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Through song and legend, the word became synonymous with America's Southland.









Secession Hill Memorial Park

Historic Abbeville, SC

Help the Southern Cultural Centre provide a permanent monument to our Confederate ancestors by building a park on Secession Hill, Abbeville, South Carolina. At this location on 22 November 1860, occurred the first meeting to select delegates for the South Carolina Secession Convention. That event ultimately led to the formation of the Confederate States of America. On this two acre site the Southern Cultural Centre, Inc. will build a memorial park to honor the Southern men who wore the gray and the women who faithfully supported them. In addition to the many monuments that will be placed in the park, it will feature an enclosing 1000 foot by 8 foot "Wall of Honor" faced on the inside with memorial tiles. Each tile will display one of the names of the more than 18,000 South Carolina Confederate soldiers who died during the War.

They gave their all that their posterity might live free. We should, we must, we will remember them.

Names for the tiles for the *Wall of Honor* will be taken from Mr. Randolph Kirkland's book *Broken Fortunes*. You may also help finance this important project by obtaining one or more personalized bricks and/or pavers with your name, the names of your children, your Confederate ancestors, your SCV camp, your UDC chapter, your business, etc. These names will be laser engraved into the bricks, tiles and/or pavers. You will receive, at no additional cost, a corresponding mini-brick, mini-tile or mini-paver. Each mini-brick, paver and/or tile will have the same inscription as on the larger one you order and will make a valuable keepsake for your family.

The park will contain a museum/gift shop/meeting room and an amphitheater with stage for musicals, plays and speeches. Also a tombstone will be placed a the grave-site of the unknown Alabama Confederate soldier.

Walkway Bricks

4" X 8" X 2 ½"

The bricks will be used to construct the walks throughout the park.

Mini-bricks 1½" X 3" X 5%"

QuantityCost per brickTotal1 brick\$100.00\$100.002 bricks90.00180.003 bricks plus80.00varies

Pavers

8" X 8" X 2 1/4"

The pavers will be used to pave the walk areas around the various monuments in the park Mini-pavers 3" X 3" X \%"

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1 paver	250.00	250.00
2 pavers	225.00	450.00
3 pavers	200.00	varies

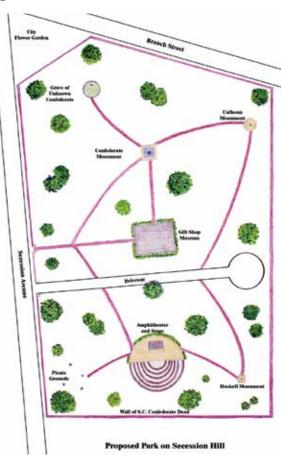
Tiles for Wall of Honor

4" x 8" x ½"

The memorial tiles will be used on *Wall of Honor* and will contain the names of the South Carolina Confederate dead.

Mini-tiles 11/2" X 3" X 5/8"

1 tile	\$50.00	\$50.00
2 tiles	47.50	95.00
3 tiles	45.00	varies



Brick/Paver/Tile Inscriptions

3 lines for bricks and tiles, 6 lines for paver. 20 characters limit per line.

The Southern Cultural Centre, Inc., reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any inscription if any inscription is deemed to be inappropriate, a full refund will be made to the applicant.

On a separate sheet of paper, please write your name, address, phone number and email. Also write the desired inscription following the criteria above.

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FROM THE EDITOR



That a grand time we had at our National Reunion in New Orleans August 2-5. The people of New Orleans were glad to have us in the city and were most

hospitable. Our reunion was well-attended, and the level of cooperation and civility among delegates made this one of the best reunions I have attended. A brief report and photos are included for your review. If you've not attended a national reunion in the past, you owe it to yourself to attend one in the future.

To be blatantly honest, I was dreading the debates and discussion on the proposed new constitution, but it was not boring at all and seemed to pass quickly. Most importantly, the end result was the adoption of a new constitution and standing rules. These documents were amended quite a bit from the ones published in the May/June issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, so please take a moment and download the final versions from our web site, www.scv.org.

You will find an extensive report on the recent Sam Davis Youth Camp in this issue. After reading it, I hope you will agree that this is one of the most important programs we have undertaken in recent years. Camps and members need to support this program and work to help it continue to grow in future years, for programs like this will insure we have a future.

My e-mail, eic@scv.org, was off-line from September 14 through at least October 1, when this issue went to the printer. If you submitted a photo, letter to the editor, or any other information during this time period, I did not receive it. If you are able, please resend it when you have a chance.

Camp adjutants, don't forget to send in your dues. By the time you receive this issue, it will be close to the deadline for dues to be at received at General Headquarters. It is up to all members to do a better job of retaining our members, and I hate losing members for non-payment of dues. Please make an extra effort to collect dues and send them into Headquarters on time. Thanks.

Please let me know about any questions and concerns you may have, and continue sending in camp news and letters to the editor. I enjoyed seeing and talking with many of you in New Orleans. Hope to hear from you again soon. Until then, I remain,

Yours in the Cause.

Editor-in-Chief

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REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHRISTOPHER M. SULLIVAN

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irst of all, let me say thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your commander-in-chief. Having been a member of the SCV for nearly 25 years, I am proud of my association with our honorable organization, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as our leader.

Looking forward to the next two years, I am greatly encouraged about the future of the SCV. For over one hundred and ten years we have been the faithful guardians of the sacred memory of our noble Confederate heroes. Now, more than ever, we are called to join together to defend their good name.

As I look forward to my term, my goal is to be the best commander-in-chief the SCV has ever had. I believe I can achieve this goal. I don't say that because of any particular skills or abilities I bring to the job, but because I think the SCV is poised to have a major impact on our culture.

In order to achieve this goal — of making the SCV the best we can be — I need your help, your support, and your cooperation.

I hope you will join me, both in my high expectations and in working towards making the SCV an organization we can all be proud of.

Working Staff

One of the reasons I think my term as CIC is going to be so successful is that we are blessed with an outstanding staff.

Our Adjutant-in-Chief, Mark Simpson of South Carolina, has already proven to be an outstanding officer. Mark is doing a great job organizing the office of adjutant-in-chief. Having served as camp commander and division adjutant, Mark has a strong grasp of what needs to be done. If your camp or division needs help and advice on adjutant matters, Mark is ready and willing to assist.

Don Shelton of Kentucky is serving as my chief of staff. In that capacity he is responsible for helping me find the right men to staff our other positions — especially committee assignments.

We are constantly looking for willing workers and would like to hear from the membership. If you are interested in serving on one of our national committees (or know of someone who would be good in such a position), please let Don know about it.

The official SCV web site lists all the committees. Take a look and see if there is somewhere you'd like to help.

I am also very pleased about the appointment of Darryl Starnes of Virginia as our chief of heritage defense. With the adoption of the new constitution at the 2006 General Reunion, this officer is now a voting member of the General Executive Council.

Darryl and I were introduced only a few months ago, but I could tell right away that this was the man we needed to spearhead our efforts. Darryl brings a great perspective on what needs to be done in the area of heritage defense, and he and his committee are

hard at work organizing an exciting and proactive approach to protecting the symbols and heritage of the South.

Another new face in the leadership is the Rev. Dr. Cecil Fayard of Mississippi, who is serving as our chaplain-in-chief. Cecil has been a division chaplain and will be a wonderful servant for the Lord as well as for the SCV. I have really enjoyed getting to know him, and I can already see that he has some excellent ideas for the chaplaincy.

Finally, in the office of Judge Advocate-in-Chief, Burl McCoy has agreed to continue in office for another term. I was very grateful when Burl agreed to carry on. In addition to being a seasoned lawyer, Burl is also very familiar with the intricacies of our recent legal history, since he has served on the GEC before. As such, he is well-equipped to keep us on the right track.

Litigation Situation

Speaking of litigation, I am pleased to report that we have resolved the heretofore pending litigation in Oklahoma. In this case, the SCV was forced to seek relief in the federal courts to protect its good name and corporate integrity and to prevent the continued misuse of the SCV's corporate identity.

This litigation was made necessary when certain officers of the Oklahoma Division acted to separate the Sons of Confederate Veterans' Oklahoma Division from the SCV command structure in order to create a new entity called the United Sons of Confederate Soldiers' Association, while retaining control of its financial assets, including dues money previously paid to the OK DIV SCV. These individuals also continued to use the SCV's tax-exempt status and unique tax identification number, which had been acquired by the SCV Inc. for the Oklahoma Division SCV. These individuals, while maligning the SCV and its leadership, continued to use the SCV's name, logo, and other identifying marks.

Additionally, the SCV sought relief in the courts of Canadian County, Oklahoma, against a disgruntled former SCV member for malicious use of the SCV name and logo in Internet chat rooms and web sites dedicated to castigating the SCV and its elected leadership.

At a settlement hearing August 31, 2006, the SCV prevailed in all material aspects regarding the relief it sought.

Among other things, the defendants are to give SCV prompt access to the financial records for the last six years, material which had been previously denied. They are also required to hand over copies of all pertinent historical records such as membership reports, minutes of meetings and conventions, and any other historical documents related to OK DIV SCV.

More importantly, the defendants are further required to immediately cease and desist from using the name "Sons of Confed-

erate Veterans," the initials "SCV," SCV's logo or trademark in any publications, writings, web sites, or other material representations. Defendants are required to specifically cease and desist using the web site *thescopartisan.org* or any similar iteration thereof. This site, like others, was set up to look like an SCV operation, while actually attacking the SCV and its leadership.

Due to the intractable positions taken by the men who removed the *old* Oklahoma Division from our fellowship, the SCV had little choice but to take prompt action to protect ourselves and our good name. Furthermore, the actions of these organizations and individuals to misuse and abuse the name, emblems and symbols of the SCV required us to seek a legal remedy in order to protect our corporate identity from further damage.

Unfortunately, the men who were defendants in this case had to be brought to heel. Had these men simply gone their way and left the SCV alone, this matter could have been resolved simply and easily. The genuine membership of the SCV, however, may have confidence that your leadership will be ever-vigilant in protecting not only our name and our identity but also our beloved Southern symbols, whether the threats come from disgruntled members, the KKK, or other nefarious groups.

Now that this matter is resolved, it is our hope and expectation that we can get the legitimate Oklahoma Division SCV back on its feet and doing the important work with which our noble Confederacy is charged.

Regarding the other litigation in which the SCV has been necessarily involved, let me give you this quick update.

You may recall that we prevailed in the original lawsuit — filed in February 2005 by a few disgruntled members of the GEC trying to remove Denne Sweeney as commander-in-chief. But, incredibly, the plaintiffs were able to persuade the local judge to make the SCV pay their legal bills. We thought such a thing outrageous, of course, and promptly appealed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals. That appeal is scheduled for this fall, and I will update you as soon as we have more details.

In the Mississippi litigation, another disgruntled former member asked the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, to remove the SCV as custodian of the Brooks Fund and give it to the Board of Directors of Beauvoir: The Jefferson Davis Shrine. The Brooks Fund, originally established by a late member in the 1970s for medical research with a gift of about \$400,000, and placed under the administration of the SCV, has now grown to several million dollars.

At the time the suit was filed, the discontented member was a director of Beauvoir. He has since been removed. Simultaneously, an effort was made by some directors of Beauvoir to separate the property from the control of the MS Division SCV, which is the rightful owner.

The SCV retained legal counsel and pursued a vigorous defense in this case, as in the others. The court essentially sided with the SCV on all counts. Although there are a few minor things to clear up, the Brooks Fund is now securely under SCV control.

Also, the leadership of the MS DIV SCV petitioned the court for a judgment declaring the MS DIV SCV to be in full and complete control of Beauvoir, and we prevailed in that matter as well. New, responsible directors have been appointed, and the restoration of Beauvoir (which was so badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina last year) is finally underway.

It is deplorable that we have had to be involved in so many legal cases all because of the destructive conduct of a very small number of angry former members. But in this day and age, we must be constantly on guard to protect ourselves or else our enemies — and the enemies of our Heritage — will surely overwhelm us.

Target Membership

One of the best signs of organizational vitality is membership, and ours is doing well. Our national roster is showing encouraging signs of growth, with membership at 32,000 Compatriots.

Of course, our roster needs to be much, much bigger, and Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Ron Casteel and I have already been discussing ways to improve this. Our target, of course, is very high.

Let me give you an example. In my home state of South Carolina, we have a total population of fewer than 4 million people. The SCV in South Carolina, one of our larger Divisions, has about 3,400 members.

If just one-half of one percent of this state's total population were eligible and interested in joining the SCV, the South Carolina Division should have 20,000 men. You can imagine what this would translate to throughout the whole South.

I don't say this to disparage our recruiting efforts, but rather to highlight the tremendous potential we have in reaching our friends and neighbors.

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Honor and privilege to be a member of the SCV

To the Editor:

As time goes on and the defense of our great heritage seems to get harder and more involved, we feel the need to take our minds back to a time when honor and duty meant a lot in the South and, by the way, still does to most of us. As I remember our Confederate soldiers, the hardships, the disease, the hunger and all that went along with the way things were back then, I am reminded of how strong the will of these men was. They were strong because of who they were. They were strong-willed because this is the type of people the South brought forth. There was nothing this world could throw at them that would cause them to forget their home and their country, for they were the men of the South and they would find a way to succeed.

I have been a member of the Rocky Face Ranger's Camp 1948 for more than three years now. The more I watch and listen to these veteran SCV members, the more I am convinced that we are a product of our ancestors. These men are strong-willed and determined to conquer any heritage problem that may occur in our own community. They can be tough whenever the need arises or they can be as gentle as lambs for the concern of their own.

It is my honor and privilege to be able to say I'm glad I have had the opportunity to know these men and the great job they are doing in our community. I hope and pray that all SCV camps' members feel the same as I do. There is no greater feeling than to know that we are not just defenders of heritage, but we are a family. We seem to enjoy the others' company and look forward to spending time together to work on our mission to defend our great Southern

heritage. These men don't tire of their duties, but seem to get energized when there is work to be done.

Honor and duty, determination and strength are measured by how a person carries himself through this life. The men of Camp 1948 are truly leaders when it comes to any of these. As we have seen, the past two years have been hard on all SCV members. All of us have suffered in some way, but I encourage you to hold on to all that our Confederate ancestors gave us. Always remember that we possess the same determination and will our fathers had, and there will be nothing this world can do to destroy it. With respectful regards to these men, I take my hat off in honor of the Rocky Face Ranger's Camp 1948.

Arlice Baker Rocky Face Ranger's Camp 1948 Taylorsville, NC

Thanks for article on General Jordan

To the Editor:

In the May/June 2006 *Confederate Veteran* was a biography on my ancestor General Thomas Jordan. This is the first official recognition of General Jordan I have seen. Here is more information on this distinguished general of the South.

At West Point (Class of 1840) his roommates were General William Tecumseh Sherman and General George H. Thomas.

His classmates were General Paul Octave Herbert (Confederate); General Stewart Van Vliet (Union); General John Porter McCown (Confederate); General Richard Stoddert Ewell (Confederate); General James Green Martin (Confederate); General George Washington Getty (Union); General William Hays (Union); General Bushrod Rust Johnson (Confederate); General William Steel (Confederate) and Major General John Porter McCown (Confederate).

His grandfather and my 4th greatgrandfather was Private Thomas Jordan of the 3rd Virginia Regiment. During the Revolutionary War he fought at the Battle of Harlem Heights, Trenton, Battlewine and served with Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

I'm sure that General Jordan's father, Gabriel Jordan, often spoke of his grandfather's service to his country. Perhaps that is why General Jordan entered West Point!

Thank you so much for this recognition of General Jordan.

Grant Noah 1st cousin of General Thomas Jordan General George Blake Cosby Camp 1627 Sacramento, CA

Few people have spare time in today's society

To the Editor:

I am not trying to dominate *Dispatches From the Front* by frequent letter-writings, but since that is the first section of *Confederate Veteran* I turn to on receiving a new issue, there is almost always a letter or two that deserves a comment.

One of those in the July/August issue is from A. C. "Trip" Wilson, III of W. E. Jones Camp 74 in Darlington, SC. In his letter he stated "Camp hierarchy needs to emphasize how important membership is, even if the individual never attends a single meeting." Amen to that. Strength is in numbers. At least membership shows interest, inclination and attitude, and how true it is that today's living requires almost all one's time. Spare time is a luxury that few people have.

I have noticed in my own camp

that most of the attending membership is retired. Those that aren't are younger, have families and a job, and consequently very little spare time, so their attendance is sporadic. That should be expected and accepted with good grace.

But don't be dismayed. Other organizations are more or less in the same boat. How often have you heard a speaker being introduced as a member of a dozen organizations? You wonder then if he manages to attend each organization's meetings once a year or none at all. Nearly all organizations have lots of absentee members, but be assured it is much better to have absentee members than not to have them at all.

Jews, as well as Protestants and Catholics, and probably Muslims, have served in the armies of the nations in which they lived and held citizenship as a general rule. There were few Jews in the Confederate Army, which reflected their small proportion of the general population at the time of the War for Southern Independence. Most of the people were Protestants. *Quaker* was a disparaging term applied to the Religious Society of Friends who were morally opposed to war. They resisted serving on either side.

Charles F. Adams Pvt. William Lundy Camp 1699 Crestview, FL

Remember men who dedicated their lives

To the Editor:

This is in response to your cover story in the May/June issue. The Ten Island Camp did not come into existence until January 2006, while the last section of the wall was completed in October 2005.

The vision to build a monument in honor of men from the Calhoun County area of Alabama began at a mass grave at Shiloh, where a group of men from the General George "Tige" Anderson Camp 453 had gathered on a trip to visit the Battleground of Shiloh in 1994. While we are glad that the Ten Island Camp seems to be doing good and we hope will continue to do so, we feel they

should not forget where they came from and what the name of their camp was during the construction and completion of the Confederate Memorial Wall.

Also, it should be stated that Camp 453 gave \$1,500 and uncountable hours of free labor during construction. The Alabama Division of the SCV gave a check for \$10,000, and as far as the county commission, those funds came from taxpayers of Calhoun County, not just the commission. We feel that this should be stated, seeing Mr. Smith and a few others seemed to forget mentioning these facts.

It's not with the intention of casting stones that this is written, but with the intention of remembering what we are about. Not to thump our chest and say, "Look what I've done," but to remember honorable men who dedicated their lives to the defense of their homeland.

"Lest we forget."

Commander, Officers and Proud Members General George "Tige" Anderson Camp 453 Anniston. AL

Confederate reenactors in England

To the Editor:

About two years ago when I was in England I chanced to be in a small English shop located in an old church that was abandoned to its parish. I struck up a conversation with its owner. Somehow the conversation drifted around to where I lived. I said, "I live in California but my home state is Virginia." He said, "Ah, I want to go to Virginia to see the battlefields of the War Between the States." This was before my SCV membership. I came to find out that England has a very active War Between the States reenactor's contingent. This man, whose name escapes me, said his unit was a Texas War Company. In any event, we talked about the War for more than an hour before my wife dragged me away. I said I'd get back to him but never did, sadly. He was thirsting for all kinds of War papers, etc. I didn't know if he had any ancestors from England who participated in the war of Northern aggression. Some of our compatriots might like to communicate to our brother across the sea. I do remember or had only his e-mail address. I'm sure he would be thrilled to receive anything from our compatriots of SCV. The address is Slacky@blueyonder.co.UK. I hope this is correct as he wrote the address on my paper.

James W. Coulsby John S. Mosby Camp 1237 Front Royal, VA

PS: Slacky's Texas unit was Confederate!

Sheridan said it, not Sherman

To the Editor:

Page 46 of the July/August *Confederate Veteran* lists a quote attributed to the infamous W. T. Sherman; "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." However, Sherman did not say this. The quote was from the equally infamous Phil Sheridan.

Not to be outdone, Sherman said, "The more [Indians] we can kill this year, the less will have to be killed the next year, for the more I see of these Indians, the more convinced I am that they all have to be killed or be maintained as a species of paupers."

Billy Ed Bowden Major James Morgan Utz Camp 1815 Florissant, MO

Accuracy is foundation of a historical event

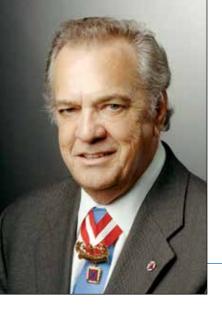
To the Editor:

In your July/August 2006 Confederate Veteran magazine, page 16, I see where Texas has a new museum that is called Texas Civil War Museum. Why Civil War? That was the name given by the victor. It was the War Between the States, War of Southern Independence, War of Northern Aggression or The War That Shouldn't Have Happened. There was nothing civil about it.

I don't buy books titled *Civil War*, for if the title is wrong, how can I trust the contents?

I am a proud member of the SCV,

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REPORT OF THE LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RONALD E. CASTEEL

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Video and Our Confederate Heritage

y initial encounter with videotape and videotape machines occurred when I landed my first television news job doing the 10 PM news on an ABC affiliate in Honolulu, Hawaii, way back in the last century. In 1964 to be exact.

Little did I or anyone else know way back then how important video machines, now called VCR's, would become to the world. Today, most all civilized people have a VCR and now even a DVD player, as videotape is on its way out.

Video rules the world in a very real way. Video is used to instruct, inform, educate, and entertain. It is the best sales tool around. It is an excellent teacher that exists now in every classroom. Video influences all our lives in one way or another at home and on the job.

Video is also frequently used to hammer our Confederate heritage.

Little wonder that our flag and symbols have been denigrated to the degree they have. Most of the time, when Confederate heritage and Confederate issues make the evening news, it's almost always with an anti-Confederate bias.

Any SCV member who watches PBS, the Discovery Channel or the History Channel, or any of the other cable channels that carry history-theme programs, can tell you these broadcasting outlets never tell both sides of a *Civil War* story. The documentaries they show are always one-sided and always give the Yankee version of history, always

repeating the old time-worn tune that the South was wrong and that slavery was the only cause of the War For Southern Independence.

Only *Gods and Generals*, and perhaps one or two other non-feature films, has ever in these modern days of TV done a balanced presentation of the facts surrounding the war that gave us our Confederate heritage. Perhaps the best-known documentary series on the war is Ken Burns' *Civil War*, which was pitifully gorged with anti-South bias. It was a hit series that has been played and replayed, and it is from this production that a lot of Americans gained their main impression of what the War For Southern Independence was all about.

Watch any documentary that appears on PBS or the History Channel and you'll find anti-Confederate bias. Earlier this year I was watching the History Channel one evening. I had just turned on the TV and gotten into the program late when I experienced one of the most blatant examples of anti-Confederate bias. I was watching a documentary on Jefferson Davis, but it wasn't until the second commercial break that the announcer informed me that I was watching *Jefferson Davis*, *Traitor President*. Only then did I flip the channel. I wasn't surprised, just disgusted, knowing that a lot of people watching that show would come away from it believing indeed that Jefferson Davis was a traitor.

So it is that the educational system assists greatly in the distortion of history. Fewer people than ever, both students and adults, now read history books. That automatically leaves the TV screen as the main instructional tool that puts the dents in our attempts at reaching those who don't know the truth about Jefferson Davis or Robert. E. Lee, but whose minds might be open to it if there were programs to counter the anti-Confederate garbage that is always around.

If there is one thing the Sons of Confederate Veterans should be spending educational dollars on if it had them in sufficient quantity, is the production of an educational series of DVDs on Confederate subjects and issues.

I would love to see the SCV begin production on a series of films called *The Truth* series — for the lack of a better title. Thirty-to sixty-minute documentaries on *The Truth About the Confederate Flag, The Truth About Secession, The Truth About Jefferson Davis, The Truth About Slavery, The Truth About Reconstruction, The Truth About Andersonville or <i>The Truth About Abraham Lincoln.* You get the idea.

Such programs, because of their lack of *political* correctness would never be broadcast on television, but such a series of DVDs should be on the shelf of every member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

It would be interesting to see what would happen to our recruiting and retention numbers if we had such a series of documentaries and the programs were widely distributed.

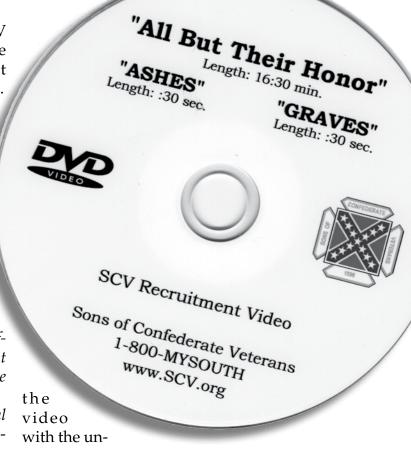
But, unfortunately, that likely will never happen in the absence of the budget needed to properly produce such a series, unless the SCV discovers a big pot of gold or a wealthy SCV member decides that such an education effort should be funded. We can always hope.

Back on the subjects of video and recruiting:

If you are a camp commander, by now you should have received your complimentary copy of *All But Their Honor*. That's the title of an all-new 16-minute recruiting video which I wrote and produced and debuted at the 2006 reunion in New Orleans.

The production of this video was funded by the General Executive Council at substantial expense, using your SCV member-produced revenue.

It was decided that since the video was completed well under the original \$15,000 budget, each camp commander would be sent a complimentary copy of



with the understanding that efforts would be made to use it as a recruiting tool. The money to reproduce and mail the video came from the money that might have otherwise been spent on the video's production.

Contained on the DVD is a 16-minute recruiting message, a loop of the program which when selected, continually repeats the film which is ideal for special showings (such as a gun show and other events where the public is passing by). Additionally, there are two 30-second TV recruitment spots which camps may wish to place on local cable TV.

I ask camp commanders to please see that the video is not only shown at your camp meeting but is also used by camp membership to spread the word about the SCV to potential new members.

It is my honor to serve you now that Chris Sullivan who previously held this office has now moved on to become our commander-in-chief for 2006-2008.

Best regards,

Ron Casteel Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, SCV ltcic@scv.org





AN EDITORIAL FROM
THE CHIEF OF
HERITAGE DEFENSE

Museum of the Confederacy in Financial Decline

irst, I would like to extend my appreciation for CIC Sullivan's trust in me, having appointed me to the position of your heritage defense coordinator for the next two years. Second, I would like to assure all of you that I will take up the flag of heritage defense and continue to carry it into the battle to defend our Confederate heritage to the best of my ability.

Having served as the heritage defense coordinator for the Virginia Division for the past two and a half years, and although winning a battle here and there, I have come face to face with the ugly reality that we are gradually losing our overall battle in defending our heritage. However, I am an optimist and sincerely believe that with proper planning,

coordination, public relations and cooperation, we can begin to turn their flank.

Why are we currently losing? Because the liberals often have control of the schools, the media and the local governing bodies. More often than not, one or two people are able to complain to these factions and bring discrimination against us, depriving us of our Constitutional rights of freedom of speech, as well as remove Confederate memorials. These people do not constitute a separate group of people who attack us independently, but are often the same people who want to remove the manger scenes from the middle of the town square and prevent prayers at the high school football game. It is time we looked at the other people who are being affected by this liberal element as possible allies. These people need to realize if individuals can take away our memorials, etc. and take away their manger scenes, what's next? We should also be cognizant of the heritage sentiment of the school board and supervisors for whom we vote.

Napoleon said that a good offense is the best defense. I propose that in those communities where, for example, we do not prevail in a school heritage T-shirt case, that we immediately assume the offense and come back with a prominently displayed Confederate Flag, memorial, etc. This could be done on private property perhaps near the entrance to the community. Doing so usually brings publicity to the T- shirt

matter and thus to the attention of the community, who seldom know anything about these incidents and are outraged when they do. The offending school system also finds that appeasing one so-called *offended* person has now put a much bigger flag than a T-shirt flag on their communities' front-door step, and have not silenced us at all. I am well aware of the many factors involved with such a process such as the cost of a sliver of land that could be involved if we wished to put up a permanent flag; however, it would appear that this offensive approach might, in the long run, be more advantageous than going through lengthy and costly litigation in a defensive court action. These are a few of the offensive avenues that I wanted to share with you and which I wish all of us to explore in the coming months.

Now I would like to share a heritage problem with those of you who may not already be aware of it. This is a problem that is not the usual heritage problem, but is close to my home and all of our hearts. This problem is the financial decline of the Museum of the Confederacy (MOC) and the White House of the Confederacy complex here in Richmond. It is needless for me to say that the museum is the primary repository for the most treasured of Confederate artifacts, while the White House has incomparable historical significance. At this time the MOC Executive Director and the MOC Board have greatly publicized that the financial demise of the complex



is due to the encroachment of the huge Medical College of Virginia (MCV) construction project. This project causes difficult access to the complex, thereby causing financial decline which they in turn advise lends possible exposure to a sell-off of the artifacts.

In opposition to this mode of thinking, a previous board member and a former treasurer of the MOC has publicly said that he concedes the problems of the MCV hospital construction; however, this individual also alleges that much of the financial difficulty is due to the lack of fundraising by the executive director and thus the administration of the complex by the board. This view is also shared by many museum members here in the Richmond area. I highly advocate the continued financial support of both the MOC and the White House. However, no matter how well the intentions of the current board may be, they have had their chance — but the problem continues to worsen.

Unlike many corporations, the MOC members have no vote as to who serves on the board or who is hired to direct the MOC. The MOC Board merely elects other people to the board at their discretion. The time may have come that there should be a change in the manner in which MOC Board Members are elected. Such a change would bring a renewed and fresh approach to the current MOC dilemma as well as an executive director who can successfully raise larger funds for our museum and White House.

In the Bonds of the South,

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Chaplain's Comments

Dr. Cecil A. Fayard, Jr. Chaplain-in-Chief



The Things That Made America Great

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for His own inheritance. — Psalm 33:12

e need to be reminded of the past blessings of God on America, and why those blessings occurred. When the noted nineteenth-century French political philosopher Alex DeTocqueville visited America in her infancy to find the secret of her success, he traveled from town to town examining our young government, our schools, and businesses; and in them, he found no reason for our strength and success. When DeTocqueville visited the churches of America and saw, as he said, "pulpits ... aflame with righteousness," he found the secret of American success. When he returned to France, he summarized his findings by

saying "America is great because America is good; when America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

In the South more than in any other area of our great country there has been and continues to be a contingent of God-fearing Americans willing to sacrifice all for God and country. In the ranks of our Southern Army, General Robert E. Lee encouraged Godliness and prayer among his troops. The great Christian General Robert E. Lee had this to say about our need of earnest prayer: "Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all people everywhere to pray

 believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in the critical hour — I humbly urge that we take time to pray — to really pray. Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, midnight — all through the day. Let us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word concern out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our

practice."

In George Washington's first Thanksgiving proclamation he said "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor"

We must go back to the things that made America great. We are now living on past blessings, and we are quickly unraveling at the seams. At the time of the War for Southern Independence, our great Southern leaders saw the foreshadowing of this condition which we now face. It was for this cause that they chose to pick up arms and fight for the values of their homeland.

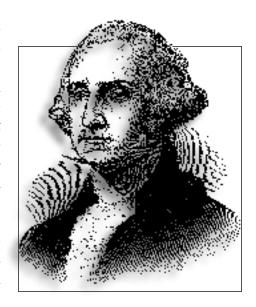
Belief In The Bible Made America Great (II Tim 3:16)

The Bible is like a compass; and without the compass, we lose direction. President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis said this of receiving a copy of a King James Version Bible printed in Nashville for the soldiers in the Confederate Army: "The Bible is a beautiful specimen of Southern workmanship, and if I live to be inaugurated the first President of the Confederacy, on the 22nd of February, my lips shall press the sacred volume which your kindness has bestowed upon me." This Bible was the favorite book among those in the Confederate Army and was distributed freely to the troops as a moral compass to the men. Leadership in the Southern army saw that moral goodness was as valuable among their ranks as any skills or talents that their soldiers brought to the

battlefield.

William E. Blackstone, the man who helped to form a Christian base to early American law, said "The Bible is stamped with a specialty of origin and an immeasurable distance separates it from all competitors." Blackstone believed that God is the source of all laws, whether found in the Bible or observed in nature. In Blackstone's view, man was bound to God's laws and the absolutes taught therein. Our laws and Constitution were based on God's law.

In the days before the Great Conflict, Southern leadership saw parts of our nation and its leadership already beginning to withdraw from the basis of our law: the Fear of God. This was something that they could not and would not stand for, being a Constitution-loving and God-fearing people. Mississippi General E.C. Walthall said this concerning the reason for withdrawing from the Union: "We did not take up arms because we were dissatisfied with our form of government, for we valued that then as we value it now; and we so loved the constitution for the safeguards of liberty which we read in it, that we fashioned our Confederated constitution after it as a model The war, with us did not originate in ambition, nor did we fight for spoils, for conquest or for fame. With us it was no war of invasion or of revenge. It was not to build up some great leader's fortunes nor to elevate some popular favorite to place or power. We went to war for none of these; but it was 'to save the constitution,' as we



read it, and to save ourselves and to preserve our cherished form of government."

George Washington wisely said "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." Daniel Webster said "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible our country will go on prospering and to prosper. But if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Prayer Made America Great (II Chronicles 7:14)

One of the most famous paintings of George Washington shows him kneeling in the snow and praying to the God of heaven in whom he believed. On Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon are these words of Christ: "I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth on Me, though he were dead yet shall he live."

Also immortalized for his fear of God and belief in prayer,

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The Last Roll

Fort Blakely 1864 Bay Minette, AL Harvey Harold Young

Forrest's Cavalry 1899 Blountsville, AL **Larry Charles Rogers**

Gen. Robert C. Newton 197 Little Rock, AR Robert E. Bearden

Gen. Thomas Dockery 1577 Magnolia, AR Richard Echols Wood

Col. Robert G. Shaver 1655 Ionesboro, AR **Dick Nelson Roberts**

Delaware Grays 2068 Seaford, DE John William Vannicola

Col. John Marshall Martin 730 Ocala, FL **Nolie Charles Deas**

John Hance O'Steen 770 Trenton, FL Alfred L. Hammond

Stephen Russell Mallory 1315 Pensacola, FL James Philip Grady

1 Lt. Thomas H. Gainer 1319 Panama City, FL **David Michael Spicer**

Brig. Gen. Evander M. Law 1323 Lakeland, FL

W. R. Yearwood

Maj. Pickens Bird 1327 Monticello, FL **Douglas Keith Wainwright**

Gilmer Light Guards 89 Ellijay, GA

Rozier Gordon Wingate

Major William E. Simmons 96 Lawrenceville, GA Wayne Ray Bailey

Tattnall Invincibles 154 Reidsville, GA Jack Lester Jarriel

William Thomas Overby/ Coweta Guards 715 Newnan, GA William Boyd Oliver

Cherokee Legion 914 Canton, GA Jerry K. Wood

Chattahoochee Guards 1639 Mableton, GA Samuel Thomas Newton

Picketts Mill Volunteers 2035 Dallas, GA **Bob Rylee**

Pine Barrens Volunteers 2039 Eastman, GA William Judson Fountain

Col. William Norris 1398 Darnestown, MD Daniel J. Smith Erik Vonmossburg

Major General Arnold Elzey 1940 Salisbury, MD John Merrill

Capt. William T. Anderson 1743 Huntsville, MO Wilford Barnard Green

Colonel Joseph C. Porter 2055 Shelbina, MÔ Kelly P. Little

Jefferson Davis 635 Jackson, MS Jim S. Legan

Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg, MS Joseph Ivey Strahan

Lowry Rifles 1740 Rankin County, MS **Normand Tyler Bonifay** William H. Allen

Zebulon Baird Vance 15 Asheville, NC E. Frank Davis

Brown Mountain Boys 1540 Germantown, NC James Owen Tuttle

Rocky Face Rangers 1948 Taylorsville, NC Harvey E. Bowman Iohn P. Church John Paul Church

Henry Ward Harris 2037 Hobbs, NM **Robert Thomas Wright**

Lt. Dixon-CSS Hunley 2016 Sparks, NV **Connie Edward Cox**

James A. Morgan 1356 Duncan, OK Kenneth K. Lynch

16th South Carolina Regiment

Greenville, SC Joseph A. Mccullough

Joseph B. Kershaw 82 Camden, SC Paul I. Bostick

H. L. Hunley 143 Summerville, SC James Doyle Gilliam

Col. Henry Laurens Benbow

Manning, SC

John Lawrence Broome

Eutaw Regiment 1189 Santee, SC Thomas M. Henry

Fort Sumter 1269 Charleston, SC T. Keith Marshall John J. Mahoney **Edward Frost Lowndes**

N. B. Forrest 3 Chattanooga, TN **Paul Raymond Neal**

M/G Benjamin F. Cheatham 72 Manchester, TN

Robert Mitts Peck

Nathan Bedford Forrest 215 Memphis, TN Glenn L. Millar



John B. Ingram Bivouac 219 Jackson, TN Clifford L. Smith

MG William D. McCain HO 584 Columbia, TN Jean Vaughan Cannon Robert L. Wirtz **Thomas Eugene Hoskins** George B. Hill **James Reese Jones John McMurry Sims**

Capt. James P. Douglas 124 Tyler, TX William Edward Cheatham

Capt. James Gillaspie 226 Huntsville, TX Hiram J. Lemma

Reeves 11th Texas Cavalry 349 Sherman, TX William Buchan Blair

Frontier Guard 996 Junction, TX James Callan Graham

Gen. W. L. Cabell 1313 Dallas, TX Kenneth R. Jones

Granbury's Texas Brigade 1479 Conroe, TX Samuel Maurice Young

Powhatan Troop 1382 Powhatan, VA Frank Elmore Butler

Tom Smith 1702 Suffolk, VA **Thomas Willis Cohoon**

Matthew Fontaine Maury 1722 Fredricksburg, VA Ashby Mason Embrey

Charlotte County Greys 1964 Charlotte Court House, VA Richard Lee Clark

Confederate Images by C.E. Avery



John Slidell, Confederate Commissioner

Born in 1793 in New York and receiving a good education, John Slidell became a lawyer and merchant. However, he became financially ruined by the War of 1812. Following a duel, he relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he practiced commercial law and entered politics.

Slidell served in the state legislature but lost several races for both houses of the US Congress. However, he finally won a seat in the House of Representatives in 1843, for one term. In 1853 he was admitted to the US Senate, where he remained until 1861.

John was a proponent of slavery and opposed Stephen A. Douglas. He was appointed ambassador to France from the Confederacy shortly after the outset of war.

After the outbreak of hostilities, England and France issued a proclamation of neutrality, giving the Confederacy the status of a belligerent. In November 1861 the commissioners left for England and France. James Mason and John Slidell slipped through the Union blockade to Havana, Cuba, where they boarded an English

steamer, the *Trent*, bound for England. Off the Cuban waters was an American ship, the *San Jacinto*, whose officer knew the Southern diplomats were on the *Trent*.

Wilkes, commanding the San Jacinto, stopped the British vessel, arresting the commissioners without authorization from his government. The commissioners were taken to Boston and imprisoned. The British government demanded the release of the prisoners, citing that America had gone to war

with England over this same issue in 1812 when English ships had stopped US vessels. They also demanded reparations and an apology.

England went so far as to station soldiers along the Canadian-United States border should the United States fail to comply with their terms.

Lincoln was well aware that

a war with England at this time would bring both England and France on the side of the Confederacy. He waited until American opinion had cooled off,

then returned the Confederate commissioners with an indirect apology on January 1, 1862.

Slidell finally arrived in Paris but could not get Napoleon III to recognize or directly support the Confederacy. However, he played a major role in getting France to loan money and mate-

rials in exchange for cotton to be delivered at a later date.

After the war, Slidell never returned to United States soil. He remained in France until the fall of Napoleon III in 1870. The following year he moved to England, where he died shortly afterwards.



111th Annual National Reunion – New Orleans

Keeping the Charge of '06 in '06

"Laissez les bons temps rouler"

et the good times roll is the motto of New Orleans, and the good times did roll during our 111th National Reunion held August 2-5, 2006. Delegates and their guests were treated to good times and excellent hospitality in the Crescent City.

Hosted by the General P.G.T. Beauregard Camp 130, New Orleans, LA, *Keeping the Charge of '06 in '06* was the theme of the reunion as we remembered and celebrated the centennial of the charge given to us by General Stephen Dill Lee, commanderin-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, at our joint reunion with the UCV in New Orleans in 1906.

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindica-

tion of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Wednesday and Thursday, August 2-3

The General Executive Council started things off with their pre-convention meeting on Wednesday afternoon with a plantation tour and dinner that night. But the reunion really got off to an excellent start on Thursday morning with a great opening ceremony. A Dixieland band marched down the center

aisle playing *Dixie*, followed by the color guard. We were then treated to an outstanding video that highlighted the 1906 reunion, with many photos of the parade down Canal Street, General Stephen D. Lee on horseback and various scenes of veterans attending reunion functions.

After a brief recess we reconvened with a quorum present. The standing rules were then adopted with no objections. We were honored with two Real Sons in attendance, and they were introduced to standing ovations. Woody Plaugher from California and Jim Brown from Arizona, now living in Tennessee, attended all the business sessions and sat on the front row.

Adjutant-in-Chief Jim Dark reported that as of July 1, 2006, we had 30,900 members in 875



A Dixieland jazz band opened the 2006 National Reunion in New Orleans, LA, by marching down the center aisle playing Dixie.

camps. Contrary to rumors circulated by our critics, this was a drop of approximately 1,600 members from the previous year. Our audit is complete and available for any member to see on request. Contact Executive Director Ben Sewell if you would like to review it.

Next up, Chief of Staff Ron Casteel, introduced our new recruiting video entitled *All But Their Honor*. By the time you read this, every camp should have received one copy at no charge. It is a superb video, and all camps are encouraged to use it.

Delegates then heard a report from Mississippi Division Commander Ed Funchess on the status of Beauvoir. An attempt to steal Beauvoir was thwarted by

the courts, and it is now safely in the possession of the Mississippi Division. Of course, this involved an expensive lawsuit.

Jack Marlar, field representative, presented a report on the Sam Davis Youth Camps. He introduced Compatriot Danny Curtis, who has attended the camp for the last four years, and he briefed us on his experiences as a camper and what he has learned.

An unprecedented number of business sessions were scheduled for this year's reunion for the purpose of adopting a new constitution. Discussion on this was the next item of business. Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney made a brief presentation about why a new constitution was needed.

Friday, August 4

Friday dawned bright and hot, but in a strange twist, it was hotter in the middle and upper South than it was in New Orleans while we were there. After two business sessions the day before, only one was scheduled for Friday. Discussion on the new constitution continued. Our lawyer in the Mississippi lawsuit, Tom Gerity, addressed the convention on our corporate status. He explained the difference between the constitution and standing rules and why we needed both. Questions were allowed from the floor, and he was asked about the Brooks Fund lawsuit, and reported it should be completed in our favor shortly.

Each section and article of the



A 1906 UCV Reunion badge.

proposed constitution was put on the floor one at a time for discussion and questions. There were a lot of questions. There were a lot of amendments and amendments to amendments. But throughout the entire process everyone conducted themselves as gentlemen, even when they didn't agree on an issue. Not present were the delaying tactics and parliamentary wrangling from past reunions. All in all, it was one of the most harmonious reunions anyone could remember. The good times did roll.

Saturday, August 5

Everyone had to rise early Saturday morning to attend the department meetings that started at 8 AM. The main item of business for the departments was the election of new officers. In the Army of Northern Virginia, Michael Givens of South Carolina was elected commander, and Brag Bowling of Virginia was elected councilman. The Army of

Tennessee elected Charles Kelly Barrow from Georgia as their new commander and Ed Butler from Tennessee as their new councilman. During the Army of Trans-Mississippi meeting, Chuck Norred of California was elected commander, and Chuck McMichael of Louisiana was elected councilman.

Once we reconvened in the main hall, the Time and Place Committee reported that Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be the site of our 2009 Reunion. Voting had been held earlier on the new constitution, and it was adopted with a vote of 1,224 for and 147 against. The new constitution as adopted in New Orleans is now available on our web site, www. scv.org.

Our attention now turned to the election of general officers. Ron Casteel of Missouri

and Tarry Beasley of Tennessee were nominated for the office of lt. commander-in-chief. For commander-inchief, Mike Duminiak of Pennsylvania and Chris Sullivan of South Carolina were nominated. After all the speeches, the polls were opened for voting. After all the votes were counted, Ron Casteel was elected lt. commander-inchief and Chris Sullivan was elected as our new commander-in-chief. In

a show of unity and

class, Mike Duminiak rose and made a motion that Compatriot Sullivan be elected by acclamation. There was no objection and it was so ordered. Tarry Beasley then made a similar motion to elect Ron Casteel by acclamation. There were also no objections, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney gave his report. He reflected on his two years in office and discussed some of the difficulties and challenges he and the SCV faced. He then pointed out some accomplishments.

He ended his reported by reflecting on the Charge given to us a hundred years ago and imagined what General Lee would say if he could see us today. If General Stephen D. Lee were alive today, he would answer his charge like this:



The cover of the 1906 UCV Reunion, which was reproduced on the 2006 SCV Reunion cover.



The past, present and future of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pictured from left, newly elected Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan, Past Commander-in-Chief Bernard E. Eble (1970-1972) and Past Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney at the Confederate Ball on Saturday night.

We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, do accept the vindication of the Cause for which our heroic Confederate ancestors fought. It is our duty to defend the symbols and monuments and graves of that great struggle for as long as the Southland exists. It is our strength of character that protects the Confederate soldier's legacy of bravery and humility and self-sacrifice, and we pledge on our sacred honor to hold true to his ideals and principles. We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, 100 years on, claim the birthright of the Southern people for ourselves and our children, and declare that this is an inheritance which we must forever preserve,

SO HELP US GOD.

Resolutions were next on the agenda. Delegates passed resolutions thanking Commander-in-Chief Sweeney for his service and thanking the host camp for their work on this year's reunion. After a small debate, a resolution was passed to do a fundraising mailing to our membership for the Southern Legal Resource Center. We also passed a resolution declaring 2007 to be the Year of Lee in honor of General Robert E. Lee's 200th birthday on January 19, 2007.

We finished up our last busi-

ness session with the singing of *Dixie*, led by incoming Adjutant-in-Chief Mark Simpson. We adjourned at 2:30 PM, much earlier than a lot of us anticipated before we arrived.

Of course, this was not the end of the festivities. The General Executive Council held a brief meeting in the main hall. And the weekend ended with the Debutante Presentation, Grand Banquet and Confederate Ball.

Next year's reunion will be hosted by the Raphael Semmes Camp 11 in Mobile, Alabama, on July 25-27, 2007, at the Battle House Hotel.

Sam Davis Youth Camps

An Investment In Our Future

by Reverend Robert Slimp

privilege had attending and speaking at our Sam Davis Youth Camp at the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Camp in the Ozark Mountains near Harriet, Arkansas, this past July. I was excited because this was my firstever Sam Davis Youth Camp. Past Commander-in-Chief Ron Wilson is the founder of the Youth Camps. He made the decision to begin the camps when he was elected commander-in-chief in 2002. The first Sam Davis Camp was held the following year. In 2006 there were two camps. The first one was in Georgia. The second camp in Arkansas was the very first co-ed camp. This experiment was so successful that before the camp was over, it was decided that all future camps would be co-ed. It only makes good sense to educate our young women as well as our young men, pointing out how supportive Southern women were of our cause during the War For Southern Independence. We had 33 campers; 17 were young men and 16 were young

ladies, ages 12 to 20. Our faculty included our two field directors, Jack Marlar and Chris Edwards, Pastor John Weaver, Ron Wilson, Mrs. Cassie Barrow, the director of girls' activities; myself and Joe Warnke, a 20-year-old counselor from Dawsonville, Georgia, who also taught an inspiring class on President Jefferson Davis.

All of the campers were enthusiastic. Some of them were real leaders. All of them were talented. They came to have a good time, but they also came to learn as much as they could about their beloved Southland.

Each day began with Reveille at 7 AM. There was a Confederate flag-raising and a devotion by Pastor John Weaver at 7:45 AM. Next came breakfast at 8 AM.

Beginning at 9 o'clock there were typically three classes on such topics as Causes of the War and Secession, Sam Davis, The Truth About Abraham Lincoln, The Battle of Sabine Pass, The Great Revivals in the Confederate Army, and many other subjects. There was a worship service daily where the Bible was taught and

our Christian faith encouraged.

Lunch was at noon. Recreation time was between 2 and 5:30 in the afternoon. There were interesting things for the campers to choose from. There was a beautiful creek which flowed right though the camp. There were two crystal-clear swimming holes; one was big enough for snorkeling. There were good fly fishing spots downstream. In addition, there were challenging hikes to Goat Cave high above the camp, which was strenuous enough so that a guide had to be provided by the camp staff to lead the way. The views from the top of the cave were spectacular. There was a magnificent waterfall and breathtaking views of rugged cliffs and the magnificient Ozark Mountains. There were also horseback riding and canoe trips available.

In the evening we had supper at 6 o'clock, followed by a Confederate Flag-lowering ceremony. Afterward, Attorney Kirk Lyons taught the boys the manual of arms and basic military drills. This was designed to interest them in becoming reenactors. While the young men were training, Cassie Barrow was teaching the girls about Southern fashion and etiquette of the ante-bellum and Confederate periods. Then, both groups came together to be taught by both Kirk Lyons and Cassie Barrow how to do period dances such as the Virginia Reel, Strip the Willow, The Prince William Jig and the White Cockade. When they were dancing, the boys always bowed to their partners, and the girls curtsied. They are real Southern belles. The young men are becoming Southern gentlemen. Sometimes the boys and girls were separated to hear talks that would be especially tailored to each group. For example, Mrs. Barrow gave talks and had discussions on the role of women during the war, and told them stories about Belle Boyd and Emma Samson. She also participated with them in their recreation, swimming etc. and did an excellent job of instilling the values and traditions of Southern womanhood into these girls.

Never in my life, even as a pastor at church camps, did I see such a wonderful group of young people. The campers were courteous, smiled and laughed a lot. They obviously were enjoying themselves. They were always polite. The Director of Shepherd of the Hills Camp was so impressed with them that he invited them to come back again next year. He said he very seldom had a group of young people who were so well-behaved and caused no problems. These young people made me very hopeful about the future of the SCV, UDC and the survival of our Southern heritage.

I will never forget the band that was hired by our Sam Davis camp to play for the Southern dances and sing-alongs.

The band played all of the good old Confederate songs and occasionally played something more modern, like a couple of Hank Williams' songs. I'll never forget when we sang *Dixie* seven times in a row, each time more loudly. I taught the campers one of the real war verses which begins, "Swear upon your country's altar, never to give up or falter, to arms, to arms, to arms in Dixie!"

I will always remember camper Danny Curtis of Lake Charles, Louisiana and William Lyons of Black Mountain, North Carolina. Both were gifted with a delightful sense of humor and kept the



Campers and counselors pose for a group photo.



The first girls at a Sam Davis Youth Camp.



Campers practice the Virginia Reel.

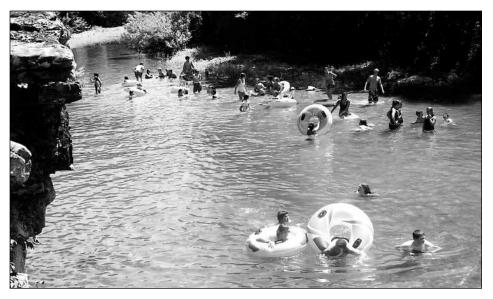
group laughing. Danny always joined the band with his guitar on these occasions. The girls had a wonderful chorus.

Most of the boys were already members of the SCV, and four more joined at the end of the camp; and a special induction ceremony was arranged with our SCV Headquarters at Elm Springs, Tennessee. Some of the older girls are

Been hoping they would invite girls to the camp ...

"The first ever co-ed Sam Davis Youth Camp was an awesome experience. I'd been hoping that they would invite girls to the camp ever since my bother Joe started going to them three years ago. We were given excellent lectures all week. Our speakers were men and women who were very enthusiastic, with a heart for the Cause, and their lectures were interesting, educational, and, at times, humorous and moving. We learned about the Causes of the War, Sam Davis, Abe Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and the role of women during the War, nurses, the Confederate Battle Flag and several other things. We were given presentations on the fashion and etiquette of the period, and I got to see original clothes from the 1860s, which I found very interesting. We also learned period dances. We had a very fun ball at the end of the week. The whole week was an excellent experience. I learned about our men and what they fought for, and I was able to meet other like-minded people. It made me very proud to be a Southerner, and it made me especially proud of my ancestors who fought so bravely for our beloved Southland!

— Mary Warnke, age 15, Dawsonville, Georgia.



One of the swimming holes at the camp.

members of the UDC, and some of the younger ones belong to the Children of the Confederacy. Most of the rest will join in the near future.

As you can see, our Sam Davis Youth Camps are one of our best recruiting tools. We must reach our young people and bring them into the SCV, UDC, Cof C and Order of Confederate Rose. Otherwise, we are a dying organization. Plans are already underway to have two camps next summer, one near Orangeburg, South Carolina and the other at the Shepherd of the Hills at Harriet, Arkansas. Hopefully, there will be at least three or four camps in 2008. Our camp standards are very high. I was very impressed with the dress code and moral standards of our young people.

Mark Mabrito, commander of the George Washington Littlefield Camp 78, Austin, Texas, brought a van full of young people to the camp. He said that he wanted to be able to double the number he brought next year. He said, "I hope that

soon we will have a summer camp in every division. Two or three camps are not enough for the whole Confederacy."

The Sam Davis Camps had additional interesting activities similar to those at one of our Division or National Reunions. There was oratorical contest for the boys, which was very spirited. The girls had an essay contest. They were asked to write a fictional account of their Confederate ancestor, telling what they knew, but when the information was lacking, they were to put down what they imagined or wanted him to be like. These essays were very well-written and interesting.

The Confederate Ball took place on Friday night, while the induction of the men into the SCV took place on Saturday evening, when there was also an awards ceremony.

These camps are our best insurance policy for our future. Let's start right now finding young people to send to camp in 2007. If every camp would send

one young man and one young lady to a camp next year, we would have to have more camps, and both the SCV and UDC would soon become so large and influential that the truth about the South will continue, and Stephen Dill Lee's Charge will be taught to future generations till "Gabriel blows his horn."

The Sam Davis Youth Camp

by Joe Warnke

ducation has always been an integral part of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Both during and after the War, the Confederate soldiers themselves, not the least of which were Patrick Cleburne and Robert E. Lee, showed great concern that their true motives would be remembered and accurately recorded. After the war, none other than our President Jefferson F. Davis and our Vice-President Alexander H. Stephens assumed the task of authoring several texts each. Our fathers in the United Confederate Veterans understood the importance of teaching the true history of the South to their children and to the general public. They were very bold and active in that endeavor. When it came time to pass the torch, they personally charged us to continue that education, especially to the future generations. Thus, an inherent duty of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to en-

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No one, young or old, left this camp without feeling they had learned something ...

"The co-ed Youth Camp was an incredible experience for me. I was a little apprehensive about the six hours of lectures each day, but I was surprised at how interesting each one was. We had several different speakers and a great variety of topics. My favorites were the causes of the war, the biographies of Sam Davis and Belle Boyd, and the role of women in the War. We had so much fun making friends, swimming, horseback riding, and learning period dances and songs. It all culminated at the big ball on Friday night. I enjoyed the entire week. It really got me fired up for the Cause, and I certainly learned a whole lot! I can't wait for next year's camp!

— Anna Warnke, age 18, Dawsonville, Georgia

"The Sam Davis Youth Camp has given every person that has gone more than they thought possible. We all knew that we would hear things we hadn't heard before and make a few friends there, but we were all touched in a special way. There's a camaraderie that goes beyond being just good friends. I believe it comes from the fact that we all share the same beliefs and ideals, and the same problems in some cases. I felt like we were spending time with brothers and sisters we did not know we had.

Having a co-ed camp this year was wonderful. They (the girls) needed to have a camp too and I'm glad the SCV was there to give them one. It was nice meeting them, and we had a lot of fun. As is always the case, the lectures were informative, and though not always engrossing, were never dull."

— Daniel Curtis age 16, member Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

"I was honored to be the Girl's Director of the first co-ed Sam Davis Youth Camp. To be able to watch these young ladies' faces as they heard, many for the first time, about women, men, events and places pertaining to the War Between the States was an adrenaline rush for me. I would encourage more camps to sponsor and send young men and ladies to these camps. It was an excellent opportunity for them not only to learn about the truth of the War, but to interact with other teenagers who are interested in our past. No one, young or old, left this camp without feeling they had learned something and had a blast doing it."

— Cassie A. Barrow

Lt. Commander-in-Chief

It reminds me of the old story about the two shoe salesmen who were sent to China many years ago.

The one telegraphed back, "Cancel everything; I'm coming home, nobody here has shoes."

The other telegraphed, "Double capacity; nobody here has shoes!"

We need to adopt the second attitude and understand that our neighborhoods and communities are full of men who love their heritage and want to be a part of defending it; they just haven't heard of us yet.

Institutionalization

Last year we started something called the Stephen D. Lee Institute, and we've already had two seminars.

The first one was in Columbia, South Carolina and the second was in College Station, Texas.

The next one will be in Macon, Georgia, October 21.

I want to say a special word of thanks and congratulations to the men of the Sul Ross Camp in College Station for their hard work and sacrifices in putting this seminar on. They did a great job.

The purpose of the SDLI is to put together weekend seminars across the South with some of the best Southern scholars available. This program has a tremendous potential to help us improve the knowledge and understanding of our members, but of greater importance, it's just plain fun.

If you have not yet attended one of these, you cannot imagine how entertaining it is to spend a weekend with five or six of the brightest minds in Southern history. I've been to both seminars we've had so far, and I've learned new things every time.

For more information, check out the web site at scv.org/sdli. If you're interested in hosting a SDLI seminar, contact the Dean of the Institute, Dr. Clyde Wilson (cwilson@clicksouth.com).

Communications Are you getting the *Gray Line*?

The *Gray Line* is an e-mail-based newsletter aimed at camp commanders and adjutants, but it is available to any member. The *Gray Line* contains information about operations as well as news of goings on in the SCV. If you'd like to be added to this list, please send an e-mail request to exedir@scv.org and put "Gray Line subscription" in the subject line.

The SCV also has an official e-mail list. If you'd like to receive periodic emails of important information of interest to SCV members, you can sign up for this service on the SCV web site (scv.org/maillistSubscription.php).

On a similar note, I need to also pass along a warning.

Recently, some members have received e-mail messages from a source calling itself *CV News*. Apparently, the operators of this source have obtained a list of some SCV members' e-mail addresses; however, this is not an official SCV medium.

Although the so-called *CV News* gives the impression it is related to the SCV and is sometimes concerned with SCV issues, it is not affiliated with the SCV.

There are also several Internet-based chat rooms and message boards which concern themselves with SCV business with names like *The Dispatch, Southern Herald,* etc. Many members enjoy whiling away the hours in these chat rooms and find them very entertaining.

Please remember, however, that none of these chat rooms are supervised by or operated under the authority of the SCV. All Compatriots are advised to participate in these services at their

own risk. I would also ask, if you do decide to participate in one of these forums, to be very cautious about what you say there. These sites are often monitored by our detractors (like the SPLC) and, in the past, things said confidentially in one of these chat rooms have been used against us.

Help

Would you like to help the SCV? Here's how.

If you're a government employee, there is something called the Combined Federal Campaign. It's sort of a United Way for federal workers. For the fourth consecutive year, the SCV has been approved for participation in the CFC. In many locations the CFC is combined with the United Way and joint fundraising campaigns are conducted.

Compatriots and their families who might be potential CFC donors are encouraged to consider assigning a portion of their contributions to the SCV. You can do so using our code: Charity 0887.

Another great program is the SCV affinity credit card. With this card, the SCV gets a contribution based on the amount of money the user spends. By using an SCV credit card for everyday purchases, the Confederation gets a commission.

Beginning the first of August, the national SCV will shareing 25% of the revenue received from the SCV VISA Card program with the Divisions. The GHQ receives a monthly report from the bank, which breaks down purchases by state based upon the billing address of the card holder. The checks to Divisions will be made monthly, quarterly or annually once the amount due is at least \$100.

Now, every time you make a purchase, you'll be helping the national SCV and your Division. Therefore, I'd like to encourage all of our members to apply for a card. Applications are available from GHQ.

Anniversaries

In the coming months we have some great opportunities before us.

This January we will celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of Robert E. Lee. I know many camps and divisions have already planned events to celebrate the great event. At present we are planning a celebration of Lee's life for April 2007 at Arlington.

Please take this opportunity, through letters to the editor, oped columns, and through memorials and other observances to make your countrymen aware of the life of this great Southern gentleman. Another good idea is to sponsor the altar flowers at your church for Sunday, January 22, in memory of General Lee.

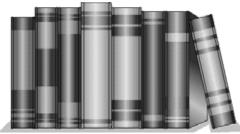
In a similar vein, it is not too early to begin making plans for the sesquicentennial of the War itself. The first major event will be December 20, 2010, and will carry through the succeeding four years. We are right now setting up our own SCV sesquicentennial commission as well as working with the official US government commission for this anniversary.

This will be a great opportunity for us, as guardians of Confederate history, to tell the true story of our ancestors. It will also be a time of tremendous controversy as our enemies bloviate about all the perceived evils of which the modern South-haters are so fond.

It is important that we, even now, begin our preparation for this momentous occasion.

In conclusion, let me express again my gratitude for y'all allowing me to serve as your commander-in-chief. I am truly honored to be able to lead such a fine group of men. Please feel free to contact me if there is any way I may be of service.

Christopher M. Sullivan, Commander-in-Chief 864-271-6810 cic@scv.org



Books in Print

Vengeance in My Heart A Novel of the Civil War

A uthor David K. Moore is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a great-grandson of Lt. Hezekiah Moore, Confederate Cavalry.

Vengeance in My Heart is a well-researched and riveting account of Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence, Kansas,

A Novel of the Civil War

on the 20th of August, 1863. Moore writes a comprehensive background of the true civil war raging in Kansas and Missouri during the late 1850's, long before the Confederacy was formed. Kansas became a hotbed of Abolitionists and pro-union forces. Mass burnings of homes and property, lootings, and murder of innocent civilians were led by the Jayhawkers and Redlegs. This period of history was

characterized by vengeance of the most violent nature. Every atrocity and death on either side demanded cold-blooded revenge from survivors. Southerners living in the original States of the Confederacy, especially in the States that formed the Army of Northern Virginia, were mostly spared the horrors of that kind of war.

William Clarke Quantrill was a curious figure. Born a Northerner, he lived in Lawrence, Kansas, and other border towns under the assumed name of Charley Hart. He was a teacher, raided homes of Missouri citizens, and freed slaves with a *vengeance* that appeared real, according to his letters to his mother. Quantrill was run out of town for suspicion of theft and cheating the Delaware Indians. To regain any measure of credibility, he concocted a story that he had gone undercover to avenge the murder of a brother by Jayhawkers.

Loyal followers and his wife Kate King continued to believe his story, in spite of the fact that Quantrill's brother never existed.

By the end of 1861, Quantrill's Raiders and other guerilla groups were forming. Men who stayed behind to tend farms when others left for Confederate service had no choice but to join or hide in the bush. The next year and

a half witnessed increasing strength and daring in guerilla attacks on the hated Kansans.

But men were leaving Quantrill by early 1863 to throw their lots in with more bloodthirsty marauders. Quantrill called a meeting of his captains at Captain Perdee's ranch in early August. He had complied a Death List and passed out hand-drawn maps of homes in Lawrence and vicinity. Homes

of those deserving vengeance were marked *Kill and Burn* or *Burn*. He had formulated a plan to raid Lawrence and now asked them to vote. All his captains and their guerillas had compelling reasons to undertake this venture.

Vengeance in My Heart propels the reader through the hours and graphic details of the Raid. Moore names residents, tells why they are on the Death List, and describes their fates. In the midst of carnage, well-deserved by most of the sufferers, Moore adds irony and tidbits of humor to leaven a situation of horror.

In the Epilogue, "The Legacy of the Lawrence Raid," Moore tells what happened to these guerillas, as well as the pro-unionists and federal officers who took part in this episode of Kansas-Missouri history. The ex-Quantrillians felt secure enough to hold a reunion in 1898. The guerillas by then were "not only respectable, but were held up as romantic visages." Two noted black men, John Noland and Henry Wilson, loyal to Quantrill to the end, were photographed with the white guerillas at these reunions.

Author Moore ends *Vengeance in My Heart* with these words: "The Lawrence Raider as existentialist outlaw. What a curious and final end to the Lawrence Raid."

The Southern reader's knowledge of the War Between the States will be incomplete without perusing this fascinating book.

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Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa

William Thomas Overby Proud Partisan Ranger

A uthor Carolyn Cary was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, but moved to Georgia more than four decades ago. She has lived in Fayette County, Georgia, for the past thirty-eight years, and currently holds the title of official county historian. She has written a well-researched account of William Thomas Overby, Proud Partisan Ranger.

Author Cary states "The one thought that kept me going through many research trips throughout Virginia and numerous visits to the National Archives in Washington, DC, is the demeanor of Billy Overby during the last ten minutes of his life."

William Thomas Overby, a gallant and brave Confederate soldier, descended from a long line of Virginia stock. He was born to William and Martha Stith Overby on April 2, 1837. At the age of

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Hallowed Ground



Graves & Monuments Committee Mike Mitchell – Chairman

Dear Friends and Compatriots,

Committee Report

I have offered my services to the new commander-in-chief to stay on as chairman of the Graves and Monuments Committee. It's with great honor that I accept his kind offer to retain the position. Hopefully, this is for better and not for worse, as the saying goes. With your help we can complete the Confederate Graves Registry, or CGR, for posterity.

Before I sit and write this column I try to review each issue of the *Confederate Veteran* from cover to cover when it comes out. I'm always very pleased to see the efforts of many individuals and camps across the Confederation. Your efforts in cemetery preservation are great, and have not gone unnoticed.

This column is dedicated to the how-to of our dedication and not the *who*. This is something that is not available anywhere else. It's better that the efforts of the *who* are chronicled by the individuals themselves. In the past I have not been evasive when members have asked that I do an article on camp, brigade or Division projects, but it's always better in your words.

When I originally accepted this position, there were several hardworking individuals all in one small area. This was changed to one committeeman per division, so all camps and divisions are now represented. This policy will continue. If you have a committeeman in your Division, please get to know him and offer your assistance. They are highly qualified individuals with a wealth of information. If there isn't an assigned person, talk among yourselves and ask someone to volunteer.

Please seek out your National Graves Committeeman and direct your queries to them. This will keep them in touch with what efforts are going on in their Division.

State of the Confederate Graves Registration Program

Past

Past C-in-C Ed Deason and Rick Griffin started the program by designing a registration form for members to submit their ancestors' information. The headquarter's secretaries have contributed a great deal of time and effort in keying in many of the submissions. Cindy Crowe, the office manager and Executive Director Ben Sewell have on numerous occasions personally keyed in data as well as hired part-time labor to computerize many of the veterans. For these efforts, a great *Thank You* is due them.

At last count we have about 10,000 soldiers computerized into a database. There are approximately 10,000 on paper submittals waiting to be keyed in. This is a slow and laborious process.

We need to redirect our efforts from a 10-minute entry per veteran to manually type in a single person to a computerized database that can be programmed in and merged in 10 minutes that will add 100, 500 or 10,000 at one time. A high yield.

There are databases out there that contain a great wealth of data. For an example, Colonel Masters from the state of Florida has 10,000 computerized, and 10,000 have been computerized and submitted by the SUVCW buried in Northern states. Wayne Cosby has 20,000-plus Louisiana soldiers listed in his database. These are programs we need to try to tap into.

Present

With so many variations of info out there, we must standardize it all into one format. We are

working on streamlining this portion.

Future

We must computerize.

New Registration Form

The extra stuff added — oh, well

There have been several members in the past who have objected to the addition of new information to the registration form. They say it's too much. Please keep in mind that we are the caretakers of their honor, their identity. We should do more and record more than others. The name-rank-serial number that others record is not enough. The new form should be downloadable shortly.

If you don't have a detailed registry, we will take what you have. The minimum required information will be Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (or name if available), the Unit Number and Name, along with the Name of Cemetery, County, Province or Parish and the State in which they are interred must be submitted. If GPS is available, this will be a very big boon. As many directions have changed over the years, with new roads, highways and housing developments, many old directions have changed over the years. GPS is a permanent way of locating the grave. This will be one major addition, and we ask that you try to obtain it, but it will not be necessary. We can add it later when it becomes available.

This will change the makeup and look of the database from a detailed description of the veteran to a grave-locator. We will



Southeast section of Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh, North Carolina.

strive for a grave-locator with many details, but take what we can. All other parts of their identity will be added if it's available or as it becomes available.

We will be working on a template that can be downloaded and put on your computer. This template can then be opened in an access program and your information can then be added in a uniform format. This way, when a submitted database is sent in to the National Headquarters, they can be merged seamlessly.

Two major obstacles we are working on and must solve before we can post it on the Internet:

1) a person with computer skills with web servers and databases and 2) copyright protection issues. These will take time, and someone well above my level of computer skills to bring to fruition.

Potpourri

I lament the passing of the epitaph into obscurity, for they were so informative, sometimes for good, sometimes for bad. All men think all men mortal but themselves.

Remember me as you draw nigh As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so must you be, Prepare for death and follow me.

Genealogy Quips

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap....

Yours in Preservation and Southern Pride,

Mike Mitchell Chairman, Graves and Monuments Committee

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Army of Northern Virginia





On Confederate Memorial Day, May 10, 2006, the **Fayetteville Arsenal Camp 168**, Fayetteville, NC, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to high school senior Chase Pattillo. Pattillo was selected based on his essay "What My Confederate Heritage Means to Me." Shown are Mr. Pattillo, his parents and members of the Fayetteville Arsenal Camp.



The **Delaware Grays Camp 2068**, Seaford, DE, Color Guard participated in the November 19, 2005, Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA. They are marching South on Steinwehr Avenue and finished at General Pickett's High Water Mark, where a Memorial was then held.



Members of the **River's Bridge Camp 842**, Fairfax, SC, pose at the quartermaster's sales tent in Elloree, SC, as they await the thousands who gather annually to enjoy the Elloree Trials, which provide the thrills of the quarter-horse racing and the enjoyment of the Southern tradition of sociable tailgating with family and friends. Pictured from left, Don Webser and wife, Camp Commander Buzz Braxton, Pete Boineau and wife, C.B. Hughes, Roy Hart, Claude Manuel, David Keller and Eddie Hightower.



On May 13, 2006, several members of the **Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp 1428**, Anderson, SC, and the Manse Jolly Chapter of Order of Confederate Rose presented Ms. Ollie Sims of Anderson, SC, with a Real Daughter Certificate and Medal. Pictured from left, Jason and Angie Corder, Erick Lowe, Ms. Ollie Sims and Jaime Wentzky. Ms. Sims' father fought in the 33rd NC Infantry.



The **Private Lorenzo Dow Williams Camp 1456**, Reidsville, NC, held its annual Confederate Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 28, 2006, at the Greenview Cemetery in Reidsville, NC.



Pictured is Jubal Early Camp 1691, Hillsville, VA, Commander Andy Jackson presenting the compatriot of the year award to Tom Brown for his donation of the 30-foot flag pole that was put on the courthouse lawn to fly our flags.

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These young men are sons of members of the Rocky Face Rangers Camp 1948, Taylorsville, NC. They wanted to be a part of the camp with their dads, and have helped out remarkably in events such as marker settings, dedications, education to youth, and any number of things the men of the camp do. Pictured from left, Jared Miller, 9 years; Thomas Johnson, 10 years; Kyle Settlemyer, 11 years and Joshua Baker, 6 years. They were given certificates of appreciation during their Lee-Jackson banquet.



New members were inducted at a recent meeting of the **Battle of Sharpsburg Camp 1582**, Sharpsburg, MD. Pictured from left, MD Division Commander Jerry Bayer, new members Glen Stickel, Allen Sturm, Donald Noland and Camp Chaplain Toby Law.



On March 12, 2006, members of the Captain William L. Day Camp 2091, Locust Grove, VA; Matthew F. Maury Camp 1722, Fredricksburg, VA; Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805, Spotsylvania, VA; John M. Jordan Camp 581, South Boston, VA and the 19th Virginia Camp 1493, Charlottesville, VA, participated in the Johnson-Kidd Family Cemetery clean-up and stone installation for four Kidd brothers near Elma, VA.



Pictured is the **Maryland Division** Color Guard at the Maryland Monument rededication on June 3, 2006. They were invited by Maryland's Secretary of State. The Dunker Church is visible in the background.



Members of the James-Younger Camp 2065, Norwood, NC and the Rowan Rifles Camp 405, Salisbury, NC, show the colors, with signs of protest, at the NASCAR race in Charlotte on May 28, 2006. Pictured from left, Eddie Macrae, Steve Poteat and Donnie Hatley.

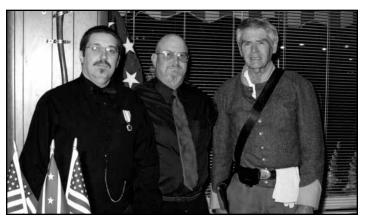


The SCV was represented by various individuals of both the **Maryland** and **Pennsylvania Divisions** at the UDC Elmwood Cemetery Ceremony in Shepherdstown, WVA. This is an annual event held on Jeff Davis' birthday to honor the Confederate dead of this cemetery. Pictured from left, Ben Lewis, PA Division; Jeff Bonnerwith, PA Division; Steve DeFreytas, MD Division; PA Division Commander Jim Palmisano and P. Toby Law, MD Division.

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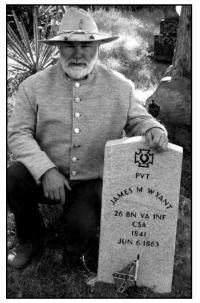
Two busloads of students from Roanoke Christian School enjoyed the program by the **Fincastle Rifles Camp 1326**, Roanoke, VA, at the Jubal Early home. Pictured from left, John Holland, Real Son Frank Dickerson, Larry Dickerson and John Cahoon.



New officers of the **Scott County's Clinch Mountain Rangers Camp 1858**, Gate City, VA, were installed at their Lee-Jackson dinner on January 21, 2006. Pictured from left, Lt. Commander Bobby Joe Pendleton, Commander Robert Wilhelm and Adjutant Duane Beasley.



A Confederate Memorial Service was held on Sunday, May 21, in Charlotte, NC, sponsored by the Major Egbert Ross Camp 1423, Charlotte, NC, the Private Thomas Caldwell Camp 31, Clover/York, SC, and the Walker Gaston Camp 86, Chester, SC. Visitors attended from three other camps.



David A. Smith, adjutant for the **Stonewall Jackson Camp 201**, Charlestown/ Clarksburg, WVA, set this tombstone for his great-great-great-uncle James M. Wyant, 26th Battalion VA Infantry at Mount Pisgah Church cemetery in Summers County, WVA.



At the regular meeting of the **H.L. Hunley Camp 143**, Summerville, SC, on April 27, 2006, a member from each of three generations of the same family were inducted into membership. Pictured from left, Aaron Lee, Bryon Lee and Roscoe Lee.



On May 13, 2006, members and wives of the Lane-Armistead Camp 1772, Mathews, VA, had an outing to General Lee's boyhood home, Stratford Hall Plantation, Westmoreland County, on Virginia's Northern Neck.



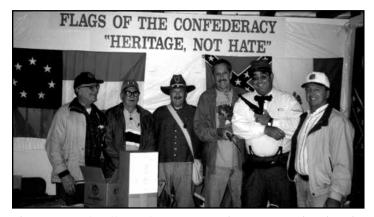
Army of Northern Virginia



Members of the **Private Lorenzo Leigh Bennitt-Private Robert F. Duke Camp 773,** Durham, NC, placed a wreath on the Confederate Monument in downtown Durham on May 9, 2006. Pictured on front row from left, Doug Nash, Camp Commander William O'Quinn, Rodney Watson, Kyle Watson and Paul Roberson. Back row from left, David Patterson, Fleming Bell, John Nash and Woodson Witt.



Members of the **Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp 19**, Madison, VA, celebrate the seventeenth annual observance of the birth of Major General James Lawson Kemper, CSA army and governor of Virginia. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Bill Graham, guest speaker Frank Walker, Ed Hughes and Jon Imlay.



The Armistead-Hill-Goode Camp 749, Chase City, VA, booth at the South Central Fair in Chase City was well-received by fair-goers and resulted in many inquiries and camp income for sales of various Confederate items. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Norris Edgerton, Donald Propst, Lewis Hawthorne, Charles Jackson, Junior Canipe and Wayne Hendrick.



On July 21, 2006, members of the **Brigadier General Samuel Mc-Gowan Camp 40**, Laurens, SC, went to the Confederate Cemetery in Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA, to place a Southern Cross of Honor on the grave of 2nd Lt. Bartlett Davis, who was killed at the Bloody Angle in the Muleshoe on May 12, 1864. Pictured from left, great-great-cousin Gary Lee Davis, Jerry Knight, Robert Roper and William Burns.



The General James B. Gordon Camp 810, Wilkesboro, NC, held its first annual Chicken-Q on April 14, 2006. Proceeds went to the camp's scholarship fund. Colt Sellers and Elizabeth Lilly won and received checks to help in their college education. Pictured from left, Camp Commander George Childers and Past Camp Commanders Todd Craig, Pat McNeil, Gary Coffey and Michael Thompson.



Compatriot Edward T. Ziegler, a life member of the **Sergeant Berry Benson Camp 1672**, North Augusta, SC, standing with dark coat, right center, was responsible for the monument to his ancestor, 1st Lt. William Tate Speakes, Jr. The family gave the land for the park to the Rivers Bridge Camp 842, Fairfax, SC, and held the service in June 2005. Several SCV and UDC members were part of the largest gathering ever in the history of the family.

Army of Tennessee





Pictured is Alan Doyle, camp historian and past commander of the **N.B. Forrest Camp 215**, Memphis, TN, receiving a Forrest Award at the Lee-Jackson Banquet in Memphis. Presenting the award is 1st Lt. Commander of the TN Division, Lee Millar and Camp Commander Knox Martin.



On March 19, 2006, several Major General William T. Martin Camp 590, Natchez, MS, members, wives and friends attended a small memorial service for General Martin at the Natchez City Cemetery. A wreath was placed at his tomb. Pictured from left, kneeling, Camp Commander Allen Terrell and Pat Shehan. Standing from left, John Boyte, James Young, Chip Sturdivant, Zachary King and Buddy Emerick.



Three generations of the Manley family, members of the W.F. Jenkins Camp 690, Eatonton, GA. Pictured from left, kneeling, Emory Van Manley, III and Larry Gregory Manley, III. Standing from left, David Hugh Thomas, Jr.; Leon Winfield Manley, III; Leon Winfield Manley, II; Gavin Thomas Manley; Garrett Clements Manley; Emory Van Manley, II; and Larry Gregory Manley, Sr.



On April 15, 2006, members of the **Stonewall Jackson Camp 1381**, St. Petersburg, FL, celebrated Confederate Memorial Day in a ceremony hosted by the Mary Custis Lee Chapter 1451 of the UDC in Clearwater, FL.



The March 2006 meeting of the Colonel John Singleton Mosby Camp 1409, Kingsport, TN, was attended by compatriots from three different camps representing two divisions. Guest speaker, in foreground, Frank Scarpino a member of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Knoxville, TN, received a certificate of appreciation from the camp. Pictured from left, Richard Johnson, Judge Mickey Schull, a member of the Scott County's Clinch Mountain Rangers Camp 1858, Gate City, VA; Allan Pope, Camp Commander Chris Cummins, and Max Middleton.



Compatriot Mark Ellis, a member of the Camp Douglas Memorial 1507, Chicago, IL, is serving in Afghanistan. He was able to fly the camp Battle Flag over a forward operating base. He reported he was there with two other men from a Missouri camp.

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The annual Battle of Olustee Festival was held in Lake City, Florida, February 17 - 19, 2006. The **Battle of Olustee Camp 1463** was honored on February 17, 2006, to lead the memorial services for the Confederate Soldiers who were killed during the battle of February 20, 1864, and who were laid to rest at Oaklawn Cemetery in Lake City.



At their annual Christmas Dinner in December, 2005, the **Captain Thomas W. Patton Camp 2021**, Boardman, OH, inducted a new member into the camp. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Ron Johnson, new member John Aaron, Adjutant Mike Lawson, and Lt. Commander Mitch Riggs.



The **Prattville Dragoons** Camp 1524, Prattville, AL, installed decorative concrete benches at the Confederate Monument in Millbrook, Alabama. The monument was originally dedicated in 1913, and was rededicated in a ceremony led by Bill Rambo, director of the Alabama State Confederate Memorial Park on February 9, 2006. Pictured from left, Larry Spears, Carl Hankins, Bill Branch, Wayne Sutherland and Tyrone Crowley.



On March 25, 2006, the Captain James Knox Camp 2022, Waynesville, GA, held a Confederate grave-marker dedication at Bachlott Cemetery for Silas Atkinson O'Quinn, George Washington Johns, James McKinney Johns and John Adams Johns. The Lawton-Gordon-Evans Brigade Chapter 2637 UDC joined to help honor these four brave soldiers.



The General Ben Hardin Helm Camp 1703, Elizabethtown, KY, recently erected three grave-markers for Confederate soldiers in Hardin County. The stones were erected for Thomas Stith, 1st KY Cavalry; Robert Darst, 6th KY Infantry and Rufus Nall, 8th KY Cavalry. Pictured at the grave of Thomas Stith are, from left, Jesse Clark, John Clark, John Eastridge and Bill Ralls.



The **Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039**, Eastman, GA, installed new officers in January 2006. Pictured from left, A. T. Dopson, Camp Commander Gary Lowery, Tom Harrell, Kim M. Beck, Brian Lowery and Donnie Roland.

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On November 10, 2005, local artist Tony Bullard presented one of his pictures to the **New Albany Grays Camp 879**, New Albany, MS. Pictured from left, Camp Commander John Baker, Tony Bullard, Jim Browing, William Bevell and William Bright.



Members of the **Sam Davis Camp 1293**, Brentwood, TN, held a work day at Winstead Hill in Franklin, TN, in October, 2005. They completed a walkway and retaining wall at the overlook. Pictured from left, Stewart Cruickshank, Nat Ambrose, Jerry Raymer, Bill Powell, Gene Andrews and John Henderson.



Alabama Governor Bob Riley joined **AL Division** Commander Leonard Wilson at the Robert E. Lee Birthday celebration outside the capitol building in Montgomery on January 16, 2006, the designated holiday in Alabama.



The **Ebenezer Rifles Camp 1901**, Rincon, GA, erected a 47-foot flag pole on Highway 21 between Rincon and Springfield, GA. The six-by-ten-foot Battle Flag is seen daily by plenty of Yankees new to the area. Camp members did all the work in the heat of the summer. Pictured is the camp color guard raising the flag during the dedication service.



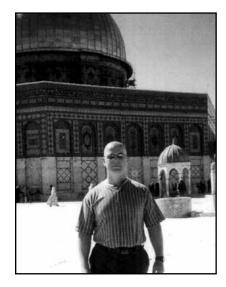
In recognition of Black History Month during February, the Lt. Colonel William F. Luffman Camp 938, Chatsworth, GA, donated books about black Confederates to the local library. Pictured from left, Adam Parker, Mascot Emma Parker, Morgan Parker, Mitchell Parker, Mascot Kaylee Parker, Librarian Vicky McDonald and Camp Commander Steve Hall.



The **N.B. Forrest Camp 3**, Chattanooga, TN, initiated ten new members at the meeting on September 27, 2005. Pictured from left, Ed Howerton, John Stone, Larry Robinson, Greg Dar, Chad Poole, Carl Holcomb, Robert Martin, Eric Brown and Don Phillips.



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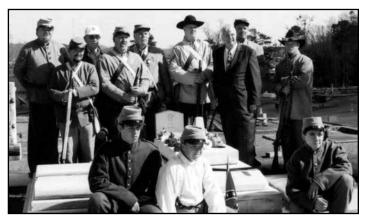
Tim Duvall, a member of the **General Robert A. Toombs Camp 932**, Vidalia, GA, stands in front of a mosque in Jerusalem, called the Dome of the Rock.



Compatriot Ed Butler, a member of the Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp 2071, Colquitt, GA, placed a wreath by our monument honoring General Robert E. Lee on his birthday.



On March 27, 2006, three new members were sworn in at the regular meeting of the **Major William E. Simmons Camp 96**, Lawrenceville, GA. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Joe Bath, new members Benson B. Forrester, Christian D. Fluker, James W. Lynch and Camp Chaplain Doug Drummond.



The Captain John Mcintosh Kell Camp 107, Griffin, GA, held a memorial service for their camp's namesake on January 28, 2006. Captain Kell served in the Confederate States' Navy. Members of the General Lewis A. Armistead Camp 1796, Luthersville, GA, attended, and the local Boy Scout Troop 77 provided a color guard.



The Murfreesboro Camp 33, Murfreesboro, TN, was well-represented in the Murfreesboro Christmas parade. With Confederate Flags in the wind, six Confederate soldiers marched behind a Confederate home scene on a float, followed by a beautiful horse and carriage. For the third year in a row, they won the Best Horse and Carriage trophy. Pictured from left, Harley Corley, Belina Smotherman, Randy Smotherman, Mary Tune and Sam Tune.



Members of the **Jacob Summerlin Camp 1516**, Kissimmee, FL, went on a hunting trip to New Mexico recently and stopped at a monument near the Battle of Glorieta Pass. Pictured from left top row, Buck Branham, Vince Bronson, John Mikell, Jay Ivey. Bottom row from left, Mike Kilcoyne, Seth Mikell and Harold Clark.

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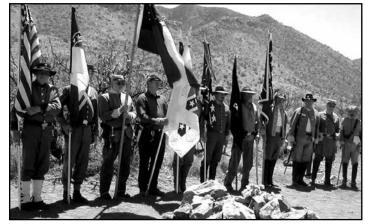




Pictured is Oklahoma Division Chaplain, Dr. Ed DeVries, doing a very exciting program on the Baptist Preaching Ministries of Jesse James and Cole Younger for the James P. Douglas Camp 124, Tyler, TX.



Elijah Gates Camp 570, Fulton, MO, marked April 26, 2006, with a graveside service at Hillcrest Cemetery for Confederate unknowns interred from the Battle of Moore's Mill. Callaway County Commissioners announced Confederate Memorial Day, and at a downtown open house Armchair General editor Jerry D. Morelock, associate member, gave a stirring talk on "Bedford Forrest: Southern Military Genius."



The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710, Sierra Vista, AZ, hosted the AZ Division's annual Memorial Ceremony at the site of the Battle of Dragoon Springs. A combined color guard from the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, Tucson, AZ, the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 and the Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074, Albuquerque, NM, presented the flags. Pictured from left, Ben Middleton, Larry Bowman, John Stanford, Silas Griffin, John Mangum, Dwaine Bright, Steve Morris, Art Booth, Bobby Morris, Dough Winham and Bill Seymour.



The Colonel Isaac W. Smith Camp 458, Portland, OR, sponsored the 2006 Pacific Northwest Convention and Ball in April. A grand time was had by all!



Pictured is Jerry Spaur, member of the **General Albert Pike Camp 1439**, Wichita, KS. Jerry was one of only 50 SCV members to march in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, this year. Jerry is the Albert Pike Camp's Events Chairman.



On April 29, 2006, the **William H.L. Wells Camp 1588**, Plano, TX, presenting a check for the Collin County Historical Society Essay contest for fourth- and fifth-graders writing about the war. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Robert Hall, Stephanie Evans of the Collin County Historical Society and Museum in McKinney, TX, Gene Kinsey presenting the check.

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At the February meeting of the **Lt. General N.B. Forrest Camp 513**, Norman, OK, SC Division member John Sutton gave a presentation which was enthusiastically received and well appreciated by the Oklahoma members.



On March 10, 2006, a gravesite dedication by the **Colonel Gustav Hoffmann Camp 1838**, New Braunfels, TX, was held for their namesake and first mayor of New Braunfels. Pictured from left, Bill Hoffmann, Bill Jones, Mike Henning, a portrait of Hoffmann done by Tom Jones, deceased Camp Historian and artist. Hoffmann's grave is located at Comal Cemetery, New Braunfels, just 500 yards from the VFW Post where Camp 1838 meets.



Charter members of **Waul's Texas Legion Camp 2103**, Katy TX, pose with their new certificates and Camp Charter.



Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937, Cleburne, TX, gather round a Confederate soldier's plaque shortly after presenting a dedicatory program for the soldier's family at the New Salem, Texas, Cemetery. Pictured are Camp Commander M. H. Burt, Jody Coleman, Mike Smith, Otis Gorman, Gene Skaggs, Bruce Pastusek, Thomas Harrison, Jerry Jetsel, Robert McMinn and Larry Fowler.



Compatriots Thomas Bolton and father John Bolton traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in July. During their 70-mile trek, they climbed Baldy Mountain, the highest peak on the Philmont Reservation. Upon reaching the 12,441-foot summit, the Boltons celebrated by unfurling the colors. They are members of the **Thomas J. Key Camp 1920**, Kansas City, KS, and traveled to Philmont with a crew of 12 from their Scout Troop 256 of Overland Park, KS.



On April 23, 2006, the Cross of Saint Andrew Camp 2009, Alto TX, held their 4th annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Wiggins Cemetery in Cherokee County, where they conducted a double-marker dedication ceremony for Captain James F. Wiggins and his brother, Lt. William C. Wiggins who both served in Co. F, 7th TX Cavalry. The Wiggins' boys are ancestors of camp member Shelley Cleaver. The Alto camp was assisted by their outstanding ladies' support group, the Saint Andrew Southern Belles.

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The James Iredell Waddell Camp 1770, Orange County, CA, held a Confederate Memorial Day Celebration on May 21, 2006, at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in West Hollywood, CA. Pictured from left, Camp Commander Bailey B. McCune and the Reverend Louis Carlson.



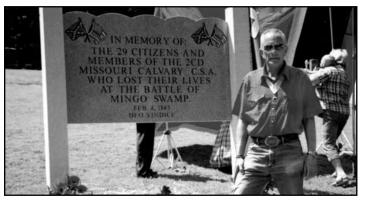
Garrett William Ingram, the newest and youngest member of the **Colonel Samuel D. Russell Camp 1617,** Natchitoches, LA, receives his membership certificate from Camp Adjutant Robert E. Porter at the Confederate monument in Shreveport. With them on left is Chief of Heritage Defense Paul Gramling, Jr., and on right, his father William Jay Ingram.



Pictured at the TX State historical marker and gravesite of Brigadier General Hamilton Bee are members of the **Alamo Camp 1325**, San Antonio, TX. Kneeling from left, Branden Doiron and Rob Wilkerson. Standing from left, Russ Lane, Pete Gunn and Rudy Krisch, III. General Bee was the brother of General Bernard Bee, who gave Stonewall Jackson his name.



Pictured is the newest compatriot inducted into the Major General Franklin Gardner Camp 1421, Lafayette, LA, at the May 2006 meeting. Pictured from left, Dale Langlinais, Ned Labbe, Troy Chandler, new member Joseph Delcambre, Karlos Knott, Richard Buie and Doug Nicko.



MO Division Commander John Christensen is shown at the May 6, 2006, dedication of a monument to the Confederate victims of the Mingo Swamp Massacre on February 1862, near Arab, MO. Participating were the **Sterling Price Camp 145**, St. Louis, MO;the **Major James Morgan Utz Camp 1815**, Florissant, MO and the **General James H. McBride Camp 632**, Springfield, MO.



On December 15, 2005, the Captain James Gillaspie Camp 226, Huntsville, TX, held its annual Christmas party. Pictured from left, Camp Commander James Patton, Brigade Commander Henry Seale, Don Mathews, Wayne Edinburgh, Wayne Prouse, Jerry McMillian and Larry Dean Bailey.



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The Jefferson Davis Camp 474, Lafayette, LA, held a special meeting to observe Confederate History Month on April 15, 2006. The guest speaker was Niels Eichhorn of the Department of History at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He spoke on German-American and German-Confederate relations and diplomacy during the War Between the States.



On April 4, 2006, two compatriots of the **Beauregard Camp 130**, New Orleans, LA, traveled to Birkenhead, England, to find the birthplace of the CSS *Alabama*. The kind staff of the Laird Shipyards granted access to the very dry dock where the *Alabama* was constructed. Pictured in front of the dry dock from left, Patrick Pressler, Simon Darby, a leader in the British National Party and Paul Pressler.



The **Texas Lonestar Greys Camp 1953**, Schertz, TX, participated in the Live Oak Parade on May 27, 2006. Pictured from left, John Miller, Dan Carroll, Regina Schifflett, Linda Miller, Irene Schifflett, Glen Schifflett Jr., Pat Dawson and Don Lawrence.



Pictured is Bruce Paturek, a member of the **Colonel Middleton Tate Johnson Camp 1648**, Arlington, TX, showing Confederate accounterments to visitors at the Arlington Heritage Day celebration.



John Robinson, center, a member of the **Johnson-Nettles-Sayers Camp 1012**, Teague, TX, presents Park Ranger Tom Fisher at the Confederate Reunion Grounds state Historical Site in Mexia, TX, a check for \$2,000 raised during the annual living history days' reenactment on April 22-23, 2006. The donation was to restore the authentic Val Verde Cannon, a 3-inch ordnance rifle, captured at Mansfield, LA, during the Red River Campaign in April, 1864.



At the regular meeting of the **Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983**, Decatur, TX, on June 14, 2005, Jimmy Brian Looney was inducted as their 53rd member. Pictured from left, Chaplain Ware, Commander Bramlett and Compatriot Looney.

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Defend and Counterattack

by Paul B. Martin

A solemn serenity now blankets the fields Where our ancestors once fought and died:

The contest has been decided and the North has won — But, now, a new struggle has just begun.

Our monuments are threatened and our flag has been maligned by the descendants of those people and others of similar mind.

And, perhaps, the most heart-wrenching of all are our misguided Southern brethren who mimic their calls.

Hanging their heads with the obligatory shame, out of cowardice or ignorance they tarnish their forebears' names.

Our enemies, never content to let things be, now endeavor to erase memories of the gallant Southerners who fought so hard for so long, to lay blame on them for all that was and is ... wrong.

So, like our grandfathers, always outgunned and outmanned, we, *Sons of Confederate Veterans*, resolve to take a stand.

Armed with the truth, we will never relent. For sins never committed we must never repent.

Compatriots, hold aloft our glorious banner with pride. God defends the right, and he is on our side.

Paul B. Martin is a member of the R. E. Lee Camp 239, Fort Worth, Texas.

Carry Me Back by Bill Young

The Flashing Sabers

here is an old poem about the sword of General Robert E. Lee. It begins like this: "Forth from its scabbard, clean and bright, flashed the sword of Lee."

I read the poem for the first time when I was about 12 years old. In my mind's eye, I could see Marse Robert drawing his exquisite sword from its scabbard for one reason and one reason only — to defend his native state — Virginia. The sunlight flashed all along the mirror-bright blade.

The words "flashing sabers" always made me think of the great Confederate cavalrymen — the giants in gray. I saw Jeb Stuart on horseback, leaping a fence with his sword held high. I saw Turner Ashby fall in the hell-for-leather charge at the head of his men; his broken sword was still clutched in his hand. I saw "that devil" Nathan Forrest sharpen the edge of his sword and use it to swipe the heads clean off three Union cavalrymen in one skirmish. I saw Wade Hampton as a little boy arm himself with his toy sword and whack the stuffing out of a mean rooster who had attached him, pecked him, and made life miserable for him.

It was inevitable that when I turned 15 I would enlist as a private in the 2nd Virginia Cavalry, North-South Skirmish Association. The 2nd Virginia had no horses. It was cavalry in name only, but it was made up of men and boys from Richmond who donned reproduction Confederate uniforms about once a month and fired authentic, black powder muskets left over from the War Between the States.

My good friend Wick was also 15, and he enlisted in the 2nd Virginia the same day that I

did. We got our gray work clothes from Sears & Roebuck together and ordered our black felt slouch hats from the same mail order house out West. I pinned my hat up on the side, and Wick rolled his up in the front. Each of us sewed a pair of crossed cavalry sabers made of stamped brass to the front of his hat. The little metal swords were genuine, 1860's vintage, US Army surplus in mint condition. We ordered them from Francis Bannerman & Sons in New York, the world's first Army/Navy store.

There is an old proverb that says "Idle hands are the devil's plaything." One summer afternoon Wick and I were sitting on the floor of my garage looking for something to do. We had idle hands. We were ready to play — and so was the devil. We were both wearing our black slouch hats with the shiny crossed sabers on the front. I took off my hat, held it in my lap, and stared at it for a long time.

"You know what's wrong with our hats?" I asked.

"Nothing's wrong with 'em. They look good," Wick replied.

"That's what I mean, Wick. They look too good. They look nice and new. We've got to break 'em in — make 'em look like they've seen some action."

"How we gonna do that?" Wick asked.

"Patience, Wick, patience. I'm working on it." I left the garage, went up to my room inside the house, and returned with my full-sized, 1860 US Army cavalry saber. It was the real thing. I had bought it at an antique auction several months before. It cost me every cent that I

owned — a whole \$5.00. I drew the sword from its scabbard and stuck the blade straight through the brim of my hat. It left a narrow, triangular slit about an inch and a half long.

"What did you do that for?" Wick asked.

"So it looks like my hat's been in a cavalry fight," I replied.

"Gimme that sword,"

Wick said, and he proceeded to run it through the brim and crown of his hat four or five times.

"Whoa, Wick, Whoa, you dodo. You still want it to look like a hat — not Swiss cheese," I cautioned. At that moment I looked up at one of the shelves on the garage wall and saw the cherry bomb left over from the Fourth of July. I had been saving it for a special occasion.

"I've got another idea, Wick," I said as I reached for the cherry bomb and a box of matches. "I'm gonna set off this ol' cherry bomb under my hat. Then my hat's gonna look like it's been cut with a saber and hit by a minie ball too."

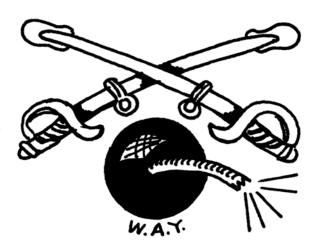
Wick and I hiked about half a mile to the end of the road that ran past my house. Then we walked through the woods until we reached the edge of the canal beside the James River. We were near Dead Man's Hill — the perfect place to set off a cherry bomb underneath a hat.

I put my hat down on the ground in the middle of a little clearing. Then I wedged the round cherry bomb between the crossed sabers and the felt. The fuse stuck straight up at the top.

"Take cover, Wick," I yelled as I struck a match and lit the fuse. As soon as the bomb started sparking, I ran behind the nearest tree and threw myself face down on the ground.

"KABOOM! ZING! WHANG! WHANG!"

Something metal struck the side of the tree just above my head. It tore off a small chunk



of bark and then whirled through the air down into the woods behind me. It sounded like it hit two or three more trees on the way.

Wick and I ran over to my hat to take a look. It had moved about six feet away from the place where I left it. I gaped at it in disbelief while Wick went into convulsions of laughter. The little crossed

sabers were gone. There was a gaping hole with torn, ragged edges in the front of my hat where the brass swords had been. The hole was about four inches in diameter, and still smoking.

"Your ol' hat sure looks like it's been in a battle now," Wick said with glee. "Only it doesn't look like a minie ball went through it. It looks like it took a direct hit from a cannon ball!" Then he added, "I think I'll leave my sabers on my hat. If you want to put yours back on, you're gonna have to hunt for 'em way back down in the woods on your hands and knees. Good luck!" He laughed again.

Nearly forty years have passed since I turned my hat into a battle-scarred veteran. Never again would the words "flashing sabers" cause me to think of the gallant deeds of Stuart, Forrest, Hampton, or Marse Robert. Instead, all I could think of was my little, brass crossed sabers flashing through the air and whanging against the sides of the trees as they disappeared into the woods.

I do chuckle, however, when I think that one of these days a relic-hunter is going to sweep his metal detector along the banks of the canal near Dead Man's Hill on the James River. He is going to dig up a pair of genuine, US Army cavalry sabers for a hat that date back to the War Between the States. He is going to wonder how they got there, but unless he reads this story, he will never figure it out — not in his wildest imagination.



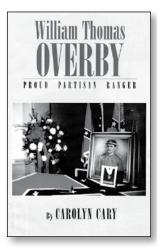
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Books in Print

two, Billy moved with his family to Coweta County, Georgia.

Billy answered President Jefferson Davis' call for all able-bodied young men to aid their new country. He enlisted in Company A, 7th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, CSA, on May 31, 1861. Billy Overby fought at First Manassas, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Seven Days' Battles, and Second Manassas with his fellow Georgians in the 7th

Regiment.



Billy was severely wounded at the Chinn House during the Battle of Second Manassas and taken to a hospital in Warrenton, Virginia, on September 1st. The wounded

Confederate soldiers were captured by Federal forces a few days later, but paroled on September 29, 1862. Billy's recovery from his wounds did not allow him to return to his regiment. Compiled Service Records from September 1, 1862, till July 1, 1863, indicate that Billy Overby worked as a nurse in Confederate hospitals near Warrenton.

John Singleton Mosby joined the 1st Virginia Cavalry commanded by then Colonel J.E.B. Stuart, and the two met at the Battle of First Manassas. Mosby demonstrated uncanny ability as a scout. Stuart promoted him to captain, effective March 11, 1863. General Robert E. Lee ordered Mosby to continue operations in northern Virginia. On March 26, Confederate Secretary of War James A. Seddon appointed Mosby to the rank of major of Partisan Rangers of the Confederate States of America. "Mosby's Con-

federacy" included Fauquier County, where Warrenton was located.

Somewhere in this area, the lives of Billy Overby and John S. Mosby became intertwined for eternity. They may never have actually met. Although Billy Overby continued to work in Confederate hospitals, he officially became a member of Company D of the Partisan Rangers in April of 1864.

In a skirmish of the Rangers near Front Royal on September 23, 1864, Mosby was wounded and several of his men were captured. One was Billy Overby. Mounted on a horse with a rope about his neck, Billy was questioned about Mosby's camp and whereabouts. He refused to answer and was hanged with a placard pinned to his clothing that read "Such will be the fate of all of Mosby's men." General Custer commanded the atrocity committed that day.

Dick Slate, editor of the *Confederate Veteran* magazine from 1981-1982, writes "On March 27, 1982, it was heartening for me to announce the presentation of the first posthumous Confederate Medal of Honor in Georgia to William Thomas Overby."

Author Cary has written a fascinating, but almost emotionless account of the life and death of Billy Overby. He represented one of the thousands of Confederate soldiers bravely doing their duty for Cause and Country during the War Between the States.

Proud Partisan Ranger bristles with copious research citations and pictures. Author Cary includes detailed maps and first-hand accounts of the battles where Billy Overby and the 7th Georgia Regiment fought. The most ardent student of Confederate history will discover a wealth of bibliographical information for further reference. This slender volume will be an enjoyable addition to Southern readers' bookshelves.

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Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves During the Civil War

Major General Patrick R. Cleburne died on the battlefield at Franklin, Tennessee, on November 30, 1864, but not before causing several high-ranking individuals in the Confederate States of America to reconsider the country's stance about the emancipation of slaves. Cleburne's opinions expressed on that January night in 1864 were shocking to many. A seasoned war veteran who was superior on the battlefield, Cleburne saw the shortage of men that was critical to continue the South's effort to preserve the Confederacy.

Patrick R. Cleburne was a native to County Cork, Ireland and had served in the British Army during the potato famine in Ireland. After procuring his discharge from the British army, he set sail to America, hoping to find the American Dream. Eventually he settled in Helena, Arkansas, where he studied and then practiced law. At the outbreak of the war, Cleburne joined and ultimately commanded the 15th Arkansas Infantry. By the time of his proposition, he had shown that he and his men were bold on the battlefield with their actions at Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold Gap. Ultimately, Cleburne knew that by proposing this, his military career would end. Yet he planned to bring his proposal before the proper authorities "irrespective of any result to himself." Capt. Irving Buck, Cleburne's adjutant, discussed the proposal with Cleburne at length. In the dialogue it was stated that in the event of a court martial, Cleburne would enlist in his old regiment as a private to serve the ranks. This Irish-born General did not consider this proposal as a tool for his personal gain, nor did he bother himself with the potential negative outcome.

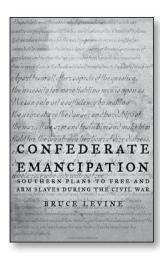
Major General Cleburne felt it was his duty to his adopted homeland, the South, to make this proposal before the proper persons. On January 2, 1864, Cleburne read his proposal, which was laid out like a practiced argument of an experienced lawyer, to General Johnston's corps and division commanders. There

were mixed emotions in the room afterwards. Maj. Gen. Walker went so far as to consider Cleburne's idea as treason, but he was unable to get the support of any senior officers for this accusation. Due to this, Walker forwarded a written copy of the proposal to President Jefferson Davis on January 12, 1864, without any accompanying endorsements. Upon receipt of the proposal, President Davis sent several letters to different individuals pertaining to this topic. Ultimately, Davis places an official gag order on Cleburne. Johnston reports to Secretary Seddon "[N]one of the officers to whom the memorial was read favored the scheme; and Major General Cleburne, as soon as that appeared, voluntarily announced that he would be governed by the opinion of those officers, and put away his paper... I regard this discussion as confidential and understood it to be so agreed before the party separated."

Despite the efforts to keep this within the small group of people, Cleburne's proposal was made known to several prominent political leaders from various Confederate States, like Governor Henry Allen of Louisiana, Governor William Smith of Virginia and Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin. This debate would ultimately cause much discussion until the Confederate Congress passed a law on March 13, 1865, to allow the enlistment of slaves to fight for the Confederacy five months after the death of Cleburne on the battlefield in Franklin, Tennessee.

Many speculate why Major General Patrick R. Cleburne would make this proposal. Was it because he saw what an asset the free men of color already were in the Confederate Army? With the Confederate Act of April of 1862, blacks were given equal pay. The Confederate Army was integrated from the onset of the war. This was not the case for the Union army. With the need of men to fill the ranks in the dwindling Confederate Army, Cleburne may have considered these facts before penning his proposal.

Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves During the Civil War by Bruce Levine explores this issue, however, from a slanted viewpoint. The main thesis of this book as stated by the publisher in a synopsis is "Since 1865, the Confederacy's defenders have consistently denied that the goal of secession was to preserve slavery. In-



stead, they insist that the Confederacy was formed to assert Southern independence, and they have pointed to the story of the 'Confederate emancipation proclamation' to help bolster

their argument. Now Bruce Levine, Professor of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz, shatters this theory with his new book *Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves During the Civil War.*" This paragraph is left out of the front jacket, of the book while the remainder of the summary is included.

Levine states that the Confederacy is trying to preserve slavery, but what he fails to inform the reader is that slavery is already preserved under the US Constitution. He also omits that the Confederate Constitution forbids the importation of slaves. On every occasion, this author tries to persuade the reader that the War Between the States was fought only over slavery by using partial quotes from prominent individuals of the Southern Cause. By piecing together a few fragment phrases and not including the entire statement, he is able to manipulate many of the quotes.

The author omits numerous reputable sources pertaining to the topics, such as Mauriel Joslyn's Meteor Shining Brightly: Essays of Major General Patrick R. Cleburne, Walter Kennedy's Myth of American Slavery and John Perry's Myths & Realities of American Slavery: The True History of Slavery in America. In many cases Levine uses references that have been proven to be riddled with error or have a revisionist historical points of

view. Some sources show the author's ineptness to research, but then he mars the interpretation.

Levine tries to observe history through the eyes of today instead of the eyes of yesterday. His study of the Southern emancipation proposal by Major General Cleburne and then, finally, the Confederate Act of March of 1865, which allowed slaves to officially fight for the Confederate States of America, is lacking in many areas. He ignores the fact that slaves and free men of color were already a part of the Confederate Army even if the Confederate Congress did not officially recognize them until March of 1865. It is like a politician today trying to state there are no illegal aliens in the United States and that the laws being proposed are for the ones that might potentially come over the border in the future.

The main thesis of this book is to show the Southern Cause in a negative light and to shatter the theory that states' rights and economical issues are the causes of the war. The author does an exceptional job in this by influencing the reader with his style of writing. We can only hope that Mr. Levine is unsuccessful in sales of his book.

In conclusion, Major General Cleburne stated the following in his proposal: "Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late. We can give but a faint idea when we say that it means the loss of all we hold most sacred — slaves and all other personal property, lands, homesteads, liberty, justice, safety, pride, manhood. It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors"

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Reviewed by Cassie A. Barrow



NOTICES From Around the Confederation

Wife of Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Service

She has finally been located! The memorial for Elizabeth Wirz, wife of Confederate martyr Captain Henry Wirz of Andersonville, will be Saturday, November 11, 2006, at noon Central time at the Fuller Cemetery on Highway 164, 3.7 miles north of Linton, in Trigg County, Kentucky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring chairs and flags. We are planning to have some of the Wirz family in attendance, and this is sponsored by the SCV Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78, Americus, GA, and the Mollie Morehead UDC Chapter 2605, Calhoun, Kentucky.

Call Nancy Hitt at (502) 969-4893 for more details. Rooms are blocked in my name at the Holiday Inn Express in Cadiz, KY, for November 10 and 11, 2006. The phone number is (270) 522-3700.

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Cadet Membership Adopted at New Orleans Reunion

Cadet Membership is established for males from birth to 12 years of age who are otherwise eligible for SCV membership. A regular SCV application, with the word Cadet written or printed at the top, will be submitted along with \$10 to General Headquarters (GHQ); completely fill out, including the camp's approval. The GHQ will enter the young man in the database, assign him an SCV membership number, and all records will be the same as a full member except that his membership status will be different. The names of cadet members will not appear on the camp membership roster nor will they receive the Confederate Veteran magazine. A new cadet member joining for the year August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2007, will be status CM06. Once the young man becomes 12, he will pay his regular dues and his status will be changed to the appropriate fiscal year, which will make him a full member.

Dues Are Due November 1

Please remember that the dues renewal period has started, and your dues payment cut-off date is November 1, 2006. Retention of our current membership is the easiest and best way to grow the SCV membership.

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Sam Davis Youth Camp

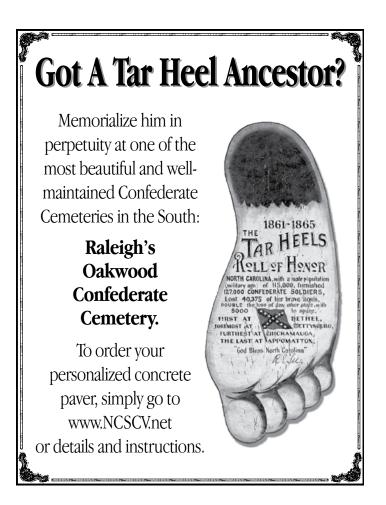
sure that people are taught the truth about "the Cause for which they fought."

Toward that end, a powerful weapon in our arsenal is the Sam Davis Youth Camp (SDYC). What is the SDYC? Simple: It is an entire week of topnotch Southern history and fun! There are always several history-related activities, such as infantry and artillery drills, Confederate songs, and field trips to local landmarks. This is not to mention the free time everyday for swimming, ball, exploring, etc.

The heart and soul of the SDYC is the six lectures a day on Southern history and heritage. The history of the South is presented in a sometimesentertaining, a sometimes-serious but always highly intelligent manner. The plethora of topics and abundance of factual information assures that every camper comes away with enough informa-

tion to defend their heritage in a politically correct world. Each year we learn something different, while the focus of the week remains the same. Our numerous, excellent speakers have included some of the finest that the South has to offer.

Just some of the topics have been the causes of the war, how the war began, secession, the motives of the Confederate soldier, Lincoln's war on women and children, black Confederates, the Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Alexander H. Stephens, Lee, Forrest, Cleburne, Stonewall, Stuart, Ewell, Sam Davis, the *Hunley*, Confederate chaplains, Jesse and Frank James, POWs, the meaning of the Confederate Battle Flag, Reconstruction, the Confederate infantry, cavalry, artillery, and navy, lectures of local historical significance, and a crash course in basic American history and government. There



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When it comes to our Southern heritage, the politically correct crowd doesn't mess around. In response, the Sam Davis Youth Camp doesn't either. It is for our Confederate heritage and its presentation that everyone involved works so hard. The SDYC is exactly what is needed today. It is vital that today's youth are exposed to this wealth of information. Every year we have new campers and veteran campers. Both are significant. Repeat campers are just as important as new recruits.

Rev. Randolph Harrison Mc-Kim, a Confederate veteran, in a speech to the UCV on June 14, 1904, said, "Only by iteration and reiteration by the writers and speakers of the South will the real facts be rescued from oblivion, from misunderstanding, and from misrepresentation, and the conduct and characters of our leaders, and the heroic men who followed them, be understood and honored as they ought to be honored by the generation that comes after us." (McKim, A Soldier's Recollections, 1910, Page 326)

Being the Sons of Confederate Veterans, at first we naturally targeted the camp toward young Southern men. Soon, however, the camp's leaders recognized a void. No one was doing anything comparable for the young Southern ladies. To fill that void, the first co-ed Sam Davis Youth Camp was held this year. It was the second SDYC this year. This was the first year that the SDYC had been able to have two camps

in one year. Needless to say, the girls received much of the same Southern history that the boys did, but they also had special lectures on Southern women, 1860s dress, and more.

The youth, the younger generation, is always the key to the future, for they are the future. If we want the memory of our Confederate ancestors and their noble deeds to live on, the youth need to know about it. Not only that, they need to know enough to be able to defend their heritage when it is assaulted. When Mr. P. Charles Lunsford spoke to the SDYC in 2004, he said that if we lose this generation, we have lost. We have lost not just one battle over a monument or a flag, but the whole war, if we fail to adequately relay the facts about that heroic struggle. It is crucial that we actively work to educate the youth en masse.

The Sam Davis Youth Camp does exactly that. The SDYC has been a very successful program. It continues to grow and flourish. However, in order for the SDYC to fulfill the Charge to its utmost capability and have the greatest impact, SCV camps need to sponsor boys and girls to the SDYC. Without the help of my SCV camp, several times I probably would not have been able to attend the SDYC. My SCV camp has sponsored 1-2 youth per SDYC held. The more SCV camps that sponsor youth from their community or help another SCV camp do so, the stronger the future of the Cause will be.

The SDYC fulfills a huge portion of the burden placed on us by General Stephen D. Lee's Charge. The SDYC presents the true history of the South to the younger generation. The SDYC is being used to prepare young Southerners for their future and the future of the Cause.

Dr. Robert Catlett Cave, a Confederate veteran, in a speech on May 30, 1894, at the unveiling of a monument to Confederate soldiers and sailors, declared"... The story of the men who battled for the Confederacy [shall] go down through the ages, kindling the fires of patriotism and devotion to the principles of free government in the hearts of generations to come." (Cave, *The Men in Gray*, 1911, Page 41)

The Sam Davis Youth Camp sees to it that this story and these principles are indeed passed down through the ages — to generations yet to come.

Joe Warnke, age 20, is a member of the Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, Georgia. Joe has attended all five of the Sam Davis Youth Camps. The first year, 2003, he won the SDYC oratory contest and was named Camper of the Week. In 2004, he was named Camper of the Week for Cabin 2 and the overall Camper of the Week. Also in 2004, he became a SDYC lecturer, and he has spoken at every camp since. In 2005 and 2006, Joe was a counselor. At the 2004 National Reunion, in Dalton, Georgia, he spoke on the SDYC.

Dispatches From the Front

Livingston Camp 746, Madison, Florida, and I had numerous relatives fighting for the freedom of the South in that war.

I have been a publisher for forty-two years and find ACCURACY, ACCURACY, ACCURACY, ACCURACY are the four corners for the foundation of a historical event. I find the words *Civil War* offensive and did not read the article nor will I go to the museum under that name.

For the Glory of the South and our forefathers, Tommy Greene Livingston Camp 746 Madison, FL

P.S. I love your magazine! Keep it coming.

SCV must strive to educate the public

To the Editor:

In the article Answer Back When You Hear Confederate Mis-History, M. Keith Morris, Jr., debunks the charge that the "Confederacy was based on racism." Prior to the article's publication in the July/August Confederate Veteran, a caller to a nationally syndicated radio talk show referenced the not uncommon and contemporary perception that the Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol of racism. The accuser subsequently judged SCV as "guilty by association" of being a racist organization because members likewise fly Confederate Flags. As justification for his verdict, he cited a failure of SCV officials to publicly denounce the Ku Klux Klan's hoisting of Confederate Battle Flags at a Florida KKK gathering. Unfortunately, the program's host (a Northerner) did not challenge the indictments; neither did any of the subsequently cleared commentators.

Slavery and its associated evils are undeniably part of the South's legacy — just as they are part of the North's less emphasized but comparable his-

tory. Furthermore, the photo of the 20th Texas Volunteers' flag in the referenced magazine visually illustrates that on a fundamental level Southerners were protecting OUR HOMES and OUR RIGHTS during the War for Southern Independence.

The fact is that a symbol may evoke positive and negative connotations, depending upon the observer's prejudices. Confederate flags are hardly the singular example of a duality of meaning related to symbols. For centuries before the Nazi Party's adoption of the innocuous emblems, the swastika symbolized life and good luck, and the eagle equated with strength and power. (In fact, since 1782 a species of the eagle family has been a virtuous American icon.) Thus, the adoption of extant images by hate groups and asocial movements should not disparage their honorable utilization by others.

Unfortunately, any failure to refute stereotypes, historical inaccuracies, distortions, and revisionism only perpetuates misinterpretations and naiveté. Therefore, SCV leaders and members must doggedly strive to educate the public, correct erroneous assumptions, and refute derogatory statements on a timely basis.

John Stemple Maj. Gen. William D. McCain Camp 584 Columbia, TN

Veterans' Administration will issue DD214

To the Editor:

I am sure you will get many messages reference the write-in comment by Reinhard J. Dearing in the latest issue of Confederate Veteran, on page 53. However, to add my three cents, he we go. I am a retired Regular US Army colonel. My father was a retired Regular US Army colonel who had spent quite a few years in the Active Reserve Army of the US. We both have DD214s that were issued upon our retirements at more than 30 years' service. My dad had one from both components. I admit that I don't really know what the National Guards of the several states do, but the Federal components get DD214s. Sorry to say

that Mr. Dearing is wrong, but we don't want any of our members getting the wrong idea. If they go to the Veterans' Administration, they will need their DD214.

Clay Edwards BG Wm. Steele Camp 1857 Leavenworth, KS

Retired officer looking at his DD214

To the Editor:

I am writing to you regarding a letter from Mr. Reinhard J. Dearing which was posted in the July/August 2006 *Confederate Veteran*.

In this letter Mr. Dearing states "... Please be advised that retired US army officers do not receive a DD214. ..."

However, I believe that Mr. Dearing is mistaken. Even as I write this, I am looking at my DD214. I am a Retired US Army Officer — a Regular Army/Engineer Officer. I retired effective July 31, 1990. This document is:

"Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty," DD Form 214, Edition of November 1988.

Lawrence E. Oliver LTC, US Army Ret'd Capt. James P. Douglas Camp 124 Tyler, Smith County, TX

Should respect both flags, not either/or

To the Editor:

In your July/August 2006 issue a letter to the editor is in error. Officers are issued Form DD214 upon retirement from the US Army. They may also receive a certificate of retirement, and, of course, their 201 file reflects their service. I and all other retired officers that I know have copies of their DD214. We are encouraged to preserve the forms by registering them with our local Register of Deeds.

I would also like to agree with "Trip" Wilson from Darlington, that membership is important even if the member is not active in camp projects. Effective lobbying is dependent upon numbers. I am one who is not active but keep my membership up-to-date. In front of my

home I fly a combination of flags, either the First or Third National CSA Flag and the Battle Flag or, at times, a CSA national flag and the US flag. I find that most people do not recognize the CSA national flags, so I switch from the 1st to the 3d and stand by to answer the inevitable questions from friends and neighbors. I know that the battle flags may anger some people, so to show my dedication to my country...South and North...I fly the Stars and Stripes that I served under for more than a quarter of a century. Our respect for our flags should not be *either/or* but for both.

Fellow SCV members are welcome to visit my home. Upon entering the front door you will be greeted by a life-sized statue of "Stonewall" Jackson and a beat up old retired soldier.

Davey L. Stanley George Davis Camp No.5 Wilmington, NC

Separate form issued for each tour of duty

To the Editor:

A letter in the July/August issue of the *Confederate Veteran* stated that retired US Army officers do not receive Form DD214 as evidence of war service. For veterans released since 1950, that is incorrect. The Department of Defense uses the DD214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, to document separation from active military service for all branches of service. Prior to 1950, the individual services used various forms for this purpose.

The compatriot who stated that DD214 is not available to all veterans implied that retired Army officers are a special case and that the service record was only available from the retiree's official military personnel (201) file. While war service would be included in the 201 file, it can also be substantiated by a DD214, which should have been issued at the time the officer retired. There is no distinction between officers

and enlisted personnel as regards the use of this form. Furthermore, a separate DD214 is issued for each separate period of active service. As an example, I have received four DD214's for four separate duty stints from the Vietnam era through Operation Iraqi Freedom. Three of these were for enlisted service, and one as an officer.

Compatriots who wish to know more about this should contact the National Archives and Records Administration, National Personnel Records Center at 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis MO 63132-5100. Submit Standard Form 180 (available on their web site) to request records. Relatives of deceased service members may also do so.

Stephen D. Wilson Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 Knoxville TN

Found reward by playing his drum

To the Editor:

During the War Between the States, a drummer boy played an important part. He kept the cadence to the beat of a drum. How would it be marching during the war without a drummer? RAT-A-TAT-TAT, RAT-A-TAT-TAT, RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT.

When I joined the SCV, I had no idea what part I would play. I never owned a gun. Guns never were my sport. My commander heard that I loved music. He suggested a drum. Well, that was good, but I never played a drum. I fig-



ured I could learn. My commander's son had a reproduction drum. I volunteered to use it.

After months of practice, I got good at it. I volunteered to play the drum at the Mardi Gras Parade in Monroe, Louisiana, in January of 2005. Our battalion needed a drummer to keep the cadence going. We must have marched for three miles. I never played a drum in public before. I marched in high school parades, but with a trumpet. I don't have the wind anymore.

This drum-playing has changed my social life. As long as I stay a member of the SCV, I can play my drum. Not all men are created equal. I have really found a reward for something I love to do.

Daryl Henry Major Thomas McGuire Camp 1714 West Monroe, LA

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To the Editor:

This letter is in support of Raymond T. West of HQ Camp 584 who asks for more battle stories in future issues. I remember, 15-20 years ago, when every issue carried several long detailed battle or campaign stories, along with regimental histories. And the cover and two-page centerfold of each issue reproduced a WBTS painting by one of today's great artists, Künstler and Reeves, Troiani and Herron, Gallon and Prechtel and Strain.

At a GEC meeting in 1991 I asked of Commander Vogler, then editor-inchief, why the subscription price was so low. He said it was to draw the attention of non-members. Today's magazine, with it's high subscription cost, won't do that.

Arthur Chesser Maj. Gen. William D. McCain Camp 584 Columbia, TN

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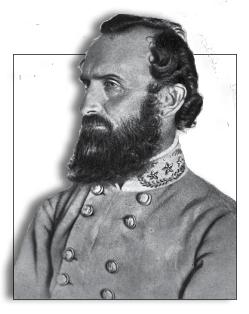
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Chaplain's Comments

Southern General Stonewall Jackson is honored in our National Cathedral in Washington, DC, by a stained-glass window depicting him, like his forefather before him, kneeling in prayer asking for God's help on the battlefield. Beneath the window are these words: "To the glory of the Lord of Hosts whom he so zealously served and in honored memory of Thomas Jonathan Jackson, Lieutenant General C.S.A. Like a



stone wall in his steadfastness, swift as lightning and mighty in battle, he walked humbly before his Creator, whose Word was his guide. This bay is erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and his admirers from South and North."

Who could not see the close ties between our Southern leaders and the heritage which our forefathers had intended for our country? We live in a blessed nation, a nation founded upon Christian principles. Let us pray and let us work to preserve our Southland under the guidance of Almighty God.

From Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Cecil A. Fayard Jr.

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The Daniel Lady Farm

Confederate Fortress in Gettysburg

by Ken Vaught

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A s s o c i a t i o n
purchased the Daniel Lady Farm
on Hanover Road just east of
Gettysburg in 1999, they knew
they were saving a piece of
history, but they had no idea of
how great a diamond in the rough
it would turn out to be.

"We knew we had a house and barn that had been Confederate field hospitals and there had been troops and perhaps a little skirmishing on it," said GBPA President Kathi Schue, "but since then, new research and discoveries keep popping up that leaves us dumbfounded about how great a role it actually played in the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath."

And what has the research and restoration turned up?

- 1. Several Confederate soldiers etched their names onto the barn, including one who returned at least twice more during the following decades.
- 2. Bloodstains on house flooring.
- 3. Robert E. Lee spent a good portion of the first night of the battle at the barn meeting with

left flank commanders, and then rested for a while at the barn.

- 4. One reason for the reluctance of Confederates to roll up Cemetery Hill on the first day was because of fear that Union troops on the road at the Lady Farm might launch a flank attack. In actuality, the Union force was simply trying to join the main body of the Army of the Potomac on the battlefield.
- 5. For most of the second and third days of the battle, Confederate General Richard Ewell's headquarters was at the Lady Farm rather than at the location further west on Hanover Street, just inside the Borough.
- 6. Had the Confederates not remained on the offensive on the third day, Union General George Meade intended to strike the Confederate left at the Lady Farm and secure high ground that would have allowed his artillery to enfilade the Confederate center in the borough.
- 7. Most of the cemetery for the massive post-battle Camp Letterman field hospital was actually on the Lady Farm. Most bodies, Union and Confederate, were later disinterred, but it is believed that some may remain.

Anew archeological survey of the Letterman area is underway because private developers plan to put housing on the property. However, two of the developers are working in conjunction with the GBPA to locate and preserve any significant archaeological sites and make them accessible to the public.

The massive residential development planned for Straban Township in the next several years means that the Lady Farm will soon be virtually surrounded by housing. A vista from the farm that has been dominated by trees and fields will soon be replaced by single and multiple-family dwellings.

The farm will be a *fortress* of preservation within a new network of residential and commercial development and its accompanying roadway and infrastructure.

The Lady Farm is a *fortress* in another way: the only privately owned, yet publicly-accessible Confederate historic site north of the Mason-Dixon line.

While the GBPA has recruited a growing enrollment of Confederate-oriented volunteers, much of the Lady Farm accomplishment so far has come



The Daniel Lady Farm barn. Several Confederate soldiers etched their names onto the barn, including one who returned at least twice more during the following decades. General Robert E. Lee spent a portion of the first night of the Battle of Gettysburg at this barn.

from people more oriented to the blue, rather than the gray.

Schue herself has an ancestor whose name is on the Pennsylvania memorial. Most of the organization's board members can also trace their roots to a Union solider.

Ironically, one of the board members, Philadelphia historian Andi Waskie, is well-known for his portrayal of General Meade.

addition, the 88th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry of Hamburg, PA, is partnered to the Lady Farm project. Its military arm has put many hours into cleaning up the farm and restoring the farm house interior. The group also provided much of the money for period-appropriate lighting in the house, with the civilian members selecting the design and location of lighting fixtures and window drapes.

"That it's mainly a Confederate site is not a factor to us," said 88th President Neil Coddington. "It's a piece of Gettysburg and a piece of American history that we can make a difference in preserving. That's it."

At the head of the increasing involvement of Southern units at the Lady Farm is Ken Vaught, a Sons of Confederate Veterans' member and an officer in the 11th Virginia Cavalry.

"I want to help the public visualize the Lady house and barn in their roles as field hospitals," said Vaught. "Behind all the glory, there was agony and death. The soldiers of both sides knew what they would face if they made it to a field hospital. They knew what they were risking, but their commitment to their cause was so strong that they were willing to take the risk."

The GBPA hopes to have the farmhouse restoration nearly completed in time for a holiday

program in December.

There are other plans to exploit the farm's historical and environmental features to help ensure that its value to the story of Gettysburg will be recognized and appreciated by future generations.

"It takes a lot of funding to help preserve, restore and maintain a historic site," added Schue. "We are calling on members of the SCV to help in this historical fight to keep this 145-acre site open to the public for future generations and to become involved in securing its place in history."

The GBPA has a web site at www.gbpa.org, and Schue can be contacted by e-mail at Gettysburg@pahouse.net or by writing GBPA, PO Box 4087, Gettysburg, PA 17325. GBPA is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, meaning all donations are tax-deductible.

Meet Our Real Sons...

Thomas Newton Bruce and James Francis Brown

By Ron Jones, Longstreet/Zollicoffer Camp 87, Knoxville, TN

oday, Real Sons are very rare. Only about fifty-five still remain, four of them in Tennessee. To have two living within 45 minutes of each other and attending camp meetings together is just unheard of, but in Knoxville, Tennessee, that is exactly the situation. Tom Bruce has been a member of the Longstreet/Zollicoffer Camp 87, Knoxville, TN, for several years and attends a number of functions each year. Although a member of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, Tucson, AZ, Jim Brown lives in Tellico Village near Knoxville, has attended Camp 87 functions for several years and has been warmly accepted into the Knoxville Camp as an associate member.

Levi Newton Bruce

Tom Bruce has little recollection of his father, who died when he was five, but knows he was a proud Confederate soldier.

Born April 10, 1846, in Wytheville, Virginia, Levi Newton Bruce was the son of Enoch G. Bruce and Letitia Umberger. Levi's great-grandfather William had been a sergeant in the 2nd Virginia Regiment Continental Army. The Bruce family was Scottish and had come to America in the early 1700s.

Levi joined the 4th Virginia Infantry in 1862 and served with that unit until October 1864, when he was transferred to Co. E, 7th Virginia Cavalry Battalion. During his service he participated in the battles at Crockett Cove, Clayed Meadow and Princeton, WV, and other smaller engagements. He suffered a flesh wound during one of these but missed no

time with his unit due to this wound.

After the war, Levi married Sarah Virginia Robinett. The 1880 census for Morristown, Tennessee, shows one son and four daughters of this union. Another son, Robert, was born after 1880 and by the early 1920s, was living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Virginia died after 1900 and Levi married



James H.H. Brown, a member of Co. K, 8th Georgia Infantry, Oglethorpe Rifles.

Betty J. Ellis. Betty died in January 1919 of complications stemming from pregnancy at the age of 51.

Four years later on February 23, 1923, Levi married for the third time to Mary Belle Long. Their only son, Thomas N. Bruce, was born eighteen months later on October 1, 1924. Levi Bruce was 78 years old at the time. He died June 29, 1930, at the age of 84.

Today his son Tom lives in Knoxville, Tennes-

see, and is a member of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Knoxville, TN. Tom married Maude Moneyhun on August 19, 1950, and they had two children. Maude passed away in 1999, after 49 years of marriage.

In 1943 Tom Bruce was drafted into the service of the United States. Tom's unit, the 66th Infantry, was sent to Europe where, on a channel crossing on Christmas Eve ,1944, his ship was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat. Wounded by the blast, Tom was rescued by a PT Boat and recovered in a hospital in France. He later served in the coastal area of France, securing pockets of surrounded German soldiers and U-Boat pens.

Tom is still active and can be found frequenting his favorite places near his home in Fountain City on an almost daily basis.

James Henry Harrison Brown

As is true with many of us, James Francis "Jim" Brown wishes he had listened more closely to the stories his father told him during his early years living on a plantation in Georgia. He does remember conversations in which his father, James Henry Harrison Brown, would recall his service in the Confederacy and the Army of Northern Virginia. Those stories were about the Oglethorpe Rifles, Co. K, 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment and its four-year involvement in the campaigns of the First Corps of General James Longstreet.

James H. H. Brown was born March 4, 1841, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He was the son of Alexander and Nancy Brown. He enlisted near Maxey's Depot May 15, 1861, as a private. Barely two months later he and the rest of the 8th Georgia were on the field at Manassas Junction in Virginia.

The Oglethorpe Rifles went into battle at First Manassas with 33 members, suffering 16 casualties, and stood in solemn silence at Appomattox as the dirty, starving, barefoot members of the greatest fighting force ever assembled surrendered to the Union Army of the Potomac. James H.H. Brown was there for all of that. Wounded twice, once during the Seven Days' Battles and again during the fighting before Richmond in 1864, he was among a select few Confederate soldiers who served from the beginning until the end of the war and lived to tell the story.



Pictured from left, Real Son Tom Bruce, Ron Jones and Real Son Jim Brown.

Jim was born February 14, 1912, when his father was 71 years old. His mother, Fannie Moore Brown, was born four years after the War ended. She was 37 when she married James Henry Harrison Brown, whose first wife had died in 1900. The elder Brown died in 1924 at the age of 83. Jim recalls some fatherly instructions among his father's last words: "The last thing he said to me was 'Now you be good to your mother.'"

Unable to attend college due to his promise to help his mother, he went to work as an assistant steward at the 300-room Battle House in Mobile, Alabama. This modest start would lead to a long and successful career in hotel management, and eventual ownership of his own hotel in Pennsylvania. This career would be interrupted in 1944 when Jim joined the Navy.

Retired first in 1962 and several times since, he finally retired for good in 1972. For a man of his years, Jim is very active. He tries to play nine holes of golf twice a week and participates in social activities in Tellico Village, where he lives with his son and daughter-in-law. Jim has attended each of the last four National Reunions, and those who converse with him can attest to his very good memory and the pride he has for his father's service and in being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Jim still has his father's Southern Cross of Honor, a medal awarded for valor in combat. Now nearing 95, he neither looks nor acts his age despite his snow white hair and goatee.



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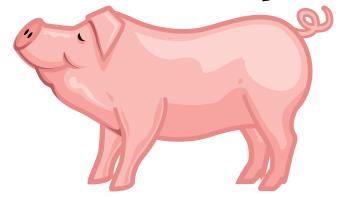
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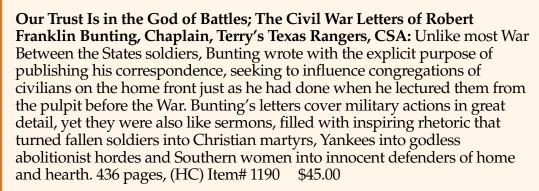


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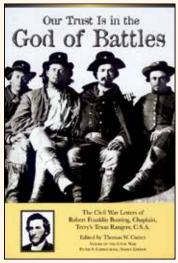
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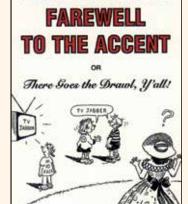
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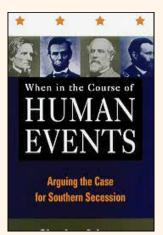


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