

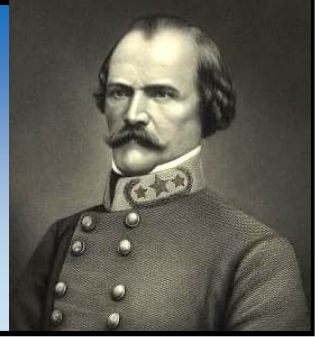


# THE PICKET LINE

**Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983**

DECATUR TX

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**Kim Price**

## April Camp Meeting . . .

...was well attended as we recognized April as Confederate Heritage Month. In honor of our Heritage, all camp members in attendance recounted their confederate ancestors names, their service and other information of interest, to the camp.

Second Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Davis gave a report on the Greenwood Cemetery flagging event of eleven (11) confederate graves. (See page 4).

First Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Cunningham gave updates on the Decatur Celtic Festival to be held on May 3rd and 4th. A dinner will be the focus event on Friday evening with musical entertainment. Early registration for this will be only \$30 per person. Motion was made and approved, that the camp purchase a table for eight (8) at \$240. Reimbursement would come back to the camp from those wishing to attend. The camp also voted to have a booth at the Festival for \$40. We will be located beside at least two other SCV Camps on Saturday. This will be an exciting and memorable event.

Our Camp was reminded of the "Medal of Honor Parade" coming up on April 27th in Gainesville. We encouraged participation, recruiting members to march in this patriotic parade, as we did last year.

We also welcomed our camp's first "Friends of the SCV" applicant, Karen June Kelley.

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**Next Camp meeting**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**FUMC Wesley Bldg.**

**102 E. Main, Decatur, TX**



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## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE WAR OF NORTHERN AGGRESSION

- The Constitution of the Confederate States of America outlawed international slave trading; The US Constitution did not.
- The Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves, but freed only those slaves in the states that had seceded. The slaves in the states that remained in the union were not included.
- CSA Lt. Gen. Joseph Wheeler was commander of the Confederate cavalry forces of the Army of Tennessee and the Army of Mississippi. After the war he became a member of congress from Alabama and in 1898, he became a Major General of volunteers and fought in Cuba in the Spanish-American War. Later he served in the Philippines with US forces fighting in the Philippine Insurrection. In 1900, he was commissioned a Brigadier Gen. in the US Army, thus having the unusual distinction of serving first as a General in the Confederate army, then as a General in the US Army.



## **The Significance of**

**Membership In The Sons of Confederate Veterans Cannot Be Overstated. The Veterans Themselves Entrusted Their Legacy To The Sons... A Responsibility Not To Be Taken Lightly. Ours Is Truly A Heritage Of Honor.**



## **THE CHARGE OF STEPHEN DILL LEE**

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

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





## A Different Flag I Fly



Some call it A "Flag Of Hate"  
Blue X across the Red.  
The Flag I Fly, in Southern sky  
Is a Flag of Truth instead.

A Truth about the Hero's  
Whose Hearts fought for This land.  
A Truth about a way of life  
That some won't understand.

A way of life, that's not for sale!  
A cannons "*Thunder*" and "*Rebel Yell*"  
A Glass of Tea, Wisterias' Bloom  
My heart's in DIXIE, She Has the Room!

The flag I fly is not of "Hate"  
For All are Welcome Within my gate's  
Excepting They who Tell the Lie,  
Its a flag of Hate That's in the sky.

The Flag Explains my way of life,  
Not wearing Sheets or Carrying Knives.  
Not burning a Cross in some ones yard.  
But Living "Free" and working hard.

It tells of Hospitality,  
And love of a Family true!  
The Flag I fly, is a different kind.  
I pray you Fly yours Too.



David Tatum Jr







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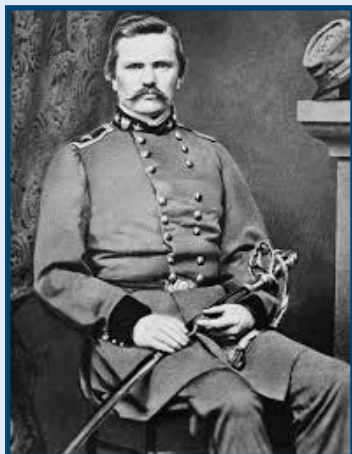
## In Honor of Our Confederate Veterans



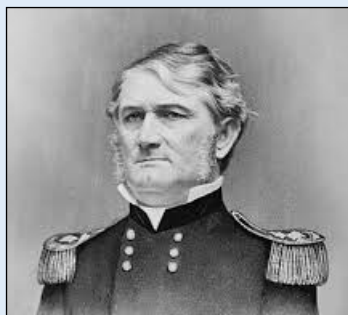
April 6th was a special day for our camp. Five members of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983 were able to flag and honor 11 gravesites of confederate veterans at the Greenwood Cemetery. Pictured are 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Davis (organizer), Adjutant Keith Hulsey, Chaplain Allen Glanville, Col-or Sgt. Kim Price, and Cmdr. Jim Cox.



## Notable April Birthdays



Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner  
April 1, 1823 KY



Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk  
April 10, 1806 NC



Brig. Gen. Henry Lewis Benning  
April 2, 1814 GA





## Mobile Bay: Touchstone of American Military History

For most of the thousands of tourists who annually visit the scenic shores of Mobile Bay, Alabama, the region conjures up images of a rich maritime landscape and bountiful natural environment that serve as a backdrop for numerous recreational activities. Yet the bay area is also one of the nation's most historic regions, with a unique heritage spanning centuries of occupation in which it has figured prominently in multiple military conflicts. Its principal city, Mobile, was founded in 1702, and over its more than three centuries of development, three different European powers have claimed it, as well as the United States, and the Confederacy. During the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, Mobile and the larger bay region assumed special significance as primary targets for competing armies and navies.



*Battle of Mobile Bay by Louis Pang*

During the Revolutionary War, the Mobile Bay area lay literally in the middle of the British colony of West Florida. Owing to its strategic setting and its role as one of its primary ports, the city became a special target of Spanish forces in a whirlwind campaign that featured fighting on both sides of the bay and whose results—its conquest by Spain—would forever alter the region's trajectory. A generation later, during the War of 1812 and the closely associated Creek War, the area again assumed special military significance. It was the site of the opening fights in the Creek War, including the infamous Battle of Fort Mims, and the theater for that conflict's first campaigning. The area also witnessed two pitched battles between American and British forces, both at a spot known as Mobile Point, which would become much better known to Americans across the nation in the 1860s for what happened there one hot August morning during the Civil War.

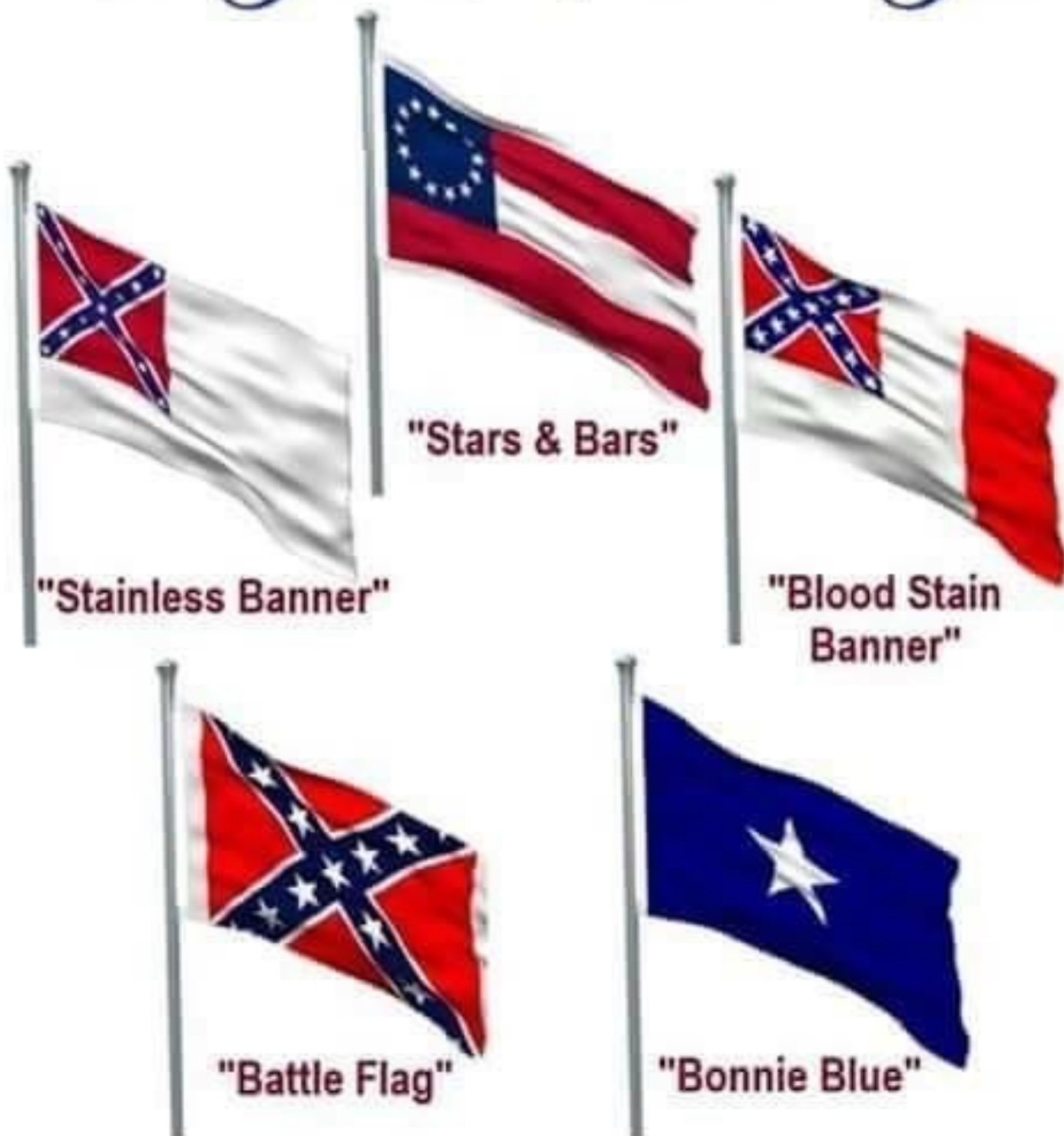
The Battle of Mobile Bay, fought on August 5, 1864, proved to be one of the Civil War's largest naval battles. In it, Union admiral David Farragut—who may or may not have precisely said “Damn the Torpedoes”—forced his fleet past the guns of Fort Morgan, ending Mobile's days as a rebel seaport. Days later, both Fort Morgan and its sister installation across the mouth of the bay, Fort Gaines, had fallen. Yet the city of Mobile, the fourth largest urban center in the Confederacy at the beginning of the war, still lay in Confederate hands.

Mobile would be the object of the combined-forces action known as the Campaign for Mobile in one of the war's closing operations in the spring of 1865. The most substantial operations on land and water to occur along the Gulf Coast during the Civil War, the affair involved over 55,000 troops and more than 40 warships. The sites associated with the Mobile Campaign are a revelation to many visitors to the region. Sieges of the Confederate positions at Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley resulted in weeks of pitched fighting before the climactic charge of some 16,000 troops in a front stretching 3 miles in length that resulted in the capture of Fort Blakeley just hours after Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox. The fall of Mobile occurred just a few days later.

*Mike Bunn is the director of Historic Blakeley State Park, Spanish Fort, Alabama.*



## *Flags of Heritage*





## Decatur Celtic Festival

- Live Traditional Music
- Food Trucks
- Shortbread Competition
- Clan Wars
- Raffle Drawings
- Scottish-American Country Dance



May 4th 2024

Wise County Fairgrounds

3101 FM 51, Decatur, TX 76234

For more information, visit [DecaturCelticFestival.com](http://DecaturCelticFestival.com)





## Upcoming Events

Medal of Honor Parade ( <i>Gainesville</i> )	April 27, 2024
<b>Decatur Celtic Festival</b>	May 3-4, 2024
ASJ Camp Meeting	May 9, 2024
<b>Texas Division Reunion (<i>San Antonio</i>)</b>	June 7-9, 2024
ASJ Camp Meeting	June 13, 2024
<b>Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp (<i>Gainesville</i>)</b>	July 1-6, 2024
ASJ Camp Meeting	July 11, 2024
<b>National Reunion (<i>Charleston, SC</i>)</b>	July 16-21, 2024
ASJ Meeting	August 8, 2024
ASJ Meeting	September 12, 2024
ASJ Meeting	October 10, 2024
ASJ Meeting	November 14, 2024
ASJ Meeting (Christmas Dinner)	December 6, 2024







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*[2024txdivreunion@scvhoods153.net](mailto:2024txdivreunion@scvhoods153.net) OR  
[commander@scvhoods153.net](mailto:commander@scvhoods153.net) on March 31!*