



THE REBEL ROUSER

Newsletter for the DCV – Dallas Chapter

June 2008

OUR NEXT MEETING

JUNE 3, 2008
200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
OUR CONFEDERATE PRESIDENT



Jefferson Davis

President of the Confederate States of America
June 3, 1808 – December 6, 1889

ON SECESSION AND TREASON

"If you bring these leaders to trial, it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution, secession is not rebellion. His [Jefferson Davis] capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one. We cannot convict him of treason."

-- Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, 1867

On April 26, 2008, the remains of **Colonel Cullen R. Earp** were reburied in Gilmer, Texas. During the WBTS, Colonel Earp commanded the **10th Texas Cavalry (dismounted)**. Our program this month will be presented by **Preston Furlow**, a descendant of 5 Confederates in the 10th Texas. He will discuss the 10th Texas, Colonel Earp, and the actions and events surrounding the re-interment ceremonies.

A resident of Waxahachie, Preston has always been a staunch defender of the South. He has been a maker of reproduction Confederate colors for 12 years. He is commander of the Order of Confederate Gray, a Confederate Guard of Honor and Color Guard dedicated to preserving and honoring the memory of our soldiers who served under the Southern banners. In addition he has participated in reenactments since 1994.

Our meeting will be called to order at **6:30PM** on **Friday, June 20, 2008**, in the **Highland Park Cafeteria**, in **Casa Linda Plaza**, located on the corner of **Buckner Blvd. and Garland Road**. We welcome visitors, so YOU come and bring some!

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Our meeting opened with an invocation by our new chaplain, Jay Shelton. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Salute to the Confederate Flag. Members and guests were welcomed and introduced. Announcements included the MOS&B Tri-state Convention scheduled for Corsicana on the weekend of June 27-28..

Ralph Green presented a program on the little-known Sherod Hunter and the Confederacy in the West. For a short time this young officer played an important part in the War, then disappeared from history.

Door prizes were awarded.

Our meeting ended with a benediction.

BEAUVOIR

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library in Biloxi, MS, suffered tremendous damage from the Katrina hurricane. Through the dedicated efforts and generosity of many, restoration of the house itself has been for the most part completed. It was formally reopened in ceremonies on June 3, the 200th anniversary of President Davis' birth. Details of the program may be obtained at www.beauvoir.org. Even though much has been accomplished, major restoration efforts remain to be accomplished, including replacing the demolished Presidential Library and the Hayes cottage. Help by sending a donation to:

Beauvoir
2244 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, MS 39531

NEW MOS&B OFFICERS

At the 2008 General Convention of the MOS&B, the following new officers were selected for the overall organization:

Commander General - Dr. Anthony Hodges TN
Lt. Cdr General - Max Waldrop AL/TN
Adjutant General - Dr. Toni Turk UT
Judge Adv. General - Richard H. Knight TN
Treasurer General - Bryan Roehrig TN

Army of Northern Virginia

Commander - Brett Bradshaw SC
Councilor - William Berryhill NC
Councilor - Richard Abell VA

Army of Tennessee

Commander - Danleigh Corbett AL
Councilor - Dr. Richard Rhone AL
Councilor - David Denard GA

Army of TransMississippi

Commander - Dr. Gary Loudermilk TX
Councilor - David Whitaker TX
Councilor - K. Patrick Sohwide OK

COLONEL WALBROOK DAVIS SWANK

November 10, 1920 = May 4, 2008

Colonel Wally Swank of Mineral, VA, was quite a man, in so many ways. He received numerous awards for meritorious and outstanding service with the Air Force. After his WW II service in Europe he returned to duty in the White House. Dedicated to his native South, Wally was a prolific Confederate history writer, and authored or edited 17 books on the topic. He will be sorely missed.

TRI-STATE MOS&B CONVENTION

Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28

*Location: Holiday Inn Express, Corsicana, Texas
Tel. 903/874-7440 MOS&B rate \$90/night*

Schedule -

Friday, 5–7PM: Commander's Reception:

Saturday, 9AM –Noon: Business meetings

12PM : Lunch at Hotel

1PM: Cook Center trip
(Pierce Collection)

4:30 Oakwood Cemetery

Prices \$5 registration fee, \$9 lunch,

\$4 Pierce Collection tour

Ladies welcome at lunch and on tour.

Make checks payable to Texas Society, MOS&B and mail to Jim Templin, 2500 Woodlawn Drive, Ennis, TX 75119-7644

SHIRTS BY SAL

This enterprise operated by Larry Johnson's wife, Sally, offers T-shirts, Tote Bags, Towels, Children's & Babies apparel personalized with a photo layout or your favorite design. Picture your children, or grandkids, your pet, or your photo in Confederate Uniform. She can create that idea on a t-shirt or other item. Call Sally or send an email with item desired or shirt size, photo(s) or design, shirt color, and payment method (Check or Credit card). In return you will get your photos back as well as a personalized t-shirt. These items would make a great Gift for Fathers Day, Graduation, a Wedding or any special event. Most items cost \$20.00 including tax. XX Shirts and larger cost an additional \$2.00. No additional charge for taking photos or arranging art work. Ask about a group discount or help with a fund raiser.

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UNDERSTANDING, NOT SYMPATHY

When a Pennsylvania woman complained about Southern soldiers availing themselves of Yankee pigs and cattle, Confederate General James Longstreet commented, "Yes, madam, it's very sad, very sad – and this is the sort of thing that has been going on in Virginia for more than two years – very sad."

COMPUTER PROBLEM

A friend was having trouble with his computer. So he called Harold, the computer guy, to come over. Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. After giving a bill for a minimum service call, he started to leave. When asked "So, what was wrong?" he replied: "It was an ID ten T error." Not wanting to appear stupid, the PC owner inquired: "An ID ten T error? What's that, in case I need to fix it again?" Harold grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No." "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So the PC owner wrote down

"I D 1 0 T"

The PC owner used to like Harold.

EVENED THE SCORE

It is well known how Captain Charles Wilkes, as the commander of the *San Jacinto*, captured the British steamer *Trent* and made prisoners of Confederate commissioners James Mason and John Slidell. Lesser known is the prior relationship of two of the parties. As a young man Wilkes fell head over ears in love with an attractive young lass who returned his affection and consented to become his wife. But the young sailor had a rival in a young man named Slidell. Young Slidell refused to accept the situation and poisoned the mind of the girl's father. The father refused to consent to his daughter's marriage with Wilkes and instead offered her hand to Slidell. After many protestations, tears, and hysterics, the girl accepted her father's decision and became Mrs. John Slidell. Charles Wilkes never saw his lady love again nor his successful rival until he saw Slidell standing a prisoner on board his ship. Wilkes at last had his revenge.

SOUTH FOR SOUTHERNERS

During the War a native of Delaware, James Myers, was appointed Foreman of the Petersburg Car and Locomotive Foundry. The workmen were not satisfied to have a Northern superintendent, and openly expressed their discontent and refused to work under him. Money had nothing to do with the disturbance. A large number of them went on strike, stating that since the South was fighting for independence from the North no Northern man should be placed in high position over Southerners. After Mr. Myers was replaced, the workmen returned to work.

RAIDERS RAIDED

The 1864 capture of Union General George Stoneman and his raiders in Georgia was unusual. They had cut the railroad and were on their way to Macon to liberate 1,200 Yankee officers confined there. They got within three miles of Macon before being repulsed and turned back. Unhappily for Stoneman, Confederate General Joe Wheeler had placed three brigades of Alabama and Kentucky cavalry in his rear. When he turned to go back, he found them in his front and in possession of the only road he could use for an escape. He formed his troops to cut his way through, but was spared that effort by the Confederates making the first charge and driving him two miles. Just as they were about to make another charge, he surrendered unconditionally. (Stoneman reportedly sat down on a log and cried.) Of his men 600 surrendered with him, but the rest fled into the woods. They were followed and killed or captured by the Confederates who took 600 prisoners, 1,000 horses and two cannons. These raiders had spread desolation, entered private houses and stripped ladies' fingers and breasts of rings and pins; broke open drawers and trunks, stole silver and plate of every description. In many instances, house girls were ravished in rooms before their mistresses, and in yards in front of the houses. In spite of the excesses of his depredations, Stoneman was exchanged only three months later.

DIDN'T WANT HIS EFFORTS WASTED

On the battlefield of Monocacy, after the battle was over, the Yankees had fled, leaving their dead and wounded upon the field. A wounded Federal soldier appealed to a Confederate chaplain for assistance and a sip of water. The chaplain very promptly gave him water, and was rendering him assistance when an Irishman from a Louisiana battalion came along. He asked the chaplain what he was doing. "Relieving this poor fellow who is badly wounded." said the chaplain. "Leave here, ye spalpoen," replied the Irishman, "get a musket and go to work, and don't be afther trying to bring the divils to after we've kill them."

LEADER

The first Southern state to include the Confederate battle flag in its state ensign was [Mississippi](#).

A SCALAWAG GENERAL

Recently, while reading a wartime newspaper, your editor became interested in the subject of the following story:

"The President [Lincoln] has signed a pardon exempting E. W. Gantt, of Arkansas, from the penalty of treason, which he incurred by accepting and exercising the office of Brigadier General in the service of the insurgents. The pardon also reinstates Gen. Gantt in all his rights of property excepting those relating to slaves."

Gantt may have been the only scalawag Confederate general. Actually, P.G.T. Beauregard had given him an acting promotion to that rank but his promotion was never approved. An early and ardent secessionist, he had received both commendations and condemnations for his service prior to his capture in 1862. Exchanged, Gantt returned home and waited for promotion and a new assignment. Neither came, due to rumors about his drinking and misconduct. He then fled to the North. From there he issued widely circulated appeals for Confederates to lay down their arms and denounced Jefferson Davis, secession and the Confederacy in general. He returned to Arkansas after the War and served the Reconstruction government. He died in 1874.

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:

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| Mrs. D. Harold Byrd | George Pittard |
| George Church | Dan Shelby |
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| Ralph Green | Charles Walker |
| Evetts Haley, Jr | David Whitaker |
| Houston DCV | James A. Wild |
| Joseph D. Knight, Jr. | John Wilson |
| Rodney G. Orr | |

ANSWERED WHAT WAS ASKED

An officer inspecting his company spied a private whose shirt was sadly begrimed. "Patrick O'Flynn!" called out the captain. "Here, yer honor!" promptly responded Patrick, with his hand to his cap. "How long do you wear a shirt?" thundered the officer. "Twenty-eight inches," was the literal rejoinder.

MET AS EQUALS

On Sunday morning, December 1, 1861, an affair of honor was settled with swords in New Orleans. The parties were the Colonel of a New Orleans regiment and a private in the regiment, a leading merchant of that city as a civilian. After both were slightly wounded the seconds interfered and their differences were honorably adjusted. The reason for the duel? The private objected to the uniform the corps had adopted and refused to turn out wearing it. Learning that because of his absence he was to be arrested, the private felt honor bound to challenge the colonel for such an insult.

HOSPITALITY NOT DESERVED

An oysterman arrived in New Orleans with trophies from a boat from the vessel *Annie Taylor*, one of the blockading fleet. An officer and nine men had landed at his camp and demanded whiskey. He supplied the whiskey until the men were too drunk to move and went to sleep. He then stripped them of their arms, took the gold band from the officer's cap, his sword, and two portraits of Yankee girls. He said if he had not been alone, he could have captured the whole party.

SECOND US DRAGOONS

Prior to the outbreak of war, the following Confederate and Federal leaders served in this outstanding unit:

R. H. Anderson, Major General, CSA
F. C. Armstrong, Brigadier General CSA
Nathan G Evans, Brigadier General CSA
William J. Hardee, Lieutenant General CSA
J H Hawes, Brigadier General CSA
John Pegram, Brigadier General CSA
B. H. Robertson, Brigadier General CSA
H. H. Sibley, Brigadier General, CSA
Wm. Steele, Brigadier General CSA
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David Twiggs, Major General CSA
John Villipigue, Brigadier General CSA

Alfred Pleasanton, Major General USA
Philip St George Cooke, Brigadier General USA
L P Graham, Brigadier General USA
John Buford, Major General USA
Lewis Merrill, Brigadier General USA
Wesley Merritt, Brigadier General USA