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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Alvin "Rex" McGee



The Dog Days of summer are coming to an end and we begin our typical busy season of grave dedications, fall festivals, Holiday meetings and parades. Typically, we have some event three to four weekends per month. The weather cools and everyone is invigorated. We often see our Camps gearing up for Cemetery and grave marker cleanings because the weather is simply good for that type of outdoor activities.

We had an excellent meeting this month and had several National Camp and Individual Awards presented by the Brigade Commander, Sam Mercer. Before you know it we will be submitting reports and award letters for next year's honors. We are truly blessed to have been recommended for the number of Awards we have received in the last two years. We must all remember that the Awards represent work well done. The Award itself is a piece of paper with very little value----- it is the substance and achievement behind it that means something. We received several that represented a lot of substance and work and should be something the entire Camp can be proud to have participated in earning.

On August 18 we had a Brigade meeting in Pittsburg at the Pizza Inn. We had good attendance from the membership but only had three Commanders in attendance. The topics of conversation were varied but on target about the issues we are currently facing within the organization. We just recently elected new leadership at the National organization and they are getting their agenda running for the next couple of years. ILT Commander Reynolds, 5th

Brigade gave several updates and discussed a new training module on the ILT David R. Reynolds web Page that would be good for all Commanders. Lt Commanders could benefit as they progress toward the top leadership role in the Camp. They should consider giving this Module a close look.

This past week I have had two Compatriots approach me about adopting cemeteries and Confederate graves. This is commitment to the cause that shows dedication, respect and undying loyalty to our ancestors and to maintaining the history of the South. There are many issues that we are unable to address with any specificity or obvious accomplishments, but the Guardian Program is an accomplishment that can be seen in the Cemeteries all over the South.

The coming season is always my favorite. The weather changes and the landscape assumes the beautiful color of autumn. I am looking forward to this season, the holidays and the work we will be endeavoring upon as compatriots of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Let us not forget to report the many things we have done on our quarterly report that is due by August 31, 2018. We need to get into the habit of documenting those things that we do daily that will help us memorialize our fine work in the interest of the South, our beloved ancestors and our Confederate heroes.

"I can't apologize for who I am any more. Even better, I have no desire to---Never apologize for doing the right thing. ---- Author unknown

DEO VINDICE-----A Fortioro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 17th, 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Old Union Community Center
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas



DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCV, this includes attending other camp meeting, public speaking, or even putting flags on graves.
- I've updated our Calendar of Events.
- I've updated our Member Roster and added some new bios to the page

I'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

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



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

*(Taken from the September 1918 Edition of the
Confederate Veteran)*

A CLOSE SHAVE.

BY B. J. HARDEN, SERGEANT COMPANY C, 1ST
VIRGINIA CAVALRY, UNION MILLS, VA.

When Hooker started to Richmond by way of Chancellorsville, Stuart's Cavalry was camped near Culpeper Courthouse. News came one morning that the enemy had crossed at Kelley's Ford. We were ordered out and moved down to Brandy Station and

halted there to await their coming, thinking, of course, they were coming there, as that was a regular cavalry battle ground. We remained there nearly all day, but they failed to put in an appearance. Just before nightfall intelligence was received that they had crossed the Rappahannock at Kelley's Ford in force and marched by way of Stevensburg to Ely's and Germanna Fords, on the Rapidan. General Stuart started immediately with his command to Stevensburg, a distance of about five miles, to see after them. We got there about dark, to find the road from Kelley's Ford to Stevensburg clear with the exception of a few stragglers. Stuart then told Colonel Doake, of the 1st Regiment, to follow on in their rear in the direction of the Rapidan to find out how far they had gone. The road at Ely's Ford turned to the left toward Chancellorsville. As the rear of the regiment was just passing that road a party came up from toward Ely's Ford. They were halted and asked who they were. They said they were General Slocum's bodyguard. We told them it was all right and invited them to "come ahead." They came on and were all captured except one man, who, suspecting that all was not right, attempted to escape. Several shots brought him to a halt, so all were taken in.

We then proceeded on the Germanna road for about a mile, when we came right on their camp and began to fire on them. They returned the fire and were calling: "Mount your horses, men! Fall in line!" As we had accomplished our object, we turned right about and started back, when a horse that appeared to be riderless came up through the ranks. I thought someone had been killed, so I caught hold of the bridle, which was hanging loose on the horse's neck, and found that the rider was lying on the horse as flat as he could get. I recognized him as a man of our company who made no pretensions to bravery and asked him: "Milt, where are you going?" He knew my voice and answered: "Sergeant, this shooting scares my colt almost to death." "Yes," I said, "and the colt isn't all it scares, I think." "No, he replied, "I don't mind owning up; it does scare me too." We were now out of range of their guns, and I began to shame him about acting so, when he said: "Sergeant,

there is some difference between General Jackson and me. General Jackson may be a little better on an advance than I am, but he can't beat me on a retreat."

We were now near where the capture had been made, and I fully expected that we would be attacked there; but, to our surprise, everything was quiet. It was only a mile or two to Stevensburg, and all felt that the way was clear and that we would have no trouble; but as we came near the village we were halted and asked if that was Colonel Drake's squad. The colonel turned to one of his men and asked what it meant, saying that he had left no picket there. He then asked the man who had spoken to what regiment he belonged. The answer was: "Company C, 1st Regiment." The colonel sent back down the line for the orderly of Company C and told him to question the man and see if he really was a member. Riding out in front, the orderly said: "What regiment did you say you belonged to?" The answer came quickly: "Company C, 1st Regiment." "What is your captain's name?" No answer. "What is your sergeant's name?" Still no answer. The orderly, McCorkule, came back and told the colonel that he knew nothing about the man; that he certainly did not belong to Company C.

There happened to be an old road toward Raccoon Ford, which we took very quietly, but had gone only a short distance before we were halted and fired into. We deflected a little to the right, but in a few minutes were fired into again, and we were all night long in getting clear of them.

The next day we were traveling all day long and reached Todd's Tavern just as it was growing dark. We had just given our horses a little corn when a courier came dashing up with orders that we must mount as quickly as possible; that the 5th Virginia had met the 6th United States Regulars and had been cut all to pieces and nearly all killed or captured. We hadn't gone far before we met members of the 5th Regiment, some mounted, some on foot, without hats or arms, but all urging us to hurry, as they had been torn to pieces. Upon reaching the road that the United States regulars had taken, we found General Stuart and Fitz Lee waiting for us, and I heard General Lee

say to Stuart: "General, that is the 1st Regiment. Don't send them; they were in their saddles all night long last night." "Can't help it. They are obliged to go to-night," I heard Stuart answer. Of course, that signed the warrant. To plead more was in vain. So, we started in pursuit of the Yankees, and after following for some distance we came upon them at a house where they had stopped to pillage. We charged them: and while they made their escape, we captured the prisoners they had taken from the 5th Virginia.

On our way back, we met a small squad of soldiers who said they were of Company C, 4th Squadron. As someone had tried to fool us the night before with "Company C. 1st Regiment," we thought they were trying the same trick on us again; so we fired into them without any hesitation, but found when we caught them that it was really a portion of the 1st Regiment.

On the next day fighting had begun at Chancellorsville. and some prisoners taken were put in my charge. One of them asked which was my regiment. I told him the 1st Virginia Cavalry. "What? Colonel Drake's regiment?" When I told him it was the same, he said: "I want to know how in the hell you all got out of that place down in Stevensburg the other night." I said: "Got out? How? I don't know what you mean." He replied: "We captured a man belonging to Company C, 1st Regiment, with a dispatch from General Stuart to Colonel Drake, and found that Colonel Drake was down behind our army, and, knowing you had to come back the way you went, we put a whole brigade in ambush on the road and a man on picket to find out when you came, so as not to fire into any of our own men, intending to kill the last man of you. The first thing we knew you were all gone, and I should like to know what became of you." My reply was a question: "Do you think we were fools enough to go into such a trap as that?"



“To me, the campaign by certain groups to remove all the symbols and memorials to our Southern past

amounts to the same thing...a desecration of graves. Every flag or monument that is removed, every plaque taken down, every school or street or bridge that is renamed, is no different from a broken tombstone. It is wanton and hateful violence directed at the dead who can no longer defend themselves.”
John Field Pankow



BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



Battle of Chantilly - Chantilly Virginia

1 September 1862 - General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson verses Generals Stevens and Kearny. Casualties: 800 Confederate, 1300 Union!

Battle of Cheat Mountain - Cheat Mountain Western Virginia

10-15 September 1861 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Joseph J. Reynolds. Casualties: 120 Confederate, 81 Union!

Harper's Ferry Western Virginia - Harper's Ferry Western Virginia

12-15 September 1862 - General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson verses D.S. Miles. Casualties: 500 Confederate, 11,783 Union!

Battle of South Mountain - South Mountain South Carolina

14 September 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses General George B. McClellan. Casualties: 2685 Confederate, 1813 Union!

Battle of Turner's Gap and Crampton's Gap - Turner's Gap and Crampton's Gap Maryland

14 September 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses Generals Burnside and Franklin. Casualties: 4343 Confederate, 2325 Union!

Battle of Munfordville - Munfordville Kentucky

14-17 September 1862 - General Braxton Bragg verses General J.T. Wilder. Casualties: 288 Confederate, 4133 Union!

Battle of Luka - Luka Mississippi

19 September 1862 - General Sterling Price verses General William S. Rosecrans. Casualties: 1516 Confederate, 782 Union!

Battle of Chickamauga - Chickamauga Georgia

19-21 September 1863 - General Braxton Bragg verses Generals Thomas and Rosecrans. Casualties: 18,454 Confederate, 16,170 Union!

Third Battle of Winchester or Opequon - Winchester Virginia

19 September 1864 - General Jubal A. Early verses General Philip H. Sheridan. Casualties: 3921 Confederate, 5018 Union!

Battle Fisher Hill - Fisher Hill Virginia

22 September 1864 - General Jubal A. Early verses General Philip H. Sheridan. Casualties: 1235 Confederate, 528 Union!

Battle of Athens - Athens Georgia

23-24 September 1864 - General Nathan B. Forrest verses General George H. Thomas. Casualties: 30 Confederate, 950 Union!

Battle of Poplar Springs or Peeble's Farm - Poplar Springs Virginia

30 September 1864 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 900 Confederate, 2889 Union!



Our Honored Ancestors
Captain John Cunningham
Company G, 4th Kentucky Mounted
Infantry Regiment, 1st Kentucky Brigade
Army of Tennessee

Dr. John Cunningham was born in Trigg county, Ky., on September 21, 1836. He was educated in the common schools of the state and at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky. He later studied medicine and took his medical degree at a medical college in St. Louis. In 1873, he received a second degree from the Galveston (Texas) Medical College.

John's Grandfather, William Cunningham was a Scottish immigrant and fought in the Whiskey Rebellion. His Grandmother was Nancy Carr, of the Virginia Carr's, life-long friends of Thomas Jefferson. Nancy's brother Dabney married Thomas Jefferson's sister, Martha. Three of John's Grandfathers fought in the Revolutionary War.

In 1820, John's Grandparents were some of the first settlers through the Cumberland Gap and settled in western Kentucky.

When the War Between the States broke out he volunteered and helped to organize Company C of the 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry and elected as 1st Lieutenant, and eventually to Captain. His company was a part of General John Breckenridge's brigade which besides other severe engagements, fought two days at the battle of Shiloh, He was in command of a company under General Albert Sidney Johnston. He also served as surgeon in the Confederate army to General Wheeler, then with General Bragg. He was

stationed at Lookout Mountain. He was captured by the Federals and kept a prisoner at Nashville, Tennessee for a time, then at Camp Chase in Ohio and then in Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

He moved to Fannin County in 1867, a penniless tramp, without friends or family. He walked from Jefferson to Kentuckytown (now in Grayson County) and settled near Ravenna where for many years he engaged in the practice of medicine. He belonged to the old school of physicians known as "saddle bag doctors." Like others of these faithful old ministers to the ills of humanity, the weather was never too hot or too cold or too wet for him to heed the call of the sick, regardless of whether he was ever to receive pay or only thanks. It was his conception of duty to go to the relief of all suffering, who needed it. It was their need and not his and that appealed to him. He owned several farms in that section. He had served as Road Overseer, school trustee, Alderman and Mayor of Ravenna, Texas.

Dr. Cunningham told a story about how Ravenna received its name. According to him, it fell to his lot to make application to Washington, D.C. for a post office and because of the ravines in that area the name of "Ravinia" was chosen. Dr. Cunningham said, "Due to my miserable handwriting, the name came back as "Ravenna" and has remained "Ravenna" ever since."

"Dr. Cunningham is one of the links which bind us to a glorious past. He is an affable gentleman, ripe with honors, experience and wisdom, and his devotion to principle and duty as a member of the 27th legislature is but a continuation of his life history which has so endeared him to his people."

Dr. John Cunningham's name appears on the Confederate monument on the Fannin County courthouse square, as chairman of the committee which made the monument possible.

He wrote many articles for the "Confederate Veteran" Magazine, as well as a correspondent (Old Roustabout) for many years, for the Bonham News.

In spite of his other activities, Dr. Cunningham gave unsparingly of his time to his country. He served in the thirteenth, twenty-seventh, twentieth-eighth, thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Texas Legislature, his last campaign being made after he was crippled and confined to a wheelchair. He was the last Confederate Soldier to serve in the Texas Legislature. He always took an active interest in all public affairs.

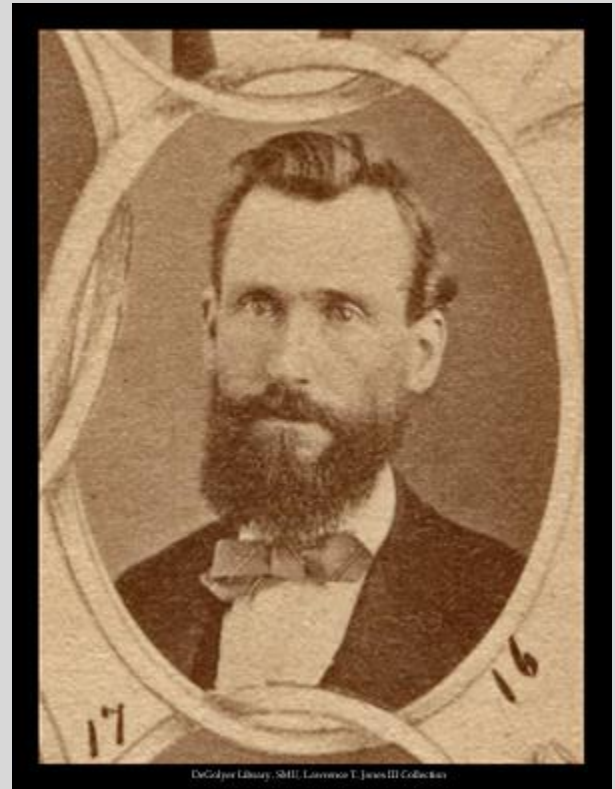
Dr. Cunningham was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Patterson, whom he married in Kentucky. One son B. B. Cunningham, of Savoy, Texas was born to this union. After her death he married Miss Fannie Agnew of Fannin county, who survives him. Three children born to them survive, namely Judge H. A. Cunningham, of Bonham, Mrs. Annie Spaugher, of Paul's Valley, Okla. And W. E. Cunningham, of Duncan, Ok.

For many years Dr. Cunningham had been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and order which he held in the highest honor and in the greatest esteem. For more than thirty five years he had been an active member of the Christian church and had lived a life that was in keeping with the teaching of the religion of Christ.

For half a century Dr. John Cunningham had been one of the outstanding figures of this county, and a physician, as a legislator, as a citizen interested in every good work that would advance the better interests of the county, state and nation, he labored faithfully and intelligently. While he was a man of decided convictions, he was never dictatorial, never dogmatic, never intolerant, but was ready to grant freedom of opinion to others equal to what he claimed for himself. His disposition was that of peacemaker, rather than of the aggressive fighter, though he knew not what it was to surrender his convictions. He was one of the most useful citizens to the community in which he lived, one of the best servants of the people, of his county, one of the truest friends of humanity and a faithful servant of his God. To him was given length of years and strength of mind and body, and he used his talents not in a selfish

way, but as a benefit to his fellowmen. His influence for good has long been felt, and it shall live on now that his body has gone to mingle with the dust from which it was created.

His children may well honor and cherish the memory of a worthy father, and his friends forget not his many virtues and his unselfish ministrations.



LAST CAMP MEETING

Although attendance at our August meeting was disappointing, those present had a good time. The highlight of the meeting was the SCV National Awards that was won at the National Reunion in Franklin, Tennessee and presented by 5th Brigade Commander Sam Mercer.

Personal Awards won were:

- Larry Joe Reynolds – Distinguished Service Medal
- Larry Joe Reynolds – Dixie Club Bronze Medal

- Alvin Rex McGee – Meritorious Service Medal

Camp Awards won were:

- Best Newsletter – First Place
- Distinguished Camp – First Place



5th Brigade Commander presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Past Commander Joe Reynolds



5th Brigade Commander presents the Dixie Club Bronze Medal to Past Commander Joe Reynolds



5th Brigade Commander presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Commander Rex McGee



5th Brigade Commander presents the Best Newsletter Award to Commander Rex McGee



5th Brigade Commander presents the Distinguished Camp Award to Commander Rex McGee



Camp Members with the Distinguished Camp Award

We can't forget others that were honored during the meeting.



Adjutant Rodney Love accepts a Full Guardian Award from Commander Rex McGee



Shelby Ann Goff, Grand Daughter of Talks with White Buffalo, receives a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting with the location of Confederate Graves



GUARDIAN NEWS

By Commander Rex McGee

Current problems bring serious questions about Confederate graves and memorial

The largest Confederate soldier burial ground in the north and a memorial to Confederate fighters are

both on federal government land in a Chicago cemetery. More than just an interesting piece of history, there are questions now about what happens to that memorial if the federal government bans Confederate symbols.

In the city's Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood nestled in Oak Woods Cemetery is a 46-foot-tall memorial to Confederate soldiers. A bronze rebel fighter atop the pillar looks down on a mass grave - said to be the largest in the western hemisphere - containing the remains of 6,229 Confederate soldiers. According to a plaque on the site, soldiers were buried in "concentric trenches. Names of the dead are on bronze plaques with cannons and stacked cannonballs marking the perimeter. It is largely forgotten or ignored but is a major Civil War monument located in Chicago. The cemetery also has a section for U.S. veterans of several wars, and a separately-maintained Jewish section.

The soldiers buried here at what is called Confederate Mound had been held captive during the Civil War at Chicago's notorious Camp Douglas. Most of the southern fighters died of illness or starvation. Originally, they were interred in the city cemetery, which was the southern end of Lincoln Park, but in 1867 that cemetery was being closed and they were moved to Oak Woods.

Every year, members of the Illinois Sons of Confederate Veterans hold a memorial event at the South Side gravesite.

But with the issues currently enflaming Capitol Hill, some calling for a full review of all Confederate symbols on federal land - what happens to the Chicago Mound?

Russell Lewis, Chicago History Museum "You can't erase history from the landscape. You can't erase history from people's memories. "The confederate soldiers were American soldiers and deserve some reasonable amount of honor," Keller said.

Where else are so many Confederate graves located in such a small area. If the memorial is removed

what will become of the graves and how do know the names of the dead will be preserved for posterity? We see this act of destruction of Confederate memorials take place on a daily basis. We often hear of digging up the graves of Confederate heroes, but we never hear of plans to protect the remains. Is the idea to destroy the last vestige of the remains of the Confederate soldiers and truly remove them from our history and memories? We must be ever vigilant that we do stand by and let the rogue elements of our society destroy the history of the Confederacy.

**ILT David R. Reynolds Guardian Program
As of August 31, 2018**

Name	County	Cemeteries	Graves
Adams, O.M.*	Titus	1	14
Davey, David*	Titus	1	6
Gunn, Dennis	Bowie	1	1
Guy,(Bill)*	Titus	1	3
Jones, Robert *	Titus	1	11
Love, Rodney*	Cass	6	18
Mars, John M.*	Titus	4	12
McGee, Rex*	Titus	4	50
Reynolds, J.R.	Titus	3	13
Reynolds, Jerry	Titus	1	7
Reynolds, Larry J*	Titus & Morris	6	35
Reynolds,Tommy*	Titus	1	15
Talks With White Buffalo	Titus & Morris	1	23
TOTALS			
Guardians (13)	(4)	(31)	(208)

• **Full Guardians**

We are currently in the process of putting together the required paper work to assume responsibilities as Guardians for three more cemeteries and approximately 45 additional graves.



As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Upshur Patriots CDR and Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks,

"Are you a Guardian?"

If not, why not?"

Our Charge...

"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!

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

September 2nd – Danny Kid Tillery
September 9th – Shawn Louis Tully
September 21st – Seth Clayton Thomas Clark
September 23rd – Dennis Lloyd Gunn
September 26th – Robert Eugene Jones
September 28th – Mariann, Mrs. Buffalo

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