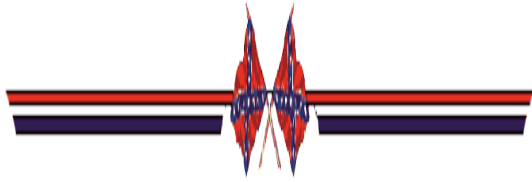


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Newsletter

Commander's Note:

June was an interesting month to say the least. First off I must apologize for getting this newsletter out late. Ozzie the editor fell into this retirement / vacation headset mode and it took a great deal of confederate prodding to pull him out of the dream.

June 6-8 was the 117th SCV Texas Division Reunion in Houston. I'd like to give the members of Granbury's Texas Brigade Camp 1479 a "Good Job, Guys & Well Done." On top of all the events that seemed for us "no hitches", our Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens was there to chat with at any time. CIC Michael gave us a thoughtful story about "Andersonville or What Is Man Capable Of?" Moving stuff.

Then the next weekend 14th June like everybody knows when good weather gets here, TWO events to go to at once. Rededication Memorial Service for over 100 CV's at Ft. Washita, OK & Homecoming Parade w/ living history display in Antlers, OK. Our camp had rep's at both events. Well Done.



Then of course, the day before our monthly meeting, Ozzie (our editor) wants to go see his sister in Parker, CO. I just can't refuse those big brown eyes. So off we went to cool Colorado. And I've been told the "ship" didn't sink with the captain gone. Thanks guys.



Coming Events:

Jul 4 Patriotic Songfest First Presbyterian Church 6 PM hotdogs 7 PM songfest

Jul 12 Col. Reeves Mem. Service Georgetown, TX 1:30 PM

Jul 16-19 SCV National Reunion N. Charleston, SC

Aug 9 Red River Campaign of 1864 Jefferson Institute 120 E Austin St
8 AM-5 PM Jefferson, TX 903 665 2775

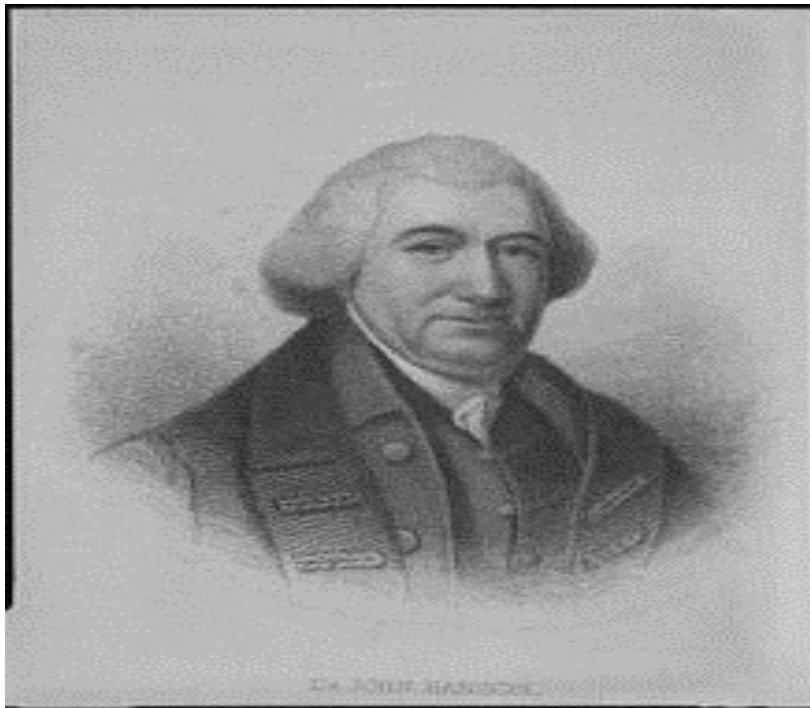
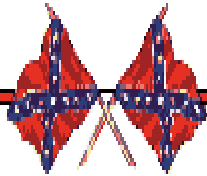
Aug 23 Wesley Chapel Rd. Cemetery Jacksboro, TX 10 AM

Oct 11 Depot Days Gainesville, TX

Oct 24-25 Living History Frontier Village, Loy Lake Park, Denison, TX

Nov 1 Battle of Ft. Richardson Jacksboro, TX

Nov 8 Hwy Tourist Info Center Living History Display Denison, TX



Who am I?

Well, well, well. Learn something new every time you open the internet.

I thought George Washington was our first President - What do I know!

Then Who was our first President?

I'm sure that George Washington was your best guess. After all, no one else comes to mind.

But think back to your history books—you do remember books?

The United States Declared its independence in 1776, yet Washington did not take office until April 30, 1789.

So who was running the country during these initial years of this young country? It was the first eight U. S.. Presidents. In fact, the first President of the United States was one John Hanson. I can hear you now -John who? John Hanson, the first President of the United States.

Don't go checking the encyclopedia for this guy's name - he is one of those great men that are lost to history. If you're extremely lucky, you may actually find a brief mention of his name.

The new country was actually formed on March 1, 1781 with the adoption of The Articles of Confederation. This document was actually proposed on June 11, 1776, but not agreed upon by Congress until November 15, 1777.

Maryland refused to sign this document until Virginia and New York ceded their western lands (Maryland was afraid that these states would gain too much power in the new government from such large amounts of land).

Once the signing took place in 1781, a President was needed to run the Country. John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress (which included George Washington). In fact, all the other potential candidates refused to run against him, as he was a major player in the revolution and an extremely influential member of Congress.

As the first President, Hanson had quite the shoes to fill. No one had ever been President and the role was poorly defined. His actions in office would set precedent for all future Presidents. He took office just as the Revolutionary War ended.

Almost immediately, the troops demanded to be paid, as would be expected after any long war, there were no funds to meet the salaries. As a result, the soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington on the throne as a monarch.

All the members of Congress ran for their lives, leaving Hanson as the only guy left running the government. He somehow managed to calm the troops down and hold the country together. If he had failed, the government would have fallen almost immediately and everyone would have been bowing to King Washington ..

Hanson, as President, ordered all foreign troops off American soil, as well as the removal of all foreign flags. This was quite the feat, considering the fact that so many European countries had a stake in the United States since the days following Columbus .

Hanson established the Great Seal of the United States, which all Presidents have since been required to use on all official documents.

President Hanson also established the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department.

Lastly, he declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day, which is still true today.

The Articles of Confederation only allowed a President to serve a one year term during any three year period, so Hanson actually accomplished quite a bit in such little time.

Seven other presidents were elected after him:

- 1 Elias Boudinot (1782-83),
 - 2 Thomas Mifflin (1783-84),
 - 3 Richard Henry Lee (1784-85),
 - 4 John Hancock (1785-86),
 - 5 Nathan Gorman (1786-87),
 - 6 Arthur St. Clair (1787-88), and
 - 7 Cyrus Griffin (1788-89),
- ...all prior to Washington taking office.

So what happened? Why don't we hear about the first eight presidents? It's quite simple - The Articles of Confederation didn't work well.

The individual states had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written - something we know as the Constitution. And that leads us to the end of our story.

George Washington was definitely not the first President of the United States. He was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today.

And the first eight Presidents are forgotten in history.

YOU HAVE TO BE A LOVER OF HISTORY TO APPRECIATE THIS!!

It took EIGHT years for us to establish a successful Democratic Republic.

There you are - another lesson in U.S. History, and you may have learned something new today.

Information came from:
www.constitution.org/hist/first8pres.htm

Oh yeah, the picture?

That's John Hanson. Etching of Hanson based on a portrait by Charles Willison Peale that was printed from life in 1781-1782.





Cmdr. Charlie arriving



Yes, guys, that's your camp flag in line to be posted after the Brigade flags.



Jim Anderson, Johnnie Holley & Joe White arriving



Cmdr. In Chief Michael Givens



TX Div Cmdr Johnnie Holley, 1st Lt David Moore, 2nd Lt Gary Bray, 3rd Lt David McMahon



Dennis Brand, Linda Turner, Joe White, Johnnie Holley
With Linda holding an award honoring her "Gone But Not Forgotten" husband Jim Turner for his dedication and devotion to "the Cause" with the Texas SCV .



Q: How many Commanders does it take to cut a cake?

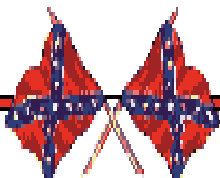
A: 3, TX Div Cmdr Johnnie Holley, Cmdr-in-Chief Michael Givens, Cmdr Sean Thesis Camp 1479



The REAL Question Q: How many Commanders does it take to eat a cake?

A: At least 2, 4th Brigade Cmdr Joe White & Camp 1848 Cmdr Charlie Waters

Pictures by 1st LT David Moore



Members and Their Confederate Ancestor

Ansley, Reynolds: Pvt David Andrew Johnson Co K 39th Inf AL
Armstrong, Chad & Charles: Col Jms G Bourland TX Border Rgt 8th Cv Red River of TX
Bloodworth, Gary: Pvt Daniels S Bloodworth Co B 14th Cv TX
Boyer, David: Pvt David G Wilkins Co E Ham's Rgt Cv MS
Cassidy, Bill: (Father side) Pvt Hugh Cassidy (GGF) Co F 26th Inf SC
(Mother side) Jerimiah Hurst (GGGF) 8th Cv GA
Davis, Brian: Pvt Josiah Davis Brannen's Co 12th Wrght's Cv State GDS GA
Dillard, Robert: Pvt Wm Reece Bourland Co H 9th Cv TX
Dunbar, Thomas: Pvt Thomas Goodrich Dunbar Co B 14th Inf TN
Epperson, Lloyd: Pvt Leander Molinton Epperson Co D 2nd Mounted Rifles AK
Fenner, Farrell & Jameson: Pvt Houston Warren Roberts Co F 16th Inf AL
Hamilton, Gary: Pvt Jms Thomas Victory Co D 1st WP Lane's Partisan's Rangers TX
Herman, James: Sgt Wm M Hermann Co G 6th Inf AL
Montgomery, Ronnie L: 2nd Lt. John Calvin Montgomery, SR. 1st Mounted Rifles TX
Newton, Norman: Pvt Charles Samuel Newton, Capt Jms P Douglas' Co Art TX
Tyler SCV Camp's namesake is Jms P Douglas who is from Tyler, TX
Peek, James: Pvt Jms W Peak Co F 8th Dibrell's Cv TN
Reed, David: Pvt Rueben Blankenship Co D 18th Inf AL
Reed, Hunter: Pvt Michael Lorance 2nd Co Cv TN
Riley, Bill: Pvt Wm Chisum Co A 38th Inf TN consolidated to 22nd Batt
Roundtree, Bob: Pvt Jesse Ballard Roundtree Co E Morgan's Rgt Cv TX
Scott, Timothy: 2nd Lt Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO
Scott, Tyler Alec: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO
Scott, Truman Lee, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO
Scott, Tucker Dwayne, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO
Scott, Trevor Ray, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO
Thompson, Johnny: Pvt Wm Rufus Sybert Co E 2nd Inf TX
Tisdale, Wm: Sgt Augustus Wm Atwood Co G 8th Inf MS
Waters, Charles: (Father side) Pvt Jms Manning Waters Co G 47th Inf GA
(Mother side) 5th Sgt George Mosley Aston Co C 9th Inf TX
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SEE YA'LL IN THE FIELD

MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH

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