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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings DCV compatriots,

Thanks to those who attended the Confederate Woman's Home Dedication and reunion in Austin in March. The Dedication was a grand success; due to the folks who worked so hard on this project. Terry Ayers, J.D. Boydston and Todd Smith put on a dedication that will be remembered. The slow version of DIXIE on the fiddle by Walt Roberts was 'a moment in time'. Special thanks to Taylor Sheppard and the Children of the Confederacy for raising the funds to purchase the marker that will stand as a symbol to future generations of the purpose for which this building was constructed in 1908. The Children of the Confederacy and the DCV also made a matching contribution to the Austin Groups for the Elderly of Central Texas, the building current owner.

Our annual reunion meeting was held at the Green Mesquite; we had two amendments to the DCV constitution. Both were passed, the new wording will be up on the web-site soon. I have asked Gary Loudermilk and Steve Lucas to review the constitution for any additional revisions that may be needed. Among the discussions that were held with the general membership was recruiting. One of the amendments that was passed and is now in effect allows for qualified applicants of any age to join the DCV. The South Carolina society is growing and we have had some interest from folks in East Texas. Also, since we have expanded in to South Carolina, there may be some interest from some folks in other Southern States.

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Elections were held and the slate of Officers will appear in this issue of 'The Traveller'.

Terry Ayers presented outgoing President, JD Boydston with a token of our appreciation for a job well done. A Texas Limestone award, see photo. J.D. remains on the board and agreed to serve as vice-president. Many thanks to J.D. Please know that I am truly honored to serve as president and remain at your service.

Steve von Roeder

**STEVE VON ROEDER ELECTED DCV PRESIDENT
AT THE 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Descendants of Confederate Veterans Board of Directors elected founding member Steve von Roeder to the office of President for 2014/2015. Steve replaces outgoing President J. D. Boydston whose term as President expired. Congratulations Steve!



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THANK YOU PRESIDENT BOYDSTUN

Join me in thanking Jerry Don (J.D.) Boydston for two outstanding years serving the members of the DCV as President. Under his leadership the DCV established the South Carolina Society. President Boydston personally worked with the many at large members in South Carolina led Bob Jones to make it happen. The South Carolina Society currently has two chapters and several at large members. In April of 2013 J.D. was invited by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas Division to address the full membership of the Children of the Confederacy, Texas Division General Convention.



President J.D. Boydston welcomes the members of the newly chartered 1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter, Darlington, South Carolina



2012-2013 Children of the Confederacy, Texas Division President Taylor Sheppard introduces DCV President J. D. Boydston.

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FORT MCKAVETT, TEXAS STATE HISTORIC SITE

Old Fort McKavett located about 160 miles west of Austin in the Texas hill country has become a popular place for reenactors of early Texas history to visit and participate in monthly programs sponsored by the Friends of Fort McKavett.

The Fort was established in 1852 by the U.S. War Department to protect settlers against hostile Indians. Abandoned in 1859 it became a part of Texas Confederate history when it was reoccupied by Henry McCulloch's Mounted Rifles in the fall of 1861. It was used as a temporary prisoner of war camp. Soldiers imprisoned were members of the U.S. 8th Regiment that surrendered at the Battle of Adams Hill, north of San Antonio in 1861. Three years after the WBTS the Fort was occupied by companies from the 38th Infantry "Buffalo Soldiers" where in 1870 during the Indian Wars Sergeant Emanuel Stance received the Medal of Honor for leading ten troopers of the 9th Cavalry against Indians at Kickapoo Springs.



DCV Capitol Chapter member George Rollow participating in the Entertaining the Troops: 19th-Century Games program. In addition to the game at hand George is a master at teaching the finer points of period games like Faro, Chuck-A-Luck, Shut-The-Box Mill (Nine Men's Morris), and Hearts

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FORT MCKAVETT cont.

DCV at-large member Ewell Loudermilk and others participated in the West Texas Heritage Day living history event representing the 7th Texas Militia.



Co. "A"'s militia camp next to the smokehouse.



Company "H"'s camp ground.



Artillery Line, including a "captured" Gatling

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

Judge James E. Lockemy's power point presentation on the "Last Meeting" of General's Lee and Jackson at Chancellorsville, Va. May 1863 highlighted the Chapter meeting. The theme for Chapter meeting was to honor the memory of General Stonewall Jackson and General Robert E. Lee.



Judge James E. Lockemy with 1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter member and DCV Board Member Bob Jones.



Judge James E. Lockemy with 1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter members Karla Weed Herron and Christopher Herron.



DCV South Carolina Society pins are in.

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1st Lt. W. E. James Chapter cont.



February 17, 2014 Chapter President Bobby at Takis Restaurant in Darlington, S.C.



Speaker Bob Jones holds a Connecticut newspaper from the 1800's that features several Runaway Slave Ads.



New South Carolina Society shirt designed by DVC member Sarajane Moorh.

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**CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME TEXAS STATE
HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE**

The historical marker committee chaired by Capitol Chapter member Terry Ayers held a dedication ceremony planning session at Pok-E-Jo's BBQ in Austin on February 15, 2014. Attending the meeting was DCV President J.D. Boydston from Longview, UDC Magnolia Rangers Chapter 2544 President Anna Sheppard from New Caney, UDC General Ben McCulloch Chapter 2435 representative Ann Gutierrez and son Connell from Dripping Springs, Marker Committee members Steve von Roeder, Lyn von Roeder and Terry Ayers.



Pictured clockwise: Lyn von Roeder, Steve von Roeder, J.D. Boydston, Terry Ayers, Ann Gutierrez, Connell Gutierrez, and Anna Sheppard.



Field trip to the Texas Confederate Woman's Home L-R Steve von Roeder, Anna Sheppard, Connell Gutierrez, J.D. Boydston, Terry Ayers.

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**DCV 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND
HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION
MARCH 21-22 2014**

HIGHLIGHTS

There were two proposed amendments to the DCV Constitution voted on by the members in attendance at the all members meeting at Green Mesquite BBQ in Round Rock, Texas March 22, 2014. Both amendments passed and have been adopted. They read:

**Authored and proposed by Bob Jones
Article IV, Section 1**

Section 1. All legitimate descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy or State Troops* to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendants of elected or appointed officials of the Confederate or Executive branch of the civil government at the State level or above shall be eligible for membership in this Association, provided that no member admitted under the age of (18) years shall be eligible to vote or hold office until they have attained the age of (18) years.

* "State Troops" shall include troops raised by any of the states or parts of states belonging to the Confederacy, whether for defense of that state or part of that state, or to serve otherwise in the cause of the Confederacy.

**Authored and proposed by
Article VII, Section 7, Paragraph (d)**

d) Recitation of the Salute to the Confederate Flag as follows: "I salute the Confederate Flag, with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance." The proper form of salute will be by either placing the right hand over the heart as in the pledges to the United States or Texas Flags or by displaying an upturned palm, with the arm being extended in front of the body at approximately waist level".



Steve and Lyn von Roeder participated in a living history event at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas sponsored by the Texas Living History Association.



The Menger Hotel in 1865 next to the Alamo. Guests have included Robert E. Lee, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mae West, Babe Ruth, Lillie Langtry, William McKinley.

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Friday night social at Sirloin Stockade



Clockwise: Steve Lucas, Sam Bennett, J.D. Boydston, Debbie Boudstun, Kay Hilburn, Amy Hilburn, Barney Hilburn, Lyn von Roeder, Steve von Roeder. Not pictured Terry Ayers

Saturday night general membership meeting



President Boydston, Terry Ayers, Steve Lucas



L-R Sam Bennett, Steve von Roeder, Steve Lucas, Terry Ayers, J.D. Boydston

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L-R: Barbara Ayers, Lyn von Roeder, Debbie Boydston, Kay Hilburn, Amy Hilburn, Barney Hilburn, Sam Bennett.



President Boydston enters the picture.



On behalf of all the members of the DCV VP Terry Ayers presents President J.D. Boydston with an embossed chunk of limestone cut and chiseled in the shape of Texas as a token of appreciation for doing an outstanding job as President of the DCV.

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The dedication was attended by over seventy folks from all parts of Texas.



2012-2013 Texas Division Children of the Confederacy President Taylor Shepard.



Walt Roberts, Actor, Musician, former Oklahoma Legislator, and descendant of twenty-two Confederate Veterans delivers the keynote address

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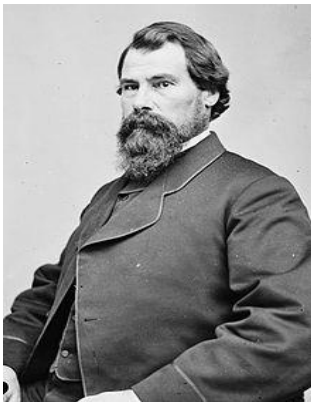
MARKER DEDICATION AND UNVEILING



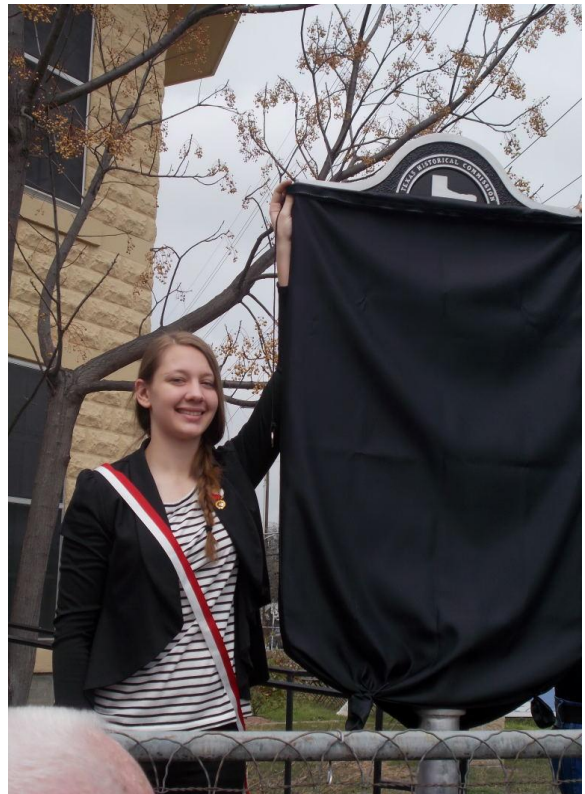
Capitol Chapter member Todd Smith who's Great Grandmother was the last Superintendent of the Woman's home reads a tribute to the Women of the Confederacy written by John H. Reagan, Confederate States Postmaster General.



Barney Hilburn grabs a front row seat as Betty Petruska, President Texas Division UDC and Terry Ayers prepare for the reading of the dedication and unveiling of the marker.



John H. Reagan

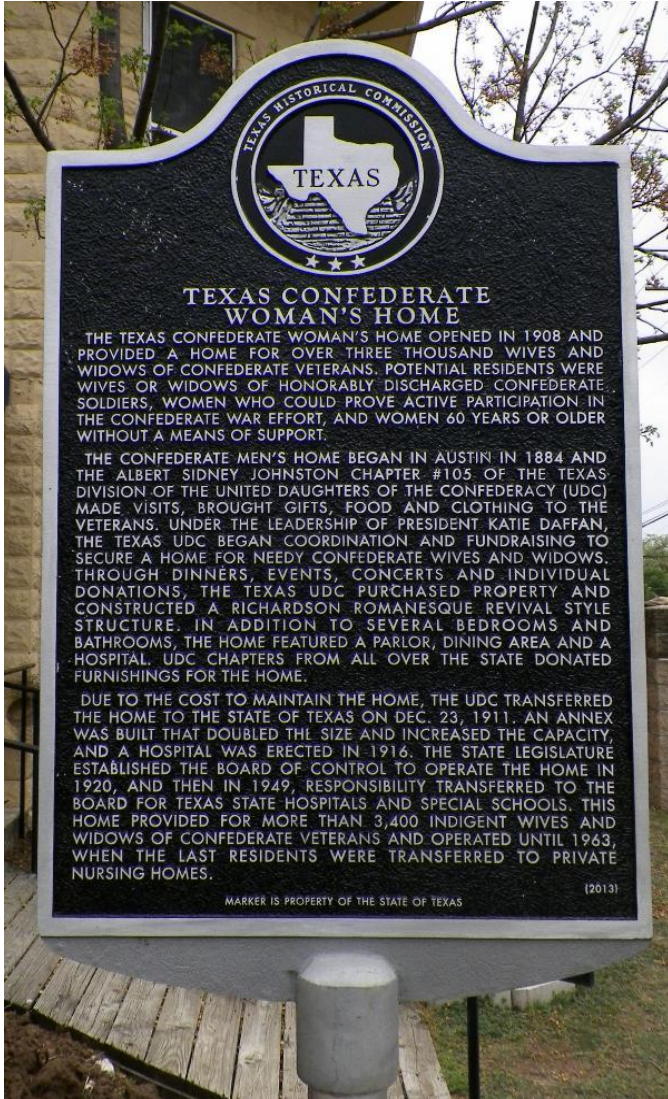


2012-2013 Children of the Confederacy Texas Division President Taylor Shepard standing by to unveil the marker.



Steve Lucas, Steve von Roeder, and Barney Hilburn with guest speaker Walt Roberts.

**TEXAS CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME
HISTORICAL MARKER**



**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
TEXAS and SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATIONS
CHILDREN OF THE CONFEDERACY TX DIVISION
DEDICATED MARCH 22, 2014
AUSTIN, TEXAS**



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

I was a member of Captain J.E. Simmons Company A., 33rd Mississippi Regiment, Featherston's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. Captain Simms would always give his company a big dinner of pork and potatoes once a year when it was possible for him to do so. He was loved by his men. At the Battle of Franklin he said to me, as we were going into charge, November 30, 1864. "Dan, I will beat you to those Yankees yonder." Says I, "Captain, I will get there by the time you do." The first line of works was soon reached. I fired my gun at the enemy as they were leaving these works, and was reloading when I saw our Captain on the works waving his hat to the company to "come on." He leaped off the of the works and called to his company, "Come on my brave boys, lets drive them from the field!" He went over the main line of the works at the gin house and was captured. I was wounded in the hip just at their abates. The smoke soon settled on us with darkness, so we could only see by the light of the guns. Our flag bearer was killed on their works and the enemy got the flag. If the old Regiment could get our flag returned it would be a pleasure to have it at our reunions.

D.J. Wilson
Era, Texas
June, 1894



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