



DCV TODAY

Descendants of Confederate Veterans

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

NOVEMBER, 2011

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

THANK YOU!! to all who participated in the Historical Marker dedication ceremony at the site of The Confederate Men's Home in Austin on October 22nd. The Capital Chapter members went above and beyond the call with handling the logistics, the speakers were beyond exceptional, the MOS&B Douglas Southall Freeman presentation by Jim Templin was inspiring, the golf cart shuttle from the parking area was a great blessing, the weather was exceptional and things could have not gone more smoothly.

Flags were flying, the sun was shining, people were in attendance from all over Texas and I'm confident that the veterans themselves were looking on with approval. Special thanks goes out to Representative Fletcher and Commissioner Patterson. Their words moved us all and it was well worth anyone's time just to hear these

gentlemen speak. It is our great honor to have had them with us.

While this great day won't soon be forgotten we must not sit idly by and be satisfied to reflect on what has already been accomplished. We all must pledge ourselves to moving forward...always forward. I hope the Chapters are well on their way with their marker projects. The first year of the sesquicentennial commemoration is drawing to a close and before you know it the time will be upon us to make our marker plans for the second year. At the state level, we are underway with our marker for General Bagby. It is not an official Texas State Historical Marker but it is in line with the program that all of the Chapter Presidents were sent several months ago and will be made by the Southwell Company in San Antonio. I made another trip recently to San Antonio and had lunch with Mr. Southwell, himself. He is a lover of history and excited about what we are doing. They are a family company, in business since the close of the War Between the States, and the makers of the

official historical markers for approximately 30 states, including Texas. Their work is seen everywhere, from schools and office buildings to battlefields to highway markers, etc. I guarantee you have seen their work. It is exceptional. They have the artwork for our DCV logo in hand and it is available to be cast right into the marker.

Plans are starting to come together for our annual DCV reunion and convention in February and details will be coming out on that as soon as they are available. The East Texas Chapter is hosting this year and we are looking forward to a great get-together.

Let's keep the momentum going, everyone. There is nothing out there holding us back. The only thing that can stop us is...us. Do not be deterred by any thoughts of lack of community support or possible protest by other groups. Don't fall into that rut. Please remember...we're the good guys (and gals). We are doing good things for the right reasons. We are proud Americans and are doing our best to honor those who have gone before us. We love our family members and are devoted to honoring them.

Keep up the good work.

God Save The South.

Steve Lucas

Board President

EDITORS MUSINGS

Good grief, where has this year gone? Obviously, the big event this past month has been the Confederate Men's Home Dedication in Austin. What an affair. More on this a little later.

We are getting a little rain today. At least that's what I think it is. It's wet at least. We'll take all we can get.

CONFEDERATE MEN'S HOME

What a day we had in Austin last Saturday. The Austin Chapter put on a splendid event even with a shuttle from the parking to the podium. Classy.

Those of us that got there on Friday had a good Tex-Mex dinner in Round Rock. Gary Loudermilk had a presentation to make to Terry Ayers from the MOS&B. The highest MOS&B award for a non-member of that organization,. He certainly deserved it for the work he did on this marker, etc.



The JUDAH P BENJAMINE AWARD presented to Terry by Gary Loudermilk.

The award states that it is presented in behalf of the MOS&B to a non-member of the Order. It is awarded to the individual who has excelled in the promotion and preservation of Southern Heritage and history.

Good work Terry.

The actual dedication proceedings were expertly handled by DCV President Steve Lucas. He did a spectacular job, even though he did leave his coat in the car parked down the way.



Steve Lucas emceed the program and did a great job

Pledges were held and recited by DCV and UDC member Amy Hilburn, She was a little nervous, but didn't show it.

The platform was then turned over to compatriot and DCV Founder Jim Templin for the presentation of the Douglas Southall Freeman Award to Rusty Williams. This was a small trophy and a check for

\$1,000.00 to be used for the writing of his next book.



DCV Founder and member Jim Templin made the opening remarks for the MOSB'S Douglas Southall Freeman award for Rusty Williams, author of the book MY OLD CONFEDERATE HOME.

I might add that Rusty is open to any and all invitations to speak at any UDC or DCV chapter meetings.



Accepting the award from Templin., is Rusty Williams

State Rep Fletcher gave greetings to all and introduced his son, who is back from Iraq.



State Representative Alan Fletcher making his remarks. It is always good to see him.

The keynote speaker was Jerry Patterson. He is instrumental in a lot of Southern Heritage programs as well as being the State Land Commissioner and head of the land office.

He related as to how he remembered his ggggrandfather being in the home.



State Land Commissioner Jerry Paterson gave the keynote speech which was well received.

UDC and DCV member Lyn von Roeder read what is on the plaque.



Lyn reading what is on the plaque.

Benediction was given by DCV Chaplain Steve von Roeder and we adjourned to the marker for the unveiling by UDC member Eva Long , whose ggggrandfather died at the home.

Some of us went to BJ's restaurant where a good time was had by all and good-byes were made before the drive home.

All in all, it was a memorial weekend with good cheer, good food and good friends.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

FROM THE EAST TEXAS PATRIOT, SAR

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty

God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of governments for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One we now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of

acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to tender our national government a blessing to all the People by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide as all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increases of science among them and Us, and general to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

G. Washington

MILITARY BASE BUMPER STICKER

“what do I feel when I kill a terrorist? A little recoil.”

BARNEY HILBURN

Editor in Chief (because no one else wants to do it)

Y'all have great thanksgiving and please drive safely, if going away, and remember our troops, who won't have the turkey and dressing like we will.

NOTICE: DUES ARE COMING DUE

Dues must be paid to Dr. Sam Bennett by 1 January, 2012, or become delinquent.

Regular membership \$16.00

Chapter membership \$16.00 plus what the chapter dues are

This is important as this is what makes the DCV operate and do the nice things like the historical marker.

Please take the time to write a check and mail to Dr. Sam, NOW, while it's still on your mind.

Convention

The convention in Jefferson is coming along nicely. However, we've run into a snag or two due to the drought. No water in the rivers for our boat tour.

As it stands now:

Meeting Sat morn at the Hamburger Store.

Those who want to stay Fri and Sat nights:

The Jefferson Hotel will take your reservations now.

Jefferson Hotel, 124 Austin St., Jefferson, Tx., 75657,

903 665 2631 or 866 334 6835

Or go to their web Historic Jefferson hotel.com