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The brave will honor the brave, vanquished none the less.*

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ON THE COVER — The head of President Jefferson Finis Davis for the statue to be placed at Tredegar Ironworks in Richmond, VA. Photo by Brandon Dorsey.

LAST CALL

Forrest Comes Home

by David Wright

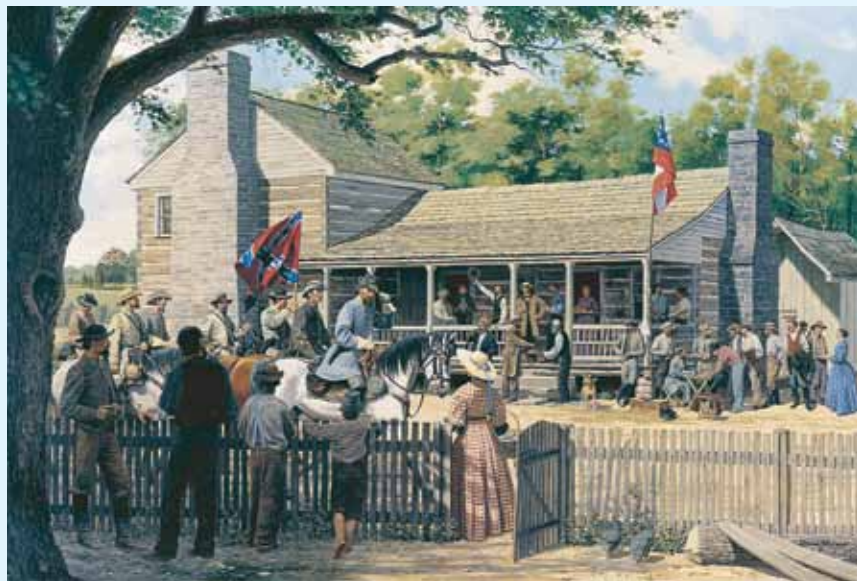


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This domestic scene depicts a gathering at the boyhood home of Gen. N.B. Forrest – a place he visited often to hold recruitment barbecues. The log home, located in middle Tennessee, was built in the 1820s and its design is of the Midland tradition, typical of structures during that era of Southern expansion.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Photo by John Gregory

This is our last issue before our National Reunion in Concord, NC, on July 16-19. If you have not submitted your registration, you should do so now. It's an election year, so we should have a large number of compatriots attending. This reunion promises to be different and I'm looking forward to it.

I would like to call your attention to the SCV's latest project — the placing of a statue of President Jefferson Davis at Tredegar Ironworks in Richmond, Virginia. Not only will the statue be of Davis, but his son Joseph and adopted black son Jim Limber will be included. Tredegar is now owned by the National Park Service. You may remember they forced a statue of Lincoln and his son Tad on this Confederate historic site several years ago, even though Lincoln never visited the site. President Davis visited Tredegar many times during the war.

Our statue of Davis and his children will bring balance to Tredegar and show both sides. It will be our special tribute to Davis during his bicentennial birth year. More details are in an article in this issue on page 16. Our cover features a close-up view of Davis' head and you can see the statue in progress on page 17.

This project will be entirely financed by the SCV. Fund-raising has begun and all members, camps and divisions are asked to consider supporting this tribute to the one and only Confederate President, Jefferson Finis Davis.

As this is being written, I have exhausted my reserve of articles about our Real Sons. Thanks to all of you who have sent in articles in the past about the Real Sons in your camp. However, I need some more of you to step up and send in an article telling us about the Real Son in your camp. These are special men and their stories must be told.

Thanks for your letters and e-mails; please let me know your thoughts and ideas. I hope to see a lot of you in Concord. Until then, I remain,

Yours in the Cause,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank B. Powell, III".

Editor-in-Chief



REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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A Plan for the Future

Architecture has its political Use; publick [sic] Buildings being the Ornament of a Country; it establishes a Nation, draws People and Commerce; makes the People love their native Country, which Passion is the Original of all great Actions in a Common-wealth.... Architecture aims at Eternity.

— Sir Christopher Wrenn

As an historical organization, the Sons of Confederate Veterans has a duty to remember our ancestors and the heroic deeds of their now distant age. But just as importantly we must look forward as well. It is about a part of our future that I would like to address in this article.

The physical center of the SCV is our beautiful headquarters building at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee. Here is where the SCV offices are located as well as our records, archives from the early 1950s, the MG William D. McCain Memorial Library and a small collection of relics.

Built in 1837, Elm Springs served as a private home until the SCV bought it in 1993. Since that time we have used the facility to house the offices of our professional staff and serve as the general headquarters of the Confederation. Elm Springs is, essentially, our capitol building. This is where the General Executive Council holds its meetings and other meetings are held here as well. It is also a local showplace and is frequently rented out for weddings and other receptions. Elm Springs has long hosted the Columbia Junior Auxiliary's annual Chili Cook-Off held on the grounds in mid October of each year, and 2008 will be the fourth year serving as the site of the Columbia Breakfast Rotary Club's Sunset Symphony, a large fund-raising event with music provided by professional musicians from Nashville.

The problem is that the structure, designed to be a home, is not really suited to be a full time professional office with all the attendant wear and tear.

Let me give you just one example. Ideally, to protect them from catastrophe, all of our paper records need to be stored in some sort of fireproof room or, at the very least, in fireproof filing cabinets. To do the job properly would require about 50 such filing cabinets which would weigh approximately 13 tons and consume several hundred square feet of floor space. Needless to say, there is really no feasible way to do that in a nearly two-century old building.

As a matter of simple practicality, as well as historic preservation, there are many arguments against using the Elm Springs building as professional offices indefinitely. With that in mind, several months ago I appointed an Elm Springs Task Force. These men undertook the task of reviewing our situation at Elm Springs and making recommendations. They have been hard at work and are already able to present some exciting ideas.

There are some issues with the present structure and property which must be dealt with, but the primary mission of this group is to start work on a long-range plan for renovating and expanding our capitol.

First of all, they are considering the needs of our office staff. Hopefully, our steady pace of growth will continue, or perhaps even improve, and that will necessitate additional personnel which will, in turn, require additional office space. Furthermore, we already need offices with modern wiring and better plumbing and network capabilities.

Second, we need to be able to accommodate the ever-expanding archives of our own history as well the library and artifacts which the SCV has been able to accumulate over the years. More to the point, we need to begin planning for a museum of Confederate artifacts of significant scale at Elm Springs. Every year fewer and fewer museums remain which tell the true story of our history and the only solution is to have a museum of our own. There can be no doubt, that if the SCV had a proper museum, capable of securely and appropriately housing and displaying artifacts, there are countless men in the SCV (and outside too) who would donate a few pieces here and there to become a major collection. These facilities will also require modern fire suppression equipment as well as state-of-the-art security systems.

Of course, we will eventually need to hire full-time archivists, researchers, and curators to staff these enterprises

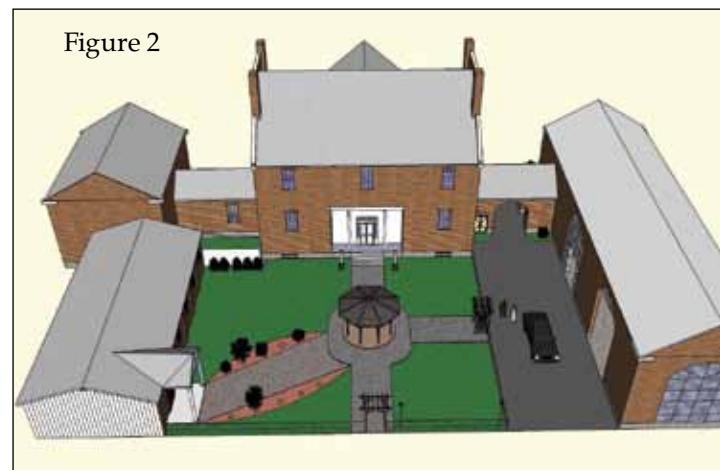


and they will require additional office space as well.

Finally, better meeting space would be an important resource for improving our operations. Elm Springs could, and ought to be, a center of learning and training for our members. By housing some well-equipped meeting rooms here

we could support not just the GEC meetings but also a sort of training college for our officers as well as periodic historical programs like the Stephen D. Lee Institute.

All of these new facilities should be housed in an entirely separate structure on the campus at



Elm Springs so as not to disturb the historic structure. Built in a complementary architectural style, we would have the opportunity to turn the property from a quaint old house into a powerful force for our heritage.

Along with this article are a few preliminary drawings, put together by Robert Reames and David Denard, which illustrate some of the possibilities. We are a long way from making any decisions about what the building will look like or how they will be situated, but these illustrations can show us just a few of the ideas that have already presented themselves to the Task Force.

Figure 1 shows the front of the building. On the right is a brick wing which presently houses our gift shop. This idea is to add an identical addition on the left side which would provide symmetry as well as allowing us to create a large meeting space for events.

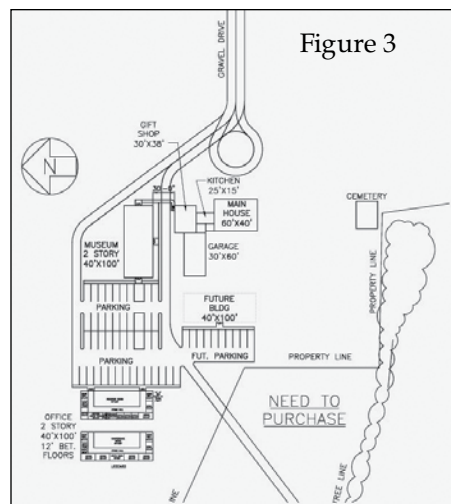


Figure 2 is a rendition of the structure showing the new space (on the right from this perspective).

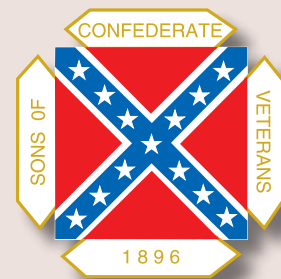
Figure 3 is a plan view of the property showing not only the existing buildings, but also a perspective on constructing a new museum and archives building just to the left of Elm Springs and the possibility of an office building and expanded parking towards the back.

We are a long way from making this project a reality, but I am pleased to say that we are beginning to take our first steps. Please let me emphasize that all of this is just brainstorming, and none of this is concrete. Before we ever break

ground there will be a lot of studies and analysis; the designs that ultimately take shape are likely to be quite different. These modest drawings clearly show, however, the grand possibilities which present themselves. It is our duty, over the next decade, to animate these ideas and bring them to reality.

In 2012 we will have the opportunity to celebrate Elm Springs' 175th anniversary. How grand it would be if we could also make it the groundbreaking on the next phase of our history at this historic place.

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Dispatches From the Front

A collection of letters to the editor from our members.

Politics are part of our heritage

To the Editor:

The March/April issue of *Confederate Veteran* magazine carried a letter to the editor from Mr. Keith Wilson of the General Sterling Price Camp 145.

In the letter Mr. Wilson takes a Mr. Grady Smith from the Granbury, TX, Camp 427 to task for criticizing then-Governor (now President) George W. Bush for allowing the Confederate plaques to be removed from the Texas Supreme Court Building.

Mr. Wilson accuses Mr. Smith of "Bush-bashing," yet admits what happened with the plaques was wrong, and then goes on to ask the question; "What difference does it make who was governor?"

It makes a difference because whoever was governor was in a position to either preserve our heritage or bow to political correctness and let our heritage be destroyed. In this case the governor was George W. Bush. It is not "Bush-bashing" to bring to attention who was responsible for this action (or inaction); it is fact.

Mr. Wilson suggests that the editor should not have published Mr. Smith's letter and that Mr. Smith should not have brought "party politics" into the discussion stating that it "would have been the honorable thing to do."

Politics is part of our struggle; it always has been and it always will be. Our short-lived Confederacy was born out of the struggle perpetrated by radical Northeastern-Puritans, Yankees imposing their politics on the Missouri-Kansas border nearly a decade before the rest of the nation felt the wrath of war.

Politics played a major role in Reconstruction, which was the beginning of the cultural genocide that still plagues our country (through

politics) to this day.

Politics most certainly played a major role in Missouri Governor Bob Holden's decision to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from Higginsville Confederate Cemetery and the 2nd National Flag from Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, Missouri.

Politics most certainly played a role in Missouri Governor Matt Blunt's decision not to permanently restore the flags which he could have done at any given time.

As my older brother put it (in regards to Higginsville), "Holden took down the flags, Blunt cut down the pole."

It is funny that many were very vocal when Holden (a Democrat) took down the flags, yet many remained astonishingly silent when Blunt (a Republican) not only made sure they never went back up, but did his part to deliver Missouri's history to Kansas, via the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Mr. Smith did do the honorable thing by standing up and trying to hold an elected official accountable for his actions.

The dishonorable thing to do is sit on one's hands.

Clint E. Lacy
John T. Coffee Camp 1934
Osceola, Missouri

Politics are always going to be with us

To the Editor:

I have been amused by some of the recent letters received from members wanting to put a stop to people discussing politics in the SCV. It usually starts with some blurb about how they are believers in freedom of speech and ends with an exhortation for other members to just shut up. Evidently, these few in-

dividuals believe that rights should be seen and not heard, and they are only really in favor of free speech so long as no one actually tries to exercise it.

While I do not believe the SCV should not enter into the partisan practice of endorsing candidates or political parties, I do believe the SCV can play a very important role in helping to educate the membership about the record of candidates on issues that are of importance to Confederate heritage and the South in general. I myself do not consider the factual reporting of voting records or statements made by various politicians to be a violation of the SCV charter.

Politics, like religion, is going to be a factor in any organization. You simply cannot separate people's world view from affecting the way they see and react to things. It is far better in my opinion to allow an open dialog to take place so that people can make informed decisions. It is vitally important in my mind that the SCV exercise every method at its disposal to influence our society for the better, and not to deliberately retreat from political discourse simply because a few members have hardened political positions.

Jason Waggoner
William H. L. Wells Camp 1588
Plano, Texas

Believes low self-esteem root of our problems

To the Editor:

In the March/April 2008 issue of *Confederate Veteran*, CIC Sullivan spoke to the really poor condition of our deportment. When I started work in 1961, after an enlistment in the US Army, I was required to wear dress pants, white shirt, necktie, and cut my hair every week. All of this was to perform service on cash registers. Yes, I worked for Na-

tional Cash Register. Very quickly, you learned how to keep graphite grease, oil, and purple ink off of you clothes. Even automobile mechanics wore uniforms. Today, I find poor dress codes and even poorer enforcement of those codes. Of course, the various lawsuits over dress codes have only worked to weaken the fabric of our society and country.

A number of years later I left NCR and started working for a small computer software house. We rarely had customers in the office and tended to dress in a rather casual manner, occasionally tee shirts. When in direct contact with customers we wore traditional business dress. One day, the owner, a naturalized US citizen from South Africa and ex-NCR, announced that we had to start wearing dress pants, shirts and ties in the office. His argument was that if we dressed in a business manner, we would have a higher esteem of ourselves and perform better. Guess what! He was right! One of our national problems today is that we have a very low esteem of ourselves as a nation, and, I think, personally.

Our mode of dress is not the only thing that has suffered since the 1960s, the point in time I believe we started on the slippery slope going downhill. Today, we have an atrocious command of the English language, our education system having sunk to unbelievable depths, as has patriotism. While writing this, I heard on *Fox News* that there are more people in poverty today than before the *War on Poverty* started. While some would argue it is the economy, I submit that it is the direct result of low self-esteem.

Harold Levi
David W. Payne Camp 1633
Blairsville, Georgia

Hard to change after living a lie for so long

To the Editor:

As a Confederate I have defended my views on a couple of occasions. I have each time hopefully left the anti-Southerner seeing the South in a slightly more positive light. However, after this, I can do very little. I had been praying to our Lord asking why people

would not go past this point. At last I discovered the answer, in this short story.

After the cold war three missionaries came into the USSR to preach the word to the Russians. During this trip they met with five Russian generals. The missionaries debated with them for about an hour and had gotten nowhere. At last the generals rose to leave. Then one of the generals pulled a missionary aside and told him this: "Sir, I believe you are right, but after living a lie so long, it is hard to change."

If Russians who have lived the lie of communism for little more than fifty years, what can we expect from those who have believed the lie of the North for a little under a hundred and fifty years?

John Sims
Col. Middleton Tate Johnson Camp 1648
Arlington, Texas

Dead Yankees reminded soldier of home

To the Editor,

I read the article *Every Inch* and I found something that left me a little stumped. It is the section of the article concerning the 56th Virginia at 2nd Manassas. I've read the history of Hood's Texas Brigade and I know that it is they who decimated the 10th and 5th New York Zouaves, by putting the 10th, deployed as skirmishes, to flight, running them through the woods right into the lap of the 5th New York, and opening up on both at point-blank range. The 5th was unable to immediately return fire with the 10th to their front. They tried to hold, but it was futile. I do not remember reading that the 5th Texas had any other help in this other than from the remainder of the Texas Brigade. This might have been an omission in the brigade history; I don't know.

What I do know is that the sentence about the Zouave dead looking like wild flowers is definitely stolen from the Texas Brigade. The story goes like this: After the Yankees had fled, one Texan was seen sitting on the ground, looking rather forlorn. When asked why, he said the blue and red uniforms of the Zouaves reminded him of Texas

wild flowers and that he was homesick. If you've ever seen Blue Bonnets mixed with Indian Blankets or Paint Brushes, you will know what the man meant.

Lynn D Talafuse
Commander John A Wharton / 8th Texas
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It's cavalry, not calvary

To the Editor:

Compatriots, Please try to use the word CAV'al ry when referring to mounted troops, ...not CAL'va ry.

The word is CAV'al ry from the Italian root word *cavallo* (Horse). Think AirCav....

CALvary, from the Latin word *calvaria* (skull) IS THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED, GOLGOTHA.

The two words are NOT interchangeable!

Think about how YOU will look, out in front of a monument or a grave-marker with the word *cavalry* spelled wrong. Besides, it's extremely difficult to repair a monument or gravemarker with a misspelled word.

It's an easy mistake to make, but the next time somebody asks how to spell *cavalry*, don't guess.

Get the dictionary.

Don Davis
General George Blake Cosby Camp 1627
Eureka, California

Many teachers are working hard for the truth

To the Editor:

I was reading through the letters to the editor in the January/February 2008 *Confederate Veteran* and I noticed that many compatriots were upset over the history that is taught in many public schools. I do not disagree with many who expressed their frustration with what many students learn about the war and our ancestors. However, as a public school teacher, I want them to know that there are many of us out there in public schools who are working very hard to teach the truth. I work to

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REPORT OF THE LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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The Editorial Board Meeting — A Valuable PR Tool

Over the period of time that I've been writing this column for the *Confederate Veteran*, if you've been reading, you've heard me express the necessity of accessing and using the news media to get valuable coverage of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

It is my opinion that good media coverage of the SCV's actions and issues can be a real boom to membership-recruiting. One subject I haven't covered in dealing with the media is the editorial board meeting. Every newspaper and television station usually has such a board, but, unfortunately, I don't think many, if any, camps or divisions have tried to avail themselves of meeting with an editorial board.

An editorial board usually consists of a newspaper's publisher, its senior editor, and, if it has one, its editorial page editor. They meet regularly to decide what position the newspaper will take on controversial issues which affect their readership. They are well aware that every controversy (and anything relating to Confederate heritage is controversial) has at least two sides to it, and so, an editorial board worth its salt wants to be well-informed on all sides of an issue before it advocates a position.

The editorial board looks outside the newspaper to experts in a given field for insights into current issues. Sometimes they need help in identifying what is currently an issue. It is this group's responsibility to seek out factual information, make informed de-

cisions about what the paper's position ought to be, and to write editorials.

If you represent the SCV or some other organization that is:

- 1) not getting fair representation in your local newspaper;
- 2) involved in a controversy that is about to erupt, and has yet to receive any coverage in the newspaper or
- 3) active in other community efforts and programs, then you should consider approaching an editorial board.

If you can see that a controversy involving a local SCV matter is about to erupt, you should contact the editorial board of your local newspaper — the sooner, the better. You want to make sure that you don't find yourself on the "wrong side" of the story.

Do's

- Find out who is in charge of arranging editorial page meetings. You can look in the masthead for this information. If there is an editorial page editor, it is usually this person's job to set up the meetings. If there is no editorial page editor, call the managing editor's secretary. Ask them for other contact names. They may be able to point you in the direction of someone who has a particular interest in your issue.

- Write a letter to your contact person; this can be faxed or sent snail-mail. Keep it short — one or two pages maximum. Include in your letter who (or what) you represent, what issue or issues you would like to discuss, and why your SCV camp spokesmen is the best choice to bring that information to the table.

- Send your contact person(s) a copy of your letter, making sure their names and positions are up-to-date and accurate. If you address your letter to a previous senior editor, for example, it will likely end up in the trash.

- Follow up in a couple of days with a polite and brief phone call. At this time, you can answer any questions the editor might have. If the editorial board is interested in hearing your presentation, schedule a convenient date.

- Confirm the meeting in writing. Now you can send along background information. You should also send any information you may have outlining counter-arguments to your position. This will give the board a sense of the integrity that you bring to the issues you wish to discuss.

Don'ts

- Include a press kit or background information in your initial contact letter. It could cloud the editor's ability to decide if your organization is the best to provide pertinent information on the issue.

- Don't go casual to these meetings. Dress in business suit/sports jacket and tie.

Set Objectives for your Meeting

Decide what you want to accomplish in this meeting. Is it to provoke an editorial supporting your cause? To balance negative views of the SCV by demonstrating that you are concerned, honest, and forthright in expressing the SCV's position on the issue is based on fact and that it is on the correct side of the issue historically? To put the SCV on the paper's list of frequently contacted expert resources and information?

Setting your objectives will help you decide who should speak, what they should say, and what materials should be prepared for the meeting,

Restrict your message to three or four key points. Repeat these points in different ways throughout the meeting to make sure they stick in the minds of those to whom you speak.

Don't make the editors ask "What is it you want

us to do?" Whatever your objectives, whether you're seeking an immediate editorial or just fairer news coverage at the present or in the future, make sure you let them know.

Other Helpful Hints

Go in with only two or three camp or division spokesmen. Editorial meetings generally last an hour. You only have twenty or thirty minutes to speak. The rest of the time is usually spent answering questions from the editors. By limiting the number of speakers, you make for a clearer, more efficient meeting.

Designate one person in your group as the leader. This person will outline what is to be discussed, and then summarize your points at the end of the presentation.

Simple visual aids are helpful to most presentations. You might want to include overheads, boards and charts, etc. or even a video. (But keep it simple — the last thing you want is to spend half the meeting scrambling to hang charts and so on.) Check beforehand to make sure the meeting room can accommodate any visual aids that you bring and that, if you're using video, that they have a DVD player, or be certain to bring a player if you're planning on using video.

After the Meeting

This may seem obvious or elementary, but when the editorial board meeting is over, don't forget to say, "Thank you" for the opportunity to address them. Take the time afterwards to analyze what went right and what went wrong in the meeting. This verbal "after-action" report will be most useful in improving your presentation in the event there is a next time.

The next time some circumstance or event leads to controversial news coverage, why doesn't your camp or division consider calling for an editorial board meeting with a newspaper and/or television station? It can be a valuable tool in your public relations kit.

Yours in the Cause,

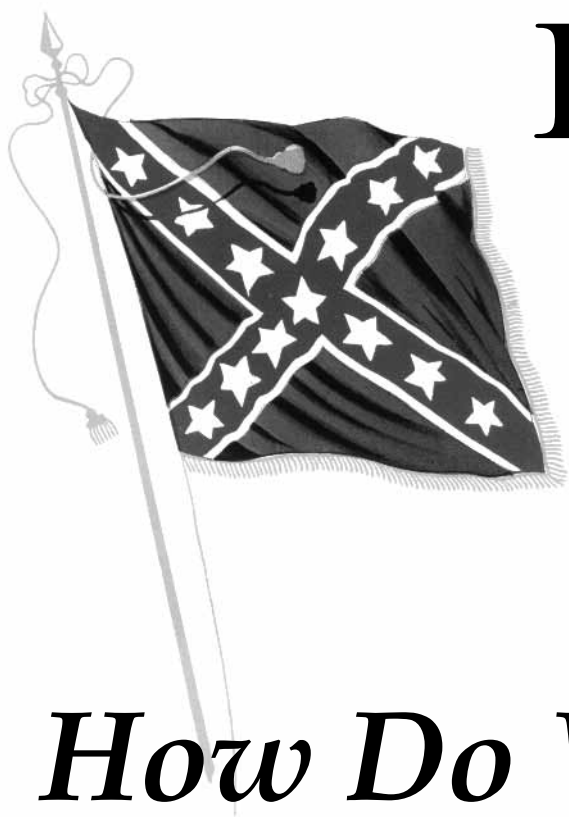
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HERITAGE DEFENSE**

How Do We Defend Our Southern Heritage?

In days when the History Channel refers to General Robert E. Lee as the most notorious general in American history; when judges arbitrarily dismiss First Amendment cases with errors in their dismissal and revisionist history is considered correct, in what safe harbor do *WE* the descending families of the old Confederate nation take refuge? With the upcoming slate of presidential candidates we can only look forward to more erosion of our First Amendment rights and, most likely, an-all out open formal demonization of all of our Confederate heroes. For many decades after the war air conditioning was not heard of. There was no great migration of different segments of the country and our people remained in the majority, and controlled the media in our section of the country. All was well for our Confederate heritage in those years. However, with the coming of this modern convenience of air conditioning came hordes of Northerners who are bent on reconstructing us to their way of thinking. These people bring no assets to our culture. However, they are

here and we have to deal with them and the PC baggage they bring.

Gentlemen, there is no safe harbor; we just have to *suck it up* and keep going. We, in the South-land have never been in the majority in any fight, and therefore we can't expect to be in that position now or in the future. It would be nice, but it is unfortunately not to be. We cannot expect to be treated fairly by judges in First Amendment rights concerning Confederate emblems. These judges are either Northern or scared to death of supporting what is right if it is opposed by the liberal left. The media? Forget them. Rarely do we get a fair shake from the media. Politicians? They're as bad as the media — they're scared of their shadow and panic at being linked with anything Confederate. If they inadvertently are, they race to the NAACP and beg forgiveness. They're really quite pathetic.

So, how *DO* we best defend? I have spent many hours considering the resolution to this question in the past two years that I have served you as your heritage defense chief. To successfully defend our

heritage we have got to begin leading more with our head rather than our emotions. In doing this at the national level over the past two years, we have seen some successes. Here is a short laundry list that I have found to be true and must be considered seriously if we are to further entrench our Confederate Heritage in the Southland. We have to do it ourselves; we can't depend on the media, politician, judges, etc.

1. We have to conserve our resources and use them effectively. In defending against any heritage violation we need to first determine the reasonable, successful outcome of our defense. To spend tens of thousands of dollars where little chance of success can be expected is merely defending for defense's sake (emotions) and not defending for success. Each time we defend and lose we strengthen the opposition. When we defend, we need to defend with all that we have and defend for success. When General George Washington asked French General Roshenbeau to combine their forces and attack General Clinton in New York, the famous French general suggested that if they were going to fight, they fight a battle they could win. They proceeded to Yorktown; we all know the outcome there. To have the British General Clinton occupy New York was humiliating to Washington but to attack him and lose would have been even more humiliating. This scenario is equally true in our situation.

2. We need to secure as many small real estate sites as possible on which to erect our flags and monuments where they are protected by private property rights and cannot be touched. The opposition cannot attack personal property rights without attacking every property owner in the country, which would be suicide for a politician or a judge.

3. We should endeavor to create a more positive image for the SCV in our individual communities, such as scholarship programs, supporting seriously ill children, etc. I know we are not a civic organization, but in an environment where we often need communities' support, we need to support the community and create a more clean-cut image.

4. We need to begin to have as many of the cur-

rent Confederate historical sites declared National Historic Landmarks as possible.

5. We need to reach out to homeschool organizations and private schools and Christian academies in order to teach the true history of the 1861-1865 period. The truth has been rejected by the public school systems.

These are the directions into which I have directed your heritage defense committee and will continue to follow, and I sincerely urge each camp and Division to follow suit.

Museum of the Confederacy

I was not prepared for the influx of comments and support I received concerning my advocating the formation of a new and independent Museum of the Confederacy at Elm Springs. Gentlemen, I sincerely appreciate the letters, phone calls and e-mails. I also would like to say I appreciated Brent Jacob's letter in the last issue of the CV, offering his support and leadership in such an endeavor. Brent is no stranger to such projects and would be a great asset in such a movement. Perhaps we can begin to move in this direction, starting at our National Reunion in July. The current MOC's articles of incorporation require that if the MOC is dissolved, the artifacts must be disbursed to museums. It might well behoove us to have such a museum in position for the reception of such artifacts over the next few decades. With the current administration and museum board I would not be surprised to see the current facilities of the MOC sold off to fund a slavery museum, especially after the last comforting remarks by the MOC's executive director to the NAACP concerning the presentation of the artifacts, the NAACP being an organization that has sworn to erase all things Confederate.

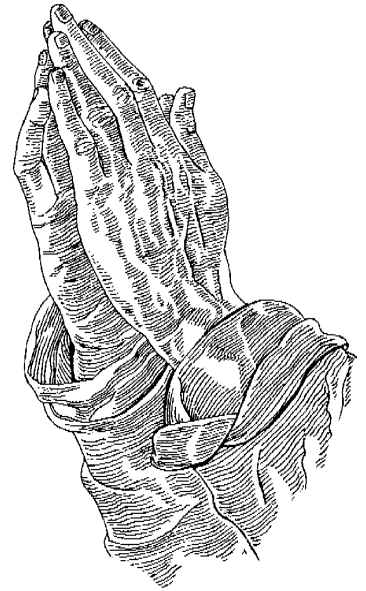
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Chaplain's Comments

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Chaplain-in-Chief



Jefferson Davis' Walk of Faith

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Part 3 — Prayer and Church Attendance

That Jefferson Davis was a man who believed in fervent prayer is attested to over and over in the life practice of this saint of God. On the morning of Davis' inauguration as president of the Confederate States of America, he was, as his wife Varina records, "on his knees in earnest prayer." She heard him praying, "for the support I need so sorely." At the end of his speech that

day, he lifted his eyes to heaven in the manner that Psalm 121 instructs us: "I will lift mine eyes unto the hill, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." With his eyes raised, he prayed, "To thee, O God, I trustingly commit myself, and prayerfully invoke thy blessings on my country and its cause."

In May of 1862, President

Davis summoned his country to ten days "of humble supplication to Almighty God that He will vouchsafe His blessings on our beloved country; that He will strengthen and protect our armies; that he watch over and protect our people from the machinations of their enemies; and that He will, in His good time, restore to us our blessing of peace and security under His sheltering care." This was not the

first, nor would it be the last, call for prayer by the president. Not only did he call for prayer, but he practiced what he proclaimed. He attended prayer services at St. Paul's on a regular basis.

Not only did Davis attend prayer services, he attended church services after the manner of Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting on another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching."

In his life, Davis was known to do some exhorting concerning those who did not attend church services.

While at the Confederate White House in Montgomery, the Davises walked to church at St. John's Episcopal, which was only a few blocks away. "The people of Montgomery remarked how they were in their pew every Sunday, near the back on the right side, and how the President walked in 'with magnificent military bearing'

carrying 'his high silk hat in his hand.' He was very devout in devotions" (Allen 277).

Regardless of where Davis lived, the practice of this Confederate President was regular attendance to God's house. In Richmond, Dr. Minnigerode could count on the Davis family to be in their place on Sunday. The good pastor said of Davis: "[He] never failed to be there" unless he was "sick or away from town."

Davis loved to be with the men in the field, though the strain of office and the many duties in Richmond did not allow him this privilege as often as he would have liked. Charlie Minnigerode's son — and aide-camp to Fitz Lee — wrote to his father Dr. Minnigerode in November of 1863 concerning one of the chief executive's visit to the troops: "They are making a big fuss over the president. He attended Mr. Hansborough's church at Orange C.H. [Court House] yesterday. He & Genl.

Lee, the two greatest men in the Confederacy, were side by side. Genl. Pendleton preached a very fine sermon."

After the war when President Davis moved to Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi, he was a regular attendee at The Church of the Redeemer. In years past, I have often sat in the pew that our great and noble President sat in. Hurricane Katrina took away this privilege by destroying the Church. And the pew that this great man used for prayer and worship is gone forever. But as members of the SCV, we hope to never let the memory of this great man and his spiritual life be forgotten.

Prayer and church attendance were not an afterthought with President Jefferson Davis. They were an integral part of his life. He did not talk of prayer and church attendance to win the favor of men; he prayed and attended church because of his love for Jehovah God and Christ His Son. ☒

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Death, in its silent, sure march is fast gathering those who I have longest loved, so that when he shall knock at my door, I will more willingly follow.

— Robert E. Lee, 1869

Confederate Images

by C.E. Avery



General Montgomery Corse

Montgomery Corse was born in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 14, 1816. During the War with Mexico, Corse served as captain of the 1st Virginia Volunteers and moved to California following the war. In 1856 Corse returned to Alexandria to establish himself in the banking business there. He organized a militia company, the Old Dominion Rifles, in 1860 and became its captain.

Following the secession of Virginia he was made major of the 6th Virginia Infantry Battalion in early 1861. Then in the spring, he was promoted to colonel and given command of the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Corse commanded this regiment during the battles of Blackburn's Ford, First Manassas, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines and in the Seven Days.

In August 1862, Corse was given command of Kemper's Brigade, Kemper's Division, 1st Corps, Army of Northern Virginia before the Battle of Second Manassas, where he was wounded. The following month he was again wounded during the Battle of South Mountain.

During the Battle of Sharpsburg he led a remnant of 56 men of his regiment into the fight, but only came out with seven, and was again wounded.

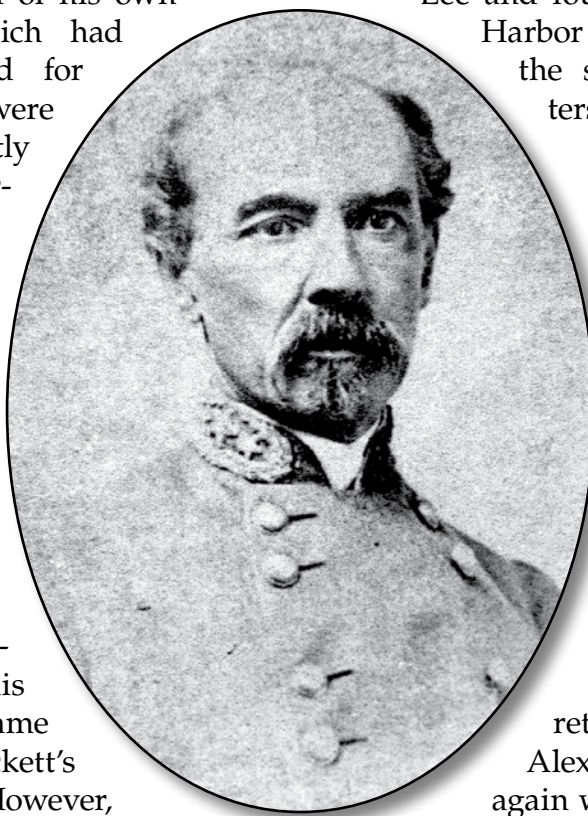
In November he was promoted to brigadier general and given command of his own brigade, which had been created for him. They were only slightly engaged during the Battle of Fredericksburg, and later accompanied Gen. Longstreet to southeastern Virginia.

Shortly before Gettysburg, his brigade became part of Pickett's Division. However, during the Gettysburg campaign, his brigade was detached to guard the vital Hanover Junction, north of Richmond. When Longstreet went to Georgia, Corse's Brigade was

again detached and sent to western Virginia. However, in January 1864, the brigade joined Pickett in attacking New Bern, North Carolina. Following this, they saw action at Drewry's Bluff before the entire division rejoined Lee and fought at Cold Harbor and through the siege of Petersburg.

Corse was captured at Sayler's Creek on April 6, 1865. He was imprisoned at Fort Warren and not released until July of that year.

Upon returning to Alexandria, he again went into the banking business. The last years of his life he was totally blind. Corse died in Alexandria on February 11, 1895 and is buried there in St. Paul's Cemetery.



President Jefferson Davis Returns to Richmond?

Your Support is Needed For Davis Statue at Tredegar

by Army of Northern Virginia Department Councilman Brag Bowling

This year marks the bicentennial of the birth of Jefferson Davis. In 2011, the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States commences. To help promote the upcoming historical commemoration, the International Sons of Confederate Veterans have commissioned world-renowned sculptor, Gary Casteel, to sculpt a fitting and dramatic statue of the man who led the South through four long years of war. This statue will remember not only Jefferson Davis but also his sons, Joe Davis and Jim Limber. Of particular interest is Jim Limber, the mistreated black child taken in during the war by the Davis family and treated as a family member. Jim Limber is truly a person lost to history in that he was captured by the Union Army and subsequently disappeared in 1865, never to be

heard of again. Our statue will correct that.

This statue is totally paid for through private contributions and will not cost taxpayers or local corporations any money. Where do we wish to place the statue? Our first choice is the Tredegar Ironworks in Richmond. Why Tredegar? Tredegar was the major cannon and

armaments center for the Confederacy and is today the headquarters of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Jefferson Davis was a frequent visitor to Tredegar. Several years ago, the Park Service allowed a statue of Abraham Lincoln and his son, Tad, to be erected at Tredegar. It is the feeling of the Sons of Confederate Veterans that a Da-

Jim Limber and The Davis Family

Just who was Jim Limber? Why was he so important to Varina and Jefferson Davis? And most importantly, why does his life and story symbolize much which has gone awry with the writing of American history? In the next few paragraphs, I will attempt to put into writing the answers to these questions.

Jim Limber was probably born around 1857-58. There doesn't seem to be any recorded history of his birth. Little is known about his circumstances until the fateful day of February 15, 1864, when Varina Howell Davis set forth for a carriage ride on the streets

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vis statue with his children will truly complement the Lincoln statue. A Davis statue would be a great educational tool for the Park Service to mentor visitors about the war and the true place of Jefferson Davis in history. It will become a tourist attraction not only for Tredegar but to the city of Richmond. And, very importantly, it will provide fairness and objectivity to the entire site. The Lincoln statue was installed under some very dubious circumstances and was the subject of public protests. The donors of the Lincoln statue, the US Historical Society, ended up losing their 501(c)3 tax status and were fined by the Commonwealth of Virginia for consumer and mail fraud. The Park Service was viewed by many Southerners as a partner with the US Historical Society. If the Park Service is truly about teaching, this is a perfect tool for their job. Next year, the academic community will go out of their way to mischaracterize, vilify and ignore Jefferson Davis. We will be given lesson after lesson about Abraham Lincoln and slavery. The SCV must step up to the plate for *OUR* Confederate President. Visitors a 100 years from now will be able to learn of our country's history with the two Presidents, Lincoln and Davis, sitting together at the historic site. And a major reason we will learn about Davis is because the Sons of Confederate Veterans fulfilled their historic Charge.

The Jefferson Davis statue is *OUR* statue. It is *OUR* honor to a great man who has been historically maligned. It is *OUR* duty and pleasure to place a lasting re-



Sculptor Gary Casteel works on the face of Jefferson Davis' son, Joseph, in his studio in Lexington, VA. Notice Jim Limber's head on the workbench behind Casteel.

minder of the greatness of Jefferson Davis in the former Capitol of the Confederacy. I ask every *MEMBER, CAMP AND DIVISION* to reach into their pockets and contribute to the cost of this important project. In 100 years your ancestors will be able to visit the statue you contributed to in 2008.

To reiterate, the addition of

the Davis statue to Tredegar will only enhance the educational opportunities at Tredegar. It will cost taxpayers nothing. It will provide some fairness and objectivity at the Tredegar site. The bill will be paid in total by the Sons of Confederate Veterans who wish only to promote accu-

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Forgotten Confederates

by James M. Miller Camp 2116, Commander Michael Chapman

In this day of political correctness, most of the government-educated and funded teachers of higher learning love ranting that there was no such thing as a Black Confederate. This would absolutely be contrary to their beliefs that all Black men and women of the South were shackled to the plantation, being whipped day in and day out. What they love to ignore is that many writers who traveled through the South both before and during the war were amazed at the sense of community between the whites and Negroes, both slaves and free men of color. What is even more impossible for many of the *politically correct* historian illusionists of today is to admit that there were many Black Confederates. One historian that is *NOT* among the *political correct* crowd is North Carolina State Archivist Earl Ijames, one of the foremost authorities on Black Confederates. Mr. Ijames is not easily discounted as are most true Southern historians of today, being called *racist* if you dare dispute the *politically correct* version of the Southern people. Mr. Ijames is a 1991 Graduate of NC State University, with a degree in history and a minor in African-American Studies and who just happens to be a Black man. Earl believes that there is "No room for political correctness in history."



Weary Clyburn

Earl has done extensive research on one of our Confederates, Mr. Weary Clyburn. Weary was a childhood friend of Frank Clyburn, growing up on the Clyburn plantation belonging to Frank's father. When Frank joined the Confederate Army, he was sent to Columbia, SC, for training. A short time later, Weary shows up in Columbia, telling Captain Clyburn that he has run away from the plantation to join him. Just how easy would it have been to just keep running to escape the plantation to join the union army? He joined his friend, the son of his master, out of a sense of loyalty and friend-

ship. Through the years of the war, Weary was Frank's bodyguard. Weary was reported to have carried the wounded Frank Clyburn off the battlefield on two different occasions, saving his life.

According to Ms. Mattie Clyburn Rice, a living daughter of Weary Clyburn, he also served General Lee towards the end of the war. Like many men during the war, Weary, a slave, chose to be part of the Confederate Army.

Weary lived the later parts of his life in Union County, North Carolina, and is buried in an unmarked grave in Monroe. The James M. Miller Camp 2116, Marshville, NC, with the help of the North Carolina Division SCV, is planning to honor Weary Clyburn. Ms. Rice and Weary's descendants will be recognized at the end of the morning business session of the SCV National Reunion in Concord, Friday, July 18. Later that day all are invited to travel 28 miles to the Hillcrest Cemetery in Monroe, NC, to dedicate a new headstone.

The ceremony begins at 3:30 PM and we need a grand amount of reenactors, cannon crews, musicians and members of the SCV.

For more information, please visit www.jamesmillerscv.org. Or call 704-385-8211.

If you would like to hear a talk by Earl Ijames, please visit www.dixieedu.org. ❏



*From left,
ANV Councilman
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Liz Groszer,
Commander-in-
Chief Chris Sullivan,
Congressman
Virgil Goode, Camp
305 Commander
Richard Hines and
Confederate Santa
Claus Bob Parker.*

Congressman Virgil Goode receives the Stephen D. Lee Award

On December 5, 2007, the Sons of Confederate Veterans were finally able to recognize one of the South's great patriots, Virginia Congressman Virgil H. Goode, Jr. (Republican, 5th District, Rocky Mount). The SCV's highest award to a non-member had been decided at our Mobile Reunion in July, 2007.

The occasion for the award was the Annual Christmas Party of the Jefferson Davis Camp 305, Alexandria, VA, held at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, VA, directly across the street from the Key Bridge Marriott, site of the highly successful Stephen Dill Lee Conference on Robert E. Lee, held last April. Camp Commander Richard Hines of the Jefferson Davis Camp put together a wonderful evening with Congressman Goode as the keynote speaker discussing Robert E. Lee. The evening was graced by Com-

mander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan, who drove all the way from Columbia, South Carolina, to present the award to Congressman Goode. Also in attendance were SCV Heritage Defense Chief Darryl Starnes and Virginia Division Commander Frank Earnest.

Why was this award presented to Virgil Goode? It would be too easy to say that he has been good to our organization and has attended Camp meetings and Virginia Division Reunions. Virgil Goode earned this honor by conducting himself in office as our forebears and Founding Fathers would want their elected representatives to behave. He has lived up to a conservative, states'-rights vision of how the United States government should be run. He has been rewarded election after election by resounding mandates from his constituents in the 5th Congressional District of Virginia. With Virgil Goode,

you know that he is a man who will represent you with honor, courage, dignity and sincerity.

It would be hard to forget when Virgil Goode stepped up to the plate during the Lincoln statue controversy in Richmond by questioning the actions of the National Park Service. For this, he was criticized in the press, but Virgil was proven correct in the long run when the Internal Revenue Service revoked the 501(c)3 non-profit status of the donors of the statue, the US Historical Society. All the rest of Virginia's politicians were nowhere to be seen. As usual.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans owe a debt of gratitude to Congressman Virgil Goode. And it was only slightly repaid at the Jefferson Davis Camp Christmas Dinner on December 5, 2007.

— Brag Bowling, Councilman,
Army of Northern Virginia





Participants in the Third Annual Confederate Heritage Youth Day pose in front of a 30-by-30-foot Confederate Battle Flag as the successful Youth Day event came to a close.

The Past Stands Proud at Youth Day Event

by Colonel Brett Boyd, Private Thomas E. Caldwell Camp 31

In reflecting on time spent over the past year as a new member of the SCV, I think of a particularly memorable occasion held in the fall of 2007 — the Third Annual Confederate Heritage Youth Day, sponsored by the Private Thomas E. Caldwell Camp 31, Clover/York, SC, the Major Egbert A. Ross Camp 1423, Charlotte, NC, and participating area camps.

The day-long educational event, held in Western York County, SC, boasted more than 300 in attendance, including 79 youngsters,

bringing together families interested in learning the true history and heritage of the Southern States and their subsequent War for Independence.

Short, informative presentations held throughout the day brought the past alive for event participants. Topics included a biographical account of John C.

Calhoun providing an historic perspective for the Constitutional battle over the right of secession and states' rights; the history and evolution of the Confederate flags; arms and armament of the WBTS, including a live-fire demonstration of a 12-pounder; a living history presentation of daily life in the Southern states

circa mid-1800s; bugle calls; uniforms of the CSA; and genealogical research tips for prospective new members.

"I saw a lot of young people, moms, dads, grandparents,

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government ..."

The Declaration of Independence



uncles and aunts being taught the truth about Confederate history and heritage. The kids were divided into groups and received the entire learning session from each of our fabulous instructors. All were very educational, interesting and well-received by everyone," commented Kirk Carter, one of the event's key organizers.

According to SCV member and instructor Mike Tuggle, "The young Southerners learned about what their ancestors fought for, and, more importantly, why. From some of the questions I received, some of their older relatives learned a thing or two as well — the astonished delight in their voices and faces was obvious, as well as gratifying. We're planting little seeds, seeds that will blossom and grow in the years to come."

As for me, I'm proud to be a member of the SCV and prouder still of those who organized this memorable event and are even now planning the

Instructive presentations and field demonstrations kept interest alive for young and old alike at the annual Youth Day event.

same for 2008. A Youth Day such as this one can be an inspiration to us all. It has been said "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." Today, the need is greater than ever to bring veracity back to this country's revisionist history — and it all begins with educating our youth to the truth about the *boys in gray*.

A member of Private Thomas Caldwell Camp 31, Clover/York, SC, Colonel Boyd publishes The Single Shot Exchange magazine, a monthly journal and emporium devoted to antique and classic firearms. The SSE, established in 1991, is headquartered in York, SC. ☒



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2008 Reunion Schedule

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July 16th - WEDNESDAY		
Title	Time	Cost
Registration and Credentials Open	12:00pm - 5:00pm	—
Vendor Set Up	12:00pm - 5:00pm	—
GEC Meeting	2:00pm - 5:00pm	—
July 17th - THURSDAY		
Title	Time	Cost
Registration and Credentials Open	8:00am - 5:00pm	—
Vendors Area Open (Gift / Wine / Relic / Antique)	8:00am - 5:00pm	—
Encampment and Living History	9:00am - 5:00pm	—
Opening Ceremony	8:30am - 9:30am	—
Business Session # 1	9:45am - 12:00pm	—
Lunch and Concert at Arena	12:00pm - 1:30pm	\$20
Bus Tour-Confederate Mount Pleasant & Reed Gold Mine	1:30pm - 6:00pm	\$25
Supper & Concert at Arena	7:00pm - 10:00pm	\$30
July 18th - FRIDAY		
Title	Time	Cost
Prayer Breakfast	7:30am - 9:00am	\$25
Registration and Credentials Open	8:00am - 5:00pm	—
Vendors Area Open (Gift / Wine / Relic / Antique)	8:00am - 5:00pm	—
Encampment and Living History	9:00am - 5:00pm	—
Business Session # 2	9:00am - 12:00pm	—
Ladies Lunch and Period Fashion Show	10:00am - 1:30pm	\$25
Lunch and Concert at Arena	12:15pm - 1:30pm	\$20
Awards Luncheon	12:15pm - 1:45pm	\$30
Educational History Talk - Subject to be determined	2:00pm - 3:00pm	—
Educational History Talk - Subject to be determined	3:30pm - 4:30pm	—
Supper & Concert at Arena	6:00pm - 8:00pm	\$30
Oratory Contest	8:00pm - Until	—
July 19th - SATURDAY		
Title	Time	Cost
Registration and Credentials Open	8:00am - 12:00pm	—
Vendors Area Open (Gift / Wine / Relic / Antique)	8:00am - 4:00pm	—
Encampment and Living History	9:00am - 5:00pm	—
Army Meetings and Voting	8:00am - 9:30am	—
Car Show	9:00am - 4:00pm	—
Business Session # 3	10:00am - 12:00pm	—
Lunch and Concert at Arena	12:15pm - 1:30pm	\$20
Deb Luncheon	12:00pm - 2:00pm	—
OCR Luncheon	12:00pm - 2:00pm	—
Voting & Announcement of Results	12:15pm - 3:30pm	—
GEC Meeting Post Convention	4:00pm - 5:30pm	—
CIC Reception	7:00pm - 8:00pm	—
Deb Presentation / Ball / Banquet	8:00pm - 12:00am	\$65



2008 Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion

Jonas Cook Camp 888

Event Information

Please be advised that there aren't any restaurants near the Cabarrus Arena. We are providing meals and entertainment every day of the reunion so that you will not have to travel to eat lunch and supper. It would be difficult to leave the arena, drive to eat and return in time for the next meeting. The arena has a great chef and the food is not the typical *rubber food*. In fact, you will love the meals. We are serving great food and providing wonderful entertainment at a reasonable price. Please join us each day at lunch and supper for all the fun and festivities.

The Ladies' Fashion Show on Friday will have authentic as well as reproduction clothing displayed and modeled. Discussions will center on answering *Why they wore what they did*. Lunch is also provided.

This year's GRAND BALL will also be different, held in a large facility within the Cabarrus Arena. There will be plenty of room to eat, socialize, and dance. Music will be provided by Un-reconstructed. If you haven't heard them, then you must attend. A grand buffet is planned for us by the wonderful chef at the arena. The theme for the ball is *Under the Southern Cross*, complete with a huge Battle Flag overhead. The arena facility is going all-out to decorate the grand ball room, as they want this to be part of their advertising in the future. If you have never been to an SCV ball, this will be the one to attend. If you've been to previous balls, this one *will* be different. For the ball, you can dress in period clothing or cocktail attire (suit & tie and evening dress).

Some of you have registered for the reunion only. You have not, as yet, registered for meals, concerts, awards luncheons, ladies' luncheons, tours, or the banquet and ball. We know that all these events will be fun and entertaining: we strongly encourage you to register for each and every one. All of these things give you a chance to visit with your friends, many of whom you only see at these reunions.

The *Pride of the South* show is a new concept for an SCV reunion. This year we will have a vendors' area that will be much larger than those during previous reunions. There will be vineyards selling North Carolina wines. We will have gift vendors selling toys, all kinds of great gifts, handbags, jewelry, etc. There will be relic dealers selling war-related items such as reunion pins, letters from soldiers, maps, antique guns, canteens, autographs, bullets and photos.

Visit antique dealers, cosmetic vendors, booksellers and vendors selling Confederate items such as flags, pins, bumper stickers and car tags. We will have a T-shirt vendor who can make a custom T-shirt just for you. The NRA will be having a silent auction and passing out literature.

Come see the *Hunley* submarine exhibit and meet the people who work for the Friends of the *Hunley*. Let them tell you about all the new developments. Visit the *Dukes of Hazzard* exhibit and see Roscoe P. Coltrane's sheriffs car, one of the jump cars used in the movie, and a car used in the original TV series. Sit in the jump car and pretend you're the driver. Have your photo taken with each of the cars.

Come meet Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson (in person) and have your picture taken with each of these great Confederate generals. Now that would be something to show off to your friends.

Join reenactors, see them drill, visit their camp and see first-hand how the Confederate soldier lived each day. They might even have to fight it out with some encroaching Yankees. Come hear their stories of war.

On Saturday, there will be an antique car show. See beautiful restored vintage cars on display and talk to the men who own them. There may even be some high-dollar motorcycles there also.

The *Pride of the South* show is free for all registered SCV members. All other people, guests and spouses must pay to enter. Tickets can be purchased by everyone else the following ways:

Daily Ticket for persons 15 and older – \$8.00 per day

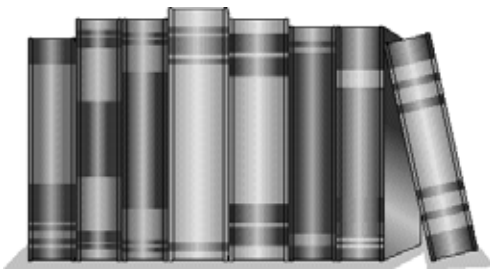
Daily Ticket for persons 14 and younger – \$5.00 per day

There are also 3-day tickets available – \$20.00 (Adults 15 and up)

There are also 3-day tickets available – \$10.00 (14 and younger)

The Tour this year will take you to Reed Gold Mine, to the Eastern Cabarrus History Museum, Historic Mt. Pleasant and then to St. John's Lutheran Church for a memorial service. The bus will leave from the Cabarrus Arena and return you there. There will be places provided to change clothes in case you want to put on something more *comfy* for the tour. There will be some walking, so bring comfortable shoes.

Please see more details along with food menus and prices at www.jonascookcamp.com



Books in Print

Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists

Communism is something usually associated with the Soviet Union or Cuba; seldom is it associated with the Republican Party in the 1800s, or for that matter, the United States. Yet, in *Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists*, Walter Kennedy and Al Benson explore this association prior to and during the War Between the States. According to their research, there were numerous communist and socialistic communities in the United States fifty years after the US Constitution. "With the failure of the socialist revolution of 1848 in Europe, the United States became the place of asylum for an increasing number of radical socialists." According to Theodore Draper, "They set about duplicating their old-world allegiances in their new homeland."

One question the authors discussed is "Why did these radical socialists feel a kinship with Abraham Lincoln and share the desire for the destruction of the South?" Many aspects are investigated. It was shocking to discover that Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels participated in the War Between the States by serving as propaganda agents for the North in Europe because they felt secession was unlawful. Many of their writings also assume that slavery was the root evil of the war.

It is noted in the introduction "We

are not attempting to prove that either the Republican Party or Lincoln was at heart socialist or communist...As far as we can determine, Lincoln was never a member of any communistic society. Yet, socialists and communists did find something about Lincoln and the Republican Party that attracted them."

By reading this book, the reader delves into a world that is rarely discussed by historians. Evidence is uncovered to shed light on this little-known topic. With many primary sources and creditable secondary sources, the research supports the theses.

Author: Walter D. Kennedy and Al Benson, Jr.
Publisher: iUniverse
2021 Pine Lake Road, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68512
Paperback \$22.00

Review by Cassie A. Barrow

Sidelights and Lighter Sides of the War Between the States

Author Ralph Green has, indeed, compiled and served up "A Feast of History Cooked Up in Small Bites!"

A native Texan, Green is a descendant of several Confederate Veterans and a past commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Author Green has interestingly divided up his "Small Bites" into sections called "Appetizers," "Main Dishes," and "Desserts."

Green dispels the federal truth about the opening shot of the War Between the States. When Beauregard fired on Fort Sumter, under terms of an agreement between the State of South Carolina and the US Government, the Fort had reverted back to South Carolina.

The following quotes will intrigue all Southerners:

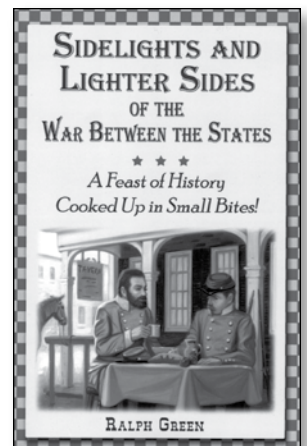
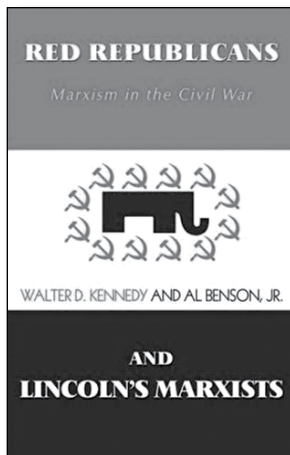
No Wonder We Had to Fight. "When asked, 'Why not let the South go in Peace?' Abraham Lincoln replied, 'I can't let them go. Who would pay for the government?'"

Prayer of a Texas Ranger. Texas Ranger Captain Jerome B. McGowan in 1846: "Oh Lord! We are about to do battle with vastly superior numbers of the enemy, and Heavenly Father, we would mightily like for you to be on our side and help us, but if you can't do it, for Christ sake don't go over to the enemy, but just lie low and you'll see one of the damndest fights you ever saw in all your life. Amen."

First Shot at Bethel. "According to the *State Journal* in Raleigh, NC, June 26, 1861, and *Clark's North Carolina Troops*, Vol. 1, page 96, the first shot fired at Bethel by a member of Captain Ashe's Company

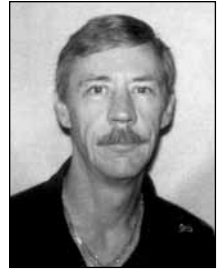
D was by Sam Mayo, a black servant of Lieutenant R. B. Saunders. The shot was fired at Major Theodore Winthrop, a member of Butler's staff, who was leading a charge of Massachusetts and Vermont troops."

Made Jackasses of the Yanks. "On August 28, 1862, while attacking Stonewall Jackson near Groveton, VA, the federals placed a mountain howitzer opposite the 15th Louisiana. The continuing howitzer barrage really enraged the Southerners. After repelling an attack by the New York Infantry, they



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Hallowed Ground



Graves & Monuments Committee
Mike Mitchell – Chairman

Dear Friends and Compatriots,

For the one-percenters or cemephiles who follow my column, you may have noticed that there was no article in the last issue. With the passing of my mother, her interment in Arlington National Cemetery, the family dynamics of five sisters and the closing of her estate, I had to put family first and, unfortunately, SCV matters slipped a bit. Now that I have my life back, I'm trying to get back on track as quickly as I can as the National Reunion is fast approaching. My apologies for any delays or complications.

If you have any nominations for the National Graves Award, please submit them to your National Committeeman for your Division. Please go to scv.org/graves for the qualifications, and read them carefully. If you are a graves committeeman, nominations for your choice for the National Graves Award are due. These need to be submitted to me for compilation and then submitted to the commander-in-chief for his approval.

Preservation Notes

Setting priorities

In the real world of preservation, setting priorities can be one

of the harder tasks. You tend to get tunnel vision, and with too many small projects in mind, the more important projects are often overlooked. Documenting and surveying your complete site is the best way to start. It's really hard and confusing to go back later and recreate the documentation. If you need site-survey forms and project forms, please go to my web site scv.org/graves and look in the *Archives* section. Remember to photograph *everything* before and after any project.

A survey is best done the day before any work weekend — say on a Friday — so on Saturday and Sunday you can sit everyone down and review each project and assign jobs according to the individuals' skills levels and physical strengths.

The next step is where I break with tradition on the standard norm of preservation, as I'm sure you do also. At the end of the day or your session, sit down with your records and review them from an overall perspective. Look at the entire site. This is where I break the norm. I pull all Confederate Veterans, children and anything with a cross or having to do with the church — like the grave of a chaplain or priest — into its own category. I

look at these projects as one collective unit and the site or complete cemetery as a second collection.

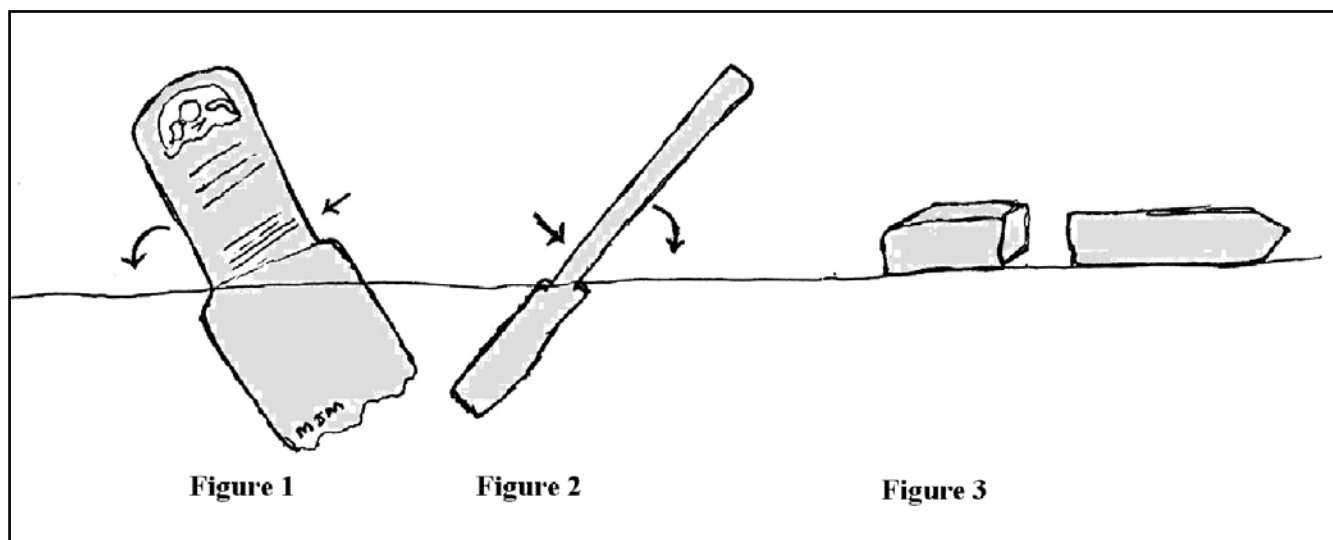
Sort your projects into three categories: *simple*, *difficult* and *technical*.

Simple projects consist of erecting signs, clearing small shrubs and weeds, grading roadways, paths or family plots.

Difficult projects consist of resetting stones that have fallen, stones that have sunken and need to be raised and stones engulfed in tree trunks,

Technical projects involve any problems such as a broken stone, one that is toppled and weighs two tons; any monument restoration or box tombs that have collapsed are best handled by a professional.

Unmarked Confederate Veterans' graves always top my list of priorities. This requires research in cemetery records, military records and library/court documents. The grave site should always be marked with a Southern Cross of Honor or a name plaque of some sort before properly marking with a formal gravestone. Even a fieldstone with the soldier's initials carved or scratched on is acceptable for a temporary solution. Site restoration such as filling any depres-



sion or removal of opportunistic vegetation should be done.

Requests of family members and caretakers/sextons should also be high on the list. These projects are not from an endangered standpoint, but from a public relations standpoint. Consider these as you will, but I tend to put them fairly high as they will reap benefits in other ways in the future.

Part of resetting stones is knowing which ones to work on and which ones not to touch. In *figure 1*, it's not at risk of falling, or more importantly, breaking. It should be left alone as you could scratch it or damage it in some way. The stone in *figure 2* should be reset. Gravity is pushing on thin material (usually marble or slate) and these stones are easily broken or at high risk of toppling. These also extend into the site, putting them at risk of maintenance workers hitting them with mowers. This one

takes precedence. *Figure 3* may need to wait for another day until you get a mechanical lift or have some young, strong individuals for lifting.

Choose your projects well and prioritize them. Remember the three unwritten laws from Murphy: the time you need for any project should be doubled because you always run into some unforeseen situation; when you dig a hole and fill it with cement or a marker, you still always need additional dirt, so have a source for more; and always have a source of additional water because you will need a lot of it. If anyone can figure where the dirt goes and why you always need more, please let me know.

In closing, I would like to mention *A Graveyard Preservation Primer* by Lynette Strangstad as recommended reading. This is a great resource for now and the future. It can be ordered

from the Association for Grave-stone studies at www.gravestone-studies.org/store/books/preservation_information.htm

Genealogy Quips

I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNEflower.

Epitaphs

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: Here lies an Atheist / All dressed up / And no place to go.

Please note my new e-mail address, and carrier.

Yours in Preservation and Southern Pride,

Mike Mitchell
Chairman, Graves and
Monuments Committee

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Army of Northern Virginia



On July 21, 2007, the **General Richard H. Anderson Camp 47**, Beaufort, SC, placed an SC Historical Marker at Rose Hill Plantation mansion in Bluffton, SC. Camp Commander Walt Lineberger shared the ceremony with owners Robin and Rusty White, who recently spent 10 years restoring this rare example of Gothic Revival residential architecture. Pictured are Camp 47 members with owner, Mrs. Robin White.



The chartering ceremony for the **3rd South Carolina Cavalry Co. I Camp 131**, Edisto, SC, was held on Monday, October 22, 2007, at the home of Tom and Lois Anderson. Camp members include Charles Boozer, Cliff Songer, Frank Cone, Charlie Boozer, Tom Anderson, Camp Commander Jim Arnett, Henry Hixson, Frank Graydon, Stan LaTorre, Joe Dreher, John Cork, Sam Todd, Laverne Mattox and Bill Davies (not in picture).



Compatriot Terry Routh, a member of the **Captain Winfield Scott Lineberry Camp 92**, Asheboro, NC, participated in the Australian 3rd National American Civil War Reenactment in Cooma, NSW, Australia. He is the first Confederate on the left — and the only one in the group with a Confederate ancestor.



On November 10, 2007, the **Fayetteville Arsenal Camp 168**, Fayetteville, NC, and friends participated in the annual Veteran's Day Parade down Hay Street in Fayetteville, NC. Participation included a color guard, reenactors, a float, and members of the 11th NC Regimental band. The band played an outstanding version of *Dixie* as they passed the viewing stand. Spectators responded with claps, cheers, photos and flag-waving.



In August 2007, Camp Commander Mark Sheppard, Compatriot Bobby Waldrop and Lt. Commander Marshall Cooper stand in front of a **Captain Moses Wood Camp 125**, Gaffney, SC, recruiting table set up to sell tickets for a print at the Ed Brown Rodeo.



The **Thomasville Rifles Camp 172**, Thomasville, NC, presented a medical living history in the Confederate Square section of the Thomasville City Cemetery. Pictured are James Casselbury, Ransom Autry, James Mills, Michael Lashley, Joshua Miles and Camp Commander Terry Gray.

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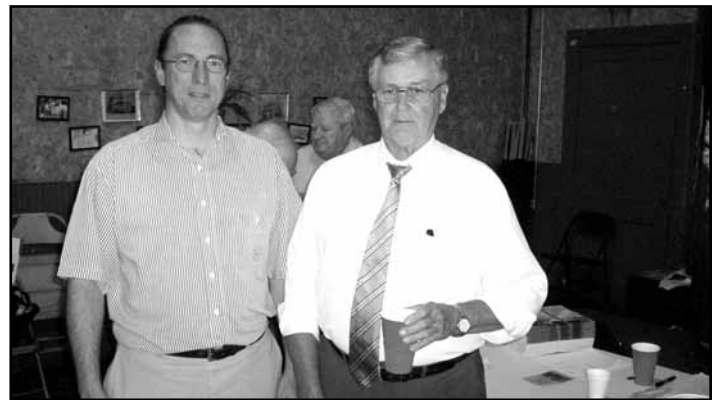
Pictured is Colonel Bill Hollingsworth, past commander of the **Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp 273**, Columbia, SC, at Camp Slayer, Iraq. The building on his left is the unfinished "Victory Over America" monument, the name given to it by Saddam. It was never finished. In actuality, it was hit by us several times in 2003. The building on his right is a mosque.



On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the **J. Johnston Pettigrew Camp 1401**, Lenoir, NC, attended the 25th Annual Molasses Festival in Dudley Shoals, NC, where they distributed literature and information packets related to the SCV. Pictured from left, Camp Adjutant Ed Boldin and Camp Chaplain Dan Kincaid.



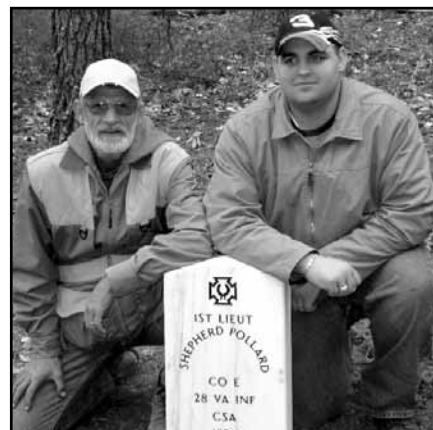
Since 1987 the **Colonel Harry W. Gilmor Camp 1388**, Baltimore, MD, Color Guard has led the Confederate Brigade at the annual Remembrance Day Parade at Gettysburg, and on November 17, 2007, the Gilmor Guard led it again, for the 51st annual observance. Pictured from left, Russell Justice, Bob Lyons, Ron Glazier, Wayne Cofiell and Steve Smith.



Pictured is the newest member of the **General States Rights Gist Camp 1451**, Bogansville, SC, Ron Crowley (left), with Camp Commander Bill Berry at their June 3, 2007, meeting.



The 2007 Annual Southern Heritage Youth Day, sponsored by the **Rivers Bridge Camp 842**, Fairfax, SC, was a success. Compatriot Bart Chassereau is shown presenting the history of The Battle of the Bridges. Many in attendance believed the program to be the best of the three annual youth days.



David Lamb, left, of the **Botetourt Artillery Camp 1701**, Buchanan, VA and Camp Commander Jacob Watkins, right, of the **28th Virginia Infantry Camp 491**, Roanoke, VA, pose at the newly installed marker for Lt. Shepherd Pollard, of the 28th VA Infantry Company E. Lt. Pollard's grave is located in the Carvins Cove Watershed in Roanoke County, VA.

South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania Divisions



On July 15, 2007, members of the **Rocky Face Rangers Camp 1948**, Taylorsville, NC, held a service of dedication for new VA headstones erected for three Confederates buried at the Old Kerleytown Cemetery in Taylorsville, NC. The three veterans are Pvt. Lafayette Kerley, Co. H, 58th NC; Pvt. Squire Pinkney Kerley, Co. H, 29th NC; Pvt. Nelson Kerley, Co. H, 55th NC. Pictured are descendants of Pvt. Lafayette Kerley.



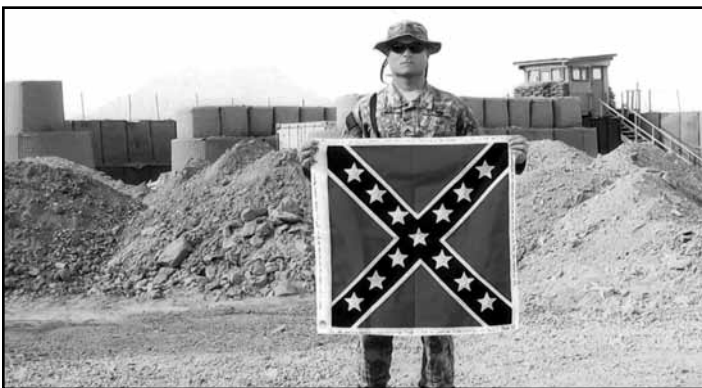
On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the **Major General Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805**, Spotsylvania, VA, held their annual tombstone-cleaning in the Spotsylvania Confederate Cemetery. Three groups assisted this time: the **Captain William L. Day Camp 2091**, Locust Grove, VA, the Fredericksburg Chapter 163, UDC and the Nannie Seddon Barney Chapter 23, Children of the Confederacy, in Fredericksburg.



On August 4, 2007, members of the **Delaware Grays Camp 2068**, Seaford, DE, marched in the Milton, DE, 200th anniversary parade to frequent cheers from residents of this Southern Delaware town. Front row, from left, friends of the camp Ashton Bradley, Ashley Ayers and Lauren Bradley. Back row, Cadet member / Rifleman Justin Ayers, flag-bearers Jeff Plummer Jr., Billy Brittingham and Terry Ayers.



Pictured are members of the **Lt. Colonel Robert H. Archer Camp 2013**, Havre de Grace, MD and the MD Division Color Guard at the annual northeast Christmas parade, held on December 1, 2007, in Cecil County, Maryland.



Pictured is Corporal Fred L. Dantzler, IV, son of Compatriot Fred L. Dantzler, III, a member of the **Secession Camp 4**, Charleston, SC, in Afghanistan, serving with DET 1, 1st 118th Infantry.



On October 20, 2007, members of the **Captain William L. Day Camp 2091**, Locust Grove, VA, attended a reception following a grave-marking ceremony in memory of Fredericksburg Chapter 163 UDC Real Daughter Brooke Snead. Fredericksburg Chapter UDC President Jill Simmons, presented the camp with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support. From left, **Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp 1722**, Fredericksburg, VA member Charlie Embrey, **John M. Jordan Camp 581**, South Boston, VA member George Randall, Joe Wright, John Sawyer, Jill Simmons, Craig Rains and David Bailey.



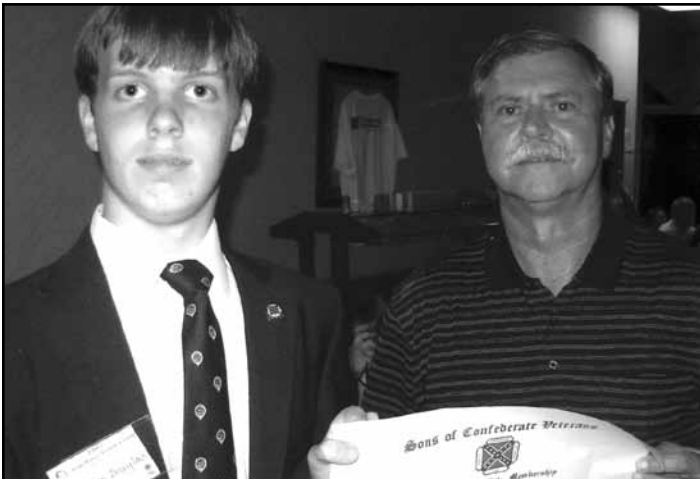
Army of Northern Virginia



At the WV Division UDC Convention in Charlestown, WVA, **Battle of Sharpsburg Camp 1582**, Sharpsburg, MD, Commander G. Jerry Bayer was presented the Jefferson Davis Medal on September 8, 2007.



The **MD Division** Color Guard attended the dedication for new headstones for Captain William D. Brown of the 4th MD Artillery, and Captain Victor J. St. Martin of the 8th LA, Co, K, Infantry. Both captains were killed July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg. **Gilmor Camp 1388** Commander Mike Williams found the graves and marked them with new stones after they lay unmarked for 144 years. Captain St. Martin's was found after an SCV member in LA saw Commander Williams' article in *Confederate Veteran* about Confederate Hill in Baltimore, and he sent an e-mail seeking his ancestor's grave. Mike found it, and that is SCV in action!



Fourteen-year-old Compatriot Dodds Douglas, a member of the **Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow Camp 859**, Manning, SC, receives his Life Membership certificate from SC Division Commander Randy Burbage at the 2007 Sam Davis Youth Camp in Leesville, SC.



The **Colonel John Sloan Camp 1290**, Greensboro, NC, collected and delivered 375 cans of food to the Salvation Army food pantry on December 20, 2007. Pictured from left, Jack Brame, Bill Jones and Camp Commander Don Saunders.

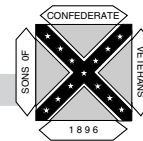


On November 4, 2007, at the Oronoco Church of the Brethren in Amherst County, VA, members of the SCV and UDC honored Private Clement Jordan Lipscomb, a member of the 18 VA Infantry. Camps participating were the **Nelson Grays Camp 2123**, Nelson County, VA; **Appomattox Rangers Court House Camp 1733**, Appomattox, VA; and the **Summers-Koontz Camp 490**, Luray, VA.



The **Brigadier General Samuel McGowan Camp 40**, Laurens, SC, held its annual stuffed-animal drive at Christmas to help the Laurens County Sheriff's Department. Pictured from left, Laurens County Sheriff Ricky Chastain, Robert Roper III, Camp Commander Gary Davis and Jim Yates.

Army of Tennessee



Kim Cullars, commander of the **CSS Florida Camp 102**, Orlando, FL, stands in front of Admiral Semmes' house as part of the services for the unknown sailor of the **CSS Alabama** on Saturday, July 28, 2007. He was the color bearer for the Navy/Marine detachment. His wife Debbie took 118 photos, including this one.



Vernon R. Padgett, adjutant for the **General John Bell Hood Camp 1208**, Los Angeles, CA, and SCV Mechanized Cavalry Member visited Germany for five weeks. Compatriot Achim Bansch, a member of the **Kirby Smith Camp 1209**, Jacksonville, FL, and the only German SCV Mechanized Cavalry Member, used the opportunity to meet him before his flight back to America on August 14, 2007.



The **Major W.M. Footman Camp 1950**, Ft. Myers, FL, participated in the Bonita Springs, FL, 4th of July Parade. More than 700 Battle Flags were distributed, and, as always, the Footman Camp was the hit of the parade.



In May 2007, the **John Hance O'Steen Camp 770**, Trenton, FL, along with the FL Division, sponsored the Memorial Day event at Bronson Motor Speedway. Seven different SCV Camps, UDC, C of C and OCR Chapters were present. Back row from left, Jim Parks, Emery Thrift, Donald Stone, Lindon Lindsey, Tommy Allen, Skee Hutson, Tim Brown and Archie Matthews. Front row from left, Lindsey Hutson, Annette Lindsey-Hutson, Star Thrift and Clement Lindsey.



On April 28, 2007, the **Lt. Colonel Thomas M. Nelson Camp 141**, Albany, GA, along with other camps in the Southwest Georgia area, hosted their annual Confederate Memorial Day service. The service was attended by real son David Hunter, pictured here at the microphone. Compatriot Hunter's father, Elijah Hunter, fought with the 12th Georgia Militia and was a frontier doctor.

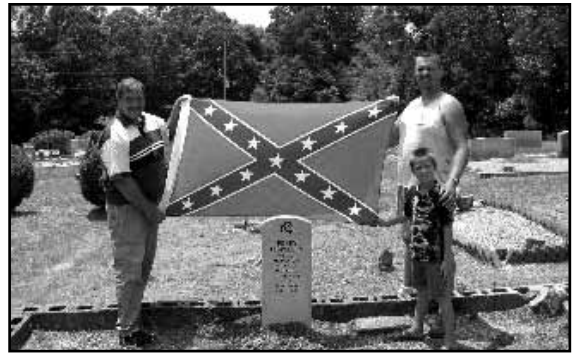


Shown at the grave of Colonel David Lang in Tallahassee, FL, is Commander Bob Hurst of the **Colonel David Lang Camp 1314**, Tallahassee, FL. The camp placed a cross of honor at the grave of Colonel Lang. Note the historic marker. Colonel Lang (CSA) became General Lang after the war, upon his appointment as adjutant general of the Florida Militia by Governor Edward A. Perry, a former Confederate general himself.

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Pictured at the **Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424**, Gainesville, FL, Lee-Jackson Banquet held on February 10, 2007. From left, FL Division 8th Brigade Commander Harry Hurst; Camp 1424 Commander Fred Donaldson; FL Division 2nd Lt. Commander Bob Hurst, keynote speaker; and FL Division 7th Brigade Commander Clement Lindsey.



A family tribute to their Confederate ancestor, Perry Lewallen, 4th GA Cavalry State Guards, Blue Ridge Tiger Regiment, in the Lewallen family plot at the Hickory Flat UMC Cemetery in Banks County, GA. Pictured from left, Ron Nichols Sr., Ron Nichols Jr. and grandson Hunter Nichols. Ron Sr. and Ron Jr. are members of the **Robert E. Lee Camp 1383**, Sarasota-Bradenton, FL.



On May 12, 2007, the **General Ben Hardin Helm Camp 1703**, Elizabethtown, KY, erected a Confederate gravemarker for Edward Gregory, who is buried at the Lewisport City Cemetery in Kentucky. He was a member of Co. G, 9th KY Infantry Regiment. Pictured from left, Geoff Walden, Jesse Clark, Tim Bowman, John Eastridge and John Clark.



The **Captain Thomas W. Patton Camp 2021**, Boardman, OH, participated at Heritage Days in Mahoningtown, OH. From left, Adjutant Mike Lawson as General Stonewall Jackson, Lt. Commander Mitch Riggs, Flag Bearer Mitch Riggs III, George Brister and Camp Commander Ron Johnson as General Nathan Bedford Forrest.



Pictured is the **Private E.F. Arthur Camp 1783**, Corbin, KY, Honor Guard, the 5th KY Volunteer Infantry, taken during the Nibroc Parade held in Corbin, KY, in August 2007. A float constructed by Compatriot Moses Hamblin was in front of the honor guard. The parade and float were met with nothing but cheers as Corbin welcomed Confederate Heritage.



The **General George "Tig" Anderson Camp 2038**, Covington, GA, received its first application for Cadet Membership at its June, 2007, meeting. Shown from left, Camp Commander Danald Johns, Cadet Recruit Alton Lutz and Camp Adjutant Jim Leathers, Alton's grandfather.

Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin Divisions



On November 15, 2007, S & G Custom Cycles, along with **Roderick, Forrest's War Horse Camp 2072**, Spring Hill, TN, sent their seventh Dixie Care Package to the troops serving in Iraq. This package was sent to one of their customers, Captain Guy Jester, who is now serving his second tour of duty. Captain Jester will share the 80-pound box of items to the men in his company.



At a recent meeting of the **Lt. Colonel William Luffman Camp 938**, Chatsworth, GA, Camp Commander Steve Hall, center, presented membership certificates to George G. Glenn, Jr. and James E. Luffman.



Members of the Mary Kate Patterson Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose; the **Sam Davis Camp 1293**, Brentwood, TN; the **Colonel Randal W. McGavock Camp 1713**, Hermitage, TN; the **Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034**, Fairview, TN; the **General Joseph E. Johnston Camp 28**, Nashville, TN; the **General Robert Hatton Camp 723**, Lebanon, TN; and the **Roderick, Forrest's War Horse Camp 2072**, Spring Hill, TN, all marched down Broadway in Nashville, TN, Battle Flags flying and rifle salutes reverberating off the downtown buildings during the 2007 Veterans' Day Parade.



Two Tennessee state senators recently requested a tour of Elm Springs, SCV General Headquarters. Pictured from left, Executive Director Ben Sewell; Senator Jim Tracy of Shelbyville, TN; Senator Bill Ketron of Murfreesboro, TN; and **TN Division Commander Michael Bradley**. Commander Bradley presented each senator with a copy of his book, *Forrest's Escort*.



Pictured is Compatriot Zach Apel, a member of the **N. B. Forrest Camp 215**, Memphis, TN, attending a camp meeting while home on leave from the US Marine Corps. Compatriot Apel has served two tours of duty in Iraq and is currently preparing for his third tour.



The **General David E. Twiggs Camp 1462**, Wauchula, FL, held an Iron Cross Dedication led by Camp Commander Leon Arthur. Pictured from left, Graylin Smith, **Major William M. Footman Camp 1950**, Ft. Myers, FL, Commander Robert Gates, Commander Perry and Leon Arthur.



Army of Tennessee



The **General Robert A. Toombs Camp 932**, Vidalia, GA, held its annual Christmas covered-dish supper on December 4, 2007, at the Lyons Presbyterian Church. Real Son Charles McDonald, a resident of Tarrytown, GA, was in attendance along with his wife Betty, daughter Diane Cox, granddaughter Joni Cox and grandson Tyler Cox. Pictured from left, Geraldine Johnson, Betty McDonald and Real Son John McDonald.



At left is AL Division Northwest Brigade Commander Steve Turner with **AL Division** Commander Leonard Wilson, center, with Rick Harris of the Houston Historical Society at the old Houston Jail in Winston County. They reviewed a proposal for a monument to be erected on the site honoring Governor Winston, for whom the county is named. He was the first native born governor of Alabama.



Members of the **Colonel William M. Bradford/Colonel J. G. Rose Camp 1638**, Morristown, TN, attended the Stonewall Jackson birthday celebration at the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, VA, on January 21, 2008. Pictured at Jackson's gravesite is Lynn Harrell and Tony Trent.



The **Roswell Mills Camp 1547**, Roswell, GA, made a donation of the *Georgia Confederate State Roster* to the Bell Research Center, sponsored by the **Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642**, Cumming, GA. The donation was made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Joseph K. Lombino. Pictured from left, Ted Brooke, Howard Bryant, Camp 1547 Commander Jerry Maddox and Camp 1642 Commander Frank Clark.

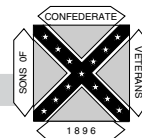


On January 19, 2008, the **Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp 207**, Waynesboro, GA, held their annual Lee/Jackson Banquet at the Burke County Office Park. Pictured is incoming Camp Commander Jim Reeves, right, presenting a plaque to outgoing Camp Commander David Moncus for his many years of dedicated service to the camp.



William Thomas Overby/Coweta Guards Camp 715, Newnan, GA, Commander Mike Webb and his wife Dianne visited the grave of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest in Memphis, TN, and displayed a GA secession flag that had flown over Fort Jackson in Savannah, GA.

Army of Trans-Mississippi



Members of the **Arkansas Division** gathered at Mount Holly Cemetery on Saturday, January 5, 2008, to mark the 144th anniversary of the hanging of a 17-year-old boy by Union forces occupying Little Rock. The boy, David O. Dodd, is known as Arkansas' Boy Martyr of the Confederacy. Division Commander Charles Durnett said about 100 participants, plus spectators, attended the Mount Holly event, which has been held for 28 years.



The AZ Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its annual convention at the Starr Pass Country Club in Tucson. At the event Division President Mrs. Ella Stone Mears presented "Ella's Heroes" awards to four gentlemen who have assisted her in her administration. They are, from left, Paul Mears, adjutant of **Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202**, Tucson, AZ; William Barrett (his daughter accepted the award for him); Past AZ Division Commander Bobby Morris and AZ Division Adjutant Curt Tipton.



Pictured is Sergeant Jeff Yeatman, a member of the **Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp 614**, Independence, MO. Jeff serves in Co. B, 1-508th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division, out of Ft. Bragg, NC. This picture was taken on January 5, 2008, after taking the town of Musa Qaleh, Afghanistan, back from the Taliban. His platoon was instrumental in that battle, and it was a hard-fought victory. Jeff is a squad leader in 3rd Platoon.



The **Captain Ike Turner Camp 1275**, Livingston, TX, welcomes new cadet member Art Maxwell Jr. Welcoming Art Jr. from left, Adjutant Dr. Craig Reese, Mike Farrar, Art Maxwell Sr. and Camp Commander Wade Nail.



Frank Morris and sons Ben Morris of the **Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642**, Cumming GA, Hank Morris of the **Isaac Newton Giffen Camp 758**, Black Mountain, NC, and Mac Morris of **A. M. Hobby Camp 713**, Corpus Christi, TX, honored their great-great-grandfather Thomas Whigham, of 6th Alabama Cavalry, with a Southern Cross of Honor on September 16, 2007. From left, Ben Morris, Frank Morris, Hank Morris and Mac Morris.



Members of the **Lt. General Richard Taylor Camp 1308**, Shreveport, LA, joined other veterans' organizations to celebrate Memorial Day at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bossier City, LA. From left, ATM Councilman Chuck McMichael, Wilbur Snellings, Will Mason, Steve Shipp, Evan McMichael, John Long, Bobby Herring and Camp Commander David Hill.

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The **William H. L. Wells Camp 1588**, Plano, TX, sponsored a reenactment to raise money for the Smith County Historical Society and Boy Scouts. Pictured are school children experiencing living history.



The **CSS Virginia Camp 2062**, Ventura County, CA, booth at the November 10-11, 2007, Moorpark Blue and Gray Reenactment in Moorpark, CA. On the right, spectators view the SCV recruitment video, *All But Their Honor* via laptop computer. On the left, Camp Lt. Commander Bryan Walls is on a wireless Internet connection performing a search for a patron's War Between the States ancestor's military records.



The **Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710**, Sierra Vista, AZ, inducted its newest (and youngest) member at the conclusion of the Helldorado Days Parade in Tombstone on October 21, 2007. Derek Dumais proudly displays his membership certificate as, from left, Herb Sampson, Rich Montgomery, John Mangum and Curt Tipton look on.



Pictured is **Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074**, Tombstone, AZ, Compatriot Joe Dunlap receiving his membership certificate at the camp's December 2007 meeting.



Pictured are members of the **Colonel Joseph C. Porter Camp 2055**, Shelbyville, MO, who marched in the Shelbyville Parade with Miss Kelsi Little of Shelbyville, who is running for Miss Teen Missouri.



The **Brigadier General J.J. Alfred A. Mouton Camp 778**, Opelousas, LA, stand with food items collected at its Annual Christmas Food Drive held in December. All items collected were donated to the ICONS Food Bank in Opelousas. Pictured from left, David Delhomme; Charles Lauret; Joel Irby, Sr.; Joel Irby, Jr.; George Gremillion; David Richard; Mark Langley and Elward Landry, Sr.

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On December 5, 2007, Billy Ford, a member of the **J.L. Halbert Camp 359**, Corsicana, TX, and chairman of the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historical Site Society, Inc., accepted a state flag that had flown over the State Capitol from Texas Governor Rick Perry in a ceremony at the State Capitol. The flag flew on January 1, 2008, at the Reunion Grounds when the property was transferred to the TX Historical Commission.



On January 19, 2008, Confederate Heroes Day, the **Cross of Saint Andrew Camp 2009**, Alto, TX, held their sixth-annual celebration in honor of General Robert E. Lee's birthday. The camp held a ceremony at the Cherokee County Confederate monument and then dedicated a new gravemarker for Private Quinn C. Looney, Co. C, 18th TX Infantry.



Cecil Huge Pegues, a charter member of the **Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983**, Decatur, TX, passed away on October 4, 2007. Pictured is Compatriot Royce Raven presenting the camp's resolution of sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Sallie Pegues, on November 1, 2007.



Pictured are members of the **Hill Country Camp 1938**, Fredericksburg, TX, at the marker-dedication ceremony on January 12, 2008, at the Shepard Cemetery near Medina, TX, for Private James L. Allison, Co. C, 38th AR Infantry. Pictured from left, B. Don Taylor, David S. Pitts, Sherrell Eckstein and Joseph Ginn.



The **Sabine Rifles Camp 2057**, Many, LA, received a \$1,000 donation from the WalMart Foundation for stones the camp is placing in cemeteries in Sabine Parish. Pictured from left is Tex McKnight receiving the check from WalMart store manager Phil Medine.



Compatriots from the **General Walter P. Lane Camp 1455**, Longview, TX, joined by compatriots from the **Matt Barton Camp 441**, Sulphur Springs, TX, **W.W. Heartsill Camp 2042**, Marshall, TX and the **John Gregg Camp 958**, Longview, TX, prepare to ride the Lane Camp cannon trailer in the Jefferson, TX, Mardi Gras parade on February 2, 2008.



Army of Trans-Mississippi



Members of the **Iowa Division** celebrated Lee/Jackson birthdays with a luncheon in Cedar Rapids, IA, on January 19, 2008. Author Tom Flagel discussed the topic "What if Jackson had been at Gettysburg?" Members and guests braved 10° below-zero temperatures to celebrate the occasion.



Confederate Marine Mark Bassett, a member of the **New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107**, Ponta, TX, fires off a cannon at Cool Springs Cemetery for the dedication of Private Thomas Edmonds, 7th TX Cavalry on November 17, 2007.



The **Captain John W. Randall Camp 649**, Dardenelle, AR, held their fall Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Highway 22, also known as the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway, designated in 1925 by the UDC.



Pictured are Compatriots from **13th TX Infantry Camp 1565**, Angleton, TX, including the 15th TX Living History Group and Co. C of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry participating in the Surfside, TX, St. Patrick's Day Parade, showing the flag in a variety of forms. They fired several volleys along the parade route, to the delight of the large crowd.



On August 25, 2007, members of the **Major Thomas J. Key Camp 1920**, Kansas City, KS, dedicated a headstone at Highland Park Cemetery in Kansas City for Private Thomas Willis, Co. E, 13th SC Infantry. Also pictured are four generations of Private Willis' descendants.



The Northwest Brigade, LA Division, celebrated the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on January 24, 2008, hosted by the **Colonel Samuel D. Russell Camp 1617**, Natchitoches, LA, at the Merci Beaucoup. At right, Camp Commander Robert E. Porter introduces their guest speaker, James G. Marston, III, who spoke on the struggles during the Reconstruction period.

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UNDERWOOD, OSCAR RAY

PVT. AUGUSTUS BRADY 385
TROY
PARKER, DONALD LAYMON
STEWART, DAVID CALDWELL

JOHN RAYBURN 452
GUNTERSVILLE
REAVES, JONATHAN TREY

GEORGE "TIGE" ANDERSON 453
ANNISTON
COLLIER, TIMOTHY SURRELL
FARRAR, JR., GRESHAM
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EASON, ALAN CHARLES
SKIPPER, LARRY RAY
STRANGE, BRIAN ANTHONY

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ADERHOLT, HARRY CHANEY
CHAPMAN, ROBERT E.

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DENNEY, TYUS

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BROOKS, TERRENCE H.

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TAULBEE, JAMES VERLE

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MCKINNEY, MATTHEW

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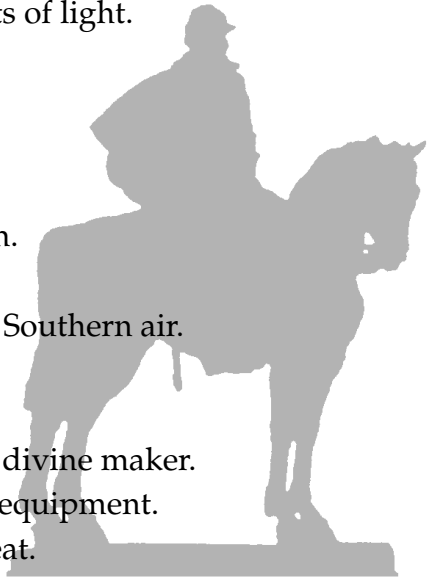
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The Shade of Gray

by James W. Coulsby

It is so surreal as a warm breeze blows against my cheek.
It is close to dusk.
I turn and look over my shoulder to the last fiery rays of sunlight, in the
Western sky.
I see a figure, a silhouette, outlined against the crimson shafts of light.
It is a man.
It is a man in uniform astride a magnificent stallion.
I can see a glint of light reflecting off the bill of his hat.
He looks to the east from Henry Hill.
His body is firm and erect as he surveys the scene before him.
The battlefield is ominously quiet.
I smell the faint odor of gunpowder as it mixes with the soft Southern air.
It carries the muted sounds of men dying and in pain.
The South has won the day, but at what expense?
The victory is hollow with so many men going to meet their divine maker.
The road to Washington is littered and strewn with military equipment.
The Yankees have left it behind in their hasty flight and retreat.
Our men are exhausted from the effort and rigors of that first day's battle.
The battlefield elicits lantern lights like so many fireflies, as medical men
administer to the wounded and dying.
I know, because I was there.
Was it real or did I imagine it?
Sometimes I cannot tell what is real anymore.
Was I there in body, fighting alongside my Johnson cousins?
They were there and fought so hard to push the aggressor from their mountains
and valleys.
They knew not how many would survive.
My Christian name is James.
Am I cousin James Dallas Johnson, or is he me that transcends 146 years of history
since Bull Run?
I turn and walk back to my car.
Only a wisp of light remains.
I can still see the outline of that horseman, my general.
Yes, he stands like a stone wall. Jackson was his name and will always be his fame.



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Carry Me Back *by Bill Young*

Cotton-Pickin' Bobwhites

In the summer of 1953, I was a 14-year-old Boy Scout with the rank of Star. I took part in the two-week junior leader-training program of the National Camping School at Schiff Scout Reservation in Mendham, New Jersey. The school brought boys together from all across America and combined them into troops. There were four patrols per troop and eight boys per patrol. The idea was to create model, textbook troops and to show the boys how the patrol method of Scouting really works by making them live it round the clock — sink or swim.

The two-week program started on a Saturday morning, but my father could not leave his medical practice in Richmond, Virginia, to drive me to New Jersey until that morning, so I arrived almost a day late. It was not a good beginning.

"Oh, brother," I said to myself as I waved goodbye to my parents and watched them drive away. "I'm already a day late and a dollar short."

I shouldered my bulging knapsack and started down the trail, through the woods, to my campsite. I had no idea what I was getting into, but I took comfort in the thought that I would be with my friend Dick. Dick was also from Richmond, and he and I were assigned to Training Troop 39. Dick was an Eagle Scout. He was two years older than I and I hoped he would look out for me like a big brother.

Dick knew I was going to be late, so we had agreed on a signal.

"EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEY-AAAAAHHHH!" I gave the rebel yell at the top of my lungs. There was a pause, and then "EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEY-AAAAAHHHH!" Dick's voice rent the air from the woods about 50 yards off to the right!

"What was that?" I heard someone ask.

"Darned if I know," somebody else replied. "Sounds like somebody hurt

himself," a third voice added.

"Sounds like a wounded wolf," said a fourth voice.

Dick rushed out of the woods to greet me. "Am I glad to see you, Bill," he whispered. "We're in the same patrol — the cotton-pickin' Bobwhites. Everybody is an Eagle Scout but you. There's only one problem — you and I are the only Southerners here. Everybody else is a cotton-pickin' Yankee!"

Dick used the words "cotton-pickin'" to describe everything, regardless of whether it was good, bad or ugly. He sprinkled the two words throughout his conversation. When he called our patrol "cotton-pickin' Bobwhites," it was his way of saying that he was a Southerner.

My heart sank. I was already a day late. Everybody but me was an Eagle Scout and everybody but Dick and me was a Yankee! There were 32 boys in the troop; 30 of them were Yankees. Dick and I were outnumbered 15 to 1. That was worse odds than Marse Robert himself face. It was going to be a long two weeks.

The Yankees of Training Troop 39 turned out to be friendly, and Dick and I got along with them most of the time. However, every now and then we had a culture clash. By the second day, I got tired of hearing the Yankees pronounce the word "water" as though it were spelled "watter." I turned to Jim, the acting patrol leader, and said:

"The way you all say 'water,' it makes it sound like it's not fit to drink."

Jim was from New Jersey. He bristled, looked me in the eye and said "At least when I talk I don't sound like I've got a mouthful of mush."

At the campfire the third night, Dick and I sang *A Southern Yankee Doodle* for the boys of Troop 39. They had never heard the version before. The first two verses went like this:

"Yankee Doodle had a mind
To whip the Southern traitors

Because they didn't choose to live
On codfish and potatoes.

You'd better not go to war
Over such a trifle
'Cause if the North knows how to steal
The South can use a rifle.

Yankee Doodle Doodle Doo
Yankee Doodle Dandy
And to keep his courage up
He took a drink of brandy."

The rest of Troop 39 responded by singing "We'll hang all the rebels from a sour apple tree."

On the morning of the sixth day, Troop 39 found itself sitting inside the main lodge for classroom instruction. The adult leader in charge asked the class to name different kinds of hikes that a troop could take. A boy in the front row raised his hand and said "How about an Abraham Lincoln hike?"

"What's that?" the class leader asked as he wrote the words "Abraham Lincoln Hike" on the blackboard.

"I'm from Illinois," the boy said proudly. "Lincoln was from Illinois. Back home you hike the trail to Lincoln's log cabin, visit his law office in Springfield, and stuff like that." There was a murmur of approval from the class.

Dick's hand shot up. The adult leader grinned and said "I call on the gentleman from Virginia."

"I'd like to suggest a cotton-pickin' Robert E. Lee hike," Dick said firmly. The leader dutifully wrote the words "Cotton-Pickin' Robert E. Lee Hike" on the blackboard. Without waiting to be asked, Dick added "You get out your cotton-pickin' compass, you find due South and you start hiking."

"Is that when Lee was retreating?" the leader asked with a laugh.

"No, sir," Dick shot back. "He was advancing in the other direction!"

Except for a slip here and there, Dick and I worked well with the Yankees. We

had to hand it to them — they knew their wood lore. During the two-week training camp they taught us a thing or two. They showed us how to cook with aluminum foil, how to start a fire by friction by rubbing two sticks together Indian-style, how to make a dingle stick, and how to boil water in a paper cup. We showed them how to carve neckerchief slides and how to make a figure-four animal trap.

We also taught them to brown chicken in a frying pan in hot grease and then to cook it inside by steaming it in a coffee pot with a tight-fitting top. We knew we had made a hit when one of them said, "Hey, you guys! I just went by the Fox Patrol to see how they were doing with their chicken. They just fried it and didn't steam it. It was golden brown on the outside, but inside the blood poured."

"We're gonna make cotton-pickin' Southerners out of you yet," Dick said matter-of-factly.

On the tenth day, Troop 39 went to the rifle range to do some skeet shooting. I was worried. Dick was a crack shot, but I was only so-so.

"Okay, Rebels," the Yankees said. "Let's see if you Southerners really can shoot."

Each boy got five special skeet bullets and a chance to shoot at five clay pigeons. Dick was up first, and I was second. Dick broke all five targets. He made it look easy, and the Yankees applauded.

"Not bad. Not bad," the Yankees said. They were impressed. Then came the acid test. It was my turn. I said a little prayer to myself: "Please, God, don't let me embarrass the South." Then I yelled "Pull!" to the man who released the clay pigeons. I heard the spring snap open and saw the pigeon sail past my eyes from left to right. I fired; the target burst into bits. I don't know why Lady Luck decided to guide my hand that day, but guide it she did. I broke five out of five. I turned around to look at the Yankees who were gaping at me with their mouths open. They were stunned.

"You Rebels can shoot. No doubt about it," they said in awe.

"It's nothing," I said with as much nonchalance as I could muster. "All of us Southerners were born with a gun in our hands."

On the last day of camp, there was

a contest between all of the patrols and troops. The idea was to make the boys put into practice everything they had learned during the past two weeks. There were 20 stations scattered across the middle and along the edge of a big field. Every patrol had to visit each station and perform a task or solve a problem there. An adult leader monitored every station; he carried a clipboard to grade the patrols and to their record scores.

The boys spent the whole day building fires with flint and steel, taking compass bearings, measuring heights and distances, identifying tree leaves, sharpening axes, tying one-handed bowlines and building signal towers and monkey bridges. It was late in the afternoon as the Bobwhite Patrol finished the test at Station No. 19 and trudged through a little patch of woods to Station No. 20. We were all tired and looking forward to going back to our campsite after the last station.

We crossed a narrow, dirt road that ran through the woods. There was a red pickup truck stopped in the middle of the road. The hood was up; a man was leaning over the engine. The patrol started to walk past, but Dick stopped and went over to the man.

"Can we help you, sir?" Dick asked. "What seems to be the trouble?"

"I don't know," the man answered as he scratched his head. "She just won't start."

"I'm not much good with motors," Dick said, "but get in and give it a try. Maybe I can see why it won't turn over." The man got in and turned the key. The engine burst into life; it sounded good and strong.

"Must have been flooded. Thanks, you guys," the man said from behind the wheel. As he started to drive off, he stuck his head out of the window and asked, "What's the name of your pa-

trol?"

"Bobwhites," we said in a chorus. Then we plodded on to Station No. 20.

The camp director announced the winner of the contest at the campfire ceremony that night.

"The Bear Patrol of Troop 41 made a perfect score of 100 points," he said. The crowd started to cheer, but the camp director waved his hand and everyone got quiet. Then he went on, "but the Bears didn't win because another patrol made 105 points."

Everyone was asking himself the same question: "How could you get more than a perfect 100 points?"

The camp director explained "We put in an extra test. There was a man in a pickup truck stopped on the road on the way to the last station. He opened up his hood and tended he was having pre-engine trouble. There wasn't anything wrong with his truck; we just wanted to see if any of you would stop and try to do him a good turn. Every patrol in camp walked right past him — except one — the Bobwhites of Troop 39. Because they passed all 21 tests, they win first place and the blue ribbon."

The next morning, the 30 Yankees and two Rebels of Training Troop 39 broke camp. It was customary for each troop, before departing camp, to leave behind in the main lodge one memento to show that it had been at Schiff Scout Reservation. The memento was supposed to represent the whole troop. Thirty-one of the boys of Troop 39 voted (all but Dick) and the vote was unanimous. Troop 39 left behind a silhouette of a bobwhite that Dick hastily carved from a pine board.

Dick took a ball of cotton from the troop's first aid kit and glued it in the bobwhite's beak. He nailed the bobwhite to a rafter in the main lodge and beneath it he painted the following three words in neat, white, printed, block letters:

"COTTON-PICKIN' BOBWHITES"



Books in Print

charged the howitzer and captured it, along with a large squad of Yankees. In the assault the horses of the battery were killed. Wanting to keep the artillery but having no horses to haul them briefly presented a problem to the Southerners. They quickly resolved it. They harnessed the Yankees and compelled them to haul the artillery into the Southern lines."

Sidelights and Lighter Sides of the War Between the States will be a welcome addition to the bookshelves of heritage and history lovers. Author Green's "A Feast of History Cooked Up in Small Bites!" provides much knowledge and reading pleasure for all Southerners.

Author: Ralph Green
Publisher: Burd Street Press
PO Box 78
Shippensburg, PA 17257
Paperback \$17.95

Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

Moses Ezekiel, Civil War Soldier, Renowned Sculptor

Moses Jacob Ezekiel has almost been forgotten by Confederate history and the art world. However, many Southerners have stood on the grounds of VMI and viewed with reverence one of his most famous statues titled *Virginia Mourning Her Dead*.

The Ezekiel family immigrated to the United States from Holland in 1808 and settled in Richmond. Moses was born on October 28, 1844, to Jacob and Catherine de Castro, one of fourteen children. He lived on the west side of 17th Street, between Main and Franklin, in a poor neighborhood of slaves, Jews, and Christians.

Moses might appear an unlikely soldier of the South, but at the beginning of the War Between the States, he begged his parents to allow him to enroll in Virginia Military Institute. He

was the first Jewish cadet to attend VMI. Moses was enrolled on a state cadetship, a need-based scholarship extended to sons of poor families. He entered VMI on September 17, 1862, just shy of his eighteenth birthday. More than 10,000 men of Jewish descent joined the Confederacy, including Judah Benjamin, who served as Confederate States Attorney General, Secretary of War, and Secretary of State.

In May of 1863, Ezekiel stood as Corporal of the Guard by the casket of VMI's beloved teacher, General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Later, Moses honored Jackson with two bronze statues, one standing in Charleston, WV, and the other at Lexington on the campus of VMI. Ezekiel also participated in the Battle of New Market. His roommate, Thomas Garland Jefferson, descendant of President Thomas Jefferson, died from his wounds in Ezekiel's arms two days after the battle.

On June 12, 1864, Union General David Hunter ordered the burning of VMI in retaliation for the cadets' participation in the Battle of New Market. The cadets were moved for classes to the Richmond Almshouse. Moses Ezekiel returned to VMI when the school reopened, and graduated in the Class of 1866.

Moses Ezekiel left the United States in 1870 for Europe. Several of the continent's most famous artists and sculptors helped nurture his talent. His work covers three major categories: religious subject matter, works devoted to the Confederacy, and heroic portraits. Throughout his long career the South was a dominant inspiration for his work. His love for his native state of Virginia and devotion to the Confederacy became almost a religion.

Moses Ezekiel was knighted by the German Kaiser and also the King of Ita-

ly. He died in Rome on March 27, 1917. From a newspaper clipping: "The Executive Board of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, meeting in Washington, DC, June 6, 1917, stood with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts in the death of Sir Moses Ezekiel." As he had requested, the remains of Moses Jacob Ezekiel were brought back to the United States and interred on March 31, 1921, at the base of the Confederate monument he sculpted in Arlington National Cemetery. VMI Cadets formed the guard.

Authors Cohen and Gibson compiled a well-researched book, complete with extensive photographs of Ezekiel's sculptures. His catalogue is amazing and will provide art lovers (and especially Confederate admirers) much revealing information.

Ezekiel was a most interesting man — Confederate soldier and renowned sculptor. Southern readers will find this book enlightening and a pleasure to peruse.

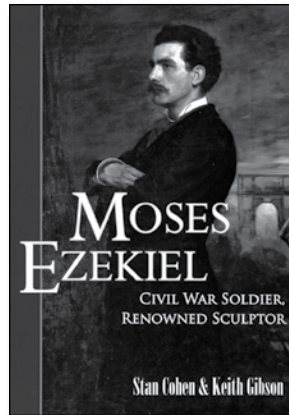
Author: Stan Cohen & Keith Gibson
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Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

Tramping with the Legion A Carolina Rebel's Story

Author C. Eugene Scruggs faithfully re-created the "tramping" of his ancestor Judson Puryear Scruggs through the years of the War Between the States. For much of the story and details of Jud's service to the Confederate States Army, the author has drawn from oral and written recollections of Jud's grandchildren, Hettie Scruggs Daughton, Pearl Scruggs Parrish, and Forrest Puryear Scruggs.

Author Scruggs begins this narrative about thirty to forty years after the War. In Morgan County, AL, Grandpa Jud sits with six grandchildren at his feet listening to his adventures. The author has chosen the format of having



Jud tell the story of his *tramping* interspersed with questions and comments from his grandchildren.

In the chapter, *Setting the Stage*, the author writes a history of life in South Carolina before the War and the genealogy of the Scruggs family. Author Scruggs also devotes several early chapters of *Tramping with the Legion* to his opinion of the causes and background of the War Between the States.

The Scruggs family farm was located in the northwest part of South Carolina, near Cowpens, in the Spartanburg district. Father Drury, a Baptist preacher, and mother Betsy Scruggs raised thirteen children — nine sons and four daughters. Jud was their fourth son, born in 1833, and acquired the nickname of *Parson* during the War. All nine Scruggs sons served at least some time fighting for the Confederacy.

Jud married Margaret Katherine Petty (Kate) on July 9, 1852, when both were nineteen. They already had three children by the time General Beauregard fired on Fort Sumter in April 1861. As did many Southerners, Jud believed that his duty lay in defending his home and family against the coming Yankee invaders. He joined one of the first infantry regiments recruited mainly from men in the Spartanburg District, formed by Colonel Micah Jenkins. Two of Jud's brothers and many of his and his wife's cousins enlisted with him in a unit that became the Fifth Regiment of SC Volunteers, Companies A through K. Their original intention in joining the Confederacy was to fight the War close to home, defending their families. Jud and his kin in the Fifth Regiment of SC Volunteers were not to have this wish granted.

Author Scruggs recounts the riveting life of Jud Scruggs as he tramps all over the Confederate territory defend-

ing the South. Included in this volume are many period illustrations from archives and museums, and several maps. His experiences are the more poignant because he served with so many kinfolk and childhood friends.

Readers of War Between the States history will treasure Jud's perspective of a soldier's life and the battles in which he fought. This Confederate veteran possessed a honed instinct for survival against the greatest odds. This instinct served him well in one of the most remarkable feats of the War Between the States. Southern history buffs must discover for themselves this incredible story of the Confederate Army service of Judson Puryear Scruggs.

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Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

***As The Mockingbird Sang,
Civil War Diary of Pvt. Robert
Caldwell Dunlap, CSA
Fishing on Deep River,
Civil War Memoir of Samuel
Baldwin Dunlap, CSA***

Historical accounts of the battles, campaigns, regimental histories, and other events of the War Between the States researched and written by historians contribute to a thorough understanding. However, the firsthand accounts of the soldiers present a personal viewpoint that modern historians cannot completely capture. The historian does compile and quote these firsthand accounts. Nevertheless, reading the diaries, letters, memoirs and narratives of the people who lived in the era creates a colorful perspective of the period.

The Dunlap brothers enlisted in the Missouri State Guard, then the Confederate States Army. Robert Caldwell's military service ended after his horrific wound during the Atlanta Campaign. Samuel Baldwin served throughout the war until he surrendered in North Carolina. Both brothers write of actions

and experiences during their service with the Missouri State Guard and the Landis Battery of Missouri. Their accounts of Confederate artillery service are rare, interesting and informative. For the reader especially interested in the 'Long Arm' of the services, these are most rewarding accounts.

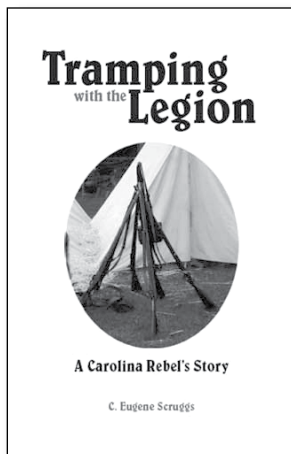
Robert Caldwell writes in a direct, to-the-point manner, while Samuel Baldwin writes in a more descriptive — and at the same time — rambling style. Based on Robert Caldwell's wounding at Atlanta and his direct approach to his writing, *As the Mockingbird Sang* features 167 pages. Samuel Baldwin *Fishing on Deep River*, features 461 pages and the author's writing style. Both books present their own observations of the war yet are also comparable. It is very interesting to read accounts of events as they occurred by both soldiers. After reading Robert Caldwell's diary, I was compelled to continue the story with Samuel Baldwin's memoir. Both books include photographs, maps and other reproduced material that are beneficial.

Researcher and annotator Suzanne Staker Lehr is commended for her perseverance and work to preserve their stories with the two Confederate Veterans' perspective. How the diary was saved and the memoir discovered are interesting stories in themselves.

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Reviewed by W. Scott Bell



NOTICES *From Around the Confederation*

Complicity available from the SCV store

The SCV merchandise operation and book store currently sells a book called *Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged and Profited from Slavery* which was written by three New England journalists and accurately tells the rest of the story about slavery and the North's part in it. This is a hard bound book which you will want for your library, and it may be purchased new from the SCV for \$25.95 plus shipping and handling.

Old South Christmas Ball Weekend

The 5th annual Old South Christmas Ball Weekend will be held at William Bell Auditorium in downtown Augusta, Georgia, on Saturday evening, December 6, 2008. New features this year include an exciting new dance band, mint juleps, and an Old South Social on Friday evening, December 5. This new Friday evening activity includes a candlelight tour through the War Between the States home of young Woodrow Wilson, who later in life became the first Southern born-and-bred US president after the War. Tickets to both evening events are now on sale! The event is sponsored by the Sergeant Berry G. Benson Camp 1672, North Augusta, South Carolina and the Major General Ambrose Ransom Wright Camp 1914, Evans, Georgia. Ball tickets are \$50 each which includes dinner and dancing. The Friday night social is \$25 a person and includes light hors d'oeuvres and live period music.

Deadline is November 29, or when all tickets are sold. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Old South Social and Old South Christmas Ball are *NOT* private events ... they are open to the general public. So please share this invitation with your family and friends. Then plan to join the fun in Augusta on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 2008.

For more information e-mail slongcrier@hotmail.com, or call 706-868-8403.

We look forward to seeing you in the Old South.

SCV mobile phone service discontinued

The SCV mobile phone service partnership with Sonopia has ended. Sonopia determined that the American consumer will not buy branded mobile phone service unless it carries the name of a major phone service provider. The SCV subscriber to this program had reached only 40 in spite of nearly eight months of marketing efforts, advertisements and incentives. The existing customers may retain their phones and their service has been transferred to Close Call America without any contract extension. The SCV apologizes for any inconvenience caused to those of you who subscribed to this phone service to support our efforts. The SCV thanks you subscribers for your loyalty to our cause.

SCV Membership totals

As of April, SCV membership stood at 28,423 including 3,233 Life Members, 52 Real Sons and new cadet members. The SCV also has 58,303 dues delinquent former members, some number of whom you know and who would be willing to reinstate if someone reminded them of the fine fellowship and opportunity to honor our ancestors that is currently a void in their lives. Another easy way to strengthen the SCV is to persuade former members of your camp to reinstate. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact the General Headquarters staff.

Please vigorously recruit new members and encourage current members to make the commitment to be long-term members which is the best way to grow the SCV membership. Life memberships are a great value at only \$500 up through age 64, \$250 for age 65

to 79, and \$125 for age 80 and up.

These rates will increase on August 1, 2008, as the rates are tied to a multiple of annual dues.

Don't forget, dues can be prorated

Please take advantage of prorated dues for new members and reinstating former members during the last months of the fiscal year. During May, June and July 2008 the prorate amount is only \$32.50 to pay the member through July 31, 2009. Please take advantage of this fine opportunity to keep members in another year and so the camp will not have to go back to the members in a few months asking for dues a second time. Call General Headquarters with any questions 800-380-1896.

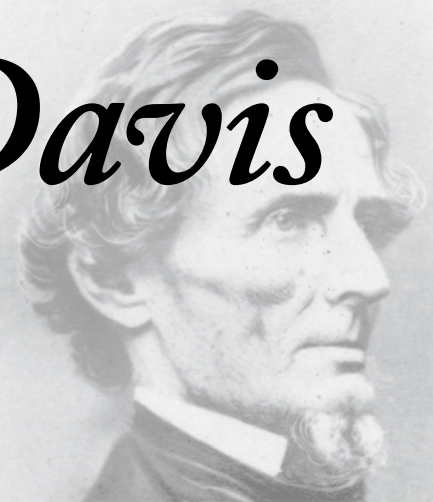
2008 IRS annual electronic notice filing requirement

SCV camps with gross receipts less than \$25,000 a year are not required to file an IRS Form 990 tax return; however, beginning in 2008, at the end of the current fiscal year, all camps will be required to submit an annual electronic notice. This will be a simple task, providing camp officer contact information that must be accomplished on-line between August 1st and December 15, 2008. You may not make this report before August 1, 2008. The SCV will provide further guidance and assistance on completing this task as we near the end of the current fiscal year.

Future Reunions

The 2009 SCV National Reunion will be held in Hot Springs, AR, hosted by the James M. Keller Camp 648, and the 2010 Reunion will be held in Anderson County, SC, hosted by the Manse Jolly SCV Camp 6. Montgomery, AL, is the proposed site for the 2011 Reunion, and the GEC will be recommending this location to the 2008 Annual General Reunion attendees at Concord, NC in July 2008. ☒

The Year of Davis Continues ...



In the previous issues of the *Confederate Veteran*, this article has focused on the up-coming events honoring President Jefferson Davis' bicentennial birthday. In no way was this a complete coompilation of the activities planned by local camps or divisions. The intent was to encourage attendance to the more focal events and to challenge members to commemorate the *Year of Davis* with their own special celebration. When this magazine is published, both the Beauvoir grand reopening and the birthday celebration in Fairview, KY, will have taken place. Even though President Davis' birthday has passed, continue to honor him throughout this year.

Many compatriots have contacted me about the way they have honored President Davis. Both the UDC and SCV in Calhoun, Kentucky, held a birthday party to distribute material on Jefferson Davis to other heritage groups throughout the Commonwealth. In Fayette County, Georgia, the city governments of Brooks, Peachtree City and Fayetteville have proclaimed 2008 as the "Year of Davis." On April 27, the Robert E. Lee Chapter 885 UDC in Seattle, Washington, and the Colonel Isaac W. Smith Camp 456, Portland, Oregon, came together to dedicate the

Jefferson Davis Park along Interstate 5 in Clark County, Washington. To see the only park on the West Coast that honors our president, go to www.jefferson-davis-park.org. During National "Yankee" Memorial Day weekend, the Warren County Historical Society in Vicksburg, Mississippi, held a two-day event in honor of Jefferson Davis' bicentennial birth. A concert was held, a banquet celebrated his honor and a wreath laid at his statue in the Vicksburg National Military Park. In the Cradle of the Confederacy Montgomery, Alabama — the Alabama UDC, SCV and OCR all came together to pay tribute to President Jefferson Davis. This day saw a parade, speeches, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Star, and a Ball, all in celebration of the Bicentennial Birthday of Jefferson Davis. If there are any others who have paid tribute to our president but are not listed or have plans to hold a future event, please contact me at kiltedkelly@inbox.com so the event can be mentioned in future articles.

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud each individual, camp and division taking the time and effort to remember the 200th birthday of President Davis. I have been blessed to attend numerous functions, but

I guess my most memorable to date was the birthday party my daughter's Children of the Confederacy Chapter, Julia Jackson 1, had at Stone Mountain in front of the carving. It is refreshing to see young people, from just a few months old to 10 or 12, celebrate a prominent figure of the War Between the States. I am sure that the events at Beauvoir and Fairview will have a special place in my memory also, but with being a new father, I cherish the ones with my daughter most.

Never forget that our Confederate heroes must be remembered by us. If we do not share the true history of the War, then we cannot count on anyone else to do it. I will close with a quote from Jefferson Davis: "Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."

Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander, Army of Tennessee ☒

Calling All Sons and Daughters to the 6th Annual Sam Davis Youth Camp



Co-Ed Camps: The first camp will be held from Sunday June 29th to Saturday, July 5th at Three Mountain Retreat, 1648 FM 182 Clifton, TX 76634. The deadline for applications is Monday June 23, 2008.

The second camp will be held from Sunday July 27th to Saturday August 2nd at Magnolia State Park, Millen, GA, between Waynesboro and Millen at a beautiful historic site. The deadline for applications is Monday July 21, 2008.

Why should your son or daughter attend the Sam Davis Youth Camp?

In a survey conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis in 2000, 65% of college seniors **failed** to pass a high school equivalent American history test:

- Only 23% correctly identified James Madison as the “Father of the Constitution.”
 - Yet, 98% knew that “Snoop Doggy Dog” is a rapper.
- Just over half, 52% knew that George Washington's Farewell Address warned against establishing permanent alliances with foreign governments.
 - Yet, 99% correctly identified Beavis & Butthead.

In 1864, Major General Patrick Cleburne prophetically warned: *If the South should lose, it means that the history of the heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers, will be impressed by all of the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision.*

Today, his words ring all too true. There is no question that the youth of today must run a terrible gauntlet, and that many are struck down along the way by one or more of the politically correct influences which flourish in our schools. Sometimes these youths are from the best homes, with strong families and religious training. With even the most conscientious parenting though, oftentimes in high school or college, even these best and brightest finally succumb to the liberal, *politically correct* view of history.

This summer, you can help turn the tide. For one week, our Southern young men and ladies (ages 12-17) will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp (named for the great young Confederate Sam Davis) will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the War for Southern Independence, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of the Faith, and for the second year, special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies!

This is the sixth year the Sons of Confederate Veterans has offered such a wonderful event for our sons and grandsons, and the third year we also offer the program for our daughters and granddaughters. We urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is our responsibility to teach our Southern history and culture to the future generations.

Need more details? Interested in becoming a counselor? Please contact:

**Jack E. Marlar, Director
Sam Davis Youth Camp**

**E-mail: marlars3@bellsouth.net
Phone/Voice Mail: (864) 862-3946**

The Sam Davis Youth Camp — 2008 Registration Form

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of Birth: *(must be born on or before June, 1996)* _____

Which SD Youth Camp will you be attending? _____ Texas _____ Georgia

Name of Sponsoring SCV Camp: _____

Parent or Guardian with Whom Camper Lives: _____

Parent/Guardian Work or Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Required Medical Information

Please attach additional information as needed.

Date of Last Tetanus Booster: _____

Prescribed Medication Taken, if any: _____

Reason for Taking Medication: _____

Specific Allergies (including type of reaction): _____

Does Camper Have Asthma or Hay Fever? _____

Specific Activities to Be Restricted (Please state reason): _____

Insurance Information (Group, Plan Number & Phone Number). Please attach copy of Insurance Card

Medical Release Form

Registration cannot be processed without the signature of the camper's parent or guardian on this release form.

In case of medical emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of campers. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Sam Davis Youth Camp to hospitalize; secure proper treatments; and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named. I also understand that the Sam Davis Youth Camp reserves the right to review any information given and determine camper capability based upon that information.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information

Payment is due when your completed application is submitted. The cost for room, board, and all activities and needed supplies is \$495.00 for each camper. Make checks payable to The Sam Davis Youth Camp, and mail to: Post Office Box 59, Columbia, TN, 38402. When your registration has been received and processed, you will receive a confirmation by mail, followed by details regarding camp facilities and scheduled activities.

Registration Deadlines: June 23, 2008 Texas and July 21, 2008 Georgia

Dispatches From the Front

instill in my students an understanding which is more complex and inclusive than the history given in many *Yankee* textbooks. My camp does artillery, infantry and living history displays at many local schools. There is a lot of Confederate *Mis-history* out there, but I want my fellow compatriots to know that I am one who is working to help students understand the true nature of the war and the reasons our ancestors took up arms.

Michael J. Hatch
Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937
Cleburne, Texas

Compatriot needs help locating book

To the Editor:

Recent issues of the *Confederate Veteran* have included reviews of two recent books dealing with the Union's war on helpless Southern civilians: *War Crimes Against Southern Civilians* and *The Burning of Osceola, Missouri*. I am sure that both are excellent and both moving and infuriating.

More than two decades ago, an SCV member, a crippled WWII veteran, wrote a similar book, *The Uncivil War, Atrocities of the Union Army and Navy, From the Official Records* (they are US, Records, not CS records) Sadly, I do not recall his name and I have been unable to get a copy of the book. I borrowed Past C-in-C Hogan's book long ago, when the author, Commander Hogan, and I all belonged to the CSS *Florida* Camp 102 in Orlando, FL.

The book consists of several hundred pages of excerpts from US Government records listing Northern war crimes. Some are just matter-of-fact reports by the responsible officer, some are complaints to higher authority by Union officers, some are complaints by civilians (including Vice-President Johnson) against military and naval excesses. All relate cruelties.

It is a book worthy of being revived and offered by the SCV as one of

its *Gifts From Confederate IHQ*. I would gladly buy a copy for my son and grandsons.

Arthur Chesser
General McCain Camp 584
Morristown, Tennessee

What do you want on your tombstone?

To the Editor:

In a small town cemetery in Southern Arizona there is a bronze military grave marker. It is a typical bronze military grave marker like many others across the country. On this particular marker it reads, Ralph Howard Mangum, Captain, Army WWII. However, the name inscribed on this particular marker was not the birth name of the captain.

Actually, the captain was born Ralph Howard Knight. He was the second son of Owen Adrian Knight and Marie Antonette Poblette Knight. The captain was the great-grandson of Sgt. William W. Knight and the great-great-grandson of Major Levi J. Knight. Both of these Confederate veterans served in the 29th Georgia Regiment, The Berrien County Minutemen.

So why is this so important, you might ask yourself? It is important because we, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, must know and understand our bloodline. Tracing our ancestors is a vital part of who we are and essential to becoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In 1995, I was reading an article in a local newspaper about the War Between the States reenactment at Picocho Peak. What really perked my interest were the comments about the SCV and its membership requirements. I decided to investigate my heritage with regards to a possible link to a Confederate Veteran. In doing so I asked my mother if she knew of any connection I might have with the Confederacy. She gave me the address and phone number of my Dad's cousin, Jimmy Mobley, in Ray City, Georgia. My inquiry was rewarded with a Knight Family genealogy study. The study included both my uncle and father. It gave their lineage to William and Levi. Also includ-

ed in the items I received was a muster roll of the Berrien County Minutemen, which gave the names of Knight family members in the unit. This was the information I needed. Now I could apply for membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

However, the question then came to mind: How many other potential members have similar circumstances? I grew up thinking my heritage was from the Mangum family, when, in fact, my dad was raised by D. C. Mangum and took the name for his own. He never was adopted, and I found out he and his brother didn't have an official name change until the 1960s. To say the least, this can become confusing when tracing one's family background.

There are a number of reasons this can present problems. You grow up with incorrect knowledge of your true bloodline. All of your records, schooling, military and medical, are listed under an incorrect family name. Should you have children and give them an incorrect family name, the problem multiplies and incorrect genealogy continues. After several generations, this can be quite confusing when someone wants to know his or her true heritage.

Since becoming a member of the SCV, I have been able to find others who I am related to. Here in Arizona, I met Silas Griffin and Stacey McSwain. Silas is a member of Camp 1710, and Stacey is presently treasurer general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. While searching the web, I came across Mark Smith, of North Carolina. His 3rd great-grandfather was my 3rd great uncle. They were brothers. Since meeting Mark online, he has given me a wealth of information about the Knight and Cone families. This information has truly been appreciated beyond words.

Learning of my ancestors has been truly rewarding. I only wish I had this knowledge when I was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, back in the mid-1960s. Had I known what I know now, I could have gone to Georgia and met family who were still living in Ray City and other areas.

It is important that we leave our posterity the correct information regarding their heritage and family. I am

very proud of those of whom I am a descendant. As I learn of my family, the prouder I become. The desire to learn more becomes even more intense.

Thanks to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I have more knowledge of my ancestors and have met family members whom I would never have known. I know the bloodlines and names I should follow when doing genealogy research. Yes, and I know what I want on my Tombstone.

*I remain Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Mangum
Commander Arizona Division
Sonoita, Arizona*

Were not the people of the South the greatest?

To the Editor:

Was it the hungry barefoot Continentals who followed George Washington to victory and gained our independence?

Or was it those who charged San Juan Hill or stormed the Halls of Montezuma?

World War I veterans would vote for the heroes *Over There* in Belleau Wood. This present generation remembers Pearl Harbor, Tarawa, Normandy and the 292,000 graves on land and sea scattered around the world. Today, these men and women are considered the greatest generation.

But who can forget the fighting up to and back from the Yalu River in Korea and the un-sung heroes of Vietnam? They won every battle, but politicians lost the war.

There is no doubt the present warriors are great and equal to their predecessor's valor.

Almost forgotten are the men who confronted overwhelming odds defending their homes, families and nation against the cruel Yankee invading hordes. Their heroism has been

distorted by some historians claiming their only *cause* was to maintain slavery. These men fought for independence, like their grandfathers had in 1776-1781. 35,000 Alabamians died in that war and only a very few owned slaves. Today their banner is disgraced by skinheads and the uninformed. And their beautiful national anthem is banned in most places.

General Samuel G. French, CSA, in his book *Two Wars*, described the situation in the South in 1865: "if a man had ascended one of the lofty peaks of the Southern Appalachian chain of mountains at the termination of the war, and been endowed with telescopic powers of vision extending for hundreds of miles in every direction, he would have beheld the wreck of 'the storm-cradled nation' that fell in defense of the rights that they possessed under the Constitution of 1787-88, which was shaped, and established and agreed to by the States forming the convention. As far as such Vision could extend, that once-beautiful country was almost desolate and silent; the busy hum of industry had ceased; the daily smoke of burning buildings, the marching of armies, and the distant cannon terminated; railroads had been destroyed, bridges were burned, many wagon roads were impassable; agriculture had nearly ceased, draft animals had been taken for war purposes; the flower of the South, with its pride of ancestors, had 'fallen foremost in the fight,' the noble women were almost paralyzed in mind, ready to doubt the existence of a just God who seemingly had been deaf to their prayers, and made fatherless their little children—"

In John L. Heatwole's book, *The Burning*, he documents the destruction of the Shenandoah Valley by General Sheridan's army. He describes the burning of homes, barns, mills, crops, farm implements, plus the slaying of sheep, mules, cattle, horses, pigs and poultry.

The Southern homes not burned were looted. A Yankee general (General Payne) wrote, "Don't send any more pianos or plated silver or pictures: all the kin are supplied: but you can send bed linen and solid silver ware."

In the end these brave Southerners walked home from Appomattox, Durham's Station and Northern prison camps to find total destruction. There was no Marshall Plan, GI Bill or home loans for these men. And the post-war oppression continued until World War II. This generation not only had to rebuild everything but somehow fed, clothed and educated their destitute families and the four million idle slaves set free by the war.

Those men who built from ashes the modern South — were they not the greatest generation? Today the South is the most thriving and patriotic section of this nation.

*Lest we forget!
William Pettus Buck, DMD
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Misquote in article about S. D. Lee's Charge

To the Editor:

First, let me say that the article *The Charge Revisited* by Historian-in-Chief Charles L. Rand, III, printed in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine's March/April 2008 issue was very enlightening. However, it is sad that in the final and most important paragraph of the article our beloved General S.D. Lee is misquoted. Words 54 and 55 in this paragraph should be "love also" not "also cherish."

*Joseph Smyth, Jr.
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As I've looked at these flags, I've often wondered about the hands that gripped the shaft and carried them into battle. It was an extreme honor to carry the colors onto the battlefield, especially since the Confederate Battle Flag wasn't unfurled for just any occasion. The battle flags were never displayed except

on the battlefield. Their purpose was to lead the troops into the fight and rally them during and after the fight. At no other time was the Battle Flag used. I think that is part of the mystique that still surrounds the Battle Flags of the Confederate Army. If you look long enough at these flags, and let your imagination run free a little, you can almost hear the drums, smell the smoke, and hear the Rebel Yell rising up from the gray lines. What an exciting and terrifying spectacle it must have been, to know what was coming, and then to see the flags start moving and to hear the Yell increase to a fever pitch, knowing that the finest infantry anywhere in the world at that time was coming in under those snapping flags! How many died simply because they had been accorded the honor of bearing the flag, making them an instant target? More amazing still, how many reached for the flag as it dipped, bringing it back up to its rightful place, unmindful of the increased danger? The flags symbolized the very essence of the Confederate soldier: bravery, faith, and just plain stubbornness. If you carried the colors, you were doing something spe-

cial. You represented your entire unit.

To understand the view that many Confederate soldiers had of their Battle Flags, one need only look at the scene immediately before the surrender at Appomattox. *Many units, rather than surrender their precious Battle Flags to be carted off as trophies of war, cut them into small pieces, with each man taking a piece as a memento and as a final, small sign of defiance. Many of those pieces survive to this day, still unsundered.*

The fate of captured and surrendered Battle Flags after the war was a sad one. They were carried off to the North, where they were displayed as spoils of war for a time, and then were catalogued and placed into storage. For years, Southerners tried to secure the return of the flags to the states from which they came. Only after many long, drawn-out negotiations were some flags returned home. Many have never returned, ending up in Northern museums or private collections, their heritage often misrepresented by those who viewed them as trophies of "the Rebellion."

*Written by Andrew Turner,
Submitted by Kirk Carter.*

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Jim Limber and the Davis Family

of Richmond, Virginia, amidst the chaos of war. Encountering a terrible scene where a black man was severely mistreating a black child, Mrs. Davis interjected herself into the situation and tore the child away from his tormenter. The badly beaten child was taken back to the Davis home at the White House of the Confederacy, where his wounds were treated by Mrs. Davis and her maid Ellen. Varina Davis then dressed Jim in their son's (Joe) clothing. The child identified himself only as "Jim Limber." And from that moment on, Jim endeared himself to the entire Davis family. Jim lived at the White House, ate with the Davis family, and became a functioning household member. As the war was drawing to a close, the Davis family was forced to flee southward. The flight ended in Irwinville, Georgia, when Union forces captured them. At Port Royal, Georgia, near Savannah, Jim was forcibly separated from Varina Davis by Union forces. The Davis family would not hear from him again. There are several historical versions of what happened to Jim. One of the versions was that he was educated in the North. Another version has Jim being showcased as a slave of Jefferson Davis. But, surprisingly, Jim totally disappears from the scene and is never heard of again. One would think that Jim would surface in public under either scenario. A final chilling scenario is that Jim

was murdered by his abductors. There is plenty of writing to show that his abduction caused considerable anguish to the Davis family. In her memoirs, Varina Davis discusses the incident at some length. Letters from Jefferson Davis to Union authorities seek the whereabouts of Jim Limber and offer to pay for his future education.

The famed Southern diarist Mary Boykin Chestnut makes specific mention of Jim Limber when she visits the home on the following day, February 16, 1864. Mrs. Chestnut was a close friend of both Jefferson and Varina Davis. She had the good fortune of being at many of the most cataclysmic events of the war. Her high social standing gave her access to most of the Confederacy's leadership. Her 1905 book, *A Diary from Dixie*, has become an American classic. References to Jim Limber are found in a variety of Southern historia — from Hudson Strode to Felicity Allen.

Was Jim Limber legally adopted by the Davis family? Researchers have yet to find a legal adoption instrument. Many of the records from Richmond are missing. Mrs. Davis documents that President Davis went to the mayor's office in Richmond and had Jim's free papers registered to insure Jim's safety from his former oppressor. We also have the written words of Varina Davis. The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia, possesses the only known ambrotype pho-



Jim Limber

tograph of Jim Limber. This photograph is labeled in the hand of Varina Davis, with the following inscription — "James Henry Brooks ADOPTED by Mrs. Jefferson Davis during the War and taken from her after our capture. A great pet in the family and known as Jim Limber." Whether there was a legalistic adoption, it is quite clear from the caption on this photograph that Jim Limber was considered adopted by Mrs. Davis herself. Due to the scarcity of records from that time, it is impossible to clearly state that the adoption did or did not occur. The importance of the Limber-Davis family relationship is that a side of Jefferson and Varina Davis has essentially been ignored by academia.

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The story of Jim Limber has been conveniently forgotten by historians. It does not fit the evil stereotype often hung on Jefferson Davis. Like the existence of black Confederate soldiers, modern historians veer sharply away from presenting humanistic images of the Confederacy and Jefferson Davis. For that reason, it is important to tell the whole story of Jefferson Davis. To today's writers, it seems inconceivable that such a loving relationship occurred between the President of the Confederacy and a poor black orphan. The Jefferson Davis statue will help educate the American public about what type of man Jefferson Davis really was. ❧

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Ed Girardeau's father, George Maurice (Morris) Girardeau was born in October 1842, in Charleston County, SC.

The son of John Bohun Girardeau (1798-1852) and his second wife, Morris enlisted on May 9, 1861, and served in the 2nd South Carolina Infantry. Later, he served in Manigault's Battalion, South Carolina Artillery, until he was discharged in May 1865 in Bentonville, NC. He died in Greenville County



Photo of Morris Girardeau and Air Alis Gilbert and their children before Ed's birth.



Pictured from left is Past Commander-in-Chief and Manse Jolly Camp 6, Piedmont, SC, Commander Ron Wilson, Real Son Ed Girardeau, Camp 6 Adjutant Joey R. Preston and Michael Barnes.

on February 15, 1925, when Ed was three years old.

Morris, a school teacher in Mills Mill, Greenville, SC, met and married his first wife, Rosalie Boyd in Greenville, SC, on December 21, 1892. Later, he married his second wife, Air Alis Gilbert, who later gave birth to Ed.

The parents of Morris Girardeau (grandparents to Ed) were of French Huguenot descent and, by the time of their son's birth on James Island (across the Ashley River from Charleston), were possessors of a rich colonial ancestry, which included at least one Revolutionary War hero. John Bohun (a planter) and Claudia Freer (his first wife) were solid Presbyterians of the Scottish type. George Maurice's half-brother was John Lafayette Girardeau (1825-98), a well-known Presbyterian minister. Reverend John Girardeau actually delivered a sermon attended by General Robert E. Lee.



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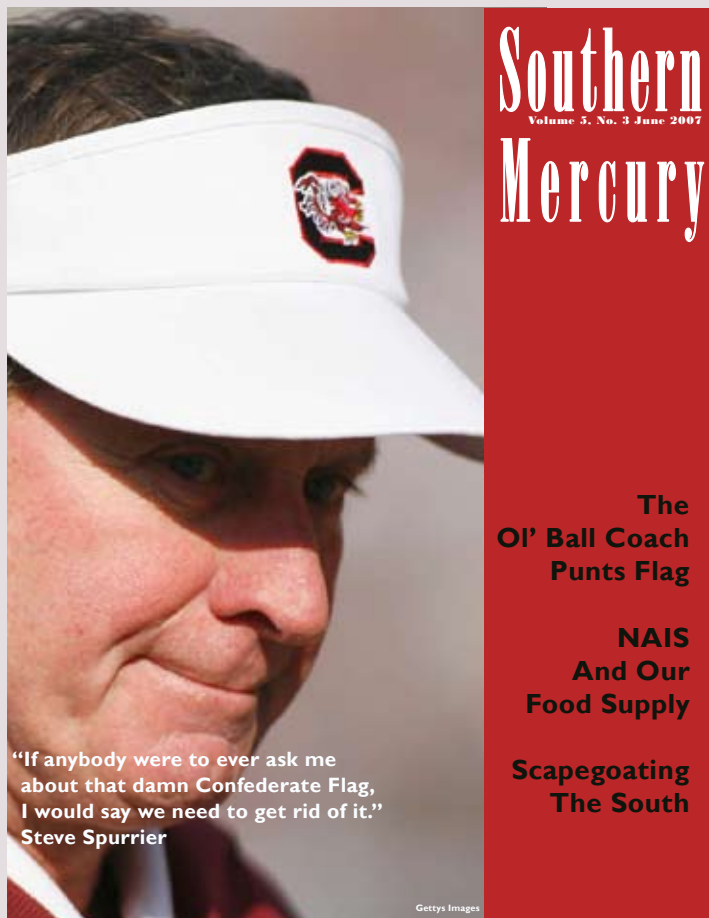
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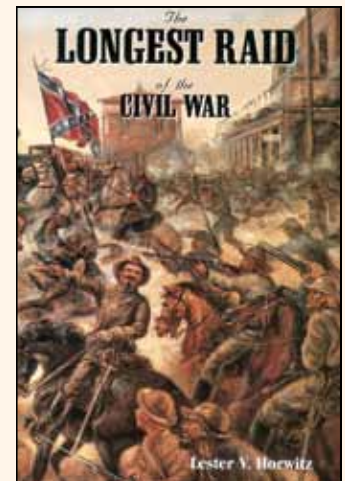
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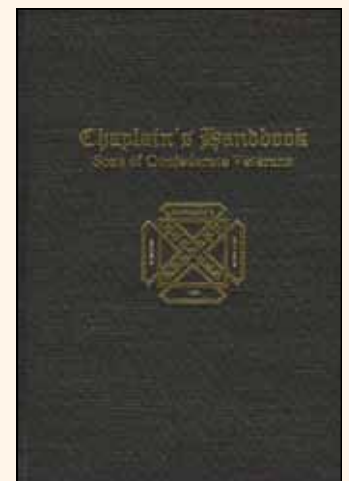
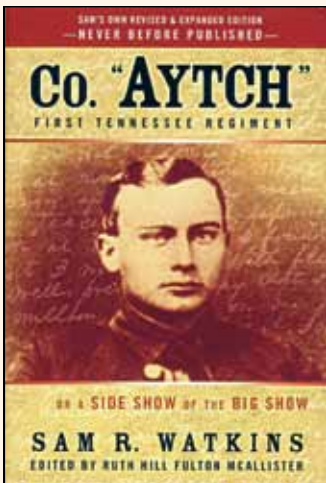
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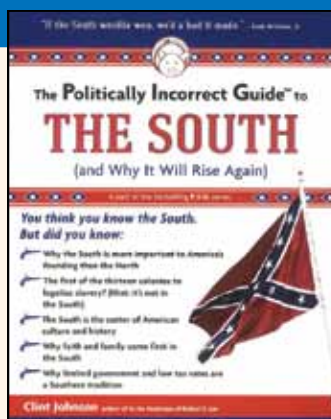
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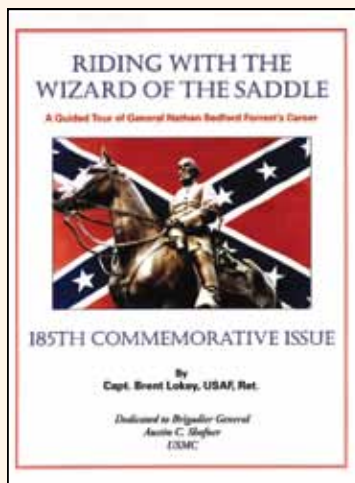
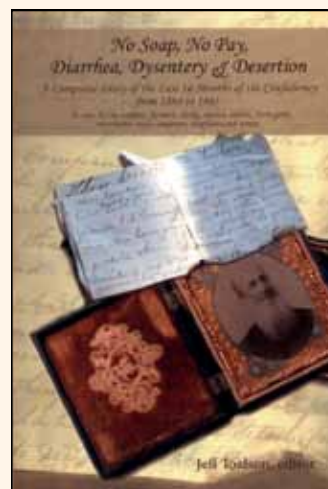
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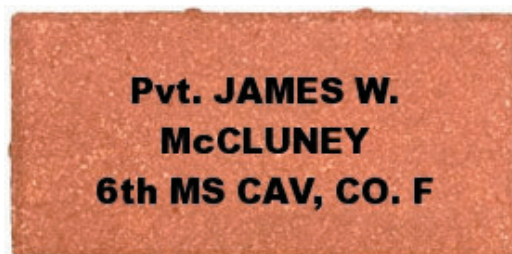
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