



DCV TRAVELLER



DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI

www.DCVTX.org

Spring 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Joe Reynolds



As the Newly Elected President of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans, I wanted to express my sincere thanks to the men and women of the DCV for having the confidence to elect me as your President. It is a great honor to lead such an outstanding Organization.

I have always believed that one of the signs of a successful leader is the ability to grow their organization, while at the same time, maintaining constant communications with its members. Therefore, I intend to try something new. We need to attract members that may not be in the close proximity of a current Chapter, therefore, in order to allow these members the advantage that others have, I am going to start having a monthly Virtual "Zoom" Meeting each month. This will follow the format of any Chapter Meeting and is just one more way to keep our members informed of what is going on in the Society.

I also want to again stress the importance of our society continuing to recruit new, motivated members. We must continue to build the organization to promote the mission and values of the DCV and look for new ideas to execute our mission.

Something to think about as we formulate strategies to grow, years ago, the SAR did not wish to allow women to join, they therefore, started their own organization, DAR. Now the DAR is almost 5 times the size of the SAR. Unlike the SCV, we already allow women to be part of our organization, however according to our roster, only about 20% of our members are female and none serve on the Board of Directors. I think we need to make an effort to get more women and to get them involved in our organization.

Know that my door is always open to anyone and if you have any questions or comments, contact me at any time.

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2024 19th Annual DCV Reunion



LaQuinta was the host hotel. The conference room was a perfect fit for the business meeting.

2024 19th Annual DCV Reunion cont.



Noah Brafford, Zachary Brafford,
Carl Hickson, Ernie Hales



The two day reunion began with a Friday evening meal at Rio Grande Tex-Mex Restaurant in Round Rock, Texas.



Steve Lucas, Carl Hedges, Joe Reynolds
David Adcox, Cullen Watts, David Routh



Steve von Roeder, Terry Ayers, Bill Elliott,
Laurie Works, San Bennett



Cullen Watts, J.D. Boydston,
David Routh, Steve von Roeder



Bill Elliott, Laurie Works, Sam Bennett,
Terry Hedrick, Robbin Hedrick, Debbie Boydston

All Members Business Meeting

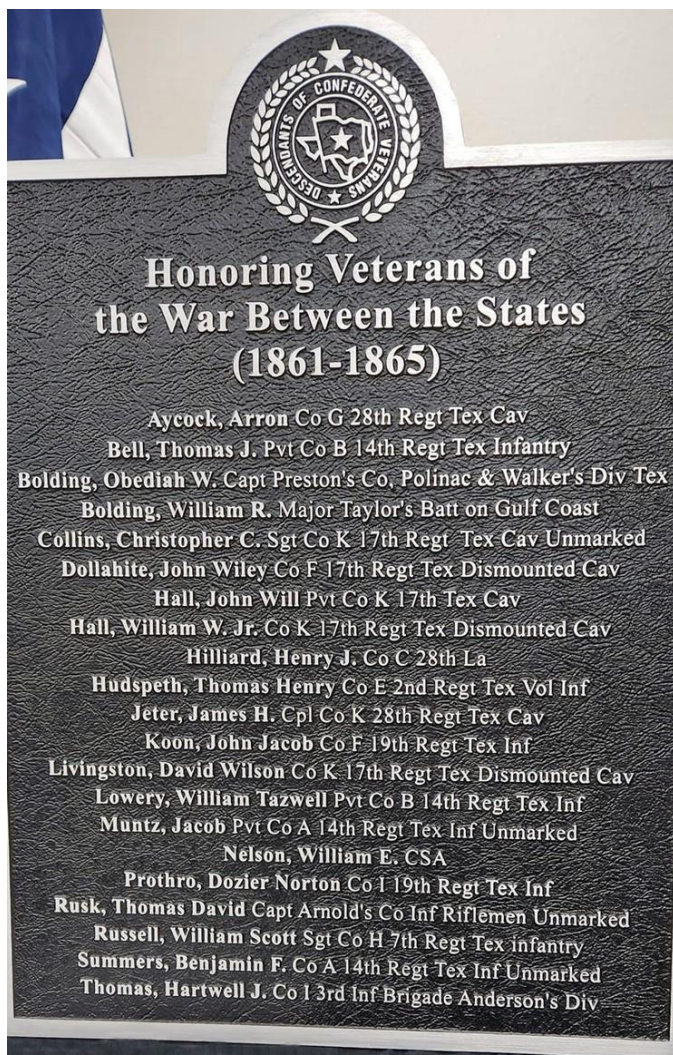


President Steve Lucas calls the 19th annual DCV reunion business meeting to order.

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

J.D. Boydston announced the East Texas Chapter received its most recent cemetery marker from the fabricator and is ready to install it and have a dedication ceremony. The dedication being March 11th at the Hallsville City Cemetery will be the second DCV marker in the cemetery. Following the installation of the 1st marker in 2020 additional graves of Confederate soldiers were identified, some in previously unmarked graves.



Hallsville, Texas City Cemetery Marker # 2

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All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

1st LT W.E. James Chapter President Ernie Hales reported on the chapter's quarter activities. The January meeting featured guest speaker Dr. Christina Neely.



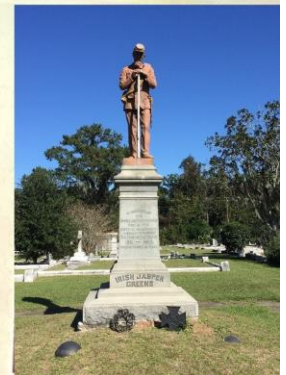
Biography

Dr. Christina Neely is an American historian with a specialization in American Frontier/Colonial History, British Isles, as well as Slavery and Servitude. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Museology from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2007, a Masters in History from the University of Nebraska, Kearney in 2016, and her Doctoral Degree in 2023 from Liberty University. Her published thesis is entitled "Redlegs: Irish Bondage in the Colonial New World" and her Doctoral Dissertation is entitled "Harbingers of A New Age: Irish and Scots Irish Indian Fighters on the Colonial American Frontier". She is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta and Omega Nu Lambda honor societies and was awarded the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship by the South Carolina Mayflower Descendants Society for her paper "Overcoming Adversity: Territorial Conflict and the Evolution of Irish Indian Fighters on the Early American Frontier". She has worked in the field of Public History in various capacities as a Historical Consultant, Researcher, Guest Speaker and Curator. She has also worked in the field of education for over 14 years in both public and private institutions.

Dr. Neely's program was on the Irish in the Civil War. It was a very informative and interesting program.

THE IRISH JASPER GREENS

- Savannah, GA was a beacon for Irish Immigration because of work and opportunities.
- With high populations, the hero of the Siege of Savannah, Sgt. William Jasper was a renowned folk hero.
- In 1842 Irish immigrants formed their own military unit.
- In February 1843, Georgia officially recognized them as a military unit.
- They were chosen to represent Georgia in the Mexican-American War in 1846.
- Those who returned promptly volunteered to fight for Georgia upon the states secession (as the South had



Captain John Flannery Irish Jasper Greens

October 20, 1862, Flannery was promoted to Captain of the Irish Jasper Greens historic company. He was in command of Lee Battery, Savannah River, for a year and until his regiment joined the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. He was with John Bell Hood's army in the Tennessee campaign.

His activity in the war was brought to an end by serious illness at Corinth.

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All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Neely receiving a certificate of appreciation from James Chapter President Ernie Hales.



Aric Bruggeworth accepts his certificate of membership to the James Chapter from President Ernie Hales.



Bonnie Loupo officially accepting her 2023 Southern Belle award from Chapter President Ernie Hales.

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

Between the January and February chapter meetings new flags were placed on graves at two of the cemeteries maintained by the Chapter.



Placed new 1st National Flags at Garner Cemetery

Brunson Family Cemetery Replaced the 1st National flag for a new Naval Jack.

Brunson Family Cemetery
Darlington, SC

Garner Cemetery
Darlington, SC



Speaker was their very own Aric Bruggeworth. Aric gave an excellent presentation on genealogy and shared some helpful resources for us to use in tracking down our ancestors.

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS



Douglas Rankin was presented with the 2023 Southern Cross Award for his ongoing efforts to promote and preserve Confederate

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

IN MEMORIAM



**Thompson "Tom" William Reed
March 24, 1943 – February 15, 2024
Descendants of Confederate Veterans
Life Member**

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter members L-R Ernie Hales, Zachary Brafford, Carl Hickson & Noah Brafford travelled 1,200 miles to attend the reunion. They each received a set of seven semi-miniature flags as a prize for travelling the farthest distance.



American "Star Spangled Banner"
Texas "Lone Star Flag"
1st National "Stars and Bars"
2nd National "Stainless Banner"
3rd National "Blood Stained Banner"
2nd Confederate Navy Jack
Bonnie Blue

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

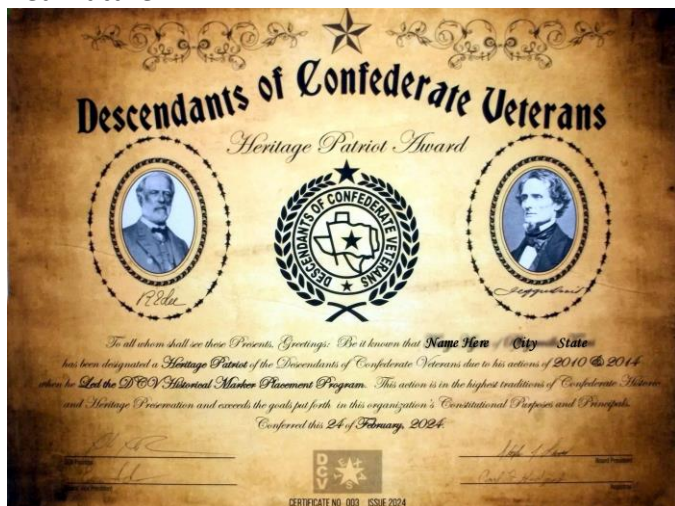
**Descendants of Confederate Veterans
Heritage Patriot Award**

The DCV was founded on the principal that “It’s not about those above the ground, rather those in the ground.” Meaning the DCV has never had an Association awards or recognition program for its members. Chapters being autonomous have established various ways to recognize members accomplishments but until now the only other formal recognition was an optional “President’s Award” that is typically announced at an annual reunion. President’s Awards in the past have been plaques, paper weights, miniature busts of Confederate Generals, etc.

During 2023 at the suggestion of DCV Founder Steve von Roeder he and fellow DCV Founder Steve Lucas, who was President at the time, met to discuss establishing a Heritage Patriot Award. It would be based on an action or actions taken by a member during the calendar year prior to the annual reunion. The action(s) would be in the highest tradition that exceeds the goals put forth in the DCV’s constitutional purposes and principals.

The program was implemented with the current year requirement waived so any qualifying action by a member in the years prior to 2024 would be eligible for nomination.

Nominations are submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration. There will be a “How to Nominate” email sent to all members in the very near future.



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All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

**Descendants of Confederate Veterans
Heritage Patriot Award
Recipients 2005-2023**



J.D. Boydston President Steve Lucas

For his contribution to the successful cemetery marker program. To date seven markers with the names of Confederates in the cemeteries have been installed.



Steve von Roeder President Steve Lucas

For founding the Descendants of Confederate Veterans and recruiting the founding “Dirty Dozen” to join him.



Terry Ayers President Steve Lucas

For his leadership role in obtaining State of Texas Historical Markers for the Confederate Men’s and Woman’s homes.

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All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS



The next order of business was to elect two Board members to replace Carl Hedges and Todd Smith whose terms expire. Board members are elected by the members present to three year terms.

Receiving nominations for a seat on the DCV Board of Directors were Bill Elliott and David Adcox. Both were unanimously elected. Congratulations.



Bill Elliott
East Texas Chapter



David Adcox
BG William P. Barksdale
Columbia, Mississippi



Carl Hedges whose term on the Board expired was appointed to the non-elected special officer position of DCV Registrar.

Thank you Carl!

All Members Business Meeting cont.

HIGHLIGHTS

The last order of business was a meeting of the 2024 Board of Directors to elect officers

Voted in by acclamation

President
Joe Reynolds

Vice-President
Bill Elliott

Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Samuel Bennett

Membership Chair
Steve Lucas

Chaplain
Steve von Roeder

Members
David Adcox
Ernie Hales
Terry Ayers



2024 Board of Directors

L-R: David Adcox, Steve von Roeder, Ernie Hales
Back: Carl Hedges, Terry Ayers, Dr. Samuel Bennett
Steve Lucas, Joe Reynolds, Bill Elliott

Let
The
Fun
Begin

Historic Sites Bus Tour



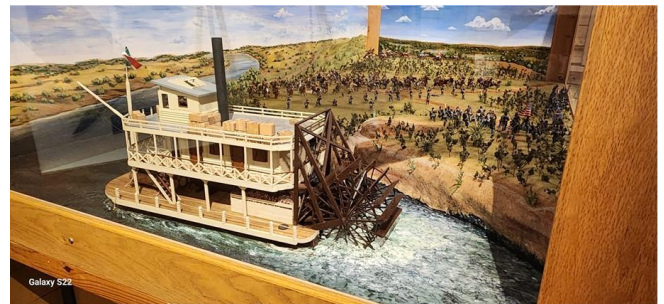
Texas Military Forces Museum
Camp Mabry, Austin Texas
Confederate Section



Historic Sites Bus Tour cont.



Battle of Palmetto Ranch Diorama
12-13 May 1865
Last battle of the War Between the States



The diorama depicts the Battle of Palmetto Ranch. It was fought near Brownsville, Texas between Union and Confederate forces, both well aware of the surrender of Robert E. Lee four weeks earlier.

The action began when Union troops on Brazos Island moved onto the Texas mainland on the night of May 11–12th. A battalion of Rebel cavalry west of Palmetto Ranch, reinforced by artillery and cavalry commanded by Colonel John S. "Rip" Ford immediately moved on the Federals seeking to trap his enemy.

Seeing the Rebel movement, Union Colonel Theodore Barrett ordered a rapid retreat out of the potential trap. The withdrawal left the skirmish line of the 34th Indiana unsupported. Ford seized upon this opportunity and ordered his cavalry to attack. During this phase of the battle, Private John J. Williams of the 34th Indiana was killed, becoming the last soldier to die in battle during the war.

Ford's troops captured the entire Federal skirmish line.



The last battle of the War Between the States was a resounding Confederate victory. A few days after the battle, Colonel John "Rip" Ford disbanded his command and sent his troops home

Historic Sites Bus Tour cont.



State of Texas Capitol
Confederate Monuments

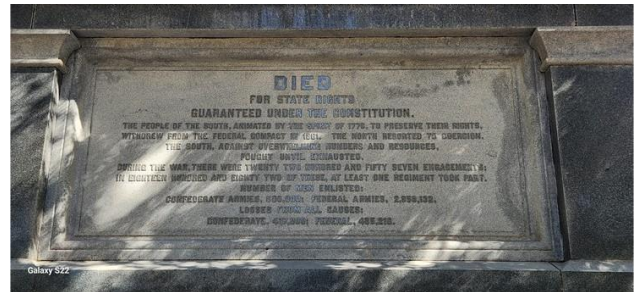


Confederate Soldiers Monument

Also known as Confederate Dead Monument

Erected in 1903. The sculpture was designed by Pompeo Coppini and cast by Roman Bronze Works, New York City. The base was designed by Frank Teich. The monument consists of five bronze figures on the base that represent the Confederate Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery and Navy. At the top of the monument standing far above the other figures is Jefferson Davis the President of the Confederate States it was largely funded by United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Capitol Confederate Monuments cont. Confederate Soldiers Monument



Inscription

DIED

FOR STATES RIGHTS

GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH, ANIMATED BY THE SPIRIT OF 1776, TO PRESERVE THEIR RIGHTS, WITHDREW FROM THE FEDERAL COMPACT IN 1861. THE NORTH RESORTED TO COERCION.

THE SOUTH, AGAINST OVERWHELMING NUMBERS AND RESOURCES,

FOUGHT UNTIL EXHAUSTED,

DURING THE WAR THERE WERE TWENTY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVEN ENGAGEMENTS;

IN EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO OF THESE, AT LEAST ONE REGIMENT TOOK PART.

NUMBER OF MEN ENLISTED:

CONFEDERATE ARMIES 600,000; FEDERAL ARMIES 2,859,132

LOSSES FROM ALL CAUSES

CONFEDERATE, 437,000; FEDERAL, 485,216

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Terry's Texas Rangers Monument



Erected in 1907. Terry's Texas Rangers fought in 275 engagements in seven states. They earned a reputation that ranked it among the most effective mounted regiments in the Western Theater of the WBTS.

Capitol Confederate Monuments cont.

8th Texas Cavalry Regiment

Terry's Texas Rangers



Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry



8th Texas Cavalry Regiment
Terry's Texas Rangers

Hood's Texas Brigade Monument



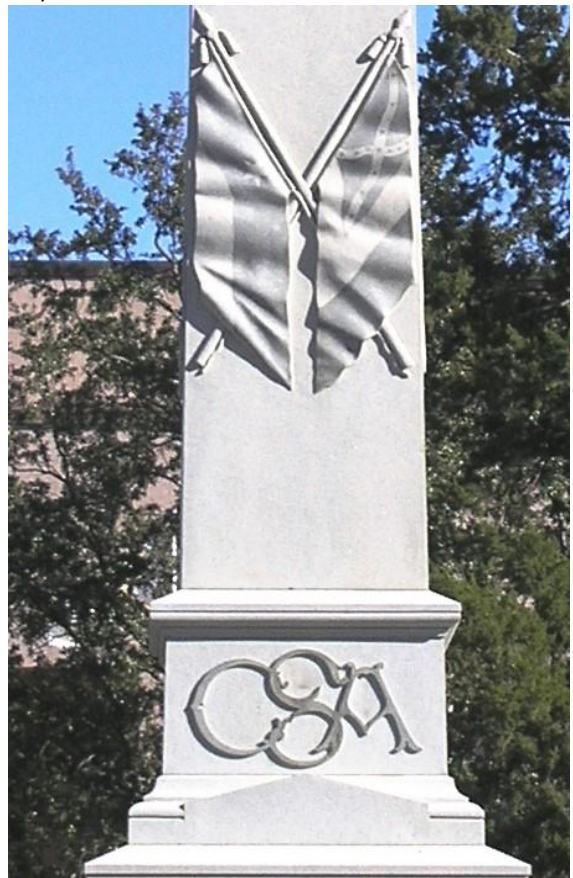
Photo by Ernie Hales. Grandson Noah Brafford in the red shirt. Steve von Roeder seated.

Capitol Confederate Monuments cont.

Hood's Texas Brigade Monument

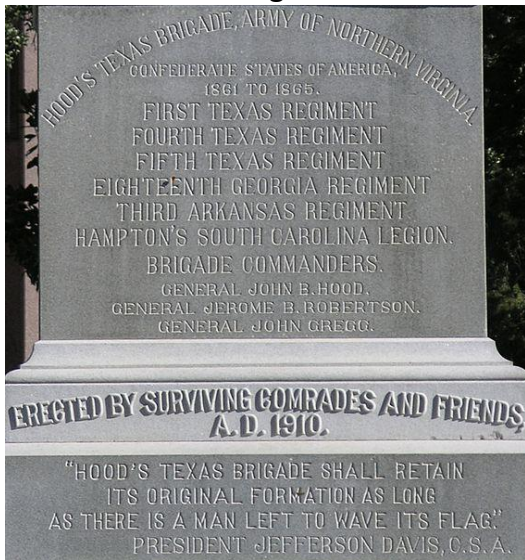


Rare photo showing Hood's Texas Brigade Monument (right) without the bronze statue of a Confederate soldier toping the monument. Sculptured by Pompeo Coppini the Soldier was either damaged or flawed. It was returned and recast. The monument was dedicated on October 27, 1910.



On the gray granite shaft of the magnificent monument is the Texas State Flag crossed with the "Blood-Stained Banner."

Hood's Texas Brigade Monument



The base has quotes praising the Texas Brigade from the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, Commander of the Confederate Army, Robert E. Lee and Confederate General, Stonewall Jackson.



DCV founders Steve Lucas and Steve von Roeder take a break from the warm Texas winter sun

Inscription

They have shown on many battlefields the willingness to die for Dixie and have a right to wear on their banners the motto of Hamden "No Steps Backwards"

President Jefferson Davis CSA

Motto: Vestigia nulla retrorsum - No steps backwards



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Capitol Confederate Monuments cont.

With the Confederate Monuments tour complete everyone met in front of the Texas State Library and Archives Building on the east side of the capitol grounds. Closed on Saturday so parking the bus was no problem.



The Six flags of Texas
USA, Texas, 1st National CSA, Mexico, France, Spain



Terry Ayers, Steve Lucas, Sam Bennett



Steve von Roeder



David Routh

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Capitol Confederate Monuments cont.

Tour of the capitol grounds completed its picture time of the group with Hoods Texas Brigade Monument as the backdrop.



L-R: Bill Elliott, Noah Brafford, Carl Hickson, Ernie Hales, Zachary Brafford, David Adcox, David Routh, Steve Lucas, Robbin Hedrick, Terry Hedrick, Steve von Roeder, Terry Ayers, Cullen Watts, Laurie Works, Sam Bennett.

Ready to depart for the Texas State Cemetery. The tour bus and the Texas State Library and Archives Building as the backdrop



L-R: Carl Hedges, Bill Elliott, Steve von Roeder, Terry Ayers, Sam Bennett, Laurie Works, Terry Hedrick, Robbin Hedrick, Cullen Watts, Steve Lucas, David Adcox, Noah Brafford, David Routh, Ernie Hales, Zachary Brafford, Carl Hickson.

Texas State Cemetery



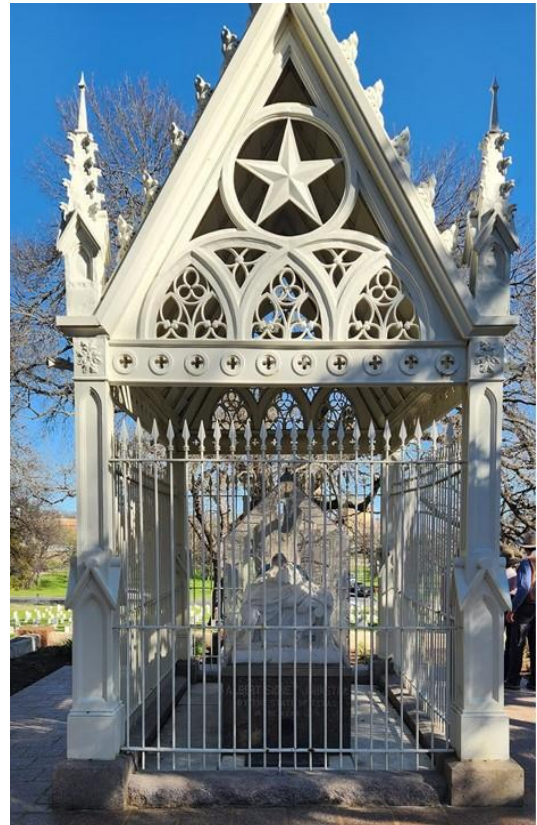
Texas State Cemetery cont.



The southeast section of the cemetery is the Confederate Field. More than 2, 200 Confederate veterans and their wives are buried there.



A still silent foggy Christmas morning at dawn in 2019 following the placement of Christmas wreaths on the graves in the Confederate Fields by Wreaths Across America, this editor took this and other photos. It was very moving experience.



Tomb of Albert Sidney Johnston

Texas State Cemetery cont.



Paying Respect

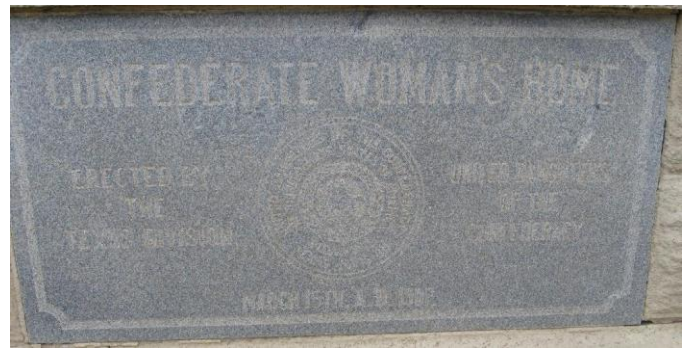
Steve Lucas in back Carl Hedges on right



Bill Elliott was honored to locate and place flowers and a flag on the grave of BG/ Colonel F.S. Bass. Bass Captain of Co E. 1st Texas "Marshall Guards". At the end of the war was Commander of the 1st Texas Infantry at the surrender at Appomattox. His grave is six paces to the rear of the tomb of Stephen F. Austin. Note: In keeping with cemetery rules the flowers and flag were not left on the grave.

Confederate Woman's Home

Last stop on the tour and pressed for time. It was basically a whistle stop. Many in the group had attended the historical marker dedication ceremony in 2014 so it worked out okay.



Confederate Woman's Home in 1908
Corner stone as it appears today.

Thought this editor would wrap up the tour by revisiting the dedication of the marker in 2014.



DCV Chaplain Steve von Roeder ready to give the invocation
Speaker Walt Roberts, Todd Smith, Steve von Roeder, President J.D. Boydston, CofC President Taylor Shepard

Confederate Woman's Home cont.



Over seventy folks from all across of Texas in attendance.

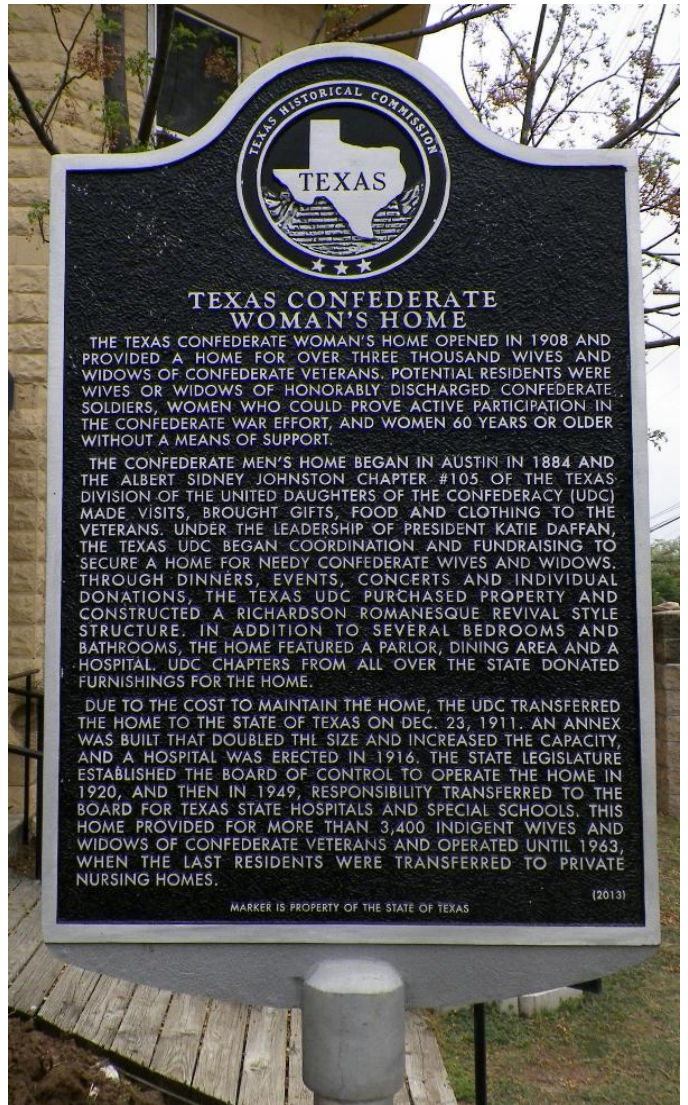
Confederate Woman's Home cont.



A group of ladies of the UDC
Lyn von Roeder left. Eva Long right next to marker black hat



Musician, Actor, Guest Speaker Walt Roberts playing DIXIE
Todd Smith, Walt Roberts, J.D. Boydston, Taylor Shepard



**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
TEXAS ASSOCIATION
CHILDREN OF THE CONFEDERACY TX DIVISION
DEDICATED MARCH 22, 2014**



Ryan Curbow, Doug Ayers, Steve von Roeder, Steve Lucas, Lyn von Roeder, Glenn Toal, Barney Hilburn, Jim Templin, Todd Smith, Terry Ayers, Kay Hilburn, Amy Hilburn.

Saturday Evening Departure Dinner
Springhill Restaurant
Pflugerville, Texas



Mmmmmmm.... Fried Catfish



Clockwise: David Routh, Sam Bennett, Laurie Works, Cullen Watts, David Adcox, Steve von Roeder, Steve Lucas, Debbie Boydston, J.D. Boydston



Clockwise: Bill Elliott, Carl Hedges, Steve Lucas, Debbie Boydston, J.D. Boydston, David Routh, Sam Bennett, Laurie Works, Cullen Watts, David Adcox

DCV Pins/Stickers

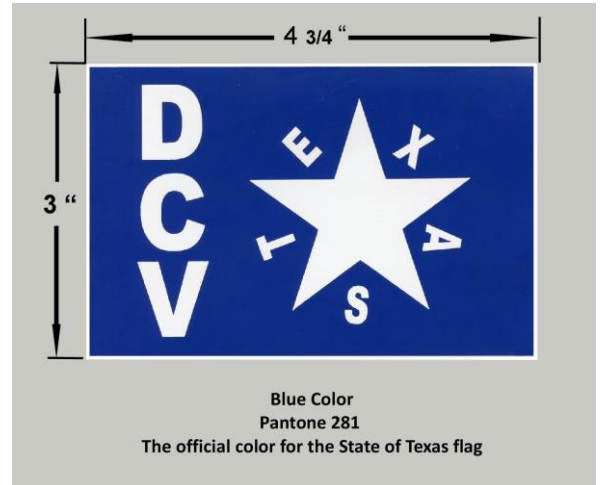


DCV Anniversary Pins

\$10.00 each

DCV Sticker

\$2.00 each



DCV Replacement Items

DCV Member Pin \$10.00

DCV Life Member Pin \$10.00

To purchase any of the items listed above email Carl Hedges: cfhedges@sbcglobal.net

DCV 2024 DUES ARE PAST DUE

Annual dues are payable on January 1st
 Dues become delinquent on March 1st and are subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

Dues plus the late fee must be paid by May 1st or member will be dropped from the rolls.
 Chapter members submit dues to their Chapter Treasurer

At-large members submit dues via USPS mail to the DCV Association Treasurer. Make check payable to Descendants of Confederate Veterans.

Mail to:
 Samuel Bennett
 121 Edgewater Trail
 Bastrop, TX 78602

Life memberships are available

Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00

Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00

Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00

Age 80 + years \$ 50.00

Life Members do not pay Association annual dues.

Contact DCV Registrar Carl Hedges for more

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