



# THE REBEL ROUSER

Newsletter for the DCV – Dallas Chapter

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**AUGUST 17, 2007**

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and the Salute to the Confederate Flag. An invocation followed immediately. All members and guests then introduced themselves.

David Allison proposed that the Dallas Chapter of the DCV and the Lone Star Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars hold joint meetings. The chapter approved this by acclamation.

Our speaker, Jeff Massey, Past Commander general of the MOS&B, was introduced. He gave us a history of the background for the formation of the United Confederate veterans and leading individuals in that formation. We learned of some of the intrigues and political situations which existed.

Our door prizes were awarded.

Our meeting ended with a benediction.

## JUSTICE

Two recent events prove that occasionally justice does triumph. In Lilburn, Georgia, a man was vandalizing a cemetery by knocking over gravestones when one fell on him, crushed his leg, and held him a prisoner wailing in pain for two hours before he was rescued. In Merrillville, Indiana, another man on a gravestone tipping spree was knocked unconscious, suffered two broken legs, and was held prisoner by a half-ton gravestone that fell on him.

## CREDIT WHERE DUE

Every one of the fifty US state constitutions acknowledges gratitude to God for his blessings.

## JOINT DCV/MOS&B MEETING

Our chapter Secretary, **Ralph Green**, will provide a program this month, preparatory for the October release of his book, ***Sidelights and Lighter Sides of the War Between the States***. Publishers Weekly describes the book: "***Sidelights and Lighter Sides of the War Between the States*** (Oct., \$17.95) by Ralph Green takes an offbeat look at the soldiers, civilians and leaders during the Civil War." The program will be a reading of selections from the book.

Our speaker is well-known to most members of our chapter and was the first President of the Chapter. He is a native Dallasite, now a resident of Fairview, Texas. He has long been active in the preservation and presentation of Confederate history and heritage.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW AND EARLIER TIME FOR STARTING OUR MEETING:** Our meeting will be called to order at **6:30PM** on **Friday, 21 September 2007**, in **Highland Park Cafeteria** located in **Casa Linda Shopping Center** at the corner of **Garland Road and Buckner Blvd.** We always welcome visitors; come and bring some!

## 2008 CONFEDERATE CALENDAR

We are now taking orders for the **2008 Confederate Calendar** published by the Confederate Calendar Works of Austin, Texas. This is number 33 for this high quality document. Each month features a previously unpublished photograph of one or more Confederate soldiers, with each day noting events of the War years. The price is **\$15.95** per calendar if picked up at a meeting, or **\$17.50 if mailed**. In either case we need notice if you wish a calendar so we may order sufficient copies.

## THERE GO MY EPAULETS!

In WBTS armies, an officer stood a 15% greater chance than an enlisted man of being killed in action. A general stood a 50% greater chance.

## WHY THE DCV?

Your editor was rather taken aback by an email from a reader chastising the DCV for failure to become involved in current efforts to resolve the problem of so many illegals residing in our country. The DCV was organized to preserve and present our Southern history and heritage. We are not a political group, a social issues discussion group, or an organization for any other purpose. Individually our members have political and social views but we can not allow them to lead us away from our reasons for existence. Southern history and traditions are constantly under attack and it is our responsibility to defend our forebears and our heritage.

## LUCY'S FIRST ANNUAL BBQ

The **Lucy Holcombe Pickens Chapter 2615, UDC**, is hosting its first annual barbecue on **Saturday, October 20**. Festivities will start at **4PM**. This event is open to all Confederate association members and will be held at the farm of Gene & Natalie Massengale near Valley View, north of Denton. Dress should be western. There will be a hayride, a Grand March, dances called by a professional caller, brisket and all "the fixin's", beer, soft drinks, and homemade peach cobbler. Among dignitaries who will be present are Janice Langford (President General, UDC), Michael Dunagan (President, DCV), Ralph Green (Past CiC, SCV) and Jeffery Massey (Past CG, MOS&B). There will be a silent auction with many fine items. All of this for only \$20/each (adults 18 and over only please). Checks should be made payable to "**LHP Chapter, UDC**" and mailed to **Natalie Massengale, P.O.Box 4, Valley View, TX 76272-0004**. For directions and/or additional information, please contact Carolyn Orlebeke at [carolyn.ornebeke@hppc.org](mailto:carolyn.ornebeke@hppc.org) or phone Mrs. Massengale at 940-726-5725.. This is the chapter's only fundraiser so we hope we'll see all of you there!

## PROFANITY

(from the *Constantine Rea Historical Society*)

An Iowa regiment had a rule that any man who used profanity would be required to read a chapter in the Bible. It was reported that several read through the Old Testament early in the War.

## HUNTER McGUIRE

Dr. Hunter McGuire was the 27-year-old medical director of Stonewall Jackson's corps. He had graduated from the Winchester Medical Academy with an M.D. at the age of 20, and had also studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Jefferson Medical College. When McGuire first reported to Jackson in 1861, Jackson merely stared back at him and then dismissed him to his quarters. Several days passed before the now thoroughly confused McGuire received orders appointing him an army surgeon. Later, when McGuire and Jackson became better acquainted, the physician asked the general why his appointment had been delayed. Jackson answered, "You looked so young, I sent to Richmond to see if there was some mistake."

## ONLY WANTED A FAIR DEAL

As his gunboat was about to go into action, a young sailor was asked why he was on his knees. He replied "Praying, sir, that the enemy's bullets be distributed the same way as the prize money, principally among the officers."

## EVERYTHING'S RELATIVE

After listening to a chaplain preaching that Satan was the true enemy, not the Confederates, an unconvinced Union soldier commented, "Satan is a pretty bad fellow, but he can't give us worse than what we got at Chicamauga."

## SADLY DEPLETED

As the war drew near to its end, many Confederate regiments were mere shadows of their former selves. For instance, at the end of 1864, the total manpower of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiments was only a dozen men.

## TEXAS MENU

These are all names of actual Texas towns:

Cereal  
Pancake  
Quail  
Okra  
Crabapple  
Plum  
Wild Peach

## GENERAL LEE & THE WAR'S AFTERMATH

In August 1870, Union General William S. Rosecrans asked Robert E. Lee to make a statement on behalf of the Southern people proclaiming that they were now glad to be back in the Union and loyal to the old flag. Lee refused to make any statement but agreed to set up a meeting with other ex-Confederates where they could speak for themselves. Lee sat quietly during that meeting. Rosecrans repeated to the assembly the request he had made to Lee. Fletcher S. Stockdale (former Confederate governor of Texas) thought many of the replies entirely too sycophantic and insincere. When the question came to Stockdale, he made the following reply:

"The people of Texas will remain quiet, and not again resort to forceful resistance against the Federal Government, whatever may be the measures of that government. But, General Rosecrans, candor requires me to explain the attitude of my people. The people of Texas have made up their minds to remain quiet under all aggressions and to have peace; but they have none of the spaniel in their composition. No sir, they are not in the least like the dog that seeks to lick the hand of the man that kicked him; but it is because they are a very sensible, practical, common-sense people, and understand their position. They know that they resisted the Federal Government as long as any means of resistance was left, and that any attempt at resistance now must be in vain, and they have no means, and would only make bad worse. This is the view of the matter which is going to keep Texas quiet."

At this point Lee rose from his chair and the meeting ended. Lee stood at the door and bade goodbye to each man as he left the room. Stockdale was the last to move to the door. Lee, who had his hand on the door, closed it before Stockdale could exit. With the world shut out and only himself and Stockdale in the room, Lee made the following statement:

"Governor Stockdale, before you leave, I wish to give you my thanks for brave, true words. You know, Governor, what my position is. Those people [*his uniform term for the Yankees*] choose, for what reason I know not, to hold me as a representative Southerner. Hence, I know they watch my words, and if I should speak unadvisedly, what I say would be caught up by their speakers and newspapers, and magnified into a pretext for

adding to the load of oppression they have placed upon our poor people; and God knows, Governor, that load is heavy enough now. I want to thank you for your bold, candid words." At this point Lee paused for a moment and Stockdale thought that the general was preparing to bid him good-bye. But Lee held the door closed, looked up, and continued:

"Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no, sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in this right hand."

## 1864 JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Resolution 3d. That it will be well for the people of the North to understand, even at this late day, that the Southern States did not secede from the Union upon any question such as the mere preservation of the slave property of their citizens. But that, being free and sovereign States, they were resolved to preserve their freedom and their sovereignty. They were free to govern themselves as they, and not others, saw fit. They were free to change their government, to erect a new one, and to make whatever alliances they should choose. And after nearly four years of arduous war, these States are still unwavering in their resolution to preserve their freedom and their sovereignty, without which all else is valueless.

## NEW ORLEANS KNOWN FOR ITS RECIPES

In early 1865, the *Mobile Register*, basing its account on information from New Orleans, reported:

"Prisoners in this section of country are no longer kept in New Orleans. The officers are sent North, and the privates and others to Ship Island. The Yankees say this is all owing to the peculiar cookery of the ladies of the Crescent City, who, being permitted to feed the prisoners, occasionally send them such exquisite dishes of file pie, hatchet pudding, rope cobbler, chisel pot-pie, screw driver catsup, etc., that no bricks or bars in town could hold them."

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### OUR SOUTHRON SUPPORTERS

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### LAST OF THE REBELS

In 1861, the small hamlet of Town Line in upstate New York voted 85 to 40 to secede from the Union and join the Confederate States of America. The reasons are unclear, but an article in The Buffalo News from 1945 cites discontent with President Lincoln, treatment of Confederate soldiers at a POW camp in Elmira, the interest of self rule or perhaps an incident by some runaway slaves at a local underground railroad stop. It was also reported that Town Line sent five men through the Union lines to fight for the Confederate States under General Robert E. Lee.

During the American Civil War as casualties on both side increased and the nature of the Civil War changed, the secession was slowly forgotten by members of the community but never revoked.

During World War II, it was discovered that Town Line had not rejoined the Union, and in 1945, Town Line voted to officially join the Union. Even today, the local volunteer fire company has the words "Last of the Rebels" on their shoulder patch.

### MR. GRIZZARD, YOU'RE SORELY MISSED!

Lewis Grizzard was not only an outstanding columnist and humorist but also an eloquent defender of the South. He had no use for people who belittled Southern speech, customs, or history. Many of his smart and hilarious writings have been collected in a book called "**Lewis Grizzard on the South: Southern by the Grace of God**". Every true Southerner ought to own this book. The following extract is an example of his straightforward responses to attacks on the South.

*I don't go around sulking about the fact that the South lost the Civil War. But I am aware that once upon a long time ago, a group of Americans saw fit to rebel against what they thought was an overbearing Federal government. There is no record anywhere that anybody in my family living in 1861 owned any slaves. As a matter of fact, I come from a long line of sharecroppers, horse thieves and used car dealers. But a few of them fought anyway – not to keep their slaves because they didn't have any. I guess they simply thought it was the right thing to do at the time.*

*Whatever their reasons, theirs was a citizenry that once saw fit to fight and die and I come from all that, and I look at those people as brave and gallant, and a frightful force until their hearts and lands were burnt away.*

*I will never turn my back on that heritage. I am proud to be a Southerner. If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times: I'm an American by birth, but I'm Southern by the grace of God.*

### LAND OF THE FREE (SORT OF)

A list of 100 newspapers that opposed the Lincoln administration was published in May, 1861, by the New York Journal of Commerce. Lincoln ordered the army to shut them down. His orders to General John Dix were to take possession by military force of the printing establishments, to prohibit any further publication, and to arrest and imprison the editors, proprietors and publishers of the newspapers.