

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,

April 20th, 2021

6:30 P.M.

SPEAKER

**Tami Hurley, President,
Texas United Daughters
of the Confederacy**

Dinner Belle Restaurant

**4803 East End Blvd.
South**

Marshall, TX 75672

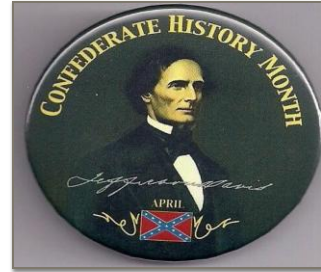
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Bring a Friend



W. W. Heartsill



Compatriots:

We had an informative meeting on March 16th with the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Commander J.C. Hanna who addressed our Camp meeting. We also had him swear in our new Compatriot Jeff Norgard. At our meeting we voted to buy 288 new Flags for our Cemeteries. We also decided to do our part to help raise the funds necessary for the relocation and re-interment of General & Mrs. Forrest at Elm Springs. We will pass the hat out the meeting and the Camp will also donate. We have 2 new members. Keith Finklea and his grandson Josh Thomas have finished their paperwork and I put it in the mail Monday. Welcome aboard. Our speaker for this month is Mrs. Tami Hurley, President of the Texas UDC. We have also invited Ladies from the area who are trying to get a new UDC Chapter here. We might learn more of the history and purpose of the UDC. I know Mrs. Hurley will do us a good program. I look forward to see you on April 20th.

Bill Elliott

Our March Meeting



Our New Compatriot Jeff Norgard was sworn in by ATM Commander J.C. Hanna.



**ATM Commander J.C. Hanna
Informed our Camp on upcoming
needs of the National SCV
We thank J.C. for his service.**



Jeff is welcomed to our Camp

Home Town Heroes: The Blocker Brothers, 3rd Texas Cavalry Co. A.

Dr. Eugene Burris Blocker 1837-1922, Francis B. “Frank” Blocker 1842-1862, Albert B. Blocker and W.P. Blocker 1835-1899.

Albert Butler Blocker, 1844-1923: joined Co. A when it formed on June 1st 1861. He was 16 years old and was the Company Bugler. When the Conscription Act went in place on April 16, 1862 Albert was released for being under age. He returned home and rejoined in October 1862 and served until June 1864. Albert returned to Marshall as a seasoned veteran got married and had 9 children. When the Harrison County Courthouse burned on June 8, 1899 Albert was the County Tax Collector. Albert is buried at Mimosa Hall at Leigh, TX.

Francis Milton “Frank” Blocker: 1842-May 12, 1862: Frank also joined during the formation of the 3rd TX Cav. on June 1, 1861. Frank was elected 3rd SGT and moved up to 1st Sgt., Frank died at Grand Junction, TN. Just across the Mississippi and Tennessee state lines as the 3rd Texas was being assigned into the Army of the Tenn. Frank is shown to be buried at the Old Blocker Cemetery on FM 9 North of Leigh. I am not sure if he is there or just a marker?

William Preston Blocker, 1835-1899: What I can find on William is he was Captain of 1st Battalion 2nd Cavalry of the Texas State Troops. The records showed he was in the Houston and Columbus TX area. He is also buried in the Old Blocker Cemetery.

Dr. Eugene Burris Blocker, 1837-1922: Eugene also joined on June 1, 1861 and served until the 3rd was surrendered in June of 1865. Dr. Blocker returned to Marshall and became involved with the UCV W. P. Lane Camp 621. He married Francis A. Ware and they had 9 children. He is one of 2 CSA veterans buried at Algoma Cemetery.

These are 4 children of a total of 11 children of W.J. & Mary Butler Blocker.

More Short Facts on the: 3rd TX Cavalry Co. A.

Commanded by Col. Elkanah Greer of Marshall, he was 35 year old at the formation and a Brother in Law to Lucy Pickens Holcombe. Greer had served in the Mexican War under Jefferson Davis. Greer was the State Commander of the Knights of the Golden Circle who he called on its members in Northeast Texas to join him. The Confederate Government called for him to raise 1000 troops. He raised 1097. Harrison County had 104 who joined and were assigned to Company A. Greer left the 3rd during the May 1862 reorganization and came back to Texas and was promoted to Brigadier General.

Lt. Colonel Walter P. Lane: Lane a veteran of the Texas Independence War and the Mexican War was a seasoned fighter. Born in Ireland he was a legend and local hero. He was 44 when the 3rd formed. Around August 10th 1861 at the end of the Battle of Wilson Creek, Lt. Col. Lane was assigned to take a group of Troopers and to take the Capital of Missouri at Springfield. The Yankees had pulled out and on the Courthouse was the American Flag still flying. Lane had it removed and raised the Texas Lone Star Flag. I thought this was interesting as the Capital of Missouri was later moved to Marshall. When the 3rd reorganized in May 1862 Lane resigned and came home and formed the First Texas Partisan Rangers and was promoted to Brigadier General. He is buried at Marshall Cemetery

Matthew Duncan Ector: Joined the 3rd in June of 1861 as private, promoted to Lt. and became Greer's adjutant. During reorganization left the 3rd and joined the new 14th Texas Cavalry and would become a Brigadier General. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Thomas W. Winston: From the Jonesville area. Was Captain of CO. A. at the reorganization was not re-elected, resigned and returned home. He is buried at Concord Cemetery, Jonesville.

A.B. Stone Jr.: Also from Jonesville became Capt. of Co. A, after Winston at age of 28. Promoted to Major on Jan. 2, 1863. Stayed with the 3rd until the end.

Sul Ross : Became the Commander of the 3rd Texas was appointed over the Texas Cavalry Brigades including the 3rd Texas. Known as "Ross's Brigade"

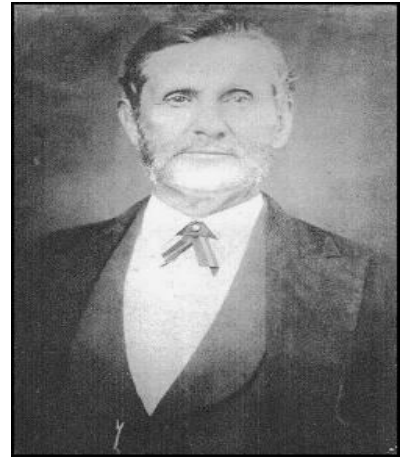
The 3rd started off at 1,097 men and grew by 243 during the War. At the surrender the final count was 206. The loss was 90 KIA, 193 captured, 117 died of Sickness, 472 discharged, deserted 93. The final count at surrender was 206 left.



BG. E. Greer



BG. M.D. Ector



BG. W. P. Lane



Bugler Albert B. Blocker, Company A, Third Texas Cavalry Regiment. Used with permission of Max S. Lale, Fort Worth.

Albert Blocker



Dr. E. B. Blocker



Dr. Blocker after TLC



Dr. Blocker footstone



Capt. T. W. Winston

Flagging the cemeteries March 28th, pictures by Albert Colvin



Getting a plan together



Dick Brassell



Tom Scarborough



Daryl Ware



Bill & TJ



New members Keith & Josh



Mike & Tami Hurley



Allen Bourne



Robb McMahan



Pete Craig



Read the stone to left of Flag



Josh Thomas & Keith Finklea

I would like to thank Brother Albert Colvin for coming over and taking pictures. Also New Compatriot Jeff Norgard got over after the picture taking. I left the house with 288 new 1st National Flags and about 50 Trans Mississippi. When I got home I had 47 1st National and 244 old flags to dispose of. We also reflagged the 10 Union Soldiers at Greenwood. So this was the Sunday before Easter and before the start of April Confederate History Month. The City mowed Marshall Cemetery last week and the Flags really stand out. Thanks to all who came out.

Confederate History Month- 160th Anniversary

I would like to thank all that have been part of the growth and work of our Camp. As the opening line states that on April 12, 1861 was the opening start of the War for Southern Independence. The 1st shots were fire on Ft. Sumter. As you know the North claimed these actions were uncalled for. They do not want all to know that after days of requesting the surrender of the fort in Charleston Bay a Union warship was sailing into the harbor with men and supplies to resupply and reinforce the troop in the fort. They claimed the Confederates fired first but they do not want to acknowledge this was Lincoln's way of forcing the actions that happened. So right off the bat it was the South's fault, it fell into their plans to place all the blame on the South. So here we are 160 years latter being blamed for all the faults and failures in our world today. We in the South are blamed of being behind the claim of being racists, suppressing the poor and down trodden, limiting voting rights and erecting monuments to continuing the so called Jim Crow era. I know you, like me only ask for fair and equal treatment. The right to worship as we please. To do our part to better our communities and enjoy our freedom and families. We ask to honor our ancestors and to be left alone. But we are told on regular bases that our ancestors were wrong and they did their country wrong for standing up for their rights. They always said to the victor goes the spoils. When does this come to and end. I have always believed my ancestors on both sides of the war did what they believe was the just cause and I respect their beliefs. I have no right to judge them for what their actions were 160 years ago. The more I read on the Civil War I respect them even more. I do not think I could march 30 miles in a day caring everything I had and to go into battle with 10 rounds, no food or water and sometimes with no shoes. The hardships, sickness, lack of food and shelter make me want to honor them even more now. April 19th, 1861 W.W. Heartsill and 301 determined men were sworn into the service of the State of Texas to do their part.

Our fight along with their fight goes on today. We are now seeing a movement by some of our City Council members to push for apologies for slavery and discussing reparations. Pushing what is to be taught in schools about slavery. Pushing for the County to take down the Confederate Soldier statue. All of this by a few in the City government, telling the County government and the School Board what they should do. How about fixing our streets and tearing down abandon buildings and taking care of our Cemeteries. These are the things they were elected to do with the main item using our tax dollars wisely. If we can get over losing the War for Independence why can they not get over the injustice done then, not now? I got to where I am today because I was taught to work for what I wanted to achieve. I was taught my future was controlled by me. Not to blame others for what I did not do.

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 Invincibles”	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 Partisans Rangers	Captain Hec McKay
1st Cavalry Regiment Partisans Rangers	Captain S. W. Webb





Upcoming National and Texas Division Reunions

2021 Texas Division Reunion: May 28-30 at Waco Texas. Info can be found on the Texas Division Website SCV TX Div.

2021 SCV 126th Annual Reunion: July 21-24 at Kenner, LA. Info can be found on the SCV website or at the Beauregard Camp 130 site, WWW.SCV-BCAMP130.org

We will be passing the Bucket at our meeting for the Gen. Forrest Relocation Fund to the SCV Headquarters. We have a donor that will match what we raise. So bring a little extra to our April meeting.



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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.