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

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Fall 2016

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

**Terry Ayers**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer. For those of us living in our beloved southland it was very much a typical summer of long hot days. Typically during the summer months heritage related activities and events are at a minimum. This issue of the DCV TRAVELLER will have a little different look and theme as we transition into fall where heritage related activities and events are already on the calendar.

The DCV Constitution provides for an annual reunion for all members during the first quarter each calendar year. The reunion is typically in February. The Constitution requires the Board of Directors meet in person at the time and place of each Annual Reunion. The Constitution also calls for a second scheduled annual "in person" meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on a date occurring after July 1 of each year. The "mid-year" meeting typically occurs in August. The 2016 mid-year meeting was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> in Hillsboro, Texas. A report on that meeting will be found later in this edition.

I am pleased to share with you my wife Barbara and I are taking a much needed vacation in October to Florida and up the east coast to South Carolina where I will be attending the October meeting of the DCV 1<sup>st</sup> Lt W.E. James Chapter in Darlington South Carolina. I am really looking forward to renewing friendships and making new ones. My last trip to the area was in 2004 when I travelled to Charleston to participate in the procession from

the Confederate Defenders Monument on E. Battery to Magnolia Cemetery for the reburial of the crew of the H. L. Hunley. I am very excited to be returning to Charleston to once more view the Hunley and pay my respects to the crew. Our return route will include a visit to Missionary Ridge. That being one of many battles that my Great-grandfather Pvt. Alexander Reed participated in with the 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry.

I'll wrap this up by saying we are all aware of the relentless nationwide attack on our Confederate heritage and history. It continues to grow in spite of all the good deeds being done by the DCV and other legitimate Confederate heritage organizations. We must not be discouraged and we must never give up in our effort to preserve the true history and protect our precious heritage. We can all fight the dismantling that local, state, and federal government entities are doing by getting involved.

We can write letters and make calls to elected local officials and to state and federal representatives. Your continued membership in the DCV is vitally important because there is strength in numbers. The DCV as a Confederate heritage organization has established itself as a respected voice at all levels of local and state governmental entities including many public school districts. As your President you have my promise I and the members of the Board of Directors will stay vigilant and actively fight the never ending attacks on our sacred Southern heritage.

Thank you each and every one for your membership and support. Let's put summer behind us, head in to fall and have great time living our southern dream.

Terry Ayers

**2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting**

The mid-year board meeting was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the El Conquistador Restaurant in Hillsboro Texas. Lunch was served at 11:00.



Clockwise: Barney Hilburn, Amy Hilburn, Kay Hilburn, Lyn von Roeder, Steve von Roeder, Todd Smith, Terry Ayers (not pictured) Dr. Samuel Bennett, Steve Lucas, J.D. Boydstun, Debbie Boydstun.



J.D Boydstun, Debbie Boydstun



Dr. Samuel Bennett Steve Lucas

**2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting cont.**



Lyn von Roeder, Steve von Roeder



Steve von Roeder, Todd Smith, Dr. Samuel Bennett



Barney Hilburn, Amy Hilburn, Kay Hilburn



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## 2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting Highlights cont.

Following lunch the meeting was called to order by President Terry Ayers. The invocation was given by DCV Chaplain Steve von Roeder. The pledges to the flags was led by East Texas Chapter member Amy Hilburn.

DCV Comptroller Samuel Bennett reported all chapter members' dues are current for calendar year 2016. He also reported there are some at-large members whose dues have not yet been received.

Steve Von Roeder, President of the Capitol Chapter provided a report on activities of the chapter during the first half of the year that included the presentation of the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award to the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet recipients from five area high schools.

East Texas Chapter member J.D. Boydston provided a report on their chapter activities. The installation and dedication of a DCV Commemorative Marker in Millville Cemetery that features the names of ten Confederate Soldiers interred in the cemetery was a great accomplishment. Compatriot Boydston commented on the amount of pride and sense of accomplishment everyone present felt at the ceremony. That feeling was reinforced by the many appreciative comments by those attending the ceremony.

President Ayers opened the floor for discussion and ideas regarding membership retention and recruiting. The conversation was centered around the DCV's exposure on social media and the opportunity to use both the DCV website and the DCV Facebook page to reach potential members, especially younger descendants of Confederate Veterans. One very interesting and appealing idea was to create an app, or a number of apps with various Confederate themes. Kay Hilburn suggested an idea she had been thinking about that would be a Texas Confederate Historical Marker travel app.

## 2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting Highlights cont.

Kay Hilburn and Steve Lucas volunteered to do the research necessary to identify the number and locations of all Texas Historical Markers whose subject matter is related to the Confederate States of America. Todd Smith volunteered to seek out associates with the expertise to design the app. Todd was also appointed co-administrator of the DCV Facebook page. The discussion wrapped up with additional commitments from President Ayers and Steve von Roeder to more closely monitor both the DCV website and DCV Facebook page to ensure both contain accurate and up to date information.



L-R Debbie Boydston Amy Hilburn Kay Hilburn Lyn vonRoeder  
Back: Steve von Roeder Terry Ayers Todd Smith Steve Lucas  
Barney Hilburn J.D. Boydston Dr. Sam Bennett

President Ayers gave an update on the renaming of Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Austin, Texas. The school was renamed Russell Lee by the Austin Independent School District. Russell Lee was a professional photographer living in Austin at the time of his passing. His work was nationally recognized for images he captured during the great depression. President Ayers asked the Board to approve an effort by him to contact an organized group of citizens that has sought Historic Landmark status for the school to possibly partner with them to make application in 2017 for a State of Texas Historical Marker at the school sponsored by the DCV. Approval was given with no commitment for any funds at this time. President Ayers will have a full report at the 2017 annual reunion/meeting.

**2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting Highlights cont.**

On behalf of his son Jacob Smith, DCV vice-President Todd Smith accepts his DCV Membership Certificate and DCV pin from Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder. Jacob, unable to attend the meeting is the newest member of the Capitol Chapter. Jacob's Confederate ancestor is his great-great-great-grandfather Major General Arthur Pendleton Bagby, CSA. WELCOME JACOB!



Arthur Pendleton Bagby attended school in Washington, D.C., and the United States Military Academy at West Point. At age nineteen he became the youngest graduate to be commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry. He was stationed at Fort Columbus, New York, in 1852-53 and saw frontier duty at Fort Chadbourne, Texas, in 1853 with the Eighth Infantry, Eighth Military Department.

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**2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting Highlights cont.**

In 1858 he moved to Gonzales, Texas. Following secession and the eruption of the War Between the States he joined the Confederate Army and raised the first company of men from the Victoria area. He served as a major, Seventh Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers, in Gen. Henry H. Sibley's Army of New Mexico. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in April 1862 and later to colonel. On January 1, 1863, he led his regiment in the battle of Galveston, in which his "Horse Marines" assisted in the capture of the federal ship Harriet Lane. He later served under generals Richard Taylor and Thomas Green in western Louisiana, where he was wounded in fighting along Bayou Teche on April 13, 1863.

President Ayers, following up on the approval by the Board of Directors at the February 2016 Board meeting to purchase enough DCV Flags to present to the next of kin upon the passing of the founding members of the DCV reported the purchases had been completed. The flags were purchased at Southern Pride Fabrications in Cartersville, Georgia for fifty dollars each. The flags will be folded and custody will be maintained by the current and future Presidents of the DCV.

**DCV Founding Members**

Steve von Roeder, Barney Hilburn, Steve Lucas, Michael Dunagan, Gary Loudermilk, Jim Vogler, Johnnie Holley, Charles Nettles, David Whitaker. **Deceased:** Ron Aldis, Ralph Green, Pete Orlebeke, Jim Templin, Dale Fowlkes.



Terry Ayers

Steve Lucas

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**2016 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Highlights cont.**

The last order of business was selection of the site for the 2017 Annual DCV Reunion. The site selected is Jefferson, Texas. Jefferson is a small historic town in Marion County rich in Confederate history. Each May Jefferson hosts the annual War Between the States reenactment of the Naval Battle of Port Jefferson Texas.

The annual reunion is typically held in February. The date is still undetermined at this time. Once the date is established all details for attending the 2017 DCV Reunion will be published in a special edition of the DCV TRAVELLER.

Meeting Adjourned



Steve Lucas    Dr. Samuel Bennett    Todd Smith

**Special Feature**

Many compatriots in the DCV not only celebrate their Confederate heritage but also the history and heritage going all the way back to the American Revolution. Many members in the DCV have ancestors that participated in the Texas Revolution and are also members of such organizations as the Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Texian Legacy Association, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the MOS&B to name a few. This feature is about the Texas Rangers.

**TEXAS RANGERS**  
**By Steve Lucas**

For a number of years, Steve von Roeder and I have both been members of the Former Texas Rangers Foundation. Anybody can be a member, for a fee. Steve is also eligible to be a member of the Former Texas Rangers Association, which is for actual Texas Rangers, former Texas Rangers or descendants of Texas Rangers. He has his paperwork being reviewed for that. The Foundation/Association is in the process of building a large Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, Texas. On August 5<sup>th</sup> Steve and Lyn von Roeder and I participated in a dedication event held by the Sons of the Republic of Texas.



Steve Lucas    "Texas Ranger"    Steve von Roeder



Capitol Chapter Member Lyn von Roeder

## TEXAS RANGERS cont.

The dedication ceremony included both a cannon and rifle salute honoring that date, August 5<sup>th</sup> 1823 when the first Rangers were called to duty when Stephen F. Austin reportedly said “gather some men” and thus ten experienced frontiersmen were hired as “Rangers” to protect settlements in Texas. That was the beginning of the most famous law enforcement band in the country.



In memory of August 5<sup>th</sup> 1823..... “FIRE!”

The Rangers participated in the Texas Revolution including “the Immortal 32” men from Gonzales who rode to aid the defenders of the Alamo.



One of the most famous group of Rangers was Terry’s Texas Rangers. The Rangers formed the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Calvary, CSA led by Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry. Terry's Texas Rangers fought in more than 275 engagements in seven states. It was an honor and privilege for the three of us to be included in the celebration of the beginning of The Texas Rangers.

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## Battle of Nashville Grandbury’s Lunette Nashville, Tennessee

Located in a light industrial area about two miles Southeast of the Cumberland River in Nashville is a small memorial designated as Grandbury’s Lunette.



The Texas flag flies atop the pole at Grandbury’s Lunette

The Battle of Nashville was a two-day battle in the Franklin-Nashville campaign. It was fought on December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 1864 between the Army of Tennessee led by Lieutenant General John Bell Hood and the Federal forces under Major General George H. Thomas. Unfortunately it was one of the largest victories by the Union Army during the war. The lunette played a significant role in the Battle of Nashville as it anchored the Confederate line on the far right. It was named after General Hiram B. Granbury, who was killed during the battle of Franklin a couple of weeks earlier. Manning the Confederate right was the Corps of Gen. Benjamin Franklin Cheatham and was in the lunette on the morning of December 15<sup>th</sup>. The lunette contained 4 artillery pieces and the remaining 344 men of Granbury’s Brigade.



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## Grandbury's Lunette cont.

Many years ago prior to the founding of the DCV Steve von Roeder entered into an informal agreement with the Tennessee Division of the SCV to provide a Texas flag when needed to fly over Grandbury's Lunette. In 2003 Terry Ayers attended a Memorial Service at the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee. He carried with him a new Texas flag for Grandbury's Lunette and personally replaced the old faded and tattered one. That was the last flag provided under that agreement as it was cordially and mutually suspended when the DCV was founded in 2005.



Prior to the WBTS Hiram B. Granbury was a lawyer and county judge in Texas. After Texas seceded from the Union Granbury organized and became Captain of the Waco Guards, a volunteer infantry company. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry he quickly rose to the rank of Major. On August 29, 1862, he was promoted to Colonel and on February 29, 1864, he was promoted to Brigadier General leading the Texas Brigade. The Texas Brigade was composed of eight Texas regiments, including the 7th Texas Infantry. Brigadier General Hiram B. Granbury was killed November 30, 1864 at the Battle of Franklin.

## Grandbury's Lunette cont.

General Granbury was first buried near Franklin, Tennessee, then reinterred in Ashwood's Cemetery belonging to St. John's Episcopal Church. On November 30, 1893, his remains were removed to Grandbury, Texas a town named in his honor.



In July Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder and his wife Lyn spent several days vacationing in the southland that included a visit to Nashville. As a goodwill gesture from the DCV they purchased a new Texas Flag and took it with them to replace what would likely be another faded and tattered Texas flag flying at Granbury's Lunette. After successfully "picking" the pulley access lock box (and breaking a bone in his hand, but that's another story) the bright and crisp red, white, and blue flag with the Texas Lone Star was proudly raised above that historic landmark.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W. E. James Chapter, Darlington, SC



Visit and "Like" the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W. E. James Chapter  
Facebook Page

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

### On Tap this Fall

For the eleventh year in a row the DCV Capitol Chapter will participate in the annual Pioneer Days Fall Fest and living history event in Dripping Spring Texas on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. It is a one day event on the grounds of the historic farmstead of Dripping Springs founder Dr. Joseph M. Pound.



Dr. Pound joined the Frontier Battalion, Company F, 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, Mountain Remnant Brigade and served as a Surgeon.

He was a proud member of the United Confederate Veterans. His framed membership certificate still hangs on the wall inside the historic home.



All members are encouraged to attend. For info:  
<http://www.drpoundhistoricalfarmstead.org/pioneer-day.html>

## On Tap this Fall cont.

### Hornsby Bend Cemetery Grave Dedication

October 8, 2016

**Time: TBA**

The Capitol Chapter has been invited to the Hornsby Bend Cemetery by the descendants of Confederate Veteran Private Malcolm Morrison Hornsby, 18th Texas Cavalry, Company B to host a grave marker dedication ceremony for their ancestor. During the 1880's Malcolm Morrison Hornsby served as Travis County Sherriff for 10 years. He is one of fifteen former Texas Rangers buried in Hornsby Bend Cemetery. Four more former Texas Rangers that are not buried in the cemetery have been honored with commemorative markers.

The cemetery is located off FM 969 E (E. MLK Blvd.), east of Austin at the end of a one lane gravel road. The gravel cemetery road is approximately 3000 feet south of FM 969. The turn off for the road is marked with a road sign. Please make an effort to attend.

Google MapLink to Hornsby Cemetery:

<https://goo.gl/maps/AQDfDfUKPFR2>

Contact Steve von Roeder for more details

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### In Their Own Words

At the battle of Franklin on November 30, '64, my Regiment, the Sixth Tennessee, fought the Forty-fourth Missouri and captured the color bearer and flag.

H. Clay Barnes, quite a small lad, rushed over the breastworks and clubbed him with his gun. Brought him over on our side with his very large and fine flag. Mr. Barnes yet has some of his flag. I would like to know if that color bearer is living and his name. The old Forty-fourth Missouri are good Christians. They were terrible fighters. I would like to shake hands with some of them before we "cross the river."

Dr. J. H. Lanier, Claybrook, Tennessee

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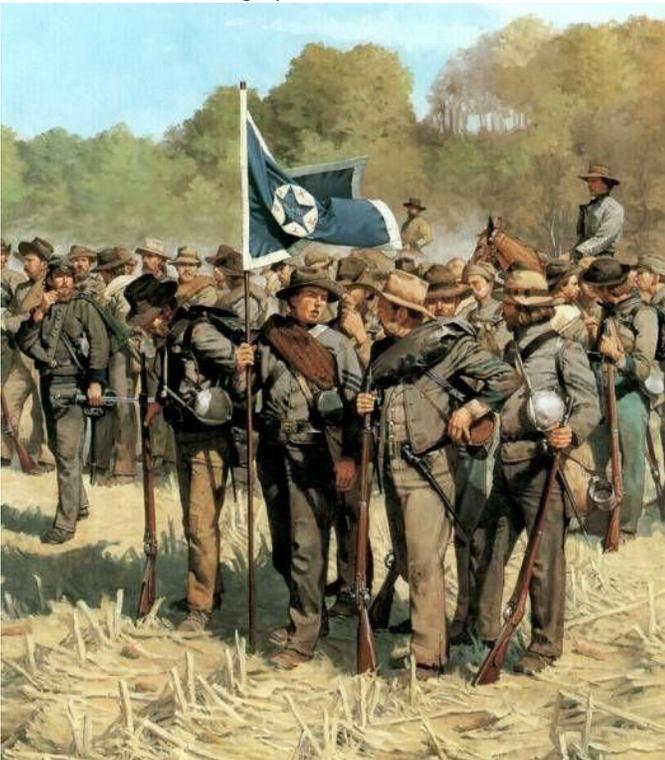
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Confederate States Army  
6th & 15th Texas Color Guard  
Granbury's Texas Brigade  
Cleburne's Division  
Hardee's Corps  
Army of Tennessee.

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