



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

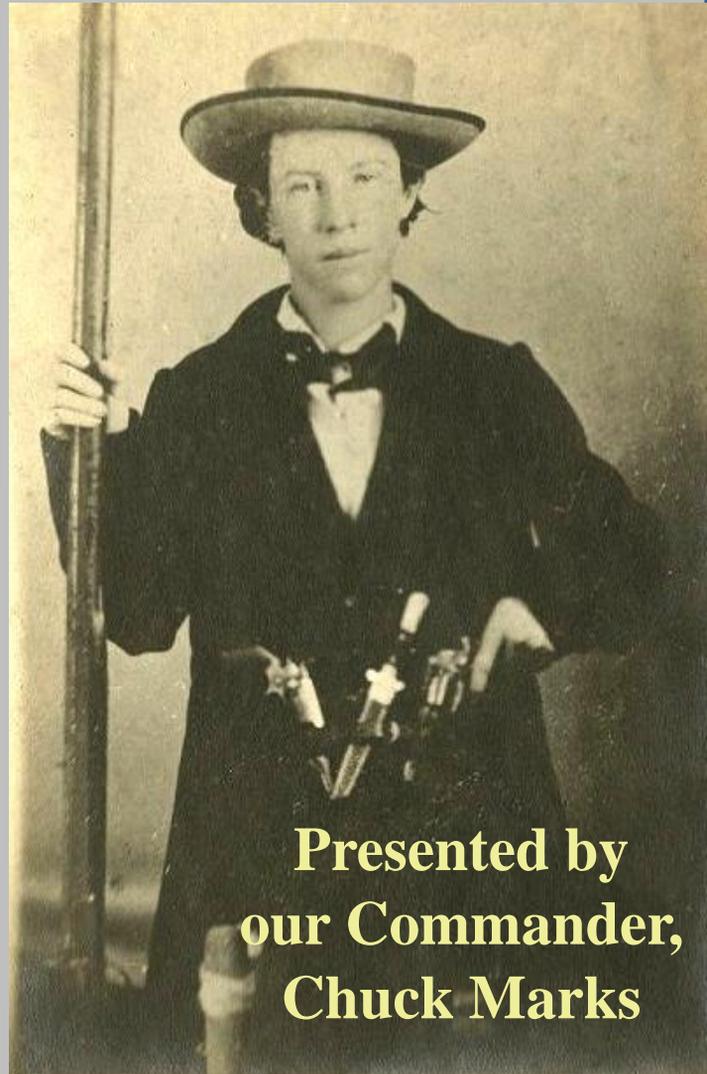
Bedford, Texas.....March 2017

March Program

The 5th Texas Infantry

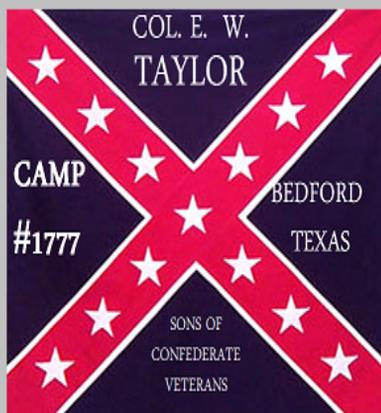
of Hood's Texas Brigade

Mar. 30, 2017



Presented by
our Commander,
Chuck Marks

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER



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

Commander: Chuck Marks (817) 703-6195

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

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

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. Contact us at mfpchat@yahoo.com

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 would 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.**

Newest Taylor Camp compatriot is from out of town. Way, way out.



Our newest member, Morten Hoines, is twenty years old and lives in Skudeneshavn, Rogaland, Norway. He's a blood relative of Brig. Gen. Maxcy Gregg of the Army of Northern Virginia. Gregg died in service on December 15, 1862. Morten's acceptance paperwork arrived on Tuesday, February 21, and it's on its way to Norway right now.

Morten is a very interesting young man who works as a carpenter. We welcome him into our group. This is just another way in which the Taylor camp is unique!

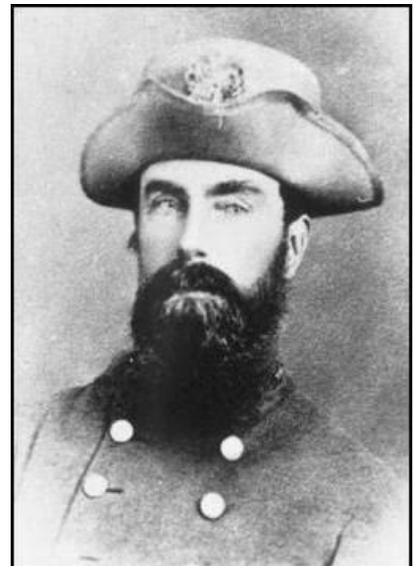
The two questions which immediately come to mind are: How did he find out about this camp in faraway Texas, and why didn't he join one of the European camps?

Morten met and became friends online with one of our long-time members, Matthew Thornton. For quite some time they have been two of the players in an online WBTS game, and that's how he made the Texas connection.

Morten said joining a group in Europe just didn't seem feasible. There are only five camps of the SCV outside the USA...one in Australia, one in Brazil, one in England, one in Scotland, and a fifth camp named simply the European Camp.

The European Camp has ten regular members who are Confederate descendants. All ten live in

Germany except one, who is a Swede. They also have twelve associate members from several countries; these are men with an interest but who do not have the precise ancestral ties needed.



Brig. Gen. Maxcy Gregg, CSA

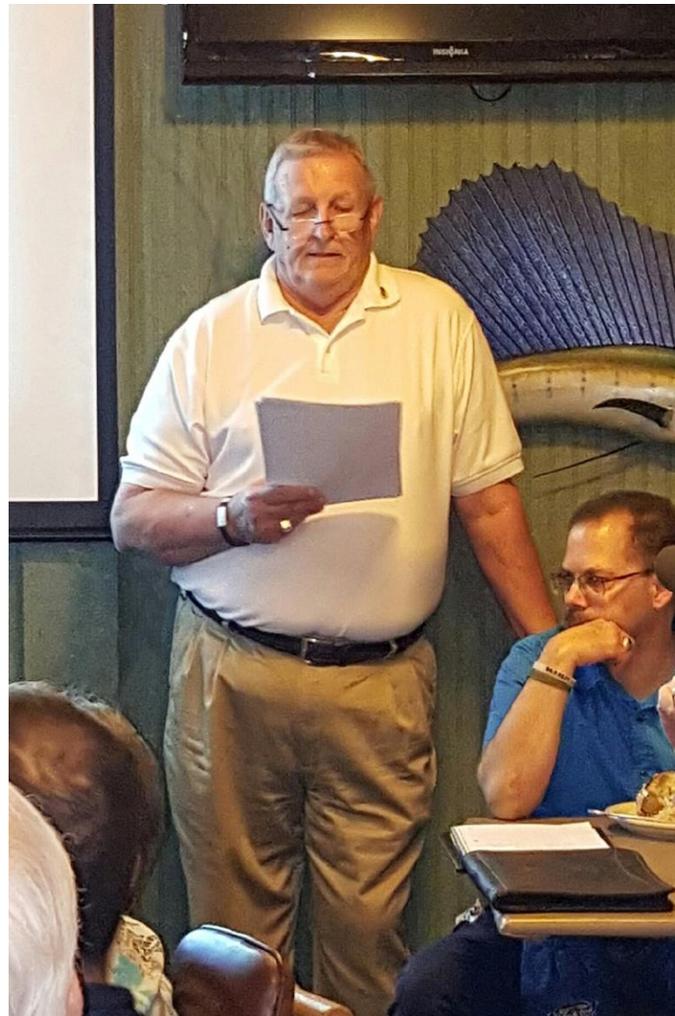
If you missed our February meeting you missed a treat!

We had a great program, a house full of members and visitors, and a musical treat of singing and guitar-playing! When we left we'd sold 50 of our 100 raffle tickets, too.



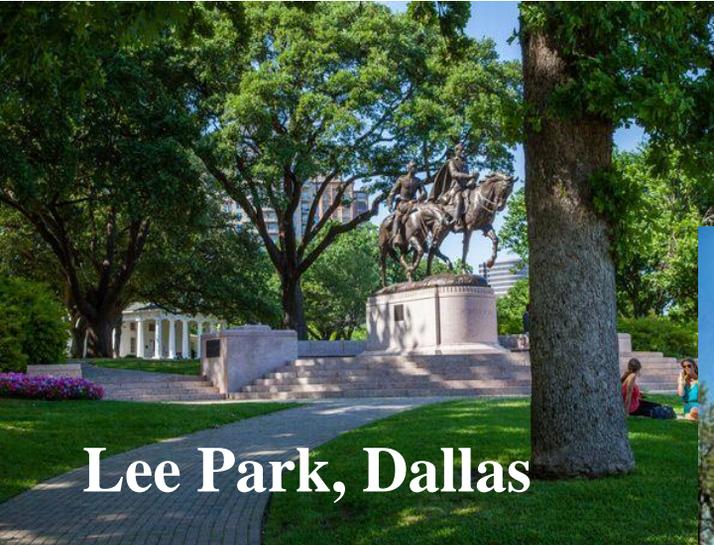
Photos by Terry Theiss

Before our meeting began we were treated to three songs performed by a real-live musician, Kevin Trawick, the brother of our members Richard and Tom Trawick. We even got to sing along on two of them!



Our program was presented by our 1st Lt. Commander, Ron Turner. It was a power-point presentation on the Battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana...the longest siege in American history. All of us learned a lot about this important chapter in the course of the WBTS. Thanks, Ron!

Local Flagging Event to be held March 4



*Sorry we didn't find out about this
in time to get it in our February
newsletter.*

Lee Park, Dallas

to the Palo Pinto CH



**For more information contact
Allen Hearrean at:
ahearrean@sbcglobal.net**

There will be a Confederate Heritage Ride starting at Robert E. Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, TX 75219 and driving to the Palo Pinto County Courthouse, 520 Oak St., Palo Pinto, TX 76484.

Formation will begin at 9 am, Saturday morning, and The Ride to commence at 9:30. Those who cannot make it to the Robert E. Lee Park may fall in behind the Confederate Convoy as it passes through your area on the route below. We will have members at certain stops coordinating with the Convoy and those of you who will fall in.

More details will follow and a Facebook events page will be created so you may be updated on information. We wanted to go ahead and get the information out and circulated. Please pass this along. We need all the supporters we can get to participate. This is a chance for us to send a message across this state.

Plan to fly as many Southern flags as you want as long as they are Confederate banners, regimental banners and related. Please no inappropriate banners/flags. This is about Confederate Heritage and we will be very visible to the public.

Robert E. Lee Park, 3333 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, TX 75219. Gathering Time: 9:00 am, Depart Time: 9:30 am.

Texas Civil War Museum, 760 Jim Wright Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108. Gathering Time: 10:30 am. Depart Time: Tentative

Weatherford Court House, 303 Palo Pinto St., Weatherford, TX 76086. Gathering Time: 11:30 am. Depart Time: Tentative

Palo Pinto County Court House, 520 Oak St., Palo Pinto, TX 76484. Gathering Time: 12:30 am, Depart Time: Tentative

Why Dallas to Palo Pinto, you ask?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Confederate flags cause courthouse flap

Dear Editor,
Members of our new Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp No. 2283 in Mineral Wells wanted to, as so many did, celebrate Confederate Heroes Day, an official state holiday, on Thursday, Jan. 19th.

Courthouse lawns all across Texas were filled with families, young and old alike, to enjoy the day dressed as Confederates, waving their flags in honor of their Confederate heroes. Our camp called the Palo Pinto County judge and asked that we do the same. The judge said he didn't like it, but there was nothing he could do to stop us.

Our assembly was gathering near the Confederate side of the War Memorial when the judge came out and evicted us off the courthouse lawn. Introducing myself, as I've never had the pleasure of meeting him, I shook his hand. He said he was the judge who had previously given us permission, but that he changed his mind and we were to leave the area. The judge wouldn't address my questions but he did complain about the size of our flags. Then, he turned his back on us and walked away.

As he walked away, I recalled my Paw Paw Biddy L. Erwin, a stone mason, who built the Palo Pinto County courthouse with his own hands, back in 1940. Years thereafter, he sold vegetables on the courthouse lawn

each month on trade days. I wondered what he'd say to the judge who evicted his grandson. I also thought about Paw Paw's grandfather, Wiley W. Erwin, a Confederate cavalryman. Both of his legs were broken while fighting Union invasion forces in the Civil War, 1864. Grandpa Wiley spent the rest of the war suffering in a Union prison camp.

When it comes to Palo Pinto County Confederates and their battle flags, perhaps the judge would rather believe children's fairytales, the likes of which we've heard before: "Confederates and their flags are racist slave owners." It wasn't slaves who built Palo Pinto County, it was Confederate Capt. William Metcalf, Co. 'F' 24th Texas Cavalry, carving roadways westward through the forest and over mountains. Ever heard of Metcalf Gap? We drive over it today, identified only by its road sign, U.S. Highway 180.

It was Private Frank Bailey, Co. 'K' 19th Mississippi Infantry, who brought his carpentry skills to Palo Pinto building homes, business and church buildings. Ranch land under Possum Kingdom Lake, once owned by Pvt. Mathis Costello, Co. 'E' 1st Virginia Infantry, is where we enjoy fishing off Costello Island. Pvt. Steven Strawn, founder of the City of Strawn. Pvt. Cicero Smith, Co. 'K' 4th Georgia Cavalry,

funded much of the construction of Mineral Wells church buildings, banks and recreational parks. Pvt. William Sparks enlisted in Co. 'F' 34th Texas Cavalry at the Palo Pinto County Courthouse in 1863. He didn't come home. Killed at the battle of Mansfield, his remains have never been found.

Reibe, McAdams, Perry, Hubbard, Dillahunt, Mitchell, Newberry and more than a hundred others are recognizable surnames of Palo Pinto Confederate ranchers, farmers and businessmen who pioneered a rugged and desolate land. These were poor men of little means who brought nothing with them but their hopes and dreams. Yet, theirs' were big dreams, and our county's Confederate founding fathers built so "big" we became known as, "The Cradle Of The Cattle Industry." Palo Pinto County has thousands of proud descendants from these Confederate forefathers still living here today. Many of them you already know, or you're probably one yourself.

It was shameful for the judge to turn his back on our Palo Pinto County Confederate heroes. A judge who, apparently, knows so little of our heritage that he'd rather believe a fairytale than listen to his constituents. We hope and pray that the judge will take notice of other counties open-

ing their lawns to celebrate Texas holidays – holidays such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Confederate Heroes Day and Confederate Appreciation Month, so that we can give reverence, honor, and respect to the soldiers who fought and died for us.

*Randall Scott
Santo*

Editor's note: Palo Pinto County Judge David Nicklas acknowledged coming out and talking to the Sons of Confederate Veterans that day as they demonstrated on the courthouse lawn.

Nicklas said he did not ask the group to leave, but did ask them to take down and put away their banner and Confederate battle flags. Nicklas said when he gave them permission to use the courthouse lawn, there was no mention of the banners and flags.

Nicklas said once the group appeared, people both inside and outside the courthouse complained that they found the Confederate symbols offensive.

"We try to be as lenient as possible," Nicklas told the Index. "I thought it was outside the parameters of what I thought was appropriate."

Nicklas said the county does not use a formal system to grant groups permission to demonstrate or utilize public areas of the courthouse, both inside and outside, and he said he would rather not institute such a formal and specific permission system, but said "It may come to that."

34th Texas Cavalry Camp, #2283, SCV

Comm. John Awbrey (254) 842-8587 Adj. Randall Erwin (940) 859-3380
Meets Third (3rd) Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
at Coffee Creek R. V. Resort, U. S. Hwy 281, Santo, Texas



Just your editor's two bits...A pickup in a flagging caravan carries a very different message if it has a sign explaining why it's there. Good signs cost money but they make good impressions and, if laminated, can be used over and over.



If you're going to take part in the March 4 event, consider taking snacks and drinks so you won't have to drop out of the formation or hurry at the stops. Start with a full tank of gas.

Last Texas
Real Daughter
of the
Confederacy
laid to rest
February 7 in
Conroe

As published in
*The Courier of
Montgomery County*



Floye Rachel Lindsey Goodspeed went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 4, 2017 in Conroe, Texas. She was born on August 21, 1925 in Gilchrist County, Florida to William Crawford Lindsey and Minnie Lee Lindsey. We will miss her quiet strength, good humor, and steady influence.

Floye is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Joe Goodspeed, daughter, Patricia Diane King and husband Randy, son, John Goodspeed and wife Shannon, grandchildren, Lindsey Couchman and husband Brent, Katy Hibbs and husband Jordan, Christopher King and wife Samantha, Lucas Goodspeed, Olivia Goodspeed, great grandchildren, Ellie King; Henry and Samuel Hibbs. Numerous other relatives and a host of friends also survive.

Visitation will be held Monday, February 6, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Cashner Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 12:30 pm in Cashner Colonial Chapel with Minister John Helbig officiating. Burial will follow in Garden Park Cemetery. You are invited to view our webpage and leave written tributes to the family at cashnerconroe.com

Last Texas Real Daughter, cont.



As you might imagine, Mrs. Goodspeed's early life and tie to the Confederacy were not the norm. *The Conroe News* ran a very interesting story on her in 2013, which you may read by going to the following link. The photo at left and below shows her sitting on her father's knee.

<http://www.yourconroenews.com/news/article/Daughter-of-the-Confederacy-9252944.php>

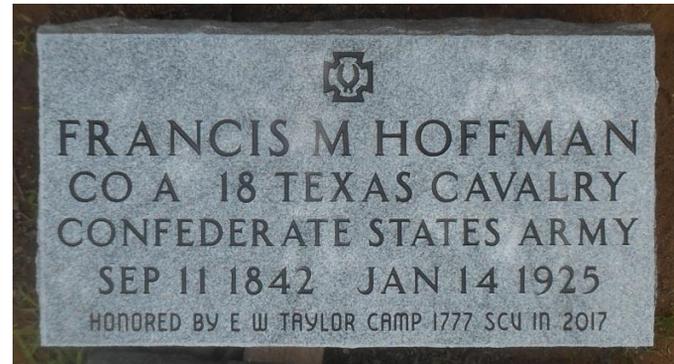


Mrs. Goodspeed examines a copy of her father's Florida Confederate pension application.

Local Confederate Cavalry veteran dead 92 years to get stone March 18

Francis Marion Hoffman was a Texas Confederate veteran who lived in the Smithfield area in 1900. He was the son of a Texas Revolutionary veteran, and moved about Texas a great deal during his more than eighty years. His final home was in Anson, Jones County, Texas where he died. He was known throughout much of his life as Frank Hoffman.

This install will be out-of-town, but only slightly.



Francis M. Hoffman was, according to his death certificate, born in Louisiana on September 11, 1842. His parents were Michael S. Hoffman (1807-1877), a native of Tennessee, and Pheraby Wilson (1818-1886), who was born in Alabama. Both Francis's parents are buried in Cope Cemetery in Johnson County, Texas. His mother's name on her headstone is "Pherara." Francis told his comrades in the R. E. Lee Confederate Veterans Camp in Fort Worth that he was born at Sabine Pass, Louisiana.

When the 1850 census was taken Francis M. Hoffman was living with his parents and siblings in Tyler County, Texas. Francis's father was working as a millwright. Judging from the birthplaces of the children in the family, Michael Hoffman must have brought his family from Louisiana to Texas about 1847.

In 1860 in Ellis County, Texas' Division 7, Francis was one of ten children living in his parents' home. Francis was seventeen years old and had attended school within the year. When Mr. Hoffman joined the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, he said he enlisted at Camp Tarrant in Ellis County on August 23, 1861 and served initially in the 4th

Texas Cavalry. At Hempstead, Texas he was temporarily transferred to the 12th Texas Cavalry. In Arkansas he was transferred to Co. A, 18th Texas Cavalry, where he remained for the rest of the war. He was never exchanged but got home in May, 1865. He was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor in 1908. He spent some time in the Confederate Home in Austin. Hoffman's records in the National Archives with the 18th Texas Cavalry say he enlisted at Hempstead, Texas on October 28, 1861 for a term of one year. He was among the many Confederate soldiers captured at Fort Hindman in Arkansas on January 11, 1863.





UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 28 1901

Name F. M. Hoffman

When and Where Born 11 of Sept 1842 Sabine Parish La

When and Where Enlisted at Huntsville Texa Oct 28th 1861

Rank Private Company A Regiment 18th Texas cav Brigade Grandberry's

Division Pat Cleburn's Corps Corps Hardee Army Texas

SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES. REMARKS.

(Under this head will be included changes in Commands, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your CONFEDERATE record.)

I first enlisted in State Service at Camp Tarrant Ellis Co Texas the 23 day of Aug. 1861 as the 4 Texas cav. in company (F) commanded by Capt John C Brown of Milford Texas Under Col. Wm H Parson

was transferred to Confederate service at Huntsville then as the 12th Texas cav

at Benton Ark. got transfer to the 18 Texas cav in company (A) was at the fall of Ark. Post, was made prisoner. when exchanged was signed to the above named commands, was in the battle of Chicamunga where I received a severe wound, after I got well was at Rocky face mountains, Red Bank, Kenesaw mountains New Hope Church, besides many picket fights from Dalton to Atlanta Ga where we fought on Peach Tree creek the 20 of July 21 22 East of City where I was taken prisoner in what was called by us Hardee's flank movement, thus ended my fighting as I was never exchanged W. H. Getzendorf of Watahachie & J. P. Ellis of Mansfield was

Front of sheet F. M. Hoffman submitted to join the UCV

with me while with col Benson
Spenser Graham of Loudon Dove
and Joe McClure of Ft Worth was
with me the ballance of the war
I got Home the 2nd of May 1865

F. M. Hoffman
322 S. Calhoun St
Ft Worth Texas

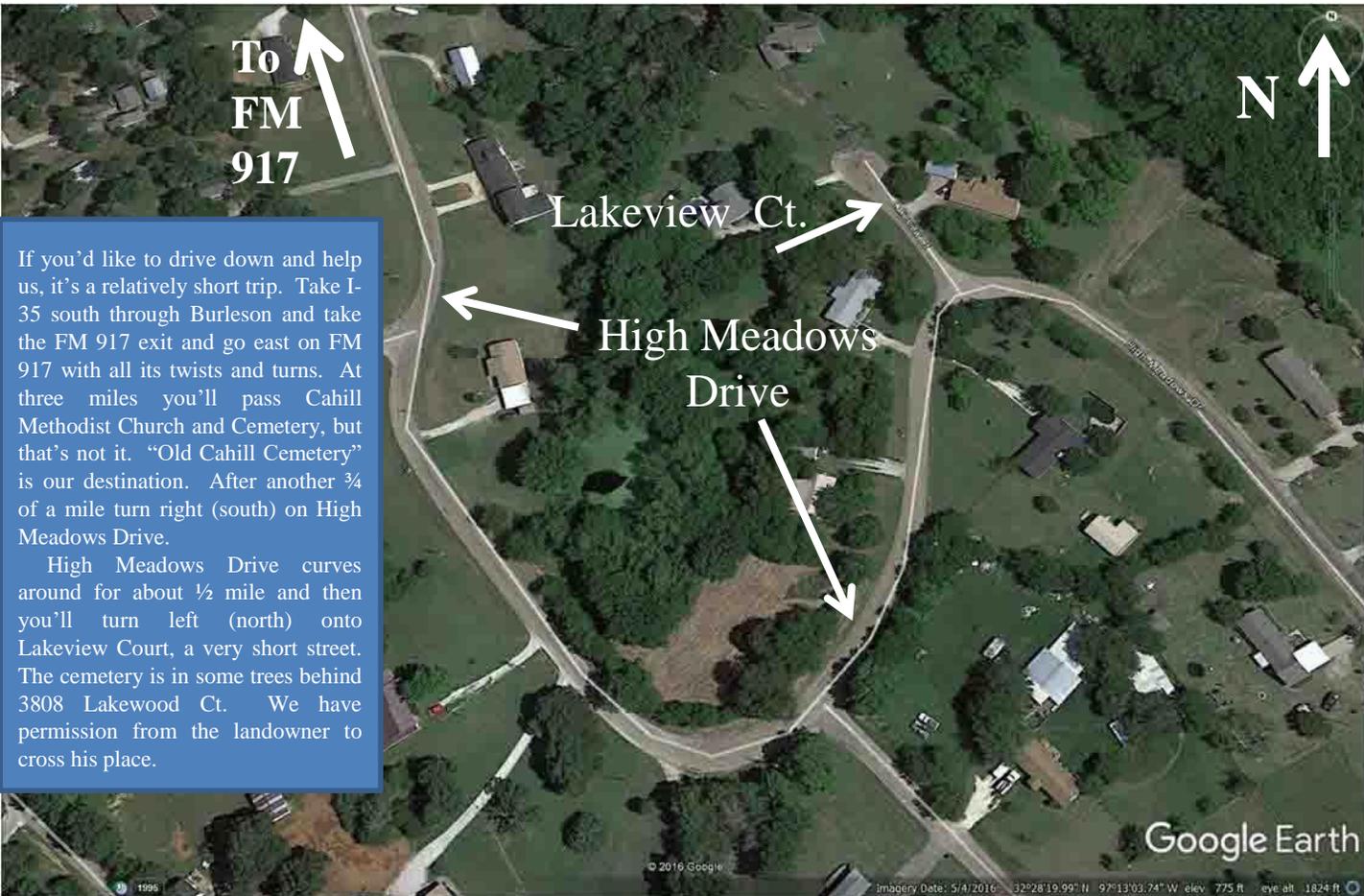
Back of sheet F. M. Hoffman submitted to join the UCV.



**Mrs. Hoffman's marker
in Old Cahill Cemetery.**

He was severely wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga. He was captured in the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia on July 22, 1864 and was forwarded two days later to the Provost Marshall General of the Department of the Cumberland at Louisville, Kentucky, where he arrived by July 29, 1864. He was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio on July 30, 1864, and arrived there on August 1. He was paroled from Camp Chase on March 2, 1865 and was sent to City Point, Virginia for exchange. He got to his home in Ellis County on May 2. Other details of his service may be read on the preceding page. Mr. Hoffman married Rebecca Ella (or Elizabeth) Hudson in Ellis County, Texas on August 29, 1867. She died April 29, 1887 and is buried in Old Cahill Cemetery in Johnson County, Texas. By the time the 1880 census was taken, Frank and his family were living in District 116 of Cooke County, Texas. His wife, Rebecca E., was born in Alabama, as were both her parents. About 1890 Frank was remarried, this time to a lady whose name was Mary J. When the 1900 census was taken in the Smithfield Precinct of Tarrant County, Frank M. Hoffman and his wife, Mary, had George W. George, a Union veteran as their next-door neighbor on one side and a

Francis M. Hoffman, cont.



If you'd like to drive down and help us, it's a relatively short trip. Take I-35 south through Burleson and take the FM 917 exit and go east on FM 917 with all its twists and turns. At three miles you'll pass Cahill Methodist Church and Cemetery, but that's not it. "Old Cahill Cemetery" is our destination. After another ¾ of a mile turn right (south) on High Meadows Drive.

High Meadows Drive curves around for about ½ mile and then you'll turn left (north) onto Lakeview Court, a very short street. The cemetery is in some trees behind 3808 Lakewood Ct. We have permission from the landowner to cross his place.

Confederate veteran (John W. Mickle) on the other. Frank and Mary J. Hoffman had no children with them, but Mary said she had given birth to nine children, four of whom were still living. It seems likely most or all of these children were from a former marriage of Mary's.

While living in Tarrant County, Frank applied for and was granted a Confederate pension. *Unfortunately*, when the State of Texas microfilmed the Confederate pension files many years ago, the file folder containing Frank Hoffman's papers was out in the hands of a researcher and did not get filmed. The only paper which now remains in his file is the mortuary warrant his heirs submitted. Frank Hoffman was living in 1920 in Ward 1 of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas. He was again widowed, and was living in the home of his son, J. S. Hoffman.

He died at eleven o'clock (his death certificate does not say a. m. or p. m.) on January 14, 1925 at Anson, Jones County, Texas. The cause of death was listed as senility. He was buried on January 17 in "K Hall Chapel" Cemetery in Johnson County, Texas. This refers to the Old Cahill Cemetery where his first wife, Rebecca Hoffman, lies buried. Frank and Rebecca Hoffman had at least five children: One of his children, probably the last survivor, died and was buried at Paducah, Texas in 1956.



Exciting new fundraiser for the Taylor Camp!!!

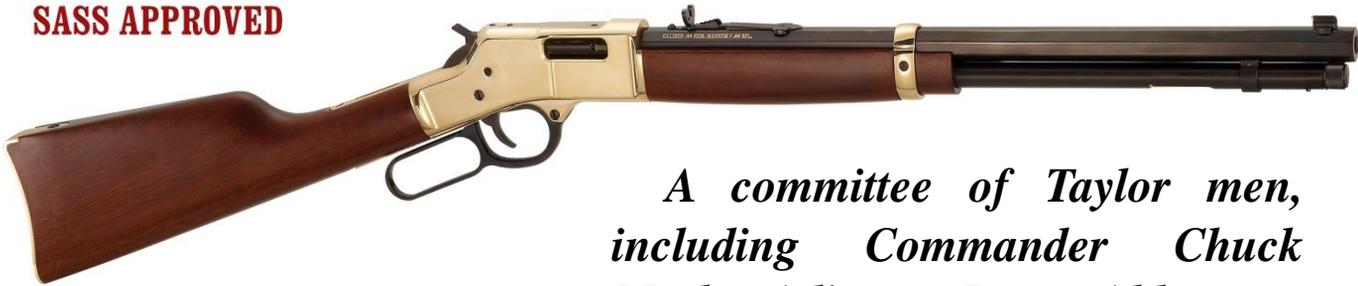


HENRY

Made in America or Not Made At All.

At our January meeting, the membership voted to sell 100 chances at \$20 each to win a brand new Henry repeating rifle. The difference between the price of the rifle and the revenue from the chances will fund several of our programs during 2017.

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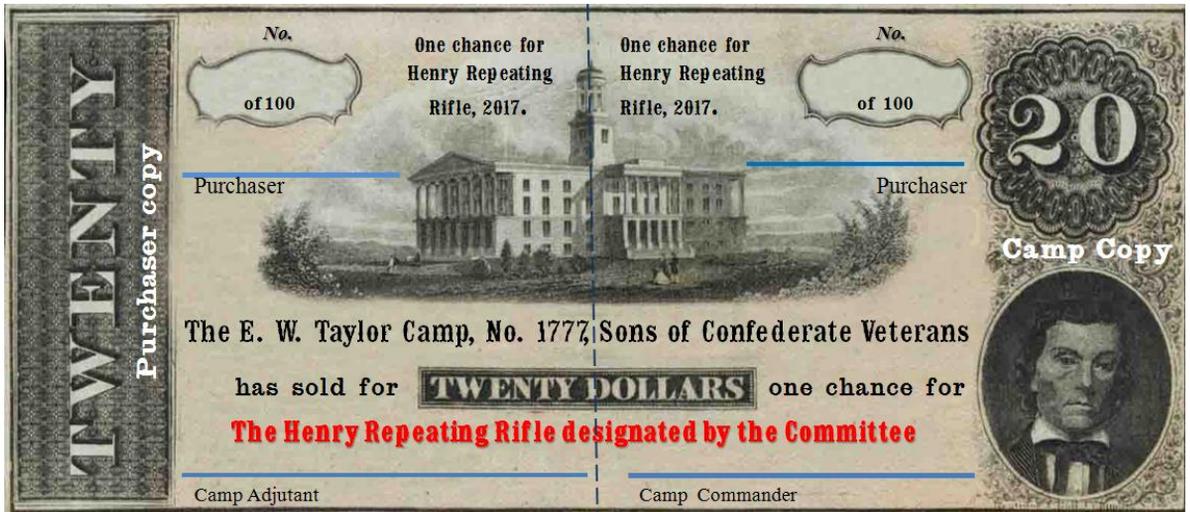
After an encounter with the 7th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which had the good fortune to be armed with Henrys, one Confederate officer is credited with the phrase, "It's a rifle that you could load on Sunday and shoot all week long."

A committee of Taylor men, including Commander Chuck Marks, Adjutant James Alderman, Shane Woodward and Chaplain Mike Patterson have considered the alternatives and have chosen to buy the rifle chambered as a .45 long Colt, a popular Old West caliber. This rifle has the octagonal barrel and the original hardened brass receiver with the smoothest action available.

The **\$20** low price of each chance, and the **low** number of chances being sold, make this an unprecedented opportunity. **Triple your chances by buying three tickets!**

Go to <https://www.henryrifles.com/rifles/big-boy/> to look around.

Henry rifle, cont.



Each ticket will be identical in size, shape, and weight. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

We had the rifle at the February meeting and it is really beautiful! We could use your help in selling the remaining tickets. We're going to offer them to surrounding camps as well. Contact Charles Marks or James Alderman if you don't yet have one!

By the end of our February meeting we'd sold 50 of the 100 chances!!!

If we still have any left next month, buy another'n and double your chances of winning.

Tentative plans are to have the drawing during our July meeting!





When you meet someone new, there are inevitable pauses in the conversation. You're both scanning...scanning... reviewing what little you know about each other, and looking for something you may have in common.

Try to find out something about where your new acquaintance grew up, and if it's in the South see if he knows anything about his family background. Tell him about your interest in the WBTS and your membership in the SCV. Tell him if he's interested we'll check to see if he has any Confederate ancestors. Email your editor at mfpchat@yahoo.com and give him some basic information.

Whether he becomes a member or not, he'll see the PC protestors on TV and the internet differently if he personally knows someone who's proud of his Confederate ancestors...or has some of his own!!

Confederate dead 105 years got first marker February 18

John J. Howard, a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, lies buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Now he has a stone.



Thanks, too, to Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, who came to help and took these photos.



The setting crew was, below, l-r, Kent Mathews, Shane Woodward, Tom Trawick, Marilyn Patterson, Clay Fitzhugh, and Mike Patterson, kneeling.





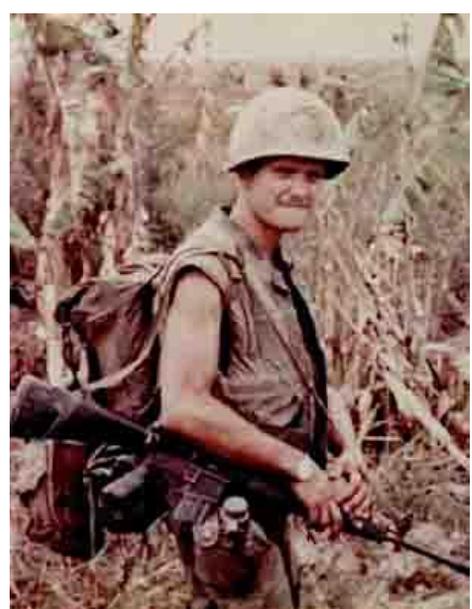
Texas Division Reunion for 2017 to be in North Fort Worth June 2-4

It'll never be easier than this for members of Tarrant County camps to attend a state reunion, and to have a full contingent of voting delegates there for the business meeting.

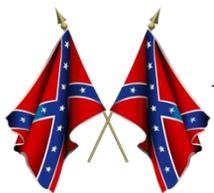
Please visit the Texas Division Reunion website at:
<http://txdivreunion.com/>

Our thanks to the Governor Samuel W. T. Lanham Camp #586 at Weatherford, Texas for agreeing to host this year's reunion.

Please go to the website for schedules and other information. We'll have more complete information in subsequent newsletters.



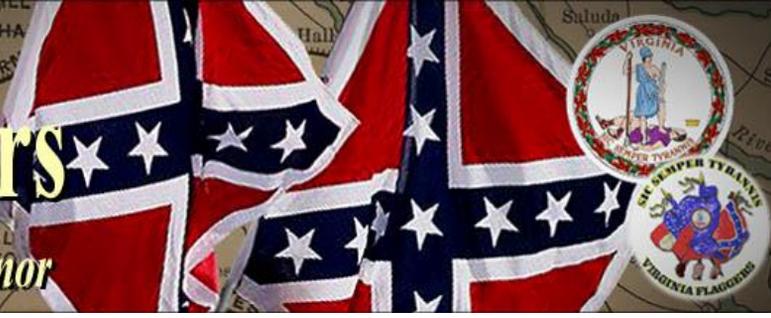
Captain, United States Marine Corps, Viet Nam (1968-1972)
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs ('84-'87 under Reagan)
Secretary of the United States Navy ('87-'88 under Reagan)
United States Senator from Virginia **[Democrat]** (2007-2013)



“To tar the sacrifices of the Confederate soldier as simple acts of racism, and reduce the battle flag under which he fought to nothing more than the symbol of a racist heritage, is one of the great blasphemies of our modern age.” James Webb

The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



So much is happening so fast in Virginia we're just going to list the new posts each month and you can go and read the articles yourself. Reprinted with permission from the Virginia Flaggers.

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

Corey Stewart To Hold “Rally to Preserve Our Heritage” at Charlottesville City Hall

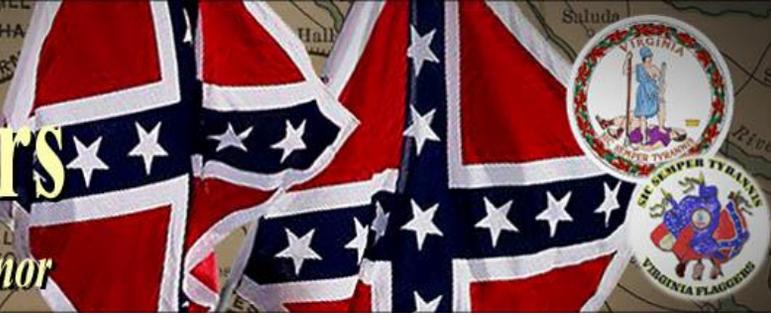


Fight to Save Lee Statue Heats Up On All Fronts—Chaos Erupts as Charlottesville Braces for Costly Lawsuits and Protests



The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



Two Virginia GOP Gubernatorial Candidates Vow to Fight Lee Monument Removal, Protect ALL Veterans Memorials



Denver Riggleman



Corey Stewart

Wed., Feb. 8, 2017

Charlottesville City Council votes to violate state law-will attempt to tear down Lee monument



Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

Virginia Flaggers, cont.



**The Chester I-95
Memorial Battle Flag
is Back...Bigger and
Better than Ever**

Sun. Feb. 5, 2017



Kristin Layng Szakos

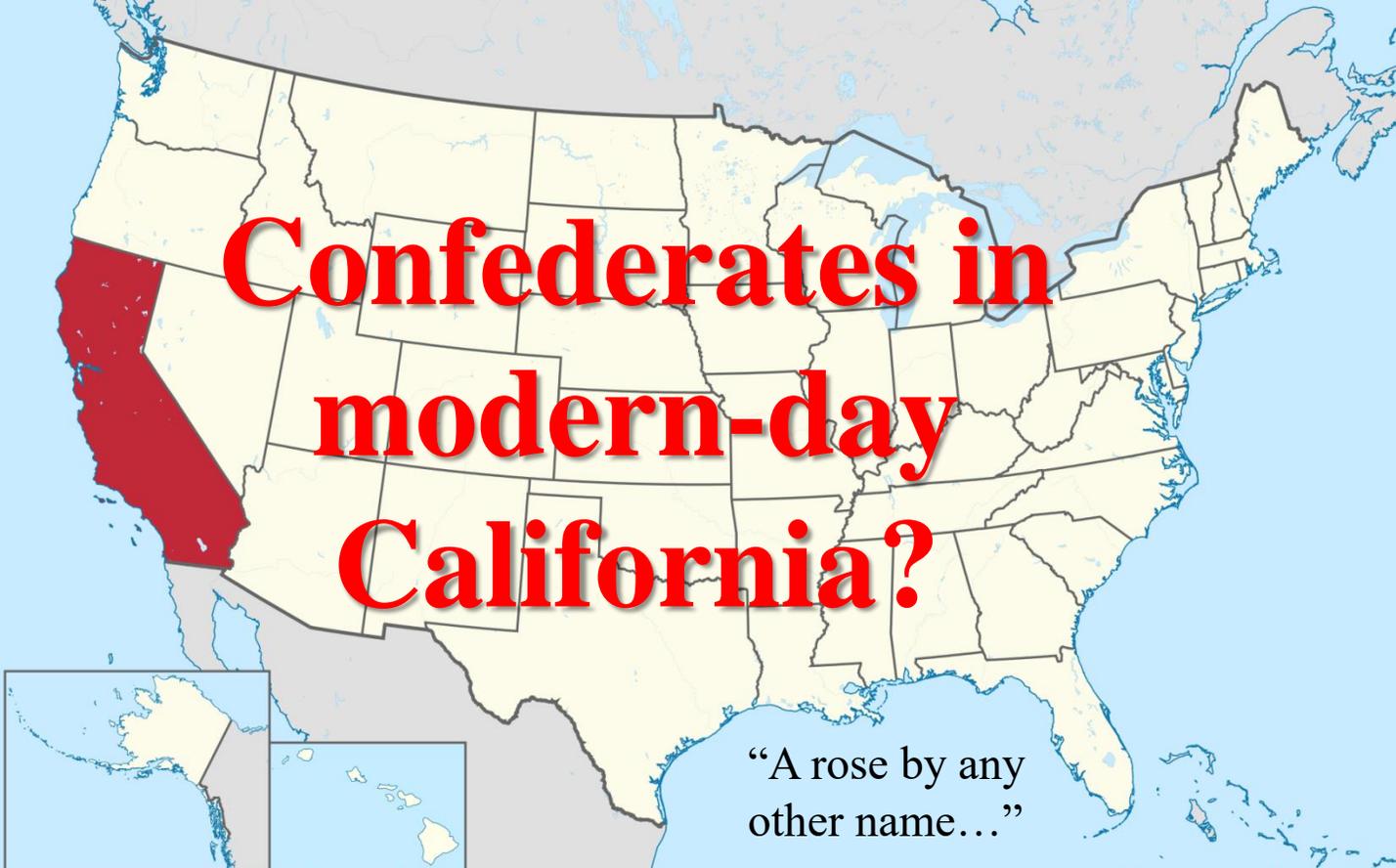
February 1 at 10:18pm · 🌐

Hundreds of Klansmen (that white stripe through the crowd) gather to dedicate the statue of Robert E. Lee in 1924 in downtown Charlottesville.



**City in Chaos:
Charlottesville
City
Councilman
Kristen Szakos'
False Claim of
"Klansmen" at
Lee Monument
Dedication
Exposed**

Friday, Feb. 3,
2017



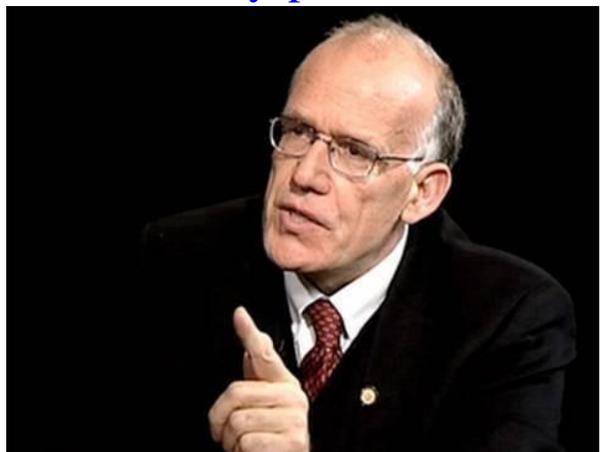
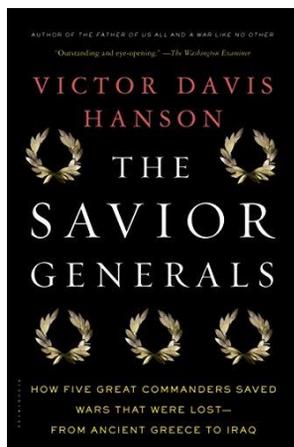
Confederates in modern-day California?

“A rose by any
other name...”

We don't normally run lengthy text pieces in our newsletter, but this one is definitely worth your time and you can click on the link to read it. Thanks to Compatriot Terry Theiss and Cindy Harriman of the Texas Civil War Museum for sharing it.

This very interesting article appeared on February 7 in *The National Review*. Its author, Victor Davis Hanson, is a classicist and historian at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and the author, most recently, of *The Savior Generals*. Take a look at the article in:

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/444744/california-secession-movement-confederacy-parallels>



OUR GRANDPARENTS REALLY KNEW HOW TO PUT ON A CELEBRATION!



Can you imagine Congress authorizing the U. S. Mint to make something like this today?

Let's look back nearly eighty years at the way our country celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. It seems nearly impossible it could have happened in the same country where we're living today. It makes us, once again, realize that the veterans themselves and their children had the right perspective on how the War should be remembered. Funny, isn't it, how never having lived through an historical event can make modern-day people see so clearly how the people who lived through it

President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the 1938 observance.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojYzoC8imwc>

should have felt.

More than one person during the recent presidential campaign pointed out that it is much easier to be ignorant and loud-mouthed

Gettysburg 75th anniversary, cont.

than it is to take the time and trouble to actually learn something about any topic which makes people go off foaming at the mouth. Whether it's slavery, immigration, border security, entitlements, sanctuary cities, enforcing laws already on the books, or whatever else the day's crusade is against, it's been a real eye-opener to see how ignorant many adult Americans are about...well, you name it.

The year 1936, when the Gettysburg half-dollars were envisioned, Americans were a more mature, settled group who had just weathered the Great Depression. Congress was also more focused on helping the country and less focused on destroying their political rivals. They appreciated what they had, as we should today.

All the Gettysburg Commemorative coins were minted in 1937, but bore the date of 1936 while celebrating an anniversary which would take place in 1938.

The design of this silver half-dollar was the work of an Italian-American sculptor named Frank Vittor (1888-1968), who has many works standing on public display in Pennsylvania. J. P. Sankey posed for the Union soldier, and H. R. Lee was the model for the Confederate soldier.

Congress originally authorized the mint to produce 50,000 pieces. All were minted in Philadelphia. The coins were originally sold for \$1.65 each by the Pennsylvania State Commission during late 1937 and continuing through the Blue and Gray Reunion of July, 1938. After the event, the remaining coins were transferred to the American Legion in Pennsylvania. In attempt to make the coin seem more desirable, the price was raised to \$2.65. Unfortunately, this didn't help sales, and the remaining 23,100 pieces were returned to the mint for melting, leaving a net mintage of 26,900 for this now-popular issue.

We know the coin saw some limited circulation because examples are occasionally offered for sale in lower grades. On October 31, 2015 a nearly-perfect uncirculated example



Frank Vittor, at work in the 1920's

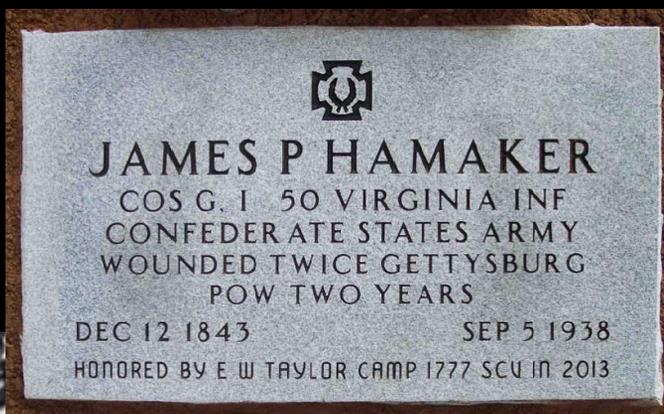
realized \$940.00 at auction. A check of mint-state coins being offered on ebay in late February 2017 showed many near-perfect pieces being offered at multi-thousand-dollar prices, but few bids.

The 75th Anniversary event saw more than 50,000 people descending on little Gettysburg, and there wasn't a single protestor among the them. About 1,800 of them were actual veterans. They ranged in age from 88 to one man who claimed to be 112.

Of the hundreds of famous photos of the event, one of interest to us is of a local Johnson County man, A. H. Yeager (who served in Co. G, 29th Tennessee Infantry, see next page). He lies buried in Cleburne Memorial Cemetery with hundreds of other Confederates. *As an aside, now there's a city which knows how to honor its Confederate heroes!!!* Being named for Col. Middleton Tate Johnson and General Patrick Cleburne doesn't hurt, either.

Gettysburg 75th Reunion, cont.

Another local there was a Parker County man, James P. Hamaker (1843-1938), for whom we made a new marker in 2013. While serving in the 50th Virginia Infantry he was wounded twice during the Battle of Gettysburg and spent two years as a POW. After moving to Aledo, Texas he resolved to go to the 75th Reunion, and he made the trip. While there he fell out of his berth on the train and was severely injured. He made it back home, but died about two months later as a result of the third injury he'd sustained at Gettysburg.

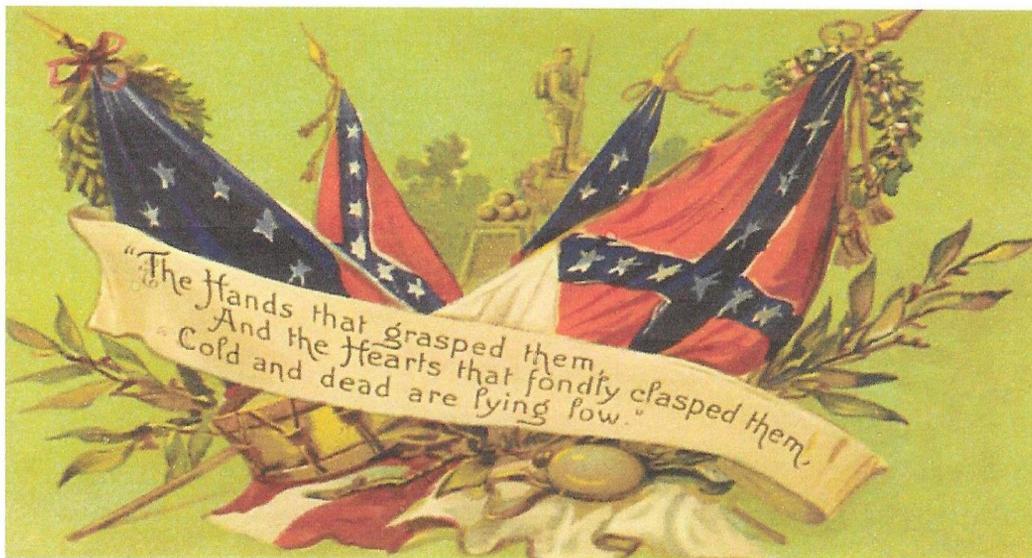


Pvt. Abraham Hoss Yeager, 1842-1940
Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas



One of the thousands of iconic photos which came out of the 75th Gettysburg reunion.

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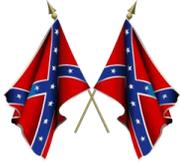
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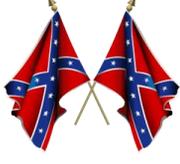
...all the Taylor Camp folks who came out to help with the installation at Oakwood on February 18: Tom Trawick, Shane Woodward, Kent Mathews, Clay Fitzhugh, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.



...Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, who came to Oakwood on February 18, took photos for us, and helped with the install.



...our adjutant, James Alderman, who came up with the idea of holding the raffle for the Henry repeating rifle.



...everyone in our camp who's bought a chance on the rifle and talked it up among their friends to sell additional chances.

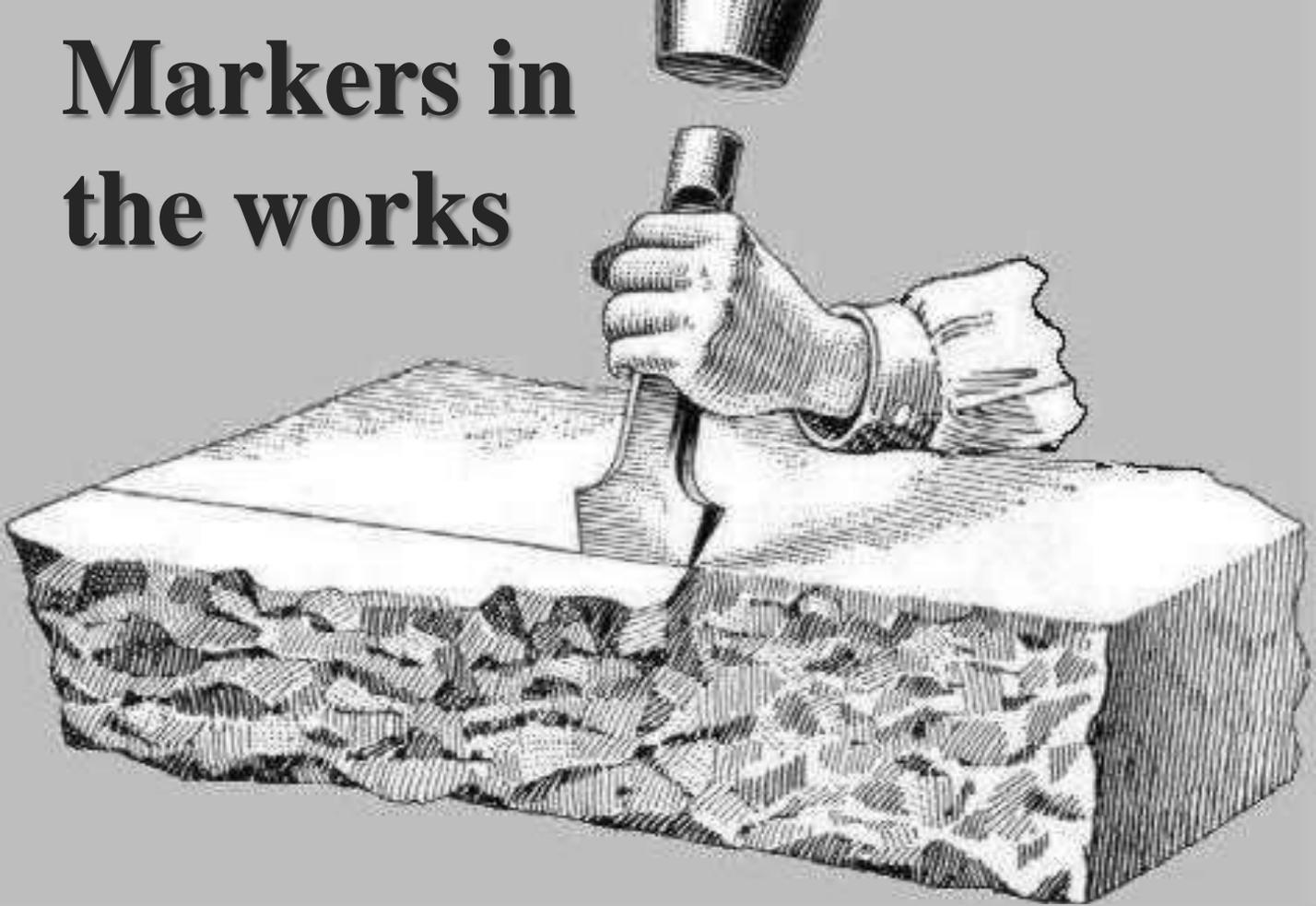


...Ron Turner and Kevin Trawick who made our February meeting a real delight. Thanks, too, to the 23 members and 16 visitors who attended.



The older we get...well, you know. Sorry for the repeated sentence about Compatriot Richard McCook's Confederate ancestor on page 4 last month. We did run spell-check, and two once-functional people proof-read the issue a total of six times. We promise no more mistakes until the next ones.

Markers in the works



John D. Armstrong, New Co. E, 5th Alabama Infantry, died in 1909 and was buried in Oakwood in Fort Worth. Has never had a marker. A mid-April project.

John H. Youngblood, Co. B, Wise County, 1st Frontier Regiment, Texas State Troops, CSA, 1844-1870. Buried in Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake, his old handmade stone is almost unreadable. He'll get a new granite one beside it some time in mid-May.

William R. Matthews, Co. A, 5th Texas Cavalry, 1841-1922. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth with an old, inexpensive UCV marker with incomplete information and his name misspelled. Probably will happen in mid-June.



This month's puzzle

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0b01b7fbab85>

Go to the URL shown above. You'll find the puzzle in the shape the last person there left it.

Click on "Play As" near the top of the page then moved the slider down to 180.

Click on "Start a New Game." It seems to help this puzzler to change the background color from time to time. Taking a break helps, too.

If you have any trouble getting these puzzles to work please email mfpchat@yahoo.com

Click on the icon at lower right and take it to full-screen. It'll give you more room and will make the pieces bigger.

May 29, 2017

Down at the far
end of the row...



Please...please make plans to attend this year's Memorial Day Observance in Keller's historic Mount Gilead Cemetery on Monday morning, May 29. We customarily supply a musket line of men in uniform to fire a salute and we need your help.

This year we are trying to get as many men as possible there in as many uniforms from different eras as possible with the appropriate firearms and blank ammunition. We talked to a group of WWII re-enactors at the Veterans' Day Parade in Fort Worth this year and they seemed willing.

Coming soon...

Keep an eye out for Confederates in this area who have no markers or whose stones are becoming unreadable or vandalized.

March 18
Install marker for F. M. Hoffman in Old Cahill Cemetery near Lillian in Johnson County. 9 a.m.

March 30
Regular monthly meeting of the Taylor Camp. Eat at 6, meet at 7, out by 8:30.

Pray every day for the safety and prosperity of our country. God has given us a second chance to set things right. Be the best American you can be!



Gen. Stephen D. Lee

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.