

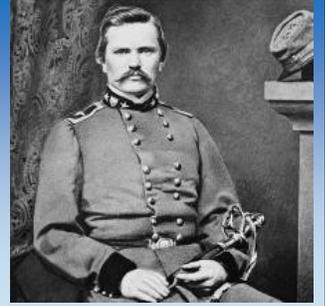


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**Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983**

DECATUR TX

JUNE 2021



**SPECIAL NOTICE  
JULY  
MEETING  
CANCELLED**

**CAMP COMMANDER  
JIM COX**

**1ST LT. COMMANDER  
BRUCE CUNNINGHAM**

**ADJUTANT  
JIM KEEN**

**TREASURER  
RONEY RANGE**

**CHAPLAIN  
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BRANDON DAVIS**

## June Camp Meeting Report

Our Camp was honored to have as Guest Speaker Commander from the Stonewall Jackson Camp in Denton, Bobby Samuel.

Also joining him from Denton was the 1st Lt. Commander Bobby Wallace with his wife. Commander Samuel gave a great talk about what's happening in Denton County with the Confederate Memorial that was removed from the Courthouse Square.



1st Lt. Commander Wallace also presented a program he started by making commemorative coins for their camp to sell as a fundraiser. It would be a great opportunity for our camp as well and we will be addressing the possibility for our camp to develop our own coins for a fund raiser in the future. See page 2 for more info.

Unfortunately, our meeting was not official since we did not have a quorum of members present. Also, since summer is upon us and the potential for members being out on trips, etc., it was decided that we will cancel the July meeting and resume again on August 10th. I encourage each member to try and make it to our meetings if at all possible.

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*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906*



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## 2021 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION NEWS

The TX Div. Reunion in Waco was as resounding success and very well attended during the weekend of May 28th through June 1. The main order of business was election of officers for the next two (2) years and the results are as follows:

Division Commander	John McCammon
Lt. Commander	Michael Hurley
2nd Lt. Commander	Kyle Sims
3rd Lt. Commander	Jim Cox
Adjutant	Allen Hearrean
Chaplain	James Bozeman
Chief of Staff	Shelby Little
Judge Advocate	Rob Jones

All officials are now listed on the website [www.scvtexas.org](http://www.scvtexas.org) including other appointed positions and all Brigade Officers.

Upcoming Reunions:

McKinney on June 3-5, 2022

Lubbock on June 2-4, 2023



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These are pictures of the front and back of the “Coin” that the Stonewall Jackson Camp had made for both a fundraiser and exchange coin for honorary guest. They chose to honor the Confederate Memorial in Denton County.



## Another Neighboring County Abandons Monument

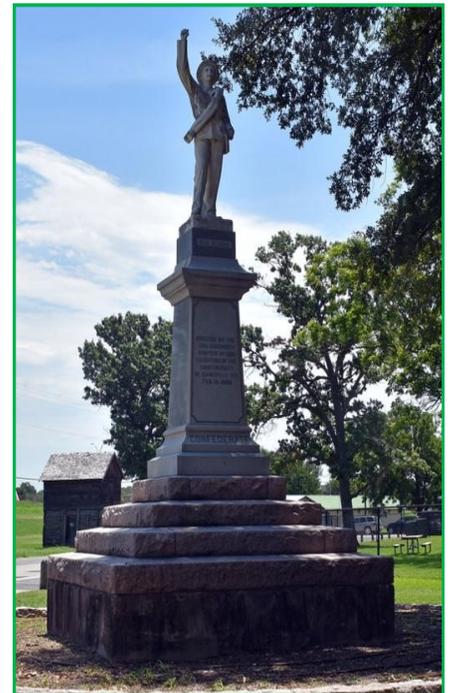
During a specially called meeting July 14, 2020, members of the Gainesville City Council unanimously agreed to remove the Confederate monument at 1000 W. California St. The monument was erected Feb. 15, 1908, by the Gainesville—based Lou Dougherty Chapter No. 366 of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

At that meeting, Mayor Jim Goldsworthy said the decision wasn't political. He said he'd been discussing the Confederate monuments in town since the George Floyd prayer vigil at the Gainesville Farmers Market in early June. Floyd, who was black, died during an arrest in late May 2020 in Minneapolis.

On Aug. 27, 2020, the city entered an agreement with the United Daughters of the Confederacy to remove the Confederate monument from the park and take it “within reasonable distance” to a location selected by the UDC, according to a previous Register report. The agreement states the UDC must provide the Morton Museum of Cooke County in downtown Gainesville the first right of refusal.

Sullivan has said there is no record in meeting minutes from the early 1900s that indicates the city owns the statue.

According to an archived report, Sullivan budgeted \$30,000 from the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax fund for the monument removal project should the Morton Museum accept the statue. Part of the monies, he said, will go toward helping pay for the display of the monument.



## Camp Commander elected as 3rd Lt. Commander for Texas Division



Your Camp Commander, Jim Cox, was elected as 3rd Lt. Commander for a two year term at the Texas Division Reunion. I consider this to be a special honor to represent our Camp and the SCV in this capacity. The 3rd Lt. Commander's responsibilities mainly involve handling all the correspondence, communication directives and website for the Division.



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## Photos from the Texas Division Reunion



Lt. Colonel Allen West, the Awards Luncheon Guest Speaker took this selfie with Jim and Merlene Cox.



# 2021—2022 DUES RENEWAL TIME

It is approaching that time again for our Membership dues. Your dues renewal letter has been mailed so be looking for yours. Remember, the amount is the same as last year, \$60.00. Please return you dues as soon as possible.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

## DUES PAYABLE ON RECEIPT — DELINQUENT FEE ASSESSED ON SEPTEMBER 1

LEVEL	DUES – YOU MUST PAY ALL DUES LISTED TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING	DUES AMOUNT
National		\$35.00
Texas Division		\$15.00
Camp: ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON #983		\$10.00
<b>TOTAL MINIMUM DUES →</b>		<b>\$60.00</b>

### *I am pleased and honored to make some additional contributions:*

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Defense Fund            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 or | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Flags Across Texas Project       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 or | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Memorial Fund Project      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 or | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Giving for Your local Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 or | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

**\* MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR CAMP.**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**August 7th: Bowie Trade Days recruitment booth.**

**August 9th—13th: Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp**

**September 25th: Paradise Main Street Festival.**

We will need to vote to pay the \$25 fee for a recruitment booth as we did last year. This is a great opportunity for our Camp to get exposure to the public.





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## SCV Camps represented well at the Scottish Festival

In a cooperative effort with the Robert E. Lee Camp and Brg.Gen. Richard M. Gano Camp, and the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, participating in the Scottish Festival was a resounding success. The Lee Camp was able to be the Color Guard for the Clan Parade, looking great, dressed out in their Confederate Tartan. Visitors who came by our tent were very encouraging and some recruiting was successful. Best of all the leadership of the Scottish Festival was very impressed with our SCV presentation and we were invited to come again next year. Special thanks to the Lee and Gano Camps for doing such a great job helping us represent SCV! An additional note of Thanks goes to our 1st Lt. Comm. Bruce Cunningham was a vital part of coordinating the Scottish Festival.





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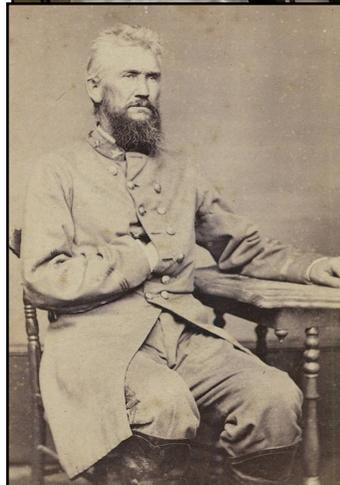
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## MAY Camp Meeting Report

What a great honor and privilege it was to have Frank Bussey as our guest speaker. Frank is the 7th Brigade Commander from De Leon, Texas. He gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on the Battle of Palmito Creek, the last battle of the War of Northern Aggression. The battle was at the very tip of Texas where the Rio Grande empties into the Gulf of Mexico.



Frank's program was loaded with factual information about the commanders on the field and unique circumstances of the Battle.



**John Salmon Ford** better known as "**Rip**" **Ford**, was commander of the Confederate forces at the Battle of Palmito Ranch on May 12-13, 1865. It was a Confederate victory!

## JUNE MEETING

Our June Camp Meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on May 11th at 6:30 PM.

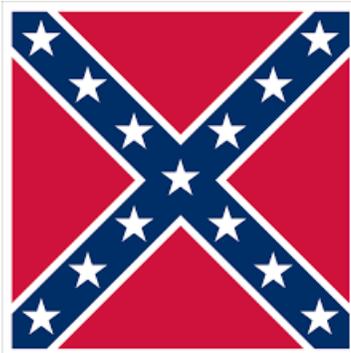




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## A Short History Lesson

Just as the War for American Independence of 1776, the War for Southern Independence of 1861 was fought over “taxation without representation.” The North was constantly trying to raise taxes on Southerners through high tariffs on imported goods to protect the inefficient big businesses in the North. These big businesses could not compete with manufactured goods from England and France with whom the South traded cotton. The South did not have factories and had to import most finished products.



The Industrial Revolution allowed England and France to produce and ship products across the Atlantic that were cheaper than the products of Northern manufacturers. When Lincoln was elected President, he and the U.S. Congress immediately passed the Morrill Tariff (the highest import tax in U.S. history), more than doubling the import tax rate from 20% to 47%. This tax served to bankrupt many Southerners. Though the Southern states represented only about 30% of the U.S. population, they paid 80% of the tariff collected. Oppressive taxes, denial of the states' rights to govern themselves, and an unrepresentative federal government pushed the Southern states to legally withdraw from the Union.

Since the Southerners had escaped the tax by withdrawing from the Union, the only way the North could collect this oppressive tax was to invade the Confederate States and force them at gunpoint back into the Union.

It was to collect this import tax to satisfy Northern industrialist supporters that Abraham Lincoln invaded the South. Slavery was not the issue. Lincoln's war cost the lives of 600,000 Americans. The republic of free sovereign states as envisioned by the United States founders was destroyed by the victory of the North. The Southern states were forced back into the Union at gunpoint.

The truth about the Confederate Flag is that it has nothing to do with racism or hate. The War for Southern Independence was not fought over slavery or racism.



**Color Guard at the Scottish Festival.**

Reminder that the Texas Division Reunion will be May 28th through May 30th in Waco TX. The Reunion is hosted by the Gen. Felix H. Robertson Camp #129 and is anchored by the Awards Luncheon. We will be honored to have as our keynote speaker Lt. Col. Allen B. West.



Presently our camp is eligible for three (3) delegates; Camp Commander Jim Cox, 1st. Lt. Commander Bruce Cunningham and our third designee is still open. If you would like to come as a delegate or just visit, let me know and I will supply details.



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## Announcement of Candidacy for 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Commander, Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Texas Division Delegates,

I am a fourth generation Texan and a member of the SCV since 2011. I am presently the Camp Commander of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983, and former member of the Gov Samuel W T Lanham Camp #586 serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander. I am also a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. I am retired for over three (3) years and devote my time to the SCV and am willing to pursue this position along with being Camp Commander full time.

While at the Lanham Camp I learned that the AS Johnston Camp in Decatur was about to cease operating as an active camp due to lack of membership and interest. Once I transferred, I was elected Camp Commander within one year, and am very proud to say the Camp is very healthy and active with a growing membership due to our unified efforts.

Since I have been at the Johnston Camp, we have completely redesigned the website and begun producing a monthly newsletter. We have also increased communication between camps and encouraged partnerships with neighboring camps for the benefit of our SCV.

Prior to retirement, I was a City Administrator for four (4) municipalities in Texas and previously owned and operated a printing and graphic design company for over eighteen (18) years. Prior to that I was in banking for fifteen of years.

I firmly believe that everything we do within our organization should be done with professionalism, integrity, transparency and precision. It is with a deep sense of responsibility that I am placing my name for your consideration for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander position for our Texas Division. Your vote will be appreciated.

Deo Vindice!

Jim Cox

Camp Commander

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