



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

# **NEWSLETTER**

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

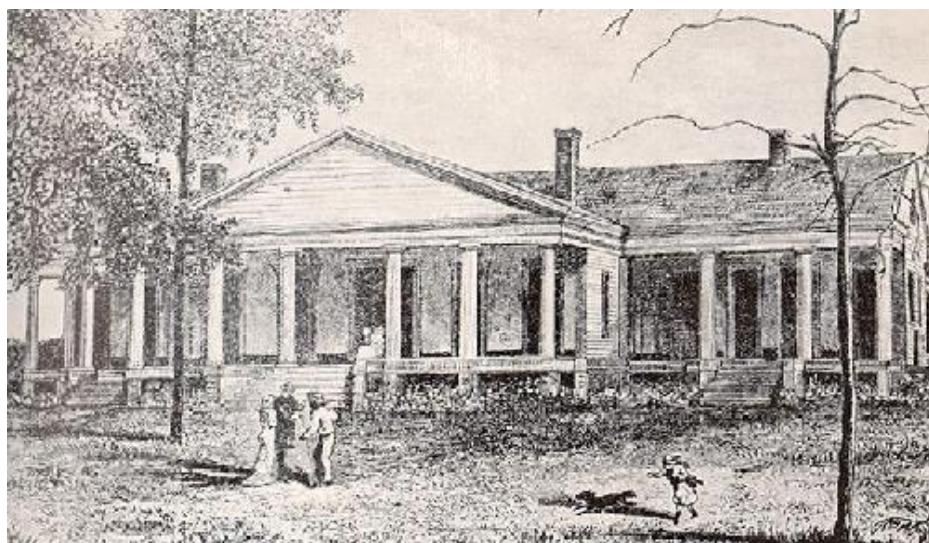
**March.....2021**



## *March Program:* **Jefferson Davis and his plantation at Brierfield,**

*by our Camp Commander,  
Rich McCook*

Join us on  
March 25 as  
Commander  
McCook shares  
with us the  
Davises' history  
with this lesser-  
known of the farms  
owned and used by  
Jeff Davis.



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**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**



*In Memory of a True American Patriot*

# Rush Hudson Limbaugh

Jan. 12, 1951-Feb. 17, 2021

On February 4, 2020, Mr. Limbaugh attended President Donald Trump's 2020 State of the Union Address as the President's guest. During the address Mr. Limbaugh was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by First Lady Melania Trump (above).



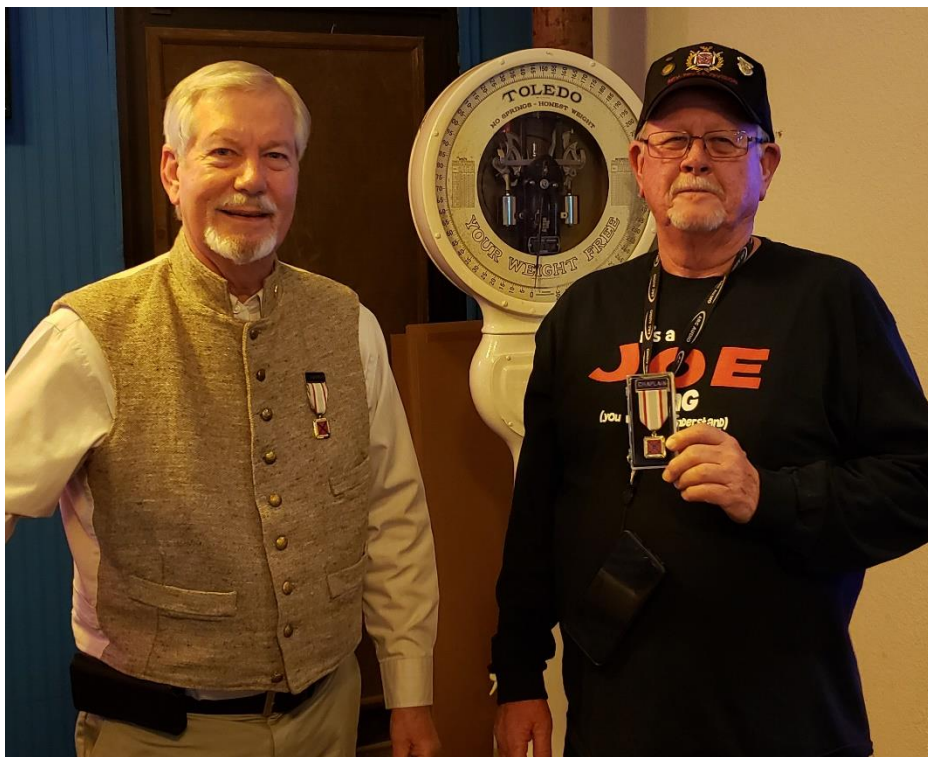
Thanks to Steve Parnell for presenting our February program on one of the most famous master-servant duos who took the field for the Confederate Army.



Those men were Andrew Martin Chandler (1844-1920) and Silas Chandler, at left. The men were childhood friends and went to War together. Andrew served in the 44<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry, was captured at Shiloh, imprisoned, paroled, and exchanged. He rejoined his regiment and was in the Battle of Chickamauga when he received a severe leg wound. Silas kept surgeons from amputating Andrew's leg and got him home in one piece. Both men had interesting lives during the rest of the War and in their later years. Silas died in 1919.

In 1994 the SCV and the UDC recognized Silas' service in a ceremony at his gravesite.

## Two more highlights from the February meeting



At left, Comm. Rich McCook swore in Joe Wade as our Chaplain and presented him his Chaplain's medal.

Below, Commander McCook and Adjutant James Alderman presented Mark Parkison with a certificate and pin for becoming a Friend of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.







*In Memory of*

**William David  
Agerton**

*of Burleson, Texas*

**1927-2021**

*The father of our long-time  
friend and fellow laborer in  
honoring our Patriot  
Ancestors, Diane Dyess.*

William David Agerton of Burleson, Texas entered his heavenly home on February 21, 2021. Bill was born October 29, 1927, in Fort Worth, Texas the only child of James Pope Agerton and Faye Reed. He graduated from Carter Riverside High School where he participated in JROTC.

After graduation, he attended Texas A&M College, taking time off to enter the US Navy during World War II. He returned to A&M where he received his degree in Mechanical Engineering Class of '48.

He met Mercedeess at a college dance when he was home from A&M and she was at TCU. On December 19, 1949, they married and later welcomed Diane Elaine and William David, Jr. to the family.

Bill was an endowed member of the Ridglea Masonic Lodge #1341 and a member of Christ Chapel Church in Fort Worth.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Mercedeess Jean Freeman Agerton, his parents, and grandson John Clayton Bransom. He is survived by his daughter Diane Agerton Dyess, son CDR William David Agerton, Jr. USN (Ret.), and wife Barbara Durbin Agerton, grandsons James Patrick Agerton and Gordon Montgomery Agerton.

*This obituary appeared on the website of Mountain Valley Funeral Home, Joshua, Texas.*

# Brrrr...

## Weather and Crops.

Jefferson Marlon Co., Tex., Feb. 12.—Last night was the coldest known here. The thermometer this morning was 10 degrees below zero.

Mansfield, Tarrant Co., Tex., Feb. 12.—The cold snap registering 12 degrees below zero this morning follows a snowfall of unusual depth.

Marshall, Tex., Feb. 12.—The weather continues extremely cold, the thermometer at 5 a. m. registering 6 degrees below. At 11 a. m. the weather has moderated considerably. The day is clear and calm.

Jacksboro, Jack Co., Tex., Feb. 12.—Last night the thermometer went to 12 degrees below zero, the coldest weather Jacksboro ever had since they have had thermometers in this county, so old settlers tell me.

Troy, Bell Co., Tex., Feb. 13.—The coldest weather known here for many years struck this place Saturday night. Thermometer registered at 7:30 a. m., the 12th, 4 degrees below zero. It is thought the fall oats are killed.

Grapevine, Tarrant Co., Tex., Feb. 12.—After the long-continued cold spell old Boreas capped the climax by dropping the mercury down to 12 degrees below zero last night. Great fears are expressed on account of the wheat crop.

Dublin, Erath Co., Tex., Feb. 12.—The coldest weather for years was Saturday

Any newsletter covering a time like we've just seen would be remiss if we didn't mention the weather. On our -14 morning here in Arkansas, I went online to see what our coldest-ever date was in Siloam Springs. I was surprised on two counts: the low temp of -23 and the date, Feb. 12, 1899.

Feb. 12, 1899 was also the date Fort Worth recorded its coldest-ever temp of -8. The *Dallas Morning News* of Feb, 13 said it got even colder in other parts of the county.

Col E W Taylor Camp #1777

January 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Catfish Co. Restaurant by Lt Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Invocation was given by Lt Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Pledges lead by Bobby Gresham and The Charge read by Compatriot Jim McNabb. Lt Commander McCook recognized our guest present and stated that we were moving the Officer installation up since the Texas Division Adjutant needed to leave early.

Texas Division Adjutant, Allen Hearren, came forward and gave a quick update on the state of the Division and the health status of several officers who are battling Covid. He then asked that the incoming officers assemble for the swearing in ceremony. The officers were sworn in.

Commander McCook then asked for the Adjutant's reports. Adjutant Alderman then gave the financial report indicating our balance in the bank was \$3587.37. There are no outstanding expenses. The meeting minutes for the October meeting were read with no changes.

Cmdr McCook asked for approval of the reports. Motion to accept by Bobby Gresham and second by Ronald Turner.

Cmdr McCook called on the Lt Commander, Clay Fitzhugh, for his report. He indicated there was no report at this time.

Cmdr McCook asked if there were any Announcements:

Adjutant Alderman announced that the names had been updated at the bank to reflect our new Commander as having signature authority on the bank account.

Adjutant Alderman further stated that if anyone has issues with how we are spending our funds that the account is always open for review and that no expenses take place without membership approval.

Copies of the recent membership roster were passed out to members only.

It was announced that we need to purchase more of the stone cleaning chemical as we are now down to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a gallon left. This was taken as an action proposed by Ron Turner and seconded by Bobby Gresham. Motion passed authorizing the Adjutant to purchase two gallons.

Cmdr McCook presented the Program for the evening - "Slavery was not the real cause of the War"

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any Old Business; New Business

New Business was the possible coordination of an event with the UDC at the Bedford Civil War Memorials for April. Adjutant Alderman was tasked with talking with the UDC about such an event.

Adjutant Alderman and Bobby Gresham announced to the group we would be starting on the Soldiers Row makers soon and that Oakwood had asked we not attempt to clean the "soldier" statue.

Cmdr called for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Clay Fitzhugh and seconded by Ron Turner.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm. Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

# A short note from your editor...

How much the world has changed since I last saw you eight months ago! So many things we never dreamed we'd see and hear happening in our country, and so many of them boding ill for liberty and constitutional government! Who would ever have thought elected officials in our government would be speaking out against Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin, and even Theodore Roosevelt?

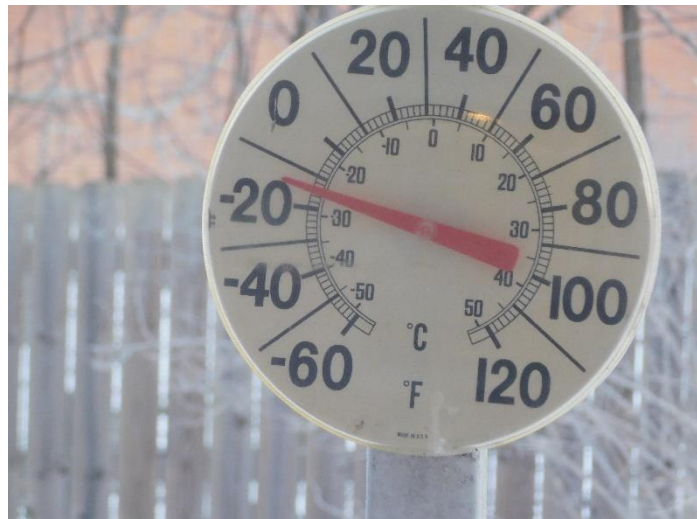


I was talking to an older gentleman in Lowe's just the other day who'd stopped to tell me he liked my MAGA cap. He said he thought the best thing many of us could do was to just quietly go on our way and try to keep the new reality from affecting us as much as possible.

I was thinking about what he said as I pushed my cart over to pick up some 2x4s. The price had gone up 15% in one week. Why? Because they got there on a truck which ran on diesel and had been cut at a diesel-powered sawmill. Since the election, the price of the federal tax on petroleum has increased mightily and will continue to do so as long as our leadership is anti-fossil fuel.

Everything you buy, eat, and use gets to you in a petroleum-fueled vehicle. You are the only one in the chain who can't automatically raise your income to compensate for the increased prices.

At least the weather's been nice here. Not. I took the photo at left on my back porch on the morning of February 16. We saw zero degrees more than once around that time.





# 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. Eat at 6. Meeet at 7.

Each month's program announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

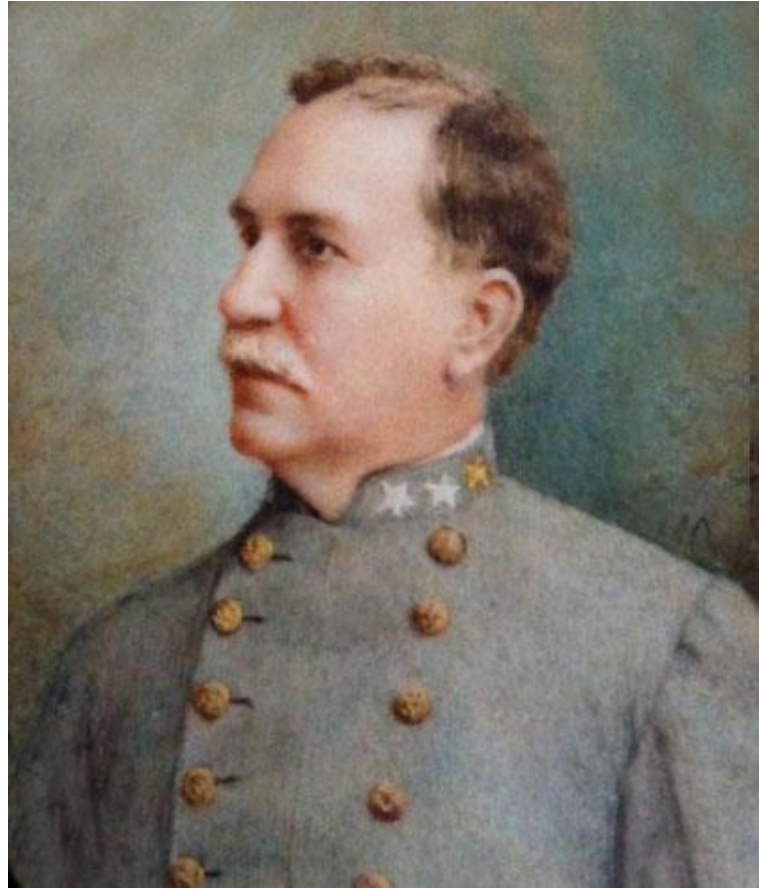
We meet at the Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas, along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.



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## Governor Abbott Lifts Mask Mandate, Opens Texas 100 Percent

Effective Wednesday, March 10, 2021, all businesses of any type may **open** to 100% capacity. Additionally, this order ends the statewide mask mandate in **Texas**. Businesses may still limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their own discretion.



<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. We hope the worst is over for all.

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