



# DCV TODAY

## Descendants of Confederate Veterans

A Texas Based Association, with groups meeting near your location.

SEPTEMBER, 2011

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here it is early September and I don't know about where you are, but it's still hot as a firecracker around North Texas with little sign of relief any time soon. I hope all of you are taking good care of yourselves and keeping an eye on your relatives and neighbors as best you can, too. We need to help each other out in times like these. It really makes you wonder how our ancestors dealt with such conditions, doesn't it?

In this edition of the newsletter you will find additional details of the upcoming Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony that is planned at the site of the Texas Confederate Men's Home on October 22, as well as an announcement about the marker project chosen for this year for the DCV Board of Directors to sink its teeth into. Along with all of the other fine features that our editor Barney Hilburn adds to the newsletter on a regular basis, make sure you check out the dedication announcement and mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this event. Also, please submit articles and other information to Barney for inclusion in the newsletter. He would love to have it, and he can make you famous!!

You may have noticed in recent newsletters an announcement of the upcoming book series by author Scott Bowden on Robert E. Lee. Scott is a Texan, living in Arlington, and a noted author and historian and good friend of the DCV and many of our members. A few years ago Scott and co-author Bill Ward published the

award winning book *Last Chance for Victory* detailing the battles of at Gettysburg. If you read that, you know what meticulous research Scott does and the fact that his upcoming work on General Lee is going to be multi-volumes is indeed exciting. Just in talking to Scott and hearing him give one presentation on this upcoming work I have witnessed him astound an audience of very well read War Between the States students of all ages with facts and stories that they (we) did not know about the General. The first volume of his work is due this fall so please visit the web site(s) and keep your eyes open for the debut. Of course, I haven't read any of it yet, but I'm betting we won't be disappointed.

In closing, I don't need to remind all of you historians that the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11 will soon be upon us. We can all remember where we were and what we were doing on that day. We all know the story. We've all seen the television specials, read the books and articles and all have our own feelings on that tragic day and its aftermath. I think I can speak for us all when I say that we all grieve for those innocents who lost their lives on that day, as well as those gallant men and women who lost their lives trying to rescue them. I ask that everyone please pause at some point on 9-11 this year...the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary...and remember the victims from that day 10 years ago, and all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice since that time in every corner of the globe so that we can remain free in this country. Our Confederate ancestors had more than a passing acquaintance with the needless death of innocent civilians such as our country lived through on 9-11 as well as the loss of brave warriors on the battlefield. I'm confident that when each of those individuals reached the gates of heaven, there was a long line of Confederates there to greet them. I believe it is our duty to remember them and honor their memory, and we all know what General Lee had to say about duty.

Thank you all for what you have done and continue to do for the DCV. God Bless America and God Save the South.

Steve Lucas

DCV Board President

## EDITORS FRUSTRATIONS

As some of you know, we got a new computer and (\*^&\$\$%^&\*) operating system, that we can't figure out. Maybe by next issue we'll have this thing under control. 'Course if you believe that, I have some prime ocean view property in Kansas to sell. At any rate, we'll keep pluggin'. Also note different newsletter format and absence of pictures. GRRRRRRR>

As you can see by looking outdoors, or going out to do something, we are still in the summer doldrums. That means there hasn't been a lot going on to report or mention. The only thing of importance was the DCV Board Meeting held a few weeks ago in Waco. It was a good get-together and we got some important business done. Todd Smith made a suggestion for the Headquarters Chapter marker location, which was approved, see below.

Board members attending were Steve Lucas, President; Terry Ayers, V.P.; Dr. Sam Bennett, Sec/treas; Terry Hedrick, Membership; Todd Smith. Not in attendance were Carl Hedges and Larry Wilhoit.

Terry Hedrick gave report on the re-recruiting project with emphasis on the e-signing of past members who have, for some reason or other, dropped membership.

There was discussion about re-placing the ad in the MOSB Magazine, It PASSED.

There was other discussion, and if interested, contact me for a copy of the minutes.

## ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Through the efforts of OSC Adjutant, Steve Lucas, there was an induction ceremony for Steve von Roeder. Normally, induction ceremonies are held at the once a year national meeting held in a Southern State. Steve had been a member since 2006, but had been unable to attend the national meeting. I, being the only other OSC member there, was honored to assist Steve L. with the ceremony.

The history of the OSC goes back to the late summer of 1863. Gen. Leonidas Polk was worried about the morale of the Southern troops, and along with several other Southern officers, met at Tyne's Station, 9 miles NW Chattanooga. At this meeting Gen. Patrick Cleburne fostered the formation of the Order and had a constitution written. The original name was to be 'THE ORDER OF THE COMERADES OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS', It was hoped that such an order for the troops would bring about a unity and purpose among the soldiers. Over time the Order faded into the twilight of "THE LOST CAUSE"

In 1979, the Order was revived with the sole purpose being the upkeep of Beauvoir. The Order today is a philanthropic organization with yearly grants of monies to worthwhile projects. Typically a grant may be anywhere from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00. Grant applications are submitted to the Grants Committee prior to the annual meeting where they are announced.

Membership in the Order is by invitation only.

#### HISTORICAL MARKERS

The East Texas Chapter is still awaiting information from Southwell for the marker we have agreed on. We decided that if there is already a Historical Marker at a Cemetery location we want to honor, we would place our marker with CSA Veterans names only.

The DCV Board of Directors announced at its recent meeting in Waco that it has selected a location for a Board sponsored marker for 2011 in support of the statewide DCV War Between the States Sesquicentennial marker program. The Board unanimously voted to place a marker at the Hallettsville, Texas City Cemetery to honor the service of Confederate Major General Arthur Pendleton Bagby, who is interred there. All expenses for the marker and its placement will be borne by the members of the Board and no DCV funds will be used. A date for the placement of the marker has not been set but will be announced in plenty of time for DCV members, family and friends to attend the unveiling.

The Board members have great support for the DCV marker program and want to show that support by not only participating with their own Chapters in their individual marker projects but by doing one of their own as well. The Board urges all Chapters and members to push forward with this project and mark at least one location for each year of the Sesquicentennial commemoration. Details on the project have been provided to all Chapter Presidents, have been printed in the newsletter (back issues are on the DCV web site) and additional information can be obtained if necessary by contacting any member of the Board.

### AUSTIN MARKER DEDICATION

As October 22<sup>nd</sup> approaches, the Austin and Headquarters Chapters are furiously working on the program for the dedication. As of this time, it appears that the roadblock by the University of Texas has been removed. In the next newsletter there will be a schedule of events and list of speakers and dignitaries. It should be a grand affair.

### THE OLD FARMER SAYS

*“Never kick a cow chip on a hot day”*

### CONVENTION

At the Board of Directors meeting several weeks ago, it was decided to hold our next DCV Convention in Jefferson, Texas. The East Texas Chapter will be responsible for the convention. and we will be having a meeting soon to look over hotel and meeting facilities.

There is a lot to do in Jefferson and we'll be forwarding information as it is confirmed. Remember the time will be in February, 2012, with the exact date as yet to be determined. Mark your calendar for that month and we'll let you know as it is confirmed. Probably by a special mailing.

## CEMETERY MARKER RESTORATION

Kay, Amy and I had an opportunity to attend the Ft. Worth Genealogical Society meeting several weeks ago and came across a couple of fellas who were the TEXAS CEMETERY RESTORATION, LLD. After talking with them for a while, it became evident they could be of service to those of us that prowl cemeteries. These folks have a marker cleaning solution that is non-acidic and won't harm the marker. It removes algae, mold, mildew, moss, etc. They gave me a sample and I can't wait to try it. They have a website [TEXASCEMETERYRESTORATION.COM](http://TEXASCEMETERYRESTORATION.COM) Cleaning markers is just one of the services they do. GPS Mapping of cemetery; Ground penetrating radar; leveling of monuments; cleaning and repair of monuments are just some of the services done.

Fact is we are in the process of recruiting the owner, Rusty Brenner into the ET Chapter.

### WILL ROGERS SAID

“There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading; The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence to find out for themselves.”

### MOH Winners of the Pacific

Major Gregory Boyington

Central Solomons, September 12, 1943 to January 3, 1944

Constantly outnumbered throughout successive hazardous flights over heavily defended hostile territory, Maj. Boyington struck at the enemy with daring and courageous persistence, leading his squadron into combat with devastating results to Japanese shipping, shore installations, and aerial forces. Resolute in his efforts to inflict crippling damage on the enemy, Maj. Boyington led a formation of 24 fighters over Kahili on 17 October and personally circled the airdrome where 60 hostile aircraft were grounded, boldly challenged the Japanese to send up planes. Under his brilliant command, his planes shot down 20 enemy aircraft in the

ensuing action without the loss of a single ship. A superb airman and determined fighter against overwhelming odds, Mag. Boyington personally destroyed 26 of the many Japanese planes shot down by his squadron and, by his forceful leadership, developed the combat readiness in his command which was a distinctive factor in the allied aerial achievements in this vitally strategic area.

ED: NOTE. If you have not read his book BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP do so. It is an action packed book of the Pacific war.

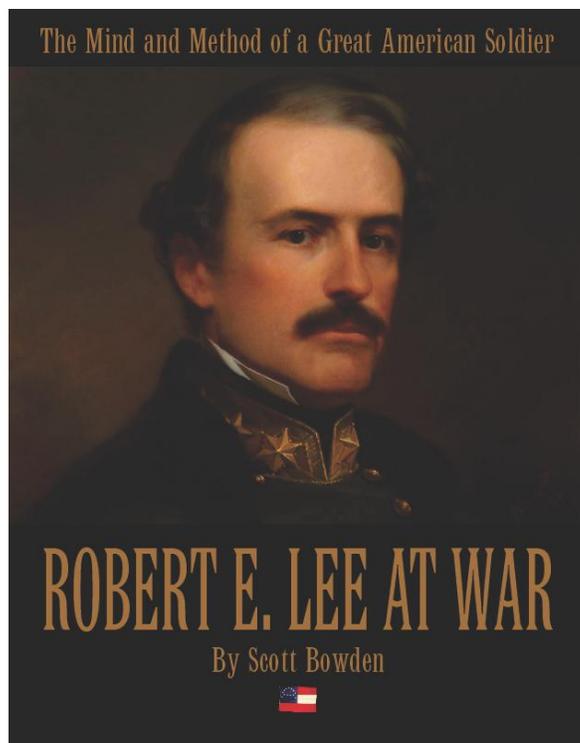
## DCV ARTICLES

Remember, for the latest official DCV shirts, jackets, caps, garment bags, etc., contact me for quotes and/or pictures. We also do custom work.

**REMEMBER TO FLY YOUR FLAG ON LABOR DAY AS WELL AS 9/11**

BarneyHilburn, Editor (of sorts)

Opinions are mine !



Robert E. Lee at War

By Scott Bowden

The Mind and Method of a Great American Soldier



*Save the Date!*

# *Texas Civil War Sesquicentennial Seminar*

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011

**PLACE:** NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, DENTON

**SPEAKERS:** DR. RICHARD MCCASLIN, DR. DONALD FRAZIER,  
DR. TOM CUTRER, DR. SUSANNAH URAL, JACK WAUGH

**THEME:** EXPLORING WHAT WAS OCCURING IN TEXAS IN 1861, FROM SECESSION  
THROUGH SECURING THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN FRONTIERS  
AND THE ORGANIZATION OF HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE

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