



DCV TODAY

Descendants of Confederate Veterans

A Texas Based Association, with groups meeting near your location.

January. 2013

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The letters below are interesting and should be read by all DCV members. The Cof C raised the money for the next marker we are going to place.

December 3, 2012

Mr. J. D. Boydston, President
Descendants of Confederate Veterans
1217 Tulane Ave.
Longview, Texas 75601

Dear Mr. Boydston and Members of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans:

First of all, let me thank you for allowing me and the Texas Division Children of the Confederacy to be a part of obtaining a historical marker for the Texas Confederate Woman's Home in Austin. I appreciate this opportunity to not only honor the wives and widows of Confederate

Veterans, but also our Confederate heritage.

Mine and my grandma's personal thanks go to Mr. Terry Ayers for all the work he has done: making contacts and securing permission from the AGE, gathering documents of proofs and deeds, contacting and working with the Travis County Historical Commission and much more. Mr. Terry, I owe you a big THANK YOU for all the "leg work" you have done. I look forward to meeting you and the rest of the members of the DCV.

Again, members of the DCV thank you so much for everything. I cannot wait until we have a "Dedication Party".

In C of C friendship,

Taylor Sheppard, President
Texas Division C of C
December 12, 2012

Miss Taylor Sheppard, President
Texas Division Children of the Confederacy

P.O. Box 808
New Caney, TX 77357

Dear Miss Sheppard,

I am writing to thank you for your thoughtful and kind letter of December 3, 2012. On behalf of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans of Texas and also on a personal basis, I would like to thank you and the Children of the Confederacy, Texas Division, as well as the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas Division, for all you have done to assist with the Texas Woman's Home marker project. We can all share the pride of involvement with such an important project which is literally making a mark on our history and heritage.

I would also like you to know how inspirational and heartening it is to see the commitment of young people manifest itself in such a meaningful way. I know you have been told this before, but you really are the future. Through you I see the light of honor shining brightly on our Confederate ancestors and all those who have gone before us. Thank you again.

As Mr. Ayers has already told you, please be assured you will have an integral role in the dedication when that time comes. He has explained to you there are still several steps to go through before we reach that point.

Until that time I remain grateful and at your service.

Respectfully yours,

J. D. Boydston
President, Board of Directors
Descendants of Confederate Veterans
of Texas

EDITORS MUSINGS

Well it looks like 2K13 has come with no end of the earth. My idea on the whole thing is that the Indians didn't have enough stone to make more prophases on, so they just said 2K 12 was enough. Oh well.

I do hope all had a great Christmas, got what you wanted and ate your fill of turkey and dressing. Now let's look to 2K 13 and make it a better year.

There were several Historical Markers set and a big deal was made of that in the media. We can look forward to having another one or two this year.

CAPITOL CHAPTER SHINES AGAIN

The Capitol Chapter again made news with their donation to the Blue Santa Fund in Austin. This is a regular event with them and is well received by all.

It is also a good way to get some decent media coverage. Good job Capitol Chapter.



Pictured L to R is Austin PD Chief Art Acevedo, DCV past president Steve von Roeder, and Bob Cole.

MOH WINNERS IN THE PACIFIC.

Sgt Leroy Johnson

Limon, Leyte, Philippines

Posthumously Awarded

He was squad leader of a nine man patrol sent to reconnoiter a ridge held by a well-entrenched enemy force. Seeing an enemy machine gun position, he ordered his men to remain behind while he crawled to within 6 yards of the gun. One of the enemy crew jumped up and prepared to man the weapon. Quickly withdrawing, Sgt. Johnson rejoined

his patrol and reported the situation to his commanding officer. Ordered to destroy gun, which covered the approaches to several other enemy positions, he chose three other men, armed them with grenades, and led them to a point near the objective.

After taking partial cover behind a log, the men had knocked out the gun and began an assault when hostile troops on the flank hurled several grenades. As he started for cover, Sgt. Johnson saw two unexploded grenades which had fallen near his men. Knowing that his comrades would be wounded or killed by the explosion, he deliberately threw himself on the grenades and received their full charge in his body. Fatally wounded by the blast, he died soon afterward. Through his outstanding gallantry in sacrificing his life for his comrades, Sgt. Johnson provided a shining example of the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.

HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

HAYS SCHOOLS

Confederate flag ban to be considered

The Hays school district board of trustees will hear the first reading of a proposal at a board meeting Monday

that would prohibit students from displaying the Confederate flag on personal property.

While the proposal targets displaying the Confederate flag, it would amend the district's student code of conduct to prohibit the exhibition of any offensive, intolerant or racially hostile imagery while on district property or at any district-sponsored event, a district statement said.

The statement added that the proposal does not address the Hays High School fight song "Dixie" or its Rebel mascot.????????????

BEST QUOTE YET.

Sent in by Larry Wilhoit..

"Any man who thinks he can be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him better take a close look at the American Indian"

Henry Ford

DELIGHTFUL EPITAPHES

Harry Smith of Albany N.Y

Born 1903 Died 1942

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont Md. Cemetery

"Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and no place to go."

SAM BELL MAXEY

Maxey was a military veteran and graduate of West Point, where he finished next to last in the class of 1846, but he distinguished himself in the Mexican War. After the war he went into law and practiced in the N. Texas area. He was elected to the Texas State Senate before the war. When the war broke out, Maxey formed the Lamar Rifles, which became a part of the 9th Texas Inf.

He served in Kentucky, Tennessee and the Vicksburg Campaign before taking over as commander in the Indian Terr.

Maxey took the assignment seriously and was highly instrumental in getting the Cherokee Warrior Stand Watie promoted to General.

Operating basically a guerilla campaign, the Confederate Indians took their victories where they could. Watie and his Choctaw and Creek troops captured a Union steamboat, while Watie and Gen. Gano captured a huge wagon train. These little

victories were distracting enough to keep the Union out of Texas, at least until the war was over.

Maxey received his pardon in 1867 from Gen. U.S. Grant. Today Maxey is best remembered as the man who kept the Yankees out of Texas.

CONVENTION UPDATE.

As of now the turnout for the convention on Feb 8/9 2013 is pretty slim. Carl has worked hard on this and says we only have a few folks registered.

Please note the hotel is

Holiday Inn Express 979 836 4590

The rooms will only be held till JANUARY 25TH

Ergo make your reservations NOW!!!

There will be more updates in the days to follow. Let's all get off our behinds and come on down to Brenham

HAPPY NEW YEAR Y'ALL

Barney Hilburn

Editor(of sorts)