



# THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN *IN MEMORY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOYS*



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

## Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,**

**April 16th, 2024**

**6:30 P.M.**

Program:

**Lt. Commander in Chief,  
Donnie Kennedy on the future  
of the SCV**



**Jose Tequila Restaurant**

**1205 East End Blvd.  
South**

**Marshall, TX 75672**

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**903-472-5695**

**Bring a Friend**



**W. W. Heartsill**

## 2023 Texas Division Superior Camp Winner

## 2023 SCV, ATM Superior Camp Winner

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

We had a very special guest at our meeting. The West Virginia Division Commander Earnest Blevins was working in the area and looked up our Camp info and came and visited our meeting. He shared his knowledge of the fight to save the Reconciliation Monument. Brother Pete shared his training from the Texas Heritage Defense training. We had a busy month helping with the markers dedication at the Hallsville Cemetery a very nice event. We need to go and do some tombstone cleaning of our CSA Vets there. Well As I was working on this newsletter I got an text from Brother Frank Crisp asking if I knew there was a for lease sign at the Dinner Belle. I thought it was an April Fools prank. Well it was note a prank. I contacted Mrs. April and she said she was going to call me and let me know she has shut down. So that outright is a low blow to us. So I am working to find us a new location. We will be checking out who will be willing to have us use their meeting room. Keep your fingers crossed, and say a prayer for our success. We will overcome this setback. Come and hear the man who is in line to be our next CinC.

**Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.**



**Camp Meeting March 19th. Pictures by Albert Colvin**



**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Pete Craig shared what we learned at the Heritage Defense Training**



**West Virginia Division Commander Ernest E. Blevins visited or Camp and shared info**



**The Hurley's at the Cross of Honor dedication for their GGG Grandfather Edwin S. Collins**

**March Activities.**



JOSEPH HART HUDSON

Dear members of the ww Heartsill camp, 03-18-24

Thank you all very much for those of you who attended me and my Brother's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. I am honored to be included in a group of fine men remembering our fellow ancestors and what they did for God, our country, and each other. Thank you.

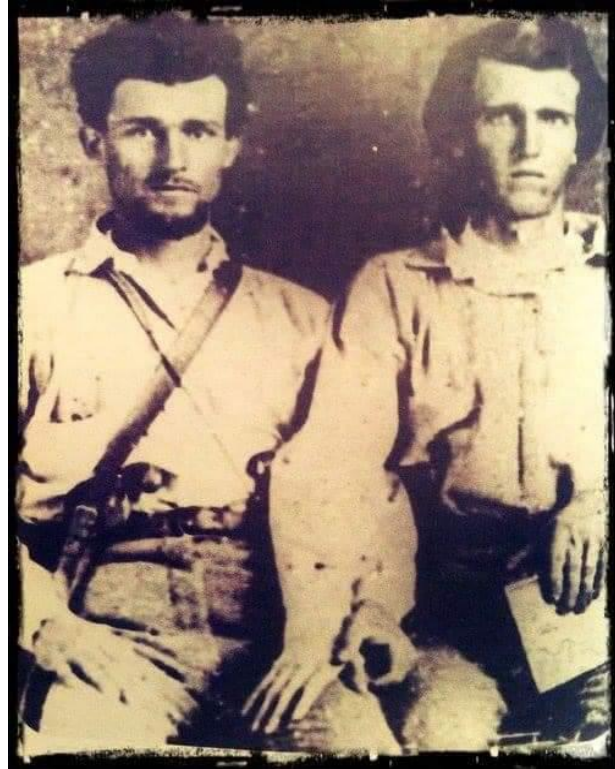
Sincerely,  
Hart Hudson

**Compatriots Hart, Owen, Joey and David Hudson all SCV and all Eagle Scouts**



**Descendants of Confederate Veterans Marker Dedication, Hallsville Cemetery March 16th**

## Hometown Heroes: Perry's and Langley's



**Left picture: Cpl. Harwood E. Perry and his cousin 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Clinton Earl Perry. Harwood was born on March 25, 1844, at Lowndes County, Alabama. Joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Co. E, The Marshall Guards on Sept. 22, 1861 at Camp McLeod, VA. He died at the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg) Sept. 19, 1862. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Clinton E. Perry was also born at Lowndes County Alabama on August 12, 1836. Joined as a Pvt. at Camp McLeod, VA. on Sept. 22, 1861 and joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Infantry Co. E. of Captain Bass's Marshall, Guards. Elected 2nd Lieutenant on May 18, 1862. Died on Sept. 17, 1862 at the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg). There were 4 Perry's who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Co. E.**

**There were a total of 4 Perry's who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Co. E. Privates E.O and L.F. both survived the War.**

**Right picture: Left: William S. Langley, Co. E. 1<sup>st</sup> Texas, Marshall Guards. Died at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1863 at the fighting at the Devil's Den. Right: Thomas Horace Langley born 1-1-1840 at Fayette County TN. Enlisted on June 6, 1861 into the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas, Co. E., Marshall Guards. POW records show he surrendered and paroled Apr. 9, 1865 at Appomattox VA. and took the Oath of Amnesty on June 24, 1865 at Richmond VA. Held the rank of Sgt. and was a courier for Hood's Brigade. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. but reduced down to Private.**

**Of the 74 of the original Company that left Marshall to travel to Virginia only Col Fredrick Bass, Sergeant W. H. Coleman, Privates Franklin M. Mays, T.H. Langley and Samuel Watson survived the entire 4 years of the War.**

## Hometown Heroes: Captain Orren Perry Forrest, Hallsville Cemetery



Orren Perry Forrest, the son of Elisha and Sarah Vincent Forrest, was born June 13, 1827 at Gideonsville in Bedford County, Tennessee. It is said the Forrest family, along with other families, started west in 1844. They spent at least a year in Arkansas and arrived in the Hallsville area of Harrison County in 1846. The Forrest family, including Orren, appeared in the 1850 Harrison County Census. Elisha listed his occupation as farmer, with \$1000 in assets. It stated in Orren's 1903 obituary that he came to Hallsville in 1846.

Orren Perry Forrest, an adventurous young man, came to Texas in his teen years and fought in the Mexican War with Col. Jack Hayes' Mounted Volunteers, one of the roughest, toughest units at the time. They were feared by the Mexicans and disliked by the regular Army. They would not adhere to any discipline, would not salute, would not wear uniforms, but they had a reputation for being fierce fighters. This is where Orren obtained his first military experience. Orren enlisted in Captain E.M. Daggett's Company I of the First Texas Regiment of Mounted Volunteers on March 20, 1847, at Austin, to serve for a period of 12 months in the war with Mexico. He was 19 years old, almost 20. He was five feet, 10 inches tall with blue eyes, light hair, and light complexion. He listed his occupation as a farmer. Orren's Company fought in battles of Buena Vista, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, and various other minor engagements. Orren was mustered out with his Company as a private on May 1, 1848 near Vera Cruz, Mexico; He did have one bad spell of typhoid fever and partially lost his hearing in his left ear because of it. When Orren left Mexico, he came back to East Texas through Shreveport, LA., probably by steamboat at least part of the way. He had his discharge papers stolen from his trunk in Shreveport on May 15, 1848 and he had to get a letter from Capt. Daggett, certifying that he did serve during the Mexican War.

Orren Perry Forrest's relationship to General Nathan Bedford Forrest was that they were first cousins once removed; Orren's father Elisha was a brother to William who was Nathan's father. Orren Forrest enlisted in the Confederate Army on Oct. 1, 1861 in Marshall; He mustered in as a First Lieutenant, for a period of three years by John Gregg. He joined Company H. known as the Texas Invincibles, under Captain W.B. Hill of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Texas Infantry, Granbury's Brigade. The 7<sup>th</sup> was also known as "Gregg's" Regiment Texas Infantry, Most of the Harrison County men fought in the battles of Ft. Donnellson, Tennessee and Arkansas Post. Captain Hill of the Texas Invincibles was killed at Ft. Donnellson and Lt. Orren P. Forrest took over the company as Captain. When Ft. Donnellson was surrendered to the Yankees, Captain Forrest was taken prisoner with the rest of the forces there on Feb. 16, 1862 and received at Camp Chase, Ohio on March 1, 1862.

Captain Forrest was transferred to Johnson Island near Sandusky Ohio on April 10, 1862. His promotion to Captain was effective Feb. 15, 1862, one day prior to the fall of Ft. Donnelson and his capture made for the move to Johnson Island was a prison camp exclusively for officers and it was not as bad as the other POW Camps. Capt. Forrest was sent to Vicksburg, MS. in a prisoner exchange on Sept. 1, 1862. Eleven Hundred and four prisoners were declared exchanged at Aikens Landing, VA. on Nov. 10, 1862. The 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment was temporarily consolidated with the 49<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> (Brown's) Regiments Tennessee Infantry from Oct. 8, 1862 until about Feb. 10, 1863 and formed Bailey's Consolidated Regiment. During the Vicksburg Campaign, General Grant sent an Army towards Jackson, MS. to destroy the Confederate Forces in that area that were building up under General Joseph E. Johnston to join forces with General Pemberton to attack the Union Forces around Vicksburg. Grant's Army encountered a Confederate brigade on May 12, 1863 at Raymond, MS. under General John Gregg, and after some sharp fighting, drove it towards Jackson. Capt. Orren Forrest was wounded at this battle at Raymond. General Gregg, in his report after the battle, said Capt. O.P. Forrest fell in retreat, I do not know the nature of his injury. The Confederates were heavily out number. The wounded Confederates were placed in the Courthouse in Raymond and the wounded Yankees in a Church across the street. On May 14, 1863 Grant's forces captured Jackson. The Company Muster Roll, for July and August 1863 show Capt. O.P. Forrest as "wounded at Raymond, MS. May 12, 1863, now in hospital. The Muster Roll for Sept. and Oct. and the one for Nov. and Dec. of 1863 show him wounded at Raymond, MS., on furlough at Harrison County. There was no record on file to indicate any further services after he was wounded.

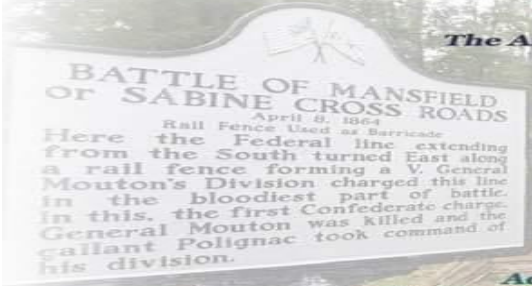
The only pay records in Capt. O.P. Forrest file indicated that he was paid \$90 a month as a lieutenant, and \$120 a month as a captain. No other pay records are shown after October 1862. Orren Perry Forrest returned to his farm in Harrison County and resumed his life as a farmer after the war. He married Cordelia Ann Murphey on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1881. Orren was 54 years old when he married and Cordelia was 23, some 31 years younger than he. Orren and Cordelia had five children: Illa Mae born in 1882, Annie Laurie 1883, Gertrude born in 1885, Nathan Bedford in 1887 and Lawson Perry born in 1893. Orren intended to name his first son Lawson Perry but the ladies of Hallsville made him a little Confederate uniform and insisted that he was "Little Nathan Bedford Forrest" so Lawson Perry came later.

Orren Forrest appeared to have considerable health problems in his later years. On July 17, 1883 he had his right leg crushed from the ankle to the knee in a saw mill carriage. He also suffered a badly damaged left hand from the accidental discharge of a shotgun. These injuries rendered him unable to do farm work and the family subsisted on what rent he received from about 30 acres of land and his pension of \$8 a month. Orren wrote in a letter requesting an increase in his pension, that he was "dependent on either Negroes or such white men as I can get to cultivate my land bringing me fifty or seventy five dollars or maybe bringing me nothing that is according to what sort of renters I get and whether they are of any account" Orren's daughter, Annie Laurie, told her daughter Ann about her grandfather many times, Ann said she was told the captain used to love to tell stories of his interesting life and always had a group of neighborhood children as well as his own around when he had time. He also used to sing songs and one of his daughter's favorites was one he said the Civil War Soldiers used to sing, called "Shoo-Lie-Loo." Ann once said, "I wish I had gotten to know this gentle man" Orren Forrest was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Hallsville when he died on October 31, 1903, after a lingering illness. His father in law, Sidney Brown Murphey, an old friend, was at his bedside when he died. Orren led a very adventurous life as a young man, worked hard as a farmer between wars, and settled down to marry and raise a family late in life..



# ARMY OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL SCV EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

**Mansfield State Historic Site  
15149 LA-175, Mansfield, LA 71052  
10am - 3pm**



**The Army of the Trans-Mississippi invites you to the  
1st Annual ATM National SCV Event!**

- Guest Speakers include:**
- Scott Dearman, Mansfield Site Manager (ret.)
  - Charles Lauret, ATM Councilman
  - Dr. John Goddard
  - Chuck McMichael, Past SCV Commander in Chief

**Music will be provided by The Pine Knotz!**

**Mark you calendars today for this  
Historic Event to commemorate the  
160th Anniversary of the Battle of Mansfield  
& 125 years of the Louisiana Division.**

**Admission \$4. The fee is for everyone over 12 & under 62.  
This includes the museum. Please bring a chair for the event. You may  
also bring a small cooler for snacks & drinks. Parking will be in Mansfield with buses for attendees.**

**For more information please contact ATM Commander JC Hanna, 318-560-7076  
or Louisiana Division Commander Brian McClure, 318-480-1948.**



WELCOME BACK TO MILITARY CITY USA!

127<sup>th</sup> TEXAS DIVISION REUNION  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
SAN ANTONIO

JUNE 7 + 9, 2024

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

More information can be found on Texas Division website

**Make plans now to attend the**

# 2024 SCV National Reunion

**in Historic Charleston, South Carolina**

## July 16 thru 20, 2024

**Featured tours will include:**

**160th Anniversary!**  
**H.L. Hunley Submarine Tour**  
The World's First Successful Combat Submarine Mission!

**Fort Sumter Tour in Charleston Harbor**  
First shots in the War Between the States fired here!

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North Charleston, South Carolina, 29418  
Special SCV Room Rate of \$149 / Night + tax  
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Check our website for updates  
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More information on the National SCV website





**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Louisiana Division**

**125th Reunion**

May 17-18, 2024 Shreveport, La



Greetings Compatriots,

The Lt Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 is honored to host the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of the Louisiana Division. The reunion will be held in Shreveport, La , the Last Confederate Capitol of Louisiana. Also headquarters of the Army of Trans-Mississippi. The host hotel is adjacent to the site of the residence of Gen Kirby-Smith.

The camp is hard at work planning an enjoyable and meaningful event. We hope you all make plans to attend. On the following pages are the needed forms.

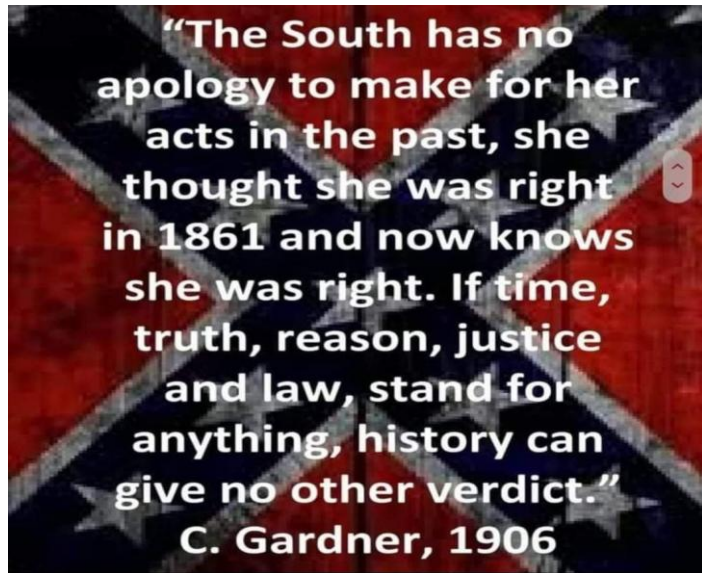
Host hotel: Holiday Inn Downtown Shreveport  
102 Lake Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 318-222-7717

A block of rooms has been set up for May 18 & 19  
The group code is LCV Reservation Cut Off Date: May 10th, 2024  
Room Rates Kings w/o taxes Rooms Rate @\$125  
Queens w/o taxes @ \$135

Hope to see you all there---

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

- 2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers” Captain Sam 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





**April 6<sup>th</sup>: ATM gathering Mansfield Battlefield.**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>: Texas Division History celebration, Blanco State Park.**

**2024 Texas 127<sup>th</sup> SCV Reunion:**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Double Tree, San Antonio Airport.**

**129<sup>th</sup> SCV National Reunion**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. North Charleston, SC.**

**We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund and for the marker for Col. Burke.**



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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.