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*Event Set For August 29-30<sup>th</sup>*

## SOUTHERN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE SET

The first annual Southern Historical Conference is being held on August 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in Schertz, Texas just outside of San Antonio.

An all star line of speakers has been arranged, including the Rev. Jesse Patterson from Los Angeles, Congressman Dr. Ron Paul, Dr. Thomas E. Woods, Jr., H.K. Edgerton who earlier this year completed his "March Across Dixie," and John Perry, author of *Myths & Realities of American Slavery*.

The event kicks off on Friday night at Harmon's Barbeque in Cibolo. Speaker for the event is Rev. Jesse Peterson. Patterson is a nationally renowned speaker and syndicated talk show host. Rev. Peterson will be speaking about Southern perspectives from his birth on an Alabama plantation to his present position as creator of BOND - Rebuilding the Family by Rebuilding the Man.

The Friday event begins at 7:00 PM and in ad-

dition to Rev. Patterson speaking will include a short theatrical skit depicting life in Texas during the 1860's.

The remainder of the events on Saturday will be held in Schertz, Texas at the Cibolo Valley VFW. Events begin at 9:00 AM and run through 4:30 PM. U.S. Congressman Dr. Ron Paul will speak on States Rights and the Confederate Battle Flag. John Perry will talk about the "True History of American Slav-

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*Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*

## Camp Marches in Belton

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 for the seventh straight year participated in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Belton. Officials for the City of Belton estimated that there were 30,000 people lined up along the parade route and it was broadcast live on KWTX-TV,



Parade participants pose prior to start of the parade  
*Photo by George Ballentine*

channel 10.

This year, as in past years, saw the SCV's entry include an artillery piece, "Miss Patience" from the Capitol Guards Camp in Austin. Also, Steve Forman, from Conroe, brought his 1860's Studebaker wagon as part of the SCV's parade entry.

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## CONFEDERATE PROFILE



# TEXAS' FIGHTING ATTORNEY



### Commander of Terrell's Texas Cavalry

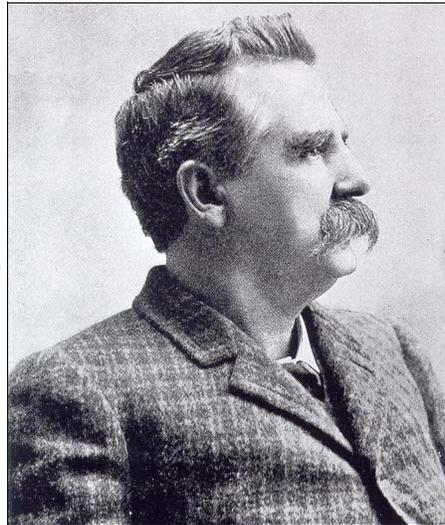
At the Battle of Mansfield in April of 1864 this Texan led his cavalrymen into battle. They had been ordered to dismount to fight the Federals, but their Texas commander refused to dismount and stayed on his horse as bullets whizzed around him. After routing the Federals, he led his men in chasing the fleeing Yankees.

Alexander Watkins Terrell was born into a Quaker family in Patrick County Virginia on November 3, 1827. He was the son of Christopher Joseph and Susan Kennerly Terrell. As a young child Terrell's family moved to Booneville, Missouri in 1831. Terrell spent his youth in Missouri.

After completing a local education, Terrell attended the University of Missouri. Upon graduating he returned to Booneville to study law in the office of a local judge. He was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1849 and practiced law in St. Joseph, Missouri. He married Ann Elizabeth Boulding and they had five children. Ann died in 1860.

In 1852 the call of Texas beckoned to Terrell and he moved to Austin. He practiced law in Austin and experienced much success becoming well known as a very skilled attorney. By 1857, Terrell

was elected the judge of the Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> District. While in office he became good friends with the legendary Texan, Sam Houston. During the secession debate, prior to Texas leaving the Union, Terrell remained neutral out of respect for Houston who was anti-secession.



*Alexander Watkins Terrell*

His term as judge expired in 1863 and Terrell volunteered for Confederate service, joining the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Cavalry as a major. After being promoted to lieutenant colonel, Terrell organized a battalion in which would shortly be increased to a regiment, known as "Terrell's Texas Cavalry." The unit was composed of the 34<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. He performed well in action at both the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in Louisiana.

Before the war ended

Terrell was promoted to brigadier general by Army of the Trans Mississippi Commander Kirby Smith, but the war ended before he was formally confirmed. After the war ended Terrell fled to Mexico. For a while he served as a colonel in Emperor Maximilian's French Army in Mexico.

When he returned to Texas in 1866 he resumed his practice of law, but relocated to Houston. He became quite disgusted with the Federal government's Reconstruction efforts in Texas and temporarily retired to a farm in Robertson County. He married Sarah D. Mitchell who bore him three additional children. Sarah died in 1871. Following his wife's death Terrell returned to Austin to practice law and he began to dabble in politics.

By 1876 he was elected to the Texas Senate and served four terms, until 1884. He would also later serve in the Texas House of Representatives, serving in 1891-92 and again in 1903-05. While in the state legislature his most famous effort was the "Terrell Election Law" which required state office holders to be determined by direct primaries and not by local party conventions. In 1887 he attempted to secure a seat as Texas' U. S. Senator, but failed. In

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# Gravestone Committee Starts Digging In

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250's Gravestone Committee has been formed with an eventual goal to locate every Confederate soldier's grave in Bell County.

The committee is headed by Rocky Jim Sprott and has ten other camp members, not including the spouses of several camp members.

C u r r e n t l y Sprott is in the process of doing cemetery records research and consolidating existing know information about Confederate Veterans.

T h e committee will hold its first meeting in September, date, time and location to be announced. At the committee meeting survey assignments will be made to committee members. Bell and adjoining counties have been divided into ten sectors. Committee members will survey each assigned cemetery looking for Confederate veterans. The cemetery survey work should begin this fall.

According to Sprott, "The survey will gather internment and service information for each veteran and will also register the kind and condition of the

stone at each grave site, with an eye to providing for any deficiency." This information will be kept in a central location and a biographical file will be kept on each veteran.

Sprott said that of particular interest are those veterans that joined one of the ten companies of Confederate soldiers formed in the county. The 1860

C e n s u s lists a population of 3,800 for B e l l County. Of that number t h e county produced 1,200 men for Confederate service. The committee will attempt to gather

the service records of all of these men.

Sprott invites other camp members to join the effort. As he describes it, "This survey is unique in its focus and will certainly make a special contribution to the general knowledge of our area's history and of the Confederacy in particular." He said that working on the committee was an excellent way to, "honor and remember the courage and sacrifice of all who fought so selflessly in defense of liberty, home and constitutional govern-

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Major Robert M. White's grave in a Bell County cemetery Photo by J. Pezzy

## Camp Schedule

**July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** SCV National Reunion, Ashville, NC.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Camp Executive Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Jody's Restaurant, Temple, TX

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Doctor's Conference Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX. Speaker: Steve Wooley, "Sibley's New Mexico Campaign."

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Camp Executive Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Jody's Restaurant, Temple, TX

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Doctor's Conference Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX. Speaker: George Ballentine, "The Southern Homefront."

**October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Camp Executive Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Jody's Restaurant, Temple, TX

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting, 7:00 P.M., TBA. Speaker: John C. Oeffinger, Editor of "A Soldier's General: The Civil War Letters of Lafayette McLaws."

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Doctor's Conference Room, Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX. Speaker: Rocky Sprott, The Battle of Palmito Ranch.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Camp's Southern Christmas Party, 7:00 P.M., TBA.

Next Camp Meeting:  
August 12th  
7:00 P.M. at  
Doctor's Conference Room  
First Floor  
Scott & White  
Hospital  
Temple

## Southern Historical Conference



H.K. Edgerton, one of the Conference Speakers

### Southern Historical Conference Produces All Star Line Up Of Speakers

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ery. Following Perry's talk the conference will adjourn to the outside grounds where the Lone Star Greys will present an artillery firing demonstration.

Following lunch, Rev. Patterson will speak on "Financial Reparation to the Children of Former Slave's Issue." Professor Woods' topic is "Get a grip on it, the war was fought by more than abolitionists and slave holders." H.K. Edgerton will talk about "Black Men in the Confederacy and Why Slaves Fought."

The conference will conclude on Saturday night with a gala "Bonnie Blue Ball." The Bonnie Blue Ball is a period costume gala. All ages are encouraged to attend. Presided over by the "Mistress of the Ball" attendees will enjoy a classic Southern musical band. The Louisiana Tiger String Band from Louisiana plays songs from the 1860's era and only uses instruments that were used during the same time period.

Unlike a dance, The Mistress of the Ball guides even the first time dancer through all the necessary steps of such dances as *The Grand March*, *Spanish Minuet*, *Virginia Reel*, and *the Robert E. Lee Waltz* to mention but a few. While dressing up in period dress for the ball is welcomed, it is not mandatory. Nice casual dress is appropriate, as the event is designed to be a family friendly affair

Tickets for the event are only \$75 per family and includes both Saturday's conference and the Ball. Individual tickets are only \$45 and include all of the Saturday events. Tickets, which are limited, for the Friday night event are \$15 per person. A nursery will be offered for your children during the conference. Total cost is only \$20 per child.

Tickets can be ordered by contacting the conference at: P.O. Box 281, Cibolo, Texas 78108 or online at: [www.southerngrace.biz/bonnieblue](http://www.southerngrace.biz/bonnieblue).

The meeting location on Saturday is in northeast San Antonio at the Cibolo Valley VFW 8315, Schertz. From I-35 take exit 176, Roy Richard Drive South and travel four miles until it dead ends into U.S. 78. Turn right (West) and travel a mile, the hall is on the left.

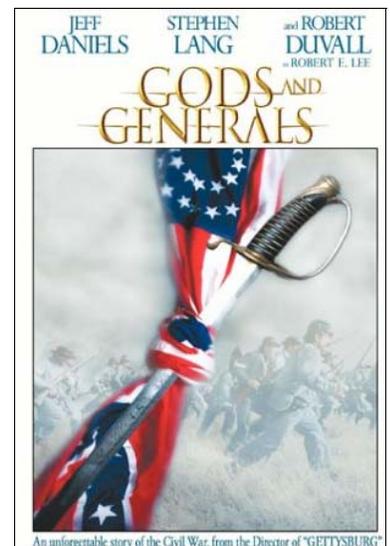
The dinner location Friday night is at Harmons Barbeque. From I-35, exit #178, Cibolo/Hubertus FM 1103, turn South and travel six miles. At the four

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## Gods & Generals Now Out On Home Video

It's here! The home video version of the epic War Between the States movie, *Gods & Generals* was released on VHS and DVD formats on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The home video version released is the same as the theatrical version which was opened this past February. The DVD



version does have a number of additional features.

Early sales were very good, it ranked number one for VHS and DVD sales on amazon.com the day of its issue. The film, which did a paltry \$12.9 million at the box office, is expected to help the producers recap some of the huge losses of the \$90 million production.

The DVD includes a number of special features, including, an Introduction By Ted Turner, two music videos, theatrical trailer, a 22-minute "Journey To The Past" featurette, and a 14 minute featurette entitled, "The Life of Stonewall Jackson."

## Graves Committee

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ment.”

Members of the committee include: Rocky Jim Sprott, Robert Berry, George Johnson, Richard Sutton, John Larson, Jr., John Larson, III, James Kinneer, Ralph and Marcia Snyder, Allen Newman, Brandy and Cristy Gilerson, Ralph and Janett Spence.

If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Sprott.

## Units In Confederate Service From Bell County

As mentioned in the above article special attention will be paid to locate the records on the approximately 1,200 men that joined the Confederate military from Bell County.

Listed below are the ten units that were organized in the county and each unit's initial commanding officer.

- Company K, 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Inf. *Captain Bigham*
- Company H, 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav. *Captain White*
- Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Inf. *Captain Bradford*
- Company D, 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, *Captain Damron*
- Company A, 16<sup>th</sup> Texas Vols., *Captain Saunders*
- Company I, 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Vol. *Captain Smith*
- Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav. *Captain Rather*
- Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Cav., *Captain Halley*
- Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav. *Captain Graves*
- Company B, Home Guards Battalion, *Captain Weatherbee*

## Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Category: Peacetime Professions

1. Rebel general who made a pasha while in service to the khedive of Egypt

- a. Samuel Tyler
- b. John Henninger
- c. William Loring
- d. Franklin Grimes

2. Rebel general who organized the Southern Historical Society in 1868

- a. Dabney Maurey
- b. John Hood
- c. Cecil Clay
- d. Sterling Price

3. Appointment given to rebel cavalryman Joseph Shelby by Pres. Cleveland in 1893

- a. F.B.I. Chief

- b. Supreme Court justice
- c. Indian affairs agent
- d. U. S. marshal

4. After the war George Pickett turned down an Egyptian generalship to go into

- a. railroads
- b. insurance
- c. acting
- d. steam automobiles

5. Former Union officer who, as governor of Wisconsin, ordered troops to fire on industrial strikers, saying, "I seen my duty and I done it."

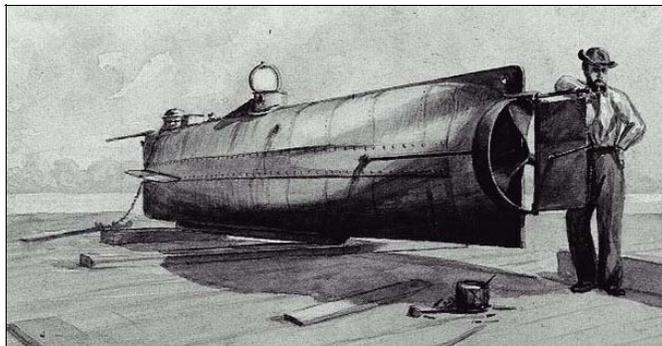
- a. Jeremiah Rusk
- b. Benjamin Flagg
- c. George Maltby
- d. Ezra Church

Answers: 1. c, 2. a, 3. d, 4. b, 5. a

## Ten Units of Men Raised From Bell County To Serve The Confederate Cause

## Hunley Services Are Set

Burial services for the crewmen recovered from the C.S.S. *Hunley* have



Sketch of the C.S.S. *Hunley*

been set for April 17, 2004 in Charleston, South Carolina. The eight-member crew of the *Hunley*, the first successful combat subma-

rine in world history, perished at sea nearly 140 years ago. They will be bur-

ied in Magnolia Cemetery. The funeral procession will start with a ceremony at 10:00 AM at White

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## Fightin' Attorney

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1883 he married for the third time to Ann Holliday Anderson Jones.

In 1893 U.S. President Grover Cleveland appointed Terrell as the U.S. ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, now present day Turkey. He served in that position for four years then returned to Austin where he again resumed his law practice. In 1909 he was appointed as a regent for the University of Texas.

He wrote legal articles and also was published in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. In 1912 Terrell served as president of the Texas State Historical Association.

Terrell died in Mineral Wells, Texas, in September 1912. He was returning home after having visited family in Virginia. He is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin. Terrell County, in the Big Bend area of southwestern Texas, is named in his honor. Contrary to some accounts, the City of Terrell is not named for him; it was named after a local landowner who helped secure a railroad to the town. Terrell's memoirs, *From Texas to Mex-*

*ico and the Court of Maximilian in 1865, were printed after his death in 1933.*

## Hunley Services

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Point Gardens, along the battery in downtown Charleston. The ceremony will be approximately an hour long.

Immediately following the ceremony, the procession will start its 4.5-mile journey, as the crew is walked through downtown Charleston to Magnolia Cemetery. Local officials estimate that perhaps as many as 100,000 people will attend the event.

The C.S.S. *Hunley* was first located in 1995. After years of planning and work it was raised to the surface on August 8, 2000. Since that time efforts have been made to remove the entombed crewman and determine their identities.

The crew will be buried next to the graves of previous *Hunley* crewman who perished. The first crew perished in trial submarine runs. Their remains were discovered buried at a Charleston football stadium. They were reburied in Magnolia Cemetery in 2000 next to the

graves of the second crew, who died in a practice run in 1863. The second crew, including the *Hunley's* namesake, Horace Hunley, had been buried in the cemetery immediately after their death. Magnolia Cemetery will soon be the final resting place of all three *Hunley* crews.

## Belton Parade

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Participating in the parade this year included Camp members and OCR members of George and Debbie Ballentine, James and Francis Kennear, Greg and Jake Manning, Jerry Nelson, Rocky Sprott, Jerry Nelson, Richard Sutton, John Larson and "Buster."

Texas Division Commander Steve von Roeder attended along with his wife Lyn. Members of the 7th Texas Reenactment unit from Waco, including Joe Walker, David Waters, Charles Oliver, and others also attended.

## Historical Conference

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Aug. 12th**  
**Scott & White**  
**Temple, TX**  
**7:00 PM**