



# DCV TODAY

## Descendants of Confederate Veterans

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OCTOBER, 2011

### PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's October already and that means that it's time for our dedication ceremony for the Texas State Historical Marker at the site of the Confederate Men's Home in Austin. October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date...11:00 AM is the time. This is an event you will not want to miss. Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is the keynote speaker and he NEVER disappoints. The Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be on hand to present the Douglas Southall Freeman literary award, their most prestigious award for literature, and we are honored to be able to host this presentation. And most importantly, we will be dedicating the official marker that honors the home of so many Texas Confederate veterans. It is a permanent, tangible reminder of their life and service that will be there for many generations to come.

With this formal dedication, the DCV celebrates its first of several planned markers dedicated to our heroes. Chapters and the DCV state officers are all participating in our marker project. As stated in our Constitution, this is one of the things we are SUPPOSED to be doing. There are many people to thank for making this happen and we will try and do that at the dedication. I'm sure that some will be unintentionally omitted, so please allow me to apologize in advance. I can assure you that nobody will go unrecognized on purpose and my personal thanks go out to everyone who had a hand in any stage of making this happen. Not only was the DCV involved and running with this ball, but the Travis County Historical Commission, the Texas Historical

Commission, the City of Austin, the University of Texas and a number of individuals who are not members of the DCV were directly involved. Thank you all.

I hope everyone reading this makes your best effort to attend. The ceremony will be outside at the site of the marker and we will have chairs for those who may have trouble standing. We promise to keep things moving but we also are committed to honoring our heroes properly and with the dignity they deserve. We can't control the weather but we will go forward rain or shine. There is one thing that I believe we can be assured of...that the veterans themselves will be in attendance. They will see us gathered in what was once their front yard and they will join us to see what is going on. We are committed to doing our best to make them proud, as they make us proud.

The address is 1600 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you all for what you have done and continue to do for the DCV.

God Bless America and God Save the South.

Steve Lucas  
DCV Board President

### EDITORS MUSING

Just back from several days in Abilene, Tx., at The Texas Division UDC Convention. Had a great time, meeting new folks and talking DCV. We are not forgotten there and still hold a place of honor.

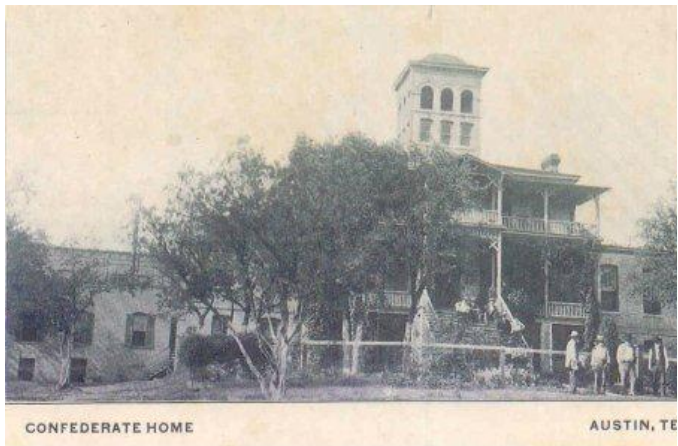
Actually it was the first time I have been back to Abilene in about 50+ years. My conscious how it has grown. I still remember when it had an Army Camp there on the east side of town. The MCM Elegante Hotel where we stayed was on the South side of town behind the mall (?). This was just pasture land last time I saw it. Anyway, it was fun to see the growth.

**OCTOBER 22, 2011**  
**REMEMBER THAT DATE**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the dedication of the historical marker at the Confederate Men's Home in Austin will take place. Keep that date open. A final invitation will be sent shortly giving time, etc.

I do know that there have been many folks working on this and it shouldn't be missed. We will go down on the 21<sup>st</sup> and spend the night, basically due to the time and distance involved.

There are a lot of folks to thank for this endeavor; mainly Terry Ayers of the Austin Chapter. His untiring dedication to this event has brought it to this time.



Confederate Men's Home circ. 1929

**PACIFIC MOH WINNERS**  
Private Rodger W. Young

The infantry company of which Pvt. Young was a member, was ordered to make a limited withdrawal from the battle line in order to adjust the battalion's position for the night. At this time, Pvt. Young's platoon was engaged with the enemy in a dense jungle where observation was very limited. The platoon suddenly was pinned down by intense fire from a Japanese machinegun concealed on higher ground only 75 yards away. The initial burst wounded Pvt. Young. As the platoon started to obey the order to withdraw, Pvt. Young called out that he could see the enemy emplacement, whereupon he started creeping toward it. Another burst from the machinegun wounded him a second time. Despite the wounds, he continued his heroic advance, attracting enemy fire and answering with his rifle fire. When he was close enough to his objective, he began throwing hand grenades, and while doing so was hit again and killed. Pvt. Young's bold action in closing with this Japanese pillbox and thus diverting its fire, permitted his platoon to disengage itself, without loss, and was responsible for several enemy casualties.

**CAMP FORD**  
*IT REALY HAPPENED IN EAST TEXAS* by Robert Hayes

The stone marker by the side of the US Highway 271, four miles north of Tyler reads: "Camp Ford, Stockade Prison of Federal Soldiers during the Civil War." A nearby wooden sign goes into a little more detail: "At this place 2000 to 6000 federal soldiers were held from 1862 to 1865."

Sports fans feel that both markers miss the point, for there is no mention of a baseball

game at Camp Ford that may have been the first ever played in Texas.

Col. Charles C. Nott, one of the prisoners in describing the camp. "The road wound around a little knoll, covered with pine and scraggly oak. We saw on a hill a barnyard of a place, encompassed by a stockade fence 15 feet high. Within, partly burrowed and partly built, was an irregular group of log shanties, small, dark and dirty." In spite of the hardships, the prisoners found ways to entertain themselves. They even set up a crude gymnasium. They carded trinkets and made banjos, AND THEY PLAYED BASEBALL.

W. W. Funderburg, of Tyler, who was a guard at Camp Ford, wrote in a letter dated 1924: "We guard boys and watch them play some kind of a ball game, different from our old time town ball we used to play at school. I am sure now it was baseball."

And what sort of equipment was used In the historic game?

The answer may be found in another old letter written by Ed M Ketchum, a prisoner, who moved to Galveston after the war. "We prisoners in Camp Ford, made our first ball out of a piece of bottle cork wound over with ravelings from an army blanket and covered with a piece of Capt. Billy Coe's bootleg. A broken artillery rank spike was used as a bat."

And that's how baseball could have made its way to Texas.

Submitted by John Barrett, E. T. Chapter

ANON

"Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today it's called golf....."



Ayers and marker to be dedicated

SOUTHWELL.

It appears that all is now cleared up at the marker place. Lucas went down there again on the 5<sup>th</sup>, met with the president, a Mr. Southwell. It seems it all started when Toni left the company at the time that East Texas was trying to get its marker finalized. Anyway some emails were lost, etc.

Steve had lunch with Mr. Southwell and it seems they got it all worked out and sent us an artists rendering of the marker as well as a price.

Mark Appleton, the ET President is now in contact with them and it looks like we will get it done anyway.

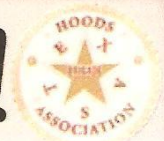
FYI, from now on call for a SHANNON DISNEY or email at SHANNON@SOUTHWELLCO.COM

BARNEY HILBURN, editor of sorts





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