



# Col. E. W. Taylor No. 1777 Sons of Confederate Veterans **NEWSLETTER** January.....2023

## Slavery Was Not the Cause of the War Between the States *The Irrefutable Argument.*



Includes  
*Lincoln and Fort Sumter,*  
the Famous Treatise by  
Charles W. Ramsdell

GENE KIZER, Jr.

Used copies widely available on the net for <\$10

Join us on **Thursday evening, Jan. 26**, for a power point program presenting the author's own condensed version of this powerful book which appeared in *The Confederate Veteran* magazine. These will be Mr. Kizer's words with photos we gathered to complement them. The oral presentation will be made by our Commander, Rich McCook.



Mr.  
Kizer

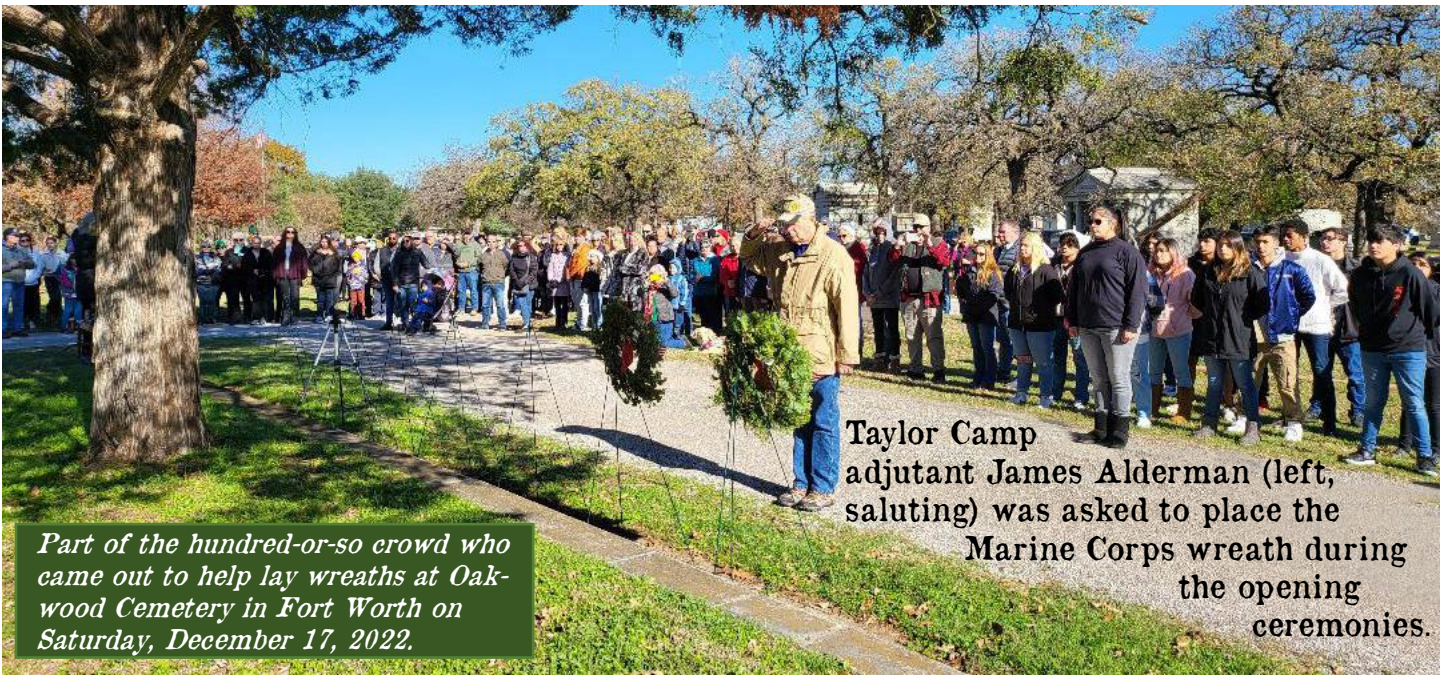
# *Confederate Lives Still Matter*



# Taylor Camp again takes part in Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is an American nonprofit organization established in 2007 by wreath producer Morrill Worcester, assisted by veterans and truckers. Its primary activity is distributing Veteran's wreaths for placement on graves in military cemeteries.

Since then it has spread to any cemeteries which contain the graves of veterans. This year folks set out wreaths at more than 3,500 cemeteries. The Taylor Camp has taken part for many years with both funds and labor.



*Part of the hundred-or-so crowd who came out to help lay wreaths at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on Saturday, December 17, 2022.*

Taylor Camp adjutant James Alderman (left, saluting) was asked to place the Marine Corps wreath during the opening ceremonies.



Nine Compatriots of the **Maj. K.M. Van Zandt SAR Chapter** participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery in north Fort Worth. Again this year, the Chapter was recognized with a 2nd Place Mention for providing 125 wreaths. From left to right: Ron Turner, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Joe Wade, Jeff Kennedy, Bob Jacobs, Vann Cunningham, Zachary Cunningham, and Doug Schwetke. Men starred are also E. W. Taylor Camp members.



# Wreaths Across America, cont.



Above, James places a wreath at the grave of James Hickman, widely believed to be one of two black Confederates buried at Oakwood. When/if we can verify his service we'll get him a new stone.

A day or two before the ceremony James Alderman went out and did a world-class spruce-up of Soldier's Row. Thanks!



Below, black Confederate Sam Kilgore led an amazing life which included trips to England and the Philippines. His first-ever stone, recently installed, will be dedicated by Julia Jackson 141 United Daughters of the Confederacy at a ceremony planned for later.



**SAM M KILGORE**  
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY  
U S PLAINS INDIAN WARS  
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR  
BORN IN TENN JULY 17 1845  
DIED IN FT WORTH JAN 29 1948  
HONORED BY JULIA JACKSON 141 UDC AND THE SOCIETY  
OF THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS IN 2023



# More publicity from the Massing of the Colors On November 13

Mr. Alderman and Mr. Wade dressed as Confederates. Mr. Turner and Mr. Gresham went as Revolutionary veterans.



One of our most active compatriots is Ron Turner, indicated by the red arrow in the photo above. He is also an officer in the Maj. K. M. Van Zandt Sons of the American Revolution Chapter #6, a past commander of the Taylor Camp, an officer in the Bear Creek Cemetery Association, and is active in his church.

On this past Nov. 13 he got a recording of a part of the ceremony (11 minutes, 14 seconds) which he has graciously shared with us here. Ron may be seen walking toward the camera at 00:41 on the counter; Taylor Compatriot (and also SAR member) Bob Gresham is on his right in the film.

Four other of our Taylor Camp members also took part. James Alderman and Joe Wade took part in the opening ceremony dressed as Confederate soldiers. Terry Theiss and Rich McCook did not appear in this video but they did wonderful work (as you'll hear) as members of the Frontier Brigade Band. The Band has a very interesting website, with lots of other places to look within it, at <http://www.frontierbrigadeband.com/>

The recording Ron is sharing with us may be seen and heard at:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/10khcsblwk6k16t/Fort%20Worth%20MOWW%20Mas sing%20of%20The%20Colors%202022.mp4?dl=0>





# This year's joint M. T. Johnson-E. W. Taylor Christmas Party

Bob Gresham took the pictures, and he's not in any of them. We think we have the names of everyone there, but you may have to look around to see if there's a better photo in another one.



- 1 Dana Gresham
- 2 Linda Wade
- 3 Joe Wade
- 4 Jake Behringer
- 5 Terry Theiss
- 6 Lois Theiss
- 7 Melanie McNabb
- 8 Mike Kelly
- 9 Ron Turner
- 10 Eric Alberts
- 11 Clay Fitzhugh
- 12 April Leech
- 13 Richard Leech



- 14 Pete Rainone
- 15 Vann Cunningham
- 16 Collin Geer
- 17 Serey Rainone
- 18 Greg Rainone
- 19 Jan Turner





# Ten years ago this month in this Newsletter

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## A Few Musings from the Incoming Camp Commander. I

have never been much of a fan of "Commander's Messages," in newsletters. You won't see them here very often. News items get other newsletter coverage, and all our members are sentient beings who don't need obvious things pointed out to them. That being said, here are some ruminations about why folks can't come to SCV meetings. Like every organization in existence today, there are lots more folks on the rolls than there are active members. The reasons are many, and most of them are valid. Most have to do with the two of the resources we have we value most: our time and our funds.

- ***"We are tired."*** Valid. Many SCV members are still working, and the thought of having to clean up and get back into a car after a long commute is just too much. Don't worry about cleaning up. If you smelled good enough to be at work, you're welcome at our meetings. If anyone reeks, you have my permission to put out the rumor that it's me.
- ***"It costs too much to eat out."*** Valid. Hope and Change have hit many of us very, very hard. Sometimes we just have a small salad, but it's nice to get out. If you want to wait until seven and miss the meal, that's fine, too.
- ***"It takes too long to drive to the meeting place."*** Valid. I live about six miles away and it takes a half-hour because of traffic. It takes about as long in 2012 to get from place to place in the metroplex as it did in Model T days. Crowded highways and eternal construction have cancelled out the advantage of faster cars.
- ***"It costs too much to drive to the meeting."*** Valid. It now costs each of us .25 cents per mile to operate our car, with gas, insurance, maintenance, and license fees and taxes.
- ***"Nothing interesting happens at meetings."*** Invalid. We do our best to have timely, interesting, entertaining programs. If you know of something which would make a good program, why not research it and do the program for us? We'll make you a power-point program to go with it, and all you'll have to do is press the button on the remote.

Your incoming commander and his wife spent many years as active birders and officers of the Fort Worth Audubon Society. The people who never saw the good birds were the people who stayed home and never went on our field trips. Some of the friends we made there will be our good friends from now on.

The same goes for any special-interest organization like the SCV. The folks who have the fun, who make the new friends, who learn something, and who help in preserving the memory of our Confederate heroes are the ones who take part in the meetings and projects.

***Every good thing comes to us with a price. The cost of attending SCV meetings is very small in relation to the good we can do and the enjoyment we can have. Come see us!!!***

# 116 years ago this month in the Startlegram—Jan. 16, 1907

## MAN WAS HANGED BUT STILL LIVES

### Georgia Parson Had a Queer Experience in War Time

*Special to The Telegram.*

FITZGERALD, Ga., Jan. 16.—In the person of the Rev. J. T. Mann, retired clergyman and the author of several religious books, Fitzgerald has a citizen who was once hanged and who still lives to tell the tale. Accused of being a Confederate spy, he was strung up to a tree by union soldiers during the war, and was cut down by a union officer barely in time to save his life. In those few minutes he suffered all the terrible agonies of strangling and was rescued only after he had become unconscious.

Mr. Mann enlisted in the southern army at New Orleans and was sent to Barrancas, Fla., after volunteering to make a hazardous attempt to blow up the union fort located there. To better accomplish his purpose he enlisted in the federal forces at Barrancas and formed a close friendship with one of the officers. Patiently he awaited an opportunity to put his plans into execution and at last it came. He had spent the evening in the tent of the friendly officer and, unknown to the latter, had turned the hands of his watch forward an hour and a half, with the intention of having an alibi handy in case he should be discovered. Thus he really left the officer at 11 o'clock, while the latter supposed it was 12:30. Immediately he made an ineffectual attempt to blow up the magazine and shortly after-

ward was captured by a band of soldiers, who strung him up to the nearest tree without ceremony. His struggles and cries, before he lapsed into unconsciousness, attracted the attention of an officer, who cut him down and in a few hours he recovered. At a hearing on the following day the soldiers testified that the attempt to blow up the arsenal was made shortly after 11 o'clock, while Mr. Mann's official friend stated that he had not left the tent until after 12. The ruse in running up the officer's watch had saved Mann's life, but he was afterward an object of suspicion. Denied all opportunity of again attempting to perform his mission, he soon deserted and rejoined the Confederate ranks.



Remember: Hold down CTRL key and rotate mouse wheel top away from you.



# Some online funnies about hangings

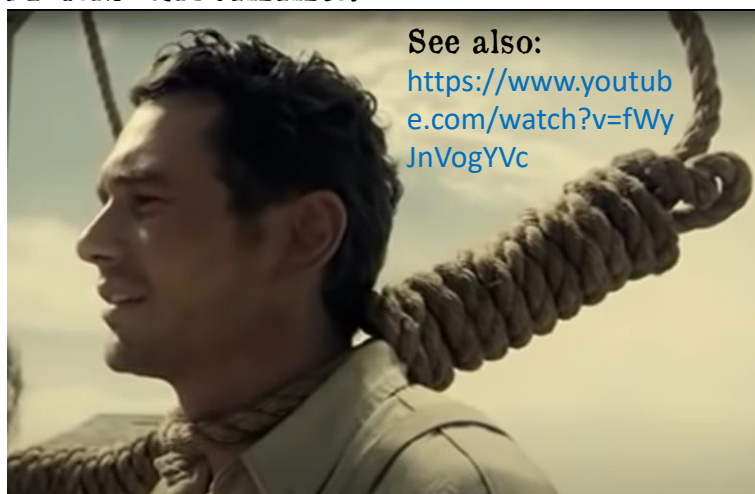
In 2018 *The Ballad of Buster Scruggs* was released. It is an American western anthology of six vignettes written, directed and produced by Joel and Ethan Coen. It has many funny moments, and some not so funny. Its Indians are authentic and excellent. It's on Netflix, but many scenes are also available on You Tube. There's a trailer at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_2PyxzSH1HM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_2PyxzSH1HM)



In one very funny scene in the second vignette, a hapless cowboy tries to rob a bank, but is knocked senseless by the banker and winds up on the end of a rope. He is rescued by some Comanches (sort of) but that's not the end of his dilemma.

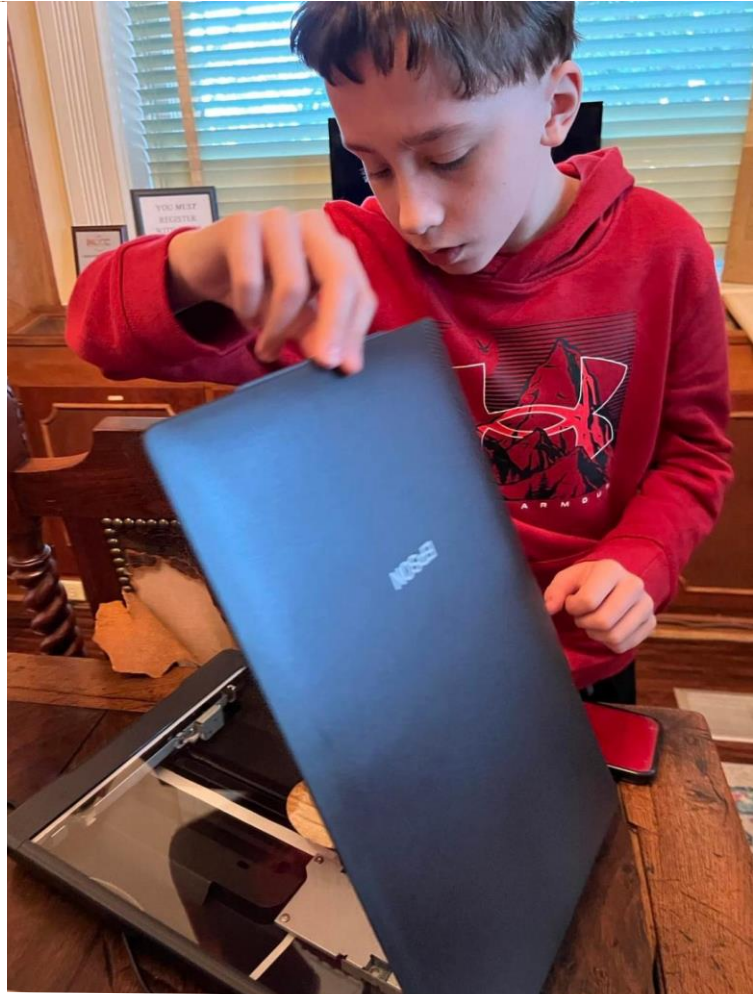
In very short order he winds up in a nearby town, now sentenced to hang for cattle rustling. Priceless.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbEbD1Z\\_tNQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbEbD1Z_tNQ)



See also:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWYJnVogYVc>





## Our helpers afield

are your editor's sister, Tammy Patterson, above left, and his grandson, Oliver Patterson. Here they are in the Jefferson Historical Museum in Jefferson, Texas, Col. E. W. Taylor's home before he came to Ft. Worth.

Tammy bought a scanner just so she could make the best possible copies for us of the photos Col. Taylor's daughter's executor gave to the museum nearly sixty years ago.

Oliver is doing something no member of the E. W. Taylor Camp has done since its founding so many years ago...he is holding in his hand an original photograph of Col. Taylor. In the following months in this newsletter we'll be sharing more photos, especially of Col. Taylor's daughter, her husband C. W. Connery, and their home and activities in Fort Worth.

We appreciate Tammy's and Oliver's efforts on our behalf.





This is the original uncolorized version of the photograph Oliver is holding on the preceding page. Inset at upper right is an enlargement of one of his coat buttons, a Texas star button with the letters T E X A S embossed between the star points. It seems likely this was the uniform coat in which he was buried. Inset above left is an original dug example of this button which was recently sold by a relics dealer in Tennessee.



**Another new look at some of Col. Taylor's family,**  
*thanks to your editor's sister, Tammy Patterson, and the  
Jefferson Historical Museum in Jefferson, Texas*



[June 1, 1909 in  
Atlantic City, NJ]

Shown above are Col. Taylor's widow, Sarah Francis (Fisher) Taylor (1842-1909), their daughter, Louise T. (Taylor) Connery (1869-1947), and Louise's husband, Charles Woodbury Connery (1866-1938). They and Col. Taylor are the four persons entombed in the Taylor-Connery mausoleum in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Connery was Col. Taylor's business partner here.



# **A few facts about Col. Taylor's son-in-law, Mr. Connery**

*Photo from the Jefferson Historical Museum, via Tammy Patterson*



Charles Woodbury Connery was born in Boston, Mass. in 1866, a son of David Connery (1825-1889), a brick mason and home builder, and his wife, Ellen Francis (Hendrickson) Connery (born c1826). David told the census taker in 1870 he was a native of Ireland. His wife was born in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Connery grew up in Boston, and it was there he met Col. Taylor's daughter, Louise, who was attending school there. They were married in Jefferson in 1888 and he soon went into business with Col. Taylor, moving with him to Fort Worth about that time.

Mr. Connery was a short man, only 5-6, but a very successful business man in several venues. He traveled widely, both in the U.S. and in Europe, for business and in connection with his many benevolent roles. He died in 1938 and was the third person entombed in the Taylor-Connery mausoleum in Oakwood.



# Around the Confederacy

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

Matthews Co., VA, *Washington Post*,  
December 2, 2022

## Virginia county poised to take unusual step to preserve Confederate statue

The Matthews County Board of Supervisors is moving ahead with unusual plans to deed the public land under a Confederate statue on the historic courthouse green to a private preservation group, aiming to prevent any future residents from taking it down.



<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/12/02/mathews-county-virginia-confederate-statue-vote/>

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Austin, TX, *Tablet Magazine*, Nov. 29, 2022

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/how-next-civil-war-begins>

## How the Next Civil War Begins *America is lurching toward collapse. Its democratic norms will bring about its final unraveling.*

"America's demise will be inaugurated by what has become an American pastime: a contested election." Your editor had already thought about some of the points presented in this piece. As soon as the party in opposition to the sitting president gets a majority in the House, we may expect

to see spirited investigations of the party holding the White House, including an impeachment trial in the Senate, even if the president's party holds the majority there. That's just the way things are done now in a country as divided as ours.

The author of this piece is a member of the English Department at the University of Texas in Austin. The last part the article is based on a conversation he had with F. H. Buckley, a foundation professor of law at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The author picked Buckley as "an informed interlocutor."

The author does not see a newly-divided America as neatly arranged as the earlier grouping of Northern States, Border States, and Confederate States. The two men also discuss the two possible Administration reactions to seceding states, the first of which he calls the "Buchanan" scenario. In it, like President Buchanan who was apathetic toward the South's independence efforts, he sees a president taking a "goodbye and good luck" stance. In the "Lincoln" scenario, Mr. Buckley says without hesitation that the president would "March troops into seceding red territories." A very interesting read.



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Rock Island, Ill., *Fox News*, December 6, 2022

**Rare Civil War, WWI military items made by Tiffany & Co. to hit Illinois auction block** Rare and antique military items with a Tiffany & Co. touch are about to hit the auction block. Rock Island Auction Company in Rock Island, Ill. is putting three items with war ties up for auction during its event from Dec. 9 to 11.

<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/civil-war-wwi-military-items-tiffany-hit-illinois-auction-block>

Roanoke, VA, *ABC News*, December 19, 2022

**Henrietta Lacks' hometown will build statue of her where Robert E. Lee sculpture once stood**

Probably only notable nationwide as a way to keep an old wound open, this lady may actually have made significant breakthroughs in medicine even if through no actions of her own or her family's. Even though she died over seventy years ago, her family is suing a large biotech company now to "lay the foundation for genetic justice."

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/henrietta-lacks-hometown-build-statue-robert-lee-sculpture/story?id=95541987>





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Richmond, VA, *NBCTV/12 On Your Side*,  
Dec. 6, 2022

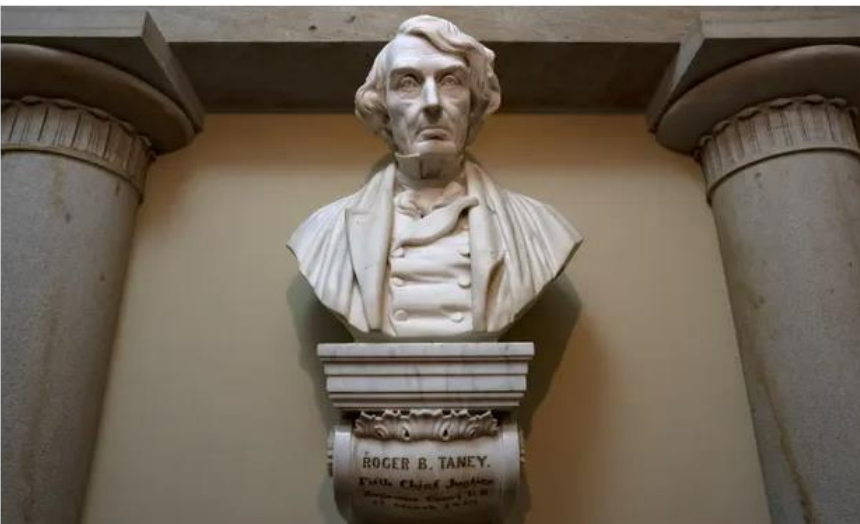
## A.P. Hill statue could be removed as early as next week; appeal pending

The latest in Richmond's attempt to lend an air of legitimacy to its decision to move the city's A. P. Hill statue...and his remains buried beneath it to a more "suitable" location. The TV footage includes some film from the removal of the Lee statue from

Monument Avenue and some footage of vandals destroying President Davis' statue in the same city. This creates an unspoken invitation to show up and destroy the statue of Gen. Hill. Again, the black history museum will be given the bronze statue. Hopefully, it will be given more respect than they are giving President Davis' statue.



<https://www.nbc12.com/2022/12/06/ap-hill-statue-could-be-removed-early-next-week-appeal-pending/>



Washington, D.C., *The Guardian*,  
Dec. 15, 2022

## US House votes to remove bust of judge who wrote Dred Scott decision defending slavery

The US House of Representatives voted on Wednesday to remove from the Capitol a bust

of Roger Taney, the supreme court justice who in 1857 wrote the Dred Scott decision, justifying slavery and denying that black people had rights any "white man was bound to respect". The measure that passed the House by voice vote was reduced from one which would also have removed statues of Confederates who fought the civil war to protect slavery and which was re-introduced in the aftermath of the Capitol riot of 6 January 2021, when protestors carried Confederate flags into the Capitol.

[https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/dec/15/house-votes-remove-bust-roger-taney-dred-scott-us-capitol?CMP=oth\\_b-aplnews\\_d-1](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/dec/15/house-votes-remove-bust-roger-taney-dred-scott-us-capitol?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1)



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Richmond, VA, *ABC8 News*,  
Dec 9, 2022

## Richmond set to re-move last Confederate statue

This is an update to the article on the previous page and contains some more definite plans, and also some better outcomes, to this disgraceful move by the city of Richmond. Once the capital of the Confederacy, it may now be the nation's worst offender in the current WOKE cultural backlash of trying to erase all traces of our country's history in 1861-1865. I looked up WOKE just now and discovered what I already knew, it's the past-tense of "wake." But I learned from Wikipedia that it is "an adjective derived from African-American Vernacular English meaning alert to racial prejudice and discrimination. The BingeDaily website adds to that definition another use of the term as an adjective: "The act of being very pretentious about how much you care about a social issue, as defined in the urban dictionary." I'd like that definition better if they inserted "but not necessarily know the history of" after the word "care".

<https://www.wric.com/news/local-news/richmond/richmond-set-to-remove-last-confederate-statue/>



Atlanta, GA, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*,  
Dec. 12, 2022

## Historic Decatur home of 'Confederate heroine' rebranded

Mary Ann Harris Gay was born in Jones County, a little north of what would become Macon, in 1829. She died alone in a Milledgeville hospital 89 years later.

In the intervening years, she was raised on family plantations in various parts of the state, established her own home in Decatur,

witnessed the Union siege of Atlanta and, by writing a book describing her wartime experiences, become an early champion of Lost Cause mythology and the Confederate monuments that remain objects of contention more than a century later. "She was just a nasty person," Laurel Wilson, a public historian and genealogist who has studied local black heritage, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "And there's really no reason to laud her at all." It's mostly a hit piece about Mrs. May and PR for the local Jr. League who owns it now.

<https://ajc.com/neighborhoods/dekalb/historic-decatur-home-of-confederate-heroine-rebranded/B26BU2OCB5C27IGSG3NCSRP2UY/>

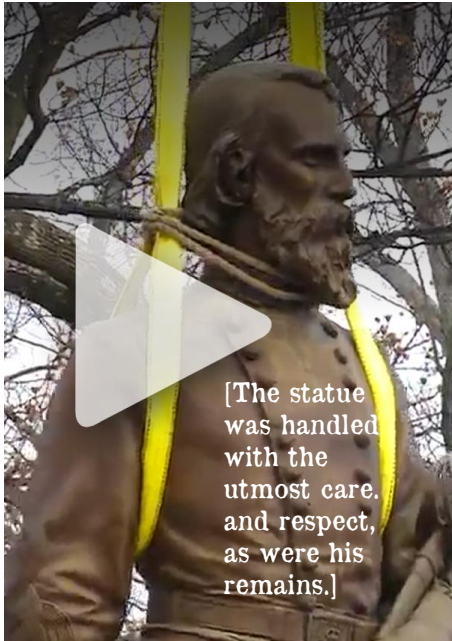


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Richmond, VA., *ABC8 News*, Dec. 13, 2022

## Tensions rise on Day 2 of A.P. Hill statue removal, remains recovered



[The statue was handled with the utmost care, and respect, as were his remains.]

“There were moments of silence on the second day of the statue’s removal process, but there were also loud moments of dispute. Tensions escalated, peaking around noon, when bystanders — including Curtis — confronted other spectators who wore “Sons of Confederate Veterans” merchandise sporting the Confederate flag. Curtis explained that he feels the symbol is highly offensive, and hurtful to many people — particularly black individuals — across the community.

“I asked them a simple question,” Curtis said. “I asked ‘what does that flag represent to you?’ Because to my people it represents a lot of hate.” [Virtually none of the other viewpoints were presented.]

There’s lots of film, several captioned photos, and links to related parts of the story.



Removal of General Hill’s remains.

NEW DETAILS

### A COMPLICATED LEGACY

ARGUMENT BREAKS OUT AT A.P. HILL MONUMENT SITE

<https://www.wric.com/news/local-news/richmond/tensions-rise-on-day-2-of-a-p-hill-statue-removal-remains-recovered/>



# EMERGING CIVIL WAR

“is a Civil War blog dedicated to helping up-and-coming historians find a voice, while providing fresh, free content to our readers.” Its website contains details about its podcast, Facebook page, publications, You Tube presence, and dozens of other interesting, timely topics.

Its website is <https://emergingcivilwar.com/> It is a 501c3 organization and is not a Confederate-basher.

Your editor became aware of it because of an article dealing with the widely-traveled remains of General Hill since his death in April 1865 at Petersburg, Virginia.



[Masonry container holding Hill's remains. This was apparently opened and not kept with the remainns inside.]

The photo at left and many others appeared on WTRV.com and is captioned, “Confederate General A. P. Hill’s remains removed from Richmond monument.”

Way back on June 13, 2020 Ohioan Frank Jastrzembski posted an article at the site entitled “What To Do With Lt. General A. P. Hill’s Remains?” Your editor was not aware of the bizarre journey his remains have made. You may read it at:

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2020/06/13/what-to-do-with-lt-general-a-p-hills-remains/>



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Raleigh, N.C., *WRAL News*, Dec. 16, 2022

## NC Supreme Court dismisses suit to return Confederate statue

North Carolina's Supreme Court ruled Friday that the local chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy lacks standing to challenge the city of Winston-Salem's removal of a Confederate monument on private property,

but it can refile a future lawsuit making similar arguments. Strictly factual reporting.

<https://www.wral.com/nc-supreme-court-dismisses-suit-to-return-confederate-statue/20632262/>



Fairfax, VA, *WTOP News*, Dec. 18, 2022

## Fairfax to change over a dozen street names linked to Confederacy

What would be involved if you suddenly had to change your address on everything to do with your life...bank accounts, credit cards, legal papers, licenses, etc. ? How much would that be escalated if you owned

a business, with stationery, billing paperwork, contracts, signage, etc. ? Not to worry though. "Some council members were not in support of the changes, saying there wasn't enough community input. Now that the new names have been approved, the city will help property owners make the necessary changes..." The new names are part of a city initiative, 'Connecting Fairfax City for All. ' This affects 14 streets, some of which are major thoroughfares, with different parts of them being given different names. It's actually quite complicated, unbelievably time-consuming for the folks unlucky enough to own property along the streets, and very costly. The reporter, Melissa Howell, "joined WTOP Radio in March, 2018 and is excited to cover stories that matter across D. C, as well as in Maryland and Virginia." Her photo, at right, accompanied the print article. I'm sure the editors of Mapsco and Google Maps are thrilled as well.

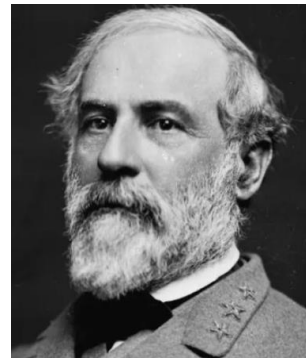
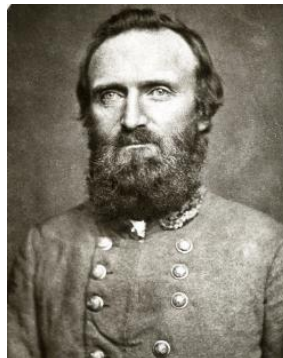
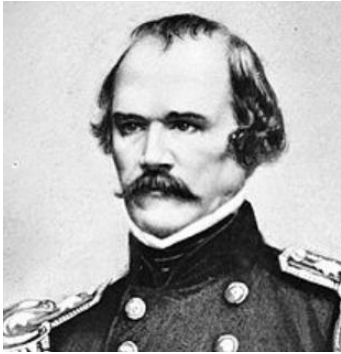


<https://wtop.com/virginia/2022/12/fairfax-city-changes-names-connected-to-the-confederacy-sets-date-for-new-name-to-take-effect/>



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West Point, NY, *National Review*, *Yahoo!news*, December 20, 2022

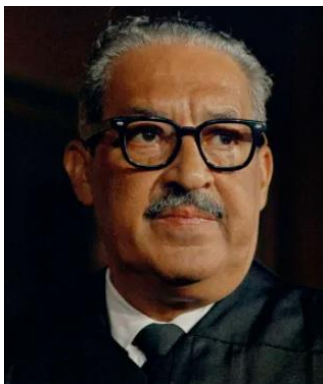
## West Point to Remove Monuments to Confederate Alumni

In a continuing attempt to erase our country's history and dishonor our founders, the United States Military Academy at West Point is about to "begin removing Confederate monuments and artwork across its properties over the upcoming holiday break."

"During this time we will begin a multi-phased process, in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) directives, to remove, rename or modify assets and real property at the United States Military Academy (USMA) and West Point installation that commemorate or memorialize the Confederacy or those who voluntarily served with the Confederacy," Gilland wrote in a letter addressed to West Point community members obtained by *National Review*."

The cream of American manhood has historically studied there and emerged to be some of the best military minds in world history. At least 366 graduates were commissioned officers or public officials in service to the Confederacy.

[https://news.yahoo.com/west-point-remove-monuments-confederate-170709879.html?soc\\_src=yahooapp](https://news.yahoo.com/west-point-remove-monuments-confederate-170709879.html?soc_src=yahooapp)



Washington, DC, *Yahoo!news*, December 12, 2022

## Civil rights experts say replacing Roger Taney statue with Thurgood Marshall's is overdue

"Last Wednesday, Congress passed legislation to remove from the Capitol the bust of Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney,... [That] bill directs the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to replace Taney's bust with that of Thurgood Marshall, [at left]who served as the Supreme Court's first African American justice from 1967 to 1991..."

The bill was passed by a voice vote in the House which the Speaker could simply declare unanimous. The bill was sponsored Sen. Cardin (D-MD), *was introduced, read twice, considered, read the third time and passed by unanimous consent, all on December 8, 2022.* in the Senate. It was sent to Biden on December 21.

[https://news.yahoo.com/civil-rights-experts-say-replacing-roger-taney-statue-with-thurgood-marshalls-is-overdue-210732616.html?soc\\_src=yahooapp](https://news.yahoo.com/civil-rights-experts-say-replacing-roger-taney-statue-with-thurgood-marshalls-is-overdue-210732616.html?soc_src=yahooapp)



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Washington, D. C., *CBS News*, Dec. 24, 2002

## Ulysses [sic] S. Grant promoted to general of the armies in new defense spending bill

This is a short TV spot which just picked out one thing one Senator, Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), slipped into the record \$85B National Defense Authorization Act. Of course, before it was over they demonized and tried to humiliate General Lee also.

Incidentally, they didn't misspell Grant's name in the House bill, only on TV.

[https://news.yahoo.com/ulysses-grant-promoted-general-armies-135651805.html?soc\\_src=yahooapp](https://news.yahoo.com/ulysses-grant-promoted-general-armies-135651805.html?soc_src=yahooapp)



Brewster, NY, USA Today, *yahoolnews*, Dec. 28, 2022

## How a NY high school student set the record straight for a Black Civil War vet

Buried under a weathered gravestone in Milltown Rural Cemetery in Brewster, New York, lies Pvt. Francis "Frank" Oliver Myers, a Black Union soldier who fought with the famed 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment in the Civil War.

For over 130 years, historical records showed that Myers was from Paterson, New Jersey. But a Brewster High School senior, Ellen Cassidy, who passes Myers' grave each day, discovered that his

true hometown was Patterson, *New York*. She is setting the record straight and honoring Myers in the process.

[https://news.yahoo.com/ny-high-school-student-set-100021406.html?soc\\_src=yahooapp](https://news.yahoo.com/ny-high-school-student-set-100021406.html?soc_src=yahooapp)



# In regard to the photo on the next page

Your humble editor, literally, has nothing to do but work on this newsletter and look at stuff on his computer, all day, every day. That's one reason your newsletter now has a word search puzzle in it every month. He enjoys making them, always from scratch. He gets his wife and his granddaughter to do them every month to be sure he hasn't made any mistakes in them.

He also cruises the internet looking for neat photos to use. When he saw the photo of reenactors on the next page, it caught his attention. Because it was so detailed and just downright excellent, he knew he was going to make a puzzle for it.

But, as Gomer would say, "Surprise, surprise, surprise!" It's not a photo at all; it's a painting by a fellow Texan, John Paul Strain. It's called "General Lee in Gettysburg." Go to his website <https://johnpaulstrain.com/> and look at his amazing work. Why he's not the top WBTS artist, I'll never understand. As usual, make yourself a copy of the grid on the page after the painting. Word list is on the last page.

My favorite of his is "Rose Hill Raid," shown below. When I first saw it years ago I thought, "How cheesy of an artist to paint a historic person and horse onto a modern photograph." One detail which really caught my eye was the old tree struggling to grow in all those rocks, and it has just the right "feel" of a bright fall day out in the woods, which I've experienced so often.

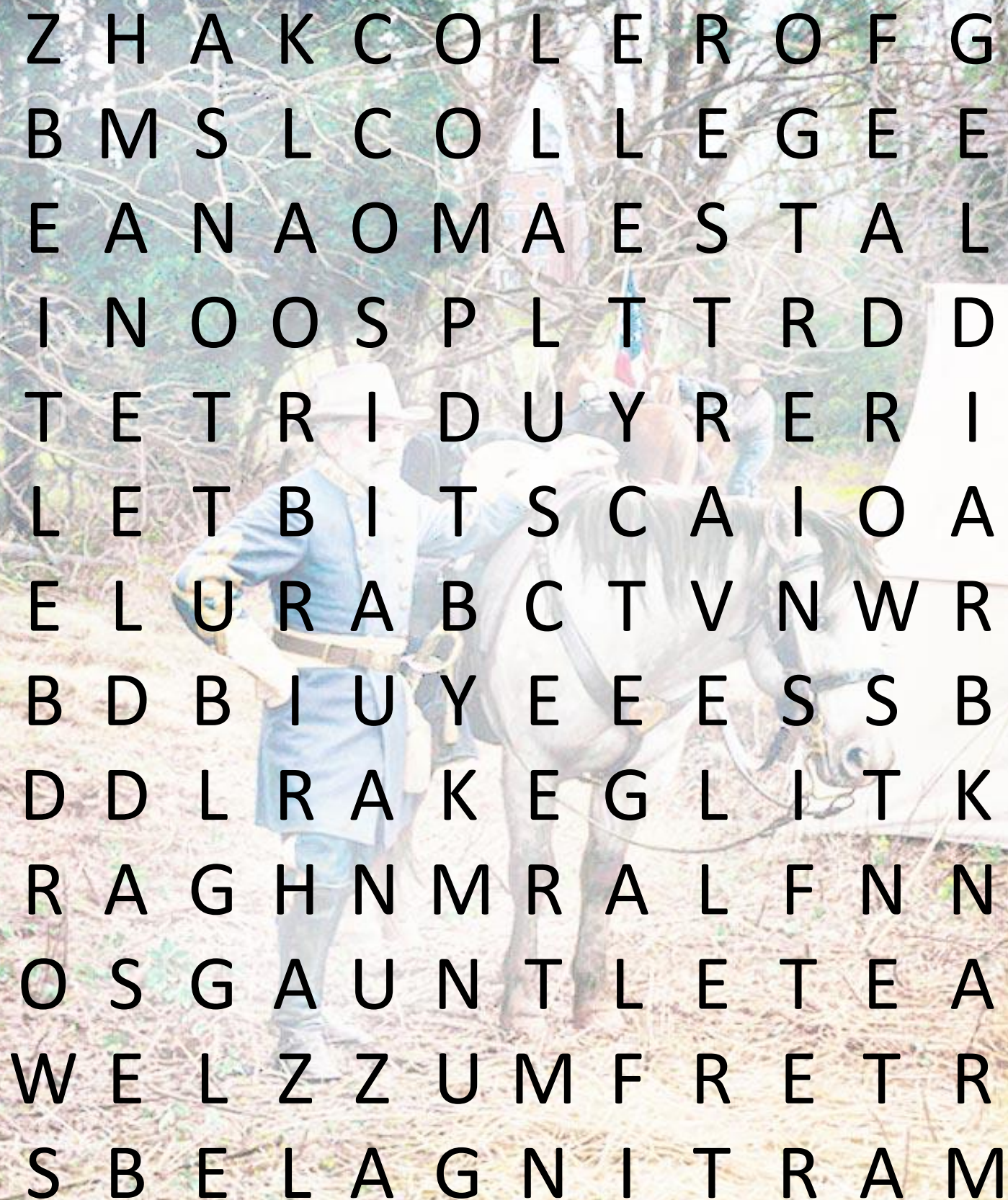
And it was in Rose Hill, Virginia that my best friend and I once walked into a garden about fifty years ago to talk to an old man we'd seen as we drove by. We were looking for the gravesite of my friend's Confederate g-g-grandfather, Harrison Brewster Crockett. Danged if the old man we saw wasn't Harrison Crockett's son, still alive. See the story in this newsletter in October 2016.











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As always, make yourself a copy of this page, then go back to the preceding page and enlarge it on your screen. There are at least 35 things in the painting which are in this puzzle. Incredible artistry. The horse's eye even has a reflection of something in it.

Your editor has made hundreds of these things during his teaching days and since. This was his first one in which every single letter could be worked into a usable word. Give yourself a break from the bad news on TV and give it a shot. Your brain needs the exercise.



# *Men of Arkansas* by Don Troiani



**Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862**

Print yourself a copy of this page. Then unscramble the following eight groups of letters to name eight locations connected to this battle. Some were already on the map; some were named and made famous by the soldiers themselves. No blank spaces. Then, use the red underlined and circled letters to name the commander of the Confederate forces at the end of the battle (initials and last name).

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BDDLNOOOPY ○ \_\_\_\_\_

CCHHHHILORSU \_\_\_\_\_

CEEKLORW \_\_\_\_\_ ○

EEHNNORSST \_\_\_\_\_

ADEKNNORSU \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ ○ ○

EEEEEEINNRRSSTV ○ \_\_\_\_\_ ○

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Final commander's name: \_\_\_\_\_



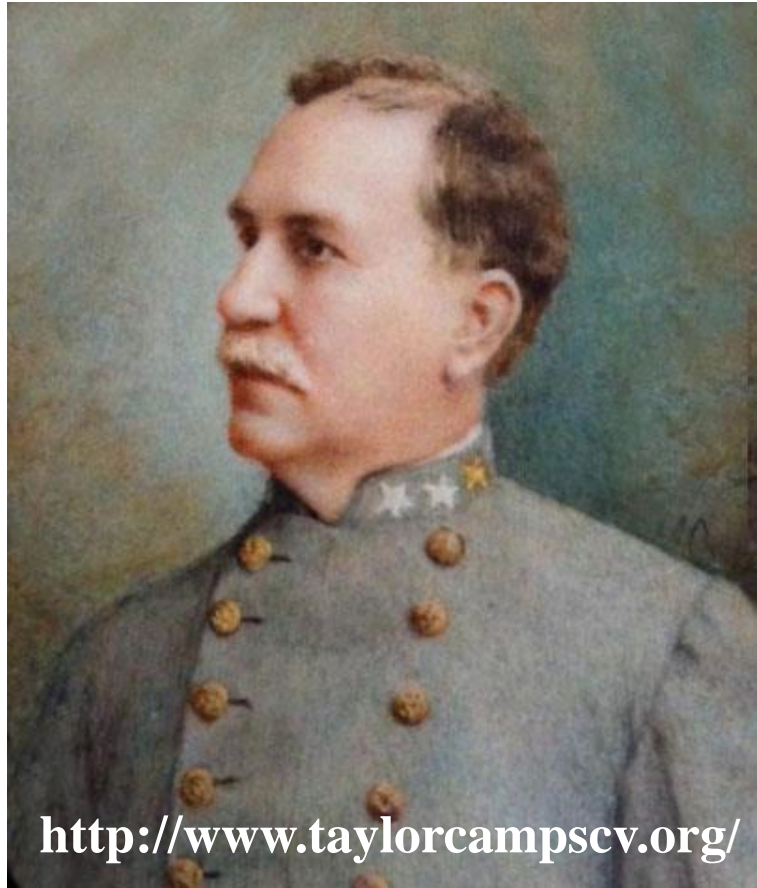
# **Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777**

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

Shiloh puzzle: PITTSBURGLANDING, BLOODYPOND, SHILOHCHURCH, OWLCREEK, HORNETSNEST, SUNKENROAD, TENNESSEERIVER, PEACHORCHARD, PGTBEAUREGARD

**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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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: Gettysburg, reflection, martingale, Traveller, forelock, rankbraid, swordbelt, gauntlet, tent, buttons, college, blanket, saddle, bridle, cupola, muzzle, sword, tree, reins, seam, flag, belt, rows, dirt, sill, coat, ear, arm, art, tail, mane, hay, leg, bit, bay