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## LEGISLATIVE RALLY IN AUSTIN A SUCCESS

The Texas Division of the SCV let state members of the legislator know that tampering with Confederate monuments, memorials, and plaques, will be challenged. Some press reports estimated a crowd of 400 people, the actual numbers were probably less than that, gathered at the state capitol on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to let the pro-Confederate symbols side of the story be told and to seek support

for a SCV supported bill. The bill would protect the memorial and monuments that honored Texas Veterans from all wars. The overall event was well coordinated by Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 Commander and Division Governmental Affairs Chairman Greg Manning.

On a cold but clear Tuesday morning members of the Texas Division and

their friends first rallied outside the Capitol. The group then proceeded to call on various members of both the Texas House and Senate.

The assemblage of men and women dressed

from the Senate floor. Unfortunately, Senator Royce West, an African-American from the Dallas area made an effort to insult SCV members. Immediately following Senator Wentworth's introduction, Senator West commented that our Confederate ancestors were fighting to keep "his people" in slavery. His efforts to provoke the SCV failed and more than likely worked against him due to the restraint of SCV members in the

gallery. Commander Manning commented, "I believe that Senator West did more for our cause in 30 seconds than we could have done all session. This was the first occasion that I have ever heard the floor of the Texas Senate totally quiet. Mr. West soon beat a hasty retreat and we received our applause from the Senate floor."

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Camp members and wives present at the Capitol on Legislative Action Day; (l-r) David Weber, Jimmy Dosey, Wayne Wilson, Steve Wooley, Curtis Pruitt, Sandra Perry, Eric Rachut, John Perry, Betty Nelson, Jerry Nelson. Not pictured: Greg Manning, being interviewed and George Ballentine, taking the picture.

in period clothing to business suits, then moved to the Texas House of Representatives gallery. State Representative Bob Turner introduced the SCV members from the House floor.

Following the House visit the group then went to the Texas Senate gallery. As in the House the SCV was introduced. State Senator Jeff Wentworth introduced SCV members

### Camp Installs New Officers and Honors Brad Johnson

# LEE JACKSON DINNER HELD

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner at the Inn at Scott & White in Temple on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The event

actual words spoken by General Gordon. Sandra portrayed General Gordon's wife Fanny.

Following the first person presentation Past Divi-

Commander; George Ballentine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander; Steve Wooley, Adjutant; and Wayne Wilson, Quartermaster.

Commander Perry then presented Brad Johnson with a special award. Compatriot Johnson is a native of Temple, but now resides in the Dallas area where he runs a company called, Texas Dreams. Brad has been a good friend to Camp #1250, speaking to the Camp on several occasions and donating the Troiani print to the Camp as a fundraiser. Brad was presented with an Honorary Membership in the Camp.

Compatriot Johnson



Above Left: New Camp Officers are sworn in for year 2001. Directly above: Past Division Commander John Perry presents Brad Johnson with an Honorary Camp #1250 Membership for his service and support of the Camp. (Photos by G. Ballen-

## 13th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner

was highlighted by a first person presentation by John and Sandra Perry of Salado, on the lives of Confederate General John Gordon and his wife Fanny. The event also saw the swearing in of new camp officers for year 2001, the drawing of a winner for the print, "The First Battle-Flags," by Don Troiani, and the honoring of Brad Johnson for his service to Camp #1250.

The dinner's master of ceremonies was Herb Cowan, who was substituting for Camp Commander Greg Manning, who was out of state on business. Commander Cowan introduced John and Sandra Perry who presented a first person presentation. John portrayed General John Gordon and all the words spoken by John were the

son Commander John Perry swore in the new officers of the camp. Commander Manning will be the Camp Commander; Herb Cowan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

then drew the winning ticket for the print. Jeffery Perretti of Copperas Cove was the lucky winner. The Camp raised approximately \$450 in the fundraiser.

SCV Call For State Wide Vote Ig-

# Georgia State Flag

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Georgia Senate, exhorted by the state's governor to "seek the salve of reconciliation," voted 34-22 today to reduce the Confederate fighting banner on the state flag to a miniature symbol. The vote and the expected signature of Gov. Roy Barnes consigns to history a flag that symbolized Southern valor, although African-Americans in the state had protested against it.

The bill needed 29 votes to pass. The Confederate Battleflag, added to the flag in 1956, occupies two-thirds of the current flag. On the new flag, it will be reduced to one of five historic flags displayed on a ribbon below the state seal. Senate Democrats, who steered the bill to passage with Barnes' help, beat Republican amendments that would have changed the bill, requiring a new vote in the House, which approved it last week.

Black leaders, who had threatened an economic boycott to get the flag changed, had said they would call off any boycotts if the flag is approved. Southern heritage groups have opposed the change.

Barnes introduced the new flag in a surprise move last week, and the measure passed the House. Designed by a retired Atlanta architect, the proposed flag features the Georgia state seal on a blue field above a ribbon with the words "Georgia's History" and five small, historic banners, including the current flag.



Top: Georgia State Flag since 1956.  
Below: Proposed new Georgia State Flag

As he did before the House vote the previous week, Barnes appeared before the Senate to urge the new banner's adoption.

"We are one people forever woven together in a tapestry that is Georgia," he declared before the vote. "We are all one or at least we should be, and it is our job, our duty and our great challenge to fight the voices of division and seek the salve of reconciliation." Democratic Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, the Senate's presiding officer, said the vote would "echo across the South and across the nation."

The SCV had called for a state wide referendum to let the citizens of Georgia vote on which flag they wanted. Polls showed most Georgians wanting to leave the flag as is.

## Camp Schedule

### February, 2001

Feb. 13th: Regular Camp Meeting, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple, TX. Speaker TBA.

Feb. 17th: San Antonio: Reenactment of the General Twiggs Surrender.

Feb. 24th: Austin: Camp Mabry Open House.

### March, 2001

March 2nd: Austin: Texas Independence Day Parade.

March 9th: San Angelo: San Angelo Rodeo Parade.

March 13th: Regular Camp Meeting, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple, TX. Speaker TBA.

March 24-25th: Mexia: Living History Days, Confederate Reunion Grounds.

### **UT Monuments Attacked**

A bill introduced in the Texas Legislature by Rep. Lon Burnam of Fort Worth would remove from public view the statues of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, John H. Reagan, Albert Sidney Johnston, all located on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. HB 953 was introduced on January 24<sup>th</sup> by Rep. Burnam. Voice your opposition to this ridiculous bill.

Next Camp Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 13th at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple

## Legislative Action Day

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Commander Manning indicated that he had wanted to see greater numbers of SCV members present, but the number of people that did come were positive and helped get the message to members of the legislator. Commander Manning said, the SCV members, "filled the east side of the gallery with a goodly number spilling over into the north and south side of the galleries. This is important! We are here in force and our numbers must reflect that. It is rare indeed when an organization can so fill the galleries."

The Legislative Action Day concluded that evening with a special reception for members of the legislature at Sarano's Restaurant in Austin. Unfortunately, due to the Legislature having some hearings lasting until 9:00 PM the number of legislators that actually attended was reduced. However, five representatives did attend and several staff members also dropped by

Information about the SCV was

sent to every Senator and Representative about a week prior to the rally. Each packet included: an introduction letter, \$5.00 Confederate SCV Recruitment Bill, a copy of all the SCV camps in Texas and their locations, a copy of the Confederate Veteran magazine, and a copy of the "Veteran's Monuments and Memorials Protections Bill" that the SCV supports.

In reviewing the effort Commander Manning deemed the event a great success. The most tangible success of the event was the securing of the members of the legislature to sponsor the SCV backed bill to protect veteran's monuments and memorials. Prior to the Legislative Action Day, the SCV had no legislators that would sponsor the bill. Commander Manning said, "Because of the direct face-to-face meetings with legislators en masse by our membership, we ended the day with about two representatives and one senator that said they would probably sponsor the bill. In my presence, one Representative directed her Legislative Chief-of-Staff to have the bill sent to the leg-

islative writers. The following legislators stated they would sponsor the bill, Representative Suzanna Gratia-Hupp, Representative Rick Green, and Senator Jeff Wentworth."

The event did receive media coverage thanks to the efforts of the Division's Public Affairs officer, Marshall Davis. A number of Austin television stations were present and the Associated Press wrote an article, distributed statewide, about the event. Both the Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle had articles about the gathering.

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 was well represented at the event. No less than 12 members and wives attended the event. Although records were not kept Camp #1250 probably had more members there than any other Division Camp.

Commander Manning expressed his appreciation for all that turned out for the event. He also wished to give credit to former State Senator Jerry Patterson, whose guidance was instrumental in making the event a success.



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