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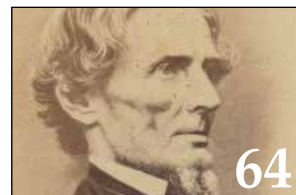
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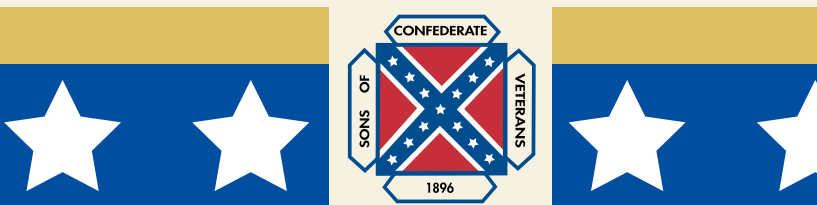
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# FROM THE EDITOR



Photo by John Gregory

It was good to see everyone at our National Reunion in Concord, NC, July 16-19. A good time was had, as usual, and much business accomplished. Congratulations to all the candidates for running campaigns free of the rancor of some of our past elections. A report is included in this issue with a few photos. More photos can be viewed at the *Confederate Veteran* blog.

At the post convention meeting of the GEC, new deadlines were established for the *Veteran*. You should receive this edition two weeks earlier than usual, and future issues will arrive even earlier. The goal is for the March/April 2009 issue to arrive in members' mailboxes on or about March 1. Afterwards, your *Veteran* will arrive on the first day of the month that's on the cover.

Don't be concerned when you notice the list of new members not being as long as usual. Because of the new early deadlines we had less time between issues, so that's less time to receive the new member applications. A special thanks to our General Headquarters staff and our new general officers for meeting the early deadline.

Congratulations to the Francis S. Bartow Camp 93, Savannah, GA, which recently celebrated their 110th year of continuous service. How amazing it is to think of a camp meeting continuously for 110 years. Let's hope they can make it for the next 110 years.

Thanks to everyone who took a moment in Concord to talk with me about the *Veteran*. I appreciate your kind words and your suggestions. I continue to strive to make each issue better than the last. Of course, the *Veteran* is your magazine and it would not be what it is without your contributions. Keep it up! Thanks!

Please continue to send your letters and photos of your camp activities. As usual, let me know if you have any questions or problems. Until then, I remain,

Yours in the Cause,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank B. Powell, III'.

Editor-in-Chief



# REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
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## Fly a Confederate Flag!

Greetings Compatriots,

I sincerely thank each of you for granting me the honor of serving as your commander-in-chief for the next two years. Be assured that it is a duty I accept with the utmost commitment to the Charge and to the advancement of our Cause. Furthermore, I am impressed with the quality of men you have selected to serve in the other positions on the General Executive Council as well as those on the Division level.

One of the benefits of running for office is getting out in the field to meet and listen to members from all across the Confederation. We have an astonishing array of talent with men of high integrity throughout the SCV, of whom many have already accepted the call to serve in larger capacities, and more will be in the future. I know you will all join me in thanking them for the work they have previously done and what they are now doing.

Compatriots, we stand on the threshold of a monumental event. As Ronald Reagan once said, "We have a rendezvous with destiny." That destiny is the observance of the Sesquicentennial of the Cause for Southern Independence. It is our sacred duty to see that our Heritage is presented with the truth, honor and the dignity it rightfully deserves. During this period we will see an explosion of information, materials and events related to this observance. There will be The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.

**The Good** — At the forefront of this category will be the efforts of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We have already begun the endeavors, some on a smaller scale, that all members can do immediately. One example is the Sesquicentennial logo

window cling you received in the last issue of your *Confederate Veteran*. I hope that every one of these is on a vehicle or office window or anywhere it can be seen by the public. In addition, we are planning large events each year, from 2010 to 2015, across the South both on a national and division-wide scale. Soon our Sesquicentennial Web site will be up with the details as they unfold.

**The Bad** — Items in this category are not necessarily those that come from the enemies of Confederate Heritage. These could be events or materials that originate from individuals or entities that are simply uninformed as to the true nature and facts surrounding the War and the Confederate experience. For example, a county historical society could be planning an observance and only have knowledge based on the politically correct version of the period. It is our duty to engage these types of situations, hopefully in a positive way, so they may consider the SCV as a source of information to assist them with their local event-planning.

**The Ugly** — We have all had experience with items that fall into this category. I am well aware, as are you, there are individuals and organizations that spend their time and resources doing everything possible to discredit and even erase from existence our *Heritage* and *Legacy*. Just as we are increasing our efforts and seizing the opportunity available during this period, so will they. That is why we must be proactive as well as selectively reactive. Fortunately, there are things we can do about this. In fact, they are so numerous I will not attempt to list them all here. One proactive response is the planning we are doing through our Sesquicentennial committee. I urge all of you to involve yourself with the develop-

ment and implementation of these activities on both the division and camp level.

As we move forward on these issues and others, there are two actions I encourage all of you to take now.

The first has to do with communications. Our SCV blog, and the men who manage it, are doing an outstanding job of making available news that is of Confederate interest. The e-mail list that was in place experienced some technical problems around the time of the recent reunion in Concord.

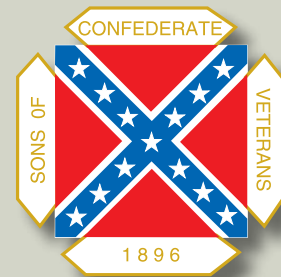
Those problems have been fixed and it is up and running again as the new SCV Telegraph. All the viable e-mails that were on the old list should be signed up for the new one. I ask that every Compatriot sign up for the Telegraph so that you may receive news of what the SCV is doing or needs done. You can still sign up by using the form for SCV *News* under the services tab on the main Web page. Another option and method of signing up is by e-mailing your name, camp and SCV ID number to [membership@scv.org](mailto:membership@scv.org). Your ID number is listed on the mailing label of the *Confederate Veteran*.

The second action is one that I strongly urge each member to do: *Fly a Confederate Flag!* I believe one of the main reasons our detractors attack the flag has nothing to do with the events of some 150 years ago. Our flag literally flies in the face of their modern agenda. The Flag represents many things, and all true meanings are honorable. One meaning of the Flag is homage to a generation of Americans who had the fortitude to stand up and resist domineering centralized control. The viewpoint of opposition to centralized control is not exclusively Southern or confined to any one time period; it is an American viewpoint expressed many times in the course of our country's history. Clearly, it is the same principle that another generation of Americans stood for in 1776 in declaration of their independence, while taking their place among the nations of the world. Many flag opponents are proponents of an ideology that is in opposition to this viewpoint. That is one of their reasons for these attacks.

We cannot, and will not, allow detractors to define our heritage. Just like our ancestors in 1776 and 1861 we, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will have the fortitude to stand up for the worthy principles of our Revolutionary and Confederate forebears. We will honor the heroes of our choosing and honor the virtues we know to be just. We will fly the Flag for our purposes and for its true meanings. While some assert "good Americans" do not honor Confederate Heritage, we know this assertion is not true and will fly a Confederate Flag with the dignity and the honor it embodies. We will fly it in memory of our forebears who fought for worthy principles. We will *Fly a Confederate Flag!*

Stand Fast, Compatriots,

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# Dispatches From the Front

A collection of letters to the editor from our members.

## Let's get back to our founding principles

To the Editor:

As a proud new member of the SCV, Children of the Confederacy alumnus, and a history major in college, I am often exposed to the history of the War of Northern Aggression. The battlefield history of our struggle predominates the discussion more often than not. There have been enough books published on the subject to fill the Grand Canyon, and yet we must constantly seek to educate the less-informed on this aspect of our cause. Just as we study the struggle-in-arms, however, we must never forget to give the struggle of ideas its equal due. The issue of States' Rights is talked about, but I very rarely hear in-depth discussion of what, precisely, the term means. I have discovered over the years that there are precious few who have heard a systematic Constitutional defense of secession or our cause. As we speak to citizens outside our organization about the war, we must be prepared to discuss the political arguments in addition to the armed struggle.

First, it is important to remember that the Constitution of the United States was created by the states themselves (via their appointed delegates) and not by the people directly. While the individual citizen is sovereign, we have, in turn, relinquished a portion of our sovereignty first and foremost to our states to provide for our security and general welfare. The states then delegated a portion of their sovereignty to a confederation or union for the collective benefit of the individual states. This agreement (the Constitution) was freely entered into by the individual states, and they retained for themselves all rights and privileges not granted the Federal government.

Nowhere within the Constitution or among the enumerated powers of the central government will you find the right of the national government to interfere with the domestic affairs of the state or prohibit secession. Secession, therefore, is a reserved power of the individual states. With this knowledge, we can clearly extrapolate that it was the Framers' intent to allow the states to control their own domestic affairs while the states-union commanded those issues that no single state could effectively control itself. The secession of the South was thus justified when the Northern states exploited their control over the national government to unconstitutionally interfere with the domestic affairs of the South. It should never be said that the South fought to destroy the Constitution — the South fought to preserve the principles of that sacred document.

Second, the question of who started the war is purely political and not military. A military argument can be made that the South fired the first shot, but the Union clearly started the war, from a legal perspective. Once the state of South Carolina left the Union and reclaimed its full sovereignty, any Union forces or facilities still based within the borders of the state were illegal unless granted permission by the state. Their very existence was, in and of itself, an act of war. Furthermore, South Carolina simply defended itself against foreign encroachment while the Union invasion of the South was conducted illegally and without a formal declaration of war. The question should also be asked how, after the war, the union could justify reconstruction to "readmit" the Southern states that it had always contended could never and did never leave the union at all.

The armed struggle of the war ended in 1865; the political struggle continues to this very day. The

remnants of States' Rights have lingered over the years but have been severely curtailed by acts of Congress, the power of the executive, and even by Constitutional amendment (especially the 14th and 17th amendments). The Constitutional defense of the South is much more complex than what little I have presented here, but it is a starting point on how to discuss the subject. While the organization should be careful about getting too involved with partisan politics, we should also remember the political principles for which our cause once stood. Limited-government, local and state control of our affairs, and states' rights are as important today as they were 150 years ago. Let us strive to put our nation's founding principles at the forefront of contemporary politics so that our great cause will never be lost.

*Froston A. Back*

*General Felix H Robertson Camp 129  
Waco, Texas*

## Teachers should teach the true history of the CSA

To the Editor:

When I read *Dispatches* in the March/April 2008 edition, it got me thinking about defending our country, rights and beliefs....There is one thing that I hate and that is people trying to tell me the meaning of the Confederate Flag.

People say the Confederate Flag represented slavery and was disrespectful. They're wrong. I know a lot of SCV members who will agree that the Confederate Flag means pride and honor for our ancestors.

Some people hate the Confederate Flag really badly, like Steve Spurrier, the South Carolina football coach who said, "If anyone were to ever ask me about that damn Confederate Flag,

I would say we need to get rid of it." I'm not attacking him in any way, but we don't need teachers and coaches with that kind of attitude about the flag in our schools. The teachers should know and teach students the true history of the Confederacy, not lies. People should wear Dixie Outfitter clothes to schools, games, etc. Also, people should get involved in learning who their Confederate ancestors are and where they are buried. And I am sure all camps always need new members.

Cliff Hayes

Captain Andrew T. Harllee Camp 2010  
Dillon, South Carolina

## Glad to see another mounted color guard

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Arizona Division Mounted Color Guard! This is the second time I have seen this mentioned in the *Confederate Veteran*. Now, we have two units at the Division level. Are they the 411th entry? If so, they are in the largest non-motorized parade surpassing the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade, which claims to be the largest.

Where is the US flag? The Texas Division Mounted Color Guard always displays the US flag, so we can't be singled out for *unpatriotic* behavior. At present we have 36 members and two companies, Company A and Company I. Most of the members are War Between The States cavalry reenactors. Predominately, Terry's Texas Rangers, Company I, with Parsons Dragoons, and members from the Gov. S.W.T. Lanham Camp 586, Weatherford, Texas. Women also ride with us as men or as women in period dress, utilizing an Order of Confederate Rose flag. We utilize *Cook's Cavalry Tactics Manual* for our parades. Basically, column into line formations and back into column and obliques when the streets are wide enough. Sometimes, streets and area permitting, we will do *wheels*. We win because we use strict and precision cavalry movements, where other mounted units look like a herd of turtles going down the street. During the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade, we act as armed escort for the Texas Division commander. Greg Manning is

the Division commander for 2008 and 2009. We are already signed up for this event in 2009. I have 34 flags from the American Revolution, Texas Revolution, War Between the States, WWII, to present day. We try to present most of them during a parade as a history lesson to the spectators. Most do not know their American history and a few brave souls will ask about specific flags. At every parade, we seen veterans stand up and salute the flag, while civilians sit on their butts. I have seen one veteran struggle to get out of his wheelchair to salute the flag, and he was successful!

Last year we did our first out-of-state performance in Overton County, Tennessee, dedicating the graves of six Texas cavalymen, who were *executed* by Federal troops. Three were Terry's Texas Rangers.

Bill Fowler

Texas Division Mounted Color Guard

## Cavalry pronounced as Calvary many times

To the Editor:

The *cavalry/calvary* variance has been in the back of my mind for many years. In the film *Gettysburg*, Buford's cavalry were referred to as *calvary* in dialogue by the Confederate general. I think John Ford's cavalry epics with John Wayne occasionally had characters saying *calvary* as a matter of individuality.

I have been unable to find a scholar who has answered the question. Many of the young men in both armies were illiterate; many were Bible-readers and churchgoers. I suspect part of the answer is mispronunciation by authority figures like drill sergeants. It may have become a club member-type of insider thing.

I do know that the *calvary* usage was brought home by my Yankee ancestor from the 5th Illinois Cavalry. His daughter learned it from him and said it that way when she told stories about him. She had enough Bible teaching to know about Calvary. Her military knowledge was imparted by the cavalryman.

Don Davis is absolutely correct

about gravemarker and other formal spelling. However, since the usage was obviously widespread both North and South, it is still valid for film and fiction to capture authenticity of character.

I would welcome any suggestions as to the historical and linguistic origins of *cavalry* pronounced *calvary*.

Anthony Eye, Commander,  
General Albert Pike Camp 1439,  
Wichita, Kansas

## Return the flag of the 28th Virginia to Virginia

To the Editor:

My name is Chris Mathis, adjutant/camp minister for the Colonel C.L. Pyron, 2nd Texas Cavalry, Pyron's Battalion, Texas Sharpshooters Camp 2144 - New Mexico Division - Sons of Confederate Veterans. Commanded by Ken Garrison - Heritage Defense Officer of New Mexico.

Our camp mottoes are "Bring it on!" and "We don't hide behind haystacks!"

Men of the SCV, our camp would like to draw your attention to a situation that doesn't sit well with our camp. My ancestor, 1st Lt. William Jesse Gooldy, Co. D, 28th VA Infantry was present and fought at the battle of Gettysburg, and participated in and was wounded in Pickett's Charge, where their flag was captured by the 1st Minnesota Volunteers.

The flag of the 28th Virginia has sadly found its way to a museum in Minnesota, where they stuffed it in a display case for people to walk by and gawk at. Please watch the video about the flag here if you have the stomach for it: <http://discussions.mnhs.org/collections/?p=34>

Our goal, with your help, is to return the flag to the good people of Virginia, where it belongs, in a respectable museum of that state, where it can be honorably displayed after being properly dedicated by Virginia Sons of Confederate Veterans camps and the descendants of Virginia Confederate Soldiers. That flag does NOT belong in Minnesota!

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# REPORT OF THE LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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When you get right down to it, recruitment is really a marketing problem. Whether you speak of an individual's endeavor to bring in a new camp member or the concerted effort of a Division or National, the dynamics are basically the same. Just remember the three main ingredients: excitement, news and a compelling call to action.

You have probably learned that when talking to a friend or family member about the SCV that you get farther by telling them about the exciting aspects of the organization. To many people, the good deeds of the SCV are news to them. In fact, to many people, the very existence of the SCV is news to them. But the clincher on recruitment and retention is a compelling call to action. It is by making someone understand the value of their

service to the memory and ideals of the Confederacy that we solidify their commitment to the SCV. This is true at every level, camp, Division and National.

Lately, our opposition has gained ground in the war against truth by declaring Robert E. Lee and your very kin as traitors. To counter this attack, some years ago Past Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney created an ad for the Texas Division that asked the question of the reader: *Was Your Great-grandfather a Traitor?* That question certainly caused excitement. Drawing a comparison between General Robert E. Lee and the reader's great-grandfather, the ad went on to bring the news of the great and noble deeds of the Confederate soldier. It concluded with a compelling call to action by offering membership to eligible men and the opportunity to help prove that indeed, their great-grandfather was no traitor.

This attitude has not always been the norm. When Robert E. Lee passed away in 1870 the *New York Herald* editorialized "Here in the North we ... have claimed him as one of ourselves ... have extolled his virtue as reflecting upon us, for Robert E. Lee was an American, and the great nation which gave him birth would be today unworthy of such a son if she regarded him lightly."

Today, many people suffer from what you might call *deliberate amnesia*. They purposely dismiss the honorable deeds of our heroes and replace truthful history with their own self-serving, feel-good chicanery. This is how they can justify (in their minds) calling such high-moraled men as Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis *traitors*. It relieves them of the bothersome guilt associated with the obvious sins of invasion, coercion and subjugation.

As we prepare for the upcoming sesquicentennial, we must focus our efforts on advertising and marketing to hinder the advance of our detractors. The GEC is looking at options to find the most effective way to

spread the message of the SCV, find new members and fight the present misconceptions about the principles of our ancestors.

We have just begun work on an eight to ten minute film that explains the necessity of SCV involvement in the sesquicentennial. This film will be produced in a way that will allow us to cut commercials out of the footage for use on television for recruitment. We also plan to place these films on the Web and use them in trade shows.

The sesquicentennial will present us with many opportunities for recruitment. But that time will be bittersweet. Our enemies are planning to ramp up their mischief and spread their distortions as thick as possible during this time. This is why we must devote a great deal of energy to offensive efforts to spread the truth, gain members and strengthen our resolve to vindicate the *Cause* of the Confederate soldier.

We can achieve victories, but only through education. It is imperative that we educate the public concerning the plight of our noble ancestors. Simply stated, if we don't, who will? It is our duty and our only hope for success and survival as a people.

Education is the news we bring prospective members. In order to properly educate the public, we must constantly work on adding to our own knowledge-base. The SCV must become known as the intellectual authority on all things Confederate. We accomplish this by continuing to educate ourselves on the struggles of our ancestors. We do this because intelligence is a weapon of self-defense. If you do not know your own history, you will be ignorant and helpless before someone who *CLAIMS* to know your history.

In each issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, I will supply you with a few books that will be helpful to this end. I am certain that many of you have already read some or all of these books. But the idea is to have everyone on the same page, so to speak. For this issue, I suggest the following books:

1. *The South Was Right!*, by Ronald and Donald Kennedy (SCV members). This is probably the most obvious, but it can't be overlooked as a valuable tool for our defense.

2. *The Real Lincoln: A New Look at Abraham Lincoln, His Agenda, and an Unnecessary War*, by Thomas Dilorenzo. An eye-opener for the newly initiated.

3. *War Crimes Against Southern Civilians*, by Walter Brian Cisco (SCV member). I cannot overestimate the value of the information in this book. If the contents of this book do not constitute a compelling call to action, nothing does. I have read hundreds of books on the War and the people involved. This is the only book that actually gave me nightmares. Read this book and share the stories.

Why is this push so important? Certainly, we can

continue along as we have. Compared to the first half of the 19th century, when there was comparatively little opposition to Southern traditions, the SCV enjoys a reasonably large membership. 'Tis true, but take a look outside of your camp meetings and you will plainly see the peril that preys on our indolence. A recent cover of *Newsweek* magazine sported a photo of Oak Alley Plantation in Louisiana, with the title reading *The End of the South*. The article was written by scallawag Chris Dickey (son of *Deliverance* author James Dickey). Dickey writes that "People [here in the South] remember what they want and call it *history*. That much is true almost anyplace in the world. But in the South, if people aren't careful, history can start to run their lives, even put them at risk." He gleefully continued, "Never in the last century and a half has the South been home to so many people who were born and who continue to live outside its history."

What young Mr. Dickey is pressing is that if we would just give up our devotion to the past, we could be forgiven of our sins and embraced into the world of Marxist utopia. We could destroy all borders and make one North American nation from the Arctic Circle to the Panama Canal (Now, wouldn't that be grand). His article amounted to campaign propaganda for presidential candidate Barack Hussein Obama.

In addition to this familiar attack on our culture, we must realize the opposition in the form of apathy that plagues our fellow Southrons. America has within her borders more than 20 million illegal aliens. About 700,000 to 1,000,000 more cross our borders every year. I doubt that nary a one of these adventure-seeking nomads cares one iota for our Confederate and American heritage. All of our American institutions will be diluted right before our eyes. And most Americans will sit quietly by and hardly notice.

But there is hope. There is hope as long as we have men who are committed to the Charge of the SCV. We will not be alone in this struggle, but we may be alone at the vanguard of defense.

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*Sons of Confederate Veterans*

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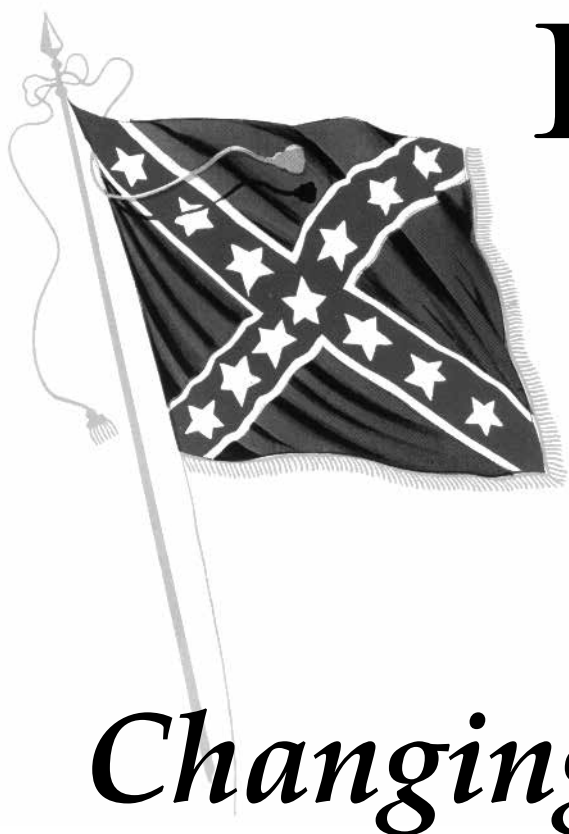
Thank you for your attention to these matters. Let's get to work — and I will see you at the van.

**Michael Givens**

**Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

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# Forward The Colors

**AN EDITORIAL FROM  
THE CHIEF OF  
HERITAGE DEFENSE**

## *Changing of the Guard*

**W**ith the closing of our 2008 National Reunion held at Concord, North Carolina, I assumed the duties as chief of Heritage Defense. Along with recruitment, this is one of the two largest committees in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I say this because each and every one of you should take an active part in recruiting and Heritage Defense.

It should be obvious to anyone how unfairly we and our ancestors are portrayed by all forms of the media. We are maligned by everything from the movies to the so-called *news*. One of our worst enemies is the federal government. Have you ever wondered why the Park Service and other government agencies tell such a twisted and just plain wrong story about what happened between 1861-1865? Just think about it for a moment. If they tell the truth about us, they will also have to tell the truth about themselves. That truth is that the president of the United States acted without the consent of Congress and invaded South Carolina. With all the criticism of today's government, how would the citizens of the country react to something like this today? Prisoners of war were deliberately beaten,

starved, and murdered. Homes and other private property were needlessly burned. One only need look at General Butler's order in New Orleans to see how the civilian population, women in particular, were treated. Don't expect the government agencies of the country that committed these atrocities to tell the truth of what really happened.

When I was a child, things were a little better. Our flag flew proudly throughout the South. Even movies depicted us in a positive way. They pointed out that when our troops ran short on ammunition, they threw rocks at the Yankees. Those days are long gone.

What can we do? The first and best thing we can do is to be ourselves. I have attended State and National Reunions and other events for the past 17 years. I cannot say I have met all of you, but I have met quite a few of you. I must say I am impressed. We represent men from all walks of life. We are successful in our jobs and businesses. We are good citizens and good neighbors. All of this does us no good if no one knows that we are proud Southerners and members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Proudly proclaim your Southern Heritage!

When someone steps down from a position,

it is customary to say what a good job they have done. It is not custom or courtesy that leads me to commend Chief of Heritage Defense Darryl Starnes. We owe him great thanks for the battles he has fought and for the work that he has done.

I will do my best to serve the Sons of Confederate Veterans and you, my Compatriots. I will endeavor to do my duty as did our ancestors. I take pride in them and I believe in their cause. All I need do to defend their honor is to proclaim the truth about them and the cause for which they fought. I have fought this battle all my life and will continue to do so in this new position that I am now serving.

For love of our Southland and our Heritage,

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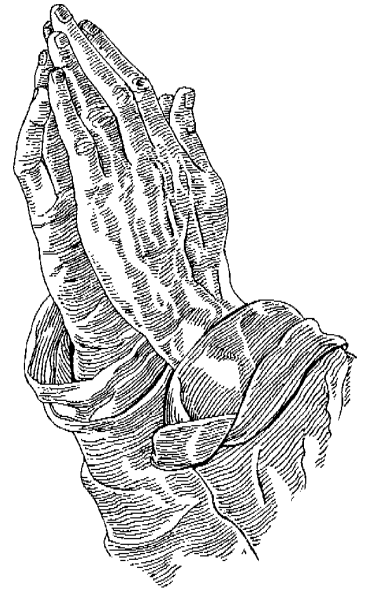
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# Chaplain's Comments

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



## Jefferson Davis' Walk of Faith

### Part 5 — His Belief in Heaven and a Favorite Hymn

*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*  
— John 14:1-4

While in prison Jefferson Davis turned his heart toward his heavenly home. He knew that Henry Wirz had been executed, and he did not put it past his captors to do the same to him. He writes in a letter to Varina, saying that General Grant had said "Everyone supposed he [Davis] would be tried for treason if captured, and that he would be executed." Often, when man is faced with eternity, he seeks to make his "calling and election sure." He wrote to Varina: "Beyond this world there is

a sure retreat for the oppressed" (MSS Transylvania).

In another letter to Varina, Jefferson Davis wrote concerning his desire to be in heaven with Varina, and not with her alone, but with his children also. "When the Lord shall open the many mansions of His Father's house to receive his own, I would that we should be there together but more oh! Most I would we should all be there."

In a letter to his beloved wife Varina during December 1865, Davis looks heavenward speaking of "... the mansion prepared

for the blessed believers of the Son" and "The peace that lifts above the troubles of this world and opens the view of the world to come attend you: and may our merciful Father restore us to each other that we may gather our children around us and calmly prepare for the final summons, aiding and sustaining each other in the works both for time and Eternity until that last call shall be given" (Allen 459).

These are not words given in a political speech to win votes; these are the heart's cry of a man

of faith, a man "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

### **A Favorite Hymn of Jefferson Davis**

Jefferson Davis was a lover of good music, secular and spiritual. A favorite hymn of President Jefferson Davis was *How Firm a Foundation*. As we recall the words of this great hymn of the faith, we can see why it was a favorite of Jefferson Davis. When burdens and trials of the War for Southern Independence weighed heavily upon Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, he would often quote with fervency the words of his favorite hymn. Varina recalled hearing him annunciate each word of this great hymn when his heart was overwhelmed with the affairs of government.

#### *How Firm a Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word; What more can he say, than to you He hath said, Who unto the Saviour for refuge have fled?
2. Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with thee thy trials to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials thy

pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee: I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. Even down to old age all my people shall prove, My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

What is it that makes this hymn, first appearing in Dr. John Rippon's *A Selection of the Best Hymns from the Best Authors* in 1787, such a favorite? I believe it is because this hymn is saturated with the promises of God's Holy Word. There is no better foundation than the Word of God, excepting the Lord Jesus Himself. The words of this hymn are drawn directly from the Word of God. Such words as are found in verse four look to the Word once again, saying "when through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine" (II Corinthians 12:9; I Peter 1:6-7).

Jefferson Davis went through the fiery furnace of affliction and found the grace of God was all-sufficient. The great assurance of verse six of this hymn was, without doubt, a great source of encouragement to Jefferson Davis: "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor

to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

When New Orleans fell to the North, "Varina often heard him 'with fervor' repeating to himself from it 'I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand / Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand'" (312).

This hymn was also a favorite of other Southern leaders. General Robert E. Lee loved this hymn. At General Lee's request, it was sung at his own funeral in Lexington, Virginia. Also, *How Firm a Foundation* was a particular favorite of President Andrew Jackson, whom Jefferson Davis had known since childhood.

After he retired to his Tennessee home, The Hermitage, great numbers of visitors would come by to get a glimpse of "Old Hickory." There is a story told of General Jackson calling out to a local minister, saying, "There is a beautiful hymn on the subject of the exceeding great and precious promises of God to His people. It was a favorite with my dear wife until the day of her death. It commences thus: 'How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord!' I wish you would sing it now." The local minister in respect for and to bring comfort to the old warrior, led the whole assemblage in the singing of the entire hymn.

As with Jefferson Davis, we, too, can find comfort in the God of this great hymn. When trials and pressures come, we, too, prayerfully will be overheard by our loved ones repeating "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake." ❖

# The Last Roll

Thomas Goode Jones 259  
Montgomery, AL  
**Robert L. Howell**

8th Fla Quincy Young Guards 703  
Quincy, FL  
**Richard Wayne Hatcher**

General David E. Twiggs 1462  
Wauchula, FL  
**Charles R. Blackmon**

John K. McNeill 674  
Moultrie, GA  
**Roy Albert Vail**

General Patrick R. Cleburne 1361  
Jonesboro, GA  
**Ronald William Kelly**

John Kempshall 1534  
Maroa, IL  
**Joe Wayne Dubree**

Captain James W. Bryan 1390  
Lake Charles, LA  
**James H. Fontenot**

Elijah Gates 570  
Fulton, MO  
**Mark Kent Douglas**

General James H. McBride 632  
Springfield, MO  
**Arthur Jack Arnold**

Colonel W. P. Rogers 321  
Corinth, MS  
**Phil M. McAllister**

Gainesville Volunteers 373  
Picayune, MS  
**James Waldon Taylor**

M/G William T. Martin 590  
Natchez, MS  
**Joe Patton Shehan**

Captain Winfield Scott  
Lineberry 92  
Asheboro, NC  
**Vernon Matthew Allred**

Captain Jesse S. Barnes 771  
Wilson, NC  
**Gordon Mercer Winstead**  
**Bobby Joe Pridgen**

Pvt. Lorenzo Dow Williams 1456  
Reidsville, NC  
**Robert Boyd King**

Col. Henry King Burgwyn, Jr. 1485  
East Wake County, NC  
**Michael Stephen Johnson**

2nd Lt. Reece Clark Craven 1966  
Asheboro, NC  
**Roger Michael Shaw**

Rebels On The Rio Grande 1826  
Las Cruces, NM  
**Leroy Grizzell**

J. E. B. Stuart 1506  
Philadelphia, PA  
**Howard Ray Hall**  
**John Charles Care**  
**Charles Turner Lincoln**

Secession 4  
Charleston, SC  
**William Glenn Moncus**

Samuel R. Watkins 29  
Columbia, TN  
**Donald Leon Scott**



Sam Davis Camp 1293  
Brentwood, TN  
**James Knox Trigg**

General A. P. Stewart 1411  
Winchester, TN  
**Jared Alan Bailey**

The Shelby Grays 1852  
Arlington, TN  
**William Stuart Howard**

Co. F, Spaight's Battalion 858  
Wallisville, TX  
**Harry Grady Daves**

Albert Sidney Johnston 983  
Decatur, TX  
**Francis Remington Martin**

Dick Dowling 1295  
Beaumont, TX  
**Athan Scott Allen**

Granbury's Texas Brigade 1479  
Conroe, TX  
**Don Michael Ogg**

Rappahannock Old Guard 2133  
Washington, VA  
**Charles Wilson Pomeroy**

Stonewall Jackson's Camp 201  
Charlestown/Clarksburg, WV  
**Franklin Drell Gore**

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

— Robert E. Lee, 1869

# Confederate Images

by C.E. Avery



## 32nd Tennessee Infantry Regiment

On October 28, 1861, the 32nd Tennessee Infantry was formed and the following month was ordered to East Tennessee to guard railroad bridges from Bridgeport, AL, to Chattanooga, TN. They were also to suppress insurrection in pro-union sections of the Tennessee counties of Hamilton, Sequatchie and Marion. The 32nd reported having 850, with over half of them armed with flintlock muskets. In December they were ordered to Bowling Green, KY, where they went into winter quarters.

In January 1862, they became part of Hardee's Army of Central Kentucky, Brown's Brigade. The winter of 1861-1862 was extremely harsh and the 32nd suffered a loss of 300 men from disease and weather.

Brown's Brigade was ordered to assist in the defense of Ft. Donelson on the Cumberland River, and arrived there on February 12. The fighting lasted for four days when, on February 16, the fort surrendered and 528 of the 32nd Tennessee were taken prisoner. However, some of the men from the 32nd Tennessee escaped and served with the 35th Tennessee until the following September. Officers of the 32nd were sent to Camp Chase, OH, and later to Fort Warren, MA. The enlisted men were sent to Camp Morton, IN. After seven months in prison the 32nd was exchanged and sent to Vicksburg, MS, on September 12. At



*Unidentified 32nd TN Infantryman*

Jackson, MS, they reorganized on September 19. From here they were sent to General Nathan Bedford Forrest at Murfreesboro, TN. They became part of General Breckinridge's Army of Middle Tennessee, Brown's Brigade, Hardee's Corp, on October 28. For the remainder of 1862 and early 1863, they guarded railroad bridges at Wartrace and Tullahoma, TN.

In September 1863, they moved to Chickamauga, GA, where they were engaged in battle on September 19-20. Next, the brigade fought at Lookout Mountain on November 24, but reached Missionary Ridge too late on the 25th to be effective in that battle. From here they went into winter quarters at Dalton, GA,

remaining there until the middle of May 1864.

During Sherman's flanking movements to capture Atlanta, a great many skirmishes and small battles occurred. The 32nd fought at Swamp Creek on May 13, Resaca on May 15, New Hope Church on May 24, Powder Springs Road on June 22, Kennesaw Mountain on June 27, and under General Hood they fought at Jonesboro on August 31.

After the fall of Atlanta, Hood took his army back to Tennessee. On November 30, the Battle of Franklin was fought, but the 32nd arrived too late to participate. Then they were detached for service under General Forrest around Murfreesboro and missed the Battle of Nashville on December 15-16. When Hood began his retreat, Forrest's command served as rear guard. They successfully ambushed the Union army twice, slowing their advance and giving the retreating Confederates time to reach the Tennessee River.

Shortly after this, the brigade was sent to North Carolina to join General Johnston's Army. In March 1865, they fought at Bentonville, NC, the last battle for the Army of Tennessee. On April 9, the 32nd was consolidated with other units to form the 4th Consolidated Tennessee Infantry. As such, they were surrendered on April 26 and paroled at Greensboro, NC, on May 1, 1865.



# 113<sup>th</sup> Annual National SCV Reunion

## *Concord, North Carolina*

Compatriots from across the Confederation gathered in Concord, NC, for the 113th National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans July 16-19, 2008. Hosted by the Captain Jonas Cook Camp, 888, Mount Pleasant, NC, the site of all business meetings, was the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center.

The Cabarrus Arena and Events Center was the site of our called special convention in April 2005, the convention with

the largest attendance in our history. Delegates made history when they voted overwhelming to reform the SCV.

This reunion was billed as different and it was different from our past reunions. All the hotels were a 15-minute drive from the Events Center, when usually the business meetings are held in a host hotel and/or adjoining convention center. A Pride of the South Show was held next door, instead of the usual vendor area. The show was open to the pub-

lic and revealed to hundreds of people the SCV and our Southern heritage.

### **Wednesday and Thursday, July 16-17**

As usual, the pre-convention meeting of the General Executive Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, and kicked off the reunion. The usual business was discussed and several different projects received funding.

The first business meeting was Thursday morning, starting with an impressive military presentation of each state flag of the Confederacy. It was a true massing of the flags. Several members were overheard saying we should have this ceremony at every reunion. Greetings were given from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Children of the Confederacy, Order of Confederate Rose, as well as the mayors of both Mt. Pleasant and Concord.

Real Son James Brown of Arizona was recognized and received a lengthy standing ovation from the delegates.

A quorum was declared by the credentials committee at the beginning so business could



*Real Son James Brown, left, with Bobby Morris, members of the Captain Sherod Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, Tucson, AZ.*



*The Confederate Marine Color Guard brings in the colors to start the 113th National Reunion. Pictured from left, William Lyons, Jimmy Ward and Wyatt Payne. Not pictured is drummer Stuart Lyons.*

be conducted immediately. The minutes of the 2007 Reunion in Mobile, AL, were presented and approved after a little discussion.

Executive Director Ben Sewell reported we have 29,992 members including 51 Real Sons, 3,290 Life Members and 257 Cadet members. A budget of approximately \$1,100,000 was presented to the delegates and was approved.

The Time and Place Committee recommended our 2011 Reunion to be held in Montgomery, AL, on July 20-24, hosted by the Captain Henry C. Semple Camp 2002, which was approved.

Thursday evening was marred by an unfortunate incident. KY Division Lt. Commander Bazz Childress was arrested for hanging a Confederate Battle Flag in his hotel room window at the Wingate/Wyndham. The official charge was criminal trespassing. He refused to remove

the flag when requested by the hotel manager, who then called the police. SCV members began canceling their rooms and relocated to other local hotels in protest. Compatriot Childress was released and his court date is scheduled for September 30, 2008.

### Friday, July 18

Friday's business session started with a resolution about the events of the previous evening. All compatriots were urged to document their travel for the next year and not patronize any of the Wingate/Wyndham chain. Copies of receipts from visits to other hotels should be sent to General Headquarters so they can be forwarded to the Wyndham home office.

Constitution amendments were the next order of business. After much discussion, only Amendment *number two* passed,

with all the rest defeated except *number nine* which was referred to the GEC.

Members of the family of Weary Clyburn, a black Confederate soldier, were presented to the delegates and they too received a lengthy standing ovation. A local TV station and a film crew from PBS covered the introduction and interviewed family and SCV members. A new headstone was later dedicated at 3:30 PM for Clyburn at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monroe, NC, about 28 miles from the Event Center.

The annual John C. Calhoun Oratory Contest took place Friday night. This year's topic was "It's 1868 and the Confederacy is a free and independent nation. Who would you nominate to be the second president of the CSA?" NC Division Chaplain Reverend Herman White, aka Elvis, was the winner, after a spirited contest.



*NC Division Chaplain Rev. Herman (Elvis) White was the winner of the annual John C. Calhoun Oratory Contest.*

### **Saturday, July 19**

Saturday morning started early, with all three army departments holding meetings. All departments elected new officers. In the Army of Northern Virginia Department, Brag Bowling from Virginia was elected commander and Gene Hogan from South Carolina was elected councilman. The Army of Tennessee elected Kelly Barrow from Georgia as their commander and Tom Strain of Alabama as their councilman. And in the Army of Trans-Mississippi Department, Todd Owens of Louisiana was elected commander and Paul Gramling, also of Louisiana, was elected councilman.

The last business session started with resolutions, followed by elections for national offices. Chuck McMichael of Louisiana

was elected as commander-in-chief and Michael Givens of South Carolina was elected Lt. commander-in-chief.

The post-convention GEC meeting was held in the afternoon, with the main business being approval of the commander-in-chief's staff members and discussion of the upcoming Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence.

Other business included followed: Commander-in-Chief McMichael announced the formation of a Heritage Promotion Committee whose purpose is to secure property in high-profile areas to erect large flag poles — similar to the efforts that have taken place in Florida.

Several new awards were initiated, the **Jo Shelby Award** for persons who reinstate a minimum of five members who have

been not in good standing for at least one fiscal year and the **David O. Dodd Award** for members who recruit a minimum of five new members below the age of 18 years of age. There are two categories of this award. The **gold medal** is for a member who is 21 years of age or younger and recruits five members below the age of 18. The **green ribbon** award is for those over 21 years of age who recruit five new members 18 years old or younger. More information on these awards will be forthcoming.

A special pin for the Sesquicentennial has been designed and ordered. These will be for sale by General Headquarters to individual members for \$15 each. Camps, Brigades or Divisions can order the pins for \$10 each if a minimum order of 20 pins is placed. (*The pins are in stock at GHQ.*)

The council passed a motion presented by Past Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney to establish hard deadlines for officer columns to be submitted to the *Confederate Veteran* editor. This will allow for a timely delivery of the *Veteran* to the members and to secure greater advertising revenue, as the submission deadline will permit the editor to guarantee the delivery time to potential advertisers. In the past the editor has not been able to pin down the delivery dates due to the absence of a fixed deadline for submissions. The required submission dates for each issue of the *Confederate Veteran* will be published on the masthead of the *Veteran*. These deadlines will be in effect beginning with the March/April 2009 issue.



*Members of Black Confederate Weary Clyburn's family were honored during Friday's business session.*



*Oratory Contest Chairman Chuck McMichael holds the Battle Flag during the singing of Dixie.*

Commander-in-Chief McMichael presented an idea to develop on-line officer training for camp commanders and adjutants. The council agreed to the concept and will hear a more detailed plan on implementation at the fall GEC meeting. This meeting is set for October 4, 2008, at Elm Springs. The CIC has begun research into the possibility of having the SCV run 30-minute infomercials on cable/satellite channels. He asked that members of the GEC also look into this possibility and bring any recommendations they have to the fall GEC meeting.

The CIC stated the agenda for GEC meetings would be de-

veloped in advance of the meeting, and items not on the agenda would run the risk of not being considered until they are properly entered on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Reunion concluded that night with a Banquet, the largest Debutante Presentation in recent memory and ball.

The 2009 SCV Reunion will be hosted by the James M. Keller Camp 648, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 24-26 in Hot Springs at the Arlington Hotel.

— From staff reports and the editor-in-chief. More photos can be viewed at [www.confederateveteran.blogspot.com](http://www.confederateveteran.blogspot.com)

# 1st Lt. Henry Clay Erwin

by Jerry A. Maddox

**H**enry Clay Erwin was born on October 12, 1844, near Fairmount, Georgia, in the beautiful Salacoa Valley, and in 1862 when he was only eighteen years old, he joined a company commanded by Captain Jeff Johnson of the 4th Georgia Cavalry as a 2nd lieutenant. His military training at nearby Georgia Military Academy in Marietta, GA, where he graduated in 1861 at age seventeen, qualified him for his rank despite his young age.

Due to the incompetence of his superior officer, by the time of the battle of Chickamauga in 1863, Lt. Erwin commanded his company at this battle and in other engagements in which his company participated afterwards. The 4th Georgia Cavalry Regiment under Colonel Isaac Avery was organized by the increase of the 23rd Cavalry Battalion to a regiment of twelve companies in the spring of 1863. This number was reduced to ten companies and designated the 12th Cavalry Regiment in January, 1865. The 4th Georgia Regiment and the 12th Cavalry Regiment reported to Wheeler's Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Tennessee.

Lt. Erwin was the son of James Miller Erwin and Le Myra Bynum Erwin, who moved their family of six children from Rutherfordton, NC, to the Salacoa Valley, near Fairmount in 1837. 'Miller' Erwin purchased a four-room, two-story house in the valley, originally built by the

Cherokee Indians for John Martin, from 1822 to 1825. John Martin was a white man with Cherokee blood who had two wives who were sisters and also mixed-blood Cherokees. Martin had eight children by both wives. He built a home for his wife, Nellie, at Coosawatee, GA, and built the house in the Salacoa Valley for his other wife, Lucy. The Martin family was forced to move to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears in 1838, and James Erwin purchased the big white frame house owned by Martin for his family. John Martin had been the treasurer of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota, GA, and after he moved to Oklahoma, he became the first chief justice of the Cherokee Nation at Talequah, OK, the new capital of the Cherokee Nation.

By the time the War Between the States broke out in 1861, James Erwin owned a plantation which surrounded the Martin house for several thousand acres. His property stretched almost two miles, from the city limits of Fairmount southward to the Bartow County line. A Cherokee village had occupied this area in the early 1800s, near Salacoa Creek. The plantation grew to include a grist mill on Salacoa Creek, several barns, a slave house, and a covered bridge over the creek. The old federal road ran close by through the valley, and the Erwin house became a stopping place for stagecoach lines that would rest their horses and for travelers who

would spend the night at a tavern near the plantation. The valley was very picturesque in the spring, with a profusion of blossoming mountain laurel hanging in pink festoons from steep, rocky precipices on hills to the east of the valley.

James Miller Erwin died in 1866, but his son J.G.B. Erwin, also a Southern soldier, developed the Erwin plantation into a large farm after the war, and the Erwin descendants of the Erwin family owned the property until 1969. Other owners have lived in the house since 1969. The house with eleven other structures near the house is still located on Salacoa Road, which is east of Highway 411 South, only a mile from Fairmount and fifteen miles east of Calhoun, GA, in Gordon County.

Lt. Erwin began his career in 1862 at Dalton, GA, but soon after fought in battles with the 4th GA at Perryville, KY; Tupelo, MS; Corinth, MS; Murfreesborough, TN; Knoxville, TN and Chickamauga, GA. When General Sherman began his move towards Atlanta in the spring of 1864, Erwin's regiment was engaged in several skirmishes and minor engagements near Dalton, GA.

As the Yankees approached Resaca, GA, defended by General Joseph E. Johnston for the Confederacy, Major General James B. McPherson, leader of the Union 15th and 16th Corps, was instructed by Sherman to proceed south towards

Dalton and then do a flanking movement to approach Resaca to the east of Dalton. This was part of a three-pronged attack by the North led by General McPherson, Major General John M. Schofield, leader of the Army of the Ohio, and Major General George H. Thomas, leader of the Army of the Cumberland. The Northern armies would be opposed by three Southern armies led by Lt. General Leonidas Polk, Major General William J. Hardee and Major General John B. Hood.

In early May of 1864, Sherman's force of about 90,000 men was a major concern of General Johnston, so he decided to withdraw his army of about 45,000 men behind the hills and strong earthen-timber fortifications of Resaca, GA, to the east of Dalton, GA. General McPherson was to destroy the Western & Atlantic Railroad at and below Resaca, which was General Johnston's supply or escape route to the south.

Instead of following Sherman's orders, McPherson decided to approach Resaca by a more direct route, which bypassed Dalton. His move was to be a surprise move through Snake Creek Gap with his army of 23,000 men. He believed through his reconnaissance that this route was hidden from Johnson's intelligence by Rocky Face Mountain.

Snake Creek Gap was a five-mile valley between Rocky Face Mountain, John's Mountain and Catooga Mountain. As McPherson's army moved through this area, it was unexpectedly met by General Wheeler's Cavalry, which included the 4th GA and Lt. Henry Clay Erwin commanding his company of experienced warriors. The Southern cavalry only consisted of about 3,000 men, but McPherson's slow-moving infantry and artillery units thought they were out numbered as it appeared that the Confederate unit was much larger than its actual number. McPherson's army retreat-



*The home of Lt. Henry Clay Erwin in Fairmount, GA.*

ed, and with the Union's advance being temporarily stopped, General Johnston was able to gain time and reinforce his defenses at Resaca.

But the advance west of Resaca wasn't over. Union General Thomas A. Sweeney was ordered to build a pontoon bridge across the Oostenaula River at Lay's Ferry (Tamer's Ferry) so the Union 16th Corps could destroy the Western and Atlantic railroad and advance towards Calhoun, GA. The Confederate infantry was ready for the Union advance across the river at Lay's Ferry. Two regiments of Hardee's Corps and the 4th GA Cavalry, with Lt. Erwin participating, countered the Union advance at the ferry crossing.

During the battle Lt. Erwin received a gunshot wound to his thigh which shattered his leg to the bone. He lost a lot of blood, but the wound was treated immediately by a Federal army surgeon and amputation of the leg was not necessary. The Union surgeon pronounced him unfit to stand removal to a Federal prison, and in an act of humanity, it was resolved by his captors that he could be transferred on a mattress

to the home of his aunt, who lived not far away at Gainesville, GA. At Gainesville, Southern army surgeons advised him to resign, telling him that the bone in his leg was so shattered that he should not reenter the service.

Lt. Erwin disagreed with the surgeons and refused a discharge. As the wound improved, against the advice of friends, relatives, and doctors, he decided to rejoin his unit. Since he wasn't far from his home at Fairmount, he set out to visit his loved ones at the big house in the valley. At this time a Federal cavalry regiment was encamped in the Salacoa valley surrounding the Erwin house.

Erwin took the precaution of concealing his horse some distance from the house and waited until night to enter. When his family saw him, they were greatly alarmed. However, the brave young man concealed himself and accomplished an entrance and departure that was somewhat miraculous. After spending the night in a barn near the house, the following morning he hid in tall grass near an orchard

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# Oldest SCV Camp Celebrates 110 Years of Continual Existence

*The Francis S. Bartow Camp 93, Savannah, Georgia*

by Joe Dawson

**T**he Francis S. Bartow Camp 93, Savannah, GA, recently celebrated its birthday of 110 years in continual existence on June 7, 2008. That makes it the oldest camp in the world that can boast of such an accomplishment. That's right! 110 years! It's the oldest camp in the world to be able to make that statement.

There are other camps whose inception dates are earlier, but at some point in their history they either became inactive or had no members. But not the Bartow Camp! From its inception on Jefferson Davis' birthday in 1898, it has always been active and actively engaged in obeying the SCV charge, preserving the true history of the War, and defending the Confederate soldier's good name and honor.

From its inception there have been a total of 62 members who have had the distinct privilege of leading the camp as commander. The first commander was Uldrich Hugunin McLaws, the son of the Confederate general from Savannah, General Lafayette

McLaws. On June 3, 1898, the young McLaws was placed in command of the camp and presented with a gavel in order to conduct meetings. That same gavel after 110 years is still used today to bring the Bartow Camp meetings to order. The passing of the command of the camp is always accomplished by the passing of the gavel to the newly elected commander and is always conducted at the camp's annual Lee / Jackson Banquet.

To celebrate this extraordinary occasion the officers of the camp planned a birthday bash celebration with the theme *Straw Hats and Bonnets* since that would most likely have been the attire for an outdoor celebration 110 years ago.

Approximately 65 members and guests showed up at the home of one of the camp's members, Compatriot Bobby

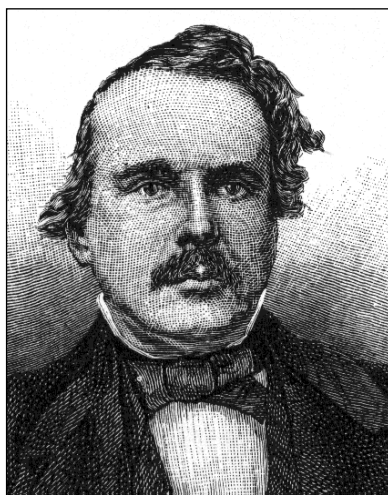
Groves, whose property is very close to the site of one of the Confederate Batteries which was built to defend Savannah from a Union invasion should it come from one of the rivers.

Tons of fun were had by all. Many of the *old-time*

games were played, including horseshoes and badminton. The kids were treated to an inflatable Scobey Doo jumping pen and a swimming pool. The celebration was saluted with *bangs* from the firings of a War Between the

States howitzer. Free food and plenty of it was had by all.

The camp is more active today than ever before. Each year the camp holds meetings 10 months of the year, has officers' meetings every month that precede the camp's monthly meeting, has an annual Lee / Jackson Banquet, and has a Confederate Memorial Week-



*General Francis S. Bartow*

end the last weekend in April that is loaded with activities. This weekend is the highlight of the camp's year. The weekend begins on Friday with a presentation of a huge First National garrison flag for Fort Jackson, which flies the flag the entire year over the fort. That night a grand reception for our honored guests is held at the Green-Meldrim house, the most beautiful home in Savannah. It was the home chosen by one of the most evil men ever to walk this earth when he occupied Savannah in December of 1864 after burning his way to Savannah. There can be no doubt that he knows what fire feels like today as he spends his afterlife in complete misery. The reception is held there every year as a way of attempting to erase his glory and to show that it belongs to Confederates on this day.

The following day the grand Confederate Ball takes place, held at the Wilmington Island Club, the most beautiful golf club in Savannah. It is an evening of beauty and dancing, complete with hoop skirts and Confederate soldiers in uniform.

The day after is Confederate Memorial Day: to members it is the most important day of the Confederate year. It's always held on a Sunday and



*A Stars and Bars birthday cake at the 110 birthday celebration for Camp 93.*

tribute is paid to our soldier ancestors in grand fashion.

The day begins with a church service held at Fort Jackson, usually conducted by Pastor John Weaver. From there a huge memorial service is held at our newly restored Confederate monument at Forsythe Park, where a 21-gun salute is performed with both rifles and cannons. This service is usually attended by between 300 and 400 people and is quite a display for the whole community to see since it is held on a Sunday afternoon in the largest and most active park in the downtown area.

Afterwards, members go to Laurel Grove Cemetery and attend a service for the more than 1,000 Confederate soldiers who are interred there. Members and guests are greeted by a beautiful display of 755 small Battle Flags that have been previously placed by members of the camp on the graves of the 755 Confeder-

ate soldiers who are buried in the Gettysburg lot. Flags are also placed on all of the other known graves throughout the cemetery, making it more than 1,000 small Battle Flags in all.

From there the members conduct services at the graves of their namesake, General Francis S. Bartow and another prominent Confederate general, General Lafayette McLaws. Laurel Grove Cemetery is a grand sight that day.

The Bartow Camp members consider themselves extremely active and show no signs of *letting up*. They stand ready to accept the charge that General Stephen Dill Lee gave to the Sons of Confederate Veterans more than 100 years ago. They are very proud of the honor of being the oldest camp in continual existence in the world, and they plan on keeping it ... forever! *Deo Vindice* — God Will Vindicate. Our job is to make His job easier!

*Editor's note — Our records at Elm Springs only go back to the early 1950s, so the claim of the Bartow Camp cannot be verified. However, as compatriots and Southern gentlemen, we will take their word and offer our congratulations. If another camp can prove they have been an active camp continuously for 110 ten years or longer, please contact me. ☒*

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# Recruit, Retain, Relate — *You Are Important!*

by Ed Butler, Heritage Promotion Committee Chairman

**A**fter the Saturday morning business session of the 2008 Reunion, Commander-in-Chief McMichael asked me if I would write a series of articles for the *Confederate Veteran* magazine dealing primarily with *Retention!* I do not find the title of this article contrary to that request as all three functions are vital to the growth and well-being of our organization and are very closely intertwined.

Retention is not the bugaboo many think it is! Your camp can retain 100 percent of your members if you will only — ! Now don't get fainthearted on me. It is easier than you may think! As Tennessee Division Commander I spent many hours driving the highways of our fair state. *Retention* was often foremost in my thoughts. I understand the member who joins and never attends a meeting or event and does not renew his membership. He wanted a membership certificate but did not want to get involved. Why? We will save that for a later article!

The members who puzzled me for so long were the ones who attended some meetings and events for a year or two, and then failed to renew. Do you suppose they do not feel they are an important part of our organization?

It did not occur to me instantaneously, but over time I think I have arrived at a logical analysis about why they do not renew. As

a Division commander attending camp meetings and events all across the Division, I often noticed members who seemed a little uneasy — or shall I say *not a part of the inner circle*. It was the member who obviously did not know many other members. Perhaps he was a new member or maybe he was new in that community and had transferred to the local camp. More than once I have heard a member comment that someone else was *Not a Native!* That really galled me as I have had a driver's license in six states and know what it is like to be the new man on the block. I am a descendant of a member of *The Greatest Fighting Force Ever Assembled!* If I remember correctly, other than parting with a fistful of dollars, that is the only requirement for membership!

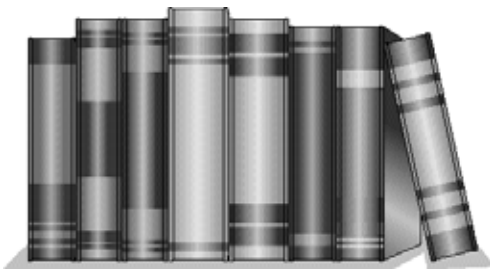
If you will pay attention at the next meeting or event you attend, you will recognize the members I am speaking of. Shame on you if you do not reach out to all members of your camp. You should determine that you will do a better job of embracing all members. If you are a camp officer and do not think you can do this with sincerity and enthusiasm, you should resign that office and let someone serve in your capacity. It is that important!

Alas, you cannot wait until the last minute to retain 100 percent of your members — well, not without a terrific struggle!

Do you want to take the easy route? Work on retention all year long. Sounds like a prohibitively big job, but it is not. In order to retain 100 percent of your members, a camp newsletter is vital! There is no valid reason for not having a camp newsletter. Size, beauty and content are not as important as just having a monthly publication that goes to all members. ***Reminding members of upcoming events and the monthly meeting are the most important reasons for the newsletter.*** There is another reason vying for first place in importance. That reason is *Retention!*

Now that I have focused your attention on the importance of your camp newsletter, let me explain some of my thoughts. The camp newsletter is the one link from the SCV to members that is the most likely to be read by a member who is wondering if the SCV is worth a minor investment of time and money. It did not come from a Division commander that most members never meet, a man whose name they often cannot remember and really do not care. It is not a national publication that comes from some remote source. A publication that to some has interesting stories and pictures but is separated from his hometown so far that he never expects to know anyone mentioned in it. When you realize the importance of the monthly newsletter, you

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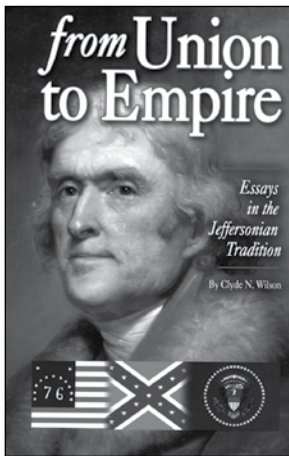


# Books in Print

## *From Union to Empire Essays in the Jeffersonian Tradition*

Author Clyde N. Wilson is a native Tar Heel and a long-time Professor of History at the University of South Carolina.

These essays trace the current liberal climate in the United States, from the Founding Fathers and the Constitution. Essentially, *From Union to Empire* reflects



Author Wilson's assessment of how Americans arrived at what he considers to be this sorry state of affairs.

Mr. Wilson begins his volume with a definition of the three essential elements of the conservative American polity:

Republicanism—"The basic form of the government is one in which sovereignty rests in the people as a whole but is expressed in the rule of a qualified majority under the restraint of law."

Constitutionalism—"Law protects the people from the rulers and the individual from the people."

Federalism—"Organically, the American republic is decentralized; i.e., the sovereignty of the people is exercised by them in part as citizens of indestructible states rather than as one undivided nationality."

Author Wilson groups his essays into the following categories:

I Agrarian Conservatism

II Jeffersonians

III The Lost Constitution

IV EMPIRE

V Imperial Irritations

VI Cons And Neocons

VII History And Historians

And, finally, Restoring The Republic. Author Wilson quotes a textbook used by thousands of college freshmen for the past twenty years that defines democracy as a system of government that "trusts the average man to free himself from tradition, prejudice, habit, and by free discussion come to a rational conclusion." He points out what happens in such a government. The few decide policy and define categories of belief against the will of the many.

Some of Mr. Wilson's essays are written in response to publications of other historians and philosophers on this broad topic. Other essays are his thoughts and opinions on the journey of America *From Union to Empire*.

The motto of a Washington democratic newspaper in the early days of the republic was "Power is always stealing from the many to the few." Author Wilson states Jefferson believed that the tree of liberty must be watered from time to time by the blood of tyrants, and of patriots, and that a little revolution now and then is a good thing.

Clyde N. Wilson has authored a scholarly volume for serious students of American history to peruse. His essays are not for light summer reading. But his take on how America got to this present state of affairs is illuminating.

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*Reviewed by Ann Rives Zappa*

## *Co. "Aytch" First Tennessee Regiment*

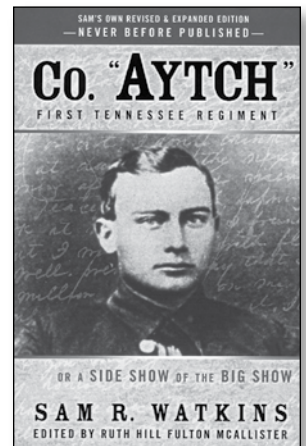
Confederate Infantryman Samuel R. Watkins first published 1,500 copies of *Co. "Aytch"* in 1882. Hard copies sold for \$1.25 and paperbacks for \$.75. Sam's memoirs have been often quoted and have served as a reference for an accurate portrayal of the life of a weary, hungry, footsore Confederate infantry soldier.

During the next decade following the publication of his book, Sam scribbled

in his own first-edition copy, adding material and making corrections. In 1882, the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville agreed to publish *Co. "Aytch"* again, with Sam's additions, but sufficient money was never raised.

*Co. "Aytch"* was published again, but never an edition with Sam's own revisions. His worn copy was lost in the family possessions for nearly eighty years, and finally found about 1999. Sam's great-granddaughter Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister has published this revised edition, stating that this copy contains "his changes, his notes, his additions."

Samuel R. Watkins was born in 1839, near Columbia, TN. He enlisted in the 1st TN Infantry, Co. H, the Maury Grays. Sam Watkins began his War as a twenty-one-year-old, unmarried sol-



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# Hallowed Ground



## Graves & Monuments Committee

Mike Mitchell – Chairman

### Dear Friends and Compatriots

I have been offered the position as Chairman of the Graves and Monuments Committee again, and it is with great honor I accept the position. I think the biggest honor that comes with this position is the responsibility of writing for the *Confederate Veteran*. It has been in print now since 1893. The *Hallowed Ground* is your column, so if you have any topics you wish covered, please send me an e-mail.

If I may digress for a moment, a quick story about the *Confederate Veteran*. When I first started as chairman, I had a lot of ideas and tried to get them all done at one time. I had submitted my first *Hallowed Ground* column and then the next week went to a General Executive Council meeting at headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee.

I had not seen the column in print before. Being as nervous as I was, just minutes before I was scheduled to present my report, I ran to the bathroom. I was intrigued by the toilet bowl box almost hanging on the roof, like the 1920s-style for gravity, when

I noticed the *Confederate Veteran* open to the *Hallowed Ground* column. The first time I had seen it in print was in the bathroom. I couldn't help thinking of the old Sears and Roebuck catalogs in the rural South, where they were always read, and when the next book arrived, the old one was placed in the outhouse for paper. All I could think of was, thank goodness we have progressed a bit or my column could have been used for an old-fashioned purpose, keeping it humble.

### Committee Report

The Grave Appreciation Certificate has been approved and will be instituted immediately. It will appear in the Awards Manual, Local Merit Awards the next time it is updated. Like any other award, if it is not used, it is discontinued. We know there are many deserving individuals and groups, both SCV and non-SCV, whose members are doing work in this field. It's also a great way of getting the SCV logo upon historians, genealogists and politicians' walls, like your mayor. Let your Division Graves Committeeman know how many are given

out and to whom so he is up-to-date on what is going on in your Division.

### Preservation Notes

Two recent e-mails received asked about recarving an illegible inscription on headstones. It cannot be done, even by a professional. In the process of removing the stone to transport it to the shop, it is too easily chipped or dropped and broken. Remember, these stones are very old and have microfractures or fissures in them. If the person uses a sandblaster, the pressure will push hard enough to crack it. To retrace the lettering is very difficult, and never very accurate, and any artwork cannot be redone. If they try to hand-carve the stone, it will break due to many years of exposure to the weather and developing microcracks in the material. It's just so problematic that it's not possible. Remember, once it's damaged, it is harder to repair, and worst of all, you did it. I don't want that responsibility.

No preservationist would try for fear of permanent damage to the stone. Your best bet is to have a new garden or lawn stone carved, placed

flush with the ground, and then abut or place it against the upright headstone. This will further decorate the grave, and add another link in the chain of the site's history. It further explains the history without changing it.

### Epitaphs

Always be kind in life from 1742, "Tom Smith is dead, and here he lies, / Nobody laughs and nobody cries; / Where his

soul's gone, or how it fares, / Nobody knows, and nobody cares." Some one must have cared enough to have this epitaph carved in the stone. Remember, in this time frame, it was all hand-carved and it did cost a fair amount of money.

### Genealogy Quips

I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.

Please note the email address has gone back to AOL.

Yours in Preservation and Southern Pride,

**Mike Mitchell**  
Chairman, Graves and Monuments Committee

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## Sons of Confederate Veterans



### Grave Appreciation Certificate

*Let it be known to all that*

*has been restoring, preserving and beautifying the graves of our honored Dead.  
By doing so you have perpetuated the deeds and glory of these Confederate Veterans.  
The Sons of Confederate Veterans sincerely appreciate your efforts.*

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# Army of Northern Virginia



The **George Davis Camp 5**, Wilmington, NC, participated in the reenactment of the Battle of Forks Road. This was one of the last battles of the War and was fought on February 20, 1865, preceding the fall of Wilmington, NC. The reenactment was conducted on the historic site of General Robert F. Hoke's last stand against Union troops, presently on the grounds of the Cameron Art Museum.



On January 12, 2008, seven members of the **Fayetteville Arsenal Camp 168**, Fayetteville, NC, gathered at the Massey Hill Cemetery on Mayview Street for the purpose of cleaning the cemetery to honor the memory of Confederate Veterans. Pictured from left, Larry Hardee, Ted Dalton, Matthew Ward, Tommy Taylor, Camp Commander Bruce Tyson, David Mann and John Pankey.



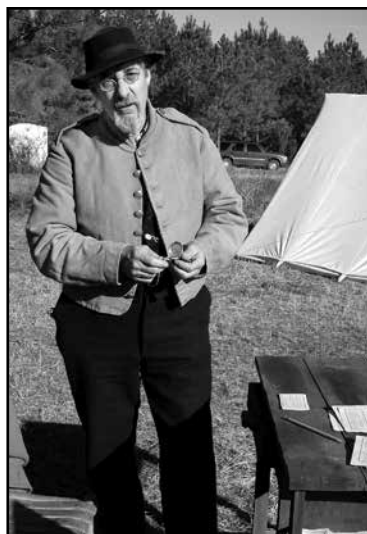
On February 1, 2008, Army SSGT Gerald Wynn of Co A, 163 Support Bn., 218 BCT, SC National Guard proudly displayed his South Carolina Sovereignty Flag, official flag of the **General Richard H. Anderson Camp 47**, Beaufort, SC, of which he is an active member. He is currently serving in Gardez, Afghanistan.



Ms. Flossie Griffin is the last living member of the Samuel McDowell Tate Chapter 302, United Daughters of the Confederacy and recently celebrated her 103rd birthday. **Samuel McDowell Tate Camp 836**, Morganton, NC, Commander Bruce Fleming was there to honor her on her birthday. Commander Fleming is holding a picture of Ms. Flossie with her grandfather, a veteran of the War of Northern Aggression, when they visited the battlefields in Gettysburg, PA.



Members of the **Litchfield Camp 132**, Conway, SC, and the **47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166**, Wake Forest, NC, sponsored a Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 10, 2008, at the Wakefield Cemetery near Zebulon, NC. Pictured are family members of Wiley Ferrell, a member of Co. B, 47th Regiment, NC Troops, who was honored with a Confederate marker.



Palmetto Battalion Brigade Quartermaster Jerry Morris is pictured winding his heirloom pocket watch just before the beginning of the Annual Reenactment of the Battle of Rivers Bridge in Bamberg County, SC. The **Rivers Bridge Camp 842**, Fairfax, SC, was a cosponsor of the 2008 reenactment.

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



Douglas Pruiett, Jr., a member of the **19th VA Infantry Camp 1493**, Charlottesville, VA, and Sid Lester, a member of the **47th VA Cavalry Camp 2124**, Scottsville, VA, listen to guest speaker Dr. Jennings Lee Wagoner, professor emeritus of history of education at the University of Virginia. They were among 90 guests who enjoyed an evening of

fellowship and history at the 5th annual 19th VA Infantry Camp 1493 Lee-Jackson Day Dinner at Michie Tavern in Charlottesville, VA.



On September 16, 2007, members of the **Rocky Face Rangers Camp 1948**, Taylorsville, NC, and OCR Chapter 27, conducted a dedication service for eight new VA headstones erected for the following Confederate Veterans buried at the Rocky Springs UMC. Private John W. Mitchell, Private Samuel W. Campbell, Private James S. Perry, 1st Lt. Richard M. Sharpe, Private Joseph F. McLain and J. C. Mays, NC Home Guard. Pictured from left, great-grandson Neil Sturgill, granddaughter Julia Sturgill, and Jerry Sharpe at the gravesite of 1st Lt. Richard M. Sharpe, Co. G, 38th NC Troops.



Pictured at left is new compatriot James Harvey Ragsdale receiving his membership certificate from the **J.E.B. Stuart Camp 1506**, Philadelphia, PA, Commander John C. Care at a membership meeting on February 18, 2008. Unfortunately, Commander Care has since passed away. Please see his notice on page 49 of this issue.



On January 21, 2008, the 5th Brigade Color Guard and members from several different **Virginia Division** SCV camps gathered for the Lee-Jackson Day Ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Culpeper, VA, which was hosted by the Culpeper Chapter UDC.



On January 19, 2008, at 1 PM, the **Delaware Grays Camp 2068**, Seaford, DE, held their first ever Lee-Jackson Day event at the Delaware Confederate Soldiers Monument at the Marvel Museum in Georgetown, DE. Camp Commander Rob Eldreth stands second from right with other camp members.



Compatriot Bobby Tabor, Jr., a member of the **Flat Top Copperheads Camp 1694**, Princeton, WV, presented a wreath at the Confederate monument at Giles County Courthouse in Pearisburg, VA, on Veterans' Day. Compatriot Tabor also presented a wreath for Flat Top Copperheads later that day at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Narrows, VA.

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



On May 12, 2007, Past Commander Carroll Caldwell of the **General States Rights Gist Camp 1451**, West Springs, SC, and Adjutant-in-Chief Mark A. Simpson dedicated a bronze Veterans Administration grave-marker to Colonel Oliver E. Edwards, from Spartanburg, of the 13th SC Infantry, and who is buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Reenactors of the 13th SC Infantry, Co. G, as well as the UDC and MOS&B participated in the ceremony.



At the grave of Jacob Hamilton Hunt, captain of 3rd SC Infantry, and later colonel of the 13th SC Infantry in McGowan's Brigade, are, from left, **Brigadier General Samuel McGowan Camp 40**, Laurens, SC, and Second Brigade Commander Gary Lee Davis, great-great-grandson "Bud" Baker, Robert Roper III and Mrs. Baker. Hunt was the officer who, at the Bloody Angle in the Muleshoe at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia, met the Union officer on the battlefield when each side thought the other had displayed the surrender flag.



On May 3, 2008, the **Campbell Guards Camp 1217**, Campbell County, VA, held a living history at Callaway-Stephens Cemetery as part of New London Days. From left, David Smith, Kevin Parker, Mike Keesee and Reve Carwile, Jr.



Members of the **Jackson Rangers Camp 1917**, Sylva, NC, held two Confederate Memorial services on May 10, 2008: one in Bryson City and the other at Sylva. Following the ceremony, Jackson Rangers' honor guard fired a three-shot volley to the memory of brave Confederate soldiers.



Commander Albert Jackson and Chaplain Sam Thompson of the **Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow Camp 859**, Manning, SC, swearing in two new members, Mac Spigner and Warren Lambert as Adjutant Steve Douglas looks on.



Members of the **Battle of Sharpsburg Camp 1582**, Sharpsburg, MD, and the **Captain Vincent Camalier Camp 1359**, Leonardtown, MD, participated in a graveside ceremony for Confederate soldiers killed in action and buried at Greenhill Cemetery, Martinsburg, WV. From left, front row, Rick Snowden, Wes Evans, Glen Stickel, Jerry Bayer, Ian Karracker, and Sean Karracker; back row, Brandon Evans, J. B. Couch and Stewart Wharton.



# Army of Northern Virginia



The **Hardy Camp 877**, Wardensville, WV, sponsored an art and writing contest in their school district. From left, front row, Aden Funkhouser, 1st Grade, \$100 savings bond; Kattin Kerr, 3rd Grade; Hailey Sager, 3rd Grade, \$100 savings bond; Ryan Brill, 5th Grade; Karen Anderson, 5th Grade; back row, David Shields, Jr. and WV Division Commander Roger Ware.



On Saturday, May 10, 2008, members of the **Nantahala Rangers Camp 1839**, Franklin, NC, observed Confederate Memorial Day by placing flags at 14 Confederate graves in First Methodist Church cemetery in Franklin. From left, Lonnie Lundquist, Chad McConnell, Camp Commander David Blaine, Mark Zimmerman and Kenneth Craig.



The **Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp 19**, Madison, VA, led the Madison Firemen's parade up Main Street on July 17, 2007. From left, Jim Embree, Brian Pretlow, L. T. Fox, Tex Wells, Butch Brown and Michael Hoffman in his pickup.



Newly elected Commander Charles McRae of the **Brigadier General Nathan G. Evans Camp 24**, Marion, SC, prays at the Marion Confederate Memorial Service.

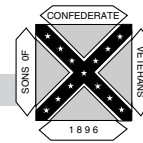


Members of the **John Sloan Camp 1290**, Greensboro, NC, perform at the annual Confederate Memorial service at Greenhill Cemetery in Greensboro. From left, Nolan Miller, Dr. Richard Fields, Earl Miller, Jr. and Camp Commander Don Saunders.



On June 8, 2008, members of the **NC Division SCV** attended the annual Confederate Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. NC Chief of Staff Dan Boyette placed a wreath at the Confederate Monument. From left are Walter Moore, Dan Boyette and Walter Adams.

# Army of Tennessee



Members of the **Jackson County Volunteers Camp 94**, Jefferson, GA, attended the Battle of Aiken on February 23, 2008. This was the 143rd Anniversary of Sherman's March and the 14th Annual Battle of Aiken, South Carolina's largest outdoor drama, which received the Governor's Award for Best South Carolina Tourist Event. Pictured from left, Dale Dillow, Dwight Wier, Steve Satterfield, James Willis and CJ Willis.



On August 18, 2007, Field Commander Herbert Burns led **General Robert A. Toombs Camp 932**, Vidalia, GA, in a gravestone-placement service for Private Daniel G. McCoy of Captain Howell's Co. GA Light Artillery and a memorial to Private John Jenkins, Co. C, 2nd Regiment GA Infantry at the McCoy Cemetery, outside Wrightsville, GA. More than 30 family members and guests were present.



On August 18, 2007, the **John Hance O'Steen Camp 770**, Trenton, FL, had their annual picnic at O'Leno State Park. Compatriots and friends from seven different SCV Camps, two United Daughters of Confederacy Chapters, one Order of Confederate Rose Chapter and the Black Hawk Cavalry Chapter Children of the Confederacy attended.



On Sunday, November 11, 2007, the **Camp Douglas Memorial Camp 1507**, Chicago, IL, dedicated the gravesite of Charles Frederick Gunther. Note their marker on the lower right side of picture.



On September 29, 2007, the **Winston County Grays Camp 1788**, Haleyville, AL, along with members of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry, had a poker run for the benefit of an 8-month-old baby who had severe birth defects. Keggan had no bones below her knees and was missing fingers on both hands. It was a truly heart-warming event that the family appreciated beyond words. At the end of the day, more than \$5,100 had been raised for Keggan.



On October 13, 2007, the **Tippah Tigers Camp 868**, Ripley, MS, attended the membership ceremony of one of their member's grandmother into the Blue Mountain, MS, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Pictured is Real Granddaughter Ms. Bessie Napper, (sitting); standing from left, Miss Isabella Cummins (Children of the Confederacy), Christopher Cummins, MD, Elwin Albritton, Camp Commander Mike Mauldin, Marty Hubbard (grandson of Ms. Napper), and Mike Hurt.

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



The **Kirby-Smith Camp 1209**, Jacksonville, FL, cannon was put into service for the cause on September 22, 2007. The first firing of the year was at Camp Reward, an event sponsored by Empowered Parents at the Jacksonville Skeet and Trap Club. The event was a celebration for the enrolled children for their progress in improved behavior and attitudes. The cannon and crew was well-received. Judge Mack Crenshaw attended the event and even helped to fire the last round. Pictured from left, Chris Bunton, Tim Burris, Fitzhugh Powell and Calvin Hart.



Members of **Major General William T. Martin Camp 590**, Natchez, MS, participated in the Annual City Cemetery Angels on the Bluff Tour as a tribute to veterans. They portrayed an encampment of Confederate soldiers.



Pictured are members of the **Captain Thomas W. Patton Camp 2021**, Boardman, OH, at the annual camp picnic in Boardman Park.



On October 6, 2007, thirteen-year-old Private Jonathan Beck, a member of the **Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039**, Eastman, GA, stands guard as dad, Kim M. Beck, Adjutant, right and Chaplain Royce Futrell, left, pay tribute to John C. and George Washington Pitts. The Pitts brothers are buried at Sweet Home Cemetery, Milan, GA.



Leon Arthur, Commander of the **General David E. Twiggs Camp 1462**, Wauchula, FL, presents certificates of appreciation to Robert Gates, Dolly Geffert, Tom Geffert and Larry Skipper at the **Major William M. Footman Camp 1950**, Ft. Myers meeting.



On November 17, 2007, the Plant City UDC 1931 in Florida dedicated a new monument to the Florida Cow Cavalry. Also in participation was the **John T. Lesley Camp 1282**, Tampa, FL and the **General Jubal Early Camp 556**, Tampa, FL. From left, front row, Donna Kelley, Dee Wallnofer and Claudette Waddell. Back row from left, Chere Rickman, Carolyn Hankins, Sara Jo Reynolds, Sally Raburn, Martha Sue Skinner, Jane Knowell, Mike Bethune, Cecil Murray and Ms. Carol Shelton.

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



Pictured are members of the **Captain Winston Stephens Camp 2041**, MacClenny, FL, attending the 2007 Home School Convention in Duval County, FL.



Members of the **Colonel William M. Bradford/Colonel James G. Rose Camp 1638**, Morristown, TN, recently visited the Nathan Bedford Forrest boyhood home in Chapel Hill, TN. From left, Richard Romine, Lynn Harrell and Buford Nix of the **Nathan Bedford Forrest Birthplace Camp 37**, Chapel Hill, TN, plus Kevin Witherell, Doug Rosenbalm, Tony Trent and Gene Andrews of **Sam Davis Camp 1293**, Brentwood, TN, and Roy Snoe.



On September 22, 2007, the **General Ben Hardin Helm Camp 1703**, Elizabethtown, KY, held its annual service for General Helm at his family's burial ground. He died of wounds received at the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia. From left, Camp Commander Tim Bowman, Kali and Lily Bowman, John R. Clark, Jr. and David Harbolt, Central Brigade Commander.



The **General Stand Watie Camp 915**, Calhoun, GA, sponsored a memorial service and headstone dedication for George Washington Hunter, Corporal, Co. D, 8th Georgia Battalion, on April 26, 2008, at Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, AL. Pictured is Randall Hunter at his great-great-grandfather's grave.



The **Fort Blakeley Camp 1864**, Bay Minette, AL, was saddened by the loss of its oldest member, Compatriot DeWitt Dove, age 87. Compatriot Dove passed away on June 6, 2007, after a short illness. He remained active in camp affairs until onset of his illness. Pictured are the pallbearers, consisting of family members. The young man in the center is Compatriot Tyler Dove, the youngest member of Camp 1864. The Southern Cross casket spray was designed by Mr. Dove's Son, Compatriot and 1st Lt. Commander Ron Dove.



Pictured is Gale A. Norton of the **James L. Bishop Camp 1943**, Kendallville, IN, visiting for the first time the grave of ancestor William Benton Norton, who is buried at Claypool Hill, VA. Private Norton served in Company H, 29th VA Infantry from Pulaski County, VA.



# Army of Tennessee



On April 6, 2008, members of the **Robert E. Rhodes Camp 262**, Tuscaloosa, AL, Seldens Battery and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars honor an unknown Confederate soldier who died from wounds received during the Battle of Trion, now called Vance, in Tuscaloosa County. The battle was fought on April 1st, 1865, between Union General John T. Croxton and General W. H. (Red) Jackson's Tennessee Brigade.



**Dixie Defenders Camp 2086**, Cross City, FL, honored two Confederate veterans on April 26, 2008. It was the first event for the color guard.



On February 21, 2008, the **Sergeant Charles D. Grace Camp 223**, Lagrange GA, welcomed new compatriot Steve Fincher into the camp. From left, Camp Commander Johnny Lockard, Jr., Compatriot Steve Fincher and Camp Chaplain Landon Morrow.



Pictured is W. Michael Corley, a member and former commander of the **Savage-Goodner Camp 1513**, Smithville, TN, while on a "raid" into Pennsylvania at the Nemaconlin Resort. He has received many positive remarks over the years concerning the proud display of colors on the Cessna 210. Some air traffic controllers have suggested a Southerly heading when his journey demands another direction!

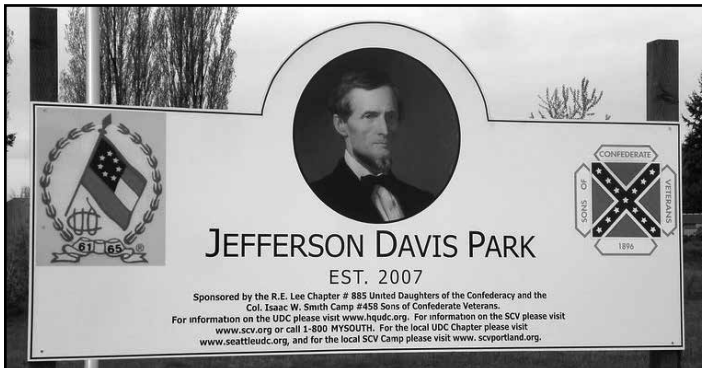


Pictured is Jimmie Stoddard, a member of the **Major General William D. McCain Camp 584**, Columbia, TN, and his sister Margaret Ann and her husband David Dewease honoring their great-grandfather, Private John W. Bradley, Co. K, 3rd Regiment SC Infantry, Kershaw's Brigade, with a Southern iron cross on February 28, 2008. Pvt. Bradley is buried in Fountain Inn, SC.

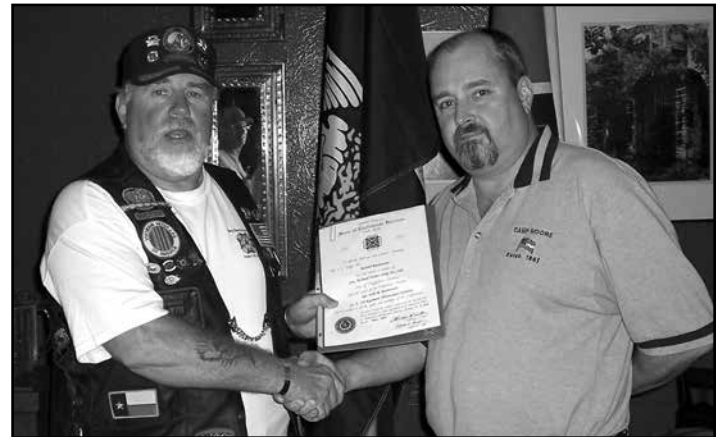


On May 31, 2008, members of **N. B. Forrest Camp 215**, Memphis, TN, cleaned up Confederate Soldiers' Rest at Elmwood Cemetery in preparation for the annual Confederate Decoration Day services to be held on June 1, 2008. Camp members are shown around the new historical marker that was dedicated at the service. The marker, funded by the Forrest Camp, tells the history of Confederate Soldiers Rest, the final resting place of almost 1,000 Confederate soldiers.

# Army of Trans-Mississippi



Pictured is the sign at the new Jefferson Davis Park sponsored by the **Colonel Isaac W. Smith Camp 458**, Portland, OR. Interstate 5 is immediately behind the photographer, not 40 feet from the front entrance to the park!



New member Randall Rainwater, left, is welcomed into the **Lt. General Richard Taylor Camp 1308**, Shreveport, LA, by Camp Commander David Hill. Since joining the SCV, Compatriot Rainwater has also joined the SCV Mechanized Cavalry.



On December 13, 2007, the **Captain Sherod Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202**, Tucson, AZ, installed the first Veterans Administration tombstone for a Confederate Veteran at Evergreen Cemetery. The grave was that of William T. Ware, of the 25th VA Infantry, 1841-1924. Pictured is Camp Commander Richard Lee Montgomery at grave of William T. Ware, and the history-making tombstone.



The **General Albert Pike Camp 1439**, Wichita, KS, honored the 10th TN Infantry in the Wichita, KS, St. Patrick's Day Parade. From left, Jerry Spaur, Pauline Phipps in period dress, George Harris, John Handley, Max Flippin, grandson of Jim Flippin and soon-to-be member when his next birthday comes around, and Jim Flippin, proud grandfather!



The **Colonel Philip A. Work Camp 1790**, Woodville, TX, honored 18 Confederate Veterans with a roll call, rifle and cannon salutes and a last-canteen ceremony. More than 50 people attended, which included descendants and local townfolks. Other camps represented were the **Major J. N. Dark Camp 2026**, Kountze, TX; the **New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107**, Ponta, TX; and the **Stone Fort Camp 1944**, Nacogdoches, TX.



On March 27, 2008, the **Ike Turner Camp 1275**, Livingston, TX, held Living History Education Day for more than 200 5th-graders. The students learned about artillery and other weapons of the war, how to do infantry drill, camp life of a soldier with open-fire cooking, and family life during this time period. Camp 1275 was assisted by the **Major Josephus Somerville Irvine Camp 2031**, Newton, TX, the **Walter Lane Camp 1745**, Orange, TX, the **Livingston OCR**, and the **Livingston and Newton UDC Chapters**.

# Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, California, Iowa, Kansas, Washington, Oregon and Utah Divisions



Compatriot Ed Kennedy, a member of the **Brigadier General William Steele Camp 1857**, Leavenworth, KS, speaks to visitors at Camden Point about the Confederate weapons used during the fight there in July 1864.



The Missouri Historical Society originally set this marker at the Salt River Bridge in 1931. It was taken down in 1972 when the bridge had to be rebuilt after it was hit by a truck. The marker disappeared until the **Colonel Joseph Porter Camp 2055**, Shelbina, MO, recently found it. They obtained permission to reset the marker at the Missouri Conservation Commission's parking lot on ground donated by Terrill Dempsey.



At a recent meeting of the **Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074**, Tombstone, AZ, Compatriot Paul Tippitt was inducted into membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pictured from left, Scotty McLaughlin, Compatriot Tippitt and Camp Commander Glenn Meek.



The Confederate Battle Flag is one of 13 flags flown daily at the Flag Pavilion in the Veterans Memorial Park situated near the bank of the Arkansas River, and next to downtown Wichita, KS. The **South Kansas Camp 2064**, Wichita, KS, provides the flag to the city of Wichita for this pole.



At a luncheon held by the **Jefferson Davis Camp 474**, Lafayette, LA, to commemorate President Davis' 200th Birthday, Dr. S. J. LaBorde donated some old and rare books on the War from his personal collection to the Young-Sanders Center for the Study of the War Between the States located in Franklin, LA. Roland Stansbury, right, director, who was the guest speaker, accepted the donation.



The **Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710**, Sierra Vista, AZ, presents the David N. Showalter Leadership award to a deserving Junior ROTC Cadet each year. The award is named in memory of Past Commander David Showalter. This year's recipient is Cadet Lt. Colonel Laura Wheat. Miss Wheat was the commander of the Buena High School "Fighting Colts" JROTC Battalion. She will attend Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff in the fall. Pictured from left, Dan Showalter, David's son, Laura Wheat and Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter.

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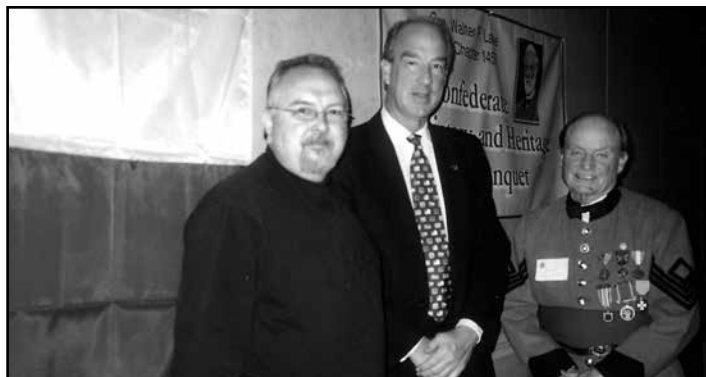
The Moses M. Buckner Chapter, UDC, the Invincible Rose Chapter 37, OCR and the **New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107**, Ponta, TX, held their annual Confederate Memorial Service April 20, 2008, at the West Shady Grove Cemetery. Ten Confederate Veterans buried in the cemetery were identified and memorialized. Relatives of all ten veterans spoke on behalf of their ancestors.



From left, **Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 983**, Decatur, TX, Color Sergeant Niblett, new member Gary Early and Commander Frank Perrin at a recent camp meeting at which Compatriot Early received his membership certificate on the record of his great-great-grandfather Thomas Hatcher, of the 20th AL Infantry.



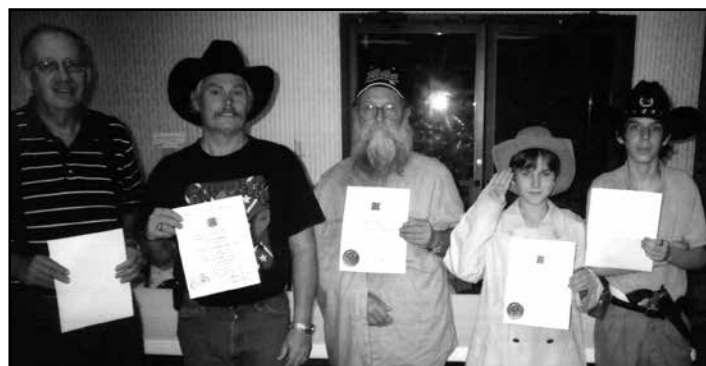
Pictured are the 1st Battalion, Co. C, SCV Mechanized Cavalry at the gravesite of Mrs. Joseph Luxton, the mother of General N. B. Forrest, near Anderson, TX. From left, Tug Grumble and Jeff Winters, members of the **13th TX Infantry Camp 1565**, Angleton, TX; Gene Rivers, a member of the **Major Josephus Somerville Irvine Camp 2031**, Newton, TX; Bill Greenwood from Camp 1565, Billy Goreman, a member of **Granbury's Texas Brigade Camp 1479**, Conroe, TX and Frank Dietz from Camp 1565.



To commemorate Confederate History Month in Texas, the **Walter P. Lane Camp 1455**, Longview, TX, held a banquet at the Pinecrest Country Club on April 12, 2008. The guest speaker was Scott Bowden, a member of the **Belo Camp 49**, Dallas, TX. Compatriot Bowden is the coauthor of the multiple award winning book, *Last Chance for Victory, Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign*. From left, Robert Bailey, Scott Bowden and H. M. Meredith.



Jerry Brewer, left, commander of the **Privates Grayson & Brewer Camp 2118**, Elk City, OK, and his brother, Ken, right, Lt. commander of the camp, place a Battle Flag on the grave of their great-grandfather Peyton G. Brewer, who served in Co. F, 42nd AL Infantry and is buried in Edom, TX.



The **Cross of Saint Andrew Camp 2009**, Alto, TX, proudly welcomed five new members into the SCV at their June 2008 meeting. From left, William Blankinship, Larry McMichael, George Tennison, Mathew Mele and Fletcher Dorris were all inducted into membership by Camp Commander Kenneth McClure.



# Army of Trans-Mississippi



Members of **Hill Country Camp 1938**, Fredericksburg, TX, attended a dedication ceremony at Brownsboro Cemetery, where five Confederate Veterans are buried, on June 14, 2008, near Comfort, TX. From left, David Pitts, Stephen Short, Sherrell Eckstein, Joseph Ginn, Tom Terrell and Don Taylor.



The **Stone Fort Camp 1944**, Nacogdoches, TX, assisted by the **New Salem Invincibles Camp 2107**, Ponta, TX, and friends dedicated a marker to Sergeant William W. Griffith, Co. G, 14th NC Infantry and memorialized Daniel Griffith, son of Compatriot George Griffith on August 27, 2007, at Black Jack Cemetery in Nacogdoches County, TX.



On June 28, 2008, at Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, the **Sabine Rifles Camp 2057**, Many, LA, placed a memorial stone to the Confederate Veterans buried there. From left, John Hillman of Camp 2031, Carlton Autrey, Taylor Barajas, Steve Chatman, Tony Remedies, Tex McKnight and Kyle Chatman.



The **Oklahoma Division** held its annual Reunion April 12, 2008, at El Reno, OK. Among items of business was the election of new officers. Harold Tydings, left, was reelected as Division lieutenant commander and John Priddy, right, was elected to the post of commander. Priddy succeeds Les Tucker as commander.



On March 7, 2008, several hundred local school children attended the Confederate History Day at Beaumont Ranch, Grandview, TX. The **O. M. Roberts Camp 178**, Waxahachie, TX, participated. Jimmie Simmons, in black hat, presented a detailed history of the Confederate flags and David Vantreese, in kepi, displayed several Confederate artifacts, including firearms and knives.



Pictured is the SSR truck belonging to Doug Nicko of the **Major General Franklin Gardner Camp 1421**, Lafayette, LA, who had the truck painted with the General Richard Taylor Battle Flag to honor his great-great-grandfather, Private Pierre Fruge, Co. D, Miles Legion.

# Welcome to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

## ALABAMA

**RAPHAEL SEMMES 11**  
**MOBILE**  
ALLEN, RONALD EUGENE

**COL. WILLIAM A. JOHNSON 898**  
**TUSCUMBIA**  
LINVILLE, WILLIAM WAYNE

**CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION**  
**2143**  
**MONTGOMERY**  
GLASS, TREVOR OWEN  
GLASS, CLAYTON LEVI

**HARTSOOK GUARD 2163**  
**BANKSTON**  
LINLEY, JR., JAMES  
CHRISTOPHER

## ARKANSAS

**JOB S. NEILL 286**  
**BATESVILLE**  
KERLEN, JEFFERY

## ARIZONA

**PVT. NATHAN TERRY WANSLEE**  
**2096**  
**SAFFORD**  
EVANS, JORDAN H.

## COLORADO

**ABRAM FULKERSON CAMP 2104**  
**GREELEY**  
FILKINS, WILLIAM FREDRIK

## FLORIDA

**JOHN T. LESLEY 1282**  
**TAMPA**  
SILLS, MARK

**STEPHEN RUSSELL MALLORY**  
**1315**  
**PENSACOLA**  
BURGE, FRANK BLAINE

**STONEWALL JACKSON 1381**  
**ST. PETERSBURG**  
GRAY, RICHARD BAIN

**GEN. JAMES PATTON ANDERSON**  
**1599**  
**WEST PALM BEACH**  
CATES, TYLER JOE

**FINLEY'S BRIGADE 1614**  
**HAVANA**  
SCANLAND, CRISTON SCOTT  
WORTH

## GEORGIA

**GEN. EDWARD DORR TRACY**  
**JR. 18**  
**MACON**  
DUNAWAY, CLIFFORD F.  
SHANNON, JUNIOR K.  
SHANNON, RAYMOND JUNIOR

**JACKSON COUNTY VOLUNTEERS**  
**94**  
**JEFFERSON**  
DOOLEY, JOHN MICAH

**MAJOR WILLIAM E. SIMMONS 96**  
**LAWRENCEVILLE**  
CLAY, DAVID JEFFERSON

**BRIG. GEN. E. PORTER ALEXAN-**  
**DER 158**  
**AUGUSTA**  
CALHOUN, SR., ROBERT WAYNE

**GEN. NATHAN B. FORREST 469**  
**ROME**  
BARKER, LOUIS DUANE  
POPE, KENNETH MARK EDWARD

**BLACK CREEK VOLUNTEERS 549**  
**SYLVANIA**  
LAMBERT, BOBBY

**MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER**  
**863**  
**CONYERS**  
CAMP, BRIAN TRAVIS

**CHEROKEE LEGION 914**  
**CANTON**  
SUMNERS, ROBERT EARL  
SUMNERS, ROBERT M.

**GEN. PATRICK R. CLEBURNE**  
**1361**  
**JONESBORO**  
FLEMING, DAVID JAMES

**MCLEOD-MORING 1386**  
**SWAINSBORO**  
PEEBLES, JR., JOHNNY T.

**STEWART-WEBSTER 1607**  
**RICHLAND**  
THOMPSON, JAMES M.

**LEE GUARDS 1697**  
**LEESBURG**  
HALL, JR., GEOFFREY MICHAEL

**ELI P. LANDERS 1724**  
**LILBURN**  
DENARD, FREDERICK VINCENT

**COL. JOSEPH MCCONNELL 1859**  
**RINGGOLD**  
BRYSON, JOHN MARSHALL  
SNYDER, JIMMY S.  
WALDROP, JR., ROBERT PARHAM

**DIXIE GUARDS 1942**  
**METTER**  
KELLEY, SILAS RHETT OWEN

**CAPT. JAMES KNOX "SEABOARD**  
**GUARDS" 2022**  
**WAYNESVILLE**  
BRANNON, KENNETH S.

**LT. LOVETT ALLEN TULLY 2071**  
**COLQUITT**  
LOTT, OVID BRADLEY

**MONTGOMERY**  
**SHARPSHOOTERS 2164**  
**MT. VERNON**  
ADAMS, HARVEY LEE  
ADAMS, SR., HAL GREGORY  
HARDY, KENNETH RAY

## ILLINOIS

**PRIVATE SPINCE BLANKENSHIP**  
**1802**  
**MARION**  
CAIREL, ANDREW C.

**LT. GEORGE E. DIXON 1962**  
**BELLEVILLE**  
JOHNSTON, CHRISTOPHER LANE  
PRICHARD, JASON LEE

## INDIANA

**A. J. RINGO 1509**  
**NEW CASTLE**  
MAYS, TERRY EDWARD  
McKNIGHT, WILLIAM ARTHUR  
STAMM, JEAN EDWARD

## KANSAS

**GEN. LEWIS ARMISTEAD 1847**  
**SALINA**  
OTEY, MARK SUTHERLIN

**MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY 1920**  
**KANSAS CITY**  
POYNTER, JOHN PHILLIP

## KENTUCKY

**JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE 100**  
**LEXINGTON**  
BOWYER, RYAN MAC

## LOUISIANA

**CAMP MOORE 1223**  
**TANGIPAHOA**  
ARNOLD, STEPHEN GERALD  
ARNOLD, HARDY WAYNE  
HOYT, WOODROW CARTER

**AMBASSADOR JOHN SLIDELL**  
**1727**  
**SLIDELL**  
MCKELROY, JR., RODNEY SCOTT  
SAWYER, CLIFTON POWELL  
SHARP, III, CLINTON H.

## MARYLAND

**CAPTAIN VINCENT CAMALIER**  
**CSA 1359**  
**LEONARDTOWN**  
STEWART, DAVID LEE

**COL. WILLIAM NORRIS 1398**  
**DARNESTOWN**  
MROCZKA, MICHAEL P.

**MECHANIZED CAVALRY 2134**  
**SAINT LEONARD**  
SMITH, ERIC

## MISSOURI

**COL. JOHN R. WOODSIDE 203**  
**ALTON**  
BRIGHT, KEVIN VIRGIL

**B/G JOHN T. HUGHES 614**  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
HARDMAN, DAVID GAY

**MAJOR JAMES MORGAN UTZ**  
**1815**  
**FLORISSANT**  
TILLER, JAMES R.

## MISSISSIPPI

**SAM DAVIS 596**  
**BILOXI**  
SAUCIER, WAYNE A.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS 635**  
**JACKSON**  
FREDERICK, JR., LEONARD RAY

**STOCKDALE RANGERS 1681**  
**SUMMIT**  
ABBOTT, JAMES QUANNIA

## NORTH CAROLINA

**ZEBULON BAIRD VANCE 15**  
**ASHEVILLE**  
DAVIS, JOHN M.

**LT. COL. MAURICE T. SMITH 171**  
**OXFORD**  
DICKERSON, JR., JOSEPH  
LEONARD

**CAPT. JULIUS WELCH 229**  
**HAYWOOD COUNTY**  
SMART, DONALD

**THE McDOWELL MEN 379**  
**MARION**  
CRAWFORD, WILL PRESTON  
LAWING, JACOB MORGAN

**M. W. NORFLEET 1249**  
**WINSTON-SALEM**  
ALCORN, BERKLEY McCALL  
MAYFIELD, THOMAS J. LOCKE  
SAGE, JR., GEORGE BROWN

**PVT. HENRY L. WYATT 1297**  
**RALEIGH**  
SASSER, JAMES KEVIN

**THE RAINS BROTHERS 1370**  
**NEW BERN**  
CREEL, WILLIAM VINCENT  
STALLINGS, WILLIE EUGENE  
STALLINGS, HAROLD BERT

**COL. LEONIDAS LAFAYETTE**  
**POLK 1486**  
**GARNER**  
PEARCE, TIMOTHY N.  
STARNER, KELVIN KEITH

**YADKIN GRAY EAGLES 1765**  
**YADKINVILLE**  
MYERS, GORDON KEITH  
WISHON, KEVIN WAYNE  
WOODALL, DAVID SCOTT

**ROCKINGHAM RANGERS 1835**  
**EDEN**  
LEE, JR., DAVID EDWARD

**2ND LT. REECE CLARK CRAVEN**  
**1966**  
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# 1st Lt. Henry Clay Erwin

while his mother encouraged Yankees who were chasing chickens for food to accept chickens from a coop that she had previously concealed from their detection. Erwin found his horse in the woods and safely escaped back to his command.

After his return, the 4th GA Cavalry took part in various other campaigns until the end of the war and was regarded as a *Crack Regiment*. Lt. Erwin fought with courage and with recognition that he and his comrades were greater in defeat than if they had been victorious.

After the war in 1866, he entered Emory & Henry College with the hope of finishing his education, but due to the poverty of the time, he had to return to his home to aid in the support of his family. In 1873 he married Mary Harian, a lady of

one of Georgia's best families. They had nine children, but five of them died in infancy. Three sons and a daughter lived and were well-known citizens of the Dalton and Calhoun area.

Erwin ran for the Georgia Legislature, but was defeated. He was a member and steward in the Dalton Methodist Church and a member of the Joseph E. Johnston Camp United Confederate Veterans. He died April 15, 1915, at age 71, after a month of painful illness. He was buried at West View Cemetery in Dalton, GA, on a family lot.

Lt. Erwin felt the enthusiasm of the day when he joined the 4th GA Cavalry. He heard the fife and drums and saw the boys in gray being drilled and hurried to meet the invaders of his country. He deter-

mined to play his part in a drama which history would make one of the biggest contests the world has ever seen.

James Miller Erwin and Lt. Henry Clay Erwin are remembered with memorial gravemarkers in the Erwin-Starr Family Cemetery, located only a half-mile south of the big white, wood-frame house in the Salacoa valley, where Union soldiers once camped and Cherokee Indians once lived.

*Lt. Erwin was the great-great uncle of the writer of this article, Jerry A. Maddox, who is currently the commander of the Roswell Mills Camp 1547, Roswell, GA. Compatriot Maddox lives in Dunwoody, GA, and was formerly commander of the Major Charles A. Dunwoody Camp 1682, Dunwoody, GA. ☒*

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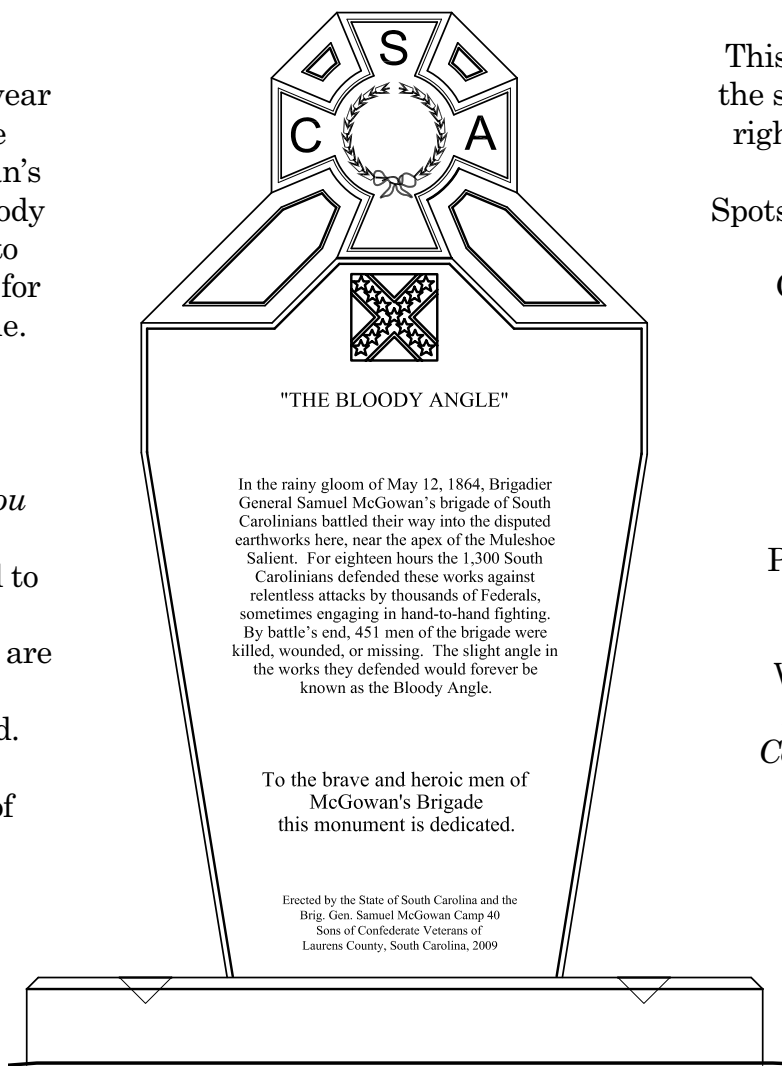
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For you, the CSA.

*Michael P. Bush is a member of the John Hunt Morgan Camp 1342, Louisville, KY,  
and currently resides in Page, AZ.*

# Carry Me Back

by Bill  
Young

## The Battle of Huckleberry Hill

The following story is based on an article that appeared in a recent issue of *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* newspaper.

During World War II, the allies landed on Omaha and Utah beaches at Normandy on June 6, 1944 (D-Day). The Americans suffered 3,000 casualties. They lost another 3,000 men during the rest of the month of June —about 6,000 in all. It was a terrible loss.

On the other hand, during the War Between the States, the soil of Hanover County, Virginia, ran red with blood on battlefields with names like Gaines's Mill, Mechanicsville, North Anna and Cold Harbor. On June 3, 1864, the Union Army lost 8,000 men in about 20 minutes at the Battle of Cold Harbor.

The Union surgeons set up a field hospital in a private home on the battlefield. They worked around the clock. They performed one amputation after another on a table in a second-story room and tossed the amputated arms and legs out of an open window. The arms and legs piled up as high as the window itself.

Many years later, my boyhood friend and I swept the ground at

the base of the old house with our US Army surplus metal detectors. We found minie balls that bore unmistakable teeth marks. Some of the bullets looked like chewing gum. We saw clearly what it means to "bite the bullet."

My friend lived in Hanover County, and his father owned some timberland there. He sold the timber rights to a lumber company, but the contract had to be cancelled because the trees were so full of lead minie balls that the saw blades were torn to pieces as they tried to rip through the wood.

When my uncle was a boy, he and his friends used to report to the national park ranger at the Cold Harbor battlefield on Saturday mornings. The boys would fan out into the woods and look for the skeletons of soldiers. The federal government was burying the bodies and paying the boys for each one they brought in. If the government could identify the side the soldier fought on, it paid 50 cents. If not, it paid 35 cents.

One Saturday my uncle found a Confederate skeleton lying across a fallen log. The soldier's rusty musket with fixed bayonet

was lying beside him. How did my uncle know the man was a Confederate? He was wearing an enlisted man's rectangular, brass belt buckle bearing the raised letters "CSA"

During the War Between the States, the soil of Hanover County was often stained with blood, but there was one battlefield that was stained by something else. The locals called the incident the Battle of Huckleberry Hill.

One day in the spring of 1864, a small group of local boys was walking down the road from Hanover Courthouse (where J.E.B. Stuart had received his commission as major general of the cavalry) towards the town of Ashland. The boys were too young to be in the army, but they were still ardent Confederates. They climbed up Wingfield Hill, passed the blacksmith's shop on the top of the hill, went down the slope on the other side, and continued down the road for a ways. They ran smack into a unit of blue-coat infantry that was marching down the road towards them.

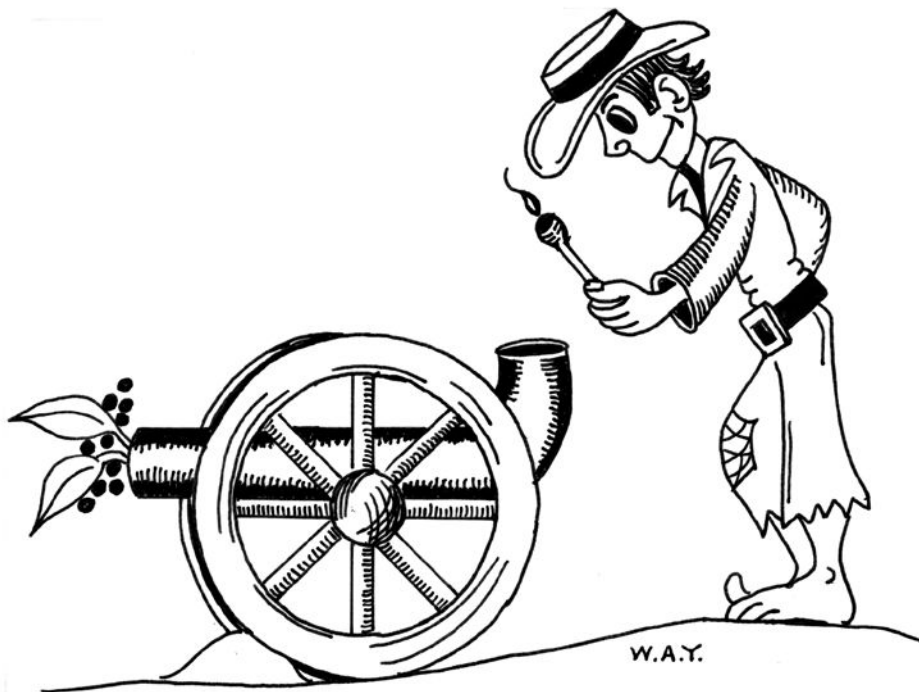
As usual, the Yankees greatly outnumbered the Southerners, so the boys turned around, retraced their steps, and beat a hasty retreat back towards Hanover

Courthouse. The Union troops kept tramping along behind them. As the boys puffed up the hill and came to the blacksmith's shop, one of them yelled, "Hey, look! There's some wagon wheels over there. Let's pull out two of 'em and make the Yankees think we have a cannon."

Another boy said, "Yeah, and there's a stovepipe. Let's tie a wheel to each side of it, and it will really look like a cannon."

A third boy said, "Well, let's go whole hog. I'll bet the blacksmith has got some gunpowder. There's some huckleberry bushes right over there. We can stuff the huckleberries and the powder down the pipe. When the Yankees come around the corner, we'll let 'em have it. The green berries will sting 'em and the ripe ones will make 'em think they've got blood on their faces."

One of the boys took a bucket and stripped the huckleberry bushes — leaves, stems, green berries, ripe berries and everything, poured out a big charge of gunpowder and stuffed everything down the stovepipe with a stick, as tightly as he could. When the head of the Union col-



umn rounded the bend, the boys lit the gunpowder.

Ka-Boom! The cannon roared, and a mass of huckleberries flew straight into the faces of the bluecoats. The Union soldiers turned and fled. They ran back down the hill, down the road, and up another hill before they realized that they weren't hurt.

As luck would have it, the Hanover Home Guard, a small group of men too old or otherwise unfit to be soldiers, was nearby. The men heard the ex-

plosion, mounted their horses, and charged down the road, yelling like banshees in hot pursuit of the bluebirds. The Yankees decided they were outnumbered and ran all the way back to Ashland.

The Battle of Huckleberry Hill never made it into the history books, but on the day of the battle, the soil of Hanover County was definitely stained again. This time it wasn't blood. It was huckleberries.



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dier. In July of 1861, he and the other soldiers in the Maury Grays boarded a train in Nashville bound for Virginia. As the Confederate soldiers rolled through Chattanooga, Knoxville, Bristol, Farmville and Lynchburg, Sam recalled being greeted by the townspeople, ladies waving handkerchiefs, and hurrahs for Jeff Davis. He would write that these times were his best memories of the War.

Some twenty years later, Sam recalled how he felt about the War Between the States: "I am as firm in my convictions today of the right of secession as I was in 1861. The South is our country, the North is the country of those who live there.... We believe in the doctrine of State rights, they in the doctrine of centralization."

In Chapter Seventeen, *The Surrender*, he wrote: "On the 11th day of May, 1861, our regiment, the First Tennessee, left Nashville for the camp of instruction, with twelve hundred and fifty men, officers and line.... Well, on the 26th day of April, 1865, General Joe E. Johnston surrendered his army at Greensboro, North Carolina. The day that we surrendered our regiment it was a pitiful sight to behold. If I remember correctly, there were just sixty-five men in all, including officers, that were paroled on that day."

What Sam endured from May of 1861 to April of 1865 is compelling. This account of a Confederate soldier surviving the War Between the States is almost too painful to read at times. Readers will appreciate that his good common sense and ability to see grim humor in events swirling around him enabled him to live.

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### *The Road to Rock Island, A Confederate Soldier's Story*

When asked to name a prison camp during the War Between the States, the average person will normally respond "Andersonville." The Confederate prisoner of war camp, Andersonville, or officially Camp Sumter, usually receives the most publicity out of all POW camps on both sides. Although the conditions at Camp Sumter were atrocious, there were Northern camps that were as bad or worse. The main difference, however, was that the South was under a blockade, causing a lack of supplies for its soldiers, and she was contending with an invading army. Captives received the same rations in most cases as the average soldier. The Southern force was a starving, ragged army at the end of the war. The Union contingency did not suffer with these issues, yet their prison camps were horrible. Prisoners were starved, used as target practice, not given the proper supplies to ward off the cold winters, and much more. This normally is overlooked as a part of war.

Ron Jones once again does a superb job of weaving truth and fiction together to create a historical tale entitled *The Road to Rock Island, A Confederate Soldier's Story*. While this is considered a novel, the publication shows more factual information than some non-fiction books. His work contains actual letters, information out of diaries and official documents. The story is true; only the inserted dialogue is invented.

In this manuscript, the reader learns about characters, many based on Mr. Jones' ancestors, as they survive during the War Between the States. The main character, William Moore, is from Elbert County in northeast Geor-

gia. "Bloodshed. Fear. Elation. Sadness. Loneliness. Comradeship. Homesickness. Rejuvenation. Reunion. War. Peace. These are but a few of the ideas and emotions brought before readers as Ron Jones leads them along the path followed by William Moore," states Dr. Michael J. Bradley in the Foreword of this book. The reader follows Moore through campaigns and ultimately into the prisoner of war camp known as Rock Island Prison. This hell on earth was endured by countless Confederate soldiers. *The Road to Rock Island* offers the reader a glimpse into what took place there on a daily basis. By being based on actual people, this allows the reader the ability to let history come alive for them.

*The Road to Rock Island* is a companion to Mr. Jones' first book, *War Comes to Broad River*. Both are extensively researched and well-written. Suitable for middle and high school students, either of these books would be a worthy addition to personal or public libraries.

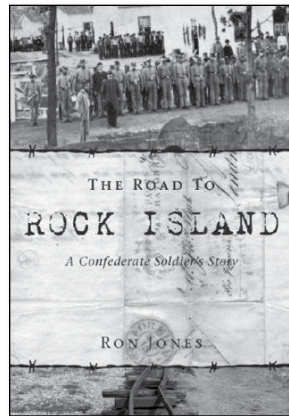
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### *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion A Composite Diary of the Last 16 Months of the Confederacy 1864-1865*

More than 600,000 soldiers lost their lives in the War Between the States. It has been estimated that twice as many of them died as the result of sickness than of gunshot wounds ... disease, dysentery, poor hygiene and woefully lacking sanitation threatened the soldier's life on a daily basis.

Army campsites were often more deadly than the battlefield, and diseases from this breeding ground for sickness often spilled over into the local civilian population. Contaminated water, spoiled rations and the inability



to stay clean while on campaign added to the misery and suffering of all those caught up in the nation's conflict.

Unfortunately, it is this brutally honest, yet disturbing perspective that is usually omitted from the historical narrative in favor of military tactics and political analysis. The result is a gap in the published recollections of infantrymen, cavalrymen and artillerymen who made up the ranks of both armies as well as the civilians, who also bore the residual pains of war.

As the war progressed, the quality of life for Confederate soldiers deteriorated at an alarming rate. By mid-1864 and through the early part of 1865, much of the South lay in ruins and those fighting on behalf of the Confederate States struggled to maintain a positive outlook for the future. Not surprisingly, descriptions of the sights, sounds and smells of suffering often found their way into written correspondence and memoirs.

It is these diaries, journals and letters home that provide the basis for Jeff Toalson's highly original work *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion*.

In addition to boasting the best title for a book that this reviewer has ever read, Toalson's contribution to War Between the States history has opened the door to a far-too-neglected subject, the day-to-day strife of the common soldier and his constant challenge to remain alive in the most nauseating of circumstances.

*No Soap, No Pay* presents the last 16 months of the Confederacy, as told from the first-person perspectives of a plethora of soldiers and citizens from all walks of life. Of those quoted, 220 men and 50 women recalled the War



Between the States and the tenacity that was required in order to survive it.

Beyond adverse living conditions the recollections in *No Soap, No Pay* include some Southerners' insights into slavery, religion, inflation and the undying hope for their fledgling cause. The concept of this book is so simple, yet brilliant, and the collection of quoted material is superb. *No Soap, No Pay* contains a wide variety of contributors who add to the enjoyment of the read.

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### ***Ship Island, Mississippi: Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison***

From its discovery, Ship Island has been intricately involved in the history of the United States. *Ship Island, Mississippi: Roster and History of the Civil War Prison* relates the saga from 1699 when the French explorer OPierre Lemoyne d'Iberville used the island as a base of operation to its current tourist status.

Probably the most sinister history pertaining to Ship Island is when it was used by the Union as a prisoner of war camp. It is interesting that the South abandoned this island, thinking that New Orleans was sufficiently defended with Fort Jackson and Fort St. Phillip at the mouth of the Mississippi. This golden opportunity was realized by the North, and the island was seized to first be used as a base of operations in the Gulf. Once the objectives of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Natchez were achieved, Ship Island was converted into what many inmates called "hell in the Gulf." Major General "Beast" Butler was the first to send prisoners to Ship Island. A noteworthy point is that these prisoners were citizens of New Orleans, not soldiers. Later, Confederate soldiers would be subjected also to the harsh environment of the small island. "A combination of blister-

ing sun, a lack of fresh water, and rampant disease all contributed to sending the death rates of the prisoners to frightening levels," states Mrs. Arnold-Scriber in the introduction of this publication. The graves of these individuals have been claimed by the Gulf of Mexico long ago, but their names are remembered in the pages of this book.

Included in *Ship Island, Mississippi* is not only the well-chronicled history, but the rosters of the men imprisoned there. "Organized first by the state in which the soldier enlisted and then by the company in which he served, entries are listed alphabetically by last name and include information such as beginning rank; date and place of enlistment; date and place of capture; physical characteristics; and, where possible, the fate and postwar occupation of the prisoner." In addition to this, there is a roster of the citizens who were imprisoned at Ship Island.

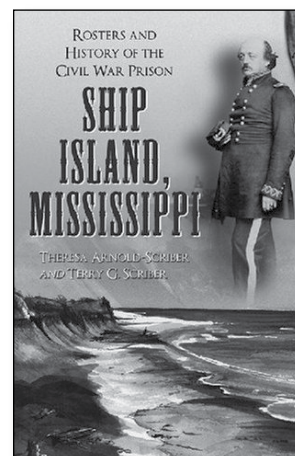
As with previous books, the Scribers have done a superb job in researching and compiling crucial information. The meticulous history is worthy of any history book, yet the rosters provide invaluable sources for individuals to explore their family history. Detailed maps allow the reader to visualize the information given, while photos give a glimpse of people and places. Overall, *Ship Island, Mississippi* is a creditable publication to be a part of any War Between the States collection.

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# NOTICES *From Around the Confederation*

## 2008 IRS Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirement

SCV camps with gross receipts less than \$25,000 a year are not required to file an IRS Form 990 tax return; however, beginning August 1, 2008, the day after the previous fiscal year ended, all camps are required to submit an annual electronic notice by December 15, 2008. Shown below are some simple instructions to assist you in the task of completing the IRS E Notice:

1. Obtain your camp's tax ID number and copy it into your computer memory or have it written down and readily available. GHQ can provide this number to you if needed.

2. Go to this site and follow the instructions: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

Important Notice: You must register first, and then be patient and wait for the IRS to immediately send you a return e-mail with a link for you to log back on line to actually complete the E postcard. If you use zip plus four put a dash in between the first five and last four digits.

3. Take your time and carefully enter the numbers. The entire process should not last more than about 5 to 10 minutes.

## Jacksonville, Florida Lee-Jackson Banquet

The Kirby-Smith Camp 1209, Jacksonville, FL, is proud to announce Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael will be the guest speaker at our Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 17, 2009. The event will be held in the Scottish Rite Temple across from Confederate Park, site of the 1914 United Confederate Reunion in downtown Jacksonville. Camp 1209 invites all camps in the Confederation to share in the celebration of two of the South's greatest leaders. For invitations e-mail [calvinhart@bellsouth.net](mailto:calvinhart@bellsouth.net) or call 904-730-8932.

## Award Winners at National Reunion in Concord

National Award winners were recognized at the General Reunion in Concord, NC, on July 16-19, 2008.

### Distinguished Camp

The **Dr. George R. Tabor Award** is presented to the most distinguished camp in the SCV. The winner of this prestigious award, which is an extremely close competition every year, is the A. J. Ringo Camp 1509, New Castle IN, Stephen L. Ritchie, Commander.

### Scrapbooks

The **Dr. B. H. Webster Award** for the best Scrapbook for camps with fewer than 50 members is the J. M. "Matt" Barton Camp 441, Sulphur Springs TX, James W. Benton, Commander.

The **Judah P. Benjamin Award** for the best Scrapbook for camps with 50 or more members is the Colonel Robert L. Shaver Camp 1655, Jonesboro AR, William Danny Honnoll, Commander.

### Historical Project

The **Dr. James B. Butler Award** for the best historical project was won by the Egbert J. Jones Camp 357 Huntsville AL, Charles R. Wells, Project Officer.

The **General Stand Watie Award** winner for the camp making the largest contribution to the Stand Watie Scholarship Fund is the H.L. Hunley Camp 143, Summerville SC, Joseph M. Willis, Commander.

### Best Web Site

The **General Samuel Cooper Award** for the best website is the Theophilus West, M.D. Camp 1346, Marianna FL. [www.scvcamp1346.org](http://www.scvcamp1346.org), Ashley Pollette, webmaster.

### Newsletters

The **Dr. Paul Jon Miller Award** winner for the best newsletter among camps with fewer than 50 members is

*The Vidette* which is produced by the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710, Sierra Vista AZ, Curtis Tipton, Editor.

The **S.A. Cunningham Award** for the best newsletter among camps with 50 or more members is the *Hood's Texas Brigade* which is produced by Hood's Texas Brigade Camp 153, San Antonio TX, Ray Wainner, Editor.

The **Dewitt Smith Jobe Award** for the best Division newsletter is *The Alabama Confederate*, Alabama Division, John M. Taylor, Editor.

### Recruiting

The **Edward R. Darling Award** for the top recruiter in the Confederation was a three-way tie and first place plaques were presented to Mark G. Locke, a member of Colonel John T. Coffee Camp 1934, Osceola MO, Marion F. Patrick, a member of the Tallassee Armory Guards Camp 1921, Tallassee AL, and Kyle Sims, a member of the Colonel Middleton Tate Johnson Camp 1648. Each of these compatriots recruited 40 new members.

### Membership

The **General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award** for the camp with the greatest gain in membership (plus 68 net) goes to the Tallassee Armory Guards Camp 1921, Tallassee AL, Fred R. Hughey, Commander.

**New Camps, Division** — The **General A. P. Hill Award** is awarded to the North Carolina Division which is commanded by Thomas Smith, with four new camps.

**New Camps, Army** — The **General Albert Sydney Johnston Award** for the Army with the greatest gain in new camps goes to the Army of Tennessee, C. Kelly Barrow, Commander with 15 new camps.

### Individual Awards

The **Robert E. Lee Gold Medal**, the second highest award which can be given to a SCV member, was presented to R. Burl McCoy (KY), Richard V. Forte

(MS), and Leslie R. Tucker (OK) for their exceptional contributions and service to the SCV.

The **Jefferson Davis Chalice** was presented to outgoing Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Ronald E. Casteel (MO). This is the highest award which may be bestowed on a member for service to the SCV and consists of an engraved silver chalice, a medal and a certificate.

The **Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award** was presented to Reverend W. Herman White (NC) as a SCV member who wonderfully emulates and perpetuates the orthodox Christian faith demonstrated by the soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States of America.

## Corrections

In the July/August issue of the *Confederate Veteran* in the ATM photo section, the caption below the photo of members of the Lt. Elijah H. Ward Camp 1971 stated "Jefferson, TX." Camp 1971 is located in Farmerville, LA. We apologize for the error.

On page 33 of the July/August issue, some information was not supplied about the dedication of the new mural in Palatka, FL.

In 2002 Camp 534 Commander Graham Owen (now deceased) presented the proposal to create a historically accurate mural of Captain J.J. Dickison and the Battle of Horse Landing. He was a historian/author and a correspondent with the Palatka daily newspaper.

The Sgt. Charlie Dickison Camp

534, Palatka, FL, voted to pursue the project. Upon Commander Owen's death, Commander Richard Lee took over and led the way along with Adjutant Sam Willis.

At the end of Commander Lee's term, w Commander Sam Willis continued to move the project. Past Commander Richard Lee continued to acquire funds to see the successful completion of this project.

The driving forces behind this project were: Past Commander Graham Owen and his family, Deputy Florida Division Commander Richard Lee, Past Camp 534 Adjutant and Commander Sam Willis, the members of Camp 534, the Conlee-Snyder Mural Committee and artist Betty Sutliff. A special thanks to Mayor Karl Flagg for his support of the project.

## Past Commander of Pennsylvania Division passes

J.E.B. Stuart Camp 1506 Commander John Charles Care passed away on Friday, July 18, 2008. Commander Care was a past commander of Lee's Keystone Division of Pennsylvania, was the East Brigade commander, and was the Army of Northern Virginia treasurer. Last year Commander Care received the Sons of Confederate Veterans Meritorious Service Award. The Award, dated July 26, 2007, and

signed by the Commander-in-Chief Christopher M. Sullivan, was presented in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to the SCV.

Commander Care's obituary may be read at [www.wetzelandson.com/](http://www.wetzelandson.com/).

John is now in the company of J.E.B. Stuart, Robert E. Lee, George Pickett, James Longstreet, Stonewall Jackson and all the soldiers and great leaders of the war.



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of Confederate Heritage are important and appreciated. There is much more you can do, but that will have to wait. With a camp newsletter, you have thrown out the bait!

Do you want to set the hook? Mention in your article that each member adds to our numbers at the camp, brigade, Division, Army, and National levels and that numbers are very important to politicians, government officials, and the media. Write a few lines about a recent event such as the flag raised in Tampa, Florida, or an attack made on our Heritage. Dream a bit! Comment on a project you or someone in your

camp has thought of. Comment on how the SCV could be a force to be reckoned with if our numbers were greater. Most of all, be sincere, positive, enthusiastic, and write from your heart. If those members who wonder if the SCV is worth belonging to cannot sense your love for our organization and Confederate Heritage, this is not your calling! *Make 'em Feel Important — They Are!*

From My Heart In Dixie,

Ed

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Any man reading this that has the knowledge and means to organize the rescue of the 28th Virginia's Battle Flag is heartily encouraged to do so and should be highly commended and supported by us all in any manner necessary. You can count on Camp 2144!

Commander Garrison sends his warmest regards to all of you and personally thanks those who will organize and help in this cause.

Bring it on!

Chris Mathis  
Colonel C.L. Pyron Camp 2144  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Feels internal dissent not all bad for SCV

To the Editor:

Barely past the front cover of the July/August *Confederate Veteran* I was overcome by anger while reading Lt. Commander-in-Chief Casteel's *Enemy is Us* column, my displeasure only subsiding when I read with great cheer in *Dispatches from the Front* a letter from Hal Rounds in Collierville, TN. Rounds got it right! Meanwhile, I sincerely believe that too many trees stand in the way of Casteel's view of the world.

Hal Rounds' point is well made and worthwhile for every member of the SCV. Our forefathers came home (often to no homes), defeated in a conflict which had brought horrible losses

in men and materials, to a land much battered, its commerce and modest industry shattered, with most of the populace short on every necessity of life and near destitute. Many settled in to rebuild that which was lost. Others headed toward new frontiers, new challenges and new lives, to take part in the building of the world's greatest nation, a land tempered and matured in the fire of bloody rebellion.

The great-grandfather whom I claim as a serving-soldier ancestor, never rose above sergeant (and was busted from that not-so-elevated rank) returned to Galveston to the law, the profession he had read before the war. Within a couple of years he married and bought a lot on Broadway, Galveston's principal avenue. A few years later he built a house, a house in which one of my cousins lives today. He also became the United States Commissioner for Galveston, a judicial position representing substantial accommodation with Uncle Sam. His was the practical heroism of those who rebuild after disasters. In the hands of men such as he was, the *New South* rose from the ashes of the old.

Bravo, Hal Rounds! You've written for us a guide as to what the SCV ought to be.

Meanwhile, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Casteel anguishes over internal dissent and dissension, seeing squabbling as the limiter of SCV's recruiting and retention. I heartily disagree (even as a rear ranker of modest contribution).

We are sprung from a great tribe of dissenters. Many of us attend churches founded by grand dissenters, based on often bloody or fiery internal dissent. The heroes of the American Revolution were to a man *dissenters*. Those who led the South into war did so in dissent from policies which they believed to be wrong. Our paragon of integrity and virtue, General Lee, epitomized dissent of the gravest sort, placing his

obligation to Virginia as a higher duty than required by his military oath to the United States.

Internal dissent will not destroy the SCV, but to continue to champion less-than-noble and unrealistic *Lost Causes* certainly will. I hold great respect for the Battle Flag of the Confederacy. But nearly seven decades of seeing it misused, mishandled, worn and flown by buffoons, borne by adherents of evils so grotesque as to be inhuman, and displayed in fashions degrading and defiling have brought me to the point of viewing it as a liability rather than a cherished asset. An entire generation of Americans (less a modest minority who understand the history of the "Bloody Red Rag of Rebellion") have been indoctrinated and inculcated to view the Battle Flag as an inappropriate symbol. "PC" though that perspective may be, all our best collective and individual efforts will not change it, and if anything, we damage our own cause and future by concentrating on this as a major issue.

If the SCV is to survive, to grow and to prosper, it needs to do so with the same dedication displayed by so many of those men after Appomattox, a commitment to building anew, to preserving integrity, expecting public virtue from public figures and real leadership from leaders. Recruiting and retention are directly related to the profiles and performance of leaders at national, state and local levels.

Most of those internal squabbles and dissent over which Lt. Commander-in-Chief Casteel anguished would certainly be reduced if we turned to forging a *new* SCV, patterned upon Hal Rounds' analysis, committed to honoring those who went before us and preserving the memorials and landmarks which mark their place in time.

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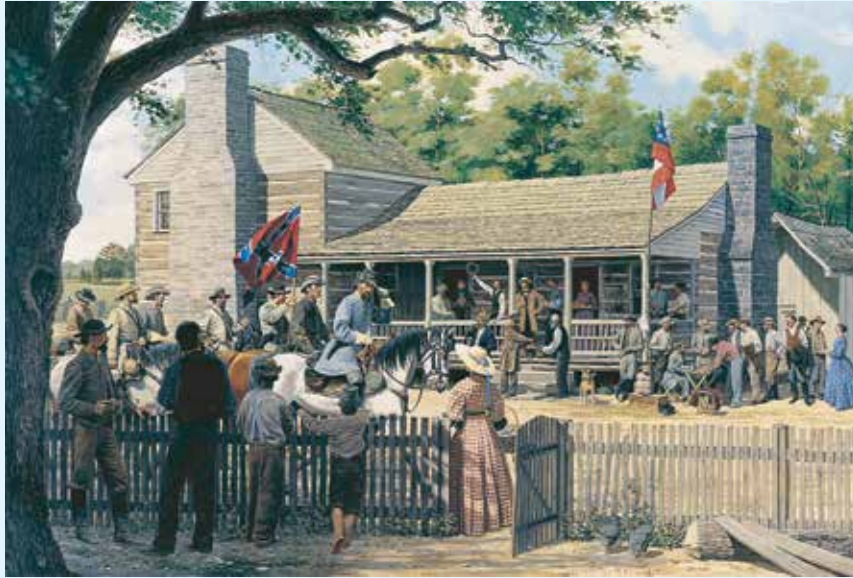


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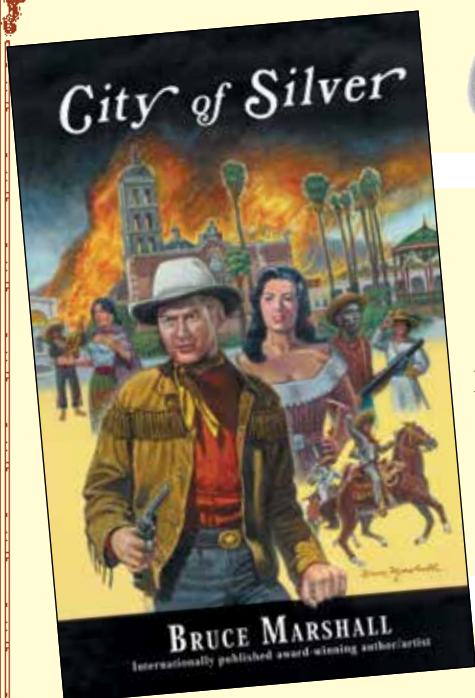
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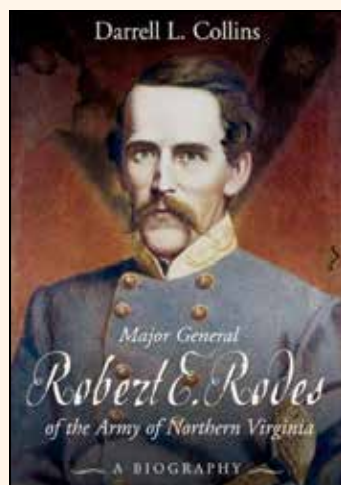
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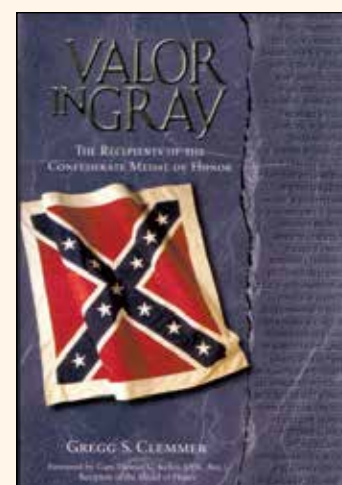


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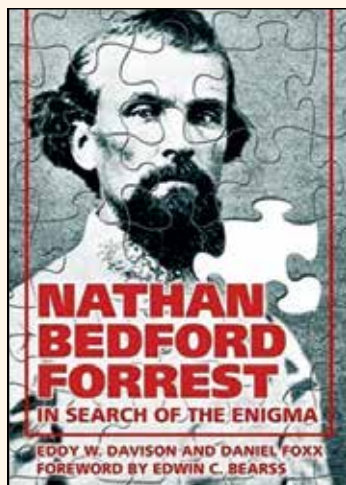
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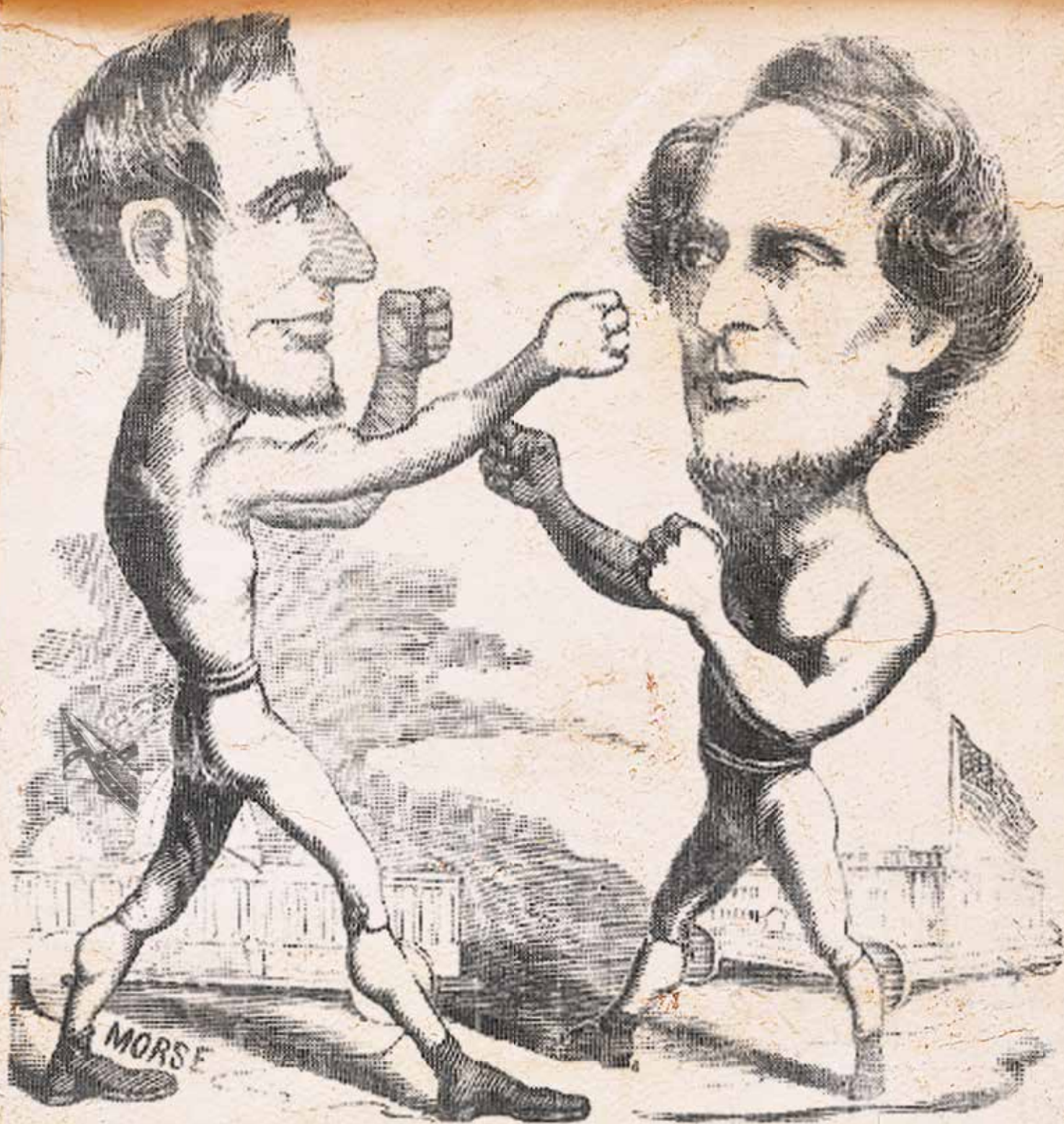


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