



THE REBEL ROUSER

Newsletter for the DCV – Dallas Chapter

December 2006

Edited by Ralph Green and Ed Smith

DECEMBER MEETING A PARTY

This month we will trade our usual historical program for an opportunity to share good fellowship and cheer. These will be enjoyed by members and guests at a Christmas Party on Friday, December 15. Our gracious hosts will be Larry and Sally Johnson. The location will be their home, 624 Green Canyon, Mesquite, TX 75150. Time: 7:30PM. Dress: Casual. An RSVP to 972/226-8478 will assist with planning. You are invited to bring a favorite snack to share.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
THE OFFICERS OF THE DALLAS CHAPTER

2007 DUES

Dues are payable January 1 for the year 2007. Dues including the DCV Association and the Dallas Chapter are a total of \$30 and should be mailed to:

DCV
c/o Ed Smith
1741 Medina Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

Your prompt submission of dues will be appreciated.

ONE ORDER

An old Confederate walked into a bar and asked the bartender if he served Yankees. When the bartender answered “Yes”, the Confederate said, “Okay, bring a beer for me and two Yankees for my crocodile here.”

CHAPTER OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Officers for the calendar year 2007 will be elected and installed at our meeting on Friday, 19 January, 2007. Every member of the chapter is eligible for election. A nominating committee composed of current chapter officers is seeking nominations from members. Please submit your nominations to the committee:

President – **Ralph Green 214/544-0750**
Vice President – **Bobby Rutherford 972-285-0312**
Secretary – **Ed Smith 214/906-7700**

Written nominations may be mailed to:

DCV
530 Hackberry Drive
Fairview, TX 75069

NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST IN BATTLE

Nathan Bedford Forrest seemed inspired by battle. His Major, D.C. Kelly, saw Nathan Bedford Forrest for the first time under fire near Sacramento, Kentucky. He vividly described the change that always took place in his appearance in a fight: "His face flushed till it bore a striking resemblance to a painted Indian warrior's, and his eyes, usually so mild in their expression, blazed with the intense glare of a panther's about to spring on his prey. In fact, he looks as little like the Forrest of our mess table as the storm of December resembles the quiet of June."

WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome the following compatriot to the Dallas Chapter of the DCV:

John E. Wilson 214/324-3446
1411 Sereno
Dallas, TX 75218

17 NOVEMBER 2006

Our meeting opened with an invocation. Prior to our flag ceremonies, Ralph Green read Senator John McCain's inspiring story of saluting the US flag in a Vietnamese prison. We then pledged allegiance to the US flag, saluted the Confederate flag, pledged to the Texas flag.

Visitors and guests were welcomed.

Announcements included the 13th Civil War pre-preservation Seminar at Hill College on November 18, a request for volunteers to clean a cemetery near Paul Quinn College, a recruiting table at a Gun Show on December 2, Christmas Party on December 15, and an Invitation to the Gaston-Gregg Christmas Party on December 12. Robin Gilliam extended an invitation to a UDC Gala on December 9. (Robin's telephone no.: 214/361-4840.)

Bobby Rutherford presented the story of Keith and Melinda Blalock, a North Carolina couple who were the only husband and wife team to fight on both sides in the WBTS. Intending originally to fight for the North they were forced by circumstances to first scout for the Confederacy.

After a drawing for door prizes, Elizabeth Satterfield showed the flag she is making for the Dallas Chapter and received enthusiastic approval.

John Wilson was approved for membership.

Our meeting ended with a benediction

UNINTENTIONAL AID FROM THE CZAR

Lucy Holcombe Pickens was the only woman to be depicted on Confederate currency. Her likeness appeared on three issues: the one-dollar bills of 1862 and 1863, and the one-hundred-dollar bill of 1864. Lucy was the wife of Colonel Francis Wilkinson Pickens, pre-War US Ambassador to the court of the Czar of Russia. Lucy was a favorite of the Czar and Czarina, who showered her with jewelry as a sign of their affection. Following the return of the Pickens to South Carolina, Lucy sold the royal presents to fund the Holcombe Legion of South Carolina.

A VIEW FROM ABOVE

Charles Cevor, of Savannah, Georgia, achieved some fame as an "aeronaut" before going to Richmond in June 1862 to volunteer his services to the Confederacy. In a letter dated 28 June 1862, he wrote to a friend: "I am in a good field of operations now. I have been extremely successful here with the balloon. The flight commenced at daybreak yesterday morning, and I was suspended over the field all day and witnessed such sights as I never saw before. The fight for miles was desperate, but our gallant army drove them back steadily with immense slaughter. Stonewall's attack was sublime. I could see him and his brave band when they struck the enemy's lines, and dreadful was the shock produced. - Lawton's brigade gallantly charged a battery, but failed to carry it. The Texas brigade, to which the 18th Georgia Regiment is attached, succeeded in taking it - since which the enemy has been kept in motion towards Washington. The Yankee prisoners are coming in continually. Over three thousand have arrived and more expected to come in today. I am happy to say that I received the compliments of the Generals and their staffs for my successful operations. It was of material aid to them, and the rank of Captain is tendered me, which I accept, of course."

CROWDED QUARTERS

In September, 1862, under a flag of truce, steamers carrying Confederate prisoners to be exchanged at Vicksburg stopped at Memphis. A poor Irish woman went down to the wharfs. Hoping to see her husband on one of the ships, she asked an officer for permission to do so. The officer refused her request. She repeated her request with the same response. She then made a desperate effort to get aboard, causing the officer to tell her, "Madame, you can not come aboard I say. I wish you would go to hell and let me alone." The woman shook her head and replied, "I can go to hell, can I? Say, mister officer, do you know one Stonewall Jackson?" "Yes, what of him?" "Well, he has been sending so many Yankees to that place now that bejabbbers there is no room for decent people there, and the old devil himself has to sleep out of doors."

A SURPRISING SOURCE OF TROOPS

From the *Mobile Register and Advertiser*,
September 23, 1862

The Richmond Dispatch is assured, upon the statement of an officer of the Confederate army who arrived in that city on Monday and who left Frederick a few days ago, that a company of Pennsylvanians from Adams County, numbering 115, arrived at Frederick last week and tendered their services to the Confederate government. This company was regularly organized with its own officers before they left their own state, and declared that they were unwilling to stay at home and be drafted into the Abolition service.

LIKED HOW HE WAS GUARDED

Taken prisoner in 1863, the bold and dashing John Hunt Morgan and his officers were treated as criminals and sent to the Ohio State Prison rather than a prisoner of war camp. They immediately began planning an escape. Several months later they were successful. Morgan decided to "hide in plain sight" and go first to Cincinnati rather than head directly for the South. After boarding a train Morgan boldly took a seat next to a Federal officer. The two began a friendly conversation during which Morgan enjoyed a drink from the officer's brandy flask. As the train passed the state prison, the Federal commented, "That's where they've got old John Morgan." Morgan replied, "Yes, and I hope they always guard him as well as they do now!" (After several close calls Morgan made his way back to the Confederacy, but sadly lost his life during a surprise Federal attack the following year.)

PATRICIDE NOT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

During the Battle of Shiloh, a Union Kentuckian was captured by his Confederate brother. The Union soldier warned his brother not to shoot at a particular Union officer because "that's father!"

FORAGING NOT APPROVED ACTIVITY

Confederate Major General Benjamin Cheatham caught a young Confederate up in a tree stealing fruit. The fright of the young man quickly dissipated when he heard the general say, "Young man, drop me down a few of those fine apples."

WORKED ON COMMISSION

Edward C. Stockton may have had the most unusual military career of anyone in the War Between the States. Shortly after graduating from Annapolis in 1850, he was expelled from the US Navy. He engaged in various civilian activities until war broke out. He became a lieutenant in the South Carolina State Navy in early 1861, a second lieutenant in the Confederate States Marines from May through September of 1861, a captain in the 21st South Carolina Infantry from January through April of 1862, and finished the war as a lieutenant in the Confederate States Navy.

UNRECOGNIZED PATRIOTS

Ervin L. Jordan, Jr.

Numerous Afro-Virginians, free blacks and slaves, were genuine Southern loyalists, not as a consequence of white pressure but due to their preferences. They are the Civil War's forgotten people, yet their existence was more widespread than American history has recorded. Their bones rest in unhonored glory in Southern soil, shrouded by falsehoods, indifference and historians' censorship.

AS THEY SAW IT

Charles H. Wesley

To the majority of the Negroes, as to all the South, the invading armies of the Union seemed to be ruthlessly attacking independent States, invading the beloved homeland and trampling upon all that these men held dear.



OUR SOUTHRON SUPPORTERS

The following have donated \$10 or more to assist with the expenses of the Dallas Chapter, including printing and distribution of the newsletter:

Ron Aldis	George Pittard
Dan Coit	Bobby Rutherford
Ralph Green	Ed Smith
Carlos Hedstrom	Vin Vinson

You are cordially invited to the
**15th Annual Confederate
Gala**

Hosted by District IV, Texas Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy®
December 9, 2006 6 p.m.

Sokol Hall, Ennis, Texas
(Exit I-45 at Exit 251-B and go east. Sokol Hall on the left
about a mile from I-45.)

Delicious dinner by Bubba's BBQ
Festive Christmas dinner tables Plus silent
auction and dancing

Make checks payable to: "Treasurer, District IV, UDC"

Mrs. Linda Grimes
2412 Bastille Court
McKinney, TX 75070

Adult \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at door
Children \$15.00 (12 and under).
Children's plates will not be available at door.

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