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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....April 2013



“ Il programma di Aprile è un segreto.”

We've decided to make you an offer you can't refuse. Last year we planned one secret program, and it ended up being lots of fun. Let's try it again this year! It'll include lots of pictures, lots of history, and lots of Texans. Some horse heads will appear, but all will still be attached to their respective owners. First-ever for any SCV camp. Join us for some family fun while we eat with the fishes.

**APRIL MEETING APR. 25, 2013 Catfish and Company 900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00**

THE S.C.V NEEDS YOU ON APRIL 13 !!!

We need to make a maximum effort to be in Palestine, Texas on the morning of April 13 to support our compatriots in the John H. Reagan Camp #2156. On that day they will formally dedicate their new Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza.

This is an official event of the WBTS Sesquicentennial, sanctioned by the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our compatriots in Palestine have been standing tall in the defense of our Southern Heritage...and in the face of some pretty determined resistance...and they deserve our support on that day.

In April, 2011 a first-national Confederate flag was raised outside the Anderson County Courthouse in Palestine, Texas, after county commissioners narrowly approved a motion to fly the flag there throughout April in honor of Confederate History Month. Within a short time the flag had drawn national attention as various groups began to protest.

The new Memorial Plaza is directly across the street from the current veterans' memorial park and is owned by the national SCV in Columbia, Tennessee. Reagan Camp members are providing most of the labor to build it and will maintain it.

Their two-page flier is reproduced in this newsletter.



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA—PALESTINE PARADE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

WHEN:

The John H. Reagan Camp #2156 is excited about officially opening the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza – Palestine, on April 13, 2013. The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Dedication ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Form up time to be in the parade is 09:30 a.m. There is also a reception at the Museum for East Texas Culture on April 12, 2013 from 06:30 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.

WHERE:

The parade will begin at the Anderson County Courthouse at 500 N. Church Street and travel west on Avenue A to Oak Street, then west on Oak Street to the Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza at 600 West Oak Street. The Museum for East Texas Culture where the reception the evening before will take place is located inside the old John H. Reagan High School building in Reagan Park at 400 South Micheaux Avenue.

WHAT:

The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza is officially a part of the SCV "Flags Across Dixie" program and will honor CSA veterans from across Anderson County, Texas, and the South. The reception, parade, and dedication ceremony is a Texas Division SCV, sesquicentennial event. The 100 ft. x 60 ft. tract of property is very nicely located in Palestine (across the street from the current veterans' memorial park) and is owned by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. Columbia, TN. The John H. Reagan Camp #2156 members are providing most of the labor for the construction and will maintain this permanent memorial park worthy of the Confederate veterans who so proudly served the Confederacy in the War Between the States, 1861-1865!



1st Texas Infantry, C.S.A. fighting in Miller's cornfield at the Battle of Sharpsburg by Don Troiani

HOTEL INFORMATION:

For those who would like a hotel room for Friday night, there are a block of 25 rooms at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites, 3000 South Loop 256, Palestine, TX. The rate is \$80.00/night for a king (10 rooms reserved) or two queen beds (15 rooms reserved) and up to four in each room. The hotel has also set up a complimentary conference room with snacks and drinks for anyone in our group to enjoy meet and greet time together. Please call 903-723-1387 and ask for the Sons of Confederate Veterans block by March 28, 2013 if you need a room.

CAMPING INFORMATION

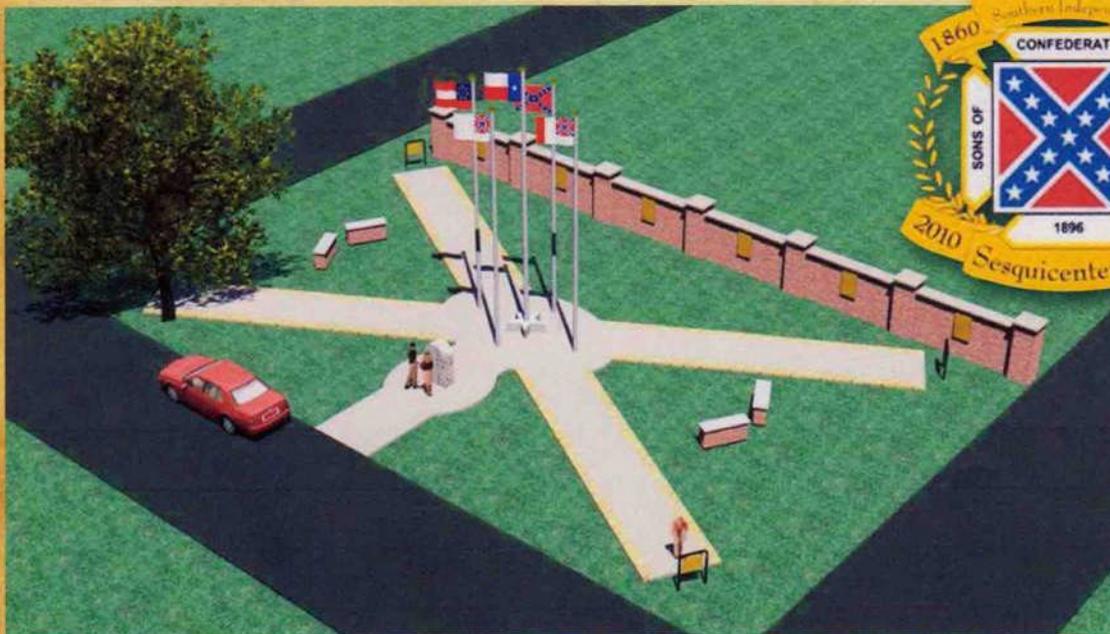
Texas State Railroad - Palestine Depot has a few campsites available with, table, grill, running water, plenty of trees for picket lines, and restrooms close by. The depot is very close to Palestine on Hwy 84 East. The campsite cost is \$12/day per site. If reservations are made in January, the cost will be one-half off the regular price. The corporate reservation number is 888-987-2461. Be sure to clarify the "Palestine Depot" as the Rusk Depot is about 30 miles away.

ATTIRE:

Confederate military uniforms and 1860 period civilian dress is encouraged, but not required. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated!

MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER DONATIONS:

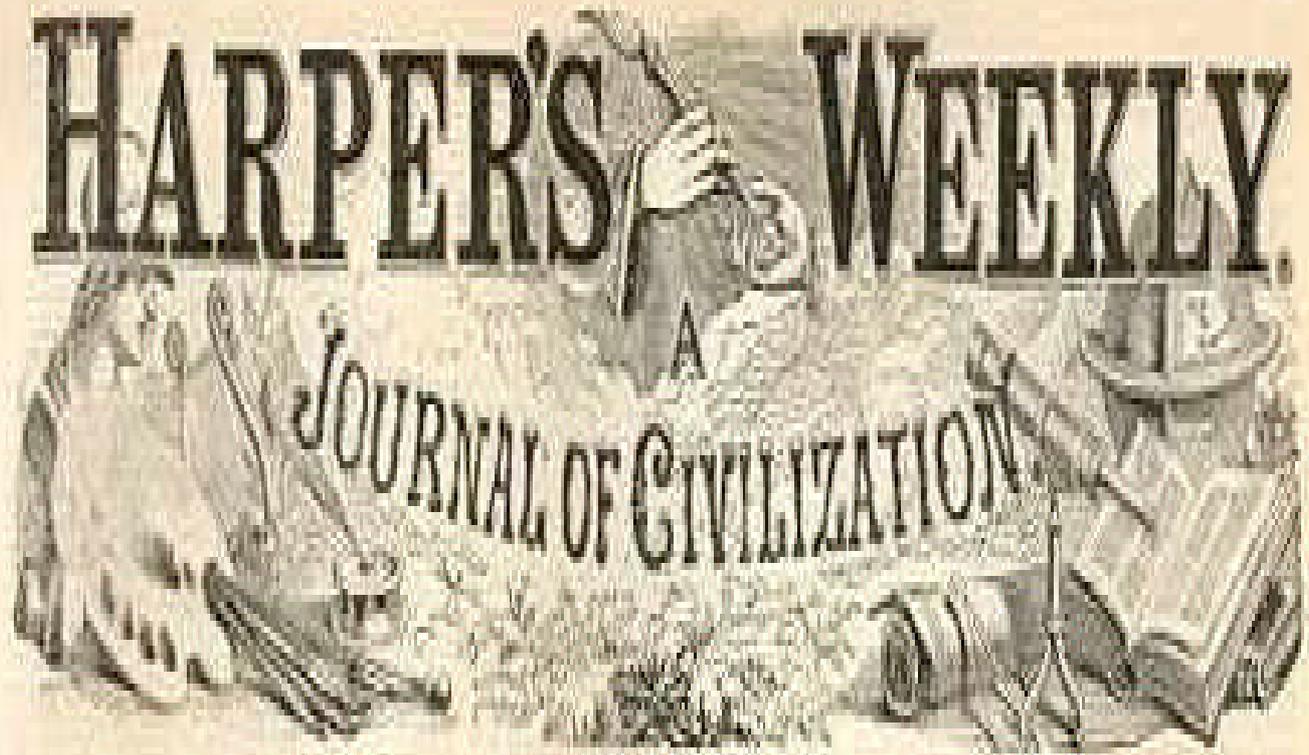
If you would also like to honor a Confederate veteran, CSA government official, SCV camp, UDC or OCR chapter on a brick paver in this plaza, forms are available at www.reaganscvcamp.org.



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Good News from the John H. Reagan Camp SCV

Palestine Police Chief **Robert Herbert** has officially approved a 21-gun salute during the dedication ceremony on April 13. He will also be in attendance at our ceremony. We are very happy about this.

The City of Palestine Zoning Committee met yesterday and voted unanimously to allow the Reagan Camp a variance of the ordinance that requires signs to be placed ten feet from property lines. We will now be able to place our arched entrance sign to the plaza only two feet back from the property line, at the top of the steps. This is twelve feet from the curb, and the first ten feet from the curb around the entire property belong to the city.



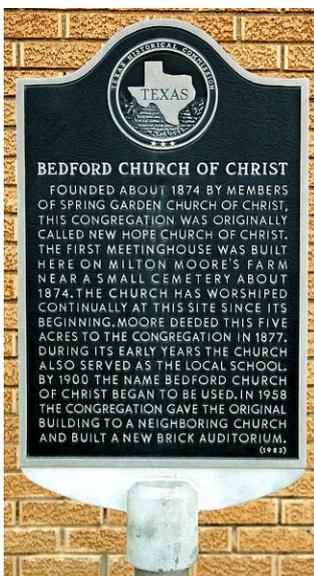
Our continued thanks to **Matt and Ryan Worthington** of Worthington Monuments in Burleson, Texas for their years of support in our historical preservation projects.

When your humble newsletter editor could still see, drive, and was a functional, sentient being, Matt allowed us to use his equipment, including his crane truck, to do all sorts of historical preservation projects we'd never have been able to accomplish if we'd had to pay for them.

He allowed us the free use of his equipment to install (and engrave most of) the stones which make up the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford. The engraving on the earlier stones was done at no cost by **John Hagan** of Moore Monuments in Weatherford, Texas.

When you need help with personal family monuments, pet stones, garden benches, statuary, or any type of stone work which requires engraving or dimension stone, please contact Matt and tell him you're a friend of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

This is not a paid advertisement. It is a statement of appreciation made by the E. W. Taylor Camp for the continued support and help he gives us in our historical endeavors. Matt's phone number is 817-551-2800.



...and as long as we're saying "Thanks!"

...our continued thanks to the members of the Bedford church of Christ for allowing us space for the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial! One of our vets, Milton Moore, donated five acres for the church and cemetery way back in 1877. Several of the veterans lie buried beside the church in Bedford Cemetery. If you appreciate the church's kindness, please drop the church at note at 2401 Bedford Road, Bedford, 76021.

TWO OAKWOOD CONFEDERATES GET HEADSTONES ON MARCH 7



*The setting crew, ID's for the picture directly above: standing, l-r, **James Alderman, Jimmy Reynolds, Ron Parker, Mike Stark, James Madewell, Bob Gresham.** Kneeling: **Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, David Stewart.***

On March 7 two more Fort Worth Confederates finally got the headstones they deserved. Both have been lying in unmarked graves in Oakwood Cemetery for nearly a century.

Charles Adkins was a private in Co. F of the 29th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted in the summer of 1862 in Red River County, Texas. Mr. Adkins died in Fort Worth in 1914. We found a descendant living in Amarillo.

William G. Beckham served in Cayce's Company of Light Artillery in Purcell's Battery, a Virginia unit in the Army of Northern Virginia. He was severely wounded in 1864, and was paroled at Richmond in May, 1865. Mr. Beckham died in 1918 in Fort Worth. We found a descendant of Mr. Beckham living in Azle.

In spite of the new, more stringent application standards, we continue to be able to get a few headstones for worthy veterans.

As we continue to scan through the Tarrant County Confederate pension files, we occasionally find veterans who have no headstones. When we can find living descendants, we'll apply for VA stones. For the others, we may figure out ways to raise money to get them commercially-made monuments.

THIS MONTH'S INSTALLMENT OF "RANDOM KNOWLEDGE FOR THE HISTORICALLY-MINDED GENTLEMAN," IS PRESENTED TO YOU COMPLIMENTS OF THE E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777.



In case you were wondering, which you may not have been, this is why one doesn't engrave inscriptions directly into speckled granite. Even if one does, one doesn't face it north, where the lettering is almost always in shadow and where the slight advantage of shadows in the lettering at some times of the day is thereby lost. Any member who possesses any other useful knowledge is asked to share it with the group so that we may all be thus edified.

There's still hope for the World. Compatriot Ron Parker shared this uplifting YouTube video with us. Some people still "get it."

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/Pwghabw4N80?rel=0>

WHITE'S CHAPEL CONFEDERATE VETERAN GETS A VA HEADSTONE AFTER NEARLY NINETY YEARS



Standing, l-r, Kent Mathews, Neta Erickson (Mr. Brown's g-gd) Dennis Key (Mr. Brown's g-g-gs), and Jimmy Reynolds. Kneeling are Bruce Erickson and Mike Patterson.

On Saturday morning, March 9, several E. W. Taylor Camp members and a group of the veteran's family members met in Southlake at White's Chapel Cemetery. There they installed a new marble VA marker for William Madison Brown, who died in 1925.

Mr. Brown was born in 1842 and was one of the many northeast Tarrant County settlers who were born in Bedford County, Tennessee. He spent most of his life in Tennessee. After his wife's death he came to Texas about 1899 and settled around Smithfield about 1907. He died in 1925.

Mr. Brown served in the 23rd Tennessee Infantry, having enlisted in the summer of 1861. He served as an infantryman and as a teamster. He was wounded in battle at Fort Harrison, Virginia at the end of September, 1864. Faithful to the last, Mr. Brown was paroled at Appomattox Court House when General Lee surrendered his Army.

Mr. Brown's son married the daughter of another of our veterans, Robert E. Wilson. For the last part of his life, Mr. Brown lived with Mr. Wilson's family in an old home which still stands along the east side of Davis Boulevard, just south of its intersection with Southlake Boulevard.

We learned of Mr. Brown and his service while scanning the Tarrant County pension files in January.



We Salute the United States Marine Corps !!!

(That's pronounced /kōr/ Mr. President. /kōrps/ is what a badguy will soon be if he messes with armed citizens minding their own business.

Plantation, Florida (2007): Last week police were called to investigate an attempted armed robbery: The 71-year-old retired Marine who opened fire on two robbers at a Plantation, Florida, Subway shop late Wednesday, killing one and critically wounding the other, is described as John Lovell, a former helicopter pilot for two presidents. He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, and he works out every day. Mr. Lovell was a man of action Wednesday night.

According to Plantation police, two masked gunmen came into the Subway at 1949 N. Pine Rd. just after 11 p.m. There was a lone diner, Mr. Lovell, who was finishing his meal. After robbing the cashier, the two men attempted to shove Mr. Lovell into a bathroom and rob him as well. They got his money, but then Mr. Lovell pulled his handgun and opened fire. He shot one of the thieves in the head and chest and the other in the head.

When police arrived, they found one of the men in the shop; K-9 Units found the other in the bushes of a nearby business. They also found cash strewn around the front of the sandwich shop, according to Detective Robert Rettig of the Plantation Police Department.

Both men were taken to the Broward General Medical Center, where one, Donicio Arrindell, 22, of North Lauderdale died. The other, 21-year-old Frederick Gadson of Fort Lauderdale is in critical but stable condition.

Mr. Lovell was a pilot in the Marine Corps, flying former Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. He later worked as a pilot for Pan Am and Delta Airlines.

He is not expected to be charged, authorities said. "He was in fear for his life," Detective Rettig said. "These criminals ought to realize that most men in their 70's have military backgrounds and aren't intimidated by idiots."

Something tells me this old Marine wasn't "in fear for his life," even though his life was definitely at risk. The only thing he could be charged with is participating in an unfair fight. One 71-year young Marine against two punks. Two head shots and one center body mass shot.

Outstanding shooting! That'll teach them not to get between a Marine and his meal.

Florida law allows eligible citizens to carry a concealed weapon. Don't you just love a story with a happy ending?

"Too old to fight, too slow to run. Old people don't fight, they just shoot you."

TWO MORE BIRDVILLE SOLDIERS FROM THE WBTS GET VA STONES



On Saturday, March 16, two more WBTS veterans finally got headstones in Birdville Cemetery....Jefferson Phelps and John S. Hukill. The two men had something else in common; Hukill's son married Phelps' daughter in Tarrant County in 1891.

Mr. Phelps was born in North Carolina about 1830, and was a soldier in Co. A, 41st Tennessee Infantry. He was captured by the yankees at Shelbyville, Tennessee in 1864. He came to Tarrant County about 1888 from Lincoln County, Tennessee and died not long after. Mr. Phelps was the father of at least nine children, only two of whom came to Texas.

Mr. Hukill was born in Arkansas in 1842 and saw service in both armies, first as a Confederate in Co. G, 34th Arkansas Infantry. He was captured by Union forces in 1863 and spent some time in a prison camp. Three days after Christmas in 1863 he enlisted in the Union army and

became a private in Co. B, 18th Iowa Infantry, where he remained until he was mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas on July 20, 1865. About a year after the War Hukill was married to a Confederate widow with one child; she and Mr. Hukill had six children of their own. Mr. Hukill died in 1891.

Both veterans appear on our Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford and have biographies online.

Taylor Camp member **George Whitten** volunteered his pickup to take the stones to the cemetery on the Wednesday before they were installed. The crew on Saturday included **Jimmy Reynolds, Kent Mathews, Bill Reeves, David Stewart, Ron Parker, and Mike Patterson.** Jimmy had to leave before the photo was taken.

Three Taylor Camp helpmeets, **Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Patterson** came along and saw to it that their guys got to the correct cemetery at the correct time.

Several other Birdville CSA men still need stones, but for one reason or another can't get one from the VA. David J. Warren will soon be getting one thanks to a private donation. We're looking for help with the others.

KELLER CONFEDERATE IN MOUNT GILEAD CEMETERY GETS A REPLACEMENT MARKER ON MARCH 30

William H. Boswell died in Keller in 1876. His family erected one of those cut-stone burial cairns for which Mount Gilead is noted. At its head was a stone tablet which fitted into the cairn's top. The years and vandals took their toll. On March 30, we replaced the tablet with a new one.



Mr. Boswell was born in Tennessee. He and his wife, Harriett A. Burnett, were married in 1853 in Fayette County, Tennessee. They came to Texas in the late 1850's and settled first in Denton County, where he was a stockman.

William enlisted in the Confederate Army at Denton in the Spring of 1862. He spent some of his time working in the Quartermaster's Department.

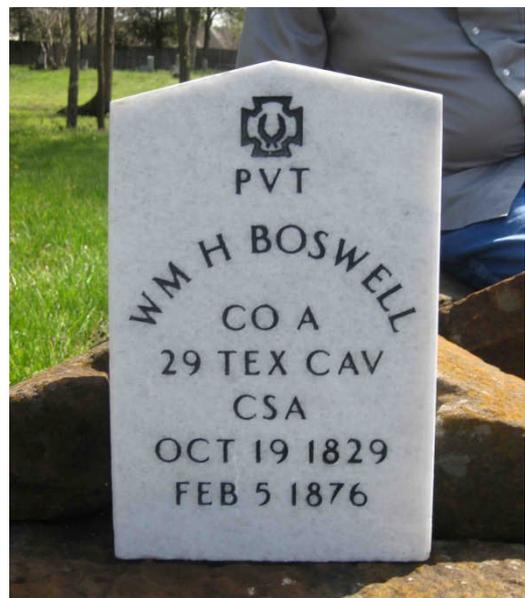
By 1870 the Boswells had moved into Tarrant County and were farming, raising horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn, oats, and tobacco.

One of the Boswell sons lived in Keller as late as 1920. One of the Boswell daughters died in Dallas in 1950.

Mr. Boswell's new marker was made from part of a VA marker the UPS broke in transit earlier this year. **Matt Worthington** engraved it for us free of charge.

On Saturday morning, March 30, after we had installed the two stones at Smithfield, a small group of us formed up and moved northwest a few miles to Mount Gilead, where we installed Mr. Boswell's new marker.

Jimmy Reynolds, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson took it to the cemetery and placed it.



Headstone Projects Update

We've had lots of activity on this front during the month of March. Several of the stones which appeared in this list last month have now been installed and have separate articles in this newsletter. Here's the status of the ones we're working now which aren't yet installed:

Frank Beaver was a Union veteran of the 71st Ohio Infantry. He died in 1896 and is buried in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake. Denied by VA because we don't have a "certificate of disposition of remains," which didn't exist when he died in 1896. We cannot appeal without the descendants' help, so Mr. Beaver is shelved until we hear from them. Actually, I don't think the VA realizes this is a Union vet for whom we're trying to get a stone.

David R. Bedford and wife are buried in Oakwood Cemetery...but they have a stone in Tennessee in the old family plot there; the stone was erected as a cenotaph by their daughter. The VA initially denied the application, saying the couple was buried in Tennessee. We went to Oakwood and photographed every primary document there concerning Mr. Bedford and sent it to the VA, per their request. On March 19, the VA called the descendant. WE WON!!!

David James Warren served in four different Alabama regiments: 5th Alabama Infantry Btn., 17th Alabama Infantry, 9th Alabama Infantry, and the 58th Alabama Infantry. He came to Tarrant County in 1876 and settled near Birdville. He died in Fort Worth in 1919 and was buried beside his first wife at Birdville. He is in an unmarked grave, but we were not able to find any living descendants. ***Mrs. Sharon Sawyers of Lincoln, Nebraska, a descendant of Mortimer Elliston, for whom we recently erected a VA stone, graciously paid the cost for a stone for another Confederate veteran of our choosing.*** It will be a granite replica of a marble VA stone. Stone was ordered from the quarry on March 7.

George Lutes was a Union vet who served in the 154th Indiana Infantry. He died in 1888 and is buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst. Sent his application to the VA on January 21. On February 22 they wrote wanting more documentation (probably because incorrect information is posted on Find A Grave). Still under appeal. We need a document which is in his widow's pension file, but it will cost us \$75 to get her file from the National Archives. Again, I don't think the VA realizes this isn't a Confederate vet for whom we're trying to get a stone.

Richard S. Coker served in the 10th Texas Cavalry and died in 1929. He's buried in the old Handley City Cemetery near the power plant in east Fort Worth. Sent the application to the VA on January 21. Stone delivered to Patterson on February 22.

Daniel W. Evans was a veteran of the 31st Alabama Infantry. He died in 1924 in Handley in East Fort Worth and was buried in the old Handley Cemetery near the power plant. Application mailed to the VA on February 13. Stone delivered to Patterson on March 20.

Headstone Projects Update, cont.

Francis Throop wasn't a Confederate veteran, but he was the father of two of our veterans who enlisted in this area. Francis was a veteran of the War of 1812, so we thought we'd try to get him a headstone. He died in 1850 and was buried in the Hood Cemetery in Southlake. He's one of only two War of 1812 veterans we know of who settled in this county. No burial records, but we'll do what we can.

George Washington Fishback, McGinnis' Co., 20th Brigade Texas State Troops, killed at Jacksboro in 1864 by bushwhackers and buried where he fell. No records in the National Archives so a VA stone is out for him. Descendants ordered a stone from Worthington Monuments on February 8. Stone will be placed at Mount Gilead where his father-in-law and remarried wife are buried.

John Boon served the South in the 11th Texas Cavalry. He died in 1927 and was buried in Keller in Bourland Cemetery. He has no records in the National Archives, and so is ineligible for a VA stone. He'll get one, using a piece of one of the broken stones delivered to us by the UPS. We engraved his stone on March 28.

George Washington Gardenhire served in the 16th Texas Cavalry. He died in a buggy accident in the stockyards in 1902 at age 82 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. We found a descendant and started the paperwork on March 10.

Samuel D. Pritchard served in the 41st Alabama Infantry and died in Fort Worth in 1902. He lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. We are getting him a headstone with an anonymous donation from an interested individual who heard we were going to start asking for donations from businesses. Stone was ordered from the quarry on March 18.

*We have three very nice "door prize" gifts donated to us by **Mike and Barbara Kelly**. We'll hand them out at the April meeting. To get one of them, be the first, second, and third persons after midnight April 12, 2013 to email the editor at mfpchat@yahoo.com and point out to him the "hidden in plain sight spelling error" in this newsletter issue. Hopefully there's only one, but you're really going to have to look for it. We figured you'd be up to ring in the anniversary of Fort Sumter anyway. Prizes will be awarded based upon the time posted on the email.*

Charles Adkins, pictured here in front of his Fort Worth home, was one of the CSA vets who got a new VA headstone in March.



PARKER COUNTY CONFEDERATE DEAD SINCE 1922 GETS A VA HEADSTONE ON MARCH 23.

On a chilly afternoon in March, in a small family cemetery in Parker County, a few Taylor Campers and an interested landowner got together to see that another Confederate veteran will be remembered.

Landowner **Pat Lane** graciously helped get the paperwork completed, drove many miles out west to let us onto his property, and showed us the cemetery. E. W. Taylor members **Jimmy Reynolds, Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson,** and **Marilyn Patterson** got the rock in the ground in short order. We especially want to thank Kent Mathews for furnishing the transportation, and to thank Jimmy Reynolds for buying us supper in Weatherford on the way home.

John Hinds Davidson Clower was a young man living in what is now Southlake when the War broke out. Along with many other men from this area he became a soldier in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. John enlisted at Grapevine on January 15, 1862. In an affidavit he made to help John get a pension, John's brother (who's also buried in the family cemetery) later recalled that John came home only twice during the War. Each visit lasted only a few days.

John was born in Mississippi in 1841, and came to Harrison County, Texas with his parents and siblings about 1849. By 1870 John's father had died and the family had moved west to Jack County. Later still, the family moved to Parker County and settled between Whitt and Perrin.



John's mother died there in 1889 and was buried in their family cemetery on their farm. During his last years, John and an unmarried sister lived there. John died in 1922 in was buried in the family cemetery. Until March 23 his grave was unmarked.

Taylor Campers got the paperwork underway in January, and Clower's headstone was delivered to us on February 28. The family cemetery is located out of sight of the public road on private land, and we're respecting the landowner's privacy by not disclosing the cemetery's exact location.

The crew, l-r; landowner **Pat Lane, Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson,** and **Jimmy Reynolds.** Marilyn Patterson is the photographer.



We have one of the smaller SCV Camps in the State. We all like each other, get along well, and agree on things which have to do with keeping the story of our CSA forebears alive. Pound for pound, I'll stack our record of work against any Camp, anywhere. I'd like us to grow, but not at the sacrifice of any of the above.

I attended my first Taylor Camp meeting years ago when **Lonnie Palmer** was the Commander. I have not missed a single meeting since then. In all those years, I have never heard one cross word exchanged between two members. Not one.

Our meetings are enjoyable and harmonious. We are unfailingly polite to each other, to our guests, and to the staff and management of the restaurant of our host of many years, Catfish and Company.

Should any disputes arise among us in the future, the National Handbook of the SCV has a protocol for handling them. It can become cumbersome, involve many people outside the Camp and much traveling, and can cause some genuine permanent damage to personal relationships and reputations. It should never come to that and hopefully in our Camp it won't.

We should agree, first of all, to be positive and reasonable. We should resolve that, if we must disagree, we can do it without being disagreeable. Above all, we should never be openly critical of a member who is doing his best.

Nearly two thousand years ago the Great Teacher gave instructions for conflict resolution which are as good now as then (broadly paraphrased here and with no theological direction intended):

"If a brother does something to hurt or offend you, go to him and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take two or three brothers along with you, that every difficulty shall be fully explained and understood by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to you, explain the problem to the members of the Camp. If he refuses to listen even to the Camp, allow him to part on as friendly terms as possible but do not allow his actions to affect the harmony of your Camp."

Formal meetings are times for conducting business, entertaining guests, and learning about the WBTS through programs presented by members and guests. They are not the proper time for verbal arguments between members or groups of members, for public character assassination, or verbal criticism directed at restaurant personnel in the hearing of our members and guests. Gentlemen within our membership will defend the honor of anyone thus defamed in public.

TWO SMITHFIELD CONFEDERATES GET VA HEADSTONES ON MARCH 30

Give yourselves a pat on the back. This makes eight new VA stones our Camp has installed in the month of March. It would have been eleven in normal times, but the VA regulations have really tightened. Still, this must be some sort of world record for a Sons camp! We know one of the other rocks is on it's way, and we may still win the appeals on the other two.

Both the veterans honored on March 31 served in Georgia regiments numbered 6th...Seaborn Cowart in the 6th Georgia Infantry and Ivory S. Tyner in the 6th Georgia Cavalry. Cowart served the last part of the War in the 29th Georgia Cavalry Battalion.

Mr. Tyner was born in Tennessee about 1824. By the late 1840's he had moved to Walker County, Georgia, where he remained until he came to Texas about 1871. Dozens of other Walker Countians came to northeast Tarrant County in the 1870's, and many of them wound up in what is now Southlake and Smithfield.

One of Tyner's daughters was interviewed by the newspaper in 1939. She recalled that they took a boat at New Orleans to go to Galveston. From Galveston they went to Dallas by train, and at Dallas they got wagons to finish their trip to Smithfield. We believe Mr. Tyner was dead by 1900.

Seaborn Cowart was born in 1829 in Georgia, where he remained until he came to Texas during the 1870's. He first settled in Texas in Van Zandt County. Mr. Cowart died in the Polytechnic section of Fort Worth in 1919.



Above, standing l-r, Jimmy Reynolds, Rob Porter, Frank Cowart, Judie Porter, Ron Parker, Bob Gresham; kneeling Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, James Madewell.

Below, standing l-r, Frank Cowart, Jack Eustace, Ron Parker, Kent Mathews, James Madewell, Bob Gresham, Jimmy Reynolds; kneeling Mike Patterson.



WE'LL TRY ANYTHING....NEW PROGRAM IS SEEKING CORPORATE SPONSORS FOR WBTS HEADSTONES

We've had great luck in getting VA headstones, but some vets just don't qualify for one reason or another. On March 15 we hit upon the idea of using the U. S. Postal Service in making a plea to area merchants in one city, Southlake, to help us mark graves in one Southlake Cemetery...White's Chapel. We know of five deserving vets there. Southlake, Texas (76092) is the single richest zip code in the U.S.A.

In phase one, we targeted all the banks and insurance agencies in Southlake. After getting a bunch of E. W. Taylor letterheads printed, we mailed out some very polite and information-filled letters. We're asking for a donation of \$375 to get a reproduction VA stone done in granite for a veteran. We mailed out thirty-five letters on Saturday morning, March 17.

Six of them were returned as undeliverable on March 23; that's very common when using the online white pages for addresses and phone numbers.

As of March 31 at quitting time, here's the result: On the day we were putting together the mailout, one person heard about it and made an anonymous donation for one stone. We already had a previous donation made by a descendant of Mortimer C. Elliston, for whom we recently got a VA stone, and a few other interested folks had chipped in some.

Look for the following little box in subsequent newsletters to see how the headstone donations program is doing. If the Southlake effort gets us two headstones by April 30, we'll do the same thing in another city. If it gets us one or none, we won't. When all expenses are figured in, it costs about one dollar to mail one letter.



This process requires us to order the granite blanks from the quarry in Georgia. Shipment takes six to eight weeks, and they are engraved at Worthington Monuments in Burleson. We buy the stone and materials only. We will pick up the finished stones at the monument company and install them just as we install VA stones.



Shop at the SCV Online Mall

Wouldn't it be nice to have places to shop where a portion of your money goes to support the SCV? Now you have that place — a whole mall in fact. A mall with hundreds of stores where each purchase helps the SCV. There you will find all the big name stores you may already order from. Also discounts and coupons are available.

We now have the SCV on-line Mall. We have partnered with an organization called We-Care. Their motto is *Shop with Purpose*. Well we certainly have a purpose! The link is <http://scv.we-care.com>



Of course this can only be a successful venture if we use it. Please immediately bookmark this page. For those who might forget to go there before shopping, you can download a reminder so that if you go to, for example Best Buy or Amazon, a box will pop up that asks if you want a portion to go to the SCV, you will of course say yes! You can find the reminder program under the Downloads tab on the Mall page or go to <http://scv.we-care.com/Downloads/Reminder>



Please spread the word. Anyone can shop there! Send a link to all your friends and family. Use it for business purchases. Put it on your social networking sites like Facebook. Make it a part of your signature on your e-mails. Put the link on your personal webpage.

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RECOGNIZE THIS?

Give yourself ten extra brownie points if you can remember where you saw it recently.

Many times some really good things are hiding in plain sight right in front of us. This is one of them.

If you're one of those folks who buys things online, take advantage of this service and help the SCV at the same time. It's easy and is quite a financial help to our national organization.

By going to <http://scv.we-care.com/Merchants> you'll find a list of hundreds of businesses who'll return a cut of your purchases to the SCV.

Admittedly, your humble newsletter editor is now a very minor player in the US economy, but even with his limited buying these days he found a lot of merchants with whom he'll be utilizing this service in the future. They include:

Ace Hardware, Advance Auto Parts, Ancestry.com, Audiobooks.com, Autozone, Best Buy, Black and Decker, Canon, Dollar General, Famous Footwear, Hancock Fabrics, Harbor Freight, JC Penney, JoAnn Fabrics, K Mart, Kohl's, Office Depot, OfficeMax, Radio Shack, Sam's Club, Staples, and Tractor Supply.

SCV members who are still living a civilized, normal lifestyle will find lots more opportunities for helping the cause at this URL.

Have you remembered yet where you saw this? Back cover of the current SCV magazine.

PLEASE BLOCK OUT A LITTLE TIME FOR US ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27.

We need you uniformed, cootered-up, and armed at Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller to help us with a Memorial Day service as we honor the WBTS veterans buried there. More details next month.





Be on the lookout for oddities, trivia, and other off-beat photos or facts about the WBTS. Part of our program in October will be WBTS Trivia, Part Deux.

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Great News! Taylor Camper **George Whitten** has been a long-haul trucker and hasn't been able to be with us. As of April 1 he has a dedicated local run with Schneider and he'll be home most nights and every weekend and can take part in our activities.

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 principals 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.