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# DCV TRAVELLER



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A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS & SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**Winter 2017**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

**Terry Ayers**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

As December arrived and with Thanksgiving still fresh on my mind I began to give thought to the Winter Edition of the DCV TRAVELLER. As with most families in the South and across all of America mine gathered for a great day of thanks and a "traditional" Thanksgiving Day dinner. I hope all of you had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We are certainly blessed to live in the United States of America and are uniquely blessed to lay claim to a Southern heritage with noble ancestors who rose up and defended their families and homeland against tyranny during the War Between the States.

In recent years and especially this year it has been very difficult for those of us who have never strayed from the true factual history and the complexity of the many reasons why the southern states seceded from the Union. We have witnessed the vile and vicious propaganda machine narrow the focus to the point where more and more Americans are equating even the lowest ranking Confederate Soldiers and Sailors to slavery, treason, and being traitors to the Union. As demographics change we have seen an increasing threat to our culture and heritage. I have witnessed it first hand in my home town of Austin, Texas. In 2015 the citizens of Austin elected a Mayor who is a native of Washington D.C. and from there attended Princeton University in Princeton New Jersey where he obtained a B.A. degree.

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**President's Message cont.**

Following that he attended the University of Texas at Austin School of Law where he earned a Juris Doctor degree. He apparently loved this area and the opportunity for a young lawyer in the capitol city of Texas and made Austin his home. Good for him, bad for us. As Mayor he has made it a priority to remove any and all monuments, markers, and plaques located on city property relating to the Confederacy, including changing all streets named for anyone that served in any capacity in the Confederacy. Later in this edition I will feature the Capitol Chapter's participation in this year's Veterans Day Parade with additional commentary on the Mayor's boycott of the parade because of the DCV's Capitol Chapter's 12<sup>th</sup> annual participation.

I've said it before and it is still my firm belief we only stand a chance to survive and to protect the history, heritage, and the monuments, markers and plaques to our ancestors by maintaining a strong and viable heritage organization like the DCV. Even though we are a relatively new Confederate heritage organization (going on thirteen years) we have established ourselves as a legitimate national voice with a track record of honorable deeds and accomplishments that hate groups like the NAACP and the Southern Poverty Law Center can find no fault.

Turning to another topic, I want to inform everyone the DCV Annual Reunion and Board of Directors Meeting will be February 17<sup>th</sup> in Bellmead, Texas, next door to Waco.

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## President's Message cont.

Bellmead and Waco are essentially joined at the hip. The only thing separating the two is a back to back city limit sign. You will find details of the upcoming reunion further in this edition. I bring that up in this message to also inform you, in accordance with the DCV Constitution my two year term as your President of the DCV will end at that time. I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors until 2019 when my full term as a member of the Board is fulfilled. I will not be eligible to serve on the Board again until 2020. It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as your President. It has also been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board with a great group whose dedication and devotion to the DCV's continued success surpasses all norms of expectations.

I thank each of you for your membership. You are greatly appreciated for your contribution and support to this great organization.

In the spirit of the season and as we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

May we continue to be united in the cause.

Terry Ayers

## Capitol Chapter Living History Event

The Balcones Fault that runs through Austin is where the blackland prairie ends and the hill country begins. Billed as the Gateway to the hill country is the community of Dripping Springs.

In 1853 three families bound by kinship and a desire to move from Mississippi to Texas chose a spot thirty miles from Austin. Among the three was Dr. Joseph M. Pound his wife Nannie, John H. Wallace and his wife Sarah. John Wallace was a nephew of Robert E. Lee. After 130 years and four generations as the Pound family farm the home built in 1854 and surrounding property was donated to the city as a museum. During the War Between the States Dr. Pound served in the 18<sup>th</sup>

## Capitol Chapter Living History Event cont.

Texas Cavalry as a surgeon. Following the war Dr. Pound was very active in the United Confederate Veterans.



Dr. Joseph M. Pound

Each year in September Friends of the Pound House Foundation invite the Capitol Chapter to participate in their Fall Fest Pioneer Day event.



Homestead of Dr. Joseph and Sarah Pound



**Capitol Chapter Living History Event cont.**



Lyn von Roeder      Jean Price

**Capitol Chapter Living History Event cont.**



Steve von Roeder, Jim Price, Terry Ayers prepare to load



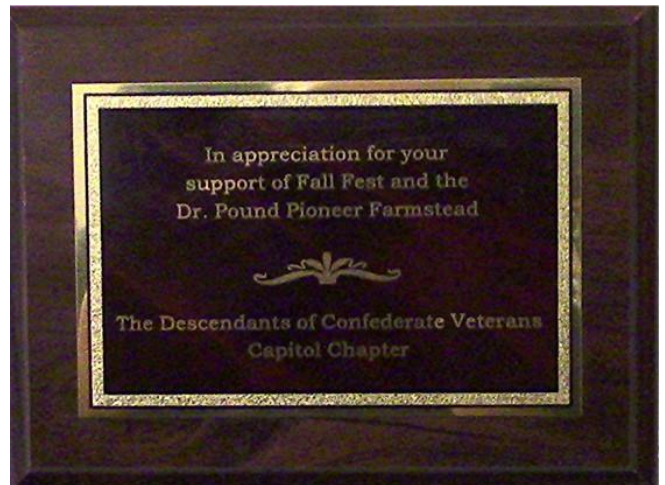
Terry Ayers      El Degüello      Steve von Roeder



FIRE!



"The cannon ball lands way over there"



I hate to brag, but the DCV is without question among the most popular participants at the annual Fall Fest.

**November 11<sup>th</sup> Austin Veterans Day Parade**

Veterans Day in the capitol city of Texas is observed every year with a parade up Congress Avenue to the State Capitol where a ceremony is held on the south steps recognizing Veterans past and present. Representing the DCV the Capitol Chapter has participated in the parade each year since 2006.



Terry Ayers & Jim Price answering cannon questions

## November 11<sup>th</sup> Austin Veterans Day Parade

Up until 2015 to the delight of the vast majority of parade spectators we flew our flags of the Confederacy without restrictions. The political correctness demon raised its ugly head that year and we were forced to fight to continue that right. A compromise was reached that allowed us to continue to fly the flags of our choice not to exceed one of each. That rule carried on to 2016.



This year the political correctness demon grew another head when the Mayor of Austin not only objected to the flags, he objected to our participation. The Veterans Day Parade Committee is an independent non-profit and sets the rules for participation in the parade. The city of Austin is a major sponsor of the parade. As such the city waives fees and other expenses related to closing streets and providing extra security. The parade committee stood behind us and the Mayor was informed the DCV would be allowed to continue being a participant. However, more rule changes were made that affected our flags. The Battle Flag of the ANV and any flag that incorporated that design, such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> National were banned. The 1<sup>st</sup> National, regimental flags that are variants of the Texas state flag, Hardee patterns etc. were allowed. So silly but we had no choice but to comply the rules.

It was at that point it got really ugly. Steve Adler, the Mayor of Austin called a press conference and announced he would boycott the parade because of the DCV and SCV's participation. Instead he announced he would serve meals for homeless Veterans at the Central Texas Food Bank. Unfortunately that dominated the local and state news.

## November 11<sup>th</sup> Austin Veterans Day Parade cont.

The jury of public opinion is mostly still out but judging by the reception we received from the folks who came to watch the parade the Mayor's pity party backfired big time! We're already making plans to participate again next year!



Chris Ayers, Doug Ayers, Terry Ayers, Gillis Bartles, Steve von Roeder, Caren Lee, Tyler Lee, Lyn von Roeder (not pictured)



2017 Veterans Day Parade



Merry Christmas

**Capitol Chapter's Annual Blue Santa Donation**

Each year in December the Capitol Chapter donates money to the Austin Police Department's Operation Blue Santa Program. This year was the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year a donation was made.



Local country music radio station KOKE FM sponsors the annual Blue Santa Breakfast and Silent Auction fundraiser. Station owner and radio personality Bob Cole hosts the event live on the air. Bob is a great friend to the DCV. The Chapter always makes the donation in person and Bob always gives us a "Thank You" on the air.



KOKE FM owner Bob Cole, Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder, National syndicated entertainment reporter Jimmy Carter, and Capitol Chapter Chaplain Gillis Bartles



**Capitol Chapter's Annual Blue Santa Donation**



Chapter President Steve von Roeder "live on the air" with Bob Cole. Holding the mic is KOKE Meteorologist Troy Kimmel



KOKE radio personality Troy Kimmel "live on the air" with chapter president Steve von Roeder. Hiding behind his phone taking a picture of yours truly is chapter Chaplain Gillis Bartles.



Capitol Chapter Chaplain Gillis Bartles and chapter president Steve von Roeder enjoying breakfast tacos at the Blue Santa Breakfast

Note: KOKE owner Bob Cole is pictured on the DCV brochure.

## Christmas at old Fort Concho

Capitol Chapter member and DCV Founder Gary Loudermilk sent me photos of his son Ewell's reenacting group's annual participation in the Christmas at old Fort Concho event in San Angelo, Texas. Ewell is a longtime member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. They have a great time at this very popular crowd pleasing history event.



7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry  
Ewell Loudermilk back row 2<sup>nd</sup> from left



7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry  
Ewell Loudermilk back row far right



Texas Flag flies proudly at Old Fort Concho

## Christmas at old Fort Concho Cont.

Click the link to view a short video of the opening cannon shot of the 2017 Christmas at Old Fort Concho event. > <https://tinyurl.com/ft-concho> <

## CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS

Prior to the huge discovery and raising of the Confederate submarine CSS H.L. Hunley from Charleston Harbor in 2000 about the only Confederate Navy history that was talked about was the Battle of the ironclads Monitor and Merrimack. The history of the CSS Shenandoah is much more fascinating for many reasons. One fascinating aspect illustrates how far reaching the effects of the War Between the States was across the globe.

A little background....

The CSA Navy Department was established by an act of the Provisional Confederate Congress on February 20, 1861.

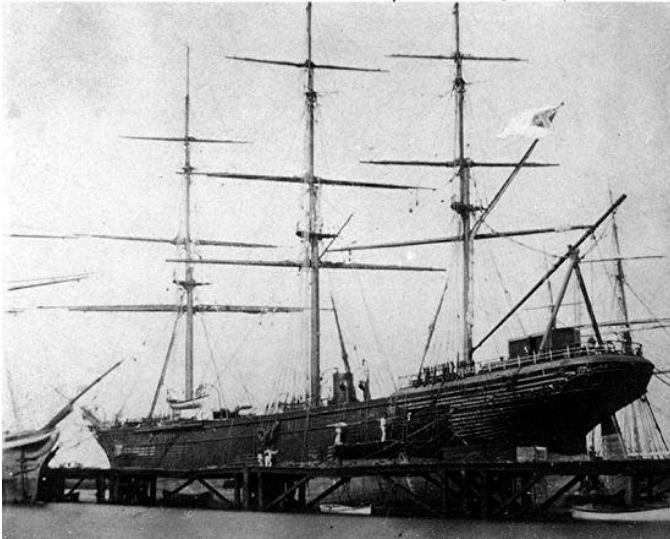


The act also established the position of Secretary of the Navy which authorized him to handle all affairs related to the navies of the Confederacy. President Jefferson Davis nominated Stephen Mallory and he was confirmed by the Congress. On May 9, 1862, Secretary Mallory issued orders to James D. Bulloch instructing him to proceed to London, England to act as the Confederacy's agent in securing six new vessels, armaments, and supplies for the emerging Confederate Navy.

In 1863 a 1,018 ton auxiliary composite passenger cargo ship was built by Alexander Stephen & Sons in Glasgow, Scotland, for Robertson & Co. It was named Sea King. The ship was intended for the East Asia tea trade and as a troop transport.

**CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.**

After a change of owner and a number trips to the Far East carrying cargo and transporting troops to the Maori War in New Zealand, the Confederate Navy agents in England assessed and recommended purchasing *Sea King* from Wallace Bros. of Liverpool.



CSS Shenandoah



Shenandoah's Commander, Lt. James Iredell Waddell, CSN  
Born 1824 – Died 1886

Lt. James Iredell Waddell of North Carolina, joined the U.S. Navy in 1841, graduated from Annapolis and served in the Mexican War. Appointed as a lieutenant in the Confederate Navy, he was sent to England in 1863 with the hope of a seagoing command. A cautious mariner, Waddell was described by his junior officers as secretive, aloof, unpredictable, and often petulant.

**CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.**

Liverpool, England was the unofficial home port of the Confederate overseas fleet. The city provided ships, crews, munitions and provisions of war.

Slipping out of Liverpool under false papers *Sea King* sailed from London on October 8, 1864, ostensibly for Bombay on a trading voyage. The Confederate supply steamer *Laurel* sailed from Liverpool the same day. The two ships rendezvoused in a remote cove in the Madeira Islands to load weapons and crew. The *Laurel* was carrying the officers and the nucleus of the commerce raider's crew, together with naval guns, ammunition, and ship's stores. Lieutenant Waddell supervised her conversion to a war ship in nearby waters. Eleven days later the on October 19<sup>th</sup> the new Confederate cruiser was commissioned *CSS Shenandoah*. The Union Jack was lowered and the "Stainless Banner" was raised.



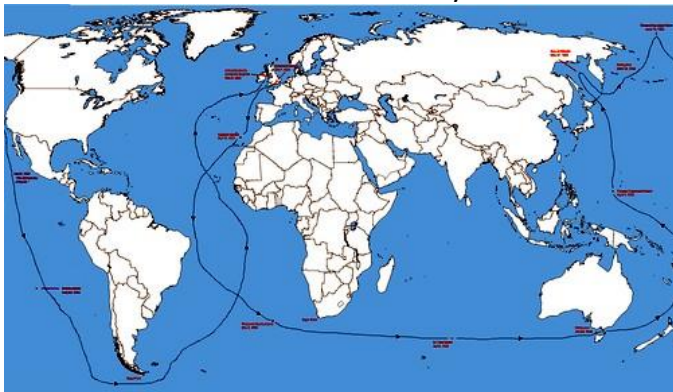
Her armament was composed of four 8-inch ("68 pounder") smoothbore cannon, two rifled Whitworth 32-pounders and two 12-pounder signal guns. But she was not meant to fight warships, and never engaged any U.S. Navy vessels. Her prey was unarmed merchant ships, in a Confederate strategy of "commerce raiding" that by 1865 ruined the American merchant marine, particularly the New England whaling fleet.



## CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.

Commander Waddell began his twelve and a half month voyage seeking enemy merchant ships on the Indian Ocean route between the Cape of Good Hope and Australia, and in the Pacific whaling fleet. En-route to the Cape, the Confederates captured six prizes. After removing the crew and passengers five ships were burned or scuttled. The sixth was bonded and used to transport the prisoners to Bahia, Brazil, where they were released. Not one prisoner was killed, and that would be a pattern of *CSS Shenandoah*.

During the twelve and a half months the *CSS Shenandoah* became the only Confederate States Ship to circumnavigate the globe. She had sailed fifty-eight thousand miles and had sunk, burned, scuttled, or otherwise captured 38 vessels flying the Stainless Banner the entire way.



**LAST SHOT:** On June 22, 1865 *CSS Shenandoah* fired the last shot of the War Between the States. It was a blank round fire across the bow of a New Bedford whaling ship in the Bering Sea west of the tip of the Alaska Peninsula in the Bering Sea.

On June 27, 1865, Commander Waddell learned from the skipper of a captured vessel that General Robert E. Lee had surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia almost three months earlier at Appomattox Court House. He produced a San Francisco newspaper reporting the flight from Richmond of the Confederate government 10 weeks previously. However, the newspaper also contained Confederate President Jefferson Davis' proclamation that the "war would be carried on with re-newed vigor. Commander Waddell carried on and the *CSS Shenandoah* captured 10 more whalers in the space of 7 hours.

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## CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.

On August 3, 1865, Waddell finally learned of the war's end when he met at sea the Liverpool vessel *Barracouta*, which was bound for San Francisco. He received the devastating news of the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston's army on April 26, the surrender of Edmund Kirby Smith's army on May 26, and most crucially the capture of President Davis and a part of his cabinet. Commander Waddell then knew the war was over. He knew returning to a U.S. port would mean facing a court sympathetic to the Union. He and the crew felt surrendering to federal authorities would run the risk of being tried in a U.S. court and hanged as pirates. Commerce raiders were not included in the reconciliation and amnesty that Confederate soldiers were given. Waddell knew the U.S. government no longer had to consider the threat of Confederate retaliation against Union prisoners while determining his crew's fate so the decision was made to surrender his ship at the port of Liverpool, England.

**THE LAST SURRENDER:** The voyage to Liverpool took three months covering 9,000 nautical miles, all the while being pursued by Union vessels. At the mouth of the estuary and not flying a flag the awaiting pilot refused to take the ship in unless they flew a flag. The crew raised the *Stainless Banner* and sailed up the River Mersey with the flag flying to crowds on the riverbanks.

Captain Waddell maneuvered his ship dropping anchor next to the Royal Navy war ship HMS *Donegal*. The *CSS Shenandoah* was surrendered by Commander Waddell to Captain Paynter on November 6, 1865. The *Stainless Banner* was lowered for the very last time.



Original Flag C.S.S. Shenandoah.  
Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

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## CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.

**FATE OF THE CREW:** A decision by the British government had to be made of what to do with the Confederate crew, knowing the consequences of piracy charges and that many of the crew actually originated from the United Kingdom and its colonies.

After a full investigation by officers of the Crown, it was decided that the officers and crew did not infringe the rules of war or the laws of nations to justify being held as prisoners, so they were released. The story was best reported in the *Liverpool Mercury* on November 9, 1865.

### **THE SHENANDOAH      PAROLE OF THE CREW**

The government have at length taken a decided step in regard to the crew of this vessel. For the last two days the authorities in Liverpool have been in communication with the Secretary of State in reference to the detention of the ship and her crew. The Government seem to have been decided as to the necessity of retaining the vessel, pending an inquiry as to the action which her commander and crew have taken during the last few months, but there seems to have been some doubt as to the proper course to adopt with reference to the men on board. On inquiry at the Custom House yesterday morning, we were informed that the authorities had not received further instructions as to the vessel or her crew.

However, about 6 o'clock last night a telegram was received from Government by Captain Paynter, of her Majesty's ship *Donegal*, to whom the *Shenandoah* was surrendered, that the whole of the officers and crew, who were not British subjects were to be immediately paroled. Captain Paynter immediately proceeded to the Rock Ferry slip, and applied for a steamboat. The Rock Ferry steamer *Bee* was placed at his disposal by Mr. Thwaites, in which he immediately proceeded alongside the *Shenandoah*. Captain Paynter went on board and communicated to the officers the object of his visit. The crew were mustered on the quarterdeck by the officers of the ship and the roll book was brought out.

## CSS Shenandoah: The last official shot and last official surrender of the WBTS cont.

The names of the men were called out and as each man answered to his name he was asked what countryman he was. In not one instance did any of them acknowledge to be British citizens. Many nations were represented among them, but the majority claimed to be natives of the Southern States of America or "Southern citizens". Several of those however, who purported to be Americans, had an unmistakably Scotch accent, and seemed more likely to have hailed from the banks of the Clyde than the Mississippi. Captain Paynter informed the men that by order of the Government they were all paroled, and might proceed at once to shore. This intelligence was received by the men with every demonstration of joy, and they seemed to be delighted at the prospect of leaving the craft in which they had hoped to be able to assist the Southern Confederacy. They commenced to pack up their bedding and other articles as fast as possible, and conveyed on board the *Bee*, which was to take them to the landing stage. Before leaving the vessel, however, they gave three lusty cheers, for Captain Waddell, their late commander. Captain Waddell, in feeling terms, acknowledged the compliment, and said that he hoped the men would always behave themselves, as brave sailors ought to do. The men then went aboard the *Bee*, and were conveyed to the landing stage. This separated *Shenandoah* and her crew and all went their separate ways. As the animosity of the United States Government began to soften some returned to the United States. Commander Waddell returned from England to the United States in 1875 to captain the *San Francisco* for the Pacific Mail Company. He later took command of a force that policed the oyster fleets in the Chesapeake Bay. In 1886, Waddell died of a brain disorder and was buried at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, Maryland.

### **FATE OF THE CSS SHENANDOAH**

In 1866, the US government, having taken possession of *Shenandoah*, sold her to Majid bin Said, the first Sultan of Zanzibar, who renamed her *El Majidi*. On April 15, 1872, a hurricane hit Zanzibar, and *El Majidi* was blown on shore and wrecked.

## In Their Own Words

The Second Battle of Murfreesboro was fought from December 31, 1862, to January 2, 1863. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December Union General William S. Rosecrans's Army of the Cumberland marched from Nashville to challenge General Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee. The night before, on Christmas night Confederate soldier William Gordan McCade penned a poem he titled "Christmas Night '62".



### Christmas Night, '62

The wintry blast goes wailing by,  
the snow is falling overhead;  
I hear the lonely sentry's tread,  
and distant watch-fires light the sky.

Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;  
The soldiers cluster round the blaze  
To talk of other Christmas days,  
And softly speak of home and home

My saber swinging overhead,  
gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,  
while fiercely drives the blinding snow,  
and memory leads me to the dead.

My thoughts go wandering to and fro,  
vibrating 'twixt the Now and Then;  
I see the low-browed home again,  
the old hall wreathed in mistletoe.

And sweetly from the far off years  
comes borne the laughter faint and low,

The voices of the Long Ago!  
My eyes are wet with tender tears.

I feel again the mother kiss,  
I see again the glad surprise  
That lighted up the tranquil eyes  
And brimmed them o'er with tears of bliss

As, rushing from the old hall-door,  
She fondly clasped her wayward boy -  
Her face all radiant with the joy  
She felt to see him home once more.

My saber swinging on the bough  
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,  
while fiercely drives the blinding snow  
aslant upon my saddened brow.

Those cherished faces are all gone!  
Asleep within the quiet graves  
where lies the snow in drifting waves, -  
And I am sitting here alone.

There's not a comrade here tonight  
but knows that loved ones far away  
on bended knees this night will pray:  
"God bring our darling from the fight."

But there are none to wish me back,  
for me no yearning prayers arise  
the lips are mute and closed the eyes -  
My home is in the bivouac.



William McCade

## DCV ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION

Hosted by the Capitol Chapter

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Bellmead Senior Center**

**3900 Parrish Street**

**Waco, TX 76705**

Please consider attending the annual meeting February 17<sup>th</sup>. The DCV Constitution requires two meetings in a calendar year. Both meetings are mandatory for the Board of Directors. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend both. It is during the annual reunion meeting in the first quarter of the year the general membership elects officers and vote on any proposed amendments to the Constitution. This year there are no proposed amendments but there are many topics and issues to be discussed. The meetings are an important part of being a member of the DCV. But the annual reunion is so much more than just a business meeting. It is an opportunity to have a reunion of friends and compatriots.

The business meeting of all members will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should wrap up around 11:30 a.m. The remainder of the day's activities are still being planned but the tentative plans are lunch at a restaurant still to be determined and following lunch a visit to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Also being considered is a visit to the gravesite of Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross, Texas Ranger, Brigadier General Confederate States Army, 19<sup>th</sup> Governor of Texas, and President of Texas A&M University.

Once the details are finalized a Special Edition of the DCV TRAVELLER will be sent to all members.



Bellmead Senior Center

## **DUES REMINDER**

**\*\*DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1 \*\***

**If you are a member of a Chapter** you pay both Association dues and Chapter dues to your Chapter Treasurer. Association dues are \$16 annually. Chapter dues may vary. Your Chapter Treasurer should contact you about submitting your dues.

**If you are not a member of a Chapter** you are an "At-Large" member and must send your dues to the Association Treasurer. Association Dues are \$16 annually.

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I invite and encourage each of you to contribute to the DCV TRAVELLER. Please send photos and descriptions of meetings, activities, and events. Large or small, every contribution we make to preserve and protect our Confederate history and heritage is worthy of being noted in our newsletter.

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To establish and maintain an honorable, non-racist Southern heritage and history organization dedicated to perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States, 1861-1865.



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