



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

Newsletter

Bedford, Texas.....April, 2016

April Program



Part 2

About a year ago we saw a film as one night's program. It seemed to work out well and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

In March and April we'll be giving it another shot. We'll be watching a WBTS film called *Pharaoh's Army*, in two parts.

Pharaoh's Army was released in 1995 but wasn't widely noticed. All three of its main stars are instantly recognizable now.

We had several good comments about part one of the film. You may think you've guessed the ending...

Place and time of our programs are on this newsletter's following page.

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER



Let Us Hear From You!!!

Our camp adjutant is
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Our newsletter editor is
Mike Patterson at
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James Alderman is always ready to help you with membership or dues questions. Both he and Mike check their emails several times daily and respond to them in a timely manner.

Mike Patterson has time to help answer other questions. He can help any prospective member get his application in order.

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays.

Each month's program announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

We meet at Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas, along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.

If you'd like to **eat** with us we'd suggest you be there at **6 p.m.** We start the **meeting** at **7 p.m.** Our goal is to be **finished** and out by **8:30 p.m.** **It'd be bad manners for a group as large as ours to stay 'til closing time. We appreciate their hospitality to the SCV.**

Who are we?

We are a group of men who recognize and say thanks to folks outside the organization who help us honor our Confederate heroes.



**Dan Shaw of
Worthington Monuments.**

We are the local camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an international group with camps in all parts of the U. S. and several foreign countries.

Our primary local outreach consists of getting grave markers for Confederate veterans in unmarked graves. We have a unique working relationship with a local monument company which makes this possible. We average at least one marker per month.

We would welcome camp participation in other community-service programs for which we have the interest and expertise within our camp. Tell us what you can do!

We have members who are ready and willing to help you see whether or not you have Confederate ancestors. Even if you have no desire to join, every person, man or woman, who learns about his/her Confederate ancestors becomes one of our allies in the fight against the PC perps.

Three new members sworn in at our March meeting!!!



Both photos by Terry Theiss

Our three new members are Aaron Scott, Dalton Tignor, and Clint Cotnam. Aaron joined on the service of Pvt. Thomas Jefferson Scott, Co. G, Martin's Texas Cavalry. Dalton and his uncle, Clint, joined on the service of George Washington Cotnam, Co. B, 15th (Northwest) Arkansas Infantry. They were sworn in by Bob Gresham (left) and Mike Patterson (right). Below, Clint's sister Valerie (and Dalton's mom) is at left. Clint's and Valerie's dad, Wayne Cotnam, (far right) an SCV member, traveled here from Hot Springs, Arkansas for the event. We now have fifty-two members in our camp.





BRAZOS ENCAMPMENT

A Civil War History Weekend



08-10 APRIL 2016

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Fri & Sat)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Sun)

Veterans Park & Athletic Complex

3101 Harvey Rd, College Station, Texas 77845

Local Confederate and Federal re-enactors will bivouac (camp) in the area of the Civil War Memorial at Veterans Park & Athletic Complex.

Programs throughout each day will include demonstrations of:

- Typical camp life
- Manual of arms and marching
- Loading and firing of muskets
- Loading and firing of artillery pieces

A replica of a typical field hospital will be set up in the vicinity (parental discretion is advised – this exhibit is not for the weak of heart or stomach!).

Visitors are encouraged to interact with participants at both camps; just ask permission before touching anything or looking into closed tents.

Admission is free to this living history event...we hope to see you there!

Bring your own chair and water to further enjoy your stay with us.

**THOSE WISHING TO
PARTICIPATE AS A
REENACTOR OR
SUTTLE MUST
REGISTER IN ADVANCE**

*Presented by Sul Ross Camp 1457, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Bryan, TX*



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Two more opportunities for service and public exposure for the SCV.



We have been invited to take part in the annual **History of Kennedale Parade on April 16.** Come in uniform and with a musket if you have one. Come in street clothes and bring a flag if you have one. Kennedale is very Confederate-friendly and we need to make a good showing there. We'll be going as a part of the M. T. Johnson Camp, who'll be registered with the City.

The History of Kennedale Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16th (right after the Historic Walk) at James F. Delaney Elementary School [203 Clover Lane, north of W. Kennedale Parkway, on Cloverland Drive] and makes its way down Kennedale Parkway to the TownCenter area. All entries in the parade should be decorated or have a historic theme focused on what Kennedale was like from the early settlement to today.

We've also been invited to be in the annual **Weatherford Memorial Day Parade on May 7.** If we can get a driver and a few Taylor campers to take part, we'll take our "float." More on this in the May newsletter. Make plans now to be there.



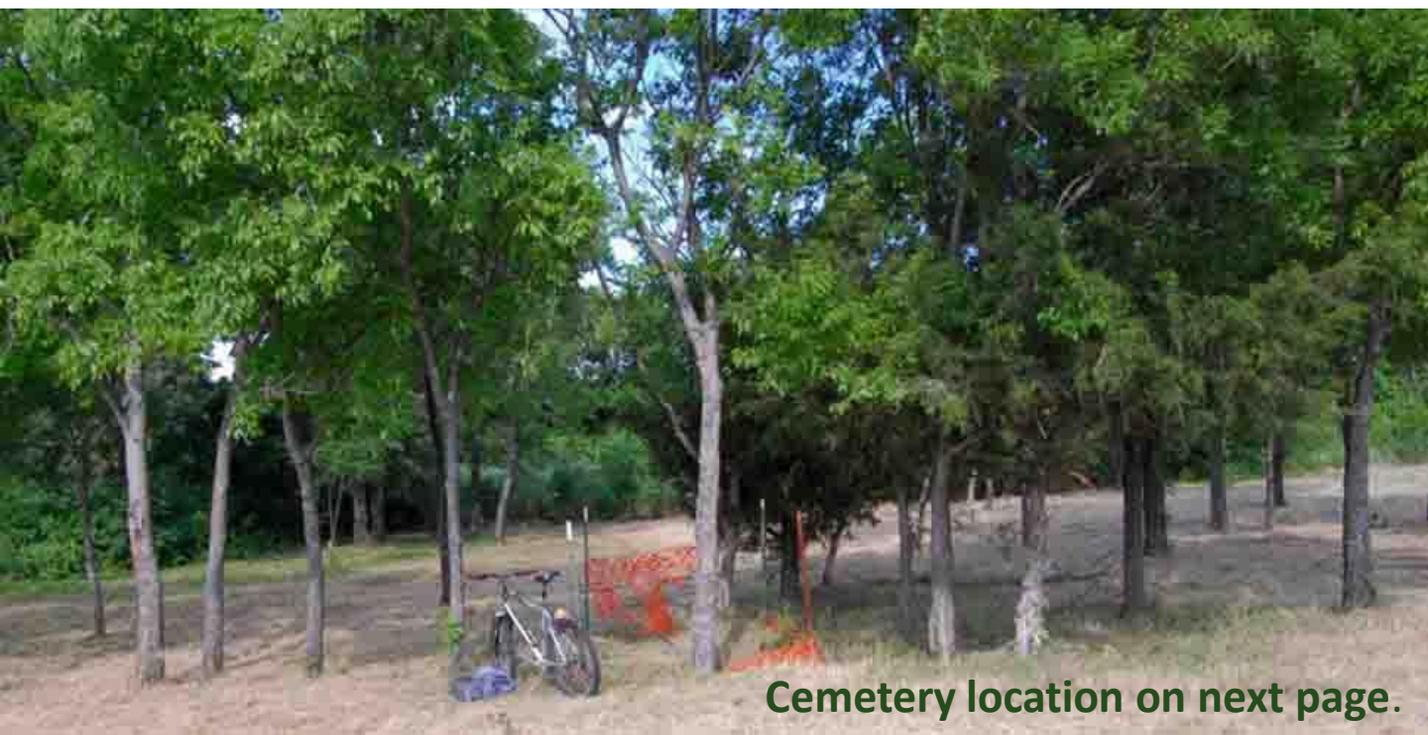
April 23 date set for York stone dedication in historic Mitchell Cem.

Program details are still coming together, but we know we'll have a color guard, a musket squad, and some period music.

On Saturday, April 23 at ten a.m. we're dedicating a Confederate stone for John B. York, the first law enforcement officer killed in Tarrant County. This'll be his first-ever stone. By then we'll also have installed a stone for his son who died in 1848. We will reset a VA stone for his father-in-law who was a Mexican War vet, and for Mrs. Anderson, a neighbor.

Here's what we need from the heritage organizations:

- 1. Your presence at 10 a.m.**
- 2. If you have a uniform and musket, help with the salute.**
- 3. If you have flags you can hold or put in the ground, bring them.**
- 4. If you have two or three chairs, bring them for seniors.**
- 5. If you have friends in law enforcement, invite them.**
- 6. Invite friends interested in local history and the SCV.**

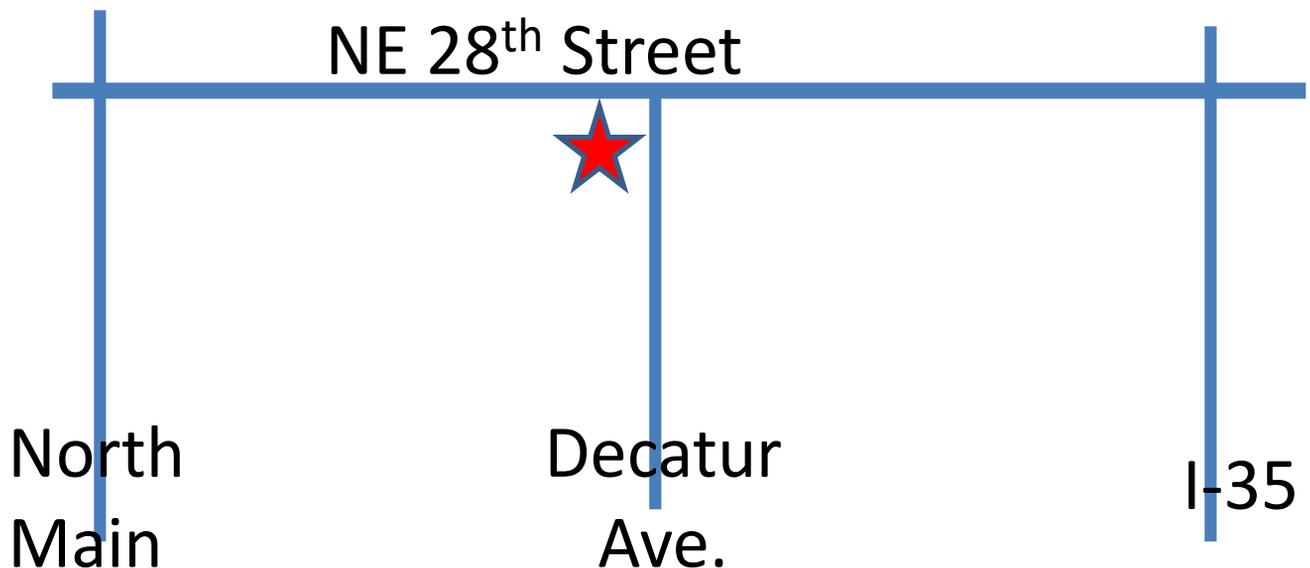


Cemetery location on next page.

We need some help installing four stones at Mitchell Cemetery in Fort Worth... tentatively set for April 9 at 9 a.m.

We have two full-size military uprights, each weighing 240 pounds, a small upright weighing 125 pounds, and a very heavy old limestone upright to set. Because the center of gravity of two of the stones will be rather high, we'll need to pour some ready-mix concrete around them. We'll have everything there, including the stones, the dry ready-mix, the tools, and enough water to mix the concrete. In case of rain or very wet ground we can fall back on Saturday, April 16 to make the installs.

You can park in the parking lot of the Fort Worth Grain Exchange at the southwest corner of NE 28th Street and Decatur Avenue in North Fort Worth. The cemetery is just across the railroad track (west) from the Grain Exchange.



This map is not to scale.

This is just the installation day, not the dedication day. We didn't want to get dirty and sweaty in our uniforms before the ceremony on April 23.

March 12 memorialization meant muddy mess for two Taylor troopers

Marilyn Patterson hauled everything to Arlington and back, and took the pictures, too.



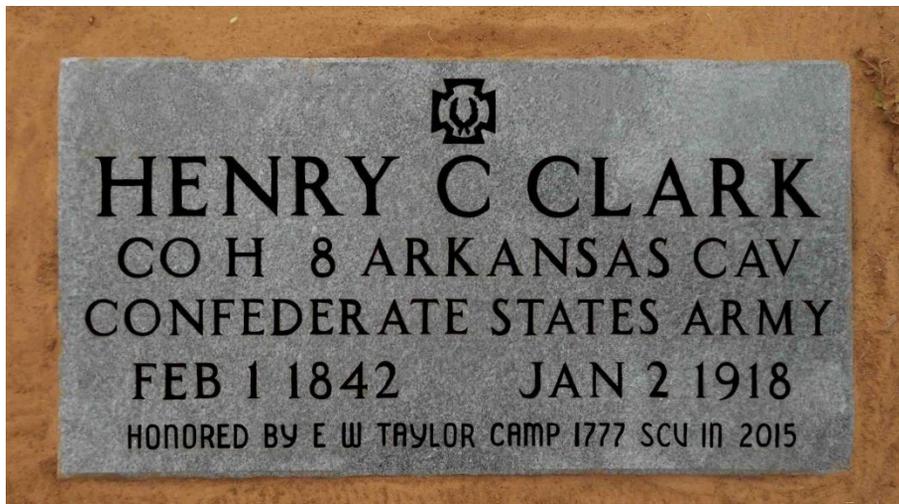
It was the first day in nearly a week it wasn't raining. Water collected in the hole before we soaked it up with dry sand. Henry Clark finally has a marker in Johnson Station Cemetery in Arlington.



Henry Clark at Johnson Station, cont.



We dressed it up with dry sand and got Marilyn to take our pictures. James Alderman (light shirt) and Mike Patterson were the setting crew. Kyle Sims and Dan Hays came to help but left when they didn't see us in the back. It was so wet they didn't think sane people would be trying to work under those conditions. Maybe they were right.



The most exciting part of the project came as we were leaving. We took a locked gate off its hinges so we didn't have to carry everything so far to and from the gravesite. The old fence had settled so much that it was only with some difficulty, and the application of a well-known Southern principle described by *verboten verbage*, that we got it back together.

New Orleans Confederate Monuments get protection while appeals process has time to work

...and take a minute to look at the City's newspaper's first response.

On Friday, March 25, at 11:10 a.m. we received an email from the Virginia Flagggers. It said that the group Save Our Circle, who have been fighting efforts to remove the Confederate monuments there, had just informed them that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals had issued a preliminary injunction to stop the City of New Orleans from moving forward with the removal of the monuments. This injunction will remain in place while the case is on appeal.

We immediately got online to see if there was any news coverage, and here's what we found. A long article, it was dated March 25, 2016 at 10:02 and updated four minutes later. It never mentioned the injunction.

It was published by the *Times-Picayune* in New Orleans, with the title "Confederate Statue Removal in New Orleans Turns Nasty." It's at:

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/03/confederate
statue_removal_in.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/03/confederate_statue_removal_in.html)

Before noon another article had been posted announcing the granting of the injunction. **In case the original article is taken down before you get a chance to read it, here's the lead-in photo which accompanied the article, posted on March 25, 2016.**



Interestingly, the photo at left, which was the lead photo in "Confederate Statue Removal in New Orleans Turns Nasty," published on March 26, 2015.... was actually taken in 1993, twenty-three years ago, at a ceremony to rededicate one of the monuments there.

Many people won't go past the headline and the photo. The man being hauled away died of natural causes on March 5, 1999.

~~PLAN A~~
PLAN B

“The New Orleans City Council voted in December to remove the statues and the Battle of Liberty Place monument, capping a months-long campaign and public hearing process that Mayor Mitch Landrieu started as part of an effort to mend racial divisions in the city.” New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, March 25, 2016. (Underlining ours)



....and this just in....New Orleans City Fact-Finding Task Force declares knives, forks, and spoons to be major links in the runaway epidemic of obesity among Americans.



After several of us repeatedly proofread the March issue, we still managed to mess up the year of Amon G. Carter's birth. It was 1879, not 1979 obviously. Sorry!



Charlottesville's magnificent equestrian R. E. Lee statue is now in the crosshairs

City leadership calls for statue removal and renaming of park. What a pity these folks can't get riled up about crime, education, or unemployment. Unfortunately, "It's all about me and my feelings."



It came as a surprise to this editor when he began doing some reading about Charlottesville, Virginia...which has Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe as two of its most important historical residents, and the University of Virginia which was Jefferson's brainchild.

Often characterized as an island of liberalism in the surrounding Southern countryside, all five members of its city council are Democrats, for whatever that's worth in today's polarized political climate.

Charlottesville statuary, cont.

Charlottesville may be justly proud of the University of Virginia, which was established in 1819 with the laying of the cornerstone. Three of our nation's first five presidents...Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, served on its original Board of Visitors.

Up to this point at least, only the most radical fringes of the PC crowd have suggested holding any of those three men responsible for their slave-owning lifestyles. Lots of dollars get left there by people coming to the University and to Jefferson's and Monroe's homes. If Lee had lived there and left a tourist attraction things would probably be different. No one's bothered the statue of Jefferson (below) at the University.



One of the most recent news stories regarding the Lee statue may be found at: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/31536897/people-show-support-for-opposition-to-lee-statue-in-charlottesville>

All five of the city council members may be contacted through the following web address:

<http://www.charlottesville.org/departments-and-services/departments-a-g/city-council/council-members>

Latest insult to our veterans comes from Indiana.

One of our own Taylor compatriots has a personal stake in this one.

John Milton Cannon, was a Confederate soldier. He was born May 8, 1824 in South Carolina. He served in Co. B, 8th Battalion Georgia Infantry. On July 3, 1864 he was captured at Chattahoochee, Georgia. Like so many others he wound up in Camp Morton at Indianapolis, Indiana. There he died from inflammation of the lungs on January 11, 1865. Along with most of the other Confederates who died at the prison, he was buried nearby in Greenlawn Cemetery.

In 1931 industrial development around Greenlawn Cemetery [translation: the railroad wanted the land] required the bodies of the Confederate prisoners to be moved to Crown Hill Cemetery, where they were interred in a mass grave known as Confederate Mound in Section 32 at Crown Hill. His name is included on one of the ten bronze plaques there.

He lies buried there today along with more than sixteen hundred other Confederates who died there in the military prison. His widow survived until 1891 and lies buried in Spring Creek Cemetery in Avoca, Jones County, Texas.

About two years ago one of Mr. Cannon's direct descendants was sworn in at one of our regular monthly meetings. That night, he gave us a check to purchase a VA clone upright for another of his Confederate ancestors buried near here, and we got it made and installed in record time.

The soldiers buried at Crown Hill represent nearly all of the Confederate States of America. In this relocation, the Confederate American soldiers were buried not individually but rather in a "mass grave." These soldiers died as prisoners of war in Indianapolis at Camp Morton.

In April of each year the Sons of Confederate



Veterans honor these American veterans with a public ceremony and wreath placement. In past years the grave site was decorated with Confederate American flags (the American flags under which these veterans served and died). This year the Indiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans are prohibited by the Cemetery from the display of the Confederate American Flag or any other Confederate American symbol.

In our opinion there should be equal rights for all American veterans. Confederate American veterans have been recognized by Congress as "American Veterans" and should have all rights and honors consistent to their service -- including the display of the American flag under which they served and died. To deny this right is discrimination. In this age, it is important that we all coexist without discrimination and bigotry.

We therefore call upon Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana to allow all American veterans to be honored with the proper placement of the American flags and symbols under which they served and died.

Crown Hill Confederate flag ban, cont.



Crown Hill Cemetery
700 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis IN 46208

Consider the photograph above which appears on Crown Hill's website. The following quote was taken from that same website on March 26, 2016, *after* the flag ban was enacted:

“Formerly known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a Federal holiday to commemorate U.S. soldiers who have died while in the military service. The holiday was first enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the Civil War. After World War I, it was extended to honor all American [sic] who have died in all wars.

General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5, 1868. It was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. May 30th was chosen as the official date because it was not the anniversary of a battle.... The original tradition of Memorial Day is still observed, although Americans have added traditions over the years...”

If you agree that there should be equal rights for all American veterans, you may wish to write a strong but polite note to the cemetery and ask that they allow equal rights for all veterans -- which includes the prominent placement of the colors under which they served and died. The cemetery address is shown above.



TEXAS DIVISION

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



Flagging Motorcade March 5

The weather was perfect for this event, which began at the Ol' South Pancake House on Fort Worth's University Drive. We had folks from as far away as Lubbock.



When we made our first re-grouping stop at the Stock Yards (left) we had about thirty cars, six motorcycles, and eighty-five people. The Taylor camp was represented by Clint Cotnam and Mike Patterson.



Flagging Motorcade March 5, cont.

Very early in the day someone in the group got a call on a cell phone that we were on Channel 5, with the information that we'd be covering Fort Worth, Denton, McKinney, and Dallas. Well, at least someone reads our newsletters....

Our event coincided with the funeral service of the slain policeman in Euless, and most of the day's TV news was concerned with that regrettable event.

The only internet coverage we could find was some YouTube video taken by a participant during our stop in the parking lot of Coopers BBQ on the north side of the stockyards:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjnPeiydaMQ>



Flagging Motorcade March 5, cont.



We basically covered three areas in Ft. Worth—the stock show barns, downtown, and the stock yards, where we got a great deal of exposure. We got lots of honks and waves of approval, and a few people parroting what they’d been told to believe by the TV.

At our first stop, Texas Division Commander Gary Bray (above in black hat) swore in three new members of the Col. Thomas S. Lubbock Camp #1352 from Lubbock. Their commander, Michael Walker, is left above from Comm. Bray. The three new members are, l-r, Jimmie W. Putman and his two grandsons, James G. Putman, II, and Cody B. Putman. The boys’ father is 1st Lt. Commander of the Lubbock Camp.

Next we drove north to Denton and made several trips around the square. We ended the day by having our picture taken there. L-r, Phillip Hearrean, Gary Bray, Mike Patterson, Curtis Coffee, Allen Hearrean, Calvin Allen, Boyd Coffee and Joe Wade.



An easy and inexpensive way to make signs to put on the sides of our cars during parades or flaggings

Open a new document in your word processor, and make the paper horizontal /landscape rather than vertical/portrait.

**We support
the First
Amendment.
Why don't you?**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Make your lettering as large as possible on your standard 8.5 x 11 sheet.

Call around and find a copy center which will make you a 270-per-cent enlargement copy of a standard sheet of typing paper. Your final sign needs to be about 23 inches tall so it will go through a standard laminating machine.

Easy car signs, cont.

**You and I
have civil
rights, too.**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**HERITAGE,
NOT HATE**

We denounce the KKK.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

DANGER !

**It's your First
Amendment Rights
they're trampling, too.**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**HERITAGE,
NOT HATE.
True, whether you
believe it or not.**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**We're not racists.
Did you hear that the
same place you heard
the economy is
booming?**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**PROUD
to have an ancestor
in the Confederate
Army !**

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Just a few ideas for posters. The less words, the better. Sign people say a mixture of capitals and lower case letters are actually easier to read than all capitals.

Making easy signs, cont.

A good place to have your copies made is Arlington Blueline Commercial Printer, 210 S. East St., Arlington, TX 76010, (817) 460-1664.

The cost is very reasonable, and usually runs about two dollars per sign.

Trim your signs, making sure that they are no more than 23 inches tall. That way they'll go through most laminating machines. Remember a little of each edge will be covered with duct tape on your vehicle.

Two good places to have your signs laminated: Teacher's Tools, 9982 Grapevine Hwy, Hurst, TX 76054, (817) 656-7233; or 6080 S. Hulen St., Suite 390, Ft. Worth, Tex 76132, (817) 263-8990.

Teacher's Tools charges 50 cents per running foot for film 24 inches wide. Thus it will cost you about \$1.50 to have one sign laminated.

Another good place is Mardel Christian & Education Supply, 664 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst, TX (817) 577-7587. They charge 30 cents per foot, so your signs will cost you less than one dollar each to laminate there.



In this humble editor's opinion, every vehicle in a flagging caravan should have a sign on both sides. Tall words and few of them are best.

That way when we get temporarily separated from the group we don't look like lone rangers just out for a joyride.

Ft. Worth Stock Show's president/general manager has Confederate ancestors, too

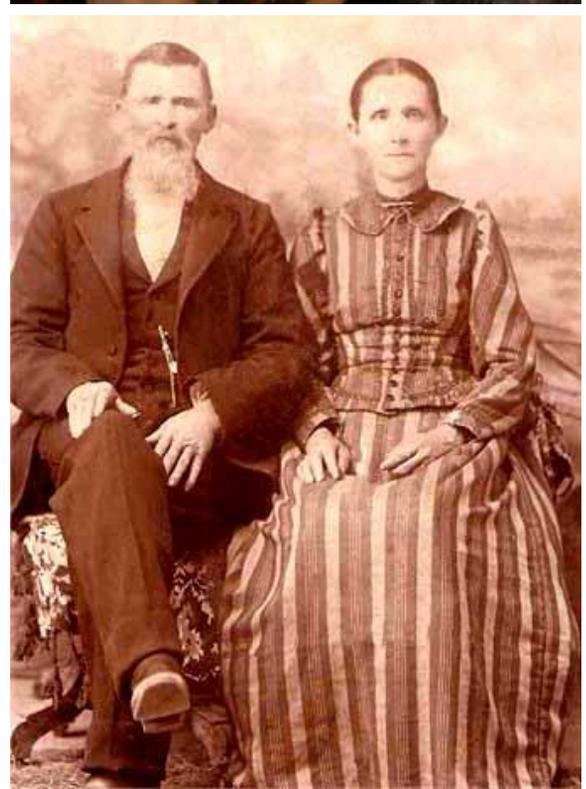
Like many of us, Bradford S. Barnes is a proud native of Fort Worth, as were both his parents. He attended Paschal High School and TCU. Several years ago he was elected president and general manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, which position he still holds.

Also like many of us, several of his ancestors were soldiers in the Confederate Army...and like most of our Confederate ancestors, none of his Confederates were slave owners.

On his dad's side, we found two direct Confederate ancestors through his paternal grandmother, Bess Q. Widener Barnes (1898-1983). One was Mr. Barnes' great-great grandfather, **Samuel W. Widener, 1841-1918**, who settled here after the War and lies buried in Rendon Cemetery in south Tarrant County. Samuel served in Co. K, 1st Mississippi Cavalry under the command of Gen. Nathan B. Forrest. He was paroled at Okolona, Mississippi in 1865. He lived for a time in the Texas Confederate Home in Austin, but was discharged at his own request about five months before he died. He has a large and interesting pension file in Austin. His widow received a pension until her death in 1921.

Mr. Barnes can proudly claim at least five direct ancestors in the Confederate Army.

Also through his paternal grandmother, Bess Barnes, one of his great-great-great grandfathers was **Andrew Jackson Hunt 1830-1909**, shown with his wife at right. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are buried in Cope Cemetery, not far inside the Johnson County line and just south of Tarrant County. Researchers on ancestry.com show him fighting in a Georgia regiment, but he actually served in Co. F, 7th Mississippi Cavalry. He was a quartermaster sergeant when the War ended. Apparently, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hunt applied for the Confederate pension to which they were entitled. Those were admirable acts, considering the "gimme" mentality of so many Americans today.



Stock Show president is Confederate descendant ⁵

Through his maternal grandfather, Thomas Graham Shaw (1901-1989), Mr. Barnes has at least three direct Confederate ancestors. One of his great-great-grandfathers was **James Marion Shaw (1837-1911)**, a first corporal in Co. G, 14th Alabama Infantry. He was wounded in the leg at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863 and was taken prisoner there. He was paroled in August and spent some time in the Confederate hospital in Richmond before going back to his regiment. He was with General Lee at the surrender at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. He has a long, interesting file in the National Archives. He was pensioned by the State of Alabama for his Confederate service. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw lie buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at Jasper, Walker County, Alabama.

Interestingly, James M. Shaw's father **John Patrick Shaw (1816-1907)** (and thus Mr. Barnes' great-great-grandfather) also served in the Confederate Army. John P. Shaw enlisted in the summer of 1864 when he was forty-eight years

old and served as a private in Ellis Logan's Company of Alabama Reserves (Home Guards). John P. Shaw lies buried in Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery at Goodwater, Coosa County, Alabama.

Also through his maternal grandfather, Mr. Barnes is directly descended from **George Washington Hurley (1836-1925)**. Mr. Hurley first served as a 2nd lieutenant in Co. A, 27th (Foster's) Alabama Infantry and later held the same rank in Co. H, 4th Alabama (Roddey's) Cavalry. He told pension officials he was discharged on May 25, 1865. He drew a pension from the State of Alabama for his service, and has a marker furnished by the Veterans Administration at his grave in Hillcrest Cemetery in Haleyville, Winston County, Alabama.

There were almost certainly other uncles who took part, but the time constraints of putting together this article did not allow for researching them.



Mr. Barnes' great-great grandfather, James Marion Shaw, faithful to the end, was with General Lee at Appomattox Court House.

Confederate VA headstone which marked grave in Fort Lancaster Cemetery removed by Texas Historical Commission and is still “in storage”

The following quote appeared in the MT Johnson newsletter in 2014:

“About seven or eight years ago David McMahon, our current 3rd Lt. Cdr., placed a VA tombstone on a the grave of a TX CSA soldier who died at Ft Lancaster in the early days of the war. The grave had been previously marked by a rock with his name, birth and date scratched on it.

The VA headstone’s placement was approved by the TX Parks and Wildlife Dept., the organization then having control of the park, and a VA marker was placed on the soldier’s grave. At the same time the previously unmarked graves of two children buried there were also marked by simple headstones.

When the TX State Historical Commission (THC) took over management of the historic sites in TX several years later, the new superintendent with control over Ft. Lancaster decided to return the park site to its “original appearance,” and the VA marker and the children’s stones were removed and placed in storage.

One of the first questions asked in this case is what is the baseline for “original appearance?” Is it the year 1600, the year 1861, some year in the 1930s when it became a recognized historic site, or some other year? The West Texas Brig. of the TX Div. has asked the county’s district attorney to review the case with the aim of charging that park superintendent with a criminal offense of grave desecration, if the headstones are not placed in the position where they were located before removal by the THC. We are waiting on the DA’s decision. “



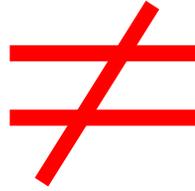
A call by this editor on Saturday morning, March 26, was answered by Leonard, the site manager, before he learned the reason for my call. I asked him if the Confederate VA headstone was still not in the cemetery, and he said, “For what reason do you want to know that.” I told him that answered my question, and thanked him.

Related article on next page.



TEXAS
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The State Agency for Historic Preservation



SCV boycotts Texas Historical Commission activities

Compatriots,

Over the last couple of years, there has been nothing but total disregard by the Texas Historical Commission towards the valiant Confederate Veterans. From the lowering of the flags at Mexia to the pulling of a headstone at Fort Lancaster, they have shown no respect for the history of our beloved state, or its citizens.

Last weekend, at the Texas Division Executive Commission meeting in Lorena, I addressed the issue and suggested that all activities of the Texas Historical Commission be boycotted. Not one voice was against this action.

At this time we wholeheartedly encourage all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to no longer participate in the upcoming events at Fort Lancaster, the Mexia Confederate Reunion Grounds, or Fort McKavitt. We are all volunteers at these activities, so we don't have to do anything else, just stay home.

This email and this action may be forwarded and shared with anyone you wish. I have no shame in standing up to an agency of the state who is supposed to be our servant.

David McMahan, Lt. Commander, Texas Division



March 26, 2016

Compatriots,

Our division commander has been in contact with the Confederate Reunion Grounds and the flags have been restored so no reason exists to include that facility in our boycotting of the Texas Historical Commission sites.

David McMahan, Lt. Commander
Texas Division

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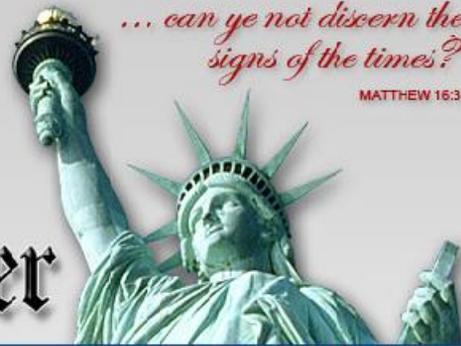
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*... can ye not discern the
 signs of the times?*

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INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE VOICE OF THE PALMETTO STATE

Black History Month

Guest Column by H. K. Edgerton

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

On Friday, February 9, 2016, continuing the commemorating of Black History Month, done in the uniform of the Southern soldier, I would Post the Southern Cross at the road entrance of Charles C. Owens High School in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

It wasn't long before a White man pulled up to where I stood, and asked me how a man of my persuasion could stand there representing a soldier who fought to enslave "you'se" and your kind? Before I could answer, he sped away.

I would have told him: for the same reasons that the Honorable Dr. Alexander Darnes, the first Black Doctor in the State of Florida gave in his description of the Honorable General Kirby Smith. "He was a generous, virtuous, Christian gentleman. A brave soldier with a benevolent turn of mind and heart of a nobleman." We were then and arguably still brothers, native to the Southern soil whether freed or indentured. How could I do less?

Later that evening, I would arrive in Rutherfordton, North Carolina to give a speech to the members, guests, and families of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Lt. William Corbit Camp 525.

Prior to the meeting, I would post the colors of the Southern Cross at the corner of North Main. Shortly thereafter two cars with Rutherfordton's finest would pull up to where I stood in the Public easement. "Sir," would



come their inquiry, "what are you doing and why?"

I would tell them that, 1st, it is black History Month, and I am standing here in commemoration of all the trained cadre of Black folk on plantations all across the Southland of America who made all the implements of war, provided the food stuffs for General Lee's army, stayed at home to help protect the home places as best they could from an army with orders to kill defenseless old men, woman and children: and of whom why they were not legally went of to war with a man that he only called Master, but also family and friend. And earned a place of honor and dignity, no matter how much those who hate the South try to push asunder especially in this Month. And later, I will give a speech to the SCV in the Old Courthouse Building.

Just before the delegation consisting of two White men, one Mulatto, and one Black man would come to chide me for standing there with the flag,

H. K. Edgerton, cont.

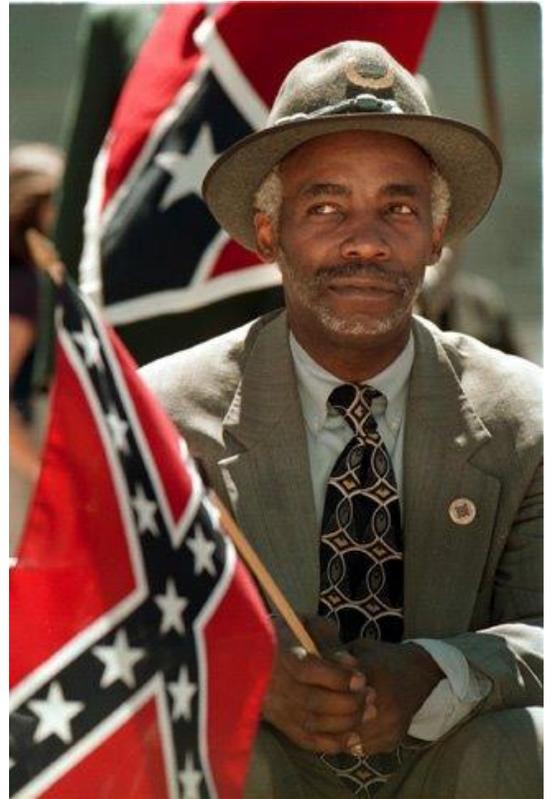
and that I should “git out of town,” the Police would return and ask first if I was H. K. Edgerton, and that I could remain where I was without a permit unless one other person joined me. Otherwise, without that permit, I would be arrested. I’m glad that I didn’t have to challenge that.

The delegation would return after purchasing their libations from down the street, and get a lesson on content discrimination and the hypocrisy of Black lives matter. I told them to come across the street to where I stood, but as they started to come, a car pulled up beside them, peeled his plastic off the passenger side of his window and told them not to “talk to that stupid nigger.” And they retreated, now issuing obscenities to me as they walked away. “Men, you ought to have minds of your own,” was my retort.

The Police would return again to tell me that someone had called and said that I was being accosted. “No,” was my reply. “I come for the nay sayers as well as the yea sayers.” The time had come for my speech. Afterwards, I would gracefully accept the standing ovation from those who had come to hear me speak about the loyalty of those Africans to their Southern families before, during and after the war for Southern Independence. God bless you!

HK Edgerton is Former President of the Asheville, NC NAACP and is currently President of North Carolina Heritage Preservation.

We tried to reproduce the page from the Times Examiner on which this was printed, but doing so made the type too small to read. We retyped it for this newsletter, but left it exactly as it was written.



Way

to



Sen. Allen

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Alabama!

Alabama State Senator Gerald Allen (R-Tuscaloosa, above) has introduced an important bill in the Alabama Senate which would protect veterans memorials in that state. You may go to the following site to read the bill's text and track its progress:

<https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/662681>

One recent newspaper article which appeared concerning the bill may be read at:

<http://www.wvtm13.com/news/proposed-bill-would-outlaw-removal-of-historical-monuments-in-alabama/37357722>

The next sessions of the Alabama House and Senate open on Tuesday April 5, 2016. Alabama Senator Jabo Waggoner (R-Vestavia Hills) has also announced his support of the bill.



Confederate Flags have been furnished by
2nd Texas Frontier District Camp 1904
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Flags have been placed on the graves of Confederate soldiers to honor these men who left their fields and businesses to defend their homes and families against an invasion from the North. They fought with honor and bravery facing an army better equipped and that greatly outnumbered them. Nevertheless, they became a fighting force to be both feared and respected. When the war ended, many veterans left a devastated Southland and came to Texas to begin new lives. They established homes, schools, churches and businesses. It is with great affection that we remember these men in their final resting places across Texas.

For information about becoming a member of a Confederate Heritage Organization, please contact:
Frank Bussey, Commander
2nd Texas Frontier District Camp
Sons of Confederate Veterans
(254) 734-6537 or (254) 734-4616

Joyce Whitis, President
Major George B. Erath Chapter 2679
United Daughters of the Confederacy
(254) 968-8450

Another great idea for remembering our Confederate heroes

It might also cut down on the number of Confederate flags which routinely disappear from cemeteries as soon as they're put out.

At our March 5 event, Commander Frank Bussey of the 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp, based in DeLeon in Comanche County, showed us this neat metal weatherproof sign. His camp, and the Major George B. Erath Chapter of the UDC based in Stephenville, Erath County, are placing these signs at pioneer cemeteries in their area where they are flagging Confederate graves. Placed at the walk-in entrance gates, they're a great way to increase our visibility.

A big improvement at our meeting place

A photograph of a meeting room. A large projector screen is mounted on the wall, displaying a blue slide with some faint text. To the left is a window with white horizontal blinds. In the foreground, a dark table is set with a laptop, a yellow tape measure, and other items. Two wooden chairs with dark seats are positioned around the table. The room has dark wood-paneled walls.

The managers at Catfish and Company graciously allowed us to mount hooks on the wall, and we got a wall-mounted screen. That frees up several square feet of floor space we badly needed at the west end of the room. It works fine!!!

In Appreciation...



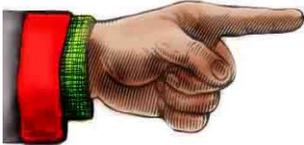
Thanks to Marilyn Patterson for taking your editor to Worthington's on March 3 to do some planning for future projects.



Thanks to Compatriot Allen Hearrean of the M. T. Johnson camp for letting your editor ride along with him during the flagging on March 5.



Thanks to all the approximately 85 SCV members and members of their families who took part in the Fort Worth-Denton Flagging on Mar. 5.



Thanks to Clint Cotnam and Mike Patterson for representing the Taylor Camp during the flagging processional in Fort Worth and Denton on March 5.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson, James Alderman, and Mike Patterson for getting the stone for Henry C. Clark set in Johnson Station on March 12. Kyle Sims and Dan Hays came to help but didn't see us holed up in the back of the cemetery and left.



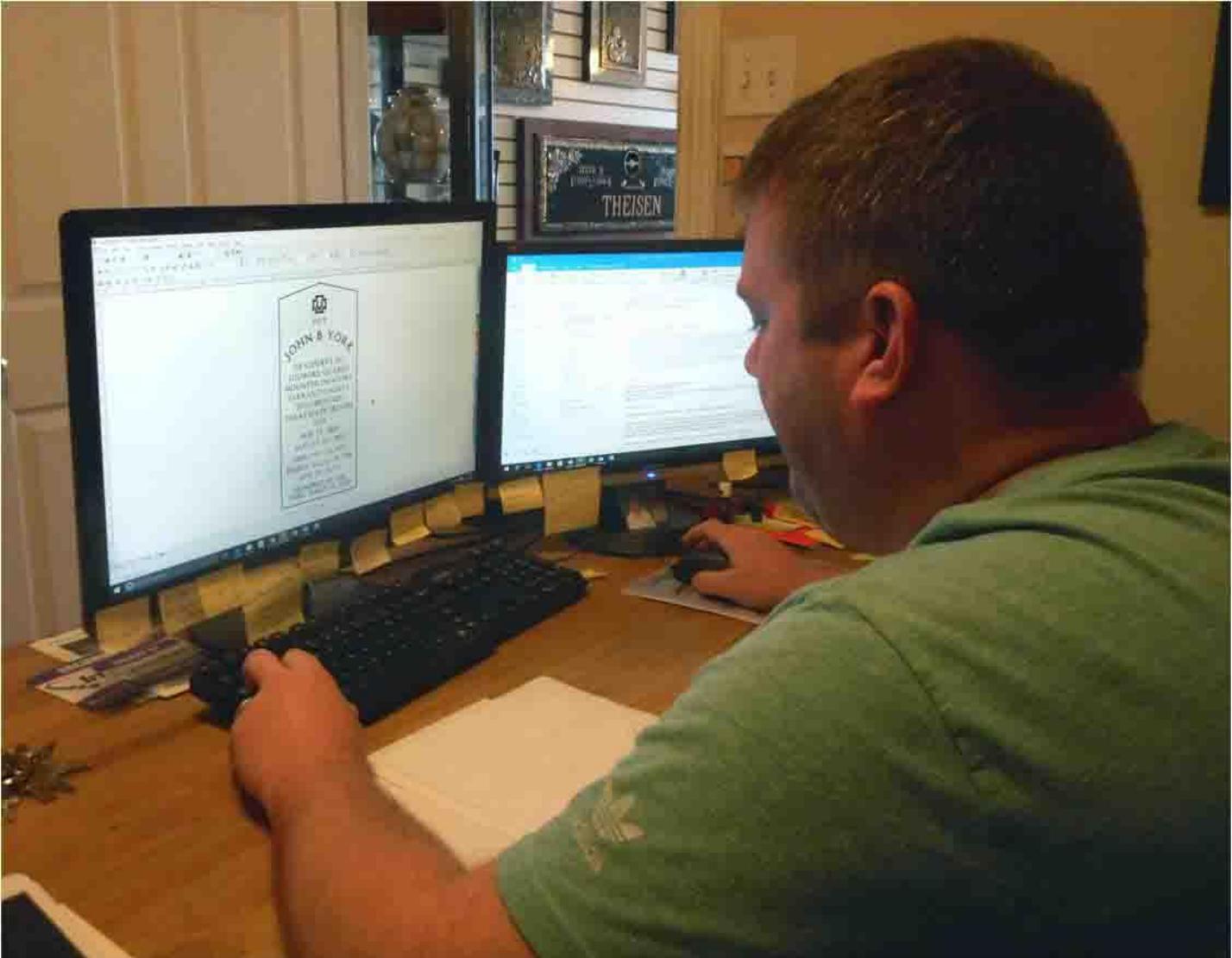
Thanks to the managers of Catfish and Company Restaurant in Hurst for letting us install hangers on their wall so we can have a wall-mounted projection screen.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson and Tammy Patterson for helping get the work done for the new screen at our meeting place.



Thanks to Clay Fitzhugh's and our new friend, Ruby Zacha, for sponsoring yet another Confederate grave marker, which we'll make and install in the near future.



Our thanks to Matt and Ryan Worthington for making it possible for us to have a marker program. When you need expert, local, caring work done to memorialize your loved ones, call them. Here Matt's working on the drawing for the Confederate upright for John B. York, which we'll dedicate on April 23.

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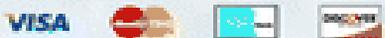


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Down the road a piece...

May 7, 2016 Weatherford Memorial Day Parade.

May 14, 2016 One stone install at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Nine a.m.

May 30, 2016 Memorial Day observance in Keller at Mount Gilead Cemetery. We supply the musket salute squad.

June 3-5, 2016 Annual Texas Division Reunion at Y O Ranch, Kerrville, Texas.

July 4, 2016 Annual July 4 Parade in Arlington. We'll ride our "float."

July 13-17, 2016 National SCV Reunion in Richardson, Texas.



No one is doing more to honor our Southern heroes than the Virginia Flaggers. Your editor and his wife make regular monthly donations to them through Paypal. You can't find an easier way to donate or a better group to help each month. Think about being a regular monthly contributor.

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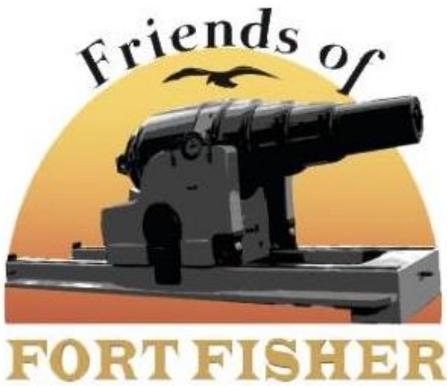


Unique SCV emblems at great prices

These durable metal emblems are produced by our friend and compatriot, Joe Wade, of the M. T. Johnson camp in Arlington. He brought one to our March meeting and sold three while there.

They are laser-cut from 1/8" steel plates and are then powder coated using an electrolysis process. Flawless quality through and through.

The come in two sizes....12"x12" and 24"x24". They may be painted in any color you choose. The smaller ones are \$30 raw, powder coated any color \$45. Larger signs raw \$45, powder coated any color \$60. Call Joe Wade at 817-688-3867.



This fine organization posts its newsletters online. They are very interesting and readable.

<http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com/newsletters.html>

It's easy to keep up with the many activities of the Virginia Flaggers. Their blog is regularly updated.

<http://vaflaggers.blogspot.com/>



As our friend from the Griffin Camp, Jack Dyess, reminds us, there's always something good to read at the Abbeville Institute's page.



“Why Do They Hate the South and Its Symbols?”

by Paul Gottfried,
Aug. 4, 2014

<http://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/review/why-do-they-hate-the-south-and-its-symbols/>

Coming soon...

April 9
Tentative date set
to *install* three
stones in Mitchell
Cem. in N. Ft. W.
Meet at 9.

April 23
Dedication of marker
for Sheriff John B.
York, 10 a.m. Mitchell
Cemetery in North Fort
Worth
Details in this issue

Apr. 16
History of
Kennedale Parade
Details in this
issue

April 28
Monthly meeting of
the E. W. Taylor
Camp
Eat at six
Meet at seven

If you haven't
already, start
paying attention to
the candidates and
issues for the
upcoming election
in November.



Ever Vigilant

Recent events have made us proud of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who've stood up and made themselves heard in the face of attacks on the memory of our Southern Patriots.

As public officials learn that we will not go silently into the night they will be more careful in making snap decisions based upon pressure from vocal minorities. We have the same First Amendment Rights as the protesters, and many of us have served in the military to safeguard them.

On a local level, please let us know if you see something we can do to further The Cause. As always, that includes seeing that all our local Confederate heroes are properly remembered with dignified memorials.



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.