

Major W.H. "Howdy" Martin Camp #1241
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
Athens, Texas

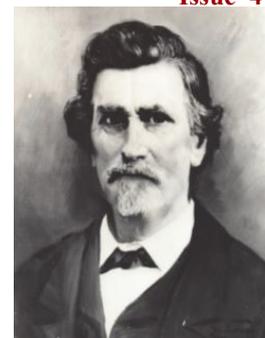
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William Harrison "Howdy" Martin 1823-1898



In 1861 during the War Between the States, William Harrison Martin enlisted in the Confederate Army and served in Company K of the 4th Texas Infantry that was assigned to Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Martin gained his nickname because of his refusal to salute superior officers. Instead, he would politely tip his hat and say "howdy."

According to the Texas Historical Commission, Howdy Martin fought in the Eastern theater of operations in all of the fighting. After the signing of the surrender terms at Appomattox, Major Martin and Captain W. T. Hill led the remaining members of Hood's Texas Brigade back to the Lone Star State.

He was born September 2, 1823, in Twiggs County, Georgia, to Benjamin and Charlotte Martin. His early schooling was in Alabama where he was admitted to the Bar. In 1850 he moved to Athens, Texas, and started a law practice in Henderson County. He represented Freestone, Limestone, Henderson, and Navarro counties from 1853 to 1858 in the Texas Senate. Answering the call, he raised a company of volunteers that became a part of Hood's Texas Brigade. In April, 1864, he was promoted from captain to major. After the war, Martin was elected district attorney. He married Martha E. Gallimore of Navarro County and the couple had seven children. He was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1887 and served in the 50th and 51st Congresses 1887-1891 before retiring again to his farm near Athens.

Howdy Martin was a member of the Hill County Camp of Confederate Veterans when he died at his final home in Hill County on February 5, 1898. A lawyer, a Confederate officer who served the entire Civil War and a congressman, at 76 years old Major Howdy Martin was buried at the Hillsboro City Cemetery.

Read more about Howdy Martin's life, family and career on our camp website.
www.martincamp.org

THE CHARGE TO THE
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved 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
General Commander
United Confederate Veterans
April 25, 1906

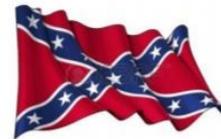
Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less.

General Robert E. Lee

Spotlight On The Camp

Minutes for April 9, 2018 Meeting

- 1) Our April 9, 2018 SCV Camp Meeting was held at the Henderson County Republican Headquarters with Commander Terry Teems presiding.
- 2) Chaplain Jim Abney gave the invocation and blessing for the food.
- 3) Quartermaster, David Miller, led the pledges, salutes to the flags and read the Charge to the SCV.
- 4) We had 9 members and guests present. Everyone enjoyed light refreshments.
- 5) Cmdr. Teems called meeting to order. Adjutant/Treasurer, Don Bentley, presented a lecture video with Mrs. Barbara Marthal, lecturer and author at Abbeville Institute, entitled "The Army of the Dead".
- 6) Adjutant/Treasurer Don Bentley read the March 2018 financial report and minutes of that meeting. Both were approved by the membership present.
- 7) Discussion was held concerning delegates for state convention at Nacogdoches, TX. Our camp is entitled to 3 delegates. Members who expressed interested in attending or being a delegate were:
 - Jim Abney (Also delegate to National Convention)
 - David Miller
 - Steve Sifers
 - Terry Teems
 - Gary Powell
- 8) Ms. Teresa Day requested assistance in placing Confederate flags on veterans' graves in Athens Historical Cemetery. The camp agreed to this and scheduled it on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10:00AM-12:00PM.
- 9) 1st. Lt. Comdr. Gary Powell announced that Mr. Andrew Harris will speak on Confederate history at the Rusk, TX library on April 21, 2018. Check library for exact time.
- 10) Mrs. Bunny Freeman volunteered to begin publishing the camp newsletter. She requested that articles, photo's, etc. be forwarded to her by e-mail. (willowcr@gmail.com)
- 11) Cmdr. Teems adjourned the meeting.
- 12) Chaplain Abney closed with prayer and Cmdr. Teems lead all in the singing of "Dixie".



CAMP OFFICERS

Commander	Terry Teems
1st Lt. Commander	Gary Powell
Adjutant/Treasurer	Don R. Bentley
Quartermaster	David Miller
Chaplin	Jimmy Abney
Webmaster	Mike Burton

PRAYER LIST

- Randy Shelton and Family
- Compatriot Ray Brown
- Our government
- Military, First Responders, and Correctional Officers
- Our camp

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

20 - 21 Mexia Living History and Re-enactment - Mexia, TX Help is needed from our Camp

21 Re-enactment Rusk, TX

21 San Angelo CSA Memorial Day/San Jacinto Day - San Angelo, TX

28 10 am Athens City Cemetery Camp to put out flags—Athens, TX

MAY

4-5 Fort McKavett Living History- Fort McKavett, TX

5-6 Re-enactment Jefferson, TX

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18-19 Rose Bud-Lott Living History and Reenactment At Tomlinson Hill - Tomlinson Hill, TX

18-19 Fort Lancaster Living History - Sheffield, TX

JUNE

1-3 Historic weekend Canton, TX at the fairgrounds

8-10 2018 Texas Division Reunion - Nacogdoches, TX
<http://txdivreunion.com/>

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JULY

9 Major WH "Howdy" Martin Camp #1241 Meeting

18-21 SCV National Reunion - Franklin, TN

AUG.

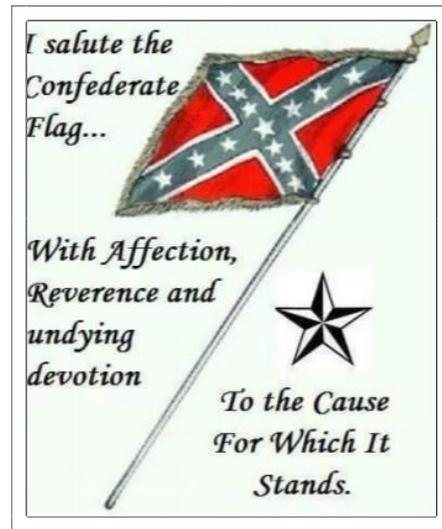
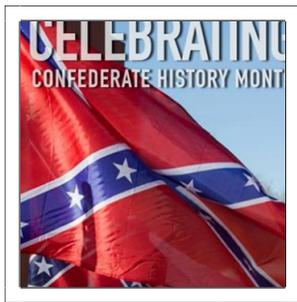
11 Junction Summer Parade - Junction, TX

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William Rounsavall
Civil War Soldier
ca 1861-1865

Co. K 4th Texas Inf CSA
Buried Blackjack Cemetery in
Murchison, Henderson County,
Texas



1861: Opening Act The Fighting Begins

In April 1861, the Civil War officially began in faraway South Carolina, where Confederate shore batteries forced the surrender of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. In Texas, recruiting began in earnest that spring for mounted riflemen to join the Confederate cause.

At this time, most Southerners believed that Northern demand for cotton would bring the war to a quick end. As a result, these cavalry volunteers were not ordinary men ripped away from their everyday lives but mostly experienced fighting men who could furnish their own guns and horses and did not need training. They were deployed to defend the Indian frontier now that the U.S. Army was gone, to seize federal forts in Indian Territory and link up with Indians allied with the Southern cause, and to support the secessionists in Missouri and Arkansas.

For Texas, the focal point of the war soon became Galveston, a growing, vibrant island port on the Gulf of Mexico. Galveston was the export point for two-thirds of all the cotton in Texas (more than 200,000 bales in 1860), as well as other Texas exports such as sugar and molasses. As a prosperous port city, Galveston boasted luxuries that the frontier parts of Texas could only dream about, such as a railroad bridge to the mainland, gas services to homes, fancy hotels, commercial ice houses, and the Galveston News, the state's leading newspaper.

Galveston was also the only major business center in Texas, catering to the shipping trade with businesses such as iron foundries and sail and rope manufacturers. It was also home to the largest slave market west of New Orleans. Here African Americans were bought and sold, usually to go work for the large cotton plantations in East Texas. The city had businesses enough to sustain a large professional class of doctors, dentists, and lawyers. It had also become a significant gateway for immigrants into the United States; almost 40 percent of the population was foreign-born.

In the summer of 1861, the Union Navy began a massive effort to blockade the Southern coast to prevent the movement of trade goods, supplies, and arms in and out of the Confederacy. In July, the U.S.S. South Carolina

In the meantime, Confederate commanders in Texas began to organize defense works along the coast. Besides Galveston, artillery units did their best to prepare for Union attacks at Sabine Pass, Matagorda Island, Aransas Pass, and Brazos Santiago. Like the Union blockade, these early efforts were marked by poor training and lack of proper equipment.

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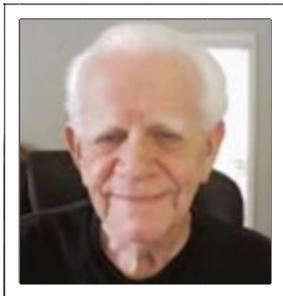
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Flags

Flags - Banners - Accessories

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Eric in Canton has supplied our Howdy Camp with flags for many years. If you are needing a specialty flag, call him.



Don R. Bentley

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Adjutant/Treasurer

I would like to remind everyone of the reason we are a members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. As members we are privileged to commemorate and honor our Confederate ancestors, their symbols and monuments, and the cause for which they fought and died.

As you well know, it is the "spirit of the age" for progressive activists to destroy our ancestor's memory, the symbols that represented them and the cause for which they fought. The catalyst for their actions is a false understanding of the cause for which they fought. I am reminded of the comment G. Campbell Morgan made when a friend told him that the preacher must catch the "spirit of the age". Immediately this great preacher answered, "God forgive the preacher who does that. The preacher's business is to correct the "spirit of the age." We as compatriots must endeavor to thoroughly understand the "spirit of the age" without conforming to it in order to correct it. How can we do that?

There are three actions we can resolve to undertake to accomplish this.

- (1) Commit ourselves to attending every meeting of our camp and actively participating in as many actives of the camp as possible.
- (2) Educate ourselves on the correct reasons for the Northern aggression against the Southern Confederacy.
- (3) Recruit at least one new member into our camp this year

If every compatriot of our camp committed himself to these three resolutions, we would be taking a huge step toward correcting the "spirit of the age". That spirit is an evil spirit that is attempting to destroy the heritage for which we stand. Edmund Burke, who in the twentieth century, became widely regarded as the philosophical founder of modern conservatism, made it clear what our mission is as Sons of Confederate Veterans. He said, "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.*"

We are obligated as members of the W. H. "Howdy" Martin Camp not to be just a good member. We must be good members' committed to and actively involved in the camps mission of correcting the "spirit of the age". Can our camp count on you?

Don R. Bentley
Adjunctant/Treasurer

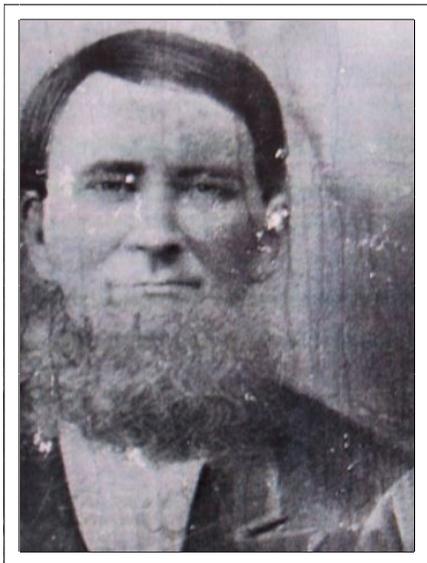
Howdy Martin Camp meetings are on the Second Monday of each month.

New meeting place

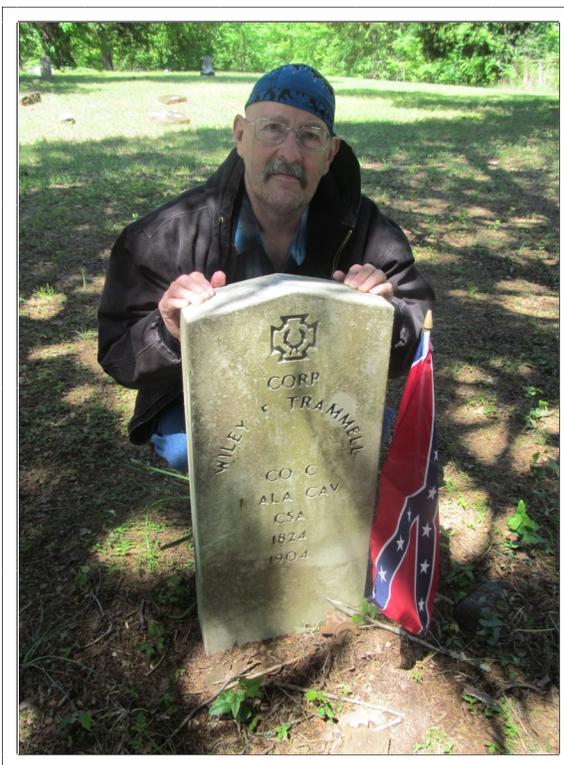
We meet at the **Republican Headquarters, 207 Tyler St. next door to the old Texan Theater in Athens.** Meetings begin at 6:30 pm with snacks furnished by members, followed by a short historical program. Guest are welcome and you may bring your friends and family.



"Howdy's Flag" is framed and is proudly displayed at the Henderson County Historical Society Museum. The museum is located at 217 North Prairieville Street in Athens. In 2014 SCV Camp members voted their approval to special order a reproduction of the flag for use at various Howdy Martin Camp events.



Wiley Trammell
1st Alabama, Co. C, Cavalry.
Buried in the Willow Springs
Cemetery, Athens, Texas.



Compatriot Ron Freeman placing a flag at the grave of Wiley Trammell.



*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. Deo Vindice.*



William Harrison Martin

"Old Howdy"

Bill Martin, Attorney

State Senator

Captain Co. K 4th TX Inf, CSA

Major, 4th Texas, CSA

District Attorney, Henderson County, TX

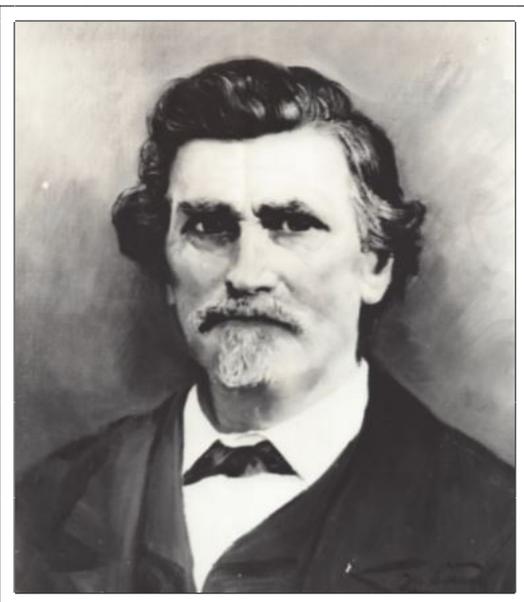
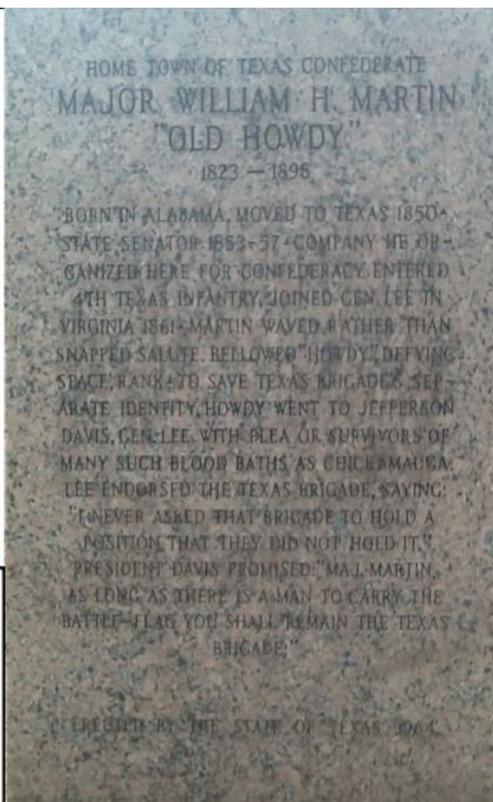
U.S. Congressman, Texas

Husband, Father, Grandfather
Great-Grandfather

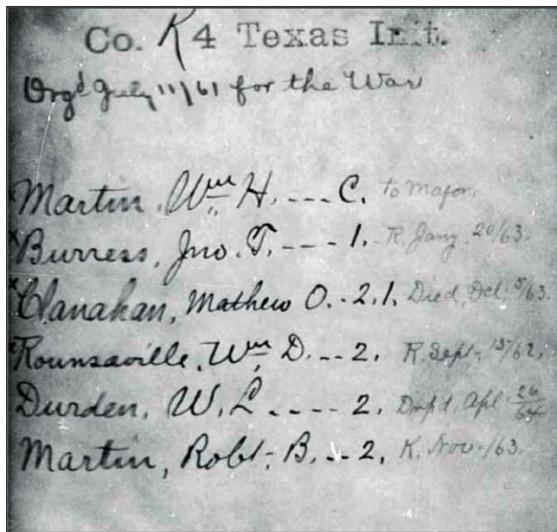


Above: Howdy's Grave, Hillsboro City Cemetery, Hillsboro, TX.

Right: Howdy's Marker is located in Athens on Hwy 19 South in the



William Harrison "Howdy" Martin



W.H. Martin and William Rounsavall listed. Rounsavall's photo is on page 3

WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE
Major W.H. "Howdy" Martin SCV Camp #1241
HOWDY HERALD NEWSLETTER

It is our goal to share the news of all members of our camp in such a way that this newsletter and all that follow with honor and pay respect to all past and present family of our great Southern States. Members are encouraged to bring to our camp meetings articles for submission to this publication. The deadline for entries is the Monday following our regular 2nd Monday camp meeting.

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