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

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SUMMER 2014:
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings DCV Compatriots,

The mid-year board meeting will be held in Waco, Texas at Heitmiller Steakhouse (yes they have moved to Waco) 16 August. At 11:00 AM.

Heitmiller Steakhouse
4509 N. IH 35 SB Service Rd.
North Bound IH 35 Exit 340 then wrap around
South Bound Exit 339
Lacy Lakeview, Texas 76705
(254) 867-1400

<http://www.heimmillersteakhouse.com/>

These meetings are open to everyone, please make plans to attend. If you are not able to attend but would like to add items to the agenda, please let me know.

We are currently reviewing the constitution for any additional revisions that may be needed. We need to insure that we are in a position to welcome societies, chapters and members from other states. The Capitol Chapter presented two Robert E Lee leadership awards to deserving JNROTC cadets. Thanks to Jim Price we have added an additional high school program for the 2014-2015 school year. Travis High School in Austin has agreed to participate in the program.

Speaking of cadets; as we are in the 150th anniversary of the war, one of more fascinating events occurred in May 1864 at New Market Virginia, where cadets from the Virginia Military Institute joined CSA Major General John C. Breckenridge to push the union forces back.

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Unfortunately, the Union Gen. David Hunter burned VMI in retaliation for the cadet's actions.

Please know that I am truly honored to serve as President and remain at your service.

Steve von Roeder

"May GOD save the Ol' Southland Forever"

**Observance of the 150th Anniversary of
The War Between the States Continues**



1864

1864 begin with Federal forces making a unified effort to wear down the South's will to continue fighting. Lincoln places Ulysses S. Grant in command of all Union armies. His mission: Destroy Joe Johnston's Army of Tennessee and Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Grant concentrates on Lee and Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman is ordered to engage Johnston. Grant's first encounter, the Battle of the Wilderness, opens on May 5 and for the next 40 days the armies remain locked in deadly embrace.

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1864 Eastern Theatre cont.



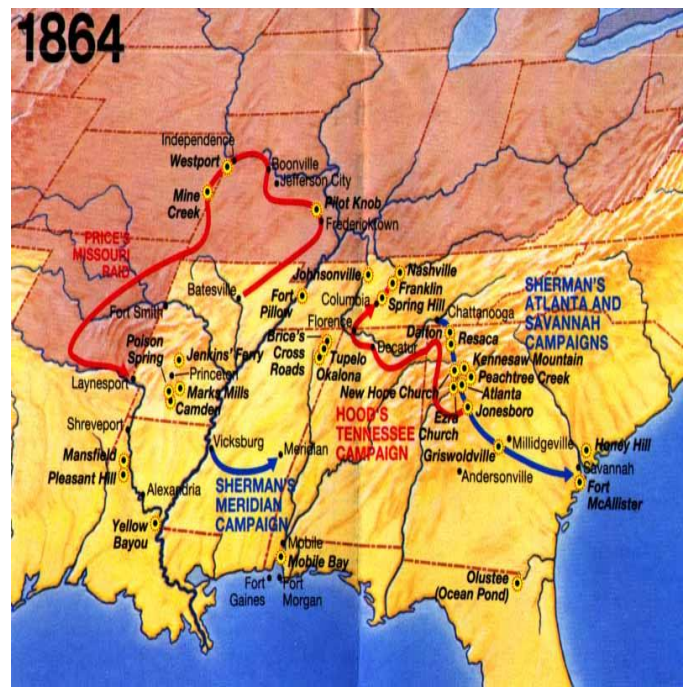
- May 5-6:** Battle of the Wilderness, Va.
- May 8-21:** Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Va.
- May 15:** Battle of New Market, Va.
- May 16:** Battle of Drewry's Bluff, Va.
- May 23-26:** Battle of North Anna River, Va.
- May 31-Jun: 12** Battle of Cold Harbor, Va.
- June 5:** Battle of Piedmont, Va.
- June 11-12:** Battle of Trevilian Station, Va.
- June 15-18:** Battle of Petersburg, Va.
- June 17-18:** Battle of Lynchburg

1864 Western Theatre

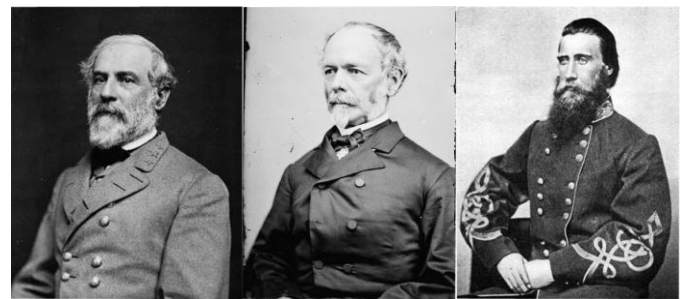
- May 25-28:** Battles of New Hope Church, Pickett's Mill, and Dallas
- June 27;** Battle of Kennesaw Mountain
- July 20:** Battle of Peachtree Creek
- July 22:** Battle of Atlanta
- July 28:** Battle of Ezra Church
- August 31-Sept 1:** Battle of Jonesboro

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1864 Western Theatre cont.



**Leading the Confederate Forces
Summer of 1864**



Gen Robert E. Lee Gen Joseph E. Johnston Lt Gen John Bell Hood

There are differing opinions on when the WBTS ended. Being that this Editor of the **DCV Traveller** is from the Great State of Texas I will continue to observe the Sesquicentennial until May 13th 2015. That is the 150th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Palmito Ranch when the men of the 2nd Texas Confederate Cavalry Regiment, Giddings's Regiment, and Anderson's Battalion led by Lt. Colonel John S. (Rip) Ford defeated the Union Troops of the 2nd Texas United States Cavalry (dismounted), 62nd Regiment U.S Colored Troops, and the 34th Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry led by Colonel Theodore H. Barrett.

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“TOMBSTONE TALES WALKING TOUR” cont.

Dr. Joseph McKegg Pound “Pound House”
(set up for “Tombstone Tales” below)

Dr. Joseph McKegg Pound and his wife Sara were one of three families that originally settled and founded Dripping Springs, Texas in 1853. Dr. Pound, a veteran of the Mexican War became a Confederate Surgeon in the War Between the States. He returned to Dripping Springs after the war and lived the rest of his life in what is now the restored historic Pound House in Founders City Park. The DCV is an annual participant in the Fall Fest Pioneer Day at the Pound House.



“TOMBSTONE TALES WALKING TOUR”

Dripping Springs, Texas Phillips Cemetery

Tombstone Tales walking tours are presented by Heritage Circle auxiliary of the Pound Farmstead.



DCV President **Steve von Roeder** portrayed Robert E. Lee, Confederate Soldier and long time resident of Dripping Springs, Texas.

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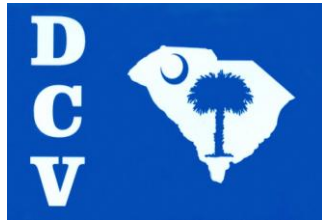
Captain Robert E. Lee

In the early 1840’s during a visit to Austin, Texas Lieutenant Robert E. Lee of Virginia, United States Army became acquainted with a local family also named Lee. It was discovered they were distantly related so on April 20, 1846 they named a new born son Robert E. Lee after the man who would later become General of the CSA Army. In 1863 at the age of seventeen he enlisted in the Confederate States Army. Serving in Colonel John S. (Rip) Ford’s Regiment he fought in the last battle of the war at Palmito Ranch. After the war Mr. Lee moved to Dripping Springs. He was active in the UCV and regularly attended the Camp Ben McCulloch reunions. In 1919 he was elected Commander of the camp.



Capitol Chapter member **Lyn von Roeder** portrayed Othaway Ana Davidson, Confederate widow who died in 1943 at the age of 99 years. Mrs. Davidson was famous for her watermelon carving during the Camp Ben McCulloch reunions.

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1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter, Darlington, SC

1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter, Darlington, SC cont.



Chapter President **Joyce Digges** gives guest speaker Jack Parker a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation at the Chapter meeting on 21 April, 2014. Good turnout and a great program.



Chapter President **Joyce Digges** presented Guest Speaker **Stoney Hilton** a Certificate of Appreciation for his program on the making of the movie "Gettysburg". This was an excellent presentation.

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New members aren't the only thing the South Carolina Society is picking up these days!
OUTSTANDING PROJECT!



The 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter completed the Adopt-a Highway Project on Saturday, 26 April 2014 in Darlington, SC. Chapter members picked up trash along the sides of the road for 4 miles in Darlington, SC. Pictured is Chapter President, **Joyce Digges**, at the end of the project.

Memorial Service

May 3, 2014 - 10:00 AM
Grove Hill Cemetery
Darlington, SC
To Honor



1st Lt. William Elias James
For service to his State and Country
Sponsored by: 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter
Descendants of Confederate Veterans

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DCV Capitol Chapter expands it's sponsorship of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Robert E. Lee Leadership Award.



The NJROTC program was established by Public Law in 1964 which may be found in Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 102. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, and taught by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel.

The Capitol Chapter is the official sponsor of the NJROTC Robert E. Lee Leadership Award at Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas, Bastrop High School, Bastrop, Texas, and beginning with the 2014-2015 school year the William B. Travis High School, Austin, Texas.

The Capitol Chapter begin sponsoring the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award in 2010. The recipient of the award receives a Certificate from the Descendants of Confederate Veterans and a replica of Confederate General Jo Shelby's Staff Sword. The word begin to spread immediately and I can assure you it is now the most coveted award among the NJROTC cadets.



DCV President **Steve von Roeder** presents the General Jo Shelby Staff Sword to Seguin High School NJROTC Cadet LTJG **Tyler Schenck**.

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Robert E. Lee Leadership Award cont.



Marine Corps Gunnery **Sergeant M. Thomas**, NJROTC Cadet LTJG Tyler Schenck, DCV President **Steve von Roeder**.

Bastrop High School



DCV President **Steve von Roeder** presents the General Jo Shelby Staff Sword to Bastrop High School NJROTC Cadet LCDR **Dylan Norton**.



Cadet LCDR **Dylan Norton** admiring his award.

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DCV Capitol Chapter member **Terry Ayers** was recently selected by **Gary L. Loudermilk**, Army of the Trans-Mississippi Commander, Military Order of the Stars and Bars to receive the Army of the Trans-Mississippi **Meritorious Service Award**.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

F.A. Howell, UCV Camp 398

At Memphis in 1862 a cultivated young girl, Miss Mary Erwin applied to Colonel Melanchthon Smith, Provost Marshall, for a pass so that she might send clothing to some of her friends in the Confederate Army. The Colonel told her that she must first take the oath. She replied that she had never taken an oath in her life; that she was young and was surprised that he should advise her to swear. The Colonel told her she must swear before she could get the pass. She begged to be excused. He was obdurate. She then appealed to the Officers present to witness that she was compelled to swear to get the pass, and raising her right hand said with emphasis: **"God d__n the Yankees!"**

She got the pass



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