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**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
**A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS & SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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**FALL 2013**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (cont.)

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

As you will soon notice, we have a new Newsletter editor, Compatriot Terry Ayers. Barney Hilburn has passed the torch after many years of loyal and devoted service. Thank you Barney for your efforts over the years, and please know that your contributions have been noticed and appreciated by our membership. You will always be the Honorary Editor (of sorts) of the DCV Today. At the same time, thanks also go out to Terry for volunteering to take over the duties of editor. We discussed going to a quarterly issue at the Board meeting in Waco, but that will be at Terry's discretion. Please support Terry with your photos and information and your appreciation.

It is worth mentioning that we have chartered a new Chapter in South Carolina, the Midlands Chapter of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans, South Carolina Society: Eddie Oliver – President, Vice-President – D. J. Oliver, Secretary/Treasurer – Barbara Oliver, Chaplain – Eddie Oliver and Charter Members Mike Long and Ailene Shields. It will be my distinct honor and pleasure to present the new Charter Certificate and Certificates of Membership in person at the 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. W. E. James Chapter meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in wishing them all the greatest success with their new endeavor.

We had a good mid-year Board meeting in Waco some weeks past with 14 or 15 attendees. I am going to defer to Terry to give you the meeting details because I know he is ready to deliver a good report. I would only add that we took care of what, in my opinion, was quite a bit of important business, and we shared a very tasty fajita lunch afterwards. We all seemed to enjoy one another's company, which is always nice. And it was worth being there if only to see Steve von Roeder in his resplendent Republic of Texas Admiral's Naval uniform.

To our South Carolina members, I am very excited to have an opportunity to meet so many of you, and I hope my visit will serve to forge an even stronger bond between our two Societies. We are extremely interested in helping you to grow and expand while affording you the degree of autonomy you so richly deserve. We are all working to tailor the needs of the organization to fit your needs as we come to realize that in some cases "one size" does not fit all anymore.

To all members I send my best wishes and kindest regards.

Most Sincerely,

J. D. Boydston  
President, Board of Directors  
Descendants of Confederate Veterans

## VETERAN EDITOR COMMENTS

Members of the DCV,

I, as the supposed editor have done it since the inception of the DCV many years ago. It's time for me to step aside and let new and younger blood have a go at it. As most of you are aware, I had a stroke last March and it has become more and more difficult to do the job, much less try and type, which was questionable to start with.

Terry Ayers has taken over the job as of the last board meeting. Please welcome and support him as I was welcomed many years ago.

Thanks for your support during this time.

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Past Editor (of sort's)



**BARNEY HILBURN**

## ROOKIE EDITOR COMMENTS

I join President Boydston in congratulating Barney for the outstanding job he did as Editor of the DCV newsletter. Barney is a founding member of the DCV and much of the success our association has enjoyed can be directly attributed to the dedication and hard work Barney has invested in the DCV. Barney is not going anywhere. He's only retiring as Editor of the newsletter. We can all still look forward to his "musings" to the newsletter in the future.

**THANK YOU BARNEY!**

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## ABOUT THE ROOKIE EDITOR

Terry Ayers, born November 5, 1947 in Austin Texas. Served four years in the United States Navy as an Aviation Electrician attached to Fighter Squadron VF-151 (F-4 Phantoms.) Served two deployments in the Gulf of Tonkin onboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Coral Sea. I retired from City of Austin Power & Light after 30 years of service as a Power Distribution Lineman, Supervisor, and Manager. I joined the DCV in 2005 as member # 28. I am one of several great-grandsons of Private Alexander Reed, Co. D, 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, CSA. I currently serve on the DCV Board of Directors as Vice President. I am also the DCV Public Relations Officer having served in that capacity since it was established at the first annual convention on March 4, 2006 in Waco, Texas. The Public Relations Officer is a Special Officer position appointed by the Board of Directors.



**TERRY AYERS**

## DC V MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING

As required by the DCV Constitution the Board of Directors conducted business at the mid-year meeting. The meeting was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Waco, Texas. As pointed out by President Boydston the attendance was excellent. Interim Board member Bob Jones of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter in Darlington, South Carolina joined the meeting via satellite (smart phone) communication. Bob was able to participate in everything but the outstanding lunch served by Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant.

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## DC V MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING (cont.)

President Boydston called the meeting to order and Chaplain von Roeder gave the invocation. Amy Hilburn led the salutes and pledges to the flags. DCV history was made as this was the first time the pledge to the South Carolina flag was given with the South Carolina flag also flying proudly over the meeting.

Speaking of South Carolina, President Boydston presented Bob Jones with the President's Award for Outstanding Leadership in the South Carolina Society. It's a beautiful plaque and a well deserved honor. **Congratulations Bob!**



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD PRESENTED TO BOB JONES  
J.D. Boydston Lyn von Roeder Steve von Roeder**

Registrar Carl Hedges had very positive news in his report regarding growth of the DCV. In keeping with the principle of "Quality not Quantity" as a membership goal there have been new members join our fine organization as well as reinstatement of some members who's membership had lapsed. That report came on the heels of word from Bob Jones that the DCV should expect very soon to receive a request to charter a new chapter in South Carolina. (See President's message)

President Boydston opened discussion with a letter from Bob Jones regarding age requirements for becoming a member of the DCV. An idea has been brought forward to consider an amendment to the

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Constitution establishing a "membership at birth" category to Descendants of Confederate Veterans. It would be a restricted category that would not include voting rights or access to life membership until the age of eighteen. Eighteen years of age is the current age requirement to be eligible for membership in the DCV. Any change in the membership requirements will require an amendment to the DCV Constitution. President Boydston and Board Member Bob Jones will draft a proposed amendment to be voted on by the entire membership. The membership will be notified of all proposed amendments by email or USPS mail at least 30 days prior to the annual reunion February 22, 2014 in Galveston. One other amendment that will be offered is a change in the wording of the current salute to the Confederate Flag.



It has been proposed that the DCV adopt our own salute to the Confederate Flag similar to the salute in use by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Proposed change in wording amendment:

*"I salute the Confederate Flag, with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance."*

It was this humble and obedient servant at the 2012 mid-year Board meeting that asked which flag we were saluting. In my years as a member of another Confederate heritage organization there was no doubt the salute was to the St. Andrews Cross Confederate Battle Flag. As a direct descendant of a soldier in the 18<sup>th</sup> Texas cavalry I pointed out in the discussion there were many

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Soldiers in Texas, including those in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry led by Major General Pat Cleburne who found no favor with the order from General Joe Jackson in 1864 to retire all “old style” battle flags with the thirteen star St. Andrew’s Cross. That being the one that has found much favor in the years since. Cleburne dissented virulently and because the Division had earned such an outstanding reputation as fighters, General Jackson exempted them from the order allowing the Command to retain their distinctive flags for the rest of the war. Cleburne’s Division was the only Regiments in the Army of Tennessee so honored.



**Capitol Chapter Member Terry Ayers, Great-grandson of Alexander Reed, Co. D. 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry stands next to the finest Hardee battle flag in existence. It is preserved in the Texas State Library and Archives**

On July 22, 1864 during the Battle of Atlanta, while fighting in the Confederate front lines, the 17th and 18th Texas became cut-off and mostly surrounded. After a brief hand-to-hand struggle the outnumbered Confederate soldiers were forced to surrender. The battle flag was taken by Union General William T. Clark. After the war, veterans of the 17th and 18th Texas made considerable efforts to locate the flag, which in 1914 was returned to Texas by Gen. Clark’s widow.

A couple of “house cleaning” items were also discussed. DCV Comptroller Dr. Samuel Bennett reported the DCV is again “right” with the IRS and the 501(c)(3) non-profit status has been reinstated without any penalty.

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The last order of business was the selection of a site and date for the 2014 annual reunion. The reunion will be in Galveston, Texas beginning on the evening of Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> with an informal dinner at one of Galveston’s many fine restaurants. The business meeting will be Saturday February 22nd. A flyer was sent to the membership seeking a “tentative” number of possible attendees. Check back in your emails from August 12th and please returning the flyer to Carl. At this stage it’s simply preliminary information that will help him tremendously in the effort to acquire a host hotel for the reunion. A reunion registration form will be sent out at a later date. Having been to every reunion I encourage those of you who have hesitated in the past to “Come on Down” to Galveston. Being the most important port of the entire Texas coast, Galveston was a thorn in the Union side that they dare not to ignore. Make plans to be there! I guarantee it will be a highlight in all of 2014.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Regular business was suspended and time was gleefully afforded to sharply uniformed Admiral Steve von Roeder of the Texas Navy to present Steve Lucas with his certificate of Commission into the Texas Navy at the rank of Admiral.



**Admiral Steve von Roeder Admiral Steve Lucas  
Texas Navy**

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**CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME**  
**TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER**

In August of 2009 the DCV launched a project to sponsor and place Texas Historical Markers in Austin for the Confederate Men's Home and the Confederate Woman's Home. It was an ambitious project that would take time, money, and effort to accomplish. I'm delighted to report that we are almost "home." After the Men's Home marker was installed work began on the Woman's Home marker. Our good friend and UDC member Eva Long, who is also very active in the Children of the Confederacy learned of our plan and brought an offer to us just too good to pass up. If the DCV would accept the Texas Division of the C of C as a co-sponsor the C of C President (at the time) Miss Taylor Sheppard's President's Project would be to raise the funds necessary to obtain the marker. As a bonus, Miss Sheppard's Grandmother, UDC Member Anna Sheppard would agree to write the narrative that is the key to successfully obtaining approval for a historical marker. The kids raised the entire amount of \$1900 to fund the marker. The marker was approved and after four years of non stop effort the Confederate Woman's Home Texas Historical Marker is ready to be cast at the foundry and delivered to the Capitol Chapter in Austin.



**Texas Confederate Woman's Home**



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**CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME DEDICATION**

Obtaining a marker from the State of Texas Historical Commission is a lengthy process. Texas Division Children of the Confederacy President Miss Taylor Sheppard's term has expired. In fact, at the end of her term she aged out of the C of C. Miss Sheppard is currently in her freshman year at a college in Missouri. The DCV Board agreed that the marker dedication ceremony would be scheduled on a day when Miss Sheppard would be able to attend the dedication of the marker that was her President's project. Miss Sheppard will be back in Texas for Spring break in March.

**TEXAS CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME**

Now occupied by AGE of Central Texas  
A non-profit elderly assistance group

**March 22, 2014**

**11:00 a.m.**

**3710 Cedar Street**

**Austin, Texas 78705**

The dedication ceremony will be a major event. The fact that the building is still there with the original cornerstone intact will add to the significance of placing a State of Texas Historical Marker on the front lawn where many of the women and men of the Confederacy spend many of their final days. Come out and HONOR them! Is that not what we have all committed ourselves to do by being members of this great organization? We owe then so much and rarely have an opportunity to repay in some significant way. We did it for the men. Let's do it for the women who sacrificed more than we will ever know.



**Texas Confederate Woman's Home Cornerstone**

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## SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Our compatriots in South Carolina continue to grow. As pointed out in the President's message a second chapter has been chartered. I join President Boydston in congratulating and WELCOMING The Midlands Chapter of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans.



Newly elected President of the Midlands Chapter, South Carolina Society, Descendants of Confederate Veterans Eddie Oliver (L) accepts his DCV membership certificate from DCV Registrar Carl Hedges Jr. at the 2013 Reunion in Brenham Texas. Seated is DCV President J.D. Boydston.

I look forward to receiving news, photos, and updates from our newest chapter.

## DCV ON THE WEB

Did you know you can keep up with the latest from the DCV and some of the Chapters?

**DCV Home** > <http://www.dcvtx.org/>

**Capitol Chapter** > [http://tiny.cc/Capitol\\_Chapter](http://tiny.cc/Capitol_Chapter)

See us on Facebook:

**DCV** >

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Descendants-of-Confederate-Veterans/149137755127037>

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter, South Carolina**

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

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This is your newsletter. I invite and encourage each of you to contribute to it. Please send descriptions and photos if you have them of meetings, activities, and events you are a part of. Every contribution we make to preserve our Confederate history and protect our Confederate heritage, whether as an individual or a group, no matter how small or large is worthy of being noted in our newsletter.

Send to Terry Ayers > [mototerry@texreb.com](mailto:mototerry@texreb.com)

Please help Carl out by taking time to provide him with this important information. Where else would you rather be in February than Galveston? It will be fun, educational, and one to remember.

Make plans to **Come on Down!!**

## **2014 REUNION PLANNING FLYER** **DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

Reunion 2014

Galveston, Texas

Friday, February 21

and

Saturday, February 22

We are making initial planning and commitments. It will be helpful if we have a **tentative** number in attendance as well as number of rooms that will be required.

Please respond by October 15, 2013 to Carl Hedges – [cfhedges@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cfhedges@sbcglobal.net) with the following tentative information.

Number in attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Rooms needed \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday night only \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Only \_\_\_\_\_  
Both Nights \_\_\_\_\_

A reunion registration form will be sent out at a later date. This is information only for making possible hotel and eating arrangements.

## **IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

**Captain B.F. Hall** "I commanded Company A, 55<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment, Quarles' Brigade, Walthall's Division in the Battle of Franklin. Every man of my Company who went into the fight was either killed or wounded except myself. Most of them lay in front of the old gin not far from where the brave Cleburne fell."

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