A. is buried at the Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery in Galveston. His tombstone reads; "And with my last breath on the threshold of death, I proclaim my faith in Israel's God."



The C.S.S. Neptune lower right moves to ram the U.S.S. Hariet Lane During the Battle of Galveston.

SOURCES: Gary Whitfield Revised by Lynna Kay Shuffield, "Harby, Levi Charles Meyers," Handbook of Texas Online, accessed January 27, 2024, https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/harby-levi-charles-meyers.Published by the Texas State Historical Association., FINDAGRAVE, and ROSEN, Robert N., The Jewish Confederates, University of South Carolina Press, 2000, pp 139-141, pg. 207, and pg. 413. Also THE MARINERS MUSEUM and PARK, Battle of Galveston, by John V. Quarstein, Published October 23, 2020, www.marinersmuseum.org/2020/10/battle-of-galveston/ accessed 26, January 2024.and Confederate Ships - C.S. Army Tug Neptune". Naval Historical Center, Department of the U.S. Navy (13 October 2000), www.history.navy.mil, accessed 27, January 2024. And Warfare history Network, R. Thomas Campbell, Fire Over Texas: Galveston in the Civil War, April 2006, warfarehistorynetwork.com, accessed 30, January 2024

OPEDS: the pen is mightier than the sword; Therefore, keep your inkwells full and your swords sharpened!



(Views expressed DO NOT NECESSARILY reflect those of the Texas Lonestar Greys Camp)

Famous Confederate Connections/Heritage

The "YELL" Staff ran this feature a couple of years back and promised to update it periodically, it is amazing to the extent that Confederate heritage and history is indelibly ingrained in our unique American cultures. Southern history is a huge part of our history no matter how much our adversarial zealots try to purge American history from the national persona. Southern history keeps popping up confounding the Orwellian ilk that is constantly bleaching history and culture of the historical journey that is the United States of America and double the erasure effort when it comes to Southern history and culture. Having made these utterances, the following is our updated research of *Famous Confederate Connections/Heritage*. We hope you find this feature interesting and even enjoyable. (NOTE: there is a real OPED at the end of this feature.)

**Duncan Hines:** better known today for the cake mixes that bear his name. Hines was a Kentuckian born and raised; being born in Warren County, near Bowling Green, and attended what is today's Western Kentucky University. After college Hines was a traveling salesman who became an authority on good and bad "Mom and Pop" eateries and began writing about the good ones, this gained the Kentuckian recognition as an authority in on the road eating. Gaining recognition as a new-found journalist writing about travel and small-town American became an authority about places to dine while on the road. Hines' column became well-known and respected as a guide of where to eat and introduced American to a little road side establishment in Corbin, Kentucky known today as the original "Kentucky Fried Chicken" owned by a crusty old fellow named J. Harlan Sanders. Duncan Hines who barely dabbled in culinary matters also collected recipes and published them in his articles. **Duncan Hines**, whose book, "Adventures in Good Eating" became a must read in the 40's and 50's – before franchised motels and AAA ratings, it was the only guide for rating restaurants. With the "Recommended by Duncan Hines" sign posted out in front of a business, travelers were assured of a good meal and hospitality. Eventually Hines came up with a recipe for bread and introduced it to America and his bread product took on a life of its own, the rest is history as today we are all familiar with Duncan Hines baking products, probably even have those cake mixes in our homes. Finally, Hines long before Justin Wilson and Paula Dean introduced the United States to Southern Cuisine.

Edward Ludlow Hines father of Duncan was badly wounded during that war impeding his ability to be productive during the post-war years. Edward was a captain in the Confederate army, his brother John Henry Hines was also a Confederate

officer who rode with General John Hunt Morgan and was captured on Morgan's Great Indiana-Ohio Raid. Edward was an officer in Company E; 9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry Regiment CSA. Few folks know that Nines was the son of a Confederate Soldier and cousin of a Confederate cavalryman and secret agent, **Thomas Henry Hines** who by the end of the war other than President Jefferson F. Davis; was the most wanted man in the Confederacy.

Sidebar Information on Hines' Family Edward Ludlow Hines

Birth: -Nov. 5, 1842; Warren County, Kentucky, USA Death: -Feb. 15, 1920; Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, USA Served as 1st Lieutenant, Company E, 9th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Charged with: \* "Treason; uniting with enemy, seizing and allowing the Confederates to use the court house, prison, and clerk's office of Warren County." \*"Unlawful conspiracy; forming an army to overthrow the government of Kentucky." From "A History of Kentucky and Kentuckians, Volume 3," by E. Polk Johnson, 1912, Lewis Publishing Company: "John H. Hines, Lieut. Company D, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry and Lieut. Edward L. Hines, 9th Kentucky Cavalry, brothers, and grandsons of James Hines, both made gallant officers during the war. The former was captured on the Ohio raid in July, 1863, and kept as a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, until the war was about over. He came to his home in Bowling Green, Kentucky, after the surrender, and eventually made his home in Texas, where he died, his remains having been brought home and buried in Fairview Cemetery. Edward L. Hines and FINDAGRAVE.



*Left*: Duncan famous for his articles and books on Southern cuisine and cake and cookie mixes that bear his name *right*: Duncan's cousin Captain Thomas Henry Hines one of Morgan's Cavalry and Confederate secert agaent became the most wanted man in the Confederacy or the Union's Most Wanted Rebel.

### John Stith Pemberton Founder and Inventor of COCA COLA

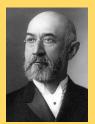
An Atlanta, Georgia pharmacist and drug store proprietor invented the internationally known soft drink COCA COLA, in 1886. He had been badly wounded in the April 16, 1865 battle at Columbus, Georgia. Pemberton had been struck by a saber wielding Union cavalryman and never properly healed causing him to seek pain relief through morphine. Mr. Pemberton began to experiment with various formulas to ease pain and lesson his use of morphine. He hit upon a formula and began marketing it in his store. Some sources contend that Pemberton invented COCA COLA in Columbus and transferred the concoction to Atlanta. The concoction that we know today as COCA COLA was an immediate hit in Atlanta but two years after marketing his wonder elixir Pemberton sold his pharmacy then the rights and his formula in 1886. He died of stomach cancer in 1888, he was fifty-seven years of age. During the war, Pemberton was a lieutenant, captain, and lieutenant colonel in 12th Regiment, Georgia Cavalry (Robinson's) (State Guards), C.S.A. Pemberton also served in, 3rd Regiment, Georgia Cavalry and Pemberton's Company, Georgia Cavalry. Pemberton is buried at; Linwood Cemetery Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. SOURCES: NPSCWSSSS and FINDAGRAVE.



Pemberton's Drug Store (he is standing in the doorway) on Peachtree Street in Atlanta and Mr. Pemberton

### **Isidore Straus** Founder of MACY'S

Straus was an enthusiastic young man of Jewish heritage enlisted for Confederate service in a Georgia unit, Straus was so well thought of that he was elected a lieutenant in the regiment. Straus helped to organize the regiment proving to be very adept at administrative skills although he was considered too young. After several months in the army authorities discovered he really was too young to serve as an officer and discharged him from the service under honorable conditions. By 1863 officials realized Straus' organizational skills and intelligence could not go unused and was recalled to service where upon he was restored to active military service and detailed to the Confederate Department of State and the Secret Service. The Confederate government sent youthful Captain Straus to England where he was engaged in purchasing ships for Confederate blockade running operations. Straus met an unfortunate fate many years after the war becoming one of the casualties of the ill-fated British ocean liner the *SS Titanic*.<sup>1</sup> Few people realize that Straus relocated to New York in the decades following the war opened a small retail business in a basement. The business was so successful that it outgrew its small basement facility and moved to a larger building in downtown Manhattan and the company's name was changed to the more familiar if not iconic *Macy's*. Macy's Manhattan building became a national landmark and is the headquarters for the emblematic retail chain founded by a former Confederate army officer and secret service agent.



Isadore Straus former Confederate officer and CSA Secret Service operative founder of Macy's and died tragically on the Titanic.

**Roy Acuff:** (1903-1992), American musician, Country/Western music genre, *Grand Old Opry* star and member, he was the *Grand Old Opry* master of ceremonies for many years. **Acuff was a** *member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.* 

**Trace Adkins:** (born 1962), American country singer-songwriter, conservative activist, he is a *life member of the SCV* and is on the *board of advisors to the Civil War Trust (now known as the American Battlefield Trust.)*.

Pat Buchanan: (born 1938), American journalist, writer, media consultant, conservative commentator and columnist, and U.S. presidential candidate, Commentator & Presidential Candidate; Pat Buchanan is an SCV member, ancestor served in the 34th Mississippi Infantry the same regiment to which Bill Clinton's ancestor served bet the man is rolling over in his grave. Clint Eastwood: (born 1930), American film actor, director, producer, composer, pianist, and politician, and U.S. Army veteran and supporter of veteran issues is supposedly a life member of the SCV. Ralph Emery: (born 1933), the most famous country music disc jockey and television host from Nashville, Tennessee, one time popular host of television shows Pop! Goes the Country in syndication and Nashville Now on the former television Nashville Network. Mike Huckabee: (born 1955), Southern Baptist minister, author, commentator, and Governor of Arkansas from 1996 to 2007, and former Presidential candidate also a life member of the SCV. Ben Jones: (born 1941), former U.S. Representative from Georgia, played "Cooter" Davenport in The Dukes of Hazzard. As many of us know "Cooter" who is in poor health is a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. George Jones: (1931-2013) American country music singer and songwriter, military veteran (USMC) active in veteran causes. George Jones a Texas native was a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pat Robertson: (born 1930), American media mogul, Southern Baptist minister, and college administrator, host and founder of The 700 Club, and U.S. Marine Corps veteran-Korean War, life member of the SCV. Charles Stanley: (born 1932), senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, founder and president of In Touch Ministries, he is also an SCV member. Nelson W. Winbush: African-American educator and historian. Winbush has been a tireless advocate of preserving Confederate heritage and is an SCV member, a life member. Woodrow Wilson,: 28th President of the United States, he was a childhood witness to the war and became a life member of the SCV. NOTE: The above individuals have been mentioned in this feature before the "YELL" STAFF has the sources and if you kept the original version those sources are listed; we decided not to list the hose sources this issue.

Harry Truman,:33rd President of the United States, World War I, U.S. Army veteran, *also a member of the SCV*. Truman's uncle was Private William Andrew Young joined Rossen's Regiment, Raines Brigade, then transferring to Company E; 12th Missouri Cavalry, CSA. Young incurred wounds twice during his service. SOURCES: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



**President Harry S. Truman** 

General of the Army Omar Bradley,:1st Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and life member of the SCV. General Bradley's grandfather was *Thomas Minter Bradley* who served in *Company E; 9th Battalion, Missouri Sharp Shooters CSA*. SOURCES: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



Thomas Minter Bradley General Omar Bradley's Confederate Grandfather and General Omar Bradley

Lieutenant General: John Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps he *was an SCV member*. The famous Marine general's father was Captain Ovide Lejeune who served in Company I; 1st Regiment, Louisiana Cavalry.



Captain Ovide Lejeune and his wife, they were General John Lejeune's parents and General John Lejeune U.S.M.C.

**Major General Johnson Hagood:** Distinguished Service Medal recipient, **also a** *life member of the SCV*. General Hagood commanded the Third U.S. Army, Hagood came from a family with several immediate family members who served in the Confederate army. **Colonel Leland "Lee" Hagood a staff officer with the Army of Tennessee** father of General Johnson Hagood U.S. Army, Brigadier General Johnson Hagood of General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, and **Colonel James Robert Hagood who rose from a Private to Colonel commanding the First South Carolina Infantry Regiment.** 



Colonel James Robert Hagood and Colonel Leland "Lee" Hagood and Major General Johnson Hagood

**Paul "Bear" Bryant:** Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, head coach University of Alabama football team, and U.S. Naval Officer during World War II, Bryant oversaw the racial integration of the University of Alabama football team; the *Bear was a member of the SCV*.

Hank Williams Jr.: Country music artist and song-writer, gun rights and hunting advocate, member of the Grand Old Opry, *like his famous father Hank Williams Sr. he is a member of the SCV.* 

**Charlie Daniels:** Late Country music singer and song-writer, activist for veteran causes, gun rights advocate, and a Grand Old Opry member. *Daniels wass a life member of the SCV* and an advocate of Civil War preservation issues.

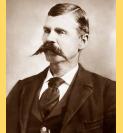
Larry Hagman *aka Major Nelson* (TV SITCOM; *I Dream of Genie*) *aka JR Ewing* (TV Drama; *Dallas*) "Jr's" GG Grandfather, Andrew Jackson Pressley from Haywood Co, NC served as a Private in Company C; of Thomas' Legion NC Troops, he was an SCV member. SOURCES: NPSCWSSSS.

"Doc" Holliday and Margaret Mitchell: Doc Holliday's Father, Henry Burroughs Holliday, was a Major in the 27th Georgia Infantry he WAS NOT a member of the SCV he died before the organization was formed, however "Doc" Holliday and Margaret Mitchell who wrote the great historical novel <u>Gone with the Wind</u>, about a Southern family's trials in Atlanta and Jonesboro during and after the War Between the States) were cousins but never knew one another as Holliday's death preceded Mitchell's birth by fourteen years. Also; uncle, Dr. John Stiles Holliday and adopted brother, Francisco E. Dalgo. Robert Kennedy Holliday was a staff officer in the 7th Georgia Infantry and served under General James Longstreet as a staff officer at Gettysburg. Robert married Mary Anne Fitzgerald of Clayton County who was daughter of James Phillip Fitzgerald great grandfather of Margaret Mitchell.



Mitchell and Holliday families, left-right: Doc Holliday's Father, Henry Burroughs Holliday, Dr. John Stiles Holliday, adopted brother, Francisco E. Dalgo, Robert Kennedy Holliday, Russell Crawford Mitchell grandfather of Margaret Mitchell,

Former Texas Governor Rick Perry: David H. Hamilton, *Sergeant Company M; 1st Texas Infantry ANV Hood's Texas Brigade* and postwar Texas legislator -G G Grandfather of former Texas Governor and U. S. Secretary of the Department of Energy; Rick Perry, he is *NOT an SCV member* and has down-played his Confederate ancestry. Sergeant Hamilton also wrote of his war experiences: Hamilton, D. H. History of Company M, First Texas Volunteer Infantry: Hood's Brigade, Longstreet's Corps, Army of the Confederate States of America written 1925; published Waco, TX: W. M. Morrison, 1962.



David H. Hamilton, Sergeant Company M; 1st Texas Infantry

Actress Mary Tyler Moore: Mary Tyler Moore's Great Grandfather Lewis Tilghman Moore commanded the 4th VA Infantry under Stonewall Jackson. Mary Tyler Moore contributed significant funds to restore the Moore home after purchasing it but she insisted upon the museum keeping its Confederate history.



LTC Lewis Tilghman Moore home in Winchester, Virginia presently known as "Stonewall" Jackson's Headquarters Museum.

Former Senator of Mississippi Trent Lott who was browbeaten by the main-stream press about a meritless statement and resigned his seat in the US Senate was an SCV member. William Jefferson Clinton: Bill Clinton's ancestor, William Blythe, served in the 34th MS Infantry - in the same company as Pat Buchanan's ancestor one of history's great ironies. Clinton is NOT SCV member! (Hilary would not allow it)

Lt. Gen Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller (1898-1974): Puller's Paternal Grandfather was Maj. John William Puller (1833-17 MAR 1863) 5th Virginia Cavalry ANV. Puller was elected Captain of the Gloucester Lt Dragoons in 1859 - mustered in as Captain of Co. A; of the 5th and was promoted Major on 15 DEC 1862 - KIA at Kelly's Fords 17 MAR 1863. NOTE: he was also a cousin of General George S. Patton Jr. and "Chesty" was an SCV member. SOURCES: NPSCWSSSS and Findagrave.



Major John W. Puller C.S.A. and his grandson LTG Lewis Burwell "*Chesty*" Puller.

Will Rogers: actor, comedian, philosopher, columnist, and rodeo star: Will Rogers's Father, Clement Vann Rogers (1839-1911) was a Confederate Veteran, serving as a Lieutenant in Company G; 1st Regiment, Cherokee Mounted Volunteers, Confederate States Army., Cherokee tribal judge and a member of the Cherokee Confederate senate 1862-1863. Rogers County, OK, is named for Will's Father. *Will Rogers was an SCV member*.



Clement V. Rogers and Will Rogers 1LT CSA post-war

Juliet Gordon Low (1860-1927) born in Savannah, GA, founded the Girl Scouts in 1912. Her Father was a Captain in the Confederate Army serving as Second Lt. Georgia. Hussars, J.E.B., Stuart's Cavalry, C.S.A.; Captain and Inspector Mercer's Infantry Brigade; Captain and Adjutant Anderson's Brigade, Wheeler's Cavalry, wounded in action at Battle of Lovejoy's Station, Georgia; placed upon the Confederate Roll of Honor for gallantry at Frederick City, Maryland. MS Low's Confederate father was also General W. W. Gordon, commanded the Second Brigade, 1st Division of the Fourth Army Corps, United States Volunteers, during the Spanish-American War, he was a Member of the Military and Naval Commission for the transfer of Puerto Rico from Spain to the United States. Via; Findagrave and Patriots Twice by Hood)



W.W. Gordon the father of Juliet Gordon Low founder of the Girl Scouts, her father was a Confederate officer (left photo) and Brigadier General in the U.S. Army during the War with Spain (right photo).

Brigadier General Nathan Bedford Forrest III (1905-1943) - *SCV member* on the record of his Great Grandfather Lt Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest. First general officer killed in action in WWII. Shot down in B-17 over Germany on 13 Jun 1943 (aged 38) over Kiel, Stadtkreis Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Brigadier General Forrest was the first U.S. general officer killed in action in the European Theater during WWII. SOURCES: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



The Generals FORREST

General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. WWII Pacific theater commander, Lt Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. was an SCV member on the record of his famous Father of the same name. Gen Buckner is also famous for his father's Mint Julep recipe, organized and led the Alaskan operation to retake the Aleutian Islands during WWII, also led the operation to take Okinawa from the Japanese in WWII where he was killed in action. General Buckner's father was LTG Simon Bolivar Buckner C.S.A. served with the Army of Tennessee, Army of Northern Virginia, and Army of Trans Mississippi and was post-war governor of Kentucky. SOURCES: Findagrave, KENTUCKIANS IN GRAY, Confederate Generals and Field Officers of the Bluegrass State, Edited by, Allardice, Bruce S. and Hewitt, Lawrence Lee, The University Press of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2008., Stickles, Arndt, Simon Bolivar Buckner: Borderland Knight, University of North Carolina Press, 1940.



General Simon Bolivar Buckner C.S.A. and General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. U.S. Army World War II the highest-ranking U.S. general killed in action during WW II.

General George Smith Patton, Jr.: Grandfather was Col George S. Patton of 22nd VA Infantry, his son General George S. Patton IV, was a member of the SCV, by the way Patton and "Chesty" Puller were cousins. General George S. "Old Blood and Guts" Patton's other Confederate ancestors: John Mercer Patton Jr. Colonel commanding the 21st Virginia Infantry Regiment CSA..; and Colonel Isaac W. Patton Captain of the Screwmen's Guard and COL of Twenty-second Louisiana Infantry he was also a Veteran of the War with Mexico, also Waller Tazewell Patton Colonel 7th Virginia Infantry and John Mercer Patton 1LT 7th Virginia Infantry Regiment, and James French Patton lieutenant in the 22nd Virginia Infantry, William MacFarland "Colonel" Patton VMI Cadet and Veteran of the Battle of New Market.



COL George S. Patton, Colonel Isaac W. Patton, LTC Waller Tazewell Patton,



1LT James French Patton, William MacFarland "Colonel" Patton, and General George S. Patton Jr. famed battlefield commander of WWII.

Oliver N. Hardy: legendary comedian, actor, writer was a *member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans* on the record of his Father, *Sergeant Oliver Hardy, Company K; 16th Georgia Infantry Regiment*. VIA: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



Oliver N. Hardy Confederate Veteran, Oliver Hardy CSA grave, and comedic actor and writer Oliver N. Hardy Jr.

Matthew McConaughey is related to *General Dandridge McRae C.S.A.*, one of the Confederate brigadier generals under Van Dorn at Pea Ridge. SOURCES: Findagrave and <u>9 Rare Facts You Didn't Know About Matthew Mcconaughey</u> www.originofidea.com/9-rare-facts-you-didnt-know-about-matthew-mcconaughey/



Dandridge McRae the Arkansas state militia at war's outset and General Dandridge McRae and Matthew McConaughey the actor.

Elvis Presley had Confederate ancestry his great-great grandfather was one Dunnen/Dunning Presley was a Veteran of the War With Mexico who served in Private in Company C; 5th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, in Mexico and a Corporal in Company E; Hamm's Regiment Mississippi Cavalry and a Private in Davenport's Battalion, Mississippi Cavalry (State Troops) he supposedly had a penchant for going AWOL, not uncommon for soldiers on both sides. *Thank ya, unh hunh!* VIA: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



Elvis the entertainer and in the army

*Country and Rockabilly music legend and Air Force Veteran*, Johnny Cash had well-defined Confederate ancestry. Johnny Cash's Confederate ancestor was Great Grandfather was Reuben Cash who was a Confederate soldier (Georgia Militia) and his plantation in Georgia was burned down by Sherman's men. Furthermore, two of Reuben Cash's sons; John S. Cash and James Wesley Cash also served in the Confederate army, James served with two Georgia infantry regiments survived the war the John was killed in action at the disastrous Battle of Corinth he was with the Company D, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry Arkansas Regiment. VIA: Findagrave and NPCWSSSS.



Johnny Cash the singer/entetainer and Cash in the Air Force

Actress Reese Witherspoon admitted to having Confederate ancestry her great-great grandfather Ridley Draper served in Company B; 28th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry (2nd Tennessee Mountain Volunteers) Confederate Army. VIA: Findagrave and NPSCWSSSS.



Ridley Draper great-great grandfather of actress Reese Witherspoon.

**PVT Anselm McLaurin of the 3d Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (3rd (Ashcraft's) Battalion, Mississippi Cavalry)** and the **last former Confederate Veteran who served as a post-war governor of Mississippi** was the **great grandfather** of late comedian and actor **Robin Williams**.



Post-war Mississippi Governor and former Confederate cavalryman Anselm McLaurin (left) was great father of late comedian/actor Robin Williams (right).

SOURCE: Patriots Twice Former Confederates and the Building of America after the Civil War, by Stephen M. Hood, Savas Beatie, Californis, 2020, pg. 195, 199.

Audie L. Murphy of Texas the most decorated American serviceman of World War II and movie star had Confederate ancestry,<br/>his ancestor was Curtis Gill of the 3d Tennessee Mounted Infantry; who was killed by Unionists on the way home during a furlough.<br/>SOURCES:Findagrave,<br/>Findagrave,<br/>NPSCWSSSS,<br/>www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gill-2081,<br/>and<br/>www.famouskin.com/ahnentafel.php?name=81701+audie+murphy.



**2LT Audie Leon Murphy** 

Captain Charles H. Nimitz, Texas Ranger, Confederate Officer and Hotel Operator Father of Admiral Chester A. Nimitz



Old photograph of Hotel, Captain Charles H. and a young Chester Nimitz and the "Old" Nimitz Hotel now part of the Nimitz or War in the Pacific Museum

**Interestingly, Admiral Chester A. Nimitz** who commanded all U.S. Naval Forces in the Pacific Theater during World War II not only was a Texan, moreover, his grandfather was a captain in the Confederate army. The admiral's grandfather was Charles Henry Nimitz immigrated to the United States from Bremen, in the then German nation-state of Saxony settling initially in South Carolina before moving to present-day Fredericksburg in Gillespie County, Texas. Nestled in the Texas, Hill Country region it was heavily populated with Germanic immigrants many of who were either anti-secession or ambivalent toward sectional issues and the war. On a side-note, our "*YELL*" staff (Texas Longhorn Greys) have been researching burial locations of Texas immigrants of the antebellum and War Between the States era and it appears that Germanic loyalty to the Union while it existed is largely an exaggeration if not nearly mythical.

Other Germans however, were adamantly hostile toward the Confederacy still, many others joined Confederate units and Nimitz helped to organize the mostly German *Gillespie Rifles* for which he was appointed captain. The unit stayed in Texas to help defend the state from marauding Comanche and Kiowa bands and brigands who took advantage of the national schism to raid across the *Lone Star State*. No stranger to home defense due to his pre-war years' service as a Texas Ranger, Nimitz essentially continued his service. Gillespie County had its problems primarily because of some its German population radically opposed secession and the Confederacy even resorting to violence and resistance to conscription. Captain Nimitz was also appointed as an Enrolling Officer for the Frontier District in charge of enlisting personnel, enforcing the draft, and registration for the militia or Texas State Troops. Nimitz served in these capacities for the duration of the war before returning to his pre-war business, running his hotel now a Texas landmark.

Built and established by Charles Nimitz in 1852, the *Nimitz Hotel* saw many future celebrities come through the doors of his establishment including Generals Robert E. Lee, Phillip H. Sheridan, Ulysses S. Grant, and Rutherford B. Hayes the latter two became U.S. President. Another of the customers was James Longstreet a Confederate general who before and after the war signed Nimitz's guest register. *"Wild West" pistolero* or *shootist* Johnny Ringo stayed at the hotel at least one. Other confederate generals who reputedly stayed at the Nimitz Hotel included E. Kirby Smith and Fitzhugh Lee and Santos Benavides who knew Nimitz stayed there during the war. Writer William Sydney (O. Henry) Porter who was a fixture around Texas for a few decades patronized the Nimitz Hotel mostly the bar picking up on local tales for his writing. Robert E. Lee was an acquaintance of Nimitz in the pre-war years, before leaving Texas to return to Virginia before the war sold his furniture to Nimitz it is one of the many

anecdotes concerning the Civil War that our present-day "cancel culture and politically correct" crowd and their lackeys would as soon forget. **Sources for NIMITZ:** Zelade, Richard, <u>HILL COUNTRY, Discovering the Secrets of the Texas Hill Country</u>, Texas Monthly Press (Texas Monthly Guidebooks), (completely revised third edition, 1987, 1991) (Austin, Texas, 1983), Gulf Publishing Company, Houston, Texas, 1991, pp 143-144...and...The Kerrville Times, Kerrville, Texas, article January 9, 1991, pg. 5...also...Texas Handbook Online, 2014; www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fni04...and...Texas Handbook Online 2014; <u>www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/ccn01</u>. *Nimitz Hotel*, by; Mike Cox, Texas Escapes *A Magazine Written by Texas*, <u>http://texasescapes.com/MikeCoxTexasTales/Nimitz-Hotel.htm</u> 2016, also, The Nimitz: Hotel with a History, by Michael Barr, Texas Escapes A Magazine Written by Texas, http://texasescapes.com/MichaelBarr/Nimitz-Hotel-with-a-History.htm 2019.

## Willy-Nilly Wiping Out Inconvenient History and Heritage

There they go again, cowardly politicians in concert with their hyper self-absorbed corporate lackeys have chosen to demolish another historical area landmark with City Public Service deciding to raise the historic Sommers Saloon. Let's see, the Alamo is being *reimagined*, monuments, historical markers and plaques removed, history diluted; *"revised"* or not taught in schools, speaking of schools those too are being renamed. Events such as *Fiesta* San Antonio have lost their true historical significance giving way to a politically correct drunken bash that gives partisan cronies the opportunity to make fast cash while increasing tax revenue. Then we have Rodeo, a Western Sports event that heralds the traditions of the vaquero and cowboy of the *"Old West"* as well as the production of quality livestock. Rodeo in recent years seems to have incurred some degree of de-emphasis other than an opportunity for the political class to rake in cash and produce residuals from taxes and permits, diminishing heritage and tradition. We are witnessing what George Orwell wrote of in 1938 and 1949; *"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered, And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute, History has stopped, nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right." Excerpt from; George Orwell's, (Eric Arthur Blair) Books: <u>1984</u> and <u>Animal Farm.</u>* 

Where I was born and raised there existed a deep sense of history and heritage, people while not dwelling in the past did have reverence for our story and culture. As large-scale commercial greed and self-centered politicians began to permeate our communities miraculously, trivial matters of heritage and self-reliance became neglected and passé. We saw historically valued log buildings dating back to the pioneer era and antebellum structures demolished to make way for a civic center and associated modernistic commercial structures amidst protests at city-county planning commission meetings and at projected project sites. Every maneuver by multi-generational locals who valued heritage was vilified and countered by high-powered attorneys brought in from major metropolitan centers outside the state.

Then there was an issue of a rod and gun club that was founded by Veterans of World War II on land donated by a local race-horse breeder, also a Veteran. The club not only had a variety of shooting ranges, there was a small fishing lake, family picnic facilities, kennels for sporting dogs, a large clubhouse constructed by the members donating their time and skills it even had some locally cut limestone blocks with a magnificent fireplace. The club raised quail to repopulate area wildlife, taught firearm safety, gave juvenile shooting instruction and hunting safety training, as well as fishing classes for smaller children, worked diligently on wildlife conservation and environmental projects. The club however, stood in the way of major out-of-state developers, once again powerful well-financed attorneys launched a decade plus offensive against the rod and gun club not only because it blocked the developers' greed but it was an anathema for these self-absorbed elitists.

Legal maneuvering is no longer enough for the political class they have to denigrate, gaslight, and label everything they want removed using the sordid term of "racism" it is liberally applied to everything that stands in the way of their greed disguised as progress. As always, we only need to follow the ultimate money trail as the political class uses politics to achieve their covetous goals, i.e.; Sommers Saloon and CPS as an example (Demolition pending of former saloon on CPS Energy property Conservation Society issues SOS for Sommers Saloon; SAN ANTONIO – Dwarfed by a CPS Energy substation, what had been the Sommers Saloon and Beer Garden 150 years ago, may not be at the corner of Tenth and Alamo much longer. KSAT channel 4, San Antonio: Published: July 26, 2023 at 7:43 PM Updated: July 27, 2023 at 8:26 AM). Nonetheless, we must admit there are those who genuinely hate all things that smack of history and heritage regardless of whose history and heritage may be involved. Think about it: what weakens us is feeling offended by the deeds and misdeeds of our fellow men. Our self-importance requires that we spend most of our lives offended by someone." Carlos Castaneda, Fire from Within.

Bubba Gooberpicker, Wilson County opinionator (he ain't no Mark Twain), the Mouth of the South, or that Kentexian, again.

In DIXIE, We Kneel Before GOD Almighty, and a fallen Veteran, and Stand for the National Anthem ALL VETERANS ARE EQUAL!!!!! Get It!

