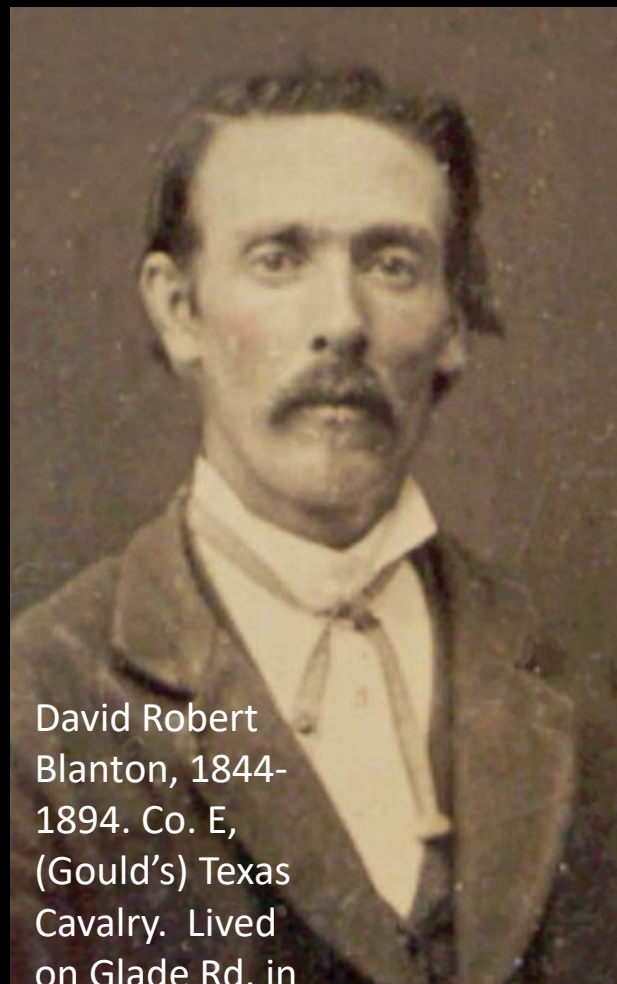




Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777 NEWSLETTER SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS April.....2022



David Robert
Blanton, 1844-
1894. Co. E,
(Gould's) Texas
Cavalry. Lived
on Glade Rd. in
Colleyville.

*Please make every
effort to be with us
this evening !*

Join us on April 28
and let us all pay
our respects to one
of your Confederate
ancestors as you
light a candle in his
honor. Please limit
your remarks about
him to no more than
two minutes so we'll
all have an equal
chance to show our
respect to these men
who are so important
to us.

This will be our third
annual April observ-
ance of Confederate
History Month in this
way.



CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER

At our March meeting...



Many thanks to our program presenter Diane Dyess, at left. She gave us an excellent talk on the females who risked their lives as spies during the WBTS. She covered both Union and Confederate ladies who worked in this capacity. She made special mention of Kate Warne, who worked for the Pinkerton Detective Agency and was responsible for the creation of the Womens' Detective Agency.



Our already-friend of many years, Lois McCook, was officially made a Friend of the SCV in a presentation by her husband and our commander, Rich McCook, at left.

We were also pleased to see our long-time member, Scott Posey and his wife, Sandy. Follow Scott's example and be with us next month!

UDC and SCV team up to fix vandals' damages at Oakwood in Fort Worth



Several months ago vandals went through this cemetery and sawed off several of the old-style cast-iron Confederate Crosses of Honor. They discarded them in an out-of-sight location in the cemetery.

Recently the Julia Jackson Chapter of the UDC and the E. W. Taylor Camp of the SCV teamed up to get seven replacements made of deeply-engraved gray granite, 12"x12"x4".

On March 12, Taylor campers Clay Fitzhugh (at left) and James Alderman drove down to Worthington Monuments in Rendon to pick them up. They installed two of them that day, and will do the other five at a day to be determined in April. We'll let everyone know when.



10 years ago this month in this newsletter



In the Spring of 2012 our adjutant, James Alderman, took these and more photos at the opening of the American Civil War Museum at Appomattox, Virginia.

Also known at the time as the Museum of the Confederacy, it opened amid some understandable protests (above left) about the Museum's reluctance to display the Battle Flag. Seems funny to think all that nonsense had already started that long ago.

The Museum has a website at <https://acwm.org/acwm-appomattox/> and is open Thursday through Monday from 10 am until 4 pm. It is just over one mile from the McLean House site and has on display more than 400 artifacts, photographs, and documents.



Gen. Lee and staff



Maryland Color Guard

100 years ago this month in the Startlegram

From the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* of April 10, 1922.

All three speaker-veterans mentioned in this article were members of the R. E. Lee UCV Camp in Ft. Worth, and all three lived for a time in the Confederate Home in Austin.

James Castleman Dyer was a 1st Sgt. in Co. K, 10th Missouri Infantry. He was severely wounded in the thigh at Pleasant Hill, La. on Apr. 9, 1864 and had most of his right leg amputated at the upper thigh. He was at home in Miller Co., Mo. when the war ended. When he applied for a pension in 1899, he was suffering from neuralgia in the stump. At that time he was a boot and shoe maker in Henrietta, Clay Co., Texas. He lived for a time in Denton, Clay, and Tarrant Counties. He died at the Confederate Veterans Home in Austin in 1935, and was buried near his old home in Pilot Point, Denton Co.

H. C. Collier was probably H. L. W. Collier, the only Collier who was a member of the camp. He was one of six brothers who served the South, and was a corporal in Co. D, 14th Texas Infantry. He died in Ft. Worth in 1935 and is buried in Soldier's Row in Oakwood.

John Lynch Terrell was a private in Co. B, 25th North Carolina Infantry. He lost his right eye in battle at Petersburg, Va. on Christmas Eve, 1864 and was at home on furlough when Lee surrendered. He died in 1930 in San Antonio and was buried there.

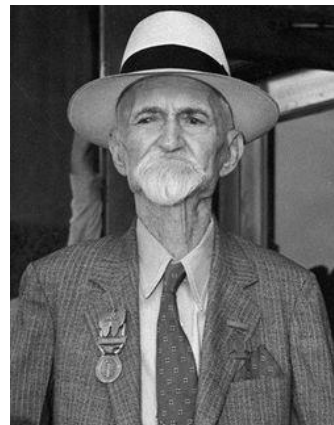
VETERAN RELATES BATTLE EXPERIENCES

J. C. Dyer, Confederate veteran, related his battle experiences at Pleasant Hill in the Spring of 1864 before the group of veterans of the R. E. Lee Camp Sunday afternoon. Dyer exhibited a grape shot which was removed from his body a year after the battle of Pleasant Hill. "That was General Banks' second attempt to enter Texas," the Confederate related as he stood on his crutches at the meeting.

H. C. Collier and J. L. Terrell also gave reminiscences of Civil War battles.

Mrs. James Binyon had charge of the program. Miss Margaret Burdett rendered a violin solo. She was accompanied by Miss Lottie Wilson. Miss Mary Van Zandt gave a piano solo. Mose Bonner, Confederate "fiddler," gave several selections which were loudly applauded. Announcement was made of a contribution of \$50 made by Mrs. J. T. Feild for the care of sick veterans.

Mose Bonner, at right, also a member of the R. E. Lee Camp, was a courier in Co. E, 12th Texas Cavalry. He gained considerable notoriety as a fiddler and even had at least four songs put on 78 rpm records by Victor Talking Machine Co. of Camden, New Jersey. He died in 1939 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.



Black Confederates in Tarrant County

A bit of original research first appearing in this Newsletter



Were there several black Confederates living in Tarrant County decades after the War? Yes, if the 1910 federal census is to be believed.

The best known one, as far as we have been able to discover, is the gentleman in the hat at left. His name was Green Loyd, and he apparently went to War with his master, Martin B. Loyd, one of the founders of the First National Bank in Fort Worth.

The tall man standing this side of the counter on the right (just left of the teller) is M. B. Loyd, the bank's president. These are the bank's employees. The man at extreme right is identified as "Green Loyd, ex-Confederate soldier." He is not identified as an employee, and this seems to further the idea that he and Loyd were connected somehow.



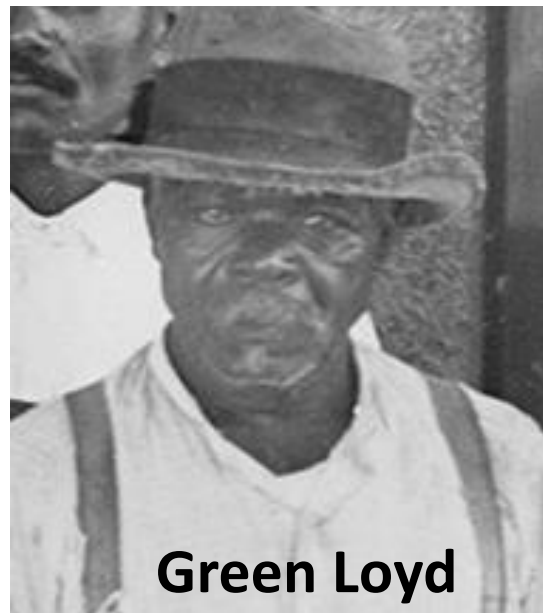
Black Confederates in Tarrant County, cont.

Your editor did a program for the Taylor camp three or four years ago on M. B. Loyd and another of Fort Worth's founders, and he came across the bank lobby photo then.

Green Loyd did indeed live in Fort Worth, and Tarrant County. He first appears in the records here on Jan. 19, 1867 when he registered to vote. He said he had been a resident of Texas, Tarrant County, and his present precinct for five years.

He appears in the 1870 census of Precinct 4 here as a 47-year-old black farmer born in Kentucky. He had a 27-year old wife named Charlotte and six children with him: Henry (12), Eliza (11), Julia (9), Malinda (7), Emma (4), and Robert L. (1). Henry had been born in Missouri about 1858, Charlotte was born in Kentucky, and Eliza was born in Texas about 1859, as were the rest of the kids.

He and the family appear in the 1880 census here, too. He was only 46 in 1880, but Charlotte was still with him (she'd aged 12 years), and Malinda, Emma, and Lee (Robert L.) were still with them with about the right ages. They also had five more children with them: Martin (11), Ida (6), Dick (5), Abe (3), and Mary Ann (1).



Green Loyd

In the next few weeks we are going to keep looking for links about Green, and his tie to M. B. Loyd. We are also looking for other black Union and Confederates here, and we already know of several.

Your editor contacted the half-dozen or so folks who'd posted into on Ancestry.com about Green Loyd, and miraculously got four answers in two days.

Back in 2015 the TCU Press published a very interesting book called ***The Garden of Eden: the story of a Freedman's community in Texas***. The author is a direct descendant of Green Loyd, found the same records your editor found, and made the same conclusions.

Stay tuned for lots more on this!

Research project in primary source records for Tarrant County begun in March

Only twice in the history of the US census have they asked questions about military service. In 1930 there was a question asking if the person was a vet of the US Army or Navy.

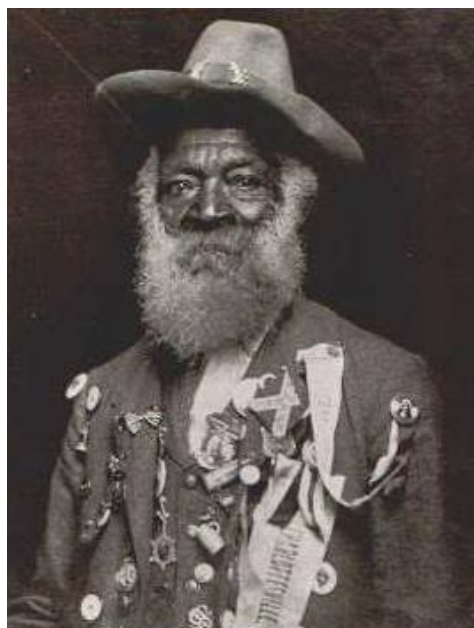
The 1910 census asked if the person was a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy. The census books were very large and heavy, and there were thirty-two columns which asked for information on every person in the census. The Civil war column was the third-to-last. Those last three were little used, and on most pages that space was also used for scratch paper. Nearly all the entries there are overwritten. They're difficult to read at best.

In 1910, Tarrant County had 108,572 inhabitants. Each page of the census had lines for fifty names, so that's about 2,171 crowded handwritten pages to examine if you want to see it all. In four days of March this year, your humble editor looked at every single line (108, 572) to see who said they were vets of the Union or Confederate army, specifically looking for black Confederates and black Union Soldiers.

He found these seven who said they were Confederates: John Hickman (90), Abe Young (55), William Davis (72), Joseph Penn (65), Joseph Wright (64), Jim Jones (75), and Anderson Cavill (68). Green Loyd was in the census but wasn't listed as a Confederate.

He found four who said they were Union soldiers: Anthony Brown (71), Henry Tobin (55), Henry Williams (70), and William Avery (69).

We'll keep you posted about any specific records we can find to tie these men to a regiment. Expect an update next month.



News from around the Confederacy

All items shared by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



March 1, 2022. COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — **A bill that would allow state employees to take the June-teenth holiday or any other day instead of Confederate Memorial Day unanimously passed the South Carolina Senate on Tuesday.** (They could still take Confederate Memorial Day if they choose. The article's author waited until the last two paragraphs to slam the CSA.)

<https://news.yahoo.com/south-carolina-senate-votes-remove-185740483.html>

March 3, 2020. Nashville, Tennessee. **Metro Parks and Rec petitions to remove Confederate statue.** (This is the statue shown at right in Centennial Park. It has been vandalized several times recently. Our thanks to reporter Brittney Baird for an article with only the facts, and no bias either way.)

<https://www.wkrn.com/news/local-news/nashville/metro-parks-and-rec-petitions-to-remove-confederate-statue/>



Cobb Co., Ga. **Newsweek, March 4, 2022. 'Intact' Bomb From Civil War Uncovered During Archeological Survey.** ("Bomb" should have been put in quotation marks along with "Intact." It was actually a shell from a Parrott Rifle (cannon) whose percussion cap didn't detonate on impact. The film clip at the beginning of this site will cover a later event, but the article will still be there. Keep plowing through all the ads mixed in with the story; there are several good color photos included. Our thanks to reporter Catherine Ferris for an absolutely unbiased article.)

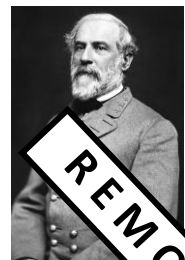
<https://www.newsweek.com/intact-bomb-civil-war-uncovered-during-archeological-survey-1684998>



Baton Rouge, La., Nexstar Media. March 4, 2022. **Bill in Louisiana Aims to Remove Two Confederate State Holidays.**

(No question on where the editor stood on this one. Notice the photo of the Third National Flag which accompanies the article. *That* photo was taken in Florida in 2017 and had absolutely nothing at all to do with the article, but at least people who saw the article and don't/can't read would know it dealt with the Confederacy. In most states, the prefiling of a bill in a state legislature wouldn't even be considered news, but it was a chance to pick a scab.....)

<https://www.klfy.com/politics/bill-in-louisiana-aims-to-remove-two-confederate-state-holidays/>



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Newsweek, Concord, New Hampshire, March 11, 2020. **U. S. Will Fold Like USSR, State Lawmaker Says While Arguing for Secession.** (You'd never in this world have guessed which state saw a secession bill filed. As always, keep plowing through the ads 'til you get to the end of the article.)

<https://www.newsweek.com/state-lawmaker-says-us-will-fold-like-ussr-while-arguing-secession-1687262>



CNN. Easton Maryland, March 14, 2022. **Maryland removes the state's last courthouse Confederate Statue.** (Given the source, it's not hard to guess this article's bias. As before, skip the ads interspersed through the piece.)

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/14/us/maryland-confederate-statue-removed/index.html>

Madison, Wisconsin, March 17, 2022. **History buff and veterans rights activist sues to return Confederate grave markers in Madison.** (This article has several links in it to other local media stories about the same subject. Several good insights into the people who put it up and those who took it down.)



https://madison.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/history-buff-and-veterans-rights-activist-sues-to-return-confederate-grave-markers-in-madison/article_754a1899-b943-5037-b19c-c4460bbd5fef.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

GREATER IDAHO PROPOSED BOUNDARIES



Source: Greater Idaho MOLLY QUINN/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Pacific Northwest, March 23, 2022. **Move over Greater Idaho movement, the State of Jefferson is stepping back into secession spotlight.** (Lots of interesting historical background, and an interesting look at how different parts of these states hold very different political views from what we usually think. As before, you have to wade through lots of advertisements to get to the end of the article.)

<https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2022/03/move-over-greater-idaho-movement-the-state-of-jefferson-is-stepping-back-into-secession-spotlight.html>

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Air Force Times. Mar. 30, 2022. **The list of military “items” named for Confederacy is more than 750 long.** A congressionally-mandated commission spent the past year traveling to military installations, meeting with interested groups and sifting through thousands of recommendations as part of an effort to rename posts, ships, buildings, streets and anything else the Defense Department has named in honor of the Confederacy. (Of course, the committee has to make its recommendations before the midterm elections this year. Wanna bet Congress tries to take action on this before they deal with anything which would actually help our country?)



<https://news.yahoo.com/complete-list-military-items-named-171841466.html>



<https://ajc.com/neighborhoods/dekalb/permit-okd-for-confederate-memorial-day-event-at-stone-mountain-park/E2L3PERLR5FABENVI5GSS3JWUQ/>

Atlanta, Ga. March 31, 2020. **Permit OK'd for Confederate Memorial Day event at Stone Mountain Park**

(This is not what you'd call an unbiased article. It ain't "Just the Facts, Ma'am" ala Jack Webb. The article contains one large photograph, and it's not of Stone Mountain. Wanna take a guess what it is? The first statement in the article mentions the SCV was denied this application last year.)

Interesting to note that the paper which probably didn't have space or time to cover the Hunter Biden story had time to look up information on the gentlemen who made the application and report he is a member of the SCV **and** is running for a seat in the Georgia state senate. Read until you get to "About the Author." There are links to other sites which further demean the Confederacy and try to hurt the character of some of its leaders, most of whom were far better men than any of the public figures today. Can you name a single American in government today who is R. E. Lee's moral equal?

Great news for Confederate researchers

The Texas State Library and Archives contains the original forms of the 54,634 approved, rejected, and home pensions received by the Texas government between 1899 and 1975. Together with the ***Compiled Military Service Records*** of Texas' Confederate soldiers in the National Archives, they are the two most important sources for researching Texas Confederates.

For many years the only way to see these files was to drive to Austin. Then a few years ago they became available on 35 mm microfilm, the Dallas library got the entire set of 699 rolls of film, and they could be read in the Dallas Central Library. Your editor can't count the number of times he made that trip for that reason.

In time, Ancestry.com added the set to their content available online, and one could sit at home in his jammies and read the files.

In March, while working on the article about J. C. Dyer on page 4, your editor discovered the Texas State Library and Archives is adding the files to the index of Texas Confederate Pensioners online at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/pensions/introcpi.html> as they become available for free public online access. The pension applications were numbered as they arrived in Austin beginning in 1899.

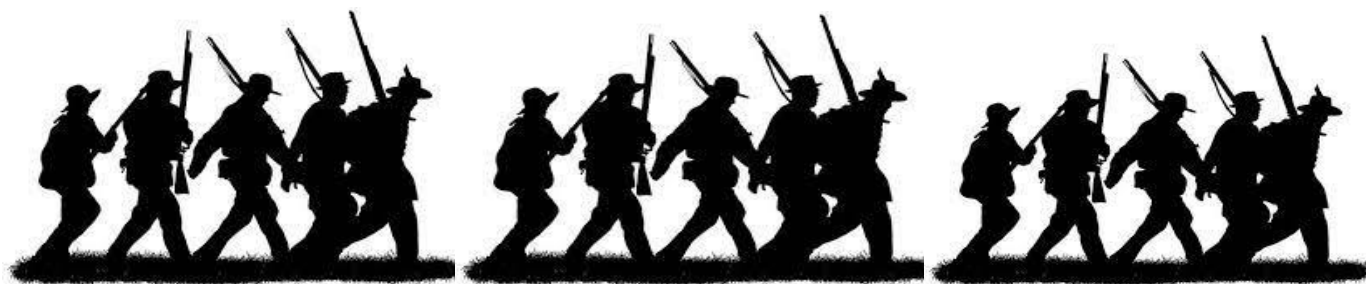
Up to now, the state has added 22,349 approved apps to their site, with 26,086 remaining, plus the Confederate Home pension apps and the rejected apps. Nearly all the Confederate states' pension files may now be viewed online, though some are at pay sites. All Confederate pensions were paid, of course, by the state governments ***where the veteran or widow lived at the time he applied***, not necessarily in the state from which the soldier served.

For the first two years, Texas paid veterans \$22.32 per year, and it was raised

every two years. By 1914 it was \$67.00, and by 1928 it was \$208. Of course, there were conditions about widows and when she and the soldier had been married, etc. As they say now, "Other conditions apply."



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The Texas Battle Flag, by John Paul Strain

Mr. Strain should be known as ***the*** pre-eminent WBTS artist today, and that's not just this editor's opinion. Go to his website at <https://johnpaulstrain.com> and follow all the links to see his **amazing work**. The puzzle on the next page contains the names of 32 details in this painting which make it near perfect. Print a copy of the next page, and see how many you can find before you look at the list on the last page of this newsletter.



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Print yourself a copy of this page and see how many nouns you can find included in The **Texas Battle Flag** which make it such an excellent painting. This is the painting Mr. Strain did for the Texas Vehicle License plate project. Answers on last page.

October 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Catfish Co. Restaurant by Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Wade.

Opening Pledges lead by Bobby Gresham. The Charge was read by Jim McNabb.

Commander McCook then asked for the Adjutant's reports.

Adjutant Alderman then read the meeting minutes for our September meeting. The meeting minutes for the September meeting were approved with no change with a motion from Bobby Gresham with a second from Joe Wade. The adjutant indicated our bank balance was \$3,418.88 after the contributions to Freedom Alliance and Wreaths Across America.

1st Lt Clay Fitzhugh was called on for his report. He thanked everyone who sent cards after the passing of his mother-in-law. He stated that Joe Wade, and his grandson Jake, along with Tim Pringle met at Col Taylor's mausoleum and performed a clean-up. The seven Confederate crosses are still in possession of Sarah Biles at Oakwood. An alternative to replacing the crosses was discussed based on his comments.

Cmdr McCook then called on Chaplain Joe Wade for his report. Chaplain Wade announced that Compatriot Mike Stark's brother passed away and that Clay has a friend who needs our prayers. Joe also asked that we continue to pray for Dana Gresham and Jim McNabb.

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

- Adjutant Alderman asked that the pre established date of Nov. 6 for cleaning stones now has conflicts for several individuals. We will look at the calendar and see if another date can be agreed upon by next meeting.
- The Christmas Party that we discussed last month would be on Dec. 9th at 6:00pm at Coker's BBQ. After some discussion, Bobby Gresham made a motion that we participate with a second from Stephan Parnell. Motion carried.
- Commander McCook asked who would be representing us at the Massing of the Colors. Bobby Gresham indicated it would be he and James Alderman. Nov. 7 at Burchman Baptist Church

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

- A question was asked about participation in the Veterans Day Parade. Ron Turner said the SAR would have a float if anyone wanted to ride. No one seemed to know if any of the SCV camps planned on participating with a separate float.
- Ron Turner announced that we would meet at Oakwood Cemetery on Dec. 18 to place the wreaths purchased via Wreaths Across America.
- Vann Cunningham brought pictures of his visit to Elm Springs, TN and the Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest burial site. He indicated he also visited the SCV museum while there.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Announcements** – there were no announcements.

Lt Cmdr Fitzhugh then announced our program of Show and Tell.

- Tim Pringle displayed some art work he did while in college.
- Joe Wade brought a Pin Fire Pistol, casket case, and bowie knife belonging to J.D. Avenger of the 9th Texas Cav.
- Stephen Parnell brought three items: a Cooper Drum used by the UCV in 1890, a shell that button were cut from, and a cudgel that was found with the initials of J.Taylor.

Cmdr McCook indicated our next meeting will be on January 27, 2022. He called for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Ron Turner and seconded by James Alderman. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

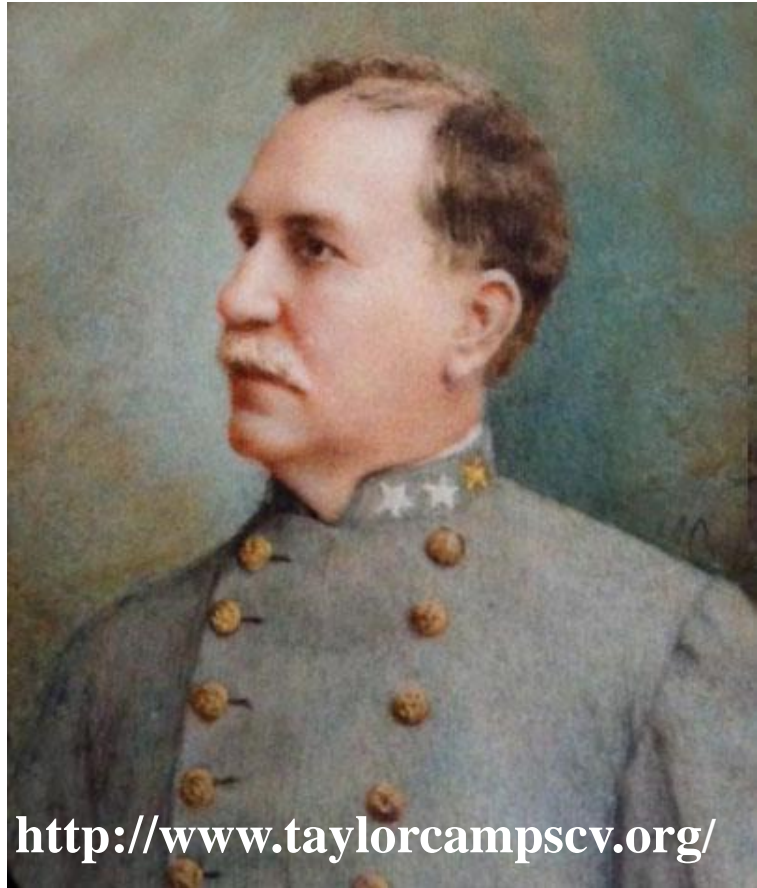
Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

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 6:00, meet at 7:00, and adjourn by 8:30.

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. For our website: The user name is TaylorCamp and the password is SCV1777EWTaylorCamp

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