



COL. E. W. TAYLOR
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....March 2011

THE FEB. 19 CEREMONY HONORING PVT. SILAS BAGGETT JR. held at Arlington's Watson Cemetery was a huge success. Our thanks go out to Deena Harrison and the ladies of the Mid-Cities Bluebonnett UDC for inviting us to be a part of it. The E.W. Taylor Camp SCV was represented by Mike Patterson, center.

MARCH MEETING

March 31, 2011

Catfish and Company

900 Airport Freeway #110

Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912

Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00



**TO ARMS!
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YOUR COUNTRY CALLS.**



The Julia Jackson Chapter 141 UDC Cordially invites you to the District VII Confederate History Month Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery 701 Grand Avenue, Fort Worth Honoring 436 Confederate Soldiers buried there. Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 11 am at the Confederate Soldier Statue.

Area UDC, C of C, SCV, OCR, MOSB, Confederate Gray, Re-enactors, family and friends are invited to participate. Inviting cannons, flag corp, firing volley, taps, musicians, and re-enactors in period attire. Contact Janie Pace, President of the UDC Julia Jackson Chapter for more information at 817-235-6667 or jhpacerd@charter.net

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**A FEW MOMENTS
OF MINDLESS FUN
FOR A GROUP OF
MINDLESS MIDDLE-
AGED MEN.**

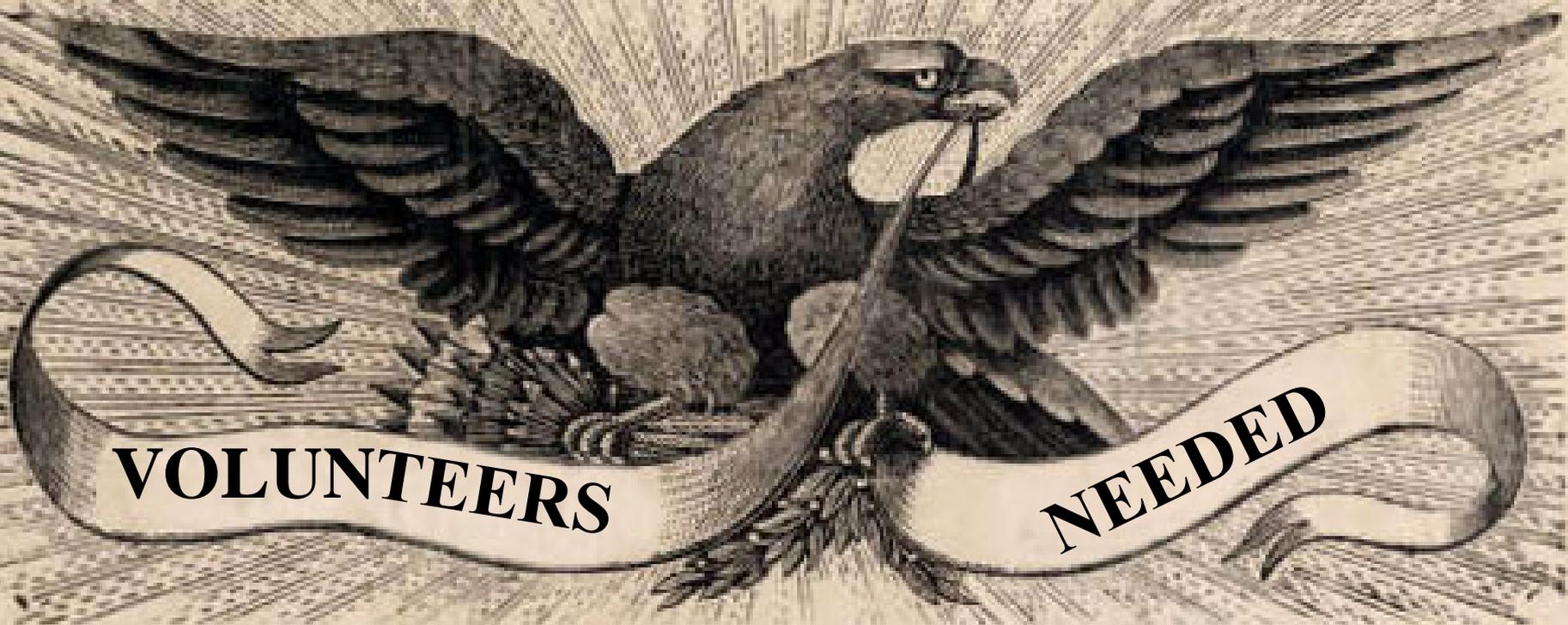
**Print yo'self a copy of
this page and take a few
moments to find the
names of nineteen
battles of the WBTS.**

PETERSBURG	WILDERNESS	CANE HILL
GETTYSBURG	SHILOH	HELENA
BIG BETHEL	FORT HENRY	ATLANTA
CABIN CREEK	OLUSTEE	PADUCAH
WINCHESTER	IUKA	FORT SUMTER

SPRING HILL
CEDAR CREEK
FIVE FORKS
OPEQUON



PATRIOTS YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!



Ladies and Gentlemen of the South!!!

A former president of Texas Division Children of the Confederacy (C of C) requests your help for her school's reenactment of Gettysburg. If you have period dress and can give up a few hours (12:30-3:00 p.m.) on April 7th, please contact Amy Amaro of Moss Haven Elementary. Mrs. Amy Amaro Moss Haven Elementary School 9202 Moss Farm Lane Dallas, TX 75243 469/593-2158 Amy.Amaro@richardson.k12.tx.us

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

HARVEY R. SPARGER was a familiar veteran in NE Tarrant County for more than thirty years. He died in present-day Colleyville in 1914, and lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

He was born in what is now Sequatchie County, Tennessee in 1833, and was married there in 1854. About 1859 his and his parents' families moved a short distance south to Walker County, Georgia, and settled near Chickamauga.



Harvey and three of his brothers served in the Confederate Army. He was a corporal in Co. K, 12th Georgia Cavalry. He talked a great deal about his wartime experiences, and many of his stories were gathered and preserved from interviews with his grandchildren in the 1970's.

Harvey and his family stayed in Georgia until the fall of 1879, when they settled here near Bedford. Within a short time Harvey purchased, from his Confederate vet-brother, Thomas Sparger, a homeplace which is now the Tara Plantation development in Colleyville, along Cheek-Sparger Road.

Harvey was active here in the Methodist church, and he along with several neighbors started the Oak Grove Methodist Church in Bedford in 1886. A Texas Historical Marker now stands at the site on Oak Grove Lane.



He died on Feb. 15, 1914 at his old home in what is now Tara Plantation, and his body was taken to Smithfield in the old horse-drawn hearse which now sits outside the Foust Funeral Home in Grapevine.

Harvey's widow, Mary Ann, lived until January 1916 and died at the home of her daughter on Glade Road in Colleyville. All but one of her six children lived to be grown and raised families of their own.

Cheek-Sparger Road was named for him and his neighbor to the east, William B. Cheek, who was too young to join the army but who worked in a munitions factory in Georgia instead.

MARCH IN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL...THE PLOT THICKENS.



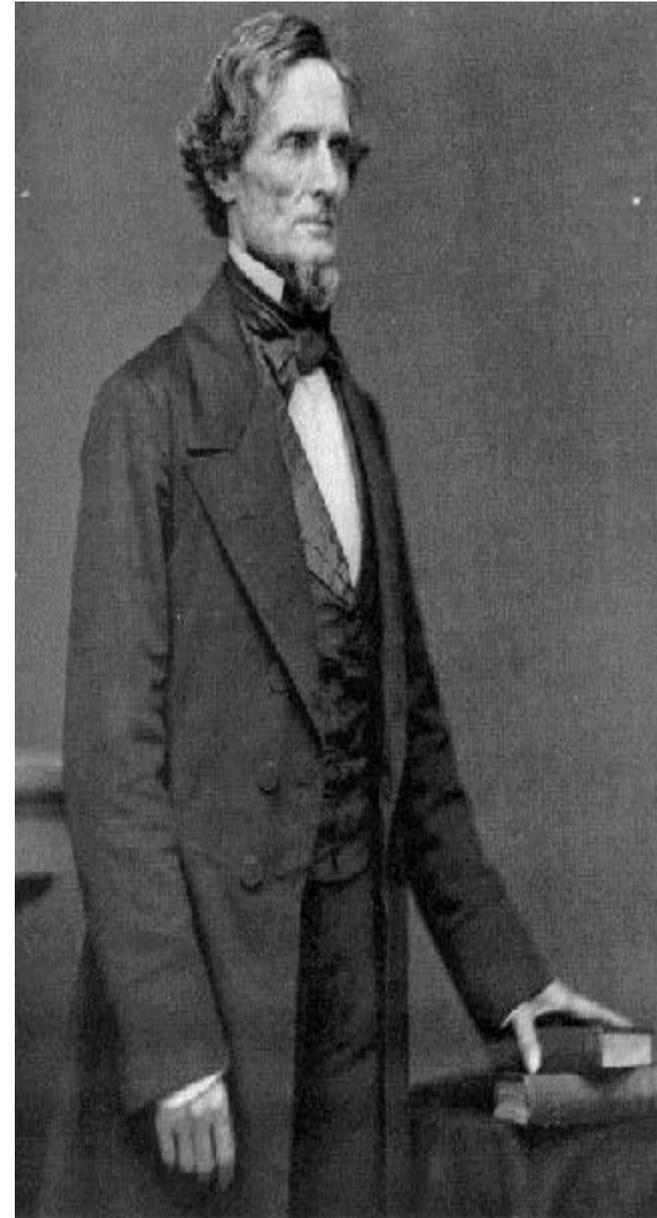
By March 1, 1861, events in America were gaining momentum. On that day, Gen. Beauregard was appointed by Pres. Davis and sent to Charleston. Texas was accepted as a Confederate state, and the U. S. Congress rejected the South's peace proposal.

On the next day, March 2, Congress passed a proposed 13th Amendment, which would have protected slavery where it existed; it was never ratified.

On March 3, Beauregard arrived in Charleston and got busy on its defense. The next day, March 4, Lincoln was inaugurated as the U.S.'s sixteenth president. While that was happening, the Stars and Bars was adopted as the South's flag by the convention meeting in Montgomery.

On March 9, the Confederates passed a bill authorizing the printing of 50 million dollars in paper currency. Two days later the delegates in Montgomery adopted their new constitution unanimously. On March 13 yet another peace overture was presented in Washington and Lincoln rejected it.

On March 29, Lincoln decided to reinforce Fort Sumter, and Mississippi ratified the Confederate Constitution.



On a single day in 1861 on a battlefield in Virginia, “stone” and “wall” forever stopped being just a noun and its modifier....and “Stonewall” entered the language. Although General Jackson maintained to the end that Stonewall was his Brigade, the name was his in the mind of the common soldier.

Very few Americans know there was another Confederate General Jackson, Stonewall’s cousin, who was given the title “Mudwall.”

Confederate soldiers were acutely aware of their officers’ strength’s and weaknesses, and they conferred nicknames freely. Scan the following list, and see if you know the general to whom they were given.

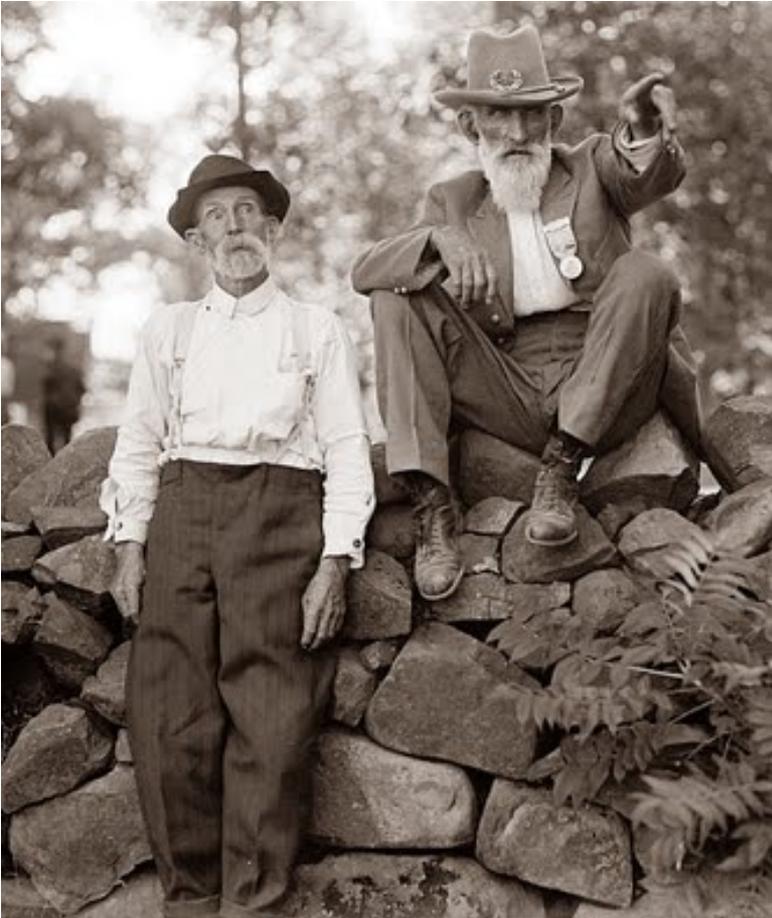
WHAT’S IN A NAME?

1. Granny
2. Old Clubby
3. Aunt Polly
4. Rum
5. Shot Pouch
6. Shanks
7. Grumble
8. Old Pap
9. Beauty
10. Old Straight



**Brig. Gen. William L.
“Mudwall” Jackson,
C. S. A.**

*The answers appear on page
twelve of this newsletter.*



...AND THE WINNERS ARE...

“Look. There’s Bob Allen. Dude! He looks soooo old!”

“There’s ol’ Jim’s wife. She doesn’t look a day over a hundred and twenty, does she?”

“...and that cloud looks like a horsey. See his tail and back legs?”

“No, I doubt they’re here with anybody. You can have the one in the white dress. I’ll take the one with the black purse.”

“Yes, I do. They call ‘em porta-potties. That’s them little bitty yellow houses over there.”

“Go tell that Yankee if he’ll help me down off this wall I’ll make him eat that walkin’ cane.”

“Bob, would you walk over to that table and see if I left my teeth over there?”

“Would you look at those Yankee uniforms?! I thought those two shades of blue were just hideous together then, and I still do.”



“Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in my right hand.”

R. E. Lee, 1870



INTERNET SURPRISES. Wise County veterans on the steps of the court house at Decatur. ID's of all are known.

Generals' Nicknames.

Granny...Robert E. Lee, after his first disappointing field command, which he spent mostly dealing with his bickering subordinates

Old Clubby....Maj. Gen. Edward Johnson, who carried a huge hickory staff with him at all times, for a walking stick and to swing at subordinates who displeased him

Aunt Polly...Brig. Gen. Jerome Bonaparte Robertson, named for his devotion to the well-being of his men

Rum...Brig. Gen. John Marshall Jones, for his rowdy behavior and fondness for the bottle while a cadet at West Point

Shot Pouch...Maj. Gen. William H. T. Walker, for his propensity for being a lead receptacle. Wounded three times in the Seminole War, once seriously in the Mexican War, and mortally in battle near Atlanta in 1864

Shanks...Brig. Gen. Nathan George Evans, for his notoriously skinny legs while a cadet at West Point

Old Pap...Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, for his fatherly devotion to his soldiers

Old Straight...Gen. Alexander P. Stewart for his quiet attention to his duty, never flamboyant, never calling attention to himself

Beauty...Jeb Stuart, given to him by classmates at West Point for having a weak chin. He grew his luxuriant whiskers in self defense



The Newsletter Deadline is sundown on the 15th of each month, my pretties.”



**“Our Constitution
was made only for
a moral and
religious people. It
is wholly
inadequate to the
government of any
other.”** John Adams



“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”

**Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, April 25, 1906**

