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

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FALL 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings DCV Compatriots,

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The reenactment at Liendo Plantation in Hempstead, TX will be held November 21-23rd. If you have not toured the home, you will enjoy the fascinating history of the plantation, including the story of one of its most famous residents, Texas sculptor Elizabet Ney. It is said that Custer's troops once camped on the grounds of Liendo. There will be battles, sutlers, vendors, and ladies' activities during this event.

Topping the year, are two events the first weekend of December. For those who are in Central, Texas and West Texas, the Winter Rendezvous at Fort Concho in San Angelo, is a great event. For those who are further south, Dickens on the Strand in Galveston is always a good choice.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont.

Even though last year's event was very cold, a good time was had by all!

The Harry Ransom Center on the campus of The University of Texas has an exhibit currently being displayed from their "Gone With the Wind" collection, including photos, documents related to the making of the movie, and five dresses, including the famous green velvet "curtain" dress and hat. The exhibit runs thru 4 January, 2015. If this is one of your favorite movies, you should make plans to visit. I know that our newsletter editor would love to hear from you if you know of other events that are coming up, or you have photos or articles of interest of our membership.

I want to thank each of you for the work you do to preserve our Southern Heritage. Even if you don't attend meetings or events, the fact that you think enough of your Confederate ancestor to join our organization to promote and preserve the values he fought so bravely to save.

Please know that I am truly honored to serve as president and remain at your service.

Steve von Roeder

'May GOD save the Ol' Southland Forever'

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Observance of the 150th Anniversary of The War Between the States Continues



1864

As the Fall season begins so did the beginning of the fall of the Confederacy. There were very few bright spots, let alone victories for our beloved men of the South. While most of the major action during the summer months took place in the Eastern Theatre between General Robert E. Lee's Confederates and General Ulysses S. Grant's federals it would be the Western Theater taking center stage in the Fall. There were many battles and skirmishes but certainly the Battles of Atlanta, Franklin, and subsequent Battle of Nashville, all ending in Union victories that caused the most devastation.



Confederate Artillery

I'm certain you the readers do not need this newsletter Editor to print an in-depth account of those painful losses. Instead let's revisit a celebrated Confederate moment back up in the Eastern theatre that occurred in September of 1864.

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Petersburg, Virginia

September 5th, 1864, Robert E. Lee's Army was facing severe shortages of food and supplies. Grant had spent a good portion of the late summer cutting off supply routes Lee needed to provide food and other supplies to his Army. One of Lee's scouts, George D. Shadburn returned from a reconnaissance mission to survey Union defenses to the east of Petersburg. Shadburn believed he found a vulnerability and reported it to the leader of Lee's cavalry, Gen. Wade Hampton. He told Hampton about a herd of 3,000 cattle that were being kept at a place called Coggin's Point, just a few miles away from the Union base at City Point and was being guarded by less than 150 soldiers. Even so, it was a very risky opportunity because it was deep into the Union line. Hampton had only been in charge of the Cavalry Corps a few months having been put in charge by General Lee after the tragic death of General J.E.B. Stewart at the Battle of Yellow Tavern. Looking for an opportunity to show General Lee he was the right choice to succeed the famous General, Hampton jumped at the chance.

On the morning of September 14th, Hampton embarked on his raid with 3,000 Confederates. They traveled around the south side of Petersburg undetected, stopping only to repair a bridge on the Blackwater River in order to reach Coggin's Point. The bridge, which had previously been destroyed by Union forces, made for an unexpected route for their surprise raid. At 5:00 AM on September 16th, the raid commenced. Despite the Federals' best attempt to hold them off, the Confederates parted with 2,486 cattle and 304 Yankee prisoners. Ten Confederates were killed in the surprise raid and on September 17th, Hampton arrived back behind Confederate lines with all but 18 head of the herd. The "**Great Beefsteak Raid**" as it would be remembered supplied the rebel army at Petersburg with many days of abundant feasts of steak. There was a great deal of taunting going out to the Union soldiers across the trench lines thanking them for their generosity and inviting them over for dinner.

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Petersburg, Virginia Cont.

Clearly aggravated, Grant when asked by a visitor to his headquarters when he thought they'd be able to end the siege of Petersburg and drive Lee into surrender, he replied "Never, if our armies continue to supply him with beef cattle."



Painting by Mort Künstler

DCV Mid-Year Board Meeting

The DCV Board of Directors held the 2014 mid-year Board meeting August 16th in Waco, Texas.



DCV President Steve von Roeder

In addition to the Board of Directors conducting the important business of the DCV the meeting "over a meal" it was a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship among all that were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Steve von Roeder and Miss Amy Hilburn led the group in the pledges to the flags.

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DCV Mid-Year Board Meeting cont.

The treasurer report shows a balance of \$2,912.99 with no outstanding debt.

Old Business

Upon taking office at the DCV annual convention in Round Rock, Texas last February President von Roeder asked DCV Parliamentarian Steve Lucas to do a review of the DCV Constitution. It had been pointed out the Constitution contains a number of redundancies and a general review of the document was appropriate. The review has been completed and a number of "house cleaning" recommendations were presented to the Board. After some discussion the Board voted to accept the recommendations. Any amendments to the DCV Constitution requires membership approval. The list of proposed amendments approved by the Board is being written by Steve Lucas and will be published in a special edition of the DCV TRAVELLER and sent to the entire membership. Voting on the amendments will take place during the 2015 annual DCV Convention.



DCV Parliamentarian Steve Lucas reads the proposed amendments to the constitution.

One of the more difficult decisions during the mid-year Board meeting is selecting the site for the next convention. In selecting the location many things have to be considered in the hope members will want to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

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DCV Mid-Year Board Meeting cont.

New Business

DCV vice-President J.D. Boydston gave the Board and others a very good presentation on the effort to save the Confederate Ordinance Magazine in Jefferson, Texas. The brick structure is threatened to be lost due to the natural erosion of the bank of the Big Cypress Bayou.



Confederate Ordinance Magazine

The Texas Division UDC 2014 President's Project is to raise \$10,000 to be donated to the Preservation Effort that is underway. DCV Member and Texas Division UDC Treasurer Kay Hilburn joined the discussion and provided addition insight to the project. Following the discussion a motion was made and passed to donate \$200 to the UDC fundraiser to Save the Magazine. President von Roeder will present the donation by the DCV at the UDC Convention in October.



Kay Hilburn discusses the power magazine project
Carl Hedges, Amy Hilburn, Kay Hilburn, Barney Hilburn

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DCV Mid-Year Board Meeting cont.

Additional information and Individual donations can also be made by visiting:

<http://www.txudc.org/project.html>

DCV Registrar Carl Hedges Jr. asked the Board to consider raising the initial amount assessed to a new member from \$16.00 to \$20.00 due to the increase cost in postage, membership pins, and printing membership certificates. Carl pointed out this is not an increase in the dues, rather a one time additional cost to a new member. The annual dues to the Association would remain at \$16.00. Not requiring a constitutional amendment a motion was made to approve the new amount and the motion passed.



DCV Registrar Carl Hedges Jr. has the floor.



Kay Hilburn, Carl Hedges Jr., Barney Hilburn, Lyn von Roeder,
J.D. Boydston, Amy Hilburn, Steve Lucas, David Routh,
Michael Dunagan, Terry Ayers

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



Bob Jones, Joyce Digges, Stephen Lane, and April Polson collected 200 pounds of roadside debris in their four mile stretch. It's worth noting the stretch of highway begins at the Darlington Raceway.



Guest Speaker David Lucas spoke about the four Lucas brothers that served in the Confederate Army from South Carolina.



David Lucas receives the chapter's Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent program from President Joyce Digges.

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



Top of the picture is DCV member and Debutante Kelly Jones. Kelly was presented by her Father DCV member Rob Jones on on July 19, 2014. Pictured with Miss Jones on her special night is L-R DCV members Luke Jones and mother Eve Jones and DCV member is presented by her father and DCV member Rob Jones in North Charleston, SC.



Guest Speaker Ron York displays his Confederate Currency collection at the Chapter meeting on September 15th



Members and get a close up look at Confederate currency.

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



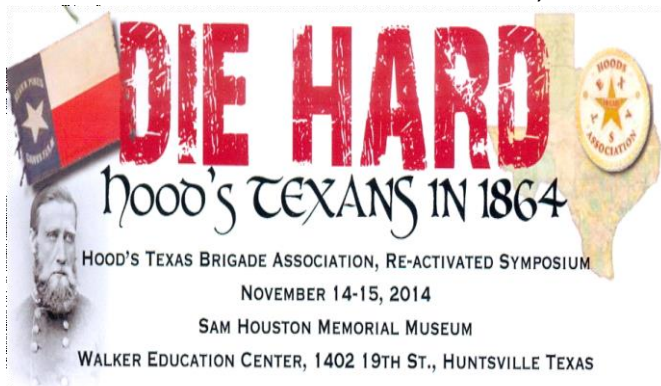
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The DCV South Carolina Society is a tremendous asset to the State of South Carolina and the DCV organization. They continue to excel in their efforts to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers & Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States.

SALUTE!!

Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated

Friend of the DCV Martha Hartzog, President of Hood's Texas Brigade, Re-Activated is pleased to announce a symposium on Hoods Texas Brigade will be held November 14th-15th 2014 at Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Texas.



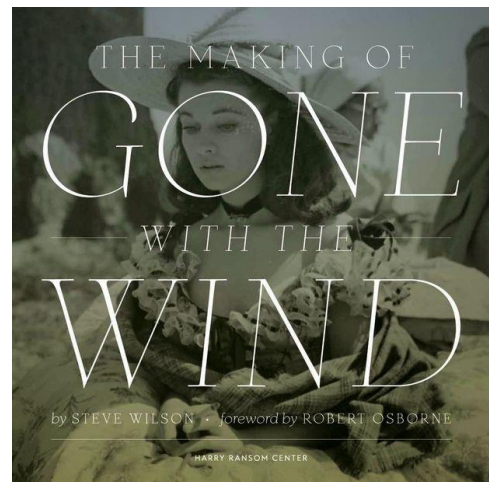
Come and hear outstanding speakers give us a glimpse of the tenacity and ferocity of Hood's Texans.

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**University of Texas at Austin Harry Ransom Center
Hosts the Making of Gone with the Wind Exhibit.**

The largest and most detailed exhibition of David O. Selznick's eight Academy Award-winning film *Gone With the Wind* will be at the Harry Ransom Center now through January 4, 2015. Showcasing over 300 extraordinary pieces, the display includes costumes, film footage, fan mail, storyboards, makeup photographs, and many gorgeous scene renderings from the burning of Atlanta. , concept art and producer extensive film notes and memos.



<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/>

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS

PIONEER DAYS at the POUND HOUSE

The Capitol Chapter was invited for the 9th consecutive year to participate in the annual Pioneer Days Fall Festival on the grounds of the historic homestead of Dripping Springs founder Dr. J.M. Pound. Dr. Pound served as a Surgeon in the 18th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Alexander Reed who also served in the 18th Texas Cavalry is the Great-Grandfather of the Editor of the DCV TRAVELLER, yours truly.



PIONEER DAYS at the POUND HOUSE cont.



DCV President Steve von Roeder, Jim Price, *DEFIANCE*, and Terry Ayers.



Federal Surgeon and good friends of the DCV Jim Rice and wife Janet join in the fun with Jean Price, Lyn von Roeder, and Jim Price.



1838 Coehorn Mortar



Janet Rice, Jean Price, Lyn von Roeder, Dr. Sam Bennett, Jim Price, Gillis Bartles.



Terry Ayers, Dr. Sam Bennett, Jim Price, and Gillis Bartles blowing a kiss to the Yankees 1200 yards down range.

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LOOKING AHEAD

It's less than 90 days until Christmas. The Capitol Chapter has been a contributor to the City of Austin Police Department charity "Operation Blue Santa" every year since our founding. Chapter President Steve von Roeder and his DCV member wife take it a step farther and participate in the delivery of the toys and food to the needy families. If you have a similar program in your area sponsored by a law enforcement agency the Capitol Chapter encourages you to support it.

2015 DCV Annual Convention

It looks like the 2015 convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas in late February. Planning is already in the works. As soon as I get confirmation on the date from the planners I will let everyone know.

DCV ON THE WEB

Keep up with the latest from the DCV by visiting the website. A big thank you to our webmaster and Capitol Chapter member Caren Lee for the excellent job.



Steve von Roeder, daughter Caren Lee, and grandson Tyler having fun with the photographer. Mom/Grandma Lyn wasn't playing! Photo taken by ME! Ha Ha!

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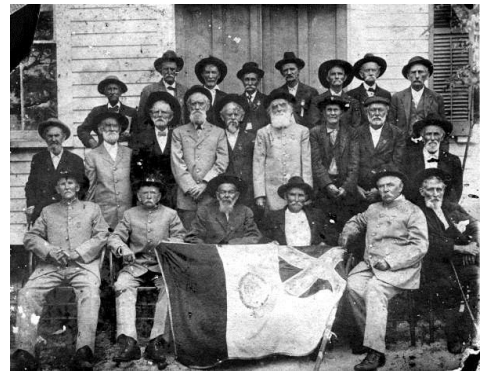
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This is your newsletter. I invite and encourage each of you to contribute to it. Please send descriptions and photos of meetings, activities, and events you are a part of. Every contribution we make to preserve our Confederate history and protect our Confederate heritage, whether as an individual or a group, no matter how small or large is worthy of being noted in our newsletter. Send to Terry Ayers > mototerry@texreb.com

IN THEIR OWN WORDS



"During the past summer and fall I passed over roads that the 1st Tennessee went over from August to December, 1861. I walked to the spot where General Lee's tent stood on Valley Mountain from where on a point near by I could see Mingo Flats and Cheat Mountain along which great sides we clattered for several days and where we had our first fight on the summit in a blackberry patch. I could also see where old Colonel John H. Savage captured thirty yankees by himself on foggy morning on September 11, 1861. They were in a house, and their guns were stacked outside. His men had captured the Vidette, and he rushed ahead of the advanced guard and getting between the yankees and their guns, made them surrender. At Big Spring I found our old camp, through Major Cam Gatewood, who pointed out the cold spring from which I drank again from after an absence of over thirty-four years. A store house stands where our Regiment camped and where one of the Company's Captains accidentally discharged his gun while cleaning it and killed one of Colonel Hatton's men of the Seventh."

A.S. Horsley, Abingdon Virginia, December 1895.

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