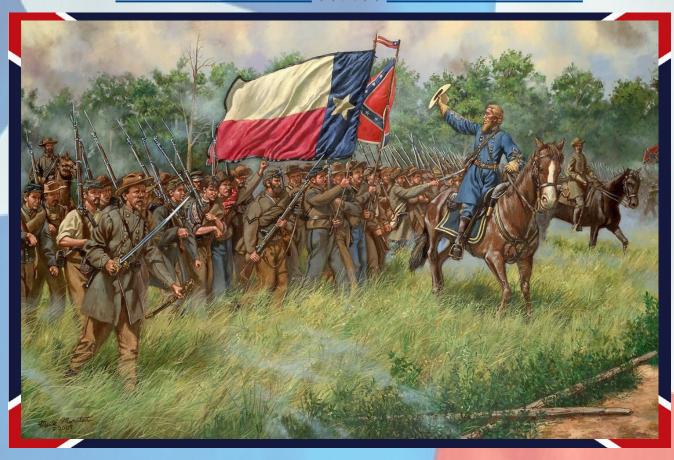
# CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY LUNCHEON



CELEBRATING THE BRAVE MEN & WOMEN
THAT WORE THE GREY FOR THE TILTED STAR
SINCE 1931



"The enemy never sees the backs of my Texans!"

- General Robert E. Lee; The Battle of the Wilderness, 1864





## CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY ORIGINS

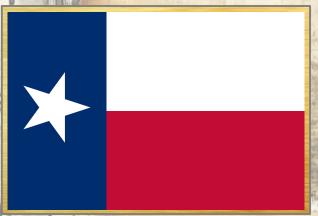


In the spring of 1866 the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia, passed a resolution to set aside one day annually to memorialize the Confederate war dead. Mary Ann Williams, the association secretary, was directed to pen a letter inviting ladies associations in every former Confederate state to join them in the observance. Their invitation was written in March 1866 and sent to all of the principal cities in the former Confederacy, including San Antonio & Houston, TX. The actual date for the holiday was selected by Mrs. Elizabeth Rutherford Ellis. She chose April 26, the first anniversary of Confederate General Johnston's surrender to Union Major General Sherman at Bennett Place. For many in the Confederacy, that date in 1865 marked the end of the Civil War.

For many Texans however, weeks after the victory at Palmito Ranch on May 13th, 1865; the war ended on the last cease-fire was signed at Fort Towson, Oklahoma, on June 23, 1865, although the naval forces on the C.S.S. Shenandoah did not surrender until November 4, 1865, in Liverpool, Great Britain. It is estimated that more than 600,000 soldiers died during the American Civil War and about 260,000 of these were Confederates. In addition, an unknown number of civilians died in the hostilities.

Those who died fighting for the Confederate States during the Civil War are remembered on other dates in some states. In Texas, there are joint celebrations of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, and for President Jefferson F. Davis on January 19th. Originally known as "Lee Day", General Lee's birthday was made a state holiday in 1931. In 1973, "Lee Day" was renamed "Confederate Heroes Day". The official state description of the holiday states it is held "in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and other Confederate heroes." Across the Texas Divison, many Sons of Confederate Veterans camps and United Duaghters of the Confederacy chapters, along with the Texas Societies Order of Confederate Rose, & The Military Order of the Stars & Bars all celebrate this day with dedication ceremonies at local confederate cemeteries during the day, with a gala or dinner in the evening. Because it is a holiday, State offices remain open but employees may have an optional day off.

However, since 2015, there have been numerous attempts in the Texas Legislature to have this holiday amended or abolished - all with no success. To this day, Confederate Heroes Day remains a celebrated holiday by Texans, for our Confederate heroes.



When Texas delegates voted to secede from the Union in February 1861, the star of the Texas Flag was tilted off axis by 20 degres as way of "giving the bird" to the Union and by extention – "Honost Ab" Linlcon.

A "Committee of Safety" was organized to seize all federal property in the state, especially the Federal Arsenal in San Antonio, and the Alamo. When the Texas Brigade first organized, they adopted this flag for their unit.





# "A FORUM WITH DONNIE KENNE

SCV LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



RON KENNE SCV CHIEF OF HERITIGE OPS



## THE KENNEDY TWINS COME TO SAN ANTON

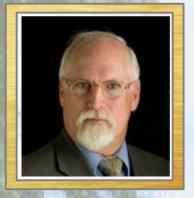
"We've never been to San Antonio as guest speakers!"

- Ron Kennedy

 $m{F}$ or over thirty years the Kennedy twins - Donnie & Ron, have been duel guest speakers at mulipile events, galas, and conventions for both the Sons of Confederate Veterans & the United Daughters of the Confederacy; including the Dallas-Fort Worth area, greater Houston area, and Corpus Christi in the Lone Star State. Ron and his twin brother Donnie are the authors of the bestselling book The South Was Right! with more than 135,000 copies sold. The Kennedy Twins have written five books together; their latest book together is Punished with Poverty-the Suffering South. But never before in San Antonio, that is until now...

For the first time, the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 togeather with the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose - Alamo Rose, Chapter #4 are preimiering the first Confederate Heroes Day Luncheon on Saturday, January 21st, 2023! This is your oppertuniuty to ask qestions about Linlcon's intent on the use of his terrifs; Lee's motivations on leading the Confederate Army; taking back the narative of heratige ops; and the future of the SCV! So don't miss out on rare opportunity to meet two distinguished SCV National Officers!!





### **DONNIE KENNEDY**

# SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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Descended from Southern soldiers who fought in the War Between the States, Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy was born and reared in Copiah County Mississippi. Donnie has held officer positions within the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), led the Louisiana Division, and been a recipient of commendations and awards both from the SCV and other Southern heritage organizations. He is an author or editor of several books, including the bestseller The South Was Right! Other fine books include: A View of the Constitution: Secession as Taught at West Point by Wm. Rawle; Lincoln's Marxists; Myths of; American Slavery; Nullifying Tyranny: Creating Moral Communities in an Immoral Society; Punished with Poverty, The Suffering South; Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists: Marxism in the Civil War; Rules for Rebels; Was Jefferson Davis Right?; Why Not Freedom! America's Revolt Against Big Government

Donnie is a graduate of the Charlotte Memorial Medical Center School of Anesthesia. He is a popular speaker and has been interviewed many times on radio and television.



Ron Kennedy was born and raised in south central Mississippi. Ron's ancestors moved to Copiah County, Mississippi in 1826. Both his maternal and paternal great grandfathers were yeoman farmers and served in Mississippi Confederate units during the War for Southern Independence.

His post high school education began at Mississippi Baptist Hospital/Hinds Junior College School of Respiratory Therapy; he earned a BA in Business from Northeast Louisiana University; a Master's in Health Administration (MHA) from Tulane University in New Orleans; and, a Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law (MJ) from Loyola University Chicago, He retired in April 2015 after serving over 20 years as Vice President of Risk Management for a Louisiana based insurance company.

Ron is past Louisiana SCV Division Commander, a life members of the Louisiana Division and the National Sons of Confederate Veterans. In 1994, the National SCV HQ awarded him the Robert E. Lee Medal. In 2012, the Louisiana Division SCV presented him the Governor Thomas Overton Moore Award. Ron is a frequent speaker at SCV, Southern Heritage and other pro-Liberty groups





#### A REVIVAL OF A SOUTHERN TRADITION



In keeping with the spirit of the 1866 Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia; we have decided to revive the old southern tradition of the formal luncheon, but with a Texas twist!

Luncheon will served buffet style; a food staple of Texas – four star resterant quality chicken and or steak fajitas with onion and bell papers, along with all the classic sides of spanish rice, refried frijoles, and tortillas. As well as the classic southern tea, of cource. This unique local tex-mex cuisine is sure to combine the spirit of the occasion with the local flavors of the Lone Star State that will please even the most mild of palets.

Guestes are asked to dress in their Sunday Best – gentlmen, ties are optional and ladies don't forget your fans and hats! You also have the option of wearing your 1800's period attire or CSA Uniforms. However, riped jeans, t-shirts, shorts or men's flips flops are not encouraged.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person; due to the size and occupancy of the ballroom ticket sales are on a first come first serve basis, and are limited to 150. Please be sure to download your registration form on our website: hoodstexasbrigade.net. You have the option to pay using our PayPal system. Tickets will be e-mailed to you, not mailed. You must have your tickets on hand to enter. Refunds of ticket sales will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



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# JANUARY 21st, 2023

Hampton Inn Bulverde
499 Singing Oaks Spring Branch, TX. 78070
Rebecca Creek Ballroom

12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

Doors Open at 11:00 AM







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E-Mail these forms to the following:

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#### ANCESTOR MEMORIUM FORM

#### \$5.00, per Ancestor – to be added to the program.

Limited to 5 ancestors per person.

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