



THE REBEL ROUSER

Newsletter for the DCV – Dallas Chapter

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OUR NEXT MEETING

The world is an ever changing place. One evidence of this is our move to a new meeting place. Our longtime meeting place, the Casa Linda Cafeteria, closed suddenly resulting in a need for a new location. Our February meeting will take place at Raymond's Bar-B-Q, 10920 Garland Road.

During the War Between the States, a change in naval warfare took place with the development of Ironclads, armored warships. The topic for the program at our February meeting will be *Confederate Ironclads*. Our speaker will be our newly elected Dallas Chapter President, Larry Johnson.

Our speaker is a former military officer with a lifelong interest in the War Between the States as well as in music. He has been playing in bands since the 1950's and was the prime mover in the organization of the Heritage Brass Band. He goes to great length to ensure authenticity of the period music played by the Heritage Brass Band. Larry and his wife are residents of Mesquite.

Our meeting will be called to order at 7PM on Friday, 16 February. We have the room beginning at 6PM, so come early and enjoy socializing with our members and guests. Speaking of guests, bring some. Visitors are always welcome.

WELCOME TO DCV MEMBERSHIP

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TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM

Just a short distance from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Hill College, in Hillsboro, Texas, is the site of the Texas Heritage Museum. This museum documents Texas' military involvement in all wars from the Civil War through Vietnam. It is divided into several sections, including the Blue Gray Gallery, Texans in the Civil War, Weapons Gallery, Audie Murphy WW II Gallery, Texans in WW II, and the Viet Nam Gallery. A Medal of Honor Plaza is under development to honor Texan winners of the medal. The museum theater presents a short movie of about twelve minutes to explain the museum, its displays, and purpose. Connected to the museum is an extensive Confederate research center with thousands of books, plus original manuscripts and diaries. There is no charge for visiting the museum. (It does accept donations!) For information on the Museum, call 254-582-2555, ext.295, or visit:

www.hillcollege.edu/museum/museum

DALLAS DCV CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2007

President	Larry W. Johnson
Vice-President	Michael R. Bryant
Secretary/Treasurer	Ralph Green

TEN COMMANDMENTS IN A COURTHOUSE

The real reason you can't post the Ten Commandments in a courthouse? Displaying "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery", and "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians would create a hostile work environment.

CONFEDERATE HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

The 2007 Confederate History Symposium will be presented March 31 at Hill College in Hillsboro. The theme for the Symposium is **Hood's Texas Brigade**. Registration will begin at 9AM. In addition to the speakers there will be two musical performances (brass band, banjo), a reenactor's camp, sutler's tent, a drawing, and many other forms of entertainment. Speakers and their topics will be:

Thomas Cutrer (Arizona State University)

Keynote Speaker

John Bell Hood through Chattanooga

Susannah Bruce (Sam Houston University)

The History of the Texas Brigade from formation to Gettysburg

James W. Pohl (Texas State University)

The History of the Texas Brigade from Gettysburg to surrender

Richard McCaslin (University of North Texas)

J.P. Polly Letters

Mark this on your calendar and make sure you attend!

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S IDEAS ON IMMIGRANTS AND BEING AN AMERICAN

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

- Theodore Roosevelt 1907

AN UNUSUAL REACTION

Stonewall Jackson refused to use pepper on his food, saying it gave him pains in his left leg.

HE SAW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN

Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

- Gen. Patrick Cleburne, CSA

JANUARY 19, 2007

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, Salute to the Confederate Flag, and Pledge to the Texas Flag. Following an invocation, members and guests were welcomed. Tim Puckett visited as a guest of Jay Shelton.

Mike Bryant was accepted into membership.

Chapter officers for 2007 were elected.

Daryl Coleman presented a program on the meaning of the Cause referenced in Stephen D. Lee's Charge to Confederate descendants.

In recognition of Robert E. Lee's Birthday, President Green read a letter to Dwight Eisenhower questioning his honoring Lee, and the US President's reply.

Officers were installed.

Our meeting ended with a benediction.

A SIMPLE GOAL

All that was, or is now, desired is that error and injustice be excluded from the text books of the schools and from the literature brought into our homes; that the truth be told, without exaggeration and without omission, truth for its own sake and for the sake of honest history, and that the generations to come after us not be left to bear the burden of shame and dishonor unrighteously laid upon the name of their noble sires.

Rev. James P. Smith, Staff of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, C.S.A .

THE NEED FOR TRUE HISTORY

A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know where it is today...The reputation of an individual is of minor importance to the opinion posterity may form of the motives which governed the South in their late struggle for the maintenance of the principles of the Constitution. I hope therefore, a true history will be written, and justice will be done them.

- Gen. Robert E. Lee

DEMANDED BY HONOR

We could have pursued no other course without dishonor. And sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner."

- General Robert E. Lee, C.S.A.

REVENGE WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA

As governor of Louisiana, former Union general Adalbert Ames unsuccessfully attempted social reform and received much negative press in both the North and South. After that bitter experience, Ames moved to Northfield, Minnesota to work with his father and brother in their banking business. For Jesse James, Ames was a bitter reminder of the Lost Cause and a symbol of Union occupation in the South. He planned to target Ames' family's bank to make a political statement against the eastern establishment as well as to steal money. What James thought would be the end of Ames was instead the beginning of the end for Jesse himself. In switching from robbing trains, where the "victim" was a corporation, to robbing banks, which held the hard-earned savings of working-class folk, the James gang lost the romantic esteem they once held in the public imagination. Those in the gang who were not killed in the Northfield raid went their separate ways. Jesse spent the rest of his few remaining years living in hiding and eventually was murdered in his own home at age 34.

IN CASE HE HAD A CHANCE TO HUNT

Confederate General Turner Ashby rode with a brass spyglass hanging on one side of his saddle and a fox hunting horn on the other side

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

Richard L. Page was an officer in the US Navy until Virginia seceded. At that time he resigned his commission to serve the Confederate Navy. There he rose to the rank of Captain. On March 1, 1864, Captain Page became a brigadier general in the Provisional Army. Captured at Fort Morgan in August 1864, he was held prisoner in Fort Delaware until July 24, 1865, ending his military career. One of the most remarkable things about Page was his appearance. Page's mother was a sister of Robert E. Lee's father. Page so closely resembled Robert E. Lee that pictures of one have often been unknowingly misidentified as being pictures of the other.

CLEOPATRA OF THE CONFEDERACY

Known as La Belle Rebelle, Belle Boyd's career as a spy began after she reportedly shot and killed a Union soldier who insulted her. Acquitted, she soon became a local celebrity in her hometown of Winchester, attracting the attention of Generals Beauregard and Jackson, for whom she acted as courier and spy. She was captured and imprisoned three times, once at the old Carroll Prison in Washington, DC, in a cell not far from another famous Confederate female spy, Mrs. Rose Greenhow. In 1864 she escaped to England on a mission for the Confederates, and soon after married the Union naval officer who helped her. She divorced him and remarried several times and had several children. Later, when penniless, she hit the road in a stage show where she dressed in a Confederate uniform and recounted her Civil War adventures.

NOT A FAN

When writing to a cousin in 1855, VMI Cadet Charles M. Barton described his required Optics course and his least favorite professor: "so very difficult, & taught by such a hell of a fool, whose name is Jackson" To Barton the combination of topic and teacher suggested the following lines:

The V.M.I. O What a spot
In winter cold, in summer hot
Great Lord Above, what a wonder,
Major Jackson, Hell & Thunder.

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
Charles Walker	

DOUBLE DUTY

On August 24, 1864, during the Battle of Reams' Station, Major General Henry Heth noted wavering in the ranks of the 28th North Carolina. He decided to inspire the troops by carrying the regimental colors forward himself. Color bearer Thomas Minton refused to relinquish them to him, so as they stormed a Federal breastwork both men were holding the colors

DCV DUES

Dues for the DCV were payable on January 1. Anyone whose dues are not received by the State by March 1 will owe a \$5 late fee. If you have not yet paid, send \$30 dues (plus any donation) payable to "DCV" to:

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530 Hackberry Drive
Fairview, TX 75069

THE BEST

Southern Cultures, a magazine of the University of North Carolina's *Center for the Study of the American South*, published an interesting statistic. Although differing with many Southern whites in regard to the Confederate flag, affirmative action, etc., 91% of African Americans believe the South to be the best place in the country to live.

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