



Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Newsletter
Bedford, Texas...December 2015



*Fort Worth Veterans
Day Parade, Nov. 11,
2015*

Thanks to everyone who came out to help make the parades in Fort Worth *and* Weatherford *and* Grapevine huge successes!!! The SCV was very well-represented and well-received in all three cities!!! They want us back.

Please remember we do not meet in December.

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER

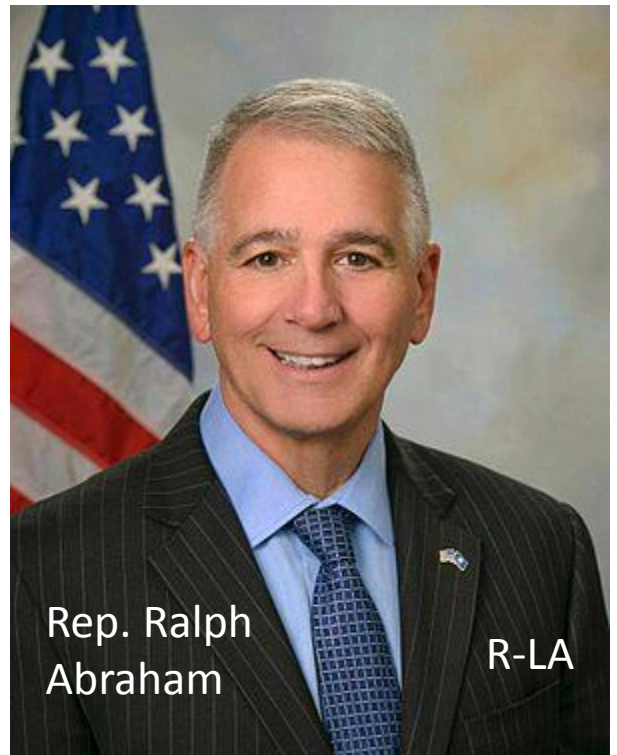
U. S. House Bill 3007 needs a few minutes of your time

*Included in this bill is a statement that **the Confederate battle flag “...is offensive and inappropriate at cemeteries and other sites dedicated to the memory of America’s courageous war dead.”** Rep. Abraham was not one of its sponsors.*

House Bill 3007 was entirely sponsored by House Democrats. In July, when the bill was first introduced, H. R. 3007 was immediately referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. It was subsequently referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs on August 8, 2015. There it still sits.

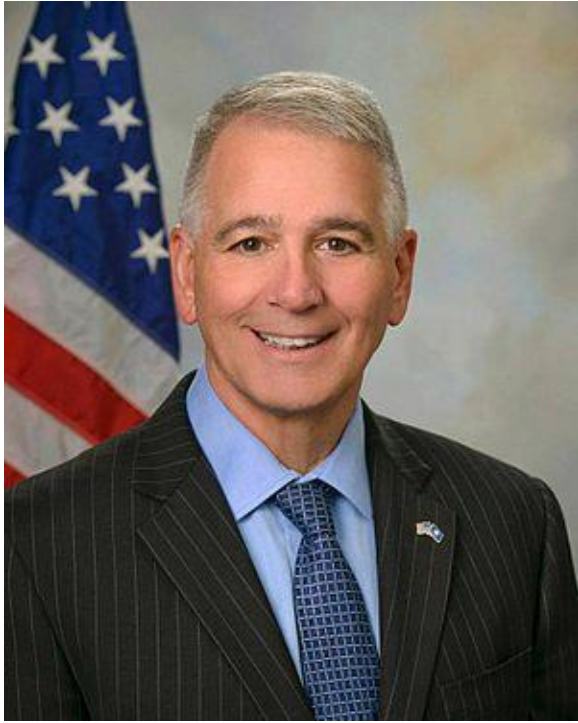
The only Southerner on the committee is its chairman, Rep. Ralph Abraham of Louisiana. However, one other member of the committee, Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) has been “accused” of being the most conservative member of the House of Representatives. Congratulations on that accusation, Rep. Lamborn.

We did some research and discovered that Rep. Abraham is the great-great grandson of a Confederate soldier named David T. Posey (1833-1873) who served in Co. E, 8th Louisiana Infantry.



As a soldier in Gen. Stonewall Jackson’s Army, Pvt. Posey was severely wounded in the Battle of Port Republic, Virginia on June 9, 1862 and was discharged the next month. His widow, Margaret Posey, lived until 1917 and was granted a Confederate widow’s pension by the State of Louisiana.

U. S. House Bill 3007, cont.



He may be addressed at:

Rep. Ralph Abraham
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

You can stay current on the progress of the bill by going to:
<https://www.opencongress.org/bill/hr3007-114/show>

Private Posey was murdered in 1873 and was buried at Winnsboro, Louisiana. We have been unable to find a grave marker for him.

We have contacted the Louisiana Division Commander, offered to make a marker for Pvt. Posey, and will meet them halfway between here and Winnsboro to give it to them.

This would be a great opportunity to mark a vet's grave and invite his living descendant, a U. S. Representative, to attend and take part in the ceremony. This also comes at a time when his U. S.-Rep descendant can make a real difference in our fight to defend our vets' honor.

Rep. Abraham's mother, who just passed away this last July, was described in her obituary as "...the quintessential southern lady; the rarest combination of grace, poise, and elegance. Any effort to encapsulate the worth of her extraordinary life on this page would not do sufficient justice to her legacy..." She was the great-granddaughter of Pvt. Posey.

We didn't know whether or not Rep. Abraham was aware of his Confederate ancestry, so we mentioned it in our letter to him.

If you'd like to direct a letter to Rep. Abraham, you might also congratulate him on his ancestry.

Mayor Lee Posey, mayor of Natchitoches, Louisiana, bans the Confederate battle flag from his city's Christmas parade

The mayor is himself a direct descendant of at least two Confederate soldiers: 2nd Sgt. William M. Dowie, of Captain Herrick's Company of the Orleans Blues in the Louisiana Militia; and James Cane Lanier who served in Co. C, Miles Legion of Louisiana Volunteers. We have not done further research to see if he had others.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans have been welcome participants in the parade for over twenty years. One statement in the mayor's proclamation defending his decision is very telling: *"...As Mayor, I am accountable to all citizens who live in our city, and for many the Confederate Flag is a symbol of hate, bigotry, violence, and division..."*

Then, Mayor Posey, why not be accountable to **most** of your constituents **who did not complain** about the flag and who wish to continue seeing it in the parade? Many of the non-complainers didn't voice an opinion because they were busy at work earning a living for themselves and the complainers.

San Antonio schools consider changing name of R. E. Lee High School



This issue is on the board's agenda for December 7, so quick action is needed.

Emails to the members of the board are needed before they make their final decision. The following names and email addresses are provided to make emailing them easier for you.

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No less a person than Sir Winston Churchill said of Gen. Lee " Lee was the noblest American who...ever lived and one of the greatest commanders known to the annals of war.."

Gen. Lee survived the War only five years, dying in 1870. Even with that short passage of time, the New York Times published an obituary which said, in part, "...Here in the North, forgetting that the time was when the sword of Robert Edward Lee was drawn against us--we have long since ceased to look upon him as the Confederate leader, but have claimed him as one of ourselves; have cherished and felt proud of his military genius; have recounted and recorded his triumphs as our own; have extolled his virtue as reflecting upon us--*for Robert Edward Lee was an American, and the great nation which gave him birth would be today unworthy of such a son if she regarded him lightly.*" [italics editor's]

Lee himself said, "My chief concern is to try to be an humble, earnest Christian." Even his most virulent detractors during his lifetime did not dispute his morality. His uprightness stands in stark contrast to that of most of our national politicians today.

You and I are already seeing this same growing pressure to erase things dealing with Christianity and other moral aspects from public life. When we were children did we ever envision the attacks on marriage which we've seen?

Rather than taking his name off schools across the country we should be renaming more for him.

Can you name a man in public life today who is his moral equal?

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**March with us in the annual
Fort Worth Stock Show
Parade on Saturday,
January 16, 2016!**



Complete details in the January newsletter.



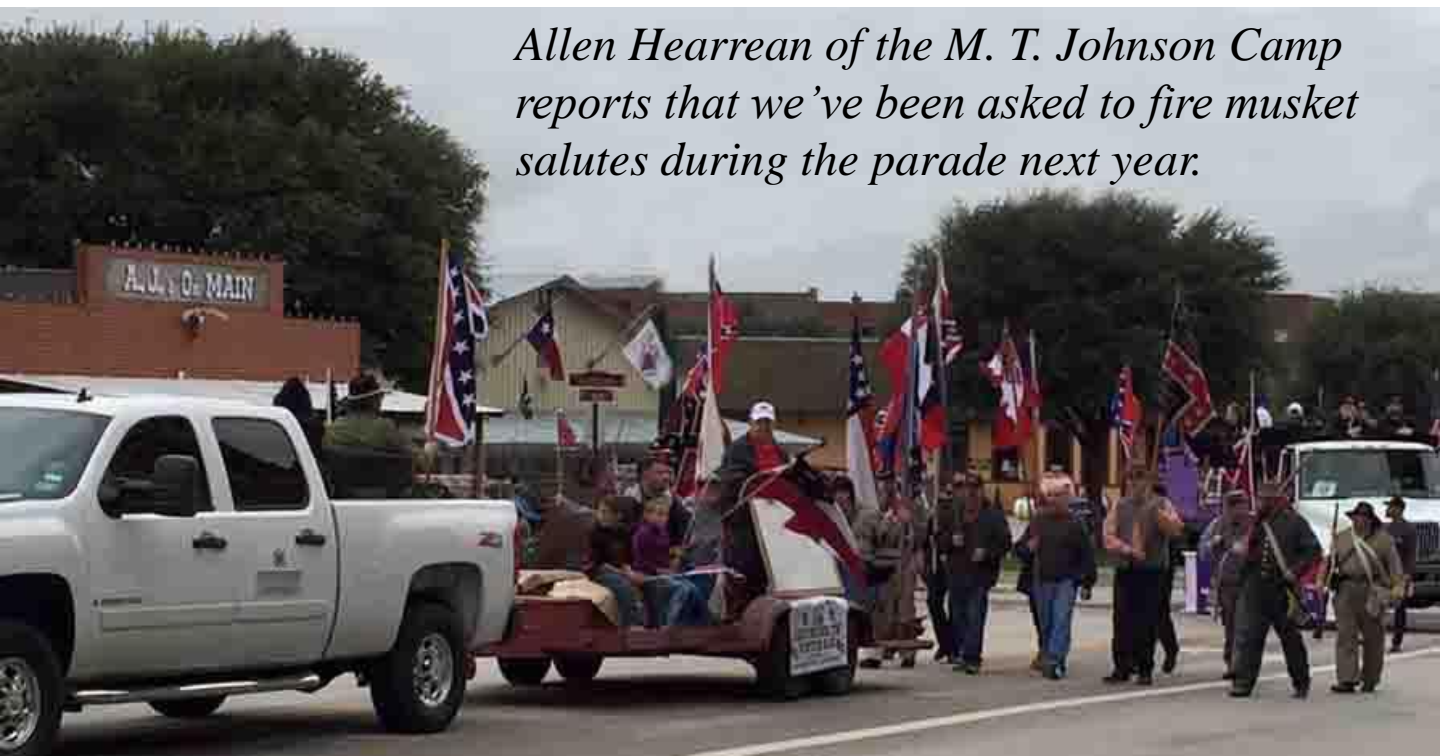
SCV's first-ever appearance in Grapevine Veterans Day Parade huge success Nov. 7

About thirty compatriots from area camps took part.



Thanks to the E. W. Taylor compatriots who took part: Matthew Thornton, Sean Partee, and Morgan Tittle. In the photo above right, Matthew's on the left and Sean's in the center. Thanks to Christie Partee, Sean's wife, for taking and sending these photos.

Allen Hearrean of the M. T. Johnson Camp reports that we've been asked to fire musket salutes during the parade next year.



Taylor Camp's first-ever float in parade at Weatherford Veterans Day on November 7

The sign on the side of our pickup was probably news to 99% of the people who saw it.



At left, the two Taylor campers who took part, Kent Mathews and Mike Patterson attach a sign to Clay Fitzhugh's pickup which pulled our trailer. Clay is a member of the Benjamin Morris Camp in Fort Worth but graciously agreed to pull our trailer at Weatherford and four days later in Fort Worth.

We were joined by friends and kinfolks Cairo Jones, Sarie Jones, Oliver Patterson, Marilyn Patterson, Katie Lewis, Kyle Lewis, Beccy Lewis and Kenny Holts.

At right, Mike Patterson and Clay Fitzhugh attach the flags and banners to the trailer. Our friends Edwin and Ann Waller of Colleyville loaned us their trailer for the parades.

Our cheval-de-frise made its debut in the Weatherford parade and drew lots of attention. Our two large banners and most of the flags were new as well. Four days later we were in the Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth.



Weatherford Veterans Day Parade, cont.



*Thanks to Clay Fitzhugh, standing above,
for driving his pickup and towing us
that day.*



Calls don't come any closer than this.

Our new cheval-de-frise rode in the Weatherford Veterans Day Parade with us on Nov. 7. On the way home, along Loop 820 at about Beach Street, the nylon strap holding it broke and it fell off the trailer and into traffic at 70 m.p.h.



We didn't realize we'd lost it until other motorists began honking at us and waving. We immediately exited the freeway and went back looking for it, visions of destruction swimming through our brains. Driving back west we soon discovered you can no longer see the oncoming traffic lane now that the "improvements" are in place. We drove several miles back west, then finally gave up looking and started home.

Finally, almost back to our turnaround place, we saw the wreckage sitting in the outside lane. It had eight broken arms and eight broken legs. Thankfully there were no wrecked cars, ambulances, fire trucks, or police cars sitting around it. It could easily have taken a bounce and gone through someone's windshield or caused a multi-fatality accident. We lucked out.

It could also have been an insurance nightmare. Your editor owns the thing, but it fell off a trailer borrowed from a non-SCV friend. It was towed by an SCV member from another camp using his own vehicle.

The trailer was borrowed from a lifelong friend of the Pattersons, Edwin Waller, of Colleyville. Sunday morning after the parade he approached your editor's mom at church and asked how the parade had gone the day before. She showed him some photos of his trailer with the cheval-de-frise riding on it. Edwin asked what the thing was called, and then remarked that just the afternoon before he had seen one just like it sitting in a traffic lane on Loop 820 in Richland Hills as he was driving home from his farm. What were the chances?

Taylor Adjutant and Commander take part in Massing of the Colors as members of the Sons of the American Revolution



Hosted by the Fort Worth chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, the ceremony began at 2 p.m. with a procession of flags followed by a brief program featuring guest speaker Rollie M. Stevens, a retired Navy captain. It was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Penn Avenue.



Many of our SCV members are also descendants of Revolutionary soldiers, and quite a few are members of the Sons of the American Revolution as well. Adjutant James Alderman, left above, and Commander Bobby Gresham represented the SAR in the annual Massing of the Colors in Fort Worth on Sunday, November 8.



Thanks to our friend Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant Co. Historical Commission for riding along with us and taking these and other great photos. **They're all posted on our camp webpage.**

**Random
scenes from
the Fort
Worth
Veterans Day
Parade on
Nov. 11**



Thanks again to Clay Fitzhugh for towing our float at Ft. Worth.

Colleyville couple receives thanks from the Taylor Camp



Mike Patterson, Edwin Waller, Ann Waller, and James Alderman.

On Sunday afternoon, November 22, we presented Edwin and Ann Waller of Colleyville with a certificate of appreciation from our camp. They loaned us their trailer for the two parades we did in November, and they've offered its use in the future.

Both Edwin and Ann are direct descendants of Confederate soldiers. Two of Ann's are on our veterans memorial at Bedford. She is also a direct descendant of Tarrant County's first permanent white settler, Ambrose Foster, who settled in the fall of 1844 a few yards from where Grapevine's old white water tower now stands.

Confederate Flags Fly; NASCAR's and Texas Motor Speedway's requests don't

At the first event at TMS since fans were asked not to fly The Flag, many fans Just Said No. The Battle Flag was the centerpiece of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's front page on Sunday, November 8. Most of another page in the same issue was also devoted to it.

The paper interviewed several fans, some of whom had never before brought flags but did this time, just out of protest. One fan, Charles Ivey of Greenville, said "I have the right to fly it just as much as they have a right to tell me not."

The article contained the obligatory long quote from the ubiquitous source on all things race-related, Rev. Kyev Tatum of Fort Worth. Google him and read about his dealings with the schools and the justice system to gain some useful perspective. Consider one of his quotes: "Anything that continues the antebellum of the Confederacy is not something that is inclusive of the culture." Deep. Note the little-seen use of an adjective as a noun.

Many people were dismayed that an organization like NASCAR, with its Southern roots, would come out against the flag. They also expressed their feelings that everyone's First Amendment rights and their rights to remember their own heritage should be protected.

The article also points out that Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. have discouraged fans from using the flag in the wake of the South Carolina church shootings.

Earlier this year Earnhardt was quoted in a news article as saying "...I think it's offensive to an entire race. It belongs in the history books and that's about it..." Earnhardt's great-great-grandfather, Peter Crawford Earnhardt, was a soldier in Co. A, 20th North Carolina Infantry. He enlisted on May 1, 1861 and was with Lee at the surrender at Appomattox Court House.

The article also says NASCAR is trying [through the flag decision?] to broaden and diversify its fan base. To attend an event held there on November 8, adult ticket prices were advertised at \$79 to \$150 each. To this editor it seems lowering ticket and food prices might have a more immediate broadening effect than asking people to leave their flags at home, but he's not sophisticated about the nuances of business.



As late as November 18 the entire article, minus one of the photographs, was still available free online at

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/article43669482.html>

Six members of the E. W. Taylor Camp take part in M. T. Johnson's cannon-firing event November 14



L-r, James Alderman, Greg King, Robert Boling, Tom Trawick, Matthew Thornton and Bobby Gresham.

This first-ever event sponsored by the M. T. Johnson camp was a big hit at Calvin Allen's ranch in Parker County. *These and the rest of Taylor Camper James Alderman's photos are posted on our camp website.*

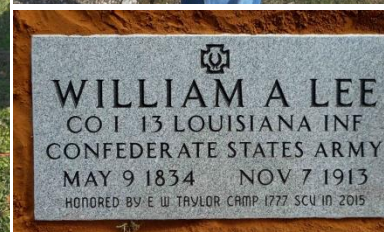


William A. Lee, vet of 13th Louisiana Infantry, gets his first marker at Oakwood after 102 years

We do professional, industry-standard installations, and we don't leave a mess when we're finished.



We maintain the existing alignment, check plats to find where the graves are, and use string lines and tape measures to be sure. We measure other grave and marker placements to be sure what's standard there. The centers of most old graves are usually 48 inches apart. We carry away the dirt we dig out. Our tool box is the same size and shape as a marker, and we use it to size and level the hole. Our member Nathan Pike can handle one of the 125-pound stones with ease. We dress the area around the set stone with clean sand, and clean off the face with dry paintbrushes.



William A. Lee installation at Oakwood, cont.

Our unique working relationship with Worthington Monuments, the fact that we have a member who is retired from the monument business, and a ready crew of workers help make all this possible on a monthly basis.

The installers for Mr. Lee's rock included, standing l-r, Nathan Pike, Toby Pike, Clay Fitzhugh, Kent Mathews, and kneeling James Madewell, Mike Patterson, and Ervin Hauk. Marilyn Patterson took the rock to the cemetery and she and Ervin Hauk took the photos.



Confederate surgeon gets a replacement VA stone at Oakwood November 21

One of today's installers, Clay Fitzhugh, was instrumental in getting the original stone for Dr. Marion Matkin from the VA years ago, installing it, and holding a dedication service.



Marion Matkin's original stone was broken in two several years ago and a new one has been sitting in the shop at Oakwood for quite a while. It had gotten quite dirty. We cleaned the face of it as best we could with clean dry sand.

We wiggled the old broken base loose, then got a good twist on it with a rope. Kent and Nathan pulled it out of the ground, being careful not to collapse the hole.

This is another instance when concrete would have magnified this job several-fold. We were left with a perfectly clean hole, square and the right size.



Replacement stone at Oakwood Nov. 21, cont.

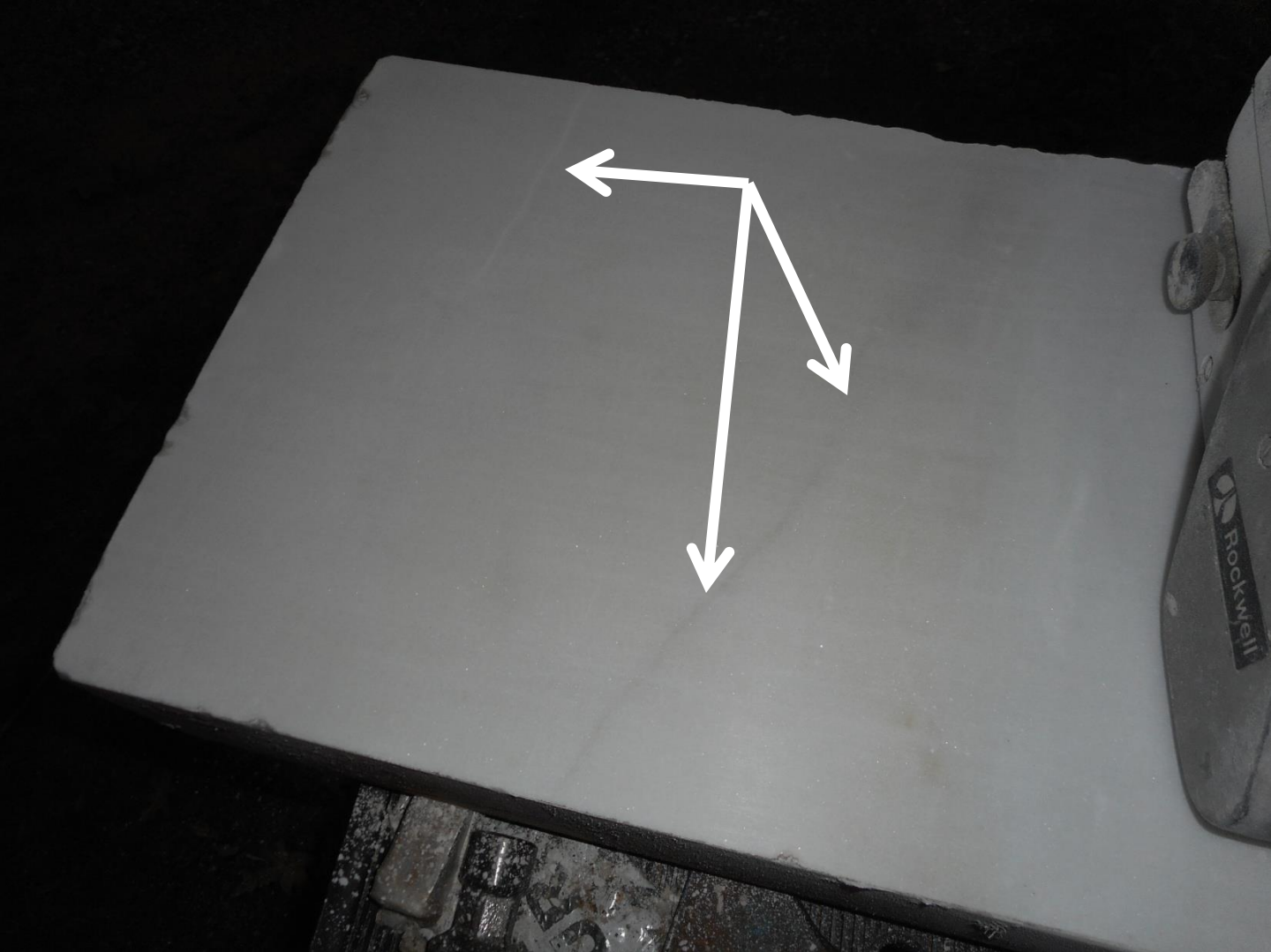


Kent and Nathan roped the new stone, lifted it, and set it carefully into the old hole. We poured dry sand around it, wiggled it, and it set right in. We leveled it and took the setters' photo. We'll make something else from the two pieces of the old one, below right.



The same setting crew did this one as Mr. Lee's a few minutes before. Standing, l-r are Ervin Hauk, Nathan Pike, Toby Pike, Clay Fitzhugh and James Madewell. Mike Patterson and Kent Mathews are deciding who gets up first so he can help the other one up.





Going to Plan B on the broken Matkin rock.

It took less than two minutes of cleaning the Matkin rock with a belt sander before two fractures showed up. Both are roughly parallel to the break in the stone while it stood in the cemetery.

The lighter-colored one is newer and may have happened when the rock was being taken out of the ground at the quarry. The darker one may be a very old “healed fracture” where other minerals have been deposited in the crack.

Either way, a third fracture may be the reason the stone broke after it was installed. This marble will do good service as gravel in the compiler’s driveway.

Confederate dead since 1921 will get marker in Pioneer's Rest Cemetery in December

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Gilmore, T.G.

New
Co. C, 8th Arkansas Infantry.

Confederate.)

Private Corporal

CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of medical cards herein 0

Number of personal papers herein 0

We'll install Mr. Gilmore's marker in Pioneer's Rest Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, December 12. Help is always welcome and appreciated.

Ervin Hauk, a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, has been coming to our meetings and helping at marker installs for quite a while now. He has a Confederate ancestor buried in Pioneer's Rest Cemetery with no marker and it's time we got him one.

Ervin's ancestor was Thomas G. Gilmore, a native of Shelby County, Tennessee born in April 1843. Thomas served the South as a soldier in the 8th Arkansas Infantry.

Thomas enlisted in the summer of 1861 at Jacksonport, Arkansas. He was wounded at the Battle of Murfreesboro on the last day of 1862 and was left at nearby Estill Springs, Tennessee. He was promoted to corporal on August 10, 1863.

Thomas's name last appears on a regimental roll in the 8th Arkansas on August 31, 1864.

Another man or the same man...named T. G. Gilmore, a soldier in Co. E, 47th Arkansas Cavalry, was paroled on June 5, 1865 at Jacksonport, Arkansas. This man was a native Tennessean and was the correct age to have been the man in the 8th Arkansas.

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Come and Help !



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We'll meet at Pioneer's Rest Cemetery in North Fort Worth at nine a.m. on Saturday, December 12. We'll spend a few minutes installing a stone for Corp. Thomas Gilmore, a descendant of our friend and Tarrant County Historical Commission member Ervin Hauk.

When we're finished we'll don our uniforms and accoutrements and will fire a musket salute of three volleys in Corp. Gilmore's honor. If you don't have all the stuff, come anyway. You can help us by holding a flag and by supporting the camp with your presence.

Dec. 12th, 9 a.m.



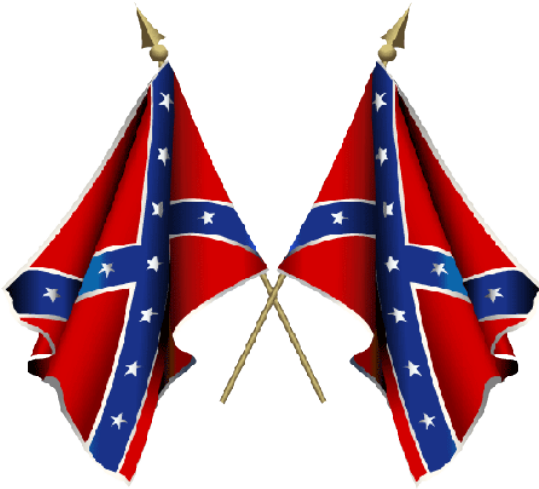
DIRECTIONS

The cemetery is in North Fort Worth at 620 Samuels Avenue. The easiest way to reach it is to exit I-35 at North Side Drive.

Go west on North Side Drive to Samuels Avenue, then take the right-exit loop around and go south on Samuels Avenue.

Drive several blocks south and you'll see the cemetery on your left (east side of Samuels Avenue).

We don't know whether or not we'll be able to get the drive-in gate unlocked, but there is a walk-in gate through which we and all our equipment can get in and out if need be.



If you'd like to represent the Taylor Camp of the SCV in this parade we are welcome. We will send out an email on December 3 to let you know whether or not we have enough men to have our own trailer in it. If not, we'll ride with the Lanham group. Either way, if you want to take part be in the parking lot between the football stadium and the Ninth Grade School along Weatherford South Main by 9 a.m. on **Saturday December 5, 2015.**



Weatherford
Christmas
Parade
Dec. 5

FREEDOM ALLIANCE

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Once again this year the Col. E. W. Taylor Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, #1777 was proud to donate to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. We are happy we're able to help educate the children of America's fallen heroes.



On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, it will be time to elect a new president. As never before, it is time for responsible, thinking Americans to work to see that our national offices are filled with leaders whose first priorities are the good of America and Americans.

Every day which passes sees new assaults on our borders, our traditions, our history, our Christian heritage and values, our basic freedoms, and simple common sense in government.

Bad leaders are put in office by good citizens who don't vote.

Taylor Camp again remembers Confederate Veterans in Arlington National Cemetery with donation to Wreaths Across America

In response to our donation this year, our Adjutant James Alderman received the following letter:

Mr. Alderman -

Thank you for your generous donation of \$150.00 to be used for Remembrance Wreaths to be placed on the markers located in Section 16 where the Confederate Memorial is located. For your information, there are 442 markers in that section. Last year, the 150th Anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America (WAA) was able to place a Remembrance Wreath on every eligible marker at Arlington, including all 442 Confederate Markers in Section 16. That was the first year we were able to cover every marker at Arlington.

Prior to 2014, each year the ANC cemetery officials told WAA which sections of the cemetery were to be covered so some sections received wreaths while others didn't. The ANC cemetery officials would then rotate sections each year so that those that didn't get covered in the previous year, would receive wreaths the next year.

Certainly your generous donation will help WAA toward reaching our goal of continuing to cover all of Arlington again this year. Be assured that Section 16 will have your wreaths placed there this December.

Again, thank you for your support and your donation.

Sincerely,

Wayne G. Hanson

Arlington Wreath Project Coordinator



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.ORG
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Our ancestors' life and times

With serious consideration being given to doing away with one-cent coins in our country today, it seems strange that once even a half-penny was worth something.

Every penny you handle these days, and that's not very many, costs our government 1.7 cents to make. Current thinking would make it even more pointless to make half-cents, but our country did for over fifty years.

Don't blame high copper prices, because our cents haven't been made from copper since 1982. Now they're mostly zinc, with only a thin plating of copper.

Some people in government are talking about not making them any more at all. That would make nickels our least-valuable circulating coin. They only cost us 8 cents each to make.

First minted in 1794, half cents were one hundred percent copper and were about the size of a quarter today. They were last issued in 1857. In that year they



Copper half cents

Copper half cents, cont.



had the purchasing power of about 14 cents in today's economy.

Throughout their history the coins mirrored the design of their one-cent bigger brothers. All three basic designs featured a stylized "lady liberty." Because coinage dies in those days were made one at a time by hand, there are many

minor varieties for hobbyists to study, catalog and collect.

The history of metal coinage in this country is one of politics and mining interests working at odds or in sync. Because copper has never held the high value of gold or silver, cents and half-cents have never been major players on Capitol Hill or in international trade.

While such a small-valued coin might seem useless today it was not so during most of the years they were minted. For many of the years they were intermittently issued, 1794-1857, the hourly wage of many workers was about ten cents.

Before modern-sized flying eagle cents and Indian head cents made the scene in the late 1850's cents and half-cents were unpopular because they were just too bulky. A dollar's worth of pennies or half-cents weighed more than three pounds. Sacks of them which became damp in bank vaults oxidized, stuck together, and were even reported to smell bad.

More-common dates in circulated condition (all were minted at the same place...Philadelphia) are moderately-affordable. A check of ebay in late October showed they offered more than four thousand examples for sale.

Another neat and easy addition to our haversacks

It's a fact that all soldiers in all times have wanted to have some money in their pockets even if they might not have had any place to spend it. Our Confederate ancestors were no different, although many of them were probably broke most of the time.

Modern-day computer and photocopy technology have made it possible for nearly everyone to make some very convincing copies of paper money. We tried our hand at it on Halloween morning and it turned out well.

The Confederacy printed a large variety of currency. The earliest issues had blank backs. Problems with counterfeiters later in the War brought about printed backs, too.



There are many sites on the internet where you can see various Confederate notes. One of the best is http://www.oldcurrencyvalues.com/Confederate_Money.html

We going to make this very easy for you. If you're interested in getting yourself some folding money for your haversack, here's all you need to do:

1. Email Mike Patterson at mfpchat@yahoo.com and he'll send you a pdf file of several selected notes and their backs.

2. Put the file on a thumb drive and take it to a copy place and tell them you want x-number of color copies made from the file. Ask them to print pages 1 and 2 front and back, 3 and 4 front and back, etc. We've tried to align them so that they'll print correctly. If they're not done in these



Haversack additions, cont.

pairs the fronts and backs won't line up.

3. Take your copies home and cut them apart. Remember that the real bills were cut apart with scissors or a sharp knife, and many of them have rough or imperfect borders.

4. Experiment with folding, crumpling, straightening out, curling, etc. to give the bills some "age." We distressed ours after we cut them out and they made a nice-looking roll.

5. Copies made on photo paper won't look right, nor can you crumple them up and then straighten them out. Non-glossy, cheap white copy paper will work best.

Spend some time looking at the site mentioned on the previous page. If you see a particular bill you'd like to copy and carry with you, let Patterson know its "T" number and he'll make you two pages of just that bill, front and back, and will email that pdf to you.



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Bedford, Texas



<http://www.taylorcampscv.org/#>

We'll also make some bills like the one above which you can hand out to friends who might be interested in joining our group. We'll have a few available at our January meeting.

These will be made smaller than actual size so fifteen can be made with a single sheet. There's also enough room for you to write your name on each.

If you want the pdf file to make some of your own let Patterson know you'd like the file for the cards.





Peter Himebaugh was born in 1832 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. He stayed up North until he was grown.

Peter enlisted on March 10, 1862 in Lincoln County, Tenn. as a private in Co. E, 5th Kentucky Infantry (also known as the 9th and Hunt's Kentucky Infantry). That company was subsequently redesignated as Co. A of the 23rd (Newman's) Battalion of Tennessee Infantry. He lost one of his arms in 1864 during the fighting around Atlanta, Georgia...his wife believed it was at either Noonan or West Point, Georgia.

Himebaugh was married twice, both times in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He and his second wife, Virginia Higgins, were married in 1872. She spent her entire life in that county except for the few months she lived here at Bedford while her husband was teaching school.

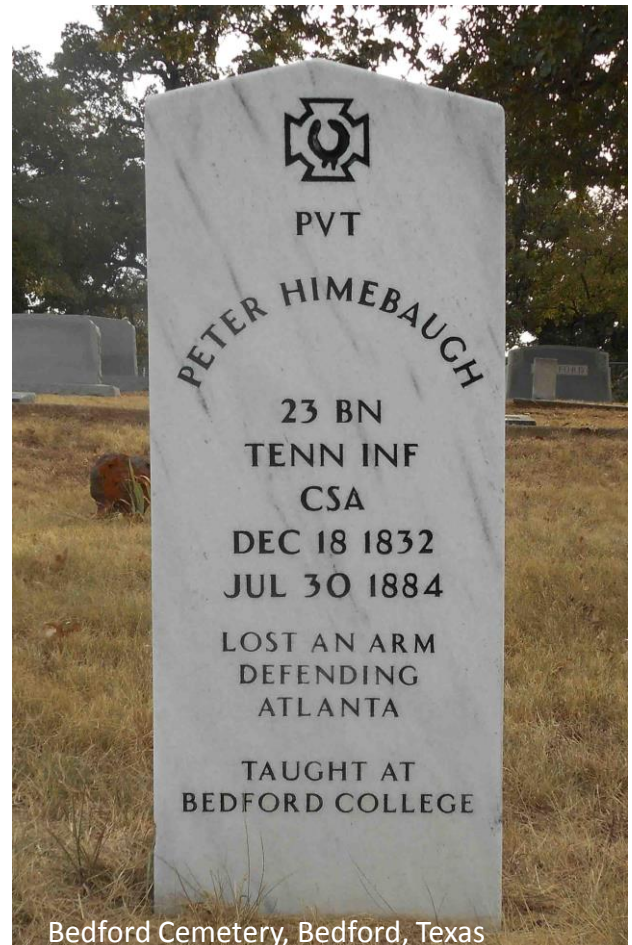
Peter Himebaugh was for a time professor of math and science at Oak Hill Institute on Norris Creek, Lincoln County, Tennessee, which school flourished from 1865 until 1880. He and his first wife taught there until she died in 1870 and he then married Virginia, a student and graduate.

Getting to know our local Confederates

Peter's son, who was here in Bedford with his father when Peter died, wrote a long and detailed letter back to relatives in Tennessee about his father's last day on Earth. You may read it at our Northeast Tarrant County Civil War veterans website.

Mr. Himebaugh died in Bedford on July 30, 1884, and was buried in Bedford Cemetery. His grave was unmarked until we got him a VA stone. After his death, Virginia Himebaugh and her children returned to Lincoln County, Tennessee, where she remained for the rest of her life.

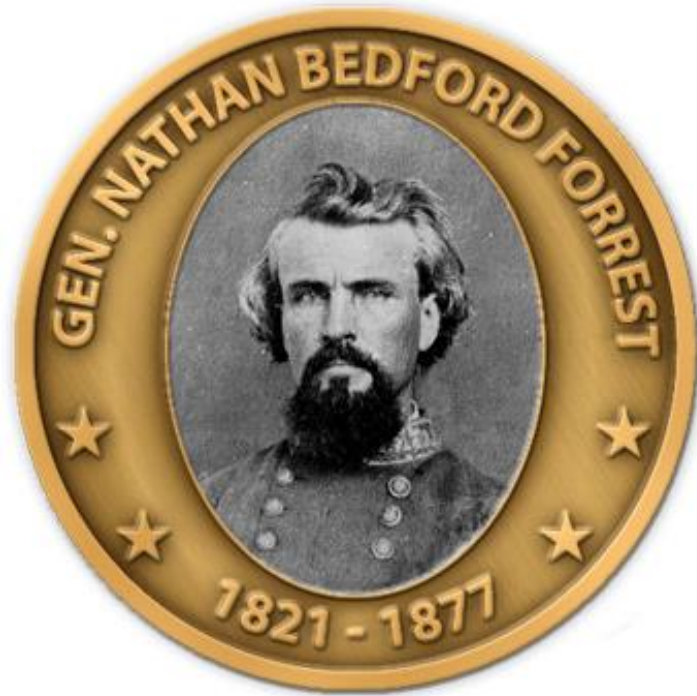
His descendants are very lucky to have the excellent (two-armed) photo of him at left, and the long letter his son wrote after his father's death.



Bedford Cemetery, Bedford, Texas

A new way to help those embattled Southern Patriots on the front lines in Memphis, Tennessee

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Citizens To Save Our Parks [CTSOP] is pleased to announce our latest fund-raiser campaign. We have for sale Limited Edition Forrest Commemorative Coins. At last count we had about 75 of the last batch of 200. Get them before they are gone. You will NOT find these anywhere else. They were custom made and this is the result of a great idea and donation by one of our supporters.

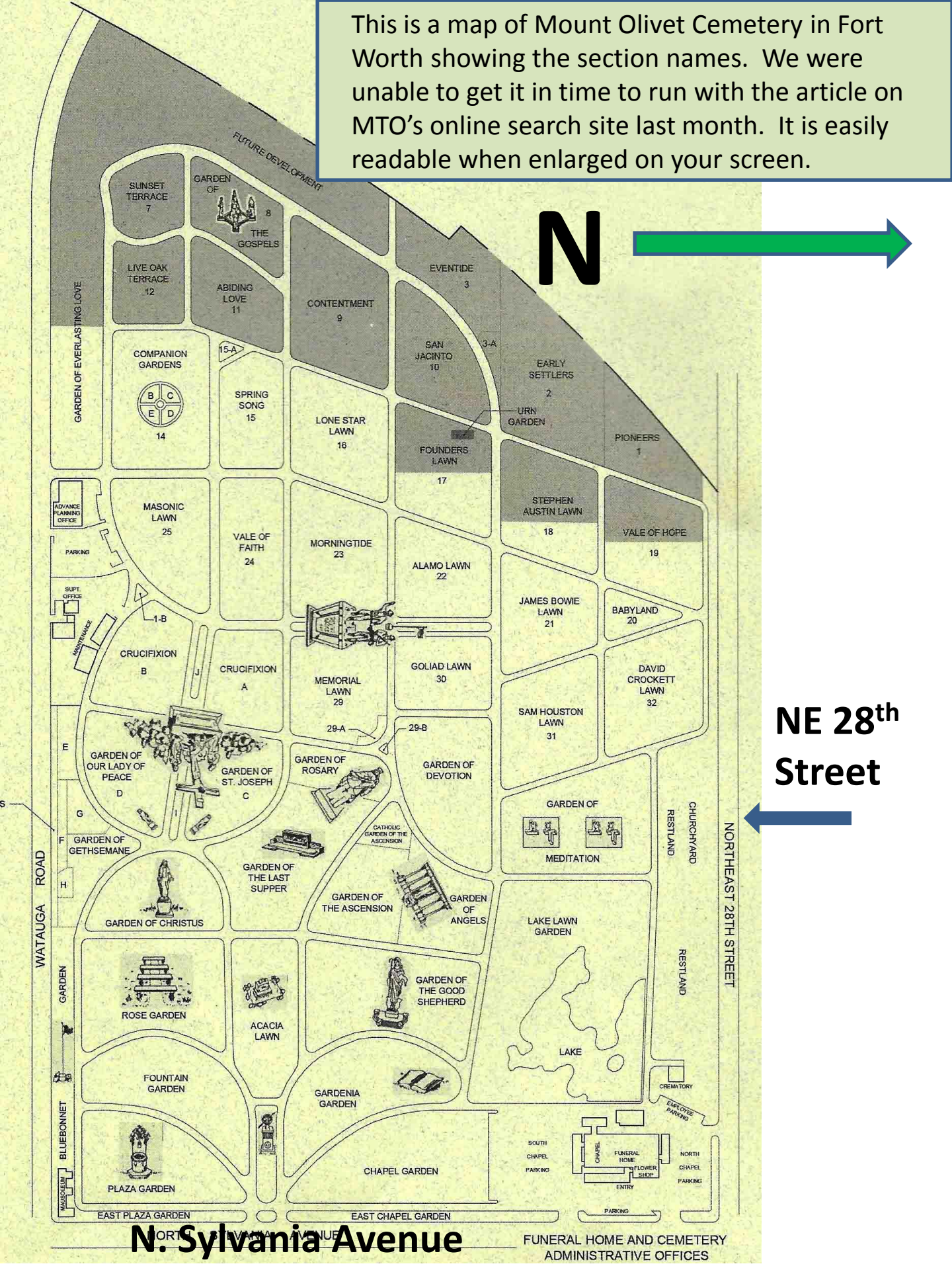
The price is \$10 each, plus \$1 each for shipping. All proceeds go to Defend the Parks. Send your check to:

Save the Parks, P.O. Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

<https://www.facebook.com/citizenstosaveourparks?fref=nf>

Interestingly, both Tennessee and Texas law require permission of the family members before a body can be moved. General Forrest has two great-grandsons who are members of the SCV.

This is a map of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth showing the section names. We were unable to get it in time to run with the article on MTO's online search site last month. It is easily readable when enlarged on your screen.



Thank you, sir....

...if you're one of the several men in our camp who are putting together a uniform and looking toward buying a musket and other accoutrements.

You might consider getting your headgear first, and then a coat. Buy quality now and you won't be tempted to replace it in two or three years.

There are a few things we can make and give you which are better than anything you can buy. We will try to let you know about plenty of opportunities to wear your duds and shoot your musket.

Please remember you're always welcome to take part in activities of the camps around us too, in or out of uniform.



This is the sixtieth consecutive edition of this newsletter produced, on time, by this editor under the current regime. He thanks everyone for the words of support he's received across these last five years. Granted, it's different from any of the other SCV newsletters produced across the country and in some SCV circles isn't even considered to be a newsletter. But he enjoys doing it this way and this is the way it'll continue getting done until he's overthrown. If you read this sentence, please send an email to mfpchat@yahoo.com and just say "read it." Hrrumph, thank you, and good night.



We goofed again. Our compatriot standing third from left below is **David McLaughlin** of Bedford, not David Nicholson. We apologize for the error. David has been a model new member. He attends meetings, comes to our other activities, and has expressed a willingness to take an office as well. We appreciate you, David!!!



October 2015 setting of Joseph D. Loving's stone in Medlin Cemetery in Trophy Club.

Resolve to be a better SCV member next year

...Be a regular at the camp meetings.

...Memorize the pledges to the Texas and Confederate flags. Take it up several levels and memorize Gen. S. D. Lee's Charge.

...Present a program on some topic you find interesting. We'll make you a power-point program for it if you'd like to have it.

...If your family can travel, visit a battlefield where your ancestor fought.

...Ride with us in a parade. Even if you have no uniform or equipment, you can hold a flag, wave, and smile. The public needs to see ordinary, normal-looking men who are members of the SCV.

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Resolve, cont.

...Make a donation to the local camp to help carry out its programs. We accomplish more on less money than any other camp, probably in the entire SCV.

...Offer to help. Help install stones. Help decorate the trailer at parade time. If you have a trailer and a pickup, offer its use to us at parade time, with you driving of course. Offer to lead one of the pledges or read the charge at a meeting.

...Begin putting together a uniform and get a musket and accoutrements. We can always use help firing salutes. Get a good hat or kepi first. Then a shell jacket, frock coat, or sack coat. Get members' advice on what to buy and where to buy.

...Talk up the SCV to your friends. Encourage them to join us. We'll do 99 percent of the research and paperwork for them. If they were born in Texas we may be able to do 100 per cent of it.

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Handy Hints for Harvey Homemaker

SCV-logo clothing can be expensive and there can be a long wait time for it. The SCV sells some excellent iron-on patches which can be attached to just about anything. The three-inch models are only \$2.50 each.

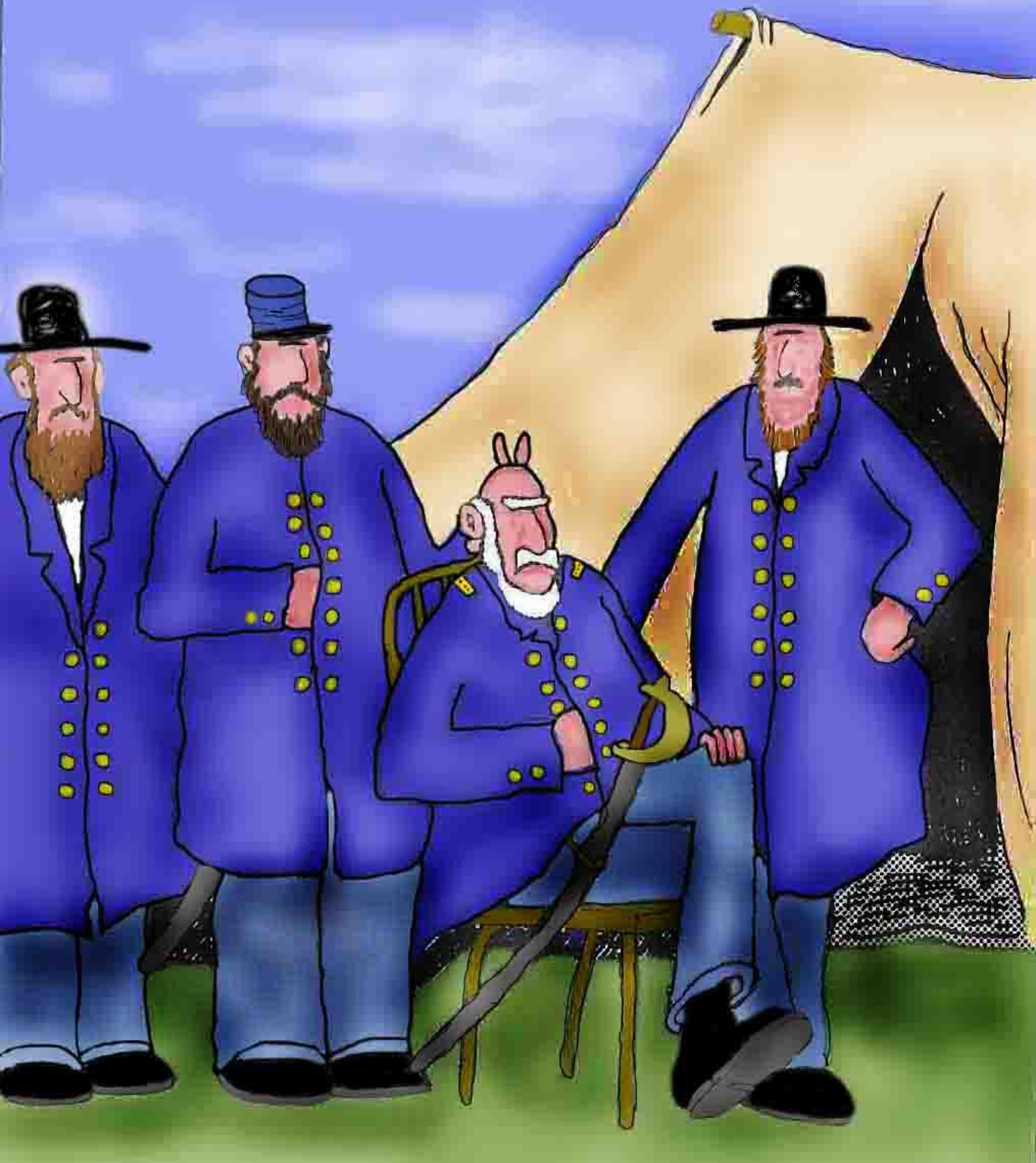
The glue is almost-permanent, so it's best to whip stitch around the patches. You can easily sew a

patch onto a pocket by cutting a piece of cardboard the same size and shape of the pocket and slipping it inside. That way you won't sew the front and back of the pocket together. Just remember...most Confederate soldiers probably knew how to sew, to some degree at least.



I salute the Confederate Flag
with affection, reverence, and
undying devotion to the Cause
for which it stands.

Adapted from a FarSide cartoon by Gary Larson



When making officers from Congressmen, Lincoln learned all over again the old adage that you can take the monkey out of the jungle, but you can't take the jungle out of the monkey.

**Send emails to the
NEISD board
members about
renaming RE Lee
High School**

**December 5:
Weatherford's
Annual
Christmas
Parade.**

**Sat. Dec. 12
9 a.m. Stone
install at Pioneer's
Rest Cemetery in
North Fort Worth**

**Write a letter
to Rep. Ralph
Abraham
about HR
3007**

**Write a letter to
your U. S.
Representative
regarding HR
3007**

**Jan. 16, 2016
March with us in
the Ft. Worth
Stock Show
Parade**

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.