

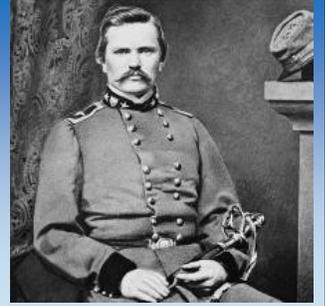


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Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #983

DECATUR TX

AUGUST 2021



SEPTEMBER 14TH CAMP MEETING
WESLEYAN BLDG., 200 E MAIN (ACROSS FROM POST OFFICE)

Judge JD speaks at August Meeting

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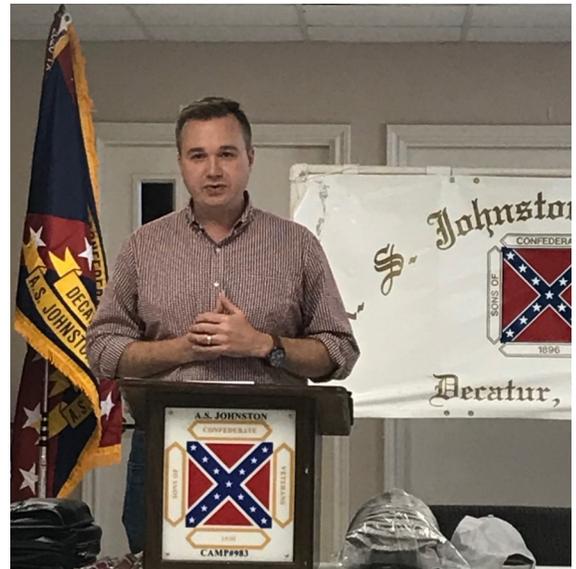
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The Camp was truly honored to have as guest speaker County Judge J.D. Clark. Judge Clark gave a very informative talk regarding the renovation of the Wise County Courthouse progress and the full extent of the renovation back to the original condition and plans. This will include adding the original balcony in the district court room as restoring original colors to the walls in the courthouse.



Special Reminder: August 30 is rapidly approaching. If you have not sent your dues please do so immediately as there will be a late fee after August 30. The amount is the same as last year—\$60.00. Please help the camp have 100% retention of our membership as we continue to grow with new members.

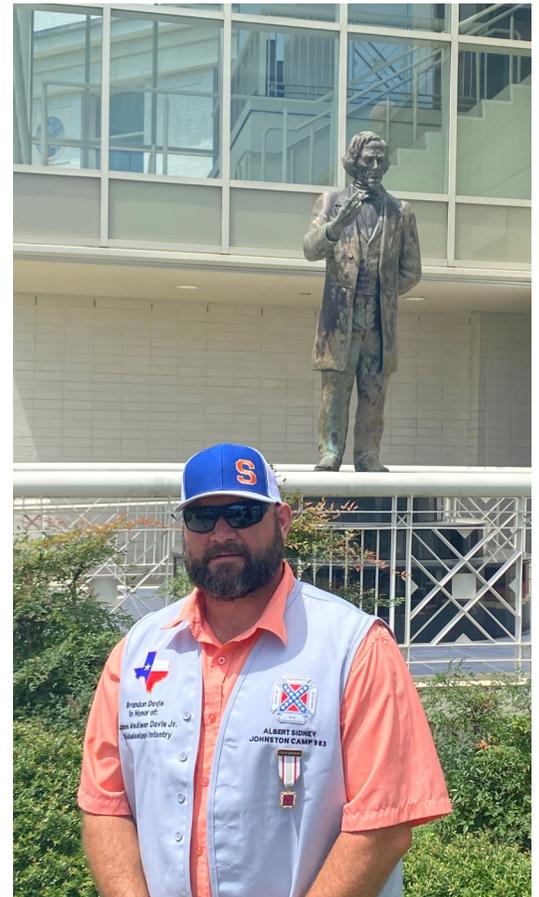
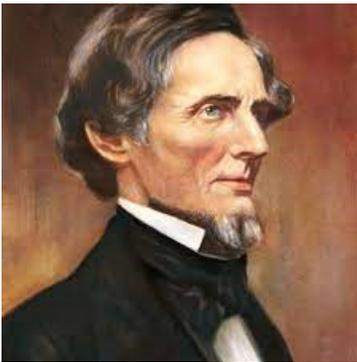
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These photos are from our Color Sargent Brandon Davis who visited Beauvoir, the home of Jefferson Davis, this summer. Brandon is a blood ancestor of President Davis. Even though the SCV owns Beauvoir, Brandon had some issues with admittance that we finally got cleared up.

Beauvoir and the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library present a rich history of Jefferson Davis and his last home on a stunning 52 acre expanse on the Gulf Coast.

The Beauvoir mansion is restored to 1889 when Davis lived in this house. Both the Library Pavilion and Hayes Cottages have been replicated as well as a cistern behind Beauvoir mansion.

The new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and museum is open. This is an awesome possession of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and is located in Biloxi Mississippi.



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Brigade Picnic a Success despite Hot Weather!

A good number of SCV members from 4th Brigade were able to brave the heat and show up at Bruce Cunningham's place for a great time of fellowship and fantastic food. Camp Commander Bobby Samuel and his camp did a great job putting it all together. It is anticipated this event will become an annual affair to encourage fellowship between the Brigade Camps.

Texas Division 2nd Lt. Commander Kyle Sims as well as Brigade Commander Barry Turnage and 1st Lt. Brigade Commander Calvin Allen were in attendance. With the AS Johnston Camp Commander Jim Cox there as Texas Division 3rd Lt. Commander, our Texas Division leadership was well represented.



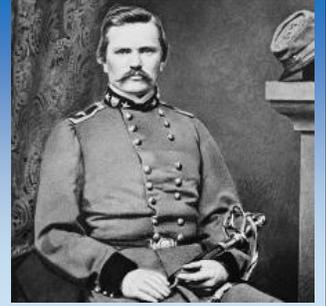


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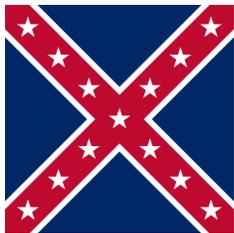
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Confederate soldier's letter shows feelings

Having read the "apology" from a Confederate soldier (Daily Progress letter to the editor, Nov. 25), I would like to offer thoughts from another Confederate soldier.

I am 82 years of age. My grandfather served the Confederacy under North Carolina Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew. He died at the Battle of Gettysburg. I will allow his thoughts, written to my grandmother just a couple of weeks prior to that battle, to speak for themselves.

"My lovely wife, I do so miss you, and the life we have there on the small plot of land God has given us. More and more, it seems that my thoughts are drifting back there to reside with you. Yet, as badly as I desire to be back home, it is for home for which I deem it best for my presence here with these other men. The proclamation by the Lincoln administration six months prior may appear noble. Were I here in

these conditions, simply to keep another man in bondage, I would most certainly walk away into the night and return unto you. God knows my heart, and the hearts of others here amongst me. We know what is at stake here, and the true reason for this contest that requires the spilling of the blood of fellow citizens. Our collective fear is nearly universal. This war, if it is lost, will see ripples carry forward for five, six, seven or more generations. I scruple not to believe, as do the others, that the very nature of this country will be forever dispirited. That one day, our great great grandchildren will be bridled with a federal bit, that will deem how and if they may apply the gospel of Christ to themselves, their families and their communities. Whether or not the land of their forefathers may be deceitfully taken from them through taxation and coercion. A day where only the interests of the northern wealthy will be shouldered by the broken and destitute bodies of the southern poor. This my darling wife, is what keeps me here in this arena of destruction and death."

Jefferson Smith
Charlottesville

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THE ATHENS POST, Athens, Tenn. March 15, 1861

COLLECTING THE REVENUES.

It is currently reported that Forts Sumter and Pickens will be evacuated by order of the Federal authorities at Washington. That being done, the only question remaining out of which a collision and war may presently ensue, is that of the revenues in ports of the Seceding States. These, we understand Mr. Lincoln to say in his Inaugural Address, he will collect. But let us see, "The President, who is sworn to enforce the law, must himself obey the law ; and he can collect the revenue only at the places and in the manner prescribed by existing acts of Congress. The ports of entry are established by Congress; the President has no power to abolish them, or to transfer the place of collecting the duties.---

The proper proceeding, under present circumstances, would seem to be to establish the custom house on board a government vessel ; but it does not appear that the executive has power to do this without special authorization by Congress. In 1833, when the collection of the Federal revenue was likely to be resisted in South Carolina, President Jackson sent a message to Congress, advising that an act should be passed authorizing the President to alter or abolish such of the districts and ports of entry as should be necessary, and establish the custom house at some secure place within a port or harbor, with various other modifications of the then existing laws. He not only thought that there would be less opportunity for collision but doubted if the revenue could be collected in any other way than by placing the custom house beyond the immediate power of the local authorities. An act was passed in compliance with this recommendation, but its operation was limited to the close of the next session of Congress. Mr. Lincoln has no more power now than Gen. Jackson had before the passage of the "force act," and if the executive needed to be clothed with additional authority, then, it would seem to be even more necessary under existing circumstances. The attempt to revive this act at the late session, it will be remembered, did not prevail.

The question then naturally arises, whether Mr. Lincoln will deem it necessary to call an extra session of Congress. As it is impossible to collect the revenue, under existing laws, without an immediate collision between the Federal and State authorities, it is hardly probable that the President will undertake it until he has obtained from Congress authority to abolish existing collection districts and establish custom houses on board ships."

LINCOLN – "How Can I Run the Government, Without Revenue"



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Jefferson's Tenth Annual Civil War Symposium

Jefferson Historical Society & Museum, 223 West Austin Street, Jefferson, Texas 75657

www.jeffersonmuseum.com 903-665-2775

Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: City of Jefferson [Convention & Visitors Center](#), 305 E. Austin, Jefferson, Texas 75657

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI: OF WEBFEET, BOWLEGS, REDLEGS & POWS.

Since Jefferson played a key role in the Trans-Mississippi Department's military/industrial complex, Jefferson is a natural location for hosting Civil War Symposiums that focus on the Trans-Mississippi Department. The symposium will feature four speakers who are noted authors, speakers, professors and historians on various aspects of the Trans-Mississippi Civil War history.

Vicki Betts recently retired as a librarian at the University of Texas at Tyler and is currently co-editor of *Chronicles of Smith County, Texas*, the annual journal of the Smith County Historical Society. She will present "Escape from Camp Ford!" which will look at the various ways federal soldiers tried, and sometimes succeeded, in escaping from the largest prisoner of war camp in the Trans-Mississippi, located near Tyler.

William Bozic, a Park Guide at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve assigned to the NPS visitor centers in Lafayette and Eunice, Louisiana will present "Get in the Saddle and Ride: A Regimental History of Col. James B. Likens' 35th Texas Cavalry Regiment", a unit that rode and fought along the Texas Gulf Coast, through the Red River Campaign, in the Atchafalaya Region, and finally in Galveston until the war ended.

M. Jane Johansson, Ph.D., is a professor of history at Rogers State University who will present "The 28th Texas Cavalry (Dismounted) of Walker's Texas Division." This presentation will provide a collective biography of the men who served in this East Texas regiment, and describe their recruitment, wartime service in Arkansas and Louisiana, and combat experiences during the Red River Campaign.

Steven M. Mayeux, a retired Central Louisiana agricultural consultant, historian and former Marine tank officer will present "Joseph Lancaster Brent: Lawyer, Warrior, and Prophet of Tank Warfare." Joseph Brent was one of the more obscure Confederate generals. His impressive accomplishments during the War make this story all the more amazing. He should have died in two different shipwrecks, but instead, lived on to broker one of the last Confederate surrenders. His post-war prophetic look into the future of tank warfare is almost spooky.

Vendors and exhibitors will be present at the symposium and there will be ample time in the schedule for viewing. The program will include our traditional raffle of Civil War books and ephemera and a grand prize, plus a silent auction. The raffle grand prize is a Don Troiani framed print.

Advance registration for the symposium is \$75.00 per adult and \$35.00 per student, which includes a catered luncheon at the Jefferson Convention & Visitors Center. (Registration at the door on August 7 will be \$80.00) *Note: Cost of the luncheon is included in the registration fee.*

On Friday evening, there will be a Speakers' Reception which will cost \$25.00 per person to attend. [The reception will provide an opportunity to meet and visit with the speakers](#) and will include refreshments, light hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment.

For information on registration, contact the Museum at 903-665-2775. www.jeffersonmuseum.com For information on Jefferson and lodging, go to www.VisitJeffersonTexas.com and www.jefferson-texas.com.

All proceeds of the symposium will go to the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum, a not-for profit 501 (c) 3 entity, for operation and maintenance of the Museum.

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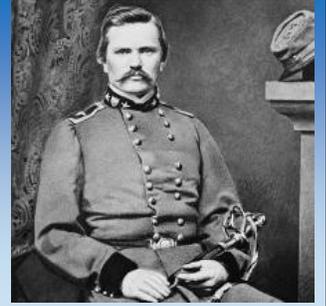


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SPECIAL NOTICE JULY MEETING CANCELLED

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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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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 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

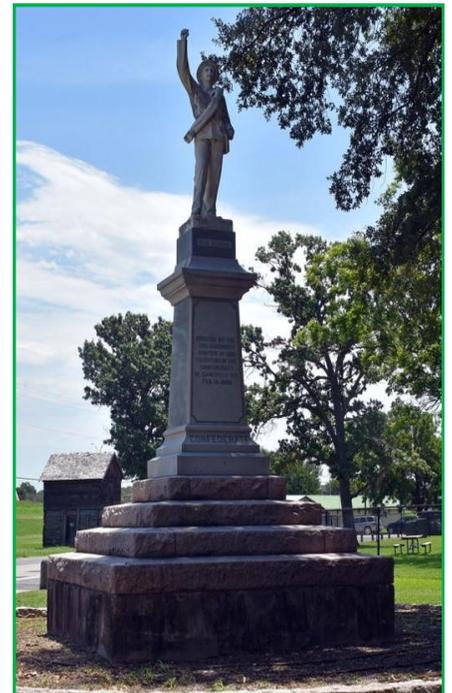
During a specially called meeting July 14, 2020, members of the Gainesville City Council unanimously agreed to remove the Confederate monument at 1000 W. California St. The monument was erected Feb. 15, 1908, by the Gainesville—based Lou Dougherty Chapter No. 366 of United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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.



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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.



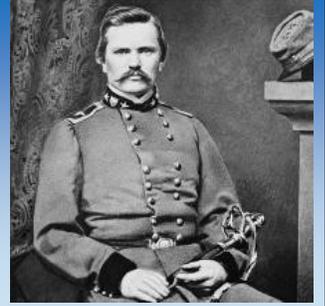


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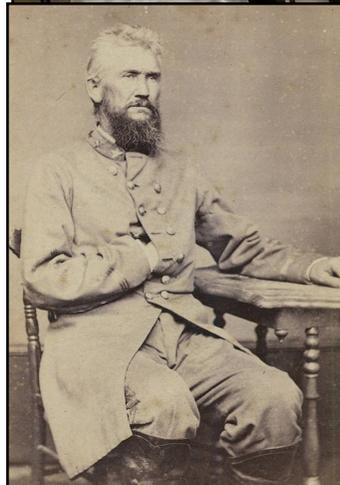
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MAY Camp Meeting Report

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.

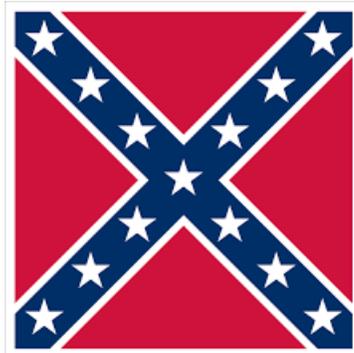




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A Short History Lesson

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 3rd 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 1st 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 3rd Lt. Commander position for our Texas Division. Your vote will be appreciated.

Deo Vindice!

Jim Cox

Camp Commander

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