



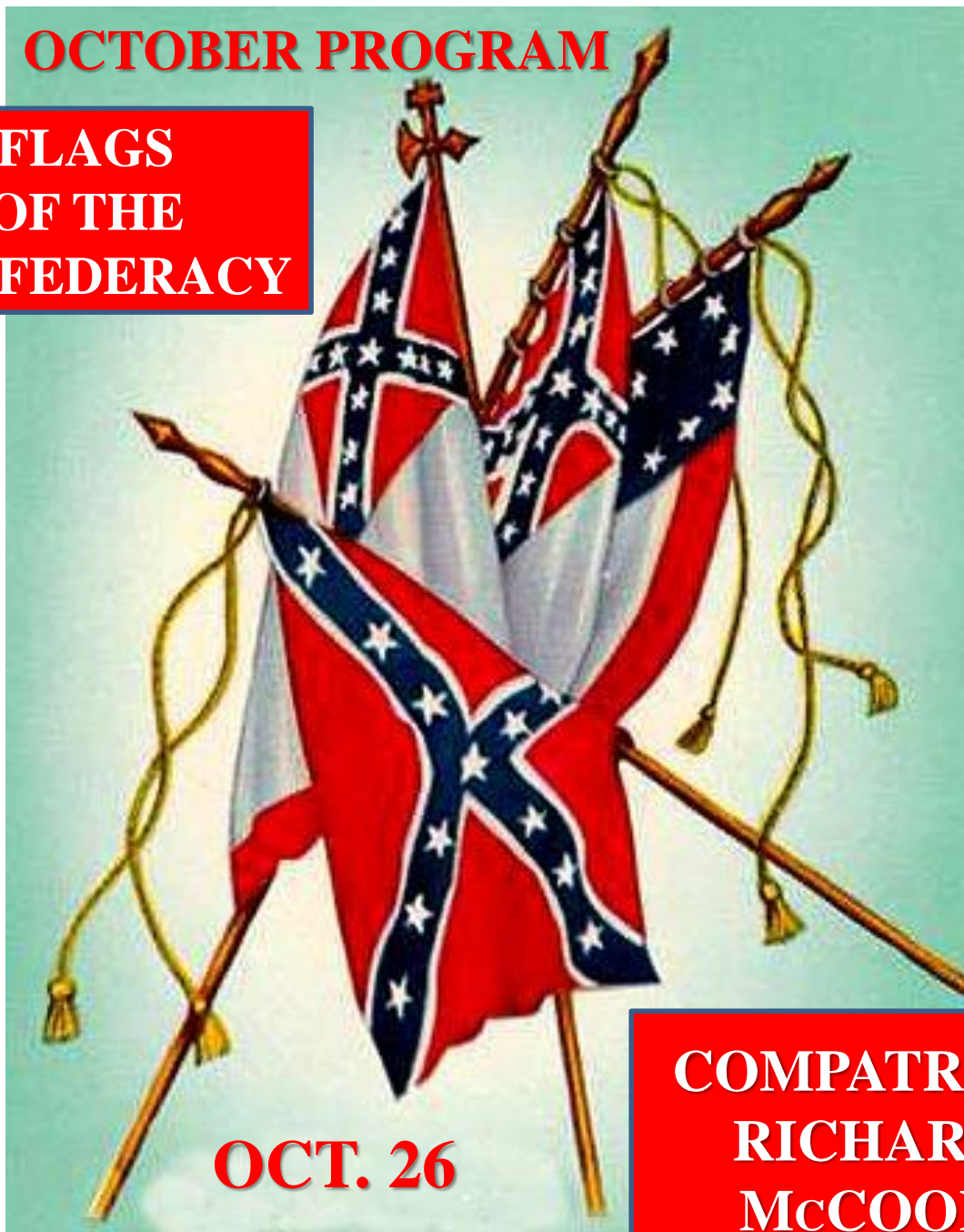
Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777

# NEWSLETTER

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October.....2017

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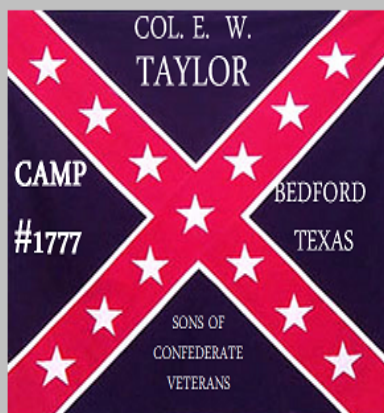
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**OCT. 26**

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

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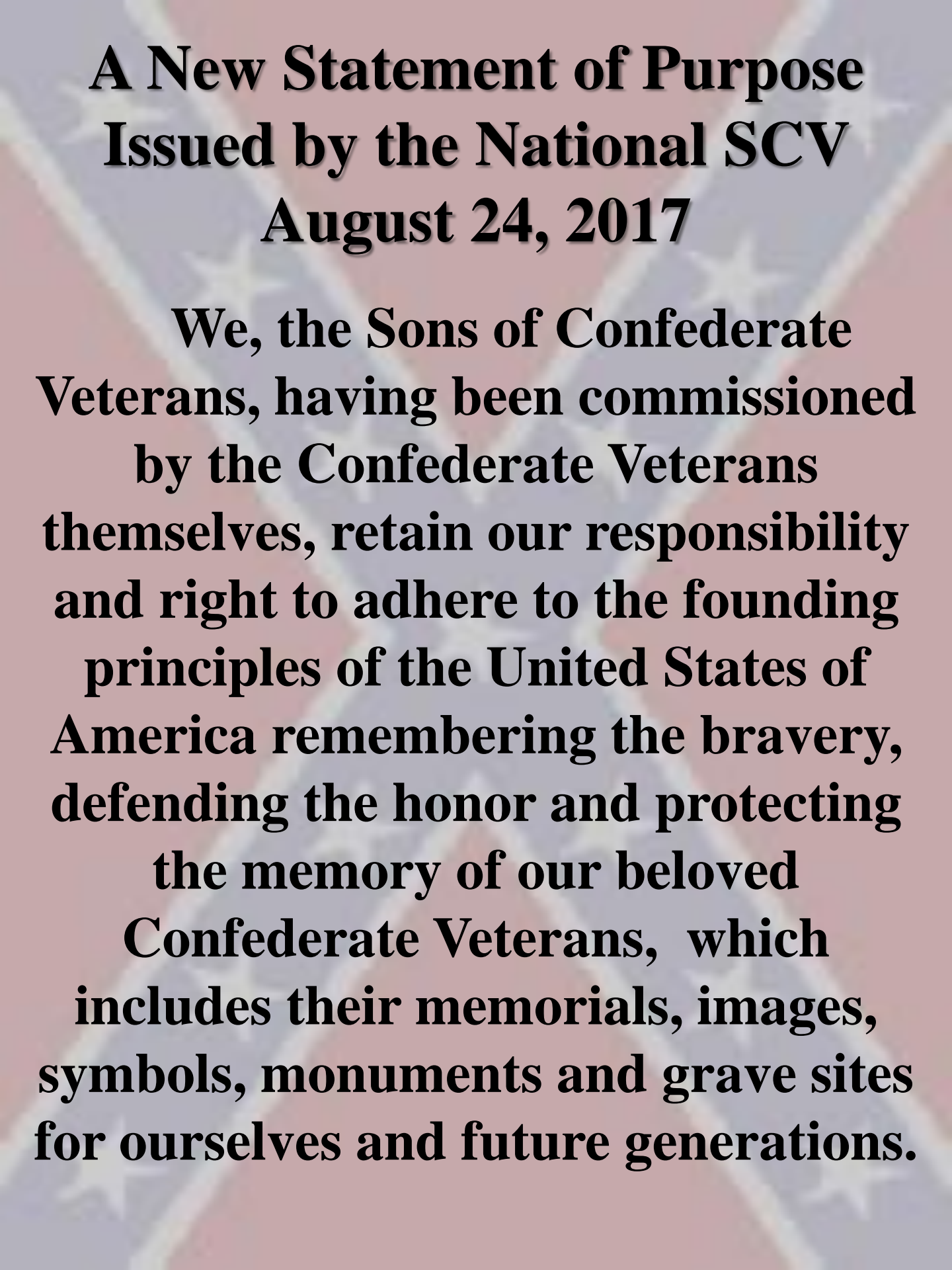
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**Our meetings** are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays.

**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.**



# **A New Statement of Purpose Issued by the National SCV August 24, 2017**

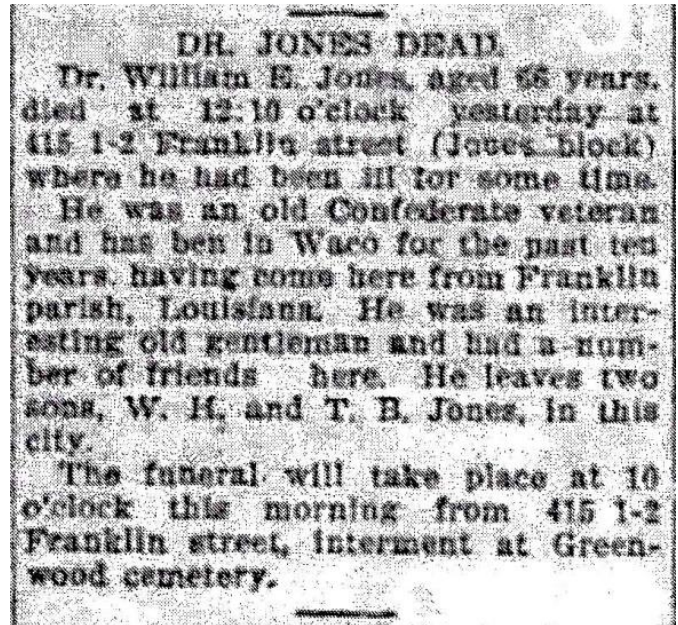
**We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments and grave sites for ourselves and future generations.**



# Waco Confederate, ancestor of Taylor Camper, to get his first ever marker since 1902 on October 14

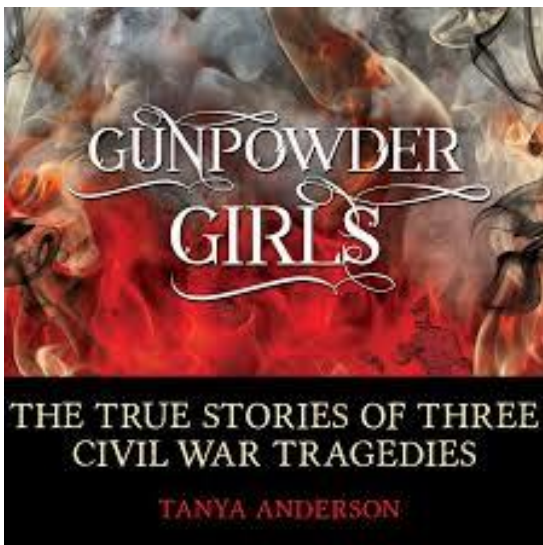
When Compatriot Mickey Mumford joined the Taylor Camp on the service of his great-grandfather, Dr. William E. Jones, we had no idea where he was buried. Since then we went to Waco and found an obituary for him.

We've made him a marker, and we'll go down and install it on Saturday, October 14.



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## Thanks to Marilyn Patterson for her program about the Gunpowder Girls and three fatal explosions at U. S. and C. S. Armories



Thanks to one of our most stalwart supporters and workers, Marilyn Patterson, for doing an excellent job with our September program.

Readers of this newsletter across the years are used to seeing her working. At right, this was the day she carried a smooth 500 pounds of granite markers in her Honda Accord.





# Local high school student being home-schooled by his parents to get unique history field trip in early October.

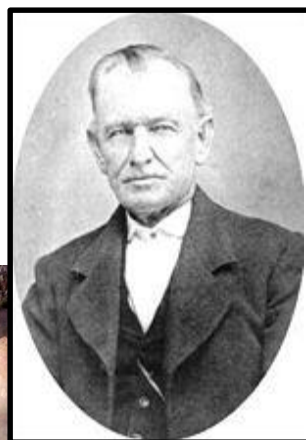
*Several months ago Tom Russell and his family came to work with the Bedford church of Christ as our pulpit preacher. His son, Ethan, is being home-schooled by his parents, and they are doing a first-rate job of it. Ethan gets lots more learning opportunities than the kids in public school will ever have. Here's one of them.*

Both Ethan and Tom are very interested in history, and when we first met Tom he remarked on the church's Texas historical marker, and our having met there without a break there since 1874. Tom also knew he had some Confederate ancestors, and when we checked we learned we'd even made a rock for one of them back in 2014.

That ancestor was one of the Parker County Confederate Indian victims we honored. Andrew Jackson Culwell, (right) survived the War but was killed in 1866 by Comanches not far from his home near Springtown.

Ethan and Tom have another ancestor, John F. Guthrie, who served in Co. C, 1<sup>st</sup>(McCulloch's) Texas Cavalry. He died in 1901 and is buried in a family cemetery near Lexington, Texas in Lee County, not far from Austin. We hatched up a plan to make him a marker and install it the same day in early October. His old one is homemade and concrete (below).

His regiment was commanded by [later] Brig. Gen. Henry Eustace McCulloch (at right).

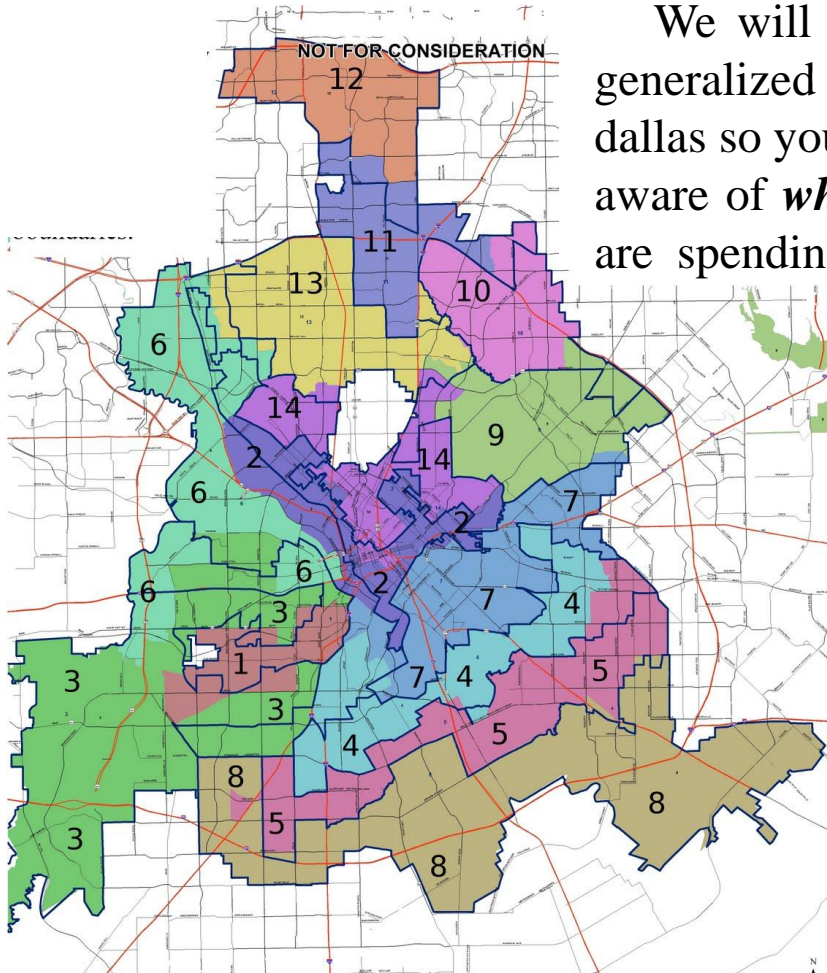


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# As you know, in Sept. the city of dallas moved Lee's statue from Lee Park

*Out of respect for General Lee, we will not show a photograph of his statue being moved.*



We will show you, however, a generalized map of the city of dallas so you can see its extent. Be aware of *where* you are when you are spending your hard-earned dollars. The city of dallas gets more than eight cents every time you spend a dollar there. There's nothing you need there you can't just as easily get in a surrounding city. Keep this in mind. If you think you might forget, why not just put a little

post-it note with "Lee" on your dash? DFW Airport is in the city limits of Grapevine, Euless, Coppell, and Irving, so no sales tax from there goes to dallas. Tax dollars spent at Texas Stadium go to Arlington.

This isn't much, but it's something we can all do. General Lee was light-years a better person than anyone who made the decision to take down his statue. As much as we all hated to see it taken down, dallas doesn't deserve to have a statue of him.





## **Long-time Taylor Camp member is moving out from under one of his hats. Replacement needed.**

We need a new coordinator for our parade participation. Failing eyesight, inability to drive, and a pooped chauffeur are why we're calling it a career.

Having neither a pickup nor a trailer has been a negative from the first. Our new man needs both, or access to both, and a place to store our stuff. Some of it's outdoors now.

The camp owns two banners. Your retiring parademeister has purchased two more, and has built PVC frames for all four. He has lots of other paraphernalia, none of which was purchased with camp funds. Plenty of flags, flag poles, tie downs, zip ties, bungee cords, etc. He also has a full-size functional cheval-de-frise which always gets lots of attention.

After the trailer's in place, it takes about two hours to get everything on it and tied down enough to make the trip to the parade.

Two or three men can "dress" the trailer on-site in about one hour. At the end of the parade, it needs to be taken down and repacked for the trip home.

There are several hundred dollars worth of materials which come with the job. We can show you how to attach everything, and give you a container to hold all the supplies.

We are already registered for the Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth on November 11. Grapevine's and Weatherford's parades are on the same day. We've been invited to Weatherford.

***The job is open, and the current holder is retired. If you don't do it, it won't get done.***

# Want to learn to fire a WBTS cannon? Here's your chance.



***On the weekend beginning Friday, October 27, you can attend the “school of the piece” at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas.***

**Friday will be a sign-in day** at the fort's Living History Stables, 236 Henry O. Flipper Street at Burgess Street, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The fee will be **\$30 per person due that day**. There will be a supper/social that evening from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Living History Stables.

**Classes start Saturday at 8:00 am** at the Stables classroom. Field class will take place on the nearby Parade Ground. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday, with a BBQ dinner Saturday night. Breakfast and lunch will be available on Sunday with the program ending about 3 pm.

Participants are welcome to erect a period camp or stay in one of the historic barracks. Contact Bob Bluthardt regarding camping/staying on site and recommended hotel lodging.

## **CONTACT COORDINATORS:**

Event Coordinator: Ray Johnson (325) 642-8853  
Asst. Coordinator: Mike Parker (830) 719-9587  
Fort Concho Site Manager: Bob Bluthardt (325) 234-0316 [director@fortconcho.com](mailto:director@fortconcho.com)

**Payment** must be via check or cash. Checks should be made out to Ray Johnson, 7246 Sportsman Drive, Brownwood, TX 76801

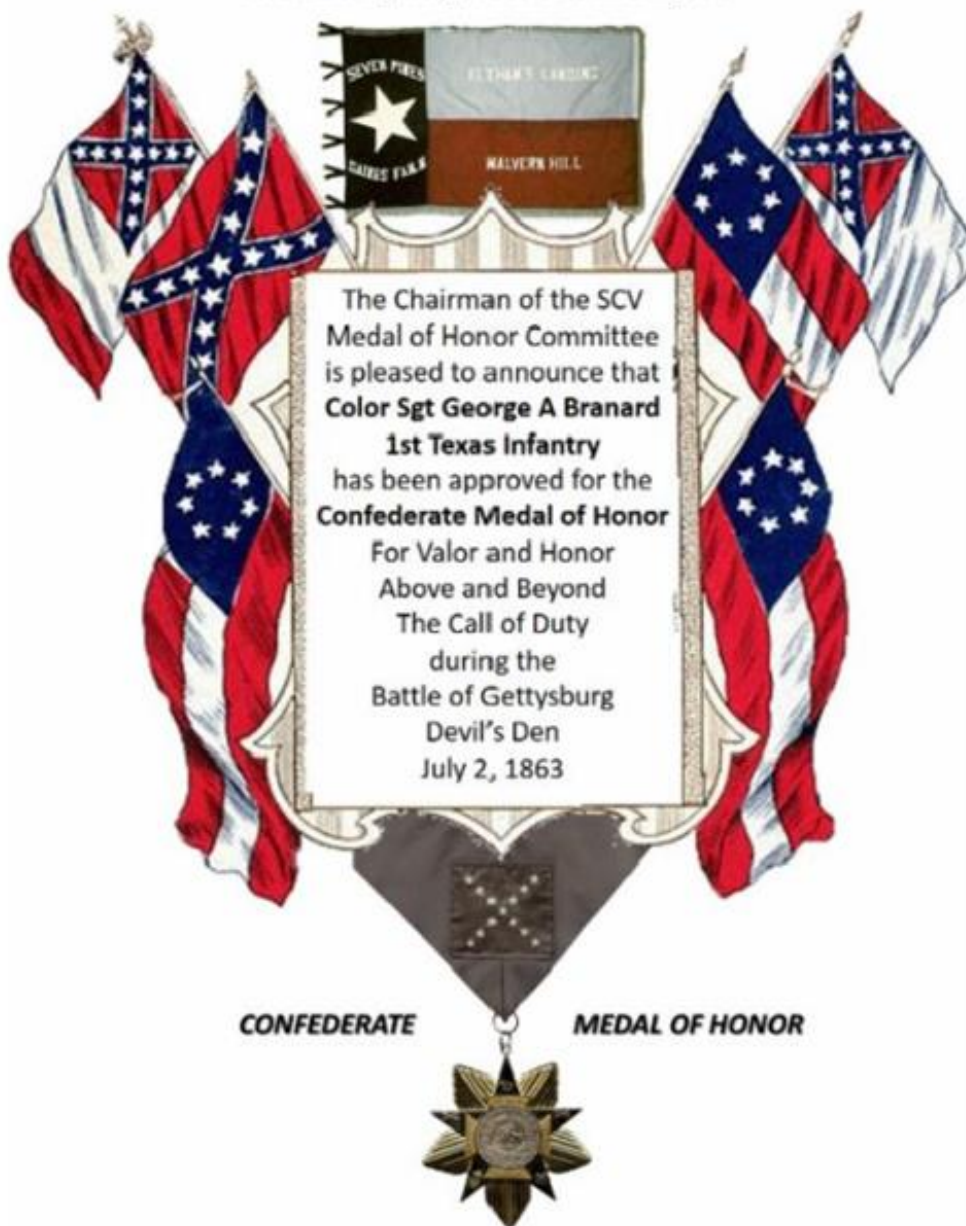




TEXAS DIVISION  
SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
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***Color Sergeant George A. Branard***

*1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade*



The award will be permanently housed in the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. A public ceremony will be held there. We'll need uniformed men to fire a musket salute on **December 16, 2017**. More details to come later.

# Quotations from President John Adams



“Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people.”

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.” It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

“Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There was never a democracy that did not commit suicide.”

“But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.”

“Human passions unbridled by morality and religion...would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net.”

“I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a disgrace, that two become a law firm, and that three or more become a congress.”

So, there you have it in the words of a man who died way back in 1826 and who was here when the country was born. Almost without exception, the gangs of people who are now demanding the taking down of statues and memorials in our country are people without basic knowledge, morality, personal responsibility, self-worth, or religious persuasion. They do not deserve the America in which they are living. I am ashamed to share the title “American” with them. They do not realize or care that generations of Americans have lived and died who were their spiritual, moral, and intellectual betters.



# Two new faces to go with two old names on our Memorial at Bedford

*We've known about Jeff Estill and his son, Jack, from the git-go, but we'd never seen their faces until September 3.*



John Staples “Jack” Estill, above right, died in Grapevine in 1900 and was buried in the old Lipscomb Cemetery on the DFW Airport land.

When the Airport moved the cemetery about 1970, Estill’s descendants bought a lot for him in Bluebonnet Cemetery. Thus Jack Estill is the one and only Confederate veteran buried in Bluebonnet Cemetery.

Jefferson Estill, at far left, brought his family from Salem, Tennessee to the area of Grapevine Prairie in December 1855. By 1860 Jeff had become a local postmaster, and the family has been active in business and community leadership ever since. Many of them are still here today. His son, Jack, joined the Confederate Army at the age of 16 and served in a local company of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry. He and his father were buried in two different pioneer cemeteries in Grapevine.

Jeff Estill was 41 years old when he joined Capt. W. W. McGinnis’ Company of the Grapevine Mounted Riflemen of the 20<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Texas Militia. He died in Grapevine in 1885 and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery.



# Founder of R. E. Lee Camp of UCV in Fort Worth, dead since 1907, finally gets a grave marker in Ft. Worth's Oakwood Cemetery Sept. 9



*Look in this newsletter's September issue  
for lots of interesting information about  
Henry C. King and his time here.*





## Henry C. King, cont.



The weather was perfect...60's and a light breeze...at show time.

The installers were, standing l-r, David McLaughlin, Tom

Trawick, Shane Woodward, Bob Gresham, and kneeling, l-r, James Alderman, Mike Patterson, and Clay Fitzhugh. Photos by Marilyn Patterson.





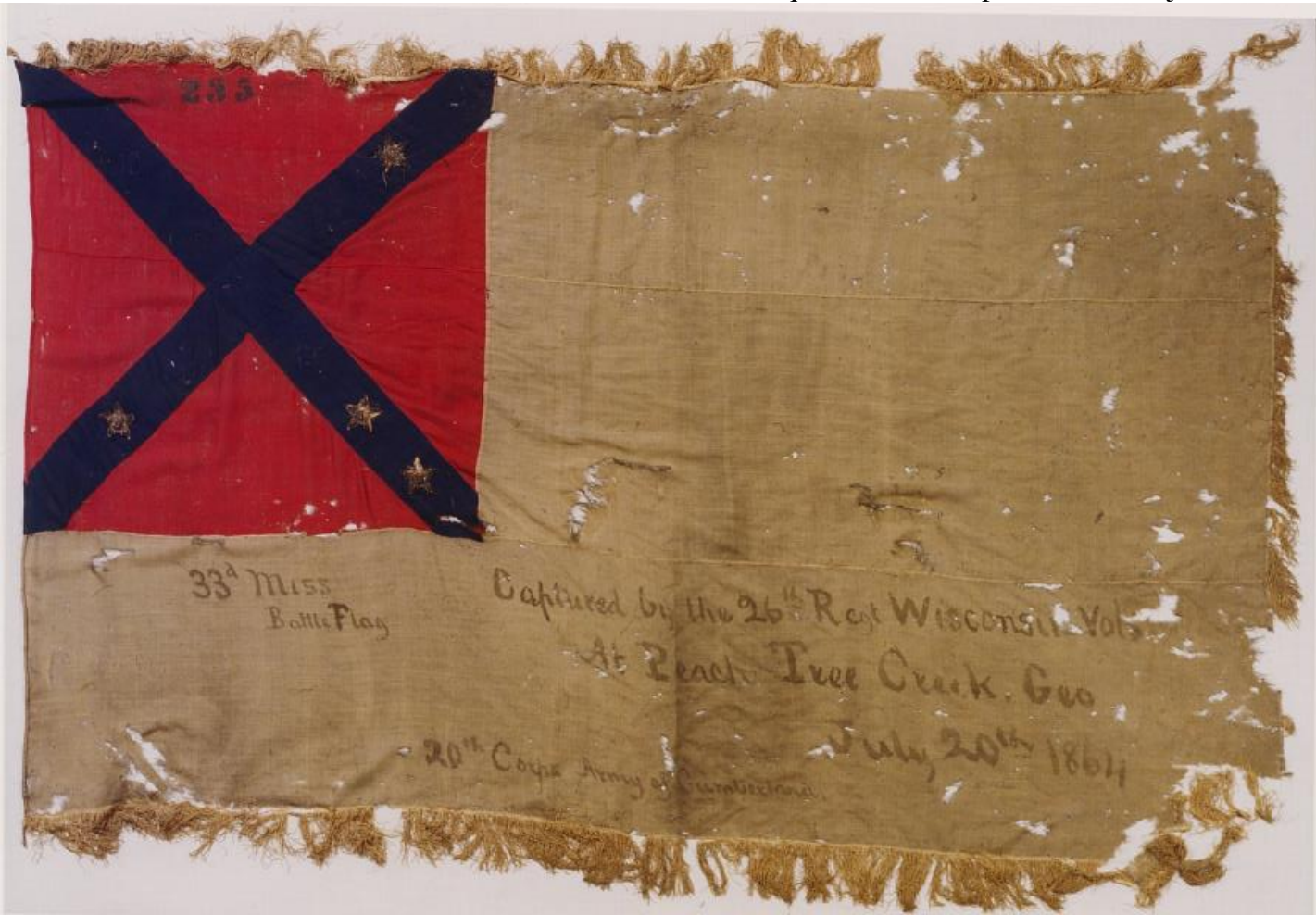
# **Veteran of 33<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry, dead in NW Tarrant County since 1879, gets his first marker on September 30**

*Abel T. Cansler lies buried in Dido Cemetery near Eagle Mountain Lake.*



Abel Theodore Cansler was born in Lincolnton, the county seat of Lincoln County, North Carolina in 1829. He was the fourth of eleven children born to Henry Cansler and Frances Shuford. His father was a local planter and politician and Abel received an education at the local Lincolnton Academy. In 1853, Abel married Nancy Susan McNeely in Iredell County. Along with the family of his older brother, Adolphus Cansler, Abel and Susan, with two young children, relocated to Panola County, Mississippi in the fall of 1859.

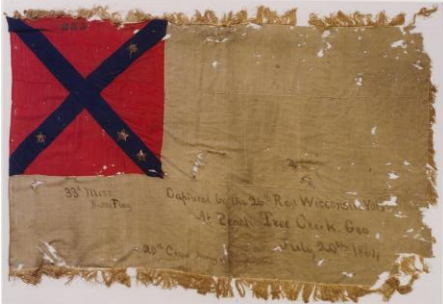
Abel Theodore Cansler was 33-years-old when he enlisted, on March 7, 1862, in the "Mississippi Defenders." Enlisting as a private, Abel would serve in Company I of the 33rd until April 6, 1865, nineteen days before the final surrender. On that day, Capt. L.W. Lawsbea issued this order, "To: Master Sergt- A.T. Cansler, 33rd Mississippi regiment is hereby ordered to Lincolnton, NC on business for the quartermaster department and rejoin his





## Abel T. Cansler, cont.

command at Goldsboro, NC or wherever it may be, as early as possible." Abel was, thus, able to visit his father, and boyhood home, in the dying days of the war.



The regimental flag of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry, shown in a larger and better illustration on the preceding page, was shared with us by our adjutant, James Alderman. James is a direct descendant of another soldier in the regiment. The flag was captured at Peach Tree Creek, Georgia by soldiers in the 26th Wisconsin Infantry in 1864, and was finally returned to Mississippi in 1905. It has been conserved and is now in Jackson's Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History.

### MARRIED,

On Monday evening, the 22nd inst., by Prof. W. T. Brooks, Dr. Roscoe Hooker, to Miss Sally Alston, daughter of Dr. Henry Montague, all of Wake.

In the Village of Colerain, Bertie county, on Thursday the 18th inst., by the Rev. J. D. Lumsden, Mr. J. A. J. Askew to Miss C. Holder, both of that place.

In Iredell county, on the 17th inst., by Rev. Stephen Frontis, Mr. A. T. Cansler, D. G. W. P. of Smyrna Division, No. 267, S. of T. to Miss Nancy S., daughter of the late James McNeely, of Iredell county.

[1853]



Abel returned to Panola County, Mississippi and became an elder in Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Susan (at right) died in 1874 during the birth of their sixth child, John Shaw Cansler.

She is buried in Long Creek Cemetery in Panola County. Abel and Susan were parents of five other children. Abel Cansler left Mississippi for Texas on 28 January 1878. He joined his son, James Henry Cansler, near Walnut Creek, which is about 18 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Abel had been in Texas for about 12 months when he died from "palpitations of the heart." He is buried in a grave, now unmarked [until September 30], in Dido, Texas.

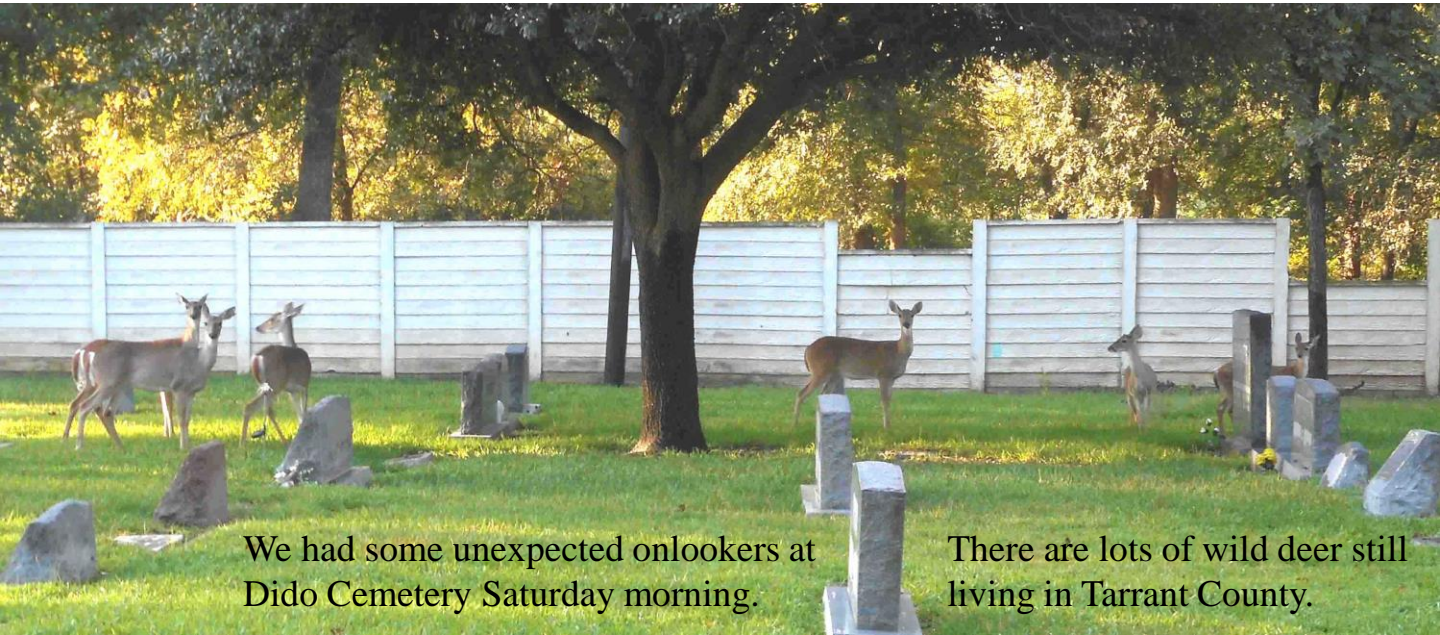
Taylor Compatriot David McLaughlin saw the Find A Grave page for A. T. Cansler in mid-September and let us know about him. In just a few days we got busy making arrangements for Mr. Cansler to have a grave marker, and we made it on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 21.

That's it at left, in the last stages of production. Here we were in the middle of removing the rubber mask which protected it while it was being sandblasted. Thanks again, for the umpteenth time, to Matt and Ryan Worthington for allowing us the use of their monument shop and equipment to engrave the stone.





## Abel T. Cansler, cont.



We had some unexpected onlookers at Dido Cemetery Saturday morning.

There are lots of wild deer still living in Tarrant County.



The cemetery association folks had pre-selected one of the Dido unknowns as a place for Mr. Cansler's stone (left) and we got busy installing it before 9 a.m. (right).



Photos by Ervin Hauk



This project came to pass in quite a hurry. Taylor Compatriot David McLaughlin discovered Mr. Cansler's unmarked grave in Dido Cemetery, and almost immediately found a descendant. She is Dawn Kelley, shown holding the corner of a replica of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry's flag at left. Taylor Compatriot and adjutant James Alderman is a descendant of another 33<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi soldier, and some time ago he had the replica made after seeing the original in the museum in Jackson, Mississippi.

We engraved the stone early in the morning on September 21 and in only a few days it was in the ground.



## Abel T. Cansler, cont.



Four Taylor men came to help with the musket squad: 1-r above are James Alderman, David McLaughlin, Mike Patterson, and Kent Mathews.

At right, Cansler descendant Dawn Kelley and her husband Marcus Borhani made the trip from Lubbock to be with us this Saturday morning.





## Abel T. Cansler, cont.



Installing the stone was the work of only a few minutes. Four E. W. Taylor men fired a musket salute. A. T. Cansler descendant Dawn Kelley (lower right) says now when she hears someone talking badly about the SCV, she can truly say she knows they're not the bad guys.



The group at the cemetery included, standing l-r, Dido Cemetery Assn. Paul Stewart, James Alderman, descendant's husband Joe Smith, descendant Dawn Kelley's husband Marcus Borhani, Dawn Kelley, Kent Mathews, Dido Cemetery Association member Teresa Stewart; and kneeling Mike Patterson and David McLaughlin. Another Dido cemetery associate, David Sanders, is not shown. Tarrant County Historical Commission member Ervin Hauk is the photographer and is also not shown.

Photos by Ervin Hauk

# **Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable Events**

## **Fort Worth Civil War Round Table 2017-2018 Season**

**October 10**    **The Lost Gettysburg Address, David Dixon, Author and Historian**

**November 7**    **Harriet Tubman: Hero of the North Star, Elizabeth Parnicza, Historian, National Park Service**

**December 12**    **The 5<sup>th</sup> Texas , Dr. Steven Woodworth, Professor, TCU**

**January 9**    **Pate Award Presentation, To be announced**

**February 13**    **The Real Story of the USS Monitor , Dr. Bill Cogar, Executive Director, Historic Naval Ships Assoc.**

**March 13**    **An Evening with Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus, NPS**

**April 10**    **The Civil War We Don't Know, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ralph Peters, Author, Commentator, and Historian**

**May 8**    **A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn, Jim Donovan, Author and Historian**

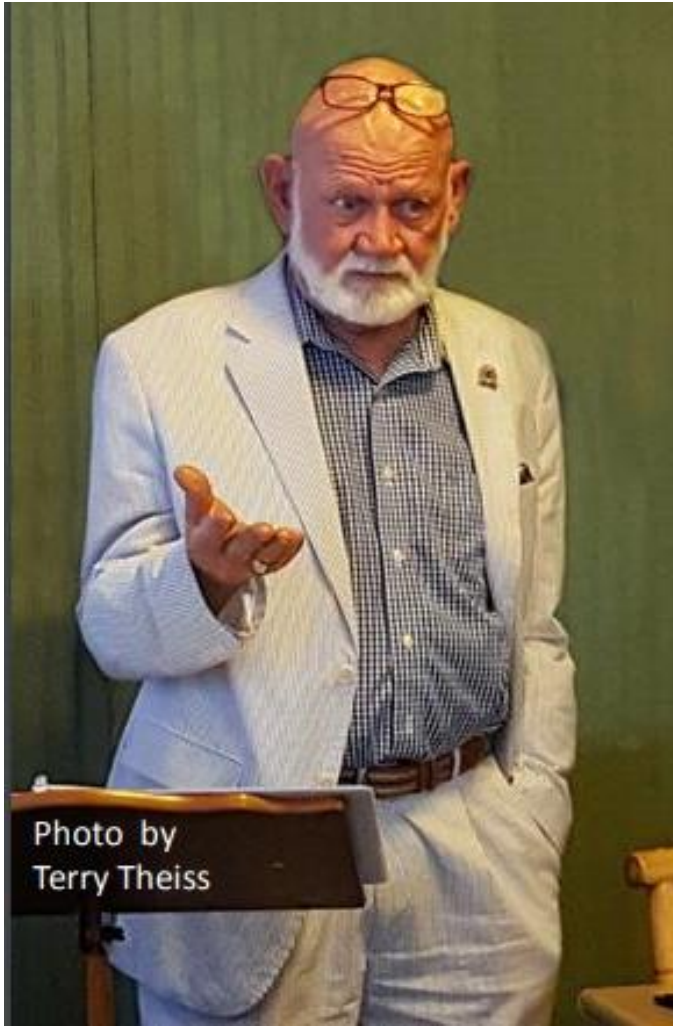
Again, this year we will be holding our meetings at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. We will be in the same meeting room in the Medical Education Training building at 1000 Montgomery Street.

We will also continue to use City Kitchen as our caterer. The cost is still \$13 per person payable by check or cash at the door. We do need a count of meals for the caterer. So please respond to me, Jim Rosenthal, by email, phone call (cell 817-307-9263) or text to RSVP. As always, if you do not plan on eating dinner, you are welcome to attend the program starting at 7PM.





# Some timely advice from our friend and compatriot, Jack Dyess, Commander of the W. H. Griffin Camp, SCV



As many of you know Diane, my wife, and I spent more than a decade being extremely active in local politics. Between the two of us we served five terms on the city council for a city of close to 50,000 and three terms as *Mayor Pro Tem*. During that period, we associated almost daily with other politicians at local, county and state levels. I learned a few things about politics I want to share with you in the hope you can use them in the battles we are now fighting.

1. No politician wants to be asked a question in public for which he has no good answer -- especially during a meeting such as city council meeting or other event where voters are present or TV cameras are filming.

2. No politician **ever** wants to be asked a question about taxes or how tax money is being spent.

3. No voter wants to pay taxes.

4. Nothing will get a voter **more upset, verbal, active and hostile** than to feel he is being asked to pay more taxes while being made aware of waste of the tax money he has already paid.

Please remember those four points while I attempt to apply them to our present situation.

We see the protesters vandalizing, destroying and generally breaking the law while law enforcement officers are right there on the scene and appear to do little or nothing.

Why? Because their sergeants, lieutenants and captains told them to do nothing. Why? Because their chief directed them to tell the troops to do nothing. Why? Because the elected officials, mayor, council members, etc., told him to not let the police department do their job.

Our elected officials make THESE decisions. Nothing happens or does not happen without their approval. They are the ones to whom we should be addressing our protests. They are the only ones with the power to do anything...not a bunch of biased ignoramuses and media reporters.

Now going back to the four points above. The best way to get a politician's attention is to ask him questions he doesn't want to answer in front of voters. I suggest the following. Attend your next city council meeting, commissioner court meeting, or visit your state representative's or state senator's office and ask the following questions.



## Jack Dyess' suggestions, cont.

1. *Will you explain why nearly all our elected officials at local, county, state and national levels are telling us how much more money is needed at the various levels of government and why it is imperative we pay more in taxes, yet they can readily find millions of dollars to relocate, take down or destroy monuments?*

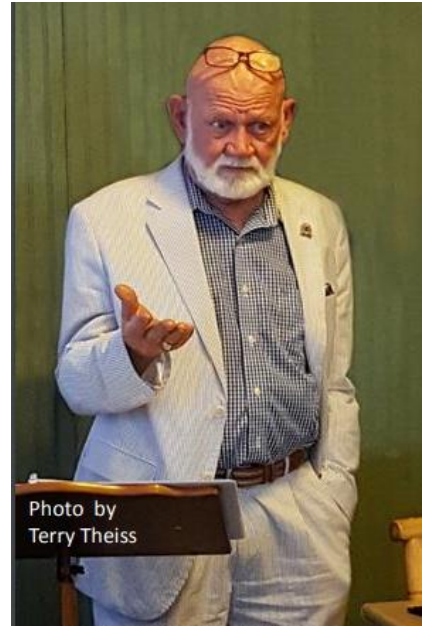
2. *Will you tell us why it is so important that this happens immediately and is so much more important than all the other problems facing our various governmental agencies?*

3. *The monuments have stood over a hundred years. Why do they have to go immediately while all those other "critical" needs go unfunded?*

4. *Will you explain how Houston can legitimately justify spending \$1,400,000.00 to change the name of a school while the students cannot drink from the water fountain due to the lead pipes which HISD says they do not have the money to replace?*

5. *Will you explain how Dallas can justify spending \$1,800,000.00, or more, to remove monuments and statues but is unable to fund the Dallas Police and Firefighter's retirement fund or pay them overtime?*

6. *Since every poll returns a strong percentage in favor of leaving the statues in place, why are officials, apparently cowed by shrieking, self-righteous, ignorant mobs, thus allowing them to destroy the reminders of our history?*



By asking these questions you put the politician on the defensive. He obviously has no legitimate answer. But more importantly, you will get many of the voters (who don't care if the Confederate monuments are destroyed or not) stirred up because they don't want to see their tax money wasted. They may start asking the same questions. Remember, those citizens who regularly attend these meetings are not the normal citizens. They are the ones whose primary interest is politics and who make campaign donations to candidates and are extremely active in campaigns. Politicians at all levels listen to them because they are essential for their reelection.

If you can't go to one of the meetings, write a letter to the editor of your newspaper asking those questions. Send them in an email to everyone on your distribution list. Put them on Facebook and other social media. Simply ask the questions of your neighbors and see how they feel about the situation.

The opinions expressed above are mine and mine alone and do not necessarily represent the opinions of any organization or group to which I may or may not belong. I have never owned a slave and neither have you. I have never been a slave and neither have you. I am tired of paying taxes to finance arguments by the history-ignorant few over historical issues that were settled over 100 years ago.

Jack Dyess

# *The Virginia Flaggers*

*Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor*



**Tuesday, September 19, 2017: City Leaders Transform Charlottesville's Parks into Dump Sites at Taxpayer Expense**



**Monday, September 18, 2017: Confederate Monument in City of Virginia Beach Can't Be Moved, City Attorney Says**



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**Sunday, September 17, 2017 “We Are No Charlottesville” –Anti-Monument Agitators Shut Down During Day of Protests in Richmond**

**(left and below)**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 The Truth Behind the Monument Removal Hysteria (next page)**



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# The Truth Behind the Monument Removal Hysteria

“ They want the monuments gone for the same reason they want the Battle Flags gone... because they serve as reminders of a time, not that very long ago, when men had the courage and conviction to rise up and fight back against tyranny, and the fortitude to sacrifice everything for the right of self-government...and the fact that there are some of us who STILL cherish those ideals scares the living daylights out of them.”

*Susan Hathaway  
of the Virginia  
Flaggers*

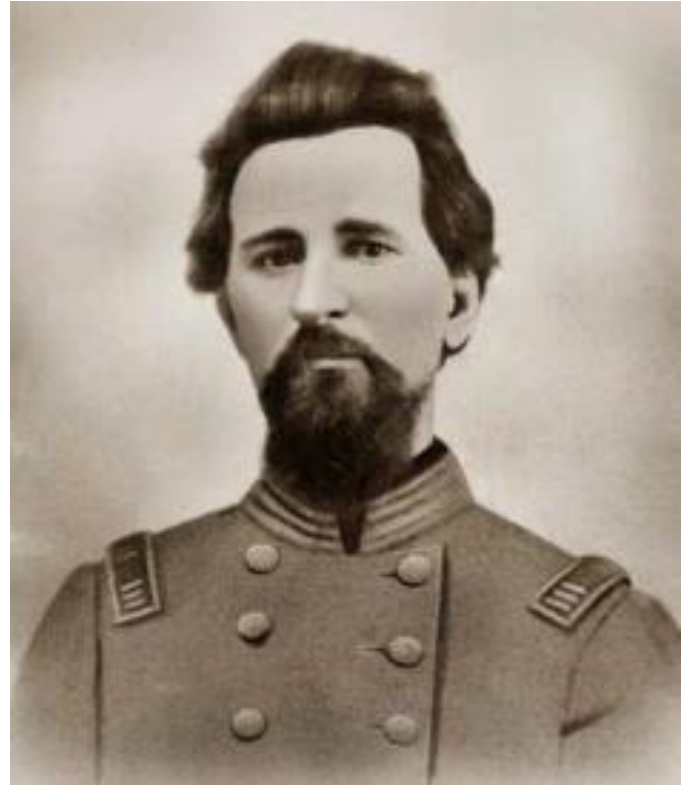


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# Grapevine officer died in service in 1864

*Captain William Morgan Allison married a Grapevine girl in 1858 and they had three children. He became a lieutenant in Co. E, 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry when he enlisted at Dallas in February 1862. He was never to see his family again, having been killed in the fighting around Atlanta, Georgia on July 22, 1864. One letter from him has survived.*



My Dear Wife,

Arkansas Post Dec. 18, 1862

As we have come to a halt and pitched our tents to rest I can't tell how long. I will write you a little news as regards myself and other matters which I heartily trust may be on some interest to you—far away on the little lone prairie in Texas. As regards my health, it is as good as I have ever been blessed with, and I intend that shall so continue to be. If caution ----- strict attention to the laws of nature can have any bearing in relation to good health, and all sound and reasonable writings on hygiene, on the laws regulating the laws of health and nature confirms one in the belief that a strict adherence to the laws of nature will tend to preserve

## Getting to know our local Confederates

## Grapevine officer, cont.



*Rachel (Dunn) Allison lived as a widow at Grapevine from her husband's death in 1864 until she died there in 1910.*

good health, and to these laws my dear Rachel I desire you to pay strict attention in order that you may continue to preserve youth and health in order that you may live a happy life; for I assure you, that without health life has but few attractions in this our probationary state of existence.

As for myself I am trying with all my might and power to keep in good health. By regular dieting and strict temperance living in every respect; my drink is cold water and my diet principally beef and bread. Yet I occasionally get pork and fruit and sometimes have a little tea. But I can assure you that this kind of living does not discourage me by any means.

I eat that which is furnished me and move along cheerfully ever thinking of the loved ones at home and happiness when I shall have been restored to the bosom of my little family.

Oh, Rachel don't you miss your Buck Boy at home, Well, cheer up and live in hope I by the favors of high heaven will try and restore him to your lovely presence that you may kiss him once more and you have the favor returning—

Rachel you have been so kind as to send me yours and Fannies [pictures] with which I am highly pleased. It afforded me a great pleasure to look upon these beautiful images, especially when I feel lonesome and these are my feelings nearly all the time. I tried for a long time to have my likeness taken and failed every time



## Grapevine officer, cont.



until I got to Pine Bluff at which place I succeeded in having it taken and sent it to you forthwith, hoping that it might be of some satisfaction to you. It is not a very good likeness not as good by far as I would wish to send you, but the best that could be procured. I hope that you have it before this time. I also hope that you have gotten the money T \_\_\_\_ Cook.

I liked the pony very well but had no use for him at the time. I received him and was

very sorry that you sent him as you had to pay so much money out to get him one, but I have lost nothing on him, as I have sold him for eighty-five dollars. I let Benjamin Ball have him, a brother to Jack and Fant, but I have not received pay for him as yet but think that I will soon. I have two horses on hand besides Walker. Fant has him yet. He is in good order and I can get him when I want him, though I have not seen the boys for some time. We are now at the Arkansas Post situated on the east side of the Arkansas River some 30 miles from the Mississippi River and are expecting an attack soon by the enemy, as the river is pretty high and still rising. If the enemy makes a move on up they will meet with

*Promoted to Captain not long after his enlistment, William's family placed a stone for him where he was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia. It even recorded that he "fell at 3 p.m." Recently someone got him a VA stone, but placed it so that it faced the same direction as his old one.*



## Getting to know our local Confederates

## Grapevine officer, cont.



a warm reception although they will have the advantage of their gun boats. We have at least ten thousand men here and are pretty well fortified and say to them—come—come Yankees come!! I rather expect a lively time during Christmas with the Yankees and this is the opinion of General Churchill who was in command of this post.

I will send you money the first chance. You shall not want, though our government has not paid me but little for my service yet. It owes me between eight hundred and a thousand dollars. My best love and wishes for you and the babes. Your own husband.

W. M. Allison good by”

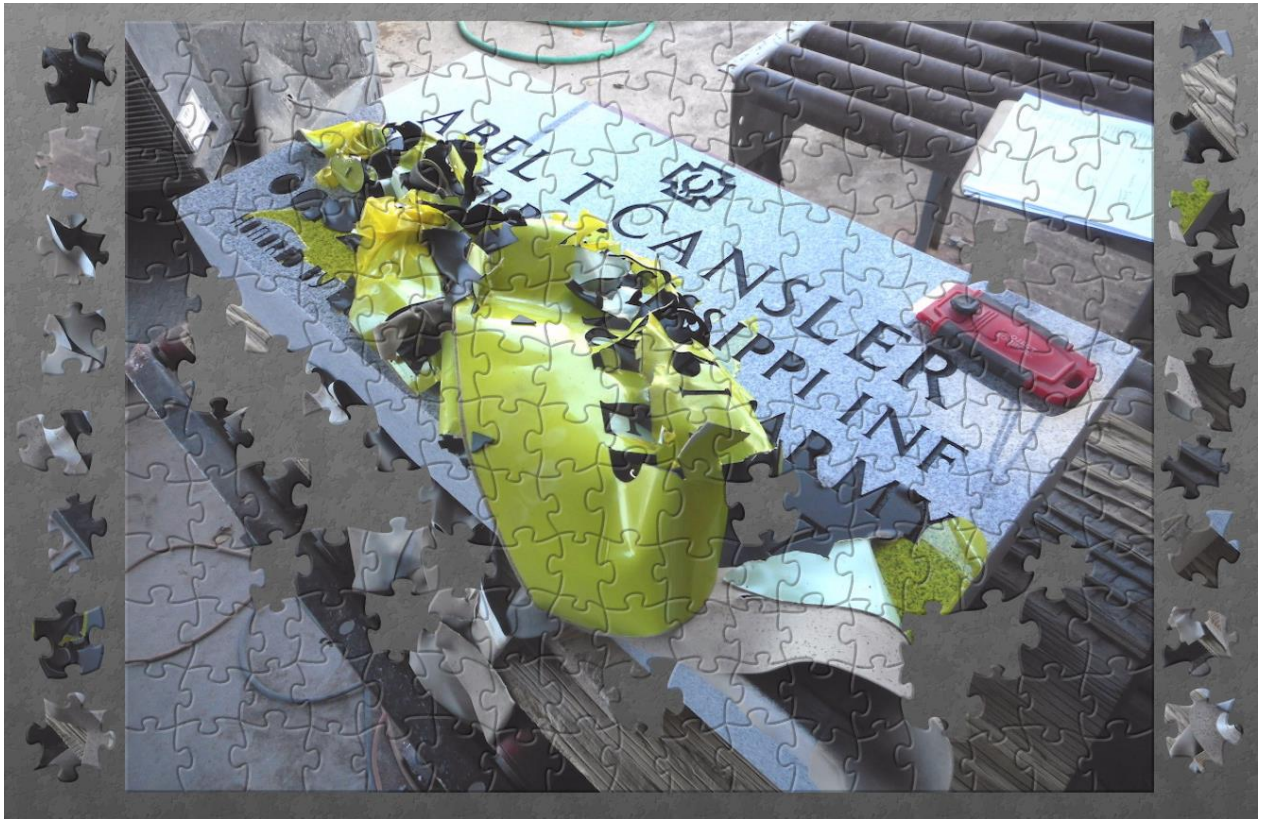
Capt. William M. Allison’s father was Col. Robert Donaldson Allison (1810-1900), shown at left above. He was a commissioned officer from Tennessee in both the Mexican War and the Confederate Army. He died in McKinney, Texas and lies buried there.

## Just in case you’ve ever been curious about the relationship between Robert E. Lee and Stephen Dill Lee.

Lots of people think RE Lee was S D Lee’s dad or his uncle. Nope. If researchers at ancestry.com are to be trusted, their nearest common Lee ancestor in their male line was in the 1500’s, or earlier. RE Lee’s family was identified with the history of Virginia, while SD Lee’s was prominent in the development of South Carolina.



# This month's puzzle...



...is Pvt. Abel T. Cansler's marker in the last stages of production at Worthington's on the morning of September 21. It's been engraved and the paint's been sprayed into the inscription. All that's left to do is peel away the mask and glue. Go to the puzzle's URL at:

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1f27c054ab3f>

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 move the slider down to 180...or higher.

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](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).

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

# Talk up the SCV to your friends...



**When you meet someone new, there are always the 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.**

**You never know when someone you're talking to is in a position to make a real difference or have an influence over someone responsible for the current craziness over statues and monuments.**

**If someone in the group has a daughter who's getting married that day, you might ask a special favor of him and be able to really change the outlook of someone who has been speaking out against Confederate statues. You can pay him back later.**

**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](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com) and give him some basic information.**

**Whether he joins the SCV 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!!**



# They Walk Among Us



The movement for California secession continues to plod along. Fox News continues to capitalize on it and Tucker Carlson continues to entertain us by inviting secession advocates to appear on his show. Last month we featured one, and now here's another man who lives in an alternate universe. Tucker continually confronts him with facts, and it's amusing to see his reactions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=970og3m3cFk>



Rep. Paul Ray, R-Clearfield, Utah, is shown on the Utah House floor in Salt Lake City (at left). Ray is planning legislation calling on his fellow lawmakers to endorse the movement in California for that state to secede from the United States. Utah House member Ray says he's sick of "whining" by California. He also has some novel ideas about how Utah will deal with the foreign nation as its neighbor to the west.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/utah/articles/2017-08-04/utah-gop-lawmaker-endorses-california-secession-movement>

# We appreciate



# the helping hands of...

...Marilyn Patterson, David McLaughlin, Tom Trawick, Shane Woodward, Bob Gresham, James Alderman, Clay Fitzhugh, and Mike Patterson who came out to help install Henry C. King's marker in Oakwood Cemetery on Sept. 9.

...Tammy Patterson who took us to Worthington's before daylight on September 21 to make Cansler's rock, to Kristen Giesecke and Dan Shaw of the monument company staff who helped us that morning, and to James Alderman who came to the shop and took the rock and your editor back to Colleyville.

...all the good folks who came to Dido Cemetery to help honor Pvt. Abel T. Cansler on September 30: Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant County Historical Commission; Kent Mathews, David McLaughlin, James Alderman, and Mike Patterson of the Taylor Camp; to Cansler descendants Marcus Borhani and Dawn Kelley who came all the way from Lubbock; and to Teresa Stewart, Paul Stewart and David Sanders of the Dido Cemetery Association who came out to mark the spot for us and stayed for the short ceremony.



*Thanks to our constant friends and helpers,*

# **Worthington Monuments of Burleson, Texas**



**Without their help and support we could not have  
a program of marking Confederate graves.**



**M-F 9-5  
Sat 9-3  
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**On Monday, October 2, we  
will open our new location at  
4201 Colleyville Blvd. in  
Colleyville.**

**Your editor and his sister,  
Tammy Patterson, will be on duty  
at the new location.**

**When your family needs the  
services of a monument company,  
please remember Worthington's.**

# Coming soon...

Our October stone install will be in Waco, so it won't be a scheduled camp activity this month only.

Oct. 9  
153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Confederate raid on St. Albans, Vermont, the northernmost action of the WBTS

Keep on the lookout for Confederate veterans whose graves are unmarked or whose stones have become so weathered or vandalized they need to be replaced. Let us know...

Oct. 26  
Regular monthly meeting of the E. W. Taylor Camp.  
Eat at 6, Meet at 7,  
Out by 8:30.





“I think you’re gonna be okay private, but I cain’t say as much fer yer little friend over there. The way I hear it, he’s the one that mouthed off to them Rebs in the first place.”

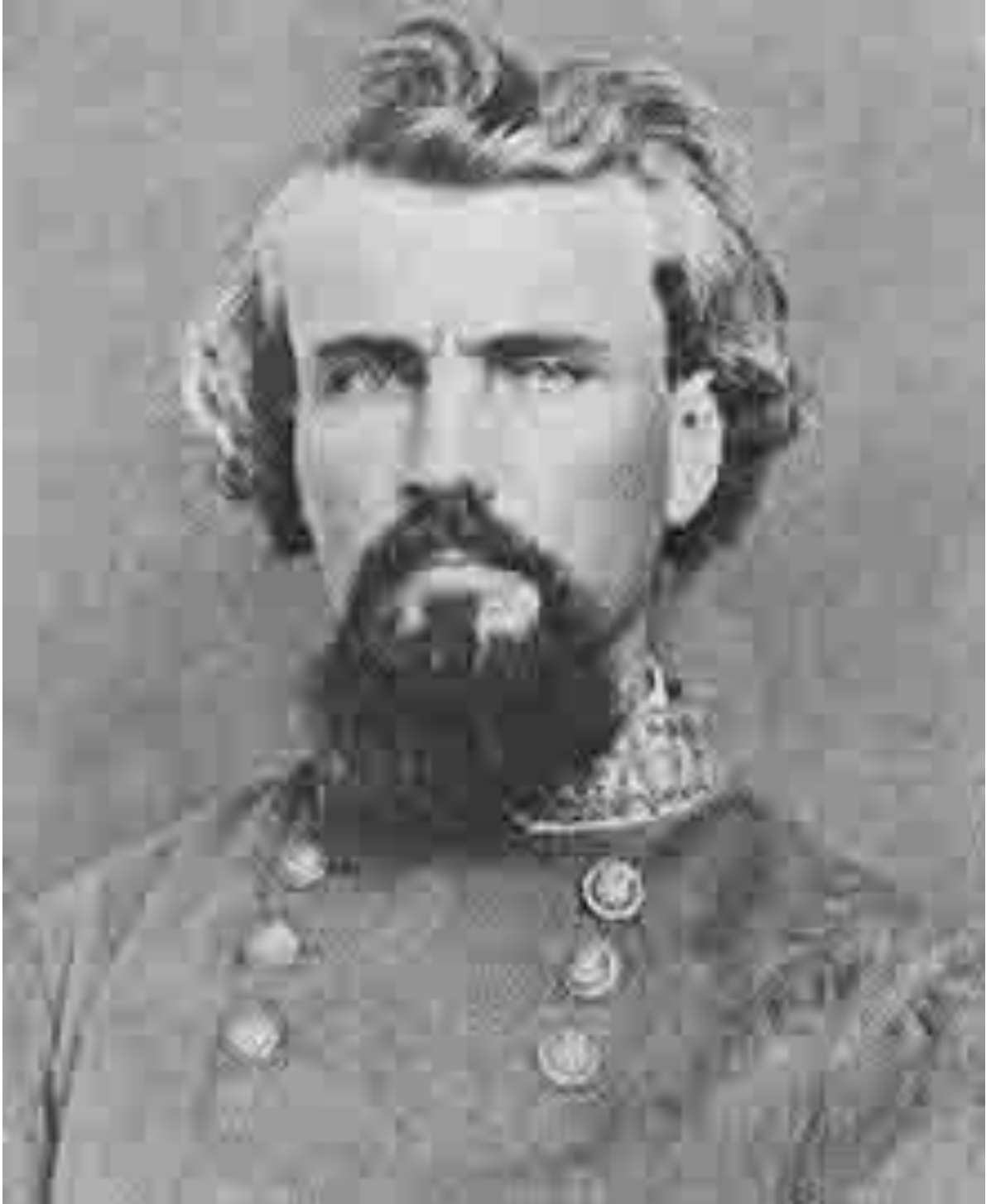


## **Stephen Dill Lee's comments to the United Confederate Veterans assembled in Richmond, Virginia in 1896.**

*Met by thunderous applause and a standing  
ovation from the men who did the fighting,  
bleeding, and dying.*

“...Trusting into their hands [Southern Historians] the vindication of the South and of the Confederate soldier, we commend to them a model and a motto. The model is The Confederate Soldier. The motto is, Let Him Live in History, as he was in War, and as he is in Peace...” He had fought with honor; he surrendered with honor, and he has abided the issue with honor. He returned to the Union as an equal, and he has remained in the Union as a friend... The Confederate soldier honors the flag which cannot wave without testifying to this great work of the South, while it proclaims alike the glory of the American Union. He learned to love that flag when he was a boy. He loved it even when he fought it. Every impulse of his generous nature prompts him to love Dixie and the Star-spangled Banner...The Confederate soldier is a patriot of the highest type. He was a soldier because he was a patriot. He is a peaceful citizen, because he is a patriot. He has forgiven the War with its attendant injustice of invasion and reconstruction. He has risen above the humiliation of surrender. From the hero of War, he has grown to be the hero of Peace. In this character, he deserves to be painted by history... “





“...Civil War, such as you have just passed through, naturally engenders feelings of animosity, hatred, and revenge. It is our duty to divest ourselves of all such feelings, and, so far as it is in our power to do so, to cultivate feelings toward those with whom we have so long contested, and heretofore so widely but honestly differed....” Nathan Bedford Forrest Farewell address, May 9, 1865.



*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.*