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The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South’s decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the SCV is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes so that future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.
Compatriots,

WOW is the best word to use for the 127th National Reunion held in Cartersville, Georgia. The William J. Hardee Camp 1397 and the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp 700 along with Commander Tim Pilgrim and the Georgia Division are to be congratulated for an outstanding job. The host hotel was comfortable and the staff there went out of their way to insure we had a good stay. The conference center was a great venue.

At the business sessions there were several museum donations made, in monetary donations and in items we can use in our museum. Much of this came out of the Divisions making up the AoT. I am not going to mention each individually but I personally appreciate the donations. Over the last few months I have been working at the museum doing the timeline. The progress we have made would not have been accomplished without the help of one individual, Robert Jewellson, of the Alabama Division. With his help I believe we can make our goal of having the timeline up by the GEC meeting in October.

During the business meeting on Thursday I introduced the Confederate Heroes section to the membership. Each eligible Division will be allowed to submit two photos and bio’s that will be in this special section. I will need these by August 15th to give the printer time enough to get them ready. She is also doing the timeline so she is being kept busy. I will be sending out an email to each of the eligible Divisions so there will be a better understanding of the program.

I mentioned the Division Annual Report in the AoT meeting on Saturday. These are due by June 30th each year. The form has several uses including securing our organization’s participation in the Combined Federal Campaign for Federal employees donations. It is very important to list activities and donations to charitable groups that your Camps and Division does. I only received one submission to me, from Florida, the form lists who to send it to. I use the form to see membership stats, camps below 7 and other things. Any form such as the Last Roll, etc. please copy everyone listed. I can understand if you don’t have an email for everyone then send it to those that you do have.

One of the items that we could have done better with is the submission of our Division reports to be published in the Book of Reports that you receive at the National Reunion. When you submit those please copy me. This year we had one that did everything right but it still didn’t make it in the book. This is one of those items that allow you to showcase what your camps and Division accomplished. I will try to do a better job of sending out reminders for these dates to submit.

The awards program, I can’t say enough for the omission of the awards for three Divisions. I will say that GHQ came back and quickly took care of the problem but it still doesn’t completely erase the pain of seeing your fellow compatriots receiving awards and your members are left out. Hopefully this will not happen again.

At the AoT meeting, I mentioned I intend on issuing awards through the AoT. These will be done Saturday morning at the AoT meeting. I haven’t worked out all of the details but it will be a way of recognizing our members. Division Commanders I will need your help in the nomination process. More on this later. I intend to have it rolled out to you by October.

AoT Workshops were another topic briefly discussed at the meeting. I am still open to doing the workshops but we may have to get some local Division people to help fill in as speakers since two of my primary speakers are now CIC and Lt. CIC. I will put out a post on the basic requirements to hold a workshop. It is not free, the Camp and / or Division will have some skin in the game.

Communication is important at all levels. As Army Commander and Councilman, Carl and I are here to help. Reach out to us first to give us that opportunity. If I don’t have the answer I will get it for you. If you send something to HQ, copy me on it so if you do not get a response in a fair amount of time I will try to find out why. I use email as a paper trail. I have files set up on my computer for each Division.

You can access the GEC meeting minutes on the National website. I will send each Division Commander the password so the minutes can be accessed.

This newsletter is sent through Constant Contact and is administered through the Georgia Division. I only have so many email addresses that I can use. It goes to the Division Adjutant and Commander along with the Communication officer if you have one. It can be put on PRIVATE Facebook pages only or sent by email, because of privacy issues, (Contact info). Send in your pictures and articles to be published, to my email address, aotcommander@alscv.org

Thanks for your confidence in me by reelecting me as your Commander. It has been an honor to serve as your Commander and I hope the next two years will be prosperous for every Camp and Division. There are so many opportunities for us. The public is on our side. Keep working on the various projects that tells the TRUE story of the South and its people.

Jimmy Hill
AoT Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Gentlemen,

Thank you for trusting me to serve for another two years as your AoT Councilman. It is an honor to represent men such as yourselves on our GEC and it is something I do not take lightly.

I was asked last week on SCV Chat what my agenda would be if re-elected. Well, the Councilman really doesn’t have an agenda, but rather is there in an effort to support the membership and represent the views of our Army. However, I do know that Army Commander Jimmy Hill and I share the belief that we want our Army and organization to grow and to become more effective. In that regard, we mentioned holding Army workshops that will focus on ideas that assist growth within our Camps.

The local Camp is the key to our growth, retention and overall success. Where we have a strong community presence we tend to have less heritage violations and more clout with local civic leaders. So, it is vitally important that we build these relationships wherever we can and our Army workshops have been geared towards this in the past. In my opinion, we need to hold at least one such workshop per year and we need to hold it in an area where we are able to draw the most people from the most Divisions. We’re discussing this and as we know more, we’ll let everyone know details.

In every instance where I’ve been involved with these workshops two things have held true-

1. We have to have attendance. We cannot help the Camps if the Camps don’t show up. The ideas that we present at these functions are gleaned from initiatives that other Camps throughout the organization have had success with. So, the workshop is an opportunity to learn from the successes of others, as well as to share your own success stories or even to share things you tried that did not work.

2. The information gained from the workshop will do you know good if you do not act on it. Our speakers can stand there all day long and throw out ideas, and you can write them down and agree with them. But, if you do not put them into effect once you get back to your Camp, they’re not going to help you.

With regards to point two, I want to give you something to think about. That is, “why did you join the SCV?” Was it to get a certificate? Because you like meetings? To meet people? Or, was it because you want to learn history and be a part of our efforts to save and perpetuate our Southern Heritage?

If it was the latter, then to do that you must become an asset to your Camp and to the organization. We have to strive to be the best we can be in our endeavors to carry the torch of our ancestors forward. Every member has a talent or a gift that can be put to use for the Camp, and this in turn ultimately benefits the entire organization and our mission.

If your Camp meeting is one where folks show up, sit around and talk for an hour and then go home, you’re not going to grow and you’re not going to be effective. Simple as that.

Well run Camps have a system for their meetings that consist of a balance between structure, camaraderie and entertainment/education. These types of meetings make people want to attend and from attendance comes growth and retention. If your Camp meetings are sparse with regards to attendance, there’s a reason for it. Something is causing it. Don’t necessarily rely on your Camp Officers to fix it. Learn what works and offer suggestions to your officers. Become part of the solution to help.

Right now the current membership level nationally is around 28,000. We should easily be twenty times that size and getting there requires the Camps to do the things necessary to growth and retention. With greater numbers comes a louder voice, and with that comes a greater likelihood of preserving our Heritage.

We’ll be getting information out on the next workshop as soon as we have details. I hope to see you there.

Deo Vindice,

Carl Jones

AoT Councilman
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Help Georgia’s Fight For Their Monuments

The Georgia Division is involved in multiple legal cases trying to preserve the monuments where they are currently located or to return them to their original location. The monument takedown effort in Georgia is stronger than any other place except Virginia. If you as an individual, a Camp or a Division can help financially it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the cases they are involved in will set precedents that can be used by other states when applicable. They have spent more than $150,000 of Division funds plus other monies donated to stop the desecration by the local or county municipalities. All donations sent regardless of size is appreciated. Send to Georgia Division SCV

PO Box 1081
Macon, GA 31202

Write Heritage Defense fund in the memo line of your check. Donations are tax deductible. If you want to donate using a credit card go the Georgia Division website georgiascv.org, click on donate, click on Heritage defense. It will open a Paypal box and you can donate there.

Jimmy Hill
AoT Commander
Joshua Cameron presents the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award to Alexis Crass and Thomas Zannucci this morning from Karns High and Byington-Solway CTE Center

Members of the Myers - Zollicoffer Camp 1990 in Livingston, Tennessee met with Livingston Mayor Curtis Hayes to have him sign a proclamation for the observance of Confederate History and Heritage Month. From left to right are: Norman Osburn, Michael Boswell, Junior Matthews, Mayor Hayes, Bill Speck, Bill Heard and Tommy Phillips.
Mountain Brigade Commander Billy Walker conducted a CERT training session, "tombstone and monument cleaning" in May at Glenwood Baptist Church in Powell, TN.

Kirby-Smith Camp 1209 held its annual Confederate Memorial Service on April 23rd at Old City Cemetery in Jacksonville.

CERT training for the Captain Winston Stephens Camp 2041 in Macekleny, Florida. Thanks to Commander Paul Norris and crew for having me come out.

While other states are busy removing monuments, Mississippi is still putting up monuments! Congratulations to Dale Fortenberry and all the men in the Freemans Battery camp #1939 Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is a great addition to Community Heritage Park in Farmington Ms.
Tippah Tigers Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp met on April 25 at the Ripley American Legion Post to observe Confederate Memorial Day. After the reading of Governor Reeves's Proclamation of Confederate Memorial Day in Mississippi, Tippah Tiger Bobby Irvin made a presentation on why our ancestors fought and about their leaders, Gen Robert E. Lee and Gen Johnathan "Stonewall" Jackson.

Pictured with the Memorial Wreath are L-R 2nd Lt. Commander Rex Brotherton, Master of Ceremonies; Tippah Tigers Commander, Jim Daniel; and the speaker, Bobby Irvin. Period music was provided by the Tippah Tigers Band, L-R Anthony Leatherwood, Rick Adair, and Bobby Irvin. Raymond Settle

Pictured are: Alabama NW Brigade Commander Jerry Smith, SCV Life Member and Commander of Gainsboro Invincibles Camp #1685 Rich Garcia and Will Brewer. Commander Garcia was our guest speaker last night. His presentation was on the Tejano-Texan Mexican Confederate soldiers.

Members of the Indiana Division at Crown Hill Cemetery for the Camp Morton Mass Grave Memorial Service.

Confederate Soldier Memorial at Ladoga, Indiana
The largest Confederate Memorial in the world was the site of the 19th Annual Confederate Memorial Service held there by the Georgia Division of the SCV. After a years absence due to political games the Division was allowed to once again hold the memorial service on April 30th. Word had already spread through the activist community to descend on Stone Mountain to disrupt the service in any way possible. They had already tried to get the permit pulled but that tactic did not work this year. Below are some pictures from the memorial service but there are NONE of the protesters. I will not give them any space. Their disgusting behavior needs no more coverage.

I would like to thank Division Commander Tim Pilgrim and Lt, Commander George Crawford and everyone else involved in putting this event on.

Also a big thank you to the Mechanized Cavalry for their continued support and participation in helping with this event.

Get ready for Stone Mountain 2023!

Keynote speaker Martin K. O’Toole
Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the 2022 Music in the Mountains Spring Parade in Pigeon Forge in April.

Adjutant John Hitt, Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 SCV, presents the H. L. Hunley Award to a cadet at South Doyle High School in Knoxville in April.

Ronnie Slack, member of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 Sons of Confederate Veterans, presents the H.L. Hunley Award to Cadet Samuel Weldon at Bearden High School on April 12, 2022.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, held its annual Confederate Decoration Day at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville in June. The guest speaker was Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan.

The Dixie Heritage Park Fun Day was held Saturday, June 4, 2022. The event was sponsored by the Yellowhammer Camp 579, the Mechanized Cavalry, and the Order of Confederate Rose. We had good weather, good food, good fellowship, good speakers and a good time. All photos by Dale Crawford
2022 Pilgrimage and Memorial Service at Elm Springs

On May 7th the 2nd annual Pilgrimage at Elm Springs was held. Overcast skies and a steady breeze kept us on the cool side for the day but it was welcome compared to mid eighties during the week. There were multiple events going on at Elm Springs on the seventh. First there was a dedication noting the last tree on the property that was present during the war years and the United Daughters of the Confederacy held a memorial service by the graves of Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife. The Confederate Memorial Service held by the Sons of Confederate Veterans started at 11 am. Commander in Chief Larry McCluney welcomed everyone to the service. The pledges and salutes to the flags were given. It was my honor to read “The Charge” from General Stephen D. Lee to the audience. Chaplain in Chief Herman White gave the invocation. Lt. Commander in Chief Jason Boshers was the emcee for the program. There was music, greetings from various dignitaries and then Mr. Jedsen Pritchett of the Children of the Confederacy gave the keynote address. He did a great job in his presentation. Our heritage from a young persons point of view. Also on hand were various Tennessee legislators who had worked on the heritage bills that were recently making the rounds through the legislature. Representative Janice Bowling, Representative Terri Lynn Weaver and Senator Joey Hensley updated everyone on their efforts. The final part of the program was the laying of floral tributes on the graves of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife. We adjourned with the singing of Dixie by Terri Lynn Weaver accompanied by the Dunn’s.
Legislators present Resolution to the SCV

Rep. Weaver and the Dunn’s lead us in Dixie

All Photos by Dale Crawford
At the conclusion of the Tennessee Division Reunion in April, a Memorial Service for Past Division Commander Skip Earle was held at the Forrest Boyhood Home. One of his requests was to have his ashes spread on hallowed ground in Tennessee. The men above fulfilled his last request.

Jackson County High Senior, Jake Garrison is presented the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award and scholarship (camp donation Pictured here (Left to right) are Jackson County High School Agriculture Teacher Brandon Chaffin, Senior Jake Garrison, Camp Commander Rich Garcia, and Camp Member Leo Denny.

Bradford/Rose camp #1638 Morristown presented Levi Brooks with the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award.
Old Ironsides  

by Thomas Wood

I recently read an article about “Old Ironsides”, the history of the USS Constitution which now proudly serves as a living history museum located in Boston Harbor. Interestingly, I see many similarities between the embattled history of the USS Constitution and our dedicated Sons of Confederate Veterans Organization. The USS Constitution endured and survived many attempts to destroy her in various ways from outside the country as well as inside the country by politicians; yet, she stands tall and erect today. She survived all the attempts of her destruction and now is reminding us daily of our glorious history.

The USS Constitution was built under “An Act to provide a Naval Armament” authorized by President George Washington on March 27, 1794. The ship was built between the years of 1794-1797 at the Hartt’s Shipyard in Boston. The ship’s only battles occurred during the War of 1812 between the years of 1812-1815. The ship first saw battle action on July 16-19, 1812, when it encountered, fought off, and escaped from five British warships off the coast of New Jersey. It was engaged in several other sea battles during the war, it survived many direct hits, but, has the distinction of never having been defeated in battle. After the battle with the British HMS Guerriere on August 19, 1812, one of the captured sailors from the British ship had said during the battle that the cannonballs repeatedly were bouncing off the sides of the Constitution. He is quoted as saying, “Huzzah! Her sides are made of iron!” That is how the USS Constitution got her nick name “Old Ironsides”.

As the Navy sought to modernize through steam power in the 1830s, preserving an old wooden frigate seemed expensive and impractical to political leaders. The American people reacted with hostility when it appeared the politicians would do what foreign navies could not do: that was to destroy the USS Constitution. A young Oliver Wendell Holmes moved the nation with his poem “Old Ironsides” leading Congress and the Navy brass to relent and saving the ship for another generation. There were also times the government would not spend money needed to pay for restorations. The “people” of this great country began donation campaigns on two occasions over the years to save the USS Constitution and pay for restorations. These fundraising campaigns included young children and students from across the nation who saved their pennies and emptied their piggybanks to come to the rescue. The children’s efforts alone brought in over $300,000.00 for these needed restorations. Our government wanted to scuttle, dismantle and even use the glorious ship for target practice at various times in our history. The people of this great nation stood up and said an emphatic “no” to the destruction, and through the citizens own efforts the USS Constitution was saved for future generations to enjoy its glorious history.

The American people (young and old) emphatically said “no” to government officials in denying them the opportunity to destroy that historic and beloved ship on more than one occasion. We must be as emphatic and energized as they were in saving the ship, and not be intimidated, discouraged or apologetic in the defense of our beloved Southern Heritage and our nation.

Like the USS Constitution, our great and honorable organization has also endured and survived many horrendous attempts at our destruction; yet, we are stronger than perhaps at any time in our history as an organization. We have survived serious attacks from many sides, including the Neo-Marxist Leftist. We have survived attacks from our political leaders and government officials, and even those ignorant of history that have bought into the Yankee distortions and lies of our Southern Heritage. The USS Constitution survived many attempts at destruction, just as we have survived, and we will continue to thrive through these many attempts at our destruction and that of our heritage. Not only have we survived, but we are actually stronger as a result of these attacks.

Today, our enemies physical and political attacks are bouncing off our sides, just like “Old Ironsides” as we diligently fight on just as our beloved USS Constitution did over 200 years ago. Many of us remember the middle and late 20th century, not that long ago, when our Battle Flag was proudly displayed in all kinds of surroundings including magazine covers, advertisements, NASCAR events, movies, and many other venues. The flag was very popular, and a great symbol of the South until the Neo-Marxist began using it as a hate symbol to divide this nation. There were few, if any, negative reactions to the Battle Flag displays until the lies and distortions began over a few years. My, how a few short years can drastically change things. This shows us the power and influence that a small minority of people can have on our culture.

With determination we can have that same impact in a positive way. What the Neo-Marxist accomplished in a few years I strongly believe we can also accomplish in a few short years to restore the South and our Nation. I believe that we (those that love the South and our Nation) will have the same fortitude to overcome this tragedy that has stricken our country, and the power to return our heritage and Nation to the once great nation we know it can be. Let us continue our great fight for the sake of our Nation and our beloved South. Let us ask ourselves if we are doing our part or if we are sitting on the sidelines waiting for others to do something. If we are to be successful in this glorious fight we must all work together as brothers in arms. May God Bless our Nation and the South.

Thomas H. Wood

Tennessee Division Adjutant
Memorial Park Bench

Remember and honor your Confederate ancestor, loved one, family member or organization with the purchase of a Memorial Park Bench. These sturdy, long-lasting and beautiful benches will be placed along the walkways and the Memorial Garden on the property of the scenic General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.

The benches are available to individuals, camps, divisions and organizations. The inscription and use of a logo is of your own choosing. The cost for the bench is $1,800.

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Gary Carlyle, Camp Commander of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans spoke to three classes at Asbury High School near Albertville, Alabama. Gary did his usual great job as he acquainted the students with the character of Robert E. Lee. Photo by Dale Crawford

Dale Crawford speaking to Mrs. Amber Hancock's class at Asbury High School.

Dale chose the U.S. Constitution for his subject.
2022 National Reunion in photos

The Reunion begins

Commander in Chief Larry McCluney Jr.

Credentials Table - Eric Previti, Chris Rice, Lee Hattabaugh

AoT Commander Jimmy Hill

James Turner, AoT Councilman Carl Jones, Past CiC Chuck McMichael after Carl’s 2nd consecutive win at the Oratory Contest

Robert E. Lee Award Recipients

Ed Butler, TN  Calvin Hart, FL  Mike McMurry, AL

Cartersville, Georgia
Tennessee Division

Mississippi Div Cmdr Conor Bond

Alabama Division

SCV Distinguished Camp Award
Fort Blakeley Camp 1864
Tommy Rhodes, Commander

Florida Division

The Superior Camp of the AoT
Admiral Raphael Semmes #11
Joe Ringhoffer, Commander
The Sentinel

More from the 2022 Reunion

Commander in Chief Jason Boshers

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Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, welcomed a new member into its ranks at its April meeting held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new member Ronald E. Ingram and Adjutant John Hitt.

Mr. Warren Docker, Executive Director of The East Tennessee Historical Society, spoke at the April meeting of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.

Indiana Division Commander Del Felder receives his life membership certificate at the Lee / Jackson banquet.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, welcomed new members into its ranks at its March meeting at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House). Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new members Benjamin Blankenship and Samuel M. Garrett, and Adjutant John Hitt.

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Members of the Alfred Johnston Camp 276 participated in Tater Day in Benton, Kentucky

Indiana Division Commander Del Felder at the National Reunion.

Indiana Division Commander Del Felder and Camp Commander Leonard Grummell at the National Reunion in Cartersville, Georgia.

(L to R) AoT Commander Jimmy Hill, McBride Camp Commander Robert Jewellson and Lt Commander Dustin Clark place a wreath at the Confederate Monument on the grounds of the Lawrence County, Alabama Courthouse.
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