



Merry Christmas

DCV TRAVELLER



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

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Winter 2019

DCV DUES REMINDER

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

If you are a member of a Chapter you pay both Association dues and Chapter dues. Submit both 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.

Life Members do not pay annual dues to the Association.

At Large Members submit your check payable to:

Descendants of Confederate Veterans

Mail to:

**Samuel Bennett
P.O. BOX 160773
Austin, TX 78716**

Life memberships are available

Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00

Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00

Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00

Age 80 + years \$ 50.00



DCV ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REUNION

FEBRUARY 28 - 29, 2020

CARTHAGE, TEXAS

Now is the time! Make plans to attend the DCV annual membership reunion/ Board of Directors meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED

Please RSVP to Carl Hedges

Number Attending Friday Evening Meal

Number Attending Saturday Only

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**DCV REUNION 2020
CARTHAGE, TEXAS 75663**

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Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade

The DCV was founded in 2005. In 2006 the Capitol Chapter participated in the Austin-Travis County annual Veterans Day Parade on Congress Avenue.



In the early days most marched. 13 years later, not so much.

The parade became an annual chapter event for the next 11 years. Following the 2017 parade the City of Austin Mayor and City Council passed a resolution that targeted the DCV and SCV's participation in the parade. The parade committee was threatened with the probability of losing the \$25,000 waiver of fees if the city disapproved of any entry they deemed inappropriate. Concerned the parade committee would lose the waiver the DCV and SCV's parade applications were denied. Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder reached out to neighboring city Fredericksburg who was having a special one-time Veterans Day Parade commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I. They were delighted to have us and it was a huge success. All agreed it was the finest parade the chapter had ever participated in. As a bonus unlike the \$100 entry fee in Austin there was no an entry fee in Fredericksburg.



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Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade cont.

This year the Capitol Chapter contacted the City of San Marcos about participating in their annual Veterans Day Parade. San Marcos is approximately 30 miles south of Austin. They welcomed our participation and it appears we have found a new home for Descendants of Confederate Veterans



Beautiful Flags, Beautiful day



Jim Price, Gracie, Steve von Roeder,
Lyn von Roeder, Vanessa Metzger



f-r Sam Bennett, Lori Ayers, Doug Ayers, Terry Ayers
b-r Steve von Roeder, Jim Price, Vanessa Metzger



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Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade cont.



Lori Ayers ready to roll



Downtown San Marcos, Texas

East Texas Chapter Cemetery Marker Update

The East Texas Chapter has reached its fund raising goal to place a DCV marker at the Hallsville Cemetery in Hallsville, Texas. The marker has been ordered and will soon be delivered to the chapter for placement.

The Hallsville Cemetery will be the 5th marker to be placed in East Texas cemeteries that have multiple Confederate veteran graves. A date for the dedication ceremony has not been set. The Chapter anticipates the dedication will be scheduled for early Spring.

The Hallsville cemetery received a State of Texas Historical Cemetery Marker in 1986. The DCV Cemetery markers are similar in design as the official State of Texas Historical Markers.



East Texas Chapter Cemetery Marker Update



Marker Text

After the establishment of Hallsville in 1869 by railroad developers, land was secured here for a cemetery. In 1875 the James F. Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 169 acquired from the railroad (by then named the Texas & Pacific) three acres of land near the rail line and dedicated it as a community burial ground. The earliest marked burial is that of Mrs. G. C. Russell in 1875, taking place while the land transaction was in progress. Some burials from the older communities of Ash Springs (2 mi. NE) and Fort Crawford (2 mi. SW) were transferred here, as most of their settlers moved to Hallsville and the railhead. Since the 1920s cemetery cleaning days during May served as community gatherings. Children were encouraged to take part and learn about their ancestors while helping to maintain family plots. Politicians spoke to the crowds before spring primary elections, and veterans were honored on war memorial days. A cemetery association was formed in 1947 to ensure perpetual care and acquire more land. Several additions were made through the generosity of the railroad. Formal entrance gates, landscaping and other improvements have been sponsored by the association. Texas Sesquicentennial 1836 – 1986.

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

The 1st Lt.W.E. James Chapter had a very busy fall. The chapter continues to have outstanding programs and speakers. At the October meeting chapter member Teresa Reed was the speaker.



The program covered many Southern women and their importance during the war.



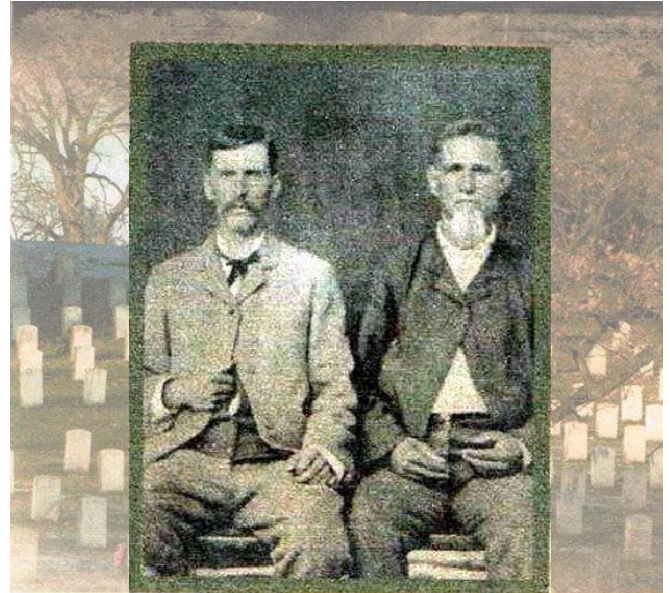
Her excellent power point presentation was on " Women of the Confederacy"



Member Joseph Matheson presented Teresa Reed with a book titled, "Confederate Women"

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

In November DCV Chapter members participated in a Memorial Service at the Cooke Family Cemetery near Lake View, South Carolina.



COOKE FAMILY CEMETERY
MEMORIAL SERVICE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.
Honoring Those Who Served
Ebenzer Cook (Cobbler, CSA - Indian Wars, USA)
N. Carlyle Branche (WWII), William James Wallace (Pictured on front with nephew, John Arch Herring, CSA), Bennie Cook (WWI), Boyd W. Cook (WWII), Daniel Cook (KIA, WWI), Leon Grover Cook (WWII), Rembert H. Cook (WWI), Robert Irely Cook (WWII) Alvin Thomas Allen, Carey Edwards (Unknown Burial, CSA), Simp Gray (WWII), Barden E. Hughes, Joe H. Myers (WWII), Hubert Page (USA Army), Randolph Page (USA Navy), Gussie Turner (USA Army)



DCV members L/R; Ernie Hales, Bob Jones, Artie Quick, Noah Brafford, Dan Cox, and Larry Jones.

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



Harlee Guard fires a musket salute



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter member
Artie Quick plays Taps
Job well done



Coehorn Mortar in action



Chapter member Noah Brafford ready for duty.

Noah fires a Model 1847 Springfield
.69 Caliber smooth bore musket.

Noah rings bell as the Veterans names are read

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

To coincide with Veterans Day the November chapter meeting featured members & guests telling those in attendance about their own military service and/or about an ancestor or friend that fought in one of our country's wars.



Bob Jones



Elaine Frye

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



Zack Brafford

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Teresa Reed



Noah Brafford



Patrick Coxe

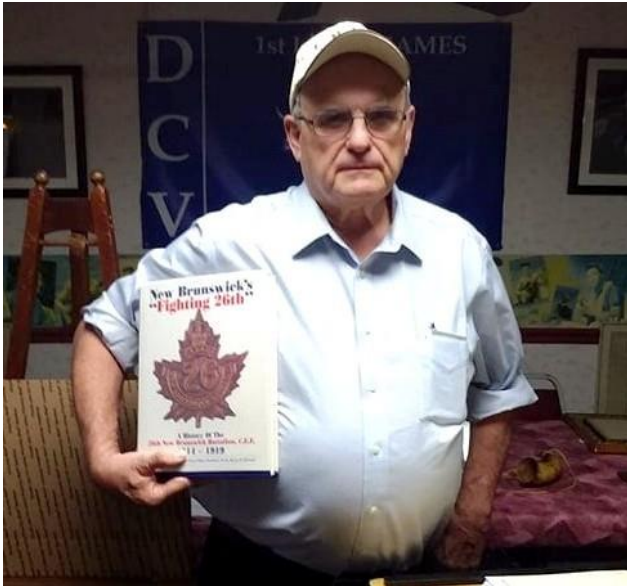


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1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C cont



Joseph Matheson



Tom Reed



Chris Harrell

**Wreaths Across America
Texas State Cemetery
Confederate Field
Christmas 2019**



Over 2,200 Confederate veterans and many spouses were decorated with wreaths



Rest in Peace Loyal Confederates

Wreaths Across America cont.



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Albert Sidney Johnston
Born 2-2-1803 Washington, Kentucky
Died 4-6-1862 Shiloh, Tennessee
Buried Texas State Cemetery
Texian Army Republic of Texas
United States Army
Confederate States Army



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The Editor invites and encourages each of you to contribute to the DCV TRAVELLER. Please send photos and descriptions of meetings, activities, and events. Large or small, every contribution we make to preserve and protect our Confederate history and heritage is worthy of being noted in our newsletter.

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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.

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