

# The Word "Stonewall" offends Texas Man 1/07/06

With every generation the respect and honor towards our Confederate dead seems to diminish and less remembrance of them is given. Now, there are those who wish to destroy Confederate Heritage at every turn and make a mockery of the Confederate Soldier's valor and tenacity during the American Civil War. To them, the Confederate side was evil and as we all know, evil is bad – even to the point that a school MIGHT have been named after one of those evildoers.

A so-called activist by the name of Nick Calzoncit who lives near San Antonio, Texas has decided on taking on the name of the "Stonewall-Flanders Elementary School". So far he's gathered approximately four hundred signatures (over half the school's enrollment) to sway the school district to consider changing the name of the school. He wants the school to be named after the late César Chávez.

Calzoncit calls General Thomas J. Jackson (better known as Stonewall) a racist and the school should not bear the name of such a person. He was quoted as saying, "I evaluated all the schools in San Antonio that are named after racists and bigots, Stonewall stood out as the worst of all of the people."

Local history professor Dr. Felix Almaraz Jr. says that the school is not named for the famed Confederate leader but for the literal street on which it was located. Almaraz said,

"Some residents gathered the stones that were on their properties, and they piled them up in front in a very neat configuration, and then they applied mortar and created stone fences..."

The school opened up in the early 1920's as Stonewall Elementary but actually changed names in 1996 to Fenley-Flanders when it merged with Flanders elementary. In 2003 local residents asked or rather insisted it be given back its old name of Stonewall to regain its heritage.

Now Mr. Calzoncit continues to fight the evil that does not exist and insists that even a harmless name like Stonewall be wiped away forever.



Thomas J. Jackson January 21, 1824 - May 10, 1863

## **Camp Elections January 17th...**

Our annual camp elections will be held this Tuesday January 17th at 7PM.

It is requested that all who are able to attend to please make arrangements to visit and cast your vote for all camp officer seats that will become open.

As all of you know, Commander, Greg Atwell's term is now up. Seats for Lt. Commander, Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant etc. will now be open as well.

Please make a sincere effort to attend.

### NOVEMBER 15TH MINUTES

November 15th marked the 10th official meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29.

7:00PM—meeting begins with prayer led by Adjutant, Jack Taylor. After prayer the pledge to the US flag was given and the honorary salute to the Confederate Camp flag was said.

7:05PM– Adjutant Taylor introduced to the camp the latest new member, Mr. Charles L. Bates. Taylor spoke to Bates briefly regarding what it means to be a member of the SCV and the Sam Watkins camp.

7:12PM- Commander, Greg Atwell speaks briefly to the camp regarding the Tennessee Division flag that was purchased and that we were able to get number forty-eight in the sequence. He reminded others about the upcoming camp Christmas Supper and gave a brief mention about the upcoming elections in January 2006.

7:15PM—Atwell turns the meeting over to Lt. Commander, James Looney who decided on giving the camp a presentation on his ancestor Abraham M. Looney in lieu of a guest speaker.

From 7:15—7:38PM Looney spoke to the camp regarding his ancestor and gave some interesting facts concerning his family and the history of Elm Springs.

7:40PM– Motion was made to adjourn—meeting adjourned. \*NOTE

There has been a clerical error regarding the number of meetings the camp has had.

From January—December the camp has 10 official meetings. The April meeting is usually reserved for a Graveside service and December is given to our Christmas Supper. This would make the October meeting the 9th official meeting of the year and not 8th...



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NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH AT 7PM.

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