



Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777 NEWSLETTER

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

June.....2021

The State of the Confederacy in 2021

will be our program this month, presented on Thursday, June 25. The presenter will be W. Michael Hurley of Tyler. He was elected 1st Lt. Commander of the Texas Division at the convention in Waco this past May 29. He had previously served as 2nd Lt. Commander.

He is a very talented and interesting gentleman. He is a small-business owner and a member of two barbershop quartets. He's also the author of three books and wrote a weekly column for the *Longview News Journal* for six years.



If it's been awhile since you've made a meeting, why not come out and join us on June 25? We hope to see you!!!

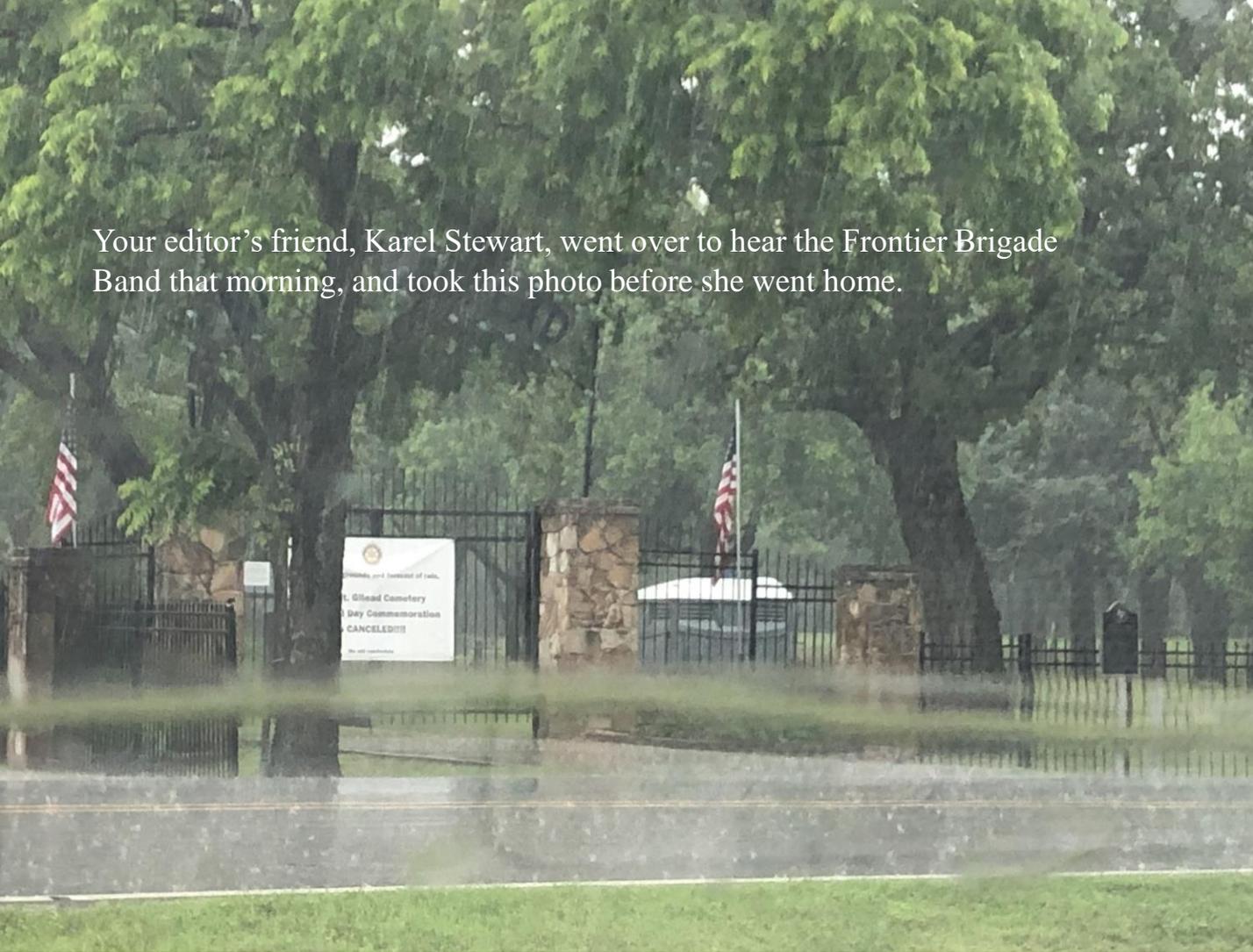
CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER

In recognition of a job well done

Our thanks to Sheila Randolph for her wonderful presentation at our May meeting. In addition to presenting *The Complex History of Slavery*, she also shared some interesting asides about her own journey in proving her Confederate and Revolutionary ancestry. She also shared some interesting insights into black genealogy and some of the common misconceptions about it. She's a friend of many years.



Your editor's friend, Karel Stewart, went over to hear the Frontier Brigade Band that morning, and took this photo before she went home.



Memorial Day at Mount Gilead rained out



As Roseann Rosanna Danna would say, "It's always something. If it's not one thing it's another."

If it's not raining too hard, everyone's shut in with the China Virus. If the ground's not too wet from recent flooding it might be something else.

It seems like years since we had a good day to help with the Memorial Day Ceremony there.



At the May meeting, Rich McCook (left above) received his Commander's Certificate from Adjutant James Alderman. The three ladies below are key to any activity the camp holds, and in recognition of their hard work they received Friends of the SCV certificates. Left to right, they are Dana Gresham, Ja Ann Alderman, and Linda Wade.



Five members of the E. W. Taylor Camp attended the Texas Division Reunion in Waco May 29. Four of our members were voting delegates.



The gentlemen are, left to right, First Lt. Comm. Clay Fitzhugh, Bobby Gresham, Adjutant James Alderman, Commander Rich McCook, and Chaplain Joe Wade.

At the Texas Division Convention in Waco on May 29

At left, Michael Hurley is being sworn in as 1st Lt. Commander and John McCammon is being sworn in as Division Commander by Paul Gramling, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Below, all the new Division Executive Committee members are being sworn in by Division Commander John McCammon.



Jefferson's 10th Annual CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

PRESENTED BY
Jefferson Historical
Society and Museum



Saturday,
August 7, 2021

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI: OF WEBFEET, BOWLEGS, REDLEGS & POWS

City of Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin St., Jefferson, Texas

Symposium Schedule - Friday Evening

6:00-7:30 Meet-the-Speakers Reception at the Excelsior House Ballroom, including refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres

Symposium Schedule - Saturday

8:00-9:00 Registration, Vendors/Exhibitors

9:00-9:15 Welcome by John Taylor, President; Introductions by Weldon Nash, Jr., Board Member,
9:00-9:15 Jefferson Historical Society & Museum

9:15-10:15 M. Jane Johansson, Ph.D.: "The 28th Texas Cavalry (Dismounted) of Walker's Texas Division."

10:15-10:30 Break / Visit Vendors / Exhibitors

10:30-11:30 William Bozic: "Get in the Saddle and Ride: A Regimental History of Col. James B. Likens' 35th Texas Cavalry Regiment."

11:30-1:30 Lunch break: Catered Bar-B-Q lunch in the Center (included in registration. Opportunity to visit Vendors/Exhibitors or shop in Jefferson.

1:30-2:30 Steven M. Mayeux: "Joseph Lancaster Brent: Lawyer, Warrior, and Prophet of Tank Warfare."

2:30-3:00 Break / Visit Vendors / Exhibitors

3:00-4:00 Vicki Betts: "Escape from Camp Ford!"

4:00-4:30 Wrap-Up, Q&A

4:30-5:00 Raffle

Saturday Symposium & Lunch: \$75 (students \$35) Friday Evening Meet-the-Speakers Reception: \$25

For registration information, call the Jefferson Historical Museum (903)665-2775.

A scenic photograph of a dirt road winding through rolling green hills. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The road is light-colored and leads towards a small cluster of trees in the distance.

Down the Road a Piece

**2021 National Reunion
July 21-24, 2021
Metairie-Kenner
Jefferson Parish Louisiana**

Col E W Taylor Camp #1777
April 29, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the Catfish Co. Restaurant by Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Wade.

Opening Pledges lead by Bobby Gresham.

Commander McCook recognized our guests present.

Commander McCook then asked for the Adjutant's reports.

Adjutant Alderman then read the meeting minutes for our March meeting. Correction made to reflect Clay's Mother-in-Law versus Mother. The meeting minutes for the March meeting were then approved with no change with a motion from Bobby Gresham and second from Ron Turner. The financial report was then given indicating a balance of \$3260.28. \$100.00 was sent to SCV HQ for the Museum. Report was approved.

Cmdr McCook called on 1Lt Clay Fitzhugh for his report. Clay indicated that Sheila Randolph will be our speaker at the April meeting. He has worked with other speakers and is filling those vacancies for the coming months.

Cmdr Mccook then called on Chaplain Joe Wade for his report. Joe indicated he had no news of anyone sick or hospitalized.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Old Business**

- Adjutant Alderman announced that he is pulling together the rifle squad for Mt Gilead Memorial Day event. He reviewed those who have committed and the need for more "shooters".
- Adjutant Alderman asked if there were others who wished to attend the Texas Division Reunion in Waco. If not, he will submit the list of delegates to the state Adjutant.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **New Business:**

- Hearing none from the floor: Cmdr McCook moved to the proposed Texas Division amendments. Each was read and consensus reached from the members present as to how they wish the Camp Delegates to vote.
 - 3.3.1 Life Membership – Yea
 - 7.1 Structure—Yea
 - 7.3 Division Executive Council Quorum – Nea
 - Article 11 Referencing the Texas Div Newsletter - Yea

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Announcements:**

- Cmdr McCook informed the group that he presented a program to the Julia Jackson Chapter, UDC.
- Adjutant Alderman announced the National SCV reunion will be in Metarie, La.
- Adjutant Alderman indicated there are several amendments to be voted on at National and are listed in the recent edition of the Confederate Veteran. He encouraged everyone to read them.

Cmdr McCook then asked the 1st Lt Cmdr, Clay Fitzhugh to lead introduce and lead off the Ancestral Roll Call.

Cmdr McCook announced that our next month's speaker will be Sheila Randolph on May 27th.

Cmdr called for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Ron Turner, second by Bobby Gresham. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

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. We eat at 5:30, meet at 6:30, and adjourn by 7:30.

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.



<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, 2020-2021 has brought drastic changes. We hope the worst is over.