



THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN



Dedicated to the sacred memory of the 1st Texas Volunteer Infantry Company E the "Marshall Guards"

Next Meeting...

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

6:30 PM

Jucy's Hamburgers

2003 Victory Dr.

Marshall, TX 75672

Phone: 903-923-8020

Bring A Friend!

Did You Know...

Nearly 3,000 people died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. About the same number of men died in the first 15 minutes at Grant's assault at Cold Harbor on June 3, 1864.

Marshall History...

Marshall was founded in 1841, and became the county seat of Harrison County in 1842. By 1850, Marshall was the fourth largest city in Texas

Dispatch from the Commander's Desk...



Compatriots,

It is with humble thanks that I accept to serve in the office of Commander of the W. W. Harstill Camp. I am thankful for the confidence you expressed in me by casting your votes and the personal expressions of encouragement many of you offered following our January meeting.

*As the new Commander I must express on behalf of the entire camp, our deepest thanks and gratitude for the leadership, sacrifice and devotion of immediate past Commander **Frank Crisp, Jr.** He has served this camp as both Commander and Adjutant for many, many years. In ways too many to mention, the camp would not exist without the hard work of Frank. I will try to live up to the great standard you have set. A reminder, that in 2017 Frank will continue to serve the camp as our adjutant, the most difficult job among the camp officers. In one single phrase...*

THANK YOU FRANK!



Members Participate in Marshall Gun Show...



Recently, members of the W. W. Hartsill Camp #2042 set up a recruiting booth at the Marshall Gun and Knife show. The show was held February 11-12, 2017 at the Marshall Civic Center. The event was attended by several hundred gun enthusiasts and sportsmen of all types.

Several men expressed interest in joining the camp and excellent relationships were started with many members of the Marshall community.

Special thanks to Allen Bourne, Frank Crisp and Michael Hurley for manning the booth over the weekend!

Our Next Meeting February 28, 2017

Speaker: Frank Crisp

Topic:

“A Yankee, A Confederate Veteran, A Famous Reference Bible Editor- Who Is He?”

Don't Miss It!



Governor Samuel W. T. Lanham

Camp #586 Weatherford, Texas

Invites You To Attend



Texas Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

2017 Annual Reunion

Radisson Hotel, 2540 Meacham Blvd.

Fort Worth, TX 76106

June 2, 2017 - June 4, 2017

Register and find the full schedule of events at

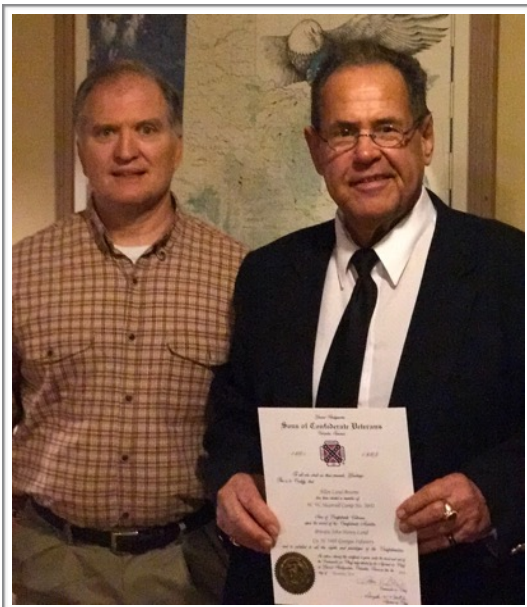
www.txdivreunion.com



Welcome New Members of the W. W. Harstill Camp #2042



Northeast Brigade Commander Sam Mercer welcomes two new cadets Byron Thibodeaux II, and Samuel Thibodeaux to the W. W. Harstill Camp



Immediate Past Commander Frank Crisp inducts two new members Allen Bourne (Left) Robert "Pete" Craig (Right).

History Of Walker's Texas Division "Walker's Greyhounds"

By W. Michael Hurley

Walker's Texas Division was organized at Camp Nelson, near Austin, Arkansas, in October 1862. The only division in Confederate service composed, throughout its existence, of troops from a single state. It took its name from Major General John George Walker, who took command on January 1, 1863.

During its existence it was commonly called the "Greyhound Division" or "Walker's Greyhounds" in tribute to its special capability of making long, forced marches from one threatened point to another within the Trans-Mississippi Department. Elements of the division attempted to relieve the siege of Vicksburg by attacking the federal troops at Millken's Bend in June and took part in the battle of Bayou Boubeau in Louisiana in November 1863. The high point of its service came during the early months of 1864, when it opposed Federal Major General Nathaniel Bank's invasion of Louisiana by way of the Red River Valley.

On April 8-9, 1864, Walker's Greyhounds were committed with other Confederate forces in the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, halting Bank's advance on Shreveport, LA and Marshall, TX. On April 10, 1864, with Thomas J. Churchill's and William H. Parson's division, the Greyhounds began a forced march north to intercept Federal Major General Frederick Steele, who was moving from Little Rock to Camden, Arkansas, in cooperation with Bank's invasion from the South. Steele reached Camden on April 15, then evacuated it on the 27th. On the 30th he was overtaken by Confederate forces, including Walker's Division, at Jenkin's Ferry on the Saline River, fifty-five miles north of Camden. The ensuing fighting was desperate, costing the lives of two of the three brigade commanders of the division, Brigadier General William Read Scurry and Brigadier General Horace Randal. Steele completed his withdrawal to Little Rock, ending the last real threat to western Louisiana and Texas during the war. In June 1864, General Walker was directed to assume command of the District of West Louisiana, and Major General John Horace Forney took command of the division. During March and April 1865 the division marched to Hempstead, Texas where the men disbanded themselves in May 1865.

To the novice Historian, the fighting service of Walker's Texas Division may seem less arduous than that of many similar commands in the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of Tennessee. However, it operated efficiently, under extreme and peculiar difficulties unknown east of the Mississippi River and it deserves major credit for preserving Texas from the devastation, robbery, rape, and destruction which usually accompanied Federal invasion. So the next time you pass that beautiful old historic Marshall courthouse, or do genealogy record research on your Texas roots, give a tip of the hat to old Major General John George Walker, and his brave Texan "Greyhounds" who kept Texas from the Union torch!

Commander Hurley Represents Harstill Camp at Annual Confederate Heroes Day..



Saturday, January 21, 2017 the Northeast Texas Brigade held it's annual Confederate Heroes day memorial. The event was held in front of the Confederate monument on the Gregg County courthouse grounds. Lead by Northeast Brigade Commander Sam Mercer, the event was a solemn and dignified service. To find out more on the event see the Youtube video at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVTdlNw6NpM>



Cleaning Gravestones with D2 Cleanser...

Last year I visited the grave of my wife's GGG Uncle Thomas H. Leatherwood. We found the stone heavily discolored by a deep stain. I cleaned the stone with a nylon brush and D2 cleanser. It takes a few months for the chemical to penetrate the stone and remove the stains. Here are the results. If anyone is interested in how to properly clean a headstone please see me for more info... *M.H.*

Before cleaning in March of 2016,
after cleaning February 2017

Camp Calendar

February 28, 2017

Next Camp Meeting

Jucy's Restaurant Eat at 6:00 PM, Meeting at 6:30PM

February 25, 2017

Mardi Gras Parade

Meet at 1PM parade at 2PM forming up just east of downtown (look for signs).

March 4, 2017

SCV National Flag Rally

East Texas Rally to be held at Camp Ford in Tyler, TX
Meet at 11:30AM, Starts on 12 Noon. Bring a Flag and lawn chairs.

June 2-4, 2017

Texas Division Reunion

Ft. Worth, TX

July 18-23, 2017

S.C.V. National Reunion

Memphis, TN for more info and registration see the website: www.scvmemphis2017.org



How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet Membership.

2017 Camp Leadership

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Find Us on Facebook: Coming Soon!