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Army of Tennessee

SONS OF CONFEDERATE
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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.

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From the Army Commander

Men of the Army,

I wish I could give you a bright rosy future or everything is going great column but that would be the same as being told that inflation isn't really as bad as we think and the border crisis is made up. The truth is we continue to struggle to retain our existing members and to recruit new members. You have all heard the expression "We are aging out", look around at your own camp and look at the age of your members. A lot of gray out there and it is not the uniform. The recruitment and retention of members falls squarely at camp level. Division and National has very little to do with the size of your camp and how it grows. It falls upon the officers to put on good programs, hold good meetings and activities that make people want to join. In other words it is the responsibility of every member to make their camp grow. I personally think there is a rosy future out there, you see it when you visit a well run camp that is active, cares about its members and doesn't get stuck in a one dimension style of camp. Instead of just cleaning headstones or just holding a reenactment or other event, why not do all three? When you limit what your camp does, you limit who joins your camp. The goal is to grow. To grow there has to be harmony between the members, they have to enjoy coming to the meeting: when that happens they will tell others and they will join.

Dues renewal is coming up. We need to be at 100% at the end. You should start in April collecting dues. Based on past years it is taking longer to collect them. Also you should not hold your dues until everyone in the camp has paid. This creates a log jam at GHQ when instead of getting a 1/3 in June and more in July to process, we wait until August (grace period) to pay the bulk of the dues. With a limited staff they are still entering dues in late September and early October. We can speed the entire process up by sending them in a timely matter.

Every year letters are sent to delinquent members from a couple of years past to try to get them to renew. We get a lot of our members back. This should be done at camp level, not a letter but a phone call. You have a roster. Form a committee of a few members to reach out and try to get that former member back in your camp. With the new proration policy, reinstatement after two years is available at the discounted price. Offer a deal on a package price. If a father and son are joining or two brothers joining offer a lower camp dues amount for the first year if both will join together. If you have a member who is experiencing a slight financial problem, consider helping pay the balance or all of his dues rather than losing him. In most cases they repay the camp when they can. Think outside the box to make your camp grow.

We continue paying on the museum and we have made good progress. As I write this the bank loan stands around 1.1 million dollars. Still a lot of money but in one year it has been cut in half and I believe we are on track to pay off this loan by July 2025. It has been through the efforts of the members, local camps, Divisions, etc that has made this possible. There are new programs coming to help pay this debt off and put the Forrest monument up all at one time. It is called the **21st Confederate Heroes program**. You will read more about it in an upcoming Confederate Veteran but in a nutshell, if 1500 people, Camps or Division donate \$1000 then the bank loan goes away and the Forrest plaza goes up. Is it doable? Yes, if a Camp or Division sets a goal to do it or an individual feels they can make this happen, then it will. It can be made in payments if you choose. If you signed up for one year, your payment would be \$83.33 per month. We can do fundraisers at camp level and easily raise more than \$1000 in a year. There are other ideas that will be presented to the membership as well. One is on the bottom of page 5, it is a challenge to the Tennessee Division members and then he challenges the other Divisions. One final push and the debt will be gone. Lets make it happen. It will take all of us.

Saying this, I realize the organization asks repeatedly for donations. From Camps to National and every level in between we are asking to raise money. There are so many projects from the different levels that need our support. It is the very foundation of the Charge of General S.D. Lee. To defend the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, etc takes money. Advertising, law suits, buildings, monument protection and activities cost money. It is your choice to contribute or not. If you choose not to donate, it is your decision and I don't know of anyone who will look upon that member as not doing his part. There is no arm twisting. Some give to the Forrest Plaza that will not donate to the museum fund. It is their choice. If they decide to just contribute to their local camp project then that is fine. There are only so many dollars in your budget you can part with and most people know our dollars don't go as far as they once did. Do what you can and support what you want to support but don't use it as an reason to leave the organization.

We have some important events coming up in the near future. Many of these have conflicting events on the same day so we can't be everywhere at the same time. My calendar is set from now to the National Reunion. To help save budget money I have only scheduled 5 events and only one requires an overnight stay. Upcoming, we have the Tennessee Division Reunion, AoT workshop, Kentucky Division Reunion, Alabama Division Reunion and the National event at Fairview, Kentucky on June 8th.

Our focus needs to be on growing our camps. I cannot stress that enough. Listen to your camp officers, if they are telling you they cannot do another term then you need to find someone to step up for that position. We have had camps to fold because the camp commander quit. At some point everyone needs a break. We need to prepare for that day.

My term is coming to an end in July. We will be electing new officers to lead the Army of Tennessee at the National Reunion in Charleston. We have two men standing for each of the two offices. The voting will be held Saturday morning at the AoT meeting. It will be a ballot vote and your camp chairman will need to have his credentials form with him to vote. One person can vote all of your delegates or they can be split. The newly elected officers will take over Sunday morning after the reunion comes to a close.

This is the next to last issue of the AoT Sentinel that I will publish. The template will be provided to the newly elected Commander if he desires to keep it going. Continue sending pictures and other items to AoTcommander@alscv.org until June 15. On July 21st that email address will be deleted.

Jimmy Hill

Commander

Army of Tennessee

I am issuing a challenge to members of the Tennessee Division to send \$50.00 for the debt of the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs by July 1, 2024. With approximately 2,300 members in Tennessee currently, that would be \$115,000.00 toward museum debt. If you can send more, great. But please send at least \$50.00.

I also challenge our fellow divisions to challenge the members to do the same. This is not so any division or their members can boast, but to get our museum paid for.

Note: Make sure you designate your contribution to go toward the Confederate Museum debt. Let's work together and get this debt paid.

Mail donations to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans

PO Box 59

Columbia, TN 38402

Respectfully,

Joey Nolan, Commander

Tennessee Division, SCV

From the Army Councilman

After the GEC Meeting the first Saturday in March I got to walk through our museum at Elm Springs. I wish I'd snapped some photos, but didn't. The new displays look outstanding and the entire museum has really come together.

Let me go back to the beginning on this though. The artifacts and displays are the draw to get people into the museum, but the real centerpiece is the timeline. This has been the plan since day one. I was on the General Executive Council in 2016 when we voted to begin construction on the building. Frankly, I was initially against it and was set to vote that way. In my mind I was thinking it would be another run of the mill museum with some swords and cannonballs, and maybe a few other miscellaneous items. As I began questioning the motion to go forward Past CIC Chuck McMichael spoke up and went into detail on the timeline and how this museum was not like all the others, but would tell a story. Our story.

One of the most difficult questions I get asked is "what book do you recommend to understand the war." There's no easy answer to that because the pathway leading up to "the war" was over 200 years in the making. As well, you could say that the war continued through reconstruction and eventually settled into a Cold War that continues to this very day. While no one book explains this (it would require dozens) our museum does. It's the only place on earth that I'm aware of that has the story of the South condensed and published in one location and in a format that anyone can understand. It is ground zero for our fight to save our Heritage and it provides us with an opportunity we've never had before on so large a scale- the opportunity to "create evangelists" for the truth of Southern history and our ancestor's fight to preserve the original intent of American liberty.

I've heard people from various places say "well that museum is in Tennessee. It's got nothing to do with us." Brothers, this is short-sighted in the extreme. As I am fond of saying, the Cause in Tennessee is the same Cause in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and everywhere else. It's not a "Tennessee" museum, it's ours. The story it tells affects us. All of us. And, the opportunity it provides to project our message to the general public is an extraordinary blow to the forces of "wokeism." If you've not been there to see it, you should do your best to go.

All that said, we still have some small hurdles. One of those is paying off the remaining debt on the loan taken out to rebuild the museum. We've come a long way towards doing this, but we still have a little left over. This remaining amount is limiting cash flow and the best way to remedy that situation is twofold- a) get the last of the debt paid off and b) recruitment and retention. We need more members, and we need to reach out to members who have not renewed for whatever reason. We also need to take an honest look at our Camps. Are we providing an atmosphere that people want to be part of? Is the meeting well run, do we have speakers or some form of entertainment, do we greet new guests and show them our appreciation for attending? These are just a few small things that attract and retain members.

As always, I thank you for your efforts at supporting and perpetuating the Cause of our ancestors and our organization. I hope to see you in Charleston. I am,

Yours in the Cause,

Carl Jones

AOT Councilman
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Army of **Tennessee**

Workshop

May 4, 2024,

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee.

There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

Register early to guarantee your spot!

Registration is \$20 which includes lunch.

After April 15th, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included).

All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training), AoT Councilman Carl Jones (Becoming a Community Partner), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community involvement) and others (subject to change) Historical card, Sean Hill & Rich Garcia, Fundraising, Carl Jones and a Q&A session with CiC Jason Boshers

The annual Pilgrimage will be going on at Elm Springs as well. We will take a break from the workshop to attend the main event at the pilgrimage and then will return to the conference center for lunch and then continue the workshop agenda. We hope to have a free tour of the museum or house as part of the registration.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: (____) ____ - _____

Cell: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____ Division: _____

Please send this completed form, together with a check or money order in the amount of **\$15 (by April 14th for lunch)** made payable to **AoT Workshop and mail it to:**

**AoT Workshop
c/o Jimmy Hill
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757**

Registrations after April 15th are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.



Pilgrimage and Confederate Memorial Service
 Southern Heritage Center and
 Historic Elm Springs and
 The National Confederate Museum
 May 4, 2024
 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



11:00 AM

At the Equestrian Statue with General Nathan
 Bedford Forrest astride King Phillip

Keynote Speaker

Mrs. Jinny Widowski

President General

United Daughters of the Confederacy

Music

Strings of Secession

Individuals, Camps, Brigade, Divisions and
 Organizations are encouraged to bring a floral
 tribute and be announced as they lay their
 floral arrangement.

The service will be moved inside the museum for inclement weather.

Bring a lawn chair, sunblock and a cooler. No alcohol allowed.



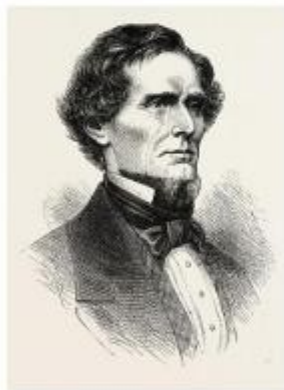
JEFFERSON DAVIS STATE HISTORIC SITE

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION & SCV NATIONAL EVENT

JUNE 8, 2024 11AM-2PM

258 Pembroke-Fairview Rd, Pembroke, KY 42266

Come see the 351-ft obelisk dedicated to President Davis at the site of his birth on the 100th anniversary of its completion! Elevator rides to the top of the monument and museum admission will be available!



- ACTIVITIES INCLUDE -

*Special guest speakers
Live artillery firing
Living history displays
SCV camp & merchandise booths
Food trucks
and more!*



If interested in participating with artillery, living history or a camp booth setup, contact Division Commander Thompson (lkthompson@kyscv.org) or Adjutant Knight (kydivadj@gmail.com)

*All activities & speakers subject to change**



Sponsored by Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

21st Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza
in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain
Confederate Memorial Park

Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 am. to 1 pm.

★ **Keynote Speaker - Chaplain in Chief Gary Carlyle** ★



*Sponsored by: Georgia Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

Arrive at 10:00 am. and enjoy bluegrass music by Jubilee, at 11:00 am. a cook-out will be provided by the Division and then at 11:45 am on the memorial lawn the Memorial Service will begin followed by a Cannon and Honor Guard Salute. Parking on (Old Hwy 78 E.)

National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world's largest monument to the Confederate soldier. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy the park after the service.

Needed Cannon & Honor Guard Reenactors

If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty based on the size of the artillery piece. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate. Contact information below, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Contact: George Crawford at brokeoti@gmail.com or 678.360.9667

Confederate History Month Commemoration!

Saturday, April 13th 2024, 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM



*To be held on the historic square downtown
Fayetteville, Tennessee
Hosted by: John R. Massey Camp No. 152
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



Our program will be:

11—11:30 Information on local Civil War history
and help finding a Confederate ancestor

11:30—12:00 PM Southern songs by Tater and Joe

12:00—12:30 PM Tennessee State Senator Janice Bowling

12:30—1:00 PM Author and Historian Dr. Michael Bradley

1:00 PM—1:30 PM Period music by Mike Dunn

1:30—2:00 PM Wreath laying at the Lincoln County Confederate Monument:
The Tennessee OCR Black Rose Society and Confederate reenactors.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information call 615-812-0206 email: thedixieobserver@gmail.com

SCV Life Membership Sale!

One day only!

April 1, 2024

Call the Membership Office
at (931) 380-1844
or visit our website,
www.scv.org

Call early—limited to the first 100 members to pay!
Must be paid in-full on April 1st, 9am–3pm, CT

Ages 12 to 64 \$650
Ages 65 to 79 \$325
Ages 80 & up \$160

ONE DAY ONLY SALE

You would be a fool to not do this on April Fool's Day... Limited Time ... One Day ... The first 100 People Life Memberships Will be 25% Off

One of the questions I have been asked is, "When will GHQ offer a sale of Life Memberships again?" On Monday April 1, 2024 from 9 AM CDT to 3 PM CDT, Life Memberships will be 25% off and rounded down to make the benefit even better. The first 100 people to call in or pay online will be able to purchase a Life Membership for 25% off.

1. Here's the breakdown with instructions:

- 1) Limited to the first 100 people to pay online or by phone between the hours of 9:00 AM CDT to 3:00 PM CDT. First come first serve. Once the first 100 Life Memberships are paid in full, the online link will be taken down and those calling by phone will be notified the offer is concluded.
- 2) The entire amount must be paid in full. No payments or payment plans.
- 3) Phone: Call 931-380-1844
- 4) Online: www.scv.org

Pricing:

Ages 12 – 64: Was \$875 Now \$650

Ages 65 – 79: Was \$437.50 Now \$325

Ages 80+: Was \$218.75 Now \$160

Sincerely,

R.S. Jason Boshers

Commander in Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

GOALS OF CANDIDATE TOM WOOD ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024



My name is Tom Wood, and I am a candidate for Army of Tennessee Commander. I have served eight full-time years as Tennessee Division Adjutant, and as Camp Commander for the award-winning General Robert H. Hatton Camp in Lebanon, Tennessee. Any leader must have priorities and focus on the specific goals he hopes to achieve in that leadership role to be effective and successful. The reason I decided to become a candidate for this office is to concentrate my energy on the much-needed strengthening of our membership.

My goals for this office are to focus on six aspects of membership that I believe are imperative for our survival as an organization. My desire is to provide the needed support to strengthen our membership by working with division leaders in the areas of recruitment, retention, education, leadership training, communication, and encouragement of one another. My goal is to personally visit every division several times, and to speak with division leaders on how I can help meet their needs and accomplish their goals. I intend to personally visit and support as many camps as possible in the Army of Tennessee over the next two years.

We have too many camps that are struggling for their very existence and unfortunately some do not survive. As I travel around, I have become concerned that our members are not being provided with the support they need and deserve. I am finding that many of our members are not educated about our organization above the camp level. It is difficult to get excited about an organization you basically know very little about. I am finding that many of our members are not receiving the great publications that are produced at various levels. This is a serious breakdown in our communication system that needs direct and immediate attention.

Many of our camps need assistance in providing organized, interesting, and effective regular meetings to encourage and strengthen better attendance and participation. We have camps that are literally closing their doors due to a lack of members willing to take leadership roles. We must train our members and prepare them for future leadership positions. I want to emphasize the encouragement that every member needs and how important they are to the success of our organization. We must be supportive of each other and focus on what's best for our organization ahead of our own personal interests if we are to be successful.

My goal is "leave no man behind." We know our members are the strength and backbone of our organization. Without our membership we do not have an organization to support. We must reflect the importance of our members in our actions by always being supportive to them. I believe we can accomplish many great things with persistence and hard work. I am committed to this hard work by continuing my SCV work on a full-time basis to do everything I can to strengthen our organization and the Army of Tennessee. I am very supportive of our many great national programs, but we cannot get so focused on programs that we overlook the most important element of our organization...our members.

I want to thank Commander Jimmy Hill for his untiring dedication and service to the Army of Tennessee over the past four years. Job well done sir!!

I am asking for your support and your vote for Army of Tennessee Commander as we go forward striving for greater success.

Yours In Service to the South.

Thomas H. Wood
Woodth25@gmail.com



Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Army Councilman for the past three years. In that time I've fielded many phone calls and emails and visited many Camps and functions as well as taken part in the carrying out of training workshops put on around our Army. Likewise I've attended every National Reunion and every GEC meeting in addition to a number of those which were held by teleconference and/or online. I've done my best in this capacity to represent the best interests of our Divisions, our members and our esteemed organization.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization with a mission that is not only near and dear to my heart, but it is a big part of who I am. I believe absolutely in the Cause that our ancestors contended for and I make every effort to spread the truth of that Cause at every opportunity that I am afforded.

Over the years I've done more interviews with media talking heads than I can count and have stood face to face in head-on debate with a well-known group that is highly and militantly adversarial towards our organization and our Heritage. I have long held the belief that it is my mission in life to know the truth of the history of our Southland and to relay that truth.

Having joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 I have served in just about every office at the Camp level in addition to many Division Offices to include Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, 2nd Lt Commander from 2012 to 2016, 1st Lt Commander from 2016 to 2018 and Alabama Division Commander from 2018 to 2020. I've served as Chief of Heritage Operations for the Army of Tennessee from 2010 to 2012, National Chief of Heritage Operations from 2016 to 2018, National Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense from 2018 to 2020 and AoT Councilman from 2020 until the present.

As Commander of the Alabama Division I undertook the mission of "building the SCV by building the Camps" and worked across Division lines with the Tennessee Division to erect a monument on our property at the Forrest Boyhood Home. I've been instrumental in putting on education conferences that were designed to bring nationally known speakers to our members at an affordable price in an effort to educate us on our history. I believe fervently that the Camps are the backbone of this organization and that by training Camps in areas that will help them to grow and run more efficiently we will likewise benefit the overall health of our entire organization. I stand by that assertion and belief.

The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US as a people. The Southern tradition is a threat to the ultra-left and their radical agenda and we must fight back against this with everything we can intellectually muster. The SCV is the premier entity in this fight and at times it seems we are the only entity! We must be as determined as our adversaries and we must work in a manner that is smart and effective to curtail their efforts. We must train and equip our Camps to be our voice and a formidable influence in the local community, and we must attract the general public to take up our Cause. The polls are clear that the public is on our side, but we must harness that support and put it to active use for our purpose and our mission.

While the Camp is the backbone of this organization, to formulate a coherent and cohesive message that will resonate throughout our Army, Divisions, Brigades and Camps we must have strong representation at every level of the SCV, including on the General Executive Council. We must have people with experience and who can bring new ideas to the table, as well as who can work with the others in elected positions. Gentlemen, I believe I have the ideas and that experience and, after much thought and prayer, it is with great reverence for you and all that you are doing for our Cause that I announce my candidacy for the position of Commander of the Army of Tennessee and humbly ask for your support. I am,

Yours in the Cause,

Carl Jones

Councilman

Army of Tennessee

Sons of Confederate Veterans



**ROY P. HUDSON
FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COUNCILMAN
2024**

COMPATRIOTS,

MY NAME IS ROY HUDSON AND I AM SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF AOT COUNCILMAN. I HAVE COME TO THIS DECISION AFTER A LOT OF SOUL SEARCHING, PRAYER, AND DISCUSSION WITH FAMILY AND FELLOW COMPATRIOTS.

I HAVE BEEN A SCV MEMBER SINCE 1991. I AM A LIFE MEMBER OF THE SCV. AT THE CAMP LEVEL I HAVE HELD ALMOST EVERY OFFICE INCLUDING COMMANDER, HAVING CHARTERED THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST CAMP #1595 .

MY CURRENT DUTIES INCLUDE FIRST LT. COMMANDER OF THE CAPTAIN J.J. DICKISON CAMP #1387 IN MELBOURNE, FL., SERGEANT OF THE THIRD BATTALION COMPANY D, OF THE MECHANIZED CAVALRY, DIVISION LT. COMMANDER OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AND SERVE AS THE INSPECTOR IN CHIEF ON THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE SCV.

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MANY SCV EVENTS, PUBLIC EVENTS AND GIVEN MANY HISTORICAL LECTURES. I CURRENTLY AM ON THE FLORIDA DIVISION'S SPEAKERS BUREAU.

IN MY WORKING LIFE I SPENT 49 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVING IN ALL POSITIONS FROM DEPUTY TO CHIEF. I HAVE MANAGED HUNDREDS OF PERSONNEL AND OVERSAW A 50 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET.

WHEN I RETIRED 2 YEARS AGO, I MADE THE COMMITMENT THAT THE SCV WOULD BE MY NEW FULL TIME CAREER. I KNOW THAT MY BACKGROUND, LIFE EXPERIENCE AND UNWAVERING LOVE FOR THE SCV , WILL ASSURE THAT I HAVE THE ABILITY AND PASSION TO DO THE JOB .

IN TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. WE DO NEED TO WORK ESPECIALLY ON RETENTION. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I HEAR CONSTANTLY IS THE AVERAGE COMPATRIOT FEELS THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. I DO COMMIT TO MAKING MYSELF A CONDUIT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AOT TO GET THEIR IDEAS AND CONCERNS TO THE GEC.

I HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE IN THE NEXT YEAR TO MEET AND DISCUSS YOUR PRIORITIES FOR OUR SCV.

DEO VINDICE

ROY P. HUDSON



Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Army of Tennessee Councilman. I have been lucky to have the SCV as a part of my life for almost 30 years. I remember attending camp meetings, brigade functions, headstone dedications, memorial services, and countless other events that are the bedrock of the SCV as a child. Having grown up with the SCV, I have had the privilege to serve this organization on every level. Despite being younger than our average members, I have the experience and knowledge to effectively serve this organization in a national position. However, that youth also means that I have new ideas to bring to the table that will impact our future.

The main role of councilman is to be the voice of the members on the GEC and to communicate back to the members it's actions. As the largest Army in the Confederation, the AOT deserves leadership that will represent them, will communicate with them, and will work with the other members of the General Executive Council in moving our organization in the right direction for victory.

In addition to these duties, if elected councilman I will push for more youth outreach, growing our social media presence, more training workshops emphasizing heritage operations and a new retention program focused on A.I.R (Activity=Inclusivity=Retention).

Below you will find a brief autobiography. I appreciate your consideration and support.

Forward the Colors,

George Conor Bond
Past Commander, Mississippi Division SCV
Rankin Greys Camp 2278

SCV Resume

Experience

Camp- Chairman of various committees, Lt. Commander, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian

Brigade- Councilman

Division- Chairman of various committees, Legislative Liaison, Heritage Operations Officer, Color Sergeant, Lt. Commander, Commander

Army of Tennessee - Adjutant

National- Deputy Chief of Heritage Operations (Promotions), Deputy Chief of Staff, Aide-De-Camp to CiC, Chairman National Retention Committee

Other - Co-Creator and Co Host SCV_Chat, Interim Chairman Friends of Beauvoir, Commanded Artillery Wing at Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinternment

Awards

Robert E. Lee Award

Heritage Defense Medal (multiple)

Distinguished Service Award (multiple)

Meritorious Service Award (multiple)

SCV Commendation Award (multiple)

SCV Leadership Award (multiple)

Superior Achievement Award (multiple)

Hold the Line Award, MS Mechanized Cavalry 1G

MS Division Commanders Appreciation Award



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
CONFEDERATE MUSEUM
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE!



Fellow Compatriots,

The Confederate Museum and Southern Heritage Center at Elm Springs is the place where we can tell our story about our Confederate ancestors and the South. This beautiful facility is something each and every SCV member can be proud of. We have many unique artifacts as well as a research library that is filled with books on the War Between the States. Our gift shop is full of SCV branded and Confederate themed merchandise. This museum has become a reality because our members had the vision that one day we would be the only source of true information on our Southern Heritage. To keep this vision alive for current and future generations, we must continually support our Confederate Museum. There is debt on the museum, we have ongoing operational expenses as well as perpetual maintenance. In order to raise funds for the Confederate Museum, a goal of \$5 million has been set and this annual Commander-In-Chief Fundraiser Challenge is being made at all levels of the SCV. This is an annual ongoing challenge, it will run from July 1st through June 30th each year with the amounts collected totaled annually to determine winners in each category.

The donations will be tracked in each edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine with a "Raise the Confederate flag" graphic, where the flag goes up the flagpole as funds are raised. Let's all take this challenge from the Commander-In-Chief and see who can raise the most money for OUR Confederate museum!

1. Annual Army challenge by the Commander-In-Chief with one National award for the Army that raises the most funds.

2. Annual Division challenge by the Army Commanders with one National award for the Division in each Army that raises the most funds

3. Annual Camp challenge by the Division Commanders with one National Award per Division for the Camp that raises the most funds.

Additionally there will be one National Division award and one National Camp award presented to the Division and Camp that raises the most funds. A plaque for each winner will be given as well as recognition in the Confederate Museum and the Confederate Veteran Magazine. The member that donates the most overall will win the Christopher Memminger award.

☐ YES, I will help the SCV tell the true history of the Confederate soldier and the South by donating today:
\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$162 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$10,000 ___ Other: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCV ID# _____ Camp No. _____ Division: _____

Donations can be made: check, online, credit card or by calling 1-800-MY-SOUTH

Checks are to be made payable to: SCV Confederate Museum Fund, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Online payments can be made at: <https://scv.org/donations/donation-form-6/>

A reoccurring payment option is available at the online link. A challenge was made at the National Reunion for members that are able, to donate \$50 or more per month for two years!

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

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

Mill, Dickens and Southern Independence *by John M. Taylor*

The War for Southern Independence impacted events worldwide. In Great Britain debates raged as to why their “American Cousins” were in conflict. Two renowned Englishmen – John Stuart Mill and Charles Dickens -- sparred over this very matter. This was not their first disagreement. John Stuart Mill was a political economist, politician, and philosopher who endorsed utilitarianism, a theory that advocated maximization of happiness and well-being. He supported free speech, free press, Women’s rights, and “benevolent despotism” relative to his support of colonialism when dealing with “barbarous” people.

Mill contended secession was a noble effort unless slavery was involved. “For Mill, eliminating the scourge of slavery as a moral blight on humanity, far more than its economic disadvantages in that in general slave labor is less productive than free labor, is what justified his ethical support for the Northern cause even when it involved abuses and overreaches beyond the actual powers assigned the Union government under the U.S. Constitution.” (Ebeling) Mill ignored the fact that Jefferson Davis and thousands of Confederates stated they were fighting for independence -- not slavery -- and Lincoln repeatedly said the North was fighting to “preserve the Union” -- not to destroy slavery. Furthermore, a large number of individuals in both North and South considered slavery more secure in the Union than out of it. Although he contended slavery as the “one cause of the separation” Mill understood the North had little objection to slavery as long as Blacks were confined to the Southern and Border States. He also claimed the South wanted to spread slavery throughout the world despite the fact the Confederate Constitution specifically outlawed the international slave trade. Another omission was that a major plank of the 1860 Republican Party Platform was an option of a high protective tariff. Unsurprisingly, Mill became a hero to many in the North.

Charles Dickens was one of the greatest writers in history, having written *A Tale of Two Cities*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Oliver Twist*, *David Copperfield*, *Great Expectations*, and many other classics. Dickens was socially conscientious, felt great sympathy for the downtrodden, and was cognizant of worldwide events. Unlike Mill, Dickens literally witnessed the suffering of the poor folks in London who had no assurance of food, shelter, and clothing. Despite slavery’s obvious limitations, these three basics were rarely an issue. * Dickens, who fervently despised slavery, not only saw the conflict differently than the “economist” Mill, he observed the patent hypocrisy of the North: “Slavery has in reality nothing on earth to do with it, in any kind of association with any generous or chivalrous sentiment on the part of the North. But the North having gradually got to itself the making of the laws and the settlement of the tariffs, and having taxed (the) South most abominably for its own advantage, began to see, ...that unless it advocated the laying down of a geographical line beyond which slavery should not extend, the South would...recover its old political power, and be able to help itself a little in the adjustment of the commercial affairs. Every reasonable creature may know...the North hates the Negro, and until it was convenient to make a pretense that sympathy with him was the cause of the War, it hated the Abolitionists and derided them up hill and down. For the rest, there's not a pins difference between the two parties.” “As to Secession being Rebellion, it is distinctly provable by State papers that Washington, considered it no such thing – that Massachusetts, now loudest against it, has itself asserted its right to secede, again and again – and that...when the two Carolinas began to train their militia expressly for Secession, commissioners sent to treat with them and to represent the disastrous policy...never hinted it would be rebellion.” (RCOcean)

Additionally, Dickens understood agrarian vs. industrial economics and the constitutional requirement that taxes “shall be uniform” throughout; this seemed to escape the economist Mill. Dickens saw the conflict as a “fiscal quarrel,” not an effort to defend or end slavery: “The Northern onslaught upon slavery was no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern States.” (Kizer)

He also recognized the immense harm slavery did to the White working class and predicted secession “would, in fact, bring us very many years nearer to ending slavery...” (Adams) Echoing Dickens, Union General Donn Piatt stated, ““Lincoln well knew that the North was not fighting to free slaves, nor was the South fighting to preserve slavery. In that awful conflict slavery went to pieces.” (Edmonds)

Despite Mill’s contention the war was about slavery, Dickens saw through that façade and his response could be properly phrased as “Bah! Humbug!”



In the Alabama Division, the Prattville Dragoons camp spent time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army as part of their community outreach program.



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans' member Arthur Harris presents the camps' donation for Toys for Tots of two plus boxes of toys and a check for \$590.00.



Ed Butler, former Commander of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was the keynote speaker at the December meeting for Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville. Mr. Butler gave a presentation on Recruitment



Congratulations to this years "Camp Member of the Year!" 1st Lt Commander Alan Spence of the Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373, Mississippi Division.. He received this at the camps Christmas social on December 14th 2023.

Improving our Image in our Communities *by Tom Wood*

Improving our image and getting ourselves known in our local communities is vitally important to our camps and the overall success of our organization. I have said that the SCV organization is one of the best well-kept secrets in our communities. We need to ask ourselves why are we a well-kept secret? Are we afraid of the reaction we will receive from our community if we try to reach out? We need to encourage and strengthen our camps and our members to promote activities within our camps, to reach out into our communities, and to get to be better known in our local cities and towns so people realize who we are and what we represent.

I find that most of our local communities are favorable to us and what we stand for. We must take advantage of that and allow them to get to know us better. As Winston Churchill said, "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." I believe that is a big reason we don't reach out as we are afraid of being rejected or criticized. In the sales world I believe it is said you must talk to ten people to get one sale. How many people are we talking to concerning our organization?

We must change our image that many people have of us as being some sort of subversive group of racists to that of a positive image of community leaders and good citizens serving the community in a positive way. We need to get our name out in the community in a positive light. The good book tells us not to hide our candle under a bushel but to let it shine. We must let our organizational candle shine. For many of us that may mean stepping into arenas we are not very comfortable with. Let's move out of our shells and comfort zones to reach new heights. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results, but it will take effort and work.

How do we accomplish this in our SCV Camps? Here are but a few ideas for your consideration.

Communication within your community: Build public relationships in your community. We must be proactive in taking advantage of the many opportunities that exist for us.

Build a relationship with your local newspaper staff. Provide them with positive community activities performed by your camp. Many community newspapers are looking for and willing to publish community events. Take photos of your activities and share them with local newspapers and other social media. This provides great public relations with your community and provides you with free advertising for your camp.

Join other organizations in community service projects. Get to know the leaders in your community. Take advantage of those opportunities and talk about your organization.

Have your camp monthly meeting and other upcoming activities placed in the calendar events section of the newspaper. This provides your camp with more positive public relations and informs your community of your existence again at no cost to the camp.

Write historical articles for your newspaper, perhaps the namesake of your camp or other interesting stories of soldiers from your area. Write about local battles and other Civil War events that occurred in your community that will be of interest to the local citizens.

Sponsor a community turkey shoot or other community events and advertise the events.

Many of our camps participate in local parades. This is a great way to get our camps noticed. It is important to advertise your contact information so people that are interested can get in touch with you later.

Set up a recruiting booth at your local county fair and other festivals. This is another great way to get well known in your community.

There is a myriad of ideas out there, some of which perhaps I have missed, but if we are to grow, we must be creative and work at it.

Get to know your local and state political leaders and invite them to participate in your events.

Like the successful salesman, we must keep asking and working constantly for the doors of opportunity to open to us. We are smart people, and we can accomplish great things with persistence, perseverance, and dedication.

We must be persistent and consistent. Persistence will eventually pay off for you.

Retention of camp members: Here are but a few ideas for our consideration.

I believe one of the critical issues and problems for our camps is holding on to our existing members. Many camps

do a good job in recruiting, but often we struggle with retaining our members. We must ask ourselves why and what can we do? I see and hear of members who do not renew their annual membership for no apparent reason other than they have just lost interest. Perhaps our camp or organization did not meet their expectations. Perhaps they saw no real purpose in being a member. Perhaps they did not feel included or an integral part of the camp. I realize that life happens and brings about changes and sometimes priorities are affected which may affect membership. Here are a few thoughts on helping to retain our members:

Communicating with our camp members is imperative. Let them know through email or other sources available to you what is happening in and around the organization. Tell them or remind them of upcoming events they may want to attend. Remind them of your upcoming meetings and who the speaker will be and things to be talked about in the meeting. It is critical that we stay in communication with our members. Our members must feel they are part of something important and something that has purpose and meaning. Have purposeful and interesting meetings. Get to know our members on a personal level. We are a brotherhood, and we must know and treat each other in such a way.

Everyone has different interests in what they would like to see done within the organization. Find out what they are interested in accomplishing as a member and encourage them in that direction and assist them in those efforts.

Our camps must be active in a variety of events throughout the year. Try to include each member and get them involved in camp activities. Ask them to take some active and responsible role with events. People are shy to volunteer, but if asked they are usually willing to help.

We must provide worthwhile and informative meetings. We may have visitors in the audience who are visiting and may decide, based on that meeting, whether they are interested in continuing with their potential membership. It is important to have guest speakers on educational topics at every meeting. I know this can be a struggle and takes work, but there are many folks who are willing to help provide these programs if you will just ask for assistance.

If our members stop showing up for meetings contact them and find out their status. Perhaps they have been sick or having financial problems. Find out how the camp can be of assistance. One camp I became involved with had a member that was having financial difficulty and could not afford his dues that year. The camp helped him out and paid his dues and he is once again an active member. This showed interest and compassion from the camp to this member, and he responded positively. They only retained this member because they reached out, otherwise he would have been lost. How many similar situations have we lost members when all the camp had to do was reach out to the members with encouragement?

If members do not renew, follow-up with them and ask why and if there is anything the camp can do to urge them back. Remember, every member is valuable, and we must do all within our power to try to retain them. We must not ignore these members and simply let them go without trying to retain them as important members.

I realize we cannot retain every member, but we must strive to do everything we can to try to do so. If we work hard at this, the results may be a pleasant surprise to us if we do everything that we can to earn their respect and appreciate them as the important members they are.

Remember, it is easier to retain members than it is to recruit new ones to replace those we lose, and we truthfully cannot afford to lose any.

Recruitment of New Members: I trust we are all aware of how critical our recruiting programs are to our viability. Many of our camps do a very good job of recruiting new members, but unfortunately, the gain is often offset by the loss of existing members. We must get our name out in the community by using many of the thoughts considered above in reaching our communities. Every community varies and each camp is different in how they approach this, but we must continue strong recruiting campaigns for our survival as an organization. The main thing is to reach out and become involved with your communities.

Always remember that "Success breeds success." As we succeed in what we do, that brings on more success. Camp growth is a fun and exciting time for our camps.

Our camps must be active and involved and our members must see and realize our camp is doing good and worthwhile work and things they can get behind and involved with.

Education of our Membership: There is a tremendous amount of great information that is published for our membership from various levels within the organization. Unfortunately, from my visits to many camps, I question

how much of this information is being received at our camp level. I have spoken with camps that were unfamiliar with such information because it was not being relayed to the camp level. The information did not reach its intended target of the camp member. It is vital that our members receive such correspondence allowing them to be informed of all opportunities.

In speaking with camps, I find many of our members are very uninformed about our organization beyond the camp level, and truthfully some may not even understand how the camp operates.

We need to educate our members on the organization and our goals. Perhaps take a couple of minutes out of each meeting and talk about the organization. Ask questions about a particular item or topic, or simply ask if anyone has questions about the organization and how it operates.

Keep your members informed. Make sure each member is getting the various publications. Show them the publications and ask them if they are receiving them. You will find out that some are not receiving the publications. The more our members are aware and informed the better the chances are they will remain interested and loyal.

I hope some of these suggestions may be helpful to us in the new year as we go forward. Suggestions are only good if they are implemented with actions.

Tom Wood, Commander
General Robert H. Hatton Camp
Tennessee Division Adjutant



Two members of the Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, GA, recently traveled with the Camp's U.S. Model 1841 Field Howitzer to serve as part of the Confederate artillery contingent for the 159th anniversary reenactment of the December 13, 1864, Battle of Fort McAllister, in Richmond Hill, GA. The six-man cannon crew, rounded out by additional reenactors from across the state, was actually positioned within the original fort, atop one of its earthen parapets. The battle was Union Major General William T. Sherman's last before advancing into Savannah during his infamous "March to the Sea." Camp members pictured are Compatriot Phil Brinson (far left) and Historian Steve Rathbun (rear, third from left).



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, member Arthur Harris presents Tennessee State Senator Frank Niceley the Robert E. Lee Award presented to him by the Tennessee Division of The Sons of Confederate Veterans at their reunion last April. Pictured L-R are Arthur Harris and State Senator Frank Niceley.





Commander Tom Wood (left) of the General Robert H. Hatton Camp in Lebanon presented Certificates of Appreciation to three members for their outstanding dedication to the camp. Right to left is Martin Frost, Reed Working and Ed Tomlinson.



Commander Tom Wood of the General Robert Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN (left) presents the toys collected by the camp for Toys-for-Tots to member Ed Tomlinson representing the charity,



Over 60 members and guests attended the annual Christmas party for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN where the Toys-for-Tots were presented to the local organization.



Commander Tom Wood of the General Robert Hatton Camp in Lebanon, TN received the camp Man of the Year Award from fellow camp and original charter member Martin Frost at their annual Christmas party.



End of the year meeting for the Savage –Stewart Camp 522 and the Sallie Driskell Alabama Rose's in Piedmont, Alabama



Kirby Smith Camp 1209 Christmas Party starts



Florida Division Camp 1599 - Adj. Johnston and Lt. Cmdr. Garrison placing wreaths in cemeteries in their area.



Doug Barrett was the keynote speaker at the December meeting of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans. He spoke on, "Christmas for the Confederate Soldier". Doug is the Commander of the Southeast Central Alabama Brigade for the SCV. Photo by Dale Crawford



Capt. Winston Stephens welcomed into our camp our newest member Kenu Turk II. Congratulations and welcome to the brotherhood!





Washington Invincibles Camp 1541 welcome Ivey McClean our newest SCV brother. From left to right Commander Steve Lassiter, Ivey McClean, 1st Lt Kurt Hunter and Chaplin Mike Mcgrath.



Good crowd at the Caledonia Rifles Camp, Mississippi Division Christmas social.



The General Robert Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN placed wreaths and flags on Confederate gravesites in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon.



Ron Jones provided a presentation on Gen. John Brown Gordon at Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87's January meeting held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.

National Confederate Museum Saturday open dates

April 13th

May 4th "Pilgrimage"

June 1st

July 27 "Rebel Rouser Car Show"

The remaining months will be added as announced by the Museum.

Historic Cemetery Preservation of North Florida, Inc.

Kelly V. Crocker, President

Southern Friends,

The Historic Cemetery Preservation of North Florida, Inc, based in Tallahassee, is a non-profit, tax exempt organization registered with the State of Florida and the Internal Revenue Service. It is our goal to Restore, Preserve, and Maintain the final resting place of Confederate Veterans and their spouses. We also include all U. S. Veterans and their spouses.

Our mission includes cleaning headstones using established and approved methods, repairing damaged and broken headstones, and obtaining and installing headstones for those soldiers who have never had a headstone.

We will acquire as many new headstones from the Veterans Administration (VA) as possible, at no charge. However, headstones for some Veterans will be purchased, in cases where the VA will not accept our "proof of burial". Also, there will be expenses for cleaning and repair materials. This will not be an easy task, BUT will be a worthy cause.

Our first major project is The Confederate Section of Old City Cemetery Tallahassee, Florida, where old records indicate there are 186 Confederates buried. However, only 62 markers currently exist. We have identified an additional 80 unmarked Veterans, who are believed to be there. (22 from Georgia units and 58 from Florida units) Four Soldiers died of wounds from Battle of Olustee and three from Battle of Natural Bridge. The VA has rejected some of our requests for markers, already. It seems that "died in Tallahassee Hospital" is not good enough. We will continue to fight the VA, but will ultimately have to purchase some stones. We believe that every Veteran deserves a marker. A list of the unmarked Veterans will be provided upon request.

We need your help! Every donation received will go toward this project until it is finished. Receipt of your tax-deductible donation will be provided upon request. Our immediate goal is to raise \$10,000 for this project. Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donations may be sent to:

HCPNF

2089 Padlock Place

Tallahassee, FL 32303

Or use PayPal link. [PayPal.Me/HCPNFL](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fme%3Fbusiness%3Dhcpnfl)

Or e-mail us at HCPNFL@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

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2024 National Reunion, Charleston, S.C.



There are so many reasons to be at the 2024 National Reunion in Charleston. First, it is an election year, for Commander in Chief, Lt Commander in Chief and the Army Commanders and Councilmen. Who we elect to lead our organization is important. Second, Charleston is one of the most historical cities in the country. Before the war for Southern Independence, Charleston was heavily involved in the 1776 War of Independence fought by the forefathers of many of our Confederate ancestors; Many of these sites are in Charleston or a short drive away. Third, you help chart the direction of the Sons of Confederate Veterans through your participation in the business sessions and last but not least, the camaraderie between members is vital to the well being of the organization.

Whether you can only come for a couple of days or for the whole reunion, you will have a good time, learn a lot about the SCV, make life long friendships and know that you helped shape the SCV for the future.

There are many tours and lectures available from the camp that you can take part in or go out on your own to see the sights that you want to see. Charleston has a lot to offer not only for the history but for its food, architecture and its people. Visit scv4.org for more on the National Reunion plans, tours and schedule.



Sons of Confederate Veterans 129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly or Type



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Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

Email:

Phone #: ()

SCV Camp Name:

Camp #:

State:

Your Rank, Title, or Position:

Spouse Name (for Name Badge):

(Note: Do not pay registration fee for spouse - not required)

One Free Ancestor Ad Info:

Ancestor Name		Company	Unit	State of Service		
Date	Time	Event		Price	Qty	Total
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (EARLY Jan.1 , 2023 thru Jan. 1, 2024)				\$90		
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)				\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.		\$80		
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)		\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon (Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)		\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)		\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner		\$80		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon (NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)		\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus)				
Circle Desired Tour Time		12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00		\$55		
Only 50 people per time slot		Tour times assigned on 1st come basis so times not guaranteed				
Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show		\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour		\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow		\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast		\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)		\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon		\$60		
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)		\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.		\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.		\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast		\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon		\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)		\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian		\$100		
EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.				\$10		
EXTRA Reunion Medal (Note: 1 medal is included with registration, so order extras here)				\$25		
2024 Numbered (1-100) Reunion Medal (This medal NOT included with registration)				\$100		
FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals						

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For more information, please email: support@SCV4.org



**The Sons of Confederate Veterans
129th ANNUAL NATIONAL REUNION**

2024 REUNION SCHEDULE



Tuesday July 16, 2024

Battle of Secessionville Dinner with Gene Kizer, Jr.

Scheduled Time

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday July 17, 2024

Registration / Credentials / Vendor Set Up

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

GEC Meeting

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Fort Sumter Luncheon at Hotel

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Fort Sumter Boat Tour 1

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Fort Sumter Boat Tour 2

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Fort Sumter Dinner at Hotel

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Thursday July 18, 2024

Registration / Credentials / Vendor Sales

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Business Session I

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Heritage Luncheon

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Tour of H. L. Hunley Submarine & Museum

12:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show by UDC

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour (Limited Tickets Available)

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow Dinner with Emily Lapisardi

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday July 19, 2024

Registration / Credentials / Vendor Sales

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Chaplain's Breakfast

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Business Session II

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SCV Awards Luncheon

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Ladies Tour Charleston Market & Confederate Museum

10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Tour of Charleston Battery & White Point Garden

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Union Terre Dinner with Jeff Addicott

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Fort Sumter Dinner Harbor Cruise (Limited Tickets Available)

4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

SCV Memorial Service

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Oratory Contest

8:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Saturday July 20, 2024

Registration

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Credentials

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Vendor Sales

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mech Calv Breakfast

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Meeting of the Three Armies

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Business Session III

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Castle Pinckney Luncheon

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

St. Michael Church & Provost Dungeon Tour (Limited Tickets)

1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

GEC Meeting

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise (Limited Tickets Available)

4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

CIC Reception

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball

7:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Note: Start times of all tours are subject to change pending final schedule.

General Forrest 200 Society



On July 13, 1821 Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill Tennessee. Forrest would become one of the greatest self made men in the South, plantation owner, businessman and most importantly one of the most feared Generals during the War Between the States. His legacy to this day is larger than any other Tennessean in all the history of the state of Tennessee. There are more monuments, memorials, streets named and historical markers for General Forrest than any other Tennessean. Honorable William A. Collier, Commander Forrest's Calvary Corps wrote on December 19th 1927: "Every Confederate soldier who did his duty measured up to the highest standard of a man. But no body of soldiers in all history possessed more patriotism or exhibited more courage and determination to do or die for their country than the followers of Nathan Bedford Forrest."

To this day Forrest is still honored and remembered around the world because of his "Charge em' Both Ways" and "Be there First with the Most" tactics. A natural born warrior and leader Ole Bedford was known for many battles including his famous Murfreesboro raid on July 13, 1862 which was his 41st birthday, where he defeated the Yankees and liberated the town from Union occupation. His warning was: "I must demand an unconditional surrender of your force as prisoners of war, or I will have every man put to the sword".

This year is the 200th birthday of General Forrest and the SCV Tennessee Division is offering a limited number of memberships in the General Forrest 200 Society which is for those that revere the great General Forrest. Each member will receive a limited edition Challenge coin, patch, lapel pin (which is pictured above), membership certificate and recognition in the Forrest's Escort magazine. Money raised will go to the Forrest Boyhood Home fund for the events building. Individual, Camp and group memberships are welcomed. Join the General Forrest 200 Society today and ride with Forrest!

Membership \$200 _____ Voluntary Donation \$ _____ Total: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # : _____ Email: _____

Send payment and application to: SCV Tennessee Division P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088

For questions call: 931-315-9065 or email: scvproud@gmail.com



Members of Finley's Brigade met on Natural Bridge Road to do the road clean-up. Thanks to those who came out. L-R, 2nd Lt. Commander John Bess, Compatriot Kade Kemp, Commander Mark Bess, Adj. Tom Williams and Sgt at Arms Pat Adams.



Tennessee Division Adjutant and General Robert H. Hatton Camp Commander Tom Wood recently spoke at the combined McLemore/Starnes Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Sam Davis Home.



Swearing in our new members at our SCV Christmas dinner meeting for the Unknown Confederates MIA camp 2328.. Welcome Cherokee Francis and Brakston Pruett formerly Rebels of our camp now Brothers. The future of the SCV is with our youth. Proverbs 22:6 says Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Deo Vindice



Nancy Wood also received the Army of Tennessee Ladies Appreciation Medal for 25 years of service to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization while at the combined McLemore/Starnes Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Sam Davis Home.



June is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month



Plan events to Honor the
Men and Women
Who Serve our communities



Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

All memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter.

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

Longstreet Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- 10% Gift Shop Discount

N. B. Forrest Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 10% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Robert E. Lee Level: \$500

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 15% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt

Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 20% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Longstreet Level _____ Judah P. Benjamin Level _____ Patrick Cleburne Level
_____ N. B. Forrest Level _____ Robert E. Lee Level _____ Jefferson Davis Level

Please make checks payable to Sons of Confederate Veterans and mail to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

If paying by credit card, please call (931) 380-1844 or email at exedir@scv.org

Help Georgia 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





Mike Beck, former Tennessee Division Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, presented Leadership Awards to (Top) Earl Smith, (Middle) John Hitt and (Bottom) Kyle Stewart at Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87's January meeting held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.



Alabama Division, Northeast Central Brigade Commander Jimmy Martin conducted the installation ceremony for new officers for St. Clair Camp 308 and presented officer badges to Commander William (Spud) Newton and Lieutenant Commander Ray Deese.



Col. Alfred Johnston Camp 276 of the Kentucky Division formally swore in two new members. Pictured Left to Right is Dr. Tom Hiter administering the oath to Larry Ray Watkins and Dustin Ward.

Welcome to the SCV, gentlemen.



Cadet Major John Daniels of Buckhorn High School in Madison County, Alabama receives the Hunley medal from Lt. Col. (ret) Ed Kennedy of the Egbert Jones Camp 357, Huntsville, Alabama.



Bob McClendon, right, and little Elliot Eddins, and Quartermaster Ron Kiata, left, cut the birthday cake at the first annual Lee/Jackson dinner put on by the Colonel William C. Oats Camp 809 in Dothan, Alabama. The dinner was very successful.



Members of the Covington Rifles Camp #1586 welcome new Compatriot, Scott Missildine and speaker, Grover Plunket. Left to Right : Derick Davis, adjutant; Larry Shaw, 1st Lt. cmdr.; Vaughn Bowers, 2nd Lt. cmdr.; Scott Missildine; Curtis Thomasson, cmdr. Trent Bailey, chaplain; and Roger Broxton.



Ten new display cabinets were delivered to the National Confederate Museum at Columbia, Tennessee. These were made possible by a grant from the Order of Southern Cross. Soon these cabinets will be filled with Confederate artifacts.



Grover Plunkett was the guest speaker at the Lee/Jackson dinner held by the Covington Rifles Camp 1586, AL Div.



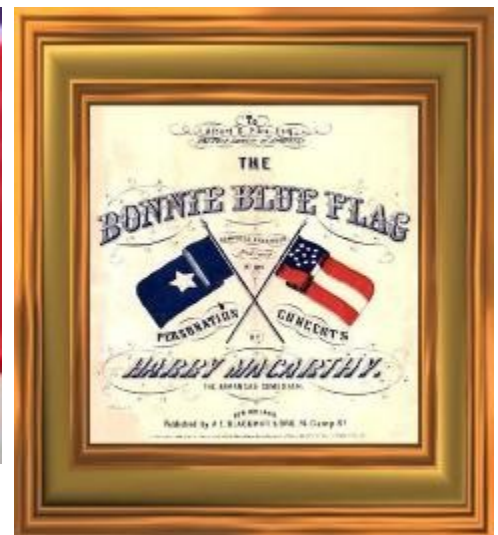
The new year is here and in the Mississippi Division that means the 2024 Camp RAD fundraising has begun. This years camp will be held at the new and only 100% handicapped accessible camp in the state of Mississippi, Camp Kamassa in Crystal Springs. Contact the Rankin Greys Camp 2278 in the Mississippi Division for more information.



Robert Lee and Thomas Jackson, sons of Cmdr Jason and Melissa McCoy became Cadet members recently in the Mississippi Division. Congratulations to these fine young men.



Fort Blakeley Camp 1864 in Foley, Alabama entered a float and also marched in the Orange Beach Mardi Gras Parade and was shown on the local Fox affiliate.

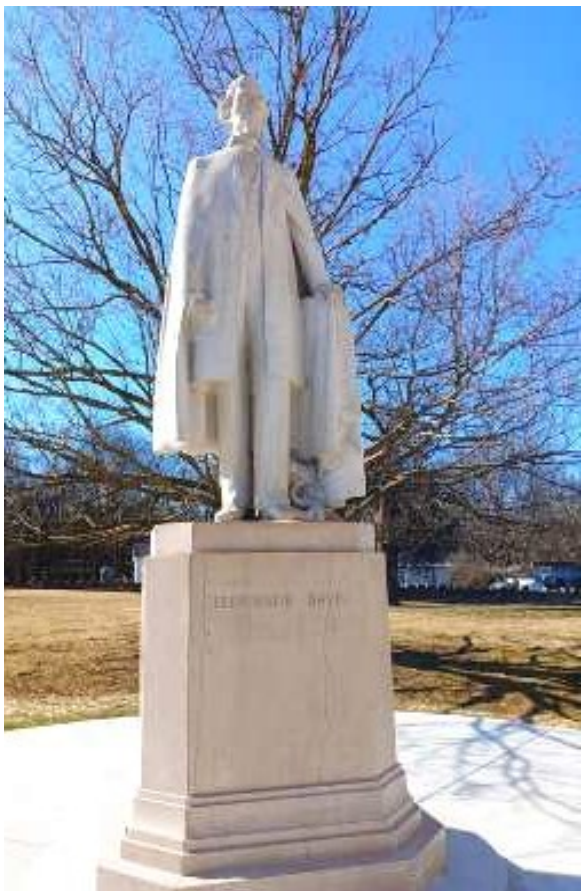




Sam Watkins Camp 29 in Columbia, TN swears in new member Dallas Jeter at their February meeting. Pictured left to right is Chaplain Ron Cunningham, Camp Commander Keith Johnson and Dallas Jeter.



Our newest member, lives in Tucson, AZ. He walked into the building where we hold our SCV meeting in Iron City, Georgia. He asked, "What can I do to help?" I told him and he went to work. During the meeting he was inducted, I like this guy...Jeffery Long.



It's with great pleasure that I officially announce that the Jefferson Davis statue that was removed from the Kentucky State Capitol Building in Frankfort in June 2020 has been relocated and installed at the Jefferson Davis Birthplace & State Historic Site in Fairview, KY this past week.



A great turnout and day of fellowship for the Western Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet yesterday in Vanzora, KY; Great food, good speakers and even some singing entertainment that made the event very successful! Glad to see so many camps represented (7 of the 10 Brigade camps were in attendance) along with the OCR & members of the UDC as we honored our Southern heroes, Lee & Jackson.



Mendenhall Camp, Mississippi Division gained a new member. Robert Grubbs was sworn in and his friend, Barrett Thompson was voted on to become a new member as well.



Inspector in Chief Roy Hudson visited the Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp 11 in Mobile, Alabama. Roy is standing for the office of Army of Tennessee Councilman. Roy is a member of the Florida Division.



Mr. Joseph W. Myers received his award for 50 years of service to the SCV. The Major William M. Footman Camp 1950, Florida Division is honored to have Mr. Myers as a member. Left to Right is : 2nd Lt Commander Patrick Marquis, 1st Lt Commander Lee Hadsock, Marilyn Myers, Joseph Myers, Adjutant Gerald Shell and Camp Commander Ross Barnett.



David Pope received The War Service Medal for his service in Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Pope received his Award at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 SCV held in February in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are David Pope, Commander Earl Smith and Adjutant John Hitt.



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Army of Tennessee Councilman Carl Jones speaks to the attendees of the Kirby Smith Camp 1209 Lee/Jackson banquet.



Top photo: Florida Division Commander welcomes everyone to the Kirby Smith Lee/Jackson banquet. Bottom picture: Part of the attendees to the banquet.



The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, Georgia Division, hosted its second multi-Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet in Millen, GA, on January 19, 2024. The catered event, held in honor of two of the South's greatest heroes, was attended by more than 90 Compatriots and family members from nine Camps, some wearing period uniforms and dresses. The Guest Speaker was Pastor John Weaver (standing at right), well known for his extensive research and powerful presentations on Southern history.



William Eugene "Bill" Potter was the keynote speaker at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration held in February in Knoxville and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Frank Stump received the Robert E Lee Freeman Award at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration Sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 SCV held in Knoxville in February. Pictured L-R are Lt. Commander Kyle Stewart, Commander Earl Smith, Frank Stump and Lt. Commander Ken Stark.



AoT Commander Jimmy Hill gave a presentation on the National Confederate Museum in February to the Prattville Dragoons Camp 1524. After the presentation Camp Commander Stuart Waldo presented him with a \$250 museum donation.



Richard Hatten received the Clark M Roberts Memorial Award at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration held in February in Knoxville and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 SCV. Pictured L-R are Lt. Commander Kyle Stewart, Commander Earl Smith, Richard Hatten and Lt. Commander Ken Stark.

May is Military Appreciation Month

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