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August. You will be updated on any such meeting.

At this time the 2020 National Convention in St. Augustine, FL, on July 10-13 is still on. If we are not able to meet in the State of Florida at that time, we will let you know.

In keeping with the safety precautions, we are getting used to; I'm asking that no one bring any food to our June meeting, the Camp will provide the meal. We will have something simple and safe. Also please remember that if you are running a fever or feeling sick, please stay home. Facemasks are not required but are welcome if you wish to wear one.

Also, this is just a reminder that the yearly Dues Statement will be mailed this month. I know that we lost Compatriot Tim Fletcher and there is a couple of members that have moved out of the area. I'm asking each of you to consider renewing your membership to help us continue to honor your ancestor.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



This spring has brought us some surprises and perhaps a complete change of life, or at least life different than what we were used to. Social Distancing and Shelter in place is two new phrases that we have become use to. This coronavirus pandemic has caused many businesses and organizations to change what was known as business as usual.

This month we will meet together for the first time since February. In the past three months almost all of our SCV meeting have been cancelled or postponed. Our Texas Division Convention has been cancelled for the time being. They are looking to perhaps re-schedule some type of perhaps a one-day meeting in

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

Old Union Community Center

Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas

### 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Renaissance Resort

500 Legacy Park

St. Augustine, Florida

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## DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Calendar of Events.
- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCV, this includes attending other camp meeting, public speaking, or even putting flags on graves.

I'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: [Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org) and I promise to give it my full consideration.

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### OUR CHARGE...

**"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 which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!**

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

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## COMPATRIOT TIMOTHY RAY FLETCHER



**December 10, 1950 – May 9, 2020**

Timothy Ray Fletcher passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020 at his home in Nash, Texas. He was 69.

Tim was born December 11, 1950, in Dallas, Texas, to Chester and Christine Sartain Fletcher. On January 26, 1980, he was married to Thyresa Davis in De Kalb, Texas. He was a retired Supervisory Accountant from Red River Army Depot. Tim received his Masters Degree in Business from Texas A&M University Texarkana, was a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, a member of De Kalb Masonic Lodge #9 and was of the Christian faith. Tim served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and received a Bronze Star for his service during the Gulf War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Christine Fletcher.

He is survived by his wife, Thyresa Fletcher of Nash, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Candi and Eric Hignight of New Boston, Texas and Crista and Jef Carr of De Kalb, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Hal and Cindy Fletcher of Nash, Texas and Greg and Ginger Fletcher of Michigan; 12 grandchildren, Madison Daniel, Allyson, Katie, Jase, Hailey and Harper Hignight and Kailey, Kenzie, Kourtney, Khloe, Aiden and Noah Carr; a special friend, Sherry Cooper of Nash, Texas; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date, under the direction of Bates Family Funeral Home in De Kalb, Texas.



## **A BLAST FROM THE PAST**

*(Taken from the June 1920 Edition of the Confederate Veteran - 100 Years Ago)*

### **A BELLE OF THE SIXTIES**

The picture is old and faded, but there's a radiance still about the face which time cannot dim, for she was one of those heroic women whose spirit animated the men of the South to fight and die for their principles. Miss Martha Anthony was a girl of seventeen when the war began—one of fourteen children and early acquainted with responsibility — and she bore a woman's part in those trying times of war. During one of General Lyons's raids in Missouri, just prior to the battle of Wilson's Creek, a company from his command came to Miss Anthony's home, and the captain ordered his men to take grain, horses, anything they might want, while he and his aids would search the house. The negroes were very much frightened by the soldiers, but Miss Anthony met the young captain and with a low courtesy said: "Gentlemen, I will show y o u through this house. Take what you want, but do not harm one of our negroes."



The captain was so amazed by her absolute fearlessness, her wonderful beauty, charm, and poise, that he ordered his men not to touch anything in the house. Had her heart and hand not been pledged to one who was then fighting for the South, this might have been a different story.

But her lover came back from the war, and in February, 1869, she became the bride of John Morgan Shaw and the mother of a daughter who is now Mrs. Joseph Johnson, of Chicago, 111. In 1908 Mrs. Johnson organized the Robert E. Lee Chapter, U. D. C, in Minneapolis, which was then her home.

Her soldier husband dying in 1882, some years later Mrs. Shaw was married to John Lincoln Haskell, and she died in 1897. She was a gifted speaker as well as writer; and had not the war intervened; literature would have been her chosen work. In her widowhood she did enter the field of journalism. This brave young woman was a descendant of patriotic Americans, her great-grandfather being James Anthony, of North Carolina, who won distinction for his gallantry in the Revolutionary War, while her grandfather, Lewis C. Anthony, served in the War of 1812, and an uncle, Anderson W. Anthony, a brilliant lawyer, espoused the Southern cause in 1861. Returning home after the war, he found himself disqualified by the "Drake Constitution" and could not resume his practice until the "lawyer's test oath" was removed."



## **YANKEE UNION LEAGUE TERRORISTS DURING RECONSTRUCTION**

The late great radio commentator Paul Harvey Aurandt, known on radio as Paul Harvey, had for many years a very popular segment called "The Rest Of The Story". Most people are aware that there are at least two sides to any story, and most are aware that the winner or victor of a war writes the history. Many people are also aware that American History, especially that of the Old South, the War For Southern Independence (Civil War), and Reconstruction as presented by Northern historians is at best a highly biased New England perspective and at worst little more than Yankee lies and propaganda. Emperor Napoleon of France is quoted as saying "History is an Accepted Fable" and British

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said, "History is Basically Bunk". In the current sea of political correctness that has swallowed up America, true and accurate Southern and Confederate history is absolutely not going to be taught in America's classrooms including colleges and universities.

The complete story of the Civil Rights movement and the battles fought by black Americans, especially black Southerners, for voting and other rights is the subject of this commentary. The perspective presented by America's news media portrays white Southerners as racists and bigots who mistreated totally innocent blacks who only wanted their rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. In some cases, this is true but what caused Southern whites to act in this manner? Some articles ask, "Should blacks forgive whites for this mistreatment". Continue reading as I present "The Rest Of The Story" which dishonest Northern historians have omitted from American history. This omission can be compared to serving on a jury trial in which only the prosecution is allowed to present their perspective and selected facts. Thus, jurors are kept in ignorance of other vital facts relevant to rendering an educated fair and impartial verdict.

Today very few Americans, including Southerners, remember or have ever heard of Uncle Sam's terrorist organization, the **UNION LEAGUE**, which was operated by evil, corrupt, tyrannical, despotic, dictatorial Yankee Carpetbaggers in the South from 1862 through 1877. All chapters in American history books related to Reconstruction discuss radical Republican Carpetbaggers and the KKK. The third element, the Union League, is totally omitted because this "inconvenient history" reflects so negatively on the North and would expose the shameful corrupt and barbaric atrocities committed by the **UNION LEAGUE** against white Southerners especially former Confederates and their families.

The **UNION LEAGUE** began as an honorable part of the Union army as the Sanitary Commission. It soon morphed into the military strong arm of the Freedman's Bureau and began committing atrocities. These white Yankee carpetbaggers used uneducated blacks as puppets to do their dirty work during so called Reconstruction which was in reality the plunder, pillage, and rape of the Southern states.

Blacks were initiated into the **UNION LEAGUE** in secret spectacular impressive ceremonies with fires, music, and inflammatory speeches and lies to incite hatred and resentment toward Southern whites. Conservative blacks that refused to participate and join were beaten or in some cases murdered. During Reconstruction, the membership of the **UNION LEAGUE** reached nearly 300,000 black militia members managed and controlled by white Yankee carpetbaggers.

**UNION LEAGUE** Carpetbaggers handed out matches and had blacks burning houses and barns, shooting livestock, poisoning wells, and committing murder and rape. White Southerners lived in terror for years. Some Yankees were so radical and fanatical that they wanted to exterminate every Southern man, woman, and child. This caused the rise of the KKK which was an honorable Police and Resistance organization (this pro-KKK comment **only applies to the original KKK which disbanded in 1877**. I disdain the modern Klan). Union League carpetbaggers also fought battles between each other for control much like modern drug lords. In several cases president Grant had to intervene, but he always sided with the radicals against moderates. When Southerners finally evicted the carpetbaggers, the blacks were left to face the wrath of whites. Theft and corruption had been so severe that several states were left totally bankrupt.

Although the **UNION LEAGUE** has been omitted from history and virtually forgotten, the consequences have carried forward. White Northerners are responsible for most of today's division between white and black Southerners. It is time for both whites and blacks to forgive but not forget and to work together to preserve the Constitution and Bill of Rights and prevent the enslavement of us all by the advancing shadow of totalitarian Socialism which hovers over America like a bird of prey fueled by well-meaning but misguided liberals.



**GEORGE A. BRANARD, COLOR BEARER,  
1ST TEXAS**



*Condensed from a Confederate Veteran article by Sal & Patricia Branard Gambino<sup>1</sup>*

George A. Branard enlisted as a private in the Lone Star Rifles of the army of the Confederate States of America on August 1, 1861. Soon after he was made a non-commissioned officer and served as a corporal in the 1st Texas Regiment. The regiment became part of the famous Texas Brigade under General John Bell Hood in James "Pete" Longstreet's Corps.

### **Courage at Elthan's Landing**

Branard was assigned to the regiment's color guard, bearing the flag. Thomas Nettles was the Color Sergeant. When Nettles was wounded at Elthans's Landing, he was unable to carry the flag, so he transferred it to Branard. During the fighting on the following day, Branard, with a cut on his head from a stray bullet, went too far in front of the regiment and was told to fall back. Branard shouted he would be "damned if he'd fall back!" When Colonel A.T. Rainey heard the remark, admiring its courage and spirit, he ordered the regiment to move forward and form under the colors. Rainey promoted Branard to sergeant.

### **Courage at Little Round Top**

On July 2, 1863, the brigade was about to enter what was described as the wildest, fiercest struggle of the war. At that time, individual state nags were forbidden on the battlefield, and all regimental units were commanded to display one uniform flag: the battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia. Before the start of the battle, Gen. Hood rode in front of the 1st Texas, gave a short speech, then shouted, "Fix bayonets my brave Texans and take those heights!" Then, Colonel P.A. Wick pointed to Little Round Top and shouted, "Follow the Lone Star to the top!"

As the Texans advanced, a Union battery landed a shot in their midst, killing and wounding several. Emotionally charged by the incident, Branard pulled the Texas colors from the casing, and regardless of regulations, vowed he would wave it over the cannon

that had fired that shot! The Texas flag was now in the hands of Branard, and without waver, it steadily advanced.

There was a fierce rivalry among regimental color bearers as each tried to get the closest to enemy lines. Several, Branard included, were advancing well ahead of their respective units. Branard was competing with a color bearer from a Georgia regiment and refused to be outdone. After momentarily stopping behind a large rock, he moved toward Little Round Top.

After one-third of the Texans had been killed or wounded- the enemy driven from the forward slopes and their batteries captured- Branard hoisted the Texas colors on the slope leading to Little Round Top. The remaining members of the regiment pleaded with him to stop advancing, but on he went. An order then went down the Union line: "Don't shoot that man; he is too brave to be killed." Just then, an artillery shell exploded at his feet, severing the flagstaff and sending a fragment into his forehead causing unconsciousness and the loss of sight in his left eye. Later, when members of his regiment found him, he still clutched the flag. Men who witnessed his bravery declared that "no event of the war surpassed that incident."

### **Courage at Chickamauga**

After Gettysburg, Branard engaged the Federals at Chickamauga in November 1863. He was again wounded and lost the use of his left arm. He was then assigned to the ambulance corps because he was no longer able to tote the flag. He remained in this position until the end of the war.

In February 1865, he was transferred to the Trans-Mississippi department and ordered to Marshall, Texas. On the way there, the war ended.

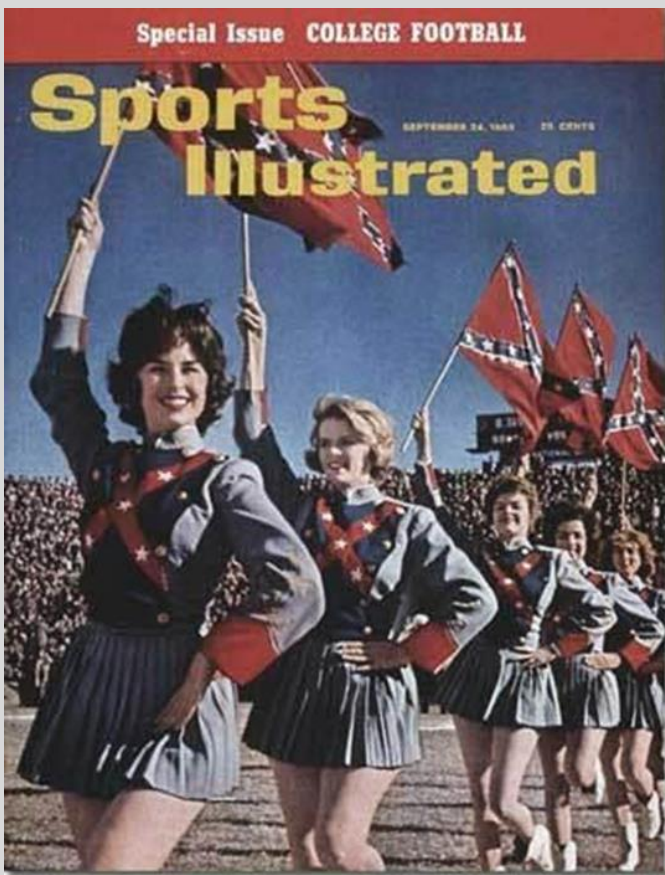
### **Courage at Death**

Having married in April 1866 to Julia House, Branard was survived by nine children, four of whom were gathered at his bedside when his lips

murmured, "Here." It was his answer to the final roll call on August 7, 1909.

In Vol. 6, 2002, Confederate Veteran published the full version of this fine article. Our version was edited and condensed by staff writer, Lee Hood.

## BET WE WON'T SEE THIS AGAIN



## LAST CAMP MEETING

This month will be the first time in almost 4 months that we've been able to hold a stated meeting. I hope that everyone will make an effort to visit with us on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE



### Battle of Cold Harbor - Cold Harbor Virginia

1-3 June 1864 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: {Unknown} Confederate, 12,000 Union!

### Battle of Philippi - Philippi Western Virginia

3 June 1861 - General Robert S. Garnett verses General George B. McClellan. Casualties: 15 Confederate, 2 Union!

### Battle of Cross Keys - Cross Keys Virginia

8 June 1862 - General Richard S. Ewell verses General John C. Fremont. Casualties: 288 Confederate, 584 Union!

### Battle of Port Republic - Port Republic Virginia

9 June 1862 - General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson verses General John C. Fremont. Casualties: 800 Confederate, 1018 Union!

### Battle of Brandy Station - Brandy Station Virginia

9 June 1863 - General James "J.E.B." Stuart verses General Alfred Pleasonton. Casualties: 523 Confederate, 936 Union!

### Second Battle of Winchester - Winchester Virginia

14-15 June 1863 - General Richard S. Ewell verses General Robert H. Milroy. Casualties: 269 Confederate, 4443 Union!

#### **First Assault on Petersburg - Petersburg Virginia**

15-18 June 1864 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: {Unknown} Confederate, 8150 Union!

#### **Siege of Petersburg - Petersburg Virginia**

19 June 1864 - 2 April 1865 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 28,000 Confederate, 42,000 Union!

#### **Battle of Mechanicsville - Mechanicsville Virginia**

26 June 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Fitz-John Porter. Casualties: 1484 Confederate, 361 Union!

#### **Battle of Gaines' Mill - Gaines' Mill Virginia**

27 June 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Fitz-John Porter. Casualties: 8751 Confederate, 6837 Union!

#### **Battle of Kennesaw - Kennesaw Georgia**

27 June 1864 - General Joseph E. Johnston verses General William T. Sherman. Casualties: 442 Confederates, 2051 Union!

#### **Battle of Savage's Station - Savage's Station Virginia**

29 June 1862 - General Robert E. Lee verses General George B. McClellan. Casualties: 626 Confederate, 1590 Union!

#### **Battle of Hanover - Hanover Pennsylvania**

30 June 1863 - General James "J.E.B." Stuart verses General E.J. Farnsworth. Casualties: 117 Confederate, 215 Union!

### **WHAT THEY FOUGHT FOR.**

*by E. Polk Johnson, Louisville, KY*

*[Taken from the Pages of the Confederate Veteran]*

Does the devil ever tell the truth, I wonder? It would be no more surprising than the return to sanity and truthfulness displayed by certain parties in the North who during the War between the States solemnly proclaimed that the struggle was being waged solely for the preservation of the Union and the return of the Southern States to their rightful place in the sisterhood of States. Any such charge as that the object of the war was for the freedom of the negro was resented as casting unjust reflection upon the Union soldiers—volunteers, drafted men, and foreign-born hirelings—who were risking their lives, precious and otherwise, that the perpetuity of the Union, founded by our fathers, might be assured. Fighting that the negro might be free I Perish the thought! They were patriots, they were, and knew what they were fighting for, and that was that the blessed Union might be saved, casting at the same time a side glance at the \$13 per month in the shape of a most persuasive force.

How things, matters, and opinions do change as time pursues its way! In the Literary Digest for December 20, 1919, pages 32 and 33, appears an article under the caption, "The Belated Lincoln Monument," and a prominent quotation from the Boston Transcript, from which this persuasive paragraph is copied. The Transcript is describing the monument for the benefit of its readers as follows: "The memorial can be seen to-day from almost any vantage point about Washington.

When the grounds are completed and everything is in place, it will rise many feet above the tops of the trees which will surround it, even when they are full grown. By means of openings in the encircling foliage it will be seen in its entirety from six different approaches. Its whole eastern and western facades will be exposed to view, the former toward the Washington Monument and the latter toward the





Potomac River and the hills of Arlington, where rest thousands of the men who fought that the negro might be freed."

There you have the solemn truth in the fourteen closing words of the quotation. I call it the "solemn truth" because no self-respecting Massachusetts man begins the day without having first read a chapter from James Russell Lowell before partaking of the daily news in the Transcript, the two publications forming somewhat a dual Bible, in that neither is to be disputed.

Does the devil ever tell the truth? was. asked at the beginning of this article. The answer is: "Occasionally in the office of the Boston Transcript."



Just a thought or two about what we as a nation, a region and as an organization are going through right now. We all have seen what an event such as this Virus pandemic can do to our individual lives and to all the lives around us. It is very disquieting to all of us, each in our different ways to see the institutions of our nation and the world disrupted. And we all wonder when it will end and what will our lives be from this time forward.

We, as Southerners, have gone through similar times and have survived. We survived the Northern invasion with the resulting destruction of our country.

We survived Reconstruction with the attempt to destroy our culture. More recently, we have been in a rear-guard battle against ideologies that continue the attempt to remove the final traces of our culture.

We are tough!

And we believe in God!

..... and we believe that God is still in control. I would like to include a prayer from the last true Episcopal prayer book.

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1928, page 45).

Peace

The Rt. Rev. Peter Brewer  
Assistant Chaplain

## **BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Gary Oliver

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Rodney Love

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Joe Reynolds

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kid Tillery

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Buffalo

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Billie Love

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Cindy Fletcher

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – This day in 1808 President Jefferson Davis was born in Fairview, Kentucky. Confederate Memorial Day for Kentucky, Louisiana and Tennessee.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – This day in 1861 Tennessee secedes from the union.





2020 SCV National Reunion The 125th National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held July 15-18, 2020, near historic St. Augustine, Florida.



*The Renaissance Resort, host hotel for the 2020 SCV National Reunion (World Golf Village, 500 S. Legacy Park, St. Augustine, Florida 32092).*

Visit [scv2020reunion.com](http://scv2020reunion.com) to register, book a room and register for special events.

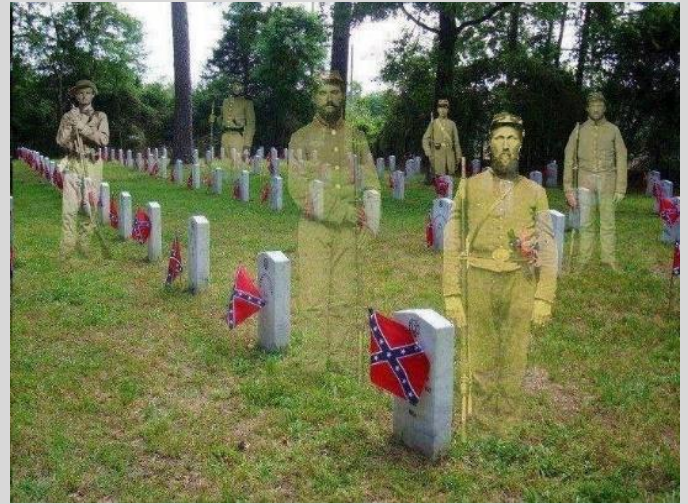


“I tried all in my power to avert this war. I saw it coming, for twelve years I worked night and day to prevent it, but I could not. The North was mad and blind; it would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came, and now it must go on unless you acknowledge our right to self government. We are not fighting for slavery. We are fighting for Independence.”

*President Jefferson Davis, CSA*



## GUARDIAN NEWS



This month, I'm asking each member to look at becoming a Guardian, if you are not already one.

We still have several cemeteries that needs someone to step up and become a guardian for our Confederate Heroes.

**Union Hill Cemetery** has 11 Confederate Soldiers buried there, 9 graves have been located and only 1 has been identified as Confederate

**Emerson Cemetery** has two Confederate Soldiers buried there, both graves have been located and only 1 is identified as a Confederate Soldier.

This is only two cemeteries that are available. If you would like more information on this or others that are up for adoption, please contact Rex or Joe.

As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks,

**“Are you a Guardian?”**

**If not, why not?”**

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