

The Sentinel

August 2023



Army of
Tennessee





Volume 04• Number 1

“Get there first with the most”

August 2023

The Sentinel
is published by the
Army of Tennessee
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Jimmy Hill
Commander

Carl V. Jones
Councilman

Address all correspondence to:

The Sentinel
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757
1-256-614-3613

The Sentinel is published in January, April, August and October of each year as a service to the members of the Army of Tennessee with publishing dates for these issues being January 7, April 7, August 7 and October 7. To be considered for publication, articles must reach the Editor at least seven days prior to a posting date. Permission is granted to reproduce any and all material contained in this newsletter provided that proper credit is given. The opinions expressed by the authors of signed articles reflect the personal views of the writers and are not necessarily a statement of Army policy. Services or products advertised do not carry Army endorsement. **The Sentinel** reserves the right to accept or reject content of advertisements.



Find us on
Facebook



Army of
Tennessee

**ROSTER OF OFFICERS
2020-2022**

Commander: Jimmy Hill

Tel: (256) 614-3613

Email: AoTcommander@alscv.org

Councilman: Carl V. Jones

Tel: (256) 590-3168

Email: csa6thflorida@att.net

Chief of Staff: Lee Hattabaugh

Address: PO Box 375
Capshaw, AL 35742

Tel: (256) 529-2158

Email: adjutant@alscv.org

Adjutant: Conor Bond

Chaplain: Dr. Tom Hiter

Email: tyhiter@wk.net

Communications Officer: Tim Pilgrim

Email: timfpilgrim@yahoo.com

Historian: Harrison Daws

Email: harrisondawsscvc@gmail.com



Army of Tennessee

SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS

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.



Army of Tennessee



Alabama Division

Commander: Mike McMurry

Telephone: (205) 965-5464

Email: divcommander@alscv.org



Florida Division

Commander: Calvin Hart

Telephone: (904) 226-1837

Email: calvinhart@bellsouth.net



Georgia Division

Commander: Tim Pilgrim

Telephone: (404) 456-3393

Email: timfpilgrim@yahoo.com



Illinois Division

Commander: Bradley Taylor

Telephone: (217) 546- 5511

Email: rommelsconspiracy@hotmail.com



Indiana Division

Commander: Del Felder

Telephone: (765) 776-0096

Email: freebird_jr@yahoo.com



Kentucky Division

Commander: Kyle Thompson

Telephone: (270) 703-2666

Email: lkthompson@kyscv.org



Mississippi Division

Commander: Dennis Brown

Telephone: (662) 212-4621

Email: ducksu@frontiernet.net



Ohio Division

Commander: Jim Crowl

Telephone: (234) 215-4633

Email:



Tennessee Division

Commander: Joey Nolan

Telephone: (931) 315-9065

Email: scvproud@gmail.com

Adjutant: Lee Hattabaugh

Telephone: (256) 604-3529

Email: adjutant@alscv.org

Adjutant: Rick E. Roberts

Telephone: (904) 386-2027

Email: adjutant@flscv.org

Adjutant: Tim Hawkins

Telephone: (478) 951-2628

Email: thawkins427@gmail.com

Adjutant: Tim W. Lake

Telephone: (815) 298-4944

Email: timwlake1@gmail.com

Adjutant: Gaylan Garrett

Telephone: (317) 487-0816

Email: gaylang@aol.com

Adjutant:

Telephone:

Email:

Adjutant: Mike Moore

Telephone: (732) 962-5335

Email: msdivadjutant@gmail.com

Adjutant: Brad Conn

Telephone: (513) 288-5426

Email: bradconn96@gmail.com

Adjutant: Tom Wood

Telephone: (615) 476-7255

Email: woodth25@gmail.com

From the Army Commander

Men of the Army,

It was good to see all of you that attended the National Reunion at Hot Springs. I hope all of you came back energized to make this a banner year for the Army of Tennessee and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. For the Division Commanders in attendance, the information and programs, especially the Fundraising Challenge will be of little value if you do not share it with your Division members.

As Southerners who believe our Confederate ancestors were right in 1861, we have taken several hits over the last eight or more years. Flags and monuments have been removed. “Woke” companies have pushed an agenda that doesn’t match up with many of our personal values and it seems a feeling of apathy is spreading among some of our members. As the fortunes of war in 1865 turned against the Confederate armies, they fought on. When the news of a possible surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia by its leaders reached the troops, the men of that army wanted to continue the fight. The struggle that our ancestors endured was far greater than what we will ever endure as we fight to vindicate their good name and the cause for which they fought.

Over the years since I have been a member I have heard a couple of phrases that really get under my skin. “National doesn’t do anything for us” and “the Division doesn’t do anything for us.” Who is National and who is the Division? We as members make up National and Division. If your elected representatives are not doing their job, then vote them out! If you have ideas, then run for office or bring them to someone in office. There are many ways to be involved. I understand some members will not be as involved as others. Some attend camp meetings, many don’t. **Membership in the SCV is your own personal journey;** why you joined and what you want to accomplish as a member is your own decision. You can be as active as you want to be or just a member on paper. It is important to have every member renew and the camps continue to grow. We could easily be a 50,000 man group if we put our efforts into it. The larger the group, the more impact we can have with our local, state and federal officials. When it effects them at the ballot box, they have a tendency to pay attention. Please continue to write, call and email your representatives. Using the One click politics app is an easy way to get your message to them. I noticed our percentage sent to Rep. Mike Rogers was less than 10% of our membership. His office needs to be swamped with calls, letters and emails from us.

Just like every other organization, we need money to make things happen. We have a museum to pay for, we want to put the Forrest monument back up and we are trying to defend Arlington. Divisions and camps have ongoing projects that need money. Not everyone will contribute and many cannot contribute because of financial circumstances, (inflation rates affect everyone). But everyone can take an active part in fundraising. An active part doesn’t require you to write a check, you just need to be involved in the effort to raise the money. Councilman Carl Jones spoke on this at the AoT meeting in Hot Springs and will continue speaking on the subject in the upcoming fiscal year.

The museum concept was unanimously approved in 2009 by the members in convention. We all know the history of how it was either pushed and fundraising was brisk or it was put on a back burner and fundraising was slow. Regardless, we have a museum and we have to pay for it. We don’t build a house and then decide not to pay for it, bad things happen when you take that approach. No other place in the country gives us a voice to tell our story and present the true history of the South like the National Confederate Museum. Most people think of a museum as relics and artifacts, books and papers. We have that but we have so much more! You can spend hours there reading the timeline, scanning the QR codes and still not see it all. Our job is to educate the visitors not just provide them a place to see relics. We have a long way to go inside the museum. It will never be truly “finished”. A museum has to evolve to be relevant. Displays have to change, new items have to come in or it becomes stale.

There are a lot of upcoming events that need our support. There is something SCV related going on every weekend somewhere in the SCV. Attend where you can to show support to those working to spread our message. It is time to get out of our homes and participate in the world again. During the pandemic I missed the camaraderie among camp members at our events. Start planning early for your Robert E. Lee Day and Confederate Memorial Day activities. Camps close by could join together to make these events bigger and better.

(Continued on page 39)

From the Army Councilman

Compatriots,

General Stephen D. Lee gave us, the sons, the “Charge” of “vindicating the Cause” of the Confederate soldier. The definition of “Vindicate” is to show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified

I don’t have to tell you that for the past thirty years a concerted and growing effort by leftist agitators, politicians, the courts, the entertainment industry and academia has been carried out against the Cause of our ancestors. Our people have been slandered without mercy, their memories are being erased even as we stand here today and throughout the education system their posterity is being systematically taught to look upon their own forbears with scorn and embarrassment.

In 2009 the SCV voted unanimously in convention to build a museum at our Headquarters in Columbia, Tn. In 2016 the GEC voted, to initiate construction. I was on the GEC at the time as Chief of Heritage Operations and was sort of sitting on the fence, undecided as to my support. My thought was that the majority of museums I’d been to were collections of cannonballs, a few rifles and swords, maybe a uniform and not much else. When you’d seen one, you’d seen them all, so to speak. I voiced this concern to Past CIC Chuck McMichael and a conversation about the intent of the museum was discussed in detail.

It was at that time that my mind changed, as it was explained that the purpose of our museum was to tell a story. Our story. The story of the South and the Southern people. It is not merely another “museum, but it is an education center. There would be a timeline that would explain in detail the uniqueness of the South, as well as in telling the truth with regards to why the South seceded and why her sons took up arms in her defense.

Gentleman, we still have work to be done, but the efforts are well underway to carry out exactly that mission. The timeline is up now and I was told by the Commander in Chief recently that people are spending between 3 and 5 hours in the museum reading our narrative. Commander Hill has likewise gotten the QR codes in place to where visitors can download the script on their phones and read them at home. For every person we enlighten, they can pass this newfound knowledge on to others in their own circle of friends. This is how we spread a message and create evangelists for our Cause.

I want to point out that, yes, the SCV is divided into Armies, Divisions, Brigades and Camps. But this separation is for managerial purposes. We are ONE ORGANIZATION and we have ONE common Cause. The Cause in Athens, Alabama is the same as the Cause in Tallassee, Alabama, Charleston, SC, Columbia, TN and Bakersfield, California. Our Cause is to prove with historical fact the justification of the actions of our ancestors.

The National Confederate Museum in Columbia, Tennessee is, in my opinion, the greatest barrage against the efforts to eradicate the South that this organization has ever undertaken. It is a 16,000 square foot beacon for those who have never heard the truth before.

Moreover, that museum is our museum- mine and yours, without regard to which Division any of us happen to be members of. It is an SCV museum, and it is in our DIRECT interest to support it.

Our museum affords us, at long last, a platform from which to project our message to the world. There is no other place on this planet that is of more benefit to our Cause and our Purpose.

With that said I am issuing a challenge to our Army. I am requesting that each Camp raise a minimum of \$25.00 per member. Notice I said “raise”, not donate. This is important. I’m not asking the Camps or Camp members to write a check from their own pockets, I’m asking you to fund raise. By raising the money through bake sells, barbecue sales, turkey shoots or whatever type of fundraiser you come up with, not only will you be helping to pay off the debt on our museum, but your Camp will be getting out into the public eye which will lead to new opportunities and Camp growth. Public interaction and presenting a positive image of the SCV is crucial to growing your Camp.

All we’re asking is \$25 per member. This is a number any Camp should be able to reach. However, you do not have to stop there. If you raise more per member, that’s great. Moreover Commander Hill and I will be presenting awards next year to the Camps that raise the most per member.

The sooner the debt is paid off on the museum the sooner the money that is now going towards the monthly payment can go to other projects. Please help our organization with this challenge.

Deo Vindice,

Carl Jones

AOT Councilman

Sons of Confederate Veterans

7th Tennessee Infantry Flag Unveiling

The 7th Tennessee Infantry flag left Wilson County, Tennessee in 1861 and did not return back until May 13, 2023 when it was unveiled at the Wilson County Veterans Museum. The Tennessee State Archives had the flag conserved and with a sponsorship between the archives and the Veterans Museum it finally made its way back home.

For the local SCV camp, the General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723, this was the final step in a process that spanned almost a decade. The invitations had been sent, the flag arrived and the program was ready to be given. Over 60 people were on hand for the program. Commander Tom Wood of the Hatton Camp emceed the program. Dignitaries from the Tennessee Archives including Director Ashley Powell and the Director of the Veterans Museum. Compatriot Martin Frost was the keynote speaker. He gave the history of the flag and the unit itself from when they left Wilson County until the flag was captured at Petersburg, Virginia in 1865



Tom Wood



Ashley Powell



Martin Frost

After the program ended, refreshments were provided by the Sophie Reilly Hatton Chapter #24, Order of Confederate Rose in Lebanon, TN. The president of the Chapter is Nancy Wood.



History of the 7th Tennessee Infantry

The **Seventh Tennessee (Confederate) Regiment** was raised in Sumner, Wilson, Smith and DeKalb Counties, and was organized May 25, 1861, with Robert Hatton, colonel. It remained at Camp Trousdale, Sumner County, until in July, when it moved to Virginia, and with the First and Fourteenth Tennessee Regiments, was constituted Anderson's Brigade. It skirmished on the Parkersburg road as part of Loring's division of Jackson's corps, and at Hancock, Md., and later the First Confederate (Turney's Tennessee) took the place of the First Tennessee (Confederate), the whole being called the "First Tennessee Brigade." The Seventh participated in the Yorktown campaign, and later Goodner was commissioned colonel, Hatton brigadier, and G W Smith major-general. May 30, 1862, at Seven Pines, the Seventh, in a desperate charge, lost eight captains, half its privates, and Brig.-Gen. Hatton. In the "seven days" battles it fought with notable daring and dash at Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mills, Frazier's Farm, Malvern Hill and elsewhere, losing many valuable men. It lost heavily at Culpepper Court House, and at Bull Run, Company H lost all its men killed or wounded, a remarkable circumstance. At Centerville, Bolivar Heights and Antietam the Seventh fought with conspicuous valor, losing at the latter battle over thirty of less than 100 engaged. At Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville it sustained severe loss amid brilliant action on the field. At Gettysburg it commenced the attack, losing the first man on the Confederate side, being held in reserve the second day, and conjointly with Pickett's division, on the third day, forming the column which made the historic and headlong charge on Cemetery Hill. *When the men of the 7th Tennessee who had advanced the farthest were cut off and about to be captured, Captain A.D. Norris ripped the flag from the staff and carried it to safety. It was the only flag in Archer's Brigade that survived the battle, although three standard bearers were lost carrying it.* In the Wilderness, at Spotsylvania, at Petersburg, on Weldon Railroad, at Fort Archer and in a multitude of skirmishes, the Seventh bore an honorable and conspicuous part. Forty-seven sad-hearted, noble men surrendered at Appomattox.

General Robert H. Hatton



Robert Hopkins Hatton (November 2, 1826 – May 31, 1862) was a lawyer and politician from Tennessee. He was a state legislator and US Representative, and a Confederate general.

Hatton was born in either Steubenville or Youngstown, Ohio (sources differ). His father, Rev. Robert Clopton Hatton, was a Methodist preacher. Early in his life, in 1842, his family moved to Tennessee. He graduated from Cumberland University, then studied law there at Cumberland School of Law. He established a successful practice in Lebanon, Tennessee, after passing the bar exam in 1850. He joined the Whig Party and was elected to the State Legislature in 1855. He unsuccessfully ran for governor in 1857. In 1858, he was elected US Representative from the 5th District as an Opposition Party candidate (the Whig party had collapsed). In the Thirty-sixth Congress, he served as chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Navy.

Hatton believed that the Union should be preserved and initially opposed secession. However, after President Lincoln called for volunteers to put down rebellion, Hatton became a secessionist. He formed a Confederate military unit, the Lebanon Blues, which became a part of the 7th Tennessee Infantry. Hatton was soon elected as colonel of the regiment, which was sent to western Virginia in July 1861.

In 1862, Hatton and his men were ordered to the Richmond area to oppose the Federal drive on the Confederate capital. During the resulting Peninsula Campaign, Hatton served with distinction, and on May 23, 1862, he was promoted to brigadier general of the 4th Brigade, 1st Division, Army of Northern Virginia; this appointment was not confirmed by the Confederate Congress. Just eight days later, he was shot in the head and killed while leading his Tennessee Brigade at the Battle of Fair Oaks.

His body was returned to Tennessee for burial, but because Middle Tennessee was occupied by Federal troops, he was temporarily buried at Knoxville. On March 23, 1866, he was reburied in Lebanon's Cedar Grove Cemetery. A statue of him was erected in Lebanon's town square in 1912.

Sources: Wikipedia Commons; tngenweb.org; Find a grave.



The Otho French Strahl Camp 176 presented its third Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award yesterday to Obion County Central's Jagger McClain. Proud to present this one to a student at my old high school, home of the Rebels.



Otho French Strahl Camp 176 Commander Harry Weatherley presenting Jason Mathews of Fulton Co. High School with the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award, this past Sunday at the Fulton Co FFA Banquet.



Bradford/rose camp #1638, Tennessee Division gave 2 General William Hicks Jackson AG Awards. 1 was for student Micah Collins and 1 adult Becky Reel





Otho French Strahl Camp 176 presenting Chandler Harmon with the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award at South Fulton High School today.



Olivia Sewell, a 4th grader at Henagar Middle School was one of three winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Alabama Division, SCV 2nd Lt. Commander Dale Crawford presented her with 50 brand new two dollar bills. Photo by Barry Pickett



Evan Buttram, a 7th grader at Cornerstone Christian Academy was one of three winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans. 2nd Lt. Commander Dale Crawford presented him with 50 brand-new two-dollar-bills. Photo by Barry Pickett



Wyatt Gray, a 5th grader at Section High School was one of three winners of the annual essay contest sponsored by the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans. 2nd Lt. Commander Dale Crawford presented him with 50 brand-new two-dollar-bills. Photo by Barry Pickett

"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."

General Patrick Cleburne



Monthly workday for Kirby-Smith 1209. Today at Camp Mooney Cemetery, camp members worked to move out bagged leaves, reset several markers with some C.E.R.T. training mixed in.



Say hello to Mosby aka The Grey Ghost, its a 1952 Ford 8n tractor. It is also a mobile recruiting tool for Camp 741 it will be shown at local car and tractor shows with SCV recruiting materials as well as serve as camp 741's parade vehicle



Florida Division Sons of Confederate Veterans members placing Headstones at two cemeteries in Wewahitchka Florida

“Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance, our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that was our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again.”

President Jefferson Davis

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024



Fellow Compatriots,

For those who may not know me, my name is Tom Wood, and I currently serve as the Tennessee Division Adjutant and have served in that position for the past eight years. After much thought, prayerful consideration, and discussion with my wife, I have decided to present myself as a candidate for the office of Army of Tennessee Commander in 2024. I am a 7th generation Tennessean proud of my ancestors and my honored heritage and I will always continue to fight to restore the South to its once very valued place in society.

I am a retired Air Force Reserve Officer with 20 years of service. I am also a retired construction executive with a 40 year career, retiring from Lipscomb University in Nashville as the Director of Construction and Physical Plant Operations in 2014. My wife, Nancy, is a retired school teacher of 25 years, and an active member of the Order of Confederate Rose. She serves on the Tennessee OCR state staff, as well as an OCR chapter president. My wife and I both enjoy traveling and

would welcome the opportunity and privilege to travel around and visit divisions and camps in the Army of Tennessee as your AOT Commander to provide you strong representation and direct communication to the National level.

It has been my honor to be a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 great years. During my tenure as Tennessee Division Adjutant we have experienced a time of growth and many tremendous successes for the division with many added responsibilities to manage. I also currently serve as the commander for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tennessee. I have served my camp in a variety of staff positions including multiple terms as commander over those 25 years of service. I was honored to be selected as the “Man of the Year” in the Tennessee Division in 2022.

During my tenure as commander our camp has grown and been extremely active in preservation of our Southern Heritage. Last April our camp received the “Outstanding Camp of the Year Award” for 2022-2023 in the Tennessee Division. The camp also received the “Outstanding Media Coverage Award” for the year. Our camp presented the “Robert E. Lee Award” for people outside the SCV for outstanding service to one state senator and a state representative who represents our district and who are strong supporters of the SCV and our heritage. They were very grateful of such an honor and are always supportive of all of our heritage efforts in the legislature.

I am a life member of both SCV National, as well as a life member of the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Morgan’s Men Association and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for over 20 years. I am part of the Tennessee SCV Speakers Bureau and have spoken many times to camps across Tennessee on a variety of subjects. I have authored several articles for The Sentinel Newsletter and the Tennessee Division Forrest Escort on a variety of topics.

I would now like to use my leadership skills as your representative on the General Executive Council and to be your voice as we go forward. Communications has always been a spirited conversation in our organization, and I would like to be in a position where I can work towards improving communications for our members.

Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I have recruited several over the years and I will continue my efforts in that regard and encourage all members to reach out. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. My camp this past year had a 99% retention, but we had one member we could not convince to continue even though we tried hard. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

This decision to be a candidate for AOT Commander has not been lightly decided but has been well considered for some time. I realize the obligation and dedication that this position needs and requires and I am willing to meet those demands. I now have the time and the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of this position. I am grateful for your consideration in voting for me as your AOT Commander at our next election.

Yours In Service to the South,

Tom Wood

Tennessee Division Adjutant
General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723
Lebanon, Tennessee



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



At the Army meeting in Hot Springs, Past Mississippi Division Commander George Conor Bond made his announcement to the attendees for the position of Army Councilman.

Conor has held several offices at the Division level and at the National level has served as Deputy Heritage Chief, Aide de Camp and others. Conor is one of the co-creators of SCV Chat, the podcast that many of you tune in to on Monday and Thursday nights.

Conor's official announcement will be in the October issue of the Sentinel.



General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, Tn welcomes our newest member Woody Hawkins. Pictured on right is Commander Tom Wood and on the left is 2Lt. Commander Martin Frost.



General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, TN welcomes new member Ryan McFolin



Commander Tom Wood of General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tn welcomes new member James Wyatt.



Congratulations to the Lt Thomas H. Gainer Camp 1319 of the Florida Division for receiving this award.



National Confederate Museum Saturday Open Dates

July 29 Rebel Rouser Cruise In	August 19 - Night at the Museum
September 9	5pm to 8pm, \$10 Admission
November 11-Free to Vets	December 2- Maury Co. Home Tours



Army of
Tennessee

The next AoT workshop will be held in Columbia, Tennessee at the conference room at Elm Springs on May 4, 2024. It will begin at 9 am.

Seating is limited to 65 people so pre-registration is required.

The registration form will be in the October edition of the Sentinel and will be put on each Division Facebook page on the same day to make it fair for those that want to attend. You will need to email aotcommander@alscv.org after the form comes out. This will put you on the pre-registration list. At that point you will need to fill out the form and mail your check for \$20 to:

Workshop

Jimmy Hill
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757.

Kentucky Division Reunion

The Kentucky Division held its annual reunion on May 27 at Cave City, Kentucky. Hosted by the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #2323. A good crowd attended the reunion which was held at the Cave City Convention Center. A large number of attendees had already arrived before the reunion to enjoy the fellowship between the membership. It was good to see our members getting along so well. The reunion was well organized.



Division Commander Kyle Thompson called the meeting to order at 10am. The Division Color Guard posted the Colors and the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and Salute to the Confederate Flag were given by the membership. Chaplain Mark Carroll gave the invocation. Roll call of the camps was conducted by Interim Adjutant Michael Knight. Commander Thompson recognized Lt. Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy and AoT Commander Jimmy Hill. Both brought comments and greetings to the members of the Kentucky Division. Division Chaplain Carroll conducted the Last Roll ceremony; names of the Division members that had passed away in the past year were read and remembered. The minutes of last years reunion were read and approved along with the financial and membership reports. The reading of General S.D. Lee's "Charge of to the SCV" was given by Chief of Staff David Harbolt.

Committee reports were given by those committee heads in attendance. Brigade reports were given by Brigade Commanders Hawkins, Hatcher and Tyree. Next Camp Commanders came up and gave a brief report of their camp activities and membership totals. The new business items were discussed next. A Policy on Code of Conduct for Kentucky Division members was discussed and approved. Three amendments to the Division Constitution were discussed. Brigade Commander Duties were better defined, Chief of Heritage Operations Duties were expanded and a new Division Disciplinary Procedure was discussed. All three were passed by the delegates.

Donations from the Kentucky Division to other entities were discussed and approved. The next item of business was the realignment of Brigade boundaries which allowed several camps to be added to the new Brigades to better serve the membership. This realignment was put to a vote and it was approved. Brigade Commander elections were held afterwards. The 2024 reunion will be held in Cave City again.

Lunch was held and it was very good. BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw and chips were the main course and some banana pudding (still warm) was dessert. I saw several people go back for more of the banana pudding.

The award presentations were done after lunch. Below is a group shot of those in attendance that received a Division Certificate of Appreciation.



Continuing with the awards.



Clayton McMeen receives the Hylan B. Lyon Award for most outstanding camp newsletter



Lt Commander Jeff Fugate receives the Squire Bottom Award for greatest number of grave markers placed.



Brigade Commander Kris Hawkins received the Simon Bolivar Buckner award for Meritorious Service



Sam Flora received the Jefferson Davis Lifetime Achievement award from Commander Thompson.



Dr. Tom Hiter received the Jefferson Davis Lifetime Achievement award from Commander Thompson



Commander Kyle Thompson receives the John C. Breckenridge Award for Distinguished Service



Norah Thompson was named the official mascot of the Col. Alfred Johnston Camp #276 in Benton.



Kathy Thompson received the Army of Tennessee Ladies Appreciation Medal from Commander Kyle Thompson.



Shelly Graves received the Army of Tennessee Ladies Appreciation Medal from Commander Kyle Thompson.



Streight's Raid Civil War Reenactment

Sponsored by: Cherokee Battlefield Preservation Corporation

October 14-15, 2023

Battlepark at 135 SR-35, Cedar Bluff, AL 35959
(Google Maps Coordinates: 34.2376423, -85.5383545)
**** Re-enactment held on actual surrender site ****

~ Saturday, October 14, 2023 ~

2:00 PM CT -- Reenactment Battle
7:00 PM CT - 10:00 PM CT -- Reenactor Ball

~ Sunday, October 15, 2023 ~

10:00 AM CT -- Reenactor Church Service
2:00 PM CT -- Reenactment Battle

**** Sutlers and Food Trucks will be present ****

**** Porta-potties and water supply available on-site****

For questions: cherokeebattlefield@hotmail.com**

**** Like us on Facebook: Cherokee Battlefield Preservation Corporation"**



At the 2023 Poke Sallet Festival in Gainesboro TN. The Gainesboro Invincibles SCV Camp 1685 and Aunt Polly's Highland Roses Chapter 10 is standing up to recruit, fundraise, tell the true history of the South and Confederate soldier. SCV camps 1685 & 1828 along with Aunt Polly's Highland Roses Chapter 10 manned the booth.



The winner of the Col W.P. ROGERS print is Compatriot Joseph Johnson. Joseph is a member of Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321 in Corinth Mississippi.



Please help us if you are able, to order our Confederate flags for the Okolona, Mississippi Confederate Cemetery. Any amount would be appreciated. Send to: John Hart #2443

1059 CR 410
Okolona, MS 38860-9317



Winners of the Col. W.P. Rogers SCV Camp 321 Real Grandsons Memorial Scholarship are from left to right Catherine Grisham, Grace Villaflor and Sadie Rhea.

Florida Division Reunion



Division Commander Calvin Hart opens the Reunion and welcomes everyone.



The Florida Division held its reunion business meeting on June 3 in Trenton. The house was packed with more members than an election year crowd.



Commander Hart presents Adjutant Rick Roberts with the Governor John Milton award.



The Colonel J.J. Dickson Leadership award was presented to Sean McFall, David King, Roy Hudson and Mark Sizemore by Commander Hart.



Commander Hart presents Past AoT Commander Tarry Beasley with the Governor John Milton award.



Past Division Commander Kelly Crocker receives the Charles P. Ulmer award.

Georgia Division Reunion



Heritage Hall – our meeting facility at the Georgia National Fairgrounds (Perry, GA) with our scale model of the Hunley submarine in front



Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim addresses the members, preparing to announce the Confederate of the Year. See below,



GA Confederate of the Year – Tim Pilgrim (left) with Timothy Hawkins (GA Confederate of the Year)



Camp of the Year - the Georgia Division Camp of the Year – Maj. Gen. Ambrose Ransom Wright #1914

Alabama Division Reunion

The 2023 Alabama Division Reunion was held in Athens, Alabama and was hosted by the Capt. Thomas H. Hobbs Camp 768.



Hobbs Camp Commander Lee Hattabaugh welcomes everyone to Athens.



Division Commander Mike McMurry addresses the delegates at the 2023 Alabama Division reunion.



Commander in Chief Jason Boshers brings greetings to the delegates from the National organization.



Commander McMurry presents Cherokee Brasher a plaque to commemorate his service to the Alabama Division for 12 years. Cherokee retired at the conclusion of the Reunion. He served under Commanders Carlyle, Hill, Jones and McMurry.



Commander McMurry presents Charles Kilpatrick with the Division Lifetime Achievement Award. Along with Charles were his wife Betty and daughters LeeAnn and Cindy.



Tallassee Camp Commander Randall Hughey presents artifacts to Executive Director Adam Southern and CiC Jason Boshers for the museum at Elm Springs.



Brig. General John Scales spoke at the awards banquet on Forrest's Raids in Ala..

Mississippi Division Reunion



Many thanks to the Camps who helped make up the 5th Brigade Honor and Color Guard this weekend for Division Convention at Beauvoir. Camps represented were: Shieldsboro Rifles 2263, Live Oak Rifles 2236, Gainesville Volunteers 373, Sam Davis 596, Lowry Rifles 1740, Simpson Fencibles 2336 and Stephen Mallory 1315 (Pensacola, FL).



Commander Conor Bond at the Mississippi Division Reunion. At the end of the day he was Past Commander.



New Division Commander Dennis Brown of the Mississippi Division assumes command.



New 1st Lt. Division Commander Forrest Daws and Harrison Daws, 5th Brigade Councilman.



Swearing in the new officers at the Mississippi Division Reunion



Mr. Chuck Landry was presented with the recruiter of the year award. Chuck is a member of Col. W.P. Rogers camp 321 in Corinth, MS.



SCV Executive Director Adam Southern and National Membership Coordinator Eric Previti presented a Hunley Award to a worthy JROTC cadet from Columbia, Tennessee on the steps of Historic Elm Springs. The Hunley Award goes "to a rising second year Cadet or Midshipman who demonstrates the qualities of honor, courage and, in particular, commitment to his/her unit throughout the school year." Congratulations Treisa Biggs for your devotion and hard work.



A record attendance at the recent Memorial Day Service sponsored by the General Robert H Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN. State Senator Mark Pody received the Robert E Lee award for outstanding support to the SCV as a Tennessee State Senator. The keynote speaker was State Senator Janice Bowling.



Members of the W.P Rogers Camp 321 of the Mississippi Division attend the Memorial Service at the Main Confederate Burial Trench at the Shiloh Battlefield Park.



The Gen'l Jubal A. Early Camp 556 held our meeting at the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City, and we had a great turnout. Compatriot Jim Armitage did a presentation on his ancestors from the DeVane family, and Commander David King had the honor of swearing in two new members. all!



SCV_CHAT
RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME

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%3Fbusinessid%3DHCPNFL)

Or e-mail us at HCPNFL@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

Kelly V Crocker *Kelly*

850-339-3051

HCPNFL@gmail.com



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





Former Tennessee Division Commander Ed Butler spoke at the June meeting of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville,



Sgt. Park giving the history of Decoration Day at the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV remembrance of Confederate Decoration Day



Longstreet-Zollicoffer, Camp 87, SCV welcomed a new member into its ranks at its June meeting at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new member Logan A. Stokley and Adjutant John Hitt.



Ken Stark received the Confederate War Service Medal from Adjutant John Hitt at the Confederate Decoration Day event held by the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87.



Commander Tom Wood welcomes our newest member James Wyatt to the General Robert H Hatton Camp in Lebanon, Tennessee



Former Tennessee Division Commander Mike Beck was the keynote speaker at the Confederate Memorial Day service held by the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87.

Lincoln, Republicans, and Corporate Welfare *by John M. Taylor*

"I supported President Lincoln. I believed his war policy would be the only way to save the country, but I see my mistake. I visited Washington a few weeks ago, and I saw the corruption of the present administration—and so long as Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet are in power, so long will war continue. And for what? For the preservation of the Constitution and the Union? No, but for the sake of politicians and government contractors."

J.P. Morgan—American financier and banker, 1864.

Many individuals are familiar with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's warning about the "military-industrial complex" in his January 17, 1961, Farewell Address. The crux of this foreboding was to be leery of the military-industrial establishment's propensity to influence America's actions at home and abroad. Although this primarily referenced "war for profit" (echoing Smedley Darlington Butler's description of the war profiteers in his book, *War is a Racket*), it is not always confined to the war industry. Indeed, the intertwining of corporations and government can extend to multiple industries. Corporate welfare is typically manifested in the form of special favors, grants, tax breaks, etc.

Abe Lincoln's political career was intimately connected to corporate and banking interests. In 1832 Lincoln described his political philosophy: "I am in favor of a national bank. I am in favor of the internal improvement system, and a high protective tariff." These beliefs remained consistent, whether he was a Whig or a Republican.

The Republican Party was the amalgamation of several factions, one being the Protectionist Wing of the defunct Whig Party. This sect's philosophy mirrored many of the early Federalists relative to Lincoln's aforementioned trifecta of political thought. When Lincoln, a minority president, came to power, astute Southerners anticipated what was in store. A modern example that puts it in clear perspective appears in the AMC show *Hell on Wheels*, where Thomas Durant describes a circuitous railroad route to the bewilderment of some observers. The route is drawn to maximize per mile federal subsidies and line the pockets of the group with direct financial interest in the railroads. Many of Lincoln's supporters would reap the rewards of this venture.

As one of the highest paid lawyers in the country, Lincoln's services were in high demand, especially by the railroads. He won numerous cases that benefitted the railroad industry and received many personal benefits in return. The Union Pacific Railroad, approved by Congress on July 1, 1862, was a key part of West Coast railroad expansion. [Massachusetts-born Thomas Clark "Doc" Durant was intimately connected to the Union Pacific, serving as its Vice-President. He was also part of the Credit Mobilier scandal.] Given the responsibility of naming the terminus of the newly created railroad, Lincoln selected Council Bluffs, Iowa; he owned property in the area. In one pen stroke Lincoln was able to greatly increase the value of his own property.

Many Southerners were aware of Lincoln and his ilk and the Confederate Constitution reflected it. One upgrade over the original constitution was the way the corporate welfare/internal improvements agenda was handled. From the outset, many Southerners complained about the ambiguously worded General Welfare Clause; Patrick Henry and others saw it as an open door for federal interventionism. The U.S. Constitution stated "...provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States" whereas the Confederate Constitution stated "provide for the common defence, and carry on the government of the Confederate States..." This rewording was designed to lessen the chance of corporate/government abuse.

Not only did the Confederate Constitution "clean up" the "General Welfare Clause" it supported free trade and opposed protectionism. Article I, Section 8, Clause 2 stated: "but no bounties shall be granted from the Treasury; nor shall any duties or taxes on importation from foreign nations be laid to foster any branch of industry." [This wording is not in the U.S. Constitution.] This was clearly aimed at the Republican agenda of protecting industries that fostered cozy relationships with political leaders or parties.

(Continued on page 29)

(Continued from page 28)

The Southern States had fought the corporate welfare efforts of these political factions since the beginning of the republic. This “internal improvements” agenda went hand-in-hand with corporate welfare. Economist Randall Holcombe explained: “Southern Founders sought to prohibit general revenues from being used for the benefit of special interests. Tax revenues were to be spent for programs that benefited everyone, not a specific segment of the population.” As another way to deter financial shenanigans, the Confederate Constitution gave its president a line item veto, where parts of a bill could be removed.

It is not surprising that so many modern Democrats, Republicans, Neoconservatives, Globalists, Socialists, etc., place Lincoln on a pedestal. As J.P. Morgan noted, Lincoln and his cabinet were masters of corruption and connecting favored industries with government.

Sources: “The Confederate Constitution,” by Randall Holcombe, from The Free Market, June 1992; “Defining Differences Between the United States and Confederate Constitution,” by Vito Mussomeli, from the Abbeville Blog, March 2019; Union At All Costs, by John M. Taylor; and Mildred Lewis Rutherford, A True Estimate of Abraham Lincoln & Vindication of the South (Wiggins, Mississippi: Crown Rights Book Company, 1997.). **The J.P. Morgan quote appeared on page 11 of the December 25, 1922, edition of Barron’s. Original source: New Haven Register; copied in New York World, September 15, 1864. It was reprinted in Rutherford’s book. Also, in Hear that Lonesome Whistle Blow, Dee Brown covers much of the greed surrounding Western Railroad expansion.



Surrender site of Colonel Able Streight to General Nathan Bedford Forrest.
Cedar Bluff, Alabama
Owned by the Alabama Division



New member for the Woodall Bridge Camp 296 - Pictured from left to right Commander Roger Hill, 1st Lt. David Sims new member Jayce Johnson and 2nd Lt. Anthony Pugh



John Hunt Morgan Camp 270, Tennessee Division set up at the Coopertown Barrel Festival.



The Myth of the Morally Superior” Yankee”

When we hear the word Yankee mentioned in a conversation what automatically enters our mind? We typically think of a Yankee as someone who had the misfortune of being born north of the Mason-Dixon line. When we talk to people and they tell us they were born up north, but yet they seem very nice and friendly in spite of that, we want to help them with the definition by sometimes saying something like this,” but you came south as soon as you could, or perhaps we say they were born in the southern part of their state” because they don’t seem to fit the image we have of Yankees. Is the fact that someone is simply born up north a true or a fair definition of the word Yankee? Many northern born people are more Southern in their beliefs and ideologies than Yankees. Then there are those who are born in the South because of their attitudes and arrogance we wonder if they are not really Yankees in disguise

Author Thomas J. DiLorenzo in his excellent book Lincoln Unmasked has a chapter entitled “The Myth of the Morally Superior Yankee.” Much of my thought here will be from his book on the discussion of what a true Yankee is. The term Yankee does not so much reflect a native-born northerner but rather a mind-set or attitude. The word Yankee was first attached to New Englanders who were seen as arrogant, unfriendly, condescending, intolerant, extremely self-righteous, and believing they were Gods chosen people. I really think what was stated by Historian Clyde Wilson defined a perfect Yankee. He said “ **that Hillary Clinton, born in Illinois and educated in Massachusetts and Connecticut, is a “museum-quality specimen:” of a real Yankee.** Remember, I just said that true Yankees are arrogant, unfriendly, condescending, intolerant, extremely self-righteous and believing they were Gods chosen people. As New Englanders moved to the Midwest they carried and propagated these myths to spread into other parts of our country.

Yankees never shied away from using the coercive powers of government to compel others to be remade in their image. It is probably not a coincidence that compulsory governmental education began in New England. The latest manifestation of the Northern Yankee is an ideology that believes the U S. Government should use its military might to remake the entire world in its image, all in the name of “democracy and freedom.” Do those words sound familiar? Yes, we constantly hear them used today as virtuous traits, virtuous only if you believe their agenda. The idea of Yankee moral superiority was carefully crafted from the time of the pilgrims. By 1861, New England Yankees had concocted the myth of a morally superior free, white, and virtuous New England that had a right to remake other sections of the United States in its own image, creating a heaven on earth through the New Englandization of America. The notion of a morally superior New England Society is a myth as described by Professor JoAnne Melish in her book and later the New England opinion makers had to re-write their own history to say that slavery in their part of the country was only very brief and mostly benevolent. The truth is that slavery existed in New England for more than 200 years (beginning in 1638), and was as degrading and dehumanizing as slavery everywhere else. The ports of Rhode Island and Boston were the two biggest centers for transatlantic slave trade. Virtually all of the New England aristocracy’s household and farm labor was done by slaves. Professor Melish states that slaves performed the dirty, heavy, dangerous menial jobs around the household. She also documents the pervasive sexual abuse of female slaves from their New England masters. Does this reflect a morally superior society to you?

Eventually slavery became uneconomical in New England with the growth of the manufacturing industry that required more skilled workers. A few emancipation laws began to pass in a few states with limitations, but many slave owners violated these laws by keeping their slaves in ignorance of such laws. Many slave owners eventually sold their slaves to Southern Plantation owners instead of freeing them. Slavery in many northern states continued throughout the war. To New Englanders, “abolitionism” did not necessarily mean freedom, it meant “abolishing: the presence of black people. New Englanders were Gods chosen people, and no inferior beings were acceptable to them. Ralph Waldo Emerson said “the abolitionists wishes to abolish slavery, but because he wishes to abolish the black man” from their presence. That would supposedly restore New England to an idealized original state as an orderly, homogenous white society. A free New England would be a white New England. In other words as Professor Melish says “they apparently hoped to create a superior master race.”

Professor Melish says that “free blacks in New England were horribly abused in inhumane ways. New Englanders were bombarded with graphic representations of blacks as preposterous, stupid or evil beings. There was even a version of the Ku Klux Klan long before any such thing arrived down South. Free blacks in New England were urged to leave the country, attacked, rioted against, excluded from juries, and even from cemeteries. Black graves were dug up so that white cemeteries would not be “tainted”. Much more could be said about this myth of the Morally Superior Yankee but space and time do not allow for now, but I hope you get the idea as to what has been sold to our nation is all a well planned myth.

Tom Wood
Tennessee Division Adjutant

Jefferson Davis 215th Birthday Celebration



The Jefferson Davis 215th Birthday Celebration was a success!!! We had a great time with everybody that came out to celebrate Jefferson Davis! We want to thank our great guest speaker the Kennedy Twins. Lt. Commander-in-Chief Walter D. Kennedy and Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy. We also want to thank Seven Stars Artillery, they came out and shot volley in honor of Jefferson Davis. We can't wait to see everyone next year for the 216th celebration.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV helped place flags for Decoration Day at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville with The United Daughters of The Confederacy Chapter 89.



Sam Forrester, member of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, was awarded The UDC Military Service Award-National Defense Medal, by The United Daughters of The Confederacy Chapter 89.



Left - Commander Tom Wood and member Jerry Hughes of the General Robert H Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, Tennessee unveiled the new camp flag representing General Hatton's Regiment at a recent meeting.



Members of John R. Massey Camp No. 152 gave the Lincoln County, TN Confederate monument another spraying of D2 today. We used a super soaker to get to the Confederates statue on top. Afterwards we cleaned the Trail of Tears monument. Deo Vindice!



Members of the Lt. General Stephen D. Lee's Caledonia Rifles camp 2140 MS Division work at Friendship cemetery.



A memorial service was held this morning at the Paris Cemetery for 48 Confederate veterans who have been laid to rest beneath the soil. We read the name of each vet and their brief service record. Thank you Wesley Frank and Jim Davis for your research and the placement of a battle flag on each grave. The Isham G, Harris Camp 109 is alive and well.



Robert E. Lee "aka" Wayne Tate brings the keynote address to the members at the Kentucky Division Reunion



Kentucky Division Commander Kyle Thompson presents Division Chaplain Mark Carroll with his Life Membership pin.



Two Confederate Memorial Day services before 1pm today. Our camp Col. R.M. Russell #209 hosted one in Humboldt and then attended the one in Covington held by Simonton-Wilcox Camp 257.

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

1st Annual

Yellowhammer Jammer



*Sponsored by the Alabama Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans*

September 30th, 2023

9 am to 4 pm

Confederate Memorial Park

Marbury, Alabama

Musical performances by

**Mutt Cooper, Brendan Young, Ally Knight and
Unreconstructed**

Special Guest Speaker, Chuck McMichael

Food and drinks available, Games for kids and adults, Face painting
Door Prizes, Historical presentations & other activities
Bring your ice cream freezers, pop up tents and lawn chairs!

Hot Dog Eating Contest for adults and kids!

No Admission Fee to Enter the Park

A good day of family fun

National Reunion

The 2023 National Reunion is in the books. It was hot in Hot Springs. The hotel was under renovation which caused difficulties for some but we all were able to get through some difficulties and enjoy ourselves. The Keller Camp did a good job in the preparation and execution of the reunion.

Although the actual business sessions start on Thursday, the GEC holds its meeting on Wednesday and ties up loose ends going into the reunion. On Thursday morning the reunion was officially opened with a good presentation on Hot Springs and the Arkansas Division. Commander in Chief Jason Bosher gavelled us in to start the first business session. Executive Director Adam Southern gave the budget report discussing the current years numbers and the proposal for the upcoming year. The new budget was approved. He also gave the Executive Directors report which included membership totals. We are currently just over 26,000 members, slightly down. It was reported that over 2,200 members have died since 2021. The National Confederate Museum continues to be one of the main topics of discussion. Fundraising efforts continue and a report from Chairman James Patterson laid out an ambitious plan to have the museum paid off by 2025. It is doable and will be in the next Confederate Veteran. You can read the AoT portion of this plan in the Councilman's report on page 5. Donations to the museum were presented by several camps, divisions and individuals. Over \$40,000 was donated on day 1 of the reunion.

Day 2 - Charleston, South Carolina will be the host of the 2024 National Reunion. The host hotel will be the Embassy Suites in North Charleston with a rate of \$149 plus taxes and fees. Reserve early because this will be an election year and rooms will fill up early. 2025 will be held in Houston, Texas at the Marriott Hotel / Hobby airport. The room rate will be \$119 plus tax and fees.

Amendments were the chief business item for the day. Amendment 1 was not passed, Amendment 2 was resented to the committee and Amendment 3 was discussed and went to a ballot vote which was to be held on Saturday morning. More donations to the museum occurred on the second day from various people.

Friday night the Oratory contest was held and Chuck Rand of Louisiana was the winner.

Saturday morning the AoT meeting was held. The AoT stands as the largest (11271 members) and the best (personal opinion backed up by facts) Army in the SCV. Items to focus on were discussed, the one that we are focusing on the most is retention of members. Recruiting was next on the list. A lively discussion on both was held. 184 members of the Army passed away last year. Florida Division Commander Calvin Hart presented the new H.L. Hunley medal that his Division is offering. Several Divisions expressed interest. We have two candidates that have announced for Army Commander and two for Councilman. Tom Wood of Tennessee and Carl Jones of Alabama made their announcements at the meeting and Roy Hudson and Conor Bond made their announcements for Councilman. The elections will be held at the reunion in South Carolina next year. Two new appointments to the Army staff are Dr. Tom Hiter of Kentucky will be the Army Chaplain and Harrison Daws of Mississippi will be the Army Historian. Their email addresses are in the contact section on page 2. There will be more on the historian position at a later date. We concluded our meeting and went to the day 3 business meeting.

Day 3 - Army Commander Jimmy Hill gave the museum report with a slide show of the work done since the last reunion in Cartersville, Georgia. We are 8 feet away from finishing the timeline for the museum. New displays have been put in place, artifacts arrive on a regular basis through loans and donations including a new arrangement with the Tennessee State Museum.

The vote was held on Amendment 3 and it was defeated. The term of the Commander in Chief and Lt

Commander in Chief remain the same. The Resolution Committee report was next with seven resolutions on the floor for discussion. The first six resolutions were approved and the seventh, after much discussion (often heated) was not approved. More donations were made. An auction of various items with the proceeds going to the museum was conducted by Past Commander in Chief Paul Gramling. Over 4,000 dollars was raised during the auction. The business session of the reunion came to a close. The post GEC meeting was held. The only event left for the 2023 reunion was the Grand Ball on Saturday night. The Robert E. Lee Awards were presented and Past Mississippi Division Commander Conor Bond was one of the recipients. The Jefferson Davis Chalice award was presented to former ANV Commander Ronnie Roach. The 2023 Debutantes were presented and the ball was held. The 2023 reunion officially came to a close.



AoT meeting Saturday morning





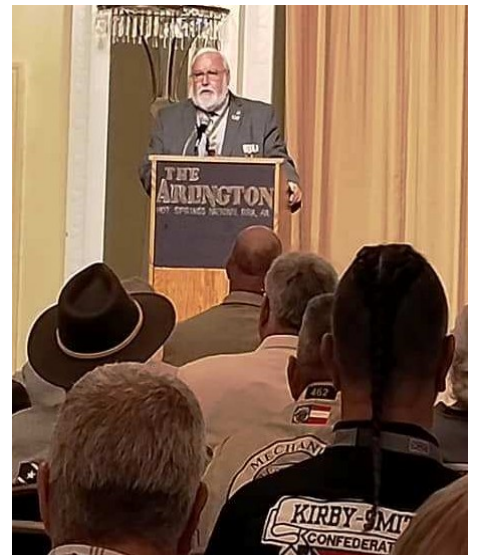
Mississippi Division



Hatton Camp 723 receives the AoT Superior Camp Award



Florida Division



AoT Commander Jimmy Hill



Tennessee Division



Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan presents Commander in Chief Jason Boshers a check for \$11,000 to go towards the National Confederate Museum.



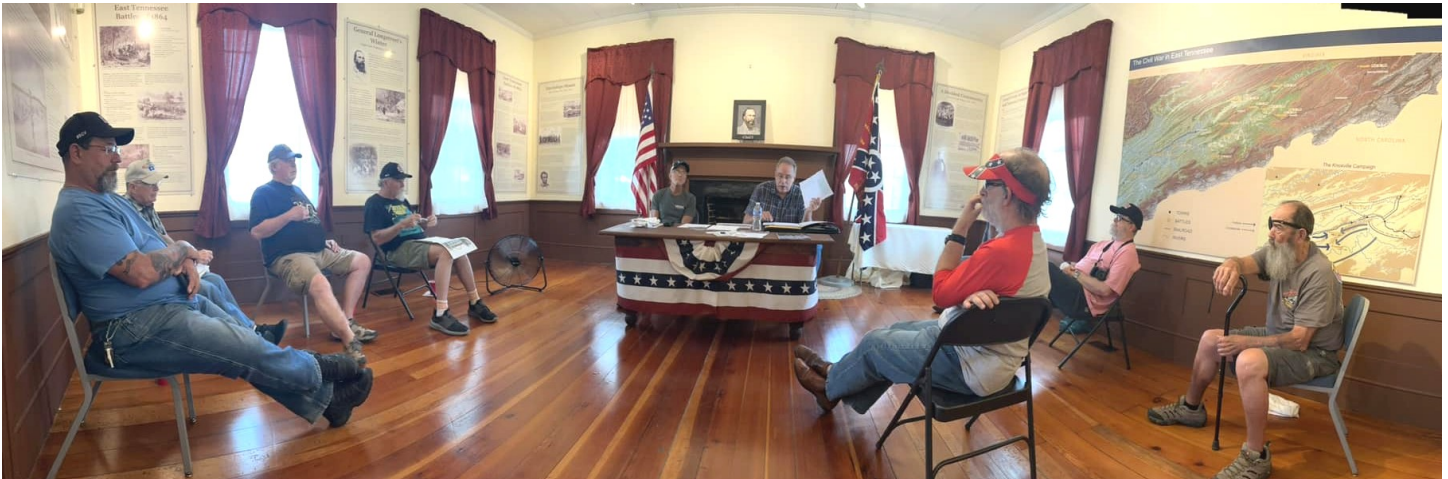
A great time was had at the Emma Sansom Camp 253 meeting in the Alabama Division.



Compatriot Chuck Landry on left received his Mississippi Division Lifetime Dues. Chuck is a member of Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321 in Corinth Mississippi.



John Hunt Morgan Camp 270 at the Tennessee-Kentucky Threshermen's Association Show



Col Bradford-Col Rose Camp 1638 July meeting at the Longstreet Museum in Russellville, TN.

(Commanders Comments Continued from page 4)

No matter what level of leadership you are at, there will be things that you tend to do quicker and others that you will get to when you can. I am no different; I try to prioritize commitments that I have made to the Commander in Chief, items discussed by the GEC, Committee work and promises made to the Divisions. One thing that I let slide (by accident) was a conversation between myself and Historian in Chief Forrest Daws. While getting ready for the reunion and closing out the current years business I stumbled across my notes regarding this conversation. We talked about the need to collect the history of our organization at the Division and Camp level. The majority of information we have is on the SCV as an organization so a lot of history is left out. We want to collect this information and update our history so that future members know about their Division and their Camp. Many Camps and Divisions already have this information, others have bits and pieces. At the very minimum lets start with today. Appoint a Division Historian so he can start keeping up with the upcoming year, we can fill in the rest as we can. Then this information can be digitized and sent to GHQ.

I have appointed Harrison Daws as the Army of Tennessee Historian. Reason #1, he just finished as the Mississippi Division Historian and #2, he is the son of the Historian in Chief and should know exactly what National is looking for or he can easily ask. I am asking him to put together something we can publish so the Divisions and Camps have a road map to follow; he will get that to me and we will get it sent out to everyone. All of the information we have needs to be digitized. We will not be sending notebooks and documents to Harrison to organize. Although he is a young man, I don't think he will have time to assimilate nine Divisions plus camps. We can work out the format that he wants to use and then each Division can work on their own time table. We have some Divisions that have not been around for a while such as Indiana and Ohio and it will be easier to bring it up to date. But we have Divisions like Alabama (and others) that have been around since 1896 and it will be more difficult. Eventually the information will go to Elm Springs and people will be able to access it electronically. Harrison's email address is listed on page 3.

One of the items brought up at the Army meeting at the reunion was communicating with the staff at HQ. How phone calls and emails are not returned in a timely manner. My short answer was, there are generally 5 people at HQ and there are 26,000 members. There is really not a way to answer everyone in a timely manner. I am there a lot and I see them on the phone or their computers a lot. I also know they get a lot of questions that should have been answered farther down the ladder. I was there one day when a camp adjutant called the membership coordinator, the phone conversation took about 8 minutes and I was amazed to discover that the camp adjutant bypassed the Division adjutant (who should have been able to answer his question) and called HQ instead. Things like this happen a lot. We have a chain of command that we should be following instead of just calling HQ. Recently the Councilman and I both were skipped over and the problem was given to the National JAG officer. To get the problem solved it had to come back down to us where we solved the problem. When I was a Division Commander I preferred to solve my own Division problems. If I needed assistance I called the Councilman for member issues or the Army Commander if it was an operational issue. Sometimes both of us have to be involved. If it goes straight to the CiC, I guarantee you it comes back to me. By the way the CiC has a few items on his plate already to deal with. When I worked as a District Manager in the outside world, I didn't call the CEO of the company, I called my immediate supervisor. When I get a call from a Brigade Commander I ask, "Have you talked to your Lt or Division Commander?" If they yes I make a note of the issue, listen to their issue and try to solve it, then I send it to the Division. If they say no, I tell them they need to contact the appropriate Division person. I then send an email to the Division to let them know there is an issue. Either way the Division is going to know.

We have a very exciting year ahead of us. If we do the fundraiser idea proposed by Councilman Jones we can greatly reduce or eliminate the debt on the museum. We have so many upcoming opportunities to get our message out to the public. The estimated number of possible members is extraordinary. Add to that number people that you can bring onboard as Friends of the SCV or Cadets. It is our job as members to leave the organization in better shape than when we joined. Our children and grandchildren deserve it. We have a rich history and we need to pass it on.

Jimmy Hill
Commander
Army of Tennessee

