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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Steve Lucas



Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

As I write this we have just concluded our 2021 DCV Annual Reunion. This year we chose to conduct the reunion via Zoom and, while we all certainly missed the usual camaraderie that we enjoy with our face-to-face get togethers, we had a successful and enjoyable time together with minimal technical gremlins getting in the way. Many thanks to all who were able to join us and to those who couldn't be with us – we missed you and hope to see you next time in person. I would like to congratulate our newly elected Board of Directors members, thank those whose terms ended this year, and take a moment to note that our beloved Founder, Steve von Roeder, is now a permanent member of our Board of Directors. I know you all join me in congratulating Steve and look forward, as I do, to his guidance and direction for many years to come.

The situation with the Texas Historical Commission and the Confederate Woman's Home that was the topic of my most recent newsletter article goes slowly on. The historical marker that we sponsored at the site remains in place but is still covered and bears the political messages placed on it by AGE.

President's Message Cont.

The internal review process of the Historical Commission was completed and that board has recommended to the Commissioners that the Landmark status of the Woman's Home site remain in place and that the request of AGE that it be removed be denied. The Commissioners are scheduled to vote on this at their next regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2021. If the Commissioners go along with this recommendation and vote accordingly, this will prevent AGE from legally tearing down the Woman's Home. My thanks go to all who have had a hand in fighting this ongoing battle. In addition to the DCV, Tami Hurley, the Texas UDC President has led the Texas UDC in their efforts and our good friend Martha Hartzog has been instrumental in gathering community support, especially with County Historical Commissions. Thanks to all. This fight is far from over. We must remain diligent and keep the pressure on the decision makers – the Texas Historical Commission.

As you know, the Texas Legislature is in session and there is legislation proposed that would do away with Confederate related items/themes/names/monuments, etc. There is also legislation proposed to save some or all of them. The best thing we can all do is contact our legislators in Texas and let them know how we feel and encourage them to do the right thing for history.

President’s Message Cont.

Please Google the Texas Legislature web site and look for HB 1186, HB 2571 and SB 1416 and do what you can.

The other night I was watching on TV a talk being given by the late James I. “Bud” Robertson, noted historian and author and one of my favorite speakers. He mentioned the often spoken about the time when Robert E. Lee had been offered command of Union forces before the War and how he went back to Arlington and reportedly spent a sleepless night pacing back and forth upstairs reportedly agonizing over his decision on whether or not to take the offer...finally deciding that he could not fight against his native state of Virginia. “Bud” stated that Lee didn’t agonize over his decision at all. Not for a minute. He knew all along that he was never going to take up arms against Virginia or have anything to do with an invasion of the South, but that he was sleepless over the situation in general...that it had finally come to this. I think that “Bud” was exactly right. Lee’s decision to lead the invasion was a no-brainer. That was never going to happen. Remember that Lee had been stationed in Texas for a considerable time and had been away from the center of “activity” and when he got back he was likely somewhat surprised by just exactly how out of hand things had gotten.

I will submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that things are out of hand again. It is possible that we are the last generation to take an active stand to defend not only our Confederate ancestors...but possibly our Spanish-American War ancestors, our WWI and WWII ancestors, etc. On what one might call a “local” level, our defense of the Confederate Woman’s Home should have been a no brainer and a simple matter. The defense of that site, in the state of Texas, in front of a body whose task it is to preserve history and historical sites – The Texas Historical Commission, should have taken no more than a letter and a phone call before such an ill-informed challenge was put to bed forever. But it has taken all of our resources, expertise, dedication and these many months just to get to the point we are today...and the battle is not yet won. On the national scale, well, we see what is going on with statues of Washington, Jefferson, etc.

President’s Message Cont.

Similar to what was faced by Robert E. Lee, WHAT to do was/is not the question. He...and we...know what to do. We can recognize right from wrong. I think that he...and we...know how difficult the fight is going to be and what will be the cost. It is up to us, like it was to him, to determine whether go forward and bear that burden.

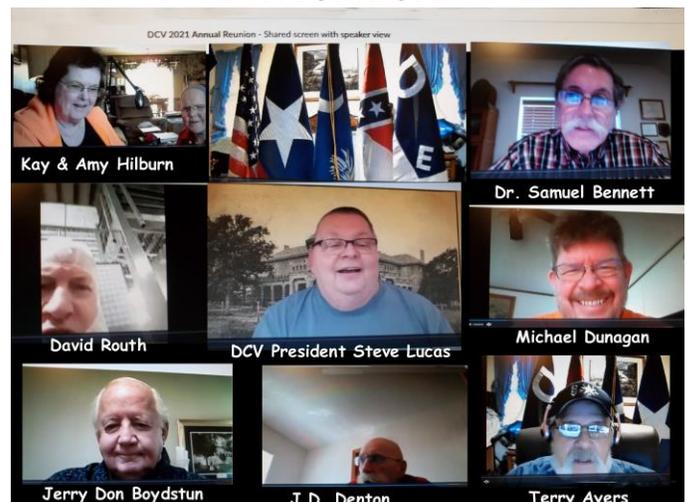
If we are to be the last generation to defend those who have gone before, so be it. We know what General Lee did. What would he have us do? He told his soldiers at the end of the War to go home and be good citizens. He wanted the fighting to cease and the country to be one and whole again. I do not think he wanted his soldiers to be forgotten or their sacrifices, or the sacrifices of the people on the home front, to be forgotten or misrepresented. I do not think he wanted their descendants to be ashamed of their forefathers. I do not think he would have tolerated that. I believe THAT is the type of thing that would have made him pace the floor.

Thank you all for all that you do every day to honor those who have gone before. Each of you are very special and I admire you all.

Steve Lucas
DCV Board President



**2021 DCV ANNUAL REUNION &
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIRTUAL
A DCV FIRST**



2021 DCV Annual Meeting Cont.

With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic the DCV Board of Directors made the decision not to schedule a traditional “in-person” annual membership reunion and Board of Directors meeting that is traditionally held in the month of February. The DCV Constitution requires that an annual meeting of the Board of Directors that coincides with the annual membership reunion be held in the first quarter of the calendar year. The Board elected to have a virtual meeting on March 20, 2021 utilizing the popular meeting app “Zoom”. DCV President Steve Lucas volunteered to host the virtual meeting.

Due to the impersonal nature of virtual reunions, expectations for a large number of participants among the general membership was not anticipated. That turned out to be the case.

Because of their commitment to the DCV and dedication to their position as a member of the DCV Board of Directors all were in attendance, including member David Routh who managed to participate in spite of having to be at his place of employment. That’s dedication!

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Lucas. DCV Chaplain Steve von Roeder participating by phone (therefore not pictured) gave the opening innovation. Miss Amy Hilburn led the participants in the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The main agenda items to be discussed and considered were.

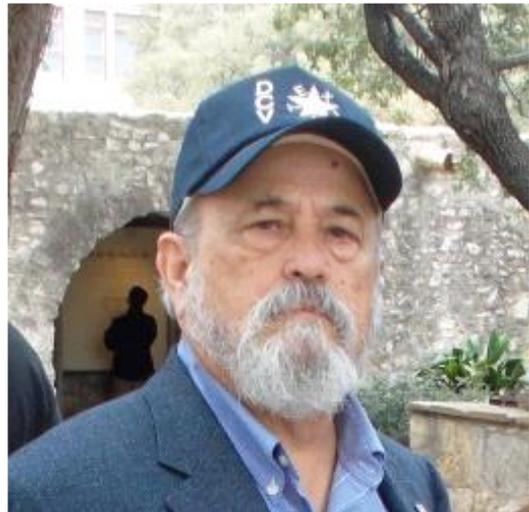
- a.) Two constitutional amendments.
- b.) Election of two members to the Board of Directors to fill the expiring terms of Sam Bennett and Michael Dunagan.
- c.) The ongoing effort to preserve the State of Texas Historical Marker and protect from destruction of the original State of Texas Confederate Woman’s Home.
- d.) State of Texas proposed monument protection legislation.

2021 DCV Annual Meeting Cont.

Amendment #1: Submitted by Steve Lucas would add DCV Founder Steven S. von Roeder to the DCV Board as a permanent member with vote.

Rationale: Steven von Roeder, as founder and through his vast and immeasurable experience in heritage related matters is vital to the DCV. His vision for the organization, leadership capabilities, mentoring skills and steadying influence has proven vital time and again. The DCV needs him and his guidance on our Board in all situations and at all times as nobody can take his place.

Result: Amendment adopted.



Steve von Roeder
DCV founder
Permanent member DCV Board of Directors

Amendment #2: Submitted by Steve Lucas adds electronic meeting permission to the DCV bylaws.

Rationale: Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, now requires that an organization’s bylaws specifically address the topic of electronic meetings. The DCV bylaws only cursorily addressed the topic and only as related to Board meetings. The “can hear each other at the same time” portion is crucial in the Robert’s section. This amendment will take care of the Robert’s requirement and provide for all emergencies such as the current pandemic, etc. It will also authorize electronic meetings as necessary at the Chapter and any other level without a rewrite of those bylaws and leave those decisions in the hands of those individuals. Texas nonprofit law already authorizes electronic meetings but is silent on the bylaws provision.

Result: Amendment adopted.

2021 DCV Annual Meeting Cont.

Members present in the meeting elected by acclamation Carl Hedges Jr. and Todd Smith to serve on the DCV Board of Directors. Each will serve a three year term. Congratulations to both.



Carl Hedges Jr.



Todd Smith

Texas Confederate Woman's Home

The Winter 2020 DCV TRAVELLER contained extensive up to date coverage of the DCV's effort to protect the historical marker and the State Antiquities Landmark designation for the Texas Confederate Woman's Home in Austin, Texas.

As previously reported, Austin Groups for the Elderly, aka AGE of Austin who owns the original building and surrounding property has filled a request with the State of Texas Historical Commission to remove the historical marker and the State of Texas Antiquities Landmark designation. Removing the SAL designation would allow AGE to demolish the now protected building that was built in 1908.

Texas Confederate Woman's Home Cont.



UPDATE: Thanks to the tremendous amount of preparedness and leadership of DCV President Steve Lucas things began to swing in the DCV's direction at the Texas Historical Commission quarterly meeting in February. Steve led a coordinated effort that included Tami Hurley, President of the Texas Division of the UDC and long time friend of the DCV, Martha Hartzog, President of Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated.

The THC Antiquities Advisory Board met in a zoom session on day one of the THC quarterly meeting. On the agenda was discuss and consider the request from AGE to remove the SAL designation. The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend to the THC Commissioners to deny AGE's request.

On day two of the THC Commissioners meeting public comment was allowed to address any agenda item. Three minutes were allowed from each speaker with no questions or comments from the Commissioners. DCV President Steve Lucas, Tami Hurley, Martha Hartzog, and DCV Communication Officer Terry Ayers spoke in support of the THC Antiquities Advisory Board's recommendation to deny AGE's request.

The THC Commissioners received the recommendation of the Advisory Board to deny AGE's request. Following THC rules a vote on AGE's request will tentatively be on the agenda at the next meeting of the THC in April.

Needless to say AGE is not happy. It is clear from the information President Lucas has obtained through FOIA requests and public statements AGE is not prepared to take no as an answer.

Texas Proposed Monument Protection Legislation

The Texas Legislature is only in session every two years. It is currently in session. As in the previous sessions, bills have been introduced to both protect the State's monuments, statues, plaques, markers etc. and also to remove all statues, monuments, plaques, markers, etc. that have any connection to the Confederacy. Similar bills in the last session all failed to become law.

Also filed is a bill that was filed in the last session without success would eliminate Confederate Heroes Day as an optional state holiday.

There is renewed hope that this session Senate Bill 1416 , TEXAS MONUMENT PROTECTION ACT filed by Texas State Senator Brandon Creighton will finally become law.



SB 1416: Protects all monuments...from the 10 Commandments to the San Jacinto Monument, from the Alamo to schools and streets named after Lincoln, Washington or Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Creates a process, and requires public input for the removal, relocation, and altering of Texas' statues, portraits, plaques, seals, symbols, building names, street names, park names, and cenotaphs.
- Utilizes the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account so new monuments and plaques can be erected to compliment or contrast with existing monuments. (e.g. Lee & Grant, Lincoln & Douglas)
- Includes a penalty with a maximum \$1500 fine for the first offense and \$25,000 fine for subsequent offenses.

The **COVID-19 virus** curtailed most of the DCV's chapter activities in 2020. While the Texas Chapters remain in that mode for a while longer, the 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter in South Carolina has resumed their monthly meetings and chapter sponsored activities.

1st Lt W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C.

Bob Jones, President reporting:

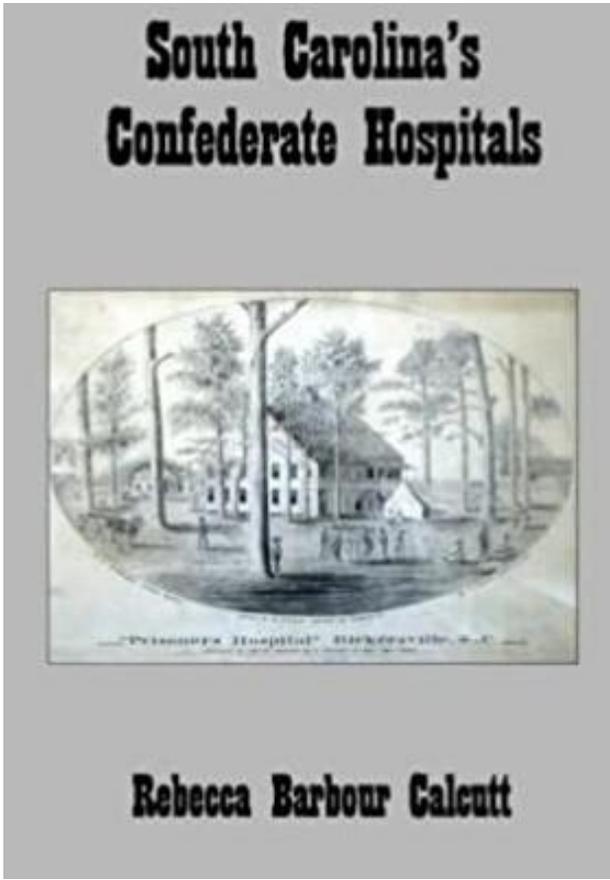
The 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter in Darlington, SC missed 3 months of meetings in the early part of 2020 because of the COVID virus. We started back up in June and have been meeting ever since at our normal local restaurant. Members have been involved in helping other historical organizations with their various activities. The chapter recently voted to provide perpetual care to a cemetery in Darlington County that has several Confederate Veterans buried there, as well as other veterans from our Nations other wars.

The James Chapter has continued to have very good programs provided by some of our own members. Several of our scheduled guest speakers declined to come and speak because of virus concerns. We are fortunate that we have some very knowledgeable members that have shared their historical research with us.

The chapter will continue our meetings and outdoor activities with caution. We are very fortunate that we have "Dodged the Bullet" so to speak in regards to the virus. We pray all DCV members will have continued good health. Hopefully we can have the DCV Reunion in 2022.



At the January meeting of the James chapter author Rebecca Barbour Calcutt gave a Power Point presentation of her book South Carolina's Confederate Hospitals.



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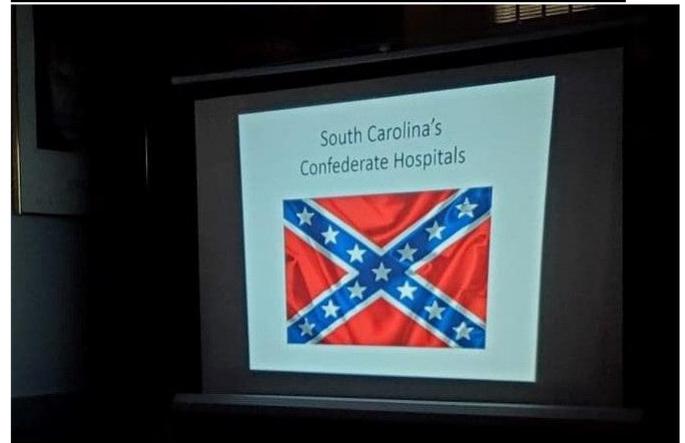
Although the Civil War began in South Carolina, the state saw little action for most of the conflict. Yet despite the 587-day bombardment of Charleston and the burning of the capital city of Columbia, some of the Palmetto State's greatest efforts centered around the care of the sick and wounded. With a penchant for preservation, many of the structures that served as hospitals still stand today.

This book takes readers on a tour through history as it explores the cities, towns, and villages of South Carolina in search of the houses, churches, hotels, stores, college buildings, town halls and many other edifices that served as hospitals during the war.

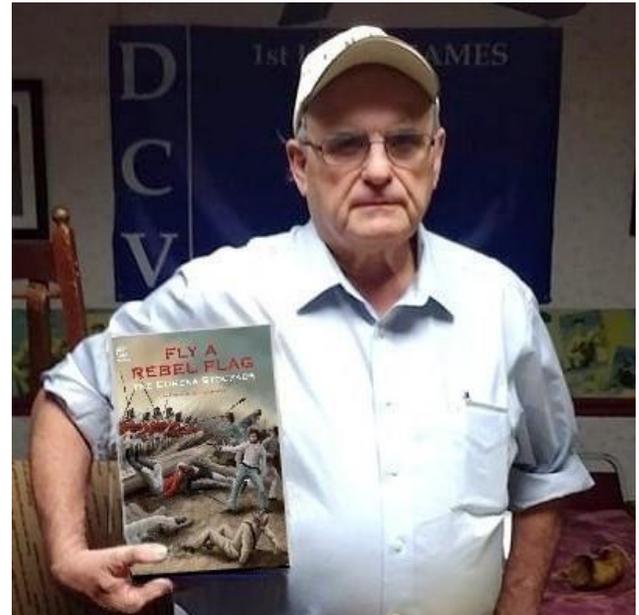
Packed with pictures both period and present-day, readers can locate and visit many of the sites today.



Available on Amazon



Mrs. Calcutt's Power Point presentation on South Carolina's Confederate Hospitals, a subject that we don't hear much about was excellent. Her book lists many of the hospitals, Doctors, and locations in the state. Several photos and drawings are included.



Joseph Matheson's February power point program was on a battle in Ballarat, Australia in 1854. The miners rallied around their Southern Cross flag. The end results were the beginning of Democracy in Australia.



Photo of the original Southern Cross flag that is in a museum in Australia.

1st Lt W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. Cont.



The Eureka Stockade was a gold miners' revolt in 1854 in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, against the officials supervising the mining of gold in the region of Ballarat. It was prompted by grievances over heavily priced mining items, the expense of a Miner's License, and taxation (license) without representation and the actions of the government and its agents, police, militia. This struggle was for many of the same reasons the Southern States went to war against the United States.

Members of the James Chapter gathered recently at Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Darlington SC to participate in a major clean-up effort. The James Chapter voted to provide preputial care to the cemetery. Many Confederate Veterans are there as well as veterans from many of our nation's wars.



L/R: Patrick Coxe, Bob Jones, James Nesmith, Ernie Hales, Richard Smith, Chris Harrell, Carl Hickson & Elaine Frye.

1st Lt W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. Cont.



Lamar Hwy Darlington, Darlington County, SC



Pleasant Grove Cemetery



Private Thaddeus Patrick Raines
 16 October 1841 9 June 1928
 Age 82



Private Thaddeus Patrick Raines
 Co A 14th SC Infantry CSA

Thaddeus Raines fought the entire war and was wounded seven times. He carried a minie ball in his hip the rest of his life. Following the war he had a total of 15 children.

Pvt. Thaddeus Patrick Raines

Raines Kept Fragment Of The War With Him For The Rest Of His Life

Lavieau Mauney Raines was married to Confederate veteran Thaddeus Patrick Raines for 19 memorable years, from 1910 to 1928, until his death at 87.

Mrs. Raines lives in Cayce with her only son, T. P. Raines, named for his father. She is 83 years old and enjoys recalling the years of her marriage.

Mrs. Raines has vivid memories of her husband's youthfulness and his zest for life. "He never looked a day over 50. And up until the time of his death could walk 12 or 14 miles in a day."

WHEN THE Civil War began in 1861 Thaddeus was a young man of 21 living with his parents on their farm in Darlington County. He joined the 14 South Carolina Volunteers and the soldiers of Company A became his comrades throughout the four years he served.

Mrs. Raines said he was wounded seven times, lost two fingers and "kept a Minie ball in his hip for the rest of his life."

In spite of the hardships and physical suffering endured by the Darlington native, he enjoyed telling his young son tales of the war. Most of the stories were not of the horrors of the war but involved humorous incidents that occurred to him and his buddy, an Irishman, he called his sidekick.

PVT. RAINES enjoyed talking and getting together with his war cronies after the war. His wife said he had the gift of gab, a honey tongue, and a salty, colorful vocabulary. He stoutly maintained that Stonewall Jackson had not been killed as reported by Confederate fire. The damn Yankees did it, he said, but the Confederacy didn't want to give them the credit.

Pvt. Raines' son was 14 when his father died, but he was so impressed with his father's accounts of the war that he made trips to the famous battle sites in Virginia, Gettysburg and finally, Calpepper Courthouse at Appomattox.

AFTER THE war the Confederate private returned to Darlington to farm, raise horses and have a family. After his first wife's death he married Lavieau. There was also a daughter, Mrs. L. M. Wallace of Columbia.

His son said he particularly remembers his father's orderliness and gentleness. "He could never spank us with anything but a newspaper."

In spite of not being on the victorious side in the Civil War the elder Raines bore no bitterness toward his country. Mrs. Raines said he was extremely loyal to the United States and even tried to enlist in World War I.



James Allison Furman Truett
 Co A 14th SC Infantry CSA

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Sidney McIver Truett
16 October 1844 4 November 1914
Age 70



Thomas H. Stokes
9 June 1831 13 October 1899
Age 68

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James Chapter President Bob Jones Reporting:

We had a booth at the SC Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention in Florence at the Florence Center.



Attendance was over 200 folks. Elaine Frye put together a great looking display that drew a lot of attention. We explained to many about our organization. Brochures, chapter business cards, and writing pens were passed out. Many items were available for people to buy. Although we did not sell enough to run off to Vegas with, we did make \$270.00 in sales. That will help us pay for speaker's meals, postage, minor computer supplies, and miscellaneous items. A big thank you goes out to our members who helped bring in from the van all the heavy items and sale products. Chapter members that were at the convention were; Zach Brafford, Noah Brafford, Dan Cox, Ernie Hales, Joseph Matheson, Elaine Frye, Patrick Coxe, James Nesmith, Brian Gandy, and Bob Jones. Another thank you goes out to those non-members that assisted our chapter.



Outstanding Display

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"Best of Show"

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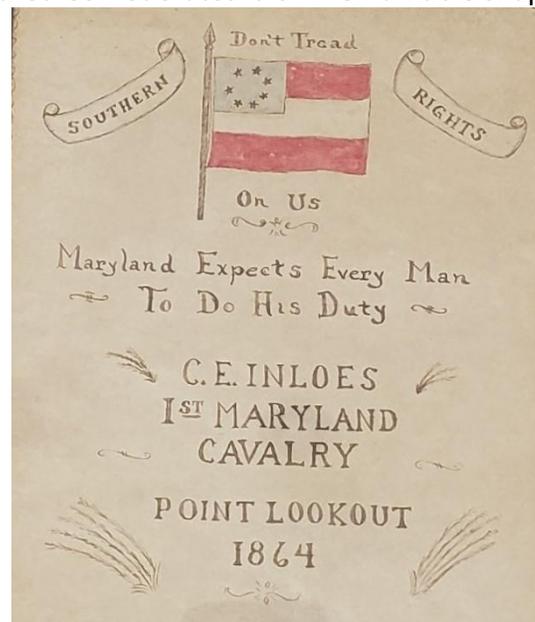


Newest member of the 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter
James Nesmith
WELCOME JAMES TO THE DCV



Virginia Flaggers member Susan Lee
DCV 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter member Elaine Frye

W.E. James Chapter President Bob Jones shared with the DCV TRAVELLER a photo of a 157 year old artifact. Considering its age, origin, and especially the conditions at Point Lookout prison camp for captured Confederates it is in remarkable shape.



Prison art by Pvt. Charles E. Inloes Age 25

Point Lookout Cont.



Private Charles Edward Inloes

Co. C 1st Maryland Cavalry

Enlisted, Richmond, VA 4 AUG 1862

Captured in Louisa County, VA.

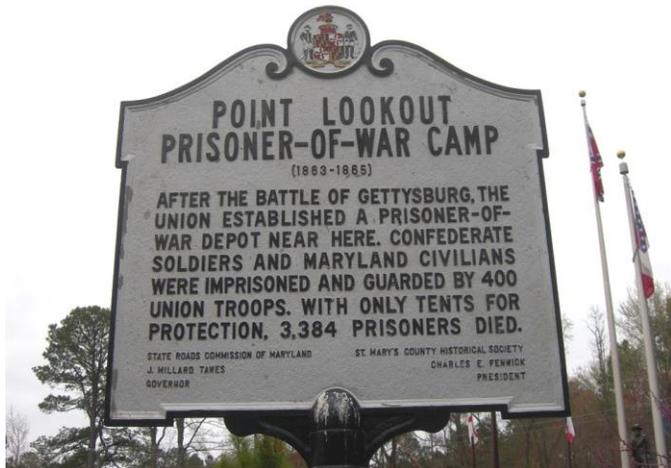
Released from Pt. Lookout Prison on 4 JUN 1865

Went back home to Baltimore, MD.

DOB; 1839 DOD; 1873

Age 33

Not knowing the cause of his death at the age of 33 it would not come as a surprise if conditions at Point Lookout were at least partially responsible.

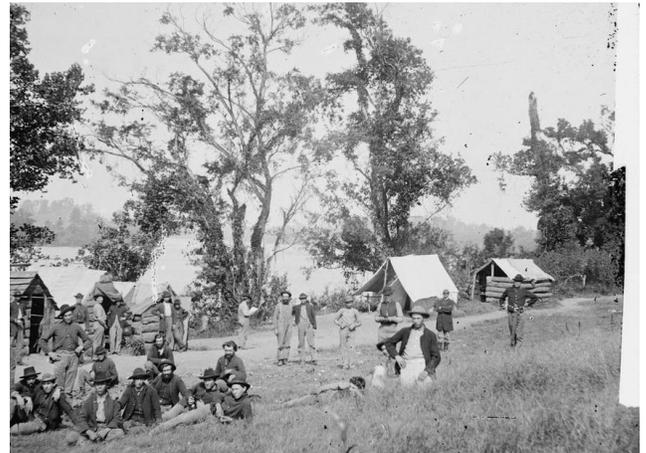


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Point Lookout Cont.



Point Lookout was the largest and one of the worst Union prisoner-of-war camps. At one time holding 20,000 prisoners. It was located at the extreme tip of St. Mary's County, on the long, low, and barren peninsula where the Potomac River joins Chesapeake Bay. All of the prisoners would have tents instead of barracks for their shelter.

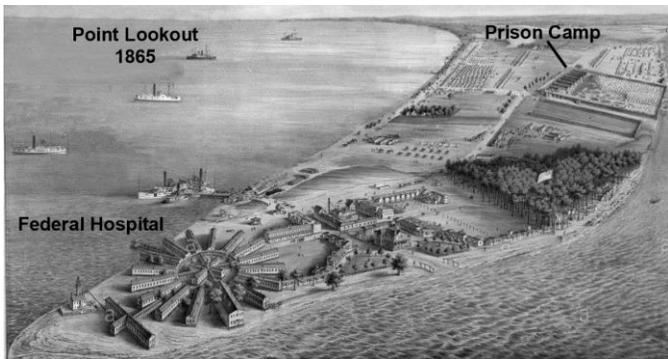


There were several different kinds of tents that the prisoners used. The majority of the different types were: Shelter- 3 men, Type A- 5 men, Sibley- 13-14 men, Hospital-15-18 men, Wall- 3-8 men, Hospital fly- 10-13 men, Wall-tent fly- 3-8 men.

The back of the prison was next to the bay. There the prisoners were allowed a certain area to bathe, wash clothes, and find additional food, such as clams, lobsters, and fish. Fresh water for drinking was scarce and polluted. Wells supplied the water for the camp, but they proved too shallow and had iron and alkaline salts in it. Later on, a boat was arranged to bring in fresh water for the prison.

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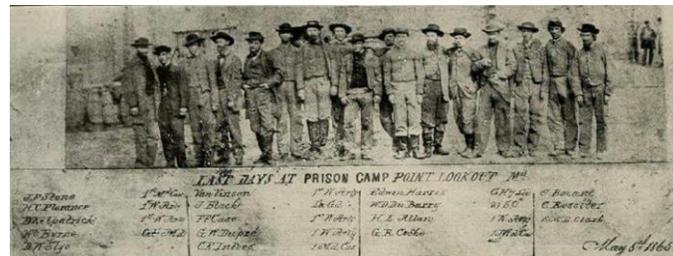


There was never enough food or firewood; both were strictly rationed. Twice a day rations were supposed to consist of pork 2 out of 3 days, with beef on the 3rd day. However, rats were a major source of protein for some inmates, and catching them became a favorite sport in the camp. Because of the topography, drainage was poor. Flooding of the prison compound was frequent soaking the prisoners their clothing and their tents.



Unknown Confederate at Point Lookout

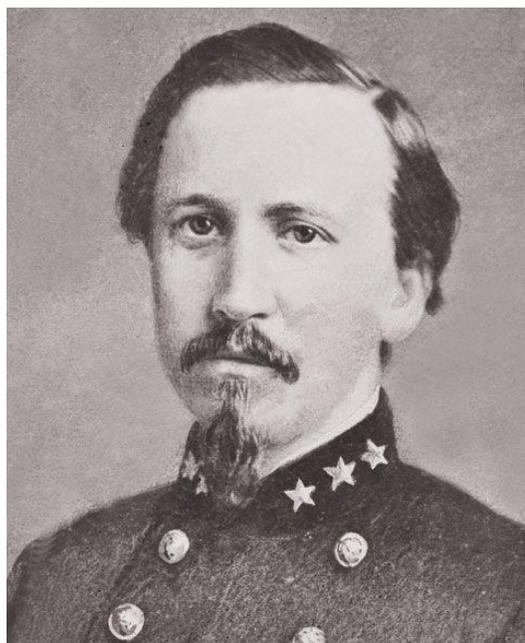
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Left to right : "J. F. Stone, First Maryland Cavalry; H. C. Florance, First W. Artillery; D. Kilpatrick, First W. Artillery; William Byrne, Cit. Maryland; D. W. Slye, Cit. Maryland; Van Vinson, First W. Artillery; J. Black, Louisiana Guard; F. F. Case, First W. Artillery; G. W. Dupré, First W. Artillery; C. E. Inloes, First Maryland Cavalry; Edwin Harris, Company H., Seventh Louisiana; W. D. DuBarry, Twenty-seventh South Carolina; H. L. Allan, First W. Artillery; G. R. Cooke, First Maryland Cavalry; J. Bozant, First W. Artillery; C. Rossiter, First W. Artillery, and S. M. E. Clark, First W. Artillery.

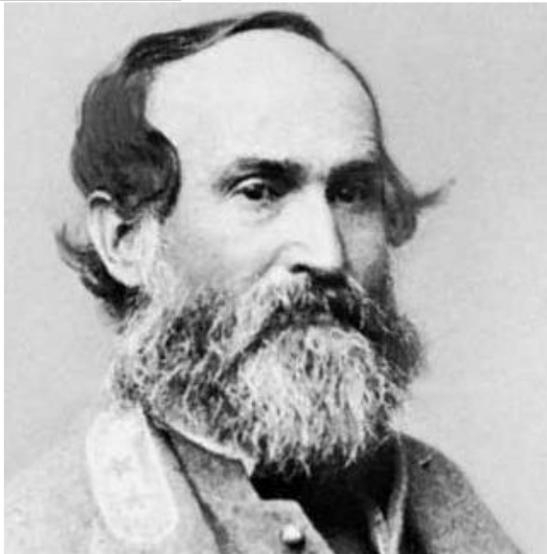
This peek into a little of the history of Point Lookout wouldn't be complete without mentioning in mid-summer of 1864 General Robert E. Lee, while hemmed in by Grant at Richmond conceived a bold plan designed not only to relieve Lynchburg and protect the Confederate supply line but also to ultimately make a bold move on Washington itself.

A major facet of his plan, with the addition of General Jubal Early's forces, became the rescue of almost 15,000 Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout. On the evening of the July 8th 1864 General Bradley T. Johnson was called to General Jubal Early's Headquarters.



General Bradley T. Johnson

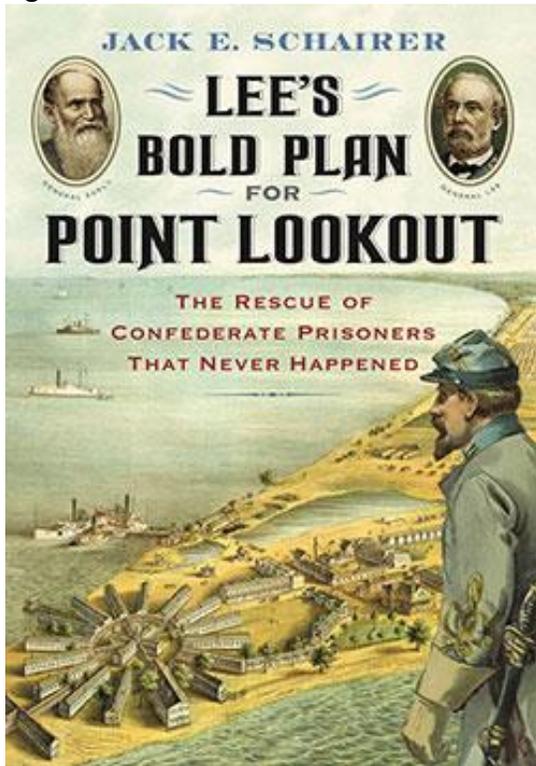
Point Lookout Cont.



General Jubal Early

General Early informed General Johnson that he would lead a daring raid around Baltimore and Washington to rescue the Confederate POWs held at Point Lookout.

Great plan, but we know that it didn't happen. There is more than speculation had General Lee's bold plan been successful it certainly would have changed the course if not the outcome of the war.



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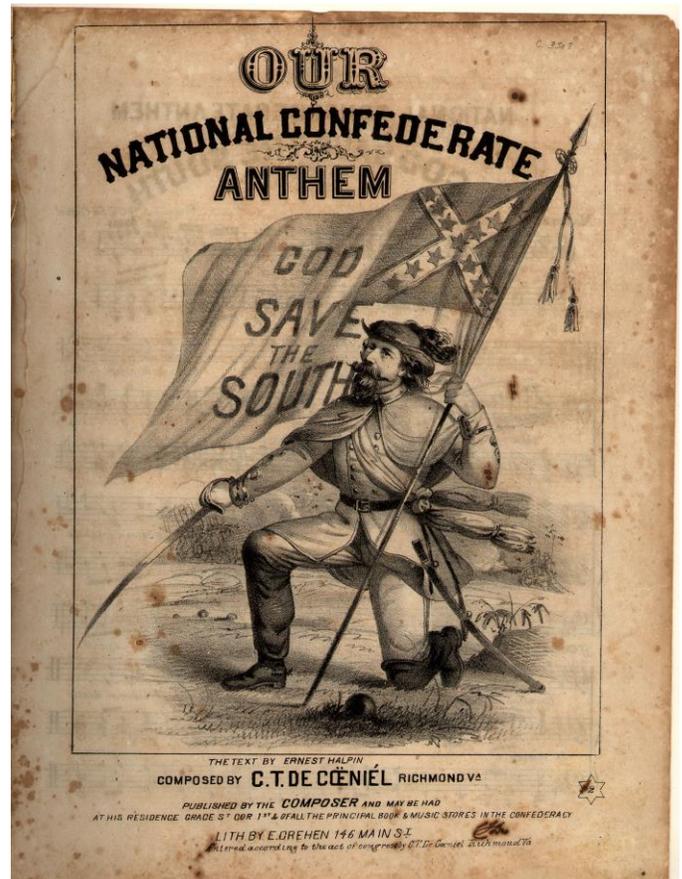
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