



# Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777 **NEWSLETTER**

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

**February.....2021**

## **Lady Spies, with Diane Dyess**

*February Program...February 25*

Join us at our regularly-scheduled February meeting for some great food and camaraderie and some interesting insights into the roles of some special women in our nation's struggles. Our speaker will be Diane Dyess, the widow of our late compatriot, Jack Dyess. Diane is a member of several heritage organizations, and last year was appointed to the Tarrant County Historical Commission.



**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**



Thanks to our new commander, Rich McCook (above), who presented the program “Slavery was not the Cause of the War Between the States: The Irrefutable Argument” to our January meeting. The program is an abridgement of the book by the same name by South Carolinian Gene Kizer, Jr.

Thanks also to our new 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander, Clay Fitzhugh, for agreeing to take on his important new duties. Please give both your support by attending meetings and other activities during the months.

Both men need your help and positive criticism whenever you see any place our program of work can be improved. With every day which passes, the SCV becomes more important as a bastion of patriotism in American life.





At our January meeting, three of our four new officers were sworn in by Compatriot Allen Hearrean, the Texas SCV Division Adjutant (in the blue shirt). The new officers are, l-r, Commander Rich McCook; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Clay Fitzhugh; and Adjutant James Alderman. Chaplain Joe Wade was unable to attend and will be sworn in later. Please give these men your unqualified support.







## Special lady in Tarrant County history to be honored this spring.

Four years ago we honored Fort Worth's first mayor, Dr. William P. Burts, with a new stone recognizing his Confederate service. Around that time we learned his mother-in-law, buried two graves south of him in Oakwood Cemetery, was also a local celebrity.



Sarah D. (White) Henderson (1803-1884) is one of only two ladies we've discovered who ever lived here in our county who were daughters of soldiers in the American Revolution. Coincidentally, the other one is also buried at Oakwood.

Her father, Gordon White (1761-1835) was a member of Col. Hubbard's Virginia Line. He is buried in Virginia.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, three of our members, Ron Turner and Bob Gresham (at left) and the photographer, James Alderman, installed this stone at her grave.

All three men are also members of the Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Van Zandt Chapter financed the stone and will coordinate a public dedication this spring in cooperation with other local heritage organizations. We'll let you know details later.





# ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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## Battlefield Preservation by Bob Zeller



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It's good to see objective scholarship is still alive at some Southern universities. The introduction says, "Our site is fast becoming a valuable source of current scholarship about the Civil War with improved search functionality and accessible, rich content.

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JLD (Laurie) Woodruff, Executive Director and Editor

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*Thanks to our adjutant, James Alderman, for sharing this site with us!*

## Battlefield Preservation, cont.



Writer and historian Bob Zeller is one of the country's leading authorities on Civil War photography. He is the author of *"The Blue and Gray in Black and White: A History of Civil War Photography"* (Praeger, 2005), the first narrative history about the war's photographers, what they did and why they did it.

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We're going to dip our toe back in the water and do a few Confederate stones.



Nothing on the scale of what we once did. We once did thirty in eight months using a grant from the Order of the Southern Cross. We have a first one in mind for Pvt. G. W. Pickett of the 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry going to Oakwood in Fort Worth.

# Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777

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.

During this worldwide Covid epidemic, our meeting times are being adjusted and the number of folks who can be in our meeting room are subject to the restaurant's direction.

Until further notice, expect an email from our adjutant a few days before each meeting with current adjusted meeting times and closing times for the restaurant.



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

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. As with all other organizations, this year has brought drastic changes.