

Sam Davis Sesquicentennial Memorial Service

Friday November 22, 2013 1:00P.M.

Tennessee State Capitol building

Sam Davis monument Nashville, Tennessee

Keynote speaker is SCV member and Tennessee State Senator Douglas Henry



"Do you suppose that I
would betray a friend?
No, sir: I would die a
thousand times first!"

Sam Davis

November 27, 1863

This is open to the public, everyone make plans to attend and bring your Confederate flag. Either you can be there at 1:00 p.m. or you can register to ride the bus, which includes a tour of Coleman Scouts sites. It leaves from the Sam Davis home in Smyrna at 11:30 a.m. and will drop you off at the Sam Davis monument. The cost to ride the bus is \$20.00, you must pre-register to ride the bus.

This memorial service is a part of Murfreesboro Camp No.33 Sons of Confederate Veterans "Sam Davis, a Hero Remembered" event, which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the capture, trial and execution of the "Boy Hero of the Confederacy" Sam Davis. This three day event includes this memorial, tour of Coleman Scout sites, a day of living histories, tours and music at the Sam Davis home, a Sam Davis memorial ball and a memorial service at the grave of Sam Davis.

For registration form and other information go to:

samdavis150.com email: mboroscv33@aol.com or call 615-890-6194



Sam Davis, a Hero Remembered!

The 150th anniversary of the
capture, trial and execution of
Sam Davis, boy hero of the Confederacy.
November 22, 23 & 24, 2013



Schedule of events!

Friday November 22nd, 11:30 A.M. :

Bus tour of Coleman Scouts sites and Sam Davis memorial service in Nashville.

Friday November 22nd, 1:00 P.M. :

Memorial at the Sam Davis monument on the grounds of the Tennessee state capitol building. Keynote speaker will be Tennessee state Senator Douglas Henry. This event is open to the public.

Friday November 22nd, 6:00 P.M. :

Sam Davis seminar at the Sam Davis home in Smyrna, Tennessee. Speakers will be Dr. Michael Bradley, Dan Watson and James Solomon, author of a new book titled "The murder of Sam Davis"

Saturday November 23rd, 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. :

All day event at the Sam Davis home! Living histories, house and museum tours, music and a Civil War relic show with several private collections that are not on public display. Free Civil War ancestor and genealogy research. Re enactors will be posted at the grave of Sam Davis throughout the day.

Saturday November 23rd, 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. :

Sam Davis Memorial Ball, at the Sam Davis home. Marlin Rood and Ole South will play and instruct period dances. You MUST be in Period dress, Confederate uniform or civilian suit, ladies in period ball gowns.

Sunday November 24th, 10:00 A.M.:

Prayer service led by Dr. Michael Bradley at the Sam Davis home.

Sunday November 24th, 11:00 A.M.:

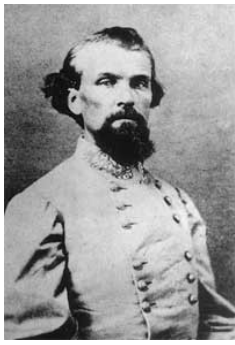
Sam Davis Sesquicentennial memorial service at the grave of Sam Davis, Confederate hero.

All events subject to change!

Directions: From I-24 take Exit 70, turn onto TN-102 N / Nissan Dr. / Almadale Road. Go 4.6 miles to Sam Davis road and turn left. Go .3 miles, the Sam Davis home is on the right. 1399 Sam Davis Road, Smyrna, TN 37167 For more information call: 615-890-6194 or email: mborosc33@aol.com

Go to the website: www.samdavis150.com

Holiday Inn Express in Smyrna will be our host hotel. Call 615-893-9992 , ask for the Sam Davis Home discount \$99.00 per night plus taxes. www.holidayinnexpresssmyrna.com



Forrest's Escort

*The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans*

October 2013



Members of the Division,

After delays with the United States Postal Service we finally have our newsletter. The problem is price increases and how the newsletter is processed through the USPS equipment to mail to our members. We possibly will have one more newsletter mailing prior to our being forced to other methods. Our choices of other methods will be to go to our online version only or should we continue to print & mail it will be necessary to raise membership dues for each member. The current cost for the Forrest's Escort newsletter is approximately \$10,000 annually for printing and mailing. We are just like many other organizations that are feeling the pinch.

The Forrest's Escort online newsletter is on our Tennessee Division SCV website: <http://www.tennessee-scv.org/march2013.pdf>

I encourage all SCV members, family and friends to make an effort to attend the Sam Davis Sesquicentennial Memorial Service on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Tennessee State Capitol building. I ask members of the Tennessee Division to be dressed in period attire or dress coat with tie (optional). We must put forth a good positive appearance as all eyes will be upon us, so please conduct yourselves accordingly. Also, those of you who can bring any historical period Confederate flags to assist with painting downtown Nashville in our colors will be appreciated. We have a full day of events on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Sam Davis home – please refer to the article in this issue for details.



We need your renewed participation in our Kroger cards, Vehicle tags, and Motorcycle tags. All three of these money streams assist with funding our great projects across the state. It is critical we continue to promote these to each member and others as well. This is our life blood for funding.

Let us continue to remember the fight that continues in Memphis regarding the renaming of the parks by the city officials. Please help to get the word out as well as visit the Citizens to Save Our Parks website at <http://citizenstosaveourparks.org/>.

To continue with the 150th Sesquicentennial, I ask for your vote to re-elect me as your Tennessee Division Commander. We have made great advancements and partnerships across our state and I would be honored to continue this journey for another term.

Mike Beck
Tennessee Division SCV Commander
mlb59@charter.net
Cell 423-312-1874

2013 Tennessee Division Award Winners

Sam Davis Award (1 award)

Tennessee Division Camp of the Year
N. B. Forrest Camp # 215

Jefferson Davis Award (3 awards)

Given to members who represented outstanding service to the organization
Jason Boschers, Murfreesboro Camp # 33
Knox Martin, N.B. Forrest Camp # 215
Marlin Rood, General John Hunt Morgan Camp #270

Robert E. Lee Award (3 awards)

Individuals or corporations outside the SCV that rendered outstanding service to the SCV
Steve Farrer
Linda Dinwiddie
Michael Sparks

Edward Ward Carmack Award (1 award)

Individual or corporation who gave the best media coverage for SCV
Greg Tucker

Tod Cater Award (2 awards)

Best Newsletter
Jay Schroeder, Editor of The Cheatham News
Lee Millar, Editor of First With the Most

George Ellsworth Award (1 award)

Best Web Site
Jay Schroeder, B.F. Cheatham Camp # 72

General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award (1 award)

Man of the Year
Lee Millar, N.B. Forrest Camp # 215

Dr. Rosalie Carter Award (1 award)

Best Scrapbook
Murfreesboro Camp # 33

2014 Tennessee Division Reunion

April 11th and 12th

**Hosted by the General Otho French Strahl Camp #176
in Union City, Tennessee**

Guidelines for SCV Camps sponsoring OCR Chapters in Tennessee

January 26, 2013

- The sponsoring SCV camp and the OCR Chapters must be in the same Brigade Region
- SCV Camp must be in good standing with Division and National in order to sponsor an OCR Chapter
- No combining of funds (SCV and OCR) in same accounts per IRS Guidelines
- Letter of Recommendation and voting results of the sponsoring SCV Camp must be kept on file with the TN Division
- Annual Report (due prior to April) of OCR Membership completed and kept on file with the sponsoring camp and copy submitted to the TN Division
- OCR Chapters are associated by sponsorship only and have no voting rights within the SCV
- Use of the SCV logo is prohibited by any entity other than the SCV (it is the property of SCV Inc.)
- Sponsoring SCV Camp, DEC and/or Division Commander reserve the right to withdraw sponsorship of any Tennessee OCR Chapter at any time
- Refer to the SCV Constitution and the SCV Camp Handbook for more information on conduct and governing

Please note:

- 1) Items to include in your annual report regarding sponsorship of OCR Chapters as there is no official form are:
 - ♦ OCR Chapter Name
 - ♦ OCR members names
 - ♦ List of events OCR assisted the SCV Camp
 - ♦ Any uses of the SCV logo by the OCR Chapter
 - ♦ Web address should the OCR Chapter have a website
- 2) Requests for permission to use the SCV logo should be forwarded to your Brigade Commander to send to the Tennessee Division Commander. At this time there is no formal request form.

Brigade Commanders – follow up with all camps of your brigade with these guidelines.

Calendar of Events

2013

November 22nd thru 24th: Sam Davis 150th. The capture, trial and execute of the boy hero of the Confederacy. Events held in Nashville on Friday and the remaining of the week at The Sam Davis Home in Smyrna. See flyers in the newsletter.

October 26th: Turkey Shoot hosted by Murfreesboro Camp #33.

December 7th: Turkey Shoot hosted by Murfreesboro Camp #33.

2014

April 11th thru 12th: Tennessee Division Reunion hosted by the General Otho French Strahl Camp #176 In Union City TN. Details coming soon.

June 21st: Forrest Homecoming at the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN from 9 AM to 3 PM.

July 16th thru 19th: 2014 SCV Nation Reunion in North Charleston South Carolina
<http://www.scv2014.org/>

Sam Davis

By Dr. Michael Bradley

The sun was shining. No clouds marred the sky. The gallows was tall. Eternity was nigh. Sam Davis was 21 years old.

Sam did not want to die; but he was willing to do so. He had just uttered his last words, "If I



Sam (left) and his half-brother John

had a thousand lives I would lose them all before I would betray a friend or a confidence." He had been offered his life and a clear path back to Confederate lines if he would give his captors the

name of the commander of his

unit of scouts, but Sam knew life would not be worth living if he proved himself unworthy of existence. Sam Davis died within a few minutes of uttering those words but one hundred fifty years later his name is still remembered as a synonym for bravery, fidelity, and honor.

Nothing in the early life of Davis marked him as being of heroic stuff. He was born near Smyrna, Tennessee, on October 6, 1842, the son of Charles Lewis Davis and Jane Simmons Davis. Jane was the second wife of Charles Davis, his first wife having died, and Sam had three brothers and a sister from the first marriage as well as siblings younger than he. The Davis family owned a large farm and some twenty slaves which marked them as a comfortably well-off family, though not by any means were they among the plantation aristocracy.

Sam attended the local schools as a boy and, at age 19, went to Nashville to enroll at the Western Military Academy. This school had a good reputation and included on its faculty Edmund Kirby Smith and Bushrod Johnson, both future Confederate generals. In 1861, when Tennessee declared itself independent and then

joined the Confederacy, Sam left school and joined the First Tennessee Infantry commanded by Colonel George Maney. The 1st did its training at Camp Harris at Allisonia before being sent to Virginia on July 10, 1861. In the Old Dominion the Tennessee boys served under Robert E. Lee in the Cheat Mountain Campaign and then under Stonewall Jackson in the Bath Campaign. In February 1862 the regiment returned to Tennessee where it was split into two wings. The wing in which Sam served was sent to Corinth and saw action at Shiloh and around Corinth. The 1st was heavily engaged at Perryville and at Murfreesboro. The winter of 1862-63 was spent near Shelbyville but the army fell back to Chattanooga following the Tullahoma Campaign.

Sometime in late 1862 General Braxton Bragg authorized the organization of a company of 100 men whose duty was to penetrate U.S. lines and collect information. These men would operate in uniform and would carry credentials from army headquarters identifying them as "scouts" but they would still run the danger of execution if caught. Captain B.H. Shaw was chosen to lead this unit but he would always use the name of E. Coleman and the unit would be known as Coleman's Scouts. The Scouts are mentioned in reports of the Battle of Stones River as having brought Bragg information of the U.S. advance. It is not known just when Sam Davis joined the Scouts but it is reasonable to assume that it was early in the history of that unit when the army was located in Middle Tennessee, an area Sam knew well and in which he had many friends and relations from whom he could collect information. We do know that John Davis, Sam's older brother, was an original member of the company and that he helped select the other members.

Following the Battle of Chickamauga the Scouts were tasked with moving into Middle Tennessee to determine if reinforcements were moving from Corinth, Mississippi, to assist the Union forces trapped in Chattanooga. The men

followed what was called “the Scout's line” which ran through the mountains of North Alabama south of the Tennessee River, a no-man's land controlled by neither army, and then crossed into Middle Tennessee. Once the vicinity of the Tennessee River was reached the men traveled alone or in groups of two or three.

Sam Davis moved into the area around Nashville, not far from his home at Smyrna, and visited his family and friends there for a few hours one night and then, after sleeping in the woods all day, made his way on towards Nashville. On the way he met two other



Sam Davis Home
Smyrna, TN

Confederates,
dressed in civilian
clothes; Philip

Matlock and James Castleman. The three caught a ride on a wagon going into town and were not questioned by the pickets. The three took a room at the Saint Cloud Hotel on Church Street. They spent two days visiting friends, gathering news, and purchasing pistols from U.S. soldiers who were willing to sell their side-arms for as little as \$3. On the night following their second day they stole horses hitched outside the courthouse, and rode into the country, using side streets and cutting across vacant lots. The next morning, Sam Davis moved back toward LaVergne, Tennessee.

The attraction in that vicinity was the house of Mary Kate Patterson and her cousin, Robbie Woodruff. The Patterson house was used as a contact point by the Coleman Scouts since E.V. Patterson was a member of the unit. During the night Sam threw a gravel against the window of Mary Kate, who would later marry Sam's brother, and told her he was going to hole up in Rain's Woods for a few days. Rain's Woods was a 300 acre patch of dense undergrowth and cedars not far from the Patterson house. The next morning the two young female cousins took Sam his

breakfast, putting coffee in an earthen crock and wrapping it in a blanket to keep it warm. After a pleasant visit, during which all the military news the two had collected was passed on, Sam took his path further south.

About November 16 Sam was in the vicinity of Fayetteville where he contacted Joel and Peter Cunningham, two local businessmen who had become guerrilla leaders. From them Sam gained more information and helped them chase a U.S. patrol back into town after the Yankee soldiers had crossed the Elk River.

Moving carefully cross country during the hours of darkness Sam reached the vicinity of Pulaski where he knew the XVI Army Corps, commanded by General Grenville Dodge, had taken position. Robert English lived on Big Creek near Campbellsville in Giles County, not far from Pulaski, and he provided a “safe house” for couriers passing through the area. Robert's nephew, Polk English, was a member of the Coleman Scouts. Davis spent several days at the English home and in the vicinity of Pulaski, visiting contacts and collecting the information they had gathered. On November 19, 1863, he began his return trip to Confederate lines.

Not surprisingly, Sam was interested in finding company for the trip since a small party of two or three would be safer than a single person and since the work of guarding against surprise in all directions could be shared. Riding down the Lamb's Ferry Road, near the community of Minor Hill, Sam was approached by two men wearing Confederate uniforms. One introduced himself as a recruiting officer, operating behind U.S. lines for the purpose of rounding up men who had just become eligible for the draft as well as men who had recovered from wounds, those overstaying furloughs, and deserters. This was a plausible story and the man sounded right, that is, his accent did not identify him as a Yankee. After a few minutes conversation both the men drew their weapons and ordered Sam to unbuckle his pistol belt. A signal brought out of hiding a patrol from the 7th Kansas Cavalry, the infamous “Jayhawker” regiment.

The captor of Sam Davis was Levi H. Naron,

a South Carolina native who had moved to Mississippi several years prior to the war. Naron prospered as a plantation owner but, in 1861, he was a staunch Union man in his political views. This made him very unpopular with his neighbors and he was threatened with lynching if he did not keep quiet about his opinions. Naron became a refugee, hiding in the woods and was making his way north when he was apprehended and placed in jail in Corinth, Mississippi. He was released and ordered to return to his home but instead made for Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, where the U.S. army under Ulysses Grant had established their camp. Naron met Sherman and was employed as a scout, using the cover name of Captain Chickasaw. Eventually, Naron became chief of scouts for Dodge's XVI Corps.

Davis was taken to Pulaski and imprisoned in the town jail. He had a good deal of company since other scouts, couriers, and suspicious individuals had been apprehended in the vicinity. Davis immediately recognized one of the prisoners, his commanding officer who was thought by the U.S. authorities to be an itinerant herb doctor. Davis felt it imperative to protect the identity of Shaw, or Coleman, as he was known.

A search of Davis' clothing, saddle bags, and saddle discovered papers of military importance, including eleven newspapers with articles about troop movements, a complete description of the units comprising Dodge's XVI corps, and a map of the fortifications of Nashville. In addition, Davis was carrying some personal items intended for General Bragg, including soap, blank notebooks, and a toothbrush and a number of letters for men in the Confederate army. According to the testimony of U.S. soldiers, given in evidence at the court martial which tried Davis, he was wearing a regular Confederate uniform and a U.S. army issue overcoat from which the military buttons had been removed and which had been dyed black. Davis was taken from jail for an interview with General Dodge and was confronted with the papers which had been found

in his possession. General Dodge told Davis that he was convinced that Davis was a courier but that it was imperative that he give the source of the information he was carrying. Davis replied that he knew he was in a dangerous situation, that he understood his life was at risk, but that he could not give up the name of his colleagues.

Since Davis had made no effort to conceal his identity but was wearing a Confederate uniform there was an argument to be made that he could be treated as a prisoner of war but the rules of war in effect at the time also provided that any person found behind the lines of the U.S. army who was engaged in carrying information could be tried as a spy. Accordingly, on November 20, Dodge appointed a military commission to meet at Pulaski to try Davis. The members of the commission were Col. Madison Miller, 18th Missouri; Lt. Col. Thomas W. Gaines, 50th Missouri; Major Lathrop, 30th Ohio; Capt. George Elliott, 39th Iowa; Major N.B. Howard, 2nd Iowa acted as Judge Advocate. Since this was a military commission no officer was appointed to defend Davis.

When the commission met on November 24 two charges were brought against Davis. The first Charge was that he was a spy since he had come into the lines of the U.S. army for the purpose of gaining information and conveying it into Confederate lines. The second charge was that Davis was a carrier of mail and other information from within U.S. lines into Confederate territory. Davis pled "not guilty" to the first charge and "guilty" to the second. The commission heard testimony from the men who had captured Davis, listened to a statement he made, and then adjourned until the following day. On November 25, 1863, the commission ruled by unanimous vote that Davis was guilty on both charges and sentenced him to be hanged. General Dodge received and approved the findings of the commission and set the execution for November 27th between the hours of 10:00 A.M. And 2:00 P.M.

Chaplain James Young spent the intervening day with Davis and accompanied him to the scaffold. On November 26 Davis wrote a letter to his mother and entrusted it to Chaplain Young. The letter read:

“Dear Mother; O how painful it is to write to you! I have got to die to-morrow—to be hanged by the Federals . Mother, do not grieve for me. I must bid you good-bye for evermore. Mother I do not fear to die. Give my love to all.

Your dear son.

Mother: Tell the children all to be good. I wish I could see all of you once more, but I never will anymore.

Mother and Father: Do not forget me. Think of me when I am dead, but do not grieve for me; it will not do any good.

Father: you can send after my remains if you want to do so. They will be at Pulaski, Tennessee. I will leave some things with the hotel keeper for you. Pulaski is in Giles County, Tennessee, south of Columbia.”

On the morning of his execution Sam Davis ate his breakfast, sang his favorite hymn, “On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”, with Chaplain Young, and calmly mounted a wagon where he sat on his coffin as he was escorted to the gallows. As the grim party waited for the final details to be taken care of the man who had captured him rode up and offered Davis a final chance to save his life by revealing the name of his source of information. Davis replied, “If I had a thousand lives I would lose them all before I would betray the trust of a friend or the confidence of an informer.” Just minutes later Sam Davis was dead.

The death of Davis made a lasting impression on those who witnessed it and many of them wrote accounts of the event following the war. The Nineteenth Century was a time when death was faced more openly than is the case today. If one was to have “a good death” as the culture of the day defined it, certain things had to be done. The fact of approaching death had to be accepted calmly, the person must act in a courageous manner, and appropriate final words were to be spoken. The final words were thought to reveal the true character of the dying person. That is the reason the dying words of so many Nineteenth Century characters were carefully recorded and have been preserved for history. There was no possibility that Davis could have prepared his final words in advance since he did not know he would be offered a last chance at a reprieve.

Therefore, the brave and dignified statement that he would die a thousand times rather than save himself by betraying another struck a resounding chord in the minds of those who heard them.

A few days following the execution a relative came to Pulaski to retrieve the body of Sam Davis. His remains were taken in a wagon to the family home in Smyrna and buried in the family cemetery. Some twenty years after the war, at his mother's request, the body was moved to a plot in the back yard of the family home where it lies in honor today.

The story of Sam Davis did not become widely known until the mid-1880's when Sumner Cunningham, editor of *The Confederate Veteran* was told of the events surrounding Davis' death. An article in the magazine touched off a flood of responses from former comrades who had known Davis and a plan was set afoot to erect a monument to him. Economic conditions in the South made fulfillment of the plan a slow process. In 1906 a statue of Sam Davis was erected on the courthouse square in Pulaski. The Tennessee legislature authorized a monument on the grounds of the state capitol and this was completed and dedicated in 1909. In the process of preparing these memorials it was discovered that no picture of Sam Davis existed so his brother posed for the sculptors. The United Daughters of the Confederacy placed a memorial window of Davis in the Confederate Memorial

Chapel in 1912 and the house where he grew up was acquired by the state in 1927 to become a living history memorial to the young man whose grave is in the rear of the house. History minded citizens of Pulaski erected a shrine to Sam Davis in 1950 on the spot where he gave up his life.

November 2013 marks the sesquicentennial of the death of Sam Davis. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, and all who love courage, patriotism, and devotion to duty, should pause to do him honor.

Today the Sam Davis House is open to the public on a daily basis. The house was built in 1810 and the site includes outbuildings, including cabins of the slaves who worked here. Activities on the property portray the lifestyle of an upper-middle class family at the time of the War. The house contains many items which belonged to the Davis family and a museum on the property houses the buttons from the uniform Sam was wearing at the time of his capture. The Sam Davis Memorial Association supports the house and its activities. Membership in the Association is open to all and there are various levels at which one may donate to become a member. For more information on the Sam Davis home and membership in the association, go to: samdavishome.org

Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #33, Murfreesboro, is planning a three-day event, November 22, 23, 24, 2013 to commemorate the capture, trial, and execution of Sam Davis. This event will include seminars, lectures, and a memorial service. All those who love the South and who wish to honor Sam Davis are invited to attend this event. For more details on this historic event, go to: samdavis150.com





Sam Davis, a Hero remembered!

The 150th anniversary of the capture, trial & execution of Sam Davis the Confederate Hero

November 22, 23 & 24, 2013

To be held at the Sam Davis home in Smyrna, Tennessee



Early Registration.

Friday November 22nd, 11:30 A.M. :

Bus tour of the Coleman Scouts sites & memorial at the Sam Davis monument in Nashville Tennessee Qty. ____ X \$20 ____

Friday November 22nd, 6:00 P.M –9:00 P.M. :

Sam Davis Seminar and Banquet Qty. ____ X \$25 ____

Saturday November 23rd, 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. :

Sam Davis home tour, music & Sam Davis play Qty. ____ X \$10 ____

Saturday November 23rd, 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. :

Sam Davis memorial Ball (Period or Formal wear only) Qty. ____ X \$15 ____

Sunday November 24th, 10:00 A.M. Prayer service, 11:00 A.M. Memorial service at the Sam Davis grave

Sam Davis 150th anniversary memorial service Qty. ____ Free

Commemorative items:

Sam Davis 150th t-shirt Size ____ Qty. ____ X \$15 ____

Sam Davis Commemorative medal Qty. ____ X \$20 ____

Sam Davis 150th program Qty. ____ X \$5 ____

Special package, all three commemorative items Qty. ____ X \$35 ____

Total: \$ ____



Make check or money order payable to "SCV Camp 33" and mail to:

SCV Camp #33, P.O. Box 1915, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1915

For questions, call or email: 615-890-6194 or mborosc33@aol.com

This Sesquicentennial event will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the capture, trial and execution of Sam Davis, the Confederate Hero and is being sponsored by Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33. All events will be held on the Sam Davis home grounds, the bus tour will leave from the Sam Davis home.

Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Home phone : _____ Cell Phone : _____

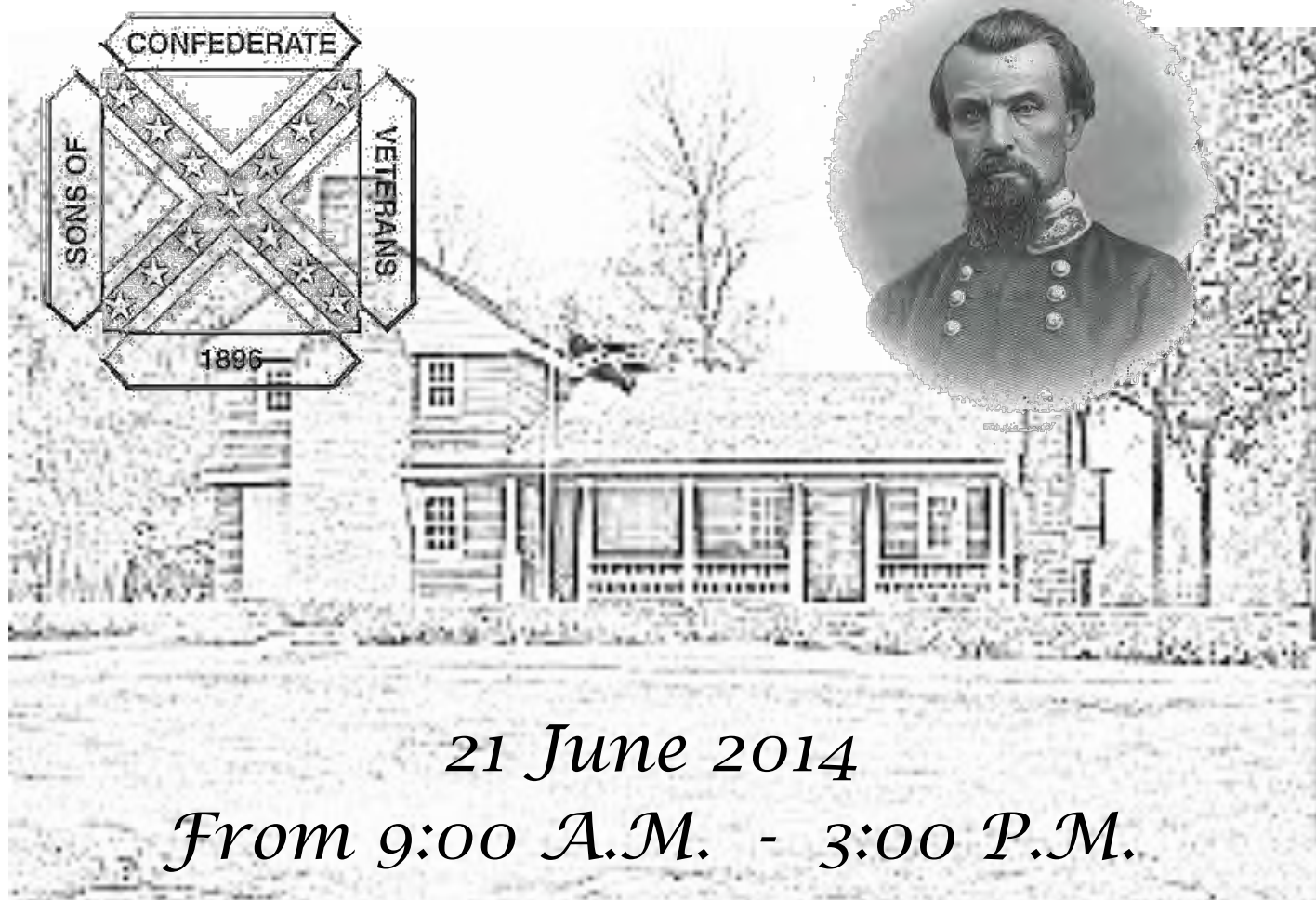
Email : _____

If available, tickets for all of these events will be for sale onsite.

Directions: From I-24 take Exit 70, turn onto TN-102 N / Nissan Dr. / Almadale Road. Go 4.6 miles to Sam Davis road and turn left. Go .3 miles, the Sam Davis home is on the right. 1399 Sam Davis Road, Smyrna, TN 37167 **Go to the website: www.samdavis150.com**

Holiday Inn Express in Smyrna will be our host hotel. Call 615-893-9992, ask for the Sam Davis Home discount \$99.00 per night plus taxes.
www.holidayinnexpresssmyrna.com

The Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival



21 June 2014

From 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Historical demonstrations of artillery, cavalry and infantry tactics.

Historical Lectures

Confederate Silent Auctions

Southern Sutlers

Women of the Confederacy

Musical Entertainment

Children's' Games

Food and Drinks

A fundraiser for the Nathan Bedford Forrest Home

Sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans

For more information phone 1-800-MYSOUTH or

visit www.elmspringscsa.com

Dear Compatriots:

We appear to now be "at war" in Memphis. Our brothers there have acted in an exemplary manner, but have been met with contempt. Lee Millar, the SCV representative there sent this to me on Thursday afternoon --

Gene,

It appears that our Memphis City Council will not be swayed by facts or reason and are determined to erase our Confederate Parks.

We must now resort to the courts.

We are strapping in for, perhaps, a long, rough ride. It will take money to see this through - and see it through we must. This is one of the most important Heritage battles that we have faced in a number of years, so we need to "count the cost." Does this matter... are we willing to contribute to this fight... if we should loose, what then? How do we put a price on this?

I am sending you, again, the link for the legal defense fund website--

<http://citizenstosaveourparks.org/>

Here, also, is the mailing address:

Citizens To Save Our Parks

P.O. Box 241875

Memphis, TN 38124

I'm throwing out a challenge - HELP OUR COMPATRIOTS IN MEMPHIS RAISE \$60,000 BY THE END OF THE MONTH. It shouldn't be that hard... this works out to about \$2 for every SCV member - and this is EVERYONE'S fight.

·**Give generously; send to the above address**

·**If you are unable to give, encourage your Camp Commander to lead in a giving effort - camp allocation, "pass the hat" collection, whatever**

·**Division Commanders: take the lead, here. Challenge the other Divisions to meet your contributions; motivate your Camp Commanders**

·Distribute this to members of other Heritage organizations (UDC, DAR, SAR, etc.), as well as veterans groups (VFW, American Legion, etc) - this is not just "our Confederate problem", but part of a larger problem of deconstructing our history as Americans

·Most importantly... PRAY

This is when we decide what we're all about as an organization... "Meet, Greet, Eat and Retreat?" How 'bout, "Turn up the Heat; Send our enemies to Defeat!"

Let's show the world that the name of our one and only President... the name of our most innovative and overachieving General and the simple moniker, "Confederate" still mean something... not only in Memphis, but throughout Dixie and beyond. Please give.

Gene Hogan

Chief of Heritage Defense

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23 September 2013
Charleston, South Carolina

Re: Offensive PR Strategy Order 1
Urgent read to the end and act ASAP!

Officers and Compatriots of the SCV,

I hope you are well. At our recent reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi, I asked a packed hall; if after all these years of struggling to defend the noble heritage of our Southern people had they grown weary. The body responded with a resounding “No!” I asked them again if they were not tired of the fight to vindicate the Cause of their ancestors; without hesitation, they emphatically exclaimed, “No!”

I then asked them if they were content holding the fort and defending against the constant assault or were they ready to strike with an offensive attack. If you were not in the convention hall, allow me to report, you were represented by an enthusiastic band of warriors to the Cause that, I am sure, would make our ancestors proud. In short, the idea was wholeheartedly embraced. If you were there, then I congratulate you and encourage you to give your highest attention and strongest efforts to the following instructions. If you were not with us then, then I hope you are with us now.

In recent years, the Cause of the Confederacy, indeed the cause of American Liberty, has been under attack at an ever-increasing intensity. The bully-club of choice is mainly “slavery” with the proposed notion that the invaders from the North left their homes and families, risking mortal danger, on a benevolent mission to end the burdensome institution (that was financed and perpetuated to a large degree by their own kith and kin). One only needs to study a little history to realize that that nursery-rhyme was far from reality, but facts will never be found in the arsenal of the liar.

The Cause of the South was simply independence and self-determination. The Cause was quelled (not lost). These United States were formed as a result of a victorious war of independence and self-determination. Our Confederate ancestors were merely continuing the legacy and heritage of that American brand of liberty. But, the liberty ideal did not fit the narrative of invasion and usurpation as was perpetrated by Mr. Lincoln and his hosts in the name of “saving the union.” A new and more globally palatable excuse was needed—the abolition of slavery. Slavery is indeed the very antithesis of liberty, and

what better way to one-up the Southern Cause than to claim the mantle of liberty as their own—hence all the confusion to this day.

Our ancestors fought a bloody, internecine war that resulted in the near destruction of a unique people, who then suffered a tyrannical military occupation that was designed to reprogram the mind of the South to be more in line with that of the oppressors. The surviving Southern veterans of the War came together as the United Confederate Veterans with the intention of setting the story straight and educating the country on the truthful aspects of the War. After the shooting had ceased, our ancestors were again at war—fighting for the intellectual honesty of that struggle.

The struggle continues today and is now in the hands of the sons of those venerable men of the Confederacy—that is you and me. So, now I must ask you to look into your heart and answer the question that I asked the members in assembly in Vicksburg:

Are you willing to continue a defensive strategy AND are you ready to engage the enemy in a front-on assault?

The victors of the War of Northern Aggression distracted their fellow countrymen from the true facts concerning the War. They painted a picture of the South as Hades, populated by demons of varying degrees of evil. The leaders of modern misinformation needed to provide their doe-eyed minions with a chief-demon, the Devil himself to help explain the depths of depravity of the typical Southerner. To them, General Nathan Bedford Forrest fit the bill perfectly. He was a slave trader before the War and led the “infamous” assault on Ft. Pillow during the War. They took these truths and twisted them into the vilest and most reprehensible actions of a malevolent racist—all with the intention of cutting the legs from under the true story of the South. Today, General Forrest has become the poster-boy for the current propaganda efforts. This must be answered to and must be answered to sharply and decisively.

Recently, General Forrest’s statue was vandalized in Memphis. In that same city, three parks named for Confederates, including General Forrest, have had their names illegally changed. The Forrest bust in Selma has been stolen and his grave desecrated. The list of vandalisms is long, but the verbal abuse is seemingly endless. Take a moment and search the Internet for info on General Forrest. Over and over erroneous statements are made as if they are well-accepted facts. On a Glen Beck Show earlier this year an “expert” was on as a guest that showed Beck a sword that the guest declared with complete conviction was, “the very sword that Forrest used to skin African-Americans at Ft. Pillow.” The fact that this never happened is no concern to those that wish only harm to the South and to poison her history. Many pundits have accused General Forrest of being the originator of the KKK, and/or the first grand wizard of the KKK.

Now let’s get this straight right from the beginning: the SCV carries no water for any hate group including the KKK. We are not comfortable even having our name on the same page as theirs. This is why we cannot allow the continued slander of one of our most valiant heroes. I refer you to Dr. Michael Bradley’s essay in the July-August issue of the *Confederate Veteran* concerning the true story of General Forrest. The lies cannot be allowed to continue unchallenged!

Are you ready to stand up and fight for the truth?

If you are ready then this is what I need you to do:

Division Commanders—Make sure that each Camp Commander has this letter and understands the order. I have many Camp Commander's email addresses but not all. This is a time sensitive order and requires your attention immediately. Use every possible means to get this information out to your Camps. Then collect information on the results of this action and pass the information to your Department Commander.

Camp Commanders—Below you will find a link. Click on this link and follow the instructions to download a folder where you will find two pdf files. The link will only be valid until October 7th. Download the files today.

Once you have downloaded the folder, open it and you will find an advertisement in both vertical and horizontal formats. You will have seen this same advertisement in your most recent *Confederate Veteran*.

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The advertisement is in response to our opposition's seemingly endless character assassination attempts on General Forrest. There is a diversion and a bluff and it is time to force their hand. Follow these simple rules:

Strategy:

The purpose of this program is to start a debate, as wide as we are able, to discuss the truth of the South in general and in this case, General Forrest in particular. The people that have made these allegations are responsible for the continued divisiveness in our country. The proof of their slanderous accusations is their sole responsibility. We must demand that they prove the unprovable and therefore expose themselves for what they are.

You have studied the actions and motives of our ancestors for years. Through the *Confederate Veteran* essay program you have been supplied with the intellectual weapons to fight this fight and win. We enjoy the strength of 30,000 men and nearly 900 camps. We are prepared. By placing ads in many media outlets at the same time, our efforts will be noticed and more of our fellow Southerners will learn of our efforts and we will grow stronger while fulfilling the Charge.

Tactics:

Each Camp that is willing to engage in this action is asked to place the advertisement in their local media venues with your Camp's contact info visible. Place it in as many publications as you are able—put it everywhere. Be creative. Print ads work better if they are seen more than once, so consider running it for two issues of the same publication. Do this as soon as possible so that we will have exposure in as many areas as possible, at the same time. Report to your Division Commander on your actions and the results.

Prepare for the counter attack:

For this strategy to be successful, we will need a great and concerted effort. If only a few follow through then the media will ignore us and the slander and propaganda will continue unabated. If we challenge the lies in mass they can't afford not to engage us.

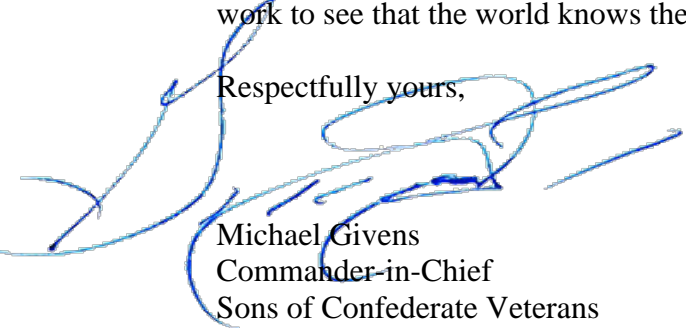
When speaking to the media follow these rules closely:

1. STAY ON POINT! The ad is there to expose the lies.
2. The pundits in the media are the majorities that exclaim these untruths about General Forrest. Therefore, keep the attention on them by saying, "You said it, you prove it."
3. If they try to trip you up (and they will try), simply stay on point and challenge them with, "You said it, you prove it." If they try to change the subject to you or the SCV, answer their question with a simple yes or no, then repeat, "You said it, you prove it." Stand your ground and STAY ON POINT! Do not be their tool. This ad is about them and their continued assault on the South. They must prove their allegations.

If we see success through this endeavour, then we will follow this ad with another to dispel more myths concerning our courageous ancestors.

If you have questions, contact your Division or Department Commander. I wish you all the best and pray for a successful campaign of bringing truth into this heated debate and vindicating the cause of the South. Thank you for your devotion to the Charge and your work to see that the world knows the true history of the South. I am,

Respectfully yours,



Michael Givens
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST



"Forrest helped to organize the American Christian terrorist group commonly known as the Ku Klux Klan." - Thelma Sims Dukes-Clarion Ledger

"FORREST LED THE KLAN FROM 1867 TO 1869. SOME HISTORIANS THINK FORREST WAS ONE OF THE KLAN'S FOUNDERS. THE IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN" - FOXNEWS.COM

"... THE FIRST GRAND WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN" USATODAY.COM

"...A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. ABC NIGHTLINE ROBIN KEESE

"He should be viewed in the same light that we view Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden." - Forrest led the Klan from 1867 to 1869. Some historians think Forrest was one of the Klan's founders....

"HE SERVED AS THE FIRST GRAND WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN." - ERIC FONER
"HE JOINED THE NEWLY FORMED KU KLUX KLAN AND BECAME ITS FIRST GRAND WIZARD." - ROBBIE BROWN
NEW YORK TIMES

KNOWN AS THE FIRST GRAND WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN - CHANGE.ORG
"Ku Klux Klan's first Grand Wizard or supreme leader...he was an extreme racist" - Mark Pitcavage, Anti Defamation League

"...HE JOINED THE NEWLY FORMED KU KLUX KLAN AND BECAME ITS FIRST GRAND WIZARD." - ROBBIE BROWN
NEW YORK TIMES

"Nathan Bedford Forrest is believed to have been the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan." - ERIC FONER
"HE SERVED AS THE FIRST GRAND WIZARD OF THE KU KLUX KLAN." - ERIC FONER

"He should be viewed in the same light that we view Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden." - Derrick Johnson, Mississippi NAACP

FICTION

Nathan Bedford Forrest originated the KKK
Nathan Bedford Forrest was a Grand Wizard in the KKK
Nathan Bedford Forrest was a member of the KKK

FACT

Nathan Bedford Forrest DID NOT originate the KKK*
Nathan Bedford Forrest WAS NOT a Grand Wizard in the KKK*
Nathan Bedford Forrest WAS NOT a member of the KKK*

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Citizens Sue Memphis Council Over Parks Renaming

The Citizens to Save Our Parks, Inc. has filed suit against the Memphis City Council for their illegal and detrimental acts in attempting to rename the city's three Civil War parks. The complaint, brought by the Citizens and nine Memphis residents, was filed Wednesday, May 29, in Chancery Court in Shelby County and seeks a declaratory judgment that the Council had no legal or statutory authority to name or rename any parks.

The complaint asks for a court judgment declaring the council's Feb. 5 resolution renaming the parks "null, void and invalid." It says that prior to April 1 the mayor had "the sole authority to rename the parks" and not the city council. The Tennessee Heritage Protection Act prohibits any renaming after April 1.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Memphis residents and organization by attorney Douglas E. Jones of the Nashville law firm Schulman, Leroy & Bennett. Jones has served as treasurer of the Nashville Bar Association. He is also an author and president of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, which seeks to preserve the city's Civil War sites. Jones, in 2002, was the successful lead attorney in a United Daughters of the Confederacy case against Vanderbilt University over a failed college attempt to remove the "Confederate" name from a Memorial Hall.

Mark Buchanan, president of the Citizens group, stated that this is a grass-roots community effort of Memphis residents with support from area citizens, and it has even garnered nationwide supporters. "We are working to save history here, history that should be important to all Memphians and all citizens everywhere. We are asking folks that are interested in preserving history to join 'Citizens to Save Our Parks, Inc.' and join in our effort so we can save our parks".

In a supporting statement from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which has been the mainstay of the campaign to save the three historic parks, Confederate Park, Jefferson Davis Park, and Forrest Park, the SCV applauds the "Citizens" group for coming forth with this lawsuit to assist in righting the



wrongs attempted by the Council. Lee Millar, spokesman for the SCV, said that "the SCV will certainly file documents in support of this complaint and will do all we can to aid the cause of preserving our Memphis, and American, history."

The Citizens to Save Our Parks is a historical educational non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of heritage and history and the preservation of historic park sites in Memphis and the Mid-South.

Strategic note: we have NOT included the SCV as a named party to the suit because we don't want the SCV to become a target or thought of as the 'enemy' here, be a distraction, or be the focus of any argument in the case. We want the city council to be the enemy. And, frankly, they do a good job themselves in this regard.

Memphis Brigade Cdr, Mark Buchanan, was also quoted in the press release. Cdr Buchanan is president of the CTSOP.

And, compatriots, we really need your support and donations now. This is incurring extensive legal fees and we need help.

Please send your donations to:
Forrest Camp 215
PO Box 11141
Memphis, TN 38111

Thanks.
Lee Millar
"in the trenches"



MURFREESBORO SCV CAMP NO. 33 TURKEY SHOOT!



**Saturday, October 26th &
Saturday, December 7th
From 8:00 am until 2:00 pm!
Win some meat for the holidays!**

Turkey, Ham and Bacon rounds!

Directions: From I-24 take Murfreesboro/Shelbyville exit 81, go North on 231 to Rutherford Blvd. Turn right (Beside Wendy's) go to John Bragg Highway (Just past Wal-Mart), turn right, one mile out on the right. Look for the signs and Confederate flag.

For more information, contact Paul Windrow at 615-427-2071

Meet the new Chaplain for the Tennessee Division

Last year, after the rededication of General Halleck's statue in Lebanon, TN, Commander Mike Beck appointed me as the new Chaplain for the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I was greatly honored by the appointment and I humbly ask your prayers for God our Father's grace and wisdom in serving you and the Division in this great State of Tennessee.

My formal title is The Rev'd James M. Guill, and I'm an ordained priest and pastor in the Anglican Church in North America. We are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Until fairly recently, The Episcopal Church (TEC) was the representative of the Anglican Communion, and many of our Confederate Heroes, such as Generals Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart, were Episcopalians. They would probably not be so today; they would probably be Anglicans. You'll perhaps understand why I believe this later in this document.

I serve St. Andrew's Parish in Nashville, TN, where I am known as Fr. Guill. You can call me that, or Chaplain, or Jim; just don't call me late for supper!

My ancestor through whom I have my membership in the SCV is 2nd Lt. John Mark Hart, Co. H, 15th Texas Cavalry. He was originally from Palmersville, TN, near Dresden, but moved to Texas due to quite a few brothers and sisters and not a very large farm at Palmersville. Captured at Post, Arkansas, he was imprisoned in Ft. Delaware, paroled, and walked back to Texas where he served the remainder of the War for Southern Independence. He eventually returned to Tennessee, and is buried near Sharon, TN. Our church currently meets at Concordia Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 3501 Central Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205, at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings. All of you are always welcome!

You may well wonder why we are meeting in Lutheran Church. On 31 December 2013 our congregation had to move out of the property we had owned since 1966 or so after we were sued by The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee in 2009. You see, we were involved in Secession; we seceded from The Episcopal Church in 2006 because we could no longer tolerate that organization's abandonment of the Holy Scriptures' and the Church's teachings regarding the

unique salvation offered to all Mankind through Jesus Christ, the all-male priesthood, the sacrament of Marriage being possible only between a man and a woman, and the sanctify of life from conception through natural death. We were accepted into a Diocese in what became the Anglican Church in North America, and, to quote President Jefferson Davis, "We just wanted to be left alone."

The Episcopal Diocese, which had no problems in seeing this congregation leave, nevertheless wanted our five acres of property and buildings in the Green Hills area, and sued us for it. The irony of all this is that we bought this property from the Diocese for cash and the assumption of debt, and the Diocese gave us a Warranty Deed with no reservations.

To make a long story short, Chancellor Carol McCoy ruled on a summary judgment motion that The Episcopal Diocese could take back our property if we left TEC because of a Church law passed by TEC after we had purchased the property. The Tennessee Court of Appeal affirmed the Chancellor, and the Tennessee Supreme Court refused to hear our appeal.

The Christians at Concordia were kind enough to offer us a place to worship temporarily while we discern what God has in mind for us. Much like our ancestors who fought for the right to enjoy freedom and liberty under the Constitution as envisioned by Jefferson and the other Anti-federalists, and then incurred Mr. Lincoln's wrath for taking away the lands and revenues he wanted to further his plans, so have the folks at St. Andrew's in wishing to follow the faith and freedom that comes through following Jesus Christ, experienced the wrath of those who have abandoned the tenets of the Christian faith in order to concentrate power and wealth in an organization more concerned with political correctness and the agenda of "social justice" (read wealth redistribution).

The reason I tell you all of this is to bring home what our ancestors learned in their heroic struggle. Through their own faith, through the work of the Confederate chaplains, through the Great Awakening that spread through the Southern Armies during the war, our ancestors knew that God was with them, and that their cause was just. They also discovered that there was and is no true justice in this world this side

of the grave. Most importantly, however, they discovered that we are given a great gift when we are called to suffer for the Truth and for the freedom we find when we turn over our lives to God. We in the SCV are given an additional duty, one that should be shouldered by all lovers of faith and freedom. We have the duty of not only being witnesses to God in our lives, whether our ancestors were Christian or Jewish; we also are called to witness to the truth of our ancestors' patriotism and the honor and principles for which they fought. They fought for

us; let us now pray for the grace and strength to fight for their good name through Him who died us all, the Truth personified, Jesus Christ our Lord! I look forward to meeting you if I can. If there is anything I can do for you, let me know through the Tennessee Division website at www.tennessee-scv.org/aboutus/directory.

Deo vindice!
Jim Guill

Mountain Brigade

Commander: Terry Siler

Camps: N. B. Forrest #3, Longstreet/Zollicoffer #87, Gen. John C. Vaught #2089

The three Mountain Brigade camps continue to function well with effective leadership. All Camps have recruited new members this calendar year. Losses due to death, transfers and drop-outs are minimal.

I have attended events at all Camps this year. Attended Confederate marker dedication service in Madisonville, TN conducted by the Athens Camp. This event was well organized and well attended by the general public and public officials. The McMinn County Sheriff was the principal speaker and voiced interest in joining the SCV.

Confederate Memorial Day observances were held on Saturday, June 1st by all Camps in the Mountain Brigade. The Knoxville event was held at Bethel Cemetery, the Athens event was at the McMinn County Court House and the historic Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery was the venue for the Chattanooga observance. Due to a family emergency, I was unable to attend any of these events. I received reports that these events were well attended.

All Mountain Brigade Camps were well represented at the recent Tenn. Division Reunion hosted by the N.B. Forrest # 3 Camp in the Chattanooga area. Kudos to this hard working Camp for a wonderful experience. The food, programs and tours were outstanding! Several "old-timers" commented that this was the best Reunion they had ever attended.

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Editors Note: The N. B. Forrest camp #3 hosted a very successful 2013 Tennessee Division Reunion. The Mountain Brigade also hosted a part of the 150th Sesquicentennial Event to commemorate the Battle of Chickamauga. More details of these events in the next Forrest Escort.

Deadline for the next Forrest Escort is December 15th. This will be the issue before the Tennessee Division Reunion. This is an election year. Please submit any business that needs to be handled during reunion, such as amendments, for inclusion in the Forrest Escort. If you are seeking office and you wish to announce your candidacy, please send that also.

Memphis Brigade Report

Commander: Mark Buchanan

Camps: N.B. Forrest #215, Simonton/Wilcox #257, Capt John W. Mebane #319, James R Chalmers # 1312, Wigfall Greys #1560, Gen Robert E. Lee #1640

The Memphis Brigade has been keeping the Charge!

The General Chalmers Camp presented the annual Civil War Show with great public response. The SCV was well represented, recruiting and displaying military equipment of all description. Regular meetings are held with great participation. This camp cooperates with all the camps in the Brigade to make their projects successful.

The Gen. N.B. Forrest Camp has been spearheading the fight with the city over the Confederate themed parks in Memphis. What an epic struggle this has been! This camp leads the area in recruiting efforts. The 51st Tennessee Infantry remains very active in helping to raise funds for all the camps in the Memphis Brigade. Morton's Battery is also prominent in the community displaying the artillery skills they are so well known for. The Robert E. Lee Camp has been doing tremendous civic duty in the community. Raising funds for Forrest's Boyhood home, Wounded Warriors and restoring a redoubt in Germantown, TN. The camp held a Historic Germantown Tour which the city and community received very warmly. It was a great public relations success. Recruiting is going well. The camp has started a new infantry unit, the 154th TN Infantry to cooperate with the famous Bankhead's Battery. The Memphis Brigade has been very active in the community in parades, dedications and other civic events to great response. It is wonderful to see so many along the parade routes salute, doff their hats or cover their hearts as the Confederate Flag passes. It is worth every minute of drill!

The Wigfall Grays held their annual Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Magnolia Cemetery tour. They are also active in updating the Collierville Museum's War Between the States exhibits in wonderful cooperation with the City of Collierville. They have won the city over, much to the credit of their leadership and membership.

The Simonton-Wilcox camp has done exemplary work getting the word out about Fort Randolph, Camp Yellowjacket and the only existing ammunition

storage unit left. They have held public events showing the Flag and the areas around and in the old fortifications.

The Brigade held the Lee Jackson Chalmers banquet and as it is the event of the season it was well attended by members from all the camps. Due to the issue with the Confederate Parks we were unable to land the SCV Reunion, but will do so in the future after we win our fight with the city.

The camps in the Memphis Brigade have shown great teamwork and public pride in fighting to keep the Confederate Parks in Memphis. The brigade has done much, from prayer vigils to meeting with city officials, from attending council meetings and addressing the press and the public. The Citizens to Save Our Parks, a non-profit, group of citizens including many members of the UDC, and SCV along with a huge outpouring of support from the public have challenged the city to restore the names of the parks. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the likes of Lee Millar, Alan Doyle, Tarry Beasley, Sam Escue and Ed Cotter and so many more I can't possibly name here, who have tirelessly fought for the Charge we are all sworn to uphold. We have spent countless hours and all our funds to fight this fight.

The Memphis Brigade will fight to preserve the heritage of the Confederate Fighting man. This is a historic event. This is important to the future of Confederate monuments everywhere, not just in Memphis. People across the United States are watching what happens here in Memphis. If we don't stand, fight and win here, what will happen to the rest of the monuments across the country? We cannot let this happen! We will not let this happen! Join Citizens to Save Our Parks and support this fight in any way you can. With your help we can all say "Who could not conquer with troops such as these?"

Go to Citizenstosaveourparks.org or look us up on facebook. Join the fight!

Memphis “Gray Lady of the South”

By Mark Buchanan, Commander Memphis Brigade

This morning as I prepared for work, I walked by my garden to check the okra and tomatoes, which are doing nicely thank you. The cotton my granddaughters planted around the flag pole hasn't come up yet, but we are sure it will come up by and by. But the Confederate Flag my youngest son gave me is still flying in the morning breeze. I listened as a dove cooed softly from the trees that separate by yard from the cotton and soybean fields that surround my home.

I left for work, past my oldest son's home. There in his yard, is the new Trans-Mississippi Flag that replaced the tattered and faded Bonnie Blue that was his standard for so long. People ask him if the flag was real, so it is always a good conversation starter. I head to town driving down what is historically known as Jefferson Davis Highway. A marble monument on a square in Millington commemorates the fact. Why another one sits across the road from where I grew up as a child! The PC crowds call it Highway 51, and Old Millington Rd, But I know better. I pull onto the expressway and cross over Jackson Ave. I can't help but think of Stonewall Jackson's line in the movie Gods and Generals “Well Sir, we shall give them the bayonet!” as I pass. Off to one side is Elmwood Cemetery, through the magnolias lies Soldier's Rest. Only Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond holds more Confederate Heroes. Less than a mile west is where the citizens of Memphis nailed the Confederate flag to a greased flagpole in Court Square to prevent the Yankees from pulling it down. Across from the square was the Yankee's infamous Irving Block prison, where so many Memphians were jailed, some never tasting freedom again. I cross the old Memphis Charleston Railroad bed. Down that road away to the east my ancestors fought to protect a crossroads in Corinth, MS, a place called Shiloh. Further on I take the Bill Morris exit, also known as Nonconnah Parkway. Nonconnah creek was an important feature in Bell Edmondson's diaries as she carried contraband medicine and cloth hidden in her clothing for Confederate Soldiers. Yankee checkpoints almost sent her to Irving Block Prison. General Nathan Bedford Forrest crossed this same creek on his famous Memphis Raid. On his way back south he marched several hundred Yankee prisoners across the creek in their night shirts. I work not far from where General Chalmers twice attacked the Union Encampment in Collierville. He captured Sherman's horse and narrowly missed capturing the General himself!

Just around the corner is the Pickering Center, where monthly I have the privilege of meeting other likeminded Sons of Confederate VETERANS. Some of them work with me every day. Those who aren't bring me news articles about, and photos of, Confederate history. The ground around the center was a Yankee camp during occupation. The soil still yields bullets, buckles and spurs.

On the way home I travel I through Raleigh Tn. This is where outriders of General Forrest held the Yankee forces at bay while he brought recruits arms supplies and a thousand beef cattle back to Mississippi to continue the struggle for Southern Independence.

Memphis, once the Civil War capital of Tennessee literally drips with history. It seeps from the wood at old munitions factory buildings off of Beale that still exist. It echoes down Cotton Row to buildings where Confederate flags and uniforms were sewn, wagons built and harness fitted. One can stand on the bluff overlooking the scene where a ragtag fleet of Southern “ Cottonclads” went up against an overwhelming Yankee flotilla. They had to fight because the dishonor of not fighting was worse than the threat of death! These places are all around me, everyday, I can only imagine what it must have been like for those who saw it all take place.

Small wonder why the memory of our Confederate Veterans is so real to us in Memphis. When people ask why we are so interested in the War for Southern Independence, Memphis, Tennessee, the Gray Lady of the South, its streets, its buildings, sites and people are the reasons!

Elizabethton Camp Confederate Decoration Day

Article by Bill Hicks

Photos by Ned Jilton

The Lt. Robert J. Tipton 2083 Camp of Elizabethton sponsored a Confederate Decoration Day ceremony at Green Hill Cemetery on June 1st.



Our honor flag was a version of the Confederate POW-MIA flag and is called the 'Ladder to Heaven Farewell Flag'. This flag features a yellow star which represents all those who died in the conflict,

combatants and Southern civilians. The gray field represents the Confederate gray. The Seal of the Confederacy with George Washington pointing the way is surrounded by the crops grown in the South which would include; corn, tobacco, cotton, beans, etc. The circle of stars represents each of the Confederate states. The navy blue St. Andrews Cross is one of the colors of mourning and it also represents a part of the battle flag. Above the seal is the motto: "You Shall Not Be Forgotten." Beneath the seal are the words "Deo Vindice" within the seal, basically means "God Vindicates."



Event participants were guest speaker Bill Dennison, whose topic was 'One Confederate's POW story'. He spoke of his great-great uncle who was a prisoner of war, having been captured on the third day of fighting on Culp's Hill at Gettysburg. Bill is an S.C.V. member of Walker-Terry #1758 of Wythville, VA. Attending



with Bill was his wife Jackie, who placed a floral at the site of the memorial to the Confederate Veterans of Carter County. Jackie is a member of Chapter #11 "Wild Mountain Roses", Order of Confederate Rose, of Elizabethton. John "Pappy" Hawthorne,

representing the 61st Tennessee Infantry and Mike Rigsby, representing the 19th Tennessee Infantry, fired a salute. Vaughn's Brigade Commander, Rev. Rick Morrell, offered opening and closing prayers.



Vaughn's Brigade Report

Commander: Rick Morrell

Camps: James Keeling #52, Col. John S. Mosby #1409, Col. W. M. Bradford/ Col. J. G. Rose #1638, Lt Robert D. Powell #1817, Gen. John Hunt Morgan #2053, Gen Alfred E. Jackson #2159

No report

Sam Watkins Brigade Report

Commander: Brian "Doc" Edwards

Camps: Sam Watkins #29, Gen John C. Brown #112, Freeman's Battery Forrest Artillery #1939, Roderick-Forrest War Horse #2072, Rawdon/Spears #2113, Lee's Long Riders #2184

No report

Jeffrey Forrest Brigade

Commander: Billy Foster

Camps: Otho French Strahl #176, John B. Ingram Bivouac #219, Col. Jeffrey Forrest #323, Pvt. Ike Stone #564, Hill/Freeman #1472, Crockett Rangers #1774, Bell's Partisans #1821, Capt Akil/Newman #2099, Obion Avalanche #2111

The John B. Ingram Bivouac Camp #219 out of Jackson TN has reorganized with John Blankenship as its Commander.

The Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp #76 co-sponsored along with the Obion County Library the Scenic Tennessee Contest winners photographs of Civil War sites across Tennessee. The camp flagged over 600 Confederate Veteran Graves in 25 cemeteries located in Obion, Gibson & Dyer Counties in Tennessee and two cemeteries in neighboring Hickman & Fulton Counties in Kentucky for Confederate Memorial Day.



Editors Note: The Otho French Strahl Camp and the Jeffrey Forrest Brigade have undertaken the tremendous task of hosting the 2014 Tennessee Division Reunion in Union City. More details to follow in the next Forrest Escort.

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Fort Donelson Brigade Report

Commander: Robert Moore

Camps: Isham G. Harris #109, Frank P. Gracey #225, Fort Donelson #249, Capt. W. H. McCauley #260, John Hunt Morgan #270, Col. Jack Moore #559, Col. Cyrus Suggs #1792

The McCauley Camp participated in Memorial Day services at Charlotte hosted by the County Mayor. The McCauley Camp has some termite problems in the church building. The floor joists are almost destroyed in certain sections. It is going to cost several thousands of dollars to repair. They will also be having the 2nd annual Heritage Day at the camp on October 5, 2013, 10 am - 4 pm. Open to the public for a living history. Would like participation from all re-enactors that can help.

The Gracey Camp is doing well and having some good speakers. Dr Bradley will be there for their July 9, 2013 meeting. They have helped with cemetery cleanups. They placed flags on graves for Memorial Day.

Robert Moore
Commander Fort Donelson Brigade

Deadline for the next Forrest Escort is December 15th. This will be the issue before the Tennessee Division Reunion. This is an election year. Please submit any business that needs to be handled during reunion, such as amendments, for inclusion in the Forrest Escort. If you are seeking office and you wish to announce your candidacy, please send that also.

Starnes Brigade Report - Commander: Joey Nolan

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 - Tracy City, TN

Some of the projects Camp 386 has been involved in are: Worked with teachers in providing students with copies of the Forrest Cadet Escort and other items. Co-sponsored the Reader Award Picnic for Coalmont Elementary recipients. In May they hosted their annual Confederate Heritage Festival. with the dedication of a flag pole and Confederate Flag at the monument located at their camp headquarters in Tracy City. Placing flags on the graves of Confederates buried in Grundy County. Getting more young men involved in Camp 386 and the SCV.

Meetings held each 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm at Camp 386 Headquarters, 51 Depot St. in Tracy City, TN.



Dr. J. B. Cowan, Camp 155 - Tullahoma, TN

The members of Camp 155 are now meeting at the Gondola Restaurant in Tullahoma, which provides a great place to eat, as well as meet. They have been working, along with Camp 72 and the UDC Chapter 327, on the dedication of the Kentucky and South Carolina monuments at the Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery in Tullahoma, on June 28th and 29th. Camp 155 also works hard to get the word out in Tullahoma about the SCV and provides great programs for their members and guests.

Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Gondola Restaurant in Tullahoma, TN at 7:00 pm.

Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham, Camp 72 - Manchester, TN

Camp 72 has been working very hard in many events promoting Southern heritage. They host an annual picnic at Beach Grove Confederate Cemetery and Park the 4th Tuesday night each May. Camp 72, along with Camp 155 and UDC Chapter 327, have put together a great program and dedication of the Kentucky and South Carolina monuments at the Confederate Cemetery in Tullahoma, TN on June 28th and 29th. They also sponsored an event on June 30th in Cowan, TN. Camp 72 is involved as well in supporting various U.S. Veterans events honoring those who have served their country.

Meetings held each 4th Tuesday night at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester, TN at 7:00 pm.



Capt. Abner S. Boone, Camp 2094 - Bellville, TN

Members of Camp 2094 work closely with John R. Massey, Camp 152, in Fayetteville, TN. They are active in helping provide additional re-enactors for living history events and programs in the Fayetteville area.

Meetings held the 1st Sunday each month at their SCV Building in Bellville, TN at 2:00 p.m.

A.P. Stewart, Camp 1411 - Winchester, TN

Camp 1411 hosted their annual fish fry this spring, which provided a good opportunity to bring potential recruits with their members. They are also making plans to have a recruiting booth at **the Tim's Ford State Park heritage event, as they did** when asked to do so last year. Camp 1411 as well helps maintain the John Wiley Templeton Confederate memorial Cemetery located in Winchester, TN.

Meetings held the 4th Tuesday night each month at the Western Sirloin restaurant located in Winchester, TN at 7:00 pm.

John R. Massey, Camp 152 - Fayetteville, TN

Camp 152 has been working with their city and county officials in getting proclamations declared and being involved in community events. In October, they will be participating in the annual Trail of Tears march in Fayetteville, in which they have a recruiting booth set up. They recently placed an Iron Cross at the grave of Capt. Thomas C. Little. At the time of his death in 1933, he was the last surviving member of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's **command, and was** active in the United Confederate Veterans. The members of Camp 152 are also active in maintaining the graves of Confederate soldiers in Lincoln County, TN

Meetings held the 2nd Thursday each month at the Fayetteville Municipal Auditorium at 7:00 pm



Sumner A. Cunningham, Camp 1620 - Shelbyville, TN

The members of Camp 1620 worked very hard on their Sesquicentennial event **"Shelbyville In The Middle" on June 22nd and 23rd**, held at H.V. Park in Shelbyville. This event included living history encampments, re-enactors, period music, crafts, **period dancing, and more. They are also planning to start an "adopt a trail" program in which they take on the responsibility of keeping an adopted walking trail clean. Camp 1620 will also host their annual "Lantern Tour" at Willow Mount** Cemetery in Shelbyville, which they actively watch over the Confederate graves there. The camp is also trying to work with other community organizations in building a good working relationship which will allow them to promote their Confederate heritage.

Meetings held the 2nd Thursday each month at the Farm Bureau Building in Shelbyville, TN at 6:00 pm.

Marshall Rangers, Camp 297 - Lewisburg, TN

Besides their monthly meetings, Camp 297 works hard in bringing lost Confederate history to light in and around Lewisburg/Marshall County, TN. On April 7, 2013, at Lone Oak Cemetery, Camp 297 dedicated an Iron Cross to James Knox Polk Thompson, Private, 41st TN Inf., Co. B. the members of Camp 297 are also starting a program within the camp to use GPS in order to mark and save the location of the graves of Confederate soldiers. They have been working hard to increase their membership, and preparing to hold more dedications in the near future.

Meetings held the 2nd Saturday each month at the Marshall County Museum in Lewisburg, TN at 2:00 pm.

Highland Brigade Report

Commander: Michael Williams

Camps: Gen. George Gibbs Dribell #875, Savage/Goodner #1513, Gainesboro Invincibles #1685, Myers/Zollicoffer #1990, Sgt. William A Hamby #1750, Dillard/Judd #1828, Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone #2014, Jim David Camp #1425

This past spring the Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone camp #2014 held a Memorial service for slave Abe H. Officer, the man who saved the life of his master's son, John Officer, and buried the 6 Confederate soldiers at Conley Cemetery, murdered/killed by the Yankee invaders. Camp member Ken Tyler & OCR member Mrs. Ruby Pruitt were the guest speakers. On 11 May the camp hosted the Monument Dedication at the foot of the I-40 flag pole. Many SCV members from the Brigade & Division, OCR, UDC, and the public were in attendance. Camp member Jack Looper had a great speech prepared concerning local heritage, the 2nd National flag & Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Members of the Brigade & Division served as Honor Guards. School Fields Battery was also on hand for artillery salutes. The camp wants to thank everyone who attended.

Sgt. William A Hamby camp #1750 set 6 veteran grave markers in Cumberland County recently. attended the Resaca, Ga re-enactment, attended a Memorial service in Crossville at the War memorial, and they've been having some good speakers at their meetings.

The Gen. George Gibbs Dribell camp # 875 sponsored the Cynthia Holford Officer chapter #18 of the OCR last winter, Dedicated 2 grave marker stones & Memorial service for Captain Richard N. Coffee, Private Alfonso Coffee, and Pvt. John Coffee; ancestors of compatriot Robert Shoemake. Many Brigade members, OCR, & UDC were in attendance. Members also helped skirmish @ Gainesboro's Poke Sallet Festival. OCR members went to the Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming. OCR & members went to the Brigade Confederate Memorial Day service. C. H. Officer chapter of the OCR hosted a Memorial service for the 6 Confederate soldiers buried at Conley Cemetery and Mrs. Cynthia Holford Officer who is also buried there. Many of the public, OCR and a few SCV attended. I had never been there before. Was a beautiful cemetery.

The Gainesboro Invincibles camp # 1685 planned & participated in the Living History/re-enactment at Poke Sallet Festival, Living History @ Pickett State Park in a nearby county, help on the up keep of the Gaines House grounds, went to the Brigade's Confederate Memorial Day service in Cookeville, and went to the Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming. Myers/Zollicoffer camp # 1990 gave out another "Hunley Award" to a student at the Alvin C. York Institute in Jamestown. They also gave out "The Law Enforcement Appreciation Award" to the local county Sheriff & city Police Chief. Most, if not all Confederate Veterans' grave sites were adorned with a Battle Flag for Confederate Memorial day(over 300 battle flags used). The camp donated \$100 to "Citizens To Save Our Parks" in Memphis, They also had a "field trip" to the Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming June 15th.

Jim Davis camp # 1425 Donated \$100 to "Citizens To save Our Parks" in Memphis, and planning their annual "Changing of the Flag Ceremony" on the square of Lafayette.

Dillard/Judd camp # 1828 Sponsored the "Roses of the Cumberland" chapter #1 of the OCR. Those Roses have donated \$645 to the "Citizens To Save Our Parks" in Memphis. That makes our camp sponsoring 2 chapters of the Tennessee Society Order of Confederate Rose. We need people who are Southern Sympathizers in our camp/Division/National SCV who support & promote the flying of our Battle Flag. The camp voted to donate \$100 for "Citizens To Save Our Parks", in Memphis. Members went to the Granville Heritage Days in Granville & supported Martin Frost, the Division Adjutant in his impersonation of Col. Sidney S. Stanton. Hosted the Brigade's Confederate Memorial Day in Cookeville, where Mark Hudson of the Gainesboro Invincibles was the guest speaker. Content of his fine speech can be seen on the TN Division Forum site. Members continue in the meetings/planning of the restoration of the Gaines House in Gainesboro with Gainesboro camp members, the Brigade's OCR chapters, and local

citizens who wish to save this landmark building. They continue having great speakers at the monthly meetings.

Wheeler/Long camp #709 Have been attending Brigade events, like the shooting match this past spring (where camp Commander Charles Bowling won all catagorys in the 3 shooting matches), went to the Monument Dedication in Monterey on 11 May, Brigade Confederate Memorial Day service in Cookeville on 2 June, they make donations to various Southern causes, a few speakers have come to their meetings, visited by the Division Adjutant for one meeting, and have been planning their up coming booth at Dunlap's 4th of July celebration & selling

Battle Flags to help with their Speaker fund. Some came to the Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming.

Savage/Goodner camp #1513 are planning on coming to the Highland Brigade Forrest Picnic again this year, this time with one free gift to one lucky Brigade member, drawn out of a hat. "Must be present" to enter. By the time this is published picnic will be over.

Mike Williams
Commander Highland Brigade
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McLemore's Brigade Report

Commander: Brian Corley

Camps: General Joseph E. Johnston Camp #28, Murfreesboro Camp #33, General William B. Bate Camp #34, General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723, Todd Carter Camp #854, Sam Davis Camp #1293, Colonel Randal McGavock Camp #1713, Captain E. D. Baxter #2034, Major Nathaniel F. Cheairs #2138, General T. B. Smith Camp #2177

The General Joe E. Johnson Camp #28 has just finished another Lantern Walk at My Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

General William B Bate Camp #34 placed a wreath and placed rose petals on the graves of Confederate Soldiers during Confederate Memorial Day.

Murfreesboro Camp #33 has been working steadily on projects at the Sam Davis Home in anticipation of the 150th Anniversary of the Capture, Trial and Execution of Confederate Hero Sam Davis. Flyers of the event are throughout the newsletter.



Book Offer From Sam Davis Camp #1293

Sam Davis Camp1293 Tennessee Division is pleased to announce the recent publication of their book CIVIL WAR VETERANS AT REST HAVEN CEMETERY FRANKLIN TENNESSEE.

What began as a Camp project to place crosses of honor on several graves resulted in this book which contains the military biographies of 62 Confederates, 4 Federals and the unknown soldier reburied here in 2009. In addition to a map of the cemetery, it also has numerous photographs of the monuments and in many cases photo's of the Veteran.

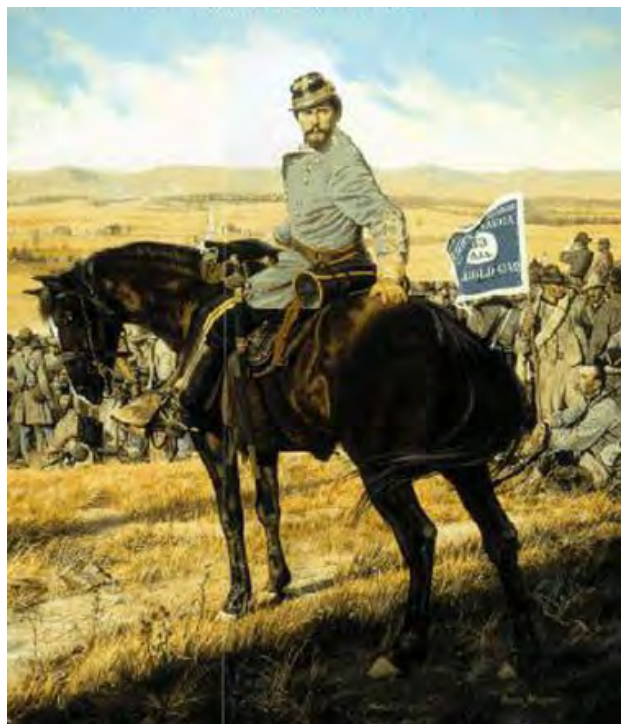
The final page is a "Contact Us" sheet which makes the book useful tool for future recruitment. 100% of the sale proceeds will benefit the Sam Davis Camp, which by the way also owns Winstead Hill a part of the original battlefield of Franklin TN.

We urge other Camps to purchase this book and consider using the format for future projects of their own. The book is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling. It can be ordered by contacting the Sam Davis Camp P.O.Box 3448 Brentwood TN.37204 or email <http://lwww.samdaviscamp.org>

The author Stewart Cruickshank is presently working on his next book. The subject will be the Tennessee Confederate Soldiers Home and Cemetery. The Home was demolished years ago however the cemetery is located on the grounds of former President Andrew Jackson's estate The Hermitage in Nashville Tennessee. If you have information regarding a veteran buried there please contact Stewart at colonelsac@hotmail.com

Want to play a part in preserving Confederate History?

The overcoat Sam Davis was wearing when he was captured and the kepi Patrick Cleburne was wearing when he was killed at the Battle of Franklin are in the process of being preserved by the Tennessee State Museum and your financial assistance is needed. Please send donations to Tennessee Division SCV, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088-0782.



To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 THE PRINCIPLES HE LOVED and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH IS PRESENTED TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

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