

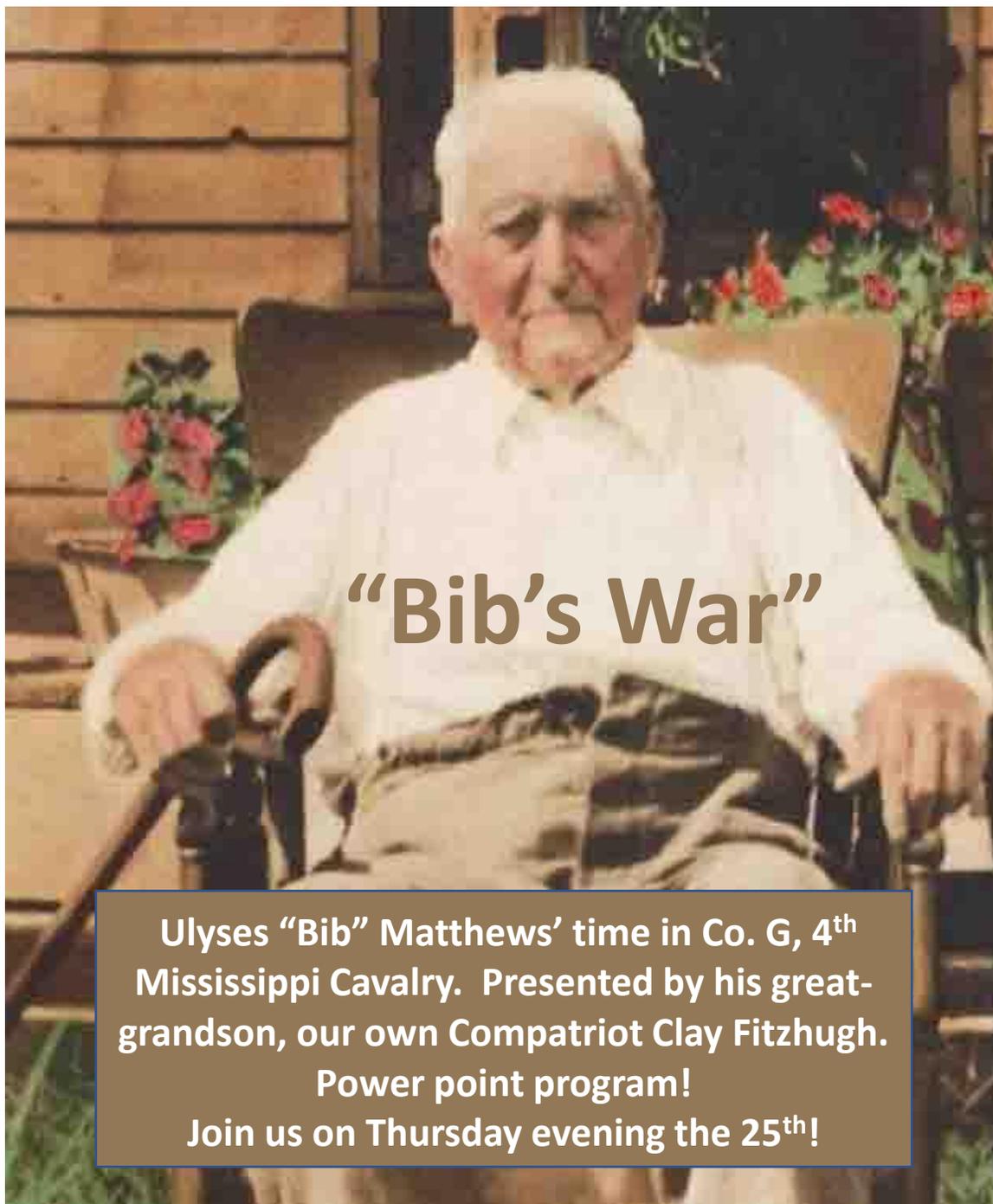


# Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777 SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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## “Bib’s War”

Ulyses “Bib” Matthews’ time in Co. G, 4<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry. Presented by his great-grandson, our own Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh.

Power point program!

Join us on Thursday evening the 25<sup>th</sup>!

**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**

# Thanks to Compatriot Vann Cunningham for his memorable program on the Sultana disaster



...and our sincerest **Thanks** to the seventeen members and guests who made the effort to attend this meeting!



Few camps have as many men accomplished in the business world as ours, and Compatriot Vann Cunningham is a leader among them. We knew his program would be an exceptional one, and it was.

His son, Zach, came to the meeting with him. Zach and his dad are shown with Com. Rich McCook, below left.

A few years ago Vann made a VA-clone marker for one of his Confederate ancestors (below) and took it back to Tennessee and installed it. It made the front page of the hometown newspaper!



# Last Congressional Medal of Honor Winner from WWII Dead at age 98 in West Virginia; Will Lie in State at U. S. Capitol



Hershel “Woody” Williams, the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient, died at age 98 on June 29 at West Virginia's Huntington Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which was named in his honor in 2018. He received the decoration from President Harry Truman in 1945 (above left).

Carrying only a flame thrower on Iwo Jima, he eliminated seven Japanese pill boxes (bunkers) in four hours, with only four riflemen to protect him. The bunkers were so strong that only putting flame inside them, or throwing explosives into them by hand would neutralize them.

One of many tributes may be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV1Bq6NvVNQ>



10 years ago this month in this Newsletter

## LOCAL CONFEDERATE VETERAN GETS A HEADSTONE AFTER A WAIT OF 143 YEARS!!!



made up of cavalry. He came to northeast Tarrant County about 1867 and settled in the area of present day Westlake-Southlake. Stateham was gunned down and died in June of 1869. Descendants say the shooter was Stateham's brother-in-law, who was married to Mrs. Stateham's sister. Then as now, sometimes acute hormonal imbalance may lead to lead poisoning.

Col. E. W. Taylor Camp members who installed the stone on Saturday morning., July 28, included standing, l-r, David Stewart, Ron Parker, Bob Gresham, James Madewell, and Mike Patterson, kneeling.

Even though it's much more difficult than before, this grave marking program is still a good one for a local camp to pursue.

An old Confederate no longer lies forgotten in Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake. John W. Stateham was born in Georgia about 1832, came to Texas about 1852, and by the time the War began he had settled in Rusk County, Texas. He served in two regiments, the 28<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry and the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Volunteers, his company of which was

# 110 years ago this month in the Startlegram



*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*  
August 24, 1912

## VETERAN SHOT AT CONFEDERATE HOME DIES; COMRADE HELD

*By Associated Press.*

AUSTIN, Aug. 24.—James L. Welch is dead at the Confederate home and M. B. Tyler, another Confederate veteran, is being held by the authorities as a result of a shooting at the institution this morning.

Reports from the home say that the two old men had had trouble several months ago and that this morning they met at the laundry. After a few words Welch was shot twice through the body with a small caliber revolver and died about an hour later. Tyler was arrested in his room.

Tyler came to the home in 1904 from San Jacinto county. In 1906 he was sent to the state lunatic asylum and returned to the home Dec. 2, 1907. Welch came to the home from Ridge, Mills county, in May, 1910.

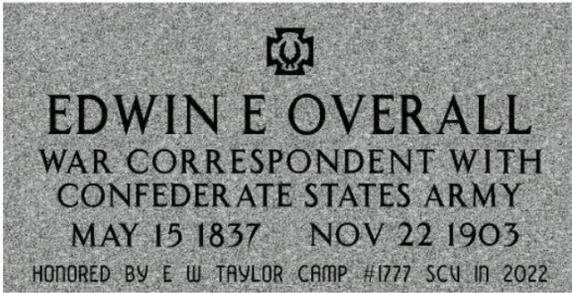
The victim in this fracas was Joseph [not James] L. Welch, a farrier and blacksmith in Co. C, 3rd Texas Cavalry. He enlisted in early June 1861 in Cherokee County and rode 160 miles to the mustering-in at Dallas. He was wounded in the thigh at the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern on March 6 or 7, 1862. In 1864 he became the farrier for his entire brigade. Faithful to the end, he was paroled with General Richard Taylor at Jackson, Mississippi on May 13, 1865.

He died on August 24, 1912 and was buried in the State Cemetery in Austin near many compatriots.

The shooter was Moses Benson Tyler, who had served in Co. F, 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry. He enlisted in the fall of 1861 at Livingston in Polk County and rode 300 miles to be mustered in at Camp Sibley. His horse was killed at the Battle of Valverde in early 1862.

After killing Welch he was sent back to the "nervous hospital," as Carl in the movie *Sling Blade* would say, in Austin where he died a horrifying death from gangrene in a very delicate region. He died on January 2, 1914 and was buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.

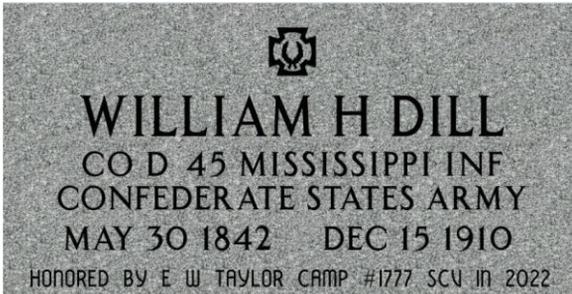
# A few more improvements at Soldiers Row in Oakwood



Lately we've been taking a close look at Soldiers Row and comparing it to the official records which have been kept of it in the last 120-or-so years. There are quite a few gaps and questions from the earlier years. We're making a few more new stones and supplementing others.



A few of the vets there have no markers at all, like Mr. Overall, above left. See last month's newsletter for his 1903 FWST obit. As far as the old UCV members were able, they had small, simple markers made for those members, like Mr. Dill's at left. You can judge it's size by looking at the blades of grass beside it. His new supplemental stone is below it at left.



These older stones all had their lettering cut by hand with a hammer and chisel, one character at a time. We've thought for years this was why some of them have such sparse engraving.



Even the upright stones supplied by the Veterans Administration often didn't include dates of birth and death almost up to the time of WWII. That was almost certainly to lower the cost. There was a very active stone company operating in Fort Worth at that time: The Fort Worth Marble and Granite Company, located at 1013-1015 Throckmorton Street and 1014-1016 Houston Street. It was founded in the late 1870s, and seems the

the likely place the smaller UCV markers were cut. Note that Mr. Dill's earlier lettering is fairly wide and shallow, and is sunk to a V-shape.

Note the chain hoists, the huge I-beams on tracks, and all the large wheels and belts and hoses moving power from place to place.

Note also the lack of eye, hearing, and breathing protection. They had compressed air chisels, which the two men in the right foreground are using. The man in the left foreground is lettering a stone by hand. This place would be an OSHA nightmare today.!

# Finally, a face to go with a name which has been on our NE Tarrant County WBTS soldiers memorial from the first

We've known about Grapevine pioneer William Morgan Giddens for over four decades, but we got our first look at him on July 5.

Mr. Giddens was born in Georgia in 1824 and came to Texas with his family about 1853. By 1860 he owned 800 acres around Grapevine.

He first enlisted in June 1861 in R. M. Gano's Grapevine Mounted Riflemen. Then like many of his neighbors he enlisted in Co. A, 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry under Hiram Crowley. He was on detached service in Shreveport when the War ended.

His home was a local landmark, and stood at present-day 924 E. Worth St. in Grapevine. He died in 1886, and Mrs. Giddens died in 1920. Both lie buried in Grapevine Cemetery.



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## Lately we've found at least four more men who'd qualify to go on our NETC memorial

One was William Henry Paxton, who died in Birdville but is buried in Soldier's Row in Oakwood. He had the worst luck imaginable throughout much of his life. If you'd like to read his story email me at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com)

Another one was William Lockhart Parker, of Birdville, who served in a local unit and was severely wounded early. He was a first cousin of Cynthia Ann Parker, who lived with him for a short time after her welcome wore out at her more famous uncle, Isaac Parker's, home. Through a curious coincidence a man had a memoir printed about William Parker in the Fort Worth paper in 1899 which was meant to deal mostly with Cynthia Ann's time here. But he [who is curiously never named] was so fascinated with Mr. Parker's weird lifestyle and unpatriotic attitude he included lots of stuff about Mr. Parker, too. If you want to read it, ditto above.



*My days of actually being able to engrave them on the memorial are over, but I can still add them to the online bios.*

# Around the Confederacy

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



Richmond, VA, *Channel 6 News*, July 29, 2022.

**Contractor [below right] who removed the Confederate statues said if he didn't step up, he worried no one would.**



This seems to be a self-aggrandizement piece aided and abetted by the media after the story two days earlier about the present Va. Governor declaring he had no opinion on the remaining Confederate monuments in Virginia. It's just another stick in the eye to many patriotic Americans. It also provided the contractor with lots of free advertising.

<https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/contractor-who-removed-confederate-monuments-shares-story-july-29-2022>



## Our joint UDC-SCV memorial for Oakwood Cemetery is nearing completion.

At left is a photo of one of our two new stands of muskets; welded, sanded, and powder-coated on a neutral background.

What's mostly missing now is some weather which won't make it and other tools too hot to touch without gloved hands. Planning's in progress.

***"There is much to do, there's work on every hand,"*** in the words of M. W. Spencer's classic 1893 hymn. So too in our program of work when the weather moderates.

**There's never been a better time to get active in the work of your local camp.** We didn't say "active and interested" because the interest is one of the free benefits which comes along with activity.

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Eatonton, Ga., *News 4 Jax*, June 29, 2022.

## Billboard pushes for removal of Confederate monument in Putnam County.

Putnam County's Board of Commissioners has voted to remove the statue, but is requiring those who want it moved to raise the required funds [a good lick] . They have been barred from accepting funds from outside the county, and the Board also created another road-block, according to the SPLC.

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2022/06/29/billboard-pushes-for-removal-of-confederate-monument-in-putnam-county/>



Charleston, S. C., *The Post and Courier*, July 7, 2022.

## Why Confederate flags are flying in the middle of Charleston Harbor.

A very balanced article until the last sentence. Wade through the ads to get to it.

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/why-confederate-flags-are-flying-in-the-middle-of-charleston-harbor/article\\_5bddca1a-fc8d-11ec-8fb3-33993feef9d1.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/why-confederate-flags-are-flying-in-the-middle-of-charleston-harbor/article_5bddca1a-fc8d-11ec-8fb3-33993feef9d1.html)



Windsor, Ontario, Canada, *CBC News*, July 7, 2022.

## Confederate flag in Wheatley, Ont., sparks concern, but officials lack authority to remove it.

Jason Viau, the reporter who wrote this story, "has an interest in telling stories related to accountability, **policing, court, crime** and municipal affairs." Can you guess his slant on this? His story has already spawned three more negatively-slanted stories.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/confederate-flag-wheatley-1.6510844>



Rogers, Arkansas, *40/29 News*, July 7, 2022.

## Ivory-billed woodpecker photos wanted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

Yet another recent interesting article on this bird which was well-known to many of our Confederate ancestors. We hope he's still part of the landscape, and it's looking more and more like he is.

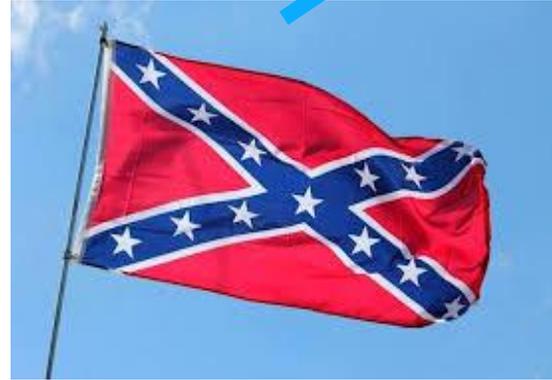
<https://www.4029tv.com/article/ivory-billed-woodpecker-photos-arkansas/40542744>



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Richmond, Virginia, *The Virginia Mercury*, July 12, 2022. **No more Confederate flags at Hollywood Cemetery: Lost Cause's 'inner sanctum' bans rebel standard.** Took someone this long to notice, I guess. If we could send them some of our hot weather they'd have something else to think about. The sentence about flags on individual graves is interesting, but of course was not dealt with in the article. How long until we see Christian symbolism banished in cemeteries?



Madison, Wisconsin, *Wisconsin State Journal*, July 19, 2022, **Judge dismisses lawsuit that aimed to return Confederate monuments to Madison cemetery.**

An interested complicated article which deals mostly with legal wranglings between interested persons, city officials and judges. Unusual because it deals with Confederates who died as POWs during the War and were buried near the prison camp. Lots of ads to wade through; lots of photos.

[https://madison.com/news/local/judge-dismisses-lawsuit-that-aimed-to-return-confederate-monuments-to-madison-cemetery/article\\_b0acb77d-edbb-541c-b803-bef1a3a1f8f9.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://madison.com/news/local/judge-dismisses-lawsuit-that-aimed-to-return-confederate-monuments-to-madison-cemetery/article_b0acb77d-edbb-541c-b803-bef1a3a1f8f9.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)

Washington, DC, *The Washington Post*, July 23, 2022. **Two years after protests, some of Richmond's Confederate statues remain.**

One sentence fragment (their mistake) near the front of the article gives you its tone: "But the work of ridding public spaces of 'Lost Cause' symbols remains incomplete two years after the first monument came down." You may not be aware that the motto of the *Washington Post* is "Democracy Dies in Darkness," and if so the paper has lots of blood on its hands. They ended this hit piece by interviewing a couple and their two children who were tourists from Westchester, New York. Dad, obviously with lots of dogs in the fight, said "I would prefer them not to be here, personally."

His son, 15 years old and doubtless a well-read and well-traveled youth judging from his comment, said "For all I care,

the bronze could be melted down and put into cars."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/07/23/richmond-confederate-statues-stonewall-hill/>

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*Delaware News Journal*, July 25, 2022. **Should government funds support a Confederate flag-flying museum? Depends on who you ask.** Mostly an anti-Confederate piece. One quote from one source pretty well tells the tale. "If this funding is approved ... this is a direct statement of support for white supremacy, terrorism, systemic generational racist oppression and lynching," the anonymous writer said. In the political climate which is clobbering us all in our pocketbooks today, it's convenient to tell that stuff like this is being paid for by tax dollars. All Americans now realize that the tax dollars spent on paying our representative government (which does so little to help us) makes any expenses like this miniscule in comparison. <https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2022/07/25/delaware-museum-that-flies-confederate-flag-split-on-funding-support/65380325007/>



Havre, Montana, *Havre Daily News*, July 22, 2022.

## **Confederate battle flag flies over [more properly at] Great Northern Fair**

This article is apparently the most recent effort to get someone stirred up over one vendor offering Confederate battle flags for sale at a small county fair. It doesn't sound like they were having much luck on the home front. The vendor says she sells lots more of them in Montana and Idaho than in the South.

<https://www.havredailynews.com/story/2022/07/22/local/confederate-battle-flag-flies-over-great-northern-fair/539059.html>

Sonoma, Cal., *Fox KTVU Channel 2*, July 26, 2022.

## **Confederate flags removed from campsites at Sonoma Raceway.**

Yet another abject public apology for doing something which is not against the law anyway. To put this in proper perspective, it was not just one flag...it was two. When is this Confederate flag thing finally going to the Supreme Court?



<https://www.ktvu.com/news/confederate-flags-removed-from-campsites-at-sonoma-raceway>

# Around the Confederacy

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

London, Ontario, Can., *CBC News*, July 27, 2022, 6 a.m.ET

## Caribbean association 'angry' Port Dover, Ont., store is selling ball caps showing Confederate

**Flag.** Port Dover, Ontario ain't got enough to worry about. The use of non-standard English and the use of a preposition at the end of that sentence were intentional and fitting in this instance.

A little more digging revealed it wasn't just one cap, ***it was two.***

To make it even worse, they were left by a former boutique owner and were left on the shelf by someone who didn't get the message to be outraged and offended.

Luckily by 9:27 p.m. that same day the same author had managed to put together a longer piece which went into great detail about why modern-day Canadians, regardless of where their ancestors lived, should be flabbergasted about this whole ugly affair. My favorite quote is the last sentence of the 6 a.m. article and is by Phil Triadafilopoulos [wonder if he's kin to the old Grapevine Triadafilopouloses], a University of Toronto associate professor of political science: "I think ... there's some people in their teens or twenties who really are kind of clueless about what this symbol represents." Yes professor, there probably ***is*** a few people in that predicament.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/confederate-flag-port-dover-ball-caps-store-1.6533000>



Richmond, Va., *ABC Channel 8 News*, July 26, 2022.

## Gov. Youngkin not taking stance on remaining Confederate statues, won't restore those previously removed.

Glenn Youngkin, as a Republican, not long ago won the first statewide election in Virginia since 2009. With the mid-terms only about twelve weeks away, he obviously doesn't want to do anything to make the Democrats take a long look at him between now and then. He still has a four-year term to complete, so maybe

he thinks he can dodge the monument bullets later.

Virginia was the scene of much damage and eradication of Confederate symbols during the administration of the former governor, Terry McAuliffe, but it was McAuliffe's stand against parents in the public schools which was his undoing. Youngkin used the issue to his benefit.

McAuliffe was the governor who oversaw the takedown, cutting apart in full view, and hauling away of one of the most iconic of Confederate statues, the magnificent bronze of Gen. Lee on Monument Avenue in Richmond. September 8, 2021...a date which will live in infamy in the hearts of all true Southerners...saw those three events take place in broad daylight before an approving crowd.

The contractor who did the actual work has within the last few days pictured himself as a hero, with the help of the Richmond media, but it's McAuliffe whose name will be forever attached to the deed. It almost took on the air of a medieval drawing and quartering, designed for maximum effect to let those watching see what happens to those who are on the wrong side. A truly shameful act. Period.

<https://www.wric.com/news/virginia-news/youngkin-not-taking-stance-on-remaining-confederate-statues-wont-restore-those-previously-removed/>



# Stuff of secesh soldiers' searches



The grid on the following page contains the names of 23 food items starting with S our soldiers might have found, shot, caught, made, or commandeered to keep themselves going as they marched, camped, and fought. Print yourself a copy of the next page and see how many you can discover without looking at the list on the last page.



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Hidden in this grid are the names of 23 things which start with "s" our soldiers might have used for food. Make a copy of this page and see how many you can find before looking at the list on the last page. Good exercise for your mind.

June 30, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

*Prior to the meeting, Cmdr McCook gave a review of the recent Texas Div. meeting in McKinney.*

Business 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 Cmdr McCook. The Charge was read by Bobby Gresham in honor of Jim McNabb.

Cmdr McCook then welcomed everyone. Noting that we had Pat Theiss, Lois Mc Cook ,Dana Gresham, Linda Wade and April Leech with us.

Commander McCook then asked for the Adjutant's reports.

Adjutant Alderman then read the meeting minutes for our May 26, 2022 meeting. A correction was made to show Van Cunningham as reading the Charge. The meeting minutes were approved with change by Joe Wade and Vann Cunningham. The adjutant indicated our bank balance was \$3,463.88 with no changes since last month.

Cmdr McCook then called on the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander for his report.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cmdr Fitzhugh indicated that our next month's program will be given by Compatriot Vann Cunningham on the sinking of the Sultana.

Cmdr McCook then called on Chaplain Joe Wade. He said he was unaware of any illness within our group. He gave quick overview of the situation leading up to Jim McNabb's death this week. A suggestion was made to have a sympathy card sent to Melanie McNabb from the Camp. Joe Wade will handle.

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

- Adjutant Alderman first shared feedback from Mike Patterson on the cost of the flat stones and beveled marker for the rifle dedication. A motion was made to purchase 4 flat stones and the beveled marker by Vann Cunningham and seconded by Joe Wade. We will let Mike Patterson pick which 4 flats need to go first and ask that he take a shot at the wording for the rifle dedication stone. Slides were shown and discussed by Joe Wade of the progress with the mounting of the rifles. A decision was also made to use the Bronze color for the rifles.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **New Business** – there was none.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Announcements** – there was none.

Cmdr McCook then presented the program " Why Slavery was not the Cause of the Civil War"

Cmdr McCook thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to bring someone with them to the July meeting. He called for the Benediction. Motion to Adjourn was made by Ron Turner and seconded by Bobby Gresham. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

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Support *YOUR* SCV camp by planning  
now to be at the meeting on August  
25!

# **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 password is SCV1777EWTaylorCamp

Words in the puzzle: sweet potato, strawberry, steelhead, sandwich, squirrel, shoveler, sturgeon, spinach, seagull, sausage, sardine, sparrow, sunfish, squash, shoat, steak, sugar, snipe, scaup, soup, shad, salt, sow