



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....May 2017



May Program

David Hendricks will enlighten us with a program entitled **SAVE YOUR CONFEDERATE MONEY BOYS, THE SOUTH IS GOING TO RISE AGAIN.** David's father was a dealer in coins and stamps and left David some great pieces of history. David will include several examples of Confederate and Republic of Texas currency in his presentation. He is currently the commander of the A. H. Belo Camp in Dallas.

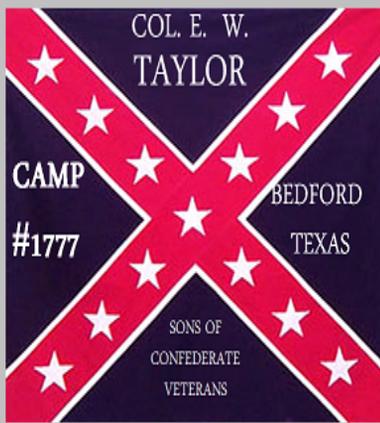
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Eat at 6 Meet at 7 Out by 8:30



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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.**

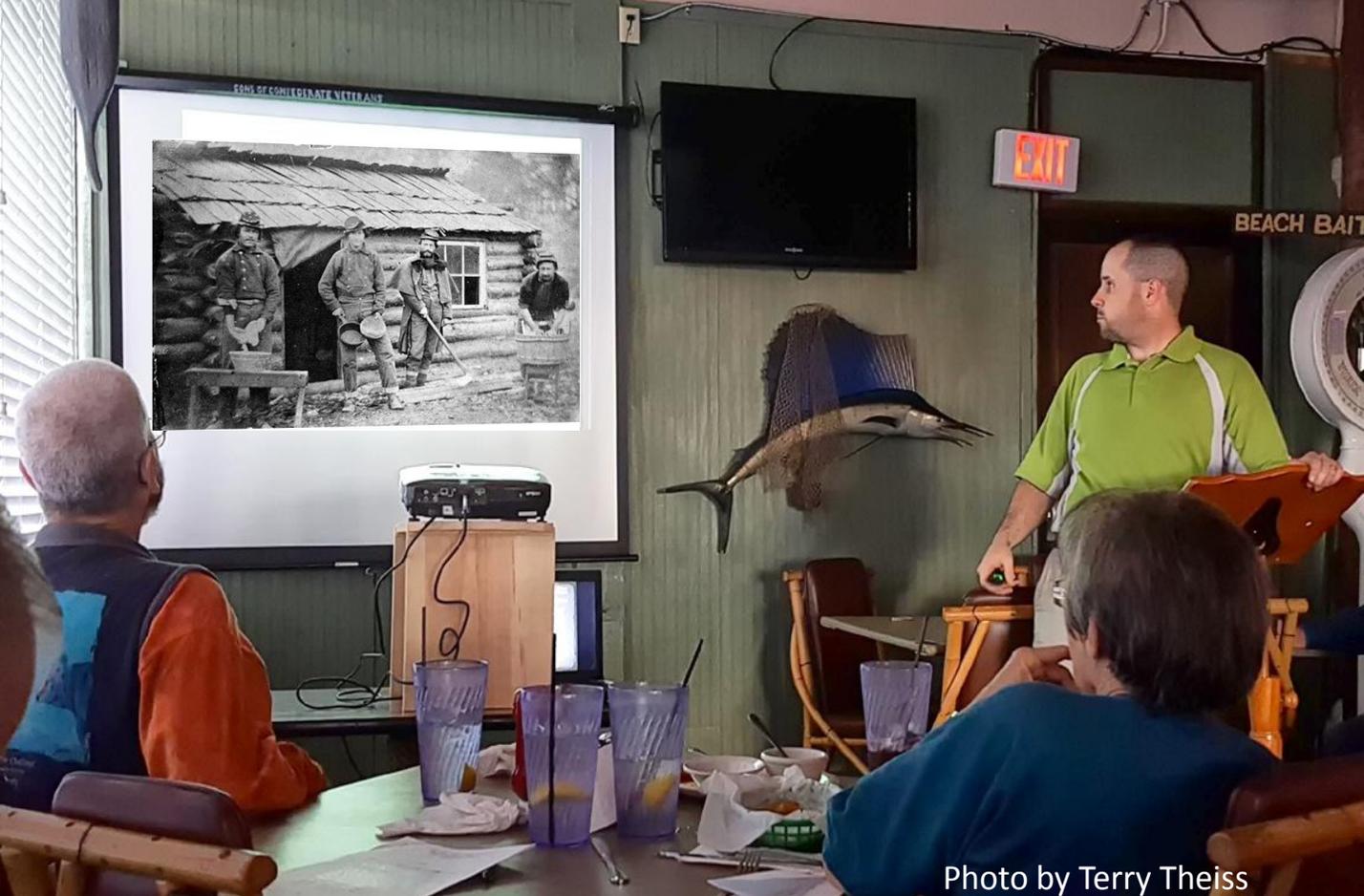


Photo by Terry Theiss

Thanks to our commander, Chuck Marks, for his excellent presentation to us in April on the 5th Texas Infantry

Once again, we realize what a great choice we made in choosing a commander for our camp. Chuck's a great researcher, presenter, and representative for our camp and the SCV as a whole.

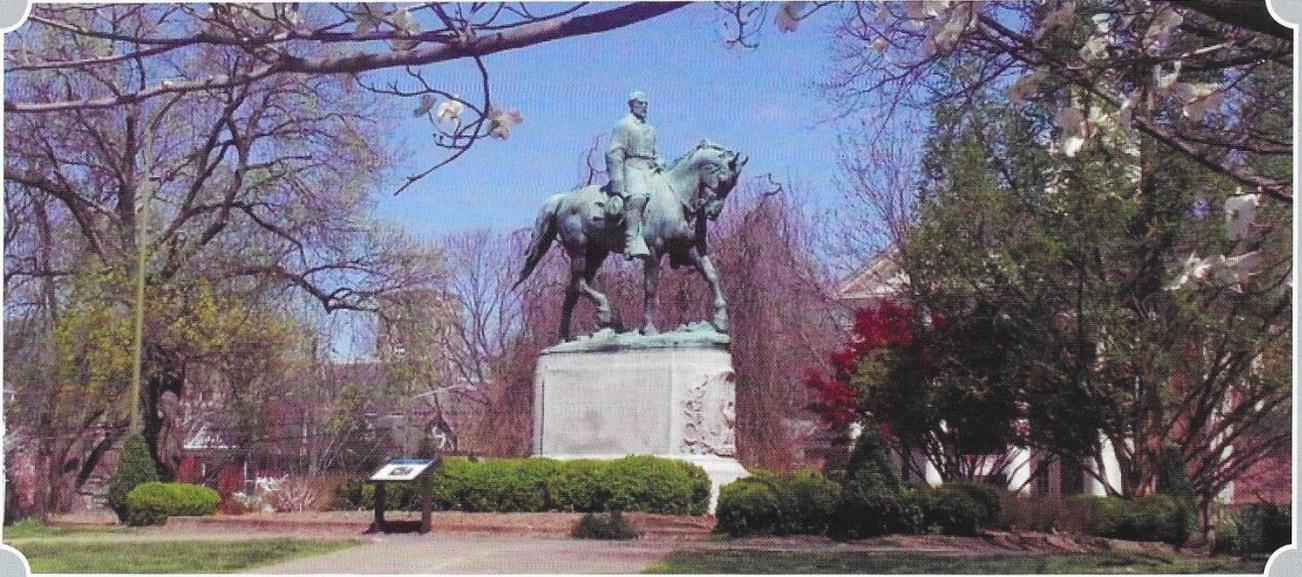
Chuck also has a higher-ranking Confederate direct ancestor as his entree into the SCV than anyone else in the camp, and the only ancestor who was a Jewish Confederate.

Chuck joined our group on the service of his ancestor, Major Washington Marks of the 22nd Consolidated Louisiana Infantry. Major Marks is buried in the Dispersed of Judah Cemetery in New Orleans. We have been trying unsuccessfully for a long time to see if he has a grave marker.

Taking a photo during a power-point presentation yields a blank screen, so we had to Photoshop something in. See if you can find this photograph from Hood's Texas Brigade somewhere else in this month's newsletter.

SAVE LEE STATUE!

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



We are raising funds to support a legal team preventing the monument's removal from Lee Park in Charlottesville. Though the City Council voted 3-2 for the monument's removal, the effort will cost more than \$300,000 to local taxpayers. Lawyers Patrick McSweeney and Frederick Taylor of Virginia will defend the monument.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Write a check to Save Southern Heritage, 4408 Cole Ave., Apt. B, Dallas, TX 75205
or Donate online at www.gofundme.com/save-lee-statue-charlottesville

If we lose this case other states, and even Federal courts, may have a precedent for the removal of all of our monuments, flags and memorials.

Please help us SAVE LEE STATUE!

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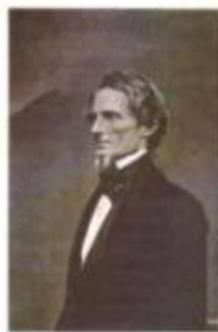
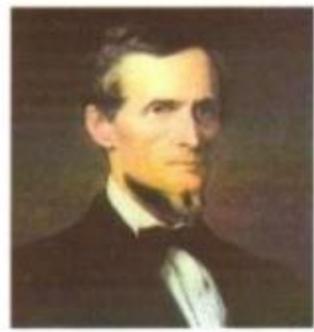


May 29, 2017

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 going to try to have some reenactors in uniform with proper armament from other periods, like the Texas Revolution, the American Revolution, World War II, the Union Army, etc.

Please come out and support us. If you don't have a uniform, you can wear a hat or shirt with the SCV emblem. We need you there.



*You, Your Members and Guests are Invited to Join
Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC
For Our Annual*

Jefferson Davis Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, 2017

10:00 a.m. Registration, 10:30 a.m. Program

12:00 noon B-B-Q Luncheon with Dessert

West Fork Presbyterian Church

908 Santerre Road, Grand Prairie 75050

Directions: From N. Hwy. 360, Exit Ave. K (N. Arlington)

Go East-bound on Ave. K, Cross the Railroad Tracks

Turn Left on 109th St.; Turn Right on Santerre St.; Church is on Left

***Please Join us to Celebrate our Only CSA President, Awards, Southern Food,
Fellowship, Favors, Music, and Silent Auction***

Guest Speaker: Geraldine Mills, Arlington Historical Society

"Saving our Monuments, Markers and Historical Sites"

Registration Required for Lunch; Deadline 05/15/2017

Adults \$20.00, Children \$15.00 (12 and Under)

Checks Payable to: Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC

Mail Checks/Reservation to: Ms. Dorothy Norred

3217 Timber Grove Dr. Bedford, TX 76021-3306

Late Reservations, e-mail: djnorred@yahoo.com

Name/s: _____ Group/s: _____

Adults (\$20): _____, Children (\$15): _____ Total Amt.: \$ _____



Third Brigade Picnic to be held May 20 at Millsap in Parker County

Take I-20 west of Weatherford to the FM 113 exit and go north into Millsap. The picnic begins in late morning just south of the railroad track. If you cross the Brazos on I-20 you've gone too far.

We're never ones to pass up an opportunity, so here's a little bit of dope on Fuller Millsap (1817-1873), above right, for whom the town was named. He lived in Parker County all through the bad Indian times and is buried in Millsap Cemetery.

Fuller Millsap and his family figure prominently in many of the Indian depre-

dation stories in Parker County. He had wisely armed himself with a brass-framed Winchester repeater, which a descendant in California still owns. In one raid in 1870 his daughter made a run for it to carry cartridges to her father and his son-in-law, Joseph Loving. After she got back into their cabin an arrow pinned her apron to the door frame.

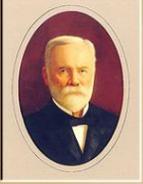


Texas Division Reunion for 2017 to be in North Fort Worth June 2-4

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.

120TH TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS 



FORT WORTH





WELCOME

Governor Samuel W. T. Lanham
Camp #586 Weatherford, Texas

Texas Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
2017 Annual Reunion
Radisson Hotel, 2540 Meacham Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76106

June 2, 2017 - June 4, 2017

The Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #586, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Weatherford, Texas is proud to welcome you to Fort Worth, Texas, and the 2017 Texas Division Reunion Website. This website will be your portal for registration and sign-up. As well as one of your best source for information about the reunion.

ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE	HOTELS	REGISTER
TOURS	VENDORS	ADVERTISING	CONTACT US

[Download Delegate Credentials](#)

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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.

Friday (June 2, 2017)

 Noon - 9:00 p.m. **Registration** (Radisson Hotel Lobby)

 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Friday Evening Social** (Civil War Museum)
Join us for a get-acquainted evening, to meet old friends and make new ones, with beverages and finger foods provided by the caterer. Casual dress. **(Ticket Required)**

Saturday (June 3, 2017)

 7:00 a.m. - Noon **Registration and Credentials** (Radisson Hotel Lobby)

 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **TSOOCR Silent Auction** (Baron's)
Proceeds to benefit Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Opening Ceremony** (Meacham/Flatiron Rooms)
All SCV and OCR compatriots are encouraged to attend the opening ceremonies, as the colors from camps around the Division are marched in, followed by opening remarks welcoming everyone to the 2017 Reunion. **(No charge)**

 9:30 a.m. - Noon **SCV Business Meeting** (Meacham/Flatiron Rooms)

 9:30 a.m. - Noon **TSOOCR Annual Meeting** (Chisolm Ballroom)
(Separate TSOOCR registration required)

 Noon - 1:30 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** (Spring Palace/Westbrook Rooms)
Texas Division Cross for Meritorious Service awards will be presented to recipients, followed by a program by Dr. AL Arnold, author of "Orderly for Lee" His great great grandfather WAS Lee's orderly. **(Ticket required)**

 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Pre-Banquet Social Hour** (Spring Palace/Westbrook Rooms)
(Ball Ticket Required)

 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **Southern Ball** (Spring Palace/Westbrook Rooms)
Enjoy time to socialize, then a fine banquet meal, followed by our top Texas Division individual and camp award presentations. Then a special presentation by H. K. Edgerton and finish the evening dancing to music by a Period Brass Band. Uniforms and period dress encouraged, but not required. **(Ticket required)**

Sunday (June 4, 2017)

 9:00 a.m. - Noon **Division Executive Council Meeting** (Parker/Courtright Rooms)

With our current membership we are entitled to six voting delegates. There is no cost to attend the business meeting or to see the vendors and their wares.

HOTEL



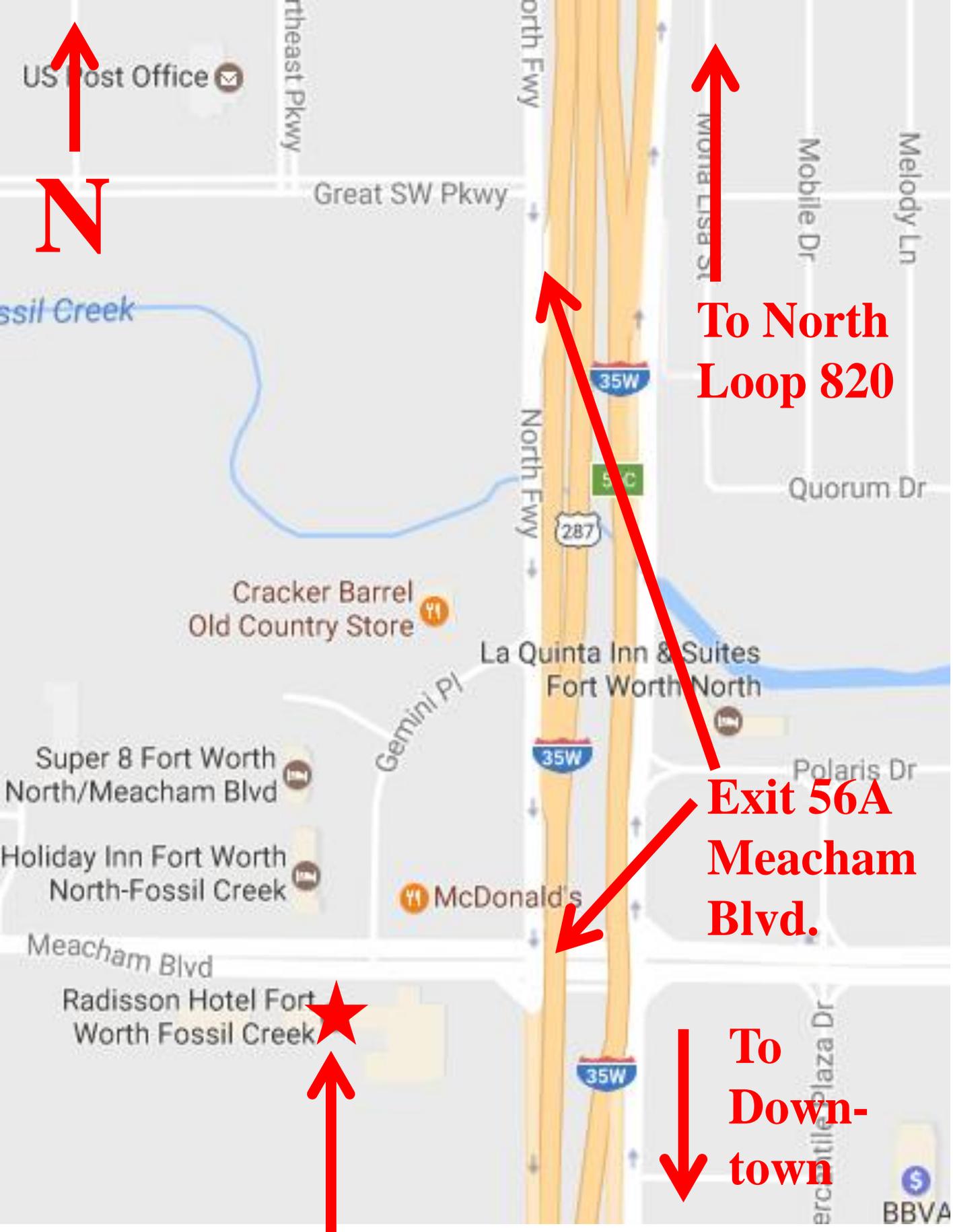
2017 Texas SCV Reunion Location

Enjoy Fort Worth from the Fossil Creek hotel

The full-service Radisson Fort Worth North Fossil Creek ranks among the top ten largest hotels in Fort Worth. It is strategically located to offer guests access to the best that Fort Worth has to offer—from all directions. Once here, guests can enjoy shopping and dining a few miles north at the Alliance Town Center or venture a little further to the nationally-acclaimed Texas Motor Speedway. Travel a short distance south to the arts and entertainment areas downtown, or jump aboard our complimentary shuttle and head west to the Fort Worth Stockyards' National Historic District.



A discounted room rate (\$102+13% taxes for a standard 1 King or 2 Queen) is available until May 4, 2017 and includes complimentary parking, complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and meeting space and a complimentary breakfast buffet for two each morning in Main Street Cafe. That rate is good for 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion dates. If you need accessible room or specific requirements, please try to make your reservations early to insure your request.



2017 Texas SCV Reunion Location

Two Proposed Amendments to the Texas SCV Constitution

Each camp must consider these amendments and instruct its delegates how to vote at the State Reunion in early June. Please read these carefully and consider their ramifications.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2017 Texas Division Reunion

PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENT

Presented by Terry L. Hulsey
ID 322981 • Camp 239, Ft. Worth

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<p>Preamble. In the name of a reunited country, The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America as originally understood, a document largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p>	<p>Preamble. The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America as originally understood, a document largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p>	<p>Preamble. In the name of a reunited country, the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans declares the following purposes: An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; [...]</p>

Rationale:

The Charge of General Stephen Dill Lee, read by every camp at every meeting, commits us to "the perpetuation of those principles which [the Confederate soldier] loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious [...]." I defy anyone to name a Confederate principle higher than that of secession. To denigrate this principle in any way is to surrender the last resort of liberty against oppressive government.

Submitted by:

Terry L. Hulsey, Camp 239

This is the first of the two proposed amendments, reproduced from the Division Newsletter. The second amendment appears on the following page of this newsletter.

Two Proposed Amendments, cont.

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Rationale:

United States flags of a design later than April 9, 1865, have been adopted by the KKK and other racist groups, and should not be associated with our organization.

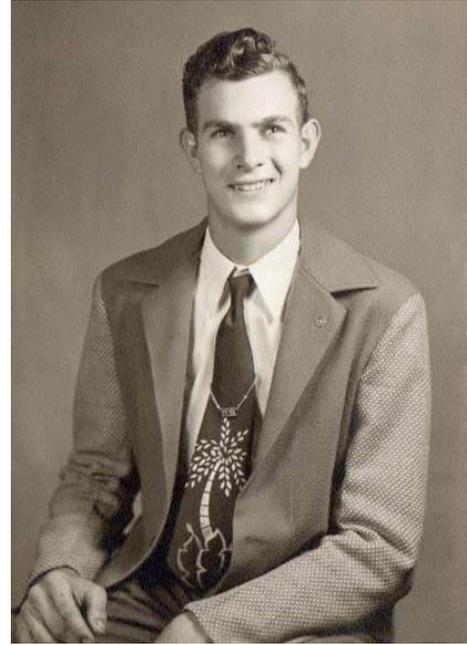
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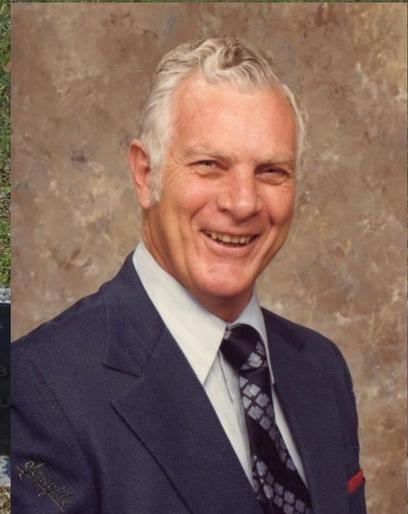
If you have not indicated your willingness to serve as a voting delegate for the E. W. Taylor Camp, please contact our adjutant, James Alderman, immediately and do so. This will take a minimal investment of your time on a single Saturday morning in early June. Any organization worth joining is worth your time and attention in seeing that it works effectively.

Taylor Campers Install Memorial for World War II Veteran at Grapevine

On April 3 we received a call from the daughter of a veteran who had not been able to find anyone to install her dad's VA bronze. We were glad to help as a public service to honor a member of America's Greatest Generation.



We were happy to be able to help honor MM3 Riley Narval Bryan, (1928-2016), a World War II veteran of the U. S. Navy. Our adjutant, James Alderman (above left), your editor, and Marilyn Patterson rendezvoused at Parker Memorial Cemetery April 7 to git 'er done!





As long as we're talking about public service projects, there's no end to the E. W. Taylor Camp's willingness to help...

Left to right: Marilyn Patterson, Mickey Mumford (soon to be a Taylor Camper), and Mike Patterson.

Saturday morning, April 15, several of us went to Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth to install John D. Armstrong's first-ever marker.

It's a little-known fact that Oakwood is one of the last sanctuaries for the old-time harvester ants, the "red-aunts" of our childhoods. It's even a lesser-known fact that they are the hands-down best choice to put in ant farms. You can buy them online. One supplier sends you about thirty workers for \$11.95, plus shipping and handling. You can even buy a queen, but there's some paperwork and expense involved. People have spent too many years trying to eradicate them to risk an escape.

We knew of a young man who had a giant brand-new ant farm, and he needed some ants. It was an easy, cheap, fast piece of do-gooding for the SCV. The ants are doing fine in their new home.

An invitation from the M. T. Johnson Camp



A friend of mine in North Carolina has these available at \$50 each. We could combine an order and split the shipping cost. Any interest?

Joe Wade

joewade2000@sbcglobal.net

Workday set for Dobkins Cemetery in

Euless on June 3



On Saturday, June 3 we've been invited to help in a clean-up at the old Dobkins Cemetery in Euless. Again it's sponsored by our friends in the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter of the NSDAR. Start about 9 a.m.



Watch for scorpions. They'll be lying flat with their tails curled beside them and won't show up. When we were there earlier we found a few, but there are lots of them there. They hurt beyond belief. Leather or heavy plastic gloves should keep your hands safe.

See our online newsletter issue of September 2016 for directions. This is the one and only way you can get to the place.

Texas HB 1359 hearing video available online



There's something about your editor's computer which won't let this work for him but don't let that stop you.

Rep. Wilson speaks first, followed by John McCammon, David McMahan, John McMaster, Reta Brand, Gordon Mobley, Carlton Wilkes, Johnny Holley, David Vandenburg, Shelby Little, Rex Mahon, Frank Bussey, Mark Reiser, and finally Rep. Wilson again.

The hearing for HB 1359 ends at about 1:02:37. The link is at:

http://tlchouse.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=40&clip_id=13502

The Texas House captures each hearing and live streams it in its entirety. The link below takes you to the actual site. Once the page opens in the bottom left side about the Culture, Recreation, and Tourism banner, there is a timer/slider there. Slide it over to about 34:35 where HB 1359 begins.



On page 15 of the April issue, we mistakenly referred to Mrs. Hoffman as "Mrs. Cahill." Our apologies to her memory and her family.



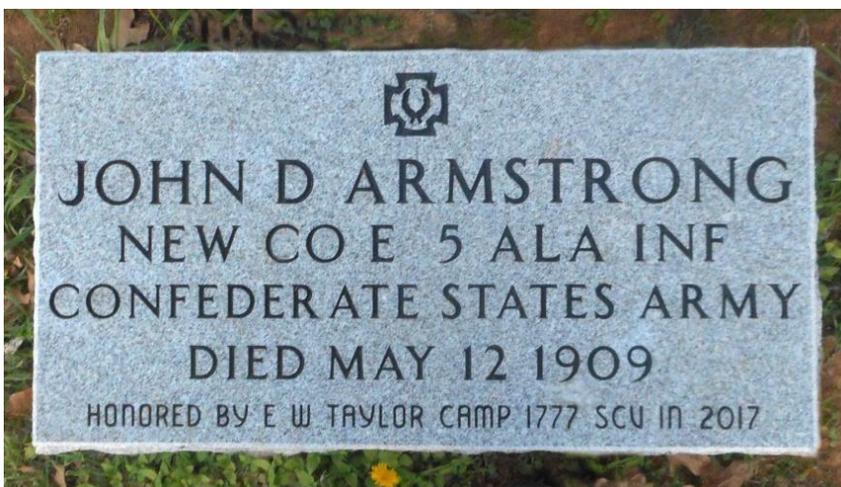
Fort Worth Vet John D. Armstrong gets a marker after waiting 108 years.

We're going to keep plugging along at one stone per month for the foreseeable future.



It's been a long time since we learned about Mr. Armstrong, and it's taken some time to get to him off the waiting list.

On Saturday morning a bunch of us gathered at Oakwood in Fort Worth and found the gate locked. It took a while but we finally managed to get in. The installers in the photo at left are, standing l-r, Chuck Marks, Kent Mathews, Clay Fitzhugh, Linda Wade, Joe Wade and kneeling l-r, Mickey Mumford, Mike Patterson, and Tom Trawick. Marilyn Patterson drove your editor to Fort Worth with the loaded pickup, took the pictures, and hauled editor and tools back home.



Continue to be on the lookout for close-in Confederates who have no stone, whose old stone is no longer readable, or who has a severely-vandalized stone. Let us know.

Confederate veteran and Indian fighter buried in Southlake will get a new stone to go with his old one on May 13

John H. Youngblood needs some attention. For one thing, he needs an additional stone which can be read and which details his service. His name needs to be added to our Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial and we need to get a biographical sketch written for him and posted on our website.



He served in Captain J. M. Hanks' Co. B of Wise County Volunteers in the 1st Frontier District, under the command of Major William Quayle.

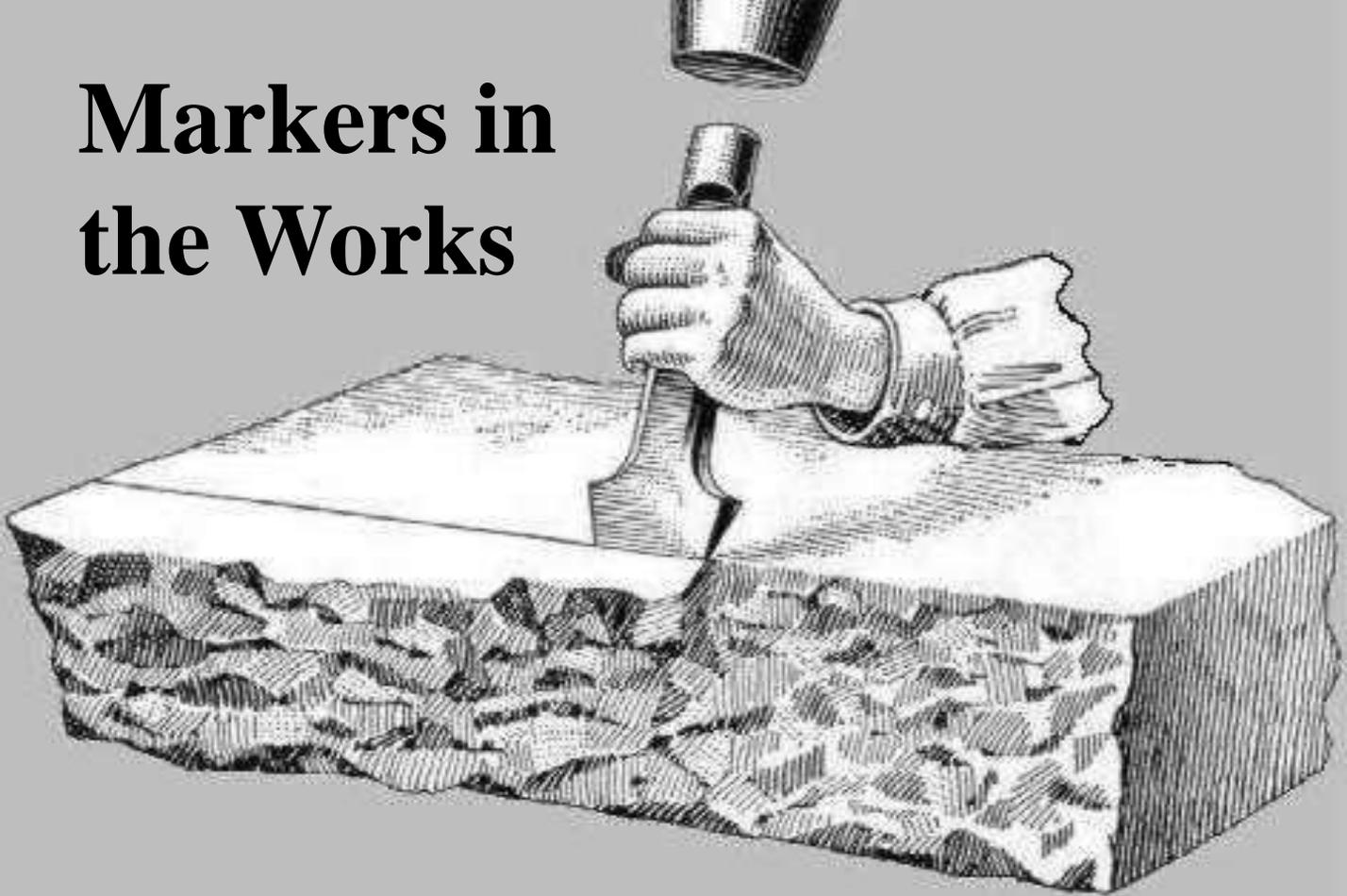
He was mustered in February 1, 1864 at Decatur in Wise County, Texas.

He died in his twenties on January 30, 1870. His widow was remarried to one of his relatives, also named Youngblood. After *he* died, she was remarried a third time to a minister.

She kept a very frank and remarkable diary, from which we are going to be able to write two more interesting biographies of Mr. Youngblood and his brother for our memorial.

Join us at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 13, to install his new marker beside his old one. This will be at the old Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake.

Markers in the Works



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 a mid-June project.

Edward A. Caldwell, a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans, also served as the Fort Worth Tax Assessor and Collector for a time. He died of apoplexy in 1895 and is buried in Oakwood in Fort Worth. A July project.

Richard Crowley, a member of Cummins' Company, West Fork Guards, 20th Brigade Texas Militia, left Tarrant County and moved to Dallas County after the War. He died in 1878 and is buried in Western Heights Cemetery in West Dallas. An August project.



The Texas Division Dismounted Color Guard is looking for five or six new members.

The Texas Division Dismounted Color Guard (TDDCG) has averaged participating in more than twenty events in each of the past four years. It is the only color guard to be invited to present the colors at three consecutive UDC State Conventions and the only one to present the colors at the UDC State Convention, SCV State Convention and SCV National Convention in the same year. We are already scheduled for several events during the coming year including the UDC State Convention in San Antonio next October

During the last few months we have lost five of our most active members to illness or out-of-state moves leaving only two regular members with a year or more experience. We pride ourselves as being a highly trained, professional-appearing color guard. Therefore, it is extremely important for us to begin a rebuilding program as soon as possible. Our next practice/training session will be at 2:00 PM, Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the Texas Civil War Museum on the west side of Fort Worth. Hopefully, we will have several new TDDCG members and will start our rebuilding program with instruction at the most fundamental level and progress each month.

If you are a member of the SCV and willing to make a commitment to train, practice and perform color guard duties throughout the state we would very much like for you to join us. If you have any interest whatsoever in becoming a part of this very-proficient color guard please contact me at 817-946-2099 or jplsail@earthlink.net. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide complete information on requirements. It is a great way to help fulfill the Charge and results in a tremendous feeling of pride and enjoyment. Everyone who has ever been a member feels exactly that way.

Jack Dyess
TX Division Color Sergeant
jplsail@earthlink.net
817-946-2099

Taylor SCV members wear other hats



Many of us in the SCV know about and are very proud of our ancestors who served in the American Revolution. Quite a number are also members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

On April 13 three of our members served as color guard members for the Daughters of the American Revolution in Grapevine. The Molly Corbin DAR Chapter held their annual award ceremony at the Cowboy Golf Club there.

The men above are, l-r, James Alderman, Vann Cunningham, Jerry Cope, and Bobby Gresham. All but Jerry Cope are members of the Taylor Camp; Mr. Cope is a good friend of the camp.

Suggested SCV Boycott



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"Historic Elm Springs"

New Orleans, Louisiana

26 April 2017

The recent events in New Orleans have been heartbreaking and, honestly, completely insane. The current mayor, Mitch Landrieu, and the City Council have completely derailed and are destroying the history of the very city they were elected to protect. Ironically, in the early morning hours on Monday Mr. Landrieu, according to reports, had local firemen dismantle one of four monuments that he and other elected officials (not the citizens) alleged to be offensive to the citizens of New Orleans. The irony here is that Landrieu himself was placed under house arrest for owing the firefighters pension fund over \$190 million dollars; yes, \$190 million dollars.

In 2015 word was received that the Mayor and his council started laying the groundwork for their plan, much like ISIS, to destroy monuments of our ancestors. With this information, the local Camp and Louisiana Division entered into litigation to stop this insanity. The National SCV entered into the litigation at a later date in an attempt to block the removal of historical monuments placed in the city. Thus far, after over thirty thousand dollars and countless hours of discussion and litigation, the fine men of Louisiana have basically been railroaded by Landrieu and his cronies over the years. What I personally find to be so ironic in all of this insanity is that for thirty two years the City was run by people of color who respected historical monuments, but now Mr. Landrieu chooses to create division among the people for some perceived political gain or notoriety. It is reported that Landrieu now has a list over one hundred streets and school names he wishes to change.

After much consultation with the Division Commander of Louisiana and members of my staff I am calling for a BOYCOTT of the City of New Orleans by the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and all right-minded people. Please visit Confederate

Boycott, cont.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"Historic Elm Springs"

Memorial Hall in this once fine Southern city but do not spend any of your hard earned dollars otherwise in the City. We must stand strong and let the historical terrorists and haters know who we are and what we stand for!

New Orleans is no different than any other large town in the Southeast, and tourism dollars are what they thrive upon. New Orleans' busiest time of the year is Mardi Gras, and the money raised every year is used to promote the Mayor and City Council's agenda. While I encourage you to visit Louisiana and the countless towns and communities that host Mardi Gras festivals, please avoid New Orleans. Let our voices and dollars be heard!!!

Therefore, I call for a BOYCOTT of New Orleans, LA and highly encourage each of you to spread the word to friends and family. We need to show Mr. Landrieu and his cronies that we will not stand for his ISIS tactics and the absolute destruction of OUR history under the cloak of darkness with snipers on rooftops. We must collectively let the powers that be know that we will not allow OUR HISTORY and the world's history to be destroyed or re-written by a few despicable people in power.

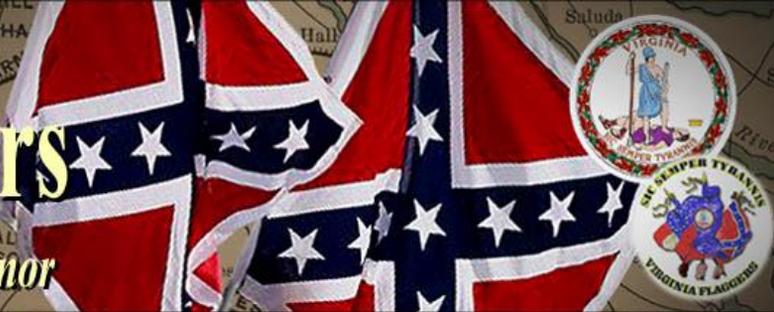
Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.
75th Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Next month, we'll do a little feature on Confederate Memorial Hall with some suggestions for eating, staying, and provisioning close-but-not-in New Orleans.

The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



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

Remember to check the URL above often to see what is happening in Virginia. The Virginia flaggers need and deserve our help with regular monthly contributions. Paypal makes it quick and easy. Rather than summarize their posts, we'll just put the titles and a photo from each post here.

Shad Planking Goes PC:
Wakefield Ruritan Boots
Confederate Heritage Group
From Annual Event
April 17, 2017



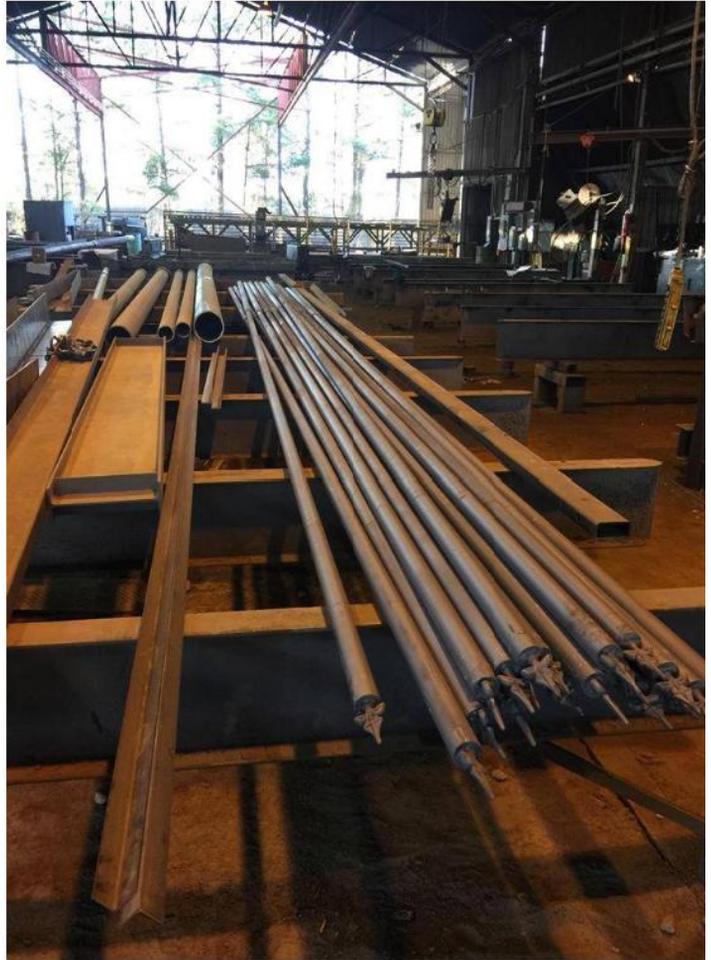
Welcome to Virginia! Massive
Confederate Flag Flies Again on
I-95 in Fredericksburg.
April 7, 2017

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Virginia Flaggers, cont.



Rockbridge County
TCO to Vote on
“Appropriateness of
Confederate Flag”
Today
April 5, 2017



Oakwood Cemetery
(Richmond) Confederate
Memorial Day Service
Scheduled for May 13.
April 5, 2017

Virginia Flaggers
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY
AT OAKWOOD CEMETERY
Saturday May 13th 2017 - 11AM
Reviving a grand tradition in Richmond
Honoring Our Confederate Dead



Keynote Speaker - Ronnie Roach
Commander, Army of Northern Virginia
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Color Guard - Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters SCV Camp #3000
Honor Guard - Captain William Latane SCV Camp #1690

Free to the Public.
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Attendees in period attire wishing to join the procession, please plan to arrive by 10:30 AM.

For more information or to sign up to lay a wreath and/or bring greetings from your organization.
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Four Priceless Pictures Worth Lots More Than Four Thousand Words

Sometimes we don't think of photographs as historical documents, but they are among the most precious, detailed, and irreplaceable ones we have.

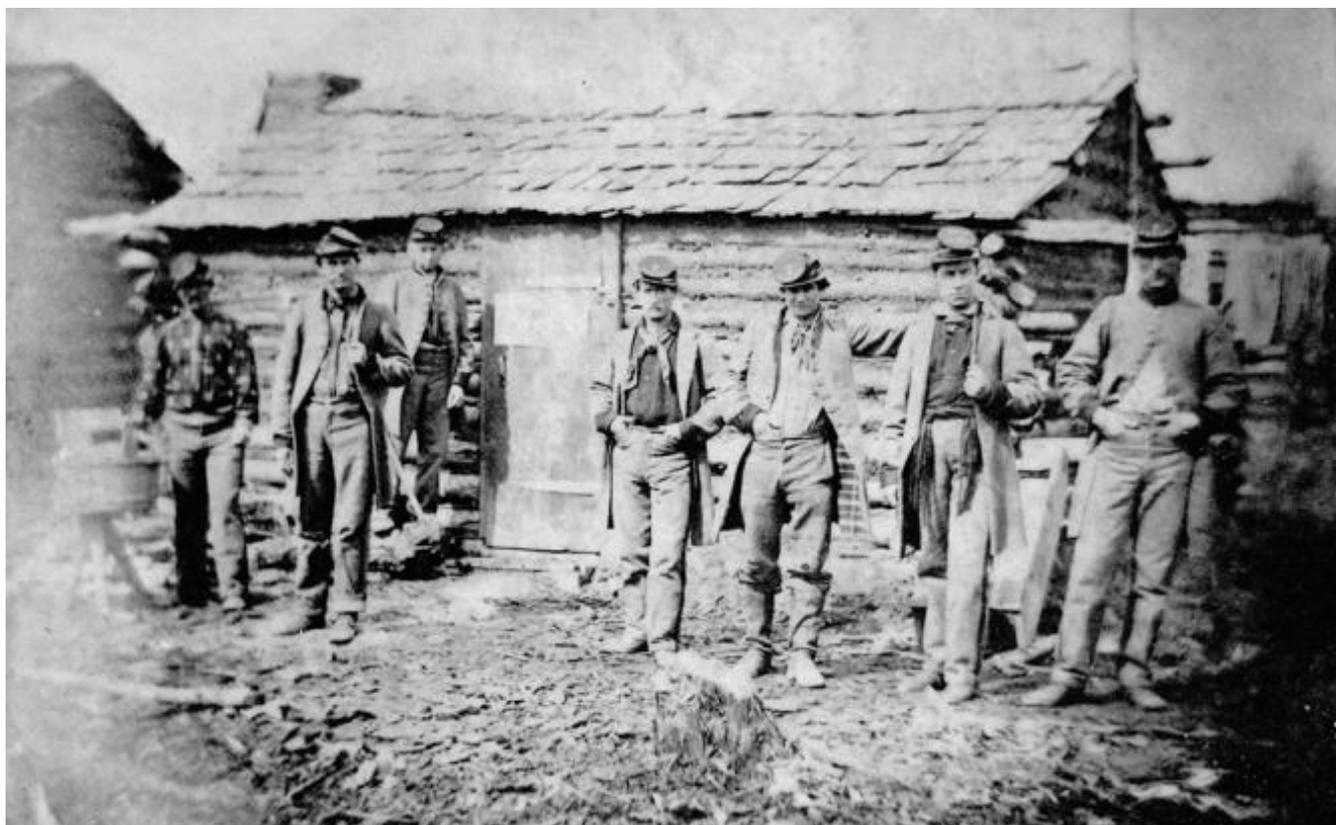


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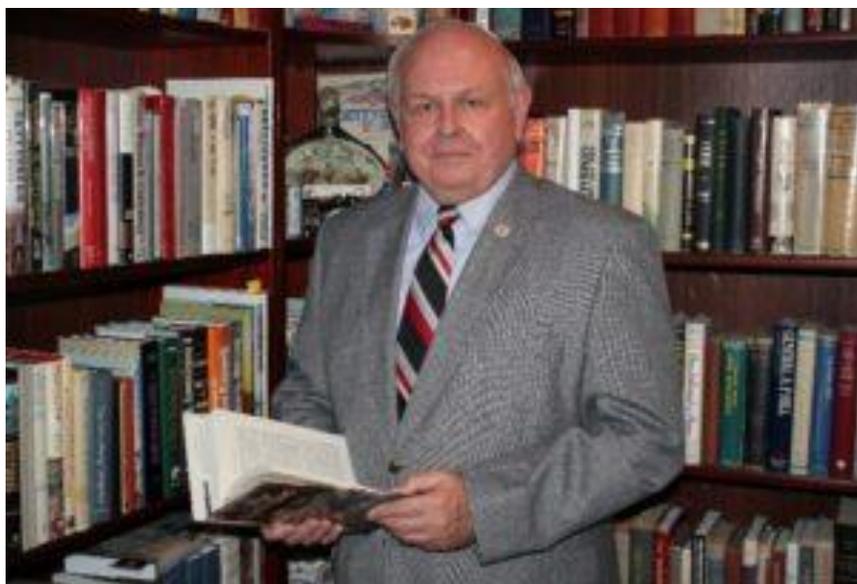
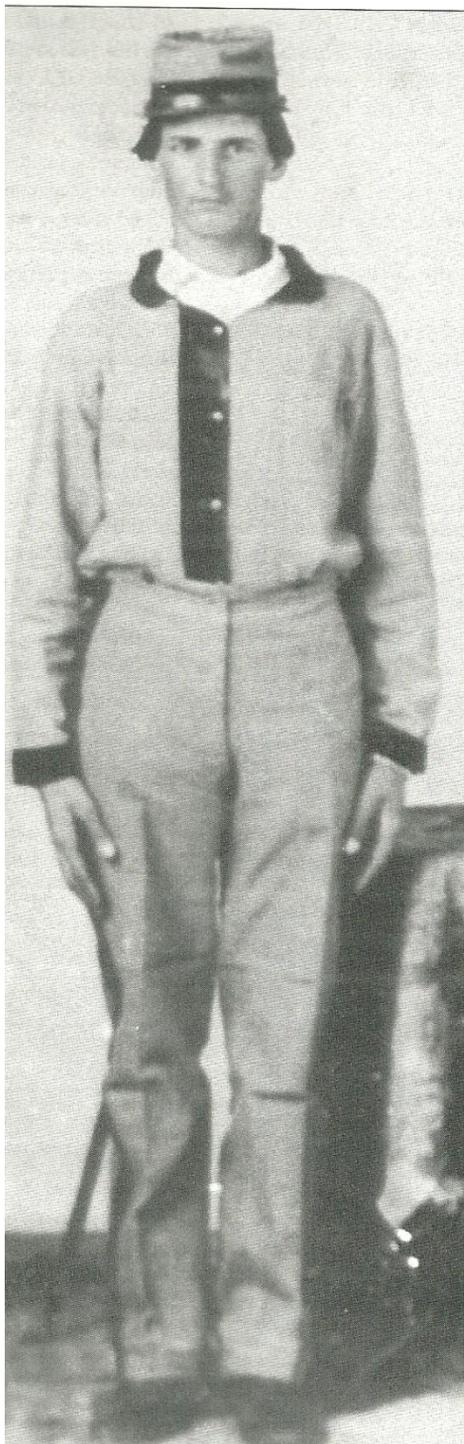
During the winter of 1861-1862 in Virginia, someone took some photographs of Hood's Texas Brigade in their winter camp near Dumfries, Va. These photos are some of the most studied of all the (few) pictures of Confederates in a camp setting.

Hood's Texas Brigade in camp, cont.



Hood's Texas Brigade, cont.

Somewhere online, and very recently, your editor found an extremely detailed description of every element of construction, uniforms, and material culture found in one of these photographs. Now, of course, he can't re-find it to share it with you. He'll keep looking.



Not long ago an exciting new discovery was made by Rick Eiserman (above), a long-time WBTS history buff. During his twenty years in the U. S. Army, he served as a military historian/instructor at both the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College and at the U. S. Army War College, among other assignments in the U. S., Korea, and Europe.

He is currently the historian for the Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Reactivated, and is an active researcher, writer and presenter.

Recently while reading a letter written home by a member of Hood's Texas Brigade, William Schadt (right), of Co. L, 1st Texas Infantry, he came across some riveting words.

Hood's Texas Brigade, cont.

An article by Mr. Eiserman, co-authored with Dr. Susannah Ural (below), appeared in the Civil War Times issue of August 2011. It was entitled, "The Winter that Made the Texas Brigade."



In it, Mr. Eiserman wrote of the experience of reading through one of the letters of William Schadt (1844-1917) of Co. L, 1st Texas Infantry:

"I was halfway through an April 2, 1862, letter from William when the words seemed to jump off the page: "When we were in winter quarters Tom Blessing in our company had some dauguean [sic] fixings send [sic] to him and he went to work taking pictures in [sic] we have had a picture taken of the mess you can see it by calling on Mr. Waters or F. Hitchcock either of them will let you have one to take a copy of if you want it."

"When we were in winter quarters Tom Blessing in our company had some dauguean [sic] fixings send [sic] to him and he went to work taking pictures ..." William Schadt, Co. L, 1st Texas Inf.

Who else was a member of Co. L, 1st Texas Infantry? None other than Solomon Thomas Blessing, the subject of an article in last month's newsletter. So who took these iconic photos? Our own Solomon Thomas Blessing, who's buried in Fort Worth's Greenwood Cemetery.

Hood's Texas Brigade, cont.

In last month's excerpt from Mamie Yeary's book, you may remember the closing statements in Solomon Thomas Blessing's account of his wartime experiences: "...The war being over, I went back to my old business, that of being a photographer." The three Blessing brothers were prominent enough in Texas history that they have their own article in The Handbook of Texas:

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbl59>



Being in a family of photographers, there are several excellent pictures of Solomon T. Blessing which have survived. Here are three more of them.

Solomon shaved off his beard one day. He walked in the door, his wife Callie took

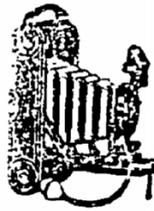
one look at him and said, "Solomon Blessing you're the ugliest man I've ever seen. Grow it back!"

Mr. Blessing died at 2 a.m. on March 9, 1928 at his home in Dallas at 1501 Peak Street. The cause of death was listed as myocarditis and senility.

Getting to Know Our Local Confederates

Fort Worth Star-Telegram,
June 30, 1918

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*Very truly
S. J. Blessing*

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from the year 1912. Two or
three slightly different portraits
from this sitting have survived.

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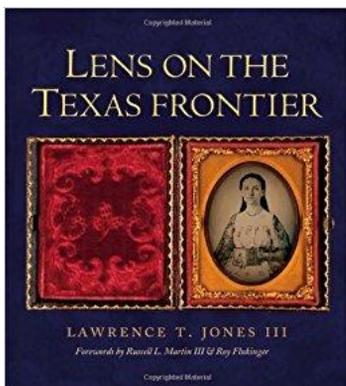
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One of his publications available at Amazon.com

Lawrence T. Jones III was born in Greenville, Texas in 1945. He earned a B.A. in English, East Texas State University, Commerce, 1967 and a M.S. in Sociology, East Texas State University, Commerce, 1970. His life-long interest in Texas history and photography led him to begin collecting Texas images more than 30 years ago. Jones has provided research and images from his collection for museum and library exhibits, state park sites, television productions and numerous publications over the years for such prestigious presses as the Smithsonian Institution, Stanford University Press, Texas A&M University Press, Texas State Historical Association, Texas Tech University Press, Time-Life Books, University of Arkansas Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Texas Press.

Lawrence T. Jones collection, cont.



About the Collection

Overview

The [Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photographs](#) digital collection contains a wide range of early Texas photography. The digitized images are from the [Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photography Collection](#), which contains approximately 4,200 photographs, ca. 1846-1945, and is held by SMU's DeGolyer Library.

DeGolyer Library digital collections are part of [CUL Digital Collections](#), which contain thousands of digitized photographs, manuscripts, imprints, and works of art held by SMU's [Central University Libraries](#) special collections.



Collection Materials

The Jones collection is one of the most comprehensive and valuable Texas-related photography collections. It documents all aspects of Texas photography, including the various types practiced from its earliest introduction to the state: daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereographs and paper print photographs in various formats. The online and physical collections depict a large array of subjects and styles, and examples by numerous photographers, both professional and itinerant, who documented Texas, the contiguous states and Mexico.

The digital collection includes cartes-de-visite, cabinet cards, oversized photos, stereographs, and more. The subjects of the photos include Confederate and Union soldiers and officers in the Civil War; Mexicans, including ranking military officials from the Mexican Revolution; and a wide spectrum of Texan citizens, including African American, Indian, Hispanic, and Caucasian women, men, and children. The photographs and information related to photos provide a unique glimpse into the social and domestic history, architecture, transportation, ranching, agriculture, commerce, material culture, costume, and urban and rural history of Texas.



The Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photography Collection represents over 30 years of collecting. Jones assembled his collection over more than 30 years from the 1970s to 2008. The images are an overview of Texas photographers, photography and history that spans a century.

Materials Online

The online collection mirrors the structure of the physical collection and is sorted by series. Items from the following series are available:



- [Series 1: Gased Images](#)
- [Series 2: Cartes de Visite](#)
- [Series 3: Cabinet Card Photographs](#)
- [Series 4: Texas Locations and People](#)
- [Series 5: Albums and Books](#)
- [Series 6: Photographica](#)
- [Series 7: Stereographs](#)
- [Series 8: Postcards](#)
- [Series 9: Miscellaneous Additional Materials](#)

A finding aid to the collection is available in the [Texas Archival Resources Online](#).



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This and several other interesting photo collections are housed in SMU's DeGolyer Library



We all need to get smart about the true causes of the WBTS, and be able to refute arguments that it was fought to end slavery.

The Corwin Amendment...

...One of the best historical arguments to show that the War was not started to end slavery in the United States.

Thomas Corwin (1794-1865), at right, was an Ohio politician who served in a number of federal positions, including a seat in the U. S. House from Ohio, in the United States Senate from Ohio, as the 20th Secretary of the Treasury, and as U. S. Ambassador to Mexico. He also served in a number state offices in Ohio.

He is most remembered for his sponsorship of the proposed Corwin Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would have forever forbidden the U. S. Congress from outlawing slavery.

As the voices of sectionalism grew louder in the 1850's the more astute Northerners began to realize that the North faced economic disaster if the cotton states seceded, taking with them the lucrative cotton exports and all the opportunities in commerce the South offered. Something had to be done to keep the Union together to safeguard Northern moneyed interests.



In the session of Congress which began in 1860 more than two hundred bills dealing with slavery were introduced; fifty-seven of them were

Corwin Amendment, cont.

proposed amendments to the Constitution. Most of the fifty-seven were compromises designed to avert armed military conflict between the North and South.

The proposed amendment, as adopted by both Houses of Congress and submitted to the states for ratification, said:

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.

Clearly, the amendment was proposed to assure Southern states that Congress would never interfere with slavery in their states. The House of Representatives adopted Corwin's version, as shown above, on February 28, 1861.

It was introduced into the Senate by no less a person than New York Senator William

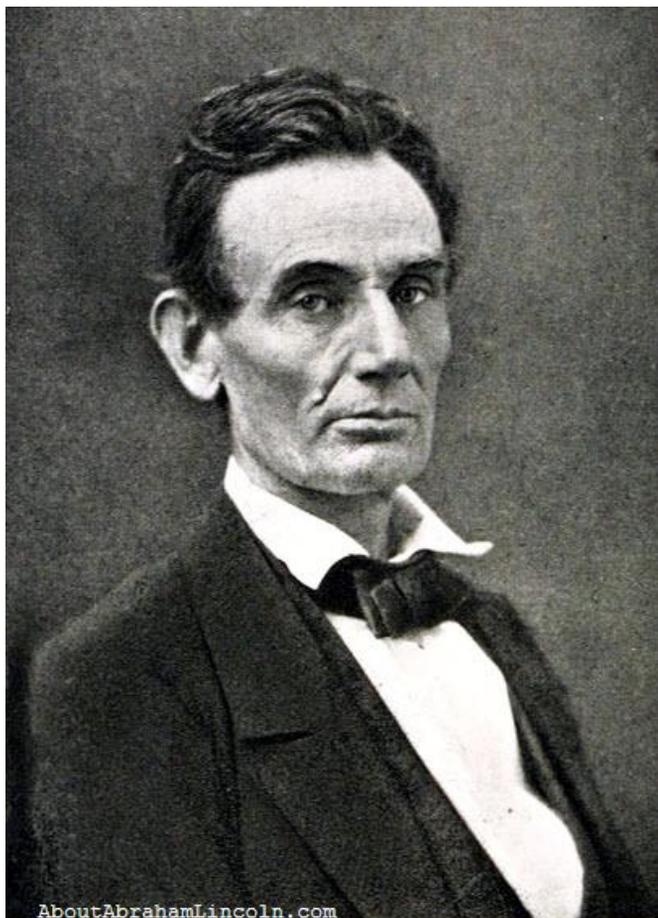
H. Seward (below), who would later serve as Lincoln's Secretary of State during the War.



The Corwin Amendment passed the Senate on March 2, 1861 and was ready to be sent to the states as a joint resolution for their consideration. President James Buchanan was so pleased with it that he signed the copy sent to all state legislatures for their consideration, even though the president has no official role in the process of amending the Constitution.

On March 4, 1861 Lincoln delivered his first inaugural address. In it, he said in relation to the Corwin Amendment: "I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable."

Corwin Amendment, cont.



Lincoln's inauguration was about five weeks before the firing on Fort Sumter. By the time the guns opened fire on the morning of April 12, 1861 Lincoln had sent the joint resolution to the governors of the states, with the notation that Buchanan had also approved of it.

Some states ratified the proposed amendment. Kentucky did so on April 4, 1861 and Ohio acted in favor of it on May 13, 1861, although it rescinded its action on March 31, 1864.

Rhode Island approved the amendment on May 31, 1861. Maryland ratified it on January 10, 1862 but rescinded its action on April 7, **2014**. This long-delayed move was initiated by a Maryland State Senator after he was contacted by a 21-year-old student in his district.

Illinois ratified it on February 14, 1862 during a set of procedures of questionable validity. The "restored government of Virginia," a group mostly made up of representatives of what would become West Virginia, *did not* ratify the amendment after it became a state in 1863.

More than one hundred years after the proposed amendment was submitted to the states, the Texas House of Representatives acted upon it. Dallas Republican Texas House member Henry Stollenwerck (below) introduced a joint resolution to ratify it.



The joint resolution was referred to the House's Committee on Constitutional Amendments on March 7 1963 and hasn't been heard from since.

Amazing. Period.

Many people know that John Tyler was once President of the United States. He served in 1841-1845. He succeeded to the highest office only one month after he was sworn in as William Henry Harrison's vice-president.

Fewer people know that in his retirement he served the Confederate States of America as a member of the Virginia Secession Convention, the Confederate Provisional Congress, and the Confederate House of Representatives.

He died in 1862 and is buried in Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery.

Perhaps most amazing of all, two of his son's sons are still alive, born in 1924 and 1928. These men are not his great-grandsons, they are his plain old grandsons.



Just a heads-up for the future...

About three years ago we submitted a grant proposal to the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross for funding to make and install thirty Confederate grave markers. We got them made and installed in eight months. Your editor's not the man he used to be.

We're thinking about trying it again, but for only twelve markers. If you know of a vet who doesn't have anything now and needs one, *and if you'd be willing to help get the marker where it goes*, please let Mike Patterson know the details, the sooner the better. Thanks.



THE SOCIETY OF THE
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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 friend 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, your new friend will 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!!

Should the Taylor Camp sponsor a Confederate history month event in Tarrant County each year in April?

Texas is one of a few of the former Confederate States which has a state-designated Confederate History Month. It was officially designated in 1999.

We and several members of nearby camps have members who have uniforms and period muskets and are available to help fire musket salutes at appropriate events.

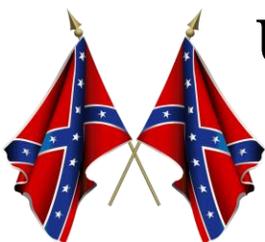
April is still cool enough, especially early April, that we could take part in an early-morning event on a Saturday morning without the heat being a factor, especially if we set up in the shade.

We can always coordinate the event with the installation of a new Confederate marker for a vet who's never had one, or a supplemental marker for a vet whose original marker has been vandalized, eroded, or is no longer readable.

We are also privileged to have the Texas Division Dismounted Color Guard based in this part of Texas and always willing to help.

Be thinking about it, and we'll bring it up at a meeting.

“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.”



**U. S. Senator James Webb
(D-Virginia)
2007-2013**



We appreciate



the helping hands of...

Marilyn Patterson, for taking your editor to meet Ms. LeMay at Parker Memorial Cemetery on April 3, to make arrangements for installing her dad's marker.

James Alderman, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson for helping to install the veterans' marker for WWII vet in Parker Memorial Cemetery on April 7.

Clay Fitzhugh for driving to West Dallas to check on some things preparatory to our making a marker for Confederate veteran Richard Crowley.

Joe and Linda Wade from the M. T. Johnson camp, **Mickey Mumford, Clay Fitzhugh, Kent Mathews, Chuck Marks, Tom Trawick, Marilyn Patterson and Mike Patterson** for coming out to help install John D. Armstrong's marker on April 15.

Shawn Clark of Worthington Monuments for nine years of good-natured help in making Confederate markers. We wish him all the best as he goes back to another job at which he excels...being a welder.

Kristin Giesecke, the art director at Worthington Monuments, who's now helping us get drawings and masks ready. She has some awesome Confederate ancestors who were German Texans.

This month's puzzle.



Cleaning the Confederates on Stone Mountain

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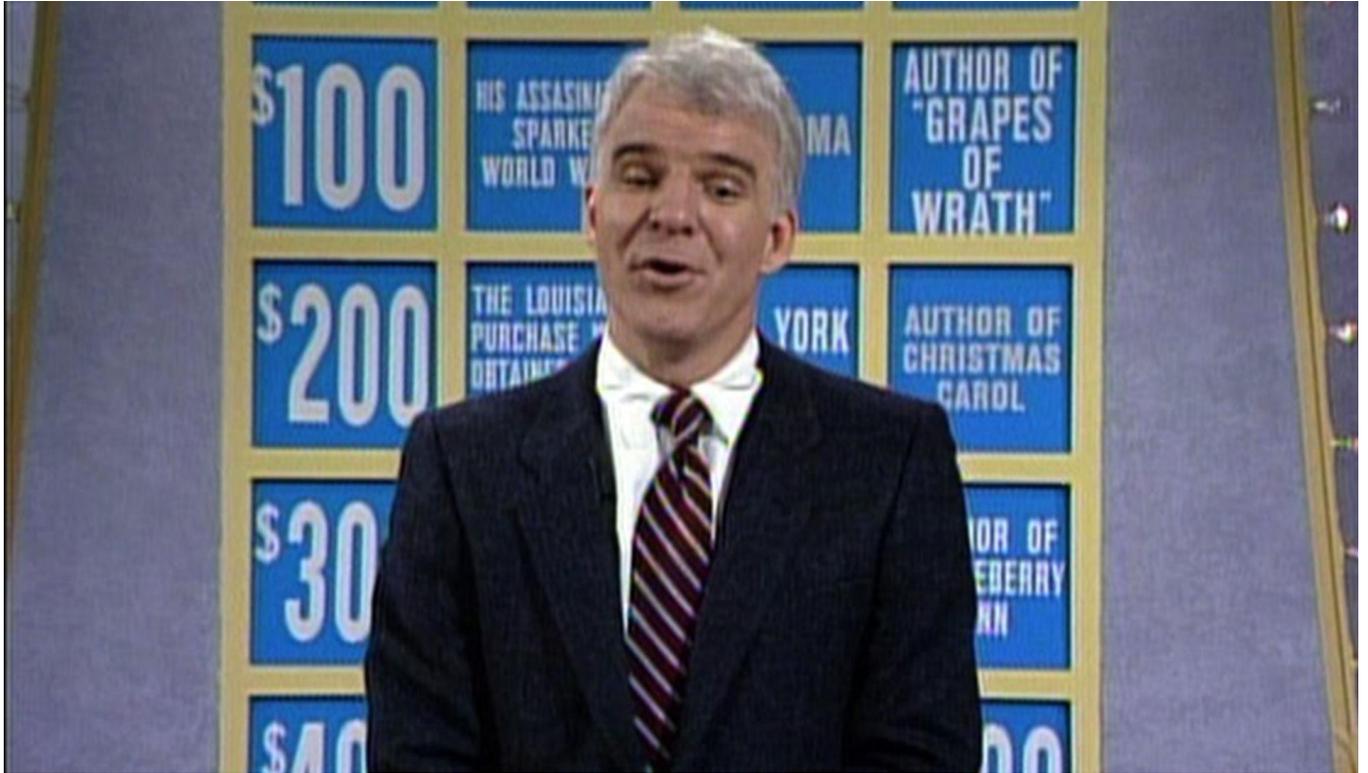
Click on "Play As" near the top of the page then moved the slider down to 180.

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.

Time for this one to make the rounds again



This is a sketch starring Steve Martin entitled “Common Knowledge” which appeared on Saturday Night Live thirty years ago in 1987. It could just as easily have been made today. The “straight man” in this game is a comedienne portraying Jean Kirkpatrick, who served as the first female U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Television of late, Fox News especially, has recently brought it to our attention that the majority of Americans don’t know much about their government or history. That was true thirty years ago, too.

Go to the link below. Sorry if you have to sit through a short commercial. Turn up the sound, and watch the entire skit. It’s very telling.

<http://www.tv.com/shows/saturday-night-live/common-knowledge-1643234/>



Be still, private. It's one of them maraca players, an' he's as scared as you are.

Adapted from a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson

**A Moment of Terror during
Sibley's New Mexico Campaign**

Coming soon...

May 13

Meet us at Lonesome Dove in Southlake at 9 a.m. to install a marker for John H. Youngblood.

May 20

Texas Third Division picnic at Millsap in Parker County. Details in this issue.

May 25

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

May 29

Come help us at Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller. See article in this issue.



General Stephen Dill 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.