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March From North Carolina to Texas

H.K. ON THE WAY TO TEXAS

By Greg Manning

H.K. Edgerton is doing something that many of us in the SCV only wish we could do. He has undertaken a "March of Dimes" type march across all of the Southland to promote our Southern heritage.

H.K. was formerly the president of the Asheville, North Carolina NAACP and a long time advocate for the disadvantaged and

others left out of the mainstream of society. HK could be seen almost every day walking down the street counseling young people to stay off drugs and running drug dealers out of the area as he tried to help the poor and un-represented in Asheville, N.C. Gradually, he learned the truth of the Southern Cause and Southern heritage through his brother Terry Lee, who

was the family's first Confederate. Although Terry Lee's ideas and true understanding of history and politics was, on occasion, an embarrassment to the President of the Asheville NAACP, over time HK began to realize that Terry was right. HK Edgerton's embracement of the cause of truth in history and heritage for all the people of Dixie has propelled him

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Camp 1250 Represented at Vigil

Vigil At Supreme Court

Several hundred people gathered in front of the Texas Supreme Court Building in Austin to continue to protest the removal of pro-Confederate plaques from the building.

The featured speaker was the newly elected Land Commissioner and SCV member, Jerry Patterson. Patterson excited the crowd by being the first state wide elected official to call for a the return of the plaques. Patterson, who easily won office over his Democratic challenger in the November general election, reminded those in attendance that historical facts outweighed political correctness.

Division Commander



*Land Commissioner-Elect
Jerry Patterson calls for the
plaques to be returned.*

Steve Lucas also addressed the group calling for the state to show honor by returning the plaques.

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 had one of the largest contingent of members at the event. Outside the host camp from Austin, Camp #1250 had more members present than any other camp.

Following the talks, those assembled sang *Dixie* and then lit candles. The group then marched from the Supreme Court Building, by the capitol and then to the governor's mansion. As the group passed the governor's mansion the chant of "Put the plaques back!" was heard.



CONFEDERATE PROFILE

FIGHTIN' TEXAN

This Texan Was Wounded Five Times And Survived A POW Camp

Some generals lead from behind the lines, this one led his men from the field. After four other wounds this Texan finally went hit for the fifth time when he went down at Altoona, Georgia. The Federals captured him and after a hospital stay he was sent to the dreadful Federal POW Camp at Johnson Island, Ohio.

William Hugh Young was born on January 1, 1838, at Booneville, Missouri, the son of Hugh F. Young. At the age of two he came to Texas with his parents, settling first in Red River County and later to Sherman in Grayson County. Young first attended college in Tennessee, then in Texas, before finally transferring to Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1861. As war clouds loomed, Young stayed on in Virginia to train at a military academy. Young became a captain of one of the academy's two companies; the other captain was Robert E. Lee, Jr.

He returned to Texas in September of 1861 and quickly raised a company of Confederate volunteers from northeast Texas. Young was elected as the company's captain and the new unit was assigned to the 9th Texas. By March of 1862, Young and the 9th Texas were assigned to Corinth, Mississippi and participated in the Battle

of Shiloh in April of 1862.

Following the fight at Shiloh, Young, at only age 24, was given command of the regiment and promoted to colonel. His regiment was involved in Braxton Bragg's invasion of Kentucky and they saw heavy action at the Battle of Perryville in October.

By late December Young was in Tennessee and at the battle of Murfreesboro, was at the cen-



William Hugh Young

ter of the Confederate attack against the Union line. Although his brigade was ordered to pull back when the attack failed, Young did not receive the orders and his regiment continued to press. They were able to flank the Federal line and launched a devastating enfilade fire against the Yankees. In the fight he was wounded in the shoulder and had two horses shot out from under him. His brigade commander wrote of his valor, "Colonel Young . . . seized the colors of his regiment in one of the most gallant charges and led it through."

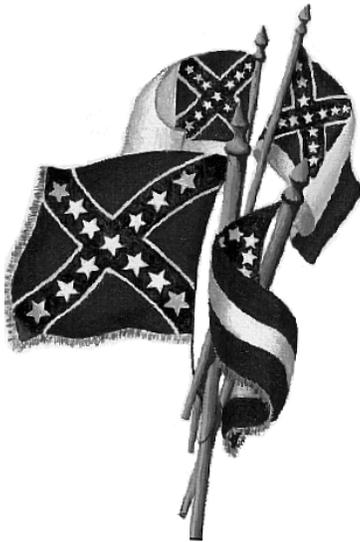
Young and his regiment remained in the Trans-Mississippi Department during 1863. Young was again wounded at Jackson in July. He was hit in the right thigh and needed a month to recover. In September, back on active duty, Young participated in the fight at Chickamauga and was severely wounded in the left chest. He again needed some time off to recover.

At the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain Young was wounded for the fourth time, being hit in the neck and jaw in June of 1864. He remained on active duty, and assumed command of the brigade when his brigade commander, M. D. Ector was seriously hurt, requiring his leg to be amputated. Young directed the brigade during the remainder of the Atlanta campaign.

He was promoted to brigadier general in August of 1864. In October Young and his brigade were ordered to attack Federal positions at Allatoona, Ga. Young's horse was shot from under him and he continued to lead the brigade on foot until he was hit by artillery shrapnel in his left leg. He was loaded onto an ambulance, but when the wagon took a wrong turn the Federals quickly captured them.

The wound became infected and Young spent quite some time before be-

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Who's Defending our Southern Heritage?

By: George H. Ballentine

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we agreed to comply with both the SCV Charge and the Constitution of the Camp to which we belong. Both documents require us to be active in the defense of our Southern Heritage and honoring the sacrifices of our ancestors who fought to defend their homes and families from Northern Aggression. Another primary responsibility is the education of others on these issues. I made this presentation to our camp at the November meeting, but there were not many there to hear it.

In his book, Texas Boys in Gray, Mr. Evalt Boswell (2000) makes available selected interviews with Texas CSA Veterans done by Miss Mamie Yeary of McGregor, Texas. After the war she began to interview and collect information from CSA Veterans and, in 1912, published her work, Confederate Reminiscences. One soldier, John S. Kritzer (Taylor, Texas) gives his memories of the terrible costs and hardships of the war. He explains that they were "poorly clad and poorly fed, living for days on parched

corn and drinking swamp water from bayous full of snakes, cypress knees and rotting leaves." He asked how he rated the Yankee soldiers, he replied, "How long would the Yankees have stood such fare? They would have all deserted and quit the field. The difference was that we were fighting for our homes and firesides, and they were fighting for pay." (Boswell, 75-76)

Mr. Kritzer is representative of all of our ancestors, and exemplifies the sacrifices that they made "for the cause." It is their blood that is running through our veins, and we have a responsibility to make sure that what they did will not be erased from history or, even worse, that they be represented to future generations as traitors and criminals.

Our camp is known throughout the Texas Division as one that participates in events, parades, vigils and other activities in support of our Southern Heritage. I am constantly concerned with the low member support that we have for these events. In comparison to other camps, we have apparently good representation. But, appearances can be deceiving. Let's look at the numbers.

The Supreme Court Twilight Vigil, November 9, 2002, was organized and well publicized throughout the Division as a day to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors

and show our disdain for the removal of plaques honoring their memory. Of our membership of 48 at the time, only seven camp members participated. They were accompanied by eight family members and one guest. Our participation represented only 14.5% of our camp strength.

People say that in any

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Camp Schedule

December 10th Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: Stephanie Turnham, Bell County Museum, "Bell County in the Civil War."

January 18th: 15th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Meeting 7:00 P.M., Inn at Scott & White. Program: John C. Perry, "American Slavery, the Truth."

February 11th Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: Jerry Nelson, "The Myth of the Ft. Pillow Massacre."

March 11th Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: George H. Ballentine, "Civil War Medicine and Surgery"

April 12th: Quarterly Dinner Meeting. 7:00 P.M., Location and speaker to be announced.

Next Camp Meeting
December 10th
7:00 PM at
King's Daughters
Speaker:
Stephanie Turnham

Edgerton is an honorary member of the Texas Division, SCV



Edgerton in Meridian, Mississippi

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into the public limelight in North Carolina and now all across the United States.

Edgerton is an honorary member of the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and an honorary member of the Zebulon Vance Camp #15 in Asheville, North Carolina and the Morganton, North Carolina Camp #836.

Why is H.K. now undertaking his "March Across Dixie"? His real purposes are three fold. First, he seeks to expand the awareness of the need to defend Southern heritage, history and the rightfulness of the Confederate cause here in the South, across the entire United States and around the world. Second, this march is an educational effort to show that our Southern symbols are part of a proud heritage that should be defended not scorned as some politicians, media and special interests would have you believe. Third, he wants to raise money and support to

H. K. Coming To Texas "March Across Dixie"

build a permanent heritage defense fund to be split between the Southern Legal Resource Center and the Sons of Confederate Veterans to guarantee our heritage and history survives and prospers despite the current attacks.

Our Heritage Not Hate Campaign promotes the use of Confederate symbols, for what they really are, the ultimate worldwide symbols of resistance to government tyranny and for liberty and independence. Yes, our popular flags have sometimes been stolen and trashed by hate groups and extremists. However, no more so than the American Flag and the Christian Cross on occasion been used as symbols of hate, racism and oppression. But we know why many liberal, big government politicians, special interests and the news media hate the South, our symbols and our heritage. For we are the only people, the only military force and the only nation to ever stand up to Washington to defend our rights and almost win.

Southern history, people and heritage are living examples and symbols of resistance to big government tyranny here at home and abroad. The bravery of our troops and our Southern leaders is legendary. The dedication of our people and our resistance to Washington's attempts to wipe out our nation, our history and our heritage continues to this day. From war and invasion during

1861 to 1865 to unlawful military occupation, then reconstruction, political oppression and educational propaganda today, the war still goes on over 142 years after we as a people and as sovereign Southern states of the Confederacy said no to Lincoln, his destruction of our constitutional republic and the birth of the Washington Empire.

Yes, we admit that Southern people of all races, colors, creeds and national origin aren't perfect and we have made mistakes in the past but today HK Edgerton is one Black Confederate who has had enough of the unwarranted, special interest attacks on our history, symbols and heritage. He is marching 1,300 miles across Dixie from the Tar Heel State of North Carolina to the Lone Star State of Texas to rally Southerners, request financial contributions and support to the cause of defending Southern heritage and symbols.

His ultimate goal is to build a financial war chest defense fund of your tax deductible contributions to guarantee no federalized public school principal or teacher, no public or private employer, no corrupt politician, state governor or legislature will ever again harass, intimidate and threaten any Southerner or American to take down, hide and dishonor the proud symbols of the Confederacy. Our symbols and our history of these brave White, Black and Native

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DUES ARE DUE!

By Wayne Wilson

Benjamin Franklin once said that only death and taxes are certain in life, but he didn't belong to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as we do. If he had been a member, he would have known to add a third certainty--paying dues.

There are three levels of dues and they all must be paid annually to remain as a member in good standing. The first level of dues is to the International Headquarters of the SCV, located in Columbia, Ten-

nessee and it is \$20.00 annually. The second level is \$5.00 annually to the Texas Division and the third level is \$5.00 annually to the local camp, in our case the Major Robert M. White Camp, #1250. The total is, obviously, \$30.00 and is payable to Major Robert M. White Camp, #1250, SCV. Life memberships are available, which eliminate the need to pay annual dues to either IHQ. or the Texas Division but local dues must still be paid annually. Anyone inter-

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Who's Defending?

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club or organization that one can only expect to have 20 or 25% of the people actively engaged at any given time. If we could get 25% of our camp to consistently participate in these events, we could make a strong statement at heritage events.

At the Waco Veterans Day Parade on November 11th, another well publicized camp event, we only managed five camp members and five family members. This only represents 10.4% of our camp strength. On Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, especially our Confederate States Army ancestors, we could only manage to get 10% of our camp to stand up and be counted!

We have another very important event coming up. Mr. H. K. Edgerton, a black Confederate, is "Walking Across Dixie" in support of his, and our, Southern Heritage. The Division's goal is to not have

Mr. Edgerton take a single step in Texas without and SCV member at his side. That will take maximum participation from all camps in the Division. They know they can count on our camp. But, can our camp count on you?

Mr. William Hugh Graham (Athens, Texas) who wrote his reflection of the war more than forty years remembered the day of the surrender. He said, "My recollection is that his [Gen. Johnston] last words were; 'Go home, boys, and make as good citizens as you have soldiers.' It was a sad day with us. Not that we were bloodthirsty, but we did not know what the result would be. We felt that our cause was just, and that we had a right to defend our rights - and I believe so yet. I am one of those who believe that the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy are born of heroic blood, and that the historic fields and incidents of that brave struggle are in good hands."

I certainly hope Mr. Graham was right.

Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Answers are listed below

Category: In Extremis

1 - Colonel Jesse Applegate's alleged order to the 53rd Ohio at Shiloh.

- a - "Shoot each rebel twice."
- b - "Retreat and save yourselves."
- c - "Let's die for Akron."
- d - "I'm right behind you, men."

2 - Surrendered in Liverpool, England November 6, 1865.

- a - Judah Benjamin
- b - Jubal Early
- c - C.S.S. *Shenandoah*
- d - C.S.S. *James River*

3 - Ordnance expert, was nearly blinded when assigned to observe an 1836 solar eclipse.

- a - Charles Heckman
- b - Henry Maynadier
- c - Charles Stone
- d - John Dahlgren

4 - Defensive earthenworks constructed to protect Petersburg.

- a - Dimmock Line
- b - Beauregard Works
- c - Lee Escarpment
- d - Stonewall Line

5 - Union general and president of the Andersonville war crimes court-martial.

- a - Ulysses S. Grant
- b - Lew Wallace
- c - David Morrison
- d - George Crook

Dues Are Due!
Time To Pay Up

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

H.K. Coming To Texas

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American soldiers who dared stand up for Southern independence and in defense of their homes, families, culture and Christian religion should be celebrated not scorned. After all, we should proudly celebrate the history of all Americans because all of us have a heritage and history to be proud of and this is the reason for HK Edgerton's March Across Dixie..

Please, take this opportunity to pledge whatever you can afford to HK's march. The distance is 1,300 miles from Asheville, North Carolina to Austin, Texas. If you pledge only five (5) cents a mile you total cost will be \$65.00 if he makes the entire trip. I am betting that he will! If all SCV members pledged this same amount the international headquarters would be much better able to assist divisions in fending off localized attacks against our heritage.

To follow the progress of HK's March Across Dixie please refer to: <http://www.southerncaucus.org/hkedgerton.htm>

William H. Young

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ing sent to Johnson Island prison. Post war Young took residence in San Antonio. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced exten-



Young's grave in San Antonio, with an incorrect date of birth.

In 1895, he served as Commander of the Southwest Texas Division, United Confederate Veterans organization. His father also was a Con-

siderate veteran, Colonel Hugh Franklin Young. Young died at the age of 63 at San Antonio in 1901.

sively. He was involved in several different business ventures including a freight line, the Nueces River Irrigation Company and the *San Antonio Express* newspaper.

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ested in life memberships may talk either with the Camp Commander, Steve Wooley or the Adjutant, Wayne Wilson.

If you have already paid your dues for 2003, this is for your information. If you have not paid your dues for 2003, this is a gentle reminder that your dues are payable NOW! Prompt payment really is vital. If you don't pay your dues by 31 December 2002, you will be dropped from the membership rolls. This is an absolute requirement imposed on us from Columbia and the Texas Division; Camp #1250 has nothing to do with it. Once a member is dropped, there is a \$5.00 fee to be reinstated.

If you have not yet paid your 2003 dues, send them to the Camp Adjutant, Henry Wayne Wilson, 4302 Box Canyon Drive, Temple, Texas 76502. You can send check or money order. No cash by mail, please.

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