





DCV TRAVELLER

DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND FLORIDA www.DCVTX.org

Summer 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Terry Ayers

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

Summer has arrived in our beloved Southland and here in central Texas the familiar sight of maturing cotton in the blackland fields east and northeast of Austin is one I look forward to each year. Sadly those sights are not as plentiful as they were in my youth. Prior to the War Between the States and for many years after the bulk of cotton grown in Texas came from East and Central Texas. Over the last 100 years a steady geographical shift has taken place and today the bulk of cotton grown in Texas comes from the Rio Grande Valley and the High Plains. The seemingly never ending out of control urban development has caused the closing of many cotton gins I grew up seeing operate. The gin in my community of Pflugerville near Austin was shut down several years ago and sits abandon and a relic of the past. There is talk it may be "incorporated" into a development plan that at least saves the character of the old gin.

There are other relics of the past in the Southland that are not receiving the same consideration as the old gin. They are the memorials and monuments honoring the Confederate heroes of the War Between the States. They are under assault and are being removed at an alarming rate.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE Cont:

It is not just the monuments to the leaders and great Generals of the Confederacy but also memorials to the common soldier and sailor who not only served their country but died for their country.

The most recent example receiving worldwide news coverage was the scorched Earth removal of monuments throughout the City of New Orleans. Monuments with statues of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee were removed. Even the monument to General Pierre Gustave Toutant-Beauregard, a native son of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana who died in New Orleans and is buried in New Orleans at the Tomb of the Army of Tennessee in Metairie Cemetery was removed from where it had stood for 102 years.

The only way forward to stop the out of control assault on our history and heritage is through legislation at the state level. A small number of inner city bureaucrats should not be able to wreck the type of havoc that took place in New Orleans. Some states have begun to enact laws to protect the monuments and memorials placed by those who came before us. There is strong and organized opposition in every state that has attempted to enact protective legislation. Some attempts in recent years to pass such legislation have failed as it did in Texas in 2007. That empowered the opposition and Texas is still without a solid law to protect our monuments and memorials.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE Cont:

I hope all members of the DCV will be active in any way that you can to promote protecting our history and heritage. Contact your state representatives and senators and support legislation that would protect the monuments throughout our beloved Southland. At events you participate in such as reenactments, living histories, parades, etc. work to change hearts and minds by educating those willing to listen. Even changing just one heart or one mind is a success. To do nothing guarantees failure.

I'll close by saying how proud I am to serve this great organization and to again thank each of you for your continued membership. Have a great summer. I hope it's filled with many opportunities to exercise your membership in the DCV by participating in activities and events that support the positive and truthful history of those who served in the Confederate States of America.

God Bless all, and God Bless the Southland. Terry Ayers

EAST TEXAS CHAPTER

The East Texas Chapter has been busy planning and raising funds to place another permanent DCV Commemorative Marker bearing the Great Seal of the DCV at a cemetery in their region where many Confederates are buried. They have selected Winterfield Cemetery in Longview, Texas. Winterfield Cemetery is a very old, high-visibility cemetery located inside the Longview city limits. The cemetery contains over 500 marked graves including many Confederate Veterans. Details are being finalized and East Texas Chapter President Terry Hedrick is anticipating an unveiling and dedication ceremony hosted by the Chapter later this year in the fall. Details will be shared with all members of the DCV. The marker will be the fourth of its type placed in cemeteries by the East Texas Chapter in their region. The other three markers are in the Gum Springs Cemetery, the Pirtle Methodist Cemetery and the Millville Cemetery. The cost of the current project is estimated to be around \$1000.

EAST TEXAS CHAPTER Cont.



Gum Springs Cemetery Harrison County, Texas



Pirtle Methodist Cemetery Rusk County, Texas



Millville Cemetery Rusk County, Texas

Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter Brevard County, Florida



The newest chapter in the DCV is up and running. In addition to holding regular chapter meetings plans are being made to participate in various events in their region of Florida. Already the chapter is expanding its membership. Chapter President Rod Revels has announced Miss Beverly Mays has met the DCV membership requirements and is now a member of the chapter.

Welcome to the DCV Beverly

PROMOTING THE DCV IN BREVARD COUNTY

The first weekend this month the Chapter set up a booth at Renningers Super Flea and Farmers Market to showcase their pride as Descendants of Confederate Veterans and promote the DCV. Rennigers is billed as "Brevard's Largest Shopping Attraction" with hundreds of booths.





Nicole Scott, Rob Dyer, Constance Wagner, Mike Baker, Greg Scott, Rod Revels

Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter Brevard County, Florida Cont.



Literature "Southern Style", Firearms and Sweet Treats



President Rod Revels "Supervising"



Promoting the DCV & the CSA



Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter Cont.

Greg Scott pulling Guard Duty



Constance Wagner "Old South Herbal Expert"



Check out the many herbs and spices



Rob Dyer ready to greet and answer questions from the many visitors

Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter Cont.



Nicole Scott staffs the DCV booth



Compatriot Mike Baker. No mistaking him for a Yankee!



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The group was well received and had many interested visitors. All were invited to attend the June 20th Chapter meeting. Donations even covered the cost of the booth. FINE JOB Y'All!

Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter Cont.



Chapter Genealogist Phil Thomas happy to find your soldier

The Barefoot Tattler is a monthly community newspaper in Brevard County, Florida.



Descendants of Confederate Veterans (DCV) coming to Brevard County

On June, 20th, 2017 the T. W. Brevard, Jr. Chapter, Descendants of Confederate Veterans will meet in Palm Bay and invites all who have Southern Heritage to come and join us. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Memaw's B- B-Q located at 4916 Babcock St. N.E. Palm Bay, Fl. Our meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a great meal, followed by a short business session and finally a topic about the war. We finish about 8:30 p.m. Camp T.W. Brevard, Jr. Chapter is part of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans based in Austin, Texas. The DCV is an organization of men and women whose ancestors served in the war for Southern Independence. Our chapter is named after T. W. Brevard Jr's father, Theodorus W. Brevard who was the namesake of Brevard County, For more information concerning the

President Rod Revels reports the Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter will be back at Renningers Super Flea and Farmers Market in July. If you're in the area stop in and visit the DCV Booth.

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Capitol Chapter Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Robert E. Lee Leadership Award

May ends the academic school year at the high school level and is a special time for the Capitol Chapter because of its sponsorship of the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award. The Capitol Chapter sponsors the NJROTC Robert E. Lee Leadership award at Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas, Bastrop High School, Bastrop, Texas, Elgin High School, Elgin, Texas, Vista Ridge High School, Leander, Texas and William B. Travis High School, Austin, Texas.

The award is presented to a cadet enrolled in the NJROTC program at his or hers school. The cadet is selected by the Senior Naval Science Instructor. The Cadet who receives the award is presented with a certificate from the DCV and a replica of the sword carried by General 'Jo' Shelby.



Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder, wife and Chapter member Lyn von Roeder attended the award ceremones at all five participating high schools. President von Roeder salutes the reciepients and presents them with the sword. Captiol Chapter member Jim Price is a faculty member at Travis High School.



Lyn and Steve von Roeder

Capitol Chapter cont.

Travis High School, Austin, Texas



Steve von Roeder reads the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award proclamation to recipient Cadet LCDR Jose Mata.



Steve von Roeder salutes Cadet LCDR Jose Mata prior to presenting him with the sword.

Capitol Chapter cont.

Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas



NJROTC Cadet Ensign LeAllan Buerger

Bastrop High School, Bastrop, Texas



Steve von Roeder draws the sword to salute NJROTC Cadet Brandon Schappaugh



Applause for NJROTC Cadet Brandon Schappaugh

Capitol Chapter cont.

Elgin High School, Elgin, Texas



Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder prepares to salute the recipient of the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award



Steve von Roeder presents NJROTC Cadet LCDR Dylan Parsons with the Robert E. Lee Leadership sword and certificate



Applause for NJROTC Cadet LCDR Dylan Parsons

Capitol Chapter cont.

Vista Ridge High School, Leander, Texas



Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder salutes NJROTC Cadet Lieutenant Harrison Lutz



Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder advances and presents the sword to Robert E. Lee Leadership Award to NJROTC Cadet Lieutenant Harrison Lutz



Mr. von Roeder,

I want to thank you for being part of the Bastrop High School NJROTC Award ceremony. Your presentation of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans, Robert E. Lee leadership award to Cadet Brandon Schappaugh was the highlight of the program. Cadets are still talking about the sword. We really appreciate your involvement and the support of your organization to the Bastrop High School NJROTC program, recognizing deserving cadets.

Sincerely,

CAPT Chris Fletcher

Senior Naval Science Instructor, Bastrop High School NJROTC

Capitol Chapter cont.

Congratulations are in order to DCV Founding Member and Capitol Chapter Member Dr. Gary M. Loudermilk for being selected to receive <u>The Davis Guards/Dick Dowling Medal</u> for his many years of exceptional dedicated service as a member of the MOS&B. Originally named The Davis Guards, the award today is called the Dick Dowling Medal.



Dr. Gary M. Loudemilk awarded

The Davis Guards/Dick Dowling Medal

Dr. Loudermilk is in his 21st year in the MOS&B. He has been honored many times with various awards from the UDC, MOS&B and other heritage organizations. Awards include the Robert E. Lee Chalice, the highest MOS&B award. The Dick Dowling Medal is awarded to "persons who have made a substantial contribution to preserving Southern Heritage." The medal was first given in 1970 and only 47 have been awarded to date.



The Davis Guard medal was made from a Mexican silver peso. Because the company was largely Irish a green ribbon was used to hold the medal.

Capitol Chapter cont.

The Davis Guards Medal is the only medal authorized by the Confederate Congress issued for a Confederate battle honor. It is the medal made for the Jefferson Davis Guards for their heroic conduct during the short and sharp defense of the Sabine River Pass on September 8, 1863. The Davis Guards medal is of the highest importance to the military history of the Confederacy and a specimen was actually presented to President Jefferson Davis. Davis received his medal by virtue of being honorary commander of his namesake, the Davis Guards and it was in his possession when he was captured. Regrettably it was stolen and never recovered.

What Dick Dowling and his men did on September 8, 1863 would go down in history as one of the greatest military upsets on American soil. The 47 men of the Davis Guard were faced with 5,000 enemy soldiers. Dowling and his men used a motto that once brought heartache to Texas. They shouted "Victory or Death" as they attacked the Union forces.

After 45 minutes, the Union soldiers retreated and the battle was over. The Davis Guards hadn't lost a single man. They captured 350 prisoners, and 50 lay dead in a solid victory for the CSA. President Davis wrote the bravery of the Lt. Dick Dowling's men was "without parallel in ancient or modern war."

The Union forces would never again threaten Texas in a major confrontation until the Battle of Palmito Ranch, the last battle of the war. The victory at the Battle of Sabine Pass was one of the reasons that Texas was the only southern state to never be successfully occupied during the WBTS.



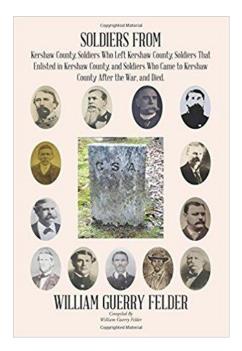
1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter, Darlington, SC

The Chapter continues to be active and their membership is expanding. Three new members have been sworn in since the last newsletter.



L-R Teresa Reed, Tom Reed, and Elaine Frye, Bob Jones
WELCOME TO THE DCV
Teresa, Tom, and Elaine

The Chapter continues to have outstanding meetings that frequently feature well known authors of books about the Confederacy. Their last meeting featured Author William Guerry Felder. Mr. Fielder spoke about the soldiers from Kershaw County. His most recent book is titled, Soldiers from Kershaw County, Soldiers Who Left Kershaw County, Soldiers That Enlisted in Kershaw County, and Soldiers Who Came to Kershaw County After the War, and Died. Whew, now that's a title...



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



Author William Guerry Felder received a Certificate of Appreciation from Bob Jones

Mr. Fielders book can be purchased on Amazon. The book is a compilation of soldiers using service records, rolls found in papers, in the commanding officer's papers, obituaries, and newspaper accounts. It includes many photographs and illustrations.

Letter from the Historic Jefferson Foundation

At the 2017 DCV Annual Reunion last February East Texas Chapter member Kay Hilburn arraigned a slide show presentation and fantastic tour by the Historic Jefferson Foundation of the historic Jefferson Ordnance Magazine. Located in Jefferson on the banks of the Big Cypress Bayou it is the only surviving Confederate Powder Magazine in Texas. Over a century of often dealing with flooding of the bayou combined with unchecked erosion begin placing the structure in serious peril in the last decade. The embankment had moved to within seventeen feet of the building and unless something was done to stabilize the embankment and stop the erosion the relic of the war would be lost forever. In early 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to oversee the project. Issues have since surfaced causing the Army Corps of Engineers to cancel the project.

The DCV in appreciation for their hospitality and a desire to participate in the effort to save the historic landmark made a donation to the foundation.

Letter from the Historic Jefferson Foundation



15 May 2017

Mrs. Kay Hilburn 313 Dalee Drive Hallsville, TX 75650 Dear Mrs. Hilburn

Thank you very much for your donation to and your interest in the Historic Jefferson Foundation's work toward the preservation of the Jefferson Ordnance Magazine. This letter will provide updated information concerning the Magazine.

You are probably aware that for the past few years, the Foundation had been in active negotiation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning stabilization of the Big Cypress Bayou embankment which was slowly sloughing away the land between the Magazine and the water's edge. Plans were laid, and as soon as we were permitted an easement for access, we were to begin a daunting fund-raiding phase to obtain our share of the project.

The land surrounding the Magazine, owned by a private individual, was purchased by a new owner in early spring, 2016. We were very hopeful that permanent and public access to the Magazine could be negotiated with the new owner. That proved a false hope, as the new owner refused that easement. Being at a critical stage of work with the Corps, this final answer caused the Corps to terminate their work for us.

As the embankment had eroded to 16 feet and 13 feet, and there being no realistic option on urgently needed embankment stabilization, the Board made the decision to engage a professional firm to move the Magazine about 25 feet back on the lot owned by the Foundation. We determined it was our only means of preserving it and prevent loss to the bayou. That work was undertaken in November and December, 2016, and was done with great care and success, with no damage to the Magazine and indeed, placing it on a more secure foundation. We were pleased with the result and relieved when the winter rains came, that the Magazine was safe. That work was accomplished at a cost of \$50,000, which nearly depleted all funds raised for its preservation.

In late January, the Foundation discovered a "stabilization" project underway without our knowledge or consent. The adjacent owner had hired the work done. We immediately demanded it be stopped, but significant soil movement had already been accomplished.

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The adjacent owner wanted to rectify the situation, and entered negotiation with the Foundation. The result was that we have transferred the Deed to the land owned by the Foundation to this new owner. Covenants were established to ensure the property will be preserved following requirements of the National Register of Historic Places and the Texas Historic Commission; and that the Foundation be granted access for the Board, members and their guests to visit and inspect the property upon written permission, and that such access cannot unreasonably be denied. A sum of money was also provided to the Foundation.

We are pleased with this agreement, as the Magazine is in the hands of an owner who is now interested and has the means to maintain and preserve the Magazine. We have met our mission in preserving it, and have done all within our power and available funding to secure the Magazine. Moreover, we have gained more assurance of entry to visit the Magazine than we had before. I hope you will agree we have done our due diligence in this matter and will continue to do so as needed.

I cannot overstate the importance of your donation to our success in this endeavor, and our gratitude for your support. If you or your representatives wish to visit, please call 903-665-7064 with dates of possible visits, so we can solicit entry permission. We pledge to make every effort to arrange a convenient time for your visit.

Sincerely

Laura Omer Miller

Laura Omer Miller, President, Board of Directors

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Kay's Stitching Post

Speaking of Kay Hilburn, if you've been to any of the annual reunions or looked closely at some of the photos in the DCV TRAVELLER you may have noticed caps and apparel sporting the DCV logos. Those items are the product of DCV East Texas chapter member Kay Hilburn. Kay is the owner of Kay's Stitching Post in Hallsville, Texas. Kay is in the business and will put the DCV Logos on a variety of caps and other apparel for DCV members. Below are a few examples of what she can do.



East Texas Chapter Members J.D. Boydstun & Barney Hilburn wearing DCV logo shirts by Kay's Stitching Post

Kay's Stitching Post Cont.

If you're interested in purchasing DCV labeled items please contact Kay. I don't know anything about how all that sewing stuff works but it's not limited to just clothing. In fact, when I was talking to Kay she said, "I'll be happy to do what anyone wants."

Now that summer is here I'm thinking a big `ol Beach Towel with the DCV Logo!



Contact Kay Hilburn Email: kaynbarn@gmail.com Phone: (903) 660-0200

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"In their own words" is a regular feature in the DCV TRAVELLER. This Editor generally selects something a Confederate Veteran documented about his experience during a Battle, or it may be his memory of a man or men he served with. This issue "In their own words" features a letter dated June 1, 1907 from a soldier who signed his name "Bohannon" to a compatriot named William Horton. Both Confederate soldiers served in Company B. 8th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Spell check is disabled for the purpose of authenticy.

IN HIS OWN WORDS "Bohannon", Selma Alabama

Selma Ala June the 1st 1907

William Horton, Houston Texas

Dear old friend and comrade I have no news of interest. Times are tolerable good here farmers are doing very well and trade is good. The people are doing farely well. I would like to see our old souldier friends again that is them that are living but that is impossible. Will, what has become of M.B. Yarbrough that belong to our company he went to Texas a few years after the war was over and I never have herd from him since I would like to see him. Ben Yarbrough we called him. I have been tickeld at him when we were on the march especially on a night march. The time we left Culpeper Court house it was in the night and we marched all night long and part of the time we was on the rail road and it was very dark and Ben was good mad. He said they we were tring to make him straggle but he will see them in hell before he would straggle, he fell through a cattle guard on the road and skinned his shins and broke his gun into and got up a cursing and throwed his broken gun away and I asked him what he was going to fight with and he said dam em he would throw rocks. And at another time he amused me and that was the Sunday morning before we left Petersburg when we had the fight upon James river the Yankees made a charge on our line and Ben was standing right by me he was shooting as fast as he could and the Yanks was getting up pretty close and I had nothing but my sword and I was a little

IN HIS OWN WORDS Cont.

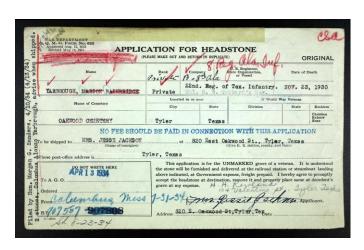
excited and kept telling Ben to shoot, Ben shoot. He said dam it wait until I get my gun loaded. Ben was a great boy I would love to talk to him about our times we had in old Virginia. Will, write to me if there is any of our old company out there near you and I will write to them and give me all the news you can.

Your old friend and comrad. Bohannon

Regarding M.B. Yarbrough by Terry Ayers, Editor

Dear Mr. Bohannon,

In the letter to your comrade William Horton of Houston you asked "what has become of M.B. Yarbough." Sir, I can answer that for you. You're correct, Marion Bainbridge, aka M.B. aka "Ben" Yarbrough as you called him did move to Texas after the war. In 1870 he lived in Nacogdoches and in 1880 in Cherokee. He died in Tyler, Texas in 1925 at the age of 87. He's buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Smith County, Texas alongside seventy-nine other Confederate Veterans. Surely he rests in peace among his comrads.



Application for Military Headstone for Marion Bainbridge Yarbrough. He served as a Private in the 22nd Reg. Texas Infantry, and also as a Private in Co. B, the 8th Alabama Inantry Regiment. He moved to Texas after the war and in 1870 lived in Nacogdoches and in 1880 in Cherokee. His father was Nimrod Billington Yarbrough II. He died of pneumonia in Atlanta in 1864 while on active duty in Co. C, 3rd. Battalion, Hilliard's Legion, Alabama Volunteers.

Regarding M.B. Yarbrough by Terry Ayers, Editor



Marion Bainbridge Yarbrough November 23, 1837 - February 13,1925 Company B 8th Alabama Infantry Regiment Confederate States Army

MID YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SET

In accordance with the DCV Constitution the DCV Board of Directors and Special Officers will meet to conduct DCV Association business. The meeting is open to ALL members of the DCV and are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, August 19, 2017 11:00 a.m. for lunch El Conquistador Restaurant 1516 Old Brandon Rd. Hillsboro, TX 76645

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