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THE MAXEY DISPATCH

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Adjutant's Report:

The December 2022 (12-6-2022) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual at 6 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by member Bill Milling. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag followed by the salute to the Confederate flag was intoned. The 1906 charge from Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee, on the founding of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was read to those present. There were four regular members present.

We visited together for an hour and discussed local and national issues, future meeting topics, and Confederate veteran graves identification and maintenance. It is becoming obvious that it is difficult to have a significant face to face monthly meeting for our camp. Our camp needs to seriously discuss this issue. A good time of fellowship was had by all in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. Remember, there was no January meeting.

Deo vindice.

Clayton Coker- Adjutant/Commander

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7 February, 2023 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Editorial:

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. January 19th, was Confederate Heroes' Day in Texas. I hope you all remembered to observe this important Official State Holiday in some meaningful way. Also, stand ready to again defend this Official State Holiday from further attempts by opponents to abolish it from our heritage.

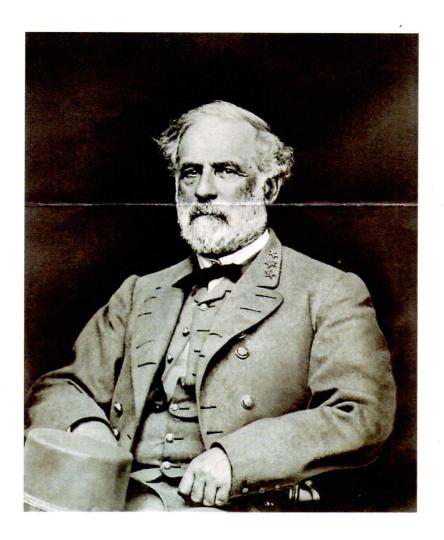
In 1973, the Texas legislature combined the previously Official State Holidays of Robert E. Lee's and Jefferson Davis's birthdays into a single "Confederate Heroes Day" to honor all who had served the Southern cause.

Confederate Heroes' Day commemorates those who died fighting for the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. An Official State Holiday in Texas, Confederate Heroes' Day falls annually on January 19th—the birthday of Robert E. Lee.

Robert Edward Lee, the son of Revolutionary War officer Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee III, was born on January 19th, 1807. Lee was a top graduate of the United States Military Academy and an exceptional officer and military engineer in the United States Army for 32 years. During this time, he served throughout the United States, distinguished himself during the Mexican—American War, and served as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. He was also the husband of Mary Anna Custis Lee, adopted great-granddaughter of George Washington. Lee was second-in-command of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Texas in 1855. He served under Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston at Camp Cooper, Texas; their mission was to protect settlers from attacks by the Apache and the Comanche.

Lee served as the Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and later as General in Chief of the Armies of the Confederate States. He surrendered them to Grant on April 9, 1865. Lee died on October 12th, 1870 at the age of 63.

Editor - Clayton Coker



Stand firmly by your Cannon Let ball and grapeshot fly And trust in God and Davis But keep your powder dry!