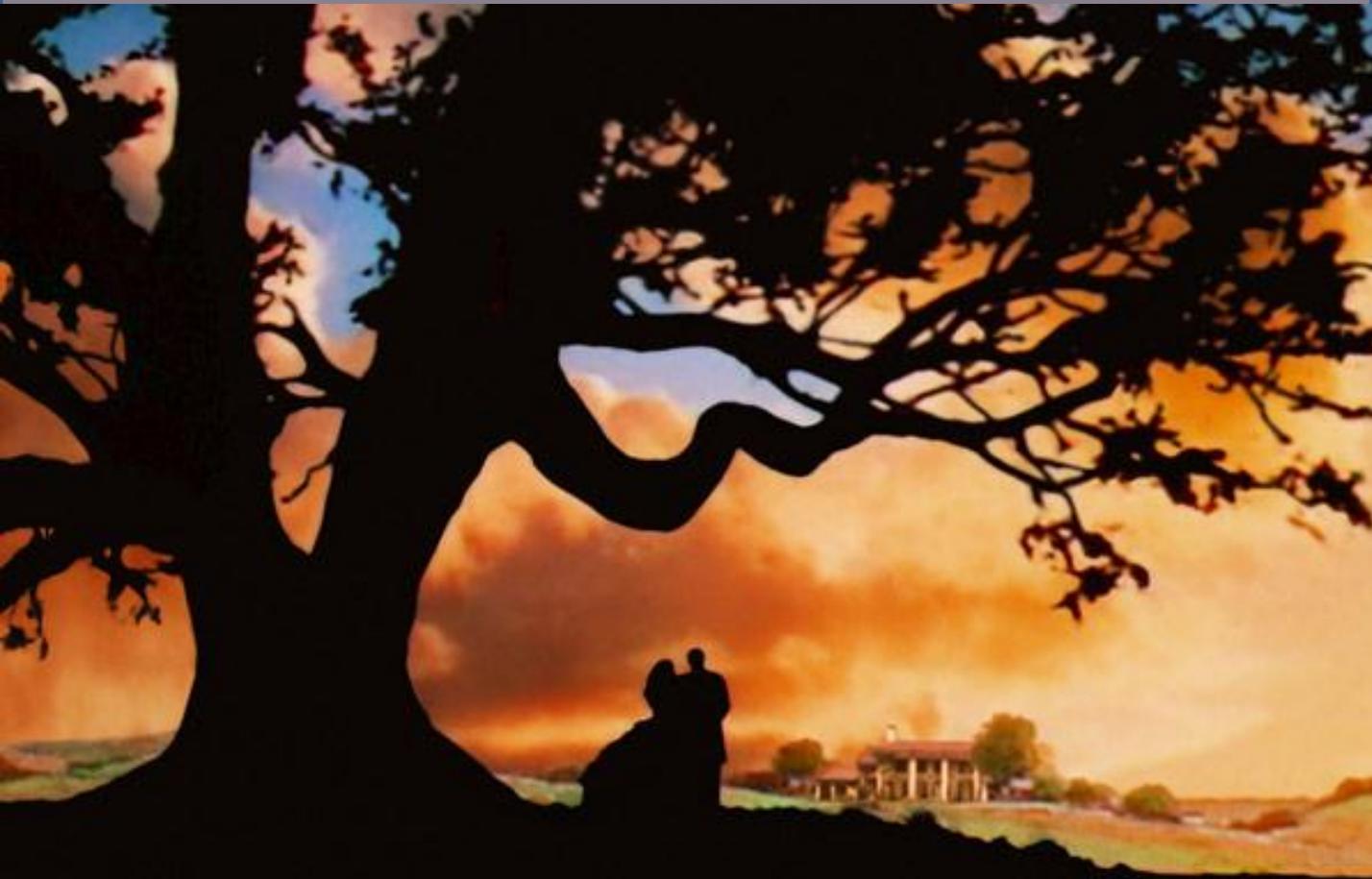




COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....July 2015



July Program

Gone With the Wind: Fact and Fiction

Join us in July as Bill Johnson, a very talented member of the M. T. Johnson Camp in Arlington, shares with us his vast knowledge of this 1939 film classic.

JULY MEETING: July 30, 2015, Catfish and Company, 900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00 Out by 8:30

Make your July 4th plans now!

Once again we've been invited to join the M. T. Johnson Camp in the Arlington July 4th Parade at 9 a.m. on that Saturday. Everyone gets to ride...no marching.



All we have to do is be there. Go to:
<http://www.arlington4th.org/entrants/being-in-the-parade/> for details.

A Very Important Message for the Members of the E. W. Taylor Camp

Please read every word of this message and consider it carefully.

Gentlemen: Please read the following statements which were read aloud during our June meeting and give them your close consideration. This was not meant to open a discussion or result in a motion of any kind at the June or July meetings. This is strictly a statement of information from the E. W. Taylor Camp.

We are an autonomous camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Since we have no local constitution and by-laws, we operate under those of the International Organization in Columbia, Tennessee and the Texas Division. Our local members in good standing are the ones charged with making decisions and policies for the E. W. Taylor Camp.

We feel the time has come for the E. W. Taylor Camp members to issue a position statement on several issues now being discussed throughout the SCV. The position statement, as defined by **our** local camp members at **our** business meeting, will be placed on our camp website.

It is interesting to note that the E. W. Taylor Camp many times has more visitors than members in attendance. There are several reasons for this phenomenon. By meeting time we often have to move in extra tables and chairs.

Some of our *visitors* are more faithful in attendance than some of our members. No organization can thrive and grow if it does not welcome visitors who want to learn about the personalities of the individual camps and the organization at large.

We need to let our visiting friends know that one of our regular meetings in the near future, most likely August or September, will be strictly a business meeting for E. W. Taylor members. There will be no speaker or other announced topic of an educational nature which would be of interest to visitors.

There will be an agenda of topics to be discussed. It will be distributed to our members before the meeting date. It would only be appropriate to have these discussions in the presence of members and their spouses who wish to come to the meeting with them.

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We will send emails announcing this business meeting and a suggested agenda to every one of our active, dues-paying members. For those for whom we do not have valid email addresses we will make multiple efforts to contact you by phone.

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Important message for Taylor camp members, cont.

Those who do not have email capability will receive a paper copy in the U. S. mail. We will make every effort to let every E. W. Taylor member know the topics to be discussed. Every E. W. Taylor member will have sufficient time to make comments if they will not be able to attend the business meeting in person. Their comments will be taken into

consideration by the members assembled.

We will run a prominent article on the front page of our newsletter reminding members of the purpose of the meeting and reminding visitors that no program will be presented. As always, we will be respectful of your time and will adjourn the meeting at a reasonable hour.

“...they left us traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, and respect for womanhood; they left us a passionate belief in freedom for the individual.”

Every one of us heard these words as a part of the ceremony when we were sworn into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. With every day that passes, our society and even the courts are chipping away at our traditional values.

We believe in a God who created us and cares about us. He made us, and he can fix us. We must never forget that prayer is a powerful tool at our disposal.

We ask for your prayers for Mike Stark and his family in the recent loss of Mike Stark, Jr.

We ask for your prayers for Compatriots Jimmy Reynolds, Jeff Ainsworth, and Vann Cunningham. We need only to pray for God's help and comfort for them. He already knows their needs.

Please let our chaplain know of other prayer requests at mfpchat@yahoo.com

**Taylor Camp Member
Mike Stark, Jr. passes
away on June 21; laid
to rest in Boonsville in
Wise County**



Mike Stark, Jr. had been a member of the E. W. Taylor Camp for many years. His father, Mike Stark, Sr., is a valued member of our camp, and was one of its charter members.

Mike's funeral was held in the First Baptist Church of Azle on Friday, June 26 at 11 a.m. He was buried in Boonsville Cemetery.

Mike was born Feb. 27, 1970 in Fort Worth to Michael Paul Stark and his wife, Sandra Kay Sitton Stark.

Mike was a firefighter with Local IAFF 3133. He worked for the Grapevine Fire Department for eighteen years and had earlier worked for the Round Rock Fire Department for six years.

He had also worked as a volunteer firefighter in the departments in LaJunta, Leander, Azle, Jacksboro, and Jollyville. He took pride in being a third-generation firefighter. He passed away June 21, 2015 in Azle, Texas. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend.

Mike's survivors include his wife, Nancy Stark of Azle; son, Austin; daughters, Brittany Staton and Katelynn Staton of Azle; sister, Lori Hancock and husband, John, of Boonsville; mother, Sandra Townsend and husband, Troy, of Azle; father, Mike Stark Sr. and wife, LaVonne, of Fort Worth; aunt, Deanne Hughes; numerous nieces and nephews; and his large fire department family and friends.

The E. W. Taylor camp was represented at the service by Bob and Dana Gresham, Mike Kelly, Mike Patterson, and Tammy Patterson.

Morgan R. Tittle, Jr., newest E. W. Taylor compatriot, sworn in at our June meeting

We continue to grow through the recruitment of good men, ready to help in our camp's activities.

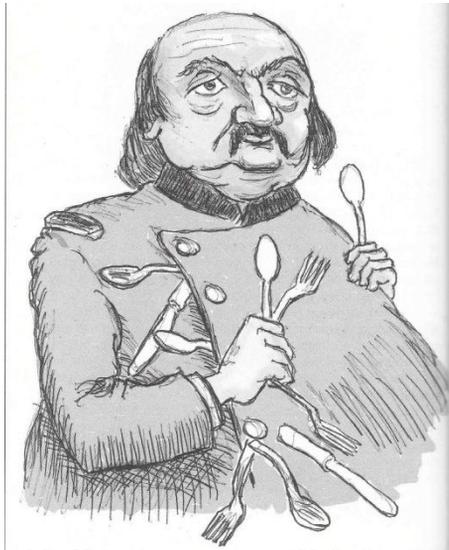


Our newest member, Mr. Tittle also brought his wife, Amy, and his and children, Ricky and Sarah, to see him inducted into the SCV.

Morgan is a direct descendant of Private Abijah Fowler, Co. A, 2 Tennessee Cavalry. Fowler enlisted at Knoxville on Dec. 21, 1861. As in so many cases, his regiment was folded into others, redesignated, and otherwise changed several times during the War. It appears he may have reenlisted at Cleveland, Tennessee on August 10, 1862.

Fowler's headstone in the Edington Cemetery in Monroe County, Tennessee says he was shot from ambush on May 27, 1864. We are checking to see if Mr. Tittle may have other Confederate ancestors as well. We welcome him and his family into our group, and we look forward to many years of working with him! Mr. Tittle, center above, was sworn in by Mike Patterson and Bob Gresham.

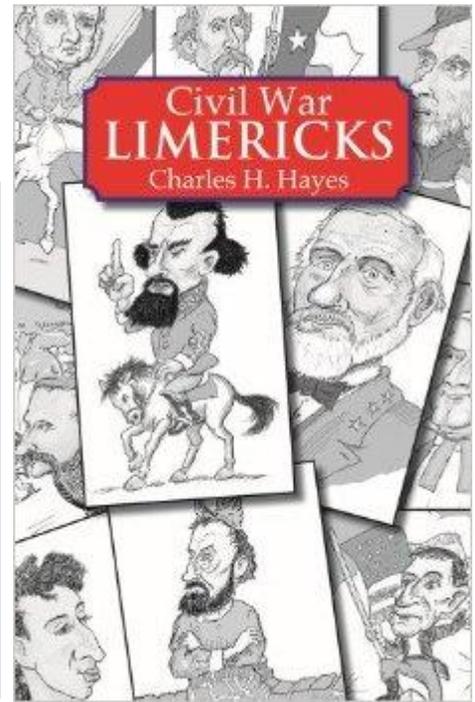
Thanks to Charles Hayes for a most entertaining and informative program at our June meeting.



Mr. Hayes' caricature of U. S. Gen. Benjamin "Spoons" Butler.

This delightful book is made up of nearly one hundred caricatures of WBTS men and women.

For each, Mr. Hayes has written a limerick and a short account of the character's part in the War.



One of the neatest parts of this presentation was Mr. Hayes' storytelling. Many of us had read of Ben Butler's rude behavior in New Orleans, his penchant for stealing silver and other valuables while there, etc. His fondness for stolen silver gave him the nickname "spoons."

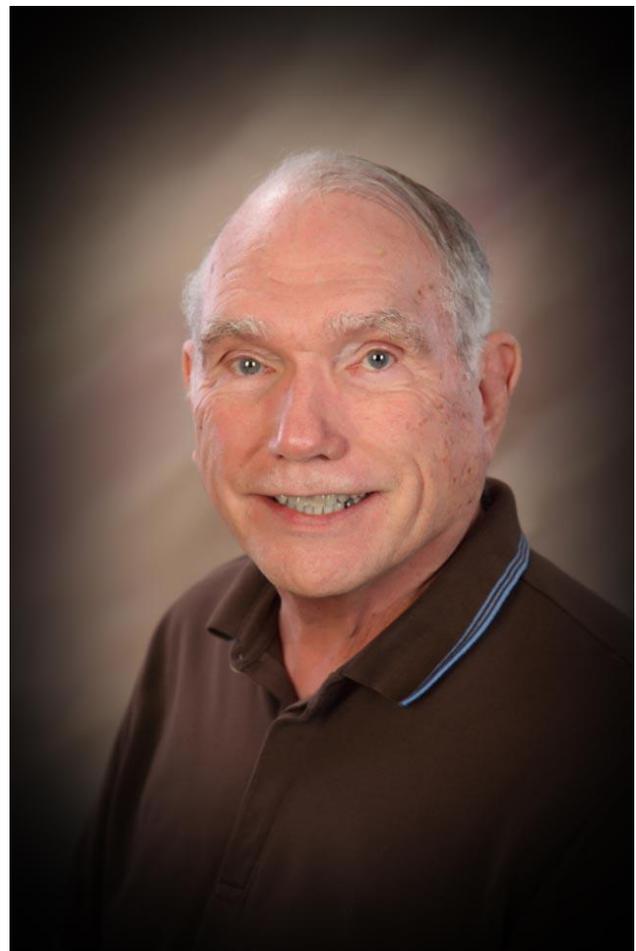
After the War Butler returned to Massachusetts and went back into politics. Once he was making a speech while standing on the stage in a theatre. There was a catwalk above him, unseen to the audience.

During his speech a spoon on a string slowly began descending behind him. The lower it came, the more the audience laughed. For a while Butler kept on talking, but was confused by the laughter.

Finally when the spoon was down within his reach he turned around and saw it. He snatched it out of the air and stuck it in his pocket saying, "Well there's one I missed."

For copies of Charles' books and to see his other artistic creations, go to:

<http://www.b17.com/hayes/>



Thanks to our webmaster, Stephen Parker, for his service to the camp.

Mr. Parker is an excellent example of how someone with a talent and a willingness to help can make a huge difference in a local camp.



This certificate of appreciation was presented to Stephen Parker, son of E. W. Taylor Charter Member Ron Parker, in appreciation of him overseeing our website. He is always agreeable to making changes on short notice, and is the man responsible for the attractive and excellent first impression our website makes on visitors. Those above are, l-r, Mike Patterson, Stephen Parker, and Bobby Gresham.



Sunday, June 28, 2015 was National Fly Your Battle Flag Day. In 1908 a group of Veterans gathered on the Tarrant County court house steps. On Sunday last a group of SCV members from the Johnson, Lee, and Taylor camps recreated the scene on those same steps to honor our veterans.



Southeast Texas teen works to restore an official uniform of the United Confederate Veterans

Fifteen-year-old President of the Texas Children of the Confederacy has taken on this challenge as his President's Project. This message is from Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777.



Checks should be made payable to "Texas Children of the Confederacy" and mailed to Zander Sheppard, PO Box 808, New Caney, Texas 77357

Zander Sheppard wants to see Lt. William Randolph McEntire's UCV uniform professionally conserved and then placed on display in the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. To do that, he needs to raise about \$2,500.

The coat and its pants are the property of the Texas United Daughters of the Confederacy. Zander traveled with his grandmother, a member of the UDC, from his home near Houston to Temple, Texas on June 6 and made a speech to the entire Texas SCV Division assembled. For his time, effort, and courage in addressing the large group, one single SCV member handed him a check for \$25.

Gentlemen, this worthy young man needs our help. If you have room in your newsletter, please run these pages and encourage your members to help Zander. Email mfpchat@yahoo.com for pdfs.

UCV suit conservation, cont.



This suit belonged to Lt. W. R. McEntire (at right) of Co. A, 9th Georgia Btn. Artillery. He came to Texas after the War and became famous here in the cattle industry, banking, cotton, and merchandising. He died in 1920 and lies buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas. There are lots of articles and photos of him on the internet.

Zander is a very dedicated young man who deserves our help, both as individuals and as camps. Please consider making a generous donation to his project before the end of July if possible. Thanks for your attention.

We in the E. W. Taylor Camp have no connection to the project other than our wish to help Zander raise the funding.

If you have any questions or concerns please email them to Anna Shepard at

[Marbil 1764@aol.com](mailto:Marbil1764@aol.com)



Philadelphia's prestigious National Constitution Center named Texas' SCV case one the ten most important the Supreme Court heard this term.

Constitutional scholars believed the outcome of our case would have a major effect on free speech throughout the country.

Did the Texas SCV license plate case in the U. S. Supreme Court have your attention? Well it should have, because it was seen all across our land for just what it is....a fight of free speech against government speech.

A decision was announced by the Court by the on June 18. The court ruled 5-4 against us.

Had any **one** of the five justices who voted against us voted the other way, the case would have been decided differently. When you have a few minutes go to the Supreme Court site and read the decision and the opinions of the justices. They let us know exactly what the justices had in their minds. **[Read Justice Alito's dissension.](#)**



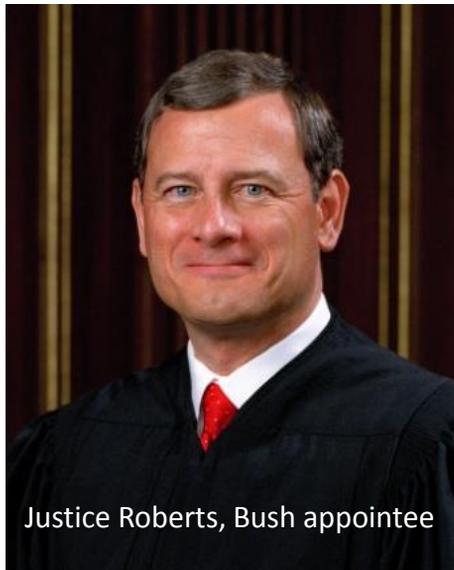
http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/14-144_758b.pdf

The four Supreme Court judges who sided with us in the case.



“...Texas cannot forbid private speech based on its viewpoint. That is what it did here. Because the Court approves this violation of the First Amendment, I respectfully dissent.” Supreme Court Justice Samuel Anthony Alito

One of the Supreme Court justices who voted in our favor was Samuel Anthony Alito, above, a Bush appointee. He wrote a dissension from the court’s decision, and it’s worth your time to read it. The three other dissenting justices signed his dissension. Their photos are shown here.



Justice Roberts, Bush appointee



Justice Kennedy,
Reagan appointee



Justice Scalia,
Reagan appointee

An open letter to the SCV from Kyle Sims of the M. T. Johnson Camp in Arlington



Gentlemen, of the 3rd Brigade, I wanted to let you know what an honor it was to serve you as 2nd Lt. Commander. I am very proud of this brigade and what we have accomplished. The officers of each camp are the best in the Division. Not many brigades have better newsletters, websites, events, and camp meetings. My best friends are in this brigade and I not only was honored to have served you but also honored to call many of you my friends.

Calvin Allen and I shared in going to camp meetings to support our camps with Calvin handling most of the western most camps for us. I tried to attend as many events possible and offered any advice that was needed. I nominated many of our members and camps for awards and I want you to know the 3rd Brigade was very well rewarded due to our hard work.

I want Calvin Allen and Rusty Haynes to know it was an honor and a pleasure in serving with them on the DEC. Some of our time at the DEC meetings were not very pleasant but all three of us were together on everything that was presented to us.

I want to let everyone know that all three of us did the best we could in honoring the Constitution and doing what we felt was right. I don't know if there were any more honorable men than these officers of the 3rd Brigade.

I want to congratulate Calvin Allen on being reelected as the 3rd Brigade Commander, Jim MacNabb as 1st Lt. Commander, and Ben Hatch as the 2nd Lt. Commander. I doubt you can find any more passionate or confederate men than these three. Except for maybe me of course. LOL

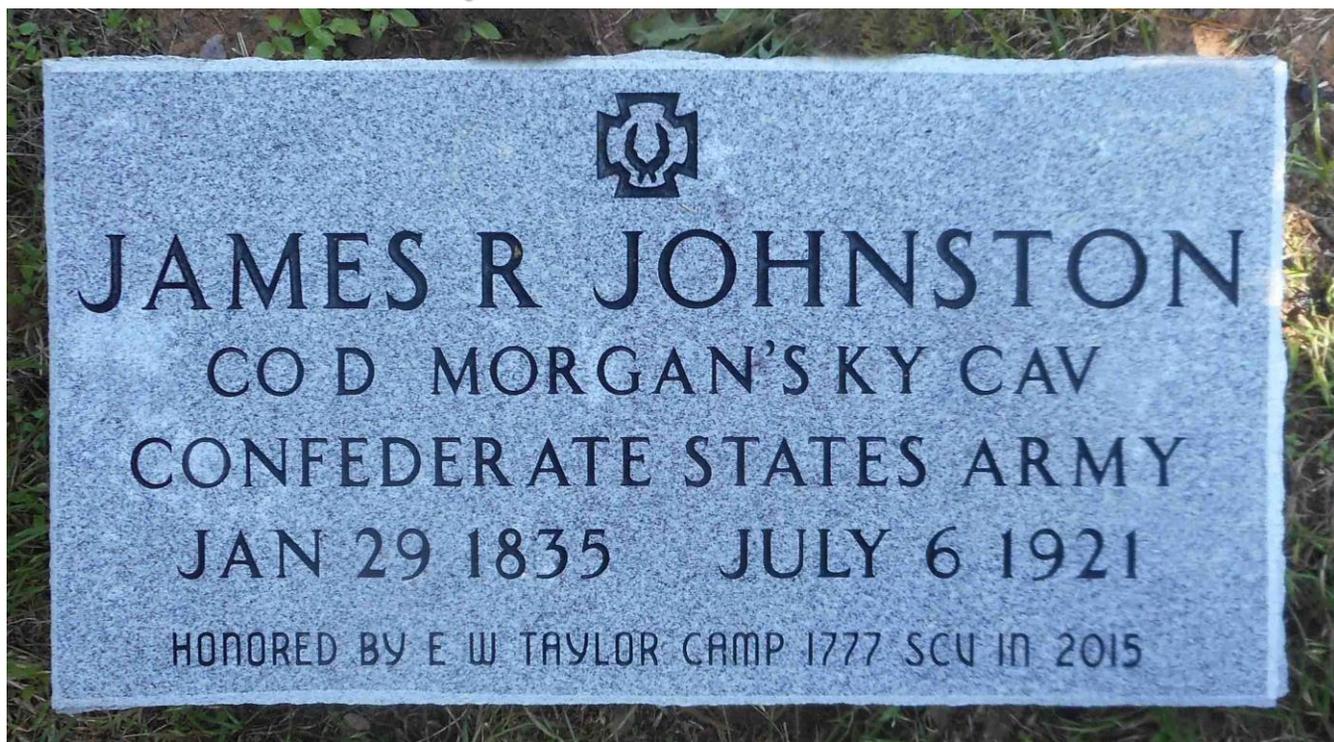
I look forward to the 3rd Brigade to continue in honoring their ancestors the way they should be honored. I desire for our camps to continue to grow and offer a prospect a good camp where he can be confederate.

I was glad to see all of our camps with the exception of the camp in Decatur represented at the Division Convention. As I looked upon the other Brigade meetings, it appeared we had as many members there as anybody.

Lastly, I want to thank those members who supported me in my election. I am indebted to those of you who spent the time and expense to travel to Temple to represent your camp. For those of you who supported me, I sincerely thank you.

Respectfully, Kyle Sims

We had a little hiccup in our marker program because of your editor's hospital stay. We didn't get one put out in June, but we'll be back on track in July.



This flat will be placed for James R. Johnston in Mexia Cemetery where he lies buried.



L-r, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, and Mike Patterson attended the State Reunion in Belton as voting delegates on June 6.



A Tribute to
**Grapevine Cemetery's
Civil War Mothers
and Grandmothers**

May 2, 2015 Ten a.m.

We've made an online program/brochure, with photos, for the May 2 Mothers' Day thing at Grapevine. You can see it on our website.



Liste?

Vat Liste?

There are lots of Confederate soldier lists floating around. Many of them are compilations of earlier lists and have omissions, errors, duplications, and outright fantasies.

New Master List of Confederate burials in Tarrant County in the works

One day in early May your editor spent most of a day reading the handwritten minutes of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans for the years 1896-1899. Folded up in the book was a 1905 list of camp members who had died before mid-1905.

Most of the names were familiar. Some were new to us, and a few were old friends whose names were so badly spelled as to be barely recognizable. At this late date, no list will ever be complete, but a careful look at the source records will yield a better list than any we have now.

On May 18, we started from scratch on a new list made from primary sources such as pension lists, death certificates, obituaries, and headstones. We ignored all the existing lists. We'll keep you posted on its progress.

Its progress interrupted by your editor's surgery, the list now contains about 700 veterans with their places of burial.

Reenactment of a different sort coming to DFW this fall



Start of the US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy
on the Bankhead Highway, June 14, 1920.



***In Fort Worth on
October 4-5-6!!!***

Details in later newsletters.

Military Vehicle Preservation Association 2015 Convoy

In 1920 the US ARMY decided to plan and execute a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly-formed Bankhead Highway. This convoy was a follow-on project to the 1919 US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy – the first-ever Convoy across the US along the Lincoln Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army. This Convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin.

In summary, the 1920 route began at the White House in Washington, DC and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, CA – some 3,300 miles and 116 days later. You are certainly aware of it if the 1920 Convoy passed through your City.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) is underway with detailed planning to conduct a 95th Anniversary Convoy with as many as 120 Historic Military Vehicles. They will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route – along the Bankhead Highway. The MVPA 2015 Bankhead Convoy (“BH-15”) will launch from Washington, DC on Saturday, 19 September and arrive in San Diego, CA some 29 days later, on Saturday, 17 October.



Grapevine Mayor Bill Tate at our Mothers' Day event on May 2.



Remember that we have a very important date in the City of Grapevine next November.

Several of our friends in the city government went way out of their way to see that we'd have a place in their Veterans Day parade this year. Please help us make a good impression there.

Editorial: Don't Take the Bait

About 6 p.m. on Friday, June 26, I made my last statement to any employee of a newspaper. Period.

I have been getting interviewed by people from the papers since the 1970's. I've been in several historical societies and have been president and held several other offices in the Fort Worth Audubon Society for many years.

I'm old enough to know better than to talk to reporters. When one called on June 26 I told him I would not talk to him on the phone, but I would send him an email in response to his question.

He told me that editors may not add, delete, or change anything in direct quotes. I asked him if it would be appropriate to write my comments in paragraph form, with each paragraph as a quote. He said yes, that would protect anything I said from being taken out of context. Not true.

I wrote several paragraphs. Here's what appeared in the paper.



"The real tragedy involving the Confederate flag took place decades ago when mindless hate groups like the KKK, Skinheads, and others took the flag and tried to make it an emblem of their own. I wish they'd chosen the skull and crossbones pirate flag, or any one of many others at their disposal, and turned it into a symbol of their hate, but they didn't."

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Editorial, cont.

"This entire statement is to be considered a quote and is not to be rearranged, edited, cut, or pasted in any way. I am writing this as one individual citizen. While I am a member of the Col. E. W. Taylor Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, this is not a statement made, read, or endorsed by any other member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the International, National, State, or Local Level."

"Of course I have an opinion, but I never read what newspapers say or listen to what radio talk-show hosts say or watch TV news coverage about anything this heated when people are still all stirred up about it. People who are passionate about either side aren't going to be swayed by what anyone else says right now. People who are actually educated about either side aren't going to be swayed by what anyone else says right now either. They'd already made up their minds about this even before the shootings happened in South Carolina. This was just a convenient opportunity to get more vocal again."

"When you start down this road of destroying history, there is no end to it. Right now, many people don't even realize that four of the first five U. S. Presidents were slaveowners....only John Adams wasn't. Shall we picket the Washington Monument and demand the destruction of Mount Vernon? Shall we picket the Jefferson Memorial and demand the destruction of Monticello? Consider what is happening right now in the Middle East as ISIS works to destroy traces of the ancient religions which predated Islam."

"One of the oldest arguments whenever this comes up is that the flag of the United States of America flew over a slaveholding nation from 1776 until at least 1863 and perhaps a little longer, depending upon how you interpret the Emancipation Proclamation and its effects. The Confederate flag flew over a slave nation for four years. However you try to portray it, slavery was a blight on this continent from 1619 until 1865, as it has been on every country where it has existed in modern times. Those things are factual, but those things had nothing to do with the shootings in South Carolina."

"No one is alive today who fought in either army during the War Between the States. No one is alive who ever voted in a Confederate election. No one is alive today who ever legally owned a slave in the United States or the Confederate States. The last widow of a War Between the States soldier, Maudie Hopkins, died in 2008 in Arkansas. When she was 19 she married a Confederate veteran who was 86 years old. I went to meet her and took her a lemon pie, her favorite."

"The history of our country is filled with atrocities which were unspeakably worse than the South Carolina shootings. Are the Comanches and Kiowas alive in Oklahoma today to blame for all the scalplings, rapes, and kidnappings their ancestors did to whites within one hundred miles of here in the 1800's? No. Are you and I to blame for someone leaving plague-infected blankets on the Plains for the Indians to find and use during the 1800's? No."

"Maudie Hopkins was in no way responsible for the shootings in South Carolina, nor was Jefferson Davis, nor was Abraham Lincoln, nor was Robert E. Lee, nor was U. S. Grant. It was the responsibility of the man who walked into the church, sat down and thought about it a while, then got up and started shooting. Don't blame his mom or his dad for not paying enough attention to him. Don't blame his teachers for not challenging him. Don't blame me because some of my ancestors fought in the Confederate Army."

"The real tragedy involving the Confederate flag took place decades ago when mindless hate groups like the KKK, Skinheads, and others took the flag and tried to make it an emblem of their own. I wish they'd chosen the skull and crossbones pirate flag, or any one of many others at their disposal, and turned it into a symbol of their hate, but they didn't."

"It was interesting to note that one of the photos I saw online of the South Carolina shooter had him wearing a coat with two flags on it. One was the flag of Rhodesia and one was the flag of apartheid South Africa. I wish someone had focused in on those flags and the regimes they represented and tried to connect his twisted reasoning to them."

Getting
it
right

one veteran

at a
time.

For quite some time we've concentrated on getting the graves of our veterans in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth correctly marked. One of the main reasons is the excellent working relationship we have with Sarah Biles, the cemetery's on-site administrator. Some vets come easily, some don't.

Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery is probably the last resting place of more Confederate veterans than any other burial ground in Tarrant County. Their graves are marked by a variety of monuments, from lavish mausoleums to nothing at all.

After a special section was set aside for them during E. W. Taylor's time as commander of the R. E. Lee Camp of the U.C.V., the camp sometimes purchased small markers. Some of them contained only initials, and some of them contained incorrect regimental information or misspelled names.

As we're able, we're trying to set straight those records in stone. On February 11, 2012 we installed a new upright VA stone for Pleasant M. Richards, our first in Oakwood. In late May, 2015 we placed our thirtieth stone there, for Charles H. Bailey.

Months ago when we read the pension application of George M. Williams we noticed he was buried in Oakwood. A check of the records failed to show him buried there at all, let alone with a headstone. Neither did he have a newspaper obituary nor a death certificate.

Once again we had a vet who needed a stone.

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FORM A

Soldier's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant: *George M. Williams*

County: *Tarrant*

Postoffice: *St. North*

Filed: *July 10th 1913*

Approved: *Sept 1 1913*

Pension allowed from: *Dec 1 1913*

Rejected:

George M. Williams
Commissioner of Pensions.

VON BREXMAN & JOHNSON CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN

Getting it right, cont.

law.
(Signature of Applicant) George M Williams
ore me, this 10 day of Nov, A. D. 1913
Jesse M Brown
County Judge Tarrant County, Texas.

Luckily, the office at Oakwood can check its records by burial date, and Sarah Biles quickly discovered that one J. M. Williams had died on October 31, 1923 and was buried in West Oakwood by the Gause funeral directors on November 1, 1923.

It seemed obvious that "J. M. Williams" was really George M. Williams. It was time to prove it with primary documents.

George M. Williams filed an application for a Confederate pension on July 10, 1913. His application was approved on September 1, 1913. He said he had been a resident of 2816 Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth for about twelve years. In his own handwriting he said he was born February 18, 1846 in Maury County, Tennessee. He signed a very clear signature which says "George M. Williams" (above left).

George M. Williams said he was a veteran of Co. G, Baylor's Texas Cavalry Regiment. His name is not found on the single surviving roll (covering November 18, 1862 to January 1, 1863) of this regiment in the National Archives.

Henry E. Keys and Tom Holcomb of Temple, Bell County, Texas both made affidavits in support of Mr. Williams' claim. Both Keys and Holcomb said they served in Co. G, Baylor's Texas Cavalry with Mr. Williams and that they left the service at Navasota, Texas in the spring of 1865.

After George M. Williams died his family applied to the state of Texas for the \$30 burial benefit to which they were entitled. The document (lower left) was signed by his family members, the undertaker, and the doctor who attended him at the end of his life. The mortuary warrant says he died on October 31, 1923 at the home of his grandson, A. B. Wood, whose address is not shown. The death benefit was to be assigned to his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wood, who lived at 2816 Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth.

Form 7685-S1048-1021-1m

THE C. L. BROWN CO., ASTORIA

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Tarrant I, Mrs J E Wood
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late J M Williams, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number is 1996 and whose original county is Tarrant
The said pensioner J M Williams died on the 31 day of October, 1923, in the town of Fort Worth County of Tarrant, Texas.
The pensioner died in the home of A B Wood who was related to the pensioner as grandson
That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the expenses incurred by the said pensioner J M Williams
I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) daughter and that my home is in the town of Fort Worth County of Tarrant State of Texas, that my postoffice address is 2816 Lipscomb St Fort Worth, Tex
Signed Mrs J E Wood
Before me A Notary Public in and for the County of Tarrant State of Texas, personally appeared Mrs J E Wood, who being by me duly sworn did certify to and sign the foregoing statement.
(Seal of Office) A Notary in and for Tarrant Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER.

I, D. Flamm do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Fort Worth County of Tarrant State of Tex that I had charge of the body of J M Williams who died in the town of Fort Worth County of Tarrant State of Tex on the 31 day of Oct 1923. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 31 day of Oct 1923. That said body was buried in the West Oakwood Cemetery, which is located in the County of Tarrant State of Tex, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs J E Wood, who makes the foregoing application.
Signed D. Flamm of Flamm & Co Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN.

I, Dr. Key do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended J M Williams in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Cerebral hemorrhages

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and approved March 2, 1917.

Signed Dr. Key Physician. TX
Physician's Address 720 Tex Natl Bank Bldg Ft. Worth, Tex

(Oct 31 at Ok. Man ret.)
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Getting it right, cont.

PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
Fort Worth		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
J. M. Williams		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
Full Name		RESIDENCE NO. 3331 James Street	
J. M. Williams		3331 James Street	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL PARTICULARS	
SEX: M	COLOR OR RACE: W	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED: Married	DATE OF DEATH: Oct 31
AGE: 79	8 months	13 days	US HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from [] to []
OCCUPATION: Retired	The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Apoplexy		
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: Ala	Contributory Cause: None		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: Unknown	Place of Burial or Removal: West Oakwood Cemetery		
NAME OF MOTHER: Mary Willis	Date of Burial: Nov 1 1923		
Address: 2816 Lipscomb	In Undertaker: Harveson & Cole		
	Address: Fort Worth		

No death certificate is on file for G. M. Williams who died in Fort Worth on October 31, 1923, as shown in the mortuary warrant in the pension file.

A death certificate (above left) is on file in Texas for one J. M. Williams who died in Fort Worth on October 31, 1923 and his burial is shown in the records of Oakwood Cemetery.

The "J. M. Williams" death certificate shows that he died on October 31, 1923 at 3331 James Street. The cause of death was apoplexy, which is a stroke caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

A "J. M. Williams" obituary appeared on page 2 of the Fort Worth Record on November 1, 1923 (below left). It says he died at 3331 James Street, but that his body was taken to the home of his daughter, Ida Wood, at 2816 Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth, where the funeral was held on the afternoon of November 1 with burial following in West Oakwood Cemetery.

The "J. M. Williams" obituary names three daughters and two sons as survivors. One of the daughters, Mary Willis, was the informant for the death certificate. She died in Houston, Texas in 1951; her father's name on her death certificate is shown as George Williams. Ida Elizabeth Williams Wood survived until 1955 and was buried in Fort Worth's Laurel Land Cemetery. Her last address was 2816 Lipscomb Street. Her death certificate shows her father's name as George M. Williams.

The birth date on J. M. Williams' death certificate shows February 18, 1842. It correctly says he died on October 31, 1923, but shows his age as 79 years, 8 months, and 13 days old. This computation would yield a birth date of February 18, 1844, not 1842.

George appears in the federal census in 1910 in Fort Worth as George Williams, age 64, thus giving an estimated birth date of 1846. This is consistent with the birth date George Williams recorded in his own handwriting in his pension application

J. M. WILLIAMS.

J. M. Williams, 79 years old, died at the residence, 3331 James street, Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. The remains will be removed to the home of J. E. Wood, 2816 Lipscomb street, by the Harveson and Cole Undertaking company, where funeral services will be held, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. J. T. Hitt officiating. Interment will be in West Oakwood cemetery. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary Willis, Mrs. Ida Wood, and Mrs. James Luton, and two sons, A. L., and A. S. Williams, all of Fort Worth.

Q. Harveson of Harveson and Cole certified that he had prepared the body on October 31, 1923 for burial in West Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

George M. Williams' physician, Dr. G. W. Day, certified and signed that he had attended Mr. Williams in his last illness, and that he died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Getting it right, cont.

In 1910 George was living in the home of his married daughter, Ida, and her husband James E. Wood at 2816 Lipscomb Street in Fort Worth. One of the children in the family was Albert Wood, born about 1892. This is probably the grandson, A. B. Wood, in whose home George died. To add to the confusion, buried in the next grave to the man identified in the Oakwood records as J. M. Williams is one George M. Williams who died in Fort Worth on October 9, 1909. He has a death certificate but certificates from this era do not give parents' names or places of burial. He was 28 years old, and thus must have been born about 1881. The only federal census he would have appeared in was the one taken in 1900, and we have been unable to find this

family in the 1900 Texas census. This man who died in 1909 has no obituary in the newspaper here.

Basically, the mortuary warrant in George M. Williams' pension file and the newspaper obituary of J. M. Williams are the only two documents which need to be compared to show positively that the man's real name was George M. Williams.

The most probable scenario seems to be that the person who prepared the death certificate misheard Mary Willis when she said "G" and recorded it as "J." The death certificate was probably used in preparing the newspaper obituary which was in turn probably used for making the entry in Oakwood's sexton's records.

We'll do our best to see that George M. Williams, Co. G, Baylor's Texas Cavalry, (1846-1923) has a headstone on his grave in Oakwood Cemetery before the end of the summer.



**Keep
An Eye
Out...**

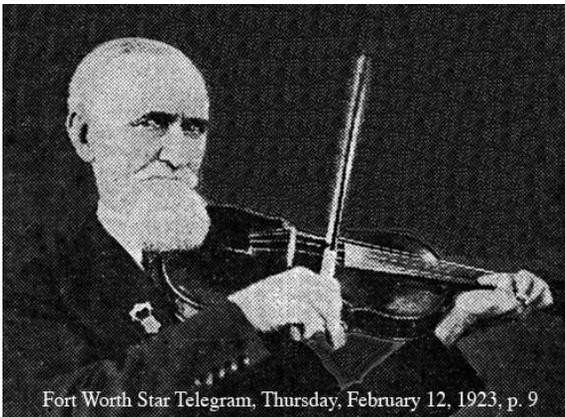
We are always on the lookout for documentable Confederate veterans who are close-in and who have no gravestones or whose gravestones have become unreadable. We should be able to do one each month for the foreseeable future.



A couple of things we missed proofreading recently...



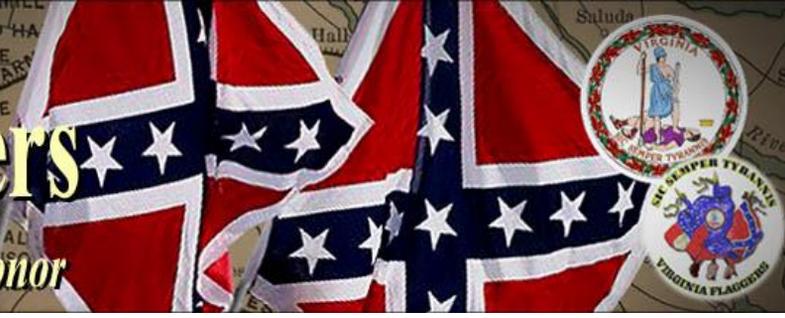
*From the June 2015 newsletter. The setting crew for Charles H. Bailey's stone at Oakwood on Saturday, **May 23** included, l-r, Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, Clay Fitzhugh, and Bob Gresham. Dana Gresham and Marilyn Patterson were the project supervisors. We said it was March 23.*



*From the May 2015 newsletter. We ran an article about **Moses J. Bonner** of Fort Worth. In the second and third paragraphs of text we called him Mr. Baugh.*

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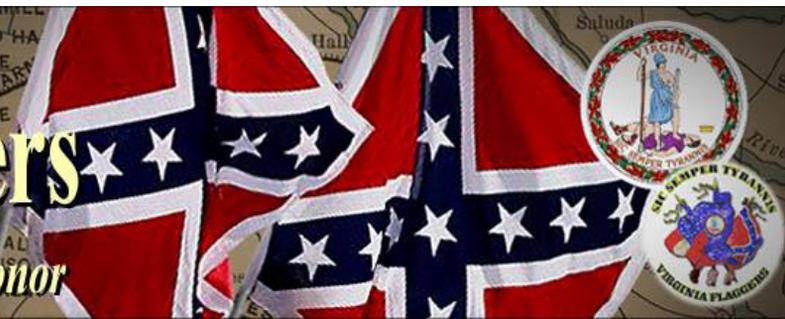
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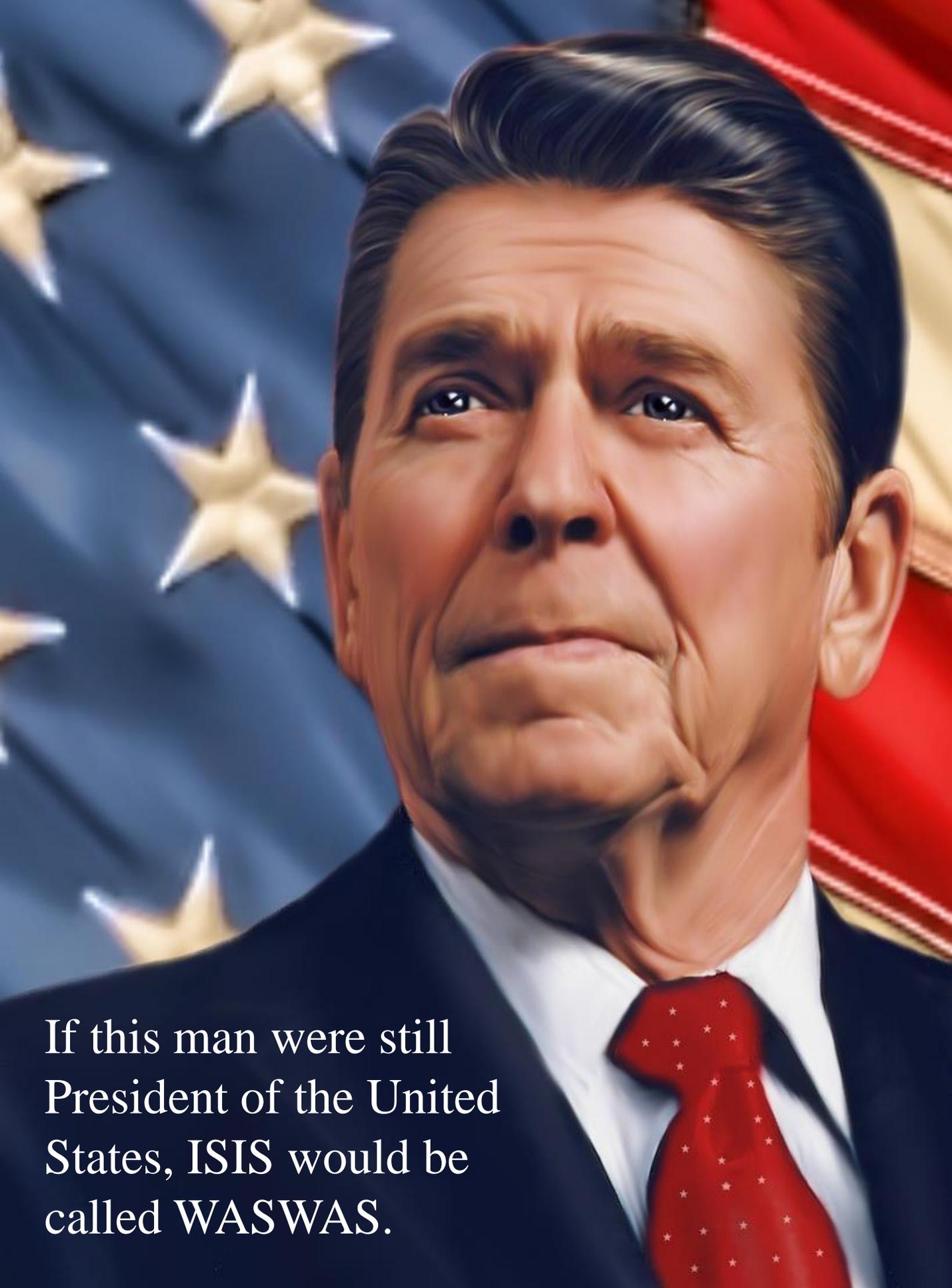


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If this man were still
President of the United
States, ISIS would be
called WASWAS.



The dreaded Rappahannock Rake Snake.

July 4
Ride in the 4th
of July Parade
in Arlington
with the MT
Johnson SCV.

One Saturday
morning in July at 9
a.m. we'll have a
stone to install at
Oakwood in Fort
Worth.

July 30
July meeting of
the E. W.
Taylor Camp

Your event
could be here if
you'd let us
know about it
in time.

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.