

*THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN*



**IN MEMORIAM**



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A.

**Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
February 16, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER**

**J.C. Hanna, Commander  
Army of the Trans-  
Mississippi, SCV**

**Dinner Belle Restaurant**

**4803 East End Blvd.  
South**

**Marshall, TX 75672**

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**903-923-9678**

**Bring a Friend**



**W. W. Heartsill**



Compatriots:

We had a great January meeting. We had 19 present and again we were blessed to have Albert Colvin with us to take pictures. Past CinC Gramling swore in our Camp Officers and then informed us what was going on with the SCV National Museum and the needs and plans to re intern Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife on the Headquarters property. Mrs. Gramling also addresses informed us that she was a Texas girl and it was always nice to come across the Stateline. I was honored to present our Past Commander Michael Hurley with his 25 year member's pin. I understand the precautions we must take with the COVID but this was a great start of our new year. Our next meeting we will have J.C. Hanna our Commander of the Trans-Mississippi Army visit our Camp and update us on the conditions of the Army we are a part of. Stay safe, wear your mask, and wash your hands, and pray for the end of the COVID

**Bill Elliott**



## January Camp Meeting



**Camp Officers sworn in. From Left: Sgt. At Arms T.J. Henigan, Chaplain Dick Brassell, Adjutant Frank Crisp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Robb McMahan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Pete Craig, Commander Bill Elliott**



**Immediate SCV Past Commander in Chief Paul Gramling**



**2021-2022 Camp Officers**



**Past Commander Mike Hurley receiving his 25 year SCV pin.**



**IPCinC Gramling updates our Camp on what is happening across the SCV.**



**Lady Lynda Gramling shares her thoughts**



**CC Gramling showing off his gift from our Camp**



**All join in singing Dixie!**

# Hometown Heroes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. Thomas Horace Langley, Co. E, 1st Texas Vol. Inf. Regt. (Hoods Texas Brigade).



**Sgt. T.H. Langley**



**William L. & Thomas H. Langley.**



**Sgt. Langley's resting place at Greenwood Cemetery**



## Hometown Heroes: The Langley Brothers

William L. & Thomas Horace Langley joined the “Marshall Guards” in Harrison County on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1861. The Guards assembled on the Courthouse grounds to receive the final honors from the town’s people. Captain Fredrick S. Bass who had been training this group of men in early spring in the close order drills, manual of arms and the rudiments of the military. Captain Bass had been and instructor of Military tactics at Marshall University. On this day the Company heard speeches from the likes of Colonel Alexander Pope, a respected senior citizen of the community, they were presented with a Flag made by the Ladies of Marshall. The company was called to attention by Lt.’s Baxter and Taylor formed in columns of twos and marched out of Marshall to the Swanson Landings Rd. and proceeded to Swanson Landing where they camped and waited 2 days to catch the steamer *Fleta* to Shreveport arriving there on May 30<sup>th</sup>. At Shreveport they joined other Texas Companies like the **Star Rifles** on Marion County under the command of Captain A. J. Clopton, they like the Marshall Guards were bound to Virginia where they both would be assigned to the First Texas Regiment as Companies D and E and fights in Hood’s Texas Brigade. They arrived at New Orleans around June 6<sup>th</sup> and were sworn into the service Confederate Army by Lt. Pope of the 4<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Infantry and they were issued clothing and equipment. When they left Marshall they had Company strength of 68 men. When they were sworn in they had grown to a Company of 74 men. When Thomas H. Langley joined he had been a college student so he was elected as the Company’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. They travelled close to 1200 miles to Richmond Va. and were sent to Camp at the Fairgrounds just west of Richmond. They were assigned to eight other companies from Texas and were designated as Company E of the First Texas Infantry Battalion. Since they were the middle company they were assigned the honor as the guards of the Battalion Colors. This was a sacred trust but a very dangerous battle duty. Company E trained and drilled with the rest of the Battalion and on July 21, 1861 they were loaded onto railcars and rushed to Manassas Junction but arrived too late for the Battle but they did march onto the Battlefield. They were encamped at Dumfries, Va. and they had 3 more companies assigned to the First Infantry so they became a Regiment status. While there Thomas became sick with typhoid fever and he was discharged from the Regiment on May 4, 1862 Thomas was detailed as a “forager for leather” when he became healthier and sent into eastern Tenn. He became healthy again and he reenlisted again as a Pvt. on May 3, 1863. William was with the 1<sup>st</sup> through all of its Battles. The brothers and Company E. went into fighting at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. They advanced along the north edge of Devil’s Den with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arkansas. The Arkansans were hotly engaged and were forced to withdraw; leaving the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas’s left exposed. William & Thomas advanced with the Texans. The artillery fire from the enemy was intense and tearing into the men. The regimental commander graphically reported that “many were killed and wounded, some losing their heads and others so horribly mutilated and mangled that their identity could scarcely be established.” The fighting was brutal; the Texas Brigade lost 706 men- the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas losing 125 men. William L. Langley was among the 29 killed of the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas in the brutal fighting at Devil’s Den. Thomas survived the War and was at the surrender at Appomattox. He returned to Texas where he later married Sarah Morgan LaNoue on April 29, 1885. They had six children in 12 years. He died on March 3, 1914 at the age of 74 years. Sarah was able to receive a Veterans pension of \$25.00 until her death in 1949. Of the original **74** members of Company E only **5** survived the war. **Thomas was 1 of the 5**

# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers”	Captain Samuel J. Richardson
3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters”	Captain T. W. Winston
1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards”	Captain F. S. Bass
7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys”	Captain K M Van Zandt
7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincible”	Captain W. B. Hill
17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company”	Captain S. B. Hendricks
17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers”	Captain Gil McKay
14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers”	Captain W. L. Pickens
14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics”	Captain N. S. Allen
14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers”	Captain John Miller
28th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers”	Captain Phil Brown
1st Cavalry Regiment Partisan Rangers	Captain Hec McKay
1st Cavalry Regiment Partisan Rangers	Captain S. W. Webb





### **Our chance of re-chartering to change our Camp Number might be dead.**

When I gave my Commander's report at our last meeting I explained to all that the SCV had informed me of an old rule that a UCV Camp Number cannot be used for a SCV Camp. Past Commander in Chief Gramling stated he would be willing to take our request before the next SCV General Executive Committee meeting. So maybe he will be able to help us tie in to UCV Camp 621. Cross your fingers as we might still be approved for the change.



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### **How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?**

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. 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.