

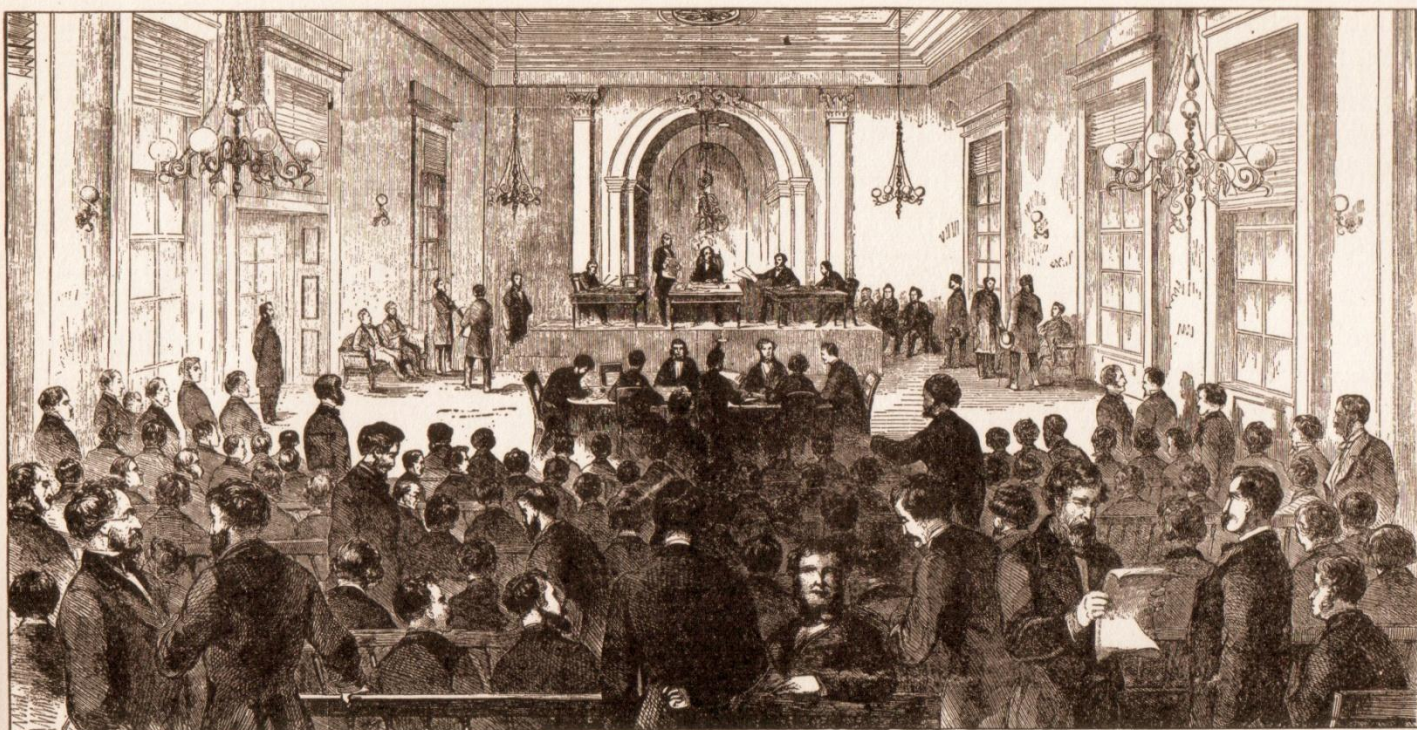


COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP # 1777  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

# Newsletter

Bedford, Texas..... August, 2016

## August Program



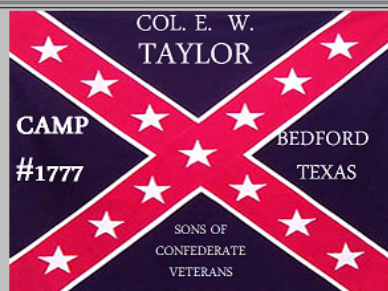
## The Peace Conference of 1861

Join us in August as our adjutant, James Alderman, presents a program to us on the Washington peace convention in February 1861. It was the last serious attempt by the states to avoid the conflict which became the War Between the States.

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

**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**

# Who are we? That's easy to see!!!



## Colonel E. W. Taylor SCV Camp #1777 (Bedford, Texas)

Commander: Bob Gresham (817) 451-1040 ~ Adjutant: James Alderman (817) 605-0538  
Meets: Last Thursday of the month Jan - Oct at 7:00 pm (if planning to eat please arrive by 6:00 pm)  
Location: Catfish Company Restaurant @ 900 Airport Fwy, Hurst, TX 76054 (817) 581-3912

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Visitors & Counting!

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

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. You'll notice that they're always current, and that there are no gaps beginning in January 2011. Our newsletter editor is Mike Patterson at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com); he tries to be diligent in checking and answering his emails so give him some input.

**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 the 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 the restaurant's hospitality to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.**



# **Talk up the SCV and our camp; the world needs to see who we really are.**



**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 some 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.**

# Taylor camp proudly welcomes new member



Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh of Arlington has transferred his membership to our camp, and we're glad to have him! He has already shown himself to be an able and willing worker, attending meetings, helping to install markers, pulling our trailer in two parades, and other activities. We need lots more members who are willing to devote the time it takes to assure our SCV camp makes its mark in the community and excels.



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## Chuck Marks delivers excellent program on Jewish Confederates

You missed a treat if you didn't make our July meeting. Taylor compatriot Chuck Marks delivered a program, complete with slides, on the Jewish Confederates.

Our thanks to Chuck for taking the time to do his research. He is an excellent presenter.

Chuck's direct ancestor was Major Washington Marks, a Jewish Confederate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana Infantry. When he became interested in joining the SCV Chuck had no idea anyone in his family background was Jewish. He probably has the highest-ranking direct ancestor of anyone in our camp.



# House GOP leaders block votes to restrict Confederate flag



*It appears that Republicans in the House may be finally getting the message...and finding their backbones! Score one for our side.*

The pushback continues and this is good news, to be sure, but no time to let up! The flag haters will certainly try again soon. Call and write your congressmen. Thank them if they voted to block these restrictions and remind them that we are their base...and we are watching. Urge them to block any attempt to deny us the right to honor our ancestors as we see fit, and ask them to resist the pressure to pander to the PC leftists who want to destroy our history and heritage.

The removal of the provision to ban the flags was a complicated one, and here's a good opportunity to get an idea of how it happened. Go to:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/287325-house-gop-leaders-block-votes-to-restrict-confederate-flag>



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# Taylor camp honors charter member in Wise County on July 23

*About thirty family members, friends, and SCV members met in Boonsville Cemetery to pay tribute to Mike Stark, Jr.*



While there we installed the granite memorial, below. Jack Dyess and the brigade color guard, five men in all, also posted the colors. Diane Dyess, in her role as a member of the order of the Confederate Rose, placed a red rose at the grave and handed out other roses to family members.



The musket squad was made up of E. W. Taylor camp members, shown here with Mike Stark, Sr., one of the charter members of the camp. They were, left to right, Tom Trawick, Mike Patterson, James Alderman, Mike Stark, Sr., Kent Mathews, Jack Eustace, Boone Eustace, and Bob Gresham. In all there were eleven representatives of our camp there.



# Our thanks to Jack Dyess and the Texas Division Dismounted Color Guard for their help at Boonsville



Diane Dyess (in black) represented the Order of the Confederate Rose.

The five men who made up the Color Guard were led by Jack Dyess (W. H. Griffin Camp #2235 in Haltom City).

Holding the U. S. flag was Jack Edwards from Brock, Texas, a member of the S. W. T. Lanham Camp #586 in Weatherford.

Jason Waggoner of Denton, Texas held the Texas flag; he is a member of the Stonewall Jackson Camp #901 in Denton.

Richard Smoot of Corsicana, Texas held the 1<sup>st</sup> National Confederate flag and is commander of the William H. L. Wells Camp #1588 in Plano, Texas.

Michael Upchurch of Garland, Texas carried the Battle Flag; he is the commander of the Stonewall Jackson Camp #901 in Denton.





# Arlington Confederate dead since 1878 will get first marker on Aug. 13

*This will be our first-ever installation in the M. T. Johnson Plantation Cemetery. Our honoree, Mr. Burford, was married to M. T. Johnson's sister.*



On Saturday morning, August 13, we could use your help for a few minutes to install this single stone in Arlington. Mr. Burford's wife's grave is already marked,

Researchers at ancestry.com say William J. Burford was born in 1812 in Tennessee, the son of John Burford (1787-1852).

William J. Burford's paternal grandfather, John Burford Sr. (1758-1834), was a pensioned veteran of the American Revolution. He lies buried in the adjoining grave to William's father in Cane Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama.

On October 19, 1837 William married M. T. Johnson's sister, Mary Eliza Johnson (1817-1906) in Jefferson County, Alabama. They settled in what is now Tarrant County before 1850. They are in our first census that year.

William was a very successful farmer here. When the 1860 tax list was made, he owned and worked a 450-acre farm with the help of six slaves.

William enlisted at Johnson Station in June 1861. Most of what we know of Mr. Burford's service is shown on his stone. He has no records in the National Archives. His only

existing files are in the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin.

We continue to look for Confederates in our area who have never had a stone, or whose stones have weathered to unreadability. Later this year we will be setting a replacement stone in Johnson Station Cemetery for Silas Poe, one of several Poe brothers who left here to fight. One died in service in South Texas. Silas returned home but died in 1866. His old marble stone has been broken into several pieces.

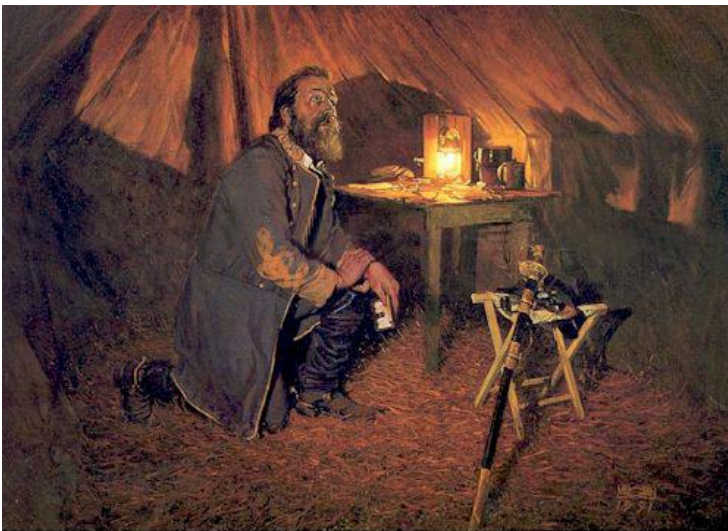
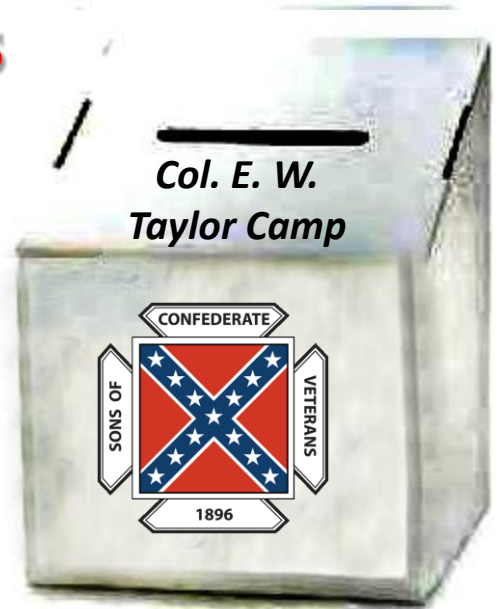
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ARKANSAS LANE (NORTH SIDE OF  
STREET)**





# October camp elections

We need you and your talents in October when it's time to elect a commander, a first lieutenant commander, an adjutant, and a chaplain. Step up. We have one of the best, most active, most productive camps in the SCV. Period. Let's keep it going.



Several of our members are facing severe and frightening medical conditions. Compatriot Kent Mathews continues to undergo testing on his heart. Recently the family discovered that Kent's eighty-six-year-old father has an alarming growth on his liver which is requiring very expensive medication.

Continue to ask God to comfort and encourage compatriot Jeff Ainsworth in his constant battle against his disability. Please keep these men in your daily prayers. If you know of other compatriots who need prayers please contact your chaplain Mike Patterson at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

# Stock Show's President Emeritus is great-grandson of Texas Confederate cavalry officer



Few would argue that the Stock Show is the world-class act it is today largely because of two men...R. A. "Bob" Watt, the current President Emeritus of the Board, and his father, Billy Bob Watt (1900-1977), who led the organization before him. Like all the other men we've profiled recently, Bob Watt, Jr. is a native of Ft. Worth. His dad and mom were natives of Longview, Texas and Mayfield, Kentucky, respectively.

Billy Bob Watt, Sr., became a success in life despite losing both his parents within a week of each other in Fort Worth during the great sickness epidemic of 1918. It is now a part of Fort Worth legend how he turned aside from his successful cab business in Fort Worth in 1946 and agreed to work to help the Stock Show get back on its feet.

He certainly did that and much more. He was elected president of the board of directors in 1946 and served there until his death in 1977. His influence was such that he was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1991.

Bob Watt, Jr. became President and General Manager in 1978, and remained in an active leadership position until he stepped down in 2010.

Most of the time when we look into the family backgrounds of leaders we find other leaders. That's certainly the case here, too.

Bob Watt's paternal grandmother's father was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Nathaniel Robbins Bagwell, a Confederate cavalry officer in Co. C, 23<sup>rd</sup> "Gould's" Texas Cavalry. He enlisted March 25, 1862 at Clarksville in Red River County.

Mr. Bagwell was born in 1840 in Pike County, Arkansas. He came to Texas with his parents about 1849 and settled in Red River County. There he married Sarah Elizabeth

Rogers on October 19, 1859. They had seven children; Mr. Watt's grandmother, Mary Margaret, was one of them.

Nathaniel's military records file in the National Archives in

Washington D. C. is interesting and records his promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. less than two months after he enlisted. Like most Confederate records they are spotty, but it is known that he was posted at Quintana on the Texas coast in December 1863. The primary battles in which Gould's regiment took place were all in 1864 in Louisiana...Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Yellow Bayou.

The sixth in a series of looks at  
the Confederate backgrounds of  
the leaders of the Southwestern  
Exposition and Livestock Show.

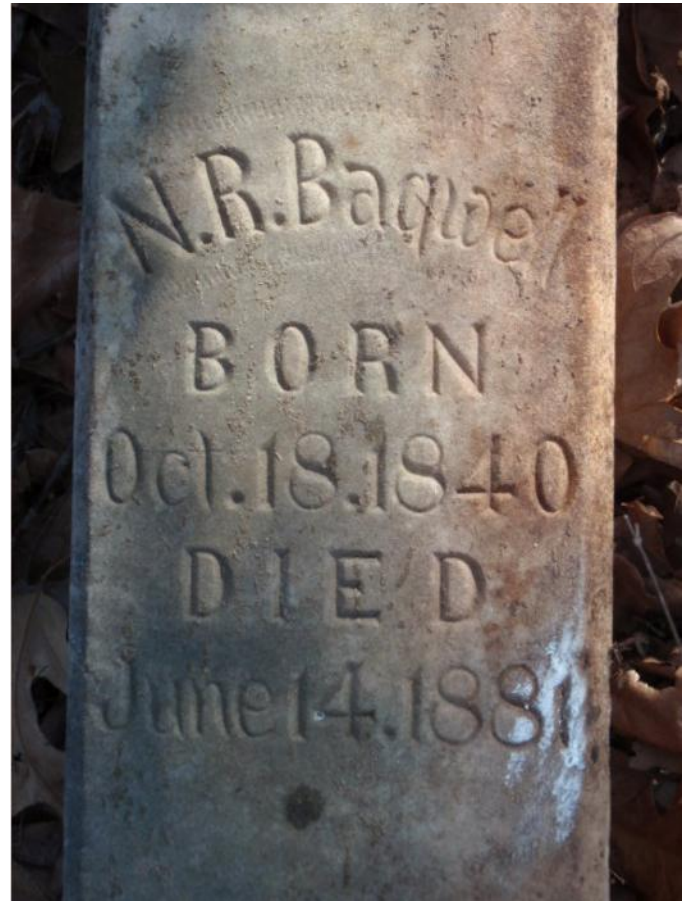




## Confederate roots of Stock Show's President Emeritus, cont.

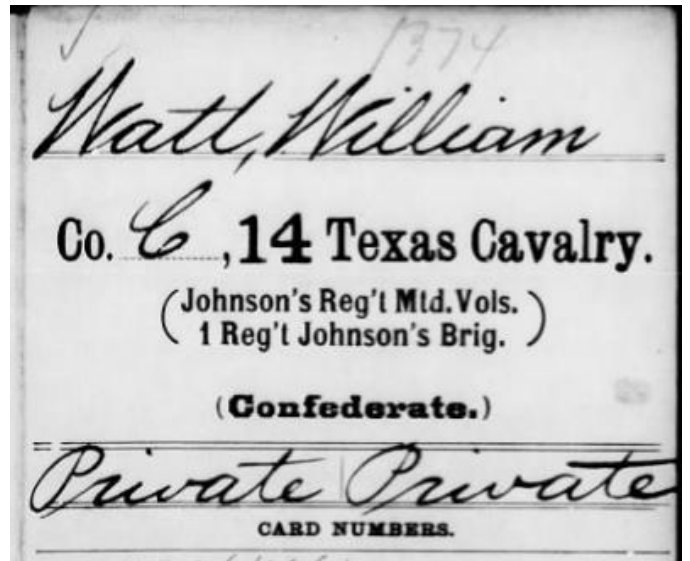
After the War, Mr. Bagwell returned home and resumed farming. In 1880 he lived in a small community in Red River County named after his father, who operated a blacksmith shop and tannery there.

Nathaniel R. Bagwell died at his home at Bagwell on June 14, 1881. He was buried in the same cemetery as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milas Bagwell: Forbes Cemetery at Bagwell, Texas. It is now largely forgotten and neglected, and most of the headstones are lying on the ground (below).



Mrs. Bagwell applied for a Confederate widow's pension immediately when they became available in 1899. She died in 1902 and was buried in Old Shamrock Cemetery, also in the Bagwell Community.

Mr. Watt's paternal great-grandfather, Andrew Watt (1827-1882) was a bit too old for Confederate service, but one of Andrew's younger brothers, William Watt (1834-1916), served in Co. C, 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Henderson, Texas two days before Christmas in 1861. This regiment, also known as [Middleton Tate] Johnson's Mounted Volunteers, saw service at some of the major battles, including Murfreesboro, Chickamauga (where the regiment suffered 44 per cent losses), Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas; at several of the engagements leading up to the loss of Atlanta in 1864; and at Nashville, Tennessee. They surrendered with General Taylor's army at Meridian, Mississippi in 1865.



Mr. Watt and his widow were both pensioned by the State of Texas for his service. Mrs. Francis Watt survived until 1920. They lie buried in Tatum Cemetery in Rusk County, Texas.

# Some notes from the National SCV Reunion in Richardson, taken on July 14 and 15 by our adjutant, James Alderman

SCV Membership as of 6 July, 2016:

Active	32,735
Delinquent	69,398
Friends	666
Total	102,769

National is organizing Camp files to make it easier to research. They are up to Camp 800.

SCV Flag Program – purchased 53,000 in 2015:

- Flags are offered to camps at wholesale prices.
- All flags are authentic representations (color and layout).

Headquarters is modernizing their computer systems.

SCV is now approved for the 2016 “Federal Giving Campaign” (donations opportunity).

The Southern Heritage Festival will be held 11-13 November at Elm Springs headquarters.

51 x 51 was the regulation for Confederate field flags.

CSS Hunley is in conservation status and should be completed in 2020.

We now have two SCV camps in Michigan.

National is working on a new website. If interested in seeing the development thus far, go to [www.scv.org/new](http://www.scv.org/new).

SCV is a 501(c)3 entity which has tax exemption and is thus limited in political involvement. They are working on a 501(c) 4 status which will be separate from the regular SCV.

SCV Headquarters has a Southern Heritage Defense element and can be more active in the political arena without affecting the National organization.

Next National Reunion sites: Memphis 2017, Franklin 2018, Mobile 2019.

\$10,000 was awarded each to Memphis and New Orleans for their heritage fight.

March 4 each year is Confederate Flag Day and is based on the fact that it is the day President Jefferson Davis signed into law the Confederate Flag bill.



## Some notes from the National SCV Reunion in Richardson, taken on July 14 and 15 by our adjutant, James Alderman, cont.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Hunley JROTC/ROTC awards program. 750 were awarded in 2016 and the 2017 goal is 1000.

The Sam Davis Camp, LLC is separating from the National SCV organization to become their own 501(c)3 organization. It is felt they can become more effective if run as a separate organization. It costs \$500.00 to sponsor a child to attend.

Confederate Graves Registry :

- VA now allowing tombstone applications without a descendant signature.
  - National wants the Registry to have GPS coordinates.
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It gets mighty hot in other places besides Texas. Here's one of several amusing photos Compatriot Ron Parker shared showing the way some ways animals beat the heat.



A Resolution Proclaiming

# National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Whereas, with the current vicious and despicable attacks being waged against the law enforcement officers around the country today, and

Whereas, law enforcement officers are the domestic protectors of our citizens, our society and our way of life, and

Whereas, a society cannot survive without the valor, dedication, and sacrifices of our law enforcement officers and the support from their families, and

Whereas, responsible citizens have a moral duty to support the institutions and citizens who place their lives in peril every day so that our society can enjoy the rights, privileges, and freedoms of citizens of a great republic which our forefathers and God provided us,

Now therefore, the following proclamation is hereby published to the Confederation:

Thursday August the 18th of 2016 shall be proclaimed as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps, Brigades, and Divisions are hereby highly encouraged to show their support to their local law enforcement officials by any and all means appropriate on this day. We offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to those who place their lives in the Almighty's favor on a daily basis protecting and serving the public.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.



## The Sons of Confederate Veterans



# Arlington July 4 started with fireworks this year!

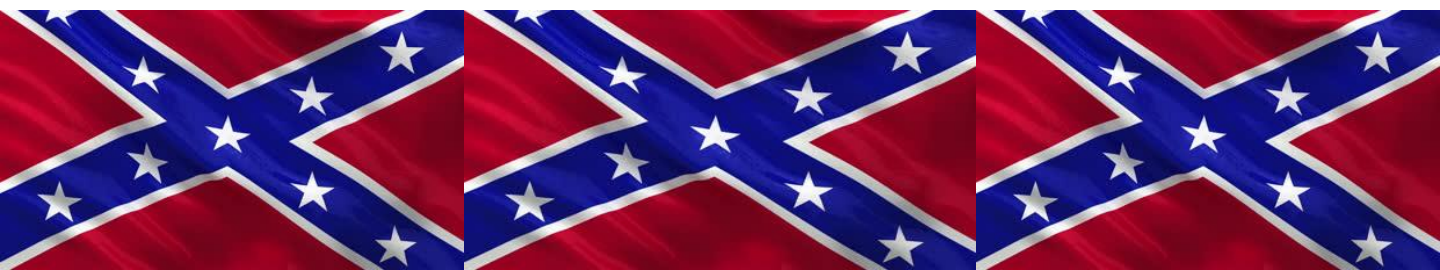


**MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016**

**7:19 AM CDT**

Historically, the chances of thunderstorms at 7 a.m. on Independence Day are about 1.7 percent. Normally, the most humid part of the day is around 6-7 a.m., and that's without a pounding rain. Most things (and people) on floats don't react well to being soaked... and a soaking many people got.

By 8 a.m. the rain had moved out, leaving behind delightfully cool temperatures and a heavy cloud cover. Arlington officials wisely moved the starting time to ten a.m., giving everyone time to get ready for one of the most comfortable 4<sup>th</sup>-of-July parades any Texas town ever staged.





# Photos from the Arlington Fourth of July parade



Most of the SCV contingent at Arlington were members of the M. T. Johnson camp. Two of our own compatriots, James Madewell and Bobby Gresham represented us there. In the photo above, James is at far right, and Bobby is beside him behind the flag. In the photo at left, James has a white star and Bobby has a red star.



# We appreciate your help!



Thanks to Bobby Gresham and James Madewell for representing our camp in the Arlington July 4 parade.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson and Tammy Patterson for hauling your editor around on various SCV-related activities in July.



Thanks to James Alderman for making a early-morning run on July 21 to Worthington's to help us get ready for Mike Stark's ceremony at Boonsville. Thanks, too, for him taking us to the ceremony on July 23.



Thanks to all the members of the E. W. Taylor camp who made the trip to Boonsville on July 23: Mike Stark, Sr., Tyler Hannah, Michael Hannah, James Alderman, Bob Gresham, Dana Gresham, Kent Mathews, Jack Eustace, Boone Eustace, Tom Trawick, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson for proofreading this issue of the newsletter.



Thanks to Stephen Parker for his always-prompt help with our webpage and answering our computer-related questions.

# Virginia Flaggers raise largest flag to date on Saturday, July 23

*This one exceeded all expectations. Local law enforcement was very impressed with the conduct of the crowd; a great PR event for the South!*

More than 700 people attended this event. For lots more details and photos go to the Virginia Flaggers blog and Face book pages. Your editor and his wife donate to the VA Flaggers every month through PayPal.

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honor of General William L. Cabell, a Danville native who later moved to Dallas and filled several offices including mayor, commander of the Trans-Mississippi UCV, and honorary Commander of the National UCV. He is shown above. A Dallas school is named for him. At the recent SCV reunion in Richardson, Virginia Flagger Susan Hathaway took time to visit the General's grave in Dallas.

Area law enforcement groups have complimented the VF group on its good

behavior, failure to block streets while parking hundreds of cars, cleaning up after leaving, and respecting the rights of neighbors.

The largest battle flag raised to date, this 30' x 50' flag waves atop a 119' pole. It has a special interest to us because the park is named in

For some great coverage, including photos and video, go to:

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2013/10/02/virginian-veterans-raise-i-95-battleflag/>

More local media coverage is at:

[http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/in-protest-of-city-council-decision-virginia-flaggers-raise-largest/article\\_697fcd34-512c-11e6-a586-9771811a8afd.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share](http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/in-protest-of-city-council-decision-virginia-flaggers-raise-largest/article_697fcd34-512c-11e6-a586-9771811a8afd.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share)



# The Virginia Flaggers

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## Respect and Honor Where Due

For the record, and so there is no misunderstanding our position, the Virginia Flaggers stand unreservedly and firmly with the brave men and women who serve in law enforcement across the Commonwealth and beyond.

While we absolutely advocate justice in the isolated cases of wrongdoing, we must not tolerate nor condone an all-out war on those who put their lives at risk every day to protect us. The violence and hate directed at our men and women in blue must end.

We are committed to showing you the respect and honor you deserve. We thank you for all that you have done to protect us and assisted us when needed. We appreciate you. We are behind you one hundred per cent. May God bless and protect all those who serve and protect.

Susan Hathaway  
The Virginia Flaggers



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

**Go to the Virginia Flaggers blog page every day or so. There's no way this monthly newsletter can keep up with all they do.**

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## **Shaking off the haters...and Keepin' the Skeer on**



In the (almost) five years since the VA Flaggers burst onto the heritage scene, I have, sadly, come to expect a steady stream of slander, baseless personal attacks, defamation and libel from several leftist, amateur-historian bloggers who just can't stand the fact that we won't sit down, shut up, and believe exactly as they say we should. Shamed by their own repeatedly incorrect predictions, childish accusations, immature posts, and utter failure to accomplish anything other than drive more and more folks to our side with their antics,

they had, for a period of time, retreated and attempted to refocus their blogs on their twisted view of "history."

In recent months, a new crop of bloggers has made their presence known. These folks are made of leftist extremists of the "social justice warrior" nature. Their hate blogs, (or at least the ones we know of) are written anonymously, so there is absolutely no accountability, and are apparently authored by folks who have nothing else to do all day besides sit in their parents' basements and look for "gotcha" moments on social media...and finding none...choose to fabricate their own all the while hiding behind a fake identity.

I have been accused of abetting kidnapping, of equipment theft, Klan membership, and planting flagpoles on top of dead soldiers. All of the accusations, of course, proved to be false and none were based on our actions, words, or deeds, but on some 7<sup>th</sup> degree of separation connection to someone they believe is a BAD person (ie doesn't think like them). This new outlet has given the so-called "history" bloggers a way of continuing their assaults without it having to come from THEM, which was, as you can imagine, causing them a lot of trouble in their "academic circles." Who wants to invite a speaker for a historical lecture, whose most recent post concerned the color of the dress of the head of the VA Flaggers? Now they can work WITH these "anonymous" bloggers and share the information they gather, without any direct liability.



# The Virginia Flaggers

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## Shaking off the haters...cont.

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I stopped reading any of the blogs over a year ago. Every now and then a friend, or (God-forbid) family member will stumble upon one of the posts, is shocked by the garbage they find, and will send me a link, wanting to notify me and warn me. I appreciate the concern very much, but even then I do not even click the link. "I didn't say it, HE did...but here's the link. \*Wink, wink.\*" We have folks who monitor the hate and if there is something I need to know about which concerns the safety of me, my family, or any of our Flaggers I am alerted, as are the proper authorities. Otherwise, I refuse to waste my time and attention on folks who deserve neither.

One year after Nikki Haley THOUGHT she was going to pander into the White House, and lead her party and the country into a cultural cleansing of our history and heritage, there are more flags flying now than ever before and more folks waking up to the TRUTH about our Cause and the flag under which our ancestors fought and died. So...when I'm asked "What am I going to do?" about these people who continue to publish their filthy lies...the answer is NOTHING. Don't get me wrong, we are looking into hiring private investigators to unmask the cowards and allow us to properly serve them with applicable lawsuits, but I won't waste a minute of our time making statements about or reacting to their garbage. Our words, deeds, and actions speak for themselves. We will continue to press forward, not wasting time looking back or losing focus on why God called us to stand up and step out in the first place. These people hate us...not because they believe we are "racists..." They know for a fact that's not true, but because we are the living, breathing embodiment of the righteous and Godly Cause for which our forefathers fought, bled, and died.

We refuse to go away quietly or stand down when threatened...and that scares them to death. The latest brouhaha involved the arrest of a man from Northern Virginia on child pornography charges. Although this individual was never a VA Flagger, never organized any events for the VA Flaggers, nor was ever a "regular fixture" at our events, this is exactly what was "reported" in one of their faux news stories.

By my calculations, in 2015, the VA Flaggers, organized and held over 150 events, including the bi-weekly flaggings in Richmond. Multiply this by the almost five years that we have been in existence and that's over 750 events, attended by thousands of people and documented by thousands of photos posted online. The man accused of this heinous crime, by our best guess, and by a cursory glance at these photos, attended maybe three of those events, at most. We knew him, but certainly knew nothing of his illegal activity until someone alerted us of his arrest a few days ago. To try and somehow link him and his criminal activity to our organization and the good folks who forward the colors every week as VA Flaggers is laughable...and that's exactly how we react to every new attempt to "get us." We laugh out loud. Literally.



# Getting to know our local Confederates

*About two years ago we finished reading through every one of the 1700+ Confederate soldier's and widow's pension applications filed in Tarrant County. Several of the stones we've placed in the past few months are the result of that research. Here's one we won't need to make for Kennedale.*

They say chance favors the prepared mind. There's no telling how many of our old vets here we've discovered through chance remarks made to others who may not even be interested.

Way back yonder we discovered at least two Confederates named Joseph M. Brown lived and died in this county. We were not able to account for the resting place of one. One we knew died in 1899 and was buried in Oakwood.

The other Joseph M. Brown we knew mostly through his and his wife's pension applications. We knew he died in Kennedale, and intuition said that Emerald Hills was probably where he was buried. He had no record on Find-A-Grave, and his death certificate was inconclusive.

Many months ago we called the cemetery office to ask if they had a record of his burial, and they promised to check and call back.....

One Friday morning in July I found myself sitting at a funeral for someone connected to the monument business in Burleson. The lady in front of me and I talked for a few minutes and discovered I had helped do lots of engravings, deliveries, and final dates at her place of work, Emerald Hills.

She promised to look for us within a day or two and would get back to us for sure. I went back for a quick look at the FAG site and, lo and behold, our man had sprouted a page of his own, complete with photo. It looks like they've made it into a flat marker.

Mr. Brown's service was interrupted by a wound at Corinth, Mississippi serious enough to send him home to recover, but when he had regained his strength he dutifully returned to Lee's Army, where he surrendered with his compatriots at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. His wife lived until 1937.





# Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial

*Here's something else in Northeast Tarrant County of which we're very proud. If you haven't been by to see it, go take a look. We have been working on it and steadily adding to it since 2004. In 2008 we moved it to its present location, on land belonging to Bedford church of Christ between the church house and Bedford Cemetery, at 2401 Bedford Road.*

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil\\_war\\_vets.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil_war_vets.htm)



We made the original “sign” for the project out of two resurfaced and recycled monuments we found in the scrap heap at an old cemetery nearby. We cut the rubber mask by hand with an xacto knife and copied the eagle off the back of a Morgan silver dollar.

The ground is extremely hard where the uprights are standing, and during most of the year there is no grass. Every time it rained, mud was splashed onto them and had to be swept off. We next embarked on a plan of curbs and granite ground cover, which is now in Plan C phase. We traded a dust problem for a leaf and fire-ant problem.

Your editor's wife, sister, and mother are shown here. All three ladies have logged many miles for this SCV chapter in past years.





## Northeast Tarrant County Memorial, cont.

We made two interpretive stones for the memorial. One is a dedicatory stone. The other directs visitors to the memorial's website, where biographical material, documents, and photographs are maintained. The last time we did a word-count of the biographies, they were reaching one-half million words. Our thanks to Rob Yoder of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society for posting and updating material there for us.



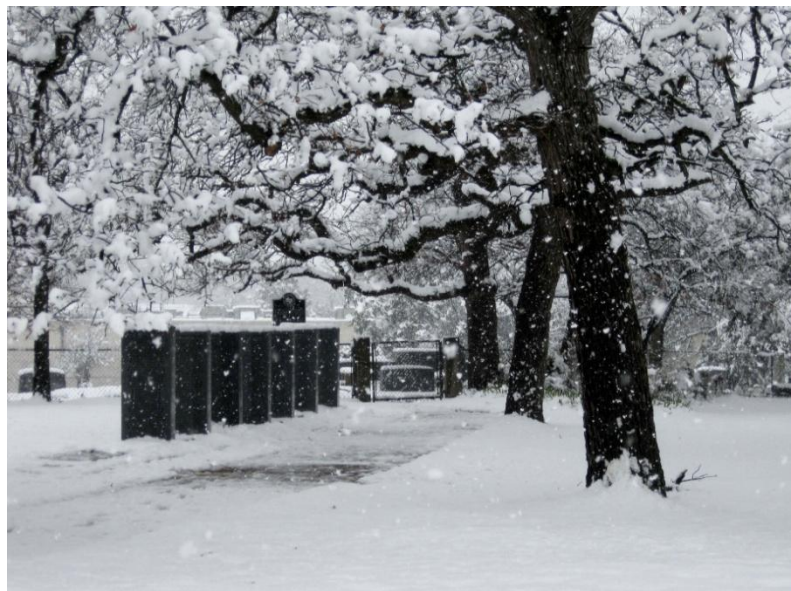
***Your editor may be calling for a volunteer work detail one morning in October. He no longer has the wheels or the physical ability to maintain it as he'd like. It should take less than two hours.***



## Northeast Tarrant County Veterans Memorial, cont.



Bedford pioneer and Confederate veteran Milton Moore (1828-1910) sold the church five acres for a meeting house and cemetery back in 1877. The church still meets there three times per week, but a cemetery association was formed apart from the church years ago. Mr. Moore and his wife (at left) lie buried there in Bedford Cemetery, along with many other Confederates and one Union veteran.



On that record snow day we had two or three years ago, your editor stopped on his way home to take some photos. This was very early in the snow event but it is still an unusual sight for this part of Texas.

When the economics were no longer there to keep adding names on upright slabs, we switched to large flat stones,

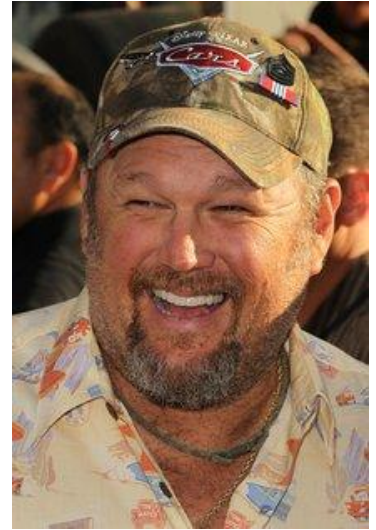
8" thick, each of which holds thirteen names. There are now fourteen of those between the uprights. We have about thirty other verified names but have not figured out how to enlarge the memorial without encroaching too much on the church's property.

We have always felt things like this are safer on private property. This is a perfect blend of security and accessibility.

# **“That there’s funny...I don’t care who you are...”**

My wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him an abusive name. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So Shirley (my wife) called him another abusive name. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. He finally finished, sneered at us and walked away. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We always look for cars with Hillary 2016 stickers. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's so important at our age!



*Taylor Compatriot Sean Partee is now on a deployment to Kuwait as a part of his duties in the U. S. Army Reserves. Please keep him and Christie and their families in your thoughts and prayers. At least they have a Chili’s on base!*



# Jefferson's 5th Annual CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

**PRESENTED BY  
Jefferson Historical  
Society and Museum**

**Saturday,  
August 13, 2016**

**Jefferson Transportation  
and Visitor Center  
305 E. Austin St.  
Jefferson, Texas**

## AND STILL MORE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONFEDERACY

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| 8:00 – 9:00   | Registration, Vendors/Exhibitors  |
| 9:00 – 9:15   | Welcome by John Taylor, President<br>Introduction by Weldon Nash, Jr., Board<br>Member, Jefferson Historical Society and<br>Museum                            |
| 9:15 – 10:15  | Andrew W. Hall: "Captain Dave and the<br>Yankees: A Tale of the Texas Blockade."  |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors  |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Mark K. Christ: "The Camden Arkansas<br>Expedition of 1864."  |
| 11:30 – 1:30  | Lunch break: Catered Bar-B-Q lunch in the<br>Center (included in registration). Opportunity<br>to visit Vendors/Exhibitors or shop in Jefferson.              |
| 1:30 – 2:30   | Vicki Betts: "Pray for This War to End: The<br>Civil War Letters of William Smith Herndon,<br>13th Texas Infantry, and Mary Louise Herndon,<br>Tyler, Texas." |
| 2:30 – 3:00   | Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors  |
| 3:00 – 4:00   | Charles D. Grear, Ph.D.: "A Trying Time for All:<br>Texas Indians during the Civil War."  |
| 4:00 – 4:30   | Wrap-Up, Q & A.   |
| 4:30 – 5:00   | Raffle  |
| 5:30 – 7:00   | After Hours – Jefferson Museum will be open<br>for viewing  |

All program events on Saturday will be at the Jefferson Transportation and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin Street. The Friday evening Speakers Reception will be at the Excelsior House, 211 W. Austin Street.

### Jefferson's Civil War Legacy

Since Jefferson played a key role in the Trans-Mississippi Department's military development, Jefferson was a natural location for hosting a Civil War Symposium during the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Jefferson and Marion County supplied many troops for the Confederacy, including two companies in the 1st Texas Regiment of Hood's Brigade, one company in the 18th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division and two companies in the 19th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division. Many companies of cavalry were recruited from Jefferson, including Col. R.P. Crump's 1st Partisan Texas Rangers and Captain H.P. Mabry's Company G, 3rd Texas Cavalry known as the "Dead-Shot" Rangers. Captain Joseph H. Pratt recruited an artillery battery from Jefferson and Marion County designated the 10th Texas Battery. It is estimated that over 500 citizens from Jefferson and Marion County served in the Confederate army. Many, if not most of Jefferson's Confederate veterans who survived the war, are buried at the local Oakwood Cemetery.

Jefferson answered the call not only with troops but with manufacturing and other facilities. At the outbreak of the War Between the States, Jefferson was a major transportation center of Central and East Texas for the cotton trade. There was a large meat packing plant that supplied dried beef and bacon for the armies, a shoe factory, a wagon factory as well as at least two furnaces or iron works, all located here. An active steamboat river port, Jefferson was soon transformed into the logistical center of the Trans-Mississippi. Three powder magazines and numerous warehouses were constructed to temporarily store the supplies before shipping them on to the main arsenal in Shreveport. This commercial hub soon became a target of the Union Army's command and plans were laid for its conquest and removal.

As one can imagine, it is not difficult to connect with the Civil War after walking the streets of Jefferson, viewing the Big Cypress Bayou steamboat turning basin, viewing the Powder Magazine on the bayou, visiting Oakwood Cemetery and admiring the many antebellum homes throughout the town.



# REGISTRATION

Jefferson Historical Society & Museum  
Civil War Symposium  
August 13, 2016

## Deadline August 10, 2016

Seminar and Lunch: Adults \$60.00, Students \$35.00,  
includes catered Bar-B-Q lunch and free tour of the  
Jefferson Historical Museum.

Friday evening Speakers Reception (6:00pm – 7:30pm):  
\$25.00 includes refreshments and light  
hors d'oeuvres at the Excelsior House Ballroom.

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Students @ \$35.00 each x No. ( ) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### Speakers Reception:

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Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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For information on events, contact Weldon Nash at  
[wnash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wnash@sbcglobal.net)

Information and Lodging: The Excelsior House will be holding  
a limited block of rooms for seminar participants until July 24.

Call 800-490-7270. For other lodging go to  
[www.VisitjeffersonTexas.com](http://www.VisitjeffersonTexas.com) and [www.jefferson-texas.com](http://www.jefferson-texas.com)

All proceeds from this seminar will go to the Jefferson Historical  
Society and Museum, a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 entity, for operation  
and maintenance of the Museum.

# SPEAKERS

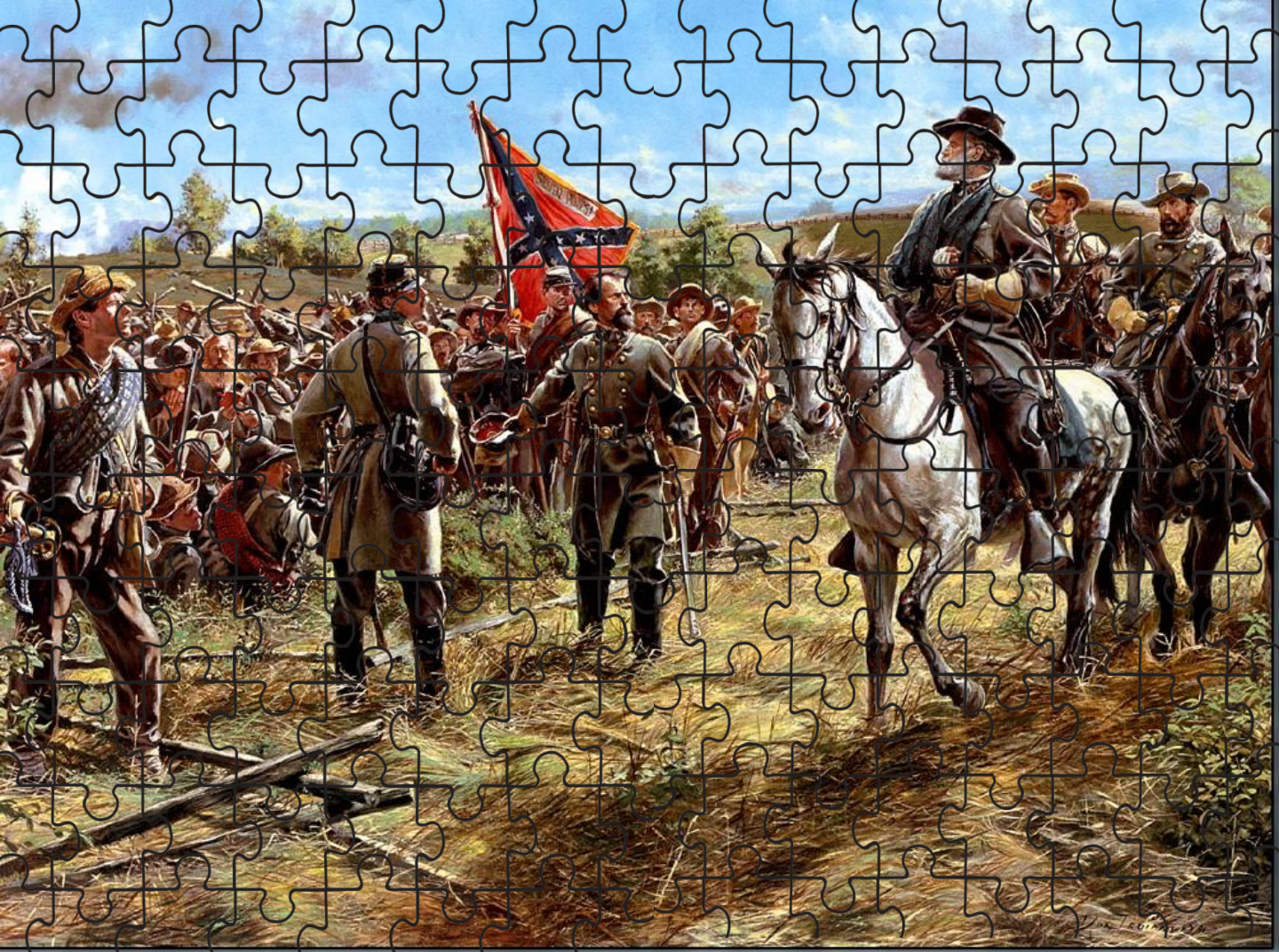
**Vicki Betts** earned a B.A. in History at East Texas State University and an M.L.S. from North Texas State University. She is a librarian at the University of Texas at Tyler and a long-time member of the Smith County Historical Society. Her publications include *Smith County, Texas, in the Civil War* (1977), "Civilian Reaction to the Red River Campaign, 1864, Natchitoches to Mansfield, Louisiana" in *Military History of the West* (2004), "A Sacred Charge Upon Our Hands": Assisting the Families of Confederate Soldiers in Texas, 1861-1865" in *The Seventh Star of the Confederacy: Texans During the Civil War* (2009), "So Lost to Honor": The Mass Desertion of the Camp Ford Guard, July 20, 1864" in *East Texas Historical Journal* (2014), and "So Far From All We Love": Letters from the Lobdell Family, Civil War Refugees from West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana" in *Chronicles of Smith County, Texas* (2015). Her "Everyone Has the War Fever": Anglo Texas Women Prepare for Secession and War" will appear in *Texas Women in the Civil War*, edited by Deborah Liles and Angela Boswell, University of North Texas Press, fall 2016.

**Mark Christ** is community outreach director for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. A 1982 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, he received his Master's degree in 2000 from the University of Oklahoma. The Arkansas Historical Association presented him a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and the Civil War Trust awarded him the 2013 State Preservation Leadership Award. He is a member of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, a former chairman of the board of directors of the Arkansas Humanities Council and former member of the board of trustees of the Arkansas Historical Association. He has written, edited and co-edited several books including *Rugged and Sublime The Civil War in Arkansas*, *Sentinels of History: Reflections on Arkansas Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places*, which won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History, *Getting Used To Being Shot At: The Spence Family Civil War Letters, All Cut to Pieces and Gone to Hell: The Civil War, Race Relations and the Battle of Poison Spring, The Earth Shook and Trees Trembled: Civil War Arkansas 1863-1864, The Die is Cast: Arkansas Goes to War, 1861, Civil War Arkansas, 1863: The Battle for a State*, which won the Military Order of the Stars and Bars' 2010 Douglas Southall Freeman Award and the Central Arkansas Library System's 2013 Booker Worthen Literary Prize, *This Day We Marched Again: A Union Soldier's Account of War in Arkansas and the Trans-Mississippi Region*.

**Charles D. Grear** received his Ph.D. in history at Texas Christian University and is currently a Professor of History and Online Manager at Central Texas College. A specialist in Texas and Civil War history, he has authored five articles, eight book chapters, and eight books: *The Tennessee Campaign of 1864* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2016), *The Vicksburg Campaign, March 29-May 18, 1863* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2013), *The Chattanooga Campaign* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2012), *Texans and War: New Interpretations on the Military History of the Lone Star State* (Texas A&M University Press, 2012), *The House Divided: America in the Era of Civil War and Reconstruction* (Abigail Press, 2011), *Why Texans Fought in the Civil War* (Texas A&M University Press, 2010), *Beyond Myths and Legends: A Narrative History of Texas* (Abigail Press, 2008), *The Fate of Texas: The Civil War and the Lone Star State* (University of Arkansas Press, 2008). Dr. Grear is a recipient of the Lawrence T. Jones III Research Fellowship in Civil War Texas History for the Texas State Historical Association, the fellowship to the 2007 West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, and the Burney Parker Research Fellowship for the Texas Collection at Baylor University.

**Andrew W. Hall** holds a bachelor's degree in Historical Studies from the University of Houston - Clear Lake, and a Master's degree in Museum Science from Texas Tech University. Since 1990 Hall has volunteered with the office of the State Marine Archaeologist at the Texas Historical Commission to help document historic shipwrecks in Texas waters. Hall was part of the inaugural group of volunteer marine archaeological stewards appointed by the Texas Historical Commission, the first group of its kind in the nation. Hall writes and speaks frequently on the subjects of Texas' maritime history and its military conflicts in the 19th century. In 2012 Hall published his first book, *The Galveston-Houston Packet: Steamboats on Buffalo Bayou*, with the History Press of Charleston, South Carolina. His second book with the History Press, *Civil War Blockade Running on the Texas Coast*, was released in 2014, and was honored with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the Terry's Texas Rangers Chapter of the UDC in Richmond, Texas. Hall was recently appointed an Honorary Texas Navy Admiral in recognition of his work in bringing Texas' maritime history to a wider audience.





## **This month's puzzle is Don Troiani's "Lee at the Sunken Road- Antietam"**

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*Your humble editor cranked this one up at 200 pieces and it took him  
72 minutes and 43 seconds without a break to get it done.*

1. Go to the URL above. You'll find the puzzle in the shape the last person there left it.
2. Click on "Play As" near the top of the page then "Custom," then move the slider to 200, then hit "Play."
3. Pick any number you wish on the slider. 200 will keep you occupied quite a while.
4. It seems to help this puzzler to change the background color from time to time. Taking a break helps, too.
5. If you have any trouble getting these to work please email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).

# Coming soon...

Aug. 13

Meet us for a quick stone install at the M. T. Johnson Plantation Cemetery. See article in this newsletter. 9 a.m.

Aug. 18

Make it a point to go up to one of your local police, tell them you're in the SCV, and thank them for their service.

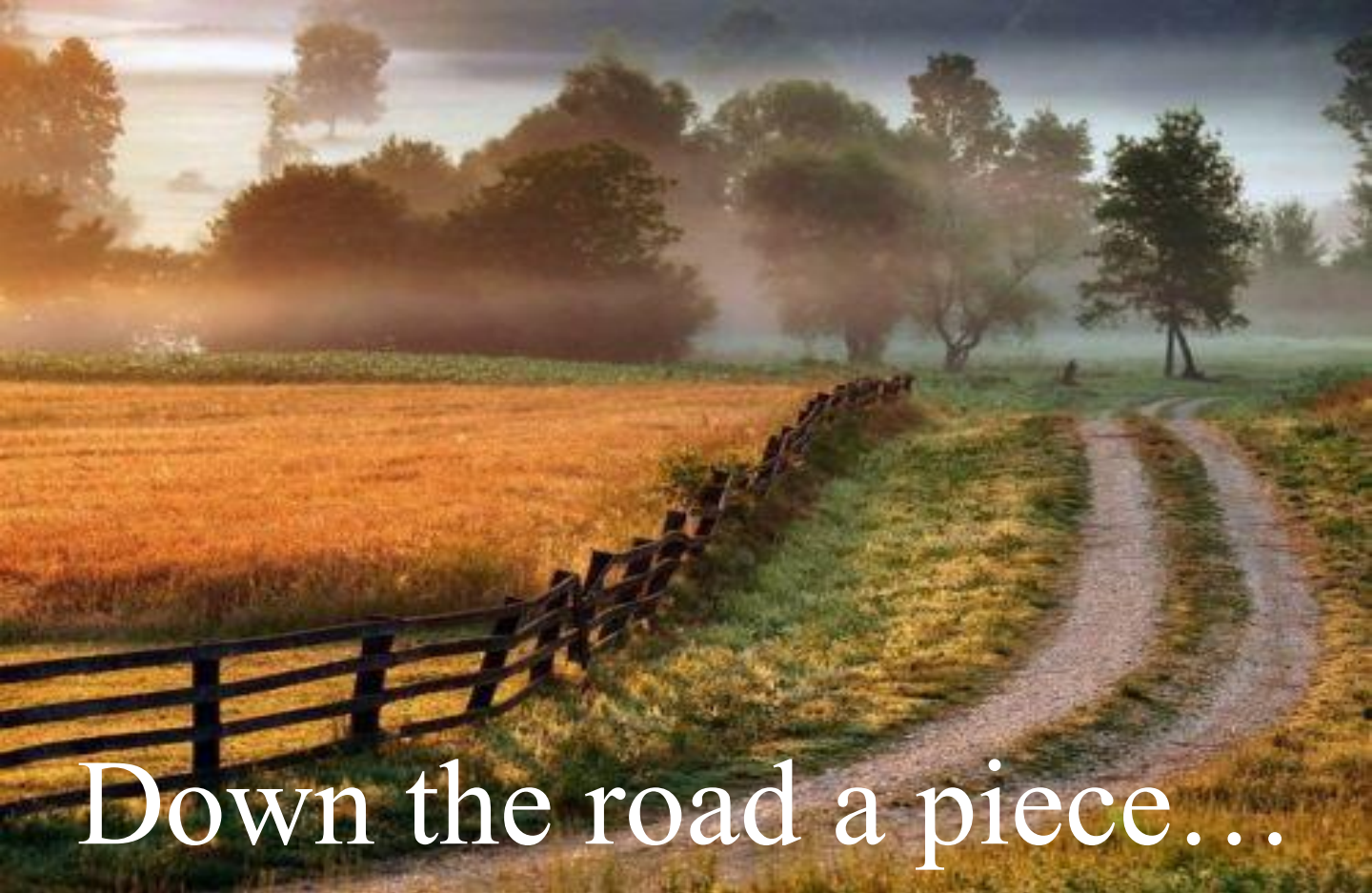
Aug. 25

Regular monthly meeting of the E. W. Taylor Camp at Catfish and Company in Hurst. Eat 6, Meet 7

Daily

Pray for the health of our members and the best possible outcome for our country in the November elections.





# Down the road a piece...

Mid-September Install replacement marker for Dr. W. P. Burts, (1827-1895), CSA vet and first mayor of Fort Worth, Oakwood Cemetery

September 29 Monthly meeting of the E. W. Taylor Camp

Mid-October Install replacement marker for Silas Poe (1839-1866), CSA vet in Johnson Station Cemetery in Arlington

October 27 Monthly meeting of E. W. Taylor SCV Camp and officer elections for 2017-2018

November Time again for Veterans Day Parades, Ft. Worth, Grapevine, and others if time and volunteers permit.....

Mid-to-late November Install first-ever marker for John J. Hammond, Co. C, 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry, in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery



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