



DCV TRAVELLER



**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Steve Lucas**



Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

Last month in this space I brought you all warm greetings from North Texas. This month I bring you all very, very warm greetings. At his writing we are at 51 days and counting of days over 100 degrees this summer and counting. We have topped out at 110 degrees or over several times and this week we are promised that the temp. won't go over 108. Heck, downright balmy, right? Seriously, though for any of you in the hot conditions please be careful and take all necessary precautions. Similarly, all of you in the path of the recent storms, and the storms that may be on the way, please do everything necessary to stay safe. I worry about all of you and want to see everybody

safe and sound at the Reunion after the first of the year.

Speaking of the Reunion, the Capitol Chapter in Austin has stepped up and volunteered to host the Reunion this time around and has promised a great time to be had by all. Details will be forthcoming but plan on a great trip around Confederate Austin with stops along the way that are sure to surprise and entertain you. If you don't think there is Confederate history in Austin, TX, you'll be in for a treat.

We had a great mid-year Board meeting in Hillsboro in August and were proud to present a new Chapter Charter to the General William Barksdale Chapter in Columbia, Mississippi. Members Kenneth McNease and David Adcox from Mississippi were present in Hillsboro to accept the Charter and it was great to meet and greet our new members. Welcome aboard! A new "anniversary pin" was approved by the Board for purchase by the members. It is essentially the DCV membership pin with a new designation at the bottom of the pin to show how long the member has been in the DCV

(in increments of 5 years). An announcement will be made when the pin is available for purchase. On a more somber note, another United States military base has fallen to the woke/cancel culture crowd. Fort Lee in Virginia has recently been renamed. Additionally, the lawsuits go on to fight the removal of the Reconciliation Monument at Arlington National Cemetery, established on the grounds of the former home of General Lee. Ladies and gentlemen, if you have kept your head in the sand and refused to read or hear what people are saying about us, and when I say; “us” I mean those of us with Confederate ancestry... they hate us. They really, really hate us. They don't know us. They don't know anything about us. They don't know anything about history, much less accurate history and they don't care. They hate us anyway.

They aren't the least bit interested in learning any history, much less accurate history. Southern equals slave holder equals evil that must be destroyed at all cost. If you have anything other than that to say they refuse to listen and, unfortunately, they have all the power. They own the airwaves and the newsprint, the legislatures at the local, state and national levels and they control public opinion as if someone has implanted chips in everyone's brain and is forcing the to do their bidding. Where they used to hold their opinions somewhat politely to themselves, they no longer do so.

They feel the same way about America's Founding Fathers and the same way about just about any person who has ever come to America, because these intruders are the people who forced the Indians from their native lands. Everyone who does not renounce all white people for their white privilege and who does not give up everything they have to those less fortunate than themselves is a racist and must leave the country immediately. That is how they think and there is a very real danger that they will win over the power structure of America.

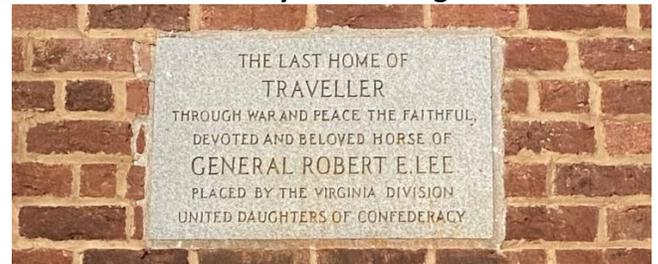
And then – there are us and those like us. I'm speaking of you, the members of the DCV. We are small in number but we don't forsake our family members who have gone in generations before us any more than we would forsake our own mothers and fathers. We stand by our traditions, and true

and established history. We stand by those principles on which we were raised and are not intimidated by the cancel culture no matter how many monuments they tear down or how many military bases they rename. Sure, we get angry, but we fight back the best way we know how. **They** tear things down – **we** put things up. **They** attempt to intimidate – **we** refuse to be intimidated and stand our ground. **We** know the truth, **they** know...well – nothing. When **they** fight, **we** fight back in whatever manner and forum is available to us. **We** will not turn our backs on our family members as **they** have obviously turned their backs on theirs. Likewise, **we** will not turn our backs on the Founders of our country and on the United States as **they** obviously have. **We** are proud of where **we** came from and proud of where **we** are and who **we** are.

Thank you all for everything you continue to do for our beloved organization. Please keep doing your best and I will continue to do mine. We owe it to each other and to those who have gone before. May God continue to bless our Southland forever.

Stephen J. Lucas
President, DCV Board of Directors

Traveller Travesity at Washington and Lee



Due to the failing health in 2013 of Barney Hilburn, DCV founding member and original editor of the DCV newsletter I agreed to assume the duties of newsletter editor. As a tribute to General Robert E. Lee's gallant steed Traveller I had Barney's permission to change the name of the newsletter from *DCV TODAY* to *DCV TRAVELLER*.

The disgraceful actions taken in July at Washington and Lee University against Traveller and the many other actions previously taken, and likely to be taken will eliminate all mention of Robert E. Lee and the Confederacy from the University prompted me to report what took place at the university.

Traveller Travesity at Washington and Lee cont.

I've never visited the University. My personal knowledge is limited to what I've read so I reached out to DCV President Steve Lucas who grew up within an hour's drive to Lexington for some guidance in my reporting. He introduced me to the Washington and Lee Spectator and shared some personal experiences from his past. Steve made many memorable trips to Lexington and Lee Chapel with his dad. When he was older and in Lexington by himself he never went home without going to Lee Chapel. He's sat in Lee's pew. He would go inside the annex and stand silently at the recumbent statue, personally approved by Mrs. Lee and constructed with specific requests for its content by her. He spoke aloud to the General at his office and at his grave, no matter who was around to hear him. Steve also spoke to Traveller. Again, no matter who was around to hear him. He sat by his headstone before the terracing and stones were there.

After reading the Spectator I concluded there is likely no better source documenting what took place than the Washington and Lee Spectator. Below are links to the story. The first link from July 12th describes the "surprise" action taken by the University that day and the reaction it created. The additional links are updates.



THE W&L SPECTATOR

A MAGAZINE OF STUDENT THOUGHT & CIVIL DISCOURSE

July 12th :

<https://www.wluspectator.com/home/2023/7/12/traveller-plaque-on-stables-removed-grave-marker-to-be-replaced>

July 14th :

<https://www.wluspectator.com/home/2023/7/14/travellers-headstone-removed-not-yet-replaced>

July 26th :

<https://www.wluspectator.com/home/2023/7/16/university-installs-new-headstone-releases-statement>

Traveller Travesity at Washington and Lee cont.



Tribute to Traveller

As a footnote, doing my own research I stumbled across another tribute plaque to TRAVELLER off campus in Lexington. It's close to campus and is inlaid in the walkway at 27 Washington Street. I'm assuming it's still there. Using Google Maps street view I was just able to see it.



27 Washington St. Lexington, Virginia



Plaque in the walkway close to the wall

Mid-year Board of Directors Meeting

As required by the DCV Constitution the Board of Directors led by President Steve Lucas held their mid-year meeting at El Conquistador restaurant in Hillsboro, Texas. It was the 9th consecutive mid-year meeting at the fine restaurant.



L-R Terry Hedrick, Robbin Hedrick, Terry Ayers, Steve von Roeder, Lynn von Roeder, Carl Hedges Jr., Dave Adcox, Steve Lucas, Ken McNease, Dr. Sam Bennett.

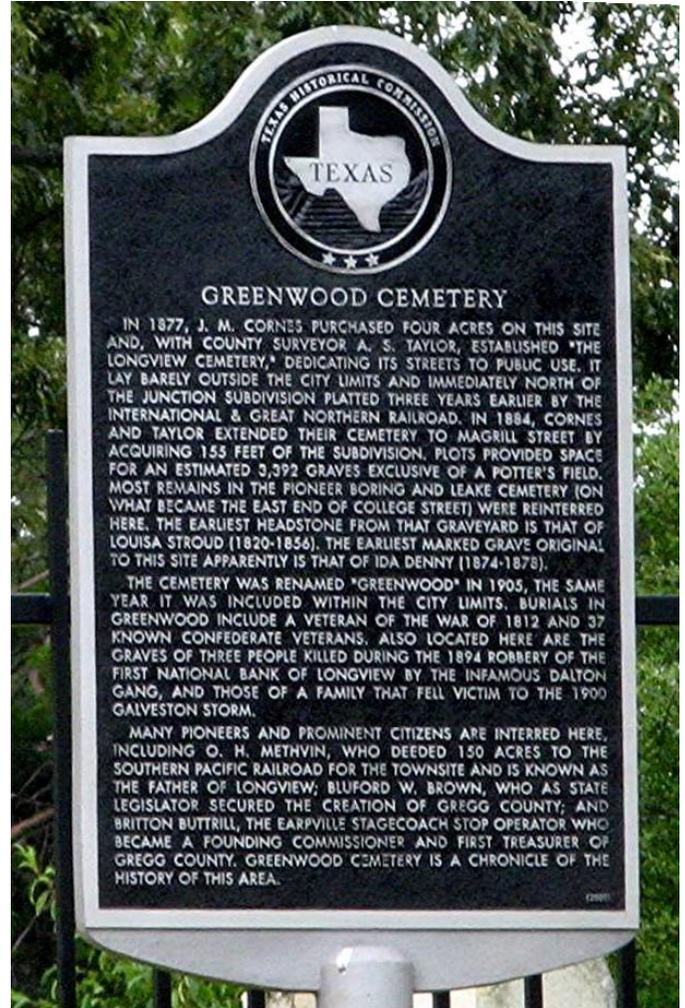


President Lucas called the meeting to order. Chaplain Steve von Roeder gave the invocation. Dr. Sam Bennett led the group in pledges to the flags. Mississippi members Ken McNease and Dave Adcox were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

East Texas Chapter Report

Chapter President Terry Hedrick gave a progress report on the East Texas Chapter's current marker to be placed in the historic Greenwood Cemetery in Longview, Texas.

East Texas Chapter Report cont.



State of Texas Greenwood Cemetery Marker
The Greenwood Cemetery DCV marker will be the seventh marker with the last one in 2022 in the Reeves Chapel Methodist Cemetery near Pittsburg, Texas.



DCV Cemetery Marker
Reeves Chapel Methodist Cemetery

East Texas Chapter Report cont.

With sixty-five known Confederate's buried among the 1,278 graves in Greenwood cemetery it will be the most ambitious and most expensive marker to date. It will require two large markers on two posts with an estimated cost of \$4,894.00.

Chapter President Hedrick made a request that the DCV Board approve a fund raising effort among the DCV membership to help fund the markers. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to send out a notice in the near future to all DCV members soliciting donations for this most worthy project.

Capitol Chapter Report

As part of the annual "Driftwood" Confederate Veterans Reunion, DCV President Steve von Roeder and his wife DCV/UDC member Lyn attended United Daughters of the Confederacy, General Ben McCulloch Chapter 2435 & Children of the Confederacy Magnolia Rangers "Daughter's Day".

The United Confederate Veterans #946 Camp Ben McCulloch formed in 1896. Hosted by the General Ben McCulloch Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy the event is held every year. This year marked the 127th annual reunion. The week-long reunion includes camping, bingo, kids games, dancing, forty-two tournament, silent auction, lighted golf cart parade/contest, movie night, covered dish luncheon, church services and a memorial service.

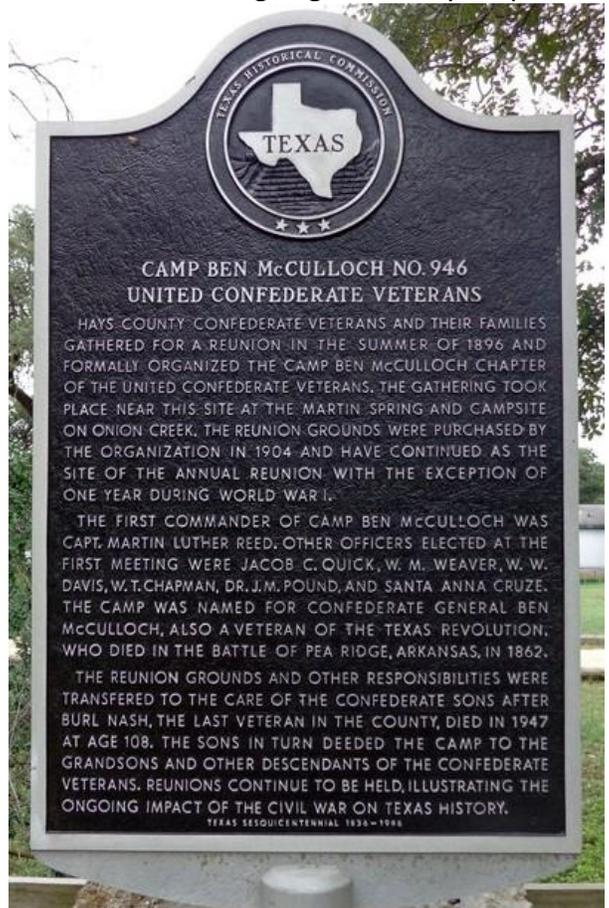


Steve von Roeder and Gracie
Tabernacle built in 1904
Remodeled in mid 1930's

Capitol Chapter Report cont.



DCV founder Steve von Roeder brought greetings at the business meeting. Lyn von Roeder was in attendance representing L.A. Turner 2618 UDC, in Bastrop, Texas. Steve also assisted CofC flag bearers with the closing flag ceremony etiquette.



State of Texas Historical Marker
Camp Ben McCulloch

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report

July 1st several members of the James chapter were back out on the Harry Byrd Hwy near the Darlington Raceway policing the right of way section the chapter sponsors in the South Carolina Adopt A Highway program.



Douglas Rankin, Adam Mojica and Bob Jones



Kelly Jones and Bob Jones



James Nesmith, Tony Heape and Haley Heape



Lynn Nesmith and Crystal Hales

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1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.



L-R Bob Jones, Bonnie Lupo, Mike Lupo, Elaine Frye, James Nesmith, and Doug Rankin



L-R Lynn Nesmith, Heather Heape, Tony Heape, Haley Heape, Ernie Hales, Crystal Hales



L-R Kelly Jones, Adam Mojica

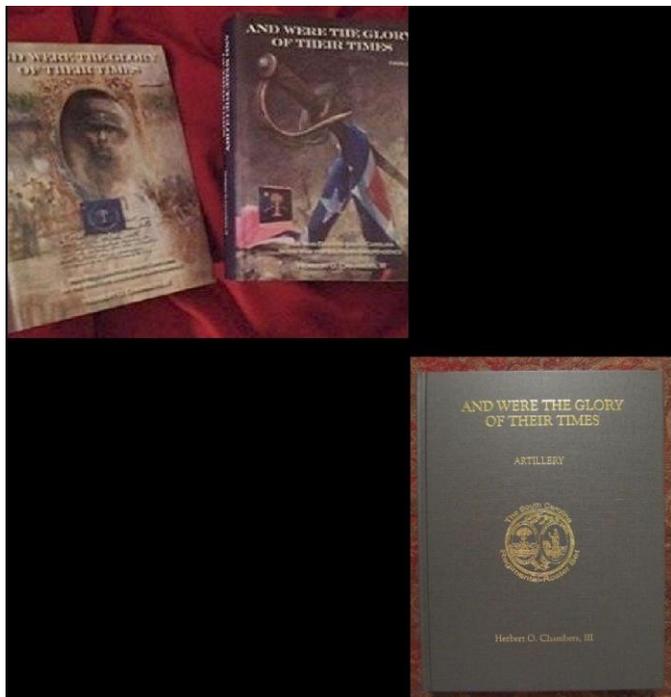
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1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

The July meeting of the chapter had a great turnout with 14 members attending.



Guest speaker was author Bing Chambers.



Mr. Chambers spoke about his book series; “And Were the Glory of Their Times.” He focused on the newest edition in the series; “Infantry vol.1.” He has already completed the books for Artillery and Cavalry.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

Chapter members Carl Hickson, Bob Jones, James, Lynn Nesmith, and Ernie Hales gathered at Pleasant Grove Cemetery for their quarterly cleanup.



Pleasant Grove is the family cemetery of member Carl Hickson. The cemetery is the final resting place of Veterans and their loved ones from the War of Northern Aggression up to the Vietnam War.



James Nesmith



Lynn Nesmith



Ernie Hales

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.



Bob Jones Ernie Hales

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

In August the chapter had a great turnout with 17 members attending.



The speaker for the month was chapter member Joseph Matheson Jr. from Camden SC.



Bob Jones Carl Hickson



The topic was Stonewall Jackson-Still Standing



An excellent presentation filled with facts about Stonewall's life.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

Chapter members Bob Jones and Elaine Frye visited the grave of Elaine's Great-Great Grandmother Elizabeth Timmons Huggins in Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery in Muddy Creek SC.

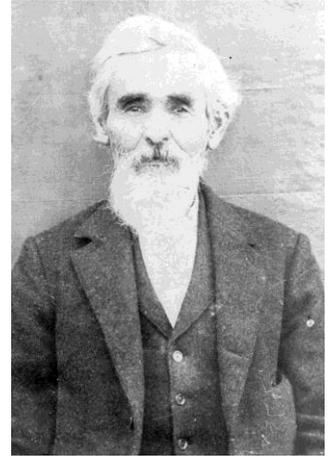


Elizabeth's original marker was destroyed many years ago and replaced. Someone tried to clean it with Wet & Forget and it did not do a very good job. Bob and D2 to the rescue.



The two also paid respects to Elaine's Great-Great Grandfather Private George Samuel Huggins, Co. K 6 SC Inf. buried in Johnsonville, SC. Inscribed on the headstone, "Wounded at 2nd Manassas, Virginia".

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.



George Samuel Briley Huggins

June 6, 1831 - November 28, 1914

He enlisted in Company K. 6th South Carolina Regiment, at its organization under Capt. W. S. Brand of Clarendon, on April 22, 1862. He was wounded in the right knee at the second Battle of Manassas on August 30, 1862.

When his wife Elizabeth heard of her husband's injury, she herself drove the covered wagon hitched to mules from Muddy Creek, SC to Virginia to bring her husband home for recovery.



Elizabeth Timmons Huggins

March 21, 1839 – November 11, 1883

Private Huggins spent several months at home recovering from his wounds. After recovery he returned and served in the company commissary section until the close of the war. Among others, he took part in the following battles in Virginia: Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Gaines Mill, Frasers, farm, Fort Harrison and Petersburg.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

Seven chapter members traveled to Ashland, Virginia to attend the Virginia Flaggers 12th anniversary picnic.



Chapter President Ernie Hales, James Nesmith, Bob Jones, Noah Brafford and Mike Lupo presented Virginia Flaggers representative Susan Lee with a \$100.00 donation in support of the cause.

Elaine Frye & Bonnie Lupo not pictured.



Chapter members Teresa & Tom Reed donated the leather/flag jacket at the Virginia Flaggers Auction. Jacket went for \$100.00.



On the same trip the group traveled to Guinea Station, Virginia, the location where Stonewall Jackson died on May 10, 1863 after being badly wounded May 2nd at Chancellorsville.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.



"The Shrine"

Mike Lupo, Bonnie Lupo, Bob Jones, Elaine Frye, James Nesmith and Noah Brafford kneeling.



Noah Brafford at the marker where the amputated arm of Stonewall Jackson is buried.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.

From Guinea Station the group travelled to Fredericksburg to see the monument to Richard Rowland Kirkland, The Angel of Maryes Heights.



Bonnie Lupo, Elaine Frye, Bob Jones, James Nesmith, Mike Lupo and Noah Brafford

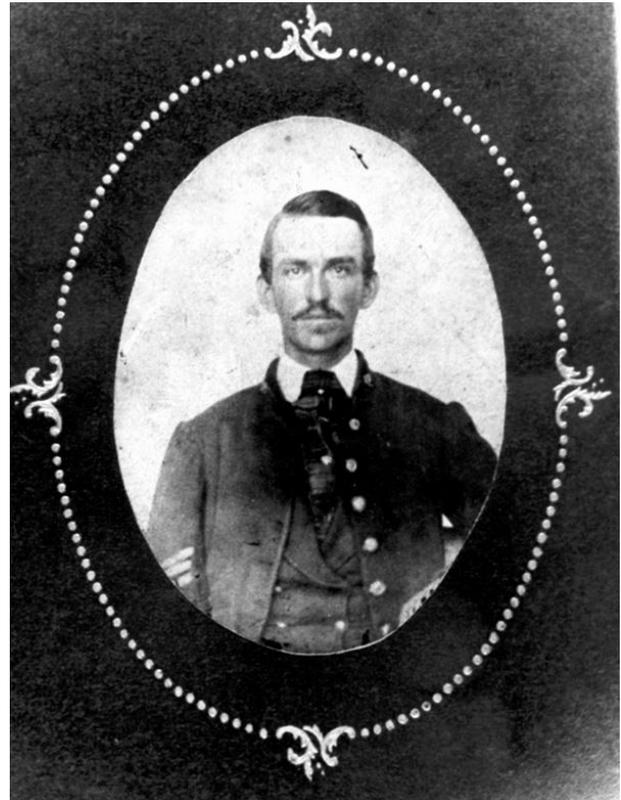


The September Chapter meeting was a full house l-r- Bonnie Loupo, Mike Loupo, Kelly Jones, Patrick Coxe, Tom Rhodes, Elaine Frye, Adam Mojica, Heather Heape, Doc Owens, Noah Brafford, Joseph Matheson, Zachary Brafford, Brittney Vanadia, Thalia napping, Joey Vanadia, Lynn Nesmith, Bob Jones, Hunter Heape, Tony Heape, James Nesmith, Ernie Hales.



On the heels of the group trip to Fredericksburg and the monument to Richard Rowland Kirkland, The Angel of Maryes Heights, the Chapter's own Joseph Matheson Jr. gave an excellent program on Private Kirkland and how he earned the title of "The Angel of Maryes Heights" following a rout of the federals by the Confederate forces.

1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.



Further distinguishing himself for courage and ability following Chancellorsville and the Battle of Gettysburg Kirkland was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. On September 20, 1863, he was mortally wounded during the Battle of Chickamauga.



Joseph Matheson Jr. is a contributing historian in this 30 minute documentary on "The Angel of Maryes Heights." Click on the link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qqz_z3T_jSY

**1st LT W.E. James Chapter Report cont.
THE BEST FOR LAST**

The star of the night was the newest member of the 1st LT W.E. James Chapter



**Six months old Thalia Lux Vanadia
"Bean"**



Dad Joey Vanadia, Mom Brittney Vanadia, Thalia Vanadia and PROUD Great Grandfather Ernie Hales



**"Bean" is the youngest member of the DCV
WELCOME MISS BEAN**

DCV Registrar Report

Registrar Carl Hedges Jr. took the floor to announce the addition of a new chapter into the Descendants of Confederate Veterans Texas Association.

**WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE
BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM P. BARKSDALE
CHAPTER COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI**

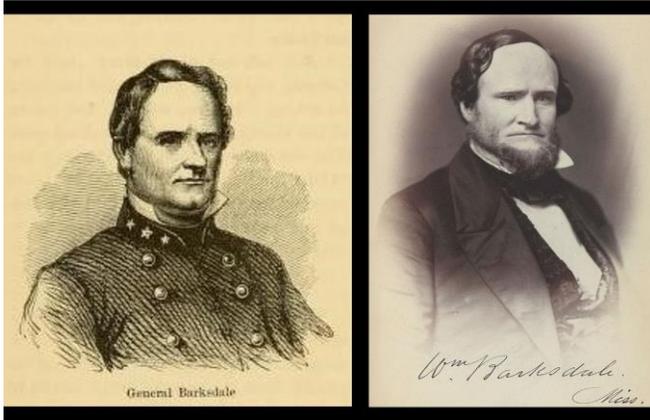


DCV President Steve Lucas presented to Ken McNease, President of the Brigadier General William P. Barksdale Chapter, Columbia, Mississippi with their charter into the Association.



**BG William P. Barksdale Chapter
Chaplain Dave Adcox President Ken McNease**

BG William P. Barksdale Chapter cont.



Brigadier General William P. Barksdale
August 21, 1821 – July 3, 1863

“Barksdale’s Mississippians,” consisting of the 13th, 17th, 18th, and 21st Mississippi regiments in McLaws’s Division of James Longstreet’s First Corps, distinguished themselves in many of the engagements of the Army of Northern Virginia.



At Gettysburg Barksdale both met his end and established his lasting legacy. On July 2, 1863, his Mississippians smashed into the Union Third Corps at the Peach Orchard. His men crushed the Union defenses including wounding and taking prisoner Union General Charles K. Graham. Graham would later be exchanged for Confederate General James L. Kemper who was also captured at Gettysburg.



Major General James L. Kemper
During the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg, General Kemper was captured by U.S. forces.

Union General Charles K. Graham
Wounded in the hip and shoulders on July 2 and taken prisoner by Barksdale’s Confederates. He was sent to a prison camp in Richmond and exchanged for General James L. Kemper on September 19, 1863.

BG William P. Barksdale Chapter cont.

During the battle General Barksdale was hit by shot and shell, first in the knee, then in his left foot, and finally in the chest. Wounded and a prisoner, he was taken to the Joseph Hummelbaugh farmhouse, where he died from his wounds the next day.

General Barksdale's remains were interred in the Barksdale family plot of Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson, Mississippi with no marker. There are two cenotaphs in his memory, one in Greenwood Cemetery and one in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi.



Brigadier General William P. Barksdale
Greenwood Cenotaphs Friendship

Mid-year Board of Directors Meeting cont.

DCV Registrar Carl Hedges Jr. not only traces his ancestry to the War Between the States but all the way back to the American Revolution. He is Chairman of the Veterans Committee in the SAR East Texas Chapter #57. Carl took this opportunity to present the Sons of the American Revolution Certificates of Appreciation for Military Service to DCV Capitol Chapter members Dr. Sam Bennett and Terry Ayers.



Carl Hedges Terry Ayers Dr. Samuel Bennett
US Navy U.S. Air Force Hospital
6 Years Bergstrom AFB,
Austin, Texas
Civilian Staff

Mid-year Board of Directors Meeting cont.

Up for consideration by the Board of Directors was implementation of a Supplemental Ancestor Program. President Steve Lucas gave the Board an excellent presentation on how the program would work and what it would involve to administer it. After a lengthy discussion a majority of the Board determined the DCV does not have adequate resources at this time to implement the program.

Board approved DCV Fee/Price Structure Changes

Dues Late Fee after March 1 st	\$5.00
Re-admittance Fee*	\$25.00
DCV Member Pin	\$10.00
DCV Life Member Pin	\$10.00
DCV Anniversary Pin**	\$10.00
DCV Sticker	\$2.00
DCV Replacement Certificate	\$20.00
DCV Bronze Grave Marker	\$65.00

Pro-rated if applicable*

Not yet available**

To purchase any of the items listed above email Carl Hedges: cfhedges@sbcglobal.net

2024 19th Annual DCV Reunion

The Capitol Chapter will host the 2024 DCV Reunion in Austin, Texas. The reunion will be in the month of February with the exact date to be determined. There will be an effort to secure a host hotel, likely in neighboring Round Rock, TX. That will depend on the hotel's policy. If not, lodging recommendations will be provided. For those arriving Friday there will be an evening meet and greet dinner at a restaurant TBD. The all member meeting will commence Saturday at 9:00 a.m. ending around noon. After lunch on your own, gather back to embark on a guided tour of Confederate related sites in Austin. It will include the majestic Confederate Monuments on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol. Nearby is the Texas State Cemetery where not only are there over 2000 Confederates in their own field but also many early and recent Texas heroes like the Father of Texas Stephen F. Austin and US Navy SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle. Other places of interest are being considered. The reunion will conclude with an evening dinner at another fine restaurant. Details will be provided in plenty of time to make plans to attend.

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Mission Statement:

To establish and maintain an honorable, non-racist Southern heritage and history organization dedicated to perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States, 1861-1865.

Life Memberships are available

Life Members do not pay annual association dues
Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00
Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00
Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00
Age 80 + years \$ 50.00

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