

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

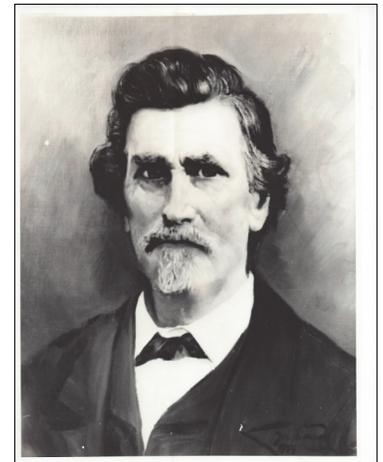
1823-1898

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

1. Our September SCV Camp Meeting was held at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym with Commander **Jimmy Abney** presiding.
2. Following Cmdr **Abney's** welcome and introduction of guests, Compatriot **Bob Lynch** read a brief biography of our camp's name-sake, **Major W H Howdy Martin in honor of his 191st birthday.** Chaplain **Jim Day** offered the blessing for our meal and birthday celebration which included a special birthday cake, punch and a large variety of finger foods with all the trimmings. We had 24 guests and members present.
3. Quartermaster **Phil Albright** led the pledges and salutes to the flags and reading of the Charge to the SCV.
4. Cmdr Abney turned the program over to **Jan Giles**. Aide de Camp/ Historian **Jesse Giles** was unable to attend, so **Mrs. Giles** stepped in to present a video of the Sam Davis Youth Camp that Jesse attended this summer. Everyone enjoyed the presentation.
5. Adjutant/Treasurer **Jim Ogburn** reported on his continuing project of providing a website for all CSA graves in Henderson County cemeteries. This website is www.csagraves.net
6. Adjutant/Treasurer **Jim Ogburn** read the minutes from August and gave the camp a sound financial report.
7. In new business, Cmdr **Abney** proudly gave a certificate and bronze star medal to our Webmaster **Mike Burton** and a certificate and silver star medal to 2nd Lt Cmdr **Colby Albright** for their hard work and dedication to the SCV and our camp this past year.
8. Adjutant/Treasurer **Jim Ogburn** announced that our camp now has **50 members, 1 cadet and 1 Friend of the SCV.** He also thanked members who paid their dues right before the meeting.
9. Cmdr **Abney** reminded us of the **Arms Cemetery Dedication on October 11 at 10:00am.** Chaplain **Day** reported that he and his wife mowed the grounds Wednesday. A **workday was set for Saturday, October 4th at 9:00am** to clean it for the dedication. Cmdr **Abney** also set **Saturday, Sept 20 at 9:00am** as an **Honor Guard** practice for at least 5 flags, a drummer, rifle brigade and hopefully someone to play taps. **Teresa Day** asked all members to invite their wives to wear black church clothes and a black hat to show support honoring the families at the dedication.



Bunny Freeman congratulates Cmdr Abney as he wins a donated historical book.

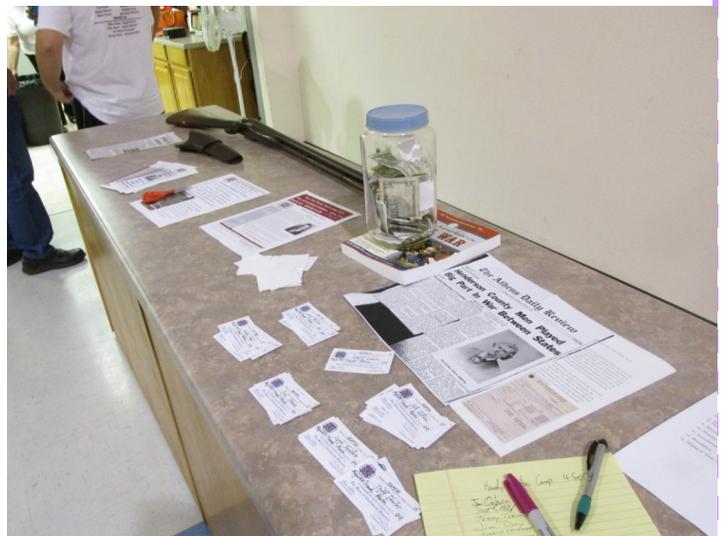


Left: Cmdr **Abney** congratulates Webmaster **Mike Burton** as he is presented a certificate and a bronze medal.

Right: Cmdr **Abney** presents 2nd Lt Cmdr **Colby Albright** a certificate and a silver medal.



10. A brief discussion was held concerning other events that are possibly scheduled on October 11th. Chaplain **Day** reported that despite inquiries as of this date an invitation was not received for our Camp to participate at the Trinidad City Cemetery Dedication. **Bunny Freeman** added that another dedication at the Payne Cemetery is also on the same day and the contact for that event is Mr. Harry Hoog.
11. Compatriot **Charles Luna** invited all present to attend a September 11 meeting at 6:30pm sponsored by the Hubbard Order of the Stars and Bars. The guest speaker will be Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck an expert on Genealogy Research who has retired from the Dallas Public Library.. Dinner will be catered by Roma's Restaurant for \$15.00 and you need to RSVP. **Dr. Ogburn** attended last year and told us it was wonderful and he will definitely try his best to be there Thursday. **Ogburn** will send out an email with details to all camp members to encourage everyone to attend.
12. Cmdr **Abney** called for names for our camp Prayer List and several requests were added.
13. Chaplain **Jim Day** was given a rowdy applause upon the announcement from Cmdr **Abney** that **Day** was awarded the Dixie Award by **Texas Commander Johnnie Holley** at the 8th Brigade Meeting recently held in Lufkin.
14. Compatriot **Ray Brown** asked permission to speak about our own Compatriot **Ryan Tarrant** needing financial backing in order for him to play with the TVCC Band when they march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in NYC. Ryan said his part is \$633.00. **Dr. Ogburn** proposed that in following camp tradition, we give Ryan \$50. **Dr Ogburn** will donate another \$100 to bring the total to \$150. Members voted their approval.
15. Cmdr **Abney** suggested a new tradition for our camp that he had overheard from another camp while at the Nationals Reunion in SC. While at a camp meeting, if a Compatriot is "caught" saying the words "**Civil War**" that guilty member will have to donate \$1.00 in the kitty for his mistake. Members voted in favor of this practice. Without thinking, Cmdr **Abney** read the title of his new book "The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Civil War" and he paid the first \$1.00 in the kitty.
16. Before adjourning, Chaplain **Jim Day** closed with a prayer and everyone sang "**Dixie.**"



Compatriots collect their name badge and sign in prior to each meeting. Other show -n- tell items including event flyers, brochures and newsletters are displayed. Members enjoy bringing guns, knives, paintings, and books to share.

Happy Birthday to you from the Howdy Martin Camp 1241....

September	1	Joey Ables, David Lang
	9	Charles Head
	10	Will Ogburn
	12	Ron Freeman, Jackie Blalock
	28	Phil Albright

Things to Do....



Above: **Jesse Giles** places a flag at his Grandfather's grave

Below: Cannon Crew at Mansfield including **Jesse Giles**

Shown Above and Below:
Aide de Camp/Historian **Jesse Giles** and **Mrs Giles** participated in numerous events while camped at the **150th Mansfield Battle**.



Places to Go....

Jesse Giles honored Confederate Veterans at the **Carroll Springs Cemetery**.



Lightfoot-Miller Cemetery Dedication

August 2, 2014

The Major W. H. Howdy Martin SCV Camp 1241 joined the Henderson County Historical Commission to dedicate a Texas State Historical Marker at the Lightfoot-Miller Cemetery which is located on private property off of Hwy 19 South of Athens.

Twelve members of our Camp gathered to show our respect to the family members of those buried here in this quiet final resting place located just off the highway. First on the program were the officers of our Camp in posting the colors and placing the camp wreath in honor of our sole marked Confederate Veteran's grave.

Opening remarks were made by Sarah J Brown of the Historical Commission who introduced Rev. Joe Hall, pastor of the Willow Springs Baptist Church and former Pct. 1 Commissioner. Family members spoke of their family histories before the unveiling of the marker followed by Rev Hall reading it to the crowd.

Camp Commander Jimmy Abney expressed his appreciation from all of our Camp for allowing us to participate on this very special occasion. He "called roll" followed by the "ringing of the camp bell" to honor our Confederate Veteran J. W. Miller. Sargent at Arms Terry Teems closed the program with the playing of taps.

All of the family members expressed their appreciation to the Howdy Camp for our participation in which they described as "most honorable and unforgettable."



Below: Cmdr Abney speaks to the crowd of about four dozen family members and guests.



Above from Left:
T Teems, J Day, B Lynch, Dr J Ogburn, J Giles and Commander J Abney pause at CSA J. W. Miller's grave.

Right from Front Row:
L Freeman, R Freeman, J Day, J Giles, B. Lynch, Cmdr J Abney, J Patterson, J Ogburn, T Teems.
Back Row: B Freeman, T Day, J Giles.





Jimmy Abney

From the Commander

other awards to the large group representing camps all across the 8th Brigade. Congratulations to Jim! These are the types of accomplishments that help us to continue to earn our **FOUR STAR CAMP AWARD!**

Our dedication at Arms Cemetery is coming up on October 11 at 10:00am. We have a work day on October 4th to once again clean the cemetery. We need an honor guard for the dedication ceremony and you do not need a complete uniform. We have coats, flags, and guns to share. If you can be in our honor guard, we will have a practice on Sept 20 at 9:00am on the parking lot at the Calvary Baptist Church. We need your help with the honor guard and dedication to make it the best we can in honor of this veteran and his family and friends..

Our officer elections are coming up for next year in December. Nominations will be held in November. Please be thinking who you would like to nominate for an office or if you want to be an officer next year. We were so proud to hear that we have hit the 50-member mark. This is a major milestone for our camp. We all need to work to continue to enroll new members. Helping to recruit new members is just one way to make our camp the very best camp in the Texas 8th Brigade. We are currently the 2nd largest camp in the 8th Brigade. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making us the proud camp we are. It is a pleasure to serve with you.

Remember school has started. Please watch out for school buses and children on the street.

Your Commander,

Jimmy Abney

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING!

Greetings,

We had a great birthday party for our name-sake Major W. H. Howdy Martin this month at our regular meeting.. I would like to thank the First Lady of our Camp Ms Jan Patterson for the birthday cake that honored Major Martin. Compatriot Bob Lynch read a short biography of Major Martin prior to serving the cake and punch in celebration of Martin's **191th birthday**. Our finger-food menu was served on silver trays and included something for everyone. The ladies of our camp know how to create a party atmosphere just by dressing up the serving tables. Again I say **Happy Birthday Howdy Martin!**

Mrs. Jan Giles shared a film on the Sam Davis Youth Camp for our program in place of her son, Jesse, who attended the camp this summer.

Our own Chaplain Jim Day was surprised to be given the Dixie Award by Texas Commander Johnnie Holley at the Texas 8th Brigade Meeting in Lufkin on August 18. Cmdr Holley presented several



"Howdy's Flag" is framed and hangs in the Henderson County Historical Museum in Athens. Members voted to order a reproduction for Howdy Martin Camp events.

September Camp Meeting—Happy Birthday Howdy!!!



Above Bob Lynch read a short biography of our Camp's namesake, Howdy Martin!

Above: Colby Albright, Jim Ogburn, Terry Teems, Phil Albright, Jimmy Abney, David Lowry, Jim Day and Mike Burton

Below: 1st Lady of Howdy Martin Camp Jan Patterson prepares to serve Howdy's Birthday cake to celebrate his 191st birthday..





Jim Ogburn, MD

Camp Adjutant/Treasurer Jim Ogburn, MD

A big Howdy Welcome to everyone!

Our September camp meeting was a celebration of several events!
#1 We celebrated Major Howdy Martin’s 191st birthday. How about that!! Thank you to Jan Patterson for ordering such a beautiful and tasty birthday cake. Also our own Commander Abney’s wife, Brenda, made a tasty punch and Chaplain Day’s wife brought out the lace and silver! Everyone pitched in and we all enjoyed a beautiful spread of party food!

#2 Camp 1241 celebrated its own 3rd birthday. Yes sir—our camp is three years old and growing strong which brings me to...

#3 Camp 1241 now has 50 members, 1 cadet, and 1 Friend of the SCV. We reached our goal that we set last September and it happened because of our love of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our love for each other.

Do I dare challenge us to increase our size to Sixty Members in another year?? We can do it because of have a super roster that indeed answers to the Charge each and every day.

And finally #4 A shout out to our newsletter editor Jim Day as our “Howdy Herald” is now one year old. The first edition was in September, 2013. All of our past newsletters are posted on our camp website www.martincamp.org

Thank you fellow Compatriots for all you do that makes our Howdy Martin camp the best **“FOUR STAR CAMP”** in Texas. Please let me know if you need assistance or have questions about anything including your membership dues. Let us all keep up the good work in our answer to The Charge!

Jim Ogburn, MD
 Deo Vindice!



Prayer Requests

Jim Day, Mike Mitchell

Tommy Kinabrew -Hall’s son in law

M Burton’s son-praise for good news

Ryan Tarrant -much better

Pete Edison & family

Jackie Blalock (granddaughter

Lisa Anders has cancer)

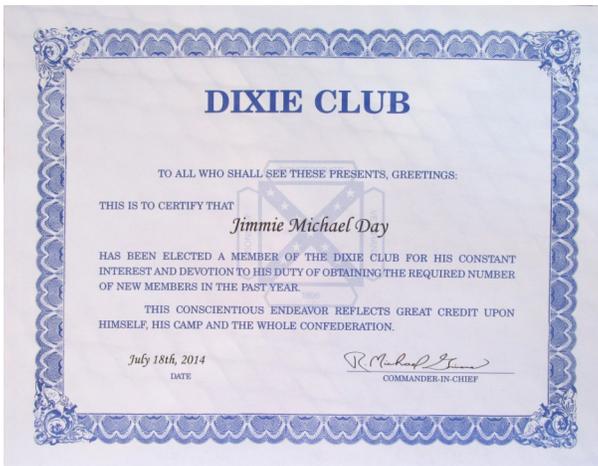
Guy Smith (Day’s friend cancer)

Arms Cemetery Dedication Oct 11th



Our Camp 1241 Flag is proudly displayed at all camp meetings!

8th Brigade Texas Division Meeting in Lufkin August 18, 2014



The 8th Brigade Texas Division Meeting was well attended by numerous SCV Camps across the Division with the welcome given by Cmdr of the Texas 8th Brigade Marc Robinson.

Cmdr Roger Doyle and the Compatriots of the Lone Star Defenders Camp #2234 hosted the 8th Brigade Meeting in Lufkin. A private dining room at the Ralph and Kakoo's Restaurant was reserved for us and our meal was excellent. Cmdr Doyle led the pledges and salutes to the flags. 1st Lt Cmdr of the 8th Brigade Dennis Brand read the Charge to the SCV.

Cmdr John Key and the Stone Fort Camp posted the colors and Jim Day, Chaplain of the Major W. H. Howdy Martin Camp 1241 in Athens gave the invocation.

Texas Division Commander Johnnie Holley gave an update on the General Reunion in South Carolina that was attended by many present. He also presented awards to several including the Dixie Award to a very surprised Jim Day, Chaplain of the Athens Howdy Camp.

Cmdr Rudy Ray of the John H Reagan Camp 2156 of Palestine sang for us all a very entertaining and Confederately motivational program.

Stone Ft Camp Cmdr Key shared a slide show of this summer's Sam Davis Youth Camp. Key was in charge of the "Cannon and Blackpowder Lessons." It was very obvious that all of the youth enjoyed this event. 8th Brigade Cmdr Robinson also presented his slide show of other Youth Camp Activities including ballroom dancing. We all appreciated hearing about these upcoming youth in the SCV.

A discussion and vote was taken to choose between five events for an 8th Brigade Maximum effort for the coming year. The winner was the Lufkin Veterans' Day Parade on November 8th. Everyone was encouraged to support this new camp and more information will be forthcoming about the parade.

Camps are asked to send event notifications by email to Jim Bentley at stonefortcamp-scv@yahoo.com. Also send events to dmctxscv@gmail.com so that Texas Division 3rd Lt Cmdr David McMahon can post events on the division calendar at www.scvtexas.org.

The night ended with Howdy Camp Chaplain Jim Day offering the benediction and Compatriot Rowdy Baker of the Gen Horace Randal Camp leading the singing of "Dixie."



The above group photo was taken of just the SCV members present. This is about half of those in attendance as most brought guests or other family members. It was a most enjoyable evening combined with great food and wonderful fellowship among the Texas 8th Brigade Camps.

Upcoming Events...

October 2nd Camp Meeting

October 3-4 Ft Crawford, Hallsville

October 11 Arms Cemetery 10:00 am

November 1-2 Ft Richardson, Jacksboro

November 6 Camp Meeting

**November 21-23 Liendo Plantation,
Hempstead**

December 5-7 Ft Concho, San Angelo



Sutler's provide everything you need! Above is our own 3rd Lt Cmdr. Stringbean at Liendo Plantation last year. He usually attends all of the events so drop by to visit and buy something!

Howdy Martin Camp meetings are on the First Thursday 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 Daily Review Newspaper in their 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 HOWDY MARTIN 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 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 Thursday camp meeting.

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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.

Wisdom!

September 4, 2011

The Scripture tells us in Psalm 111:10,

"The fear (fearful reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

At some time in the past something snapped in America. It may not have happened all at once, more likely it was a gradual movement, but we lost something and it has never come back. Perhaps that "something" is wisdom. Progress had not yet run us crazy. We still had time to live. The old virtues were still preached and practiced. We still believed the Bible. Then the world went crazy and we have been in a madhouse ever since. Higher criticism denied the Scriptures, minimized sin, reasoned away atonement, and air-conditioned hell. Man was deified and God was humanized. Liberalism dismissed the devil, and now we have more devil than ever, and fewer people who believe there even is a devil.

It might offend some egos, but the outstanding characteristic of today's generation is ignorance. We have never had so much smartness and stupidity at the same time. We know a lot about a lot of things, but of God's Word and will this generation seems to be of all men most ignorant. There has never been a time when people prided themselves more on their cleverness, intelligence, sophistication, and education than we see today. But, they have no wisdom. Jesus tells them,

"Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." (Matt. 22: 29)

Several times in the New Testament (Rom. 11 :25; 1 Cor. 10:1, 12: 1; 2 Cor. 1: 8; 1 Thess. 4: 13; 2 Pet. 3: 8) we read, with slight variations, *"I would not have you ignorant."* But today's generation is ignorant, willfully ignorant as the Bible says, and they continue to live in error. It has been said, "As scarce as truth is, there is still a greater supply than there is demand." Most people are ignorant because they want to be. But we need not be ignorant. We can know Him and the power of His resurrection. We can know in whom we have believed. We can know He abides in us by His Spirit. We can know His Word and His will for us. We can know God.

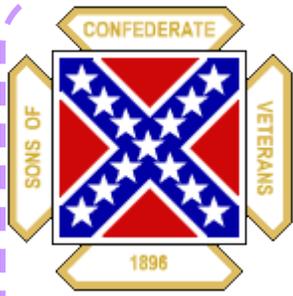
The answer to ignorance is Christ Himself, who is the Truth and Wisdom of God. Mark Twain once said, "You can't argue with a pig. It's a futile effort, and all you do is aggravate the pig." Just as futile is the plan of any man to build against God's program for the ages or God's will for his life. The only man who can understand the times is the man who views them in light of the Living and Written Word of God.

I believe God in His wisdom has a plan for my life, and I am certain God has a plan for your life. I am also quite convinced that God has a plan for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Of course, I don't know the details of God's plan, but I do know He has one. And, no man can interfere with God's plan and win. So, let us stand on God's sure Word. Then our hearts will be fixed, trusting in the Lord, not disturbed by evil tidings. For,

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

Bro Len speaks at the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza Dedication
in Palestine on April 13, 2013





Major W. H. "Howdy" Martin SCV Camp #1241 Athens
cordially invites you to the

Arms Cemetery Dedication

Saturday, October 11th, 10:00 am

The Sons of Confederate Veterans

will honor the memory of our Confederate Veteran

George W. Grayson

Born 21 February 1830 — Died October 1879

and to dedicate a CSA marker for his service 1861-1865

SCV Camps from Athens, Palestine and possibly others in uniform will present colors, play taps, and participate in a cannon volley and a 21-gun salute!

For more information contact

Commander Jimmy Abney 903-681-1999

Chaplain Jim Day 903-681-5313

Directions from Murchison

Turn North at Blinking Light on FM 773

Drive about 2 miles to CR 3800

Turn left and look for the

ARMS CEMETERY on the left.



William Harrison Martin

"Old Howdy"

Bill Martin, Attorney

State Senator

Captain Co. K 4th TX Inf, CSA

Major, 4th Texas, CSA

District Attorney

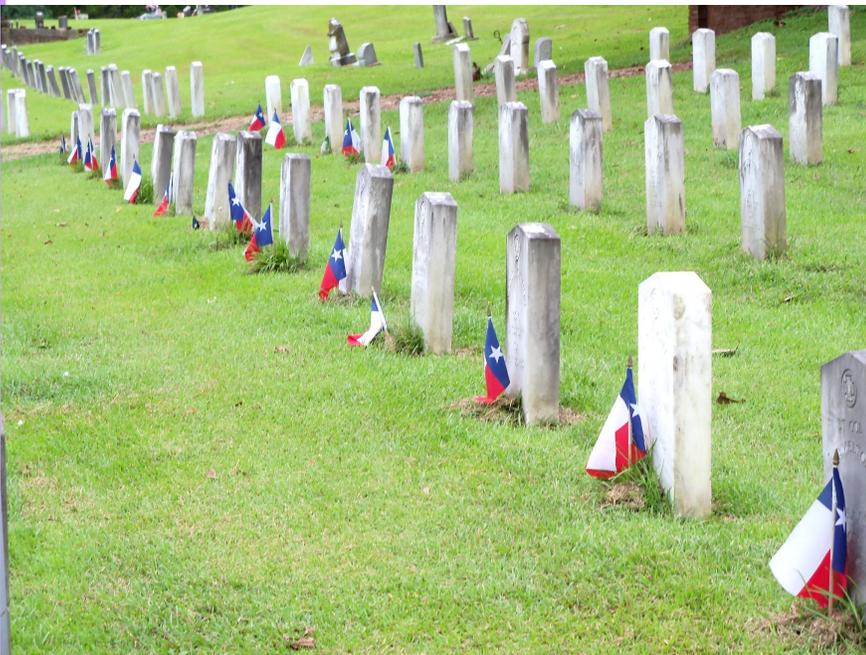
U.S. Congressman, Texas

Husband, Father, Grandfather

Great Grandfather



July 2014 Charleston, S C left - J Day, B Lynch, J Giles, J Abney



Confederate Texans buried at the City Cemetery in Vicksburg, Mississippi

Camp Officers 2014

Commander — Jimmy Abney

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2nd Lt Commander— Colby Albright

3rd Lt Commander— David Lowry

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Chaplain— Jim Day

Sgt at Arms/ Color Sgt — Terry Teems

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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.