



DCV TRAVELLER

Merry Christmas



**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS IS A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION
CHAPTERS IN TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI**

WINTER 2024

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Joe Reynolds**



Compatriots,

First of all, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At this time of year we should be thankful for all that we have and any time we're in doubt of that, then just think about the 4 long hard and cold Christmases our ancestors suffered through during the Civil War.

If my figures are correct, we have added one new Chapter and 18 new members to the DCV so far in 2024. Although it is showing very little growth, I am still encouraged. I would like for each of us to think of what we can do to help our Association grow. I am proud of the 1st Lt. W. E. James

Chapter; it continues to thrive and grow! Well done Compatriots. I think the BG William P. Barksdale Chapter is on its way to becoming a bigger asset for our Association. I look forward to attending its upcoming Chapter Meeting. I also look forward to attending the East Texas Chapter Christmas Party later this week! I would like to see each Chapter to set a Goal in 2025 to schedule and grow its Chapter Meetings.

What I would dearly love to see is for members at other locations than where we have current Chapters, to step up, find and recruit other members in your location and let's get more Chapters to form and become active. If there is anyone in any location that is interested in forming a new Chapter, let me know, I'll work with you to find and recruit new members.

During the upcoming months I'm going to be working on items for our upcoming Annual Convention.

President's Message cont.

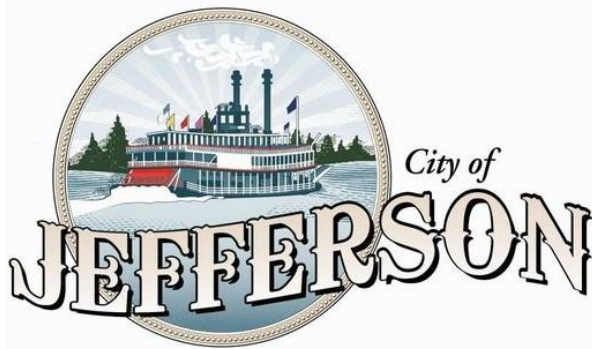
I'm asking each and every one to try your very best to attend the upcoming Convention. I'm also asking each of you to think of items that should be brought up at the Convention to help our Association. If you know of anything, or have any suggestions, please let your Chapter President know. Any of you can share your ideas or recommendations with me also.

Joe Reynolds



**DCV 20th Annual Reunion/Convention
March 7th & 8th 2025
Jefferson, Texas**

The East Texas Chapter is hosting the reunion. NOW is the time to mark your calendar and plan your trip. Casual attire is acceptable for all events. **NOTE:** This reunion is not being held at a host hotel. Lodging will be your own preference.



In 1860, Jefferson's population had expanded to nearly 4,000. After Abraham Lincoln was elected president, the voting citizens of Marion County unanimously opted for the secession of Texas from the Union. The men of Jefferson volunteered for military service in great numbers, pledging their allegiance to the Confederacy. During the War Between the States, Jefferson served as a vital supply point for the South.

Each reunion basically follows the same schedule. Friday March 7th is arrival day. There will be a casual evening dinner for those arrivals.

DCV 20th Annual Reunion/Convention cont.

Saturday morning March 8th will be the all members meeting. The reunion committee has arraigned for the Saturday morning all members meeting to be held in the Parish Hall of the historic Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.



Location: Historic Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall
201 N Vale St.
Jefferson, TX 75657

Date: March 8, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Following lunch the members will be treated to a bus tour of many of Jefferson's historic sites. Arrangements are being made to charter a bus similar to the one the DCV chartered when the reunion was held in San Antonio.



Mexican Cannon placement site during The Siege of the Alamo

Next on the agenda capping off the reunion there will be the Saturday evening casual dinner. The committee is currently working on the list of historic sites and securing the eating establishments for Friday and Saturday evenings.

DCV 20th Annual Reunion/Convention cont.

This is just the first “official” announcement establishing the location, date, and time. There will be follow up communications via email providing detailed information and requests for RSVP commitments. Jefferson is really neat place with a ton of history you will truly enjoy. NOW is the time to mark your calendar and plan your trip.



Marion County Courthouse
Jefferson, Texas

DCV DUES REMINDER

****DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1****

After March 1, a \$5.00 late fee must be included with the dues. If the total amount of dues is not received by May 1, the member will be dropped from the rolls of the Association.

PLEASE DON'T LET THEM LAPSE

DCV Annual Dues Reminder cont.

Association dues are \$16 annually. Chapter dues may vary. Your Chapter Treasurer should contact you about submitting your dues.

If you are **not** a member of a Chapter you are an “At-Large” member and **must** mail your \$16.00 dues to the Association Treasurer.

At Large members submit your check payable to:
Descendants of Confederate Veterans

Mail to:

Samuel Bennett
121 Edgewater Trail
Bastrop, TX 78602

Life Members do not pay annual dues.

Life memberships are available

Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00

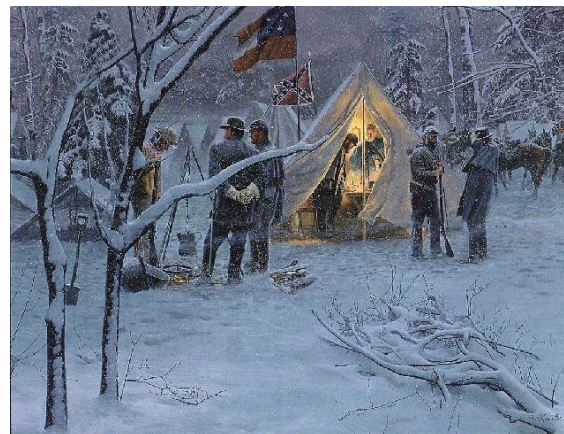
Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00

Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00

Age 80 + years \$ 50.00

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Confederate Christmas
Artist Mort Kunstler

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC

The James Chapter held their September meeting at the Darlington County Historical Commission and Museum. Margo Cook was the guest speaker.



Margo shared her extensive collection of Gone With the Wind memorabilia and some neat facts and trivia about the movie.



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



James Chapter Ernie Hales presented Speaker Margo Cook with a Certificate of Appreciation

The Virginia Flaggers held their 13th annual picnic and auction on September 21st at the Sylvania Plantation in Gordonsville Virginia. Attending and representing our Chapter were, Mike Lupo, Bonnie Lupo, Joseph Matheson and Robert Matheson.



L-R Robert Matheson, Bonnie Lupo, Mike Lupo, Virginia Flagger Susan Lee, Joseph Matheson



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.

Everyone had a great time and money was raised to keep the battle flags flying.



"General Lee"



Robert Matheson, David Gen. Lee Chaltas, Joseph Matheson



Mike Lupo, Bonnie Lupo, David "Gen Lee" Chaltas



Joseph Matheson Mike Lupo

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1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.

Chapter President Ernie Hales and member James Nesmith paid respect and placed flags on Confederate graves at Garner Cemetery.



George Wilson	James Nesmith	Solomon Wilson
Co C		Co E
SC Hvy Arty		4 th Reg SC Trps
CSA		CSA



John G. Gatlin	James Nesmith
Co K	
21 st SC Inf	
CSA	

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1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



J.T. Johnson James Nesmith
 Co B
 21st SC Inf
 CSA

Hurricane Helene left significant, long-term impacts on neighboring western North Carolina. The James Chapter usual raffle prizes and all proceeds from September's raffle was put towards needed items for hurricane relief to those impacted. The James Chapter coordinated much of their effort with the local SCV Camp. James Chapter members also used their own transportation to collect donations of cold weather clothing and non-perishable goods for delivery. Several loads were delivered to the hard hit areas.



Ernie Hales James Nesmith

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1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont



Working together



Gracie Heape, Haley Heape, Tony Heape, Heather Heape, Ernie Hales, Sherri Hales and Patsy Smith.



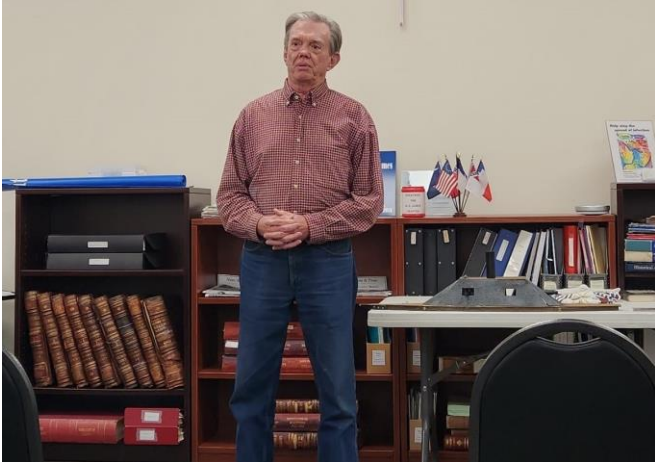
L-R Ernie Hales, Gracie Heape, Haley Heape, Tony Heape, Heather Heape, Sherri Hales, Patsy Smith and Hunter Heape.



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Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.

The October meeting was held at the Darlington County Historical Commission and Museum. Guest speaker was Jim Thomas. Jim gave a very good program about the CSS Ram Albemarle.



Jim brought a model that is a work in progress of the Ram. He also spoke of her Sister ship, the CSS Ram Neuse and her short term in the Confederate States Navy



CSS Albemarle was a steam-powered casemate ironclad ram of the Confederate Navy named for an estuary in North Carolina which was named for General George Monck, the first Duke of Albemarle and one of the original Carolina Lords Proprietor.



Elwood Owens, Bonnie Lupo, Mike Lupo, Richard Hubbard, James Nesmith, ?, Bob Jones Patrick Coxe, Elaine Fry



Bob Jones, Patrick Coxe, Robert Matheson, Joseph Matheson

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



Following Jim's program he was presented with a copy of The Turning Point of the Civil War.

Chapter President Ernie Hales with his chapter member grandson Noah Brafford were back at Garner Cemetery to place Christmas Wreaths on the Confederate graves the James Chapter maintains.



Joseph Franklin Garner
SC CSA

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



Charles J. Garner
SC CSA

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



John G. Gatlin
Co C 21st SC Inf
CSA



J.T. Johnson
Co B
21st SC Inf
CSA

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC cont.



George Wilson Noah Brassford Solomon Wilson
Co C Co E
SC Hvy Arty 4th Reg SC Trps

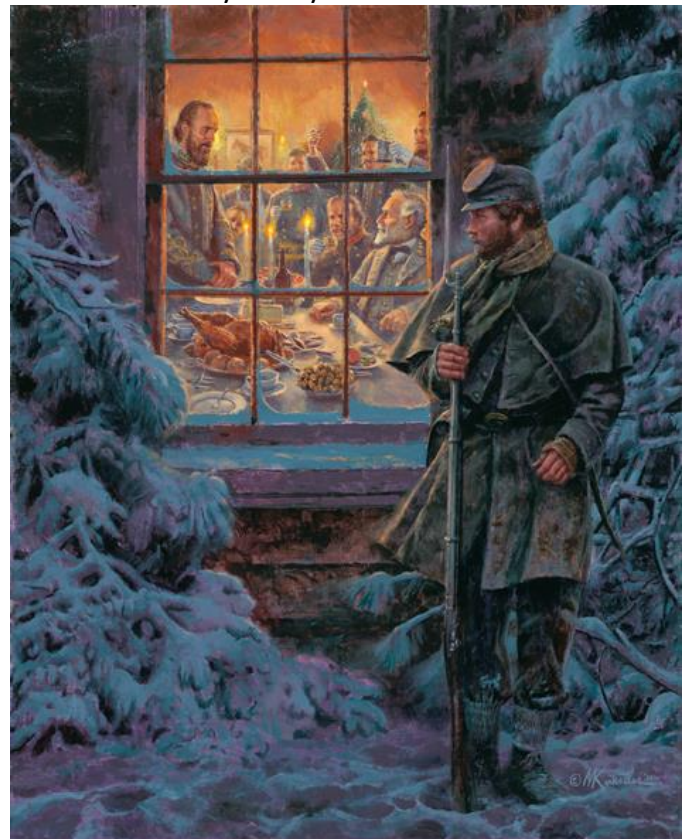
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Natalia sends from Russia with love to all of us here in America a very Merry Christmas.



Natalia Penkowska lives in Neftejugansk, Siberia, Russia where she teaches English. She has a strong interest in Confederate history and has been a long time W.E. James chapter associate member. Chapter member Joseph Matheson corresponds with her often.



"How Real Soldiers Live"
Artist Mort Kunstler

From the Editor

Compatriots,
DCV founding member Barney Hilburn was the first editor of this newsletter. He named it the DCV TODAY. Due to serious health issues in 2013 Barney was no longer able to continue in that role. At the mid-year Board meeting I was appointed editor of the DCV newsletter. Being a former U.S. Navy Aviation Electrician and a career Electric Distribution Lineman with limited desktop publishing skills I agreed to assume the role as editor. Isn't that the way it works in most volunteer organizations? With Barney's approval I changed the name of the newsletter to the DCV TRAVELLER. Barney asked me to publish this statement in my first edition in the Fall of 2013.

VETERAN EDITOR COMMENTS

Members of the DCV,

I, as the supposed editor have done it since the inception of the DCV many years ago. It's time for me to step aside and let new and younger blood have a go at it. As most of you are aware, I had a stroke last March and it has become more and more difficult to do the job, much less try and type, which was questionable to start with.

Terry Ayers has taken over the job as of the last board meeting. Please welcome and support him as I was welcomed many years ago.

Thanks for your support during this time.

Barn
Past Editor (of sort's)



Barney Hilburn
1934- 2018

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From the Editor cont.

I have decided the time is right for me to now step aside as editor. This edition, the 45th DCV TRAVELLER is the last one to be published by me. The Spring 2025 newsletter will be in the capable hands of a yet to be appointed new Editor.

I want to thank all who supported me over the years. I tried my best to make every edition interesting and informative. Sadly there were many times the news wasn't always favorable, like the massive destruction of our sacred monuments, the renaming of military installations, schools and roadways. On the other hand it was with pride and joy I was able to report on all the many positive things the chapters and individual members participated in during my role as editor.

Here's a look back over the years at just a few.....

God Bless.

Terry Ayers

Fall 2013

1st Edition Terry Ayers Editor

DCV history was made as this was the first time the pledge to the South Carolina flag was given with the South Carolina flag flying proudly over the mid-year Board meeting.

President Boydston presented Bob Jones with the President's Award for Outstanding Leadership in the South Carolina.

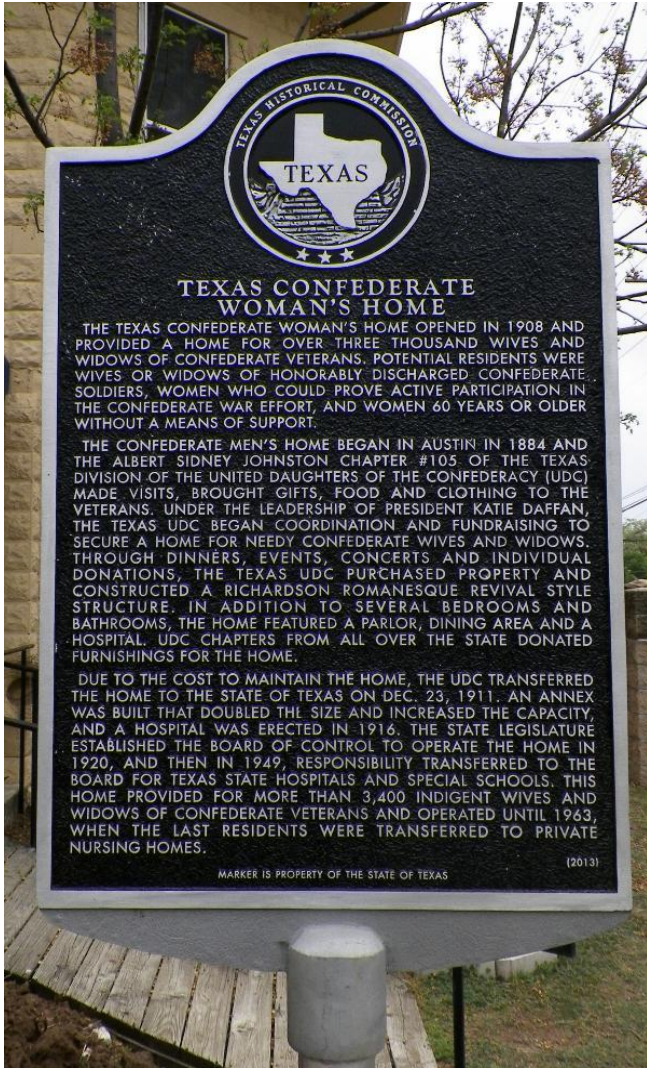


J.D. Boydston Lyn von Roeder Steve von Roeder

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2014

TEXAS CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME HISTORICAL MARKER



**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
TEXAS and SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATIONS
CHILDREN OF THE CONFEDERACY TX DIVISION
DEDICATED MARCH 22, 2014
AUSTIN, TEXAS**



1906

2015

The Alamo Tour

Meetings adjourned it was time to move across the street to the entrance of the Alamo to be greeted by Alamo Historian John Potter for a VIP tour both outside and inside the shrine.



Samuel Bennett, Steve Lucas, Alamo Historian John Potter



Lyn von Roeder, Steve von Roeder, J.D. Boydston, Debbie Boydston
Samuel Bennett, Steve Lucas, Alamo Historian John Potter



DCV President Steve von Roeder presented John Potter with a \$200 donation to the Order of the Alamo for educational purposes.

2016

**East Texas Chapter_Millville Cemetery
Commemorative Marker**



L-R East Texas Chapter President Terry Hedrick, Mark Appleton, J.D. Boydston, and Van Matthews standing proudly beside the DCV Commemorative Marker.



East Texas Ladies Liz Hedges and Amy Hilburn enjoy the "fixins" at the afternoon picnic.



East Texas Ladies Robbin Hedrick and Debbie Boydston dressed in traditional "Southern Belle" attire.

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2017

**Capitol Chapter
Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
Robert E. Lee Leadership Award
Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas**



NJROTC Cadet Ensign LeAllan Buerger Steve von Roeder
Elgin High School, Elgin Texas



NJROTC Cadet LCDR Dylan Parsons Steve von Roeder
Vista Ridge High School Leander, Texas



NJROTC Cadet Lieutenant Harrison Lutz
Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder

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**2018
Veterans Day Parade
Fredericksburg, Texas**



Steve von Roeder, (?), Lyn von Roeder, Jim Price, Jean Price, Sam Bennett, Terry Ayers, Doug Ayers, Teresa Chapman



Jean Price, "Gracie", Lyn von Roeder, Teresa Chapman



Doug Ayers, (?) Jim Price, Lyn von Roeder, Teresa Chapman

**2019
Robert E. Lee Birthday Commemoration**



International Cultural Exchange



Three Round Musket Volley



Annual tradition is to end the Robert E. Lee Commemoration Ceremony with the singing of "DIXIE"

2020

The Year of the George Floyd Protests that resulted in the massive removal of Confederate Statues. The Summer DCV TRAVELLER pictured and captioned over 40 statues and monuments that were removed. Here are just a few.



Appomattox is a bronze statue in Alexandria VA commemorating Confederate soldiers from the area, The bronze portion of the statue was removed June 2, 2020.



Robert E. Lee Statue at Robert E. Lee High in Montgomery, Alabama. Toppled by protesters June 1, 2020.



Stonewall Jackson Monument in Richmond, VA on Monument Avenue. June 3, 2020 Mayor Levar Stoney announced plans to remove the four Confederate monuments along Monument Avenue located on city land.

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2020 Cont.



Commander Richard W. Dowling Dick Dowling

Installed in 1958 at entrance into Houston's Hermann Park. June 11, 2020 plans were made for removal by the city of Houston and relocated to the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site.



Monument to the Women of the Confederacy Even the women were affected in Jacksonville Florida where all Confederate monuments, memorials, and markers in the city including this one.

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2021

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter at the Jacob Kelley House in Hartsville, South Carolina. Chapter member Brian Gandy was the host. He supervised the preparation and cooking of a meal from the war years of the 1860's. This event deserved full coverage as it appeared in the Winter 2021 edition.



Brian Gandy

Twenty chapter members & friends were on hand to help the chef and enjoy a fantastic dinner. Menu: Hearth Roasted Pork Loin, Country Ham, Steamed cabbage, Glazed Carrots, Corn & Potato Chowder, Corn Fritters, Hearth Baked Apple & Cherry Pies. Also, all the sweet tea you could drink.

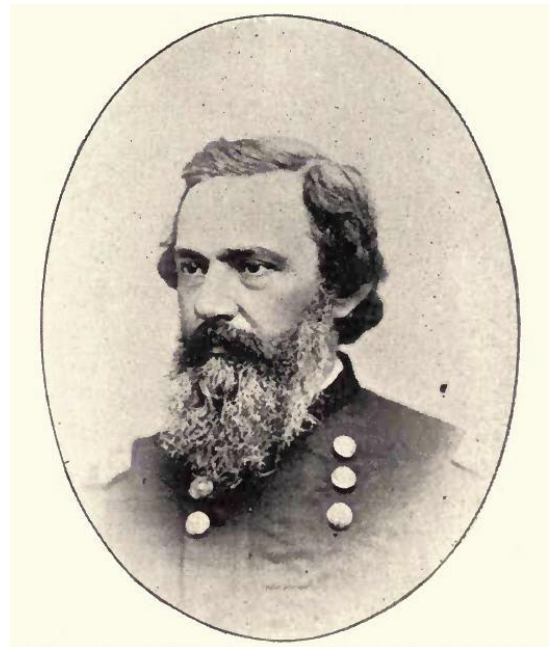
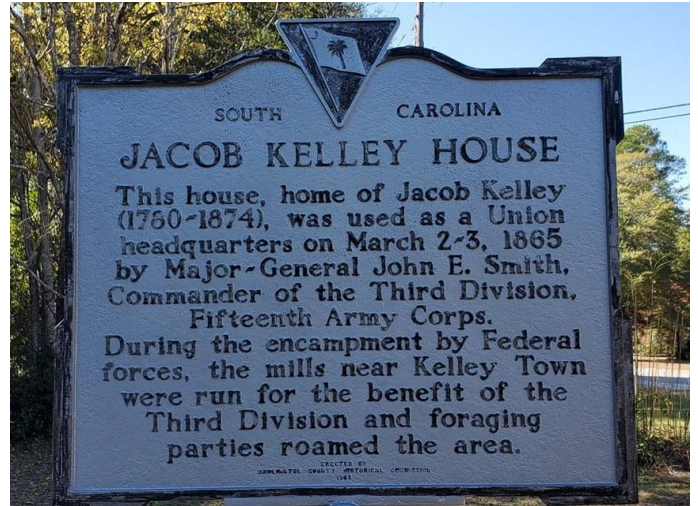


Twenty (count em) chapter members & friends

2021 Cont.



Jacob Kelley House



Major General John E. Smith
Union Army
Brevetted Brigadier General

2021 Cont.



Everyone pitched in



Lady peelers



Noah Brafford making butter



Doris Gandy supervising the Chef

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2021 Cont.



Elaine Frye, Tom Reed, Teresa Reed, and Debbie Hales



Chow Line



All Done



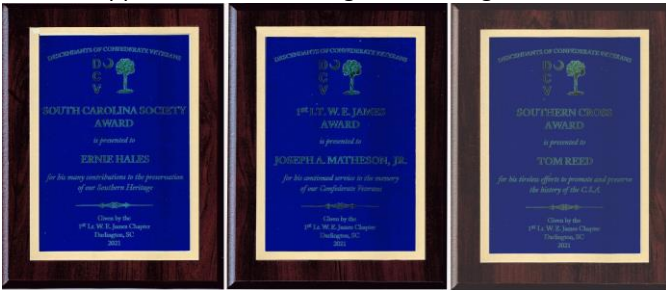
Full stomach, Zachary Brafford all played out

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2021 Cont.



Elaine Frye on behalf of the James Chapter presented Brian Gandy with two books in appreciation for hosting the meeting



Descendants of Confederate Veterans South Carolina Society Award is presented to Ernie Hales Joseph Matheson Jr. Tom Reed For his many contributions to the preservation of Southern Heritage Given by the 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington, SC 2021

Appreciation plaques to Ernie Hales, Joseph Matheson Jr. and Tom Reed for their many contributions to the preservation of Southern heritage



DCV Life Members Richard Hubbard & Joseph Matheson Jr.



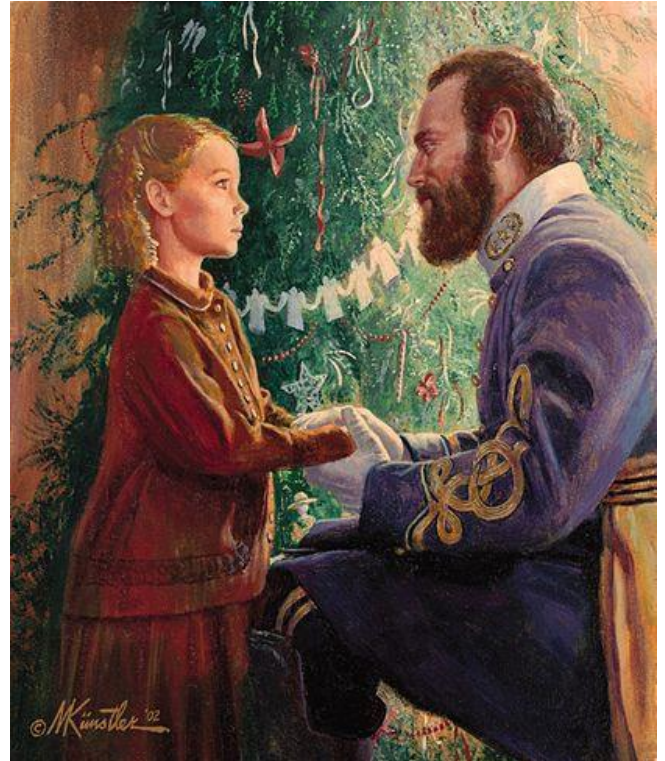
2021 Cont.



Ernie Hales making sure Yankees don't return



Bob Jones, Jo Anne Hudson, Tom & Susan Rhodes



Janie Corbin and Old Jack Artist Mort Kunstler

2022

East Texas Chapter
Reeves Cemetery DCV Marker Dedication
April 9, 2022
April 9, 2022



Reeves Chapel Cemetery

2022 cont.



Guests and Chapter members arriving



Chapter President Terry Hedrick Officiating



DCV President Boydston welcomes Mr. Horace Reeves,
Chairman of the Reeves Chapel Cemetery Committee



Robbin & Terry Hedrick



J.D. Boydston J.D. Denton Terry Hedrick Carl Hedges
prepared to receive the colors



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2022 cont.



Advance the Colors

2022 Cont.



Chapter President Terry Hedrick removes the veil



DCV President J.D. Boydston at the podium



Musket Salute to the Confederate Veterans



East Texas Chapter member Kay Hilburn brings greetings from the UDC



In Honor of Confederate Veterans

2023

**The DCV welcomes the
Brigadier General William P. Barksdale Chapter
Columbia, Mississippi**



Front: Jim Hancock- VP, Randy McNease- President
Back: Jamie Hancock, Sam Hancock, Jerry McNease,
Dave Adcox, Priscilla Sharrock, Patricia Silassi, Nan
Abbott, Stephanie Foley, and Louis Foley



Kenneth Randy McNease
August 10, 1960 – October 29, 2023
1st President of the
Brigadier General William P. Barksdale Chapter
Passed away soon after receiving their charter

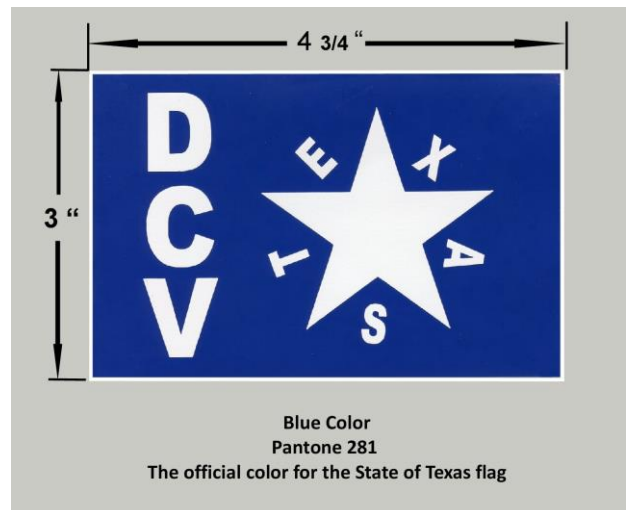
When did you join the DCV?
I have the 15 year pin. I will have earned the 20
year pin in June of 2025. I look forward to be able
to proudly wear the handsome DCV tenure pin

DCV Anniversary Pins \$10.00 each



DCV Replacement Items

DCV Member Pin	\$10.00
DCV Life Member Pin	\$10.00
DCV Sticker	\$2.00



To purchase any of the items listed above email
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To establish and maintain an honorable, non-racist Southern heritage and history organization dedicated to perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States, 1861-1865.

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Web Site Link: www.DCVTX.ORG



**Confederate Field
final resting place for more than 2,200
Confederate veterans and their spouses
Texas State Cemetery
Austin. Texas**

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