

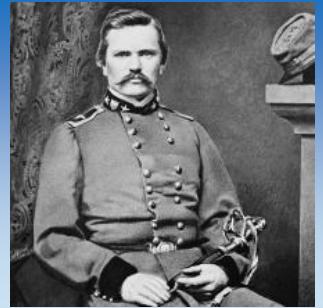


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Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983

DECATUR TX

July 2022



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From the Commander . . .

As most of you know by now, our camp adjutant Brandon Davis was involved in a very serious motorcycle accident in Tennessee July 8th. He remains at the University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville with internal injuries and a badly injured leg. He will be out of commission for some time as he recovers. Our prayers are with Brandon and we will keep the camp posted, via email, of any updates on his condition.

Our **July meeting** was a special one with guest, John Mowery, head administrator of the FB Group "All Things Texas." John shared his heart and vision for Texas history especially the history of small town Texas.



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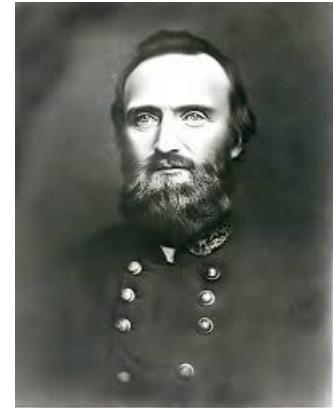


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Chaplain's Page

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Thomas Jackson. We don't readily recognize that name, but everyone knows who "Stonewall Jackson" is. Jackson's nickname was first applied to him at the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861, by Confederate General Bernard Bee. Inspired by Jackson's resolve in the face of the enemy, Bee called out to his men to inspire them: "Look, men! There is Jackson standing like a stone wall! He was unflappable in the face of adversary. Jackson's stern and serious personality evolved from his childhood. Both of his parents and sister died when he was very young, and he was forced to live with relatives. Jackson had little education and even lacked a religious background. He fought in the Mexican War and went to West Point. What many don't know is that Jackson had an unrelenting faith in God, which cannot be separated from the character. Many have classified him as a religious fanatic. He always prayed, and it was said that he would not even put a glass of water to his lips without asking for God's blessing. After class, he prayed quietly for his student's success. Furthermore, secular topics were not to be discussed on Sundays. The Virginian would only mail a letter during the week because he was afraid that it would still be in the process of delivery on Sunday. Finally, the general denied all glory that he earned on the battlefield and insisted that God was to be given the credit for success.



So, did his faith help him as he commanded troops and fought so valiantly? He was a student of the bible and how many times did he read the words "fear not" we'll never know, but he most certainly was familiar with this theme in the bible regarding Christians during troubling times. Today, our world is a mess. It's easy to despair when we see what's happening not only in our country but all around the world as well. Jesus said this would happen. A quick reading of Matthew 24 and Luke 21 describes a terrible time that's coming. But in Luke 21:28 "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Believers have the assurance that no matter what's happening in the world, God remains in control, and He will take care of His children. So be anxious in nothing and fear not. Those words are in the bible 365 times. One for each day of the year. Remember not only who YOU are but who HE is.

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



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MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY-RICHMOND VA

The White House and Museum of the Confederacy offer visitors two unique experiences involving Civil War history. The White House of the Confederacy served as Jefferson Davis's executive mansion from August 1861 until April 1865 and is open for tours. The Museum of the Confederacy closed its doors Sept. 2018 and moved to their new home at the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, VA. Curators moved the museum's artifacts and collections including: confederate flags, swords, paintings and more.

Commander Cox was blessed with the opportunity to visit the Museum prior to its relocation. It is my understanding the "new" museum is more oriented toward the Union.



This was the first view of the museum from the front door, flags of the Confederacy along with all the state flags. A beautiful site.



White House of the Confederacy where Jefferson Davis led the Confederate States of America.



The famous painting of Robert E. Lee and Robert "Stonewall" Jackson in the Museum.





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Camp Member Ancestors



K. E Price Great Uncle

THOMAS J PRICE 1839 — 1912

Born in Henry County Georgia, enlisted October 9th, 1861 and served in Company F, 25th Alabama Regiment, eventually as a 5th Sergeant. He was dangerously wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. The 25th Alabama Infantry Regiment was organized at Mobile in December 1861 by the consolidation of McClellan's 1st and 6th Alabama Infantry. Brigaded under General Adley Gladden, fought at Shiloh (casualties: 15 k, 75 w), then was placed under General Gardner. It fought throughout the war with the Army of Tennessee. In the Carolinas, the 25th was in Sherman's front, with some casualties at Columbia and Kinston, and with large loss at Bentonville. The regiment was shortly after surrendered at Goldsboro, having about 75 men of the old 25th present for duty.

In South Carolina the Command was about to be captured and the officers told them to get away and make their escape. Thomas was one of a small number that made good their escape and got home.

Roney Range's Great Great Grandfather

WILLIAM WHITESIDE SEBASTIAN 1838 — 1893

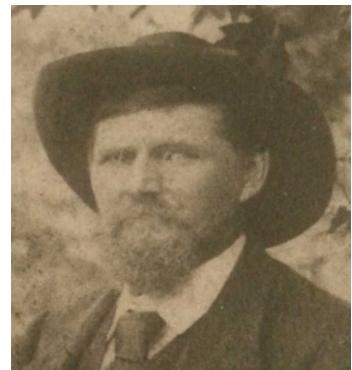
William Whiteside Sebastian was born in Cherokee County, Georgia, May 22, 1838.

William Whiteside Sebastian enlisted in the Third Confederate Regiment, in 1862 as a private, and served about one year. Then he returned home and raised a company, which was attached to Edmondson's battalion, Georgia troops. He went out as Captain, but was in command of the battalion the greater portion of the time, and was also on detached service.



He was discharged at Kingston, Georgia, under General Wafford, after the close of the war, and came out without being captured or wounded, but was in many hot engagements.

He is buried at the Pioneer Cemetery in Garland TX.





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Upcoming Events

Trade Days Booth (<i>Boyd</i>)	July 30, 2022
SCV National Reunion (<i>Georgia</i>)	July 19-23, 2022
ASJ Camp Meeting	August 11, 2022
ASJ Camp Meeting	September 8, 2022
DEC Quarterly Meeting (<i>Waco</i>)	September 10, 2022
Battle Reenactment-Confederate Reunion Grounds (<i>Mexia</i>)	Oct. 14 - 16, 2022
ASJ Camp Meeting	October 13, 2022
ASJ Camp Meeting	November 10, 2022
ASJ Christmas Party/Meeting (<i>tentative date</i>)	December 3, 2022
SCV Texas Reunion (<i>Lubbock</i>)	June 2-4, 2023

Recruiting Booth Assistance Needed

Our Camp will be having a booth at the Rhome Veterans Day Celebration Event in Boyd on July 30th. The event will be held at the Boyd Community Center at 420 E. Morton, Boyd.

Since we are recognized as a Veteran's Group, we are able to have a booth at no charge. Please come and help us as we will be looking for potential new members.

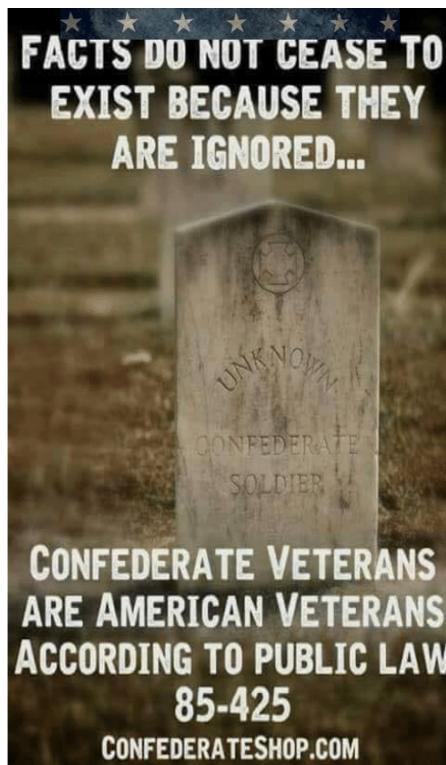




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Confederate soldiers were not declared 'US veterans' they were declared **AMERICAN** veterans by an act of Congress in 1958.

REAL Americans honor real Americans. Period.



SUGGESTED LINKS

SCV National Headquarters

www.scv.org

SCV Army of Trans-Mississippi

www.scv.atm.com

SCV Texas Division

www.scv.texas.org

Texas Civil War Museum

<https://texascivilwarmuseum.com>

Make Dixie Great Again

<https://www.makedixiegreatagain>

IMPORTANT REMINDER !!!!

Annual Dues must be paid by July 31 or they will be considered past due. There will be a \$5 penalty assessed on dues received after July 31. Please mail your dues to Jim Cox, 198 Wrigley Dr., Springtown TX 76082.

Let's have 100% retention in our camp this year.



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Confederate Soldier

Note the date:

**July Camp
Meeting will
be on July
14th.**

From the Commander

The Texas Division Reunion was a resounding success with over 150 attendees, representing most of our Texas Camps. This special event was held in McKinney at Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, with excellent accommodations.

The Saturday morning business session was well attended and included remarks by several SCV dignitaries from National and State positions. All business for the Texas Division was handled very smoothly. The Texas Division voted to donate \$15,000 to the Confederate Museum.

At the luncheon we were all treated to a fiery message by Donald Kennedy, co-author of "The South Was Right", and other excellent books for our cause. Mr. Kennedy inspired us all to remember our heritage and stand tall for our ancestors.

Later Saturday evening the Banquet and Ball featured Susan Lee of the Virginia Flappers, who gave an arousing, patriotic speech. She did an excellent job laying out the challenges we are facing and encouraged pro-activism in standing up for our heritage, to keep our cause alive. In this issue you will see pictures of the Banquet Ball dancers with everyone in period clothing.

I encourage as many members of our camp to begin planning to make the Reunion next year to be held in Lubbock, June 2—4, 2023.

**Welcome New Members to
Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983**

Daniel Blaney

Rodney Kilgore

Christopher Thacker



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TEXAS DIVISION REUNION 2022



Pictured above: Donald Kennedy, Luncheon Speaker.

Pictured left: Keynote speaker Susan Lee with camp commander Cox

Pictured below: SCV attendees at dinner Banquet and Ball





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Pictured above: Camp Commander Cox, and wife, Merlene Cox, and TX Division Commander Joe McCammon, with wife Darrah McCammon

Pictured below: Guests enjoying the Ball with period costumes and music.



Pictured above: TX Division 3rd Lt. Commander Cox, giving report to membership at business meeting.





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Camp Member Ancestors

H. L. Ross's Great Grandfather

WYATT CHAPEL SEARS 1883 —1916

Born in White County Georgia, Wyatt Chapel Sears enlisted November 23, 1861, in Company C (known as White County Marksmen), as a Private of 24th Georgia Infantry.



Sears was promoted to Full Corporal 3rd Class on June 8, 1863, Full Lieutenant 1st Class on September 14, 1863, and to Full Ensign On November 7, 1864. (Rank created for duty to bear the colors of the regiment.)

The Twenty-Fourth Georgia Infantry was officially mustered into Confederate service on August 24, 1861, joining the Department of North Carolina. Sears' unit was placed in the Army of Northern Virginia in 1863. It moved to the Shenandoah Valley where Sears' unit served in the Army of the Valley District. Finally, in December 1864, the unit returned to the Army of Northern Virginia for the remainder of the War.

During the engagement at Sailor's Creek, Virginia, on April 6, 1865, Wyatt Chapel Sears was captured and taken to Johnson's Island Prisoner of War Camp. Wyatt was released on June 20, 1865.

Around 1875, Sears moved his family to Fulton County, Arkansas. In 1891, he moved his family again to Wilbarger County, Texas, and finally, to Foard County, Texas. He died January 26, 1916, and is buried in Crowell, Foard County, Texas.



Rodney Kilgore's Great Grandfather

JESSE SILCOX 1830 — ?

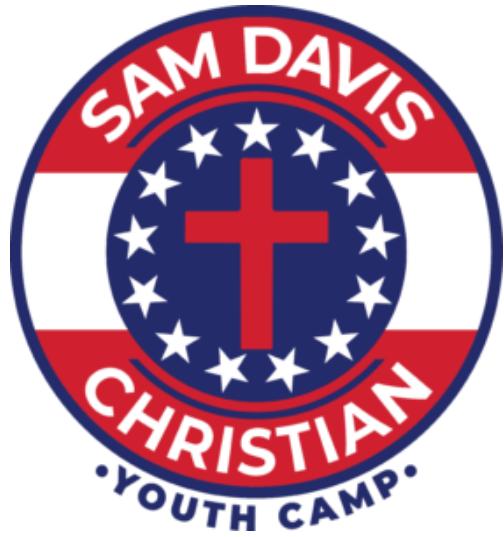
Jesse Silcox served in the 1st Infantry Regiment, formerly the 1st Florida Infantry Battalion, was assembled in March, 1861, at Chattahoochee Arsenal. Its members were from the counties of Leon, Alachua, Madison, Jefferson, Jackson, Franklin, Gadsden, and Escambia. The unit was involved in conflict on Santa Rosa Island, then fought at Shiloh, Farmington, and Perryville. Later it was placed in General Preston's, Stovall's, Finley's, and J.A. Smith's Brigade, and in December, 1862, it was united with the 3rd Florida Infantry Regiment.

This command fought at Murfreesboro and Jackson, participated in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from Chickamauga to Nashville, and was active in North Carolina. The 1st/3rd lost twenty-six percent of the 531 engaged at Murfreesboro, had thirty-four percent disabled out of the 273 at Chickamauga, and totaled 240 men and 119 arms in December, 1863. Few surrendered on April 26, 1865. The field officers were Colonels J. Patton Anderson and William Miller, Lieutenant Colonels William K. Beard and Thaddeus A. McDonell, and Major Clover A. Ball.



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The Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp will be starting July 14th and go until July 16th . The camp offers an adventure-filled and Christ-centered week-long encampment for youth ages 12 through 18, in a beautiful East Texas setting. This annual event is comfortably hosted at a scenic privately owned Christian retreat near Royse City, just 30 minutes from downtown Dallas... all of which reflects the beauty of God's creation. Come learn about our Confederate Culture and Heritage in a fun filled environment. Camp is about developing new friends, a stronger faith, and doing all kinds of amazing activities: swimming, wild & crazy games, crafts, ropes course, the blob, zip line, screamer swing, climbing wall, gaga ball, tetherball, basketball, four square, volleyball, canoeing, paddle boats, archery, black powder rifles, music, snacks, game room, ping pong, field trips, learning how to defend your Heritage, Christian Faith & more!



Our camp 1st Lt. Commander Bruce Cunningham is one of the directors of the camp and he would certainly appreciate our support and attendance if possible. Questions: bvcunningham@gmail.com

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp	July 14-16,2022
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Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906