



# THE REBEL ROUSER

Newsletter for the DCV/MOS&B – Dallas Chapters October 2008

OUR NEXT MEETING  
A JOINT MOS&B/DCV MEETING

## JOHN ALBERT WILKINSON

December 1, 1939 – September 17, 2008

We regret to inform you of the sudden death of John Wilkinson, longtime member of our Dallas Chapter of the DCV. Services were held at Homestead Funeral Home in Grand Prairie. Our sympathy and prayers go to Mrs. Wilkinson and John's family.

## CHAPLAINS MUSEUM

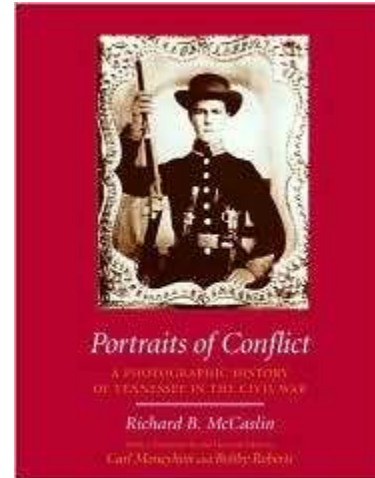
The National Civil War Chaplains Museum has opened in Lynchburg, Virginia, on the campus of Liberty University. Its purpose is to educate visitors about the role of religious leaders of both sides of the conflict. The ministers, priests and rabbis provided comfort and solace to soldiers far from home amid the rigors of war. Included in the museum's artifacts are such items as bibles, daguerreotypes, cartes de viste, and artwork. The museum's intent is to provide the full nonsectarian, nonpartisan range of the experiences of chaplains on both side, black, white, Christian and Jew. For more information, visit [www.chaplainsmuseum.org](http://www.chaplainsmuseum.org).

## 19 SEPTEMBER 2008

Our meeting opened with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Salute to the Confederate Flag. This was followed by President Johnson stressing the need for recruiting new members.

Our chaplain, Jay Shelton, presented a program on model soldiers, using examples with a handout describing and illustrating the history, manufacturers, and sources of the figures.

Our meeting ended with a benediction.



This year Dr. Richard B. McCaslin's *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Tennessee in the Civil War* was selected to receive the MOS&B's prestigious Douglas Southall Freeman Award for the best history book on the WBTS. The eighth in the distinguished Portraits of Conflict series, this volume joins tales of the personal and the public to provide a uniquely rich portrayal of Tennesseans—in uniforms both blue and gray—who fought and lost their lives in the Civil War. Dr. McCaslin will bring us a program based on this book. Following his presentation, he will receive the award.

Richard B. McCaslin is an associate professor of history at the University of North Texas. His many books include *Lee In The Shadow Of Washington*; *Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging At Gainesville, Texas*; and two volumes in the Portraits of Conflict series. He is the winner of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a fellow in the Texas State Historical Association.

Our meeting will be called to order at 6:30PM, on **Friday** evening, **October 17**, in the **Highland Park Cafeteria** in Casa Linda Shopping Center, located at **Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard**. Guests are always welcome. Be there and bring some!

## 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:

Robert L. Burns	Van Perryman
George Church	George Pittard
E. Murfee Gewin	Bobby Rutherford
Ralph Green	Dan Shelby
Evetts Haley, Jr	Marshall Surratt
Houston DCV	James A. Wild
John Wilson	

## INFLATION HITS THE HOMEFRONT

<u>Item</u>	<u>1861 Price</u>	<u>1865 Price</u>
butter (pound)	\$ 0.12	\$ 5.00
corn (bushel)	\$ 2.00	\$ 14.00
bacon (pound)	\$ 0.12	\$ 4.00
flour (barrel)	\$ 9.00	\$400.00
coffee (pound)	\$30.00	\$ 70.00

## UDC

Mrs. Shirley Woodlock of Waco has been elected President of the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mrs. Woodlock.

## TEXAS CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS FUND

We previously announced the program of the Texas Historical Commission to place monuments honoring the fight of Texans to achieve and maintain freedom. In support of this program the Board of the DCV has donated \$250.

## DCV DONATIONS REQUESTED

In behalf of the DCV Board of Directors, President Michael Dunagan has issued a request for DCV members to donate to the DCV to help the organization with its philanthropic activities. We are already pledged to contribute funds for the Governor's Mansion restoration and several other worthwhile endeavors. Donations should be made payable to the **DCV** and mailed to **Randy Jones, 804 Lakeway Dr., Ennis, TX 75119**. If you wish your donation to go to the Governor's mansion restoration, please indicate that on your check.

## CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR!

Robert Toombs was one of Georgia's most prominent secessionists. Determined to see his state out of the Union, he demanded his fellow Georgians secede, "Give me the sword! But if you do not place it in my hands, *before God I will take it!*" In response, an anti-secessionist editor wrote, "Let him take it, and, by way of doing his country a great service, let him run about six inches of it into his left breast!"

## ORDER OF SOUTHERN CROSS

The Order of Southern Cross is an organization whose purpose is to raise funds for Southern historical projects. At its recent convention in Savannah, Earl Faggert of Mississippi was elected Commander in Chief and Dick Knight of Tennessee was elected Lt. Commander in Chief. We extend our congratulations to these two gentlemen for their new positions and to the OSC itself for having these gentlemen in its service.

## CORPORAL JOSHUA CROW

On Saturday, September 27, a Confederate grave marker was dedicated for Corporal Joshua Crow in the Zion Hill cemetery at Brachfield, Texas. Crow was a member of Co.I, 19<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. He and his fellow Texans fought at the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in Louisiana where they stopped the Yankee invasion of Texas. The Order of Confederate Grays under the direction of Preston Furlow provided the honor guard for the ceremony and fired the salutes. Mark Homer served as chaplain. Melvin Vinson gave an account of the life of Corporal Crow. Preston Furlow described the two Louisiana battles and explained their importance to Texans. After the colors were retired, the flag, a reproduction of the Taylor battle flag, was presented to Melvin Vinson. Serving in the Grays for the ceremony were Ben Hatch, Tom Bennett, Frank Smith, Jerry Vinson, Dave Appleton, and Van Matthews.

## WHAT A SURPRISE!

A little girl in one Pennsylvania town exclaimed to her mother as they watched the Rebels march by, "Why mama, they haven't got horns! They are just like our people."

## MEN TO BE PROUD OF

A colonel in the Texas Brigade was bragging about his men when one of them passed by with a large turkey slung over one shoulder. When the officer called out, "Where did you get that turkey?" the soldier quickly replied, "Stole it, sir." The colonel promptly commented, "Ah, as you see, my boys may steal, but they don't lie."



## COULD THIS HAPPEN TODAY?

Confederate and Union Veterans gathered in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in July 1913 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil War's bloodiest and most famous battle. The 4-day "Blue-Gray Reunion" featured parades, reenactments, and speeches from a host of dignitaries, including President Woodrow Wilson. There was little mention of the war's causes and consequences. Veterans and other public figures highlighted only the soldierly aspects of courage, valor, and selfless devotion. Spectators enthusiastically approved of President Wilson's remarks to former Yankee and Rebel alike: "Valor? Yes! Greater no man shall see in war; and self-sacrifice, and loss to the uttermost; the high recklessness of exalted devotion which does not count the cost." Any mention of slavery or emancipation was conspicuously absent.

## CHIEF JUSTICE'S OPINION

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

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## TRULY A BATTLEFLAG

After the WW II battle of Okinawa a Confederate flag was raised over Shuri Castle (a Japanese stronghold) by a marine from the self-styled "Rebel Company" (Company A, 5th Marines). It was visible for miles.

## NOT AN IMPATIENT MAN

One day a Southern soldier whose boots were falling apart rode by what he thought was a dead Yankee leaning against a tree covered in blood. Noticing the Yankee was wearing what appeared to be new boots, the Southerner dismounted and started to take the boots. The Yankee was not dead and pleaded to be allowed to die wearing his boots. The Southerner agreed, provided he died pretty damn quick. He did and the Southerner took the boots and wore them until the war was over and he was released from the prison at Point Lookout MD.

## SHADES OF BEDFORD FORREST

On August 15, 1940, Flight Lt. Ian Glead and four other RAF Hurricane pilots were patrolling over the southern coast of England when one of the pilots reported the approach of over 120 German bombers and fighters. Glead responded, "OK, I've got them. Come on, chaps, let's surround them!"

## YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?

In May, 1861, a military adventurer named Frederick D'Utassy raised the *Garibaldi Guard*, a polyglot regiment of exiled Europeans, formally the 39<sup>th</sup> New York. Comprised of such diverse units as the *Italian Legion*, the *Polish Legion*, the *Netherlands Legion*, the *Hungarian Legion*, and the *German 1<sup>st</sup> Foreign Rifles*, the regiment had men of fifteen nationalities. The regiment's companies included four that spoke German, three that spoke Hungarian, one that spoke French, one that spoke Italian, and one that was half Spanish and half Portuguese. Accordingly, orders were normally given in seven languages.

## TEXAS, A DIFFERENT STATE

Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by treaty, not by annexation. The treaty allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the U.S. flag, and the state has the right to divide into 4 states.

## HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE

This brigade had one of the most outstanding combat records of the War. Although John B. Hood was brigade commander for a relatively short period, the unit was proud to bear his name. The brigade was noted for the unusual characters in its ranks as well as for its fighting qualities. One member had fought on the Mexican side at the Alamo and San Jacinto. Among the most colorful was the "Fighting Preacher" of the 5<sup>th</sup> Texas, Captain Ulysses Paxton, who spouted scripture in the midst of battle.

## NO COWARD

After issuing a "No foraging" order, Robert E. Lee came upon a young soldier who had just killed a pig and was preparing to eat it. Lee was outraged by this blatant violation of his order. When he learned the man was a member of Stonewall Jackson's corps, he sent the man to Jackson with an uncharacteristically stiff order for Jackson to execute him as an example. However, Jackson felt that with the army so short of men it would be a waste to shoot him. Instead, he put him in a position on the front line where the fighting was the heaviest, where perhaps the Yankees would carry out Lee's order. The young man had been willing to disobey orders to satisfy his hunger but he was no coward. He performed outstandingly in battle, earning a revocation of his punishment. One of Lee's aides commented that "though he lost his pig, he saved his bacon."

## MIXED FAITH WEDDING

While interfaith marriages were frowned upon in wartime Washington, they did take place. At one such service the parents insisted on both Catholic and Baptist services. At the reception, the food was pleasant, but the punch contained more than mere juices. When Father O'Malley stepped up to the punch bowl, the lady serving the punch leaned forward and whispered, "Father, there be a wee bit of spirit in the punch." The good father replied "A bit of the spirit is good for the soul", lifted his cup and stepped aside for the Baptist minister. Unaware of the Baptist ban on liquor, the lady gave the minister the same warning she had given the priest. The minister promptly said in a loud voice, "I'd rather commit adultery than have liquor touch my lips." Upon hearing this, Father O'Malley returned to the punch bowl, emptied his cup and stated, "I didn't know I had a choice!"

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## MOS&B ANCESTOR INFORMATION: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

In the September *Rebel Rouser* we published a request from Toni Turk, Adjutant General of the MOS&B. He asked for each member to submit a photo and brief biography of the ancestor on whom the member joined the MOS&B. He cited a website where an example may be seen and where submitted data will be posted. He asked for each member to send the information to him by email. The address for such submission is [trturk@frontiernet.net](mailto:trturk@frontiernet.net). At this time this method is the only means for submission. The MOS&B is not staffed to convert manually submitted information to an electronic form. Recognizing that there are many members who are not computer users, your editor hereby offers to convert and submit the information for members of the Lone Star Chapter of Dallas. (This does **NOT** include researching and/or writing the information. The offer is solely to prepare and submit an email from completed data.) If you wish for him to do so, send your information to [Ralph Green, 530 Hackberry Drive, Fairview, TX 75069](mailto:Ralph.Green@530HackberryDrive.Fairview.TX.75069).

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

Chastised by a superior for failure to pick up his unit's fallen colors, an Irish member of the Confederate 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee responded, "By the Holy Saint Patrick, Colonel, there's so much good shooting here, I haven't a minute's time to waste fooling with that thing!"

## USING HIS HEAD

Confederate leader John Hunt Morgan had an expert telegrapher on his staff. After seizing a telegraph office in Kentucky, Morgan mischievously wired orders to Union General Jeremiah Boyle countermanding Boyle's orders to pursue him.