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

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Company B, Confederate Veterans of Nashville, Tennessee
at the Memphis Reunion in 1924

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Settling the Confusion

Do you have a photo that would make a great cover for our division newsletter? Check inside for more information and see how to submit your picture as a potential cover for our quarterly magazine. Or, do you have a story about your ancestor to share? Submit your ancestor's history for all to enjoy.



Compatriots, Fellow members of the SCV Tennessee Division,

Our SCV license plates have hit a record number on the road and our enemies are having a fit! At the SCV Reunion in Franklin I was interviewed by the Tennessean newspaper,

Nashville Channels 4 and 17 about the SCV tag. Hopefully we will see even more on the road after this free advertising. Memphis Senator Sandra Kyle is threatening a bill to have our plates taken from us, she did the same thing last year and it died in Committee.

Continue to promote our SCV license plates, these are rolling billboards and the more we have on the road the better we can continue to fund projects to honor our Confederate ancestors.

The SCV National Reunion was a great time, thanks to everyone that helped and was able to attend. The Tennessee Division has stepped up two years in a row hosting the national reunion. Paul Grambling was elected CIC and Larry McKluney was elected Lieutenant CIC. The 2019 SCV National Reunion will be in Mobile Alabama and 2020 will be in Jacksonville Florida.

Congratulations to Joshua Cameron for winning the SCV National award for best newsletter for Camps over 50 members, the Tennessee Division also won the General A P Hill award for Division with the most new Camps. Scott Hall won the Robert E. Lee award which is the second highest award in the SCV. Jason Boshers won the office of Army of Tennessee Commander, congratulations to Jason for being elected to this high office. Several other members won individual awards, congratulations to each of you! Next year it would be good to see more Camps put in for National awards, we are a hardworking Division, Camps and members deserve the recognition.

Thanks to the members of the Forrest Camp that were monitoring the Memphis parks, Greenspace ripped everything out of Confederate park including the Ten Commandments marker. They

were about to haul off the four Cannons that the Forrest Camp had paid for, Lee Millar showed documentation where the Camp had bought them and Greenspace gave them back to the Forrest Camp. The battle still rages in Memphis for our statues, we had a favorable ruling recently in the Chancery court.

Joshua Cameron has accepted the position of Communications Committee chairman, Reed Working will still be the Forrest Escort Editor and Allan Sullivant will handle the website and echo. Jason Boshers was the previous committee chairman and will remain Chief of Staff. Joshua will monitor our Division communications and assist Camps with theirs.

The outrageous destruction of our Confederate monuments continues in several cities across the South. We must keep a watch on our Confederate monuments and protect these shrines to our Confederate heroes. At a previous DEC meeting Compatriot J C Knott, Commander of the Gordonsville Camp, gave an excellent talk on monument protection. If you wish to have a copy of his program, let me know and I will send it to you.

The September 1st dues deadline has passed and I hope that your Camp was able to get 100% retention. I know that the shortened dues date has been hard for some folks to implement, but a month to pay your dues is still very generous. Round up the stragglers' and let's keep the Tennessee Division growing. Several Camp officers have been trying to use the new system at HQ for dues payment and it is something that we will all have to learn. At the DEC meeting this month we will be discussing a seminar for Camp Officers to learn the new system.

Our next DEC meeting will be on Saturday September 29th, 9 am at the office of Scott Hall, 374 Forks of the River Parkway, Sevierville TN. If your Camp has a funding request, have it to your Brigade Commander before the DEC meeting on September 29th so it can be discussed.

Thanks to each of you for your service to the SCV Tennessee Division. Deo Vindice!

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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Submissions are encouraged! Camp photos and activities, news, stories about your efforts to support our charge all are welcomed.

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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Stephen D. Lee 1906

Brigade Reports:



Highland Brigade Report

The men of the Highland Brigade have been very busy this Quarter. With the anniversary of the Charlottesville many of our members have spent many nights standing guard over the monuments on the Plateau. From one end to the other we watched and waited for anything to take place. The men of the Highland Brigade are very proud of the monuments

and have no plans to have someone come in and deface them.



Members and Family members enjoy the Highland Brigade Picnic at the home of Commander Mike Williams.

Many the camps held Camp picnic's during the month of August. The Myers - Zollicoffer Camp held theirs at Standing Stone State park on August 18th. The Dillard Judd Camp held theirs at the home of Camp

Commander Mike Williams. We used this picnic as the Highland Brigade picnic as well. With many of the men bringing in their families it was a great time to spend enjoying the fellowship and fun. The Highland Brigade picnic also hosted a shooting match in which we had period correct matches and modern day matches.



Adam Dickson and Mike Williams at Jake Days.

We also had members who attended the Jake Days near Crossville, TN. Commander Mike Williams and Adam Dickson was invited to man a booth and tell stories to the kids as the walked though the maze of booths.

The Standing Stone Camp in Monterey held a Memorial Service for Pvt Henry Bilbrey Co. C 13th Tennessee Cavalry.



What an honor it was to be part of the service. Even though it was lightly raining it didn't stop the men and the families from coming out and taking part in this event.

During the Bilbrey Memorial Service we had an unexpected honor for Brother Jack Looper. Jack was there to be part of the Honor Guard and to play Taps for the service. But the biggest honor was that Jack was able to bring 3

of his grandson who took part in the Honor Guard. When ever we can bring in our young sons and grandson it is an honor to have them be part of the service.



Jack Looper and his Grandson.

If the Highland Brigade isn't guarding monuments

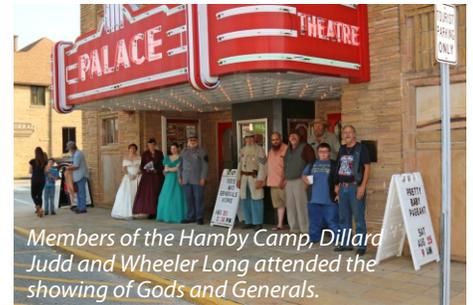


L/R Mike Boles, Michael Boswell and John Halsell.

we are putting up new ones and placing head stones for our ancestors. Recently Michael Boswell and Mike Boles had the honors of putting up a new head stone for Benjamin F Smith Co. D 4th Tenn Cav. It's hard work getting the stones and even harder putting them up for the world to see.

The men of the Highland Brigade stay busy with a wide selection of events. From Memorial Services, to

Fairs, To City Events and putting up new headstones. The SGT William A Hamby Camp hosted the showing of Gods and Generals in the Historic Palace Theater on August 25th. This is the second year that they have done this event and have plans to do it again next year.



Members of the Hamby Camp, Dillard Judd and Wheeler Long attended the showing of Gods and Generals.

Being able to see these movies on the Big Screen is incredible. The men began this event last year with the showing of Gone with the Wind. the price of admission was two cans of food. this food was then donated to the Crossville Food Bank to help families though the winter. this year was no different and the food was collected and give again to the food bank



Many times in this report I fail to mention the efforts of the Men of the Mech Cav. Within the Highland Brigade we have two squads of the Mech Cav and these guys are very active. Rather attending or hosting a Benefit Ride for a sick person or to help a family who has lost

a loved one. These guys ride their biles 1,00's of miles each year. and this quarter was no different.

The men of the 5th Platoon which is the 6th, 7th and 8th squads of the Mech Cav held their platoon meeting near Sparta Tennessee at Big Puckett Camp Grounds. These meetings are for planning and bringing the squads together so that they hold to the Brotherhood which comes with riding with each other. Many times a squad will ride every weekend and others



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Highland Brigade Report Continued

may ride once a month. They are SCV First and Mech Cav second. But they all honor their ancestors from the back of motorcycle.

One of the rides that was made by both the 7th and 8th squad was a visit to France Cemetery to visit with Captain Champ Ferguson. Placed in the hills of true Confederate Dirt was Champs last request. The men of the Mech Cav visit her often.

The I-40 Flag in Monterey is another location we visit many times. From Swearing in ceremonies to just doing a check



on the monument located here the men of the Mech Cav are always out and riding to check on the monuments. Picture here is Darrel Dabbs and Barry Forrest of the 7th Squad out for a

ride to check on monuments and visit with Champ Ferguson a little later.

The men of the Highland Brigade are busy! We do so with pride and honor. We do so because we are following the "Charge". As the Brigade Commander it makes me proud to be able to have such men who are willing to go the extra mile. From watching her our monuments, to Memorial Services and just hosting a camp meeting we are getting it done.

Forward the Colors

Never Forget Your Ancestor

James Lovelace

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Mountain Brigade Report

As mentioned in my previous report, Camp # 87 in Knoxville participated in the Women's Suffrage event in June which recognized the 100th anniversary of the ratification of 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. Thirteen members of the Camp participated and were joined by Judge Advocate in Chief Scott Hall and Tenn. Division Vice Commander Joey Nolen. SCV members were able to meet and talk with other people who would not normally be in our circle of influence and probably would not have a high opinion of the SCV. Most were surprised to learn that former Camp # 87 Commander Harry T. Burn was the Tenn. State Legislator who cast the tie breaking vote that allowed the 19th amendment to be ratified.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp # 87 participated in two July 4th holiday parades, a midnight parade in Gatlinburg and a parade down State Street in Bristol which marks the state line between Virginia and Tenn.

Summer Camp meetings were well attended with Dr. David Chaltas giving a first-person impression of General Lee and Scott Hall giving a report on the National Reunion in Franklin, with an update of ongoing heritage fights in Tennessee.

N.B. Forrest Camp # 3 in Chattanooga had strong participation in the Forrest Boyhood Home celebration in June. Members manned a recruiting and merchandising table which proved very successful for the Camp. The National Reunion in Franklin was well attended by Camp

members who shared excitement and enthusiasm with Compatriots in the Camp. Summer Camp meeting programs by Dr. Michael Bradley, Dr. Anthony Hodges, and Brandon Beck were well attended.

A Confederate headstone has been obtained for the unmarked grave of a Kentucky soldier and will be placed and dedicated soon. Plans are being made for the annual Lee-Jackson banquet in January. Newly elected AOT Commander Jason Boshers has been invited to speak.

Both the Knoxville and Chattanooga Camps are busy renewing SCV memberships during this period and actively recruiting new members.

*Respectfully submitted,
Terry Siler, Commander
Mountain Brigade*

Brigade Reports:



W. S. McLemore Brigade Report

It is my honor and pleasure to give the McLemore Brigade Report for this quarter. It has been a very busy time for all camps in the Brigade. All camps have been active with many activities, starting with the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home. The Portland Camp had a wonderful booth set up at this event and almost all camps in the Brigade were there enjoying the day. The Hatton Camp in Lebanon has been working hard this summer and just spent a marathon of nine days at the Wilson County Fair manning their booth. They were successful with spreading the word of our Southern Heritage, selling some wonderful popcorn and attracting possible recruits.

The SCV National Convention also took place this summer. I am proud to say that seven of our nine camps in the Brigade were represented. I would also like to recognize the members of the Nathaniel Cheairs Camp and the Sam Davis Camp for all the work they did to help make National Reunion a success. The Cheairs Camp helped vendors with a lot of the logistics, while the Sam Davis Camp greeted and registered those attending. Outstanding job gentlemen!! Camp 33 in Murfreesboro held their annual Black-eyed pea & sweet potato meal to celebrate Forrest's victory in Murfreesboro. This is a long standing tradition for the camp. They also sponsored a bus tour of the Battle of Murfreesboro. Steve Primm, member of Camp #33 did an excellent job as the tour guide for the group. Several members across the brigade attended.

Things were not all summer fun in the Brigade. Camps also performed serious work as well. The camp in Gallatin has been working hard with the city of Gallatin to make improvements to their cemetery. Thanks to the hard work of

the Gallatin Camp, the city is picking up their game and kicking in to make Confederate Circle a wonderful place. The Joe Johnson Camp will be having an upcoming meeting with Dr. Bradley as the speaker. This Camp does a wonderful job with speakers and education as well as heritage preservation. The McGavock camp continues to fight for the cemetery at the Confederate Soldiers Home. The camp even had representation at the Wilson County Fair doing programs in educating people on weapons and equipment of the confederate soldier. This exhibit was highly attended during the week. The Cottontown Camp is the newest member of our Brigade family and I have spent the summer focusing on recruitment and building their strength. The Cheairs Camp placed several southern crosses of honor at the Anderson Cemetery in Spring Hill. Finally I have to mention the outstanding job all camps in the Brigade have performed when it comes to monitoring monuments in our area. A few weeks ago a request was sent out to all commanders in the Brigade asking them to be mindful of our monuments as they had come under attack in other areas of the country. Camp members answered that call and checked all critical areas and also visited with people at the monuments. By just being visible it lets the public know that we are here and we care. Once again thank you men for an outstanding job.

Tom Meadows

McLemore Brigade Commander

Your humble servant

*Humbly Submitted,
Tom Meadows*

McLemore Brigade Commander



*Confederate memorial service,
Nathaniel Chairs Camp*



General Hatton Camp Booth at Wilson County Fair



Camp2177 shrimp boil



Camp 33 compatriot Steve Primm conducting bus tour of the battle of Murfreesboro



From left: Robert (Hatton) Towson (great great grandson of Gen. Robert H. Hatton) and Terry Twigg working the Hatton camp booth at the Wilson County Fair.



Portland camp at Nathan Bedford Forrest home

What Does "The Charge" Mean to You?



"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 those 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."

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

Each man in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is given the "Charge" by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee as a guide to follow during his years in the SCV. Lt Gen. Lee gave what is the best guide that we can have as members. It's just what we are and what we should be doing.

Within the words of the Charge are some words that we say, but do we really understand them? Words like Vindication, Guardianship and many more.

Let's look at these words that may help us to bring the Charge to life in your eyes.

"we submit the Vindication (Proof that someone or something is right, reasonable, or justified) of the Cause for which we fought,

When we look at this one we can see that the members of the SCV will always be trying prove that our ancestors fought for a good reason. And that the reason they fought was right and justified.

This has been submit to us, or given to us to always prove to those who are ignorant to the truth. When we figure out just what it means, the Charge should come to life for us.

"Defense""The action of defending from or resisting attack or the case presented by or on the behalf of the party being accused.

Each man in the SCV is given the charge to defend or present the case on behalf of his ancestor who is accused of being a traitor, slaver, and many more things.

We know the truth and we are to defend his good name which is also your name. We stand in the gap between the uneducated world and the truth that can be proven.

"Guardianship" The position of protecting or defending something, the position of being responsible for the care of someones own affairs.

The men of the SCV have been handed the Charge of being responsible for the care of the affairs of our ancestors. We are the ones who hold up the Truth to this world. We are to guard our values and hold them up for the world to see.

"Emulation" Effort to match or surpass a person or achievement, typically by imitation.

Our life in the SCV should have the same standards that our ancestors had. We are to copy them or to do better than they did. We are to be seen as they were seen and that is doing the right thing. Never less than them always better than them.

"Virtues" behavior showing high moral standards.

Our ancestors took a stand for what they believed and went to war. Yet they held up a high standard. Each of us should always hold up a high standard and never stoop to the low standards of the those who oppose us. Because when we do we become no better than those who tear down our monuments.

Those people have no morals and show no virtues in the way they act. And we can never allow ourselves to become as they are.

"Perpetuation" The continuation or preservation of a situation, ideal, etc..

As men of the SCV we are to continue doing the things that our

ancestors believed in and taking his stand.

"Principles" a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior or a chain of reasoning. a fundamental source or basis of something.

We are to continue or preserve the truths and foundation in which our ancestors believed. We do this by living the "Charge". Standing up for our ancestors name. Our ancestors believed that they were being invaded and took a stand against that. The believed in what they were doing so much that they took up arms.

"Duty" a moral or legal obligation; a responsibility; a task or action that someone is required to preform.

As men of the SCV we have a Duty or Requirement to keep moving forward with what our ancestors believed and put to action when invaded. It's not something that we can do part time or when we feel like taking part.

We have a duty to always carry on each part of this Charge. It's a key part of what we are and what we do. One key part of this definition is the "moral or legal" portions. Morally we stand up because they stood up. Legally we fight in the court system to the full extent of the law.

When we take the definitions of these words the Charge becomes a personal part of our life. It leads us and guides us in the directions that our ancestors would have us to go.

Morally and legally we stand for what is right. We stand on the high ground and fight in the courts. We can't take up arms today as they did back then. Not yet anyway, but it may come to that one day. However for now we must trust our leadership to lead us in the right direction.

We must pull together as a Team and become one man leading the way. Any unit that acts as an individual unit becomes ineffective. Working as Team we can pull many members together to do more.

Taking part in the camp events is one of those things that we must all do. When the camp has an event each man needs to be there. Each man has a part to play in keeping that Standard held up just as our ancestors did.

Camp Commanders depend on the men of his camp to stand behind him as he leads. The Brigade Commander needs his Camp Commanders to stand behind him as he leads. The Division Commander needs his Brigade Commanders to stand behind him as he leads. And the Commander in Chief needs his Division Commanders to stand behind him as he leads.

If each man in the SCV takes the "Charge" to heart and believes in what it says, if each man understands that it is his "Duty" to stand up and be a part of the team. Then we will see us grow, we will see cities welcome us, we will see others believing as we do. We will be welcomed in city events and asked to join in other events.

Each man needs to ask himself, "Do I live the Charge or do I even believe in the Charge"?

James Lovelace
Highland Brigade Commander



H. L. Hunley Junior ROTC Award program



Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

In spite of the nationwide attacks on all things Confederate we have continued to have success in growing the H. L. Hunley JROTC Award program in high schools across the state of Tennessee. Kudos go to the camps of this division for your support in this effort to promote our proud heritage to the next generation. From 2016 to the end of the 2018 school year we have increased the award through your work from 23 to 47. We continue to have many opportunities across the state to reach more young men and women through the Hunley Award. I ask that in your next camp meeting you discuss the Hunley Award with the intent of sponsoring or increasing the number of awards in your area.

Before moving to the next topic please keep in mind that what I am about to tell you pertains to only a small number of JROTC units in our Division. Please do not let this information stop you from giving the award and or seeking additional schools to award.

The Division and the Confederation need your help. The United States Air Force (USAF) apparently has a new leader charged with the JROTC program. The Hunley Award has long been among the awards officially approved by the USAF for its JROTC units. A new directive prohibits the wearing of the SCV Hunley and also bars insignias of the following national organizations: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), United Daughters of 1812, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, (SUVCW), Scottish Rite Free Masonry and Sojourners.

As you can see the new USAF directive has been an affront not only to the SCV but some major contributors to the support of the AJROTC across the nation. If you have been an ENVOY to a JROTC award ceremony you have a better understanding of how the absence of these excluded groups would negatively impact the recognition of outstanding Cadets.

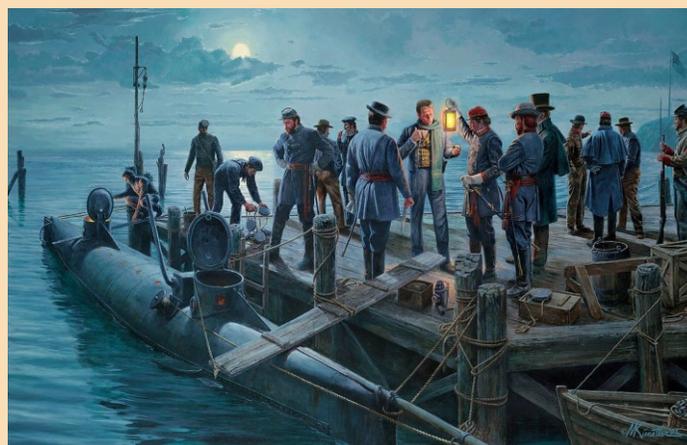
How you can help: The general strategy to overcome the misguided USAF directive is not be negative to your local JROTC unit as there is considerable back channel information that they are also upset by this new directive. Rather than confronting the USAF with letters of complaint, it is suggested that you make your objections known through phone calls, emails, and letters directly to your U. S. Senators and U. S. Representatives. (see the attachment) If you are a member of, or know members of the other named organizations, please ask them to join the battle.

A suggestion of what to say:

I am a voting resident of Tennessee and reside in your congressional district. The Department of Defense in accordance with the United States Air Force has issued a misguided directive barring a number of longstanding national military historical organizations from fully supporting the mission of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). The directive includes the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, United Daughters of 1812, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Scottish Rite Free Masonry and Sojourners. This directive is misguided and ignores the important roll these organizations have long played at the local and national level as they support the mission of the JROTC program. I ask your attention to this mistaken directive and to restore to the JROTC the community based support these organizations have long provided.

Keep to the Charge,
Bob Gentry, Tennessee Division, Hunley Award Coordinator

Contacting Your Senators and Congressman		
Member Name	DC Phone	DC FAX
Sen. Lamar Alexander	202-224-4944	202-228-3398
Sen. Bob Corker	202-224-3344	202-228-0566
Rep. Phil Roe	202-225-6356	202-225-5714
Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr.	202-225-5435	202-225-6440
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann	202-225-3271	202-225-3494
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Rep. Jim Cooper	202-225-4311	202-226-1035
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Rep. Steve Cohen	202-225-3265	202-225-5663





Sons of Confederate Veterans Tennessee Division

H. L. Hunley Junior ROTC Award Sponsorship

The H. L. Hunley Award is given by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to recognize deserving Junior ROTC cadets who have demonstrated the qualities of **Honor**, **Courage**, and **Commitment** to their unit. This award honors the crew of the Confederate submarine, H. L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel in combat. The award is suggested for a second year cadet identified by their JROTC instructors and is presented by a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

School JROTC : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP _____

JROTC Instructor: _____ Phone _____

Camp / Volunteer*: _____

Camp Coordinator: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

* Tennessee Division compatriots wishing to sponsor an award at a school not supported by a division camp may become a Volunteer Sponsor.

———— INSTRUCTIONS ————

Early in the school year begin recruiting and confirming schools' JROTC participation and without delay submit Sponsorships. Award packets will be mailed starting in March to the JROTC at the participating schools. E-mail notification of award mailing will be sent to the Camp Coordinator. The JROTC unit will print the recipient's name on the certificate. The presenter (ENVOY) should contact the school JROTC to confirm his attendance, ceremony date, and time. Please read the Hunley Award section on the Tennessee Division web site (Tennessee-SCV.org) about being an ENVOY.

Please include a check in the amount of \$30, for each award, payable to: SCV, Tennessee Division, Hunley.

Mail to: Bob Gentry, Hunley Award

P. O. Box 71

Norris, TN 37828

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News & Photos From Around the Division:



Tennessee Division delegation at the National reunion Franklin, TN, 7/21/18



SCV camp # 1620 Shelbyville, Tn. New bench donation for Willowmount Cemetery Bill Cortner, Ronnie Duncan, Harold Smith, James Pendley, Les Marsh



Scott D. Hall was awarded The Robert E. Lee Award from the Sons of Confederate Veterans at their national reunion held in Franklin Tennessee in July by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Thomas V. Strain. The Robert E. Lee Award is the second highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). To be eligible, the SCV member must have served in an outstanding manner in a position at the national, department or division level. Scott D. Hall is an Attorney in Sevier County Tennessee and serves as the Judge Advocate-in-Chief for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pictured L-R are Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain and Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall.



Members of Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the History Fair held in Knoxville in August sponsored by The East Tennessee Historical Society. Pictured L-R are John Hitt, Jasper Moore, Ken Stark and Jeff Sardella.

News & Photos From Around the Division:



Construction of the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.



09/06/2018



Members of Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, attended the Forrest Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival in Chapel Hill, TN in June. Pictured L-R are Bob Gentry, Sevier County Attorney Scott Hall and Sam Forrester.



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, inducted a new member into its ranks at its July meeting held at the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Adjutant John Hitt, new member Jasper Marcus Moore and Commander Earl Smith.



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, welcomed a new member into its ranks at its June meeting held at the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Adjutant John Hitt, new member Ricky Joe McMillan and Commander Earl Smith.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, were in attendance at the Secret City Festival in Oak Ridge.

News & Photos From Around the Division:



Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans came out to honor one of their own at the Historical Re-Enactment Suffrage Parade in Knoxville to honor Harry Burn who cast the deciding vote in Tennessee that gave women the right to vote. Tennessee provided the final approval of the federal Constitutional Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Harry Burn cast the deciding vote in favor of passing the amendment. Pictured L-R are Bob Freeman, Kyle Stewart, Joey Nolan, John Hitt, Earl Smith and Sevier County Attorney Scott Hall.



David Holbrook presents a \$699 check to Adjutant John Hitt from his fundraising partnership with the East Tennessee Friends of NRA. Proceeds benefit the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Pictured L-R are Adjutant John Hitt and David Holbrook.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, attended the ceremony in June in Knoxville where the City of Knoxville signed an easement that made the Doughboy Statue part of the City of Knoxville property. Pictured L-R are Sam Miller, County Commissioner Evelyn Gill and Ken Stark.



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Brian Green gave an excellent talk on Confederate General Jubal Early's raid into Washington DC in 1864 at the June meeting of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans at the East Tennessee Historical Society.

News & Photos From Around the Division:



Knoxville was well represented at the 2018 Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Cavalry in Aiken South Carolina in June. At the bike show, John Hitt won first place in the Metric Class and Donnie Anderson won first place in the Bagger Class. Pictured L-R are John Hitt and Donnie Anderson.



Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Adjutant John Hitt is presented the Dixie Club Award, for his devoted service to the Cause, that was awarded to him at the National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2018 by Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall in August at East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are John Hitt and Scott Hall.



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Arthur Harris received his Certificate of Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the September meeting of the Longstreet Zollicoffer, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 87 held at Confederate Memorial Hall in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, Arthur Harris and Adjutant John Hitt.



Members of Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, along with numerous other historical groups came together in unity for a group picture at the History Fair in Knoxville in August sponsored by The East Tennessee Historical Society.

Chasing Champ Ferguson

By: Dale Welch
Putnam County Historian



Yankee troops, based out of Sparta and headed by Col. William B. Stokes had a couple of skirmishes with Confederate guerrillas headed by Capt. Champ Ferguson and Col. John M. Hughs in the Calfkiller area. Being ambushed, the federal forces were taking on more casualties than was acceptable.

After a major skirmish at Dug Hill, Col. Stokes sent out a party to collect his dead soldiers and bring them back to Sparta the next day. Capt. Joseph Blackburn was sent out the next day to engage the enemy. About the same place as the first battle, they found Ferguson and his men waiting on them. One Yankee recalled many years later that Champ and his men came running at them on their horses, "screaming like wild men."

Words and bullets were exchanged. This time, the Yankees noticed Champ sink down into his saddle and turn his horse away, heading up a narrow hollow and into the mountains

A couple of days later, Col. Stokes was in his headquarters in the upper story of a building on the northeast corner of the courthouse square in Sparta.

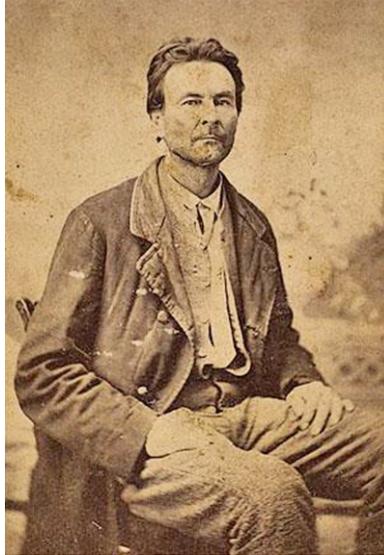
"Well, wee," Stokes told some of his men, "I believe old Champ was wounded in that spot with Blackburn and the boys. If he was, he's hid out in the bluffs up there on the Calfkiller. There's an old doctor up there who knows where he's hid."

Plans were made to take around 50 troops to pay a visit to Dr. Tom Moore's home. Col. Stokes told his men not to kill the doctor, but to hang him, "but not until he's dead. He must tell where Champ is."

They arrived at the home of Dr. Tom Moore and strung him up and interrogated him. Soldiers remembered that he gave up

needed information without much coaxing. The doctor told them that he'd found a wounded Ferguson about three miles up the Calfkiller, atop a high peak of the mountain.

Yankees quickly mounted their horses and took off. In about a mile, they noticed two men running out of a house where the Widow Scott lived on a farm in England's Cove. They didn't fire any shots at the fleeing men, fearing they would alert Ferguson.



In less than five minutes, they dismounted at the foot of the hill. While some were detailed to watch the horses, the others wound their way through thick brush and up the mountain.

Arriving on top of the bluffs, soldiers discovered Mrs. Ferguson. Directly under where she stood, they discovered a very nice dry and comfortable room in a rock house that nature had formed. In the room they found a bright fire burning and a plentiful supply of wood. They also found lots of meat and flour, a coffee pot and lots of rags that were being used to dress Champ's wounds—but no Champ.

When asked where Champ had gone, Mrs. Ferguson told the soldiers that he had left for Kentucky that morning. They scoffed at the answer, knowing that she would never tell them the truth.

The Yankees figured that Ferguson had several men with him. Weighing between 200 and 250 lbs. they figured that he had plenty enough help being carried away after being alerted by the men who had ran from the Widow Scott's house.

As they left, Mrs. Ferguson was standing with her coffee pot in hand, probably thinking that they would take it if she didn't snatch it up. Champ would live to fight many

The Battle Continues

With the recent reporting of increased SCV license plate sales, a Tennessean article posted on Facebook elicited a huge number of replies. Below was a well crafted one, we are fighting the fight!

So many folks want to tell us that the fact slavery was mentioned in some ordinances is absolute proof that the war was about slavery. First of all, slavery, right or wrong, was a part of agrarian society in the South. Therefore, it was part of the financial grievances the South had with the North. The northern economy and industry relied heavily upon Southern crops and the income from the tariffs and taxes levied upon the South. What does this mean? It means that the North relied upon slave labor, too. Why were they not boycotting Southern goods to voice opposition to slavery? Instead, the northern powers-that-be insisted that a war be waged in order to maintain control over the South's economy and products. Secondly, just because some politicians and wealthy plantation owners made mention of the institution of slavery in a document does not in any way support the illogical conclusion many make that all Southerners were fighting to keep slavery alive. Common sense would tell us that the average

Confederate had no slaves and was not risking his life so the 4% who did own slaves could continue to do so. The common Union soldiers were not fighting to end slavery and the common Confederate wasn't fighting to keep it. The conflict was financial and political. The Federalists wanted to preserve the union at any cost, up to and including destroying the Constitution and the republic. The Confederates wanted to preserve the Constitution, states rights, and were fighting against an illegal invasion of their homes and communities. To this day, we have politicians, lobbyists and business leaders who are making decisions, writing documents and levying taxes in a way that is contrary to what the constituents and people believe and desire. Ordinances of Secession in no way can be seen as sole articles of proof of what was on the heart of and in the mind of every Southerner in 1861.

The War Between the States was one of subjugation brought on by greed and imperialistic tyranny. Better sources of facts

exist concerning why the war was fought than these ordinances. Anyone who truly cares about truth will research beyond the mainstream revisionist history. Once they do, they will discover that they've been lied to repeatedly about the real reasons for the war. A lot of documentation is omitted in mainstream "education" on the financial issues, the war crimes and atrocities committed by union forces on Southern civilians of all ethnicities, the diversity of confederate troops, etc. Folks need to open their hearts and minds. Regardless of whether they do or not, though, we have a right to honor our families and our legacy. You don't have to understand a culture or people in order to respect their right to celebrate who they are. Stop calling for tolerance and fairness in one breath and then calling for the destruction and decimation of an entire culture and heritage of thousands of Southern families in the next breath. It's pure hypocrisy.

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Settling The Confusion

By: Byron Davis

Judge Advocate, General Robert H. Hatton Camp, #723

How many times, when you were enthusiastic about this stuff, were you drawn into a conversation about the "Civil War" only to have, "...but you guys were fighting for slavery..." or "You guys started the War..." thrown in your face, and the discussion went south from there - no pun intended. Well, our opponents are ignorant of the facts. It's not their fault, it's just what they've been taught and like many, they've not done their homework.

That being said, their ignorance has led to mass confusion about the War, and is leading to our demise if we don't arm ourselves with a quick, correct, and easily recited version of the Truth about our ancestors' struggle. To that end I submit the following.

1. Secession is not war.
2. Don't confuse slavery and Racism.
3. Lincoln called for troops to begin a war.
4. Federal aggression began the fighting.
5. The South fought to defend itself.

1. "Secession is not war".

In 1860 - Secession was legal - leaving the Union is not addressed in the Constitution. The States, as sovereign and independent bodies, had each ratified the Constitution in order to form the United States - and actually three of them had done so by specifically reserving the right to leave (secede) at a later date if they deemed it necessary. All felt the right of leaving was certainly implied in the powers left to the States under the 10th Amendment of the Constitution.

Therefore, secession was seen as a legitimate option for a State that felt its sovereignty was challenged. In early America, it was threatened by unhappy States - many from the North - in almost every session of Congress. Moreover, legitimately leaving the United States is not a declaration of war! Remember Jefferson Davis' famous statement from his inaugural speech, "All we ask is to be left alone."

Take Aways:

- A. Secession was Legal.
- B. Secession was guaranteed to 3 States and implied under the 10th Amendment to all others.
- C. Northern States had previously threatened secession.
- D. Secession was a legislative/legal action. Not a military action.
- E. "All we ask is to be left alone."

2. "Don't confuse slavery and Racism."

It's true, the seceding states had slaves. Plainly stated, slaves equaled property. Property that had been bought with money and represented investments, capital, and a sizable portion of the 1860 economic machine of those States as well as the entire Country. Congressional threats (or by other means proposed by the Abolitionist) to end that economic system was a threat to a State's (nation's) economy. Today a threat to our national

economy would be considered a threat to national security, and so it was during that time - when States considered themselves equal to a nation.

HOWEVER, there is no factual basis for the idea that in 1860 anyone - North or South - saw the African as equal to the Caucasian. The entire Nation saw the African as something less than them. Yes, the North was racist too! In 1860, practically every Northern Legislature had already enacted laws that restricted freedmen's movements, ability to own property, and accessibility to government, and they continued to enact these types of laws well after the War. Clearly, the North had no intent to live side by side and on equal footing with the freed slave.

By the way, if you really want to rub salt in the wound, ask your opponent the following: If the War was to free the slaves, why is it that right in the middle of the War - June of 1863 - almost 8 months after Lincoln issued The Emancipation Proclamation, was part of Virginia torn away and the State of West Virginia admitted to the Union as a slave state? Help me with that.

Take Aways:

- A. Slavery is the act of ownership - as property - of another.
- B. Racism is a belief that one race is superior to another.
- C. In 1860 States considered themselves equal to a nation.
- D. Northern States enacted laws before 1860 and after 1865 designed to separate and make greater Caucasian rights than those of freedmen's rights.
- E. West Virginia was admitted to the Union in 1863 - in the middle of the War and 8 months after The Emancipation Proclamation - as a slave State.



3. "Lincoln Called for troops to begin a war."

On April 15, 1861 Lincoln issued a proclamation calling on the States to provide 75,000 militia for three months service in order to suppress the rebellion. At that moment, only seven States had already seceded - South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Tennessee and Virginia had overwhelmingly rejected secession - 72% against, 28% for. After Mr. Lincoln's call for troops, the percentages practically reversed - 74% for, 26% against. Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and Arkansas then joined the others in seceding.

Mr. Lincoln never paused to consider the legality of the seceding States actions. In fact, aggression and force were his only thoughts. Consider Maryland, a slave state (and at the time considered a Southern state) was also moving to vote on secession but he intervened, threw the legislators in jail, and held them there so that no meeting and no vote could occur.

Why bring this up? Force was Lincoln's objective all along. Lincoln's call for troops, given the plain meaning of his words, "...to put suppress the rebellion.", was clearly interpreted by the seceding States, as well as the other States, as an intention to use force - to use bullet and sword - against those seceding. Using force is the very definition of war.

The Northern States answering the call quickly supplied their

quota and many pledged more. Several Northern Governors dispatched troops that day - the afternoon of April 15, 1861. Sending soldiers, armed with muskets, bayonets, swords and cannons, can only be interpreted as an intent to carry out a war.

Take Aways:

- A. Force was Lincoln's objective all along.
- B. Lincoln called for 75,000 troops on April 15, 1861.
- C. Every State - North & South - interpreted this "calling for troops" as an intention to use force against the seceding States.
- D. As a result, 4 more States seceded and joined the CSA.
- E. Soldiers armed with muskets, bayonets, swords, and cannons signify war.

4. "Federal aggression began the fighting."

The counter-comment you will almost always hear in response to point number Three is, "You guys fired the first shot at Fort Sumter and started the war." It's true, General Beauregard gave the order on April 12, 1861 to fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. But why?- Remember, South Carolina had seceded on December 6, 1860, some 5 months earlier. Fort Sumter just so happens to sit in the territorial waters of Charleston Harbor in the sovereign State of South Carolina.

In a nutshell, instead of recognizing South Carolina's sovereignty and right to chart its own course, Mr. Lincoln advised the Governor on April 6th that the United States would not remove itself from South Carolina land and would instead be reinforcing and resupplying Fort Sumter in spite of his knowledge of an existing blockade. Mr Lincoln had already refused to recognize a delegation sent by the new Confederate government offering to negotiate and pay for reacquiring federal lands now in the Confederate States. In response to Lincoln's notice, Jefferson Davis, on April 9th, ordered for an ultimatum of surrender or withdrawal to be delivered to the Fort before the provisions arrived. Beauregard delivered the ultimatum on April 11, 1861. It was refused. The effort to remove the Federals from the Fort began on April 12.

If you have followed all the legal requirements and a tenant refuses to recognize their lawful eviction, one calls law enforcement and the tenant is forcibly removed. Who is the aggressor? Who is the wrong doer? Pretty simple.

Take Aways:

- A. South Carolina seceded 5 months prior to the firing on Fort Sumter.
- B. Fort Sumter is within the sovereign territory of South Carolina in Charleston Harbor.
- C. Lincoln refused to negotiate a peaceful transition.
- D. Lincoln knew there was a harbor blockade.
- E. Lincoln ordered the Fort reinforced and resupplied anyway.
- F. Lincoln & the Fort commander ignored the ultimatum to leave.
- G. Beauregard simply "evicted" the stubborn Federals.

5. "The South fought to defend itself".

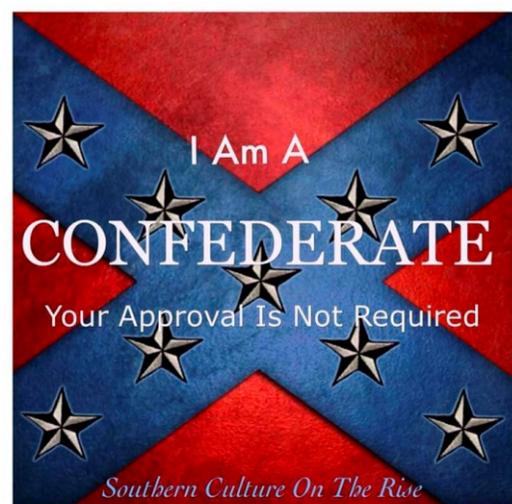
The first major engagement of the Civil War was at Manassas, Virginia. A result of Federal forces marching into Virginia from Washington, D. C. and hitting a "Stonewall". Marching into another government's sovereign territory with the purpose of defeating them is called "invading".

Of all the battles (including the minor skirmishes that occurred outside the Confederate States as listed by The National Parks Service) 91% occurred in the South.

All but two major engagements occurred as a result of Federal forces invading the Confederate States. Sharpsburg (Antietam to the rest of the world) and Gettysburg happened "in the North". They were both conceived of and carried out in order to take the heat off of Northern Virginia by forcing the Federal Armies to "pull back" (out of Virginia) and meet the challenge. They were never intended to conquer a Northern State. Conversely, every Union Army marched with one goal in mind, to conquer and subjugate all of the Confederate States. "I would make this war as severe as possible, and show no symptoms of tiring till the South begs for mercy." William Tecumseh Sherman.

Take Aways:

- A. "Invasion" is defined as an army entering another country's sovereign territory without permission.
- B. Manassas, the first battle of the Civil War occurred after a Federal army invaded Virginia from Washington, D.C..
- C. 91% of all Civil War battles occurred in Southern States.
- D. Of the major battles, only Gettysburg and Sharpsburg (Antietam) occurred "in the North".
- E. These battles were designed to draw the Federal Armies out of Virginia.
- F. The CSA Armies were organized to defend the CSA.
- G. The Federal Armies were organized to invade and conquer the South.
- H. William Tecumseh Sherman - "I would make this war as severe as possible, and show no symptoms of tiring till the South begs for mercy."



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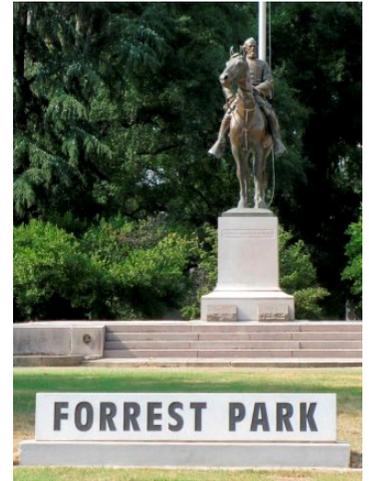
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