



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

Newsletter

Bedford, Texas...September 2015

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Join us for what is sure to become a landmark SCV program by our own **Compatriots Richard McCook and Terry Theiss**. Get ready for an exciting evening of educational and historical information regarding the evolution of the military Brass Bands during the Civil War. They will present the introduction and development of brass band instruments and period music. Also, they will cover the role of the musicians during the war. They're including a few surprises you will not want to miss!

**SEPT. MEETING: Sept. 24, 2015, Catfish and Co., 900 Airport Fwy #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00 Out by 8:30**

Joe Reid sworn in at our August meeting

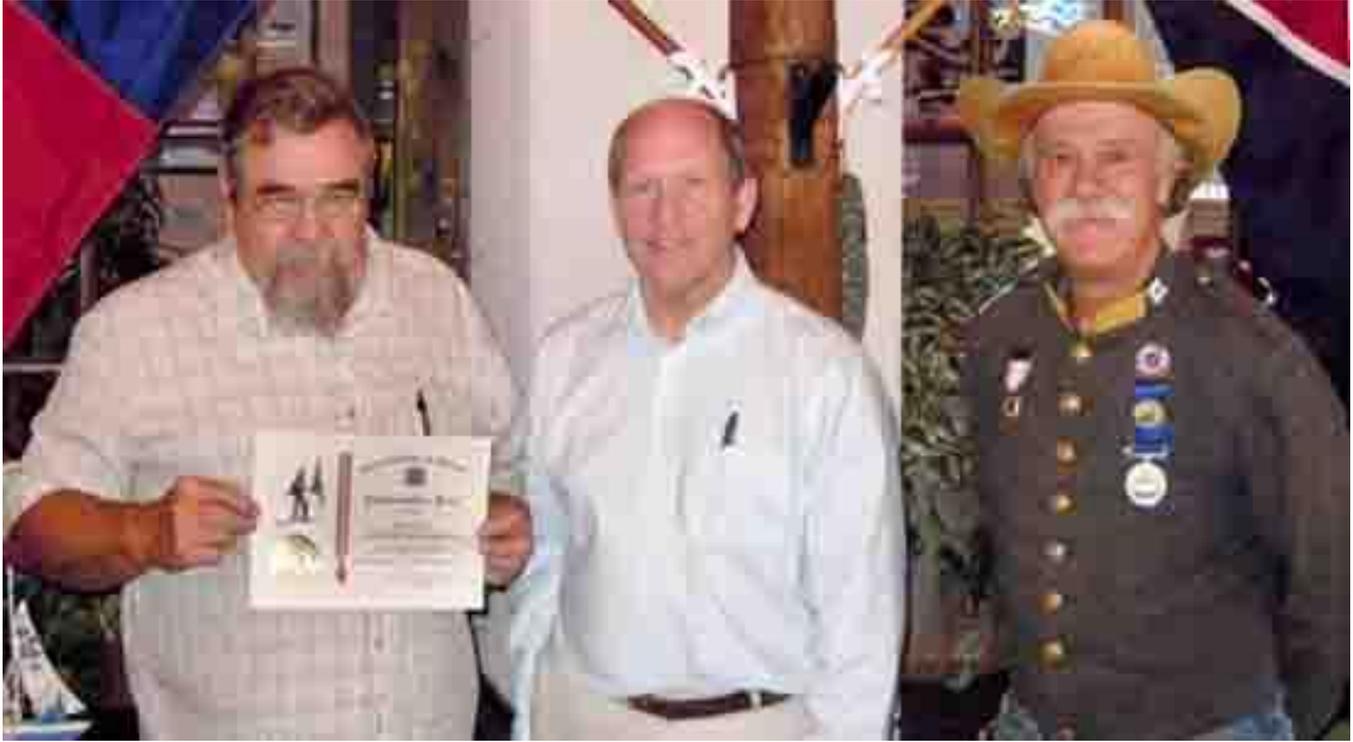


Mike Patterson, Joe Reid, and Bobby Gresham

Welcome to our newest compatriot, Joe Reid of Bedford. Joe is a direct descendant of Zacharia Killingsworth of Jackson Parish, Louisiana. Zacharia served in Co. C, 28th (Gray's) Louisiana Infantry. He was paroled at Monroe, Louisiana on June 9, 1865. He died on November 5, 1921 and was buried at Old Bethel Cemetery at Eros, Jackson Parish, Louisiana. He has an excellent set of records in the National Archives and a complete pension file in the Louisiana state archives.

We look forward to working with Joe on our camp projects. It's nice to have a new compatriot who lives so near our camp.

Two Awards Given in August



Brigade Commander Calvin Allen (right) and Taylor Camp Commander Bobby Gresham (center) presented camp chaplain Mike Patterson with two awards at our August meeting. One was an SCV commendation medal, and the other was a membership certificate to the Dixie Club, both signed by SCV CIC Kelly Barrow and given in recognition of Mike's recruitment efforts.

“...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.

Our prayer list for this month includes 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. His email address is mfpchat@yahoo.com

Two must-read articles are voices of sanity and reason in all the recent lunacy



Cynthia Loveless Harriman is a seventh-generation Texan and a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and several other hereditary patriotic groups. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. The following article authored by Cindy appeared in the Dallas Morning News.

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20150825-confederate-soldiers-deserve-honor-too.ece>



Jerry Patterson is a former state senator and former Texas land commissioner. He is a member of the SCV and fought hard to see that Texas could have an SCV license plate.

The following article originally stated, incorrectly, that Robert E. Lee freed his inherited slaves long before the Civil War. According to historical accounts, Lee freed the last of his slaves in December 1862.

<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20150628-jerry-patterson-before-sanitizing-our-history-lets-understand-it.ece>

TribTalk

Perspectives on Texas

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Jan Reid is a longtime contributor to Texas Monthly. He has written several books including *The Improbable Rise of Redneck Rock*, the novel *Comanche Sundown*, and *Let the People In: the Life and Times of Ann Richards*.

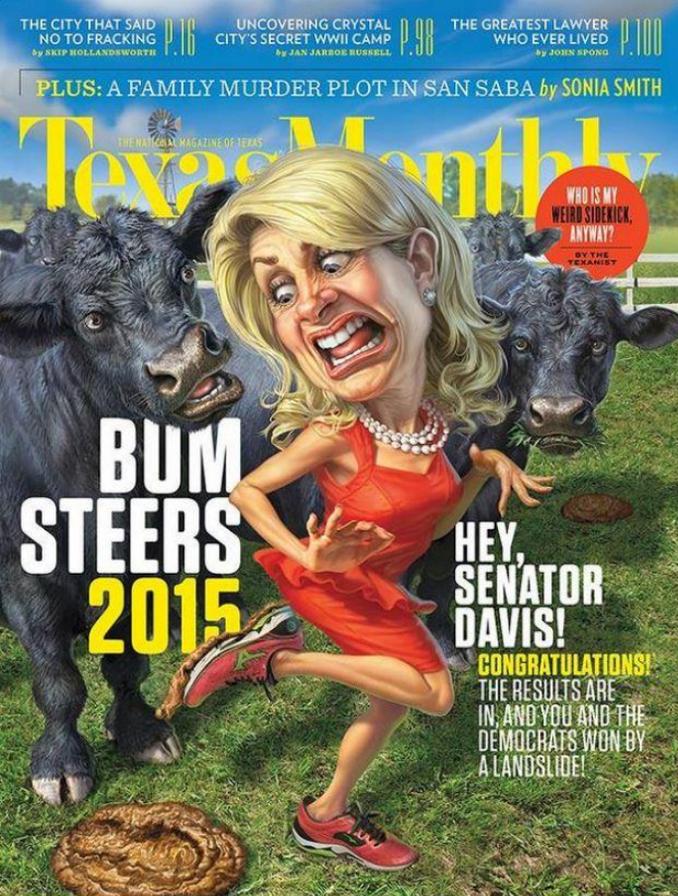


Recently an article by Mr. Reid entitled “The Absurdity of Tinkering with Texas History” appeared in the Texas Tribune online. Take a look and enjoy at:

<http://tribtalk.org/2015/08/20/the-absurdity-of-tinkering-with-texas-history/>

“Leaders who try to airbrush our state’s past will soon be forgotten. And unlike a Robert E. Lee, they deserve to be.”

Jan Reid



As a public service to our readers who have low blood pressure, here's an article sure to raise it.

Your editor taught Texas history in the public schools for many years. He found many interesting items in this magazine which he shared with his students. This cover is one of his favorites, because we all lived through the time it represents.

<http://www.texasmonthly.com/articles/dunces-of-confederacy/>

The author of this article, entitled "Dunces of the Confederacy," was Don Graham, pictured at right. As I read it I began to suspect it was a parody of critics of our historical markers and statuary. When I read "*This spring the controversy even spilled over to that citadel of reason, the Texas House of Representatives.*" my suspicion grew.

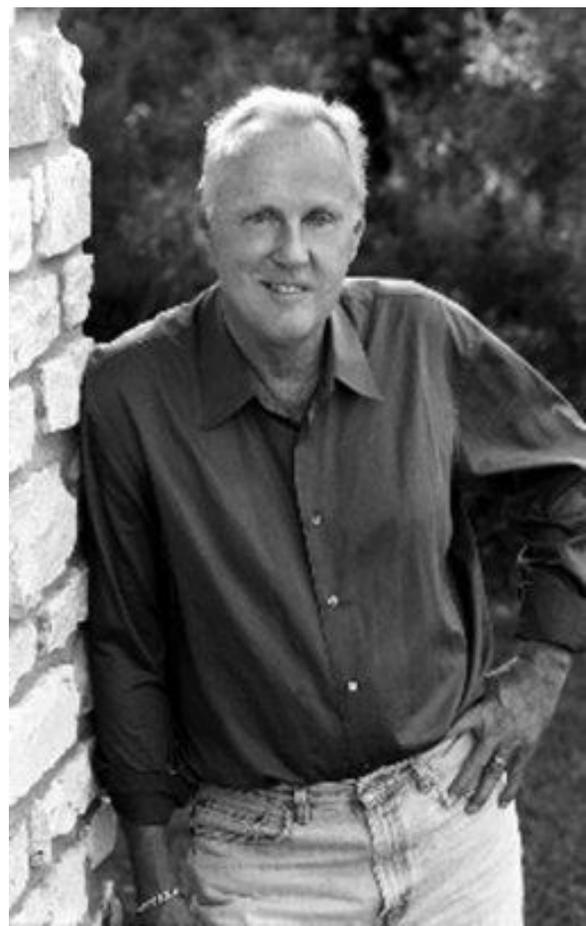
Early on, he wrote "*A couple of months ago, however, I decided to examine the monuments and the words etched upon them, though some are so faded that after a few more years of wear, erosion, and global warming, they won't be legible at all.*" Hyperbole, period. If serious, either he doesn't understand the physics of granite and bronze, or he didn't get up out of his chair and really look.

He may be right, though. The way things are going in a few more years there may not be many people literate enough to read them, even at the college level. How's that for hyperbole?

Doing a little research on the internet, I learned he'd been asked to speak to a historical group in Bee County about one truly-remarkable Texan of the *twentieth* century, J. Frank Dobie. He's also written many articles which suggest he knows better and really appreciates our history.

On second thought, maybe his article *was* a parody and he expected his readers to be bright enough to recognize it for what it was. I hope so. His expression certainly suggests it.

Ed.



Confederates on the Texas Capitol grounds



The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
Texas Capitol, Room 2S.1
Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor
Texas Capitol, Room 2E.13
Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Joe Straus
Texas House of Representatives, Speaker
Texas Capitol, Room 2w.13
Austin, Texas 78701

A group of Legislators are calling on the Governor to create a taskforce to "look at" the standing Confederate monuments on the Texas Capitol grounds to see if they need "changing" or "removal."

Every SCV member needs to write three letters ASAP, to the men at left. Your editor mailed his three letters on July 27.



Statues on UT Austin campus come down on Sunday morning, August 30

Take your pick of articles at Google. One is below. President Woodrow Wilson was taken down, too. They said it was to maintain “symmetry.” No one did enough research to discover that his father did short service as a Confederate chaplain, that the President himself was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and that he was a native of Virginia.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/08/30/436072805/jefferson-davis-statue-comes-down-at-university-of-texas>

Appeals Court Keeps Alive Confederate Parks Renaming Challenge



The following article appeared on August 22 in Memphis’ *Daily News*. As usual, the line between editorializing and reporting the news is a thing of the past. If you couldn’t guess the author’s viewpoint otherwise, one sentence makes it clear “*The distinction, according to the ruling, is that the Forrest camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans “suffered a distinct and palpable injury not common to the citizenry at large” when the council voted to change the name of the park honoring the Confederate general, slave trader and Ku Klux Klan grand wizard.* ” Still, it’s a hopeful note.

<https://www.memphisdailynews.com/news/2015/aug/22/appeals-court-keeps-alive-confederate-parks-renaming-challenge/>

When writing to public officials:



Be respectful, non-confrontational. Name-calling hurts our credibility and brings us down to the level of our critics.



Tell them about yourself in one or two sentences, ie. “I am a native Texan, a descendant of several Confederate soldiers, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”



Be concise; state the issue and your position on it immediately; they are keeping track of the numbers of letters pro and con.



Be positive. Tell them how you’d like to see the situation resolved.



Thank them for taking the time to read and consider your position.

Col E. W. Taylor Camp #1777
Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer and Rituals conducted.

New Member Induction Ceremony for Joseph Reid conducted.

Presentation of the Dixie Award and the SCV Commendation Award made to Past Commander Mike Patterson. Brigade Commander Calvin Allen and current Commander Bobby Gresham made the presentation. The awards are for Mike's efforts with recruiting.

Adjutant Report given. We have 12 members who have not paid their dues and the checkbook balance will be approximately \$2300 after checks are mailed to National and Division for dues.

A motion was made by the Adjutant to cover Vann Cunningham's dues while he is going through cancer treatments. Seconded and approved.

Mike Patterson offered miscellaneous free uniform accoutrements items for anyone trying to put together a uniform.

Commander Gresham announced his participation in the Guarding of George Washington's tomb this coming month at Mt. Vernon.

Adjutant James Alderman offered comments on Cindy Harriman's article that appeared in the Dallas Morning News related to Confederate Soldiers and their monuments.

Brigade Commander Calvin Allen offered comments on the recent SCV National meeting in Richmond, Virginia. Comments were added about the good work the Virginia Flaggers are doing in showing the flag.

Commander Gresham began the discussion of his nine points for camp discussion.

- Use of the US Flag and Pledges at camp meetings. General responses were to keep the flag present and continue the pledge. Adjutant James Alderman offered the following motion which was seconded by Richard Trawick with a unanimous "for" vote from all in attendance.

" The Col. E. W. Taylor Camp will follow the SCV International Headquarters and Texas Division Constitution and guidance on the use of the US Flag and Pledges."

- What will be our policy toward cooperation with other lineage organizations and heritage groups? (ie: Virginia Flaggers, UDC, etc). Motion was made to continue and enhance our support to worthy groups. Seconded by Kent Matthews. Vote was unanimously in favor.

- How can we encourage wider participation in our camp activities? Numerous ideas were tossed out with the biggest being to provide plenty of notice for events and that each member should be more attuned to the fact that these events are usually attended by the public and have visibility to family/community members. Some members indicated they don't have uniforms and would like to get one to better represent the group at certain functions. Terry Theiss offered to provide a list of sutlers offering affordable uniforms. [It appears in this newsletter.]

- How can we improve participation in Camp Leadership roles? Current leadership voiced their concern over the lack of interest with members in taking on a leadership role within the camp. “We cannot keep recycling the same leaders.” We need new ones to keep the camp healthy. After much discussion a question was asked to determine how many at the meeting would entertain a leadership role. Several new members raised their hands.
 - What, if anything, should we do about crowding at our meetings? Consensus was to continue to look for another venue but work with the restaurant since they are friendly and supportive of our group. Only consider moving if we have to. Yes, it does get crowded but better that than too few members. [We have good programs, we start on time, and we end at a reasonable time.]
 - How do you feel about our speakers? Are we presenting the right topics or are there some you would like to see presented that we have not previously touched? It was generally felt our programs have been good. Group indicated they continue to want educational programs so we do a better job talking to our heritage. Should always be educational.
 - If we are told to not display or use the Confederate Battle Flag at an event what should we do? Much discussion but final position was to honor the request and use other Confederate flags we have in our arsenal. Be respectful as we want to be visible but not combative.
 - How should we handle media questions? Or should we? Several comments were made about referring the media to Texas Division spokesperson but when that might not be appropriate, avoid saying things that might put the SCV in an unfavorable light. When possible use our chain of command on site.
 - What other activities do you feel we should be involved with?
 - Hunley Award with local JROTC High Schools.
 - Look for an outstanding history teacher we could recognize with a certificate of appreciation or similar item.
 - Establish a camp Color Guard which could practice and look professional for event opportunities.
 - Become more involved with the local UDC chapters.
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Many writers about Confederate topics in today’s media often include a sentence something like “It is difficult for most Americans, even now, to talk about slavery and our Civil War.”

That’s true, but they don’t mention that it’s for the same reason most Americans today can’t tell you much about the Constitution or the names of their elected officials.



Taylor Camp members attend dedication of Gov. Murrah's cenotaph in Austin

Texas' last WBTS governor died and was buried in Mexico 150 years ago. Only now is he getting a cenotaph in our State Cemetery.



Above: James Alderman and Bob Gresham of our camp attended the August 8 dedication service. CSA General Albert Sidney Johnston is one of the most famous persons buried there (below).



As the War drew to an end, Gov. Murrah fled with other officials to Mexico. Already weakened by illness, the trip took its toll and he died of tuberculosis in Monterrey on August 4, 1865. Officials here considered the process of having his grave there marked an impossible one.

Local Austin TV did a short spot and tried, unsuccessfully, to spin the ceremony into a public display of the Confederate flag, which it wasn't. Watch it at:

<http://kxan.com/2015/08/08/memorial-dedicated-to-former-texas-governor-pendleton-murrah/>

Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief Hon. Kelly Barrow (below) was one of the keynote speakers. We especially appreciate his presence at the time so many Texas symbols of our heritage are under fire from the people who are supposed to be protecting them.



Keller veteran dead since 1870 gets a new marker on Aug. 8

Soon after the War John Lamkin and at least two of his Confederate-veteran sons settled near Keller. Family tradition says that one day as John rode to church he fell from his horse, broke his neck, and died.

Years later after part of his family had moved west to Parker County, John's widow became ill and moved west to be with them. She died in Parker County in 1917 and was buried there.

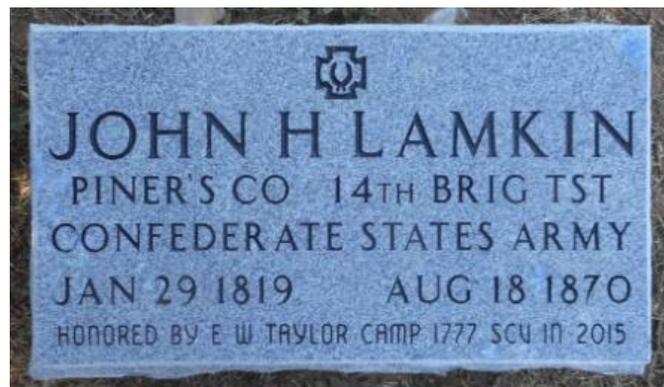
John's original marker stayed in Mt. Gilead Cemetery until the 1980's when family members moved it to Parker County and placed it beside his wife's. We recently found his military records, so we made him a stone.



The installation crew, kneeling, l-r, Mike Patterson, Richard McCook; standing l-r Ron Taylor, Kent Mathews, and Ervin Hauk. New-member David McLaughlin arrived just after we took the photos.



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Local 1865.



Compatriot Theiss is offering help in putting together a uniform

C&C Sutlery

2001 N Washington Ave, Emmett, ID 83617 (208) 398-7279

www.ccsutlery.com/ Good quality – reasonable prices – friendly staff. Has an economy line (you get what you pay for). Custom fitting uniforms.

Brigade Sutler

798 Day Rd, Meansville, GA 30256 (706) 648-4268 <http://stores.brigadesutler.com/>

Decent quality for the price – no custom fitting (might need to have lengths altered)

Blockade Runner

1027 Bell Buckle/Wartrace Rd. Wartrace Tn. 37183 931-389-6294

<http://www.blockaderunner.com/Catalog/catalog.htm> Good prices – decent quality

Regimental Quartermaster

49 Steinwehr Avenue Gettysburg. PA 17325 Store Telephone: (717) 338-1864

<http://www.regutm.com/> Good quality – wide range in pricing

C & D Jarnagin Co Inc.

518 Wick St. Corinth, MS 38834 Phone:662-287-4977 <http://www.jarnaginco.com/>

Great quality – pricey

If you are new to wearing Civil War period uniforms, you need to be aware there are two things that you absolutely need to have to look period correct: Brogans and correct period eye glasses (if you do not wear contacts).

The sutlers will have brogans (shoes). Here is the link for the eye glasses:

Jas Townsend & Son

133 N 1st St Pierceton, IN 46562 Questions? (574) 594-5852 - Orderline (800) 338-1665

Model GL-790 [http://jas-townsend.com/eyewear-c-](http://jas-townsend.com/eyewear-c-73_46.html?osCsid=82044c1fc8507d5a94c68b0dcb3a7ae5)

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These frames are \$28.00 and have the arms that wrap around your ears (they will not fall off when you bend over). Walmart can put in prescription lens for \$30-\$40.

Call me if anyone has a question when they are putting together their uniform and equipment.

Terry Theiss H 817 571-3493 C 817 578-5322

You can learn a lot about a lot of things by reading the forums at <http://www.authentic-campaigner.com/forum/forum.php> They do not welcome questions, so I just look and don't touch. Ed.



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Congressional Act of 9 March 1906 (P.L. 38, 59th Congress, Chap. 631-34 Stat. 56) This act authorized the furnishing of headstones for the graves of Confederates who died, primarily in Union prison camps and were buried in Federal cemeteries. This act formally reaffirmed Confederate soldiers as military combatants with legal standing. It granted recognition to deceased Confederate soldiers commensurate with the status of deceased Union soldiers.

U.S. Public Law 810, Approved by 17th Congress 26 February 1929 (45 Stat 1307 - Currently on the books as 38 U.S. Code, Sec. 2306) This law, passed by the U.S. Congress, authorized the "Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers who served in the Confederate Army and to direct him to preserve in the records of the War Department the names and places of burial of all soldiers for whom such headstones shall have been erected."



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U.S. Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 Approved 23 May 1958
(US Statutes at Large Volume 72, Part 1, Page 133-134)

The Administrator shall pay to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War a monthly pension in the same amounts and subject to the same conditions as would have been applicable to such person under the laws in effect on December 31, 1957, if his service in such forces had been service in the military or naval forces of the United States.

Useful and irrefutable information if someone balks at allowing the SCV to take part in any function honoring the veterans in our nation's history.

Another project for cooler days...



Norvel Joyce of present-day Southlake enlisted in Hardeman's Texas Cavalry in Tarrant County in January 1864. Years later he wrote in his pension application, "Always a private, never drew a cent of money or a garment of clothing during the war."

Joyce was married twice but never had any children. When he died in 1919 he was buried at the feet of his parents in Keller's Mount Gilead Cemetery. His marker is perpetually covered with dirt and grass because it was installed too low decades ago. Why hasn't someone raised it?

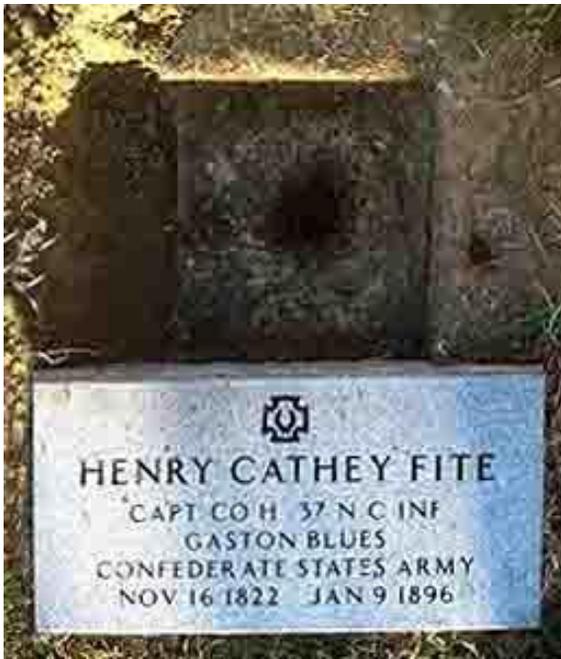
Because it has a huge glob of concrete stuck to it which probably weighs more than it does. No one has taken the time to dig out the whole mess, break off the concrete, and do it right.

We'll fix it this fall when the weather finally breaks. This is why concrete and these flat markers don't mix.



Go figger...

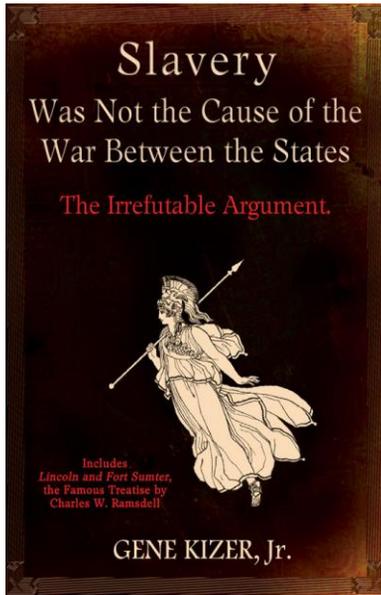
In July soon-to-be Compatriots Colin, Monte, and Gavin Fite, above, installed a flat marker at the grave of their ancestor, Capt. Henry C. Fite in Field Cemetery in Kaufman County. The old stone was leaning.



In August Monte Fite and Tammy Patterson went back to level the old stone. The ground was hard and parched, but when they moved the old base they found a hole under it...and the hole had water in it.

Its seems unlikely that the old stone had been moved since it was installed before 1900. There was no entrance or exit burrow which looked like it had been made by a critter. The water table is several feet below the surface here.

South Carolina businessman and scholar has written an important new book



Gene Kizer, Jr. graduated magna cum laude from the College of Charleston in 2000 at middle age with History Department Honors and the highest award for the History Department, the Outstanding Student Award. He is the author of at least two other works, including one called The Elements of Academic Success. He lives on James Island in Charleston where he is also broker-in-charge of Charleston Saltwater Realty.

Ordering information may be found at: <http://www.bonniebluepublishing.com/>

Ed. note: Your editor purchased this book and inhaled it in just a few days. It is excellent, especially the author's summary near the end. It contains many memorable quotes, among them one found on page 98:

No country had to have a war to end slavery, and neither did we. Virtually every country ended its slavery with gradual compensated emancipation or some variation thereof, which is how the North, itself, had ended slavery---with gradual, compensated emancipation---though ever-thrifty Yankees never freed their slaves. It is well-known that they sold them back into slavery in the South just before they were to be freed, such as before the slave's 21st birthday. Alexis de Tocqueville said that Northerners didn't free their slaves, they simply changed the slave's master from a Northern to a Southern one.



A cheval-de-frise is born...

Wanna bet we'll have the only one in the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade?

Clockwise, beginning at upper left.

1. Start with twelve 2x4's and one 4x4, all eight feet long.
2. Shorten the 2x4's to six feet in length.
3. Rip the 2x4's to make twenty-four 2x2's.
4. Rough cut (freehand) one end of each 2x2 to a point. The saw throws the cut-offs back at you, so look out.

Partway through the process you begin to realize that childbirth is a good metaphor for building one of these.

A cheval-de-frise, literally a "Frisian horse," is an obstacle built to stop the advance of infantry or cavalry. In the middle ages the Frisians were a Germanic tribe living along the Dutch and German coasts. They had few horses, so they built obstacles like these to help defend themselves.





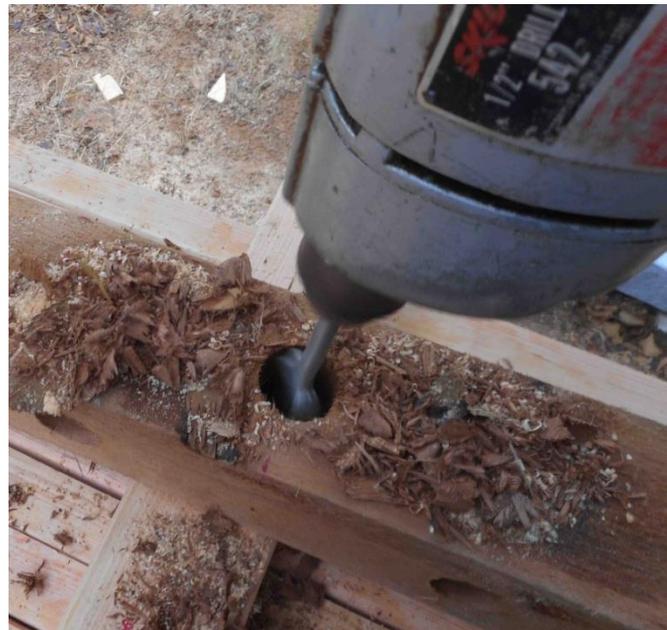
5. Four of the finished rough-cut points on the stakes.

6. Marking the depth on the spikes where they'll emerge from the center beam.

7. Drill 1.5-inch holes through the center beam to receive the stakes. (2x4's are really 1.5 inches thick).

8. Nibble away at the corners of the stakes until they can be driven all the way into the center beam.

9. Check with gauge, trim, check, trim.... This step takes forever. You'll need safety glasses, gloves, and bandaids. Expect to bleed at least once every hour or so.





Drive in each stake to the proper depth. Put one nail through the center beam into each stake.



Score one for the tool-using primates.

Chevaux-de-frise around Atlanta, 1864



We now have a healthy respect for all those stalwart Confederates who made thousands of these things by hand, and then had to simply march away and leave them. Neighbors or the yankees cut all of them up for firewood in short order. *If you feel a hankerin' to have one, here's some advice.*

1. Consider the worst thing which could happen if you don't have one. If you can live with that, go to item 6. Many people have led satisfying, productive lives without one.
2. Find a friend who'll loan you his (transportation on you, but understand you *must* return it by a specific time and date), or go to step 3.
3. Find a friend or one of your grown children who'll let you store it at his place. Ask only those who'd ask the same favor of you. Or, consider what a menacing piece of yard art it will be placed next to your flagpole and Confederate flag.
4. Spend the extra money and buy 1-1/4" round wood closet rods for the spikes, and get a 1-3/8" bit to drill the center beam. This way you won't need a table saw. You don't need a table saw anyway. You'll put your eye out. You'll get hit by flying work pieces a thousand times for every one time you'll cut yourself.
5. Consider using fewer spikes. Our example is overkill, and would be different if we'd trimmed the spikes first instead of drilling the center beam first.
6. Just forget we mentioned it.

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

On May 18, we started from scratch on a new list made from primary sources such as CSA pension lists, death certificates, obituaries, reminiscences, and headstones. We ignored all the existing lists. We're including veterans we know died in Tarrant County but whose burial places are unknown.

At present we're going through the 1910 federal census of Tarrant County and looking at the men who claimed to be Confederate veterans. Then we're making an effort to find their burial sites. This strategy has added many new names to the list after we've found gravestones, death certificates, or obituaries for them. Even though many of them were quite old for that time, a surprising number moved again before they died.

It's also been surprising that several elderly blacks in Tarrant County claimed to have served in the Confederate Army.

If anyone discovers a pay-site on the internet which has access to Fort Worth newspapers from 1923 through 1940, please let your editor know of it. At present he's only found them online through 1922.



Getting to know our local Confederates

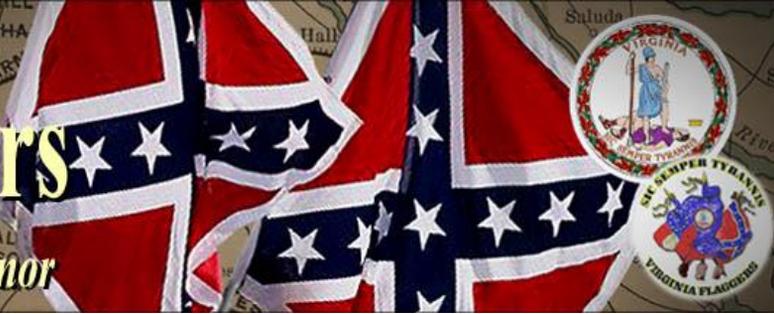
Josiah Archibald Lee enlisted in 1861 at age 23 in Co. I, 17th MS Infantry, Army of Northern VA, one of four Lee brothers to serve in the company. His unit was at Manassas, Ball's Bluff, Seven Days, Savage Sta., Malvern Hill, Maryland campaign (Harper's Ferry, Sharpsburg), Fredericksburg twice, and Gettysburg where he was shot in the left leg on July 2 and was left behind with brother John serving as nurse. They were captured, Josiah in Camp Letterman hospital and John sent to Ft. McHenry and then Point Lookout. Josiah was transferred to Point Lookout hospital. He was exchanged at City Point in March 1864 and returned to the regiment in the defenses at Richmond and was wounded again, this time in the left shoulder. He was sent to Camp Lauderdale Disabled Camp in Meridian, Mississippi where he spent the remainder of the war.



Josiah moved his family to Ft. Worth in 1886. He died here in March 1907 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery alongside his brother John, brother-in-law Bill Perry who served under Gen. Forrest, his wife and one of their six children.

The Virginia Flaggers

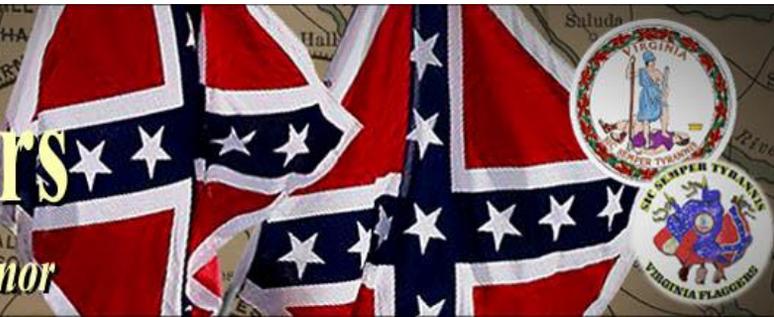
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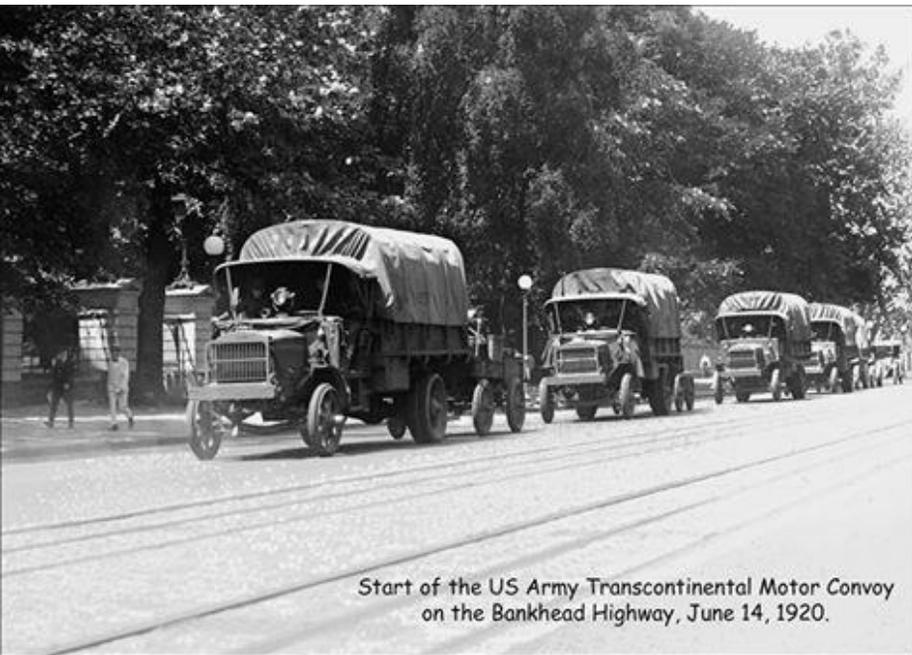
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Reenactment of a different sort coming to DFW this fall



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

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.

Historic Fort Belknap Days

Living History Event

Friday, October 23
Education Day
10AM to 2PM

Saturday, October 24
Open to Public
10AM to 5PM

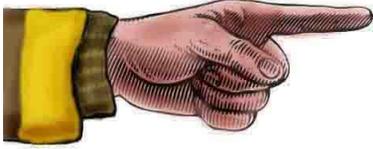


Reenactments & Demonstrations:
Butter Making, Bread Baking, Weaver,
Black Smith, Period Weapons, Spinner

- **Women's Tea Social @2pm Saturday (10/24)**
\$10 Per-Person
- **Children's games and activities**

Contact Info:

Historic Fort Belknap 940-846-3222 or James 940-873-4694
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Thanks to everyone who came out to Mt. Gilead on Aug. 8 to help with the stone install: Richard McCook, David McLaughlin, Ron Taylor, Kent Mathews, Ervin Hauk, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to Tammy Patterson for going down with us and helping to cut the stone for Thomas Jennings, and for hauling it to Colleyville.



Thanks to all the E. W. Taylor camp members who came to the business meeting on August 27: Sean Partee, David McLaughlin, Allan Gay, Joe Reid, Ron Parker, James Madewell, Matt Thornton, Richard Trawick, Dwayne Garrison, Peter Garrison, Terry Theiss, Richard McCook, Kent Mathews, Thomas Trawick, Jack Eustace, David Johnson, Chuck Marks, Mike Patterson, Bob Gresham, Ron Turner, Stephen Smith, and James Alderman.



Thanks to all the newer members who raised their hands agreeing to take leadership roles in our camp at the next elections.



The City of Grapevine has announced that their Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 7. Make your plans to help us represent the SCV that day with a large presence... uniforms, flags, and good will. We will also be taking part in the Grapevine Veterans Fair which follows.

Our webmaster, Stephen Parker, has agreed to pull our trailer in this important parade, and in the Fort Worth parade on November 11. Thanks, Stephen, for stepping up!



**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. Let us know if you have a candidate.

Saturday morning
September 12 at 9
a.m. we have a
stone to install in
Oakwood Cemetery
in Fort Worth.

September 24
September
meeting of the E.
W. Taylor Camp

Sat. morning
October 17 at 9
a.m. we have a
stone to install in
Medlin Cemetery
in Trophy Club.

Oct. 23-24
Historic Ft.
Belknap Days
in Young
County

October 29
October meeting
of the E. W.
Taylor Camp

November 7:
Grapevine's
Memorial Day
Parade. Please,
please be there with
us to represent the
SCV.

Nov. 7
Grapevine's
Veterans Fair. We
need members to
man the table and
do PR.

Nov. 11
Ride our "float"
in the Fort
Worth Veterans
Day Parade

Sat. morning
Nov. 14 Help us
install one vet's
stone in Fort Worth
in Oakwood Cem.



**Open Carry will again be the law
in Texas on January 1, 2016.**

**“Won’t talk, eh?
That’s what they all
say... ‘til they meet
Mr. Thingy!”**





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Our continued thanks to Matt and Ryan Worthington and their staff for helping us to mark Confederate graves in and near Tarrant County. Please consider using Worthington's when you need monument work done.

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.