

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

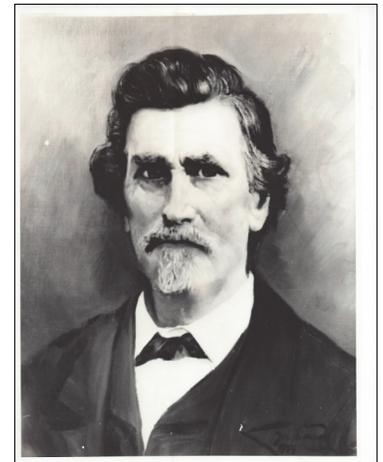
1823-1898

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 14th 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, Chaplain **Jim Day** offered the blessing for our meal. We had 30 guests and members present to enjoy our barbeque dinner with trimmings and desserts.
3. Quartermaster **Dale Sifford** led the pledges and salutes to the flags and reading of the Charge to the SCV.
4. Cmdr **Abney** introduced our guest speakers **Larry and Pam Wilhoite** of Waxahachie's Oran M Robert SCV Camp 178.



From left: Cmdr **Abney** with new Howdy Camp Compatriots **Jeff Thompson, Raymond McGee**

5. Adjutant/Treasurer **Jim Ogburn** read the minutes from August and gave us another sound financial report. He also reminded us that everyone needs to pay their dues asap. Several members present paid at the meeting. A motion carried for **Ogburn** to pay Compatriot **Jim McCormick** for three Southern Iron Crosses.



From left: Cmdr **Abney**, new member **Jim McCormick**, and Adjutant/Treasurer **Jim Ogburn**.

6. Cmdr **Abney** asked "for volunteers to meet him on the courthouse square next Saturday morning and sign up for one year and join the "militia" or Texas Calvary to travel to Austin!" His very effective point was to compare the need to volunteer to protect our Southern Heritage today just as all of our ancestors did in the 1860's.
7. Compatriot **Jim McCormick** was presented his membership certificate and pin by Cmdr **Abney** and Adjutant/Treasurer **Ogburn**. In addition Cmdr **Abney** swore in three more new members **Jeff Thompson, Raymond McGee** and **Mike McGee**.

8. Cmdr **Abney** brought his "Confederate Veteran Magazine" to proudly show off our Howdy Camp picture and to remind us that members receive it free with their annual dues.

9. Cmdr **Abney** presented Chaplain and Newsletter Editor **Jim Day** and wife a framed certificate for the **Texas Division SCV 3rd Place Best Newsletter Award**.



Left: Cmdr **Abney**, Chaplain/Newsletter Editor **Jim Day** and wife, **Teresa**.

10. An enthusiastic discussion was held concerning donations needed for the SCV Heritage Defense Fund. Cmdr **Abney** shared there are various ways to donate to this including a Go Fund Me account on Face Book, a web-site can be found or you can mail a paper check. A motion was made for our camp to donate but it took a while to decide how much. After comments and motions and a suggestion for members to each donate one dollar, Adjutant/Treasurer Jim **Ogburn** was instructed to mail a \$300 donation from our Howdy Camp.
11. Cmdr **Abney** encouraged Compatriots to speak up if you would like to serve as a camp officer. Elections will be held in December. He announced he will not seek re-election as camp commander.
12. Quartermaster Dale **Sifford** passed out maps to the Wreay Cemetery for the September 19th dedication.
13. Chaplain Jim **Day** proudly brought to the attention of the camp that one of our own members, **Will Ogburn** son of Dr. Jim **Ogburn**, recently graduated from the University of Arlington with his degree in architecture.
14. Chaplain **Day** shared that he attended the LTC Phillip Work SCV Camp 1790 in Woodville for the swearing in ceremony of his cousin. This camp honors their deceased members with honor ribbons on their camp flag. Members approved Jim **Ogburn** to checking into getting these made to honor two of our deceased members.
15. Cmdr **Abney** discussed another proposed SCV license plate of a Hood's Texas Flag . The Texas Division Fund would receive \$20 for every license plate sold. There are 2,950 SCV Texas members.
16. Advisor **Bunny Freeman** told us she is the Project Chairman for Celebrate the DAR. Their goal is aimed at cleaning headstones and our two **Freeman** Compatriots were helping in this effort.
17. Chaplain **Day** gave the contact number for anyone wanting to buy a vest similar to his and several other members. He also shared news of the camp receiving a donation from the Cottonwood Cemetery Association in appreciation of the Camp Veterans' Dedication Ceremony in July.
18. Cmdr **Abney** asked for prayer requests:
Rain for our dry community, Chaplain **Day's** treatments in Houston, upcoming Wreay Cemetery Dedication, 3-month old baby **RaeLee Freeman's** testing in a Dallas hospital, **Joey Ables** friend, **Brent**.
19. Before adjourning, Chaplain **Day** shared with a prayer and everyone sang "**Dixie.**"



Honor Ribbons at Work SCV Camp 1790

Right: Cottonwood Cemetery Association card of appreciation for July Dedication Ceremony.

July 13, 2015

Dear Dr. Ogburn,

The Cottonwood Cemetery Association would like to thank the Howdy Martin Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp for your reenactment presentation at our past Annual Meetings and memorial dedication. It was very much appreciated by all in attendance. Enclosed please find a donation to the Howdy Martin Sons in appreciation for the presentation and the maintenance you provide for the flags.

Judith Allison
Secretary/Treasurer



From the Commander

Greetings,

We had a good meeting on September 14th and I would like to thank everybody who attended. This time of the year is a critical time for us to pay close attention to support and protect our camp membership. We need to get all of our dues paid. If you have not paid, please do so. We have to send them to National's in October to keep our FOUR STAR rating. The "Confederate Veterans Magazine" members get six times a year is worth the cost of dues. So please encourage those you know to go by Dr Jim's or even have them give you their dues and you stop by his office.

We have a lot to talk about in our next meeting on October 12th.

Future events for this year are the Cain Center Gun Show in October and may I encourage you to sit at our recruiting table on one of the two days or both. You'll be pleasantly surprised how well we are received. The Palestine Camp has a celebration on the 10th of October for John H Reagan's birthday and we need to have volunteers to attend and support your 8th Brigade compatriots. We will also began planning for our Christmas parade float and new ideas are always welcome. Officer nominations comes up at our November 9th meeting. If you would like to be an officer or even think you would like to be an officer, please attend our next officer's meeting at 5:30 at our next meeting on October 12th. You can see for yourself how camp business works and meet other officers to find out if you would really like to serve. Officers elections are in December. We will also begin to discuss and share ideas for our Christmas party this year. Taking care of your camp needs to be a priority for each and every member.

I would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Wreay Cemetery dedication on this past Saturday, September 19th. We had a very good program with seventeen camp members standing ready to honor four CSA Veterans as their families watched. Welcome aboard Buster Horn, Crew and Liberty! Congratulations to each one on a job well done! We handed out several applications for new members and was approached by others as to what the SCV is really about.

In closing I need to thank Bro Don Bentley and Chaplain Jim Day for attending the DEC meeting with me on September 5th. It was very informative and good as always to meet with our SCV State, Division and Brigade Officers in a work session. Texas Division Commander Gary Bray and our SCV legal counsel, Mr. Kirk Lyons, updated us on current strategies to defend our Southern Heritage!

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.

Major W H Howdy Martin

SEPTEMBER 2015 CAMP MEETING



Howdy Martin Camp Compatriots enjoy another **2nd Monday monthly meeting** with a great meal, a wonderful historical program by the Wilhoite's and a time of fellowship with 30 members and guests.

Larry and Pam Wilhoite *"Texans and Their Confederate Flags"*



Confederate Army Organization	
Company	75 – 100 Soldiers
Regiment	2 – 10 Companies
Brigade	2 or more Regiments
Division	2 or more Brigades
Corps	2 or more Divisions
Army	2 or more Corps



"One Confederate can beat a hundred Yanks. We have 'um fer breakfast and be back fer supper."

Howdy Martin





The Wilhoite's of the Waxahachie Oran M Roberts Camp 178 presented one of their two flag programs they have put together. Tonight's program included at least a dozen of their own flags. They shared their considerable knowledge of each one with its history including our own Howdy's flag! Mrs. Wilhoite told us, **"There was NO one Confederate Flag. Most often flags were made of silk or wool. Materials were limited and many were made from donated ladies' dresses."** Larry said most of the flags they made themselves and were extremely careful to use exact sizing. Everyone enjoyed both their program & their love of flags.

DEC Meeting

Lorena, TX

September 12, 2015



Below: Brigade Officers and Compatriots from all over the state listen attentively as members share information and ideas and conduct Division Affairs.



Above: Texas Division Commander **Gary Bray** presides over the Division Executive Council. Also seen is past Texas Division Commander **Johnnie Holley**.

Left: Howdy Camp Commander **Jimmy Abney** seen seated at table as everyone hears from **Kirk Lyons**, the gentleman standing in the dark suit. Mr. Lyons is the Southern Legal Resource Center's Chief Trial Counsel. He represents the SCV in the case of the Jefferson Davis Statue being moved at the University of Texas Campus in Austin.

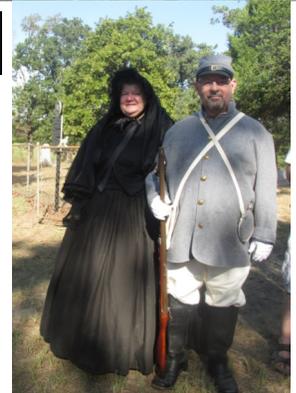


Above from left: Howdy Compatriot **Don Bentley**, Howdy Camp Commander **Jimmy Abney**, Texas Division Commander **Gary Bray**, and Howdy Chaplain **Jim Day**.

Wreay Cemetery Annual Association Gathering
and SCV Memorial Dedication
September 19, 2015



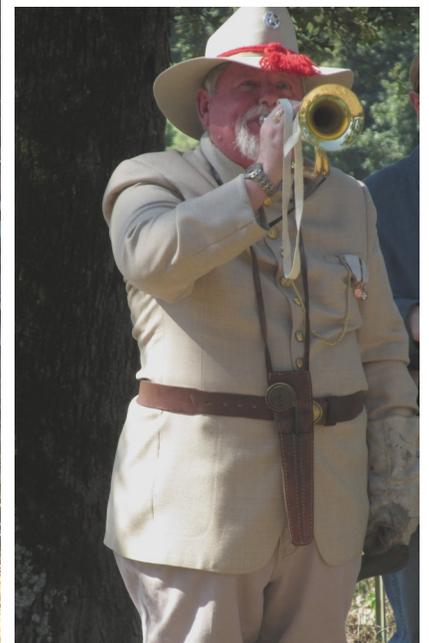
Howdy Camp Members and Horn's Liberty Cannon Crew



Bunny & Ron Freeman



Chaplain J Day, Cmdr J Abney, Honor Guards B Lynch, R Freeman, B Sifers, D Bentley



Color Sargent Terry Teems

LTC Phillip Alexander Work Camp 1790 Woodville, Texas — September 5, 2015 Commander/Chaplain Sid Holt



Howdy Chaplain Jim Day swears in cousin Melvin Day.



Above: Commander/Chaplain Sid Holt

Above: Camp 1790 Officers welcome Melvin Day and Jim Day

The Woodville SCV Camp 1790 regularly meets at the old Cherokee Church Established on May 1, 1860. It is located in the Heritage Village on Hwy 190.

Chaplain Jim Day was honored to participate in the swearing in ceremony of his first cousin Curtis Melvin Day. Jim and Melvin's fathers were brothers.

Compatriot Melvin Day who is 88, joined as a life member. Their Great Grandfather was Pvt Francis Marion Barkley who served in Company D, Alabama 62nd Infantry.



Jim Ogburn, MD



Camp Adjutant/Treasurer Jim Ogburn, MD

A big Howdy Welcome to everyone!

I sincerely enjoyed the fellowship with camp members and guests at our last meeting. The last count I was given was 30 present. A big welcome to our new members. Compatriot Jim McCormick was given his membership certificate and three other new members were sworn in. Welcome Jim, Jeff Thompson, Mike McGee and Raymond McGee. New members bring new skills and talents as seen by Compatriot McCormick's beautiful Iron Southern Crosses and I thank him. My wish for all is that through the support of this camp you will grow in your resolve to answer The SCV Charge in honor of your ancestors for many, many years to come. In addition, I hope that you will feel honored to recruit new prospects from your circle of friends and family.

Our historical program presented by the Wilhoite's from their Waxahachie camp was exceptional. I appreciate, as I am sure you do too, their devotion to attend many SCV meetings to share their work.

One last note, please let me hear from those who have not paid their dues for the new year. Your whole camp benefits from you taking care of this necessity by the October deadline. Thank you so much.

Keep up the good work!

Jim Ogburn, MD

Deo Vindice!

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

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Prayer Requests

Health issues:

- * **Jim Day** treatments in Houston
- * 3-month old baby **RaeLee Freeman** testing in a Dallas Hospital

Local Needs and our Nation:

- * Rain for our community
- * Our next meeting October 12th
- * Pray for the South

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.

Enemies!

12-12-2010

The enemies of Christ are hard at work to remove any and all Christian influence from our country, which was founded on Christian principles and a reliance on Jesus Christ.

School children are being taught that George Washington crossed the Delaware and chopped down a cherry tree, but not that he was a Christian. They are not being told what he had to say about God, Jesus Christ, or the Bible. This is not only true of George Washington, but of nearly all of the founders and early leaders of our country. Most were Christians who put their trust and faith in God. We know that, because they said so. However, this is not being taught to our children even though it's true. And, why? Because it isn't politically correct and some non-Christian might claim to be offended.

For generations we've been taught that Abraham Lincoln was a great man who saved the country and freed the slaves. Scores of people, misled by erroneous teaching, have visited his statue in Washington, D.C. to pay homage to his image as if he were some god in a Greek temple. Of course, we know him to have been a tyrant whose inflated ego, poor judgment, and illegal acts caused the death of over six hundred thousand American men and immeasurable suffering.

At the same time, honorable, Christian men like Robert E. Lee, T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and all of our Confederate generals, who fought to save the country and its constitution, have been vilified and called traitors. Our brave and noble Confederate forefathers are being called a "racist army." Our proud Southern heritage is being mocked and our legacy shamed by those whose only interest is self-promotion. They pick fights and find fault in what is true and right in order to increase the audience of their radio or television programs, or add to the readership of their newspaper columns or websites. They criticize and attack what is honorable and true, while they have no honor and care nothing for truth.

Southern states who asked their young men to leave their homes and families to go to war to defend it against a terrorist invasion, and now refuse to honor their sacrifice because it isn't politically correct are a disgrace. Southerners who have bought in to the Union lies and will not seek or accept the truth even when it's presented to them, because of what someone might think, are a shame and unworthy of their own heritage.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been given the "defense of the Confederate soldier's good name," and "the guardianship of his history." As such we may get mad and upset at these self-serving hypocritical bigots that attack our noble Southern heritage and brave Confederate forefathers, but I firmly believe God is for us, and the Bible tells us in Romans 8:31,

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

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



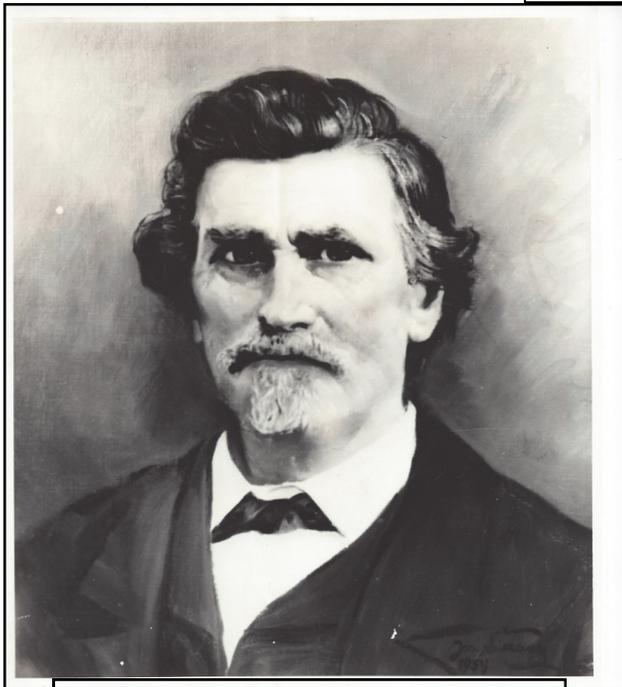
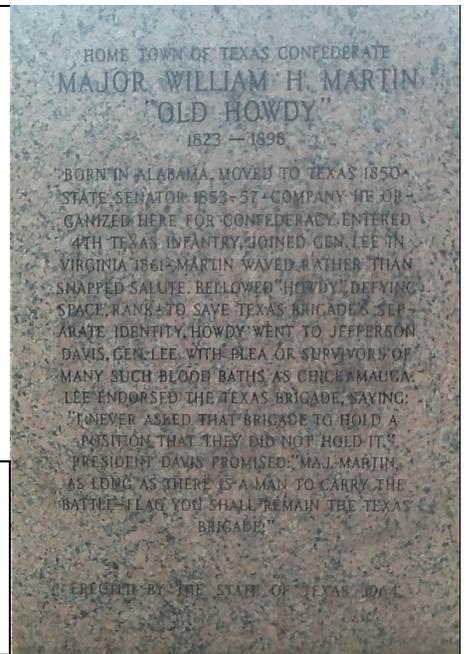
William Harrison Martin
 "Old Howdy"

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.



Above: Major W. H. Howdy Martin

Camp Officers 2015

- Commander — Jimmy Abney
- 1st Lt Commander — Joey Ables
- 2nd Lt Commander—Ron Freeman
- 3rd Lt Commander— Terence Tisdale
- Adjutant/Treasurer — Jim Ogburn, MD
- Chaplain— Jim Day
- Color Sgt — Terry Teems
- Sgt at Arms —Gaylon Patterson
- Quartermaster — Dale Sifford
- Webmaster— Michael Burton

Historian—
 Luke Freeman
 Aide
 Camp —
 Jesse

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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.

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