

Major W.H. "Howdy" Martin Camp #1241

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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 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
General Commander
United Confederate Veterans
April 25, 1906

William Harrison "Howdy" Martin

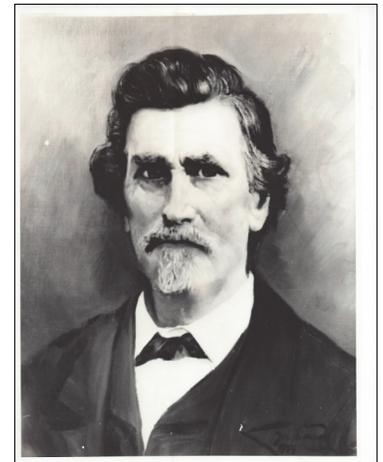
1823-1898

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

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

Spotlight on Our Camp



Texas 8th Brigade Commander **Dennis Brand** presents the "**Four Star Camp Award**" to Howdy Camp Commander **Jimmy Abney**.

1. Our June 13, 2016 SCV Camp Meeting was held at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym with Commander **Jimmy Abney** presiding.
2. Quartermaster **David Miller** led the pledges and salutes to the flags and reading of the Charge to the SCV.
3. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** gave the invocation and blessing for the food. We had **31** guests and members present to enjoy our pot luck menu of barbeque with side dishes and desserts. As always everyone seemed to enjoy their meal.
4. Cmdr **Abney** introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot **Jerry Watt**, retired coach and history teacher, presented our historical program about what happened prior to and during the battle at Mansfield, Texas involving the Texas Calvary. He also talked about the battle's at Wilson's farm and Carroll's Mill battlefield explaining General's Tom Green and Richard Taylor's part in those battles. Everyone present very much enjoyed his presentation.
5. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** read the minutes of our May meeting as well as the financial report. Both were approved as presented by the membership present. He read "Thank You" cards from the Friends of the Mexia Re-enactment Grounds" and the McGee family for the cemetery dedication.
6. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** proposed our July meeting menu to include **sandwiches, salads, watermelon and ice cream**. He passed around a sign-up list. It was well received by those present.
7. **Norma Holley** and **Reta Brand** called a meeting of ladies of the Howdy Martin Camp to organize an TSOCR Chapter. The chapter had seven charter members to sign up.
8. Commander **Abney** gave a report of State Convention in Kerrville and called upon **Johnnie Holley** to give explanation of the approved amendment changes passed at the state convention. He discussed in detail the need of the state membership dues increase and explained the reasoning behind the amendment. He elaborated on the need to fight for heritage defense as the explanation.
9. Cmdr **Abney** reminded everyone National Convention to be held in Richardson on July 14th – 16th.
10. Cmdr **Abney** commended the camp for the excellent turn out at the Arms Cemetery clean-up and the need to schedule a clean-up date for July.
11. Suggestion to reduce camp dues from \$15.00 to \$10.00 since state dues were increasing was discussed. No motion was made therefore no changes in dues were approved.
12. Cmdr **Abney** presented new member, Charles Sanders with a certificate, pin, membership card decal.

13. Cmdr. Abney presented awards from state as follows:

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| Jim Day – Gold Cross | Terry Teems – Gold Cross |
| Michael Burton – Gold Cross | Ray Brown – Silver Cross |
| Jesse Giles - Gold Cross | Ron Freeman – Silver Cross |
| Jim Ogburn – Gold Cross | |

14. **Dennis Brand** presented camp with another **“Four-Star Camp Award”** which makes our fourth such award. Only three other camps in Texas received this award this year.

15. Prayer requests were asked for Chaplain **Jim Day, Teresa Day, Kathy** (Annette Brown’s friend), men and women of our armed forces, our country, Christianity, and our Southern heritage.

16. Meeting adjourned and Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** prayed the benediction and led camp in the singing of **“Dixie”**.

Howdy Martin Camp Members furnish a delicious meal at each monthly meeting. This month’s planned menu included barbeque, various condiments and side dishes and tasty desserts. Besides enjoying a meal together, it gives us a time to meet our guests and fellowship with each other. Meals are served about 6:30pm. Our July menu theme is sandwiches!



Cmdr Abney presents our new member Charles Sanders his membership certificate, card, pin and decal.



Cmdr Abney presents Color Sargent Terry Teems with a Gold Cross Award for outstanding service to our camp.



1st Lt Cmdr Ron Freeman receives a Silver Cross Award from Cmdr Abney. These awards were distributed to camp commanders at the State Reunion in Kerrville.



Cmdr Abney presents a Silver Cross Award to Howdy Camp Compatriot Ray Brown for his continued service.

Howdy Martin Camp Adjutant/Treasurer Don Bentley Paid Tribute to His Family CSA Veterans in Recognition of April Confederate History Month



Adjutant/Treasurer Don Bentley honors his Great Great Grandfather James H. Rogers Gum Springs Cemetery, Longview, TX



Pvt Chester Marion Wilson Terri Bentley's Great Great Grandfather Hopewell Cemetery, Winnsboro, TX



Pvt Harrison A. Richburg Hopewell Cemetery, Winnsboro, TX



Cpl. Pleas Balis Roten Hopewell Cemetery, Winnsboro, TX



Amos Elsberry Harris Hopewell Cemetery, Winnsboro, TX

Photos by Don Bentley

Editor's Note: It is my hope that this page in your Howdy Herald Newsletter will be filled each month with pictures or lists of CSA Veterans who are honored by SCV Compatriots as Guardians or placing of Battle Flags. Please email me all of the CSA Veterans you have honored. As Commander Abney said, our Camp has Battle Flags and First National Flags and Howdy Camp Flag Pipes for your use to respectfully give our CSA Veterans the attention they deserve.

Goodgame Cemetery Dedication

Sunday, June 12, 2016

To Honor and Remember CSA Veteran
Wiley McGee



Photos by Luke Freeman

From the Commander

Greetings,

It may be a hot summer in Texas, but our Howdy Martin Camp is enjoying participating in almost weekly events. As your commander I want you to know how proud I am of our camp every time we stand together over a veteran's grave to honor him for his service in the War of Northern Aggression. Likewise I am proud to march in an auditorium filled with our southern brothers to meet under one flag and pledge our allegiance to it in answer to The Charge.

The State Reunion at Kerrville was not just another SCV Reunion. Compatriots met to take care of business during a time of great hardships and trials in our state and nation. Our news reporters report one tragedy after another involving innocent lives being murdered. In contrast at the Reunion, we were one family of brothers who are proud of our Southern heritage and want to preserve it. When those camp flags marched in during opening ceremonies my heart was bursting with pride. I felt revived and inspired to protect and promote our own Howdy Martin Camp. I want to add to our membership, increase the number of events we host and once again earn this coming year another FOUR STAR CAMP AWARD!

The dedication ceremony at Goodgame Cemetery was honorable and most enjoyable. The faces of the family members who attended spoke volumes. They were appreciative, surprised and were proud of their ancestors. Thank you to each Compatriot who was able to take part. You did a great job and I was proud to march in with you! I believe Buster's cannon, Liberty, made a loud impression!

Upcoming is the National SCV Convention in Richardson. Please give your best effort to attend. Less than half of our membership has ever been able to attend a Nationals. It is a short drive and you may never get this chance again. Our camp has been asked to help our Tyler Compatriots and I hope to see you there! We'll all get to share memories at our next camp meeting July 11th!



Commander Jimmy Abney

Your commander,

Jimmy Abney
"Keep the flag flying!"



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

Adjutant/Treasurer Don R. Bentley



Don R. Bentley

Fellow compatriots, not only are our flags, our southern heritage and culture under attack but our Constitutional rights as well. Liberal progressive wolves are slowly and viciously gnawing away at, not only what makes the South great, but what makes our country great. The following article by the Associated Press confirms this fact.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dealing a blow to gun supporters, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday (*June 9, 2016*) that Americans do not have a constitutional right to carry concealed weapons in public.

In a dispute that could ultimately wind up before the Supreme Court, a divided 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said local law enforcement officials can place significant restrictions on who is allowed to carry concealed guns.

By a vote of 7-4, the court upheld a California law that says applicants must cite a "good cause" to obtain a concealed-carry permit. Typically, people who are being stalked or threatened, celebrities who fear for their safety, and those who routinely carry large amounts of cash or other valuables are granted permits.

"We hold that the Second Amendment does not preserve or protect a right of a member of the general public to carry concealed firearms in public," Circuit Judge William A. Fletcher wrote for the majority.

The ruling overturned a 2014 decision by a three-judge panel of the same court that said applicants need only express a desire for personal safety.

In a dissent, Circuit Judge Consuelo M. Callahan said the ruling "obliterates the Second Amendment's right to bear a firearm in some manner in public for self-defense."

Three other federal appeals courts have ruled similarly in the past, upholding California-like restrictions in New York, Maryland and New Jersey. In addition, another federal appeals court struck down Illinois' complete ban on carrying concealed weapons.

The 9th Circuit covers nine Western states, but California and Hawaii are the only ones in which the ruling will have any practical effect. The others do not require permit applicants to cite a "good cause." Anyone in those states with a clean record and no history of mental illness can get a permit.

The National Rifle Association called the ruling "out of touch."

"This decision will leave good people defenseless, as it completely ignores the fact that law-abiding Californians who reside in counties with hostile sheriffs will now have no means to carry a firearm outside the home for personal protection," said NRA legislative chief Chris W. Cox.

Gun control advocates and others hailed the ruling.

"This is a significant victory for public safety and for local jurisdictions that apply sensible policies to protect the public," said California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat.

The California case began in 2009, when Edward Peruta filed a legal challenge over the San Diego County sheriff's refusal to issue him a permit. Peruta said at the time he wanted a weapon to protect himself, but the sheriff said he needed a better reason, such as that his occupation exposes him to robbery.

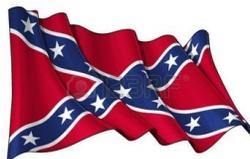
Peruta, who is a videographer known for legally challenging local government restrictions, said he is neither a hunter, collector or target shooter but challenged the law because he believed it violated the Constitution. The NRA joined him in fighting the law.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department said Thursday that since the 9th Circuit tossed out the law two years ago, it has received 2,463 applications from people seeking a concealed-weapon permit without having to show good cause.

Sheriff's lawyer Robert Faigan said the department hasn't processed those applications and will continue to hold on to them while it waits to see what the Supreme Court does.

(This story has been corrected to show that at least three federal appeals courts — not two — have ruled similarly.)

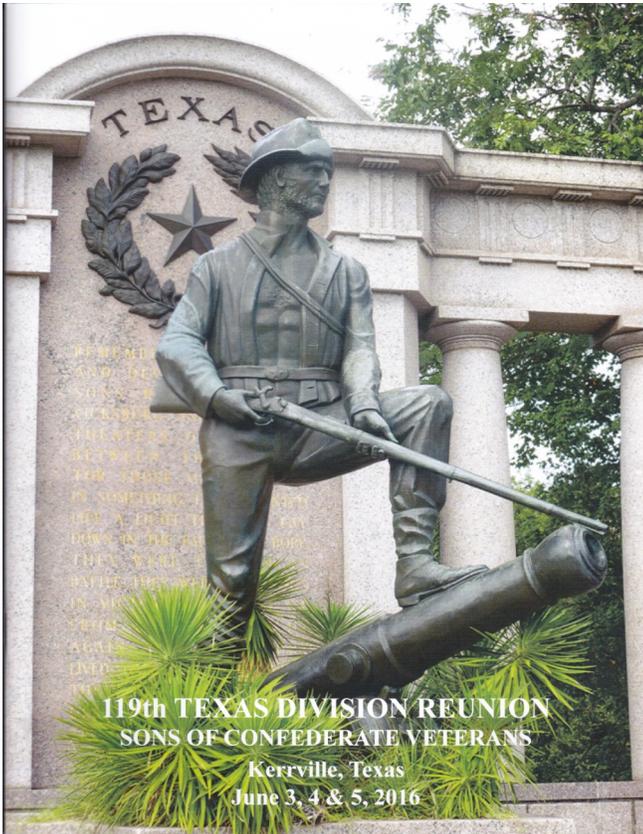
Brothers, don't think it can't happen in Texas! It can and will if we don't keep fighting for the great American principles and Southern culture we all know and love. We've got to shoot the wolf with the only bullet we have. It's called our "vote". Are you registered to vote? Do you vote? If not.....our SCV arsenal will slowly and surely diminish down to nothing and we will be totally at the wolves' mercy!



Standing up for Dixie!
Don R. Bentley
Adjutant/Treasurer

119th TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

Kerrville, TEXAS June 3-5, 2016



Commander **Jimmy Abney**, Quartermaster **David Miller** and Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** were delegates from our Howdy Martin Camp at the Texas Division Reunion in Kerrville.

The Kerrville area is noted for many tourists attractions. Bentley shared that he and his wife enjoyed the beautiful scenic drives including this **photo at left** that he took atop a fairly tall hilltop. The statue could be seen as far away as downtown Kerrville.

All of our delegates reported that they enjoyed not only the location of the Reunion, but that they were proud to represent our Camp 1241. They noted it was a well attended meeting and the delegates were there to fellowship as well as taking care of the business of protecting our Southern Heritage.

Photos by D. Bentley



True Confederate Historical Facts

Don R. Bentley

(Part 3 of a 3 part series)

Fellow compatriots, in his own words, Abraham Lincoln declared himself to be a white supremacist. Why don't our history books and news media tell the American people the truth about Lincoln and about the War Between the States?

It's simple: if people would study the meanings and history of the flag, symbols, and statues of the Confederacy and Confederate leaders, they might begin to awaken to the tyrannical policies of Washington, D.C., that precluded southern independence--policies that have only escalated since the defeat of the Confederacy--and they might have a notion to again resist.

By the time Lincoln penned his Emancipation Proclamation, the war had been going on for two years without resolution. In fact, the North was losing the war. Even though the South was outmanned and out-equipped, the genius of the southern generals and fighting acumen of the southern men had put the northern armies on their heels. Many people in the North never saw the legitimacy of Lincoln's war in the first place, and many of them actively campaigned against it. These people were affectionately called "Copperheads" by people in the South.

I urge you to watch Ron Maxwell's accurate depiction of those people in the North who favored the southern cause as depicted in his motion picture, "Copperhead." For that matter, I consider his movie, "Gods And Generals" to be the greatest "Civil War" movie ever made. It is the most accurate and fairest depiction of Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson ever produced. In my opinion, actor Stephen Lang should have received an Oscar for his performance as General Jackson. But, can you imagine?

That's another thing: the war fought from 1861 to 1865 was NOT a "civil war." Civil war suggests two sides fighting for control of the same capital and country. The South didn't want to take over Washington, D.C., no more than their forebears wanted to take over London. They wanted to separate from Washington, D.C., just as America's

Founding Fathers wanted to separate from Great Britain. The proper names for that war are either, "The War Between the States" or, "The War of Southern Independence," or, more fittingly, "The War of Northern Aggression."

Had the South wanted to take over Washington, D.C., they could have done so with the very first battle of the "Civil War." When Lincoln ordered federal troops to invade Virginia in the First Battle of Manassas (called the "First Battle of Bull Run" by the North), Confederate troops sent the Yankees running for their lives all the way back to Washington. Had the Confederates pursued them, they could have easily taken the city of Washington, D.C., seized Abraham Lincoln, and perhaps ended the war before it really began. But General Beauregard and the others had no intention of fighting an aggressive war against the North. They merely wanted to defend the South against the aggression of the North.

In order to rally people in the North, Lincoln needed a moral crusade. That's what his Emancipation Proclamation was all about. This explains why his proclamation was not penned until 1863, after two years of fruitless fighting. He was counting on people in the North to stop resisting his war against the South if they thought it was some kind of "holy" war. Plus, Lincoln was hoping that his proclamation would incite blacks in the South to insurrect against southern whites. If thousands of blacks would begin to wage war against their white neighbors, the fighting men of the southern armies would have to leave the battlefields and go home to defend their families. THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

Not only did blacks not riot against the whites of the south, many black men volunteered to fight alongside their white friends and neighbors in the Confederate army. Unlike the blacks in the North, who were conscripted by Lincoln and forced to fight in segregated units, thousands of blacks in the South fought of their own free will in a fully-integrated southern army. I bet your history book never told you about that.

If one wants to ban a racist flag, one would have to ban the British flag. Ships bearing the Union Jack shipped over 5 million African slaves to countries all over the world, including the British colonies in North America. Other slave ships flew the Dutch flag and the Portuguese flag and the Spanish flag, and, yes, the

True Confederate Historical Facts

continued

U.S. flag. But not one single slave ship flew the Confederate flag. NOT ONE!

By the time Lincoln launched his war against the southern states, slavery was already a dying institution. The entire country, including the South, recognized the moral evil of slavery and wanted it to end. Only a small fraction of southerners even owned slaves. The slave trade had ended in 1808, per the U.S. Constitution, and the practice of slavery was quickly dying, too. In another few years, with the advent of agricultural machinery, slavery would have ended peacefully--just like it had in England. It didn't take a national war and the deaths of over a half million men to end slavery in Great Britain. America's so-called "Civil War" was absolutely unnecessary. The greed of Lincoln's radical Republicans in the North combined with the cold, calloused heart of Lincoln himself is responsible for the tragedy of the "Civil War."

And look at what is happening now: in one instant--after one deranged young man killed nine black people and who ostensibly photo-shopped a picture of himself with a Confederate flag--the entire political and media establishments in the country go on an all-out crusade to remove all semblances of the Confederacy. The speed in which all of this has happened suggests that this was a planned, orchestrated event by the Powers That Be (PTB). And is it a mere coincidence that this took place at the exact same time that the U.S. Supreme Court decided to legalize same-sex marriage? I think not.

The Confederate Battle Flag flies the Saint Andrews cross. Of course, Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus Christ, brother of Simon Peter, and Christian martyr who was crucified on an X-shaped cross at around the age of 90. Andrew is the patron saint of both Russia and Scotland. In the 1800s, up to 75% of people in the South were either Scotch or Scotch-Irish. The Confederate Battle Flag is predicated on the national flag of Scotland. It is a symbol of the Christian faith and heritage of the Celtic race.

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heritage of the Celtic race.

Pastor John Weaver rightly observed, "Even the Confederate States motto, 'Deovendickia,' (The Lord is our Vindicator), illustrates the sovereignty and the righteousness of God. The Saint Andrews cross is also known as the Greek letter CHIA (KEE) and has historically been used to represent Jesus Christ. Why do you think people write Merry X-mas, just to give you an illustration? The 'X' is the Greek letter CHIA and it has been historically used for Christ. Moreover, its importance was understood by educated and uneducated people alike. When an uneducated man, one that could not write, needed to sign his name please tell me what letter he made? An 'X,' why? Because he was saying I am taking an oath under God. I am recognizing the sovereignty of God, the providence of God and I am pledging my faith. May I tell you the Confederate Flag is indeed a Christian flag because it has the cross of Saint Andrew, who was a Christian martyr, and the letter 'X' has always been used to represent Christ, and to attack the flag is to deny the sovereignty, the majesty, and the might of the Lord Jesus Christ and his divine role in our history, culture, and life."

Combine the current attacks against Biblical and traditional marriage, the attacks against all things Confederate, the attacks against all things Christian, and the attacks against all things constitutional and what we are witnessing is a heightened example of why the Confederate Battle Flag was created to begin with. Virtually every act of federal usurpation of liberty that we are witnessing today, and have been witnessing for much of the twentieth century, is the result of Lincoln's war against the South. Truly, we are living in Lincoln's America, not Washington and Jefferson's America. Washington and Jefferson's America died at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

Instead of lowering the Confederate flag, we should be raising it.

Standing Up for Dixie,
Don R. Bentley
Adjutant/Treasurer

*I salute the
Confederate
Flag...*



*With Affection,
Reverence and
undying
devotion*



*To the Cause
For Which It
Stands.*

**Just as a reminder, our
Second Monday Camp Meeting**
is published in the Athens Daily Review
in its Community Calendar each day for
the week prior to our meeting!



*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.*



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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.

Prayer Requests

- * Chaplain Jim Day & wife, Teresa
- * Annette Brown's friend, Kathy
- * Our next meeting July 11th
- * *Pray for the July SCV Nationals in Richardson*
- * Pray for Christianity, our nation, our Southern Heritage
- * Pray for the men and women in our military

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

We meet at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym in Athens on the corner of Hwy 175 East and Crestway Drive. Notice of our camp meetings may be found listed in the Athens Review Newspaper in the Community Calendar section.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner furnished by members followed by a short historical program. Guests are welcome and you may bring your family.

WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE
Major W H Howdy Martin SCV Camp1241
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 will 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.

Jim Day, Editor/ Chaplain
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This Chaplain's Message is dedicated in memory of Brother Len Patterson for his years of service to his Lord and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our Camp #1241 has been honored to receive permission from Ms Patterson to reprint Brother Len's messages that were written from his heart to share his testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

The Secret!

November 27, 2011

A wise person once said, "Understanding the problem is ninety percent of the solution." It doesn't take much thought to realize how true that statement is. It's all but impossible to fix something if we don't know why it's broken, and we live in a time when there's a lot of things broken. From broken homes and marriages, to our society and the country itself, things are bad and getting worse.

There is a question found in 2 Cor. 2: 16, which asks, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Take this question seriously for a moment. Try to answer it. Who or what is sufficient for the problems we face today? What course can we take? What fantastic discovery will produce the solutions we need? The question hangs in the air like a fog, waiting for an answer.

The question is so important to so many, it seems that half the world's activity is devoted to finding an answer. Flip through the pages of any magazine, read a newspaper, or watch television and you'll find products and services blatantly promising the fulfillment of our desires. "Drink Pepsi-Cola, and really live!" "Are you being ignored? Use Miracle White Toothpaste!" "Read this new book, 'How to be a Winner,' and become an overnight success!" "Sign up for our six week course, 'The Power Ploy,' it will change your life!" All these voices and many more, promise to have the solution to our problems. They say, "Try it, you'll like it!" But most of us know better.

The Apostle Paul does not leave us groping for an answer. In 2 Cor. 3:5 He says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." He puts this great secret before us in unmistakable terms: "Our sufficiency is of God." The secret is nothing coming from us, and everything coming from God. That is the great secret of human sufficiency."

To live with nothing coming from us and everything coming from God is to live in the Spirit. It is this secret which characterized Paul and made him so very successful. This secret is also the solution to every problem plaguing the human race. The words of an old hymn says, "If I never had problems, I wouldn't know He could solve them."

From our personal lives and honorable Confederation, to the country itself, there is no problem for which God is not sufficient. Another old song says,

***"It is no secret what God can do. What He's done for others,
He'll do for you."***

God is not only sufficient for any and all problems facing us as individuals, but He is also sufficient for the challenges facing the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our just Cause. But we must

"Let go, and let God!" That's the Secret.



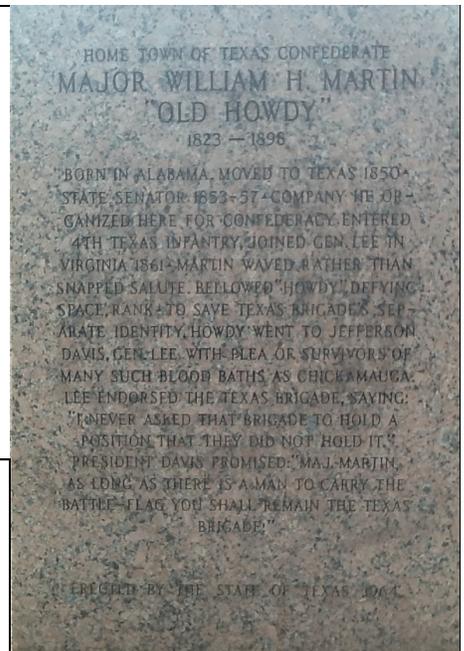
Bro Len speaks at the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza Dedication

William Harrison Martin
 "Old Howdy"

Bill Martin, Attorney
 State Senator
 Captain Co. K 4th TX Inf, CSA
 Major, 4th Texas, CSA
 District Attorney
 U.S. Congressman, Texas
 Husband, Father, Grandfather
 Great Grandfather

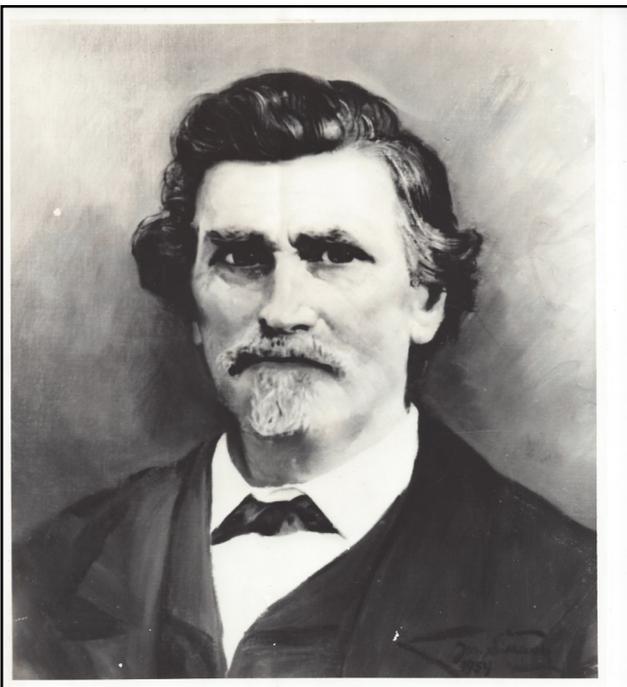


Above: Howdy's Grave, Hillsboro City Cemetery, Hillsboro, TX.
 Right: Howdy's Marker is located in Athens on Hwy 19 South in the Confederate Park.



Camp Officers 2016

- Commander — Jimmy Abney
- 1st Lt Commander — Ron Freeman
- 2nd Lt Commander—Jim Ogburn, MD
- 3rd Lt Commander— Luke Freeman
- Adjutant/Treasurer — Don R. Bentley
- Chaplain— Jim Day
- Color Sgt — Terry Teems
- Sgt at Arms —Gaylon Patterson
- Quartermaster — David Miller
- Webmaster— Michael Burton
- Historian— Luke Freeman
- Aide de Camp — Jesse Giles
- Surgeon — Aaron Freeman



Above: Major W. H. Howdy Martin

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions due to limited space for such material that honors and supports The Charge given to us in the year 1906 that may be found herein. This Newsletter is compiled and submitted to our Webmaster as nearly the same date as possible immediately following our Camp's monthly meeting.