



Col. E. W. Taylor Camp No. 1777

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

# NEWSLETTER

September.....2023



*The Life of*  
**Col. Ennis**  
**Ward**  
**Taylor,**

continued on...

Sept. 28, 2023

Please join us for our regular September meeting at Catfish and Co. at 6:30 to eat or 7:00 just to meet. The Catfish place, our friends for so many years, needs you just as much as your SCV camp. Y'all come on out to see us !!!

***CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER***



## At our August 31 meeting...

Thanks to the 11 souls who attended (7 members, two Friends of SCV, and two guests).



Above, Vann Cunningham (on the left) receives his Life Membership Certificate in the Sons of Confederate Veterans from our Commander, Rich McCook. Two better and more talented men don't walk this Earth.

At left (shown at another event) is 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander Festus Allcock, who visited the camp to help Rich lead a discussion of several important topics on camp, state, and national levels.





Also at our August 31 meeting, our faithful adjutant at left, James Alderman, talked a bit about a meeting he attended at National SCV headquarters on August 20. He appeared representing the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross, of which he is currently the commander. He met with senior representatives of the Children of the Confederacy, the UDC, the MOS&B. and the SCV headquarters. They met to discuss ways to improve membership through positive means and ways in which to deal with elements and situations within the organizations which tend to lower retention numbers. The meeting room in Columbia, Tennessee is shown below.

Our commander, Rich McCook spent time talking about topics from the 3rd Brigade meeting held on August 26.





# Ten years ago this month in this newsletter



S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
J. H. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

## Comptroller's Department State of Texas Austin



October 30, 1925.

Mrs. J. A. Pegues,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your application for confederate pension which was rejected April 10th, 1917 on account of your having a homestead rendered at more than \$1,000.00 may now be renewed, if desired by you, and approved if you will file with this office the certificate of your County Tax Assessor showing homestead rendered at not more than \$2,000.00 and other property exclusive of homestead rendered at not more than \$1,000.00.

On receipt of such certificate your application will be given prompt consideration.

Yours very truly,



KR/ms

COMPTROLLER.

## The Times, They Are A'Changin'

*This is the actual letterhead the Texas Comptroller's Office used in its official correspondence back in the 1920's. Many of them appear in Confederate vets' files.*

100 years ago this month in the Startlegram  
George Taylor Johnson  
September 16, 1923

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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND PIONEER DIES

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G. T. Johnson, 76, a Confederate Veteran and a resident of Texas 44 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Maher, 700 Travis Avenue, at 11:40 p. m. Friday.

He was born in Mississippi Jan. 31, 1847. In the Civil War he served with the Third Mississippi Regiment. He came to Texas in 1879 and was employed for a number of years by the Katy Railroad. Twelve years ago he moved from Hillsboro to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Maher, here.

Besides Mrs. Maher he is survived by three other daughters, Mrs. W. M. Burtee of Fort Worth, Mrs. U. B. Kent of San Angelo, and Mrs. W. R. Williams of Mullin; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Maher residence at 10 a. m. Monday. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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# Around the Confederacy

## Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

New Orleans, LA, *Times-Picayune nola.com*, 8/11/23

**New sculpture is taking shape where statue of Confederate president once stood: 'Abolitionist Playground' juxtaposes imprisonment and play, by Doug MacCash.**

Pretend (and I know this is a stretch) we could have a studio audience at a performance of Saturday Night Live in NYC, all of whom were educated in history and politics. This article would be a wonderful parody of the present day in New Orleans. I was surprised when I saw the author's photo, at right. Maybe he was just assigned to write it.



A new public artwork along Norman C. Francis Parkway provides a pathway that is paradoxically blocked with barriers made from passages. The artwork, titled 'Abolitionist Playground' by kai lumumba barrow, was sponsored by Prospect New Orleans, the triennial international art exhibition.

Several of the author's statements should draw some laughs: "Based on the materials used to produce the "Abolitionist Playground" artworks so far, the installation will probably not be permanent." "The Prospect management has declined to comment in detail on the ongoing installations."



**Mysterious artwork on Norman C. Francis Parkway is a preview of things to come** [Promise or Warning?]

In recent days, commuters along Norman C. Francis Parkway may have noticed a new, blocklong public artwork on the grassy neutral ground. A car...

One of three sponsored artists is kai lumumba barrow (shown below left). "The artist does not capitalize their name." Not the pronoun I'd have used, but of what real use are pronouns today? These "works" are "meant to call attention 'to sites of carceral control while engaging counter-narratives of play and creative imagination.'"

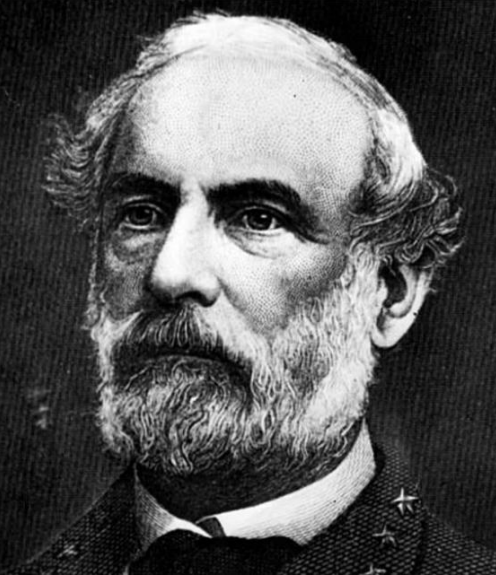
Each of the three public installations [are] being sponsored by Prospect NOLA, New Orleans' international art festival. Prospect will provide each of the projects with between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Wouldn't it be nice to actually know how far short of that \$120,000 to \$150,000 the international art festival actually brings to NOLA from visitors from outside that neighborhood? Will that include the cost of hauling it off?



[https://www.nola.com/entertainment\\_life/arts/new-sculpture-where-confederate-president-statue-once-stood/article\\_0ad41658-387b-11ee-8f8b-eb7ac03f2db3.html](https://www.nola.com/entertainment_life/arts/new-sculpture-where-confederate-president-statue-once-stood/article_0ad41658-387b-11ee-8f8b-eb7ac03f2db3.html)

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Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



San Francisco, CA, *INDEPENDENT (U.S. Edition)*,  
8/4/23

## Two Alabama high schools get new mascots after paying \$50,000 fine to remove Confederate names

We got all the way to paragraph 3 before the name of George Floyd was mentioned. In 2017 there was a \$50,000 fine put in place per each instance of this renaming. Of course, in the math prevailing today  $\$50,000 \times 2 = \$50,000$ . As in so many instances today, it's racist to point out anything like that.

Interestingly, this past February in an Atlanta suburb, "no one in the Clayton County Board of Commissioners decided during a meeting on Tuesday to second the motion to replace streets named for leaders of the pro-slavery Confederacy like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jefferson Davis. That would have made 50 grand look like chicken feed.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/montgomery-alabama-confederate-robert-e-lee-b2388011.html>

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Richmond, VA, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 8/27/23

Monument Avenue's story about to come full circle [Well, about half-circle, actually.] *"Full Circle" would have the monuments clean and back on their pedestals.*

My ad-blocker won't let me read this article, since I've already read so many from this paper for free, but yours may. From what little I can read around the

popup-ads to subscribe to the paper, it's about what you'd expect. The City of Richmond has contracted with a black-owned landscaping company to place 6,000 plants and 28 of something else...presumably trees...at the site. Sure to be a tourist draw. I can't read enough to see if it's the same company who got paid to remove the Lee statue and pedestal and clean up the site.

[https://richmond.com/news/local/lee-circle-landscaping-monument-avenue/article\\_2f8c5f7e-42c0-11ee-b6c0-b3b08fd88099.html](https://richmond.com/news/local/lee-circle-landscaping-monument-avenue/article_2f8c5f7e-42c0-11ee-b6c0-b3b08fd88099.html)





# Around the Confederacy

## Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



Washington DC, *The Hill*, 8/25/23

### Army renames Virginia [Fort A. P. Hill] after woman who treated Union soldiers during Civil War

Yet another WBTS hero has been dishonored by having his name removed from a Virginia fort, Gen. Ambrose P. Hill, at left. The fort will be renamed for Dr. Mary E. Walker, known for treating wounded soldiers of both sides during the War. She remains the only female ever to be given the Medal Of Honor for her efforts. This fort is the only one now named solely after a woman.

Earlier this year Gen. Hill's monument and grave in Richmond were taken down and moved in broad daylight with no attempt to screen the shameful act from public view.

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/4172389-fort-ap-hill-virginia-renamed-fort-walker/>

Washington, DC, *Smithsonian Magazine*, 8/23/23

### Four Bodies Found in Colonial Williamsburg Belonged to Confederate Soldiers: Researchers are trying to identify the men who died after the Battle of Williamsburg in 1862.

Colonial Virginia continues to hold surprises for researchers, from 1607 onwards. This time it's Confederate soldiers, whose identities were confirmed by studying a number of records not usually available in such cases. Of much interest were two one-dollar gold coins, (probably sewn into secret pockets in one of the soldiers' pants legs), which explains why they weren't found when his body was searched before burial. They also found the remains of a bone-handled tooth brush with the artifacts in the burials (below).

Two 1855 US  
gold \$s



Lots more interesting details in the article.

<https://apple.news/AlwNR683cRXGmTxUySr8h2Q>



# Around the Confederacy

## Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

Lexington, VA, *The W & L Spectator*, 8/29/23

Has cancel culture really come for a horse? Plaques commemorating Traveller, the beloved companion of Robert E. Lee, have been removed from a Virginia university.

According to a student publication at Washington and Lee University, Cancel Culture has come for a horse: *Traveller*, the gray Saddlebred that was a favorite mount of Gen. Robert E. Lee. An engraved memorial was placed there for him in May 1971 (above). According to the number of coins and apples left at the stone, his burial place receives quite a few visitors. The stone has been recently (and inexpertly) replaced by a stone which says simply, Traveller 1857-1871, (below). The new stone lacks simple historical context and basic craftsmanship.



This doesn't exactly fit the cancellation definition, because it can't damage the reputation or livelihood of a person (or horse) because of something they said or did. The attempted cancellation of the Budweiser Clydesdales earlier this year more aptly fits that bill.

<https://www.deseret.com/2023/8/29/2385064/8/cancel-culture-horse-robert-e-lee-traveller-budweiser-clydesdales>

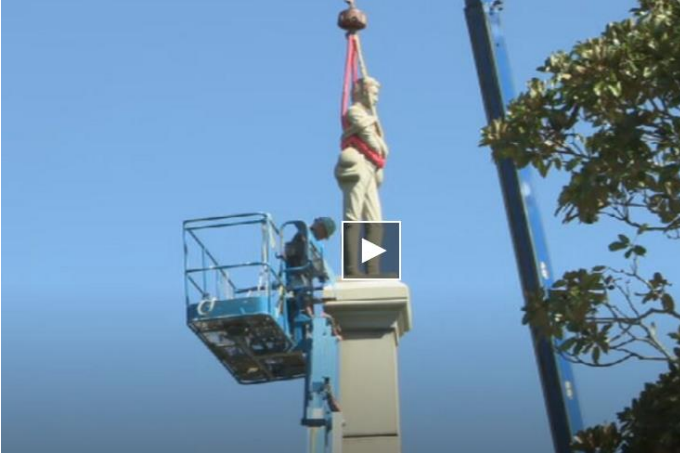
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The month of August hit Bobby and Dana Gresham's family especially hard. On August 8 in Godley their daughter-in-law, Sherri Lee Gresham (50), passed away, with services at Skyvue in Mansfield. On August 25, Bobby's sister, Allison Gresham White (74), passed away, with interment in Krum. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.



# Around the Confederacy

Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



Pensacola, FL, *WEAR News abc3*, 8/24/23

## Legal battle continues over removal of Confederate statue in downtown Pensacola

"A Florida woman's organization is fighting for a confederate statue to remain in Downtown Pensacola. The city took down the statue in 2020. That move sparked a legal battle over whether the statue should return." There was a restraining order on the city against

moving it, but they moved it anyway, There will be a hearing on Friday, August 25, to determine if the city should be held in contempt.

<https://weartv.com/news/local/legal-battle-continues-over-removal-of-confederate-statue-in-downtown-pensacola>

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An article appeared in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* on or about August 18, but I was unable to read any of it due to ad-blocker issues. It dealt with what should replace the John B. Castleman statue in Louisville survey results. You may be able to read it at:



<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2023/08/18/what-should-replace-the-castleman-statue-in-louisville-survey-results/70549015007/>

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Please keep compatriot Stephen Parnell and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Stephen is in a rehab facility due to a stroke.



# Please take a few moments to write in support of leaving the Confederate Monument in Arlington Natl. Cemetery alone.



***First, go back and take a look at our December, 2022 issue, page 7. Here's a letter you can use which comes to the points. As few as 20 letters might make the difference.***



Dear Sir,

First, let me start by commending you for your hard work preserving America's national military heritage. Your work is tireless, but appreciated more than you know.

Today, I am writing you as the members of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery in relation to the Reconciliation Memorial (also referred to as the Confederate Monument) in Section 16 of your facility. As I understand, the Committee is to provide a recommendation to Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin. With that in mind, I believe it necessary to provide you with my comments.

I do not pretend to understand the rationale for removing a memorial to the dead. However, I think it insidious. As you know, the Memorial came into being because of the actions of President William McKinley. As you are likely aware, President McKinley was the last US Civil War veteran to serve as President of the United States. Specifically, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant for his bravery under fire at Antietam while serving in the 23rd Ohio Vol. Inf. Regt. In combat at Antietam and other fields of battle this young officer faced men on the other side of the line with bravery and determination. Moreover, as President, he saw firsthand of the deplorable conditions of confederate veterans' graves while touring the United States after our victory in the Spanish American War.

With all the authority imbued within him by virtue of his office, he set forth a trajectory that would result in the creation of the memorial sculpted by Confederate veteran Moses Ezekiel. While some may protest the Memorial because of the veterans it honors, this work of art is a national treasure. Moreover, the healing that it originally brought to a nation still fractured by a devastating Civil War should always remain the focal point of any assessment related to this asset. One cannot simply gloss over the rationale of President McKinley, as he was a man driven by honor and duty to do what he believed was right to reconcile the nation.

Now, in the first quarter of the twenty-first century, we seek to undo what he and the Congress of the United States, then seated in 1901, brought forward to unite our people. It should not escape the Committee that to recommend the removal of this Memorial, is to undercut the will of the people United States at that time. Who are we today to judge actions of a President and Congress and a time of national healing? Why are we judging them and the veterans on the other side of the line who are being honored by a gracious and forgiving nation? Simply put, the answer is because the Memorial is believed to offend a number of present-day Americans. However, a recent Kaplan Strategies poll shows that 60% of Americans do not want to see this memorial removed.

Simply put, those are the numbers, and the will of a majority of Americans. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery recommend to the Secretary of Defense that the Reconciliation Memorial remain untouched in Section 16 of Arlington National Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted:

[This letter may be emailed to [matthew.r.davis@army.mil](mailto:matthew.r.davis@army.mil)] as is or changed to fit your own points. Be respectful and to the point.

## How Firm a Foundation General Robert E. Lee's Favorite Hymn

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

1. is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!  
 2. for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
 3. the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4. my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.  
 5. I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1. What more can be said than to you God has said,  
 2. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3. for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4. The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5. that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

1. to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2. up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 3. and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4. thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5. I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

This was Gen. Lee's favorite hymn, and it was sung at his funeral in 1870. It first appeared in print in 1787. On the next page you'll find a grid containing 34 key words within it. Make a b&w copy and see how many you can find without looking at the list on the back page. This is good exercise for our old brains.





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L L E H N W O R D D R O L  
R E F I N E G Y R E I F O  
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## Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm at the Catfish Co. Restaurant by Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Wade.

Opening Pledges lead by Jake Behringer. The Charge was read by Richard Trawick.

Cmdr McCook then welcomed everyone and recognized the guest in attendance.

Commander McCook called for the Adjutant's reports.

Adjutant Alderman gave a report on the current bank balance as \$2,626.63. He indicated there were \$695.00 in funds to be deposited the coming Monday which would bring our balance to \$3321.63. The June meeting minutes were read. Motion to accept was made by Ron Turner and seconded by Vann Cunningham. Attendees approved.

Cmdr McCook then called on 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Clay Fitzhugh for his report. He noted that Tim Pringle had been in the hospital but did not have a status at this time.

Cmdr McCook then called on Chaplain Joe Wade for his report- no report.

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

Bobby Gresham gave a report on the Texas Civil War Museum and his ask if we could hold a meeting there prior to them closing. Negative reply.

Mark Parkison indicated he would be participating with the SUV on a Saturday this fall.

A question was asked regarding the status of Stephan Parnell; James Alderman said he had communicated with Stephan's wife and he was being moved to a rehab facility and she would be back in touch.

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

Commander McCook gave a report on the voting at the National SCV Reunion on the amendments that Came up for a vote – two were voted down and he wasn't sure on the one about term limits.

He also mentioned that there was a Heritage Luncheon and a separate Awards Luncheon. Awards were give to James Alderman, Jake Behringer and Clay Fitzhugh.

Cmdr McCook called on 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Clay Fitzhugh presented his continuation of the Col E W Taylor Program.

Commander McCook asked if there were any further Announcements- there were none.

The next meeting was announced as August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commander McCook called on Chaplain Joe Wade for the benediction.

Motion to was made to adjourn by Clay Fitzhugh and Jake Behringer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

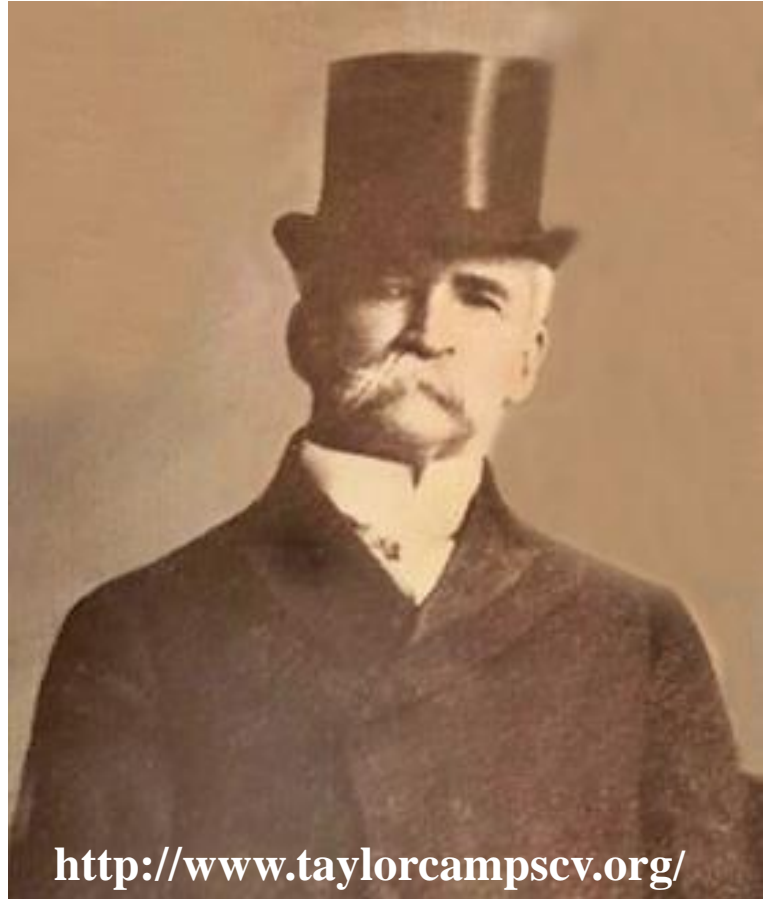


# **Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777**

**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 6:30, 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: strengthen, foundation, omnipotent, sufficient, righteous, sanctify, forsake, saints, trials, refuge, faith, dross, stand, never, grace, bless, Jesus, Lord, near, woe, aid, fiery, deep, fear, not, Thee, hell, refine, foes, Gods, soul, word, help, gold