



# TEXAS DIVISION DISPATCH



## Commander's Report - Gary D. Bray

*By Gary D. Bray  
Commander  
Forney, Texas*

Gentlemen of the  
Texas Division,

This spring has been incredibly busy for the Division! Starting just after my last report in January we once again flagged the Fort Worth Stock Show parade. The parade route was a sea of battle flags. A new twist this year was that even though the Battle Flag was banned from being carried in the parade many people in the parade came over to the sidewalks and asked for flags and carried them in the parade anyway. The SCV received the honor of winning the top award for our entry in the parade. We probably doubled the number Flaggers this year.



Flaggers came in from other states, it was great. The Flagging continued for another three weeks at the Stock Show grounds thanks to the hard work of dedicated SCV Compatriots.



The UT Jefferson Davis Statue case has been stuck in the Texas Supreme Court for weeks. The State of Texas has replaced their law team three times slowing things down to a crawl. We have filed our final brief and are waiting for the Courts

decision. PRAY PLEASE.

We have exchanged ideas with the Texas Historical Commission on a new Exhibit panel to be installed at Fort Lancaster Texas explaining the history of the Confederate grave marker at the post cemetery. We hope this exhibit will be ready soon and everyone will be happy with the outcome of this effort and partnership between the SCV and the Texas Historical Commission. Also, we have an ongoing search for a lost Confederate battlefield near Fort Lancaster known as the midnight battle of Fort Lancaster.

I have been talking with Civil War artist John Paul Strain

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### SPECIAL NOTE TO BRIGADE & CAMP COMMANDERS:

**It is your responsibility to push (or forward) this newsletter out to all of your members. This will help insure that as many members as possible will have the opportunity to review the proposed amendments and announcements. Thank You**

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## Commander's Report

who has volunteered to paint art work that we can use on our Texas Division car tags. He has been working on other projects but is now ready to start this work. An exact copy of the Hoods Texas Infantry Texas "Wigfall" flag was produced for a photo shoot of a Texas color bearer with the flag. Soon we should have a tag we can be proud of regardless of the hater crowd.

I have a report from Orange that work on our Memorial of the Wind has moved forward. We are waiting for a concrete contractor to pour the cement for twelve flag pole bases so the poles can be installed. When those twelve flags go up be sure the press will go crazy.

National asked the Red Diamond Camp at Texarkana to host a Trans Mississippi Symposium at Hooks Texas in February. The Camp made Texas proud! We had CIC Strain, LT. Commander Gramling and people from every Army at the event. Around a hundred people attended.

March 4th was National Confederate Flag Day and this year Texas held three large events. One a parade down Congress Avenue in Austin, another a massing of the flags

at Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas, and a driving Flag rally from Lee Park Dallas West to Palo Pinto Court House, plus several smaller events around the state. A heart felt thank you from me to all who attended.

For the past few months we



have been working trying to create a monument protection bill. During the process it was decided the bill needed to protect not only Confederate monuments but all monuments to historic Texans. A bill was drafted and Compatriot Texas Rep. James White of Woodville TX sponsored the bill in Austin. The bill is "THE TEXAS HEROES PROTECTION ACT" (HB 1359). It is in play now waiting to go to committee. We need your help to pass this

bill. If you know any state Representative or Senator that would help sponsor this bill please ask them to do so. Passing this bill can help protect our history and save the SCV court fees etc. in future court cases or prevent the court cases from ever coming up in the first place.

Speaking of house bills HB 2224 has been filed to change Confederate Hero's Day to Civil War Soldiers Day and move the date. We will monitor this Bill and ask your help in defeating it. We will need to turn out in large numbers to defeat it. Watch for developments with this bill.

Our Reunion is coming in June and it is time to elect new officers. Please be thinking about men to not only fill the Division officer posts but also the brigade posts. We need good Brigade officers to help our Camps grow and become strong. Please give your time and experience to help your Division grow. Register today at <http://txdivreunion.com/>.

God Bless You All!

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## Report from Lt. Commander David McMahon

Since my last report the Division has been a whirlwind of activity. The last weekend of February many of us travelled to Hooks, Texas for the ATM Leadership Symposium. The symposium was organized by Paul Gramling, Lt CIC, and past ATM Commander. Special speakers included CIC Thomas Strain, Lt CIC Gramling, ATM Cmdr. Johnnie Holley, Texas Division Cmdr. Gary Bray, and Texas Division Adjutant Cooper Goodson, among many. Division Commanders from Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and North Carolina attended. Our hat is off to our host the Red Diamond Camp (Texarkana, TX) commanded by Phil Maynard. Compatriots and their gracious ladies produced an excellent venue for this event.

Oklahoma's 14-year old camp commander was a big hit. He is an outstanding example of how future leaders are found in our own ranks! Over 100 Compatriots and Ladies from across the regions attended. We look forward to the next event in Hooks.

Prior to the symposium, two compatriots of Red Diamond Camp #2193 and a Compatriot from Magnolia, Arkansas' Gen. Thomas Dockery Camp #1577 joined me and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brgd. Cmdr. John McMaster to place a VA CSA headstone for my great-great grandfather Lewis M. Lightfoot in the Miller Cemetery near Magnolia, AR. I would like to thank everyone in the Arkansas Division, especially Div. Cmdr. Robert Edwards, for

their help in obtaining this headstone. Every Compatriot who has ever erected a headstone for his ancestor understands my pride in marking another unmarked grave.



My wife and I attended three Lee-Jackson events this year. We attended the first Lee-Jackson dinner ever held by the Alamo City Guards Camp of San Antonio. They did a superb job and we hope that they continue this event. I was given time to address the audience and extend greetings from the Texas Division. Next weekend we travelled to Kerrville for the Hill

Country Camp's annual banquet. This year I was the guest speaker and talked about the large collection of photos and military history I have compiled on my Lightfoot-Goins ancestors. We ended January with a trip to Midland to participate in the Dunn-Holt-Midkiff camp's annual cemetery program. This year the camp honored their longtime Commander Tom Owens who died last year. The camp hosted its annual Lee-Jackson banquet that evening and I swore in their newly elected officers. Congratulations to all camps across Texas who produce Lee-Jackson programs. I also visited several camp meetings in East Texas, San Antonio, Hill Country, and West Texas. The Texas Division is full of events for the coming year and I look forward to seeing each and every one.

Don't forget that we have a great Annual Reunion planned in Fort Worth June 2-3.

Deo Vindice,

David McMahon  
Texas Division SCV Lt.  
Commander





## Report from 2nd Lt. Commander Robert F. Rubel

I would like to begin my report by saying that I will not be seeking reelection as your Texas Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the members of this great Division for the last 21 months.

It has been a busy 3 months since my last report. The weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> I attended the ATM Leadership Symposium in Hooks, Texas. The symposium was organized by Lt CIC Paul Gramling and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of three symposiums to be held in the Confederation. Three main topics that were addressed were Recruiting, Retention and Heritage Defense. My wife also attended and got some good ideas to share with her UDC chapter members.

The next weekend I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Confederate Flag Day rally at Camp Ford in Tyler, Texas. Over 100 compatriots and family members were in attendance. It was a great time to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and to observe so many Confederate Flags, especially Battle Flags flying. I would also like to recognize Terry's Texas Rangers Commander Steve Wells, 1st Lt. Commander Doug Barron and Color Sgt./Quartermaster Cecil Bonham for bringing several of the camp's collection of Confederate flags to display at the event.

In January I had the honor of installing the new officers of the Oran M. Roberts Camp #178 in Waxahachie. Congratulations to a fine group of officers who have accepted leadership positions within the camp.

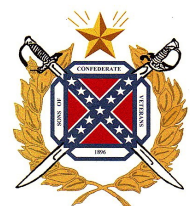
The number of Recruiting Leads from National has declined since my last report. Since December 1<sup>st</sup>, I have referred 52 leads to camps in the Texas Division. These leads are the result of interested individuals who have downloaded an Application for Membership at [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org). We must continue to recruit new members if our organization is to grow.

During the last three months I have personally assisted over 30 individuals living in places from Conway, South Carolina to Del Rio, Texas with their genealogy and Applications for Membership. We must continue to recruit and be ready and willing to assist prospective members with their applications. I ask each of you, what are you doing to recruit new members? If you need any assistance, please let me know.

I repeat again from my last report that I am still having trouble trying to contact some camp officers due to incorrect information on the Texas Division website. Brigade Commanders and Lt. Commanders, please review the Division website at [www.scvtexas.org](http://www.scvtexas.org) and verify the information for those camps within your brigade. This includes the contact information for the Camp Commander and Adjutant as well as meeting place.

"Keep the Flags Flying"

Bob Rubel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander



# Amendments for Consideration at 2017 Texas Division Reunion

**PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENT**  
**Presented by Terry L. Hulsey**  
**ID 322981 • Camp 239, Ft. Worth**

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<p>Preamble. <b>In the name of a reunited country,</b>†The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America <b>as originally understood, a document</b> largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>The Charge of General Stephen Dill Lee, read by every camp at every meeting, commits us to “the perpetuation of those principles which [the Confederate soldier] loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious [...]” I defy anyone to name a Confederate principle higher than that of secession. To denigrate this principle in any way is to surrender the last resort of liberty against oppressive government.</i></p> <p><i>Submitted by:</i> <i>Terry L. Hulsey, Camp 239</i></p>	<p>Preamble. The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America as originally understood, a document largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p>	<p>Preamble. In the name of a reunited country, the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p>

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*Rationale:*  
*United States flags of a design later than April 9, 1865, have been adopted by the KKK and other racist groups, and should not be associated with our organization.*

*Submitted by:*  
*Terry L. Hulsey, Camp 239*

## Candidacy for Texas Division Commander, SCV—David McMahon

David McMahon,  
Texas Division SCV  
Lt. Commander



Compatriots of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans:

I take this opportunity to announce I am a candidate for the office of Texas Division Commander. The Commander is responsible for handling all business that concerns the Texas Division, and providing leadership to a group of over 3,000 members.

For the previous two years I have served as your Lieutenant Commander. During this time I have stood with our current Division Commander as we have opposed the forces that would deprive us of our heritage. We have been in Texas District courtrooms, Texas Legislative hearings, and City and School Board meetings and have talked to many elected officials and media representatives.

I have traveled over 20,000 miles each year as your Lieutenant Commander. I have been to many camp meetings across the state and attended great events with you my compatriots in the charge. My favorite event was the recent placing of a headstone at the grave of my Great-Great-Grandfather, Lewis M. Lightfoot, the gentleman in whose memory I joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

### SCV Service

- ☐ SCV Life Member
- ☐ 20 years membership and a charter member of Camp 1613.
- ☐ Texas Division Life Member
- ☐ General Tom Green Camp 1613 Commander 7 years
- ☐ General Tom Green Camp 1613 Adjutant for 8 years
- ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Commander for 3 years
- ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander 1 year
- ☐ Texas Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander for 2 years
- ☐ Texas Division Lt. Commander 2 years

### Guardian

- ☐ I consider being a Guardian one of the most fulfilling responsibilities I have as an SCV member. I tend to seven graves in Texas and Mississippi. I am proudly a National and Texas Division Guardian.

### Awards – National

- ☐ Distinguished Service Medal

## Candidacy for Texas Division Commander, SCV—David McMahon ~cont~

- ☐ Meritorious Service Medal – 2 awards
- ☐ Commendation Medal
- ☐ War Service Medal

### Awards - Texas Division

- ☐ Gold Cross for Meritorious Service – 5 awards
- ☐ Silver Cross for Meritorious Service
- ☐ Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service

### Field units

- ☐ I reenact with Company H, 7th Texas Infantry, Capt. Croft's 1st Virginia Artillery, and Bill Stone Memorial Cavalry, part of the Texas Division SCV Mounted Color Guard.

### Activities

- ☐ Working with other 2nd Brigade members, we speak to over 4500 children per year at Living History Education Day activities at Central and West Texas forts.
- ☐ Attended every state and national reunion since 2011.
- ☐ Attended the 2015 and 2016 Stephen Dill Lee Institute.

### Other

- ☐ I am married to a loving and supporting wife and have an adult daughter.
- ☐ I am a U.S. Army Veteran and a Disabled Veteran.
- ☐ I am a 30 year employee (retired) of the State of Texas.
- ☐ Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- ☐ Life member of the National Rifle Association.
- ☐ I am an Eagle Scout with the God and Country award.
- ☐ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree from Midwestern State University.
- ☐ Post graduate work at Angelo State University.
- ☐ Graduate of the United Methodist Church Local Pastors Academy.
- ☐ We are members of First United Methodist Church – San Angelo.
- ☐ Active in the Price Daniels TDC unit Kairos Community.
- ☐ Past Prior of the area Order of Saint Luke's chapter.
- ☐ Vice-Chairman of the Tom Green County Historical Commission.
- ☐ Life member and Treasurer of the Mamie Yeary 55 OCR – San Angelo

As a 20-year member of the SCV, I know the importance of Stephen Dill Lee's *Charge* to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I pledge myself to defend and protect *The Charge* and our Southern Heritage.

Your vote and support are deeply appreciated in my campaign for Texas Division Commander.

Deo Vindice,  
David McMahon



## **Candidacy for Texas Division Lt. Commander, SCV—John McCammon**

Compatriots,

I want to ask you to support me as candidate for the position of Lieutenant Commander of the Texas Division.

Heritage Defense is something that we all have participated in these last two years. 2017 will be another year that we will as Compatriots, continue to stand and fight for our heritage and family honor.

We all have joined in the battles from Brownsville to Denton and from Ft. Lancaster to Orange, TX and all points on the compass. Please allow me to serve you in these fights and future fights to honor our ancestors.

I pledge to continue to fight for our heritage with determination and undying devotion to the Cause for which our ancestors fought.

John McCammon  
Commander  
6th Brigade  
Texas Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## **Candidacy for Texas Division 2nd Lt. Commander, SCV—Dennis Brand**

### **Compatriots of the Texas Division**

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you my candidacy for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander of the Texas Division.

### **DUTIES OF THE TEXAS DIVISION 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. COMMANDER**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander position is primarily responsible for the recruiting and retention matters of the Texas Division. The duties include, but are not limited, to the following:

1. Providing the Division officers and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commanders of the division camps with all the available recruiting information. Included would be information such as the men who contact the National Division regarding membership in the SCV.
2. Providing the Division brigade commanders and camp commanders with information regarding our progress in recruiting and retention as contrasted with all the other state divisions.
3. Keeping the Division webpage updated with all new member information and retention numbers.
4. Making materials available to all 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commanders in all the camps, as well as presenting instructional programs to all the division camps.

The previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commanders of the Division have done a great job, but we have fallen down in retention. One of my primary goals will be to reverse that trend. With that in mind I present to you my credentials and qualifications for the position.

## **DENNIS DAVID BRAND**

### **PERSONAL**

I was born in Opelika, Texas, to David Brand and Cleo Hatton. My wife, Reta Karol Clyburn Brand, and I have been married for 46 years. We have one son, Darren, who lives in Colorado with his wife Tami. We also have three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. We are members of the West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler.

### **EDUCATION**

*Brownsboro High School*

*Attended Tyler Junior College, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin University and University of Texas at Austin.*

*Tyler Junior College - Associate in Arts*

*University of Texas at Tyler - Bachelor of Science*

### **MILITARY**

*US Army 1968-1970*

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Kelly-Springfield/Goodyear Tire Company - 1965-1997*

*Manager - 22 years*

*Development Engineer - 10 years*

*Training Coordinator - New Plant Startup Team - 4 years*

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

*Sons of Confederate Veterans - 2007-present (life member)*

## **Candidacy for Texas Division 2nd Lt. Commander, SCV—Dennis Brand ~cont~**

Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124, Tyler - Camp Commander (3 years); First and Second Lt. Commander (2 years each)

First Lt. Commander - Texas Division 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade

Commander - Texas Division 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade

Texas Division Awards Committee member - 2012-present

National Division Awards Committee member

2016 National Reunion Committee (Registration Committee Chair)

*Henry Bell Masonic Lodge #1371, Whitehouse TX - Master Mason - Endowed Member*

*Military Order of Stars and Bars, Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261, Tyler - Past Commander*

*Sons of the American Revolution - Capt. William Barron Chapter 25, Tyler*

*Sons of the Republic of Texas - Piney Woods Chapter 52*

*Smith County Historical Society -Tyler*

*Van Zandt County Historical Society - Canton*

*Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose - Emma Sansom Chapter 31, Tyler*

*Tennessee Society Order of Confederate Rose - Aunt Polly Eaton Williams Chapter 10, Gainesboro*

### **AWARDS**

#### ***Sons of Confederate Veterans***

Texas Division - Bronze, Silver and Gold (2) medals

Grave Guardian Medal (with oak leaf),

National - Dixie Club (Recruiting), Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Metals (2), Distinguished Service Medal

War Service Medal - Vietnam Era

#### ***United Daughters of the Confederacy***

National Defense Medal - Vietnam Era

### **SCV EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

Attended all division and national reunions since becoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Attended several workshops and seminars on recruiting and retention at the National, Division, and Brigade levels.

Attended the Stephen Dill Lee Institute seminar held in Ft. Worth.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

I consider it my duty to honor my Confederate ancestors and the cause for which they fought.

I would appreciate your vote. If elected, I will continue to work diligently for the Texas Division and the SCV.

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## Candidacy for Texas Division 3rd Lt. Commander, SCV—Lee Roy Lance

Compatriots of the Texas Division,

With humble pleasure, I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of:  
**3RD LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, TEXAS DIVISION, SCV.**

Leadership positions within SCV:

Member, Texas Division Awards Committee  
Coordinator of Student Awards (Texas Division)  
1st Lieutenant Commander, 11th Brigade  
2nd Lieutenant Commander, Sul Ross Camp #1457, Bryan, TX

National/Division awards:

SCV Commendation Medal (2016)  
Texas Division Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service (2016)  
SCV War Service Medal w/VietNam, Desert Storm & Iraq Bars (2016)

Personal background:

Retired – U.S. Navy Captain [Info Dominance Warfare Officer – Intelligence] (1972-2008)  
“Mustang” Officer – 8 years enlisted; Radioman First Class Petty Officer (RM1)  
Law Enforcement Officer – Master Police Officer; Peace Officer Instructor (1989-Present)  
Currently – Reserve Sergeant, Fort Bend County Sheriff Office, Richmond, TX (1999-Pres)  
Retired – NIS/NCIS Agent; Firearms Instructor (1984-2006)  
Retired – Sr Criminal Intelligence Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations (2001-13)  
Other Experience – Head, HS Industrial Arts/Vo-Tech [Shop] Dept (1978-1981; 1994-1995)  
Education – BS & MS, Industrial Education, Texas A&M University, Class of 1972  
Married to Linda Lee Miller [DAR, UDC, DRT] (1971-Present)  
FCC Advanced Amateur Radio Operator License [KK5QO] (1987-Present)  
Formerly KB5EST, KG4AG [Guantanamo Bay, Cuba], G0/KB5EST [UK Licensee]  
FAA Airman’s Certificate (Single Engine, Land, Private Airplane Pilot)



**Lee Roy Lance**  
**Captain, CN**

The 3rd Lieutenant Commander is the Communications Officer of the Division. Primary duties include maintaining email lists, updating the division web page and supervising the production of the Division Newsletter to include the April hard copy mail out newsletter. Having begun dealing with computers when one could literally walk inside them and serving in the Navy as a Radio Watch Supervisor, I feel that my skills will readily enable me to fulfill any/all communications duties that may be required of me. In my role as 2nd Lieutenant Commander of Sul Ross Camp, I write/edit monthly newsletters for the edification of my fellow camp compatriots.

With regard to contributions to the Division, I regularly attend quarterly Division Executive Committee meetings; coordinate all student awards [including H L Hunley, Robert E Lee, Jefferson Davis, Santos Benavides & James Washington Awards]; and, participate in as many camp activities as I can. I have attended all Division Reunions, one National Reunion, and two Leadership Seminars since joining SCV in 2015. I helped with the proposed artwork for the Texas Division License Plate; assisted in heritage defense of the UT statue case by preparing Power Point presentations for our lawyers; and, am currently doing the initial research efforts to identify and locate all veterans of the War of Northern Aggression interned in 93 cemeteries in Burleson County.

Please **VOTE** for **Lee Roy Lance** to be the next **3rd Lieutenant Commander, Texas Division**. If elected, I will continue to work diligently for the Division and the SCV – my motto is “service to the fleet” and that any job worth doing is worth doing right. Thank you in advance for your vote.



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