



THE REBEL ROUSER

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Our meeting opened with an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag, Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Salute to the Confederate Flag. President Johnson welcomed the attendees and guests were introduced.

An announcement was made about cleaning a cemetery in Terrell. A donation to the new Confederate monument in Petoskey, Michigan was proposed and approved.

Our speaker, Jack Waugh, discussed the journeys of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln to assume their new offices as President. Both started on the same day, February 11, 1861, with Davis traveling from Mississippi and Lincoln from Illinois. Crowds flocked to railroad stations to see them. Both men were well aware of the burdens they would soon assume and the obligations to assure their constituencies. The trips had many similarities.

After the door prize was awarded, a benediction brought the meeting to a close.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

A Federal judge recently ordered Texas to improve the way non-English speaking students were taught. He must have seen a recent poll that asked people who live in Texas whether they think illegal immigration is a serious problem.

35% answered: "Yes, it is a serious problem."

65% answered: "No es una problema serio."

OUR NEXT MEETING **JOINT DCV/MOS&B**



Carolyn Orlebeke, wife of SCV Past Commander in Chief Pete Orlebeke, has "made her mark" in many different endeavors. While serving as District Representative on the Board of Management of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, she traveled Northeast Texas, from the Dallas-Denton area to Texarkana. Interested in ghost towns in Texas she decided to research all of them in these 25 counties and write a book on them. As a result, our program this month will be a pictorial journey through the "Ghost Towns and Sites of Northeast Texas."

Carolyn springs from a Longview family with deep Texas roots. (She still owns mineral rights granted to her family during the republic of Texas.) With a BS from Stephen F. Austin, she had majors in Business and English. In addition to other historical organizations, she is a member of the UDC, DAR, and DRT. Deeply religious, she has worked as an employee of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church since 1985.

Our meeting will be called to order at **6:30PM** on **Friday, August 15**, in **Highland Park Cafeteria**, located in **Casa Linda Shopping Center** at the corner of Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard. Visitors are always welcome. Please be with us, **AND BRING FRIENDS!**

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
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Ralph Green	Dan Shelby
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FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

For computer users who feel left out with today's television and movie offerings, your editor suggests www.hulu.com. It may be familiar to you already but it was new to him. It has free movies and television programs, some recent ones and many from past decades. There are occasional commercials but very short ones. The first time your editor used the website he watched *Captain from Castile* with Tyrone Power and then a couple of *Dick Van Dyke* programs. What a change from so-called "reality TV"! Hope you like it!

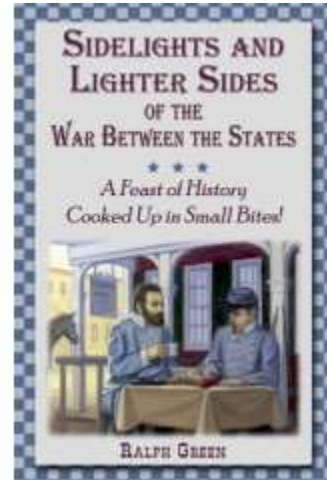
HARD TO KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

Rallying his men at Sharpsburg, 32-year-old John Brown Gordon was hit five times by Yankee bullets. The last injury was made by a ball that slammed through his left cheek and shattered his jaw. Gordon fell face down into his hat. Gordon said later that he would have drowned in his own blood had not "a thoughtful Yankee" earlier given the hat a bullet hole for the blood to drain through. He said that as he lay on the field he imagined that half his head had been shot away and that he was dead. When he found he could move his limbs he decided he was not dead and crawled about 100 yards to the rear. There he was found and taken to a surgeon.

RECRUITING

Samples of recruiting material will be shown at this month's meeting. Members are requested to submit proposals for venues where we may man a table or stall for recruiting. New members are the life blood for any organization. Make plans to help!

NO DRY HISTORY



Start or stop anywhere in this book to enjoy it. It doesn't have to be read in sequence. Read for a moment or a longer time. Humor and heartbreak, there's something for everyone in this collection of hundreds of historic anecdotes. Unable to obtain a copy of this easy reading book from a local bookstore? Send a check for \$21.18 to Ralph Green, 530 Hackberry Drive, Fairview, TX 75069.

COWARDLY CAVALRYMAN

Shortly after Second Manassas, a young barefoot Mississippi sergeant set out alone, hoping to find a pair of shoes on a corpse. He met a small band of Confederate on horseback and one of them asked what he was doing away from his command. His reply of "That's none of your business, by God," drew an accusation of his being a straggler. Insulted, the sergeant snapped back, "It's a damned lie, sir. I only left my regiment a few minutes ago to hunt me a pair of shoes. I went through all the fight yesterday and that's more than you can say: for where were you yesterday when General Stuart wanted your damned cavalry to charge the Yankees after we put 'em to running? You were lying back in the pine thicket and couldn't be found; but today, when there's no danger, you come out and charge other men with being a straggler, damn you." His spirited outburst set the horsemen to laughing and they turned to ride away. As they did, one of the riders asked the young man if he knew with whom he had been talking. Of course, "a cowardly Virginia cavalryman!" The young man was stunned to find he had been exchanging words with Robert E. Lee!

QUICK WIT, QUICK ESCAPE

In an effort to see what his opponent, US Grant, was doing, General Benjamin Franklin Cheatham went out a little ahead of his troops near Belmont, Missouri. As he and an aide stood in a quiet country lane, some Union cavalymen came upon them. Cheatham, a casual dresser, was not in full uniform. Thinking quickly, Cheatham rode toward the Union column. A few yards from the Yankees, Cheatham drew reins and asked, "What cavalry is this?" The officer in command promptly responded, "15th Illinois Cavalry, sir." "Oh, Illinois cavalry. All right, just stand where you are." With an exchange of salutes, Cheatham and his aide rode on past the cavalry and an infantry regiment behind them, then doubled back through the woods to the safety of his own lines..

HAD HIS OWN COMMAND COLLEGE

When a Confederate general happened to stop at a small Georgia village, a local militia captain decided to demonstrate the skill of his home guard unit. Assembling his men outside the general's quarters, he began drilling them. Within a few moments his shouted orders had attracted the general who came out to watch. The troops did quite well until the captain decided to put them through some complex maneuvers at double-time. Chaos soon reigned, forcing the captain to shout "Halt!" As the general watched intently, the captain sank into deep thought before his face brightened and he called out, "Company, disentangle to the front, march!" The company was back in formation within seconds. As the general approached, the captain watched fearfully, anticipating a withering verbal blast. Instead he received the general's compliments for the best order he had ever heard given.

ACTORS AND ARTISTS

The Washington Artillery was distinguished in camp as well as in battle. It had one of the most famous amateur theatrical troupes in the Confederate army, noted for elaborate and professional productions. It was so respected that for one performance near Fredericksburg in January of 1863, a train was run up from Richmond so that dignitaries could attend. When he was forced to miss a performance, Robert E. Lee sent formal regrets.

BEAUVOIR RETURNS!



Hurricane Katrina almost destroyed Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Shrine at Biloxi, MS. But the irrepressible Southern spirit has brought it back to life. Much still remains to be done on the estate's buildings other than the house itself. The exterior and interior of the house have been restored, with most of the furnishings saved and restored. Tours of the home have resumed and visitors can walk the original heart-pine floors. The frescoes on the floor and ceiling of the Reception Hall are being restored. With all that has been done, there still remains much to be done, such as rebuilding the Library. You may make a donation by going to www.beauvoir.org or sending a check payable to "Beauvoir" to 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531.

THE MAN FOR THE PART

President Jefferson Davis habitually rode horseback daily, unescorted. One day when he was so engaged, he came upon a soldier from North Carolina who waved him to a stop. When he did so, the soldier asked politely, "Sir, mister, be'ent you Jefferson Davis?" Davis, perhaps expecting some difficulty, replied sternly, "Sir, that is my name." Chuckling, the soldier said, "I thought so, you look so much like a postage stamp."

FAMILY MATTERS

One of the families split by the War was the Breckinridges of Kentucky. John C. Breckinridge, the most distinguished of that family, fought for the South, as did his three sons. Two of John's male cousins fought for the North and a female cousin served as a nurse with Grant. Robert J. Breckinridge, another cousin, had two sons on each side. One of his sons on the Southern side was captured at Atlanta on July 22, 1864, by his brother on the Union side.

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EXCERPT FROM
THE CONQUERED BANNER
By Father Abram Ryan



Battle flag of the 10th Virginia Infantry

RESEARCHING TEXAS TROOPS?

If you are seeking information on ancestors who served in Texas units in the early days of the War, you may wish to search through information at genforum.genealogy.com/tx/messages/50495.html. This information was taken from the *Texas Republican* newspaper of *Marshall, Texas*, from April 24 to November 1862. The data is listed as it appeared in the newspaper, not in alphabetic sequence. Items contain such information as organization staffs, news of battle wounds and deaths, troop locations and battles, and excerpts from letters.

RESEARCHING CIVIL WAR RICHMOND?

Go to www.mdgorman.com and you will find many varied facets of wartime life inside the Confederate capital. There are documents, photographs, and maps, with sections on battlefields, hospitals, prisons, batteries, cemeteries, civilian activities, and other topics.

COWBOY'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Just one God.
2. Honor yer Ma & Pa.
3. No telling tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
5. Put nothin' before God.
6. Don't fool around with another man's gal.
7. No killin'.
8. Watch yer mouth.
9. Don't take what ain't yers.
10. Don't hanker for yer buddy's stuff.

LOUISIANA TIGERS

When the *Louisiana Tigers* left New Orleans to go to Virginia, allegedly there were three women serving in its ranks, one a lieutenant, two as color bearers.

Furl that Banner! True, 'tis gory,
Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory,
And 'twill live in song and story,
Though its folds are in the dust;
For its fame on brightest pages,
Penned by poets and by sages,
Shall go sounding down the ages--
Furl its folds though now we must.

Furl that banner, softly, slowly!
Treat it gently--it is holy--
For it droops above the dead.
Touch it not--unfold it never,
Let it droop there, furled forever,
For its people's hopes are dead!

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE AGE

As a senior citizen, your editor often tell stories.
(Over and Over and Over and)

NEW MOS&B MEMBERS

MOS&B Lone Star Chapter 137 welcomes the following new members:

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