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

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Winter 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Terry Ayers

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

Fall has fell and the change of season is here. Fall was a busy time across the Southland with many heritage activities taking place.

I wrote in my message to the membership in the Fall Edition of the DCV TRAVELLER that my wife Barbara and I were going to head East in October for a quick visit to Jacksonville, Florida. We were last there in 1967 as recent newlyweds. I was a young Sailor in the US Navy undergoing training at the Naval Air Station. We have some great memories of those six months in spite of the fact it was fifty years ago. Charleston, South Carolina with all its Confederate history was to be our next stop. I was there in 2004 for the reburial of the crew of the Confederate submarine CSS H.L. Hunley. It would have been Barbara's first visit. We planned the trip to coincide with the October meeting of the 1st Lt W.E. James Chapter, the DCV's outstanding chapter in Darlington, South Carolina. The return trip was to experience the Fall color display in the Great Smoky Mountains. Long story short... Hurricane Matthew. It seems Matthew had a very similar itinerary. With so much uncertainty and knowing there would be many local citizens needing temporary shelter we gave up our lodging reservations and POSTPONED our trip. All of the members of the 1st Lt W.E. James Chapter were impacted by the hurricane. We are so thankful all survived and I'm hopeful by now all have recovered from the damage. Barbara and I are determined to make the trip next October.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont:

With Christmas just a few days away I've been thinking what Christmas might have been like for my Confederate ancestors. History has taught me that more than anything their strong Christian faith saw them through. It must have been a blessing and of great comfort to have leadership so devoted to God and our Savior Jesus Christ. On August 13, 1863 General Robert E. Lee shared this message from President Jefferson Davis to the men under his command.

"The President of the Confederate States has, in the name of the people, appointed August 21st as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer. A strict observance of the day is enjoined upon the officers and soldiers of this army. All military duties, except such as are absolutely necessary, will be suspended. The commanding officers of brigades and regiments are requested to cause divine services, suitable to the occasion, to be performed in their respective commands. Soldiers! We have sinned against Almighty God. We have forgotten His signal mercies, and have cultivated a revengeful, haughty, and boastful spirit. We have not remembered that the defenders of a just cause should be pure in His eyes; that 'our times are in His hands,' and we have relied too much on our own arms for the achievement of our independence. God is our only refuge and our strength. Let us humble ourselves before Him. Let us confess our many sins, and beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism, and more determined will; that He will hasten the time when war, with its sorrows and sufferings, shall cease, and that He will give us a name and place among the nations of the earth."

R. E. Lee, General

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont:

I'm looking forward to the DCV having another prosperous year. Your membership is greatly appreciated and I thank each of you for your contribution to this great organization. With your continued support the DCV will continue to grow, prosper, and be a leader in the Southern Heritage community.

In the spirit of the season and as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Austin, Texas Veterans Day Parade:

Since the founding of the DCV the Capitol Chapter has been an annual participant in the Veterans Day Parade in Austin, Texas. Prior to the 2015 parade the chapter never experienced any problems participating. If you read the 2015 Winter Edition of the DCV TRAVELLER you are aware of what occurred prior to the 2015 Veterans Day Parade. Basically the elected Judge who presides over the Travis County Commissioners Court took it upon herself to ban the flag of the Army of Northern Virginia, a flag that we have carried in our entry every year without a single incident. With truth on our side, we fought and won the day and as they say, "the band played on."

However, in the weeks and days prior to the parade, controversy surfaced mostly due to the massive amount of media coverage leading up to it and even during the parade. We were the media darlings, no question. The fallout was actually to our benefit and also to the greater community. As always we received only cheers and thumbs up. There were no incidents or protests so the media had no post parade story. The activist County Judge who tried to ban the Battle Flag and withdrew the support of the County was publically criticized by many in the local talk radio media as being anti-Veteran.

The Veterans Day Parade Committee re-organized as an independent entity and fully supports our right as a legitimate Confederate Heritage organization to participate and fly the soldier's battle flags.

Austin, Texas Veterans Day Parade cont:

Footnote: I'm sure it was by her choice that the County Judge was MIA again this year from the VIP viewing balcony on the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.



Austin Veterans Day Parade 11-11-16



Front and center is Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder and the designated driver Randy Ayers. Mrs. Lyn von Roeder on the trailer with their daughter Caren and grandson Tyler.



There were many friendly pre-parade visitors wanting to chat, take photos, and thank everyone for participating.

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2016 Pioneer Days Fall Fest

For the eleventh year in a row the DCV Capitol Chapter was invited to participate in the annual Pioneer Days Fall Fest and Living History event in Dripping Springs, Texas. The event is held on the grounds of the historic farmstead of Dripping Springs founder Dr. Joseph M. Pound.



Dr. Pound joined the Frontier Battalion, Company F, 18th Texas Cavalry Regiment and served as a Surgeon. He was a proud member of the United Confederate Veterans.

The popular event attracts many visitors and the DCV's contribution is among if not the most popular. It certainly is every hour on the hour when "DEFIANCE" entertains the crowd.



Dr. Pound's 18th Texas Regiment Battle Flag proudly waves as "DEFIANCE" is fired.

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2016 Pioneer Days Fall Fest cont:



Terry Ayers Steve von Roeder
Dr. Samuel Bennett Lyn von Roeder



Bert Heil, Steve von Roeder, Dr. Samuel Bennett,
Terry Ayers, Lyn von Roeder, Shelby Little



Lovely Lyn von Roeder collects period fans. She is always a big hit with the ladies and young girls. Oh, and without saying, the men too!!

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2016 Pioneer Days Fall Fest cont:



Dr. Samuel Bennett explaining "Lock, Stock, and Barrel."



DEFIANCE takes a parting shot!

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication

By invitation from Descendants of Confederate Veteran, Private Malcolm Morrison Hornsby, 18th Texas Cavalry, Company B, the Capitol Chapter hosted a grave marker dedication ceremony for their ancestor.



Hornsby Cemetery Established 1836

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication cont:



Pvt Malcom Morrison Hornsby
18th Texas Cavalry, CSA



Malcolm Hornsby circa 1880's

Former Texas Ranger
Sheriff, Travis County, Texas

The 18th Texas Cavalry, also known as Darnell's Cavalry Regiment, was organized at Dallas, Texas, on March 15, 1862. The regiment was comprised of men from Bastrop, Bell, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Harris, Henderson, Johnson, Travis, and Williamson counties.

Commanding the regiment was Col. Nicholas Darnell. The regiment fought in the battle of Arkansas Post that started on January 4, 1863, and was captured by Union forces at the conclusion of fighting on January 11. In April 1863 most of the men serving in the regiment including Pvt Hornsby were exchanged and returned to Confederate service. From May 1863 to war's end the 18th Texas Cavalry served in the Army of Tennessee. The 18th Texas Cavalry took part in more than thirty engagements and battles while serving in the Army of Tennessee. Its most notable battles and campaigns were Chickamauga on September 19–20, 1863; the Chattanooga siege and Chattanooga from September to November 1863; the Atlanta campaign from May to September 1864; Jonesboro from August 31 to September 1, 1864; Franklin on November 30, 1864; Nashville on December 15–16, 1864; the Carolinas campaign from February to April, 1865; and Bentonville on March 19–21, 1865. The 18th Texas Cavalry suffered heavy casualties throughout the war and probably fewer than 125 enlisted men and officers were present at the regiment's surrender on April 26, 1865, at Bennett's House, Durham Station, in North Carolina.

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication cont:



Opening remarks by Steve von Roeder.

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication cont:



Terry Ayers speaks about the history of the 18th Texas Cavalry. His Great Grandfather Pvt Alexander Reed served in Company D. 18th Texas Cavalry.



Capitol Chapter Chaplain Gillis Bartles prepares to give the invocation.



Terry Ayers with the flag captured during the Battle of Atlanta by Union General William T. Clark. In 1914, the flag was returned to the state of Texas by the widow of General Clark.

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication cont:



Musket Volley for Pvt. Malcom Hornsby, 18th Texas Cavalry
Steve von Roeder, Shelby Little, Terry Ayers, Steve Lucas

Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication cont:



L-R Gillis Bartles, Lyn von Roeder Steve von Roeder. Hugh
Hornsby, descendant of Pvt Malcolm Hornsby, Steve Lucas,
Terry Ayers, Shelby Little

Singing of DIXIE



Steve Lucas, Shelby Little, Lyn von Roeder Gillis Bartles



Capitol Chapter member Lyn von Roeder
Notice the Texas Ranger Memorial Cross. Hornsby Cemetery
is the final resting place for fifteen Texas Rangers. The third
most Texas Rangers burials in the State of Texas.



Capitol Chapter Steve Lucas places a carnation next to
the Ranger Cross on the tombstone of Pvt Morrison.



Steve von Roeder leads the singing of DIXIE.

1st Lt.W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C.:

The 1st Lt W. E. James Chapter meets monthly. They always have interesting and informative programs presented by well-known historians, authors, educators, museum curators etc. The Chapter often takes "Field Trips" to historic sights. Many of those are long distances from Darlington. In recognition, the chapter was selected by DCV President Terry Ayers to receive The President's Award for Outstand Achievement. He planned to present the award in person to Chapter President Joyce Digges at their October 17th meeting. Due to Hurricane Matthew President Ayers postponed the trip until October 2017. The Award was shipped to Chapter founding member Bob Jones and was presented to President Digges and the Chapter membership on behalf President Ayers.



CONGRATULATIONS



"Hurricane Light"

The members of the 1st Lt W.E. James Chapter were directly impacted by hurricane Matthew.

1st Lt.W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. cont:

Joe Long, Curator of Education, from the Confederate Relic Room in Columbia, SC was the chapter's guest speaker in November. Mr. Long's program was on "Three Officers that served in the Carolina's Campaign."



Joe Long, Curator of Education, Confederate Relic Room, Columbia, SC



Founded in 1896, the SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum is the oldest history museum in South Carolina. The museum is a high-quality, award winning educational resource for the state's students, educators, and parents. The museum's exhibits are keyed to the state standards in history and Social Studies. Military history is not just the story of men on the battlefield, but of the overall experience of war, including home front hardships, economic concerns, and the role of technology

Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum
301 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Austin Police Operation Blue Santa:

The Capitol Chapter in its charter year adopted Austin Police Operation Blue Santa as a way to support law enforcement and more importantly give to the less fortunate in the community during the Christmas season by making a cash donation. Chapter members Steve von Roeder, Lyn von Roeder and their daughter Caren Lee participate in the actual delivery of toys and gifts to the needy children. The chapter is proud of its record supporting the community through charity.



Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder presents the chapter's Blue Santa donation to radio personality Bob Cole.



Steve von Roeder and Terry Ayers at the annual Austin Police Operation Blue Santa Breakfast.



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Christmas at Old Fort Concho

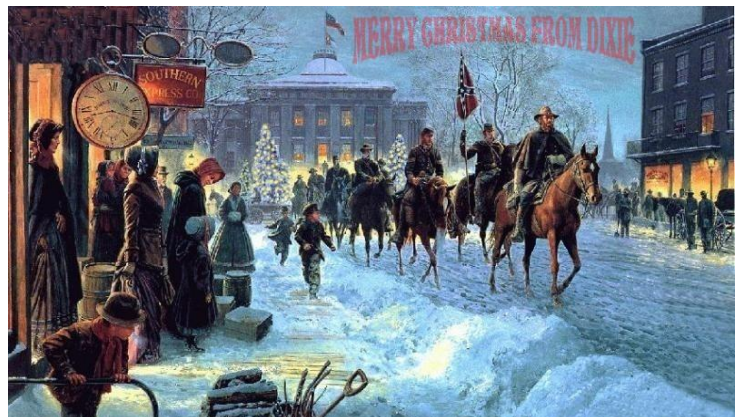
Christmas at Old Fort Concho was highlighted in the 2015 Winter edition of the DCV TRAVELLER. For several years the DCV Members from the Loudermilk family in Brownwood, Texas have participated. They were back again this year.



LOOKING GOOD LOUDERMILK'S



DCV founding member Steve von Roeder (2nd from Right) was recently installed as 1st Vice President for the Moses Austin Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Congratulations Steve!



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Prelude to a story of the Battle of Fort Smith:

Soon after the WBTS begin CSA President Jefferson Davis viewed the Indian Territory as a buffer between Union Kansas and Confederate Texas and a potential source for livestock and grain. The Confederate States government entered into treaties with the five civilized tribes of the Indian Territory. In May 1861 the District of Indian Territory, Confederate States of America, was created. Regiments from Texas were sent to defend Indian Territory. The Indians fought as separate units in the Army under their own leaders. Notable among them was BG Stand Watie.



Stand Watie was born in Oothcaloga, Cherokee Nation (near present-day Rome, Georgia) in 1806. Stand Watie left his native Cherokee lands behind in the 1830s, after signing a treaty accepting removal to Oklahoma's Indian Territory. Watie's loyalty to the South led him to join the Confederate Army as leader of the first Cherokee volunteer regiment. Watie remained a loyal Confederate, rising to the rank of brigadier general. Unwilling to accept defeat at war's end, he held out longer than any other rebel general before finally surrendering on June 23, 1865.

A story of the Battle of Fort Smith:

The failed Union Camden Expedition in July of 1864 created areas of Arkansas that made Union outposts vulnerable to raids. Moving swiftly the Confederates engaged the federals at Fort Smith on the Indian Territory border. A portion of the Poteau River served as the border between Arkansas and The District of Indian Territory. From both sides of the river the Confederates began shelling the fort. The Federals responded with superior artillery and ultimately prevailed. The Confederates withdrew leaving several snipers behind at the river crossing to cover the retreat from the Arkansas side.

Battle of Fort Smith in their "Own Words"

"A small party of Confederate soldiers were left to guard the river crossing. The boys found a small cannon, so determined to mount and load it, and give the boys in blue a shot before they vacated. It was suggested that they lash the loaded gun on a big mule, and after the shot take it along with them. All things were ready just about the time the bluecoats appeared in force at the river. The mule was led to the edge of the water, and the new made gunner sounded out: "Match her off." The old mule stood quiet until the match was touched to the fuse that had been introduced into the touch-hole, but when it began to sizz and the fire to fall upon his neck and withers his discomfort caused him to turn round and round. The boys, except the one holding the mule's bridle, instantly fell to the ground. The command, "Down, boys!" attracted the Captain from slumber. Seeing the regiment in blue across the river and his men in a scattered condition on the ground, he commanded: "Up and into line, boys!" No one stirred. The command came again and again with deeper earnestness, when Sam Monro replied; "Up and thunder and lightning! We will stay down till that mule shoots." In another instant the gun fired, the mule tumbled down upon his knees, and the shell struck far from its mark on the hillside and exploded. The Captain cried out: "Every man take care of himself; they are all around us." The laugh was on the Captain, and all retreated in order with mule and gun."

R. W. Officer, an old Confederate of Atoka, Indian Territory

DCV ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION

Hosted by the East Texas Chapter

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson Tourism and Visitor Center

305 E. Austin St.

Jefferson, TX 75657

Please consider attending the annual meeting February 18th. The DCV Constitution requires two meetings in a calendar year. Both meetings are mandatory for the Board of Directors. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend both. It is at the annual meeting in the first quarter of the year that the general membership elects officers and vote on any proposed amendments to the Constitution. The meetings are an important part of being a member of the DCV. But the annual reunion is so much more than just a business meeting. It is an opportunity to have a reunion of friends and compatriots.

East Texas Chapter member Kay Hilburn is working on a Saturday afternoon tour of the Jefferson Ordinance Magazine. It is the only surviving powder magazine in Texas and one of only a few in the Northern and Southern States that participated in the WBTS. The DCV made a donation in 2014 to the Save the Magazine project sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Due to the efforts by the UDC and others it was recently announced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be in charge of the project to halt the erosion that is threatening the magazine.

We will not have a host hotel. Make lodging reservations that suit your individual needs. Jefferson has several options ranging from traditional motels, bed and breakfast, and hotels that date to the 1800's. Please don't wait until the last minute. The date is set so please make your plans now.



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DUES REMINDER

****DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1 ****

If you are a member of a Chapter you pay both Association dues and Chapter dues to your Chapter Treasurer. Association dues are \$16 annually. Chapter dues may vary. Your Chapter Treasurer should contact you about submitting your dues.

If you are not a member of a Chapter you are an "At-Large" member and must send your dues to the Association Treasurer. Association Dues are \$16 annually.

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Descendants of Confederate Veterans

Mail to:

Samuel Bennett

P.O. BOX 160773

Austin, TX 78716

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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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