



**COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

Newsletter

Bedford, Texas....October 2015

October Program

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Join us for this fun and interesting yearly program. Some of the items will be taken from the last two or three years' newsletters.

**Oct. Meeting: Thurs. Oct. 29, Catfish and Co., 900 Airp. Fwy. #110
Hurst, Texas; Eat at 6, Meet at 7, Out by 8:30**

Please remember that we do not meet in November or December.

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER



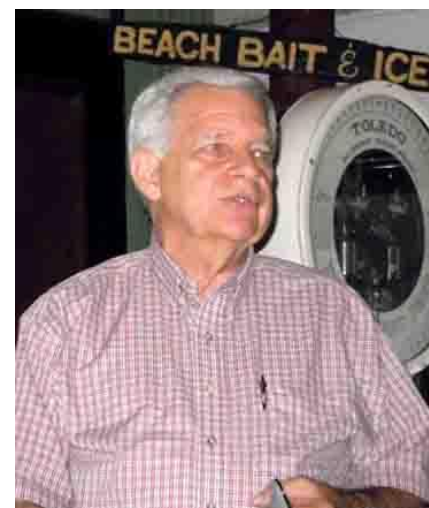
Each year at the end of the Trivia Program the Incredibly Prestigious Mudwall Jackson Cup is awarded to the person who comes up with the most amazing correct answer to one of the questions, based upon the sense of the group. Last year's recipient was Brigade Commander Calvin Allen, at right above. He and the trophy will be at our October meeting. Will Calvin keep it? Tune in next time.....

The Incredibly Prestigious
MUDWALL JACKSON
CUP

Up for grabs again at the October meeting!!!



Thanks to our two talented compatriots, Richard McCook (l) and Terry Theiss (r) who



presented an excellent program to us at our September meeting on the development of brass bands during the 1800's. They even played two songs for us!



See next page!



Taylor Compatriots Terry Theiss, Richard McCook, and the rest of the Frontier Brigade Band will be performing at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on **Sunday, October 18.**

They will be playing at the Hall of State Building from **2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** They'll be in the large, air-conditioned auditorium on the lower floor. They'd love for us to come out to hear them!

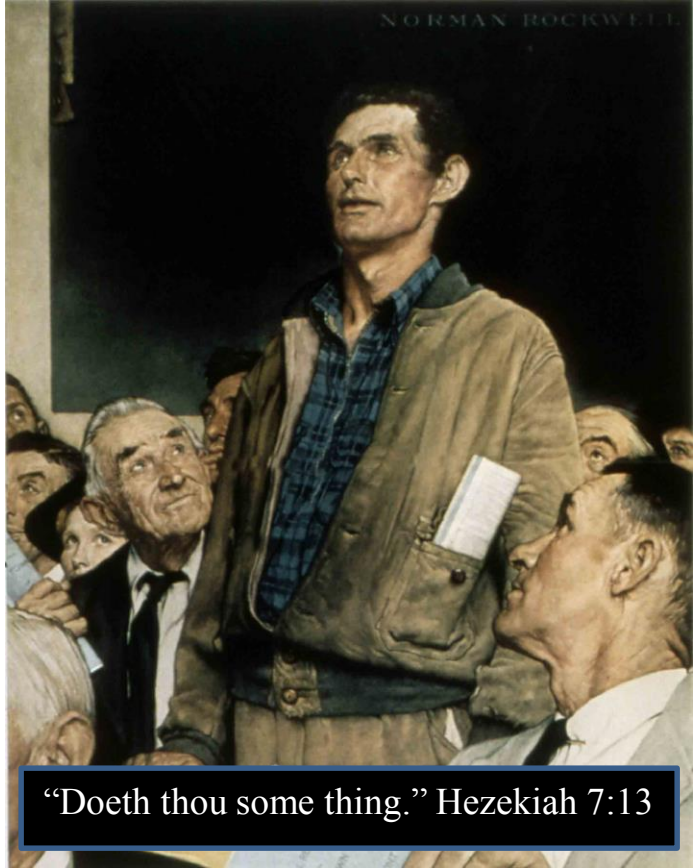


Taylor Camp Commander Bob Gresham stands guard at tomb of General George Washington on September 19

We congratulate Compatriot Gresham on this proud and humbling duty, truly the experience of a lifetime!



We need your help. Period. On Saturday Nov. 7 and Wednesday Nov. 11



For nearly a year we've spent many, many hours and many, many dollars (none of which came out of the camp treasury) getting ready for the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade. We need you riding on the trailer that day.

We need dependable people who have a pickup with a hitch with a 2" ball, who can pull a trailer, and on whom we can call at the last minute if we need to do so. More than one, because we can't rent a pickup and hire a driver at the last minute.

Our friend and compatriot Clay Fitzhugh of the Morris Camp in Fort Worth has agreed to be our driver, both at Grapevine and at Fort Worth. Still, we need backups. As with all of us, sometimes a family emergency comes up and other activities must be put on hold.

We have one shot at taking part in each of these parades, and we have to be there those two days *on time*. Email Mike Patterson at mfpchat@yahoo.com or call Marilyn at 817-602-5644 if you can help.



Nov. 7

2015



Nov. 11

Here's the help we need:

1. If you can tow a trailer, call us. We have the trailer, a 2" ball, and an electrical adapter.
2. Come if you have a uniform, musket, and can ride.
3. Come if you have any part of a uniform and can ride.
4. Come in your street clothes, wave a flag, and ride.
5. Come and ride, smile, and interact with the crowd.
6. Help us with our table at the Grapevine Veterans Fair immediately after the parade. We need someone there by 10 a.m. to claim our 6' table and two chairs. More of us will be there as soon as our part in the parade is over.

We need younot the gentleman who sits beside you at the meetings.



Zander Sheppard, President of the Texas Children of the Confederacy, reaches his goal with the help of SCV camps and the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross.

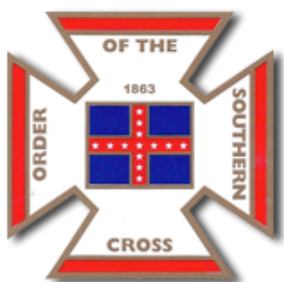
Several months ago, Zander Sheppard, (right) the current president of the Texas COC, set a goal of raising \$3,400 to conserve an important United Confederate Veterans uniform belonging to Lt. W. R. McEntire of Co. A, 9th Georgia Btn. Artillery. McEntire came to Texas after the War and became famous here in the cattle industry, banking, cotton, and merchandising. He died in 1920 and lies buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas. There are lots of articles and photos of him on the internet.

After making numerous long trips within the state and addressing patriotic groups for help, Zander raised all but about \$700 of the amount.

He applied to the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross to help him make the goal, and they agreed during their recent annual meeting in North Carolina.



The conserved uniform will be housed in the Texas Civil War Museum in Ft Worth.



THE SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Our heartfelt thanks to Paula Kay, on the front lines of the current rush to join the SCV

The following is an email Ms. Kay recently sent to a compatriot who was concerned about the time it's been taking to process SCV apps.



Thank you for your kind email. I have two submissions from Camp [x] that are near the top of the stack. The July 25th transmittal is date-stamped July 31st; the July 28th transmittal is date stamped August 1st. I hope to get to them this week.

I am feeling overwhelmed by the volume of mail and everything else that I do. As of COB on Friday I had 538 unprocessed applications on my desk plus camp renewals and reinstatements. Plus individual renewals. Plus phone calls and voicemails. Plus email. Plus two months of email problems. Plus adjutants and commanders who walk in and want their paperwork done while they wait. Plus tours and working in the gift shop. The sheer volume of work is unprecedented.

To give you an idea of the increased volume last July I processed 64 new members; this July I processed 182. Last August I processed 116 new members; last month I processed 164. There are only two membership secretaries to process the paperwork for 30,000 members/850+ camps. I am doing the best I can; at this point I am over five weeks behind in terms of what has been received and date stamped. What I am receiving in a day is more than can be processed in day. I do not know how soon I will be able to process any given camp's paperwork.

Again, I appreciate your kind support and understanding.

Thank you,
Paula Kay, Secretary
ATM, GA, MS, and TN
Sons of Confederate Veterans
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Columbia, TN 38402-0059
931.380.1844, x203

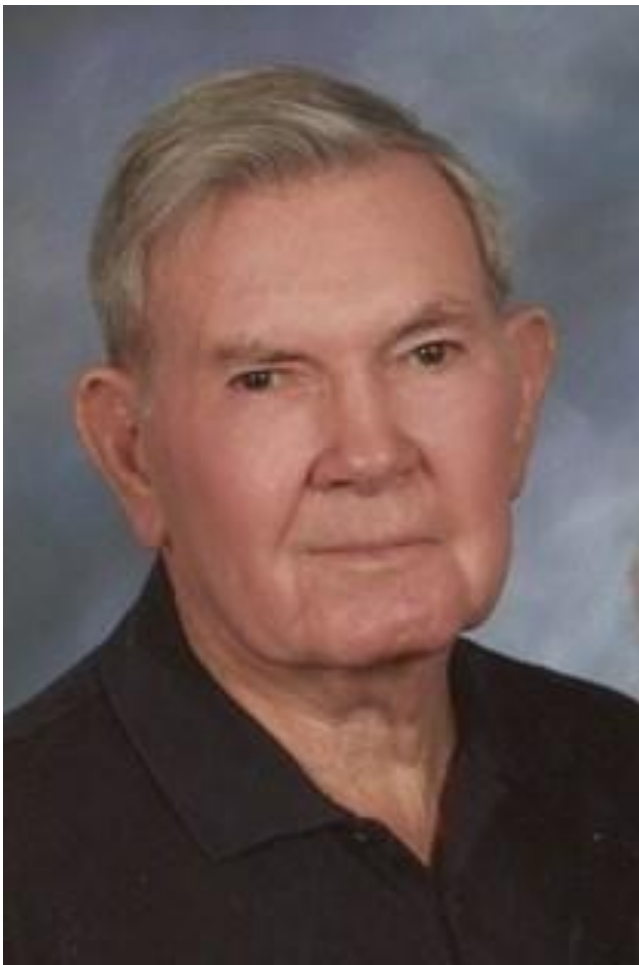




Our heartfelt thanks for all you do for the SCV! Wish we could afford to send you the real thing...but these'll just have to do for now. And...they won't take up any space on your desk.

E. W. Taylor Camp @1777, Bedford, Texas

We sent the above page to Ms. Kay at the SCV office on September 11. Within only a few moments she responded with this message: “Aww, thank you! They're lovely flowers and they are here on my desk where I can enjoy them :) I appreciate y'all thinking about me and being supportive :) Thank you, Paula Kay”



We extend our
sympathy to our
Compatriot Vann
Cunningham in the
loss of his father in
Tennessee on July 18.

*Ernest Vann Cunningham,
89, of Chattanooga,
passed away on Saturday,
July 18, 2015.*

Mr. Cunningham was born in Lynchburg, Tennessee and raised in Moore County. He was retired from Nabisco Brands Inc. and had previously worked at U. S. Pipe for 19 years. He was a former member of Wauhatchie United Methodist Church and a current member of Holly Ave. United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joe William Cunningham; parents, James and Thelma Cunningham; brothers, Robert and Raymond Cunningham; and sisters, Norma Hatchett and Della Burch.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Joan R. Cunningham; sons, J. Vann (Jerri) Cunningham of Ft. Worth, TX and Ernest J. (Hollie) Cunningham of Snow Flake, AZ; daughter, Lou Ann (David) Hoodenpyle of New Hope, TN; 7 grandchildren; brothers, John (Shirley) Cunningham and Frank (Carolyn) Cunningham; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 PM EST on Tuesday, July 21st and 10 to 11 AM EST on Wednesday, July 22nd.

Funeral Services were held at 11 AM EST on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at the funeral home with Rev. Vernon Windom officiating. Burial followed at Lakewood Memory Gardens West.

Memorial donations may be made to Holly Avenue United Methodist Church (415 Holly Ave, South Pittsburg, TN 37380).

Pioneer, Indian fighter, Confederate veteran, and minister to get a marker in Trophy Club on October 17

Many people are surprised to find there's a pioneer cemetery sitting in the middle of Trophy Club in southern Denton County.

DEATH OF REMARKABLE PREACHER

Fought Indians in Texas and Went Through Civil War.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Denton, Tex., June 20.—Rev. Joe Loving, one of the oldest preachers in Texas and one of the oldest men in Denton County, died near Bartonville yesterday, aged 93 years. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher, who came to this country when the Comanches were making their raids, away back in the 40s; went through the Civil War with several of his own sons in Company G, Eighteenth Texas, and it is recited of him that never in all his life did he take one dose of medicine. The funeral took place at the Medlin cemetery.

[Dallas Morning News, June 21, 1902]

Mr. Loving was born January 30, 1809 in Hopkins County, Kentucky. His famous kinsman, Texas trail driver and cattleman Oliver Loving, was born in the same county three years later. About 1835 Joseph moved his family to Missouri, where they lived in Moniteau County in 1850. After a short stay in Arkansas they moved to Denton County, Texas before 1860.

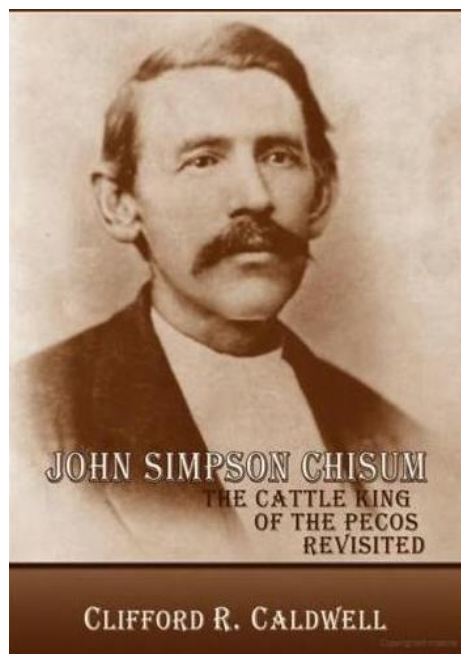
We made Mr. Loving his first-ever grave marker on September 11, and we'll be installing it in the Medlin Cemetery.

Trophy Club's Medlin Cemetery holds grave of local celebrity with ties to the Old West

This editor's grandmother told him of her surprise when, as a girl around 1900, she visited the black Jones family along Denton Creek with her father. There was a "white woman" living with them, she remembered.

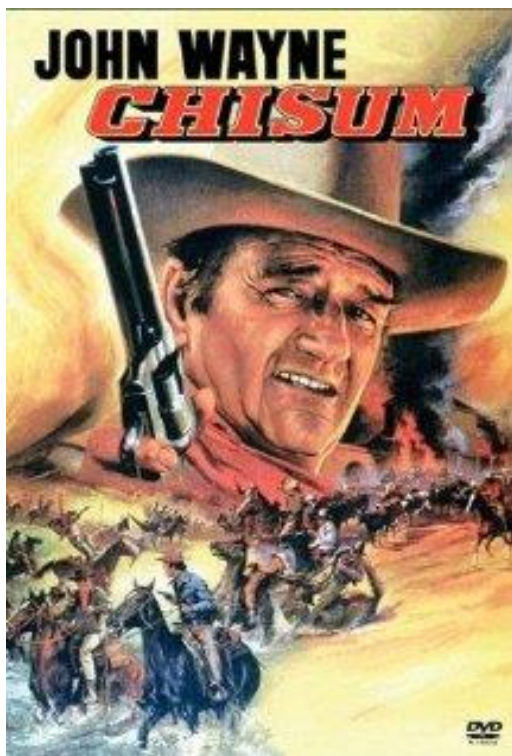
The woman my grandmother remembered was Almeada "Meady" Chisum Jones, a local legend in northern Tarrant County and southern Denton County for decades. Her father was John Simpson Chisum (1824-1884), one of the most famous cattlemen Texas and New Mexico produced. For years he had extensive holdings and herds in Denton County before moving further west.

In 1970 John Wayne starred in a major motion picture, "Chisum," based loosely on the real J. S. Chisum's colorful life and career.



Mr. Chisum fathered two families, one with a mulatto slave wife named Jensie and one with a white wife named Martha Ledbetter whom he married while in Tennessee in 1855.

Almeada Chisum was born in Gainesville, Texas on May 13, 1857. Chisum had brought Jensie to his ranch at Bolivar, Texas, but he took her to a rooming house in Gainesville for the birth of her children. Meady met her future husband, Robert Dolford "Bob" Jones (1850-1930), at a party in Bonham, Texas where Bob had gone from Denton County looking for suitable female companionship.



Meady Chisum Jones at Trophy Club, cont.



Meady

Harriett

They exchanged letters for a time, and in 1874 they were married. They spent the rest of their lives in the Medlin Community along the south side of Denton Creek.

Bob Jones was also half-white, the son of a white farmer and a slave named Elizabeth, who died in 1877 and lies buried in Medlin Cemetery not far from her son and his family.

Meady later described to her daughter Chisum's many kindnesses to her and his protectiveness for their well being. After repeated Indian raids at the Bolivar ranch, Chisum moved his cattle operation further west - but he returned Jencie, Harriett [Meady's full sister...the two girls are shown above] and Meady to Bonham. There he set them up in a house and gave Jencie money to care for the two girls. Chisum returned to visit them on several occasions.

Meady also described to her daughter an account of Chisum's generosity when each year he would give a big party for his ranch hands. He brought a lot of pretty girls from

Fort Worth and Dallas to the dance party that would sometimes last for a week. Chisum died December 2, 1884 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and was buried beside his parents in Paris, Texas. Jencie and Harriett are buried in Bonham in unlocated graves.

Being the only black family in a community might have presented problems to some people but not to the Bob Jones family. The Jones family was raised among and with the white families. White tenant farmers worked on the Jones land. Social events and religious gatherings were shared.

Meady's daughter recalled that she felt no hostility or discrimination other than the fact that she could not go to school. That did not stop Bob Jones. After the school term was over in the city - Dallas - Bob hired a private teacher to come and live on his farm and teach his children spelling, history, English, arithmetic and geography.

At one time he bought a home and lot in Denton and each spring Meady and the children moved to Denton so that the children could attend school. Later Bob built a one room school house next to his home so that there could be school year round.

Bob Jones Road and Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve in Southlake are named for Meady's husband. Meady (shown below) died at the old home place in 1949. She has many descendants today who know of her and honor her memory.



Meady Chisum Jones at Trophy Club, cont

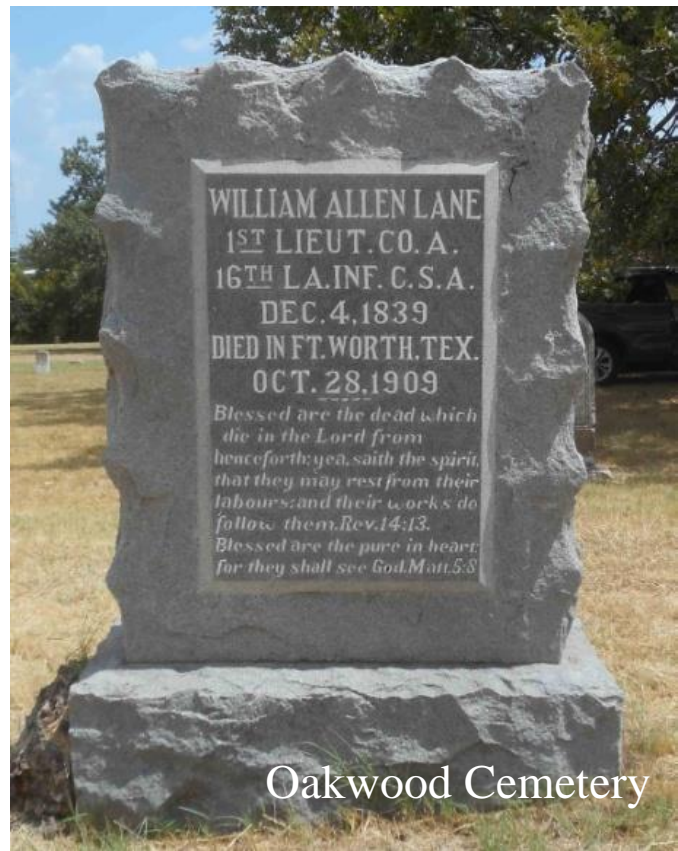


Two photos of Meady, her husband, and their ten children.



New Master List of Confederate burials in Tarrant County in the works

On May 18, we started from scratch on a new list made from primary sources such as CSA pension lists, death certificates, obituaries, reminiscences, and headstones. We ignored all the existing lists. We're including veterans we know died in Tarrant County but whose burial places are unknown.



At present we're still going through the 1910 federal census of Tarrant County and looking at the men who claimed to be Confederate veterans. Then we're making an effort to find their burial sites. This strategy has added many new names to the list after we've found gravestones, death certificates, or obituaries for them. Even though many of them were quite old for that time, a surprising number moved again before they died.

It's also been surprising that several elderly blacks in Tarrant County claimed to have served in the Confederate Army.

Next, we'll probably start poring through the printed book of burials for Oakwood Cemetery, looking for men the correct age to have been veterans but who have no notations in the book indicating they were.

Obviously this is a long-term project but one which will be useful when it's finished. There are several veterans at Oakwood with markers indicating their service but whose cemetery records don't indicate it.

If anyone discovers a pay-site on the internet which has access to Fort Worth newspapers from 1923 through 1940, please let your editor know of it. At present he's only found them online through 1922.

Head of Shriners issues decree forbidding members (as Shriners) to take part in activities where the Flag is displayed



Jerry G. Gantt

FYI



Veterans Administration headstone of James Austin Gantt, Sr., 1827-1914

Jerry G. Gantt is the great-great grandson of James Austin Gantt, Sr., a Confederate veteran of Co. F, 56th North Carolina Infantry. Pvt. Gantt was captured at Petersburg, Virginia on March 25, 1865, and stayed in federal custody until June 27, 1865. Both he and his widow were pensioned by the State of North Carolina for his service. The U. S. government furnished his headstone which stands in Elizabeth Baptist Cemetery in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

On 10th day of August, 2015 Jerry G. Gantt, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International issued Special Order #4 prohibiting any Shriner (in an official capacity), or Shrine unit to display a Confederate flag in public or in private, including in Shrine temples, AND prohibits any Shriner (in official capacity) to participate in ANY event where a Confederate flag is displayed. His Executive VP is John Piland at 813-281-0300 x 7637 e-mail: jpiland@shrinenet.org.

Shriner's Ban, cont.

ORDER

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 206.5(a) (1) and (5) of the bylaws of Shriners International, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG PROHIBITION

No Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International, shall *display any Confederate Battle Flag or any image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to the Confederate Battle Flag* in Shrine or Civic Parades, Temple activities or in Shrine or non-Shrine public appearances.

No Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International, shall participate in non-Shrine public appearances in which *a Confederate Battle Flag or any image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to the Confederate Battle Flag is expected to be displayed by the organizer, promoter or by those in control of the premises or facility of the non-Shrine event.*

Dated this 10th day of August, 2015

Jerry G. Gantt, Imperial Potentate

ATTEST: Jack H. Jones, Imperial Recorder

[red added by this editor]

Above is the exact text of the order. Does that mean that the Shriners can't appear in any parade or other activity in Mississippi where the state flag is included (at left)? There are five state flags which include elements which may have originated in the Confederate battle flag. Will the Shriner's voluntarily pull out of any parades in which the Sons of Confederate Veterans have a banner or sign which displays our emblem? Or will they ask the parade organizers to exclude the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

Will a time come when mainstream American groups begin feeling uncomfortable being in a parade with a group displaying emblems which are highly suggestive of Arabic symbols and ceremonies...like the Shriners? How far down the road is a move to get rid of Christian symbolism where it is visible from public streets and properties? How about erasing Christian and Jewish symbolism from all stones in Arlington National Cemetery? Is there no end?



When writing to public officials:



Be respectful, non-confrontational. Name-calling hurts our credibility and brings us down to the level of our critics.



Tell them about yourself in one or two sentences, ie. “I am a native Texan, a descendant of several Confederate soldiers, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”



Be concise; state the issue and your position on it immediately; they are keeping track of the numbers of letters pro and con. Realistically, a very long letter will probably never be read.



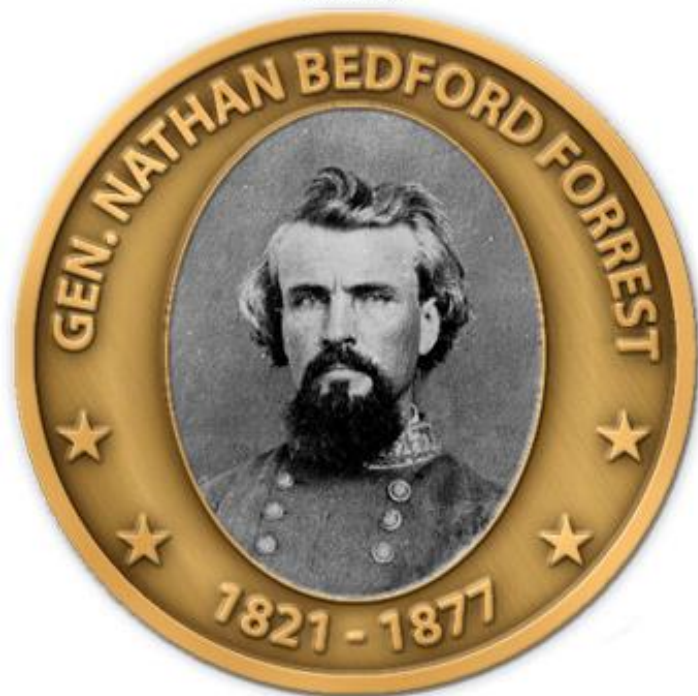
Be positive. Tell them how you’d like to see the situation resolved.



Thank them for taking the time to read and consider your position.

A new way to help those embattled Southern Patriots on the front lines in Memphis, Tennessee

Front



Back



Citizens To Save Our Parks [CTSOP] is pleased to announce our latest fund-raiser campaign. We have for sale Limited Edition Forrest Commemorative Coins. At last count we had about 75 of the last batch of 200. Get them before they are gone. You will NOT find these anywhere else. They were custom made and this is the result of a great idea and donation by one of our supporters.

The price is \$10 each, plus \$1 each for shipping. All proceeds go to Defend the Parks. Send your check to:

Save the Parks, P.O. Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124

<https://www.facebook.com/citizenstosaveourparks?fref=nf>

Interestingly, both Tennessee and Texas law require permission of the family members before a body can be moved. General Forrest has two great-grandsons who are members of the SCV.



Col. Greg Eanes U. S. Air Force Retired, Patriot on Active Duty

We don't normally run lengthy text pieces in this newsletter, but everyone needs to read this. Check Amazon.com for his numerous works, which are worthy of our time and consideration.

Greg Eanes holds a B.S. in Occupational Education from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale and an MA in Military History from American Military University. A 34-year military veteran and retired Air Force Colonel, Eanes served combat tours in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. He holds two Bronze Star Medals and two Defense Meritorious Service Medals for wartime contributions.

A former journalist, he was general manager of The Crewe-Burkeville (VA) Journal, the family-owned newspaper started in 1959 by his father, Jim R. Eanes, from 1993 until it was sold. In 1999 when he began a career in education that lasted until 9/11 and his return to active duty. He has served on various fulltime and adjunct faculties to include the U. S. Air Force Intelligence School, the Joint Military Intelligence Training Centers, Randolph-Henry High School, Southside Virginia Community College, Patrick Henry Community College and one semester as an adjunct lecturer at the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest at Hampden-Sydney College, VA.

In public life he served as an elected member of the Nottoway County (VA) School Board, an elected member of the Crewe (VA) Town Council and as an appointed member of the Nottoway County Planning Commission. He is a graduate of the U. S. Air Force Air War College and Air Command and Staff College. He is married to the former Rosanne Lukoskie of Shamokin, Pa

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Col. Greg Eanes, Patriot, cont.

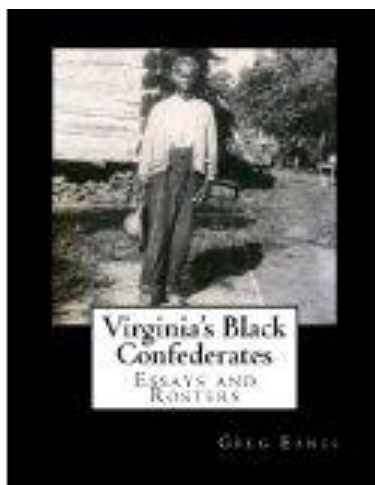
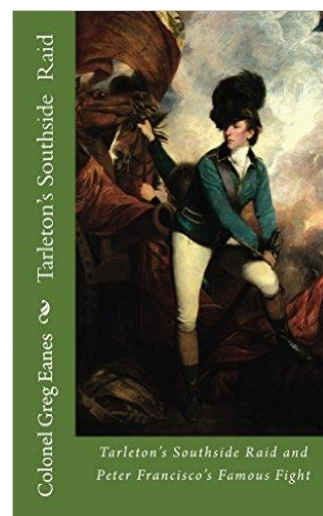
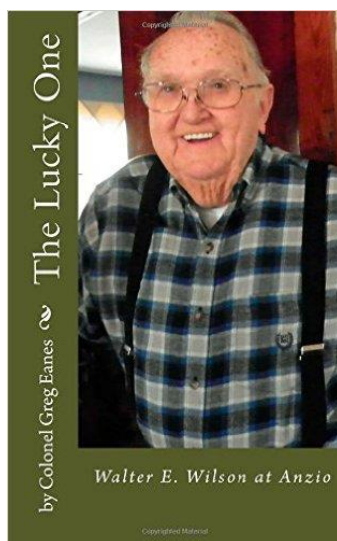
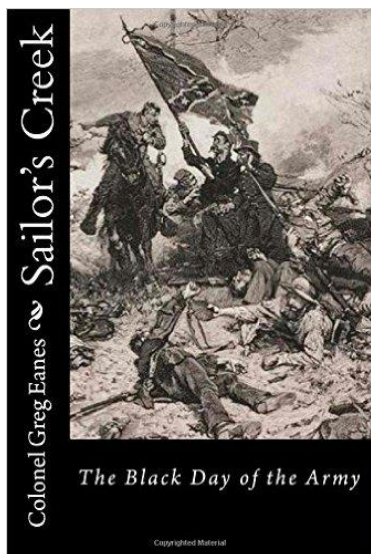
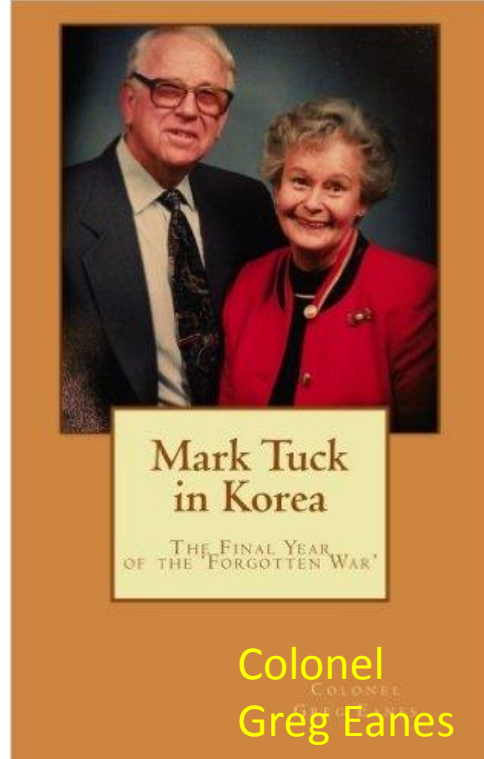
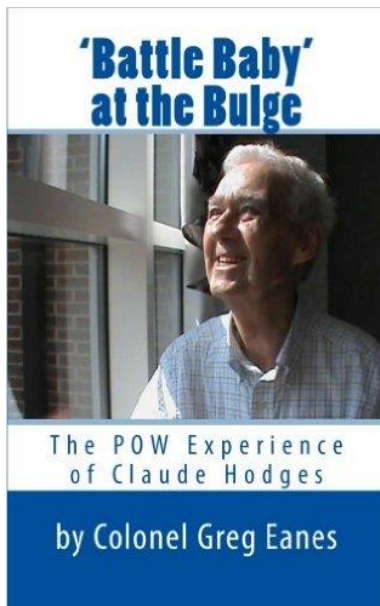
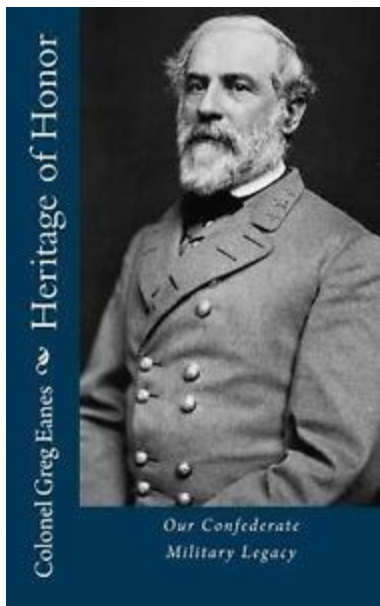
This excellent article, entitled “Protecting War Memorials,” was prepared and delivered in Virginia in August 2014. You may read it in its entirety by going to our website,

<http://www.taylorcampscv.org/#>

and scrolling down to the section entitled Special Articles. Thanks to our webmaster, Stephen Parker, for posting the article within minutes of the time we requested him to do so.



Col. Greg Eanes, Patriot, cont



These are some of Greg Eanes' works which are available from Amazon.com.



Getting to know our local Confederates

Rev. Elijah Floyd Boone 1845-1928) was a prominent Confederate veteran, family historian and minister. He lies buried in Fort Worth's Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Boone, like so many other settlers here, was born in Bedford County, Tennessee. His parents, Howard and Elizabeth (Floyd) Boone, also lived in Tarrant County for a time but settled in Parker County before their deaths in 1883 and 1900, respectively. They were descendants of Benjamin, the brother of the Great Frontiersman. They came to Texas in 1865, and lived for a while in northeast Tarrant County during the mid-1870's.

Mr. Boone served in Co. K, 34th Arkansas Infantry. He was discharged at Marshall, Texas on May 26, 1865. After the War he became a minister in the Methodist church, which occupation he followed for more than fifty years. He served churches in Harrison, Hill, Erath, Ellis, and other counties.

He and his wife, Martha Jane Wherry, had ten children, all of whom were still living at the time the 1900 census was taken. Mrs. Boone died in 1908 and was buried in the city cemetery in Waxahachie in Ellis County.

About 1912 Mr. Boone moved to Fort Worth. He applied for and was granted a Confederate pension in 1913.



E. F. BOONE

Mr. Boone died of kidney cancer and anemia at his home at 1912 Ashland Avenue in Fort Worth at 6:15 p.m. on July 16, 1928.

Rev. Elijah F. Boone left an enduring testimonial to his character when he mailed a letter to the Texas Confederate pension authorities in 1921. The letter is reproduced on the next page of this newsletter.

Fort Worth, Texas,

Jan. 5, 1921.

Dear Sir:

I herewith return blank unfilled and
unsigned. My annual income this year will
be more than \$300, and that fact, it seems, will
set aside my claim to further assistance
from the fund of which you have charge.
I am thankful for the help I have received,
and trust ^{any} loss will be gain to others.

Truly yours,

E. F. Boone,

414 W. 3rd St.,

Fort Worth, Tex.



How refreshing...and surprising...to find something like this! Tens of thousands of people in our country are shouting to have all traces of Confederate veterans removed. How many of **them** should write letters like this to the people who are shoveling our tax dollars to them?

New Confederate veteran identified for the Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial

Joseph Ignatius McDonald was a veteran of a Kentucky Confederate cavalry unit. He died at the home of his son in Keller, Texas, making him eligible for inclusion on our memorial in Bedford.

Mr. McDonald was born in Washington County, Kentucky into a fairly well-to-do family of farmers. His father owned a few slaves.

Joseph originally enlisted in the Southern service at College Grove [Williamson County], Tennessee and scouted and recruited for some time before enlisting in the regular Confederate service with Buckner's Guards.

He later became a private in Capt. C. F. Sanders' Company, of Buckner Guards Kentucky Cavalry (Maj. Gen. Cleburne's escort). He enlisted on January 12, 1863 at Tullahoma, Tennessee for a term of three years or the duration of the war. He was with his command until the end and was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina on April 26, 1865. He later said he took part in many battles in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia.

By 1870 the McDonalds had settled in Dallas County, and they moved to Tarrant County about 1871.

When the 1880 census was taken McDonald was living in Fort Worth and working as a sales representative for a sewing machine company. His wife and two of their children were living in Wise County with the family of her married sister, Mrs. Theodore Prigmore.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had five children, but four were dead by 1900. Their single surviving child lived until 1931 and was buried beside his wife in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake.

Mrs. McDonald died in 1909. Mr. McDonald died in 1918; both are buried in Calvary Cemetery, within Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mr. McDonald was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth.



Joseph I. McDonald, cont.

Fort Worth Texas August 31st 1902

Descriptive List of Joseph McDonald

Name Joseph McDonald -Born -Washington Co Ky Novr 24th 1837-Enlisted-
was in the service scouting and recruiting for Confederate army for
some time before regularly enlisted in the Pickner Guards -Regularly en-
listed in Pickner Guards Captain Saunders Army of Tenn. - At Gen Pickners
head quarters first then under Cleburne till his death at Franklin,
was in the battles of Mirgessboro Chickamauga Atlanta Campaign from Dal-
ton to Atlanta, battle of Atlanta on 29 July, various other fights with
the command and skirmishes of Cleburnes division, was sent on a scout at
battle of Franklin out was on the field early next morning. Was in bat-
tle of Nashville & on retreat from there south, thence through Georgia
into North Carolina was near Bentonville on special duty at head quart-
ers of Cleburnes division when surrender at Greensboro took place in
April 1865

Reference
C. O. Cummings Ft Worth

H L Abston Ft Worth
Dr Conzer Neo Barstow Ky the only remaining ^{senior} member of my company
known to me at present

Joseph McDonald

This is the signed document Joseph McDonald submitted to the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth in 1902. It is part of a large collection of the camp's papers which are now housed in Lubbock at Texas Tech University. The Fort Worth Public library also has a sizable collection of the camp's original documents. Both collections are now digitized and readable online.

Reenactment of a different sort coming to DFW this month



Start of the US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy
on the Bankhead Highway, June 14, 1920.



***In Fort Worth on
October 4-5!!!***

Military Vehicle Preservation Association 2015 Convoy

In 1920 the US ARMY decided to plan and execute a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly-formed Bankhead Highway. This convoy was a follow-on project to the 1919 US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy – the first-ever Convoy across the US along the Lincoln Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army. This Convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin.

In summary, the 1920 route began at the White House in Washington, DC and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, CA – some 3,300 miles and 116 days later. You are certainly aware of it if the 1920 Convoy passed through your City.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) is underway with detailed planning to conduct a 95th Anniversary Convoy with as many as 120 Historic Military Vehicles. They will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route – along the Bankhead Highway. The MVPA 2015 Bankhead Convoy (“BH-15”) will launch from Washington, DC on Saturday, 19 September and arrive in San Diego, CA some 29 days later, on Saturday, 17 October.

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For specifics please go to <https://www.facebook.com/MVPAConvoy>



Daily stops will be made along the route, visiting several Texas cities, including some in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. People will have a chance to see the military vehicles up close and in detail.

Current planning has the convoy passing through downtown Arlington October 4, so come on out and enjoy the show. When it arrives in Arlington, the convoy will drive slowly in parade fashion to allow onlookers the chance to see all the military vehicles, since it will not be making a stop until Fort Worth. See more at:

<http://www.arlington-tx.gov/news/2015/07/30/military-vehicle-convoy-to-pass-through-arlington/#sthash.drkVyJkb.dpuf>



Our sincere apologies for these mistakes we made of late.

Ron Turner



Not once, but twice we've recently misidentified one of our new compatriots, Ron Turner, as Ron Taylor. Mr. Turner has been a model new member...he attends both meetings and activities during the month.

He's putting together a uniform so he can help us in parades and at dedications. He was with us again at Oakwood on September 12 and at our meeting on September 24. Our apologies, Compatriot Turner.

Historic Fort Belknap Days

Living History Event

Friday, October 23
Education Day
10AM to 2PM

Saturday, October 24
Open to Public
10AM to 5PM



Reenactments & Demonstrations:
Butter Making, Bread Baking, Weaver,
Black Smith, Period Weapons, Spinner

- **Women's Tea Social @2pm Saturday (10/24)**
\$10 Per-Person
- **Children's games and activities**

Contact Info:

Historic Fort Belknap 940-846-3222 or James 940-873-4694
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Same song, verse no. 10,000

When school started this year, one Florida high school student in a county named for Robert E. Lee came the first day with two Confederate flags on her pickup. Typically, the media was there to get quotes from people who were outraged, offended, bumfuzzled, besmirched, and bewildered. Typically they got some quotes which are grammatical train wrecks like the one below.

Isn't it interesting, though, that it never occurred/mattered to the speaker that the person who brought the flags might have exactly the same feeling described at the end of her quote?

It never occurs to those folks for the same reason so many other things never occur to them.

"It's just uncomfortable," she said. "And it makes me feel and see people who are trying to disagree with us, basically telling me that I have no right to feel the way I'm feeling about this flag."

"...they left us traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, and respect for womanhood; they left us a passionate belief in freedom for the individual."

Every one of us heard these words as a part of the ceremony when we were sworn into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. With every day that passes, our society and even the courts are chipping away at our traditional values.

We believe in a God who created us and cares about us. He made us, and he can fix us. We must never forget that prayer is a powerful tool at our disposal.

Compatriot Vann Cunningham continues to need our prayers, through the SCV and through your home church as well. We need only to pray for God's help and comfort for him. He already knows Vann's needs.

We were overjoyed when Vann and his son walked in at our September meeting!!!

Please let our chaplain know of other prayer requests. His email address is mfpchat@yahoo.com

STANDING LIBERTY QUARTERS



Another piece of art from a time in our history when our coins and stamps had character and classical appeal.

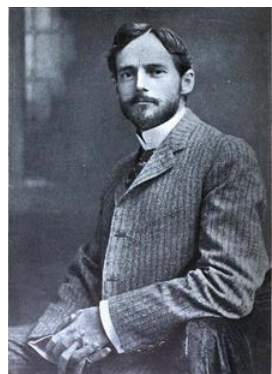
When these beautiful coins appeared in 1916 they caused an outcry from Americans who thought the lady needed to be wearing more clothes. During the next year she gained the sleeveless shirt of chain mail she's wearing above.

The steps in getting this design from the drawing board into the pockets of Americans was a long one, with lots of technological hurdles and bruised egos among mint officials. When members of Congress complained the new quarters didn't stack well, and the public began to notice the date was going to wear away in short order, that prompted more changes.

The last coins of this design were minted in 1930. No quarters were made at all in 1931. Popular pressure to honor the two-hundredth birthday of George Washington led to the issue of the first Washington quarters in 1932.

Even with the changes, the dates on these coins wore away quickly. Worn examples of them were still occasionally seen in circulation as late as 1960.

The designer, Hermon Atkins MacNeil (1866-1947), was an American sculptor born in Everett, Massachusetts. He is best known for designing this coin and for sculpting *Justice, the Guardian of Liberty*, on the east pediment



of the United States Supreme Court Building

One of his last projects was the Pony Express Statue standing in St. Joseph, Missouri. He lies buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Massachusetts.

Our Ancestors' Life and Times



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NOVEMBER 14, 2015

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IF YOU HAVE A CANNON -- BRING IT!

IF YOU HAVE A MUSKET -- BRING IT!

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SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Col. Middleton Tate Johnson

Camp # 1648

Our sympathies to our long-time friend and ally in marking Confederate graves here, Matt Worthington of Worthington Monuments. Matt's grandfather, Billy Stinson Strong, passed away on September 7 and was buried in Grand Prairie on September 10. Your editor and his wife attended the service.

Bill was born Sept. 21, 1928 in Farmersville to Carl Newton Strong and Hattie Dora Stinson Strong. A long-time Grand Prairie resident, he was owner and operator of Southland Memorial Park and Bill's Pawn Shop since the late 1960s. A former City Council member, he also volunteered for the Grand Prairie Fire Department for 15 years. Bill loved all animals.

Bill was the great-grandson of a Texas Confederate veteran and



Bill Strong

resident of Collin County named Thomas E. Grisham (1843-1886). Mr. Grisham enlisted at McKinney in 1862 and served in Co. F, 16th Texas Dismounted Cavalry. His widow was pensioned for his service. She survived him forty-nine years and was buried beside him in Verona Cemetery in Verona, Collin County.



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We have a unique and unprecedented chance to make a great first impression during the Veterans Day Parade in Grapevine on Nov. 7.

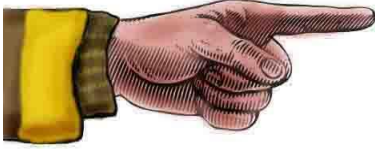
There will be many people there who probably have never even heard of us. Help us to show them who we really are!!!

We have heard, through the grapevine, of course, that the Sons of Union Veterans will be there, too.



Keep An Eye Out...

We are always on the lookout for documentable Confederate veterans who are close-in and who have no gravestones or whose gravestones have become unreadable. We should be able to do one each month for the foreseeable future. Let us know if you have a candidate.



Thanks to Tammy Patterson for taking us to Worthington's early on the morning of September 11 and to James Alderman for coming later that morning to get us and Joseph Loving's marker and delivering us to Colleyville.



Thanks to everyone who came out to Oakwood on September 12 to help set Thomas Jennings' stone: James Alderman, Clay Fitzhugh, Morgan Tittle, Ron Parker, David Stewart, Nathan Pike, Toby Pike, David Johnson, Ron Turner, Richard McCook, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to Compatriot Ron Parker for creating a page at Find-A-Grave for Fort Worth Confederate Vet Fendol W. Chiles, for whom we place a stone in Oakwood Cemetery a while back.



Thanks to everyone, within and without the Camp, who presented programs for us this year. We look forward to new programs, new presenters, and new topics in 2016.

**Sat. morning
October 17 at 9
a.m. we have a
stone to install in
Medlin Cemetery
in Trophy Club.**

**Sun. afternoon,
Oct. 18, 2-3 p.m.,
hear the Frontier
Brigade Band at
the State Fair**

**Oct. 23-24
Historic Ft.
Belknap Days
in Young
County**

**October 29
October meeting
of the E. W.
Taylor Camp**

**Nov. 7
Grapevine's
Memorial Day
Parade. Please,
please be there with
us to represent the
SCV.**

**Nov. 7
Grapevine's
Veterans Fair. We
need members to
man the table and
do PR.**

**Nov. 11
Ride our "float"
in the Fort
Worth Veterans
Day Parade**

**Sat. morning
Nov. 14 Help us
install one vet's
stone in Fort Worth
in Oakwood Cem.
9 a.m.**

**Nov. 14
Cannon firing
demo and day out
at Calvin Allen's in
Parker County**

Adapted from a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson



“General Custer! The accordion’s
‘Check Injuns’ light just came on!”

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.