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

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Winter 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings DCV Compatriots,

First of all, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

The anti-Confederate sentiment continues to sweep the country. However, I am proud to report that, thanks to the tireless work by Terry Ayers and Shelby Little, ALL of our flags flew proudly in the Veterans Day parade down Congress Ave in Austin Texas. The Travis County Judge tried to have the Battle Flag removed from our display, but was not successful. The crowd at the parade received our display of flags in a very enthusiastic way, and we saw no negative feedback at all! Please join me in expressing our gratitude for Terry's and Shelby's victorious efforts in defense of our heritage.

The Austin Independent School District has changed its policy concerning renaming schools named after Historical figures. They have paved the way to rename Robert E Lee Elementary School and several other local schools in Austin.

Several of our folks are becoming involved in historical commissions; Steve Lucas has applied to join the Denton County Historical Commission. Terry Ayers is being considered for a seat on the Travis County Veterans Parade committee. Our good friend and ally, Shelby Little, will become a member of the Williamson County Historical Commission in Georgetown.

I want to sincerely thank each of you for the work you do to preserve our Southern Heritage and your continued support of our organization. Please make an effort to attend our annual meeting, which will be held in Hillsboro Texas at the Lone Star Café. The date is February 27, 2016. More details will be coming soon. If you have any items to include in our annual meeting agenda, please let me know.

I also want to encourage you to come to the State Capitol for our annual R.E. Lee celebration. 17, February. We will provide additional information soon.

Please check our DCV Facebook page frequently for updates and action items.

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

Steve von Roeder
'May GOD save the Ol' Southland Forever'



Austin Veterans Day Parade

Following is a re-print from the Fall 2015 DCV TRAVELLER. It is a complete account of what took place in Austin from August to November 11th.

Every Winter issue the DCV TRAVELLER features photos of the Capitol Chapter participating in the annual Austin/Travis County Veterans Day Parade in downtown Austin. The DCV has participated in the parade every year since the organization was founded. The DCV was notified in August a member of the parade committee had brought before the committee a motion to not allow the displaying of any Confederate Flag other than the 1st National. The DCV and the SCV, who also participates in the parade was invited to send a representative from our organizations to the meeting when the motion would be voted on. President von Roeder appointed Terry Ayers to speak on behalf of the DCV.

The DCV and the SCV was allowed to participate in the discussion. Both representatives were prepared and presented several documents that contained verifiable historical facts. One document provided by the DCV that was well received was U.S. Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 of 1958 that placed Confederate Veterans on the same legal footing as Union Veterans. The DCV also provided facts about the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia as well as facts about other flags of the Confederacy. A photo of the 17th & 18th Texas Cavalry flag was shown to the committee with documentation that although a Hardee pattern with no physical resemblance to the ANV Battle Flag it was approved by the Army of Tennessee to not be replaced with the ANV flag. The point being, in pure historical context the two flags represented the exact same thing. A vote was taken and the motion FAILED. The flags will be allowed. There is no question the effort by the DCV to inform the parade committee about the true history of the flags and their significance to the Confederate Veterans convinced them to do the right thing.



Austin Veterans Day Parade cont.

Oh, but how the winds of political correctness have been howling since the tragedy in Charleston. That event prompted a new and more vigorous effort to eradicate the displaying of our Confederate symbols. Following the positive decision by the parade committee it was far from over....The disgruntled one went straight to the top and complained to Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt. Travis County is a co-sponsor of the parade and she intervened. Even though the Parade Committee is an independent body, the Chairman was an employee of the Travis County Veterans Service Office and as such the county was allowing him time and the use of county offices in support of the parade. Judge Eckhardt, using the threat to remove the county as a co-sponsor unless the committee reversed its decision forced another vote. It backfired on the Judge as the committee voted (again). The result of the vote was eleven (11) AYE, zero (0) Nay, four (4) abstain.

No, it STILL wasn't over... The Judge was faced with a decision on whether or not to move forward with her threat to withdraw the county as a co-sponsor of the parade. She placed it on the Commissioners Court meeting agenda and invited us (DCV) to make a ten minute statement on the issue. At the request of President von Roeder it was I that spoke on behalf of the DCV. For reasons unknown the Judge also invited the President of the Austin Chapter NAACP to make a ten minute statement. Following our statements the Commissioners retired to Executive Session. Upon returning, the Judge stunned the local liberal media by announcing "NO ACTION" would be taken at that time. However, the Chairman of the Veterans Day Parade, an employee of Travis County offered his resignation from the Parade Committee, as if he had a choice.... Below are links that may be of interest regarding the debacle. Bottom line, VICTORY!

<http://kut.org/post/confederate-flags-can-fly-over-travis-county-veterans-day-parade>

<http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/44062121-story>

Austin Veterans Day Parade cont.

Select this link for the video portion of the statement by myself and the NAACP. Move the Video Time Slider Bar to the 2:13:30 position.

<http://traviscountytx.igmp2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1549&Format=Minutes>

Pictures of the Parade

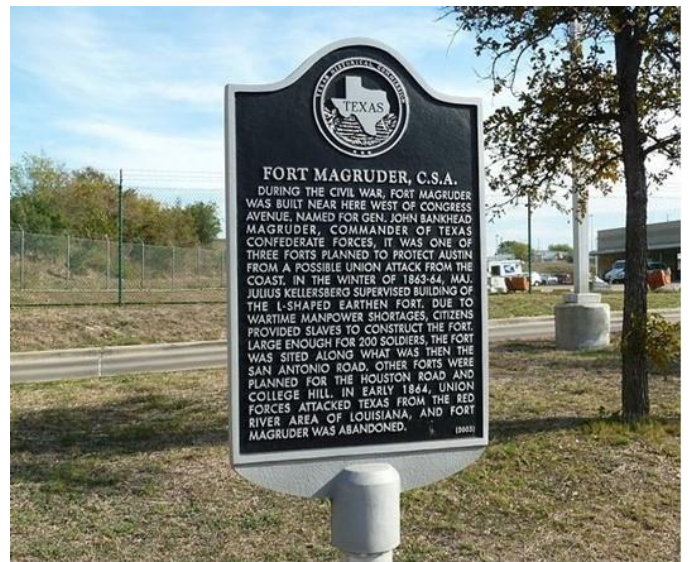


It's not an event until you eat! El Gallo Mexican Restaurant. Less than one mile from the site of Confederate Fort Magruder in Austin, Texas.



Flags of the Confederacy fly proudly

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Texas Historical Marker
Installed in 2003 by DCV President Steve von Roeder

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



Our Chapter on the Eastern front has had a very busy last quarter. The 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter meets monthly and always has quality guests with exceptional topics related to the WBTS. In addition to the monthly meetings the chapter often takes field trips to historic sites.

MT. HOPE CEMETERY, Florence, SC.



Bob Jones decorates the grave of Charles Edward Jarrott
21st S.C. infantry



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



Some of the attendees at the Florence Prison Stockade Gazebo



Inside the South Carolina Room at the Florence County Library



Jimmy Gamble in white shirt, spoke on the new interpretive sign that will be placed in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Florence, SC. The sign will explain the history of the 64 unknown Confederate soldiers buried under the Confederate monument.

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



Chris Harrell, left, and Jimmy Gamble explain the history of the Mount Hope Cemetery and new interpretive sign that will be installed next to the Confederate monument.

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



Darlington, SC. Pat McNeely's program was on her book, "Sherman's Flame and Blame Campaign".



Looking at the graves of unknown Federal soldiers that died at the Florence Prison Stockade. They are buried at the Florence National Cemetery.



Below: DCV member, Bob Jones, was the speaker at the Camden, S.C. SCV Camp's November meeting. Topic was on Confederate Surgeon Simon Baruch, a native of Camden.



Don't laugh...You should have seen the original photo before I edited it!

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



SCV member Stonewall Jackson Hilton presents a book to DCV member Bob Jones in appreciation for his program.



DCV member Sarajane Moorh, wearing her Christmas red.

December 14th Chapter Meeting



DCV member Joseph Matheson received a book from the chapter on a Confederate Surgeon in appreciation for his excellent program on the "Halifax Explosion".



DCV member Phil Salvo ready for the program to begin.

What did I just say? No meeting or event is complete until we eat!



DCV member's Joyce Digges, Harriet Salvo, and Phil Salvo.

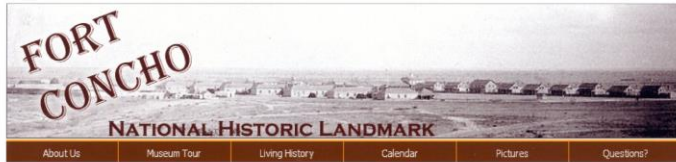


DCV member and guest speaker Joseph Matheson, Word is he never saw a meal he didn't like.

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Christmas at Old Fort Concho

For several years the DCV Members from the Loudermilk family in Brownwood, Texas have participated in Christmas at Old Fort Concho.



Christmas at Old Fort Concho December 2015

Friday, December 4 ~ 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 5 ~ 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 6 ~ 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



Three days full of Christmas cheer including shopping, living history, a special area for children, ongoing entertainment as well as special scheduled shows, and much, much more, all on the historic fort grounds.

Visit Fort Concho's largest annual event on Friday-Sunday, December 4 - 6, 2015, as the forty acres and twenty-four buildings at the landmark are filled with shopping, entertainment, food and beverage, displays, living history, period entertainment, children's workshops, and many special events.

Each day at Fort Concho visitors can experience the Winter Rendezvous, campsites with hundreds of re-enactors and period traders who bring the 1800s alive with music, drills, and numerous displays. Inside the fort's many original buildings, merchants and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest offer many items to start your Christmas shopping. A Food Court will offer various food options; strolling musicians and staged musical activity will keep the grounds lively, and the Children's Areas will provide many crafts and activities free for all youngsters.



During daylight hours the many troops on the Parade Ground will drill, ride, and shoot their weapons. The artillery demonstrations (blanks-of course) will definitely catch your attention!



Janie Corbin and "Old Jack" Christmas 1862

Artist Mort Kunstler

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Photos of Christmas at Old Fort Concho



7th Texas

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Photos of Christmas at Old Fort Concho cont:



Thanks to DCV Capitol Chapter member Gary M. Loudermilk for the photos.



Fall Fest at the Pound family historic homestead

The DCV Capitol Chapter was invited for the 10th consecutive year to participate in the annual Pioneer Days Fall Festival on the grounds of the historic homestead of Dripping Springs founder Dr. J.M. Pound. Dr. Pound served as a Surgeon in the 18th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army.



The good folks that host the Pound House Fall Fest had no issue with the display of the various flags of our Confederate ancestors. This year the public showed more interest in the flags and asked more questions than ever about their place in the WBTS. It was a great day to honor our ancestors.



DCV President Steve von Roeder "manning" the display tables.



Fall Fest at the Pound house cont:



Prepare to fire "DEFIANCE" 1838 Coehorn Mortar



"DEFIANCE"



Teresa Chapman and Shelby Little

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**CAPITOL CHAPTER DONATES TO
AUSTIN POLICE OPERATION BLUE SANTA**

For the 10th consecutive year the Capitol Chapter made a donation to Austin Operation Blue Santa. Blue Santa is the Capitol Chapter's Flagship donation to the community. Blue Santa provides needy families with a full holiday meal and wrapped Christmas gifts for each child under the age of 14. Popular country music radio station KOKE hosts the "Blue Santa Breakfast" and remote broadcast while accepting donations. Veteran radio personality Bob Cole is a friend of the Capitol Chapter and always gives the DCV an "on air" plug.



Terry Ayers, Blue Santa, Steve von Roeder. Gillis Bartles



Capitol Chapter members Gillis Bartles (L) and Steve von Roeder present the chapter's annual donation to Austin Chief of Police Art Acevedo and KOKE radio personality Bob Cole.

Chief Art Acevedo spends much of his leisure time reading about the WBTS. He is a great admirer of Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. President von Roeder on behalf of the DCV presented a sculpture of General Jackson to the Chief.

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Giving to Blue Santa is only the first part. Delivery comes next. DCV members President Steve von Roeder, wife Lyn, their daughter Caren, and grandson Tyler faithfully participate every year in the delivery of the meals and gifts to the needy.



DCV President Steve von Roeder and City of Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo team up on delivery day.



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DCV ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION

Saturday, February 27, 2016

**Lone Star Cafe, Alamo Room
100 Dynasty Drive
Hillsboro, TX 76645**

**11:00 a.m. for lunch...
DCV business following.**

To all members: Please consider attending the annual meeting in February. The DCV Constitution requires two meetings in a calendar year. Both meetings are mandatory for the Board of Directors. Neither are mandatory for the general membership but all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is at the annual meeting in the first quarter of the calendar year that the general membership elects officers and vote on any proposed amendments to the Constitution. The meetings are a part of being a member of the DCV. But they are so much more than just a business meeting. It is an opportunity to have a reunion of friends and compatriots. Please try to attend. The date of the meeting is still several weeks away and it's understandable as the holidays approach some may not be able to commit at this time.

After the New Year there will be a DCV 2016 Reunion/Convention Special Edition of the DCV TRAVELLER sent to all members in an effort to get a commitment to attend. The location we have secured will provide us their private meeting room in return for a commitment of a minimum number ordering food from the menu. To be honest, we are not there yet.... Please plan to attend!

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Serving in Company "E" Seventeenth Tennessee Regiment, Forrest's Calvary – "I had one horse killed at the Fort Pillow massacre, another shot under me near Purdy, Tennessee. At Harrisburg, Mississippi July 14, in 64, I lost the use of my left arm. Excuse this allusion to myself, for all of us must be allowed to tell our tales. Let me boast just enough to say that I was in all the engagements participated in by my company from the time of enlistment until disabled."

Robert Michie, Poetry, Texas

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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 you must send your dues to the Association Treasurer. Association Dues are \$16 annually.

Life Members do not pay annual dues to the Association. Make your payment 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

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I invite and encourage 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. Send to Terry Ayers > mototerry@texreb.com

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Capitol Chapter > http://tiny.cc/Capitol_Chapter

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter, South Carolina

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/1st-Lt-WE-James-Chapter/283117918488368>

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