

FORREST'S ESCORT



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General



Division Officers



Division Commander Joey Nolan

Greetings To All,

It is my hope that all are well and fighting the good fight. Although the heat has been extreme at times, while flood waters have risen at others, let us

think back to the hardships our ancestors endured. Through heat, cold, ice, and snow, they moved forward, unwavering in fighting for Southern independence.

The 2023, 128th Annual Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion and Convention was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas just a few weeks ago in July. Let me emphasize the word 'Hot' as an understatement. The temperatures were high, almost unbearable, but it was a good National Reunion. Then you add the rich history of the area, it was well truly a great event.

The Tennessee Division and was honored with several awards in Hot Springs. Our Division actively works to promote and preserve our Southern heritage. Tennessee continues to move forward, and it shows.

I do not yet know the complete total of how much was raised, nearly \$100,000.00 was donated for the loan on the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. Do not hesitate to send in your donations to help pay off this debt. Not amount is too large or too small. You can also designate your contribution to go toward the principle of the loan balance as well.

The Texas Division put forth the challenge of \$10,000.00 for the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. Tennessee Division met their challenge and added another \$1,000.00 for a total of \$11,000.00 donated to go toward the debt of the museum. Also bear in mind that the Tennessee Division was in on the ground floor of museum fundraising by donating \$20,000.00. As always, Tennessee is ready and willing to step up to the plate.

By the way, have you visited the museum recently? If not, I encourage you to do so soon. New exhibits are always being added for display. They are also always looking for new items to be donated or loaned. Contact them to find out how you can help add to the museum.

As always, there are several Confederate sites that are friendly and tell the truth about Southern history.

- Confederate Museum at Elm Springs in Columbia, TN.
- Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN.
- Sam Davis Home in Smyrna, TN.
- Longstreet Museum in Russellville, TN.
- Trimble Flag Park in Trimble, TN.
- Winsted Hill in Franklin, TN.

The state of Tennessee is rich in an abundance of Southern heritage. Check the Tennessee Division website for more information at www.tennesseescv.org.

As of now, the battle for the Arlington Reconciliation Memorial is still ongoing. It has been up to those who care about monument and memorial preservation to take action if victory is to be won. Per request by CiC Jason Boshers, I have shared vital information with Tennessee Division brigade commanders to pass on to their camp officers and camp members. I trust all have done their part in contacting those who have the power to determine the fate of this historic memorial. As is the case with other situations, it is up to us to take a stand on behalf of our ancestors.

The Facebook page of the Tennessee Division and Constant Contact messaging service. These have been valuable tools for use in getting information to our members. Although neither are perfect, they have been useful in recruitment as well.

When using the Tennessee Division Facebook page, it has become necessary to remind everyone of who our enemies truly are. We all have opinions, and are passionate when it comes to our stand based on our opinions. However, we must maintain civility and respect for those who are just as passionate when it comes to their own views. We see, read, and/or hear who our enemies are on a daily basis. As many enemies as we have, no one within this organization is my enemy. We all have something of importance to bring to the table. Let's do so in respecting in a respectful manner. Our only goal should be to live and further The Charge, which we will be reminded of later in this issue of the Forrest Escort.

If you are not receiving communications from Joshua Cameron through Constant Contact, find and why. This is another tool from the toolbox to use in communicating valuable information to our members. The emails received through this system help our members stay informed.

In closing let me say it is a privilege to serve as Tennessee Division Commander. Together we will fight for the honor of our ancestors. There is no room to turn back, therefore we must move forward. May God's blessings be upon you all.

Respectfully,

Joey Nolan, Commander
Tennessee Division, SCV



Women of the War – A presentation

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself, I am Dr. Claudia Chapman, President of Maria Baker Lemmon TNSOCR #25. I have also been West Tennessee Vice-President of the Tennessee Society Order of Confederate Rose since 2020. I have been a re-enactor for many years and I am Sergeant of First Tennessee Heavy Artillery Co. F, AOT/AOTT Treasurer, a member of the 1st Division Southern Re-enactors, a member of the Black Rose Society TNSOCR, and also a member of Bedford-Forrest #448, UDC, Mississippi Division. My husband is Wayne Moon, Commander of the Simonton-Wilcox Camp #257 in Covington and he is also CERT Co-ordinator for Tennessee Division. I also assist him in CERT training.

Most of my speaking, re-enacting, participating in living histories and memorials etc. over the years has primarily been in West Tennessee, Northern Mississippi, and Western Kentucky. I have spoken at almost all the SCV camps in West Tennessee, some more than once, at special events at Ft. Pillow and to Riverboat Cruises, at Parker's Crossroads, Discovery Park, and at a number of reenactments like the 150th and the 160th Shiloh events etc. Although, I have spoken on a variety of subjects, my primary program is on "Women of the War". I speak about the different roles that women played in the "War of Northern Aggression" like: doctors, nurses, spys, laundresses, vivandieres, and soldiers etc. I also speak about specific individuals and include prominent Tennessee women of whom TNSOCR Chapter's are named after. Our OCR also

started a "scouting type program" for kids where they earn badges and pins for various activities, testing of knowledge, research, and various projects. I believe that children are our future if the SCV and OCR are to survive. It is imperative that we teach our youth the TRUTH about our history and heritage, because they do not get correct information in public schools as you know. If our youth are not properly educated, the liberal agenda of today will wipe away our true history and replace it with their twisted version of the truth, something they are attempting fiercely to do and unfortunately succeeding at in some arenas. We even had a "school of soldier" for our kids. I often include my experiences with this program along with my primary talk on "Women of the War." I also believe that OCR support of the SCV is very important and would love to see every SCV camp have an OCR chapter that supports and assists with their activities.

In conversations I have had with a number of both OCR and SCV members from the Middle Tennessee area, I understand that many SCV camps look for different speakers. If you would like for me to come to your camp to speak, please feel free to contact me to work out details. My phone number is: 901-687-5102. My email address is cgcdc@aol.com. I am also on FB. If you contact me by email, please put "speaker request" in the heading so that I don't accidentally delete your message. I look forward to hearing from you!

Deo Vindice

Dr. Claudia G. Chapman

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General Forrest 200 Society

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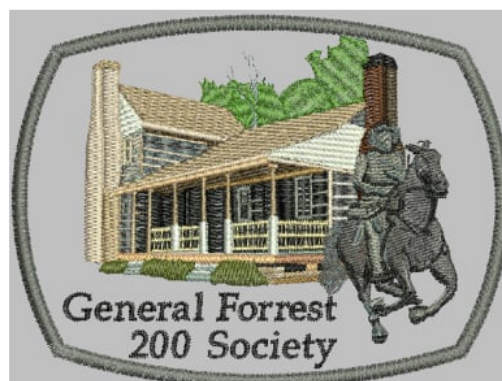
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On July 13, 1821 Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill Tennessee. Forrest would become one of the greatest self made men in the South, plantation owner, businessman and most importantly one of the most feared Generals during the War Between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

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

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

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

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



1st Lt. Commander John Blankenship

Gentlemen,

I was thinking about the Charge that is given to us. The "Cause for which they fought" is so deep. I was reading an article recently about how the left is attacking and taking over in so

many areas. We must unfurl our flags and stand up now to defend OUR history. It's been said over and over: If not us, who? If not now, when? If we don't do it NOW, there will be nothing left to defend and protect. When you love and cherish something, you defend it and fight for it. The Veterans themselves said to "your strength" We must become even stronger! We need more men to stand up! If the liberal left wing marxists can be "woken" then we must wake up as well. I for one want the "future generations" to know who the Southern Soldier was and not just some forgotten memory. I am challenging myself to do more and I also challenge you to do the same. Below is the Charge, read it, then read it again. Let's work together and become stronger than we ever have been.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles 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."

If I can be of service to you or your camp, please let me know.

God Bless each of you!

John Blankenship

Lt. Commander, TN Division

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Loring's Division



Ross Massey

Ross Massey of Camp 28 has written the first known history of an entire Division in his new book, Loring's Division. Published by Scuppernong Press and available now! For more information contact Ross at masseyla@aol.com



2nd Lt. Commander Richard Garcia

My Fellow Confederates,

As the past fiscal year ends and the new one begins, I want to thank you for renewing your memberships and thank you all for being instrumental in

Tennessee Division's success in the past year. Tennessee Division's accomplishments were recognized at Hot Springs, Arkansas at the 2023 National Reunion, Army of Tennessee meeting. Your commitment and drive has been exceptional this past fiscal year.

TN Division's accomplishments is no accident or fluke. It took perseverance, hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to the SCV Charge by all the compatriots in this great state of Tennessee.

I recognize that the importance of your SCV work lies in the fact that while you serve your respective camps, your activities and events help to give our state a complete picture in the history of the confederate soldier, by promoting and preserving our confederate heritage.

Congratulations to those of you from the camps across the state, who received National Awards, who are the staple of their community and who do the important work of building goodwill, promoting the study and the preservation of our rich heritage, our just cause, our history and our culture.

Though we have made an impact in telling our story to the people of Tennessee, our work is not done. Continuing negative splatter and lies have been stated about southern heritage and confederate symbolism in social media, journalism, city governments, and in various television news casts.

In addition to the parading protest groups and the disciples of woke ideology, our enemies are too numerous to list. They are

attempting to coerce our families into submission to abandon our history, beliefs and way of life.

As SCV Compatriots, we must never surrender! We play a vital role in the protection of Tennessee heritage and southern history from these nefarious individuals.

This fiscal year, please continue to tell our narrative, recruit, retain memberships, bring back former members, display our imagery, support the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home, the Sam Davis Home & Museum, the General Longstreet Museum, General Forrest 200 Society and the Confederate Historical Southern Heritage Center which contains the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs.

If you haven't visited the National Confederate Museum, please do. Bring your friends, family, especially your children and grand children. The museum has provided many who visited an inspirational and engaging experience about the definite truth and history of the Southern United States starting in the pre-revolutionary war period through the post-war of northern aggression.

"Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; learn from Northern school books THEIR version of the war, and taught to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects of derision." – "Stonewall of the West" General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne

God Save Tennessee!

Richard Garcia

TN Division 2nd Lt. Commander

SCV National Life Member

TN Division Life Member

General Forrest 200 Society Member

General James Longstreet's Headquarters, winter of 1863-1864



General Longstreet

East Tennessee and the Lakeway Area are blessed with both natural beauty and a great number of tourist opportunities. For history lovers, the area serves as an important geographic location for early settlers heading out West, and a strategic location for both the Union and Confederate Armies during the Civil War. Unfortunately, only a small amount of our historical sights and relevance to the war have been preserved. The General Longstreet Museum in Russellville, Tennessee is one great exception.

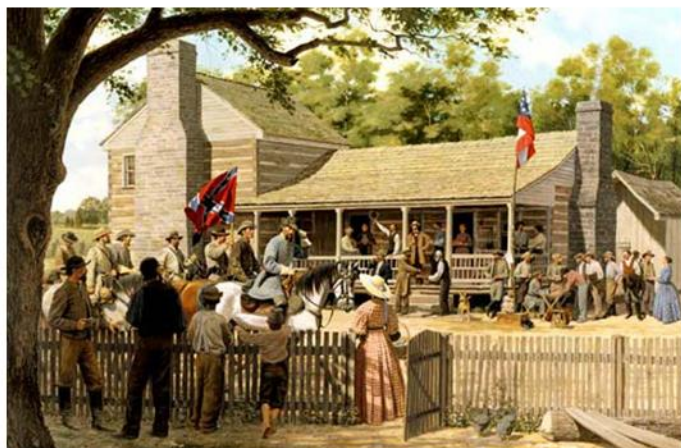
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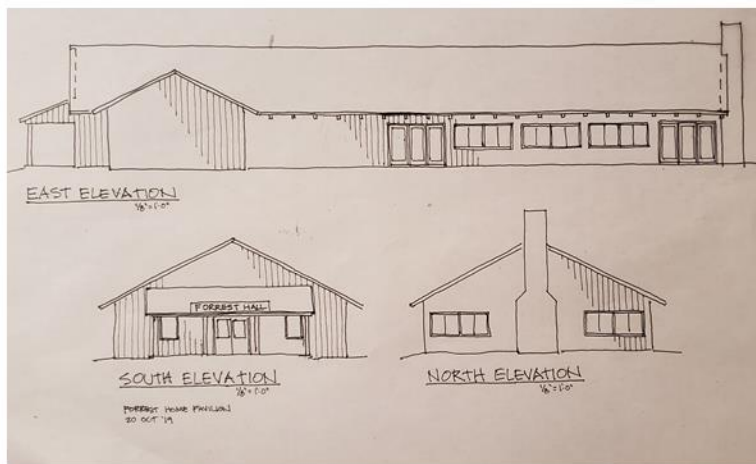
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**PLEASE CONSIDER A VISIT TO OR A DONATION
TO HELP PRESERVE AND CONTINUE
OPERATING THE GEN. LONGSTREET MUSEUM!**



**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE
LAUNCH OF A FUND RAISER FOR A
VISITORS CENTER AT THE
NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST HOME
IN CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE.
“FORREST HALL”**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans acquired the Nathan Bedford Forrest boyhood home in 1995 from the state of Tennessee. Since that time the cabin and out buildings have been restored and the grounds have been made immaculate due to the hard work and dedication of many SCV members, especially the Director Gene Andrews. With all of the attacks on our Confederate Heritage and especially General Forrest, it is time for us to have the Forrest home available during regular hours for tours and other events. This is where the idea for Forrest Hall originated, it's time to “Charge em’ both ways”!



Once completed, Forrest Hall will be a 5,000 square foot building with a visitors center that includes a museum and gift shop, restrooms and a kitchen area as well as an events center for meetings, special events and weddings. The projected cost is \$500,000 with a completion date of July 2024. If you are ready to “Ride with Forrest” donate today! Everyone should try to at least be at the Forrest’s Escort level!

General Forrest level \$10,000 _____ Colonel Jeffery Forrest level \$5,000 _____
Forrest Escort level \$1,000 _____ Morton's Artillery level \$500 _____
Forrest's Cavalry level \$100 _____ Other \$ _____

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Send your donation to: SCV Tennessee Division, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088

Make a note that your donation is for FORREST HALL.

If you have questions contact James Patterson at 615-812-0206 or mboroscv33@aol.com

Division Genealogist Report

submitted by David C. Daniels



Men of the Tennessee Division:

Hopefully, everyone had a great time at whatever SCV Reunion you attended, this summer. Personally, we attended the Tennessee Division Reunion, the SCV National, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B) National.

The recurring subject in all was recruitment. We can see the tide turning, somewhat, in what folks are

putting up with from the "WOKE" community and we should take this opportunity to turn those that have those sentiments into recruits.

Surely, in a conversation, you have a family member, coworker, or one you worship with, someone that agrees that enough is enough.

Keep a recruiting pamphlet with you and if you have a business card, SCV, or otherwise, give it to them. Make a contact, for you will never know where your next member will come from. For those of you that have recruited in the past, has your recruit renewed? If you recruit, you should adopt that member and his membership, and keep him active and informed.

Let's prepare for the future, "Who's going to fill our shoes?" If not you, WHO? If not now, WHEN?

Again, don't let genealogy be an excuse, send us their lineage information to, tendivgen@yahoo.com, and I am sure we can find them a Confederate connection.

David C. Daniels,

Tennessee Division Genealogist

SCV National Genealogy Committee

Order of Confederate Rose

For those Tennessee SCV camps that have yet to charter an Order of Confederate Rose (OCR) chapter, seriously consider it. The OCR is here to honorably SERVE the "Sons" and are a great benefit to SCV Camps in ways to honor our ancestors and support your SCV Camp. A Confederate ancestor, nor a relative in the SCV is required. Just believing and desiring to honor your Confederate Heritage is all that is required. The OCR is open to all men (Thorns) and women (Roses), sixteen years of age and older, with or without Confederate ancestry. The children are Rosebuds and Young Rebels. Our goal is to aid and support the cause of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) in an honorable way and in all endeavors. Each state chapter is independent to focus on problems important to its own area.

As a member "Thorn" of Aunt Pollys Highland Roses chapter # 10, I see the good works this organization does for the SCV.

If you are interested in chartering a chapter or regarding membership email:

Dottie Meadows, TNSOCR-President, sophie24ocr@yahoo.com,

or one of the three regional Vice Presidents:

Tamathy Garcia Middle Tn. VP, Gardengirl6563@yahoo.com,

Chrisy Boswell of East Tn. VP, Bozzzland@yahoo.com, and

Claudia Chapman of West Tn. VP, Cgcdc@aol.com.



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

Jefferson Davis

Candidacy Announcements

Compatriots,

I hope each of you are doing well and enjoying your summer. I would like to introduce myself or reintroduce myself to you. My name is John Blankenship and I am currently serving as Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division.

I was born and raised in Humboldt, Tennessee. I attended the local schools. I am married to Kasey and we have one son, Colton. Kasey works as a legal assistant at an area law firm and Colton is starting high school.

Professionally, I spent almost 19 years in radio broadcasting full time. In 2021, I accepted the position of Director at the Humboldt Public Library. I still work with a local radio station in the area part time. I have also been the curator of the local Humboldt History Museum.

In 2012, I helped organize the Humboldt Historical Society and have served as President since that time. This organization has taken on many projects to share our local community's history and heritage. We have held home tours, cemetery walks, placed historic markers, etc.

In 2018, I was appointed as the official Gibson County Historian and currently serve in this role.

In 2022, I ran for County Commissioner in District #4 and was elected to that position to serve for four years. This position gives me a great opportunity to serve my community. I have also gained knowledge of and assisting with a multi-million dollar budget.

I have served on several boards and community organizations over the years. Those include: Humboldt Helping Hand, Inc., Lions Club, Rotary Club, Humboldt History Museum, City Planning Commission, Co-Chair County Public Records Commission, Gibson County Bicentennial Committee, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, and Exchange Club.

I began my membership with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2012. I joined the Otho F. Strahl Camp 176 in Union City. In 2013, then Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander, Bill Foster, asked me to reorganize the John B. Ingram SCV Camp in Jackson, TN. We later moved this camp to Humboldt and reorganized the old Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209. A couple of years later, Mr. Foster had to resign



due to health reasons and asked me to be his replacement to serve as Brigade Commander. I served in that position until being elected 2nd Lt. Commander in 2020. I was elected as your Lt. Commander at the April 2022 Tennessee Division Reunion. I have been a member of the National Disciplinary Committee. I am also a Life Member of the SCV and the SCVMC. I have attended many SCV meetings, from the local camp level to the national level.

I have told you a lot about me, not to lift me up on a pedestal, but to show you my heart and willingness to serve. It has been an honor to be a member of the Tennessee Division and the Executive Council for several years. I have had the opportunity to sit under many fine men who have taught me so much about this organization. The mentorship of these individuals has been invaluable. I feel I have the experience, knowledge, the heart, passion and the fight to serve the SCV in the years to come.

We must not slow down in advancing the Charge that has been given to us by the Confederate Veterans themselves. We must continue to carry the banner high to make sure the next generation learns of the sacrifice and heroism of the Southern Soldier.

We will have many battles ahead to protect our history. We must work to increase our membership. There is power in numbers. We must find ways to get more young people in the SCV, using technology as a center point. We also have much work to do in retaining our current members. This will take better communication to our membership. This Division is in good financial shape but we must not take this for granted. We must continue to work with our legislators to protect our TN SCV license plates. It is our financial lifeblood. It will take each of us working together to accomplish these things.

Much thought and prayer has gone into this decision. I would be honored to serve as the next Commander of the Tennessee Division. I humbly ask for your consideration, support, and vote at the Tennessee Division Reunion at Columbia in April 2024. I can promise you one thing, I will continue to give me best for you, our organization and most importantly, our Confederate Ancestors.

In Your Service,

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*Candidate
Announcement*



*Commander
Army of Tennessee*

Fellow Compatriots,

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

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

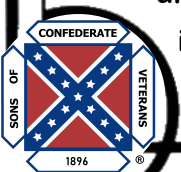
Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I want to encourage all members to reach out and recruit. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so that our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

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



Yours In Service to the South,

Tom Wood, Tennessee Division Adjutant
General Robert H. Hatton, Camp 723
Lebanon, Tennessee
Email: woodth25@gmail.com





Brigade Commander Reports



Highland Brigade, Commander Clarence Farmer

The Pvt Wiley L Steakley camp #2307 Spencer Tennessee along with the Saufley Roses chapter #36 Order of Confederate Roses from Jamestown Hosted the Highland Brigade N.B. Forrest Picnic at Fall Creek Falls state

park located in Van Buren County. The guest speaker was Mr James Patterson and he gave a very interesting speech about Forrest. The camp gave him a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to the cause. The event was a grand occasion with over 65 people attending from various camps and brigades

The Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014 sponsored the first ever Monterey Little Patriots Parade on July 3. Of the winners of over \$400 in gift certificates was Axton Ellis, 1st Lt. Commander Jack Looper's grandson. The next event will be Sept. 29 at the Monterey Depot Museum for the Trails Through History program.

Cookeville camp (Dillard-Judd camp 1828) meets at Golden Corral, 1380 Interstate Drive, on 3rd Monday of the month (except for July & month of the Highland Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet), at 5:30-7pm to eat & business meeting at 7pm. Usually has a speaker on historical subjects dealing with their ancestors' war service & their new Country, & recent news within the SCV Confederation

The Sgt. William A Hamby Camp # 1750 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the white activity building behind the Old Fashion Independent Baptist Church located at 250 Tenth Street. The camp has had some excellent speakers & will be hosting their Christmas Banquet Saturday December 2nd 5 pm at the church.

The James M Saufley Camp 929 in Jamestown in June had a business only meeting discussing recruitment, participation in the Fentress county 200th anniversary, and setting up a booth for the Fentress County Fair. July was an informal meeting at the NB Forrest picnic. August, Mike Dunn was speaker and voted to assume the sponsorship & restoration of the Civil War Trails marker at the Travisville Cemetery.





McLemore's Brigade, Commander Bruce Gibson

Murfreesboro Camp No. 33 meets at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, 225 W College St, Murfreesboro, TN.

In May, the camp replaced the U.S. flag at Evergreen Cemetery. In addition to maintaining the

Confederate flag in the cemetery's Confederate Circle, the camp replaces the U.S. flag on or near Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

On June 4th, the Camp held its annual Confederate Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery's Confederate Circle. The featured speaker was Amelia Workman, President of UDC Chapter 91.

On July 8th, a small, but dedicated, group joined at the Forrest Raid Monument in Murfreesboro's Old City Cemetery to commemorate Gen. N.B. Forrest's July 12, 1862 raid on Murfreesboro where he freed dozens of Confederate sympathizers being held in the Rutherford County courthouse and captured the entire Union garrison. After the service, instead of the traditional lunch of black-eyed peas and sweet potatoes, the group adjourned to Chili's. Tex-Mex seemed appropriate, since seven of the twenty-six Confederate soldiers killed during the raid were Texans.

The camp welcomed a new member, Jim Sandman, who joined under ancestor Private Josiah Spurlock, 1st Mississippi Cavalry Reserves. A U.S. Navy veteran, Jim also gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the U.S. Submarine Service at the camp's June meeting.

In July, Camp Adjutant Bruce Gibson represented the Tennessee Division in the oratory contest at the National



Annual Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This year the camp sponsored eight H.L. Hunley JROTC awards, one for each high school in Rutherford County. This is the second most awards sponsored by one camp in the entire Tennessee Division.



General Robert General Robert H. Hatton Camp No. 723 meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at Jimmy Floyd Community Ctr., 511 N. Castle Heights Ave, Lebanon, TN.

Since the last report the Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon continues to be extremely busy.

Our display of the 7th Tennessee Infantry Flag was displayed at our Wilson County Veterans Museum for two months and the last of July it was taken to the museum in Elm Springs for the remainder of the year. The opening ceremony was very well attended and well received by our community.

At our record setting Confederate Memorial Day service the camp presented State Senator Mark Pody with the General Robert E. Lee Award for outstanding service to the SCV. Our keynote speaker that day was Senator Janice Bowling.

The camp recently adopted the 7th Tennessee Flag as our camp flag and it will be displayed at many of our events.



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The camp has welcomed three new members in the last month with more currently being processed for membership.

Commander Tom Wood announced his candidacy for Commander of the Army of Tennessee at the national reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas to be elected next year at national.



The highlight for the camp during this period was the awarding of the outstanding camp in the Army of Tennessee for the year 2023. A plaque and flag streamer for our new flag was received and now proudly displayed. The Army

of Tennessee region includes 11 states from Michigan to Florida.

Our annual camp picnic was held. A large food donation was provided to the Lebanon Fire Department. The camp's next big event begins in two weeks with our recruiting booth and Caramel Corn sales at the Tennessee State Fair for 10 days.

Sam Davis Camp No. 1293 meets at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Oglesby Community Center, next door to Woodson Chapel Church of Christ in Brentwood.

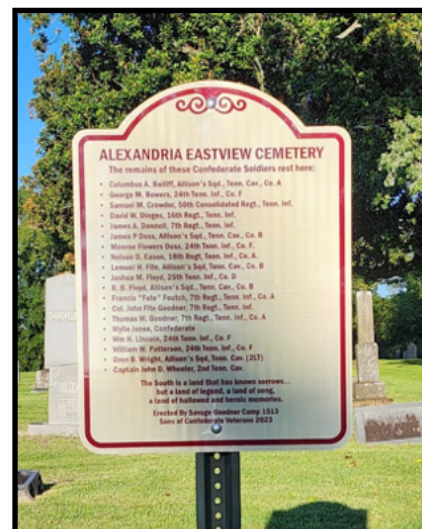
Jim Davis Camp 1425 Macon County had two events in June. The Folk Medicine Festival in Red Boiling Springs, TN and Hillbilly Days in Lafayette, TN. We swore in a new camp member during these events. Our camp completed a camp project of placing a fence around the Holland/Cothron Cemetery. We plan on attending the Car Show in Red Boiling Springs, Tn in September.

At the Folk Medicine Festival, Brigade Commander Bruce Gibson presented the camp with its Edward Ward Carmack Award for best small camp newsletter awarded at the Tennessee Division Reunion held in Knoxville.



Savage-Goodner Camp No. 1513 meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Dekalb County Community Complex, 712 S Congress Blvd., Smithville.

On August 10, the Camp dedicated this plaque in the Alexandria Eastview Cemetery to the 19 Confederate Veterans buried there including one of the Camp namesakes COL John Goodner.



The Gainesboro Invincibles #1685 continues with their monthly speaker series and meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridge Church, 110 West Hull Street, Gainesboro, TN. Everyone is welcome to a home cooked meal starting at 6pm, the meeting will follow immediately at 7pm. The camp activities:

- Presented the SCV General William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award to Jackson County High School Senior Luke Babb.
- Savage Goodner SCV Camp #1513 Memorial service.
- School Days at the Capt. W. H. McCauley Camp #260, Charlotte.
- Recruitment booth at the Polk Sallet Festival, Gainesboro.
- Trimble Elementary School living history event with Bell's Partisans SCV Camp #1821 Camp Commander Shawn Rainey, Trimble TN.
- The unveiling of the 7th Tennessee Infantry Flag with the General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723, Lebanon, TN
- Robert H. Hatton SCV Camp #723 Memorial Service, Lebanon TN.
- Nathan Bedford Forrest Homecoming, Chapel Hill TN.
- General Nathan Forrest Memorial service in Gainesville AL.
- Recruitment with the Major James T. Huff SCV Camp #2243 at the Popcorn Sutton Moonshine Festival, Newport TN.
- Commander attended the 2023 SCV National Reunion, Hot Springs Arkansas.

Capt. Ed D. Baxter No. 2034 meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Fairview Community Center, 2714 Fairview Blvd W, Fairview.



Ft. Donelson Brigade, Commander Steve Settle

Greetings from the men and camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade!

First, the Isham G. Harris Camp 109 at Paris is busy as always keeping a positive

presence in the public eye and pushing our message in positive ways. They are preparing an information and recruiting booth at the upcoming Henry County Fair. They are planning on maintaining the booth for 4 consecutive evenings with the mission to increase our membership and educate the public on our mission to preserve Southern Heritage. Compatriot James H. Swor recently spoke at a public forum sponsored by the Henry County historical Society on the Camp's namesake, Governor Isham G. Harris. Gen. Sidney Johnston died in Harris's arms at the Battle of Shiloh. Harris was responsible for TN succeeding from the Union and joining the Confederacy, as the 11th and last state to join. Harris replied to Lincoln's request that TN provide 10,000 soldiers to the Union, "Tennessee will not furnish a single man for coercion, but fifty thousand, if necessary, for the defense of our rights, or those of our Southern brethren." This camp meets on the third Tuesday, 7 pm at Uncle Billy's Eatery in downtown Paris.

The Frank P. Gracey Camp 225 at Clarksville continues to have their monthly meetings and informative programs. Theirs is a great example of camp members stepping up to provide a program when outside speakers are not always available. Commander Gary Libano recently visited the Paris Camp and spoke on a few important topics, one of which concerned the camp's Southern Cross of Honor grave markers and the great seal of the Confederacy reproduction the camp has created. These are superb products and are available by

contacting the camp leadership. Some of the other topics Gary spoke with the Paris camp about was inter-camp cooperation on special events like recruiting at events and monument rededications. It makes

good sense to work together, it keeps the SCV in the public eye and lets us tell our own story not just the one our detractors use "For together we are strong and divided we will fall." The camp was recently contacted by Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville concerning the shrubs surrounding the Confederate monument there having been damaged by last winter's freezing temps. The camp has agreed to partner with the cemetery management to get these replaced. Just a simple gesture of good will that lets others know what we are truly about. The camp meets the second Tuesday, 6:00 pm

at Paul & Jackie's Diner on Zinc Plant road in Clarksville.

The Fort Donelson Camp 249 at Dover is meeting regularly and planning on participating with other camps in upcoming events. Health issues with several of the key members of the camp have limited recent outside activities but things seem to be on the mend. Cooler weather this fall will help everyone. Camp meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday, 7pm at the Stewart County Public Library in Dover.

The Captain Wm. H. McCauley Camp 260 at Dickson is planning on setting up a recruitment booth at the Charlotte Festival on September 16 in front of the SCV monument on court square in Charlotte. Camp Meetings are held the fourth Saturday each month at Noon at the Saint Paul Church building which is owned and maintained by the camp.

Respectfully Submitted,



Longstreet's Brigade, Commander Kyle Stewart

Gentlemen,

The Longstreet Brigade has been very active this past quarter in recruiting, retention, and furthering the Charge!!

Specifically speaking, Bradford/

Rose Camp #1638 has presented multiple William Hicks Jackson AG awards, had a booth at the Grainger Co Tomato Festival, and actively

raising funds for their Confederate statue to be placed on the Longstreet Museum property.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp #87 placed flags on the Confederate graves at Old Grey Cemetery leading up to their annual Decoration Day ceremonies, continued their work around the Bleak House with multiple projects, several parades, and Hunley award presentations.

Kyle Stewart
Brigade Commander

Jeffrey Forrest's Brigade, Commander Shawn Rainey

Greetings from the Jeffrey
Forrest Brigade!!!

Otho F. Strahl Camp #176
purchased new mega-flags for
the Parks Cemetery Ridge
Confederate Memorial. They will

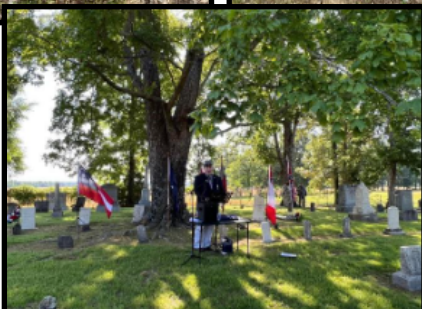
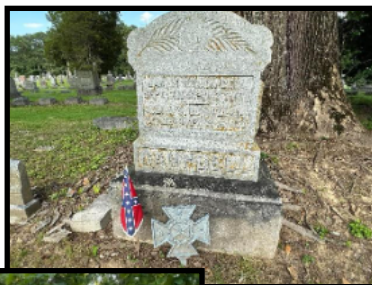
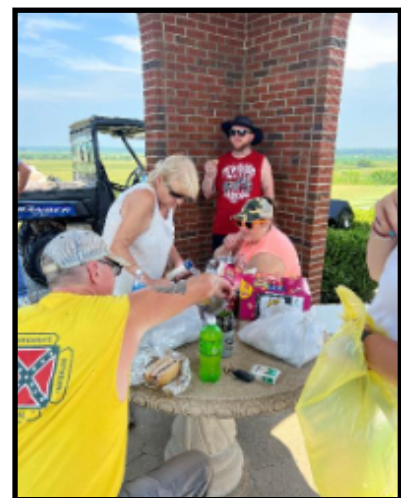
also be having a recruiting booth at the Obion County Fair which is to
be held August 19-26 in Union City.

Col. R.M. Russell Camp #209 held
their annual Confederate Memorial
Service in June at the Collinsworth
Cemetery in Humboldt. A new flag pole
was placed there to honor military
veterans in the cemetery. The camp also
replaced the flags and ropes at Oakland
Cemetery in Trenton and Rose Hill
Cemetery in Humboldt. The Russell Camp
partnered with the Hill-Freeman Camp
#1472 and decorated both the
Oakland and Rose Hill
Cemeteries with Confederate
flags for Confederate
Memorial Day. The Russell
and Hill-Freeman camps are
also partnering to have a
recruitment booth at the
Gibson County Fair which
will be held on August 28th-
September 2nd in Trenton.



Bell's Partisans Camp #1821
hosted the 10th annual Tow Truck
Memorial Ride for the flags. It was
a very well attended event raising
money for the upkeep of the
Trimble mega-flag as well as other
southern heritage projects. Camp
member Keith Hulme was awarded
the President Jefferson Davis
Award from the TN Division SCV for
his continued efforts at the Trimble

flag site. The Bell's Partisans camp also held a camp clean-up day for
the Trimble Mega Flag, with a lunch provided by the ladies of the Mary
Ann Bell Chapter #21 TNSOCR.





Mountain Brigade, Commander Billy Walker

Camps in the Mountain Brigade are still forwarding The Charge. Below are some examples of the work being done on behalf of our Confederate ancestors.

N.B. Forrest Camp #3 in Chattanooga TN is still

maintaining and caring for the soldiers buried in the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. If you get a chance, go by and visit this beautiful cemetery. They are actively working on ways to recruit new members and build the camp even stronger.

Camp Commander-James Skipper

cmdrnbforrestchatt@gmail.com

Camp Adj.-Donnie Ashley

nbforrestchatt@gmail.com

Meeting Day, 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Wheeler-Long Camp #709 in Dunlap Tennessee participated in a flagging event held during the annual 127 Yard Sales. Thousands of people were subject to this event, with recruitment material and free flags given to many during this event. Along with their monthly meetings, Camp 709 is promoting Southern heritage.

Camp Commander-Vic Holmes

gotomanvick@gmail.com

Meeting Day, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Meeting Location, Dunlap Coke Ovens Museum, Dunlap TN

2nd Lt William Moore Bain Camp #2333 in Ocoee TN is very active in trying to reach the youth for the SCV. They support the Children of the Confederacy, which helps them reach this goal. Camp 2333 is working to recruit and promote Southern heritage.

Camp Commander-Glen(Ricky)Lankford

rickylankford92@gmail.com

Camp Adj.-Shawn Pritchett

shawnpritchett@outlook.com

Meeting Day, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Meeting Place, Shiloh Baptist Church, Hwy 64, Ocoee, TN

Cumberland Mountain Rifles Camp #386 is always busy promoting the SCV and Southern heritage. On July 4th, they participated in three area parades, being well received by spectators.

They also support the high school football team, which affords them the opportunity to share our history and recruit new members. Camp 386 is working on plans for this Fall that will allow them to do even more in honoring our ancestors.

Camp Commander-Buck Parson

rebelbuck386@yahoo.com

Camp Adj.-Joey Nolan

scvproud@gmail.com

Meeting Day, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Meeting Location, 51 Depot Street, Tracy City, TN 37387

Members of 13th Tennessee Cavalry Camp #2304 participated in the flagging event during the 127 Yard Sales as well. They share the history of the Southern cause, as well as that of the Sequatchie Valley during the War Between the States.

Camp Commander- Norman "CN" Angel

Camp Adj. - C.J. Angel

Meeting Day, 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm

Meeting location, City Hall, Pikeville, TN

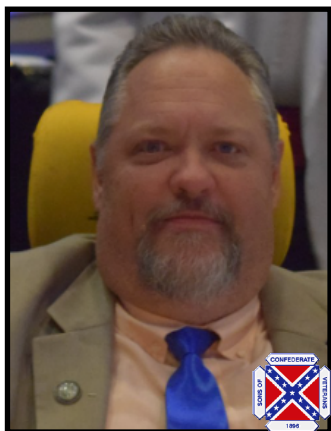
Thank you
and God Bless
Dixie!

Respectfully
yours,

Billy Walker
Mountain
Brigade
Commander

mtnbrigcommander@gmail.com





Starnes' Brigade, Commander Sean Hill

Camp 37 set up a booth at the Forrest Monument in Chapel Hill for the Lions Super Pull of the South on July 21 & 22, 2023. We sold some items to raise funds, and also got a lot of support from Tractor Pull fans. We will do it

again next year.

Camp 297 continues to work on its CERT program working at several cemeteries and the Sam Davis capture site in Giles County. We worked the concessions at the Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming in June and made \$1747 that went to the Forrest Home Fund in July several of us attended the National Reunion in Hot Springs AR working a booth sell items making money for Forrest Hall and the Boyhood Home raising \$720. Mitch Newman was in Color Sergeant uniform and presented our camp flag during opening ceremonies. Adjutant Wes Pullen made a personal donation to the National Museum at Elm

Springs of \$500. We are working on a 3rd TN /Jake Donelson challenge coin it will be available in mid-September for \$15 the profit will go to the building of Forrest Hall.

Camp 1620 held a Memorial Service for Confederate Veterans buried in Willow Mont Cemetery in June with a lot of people in attendance. The service

featured a Color Guard, a program on the history of the Cemetery and playing of Taps. Our camp is

planning to make this a yearly event. The camp is in a growth stage if anyone has prospects in the area of Shelbyville, please contact us.





Vaughn's Brigade, Commander Ed Hill

Greetings from Vaughn's Brigade,

The Brigade has been very busy this quarter with numerous events and activities. Also due to storms and high winds some local cemeteries

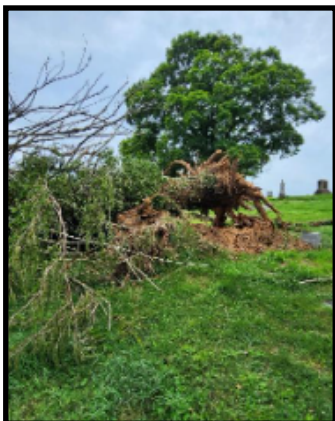
were damaged. Brigade members fell right into cleanup and repair immediately.

During this quarter, the James Keeling Camp was able to continue raising donations for our camp member (Scott Cornwell) for his double lung transplant at Duke hospital. The camp would like to thank the Camps (James T. Huff 2243, John S. Mosby 1409, Robert J. Tipton 2083) for their donations. All parties involved including these camps and James Keeling # 52 along with 2 Churches, several private donations were able to raise a large amount for his stay at Duke. Scott has since received a transplant and is now back at his RV close to Duke. He will need to be there for several more months but continues to improve each day.

The Camp was also able to send members to the groundbreaking for the new Veteran's Park in Blountville, Tn.

In May, Camp #52 was able to support the Virginia Division of the UDC at their District Conference by presenting the US, Virginia, and the Battle Flag at the start of their meeting.

Camp #52 members were able to hold workdays at East Hills Cemetery, working to replace 5 Headstones and removing brush and fallen limbs from around the cemetery.



And as for the year, Camp # 52 is proud that by the end of June 2023, the Camp supplied the Impact Community Center with over \$ 2,700 worth of food and snack items for their monthly food give away for needy families for the year 2022-2023.

Camp #52 meets on the 3rd Monday at the ICC 1717 Bristol Caverns Hwy Bristol at 7pm.

The Colonel John Singleton Mosby Camp had an active second quarter of 2023. The March meeting was held at Randall's Restaurant, the April meeting at The Golden Corral, and the June meeting at Randall's Restaurant. The guest speakers included James Head, Brian Greene, and Terry Diamond.

The camp inducted one new member during the quarter.

There were two officer changes – John Turner became Sergeant-at-Arms and Randal Lane became Adjutant.

The camp worked to finalize the plan for constructing a fence around Barrett Cemetery. The camp previously cleared overgrown brush and repaired several headstones. There are several Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

Several camp members attended the UDC annual dedication of the monument at Oak Hill Cemetery in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Several camp members attended the annual Vaughn's Brigade cookout at the Greene Family Farm in Whitesburg, Tennessee. The camp donated \$100 toward the picnic.

Camp #1409 meets on the 4th Thursday at 5:30pm at Randalls Restaurant 120 Old Union Rd Church Hill.

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In the month of May, members of the camp 1817 installed an SCV sign on the Blountville Community sign board. In addition to this, we completed cleanup work around the I-81 flag and put up a new flag.



During the month of June, members of the camp honored the Confederate dead interred in the Blountville cemetery by placing flags on the graves for Confederate memorial day.



During our camp meetings each month members of the camp have been making presentations about their individual ancestors and the units in which they fought.

In September, members of the camp will travel to Barbourville, Ky to the Lt. Robert D. Powell monument.

Camp #1817 meets on the 3rd Monday at the Deery Inn Museum

3425 SR-126 Blountville at 7pm.

Lt. Robert J Tipton camp #2083 has been having our monthly meetings and we had our Lt. Tipton memorial service on the 29th of July at Greenhill Cemetery. Some of our members also attended the brigade picnic. Compatriot Rich Garcia visited with us in June and gave a great presentation.



Brigade Commander Ed Hill presented the Camp a check for \$1000 on behalf of the SCV Tennessee Mechanized Cavalry towards the Landon Carter Haynes Monument.



Camp 2083 meets on the 1st Tuesday at Dinos Restaurant 420 E. Elk Ave Elizabethton at 7pm.

On June 3 members of the Newport Camp attended UDC Chapter 754 Johnson City, Tn. Monument Dedication.

June 9-10 the camp set up at the Popcorn Sutton Jam for sales and recruiting and recruited one new member. Also, the camp had the privilege of having 2nd Lt. Tn. Div. Commander Rich Garcia help with the booth. We also presented a Vietnam Veteran with a free hat.



June 17 members of the camp attended the Nathan Bedford Forrest Homecoming.



July 1 Members participated in the Brigade Picnic adding the entertainer as a member.

Camp Commander Daniel Costner was presented the Military Service Award by the Johnson City Chapter 754 UDC.



Camp #2243 meets on the 3rd Tuesday at the DAV Building 148 Pine St. Newport at 6:30pm.



The South Has Risen

We have all heard the old refrain that the “The South will Rise Again” and now this is literally happening in our country in a way no one expected. The total devastation of the South by an invading Yankee Army in 1861 left the Southern economy in ruin and millions of Southern families lost everything as a result. This intentionally planned destruction was to totally subjugate the independent thinking Southerner to never question the elite of Washington again. The Southern mind-set has always been one of perseverance, independence, strength and resolve. Even though severely damaged and under the control of the Yankees, the strong Southern mind-set never gave up and began the long 163 year struggle to return to the pre-war years of a strong dominating economy.

I have mentioned previously in some of my writings that the South was the richest part of the nation just prior to the war breaking out. The poorest state in the South was richer than the richest state in the north. Lincoln could not afford the South to rebel and leave the Union because of his unfair taxation on the South. Lincoln's effort to save the nation was to in fact save the north from financial disaster because they could not survive without the Southern economy. The irony in this is that Lincoln started the war to bring the Southern economy and their revenue stream back to the Union, but ironically, he literally destroyed the Southern economy with his destructive war.

The Northeast has long been the king pin of America's wealth, particularly New York City and the Washington-New York-Boston corridor. As a result of the pandemic and the north's total control and lock downs that is now all changing for the first time since the War Between the States. The South is now perhaps stronger than ever. The Southern economy is once again leading the way in economic output. Six of the fastest-growing states in the South including Florida, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. These Southern States are now contributing more to America's wealth than the Northeast. This monumental shift of fortunes continues to grow even wider for the South as northern companies and the northern population is heading South in record numbers.

The Southeast gained \$100 billion in new income in 2020-2021 and the Northeast lost \$60 billion in an analysis by the Internal Revenue Service. Since the pandemic began in early 2020 two-thirds of all job growth occurred in the Southeast where 9 of the 15 fastest growing cities reside. In his article Brian Weber states the reason for this reversal in fortunes for the South is not only due to a more attractive climate, tourist attractions, cultural centers, and vacation destinations, but the political and economic climates attracting business and entrepreneurs. The South has the lowest tax levels, many states in the Southeast have no state income taxes, a friendly pro-business philosophy and availability of a large workforce in the South. These factors and others are not only attracting corporations but the ordinary Americans who have had enough of woke and broke in the Northeast.

According to the National Association of Realtors people are leaving these tyrannically controlled states in droves and moving to Southern states and other freedom loving states. Twenty-six states had an influx of movers while 25 (including District of Columbia) lost population. Florida added 318,855, Texas added 230,961, North Carolina with 99,796 and South Carolina another 84,030 with the most influx of people in 2022. Florida's population grew by 2% in 2022 making it the fastest growing state in the nation for the first time since 1957.

To mention a few losses, California lost some 300,000 in population, with New York another 300,000 and Illinois losing nearly 150,000 in 2022 and they have lost many more since this census was taken at the end of 2022. All appearances would indicate those numbers are even larger today.

While the Southeast has enjoyed a building boom of homes, office buildings and industrial complexes since 2022, the Northeast grapples with a surplus of older office space deserted by tenants who have moved to the friendlier Southern culture.

Florida isn't the only place where business is booming. According to Business Facilities Magazine, Texas has the best business climate in the nation with other

Southeastern states such as Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and of course Tennessee being on the list. Not a single northeastern state made the list. The Austin Business Journal states that the state of Texas would be the seventh largest economy in the world if the Lone Star State was a nation unto itself.

Clearly, the South has risen from the ashes of war like the Phoenix Bird, and it doesn't look like it will slow down any time soon.

One has to wonder why political and business leaders in the northeast aren't following the South's lead by creating a business-friendly climate. Perhaps the leftist cult is so hell-bent on their agenda that they are willing to sacrifice everything to save their ideology. They just don't seem to get it or seem to care. The American people are getting it and are beginning to understand and retaliate against their agenda. We are now beginning to see the results of this backlash from these tyrannical controlling states. Millions of citizens from these northeastern and leftist leaning states are packing their bags and their wallets and they are heading down South to the land of political freedom and economic opportunity.

A fellow compatriot recently shared this story with me. He was at an event where several Confederate flags were being displayed. A car with an Illinois license plate pulled up and the couple got out. Not knowing what their intentions were or how they would respond he approached them and welcomed them. He presented them with a Confederate Flag, and they were very receptive and offered to pay for the flag. He responded that it was free to them. She insisted on paying and finally he accepted her offering and gave her a second flag for her donation. The group had a pleasant and informative conversation with them for about 30 minutes. They said they were planning on moving to Southeast Tennessee to get away from all the nonsense in Illinois. During the discussion the gentleman said he had a Confederate ancestor and intended to join the SCV and his wife the OCR. The man from Illinois said there were a lot of people like them in Illinois that believed in the South and Southern Heritage. I think this is a great example of not being afraid to reach out to tell our story even when we aren't sure what the response might be. We will never know unless we reach out and take a chance.

There is no doubt that some will look at this northern invasion in a negative way, and I myself have wondered what the end result of this influx to the South might present. I believe as Sons of Confederate Veterans, we should look at this growth in a positive way to spread our message near and far as the compatriot above did. We need to widen our horizons and take advantage of this opportunity to recruit and teach our true history to those from the north that have been mis-lead about our history all their lives. Hopefully, we can now have some commonality with those moving South from leftist states that are looking for a better life. They are now our neighbors and our new friends. Let's take advantage of these new opportunities and teach them. They obviously now realize the South is the best place to live, but we will still have to work on their history lessons and teach them our Southern heritage. We have much to be proud of with our Southern heritage and culture so let's share it. Let's share it with our new friends. The South has indeed risen from the ashes like the mythical Phoenix Bird.

May God Bless the South and our organization as we continue to fight for truth and our American ideals.

Tom Wood

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



Around the Division



The Hatton Camp has welcomed three new members in the last month with more currently being processed for membership.



Tennessee Division Members
at the National Reunion in Hot
Springs, Arkansas.

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Submissions are encouraged! Camp photos, activities, news, and stories
about your efforts to support our Charge are all welcome!



Ross Massey sends this picture of the I-65 Flags and wishes to pass on his thanks for the financial support from the Division.



Commander Nolan shared these pictures of Compatriots and Friends from the National Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

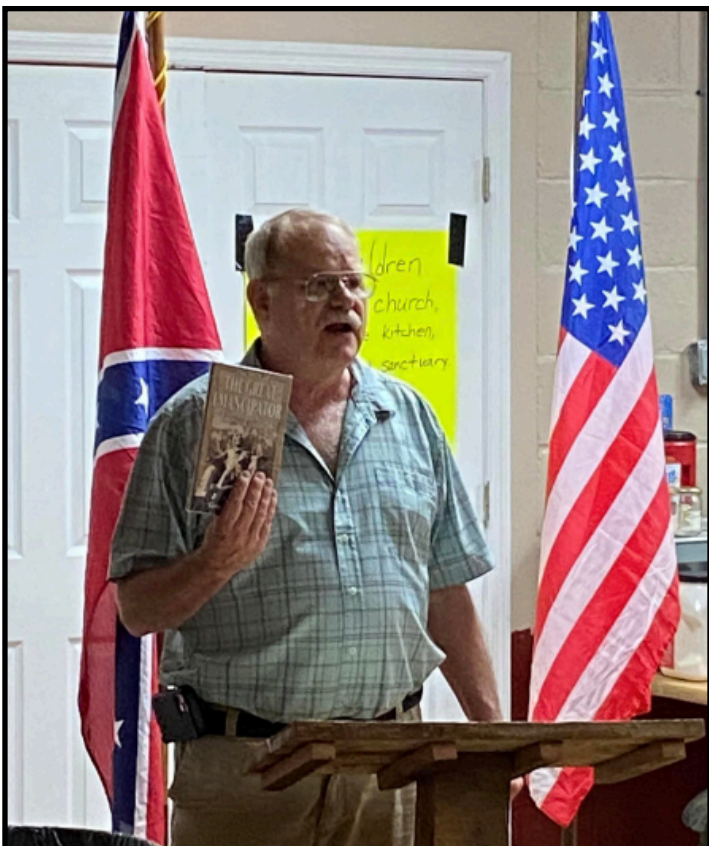


Former Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander Ed Butler spoke at the June meeting of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.

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



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans held its annual Confederate Decoration Day ceremonies at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville in June.



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Daughters Of Peter Vertrees, Member Of Kentucky's Orphan Brigade, Honored

Young Vertrees Was At Shiloh And Vicksburg During Civil War

By Scott E. Sallee, 1997

On Saturday, March 15, 1897, at the Trussards House in Gallatin, Tenn., the General Ben Hardin Helm Camp No. 1703, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Emily Todd Helm Chapter No. 1, Order of the Confederate Rose, both of Elizabethtown, Ky., presented Real Daughter certificates and medals to Elizabeth (Vertrees) Rucker, Bertha (Vertrees) Griffin, and Lillie (Vertrees) Odum, daughters of Peter Vertrees, who was a cook and body servant in Kentucky's Orphan Brigade during the Civil War.

Peter Vertrees (also Skaggs) was born near the Green River in Edmonson Co., Ky., on December 16, 1840, the illegitimate son of the Rev. Booker Harding (maternal) and Polly Skaggs (paternal). Through his mother, Peter Vertrees was a great-grandchild of the patriot, Patrick Henry. Because Kentucky law required all illegitimate children of color born to white women to be turned over to the courts at the age of five, custody of Peter was awarded to his paternal grandfather, Jacob Vertrees. Under the strong religious influence of his father grandmother, Catherine (Davis) Vertrees, young Peter decided on a career in the ministry.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Peter's uncle, Dr. John Luther Vertrees, enlisted in the Confederate army at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was subsequently assigned as a surgeon of the 6th Kentucky Infantry. Peter accompanied his uncle as his cook and body servant. The 6th Kentucky became part of the legendary Orphan Brigade, which fought at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and in the Atlanta Campaign. Peter Vertrees went through all of these campaigns, relating in his autobiography that, "Sometimes I was hungry, sometimes cold, sometimes drenched with rain, sometimes tired and footsore from walking, but I staid at my post until the end."

In 1862, Peter was baptized by his regimental chaplain, and began conducting religious services whenever he had the opportunity. In summing up his four years of service in the Confederate army, he wrote:

"These days of conflict made a very great change in me at first but proved helpful to me in the end. The many, many things which I learned in the service helped me in after years to know how to deport myself and bring credit to myself and them with whom I am cast. They gave me a vision of the future which I could not have gotten otherwise. My heart was touched with divine love, and my life was inspired for nobler things. Those days of bitter conflict made lasting impressions on my mind. Never can I forget Shiloh and Vicksburg."

After Dr. Vertrees was paroled at Washington, D.C., in May, 1865, Peter went to Gallatin, Tennessee, to live with another uncle, Judge James C. Vertrees. There Peter was tutored by the judge's son, John, in preparation for attending Roger Williams University in Nashville, Tennessee. After leaving Roger Williams, Peter Vertrees spent the next six years operating churches and schools, serving as pastor and superintendent. The first church he organized at Bethpage, Tennessee, is still active. In 1875, he organized the East Fork Missionary Baptist Association, which still serves 25 churches in Sumner, Davidson, Trousdale, Robertson, Macon, and Wilson Counties in Tennessee. In 1899, he established a chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Charity in each church whose funds helped defray medical expenses of church members and other local needy persons.

Rev. Peter Vertrees, 1840-1908
(Photo Courtesy Ken Thomson)

The Kentucky Post was founded as a daily newspaper in Covington, in 1890.

Scott Sallee from the Robert H. Hatton SCV Camp #723 for his outstanding program called "Pete Vertrees, Black soldier of the Confederacy". This is one of many programs Scott has. He is available to speak at your camp. He can be reached at: thesallyport@gmail.com



H.K. Edgerton was a guest of the Major James T. Huff Camp. He posed for pictures with the Ladies of the UDC & the camps' newest cadet Dalton.

Samuel Frank Coatney: Dangers in Coming Home

By Dale Welch, Putnam County Historian

It was dangerous enough being on the battlefield, during the Civil War. Being in camp, with all the spreading of disease had its druthers, too. But when soldiers got to come home, they had to be on guard from bushwhackers, home guard. And regular troops on both sides of the war were roaming in the area.

Samuel Francis "Frank" Coatney lived near Cherry Creek, in White County with his wife, Clementine Henry Coatney and their first three of seven young'uns, when the War Between the States began. The couple had married in White County, on Sept. 13, 1855.

Private Coatney served with Co. H, 28th Tennessee Consolidated Infantry, Confederate. He had previously served with Col. Sidney Smith Stanton's 84th Tennessee Infantry, Confederate, as a sergeant in Co. D, before that regiment was declared illegal and consolidated with the 28th Infantry.

On January 20, 1864, Pvt. Coatney was listed as "absent without leave." It was just three days before his 31st birthday. It wasn't that he didn't want to come back—he just couldn't get back quickly. He had come home to check on his wife and kids, which had increased by one since he'd been off to war.

While visiting family on Cherry Creek, in White County, bushwhackers got wind that he was home. They weren't out to capture him; they were seeking to kill him. The "black flag" had been first declared by Union Col. William B. Stokes, while

headquartered in Sparta. That meant they weren't taking any prisoners.

Luckily, Pvt. Coatney saw the bushwhackers first and ran out the back door of his home, headed for the creek. His pursuers saw him run and were eager to catch him.

Running for his life, Pvt. Coatney ran by a place where the women washed clothes by the creek. He noticed a wooden washtub, that had been made out of a log and turned it over on him. He heard the bushwhackers all around him. They searched in trees, around the rocks, up and down the creek, leaving no stone unturned. Fortunately for the private, they left the old washtub unturned, sparing his life.

Frank Coatney lived after the war and raised a big family as well as some large crops. He died on May 17, 1918, at age 85, outliving his wife by a few years. The couple are buried in the Upper Cherry Creek Cemetery, in White County, TN.

THE CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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The CHARGE by Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee is the purpose of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

On April 11, 1861, Captain Stephen D. Lee and Colonel James Chestnut rowed out to Fort Sumter and delivered an ultimatum to Union Major Robert Anderson demanding the evacuation of the fort. When the demand was refused, South Carolina troops fired on the fort and war began.

Many years later Lt. Gen. Lee served as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans from 1904 through 1908. During his tenure as their C-i-C, he issued his charge, to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which is now our charge.

Recently I have noted some SCV camps are quoting Gen. Lee's charge contrarily than what was recorded in the official minutes of the United Confederate Veterans, 16th Annual Meeting on April 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1906, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and shortly after the charge was given, was published in the Confederate Veteran magazine, Vol. XIV, No. 6, June 1906.

In both the official minutes, which were taken by William E. Mickle, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff, and included in the CV magazine this is the charge recorded.

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

Wm. E. Mickle, Adjutant General, United Confederate Veterans (1906)

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"Sixteenth Annual Meeting and Reunion, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 25th, 26th and 27th, 1906"

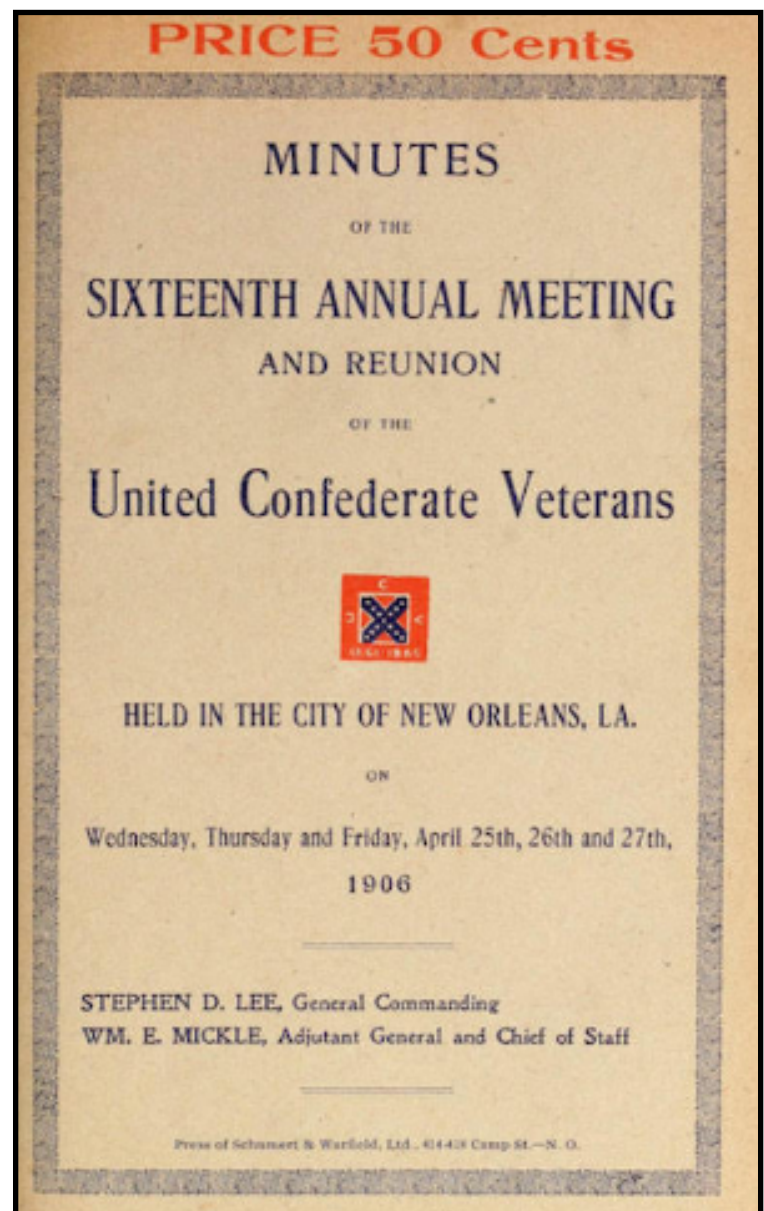
United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana

This is also found on the official SCV web page, www.scv.org

The charge always used the word commit. Both the minutes, included, and the CV magazine use the word commit, and nowhere in my research can I find any original document that uses the word "submit". The inclusion of submit seems to be a typographical error that has taken on a life of its own, but contrary to the spoken word of C-i-C S.D. Lee.

Former SCV Judge Advocate in Chief Burl McCoy, found in the Federal Rules of Evidence, minutes are considered to have a higher degree of reliability than other documents relating to the actions of an organization as they are considered to be "original writing" and thus taken to be more authoritative source concerning the proceedings of an organization. Nowhere in the minutes printed are the words submit, used in place of the word commit.

So, in conclusion, let us continue to COMMIT ourselves to the charge.



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each camp continue its special care for this beneficent labor, and let us see to it that true comradeship shall cease only when the last old soldier has passed beyond human power.

To you, mothers of the Memorial Association, will be given the service of commemorating the soldier's virtues in the hearts of those who come after us by the story of the illustrious dead, of comforting the hearts of those who mourn our lost heroes, with such ministrations as bespeak the sympathy of the patriot and the loving kindness of those who are familiar with the same sorrow.

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To you, Daughters of the Confederacy, will be given the loving service of remembering the Confederate dead, and of ministering to the living, who were dear to him, and are in need of your help and tenderness. Worthy daughters, you shall be of the immortal women, your mothers, who gave to womanhood a new perfection of heroism, and a more divine expression of sacrifice and devotion.

To you, brave people of the South, to you, true-hearted Americans everywhere; to you, world-conquering race from which he sprung; to all men everywhere, who prize in man the manliest deeds, who love in man the love of country, who praise fidelity and courage, who honor self-sacrifice and noble devotion, will be given an incomparable inheritance, the memory of our prince of men, the Confederate soldier. (Thunders of applause.)

At the conclusion of General Lee's address, a dainty little miss of eight summers, carrying a bouquet almost as large as herself, edged her way through the crowd on the rostrum and presented the flowers to General Lee, which he accepted gracefully. She was Miss Bessie Shaffer, whose father was with Lee at one of the memorable engagements of the Civil War.

In the meantime the Sons had arrived. They remained outside until the conclusion of General Lee's address, and then marched in, Commander Thomas McA. Owen, of Montgomery, Ala., in the lead, headed by a band. Each officer was accompanied by a beautiful young lady, a sponsor or maid, and their appearance was the signal for the greatest enthusiasm yet manifested in the Convention. The younger generation should feel proud of the tender sentiments manifested toward them by their sires. When the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes," the old veterans went wild in their enthusiasm and applause.

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much enthusiasm:

"Be it Resolved, By the United Confederate Veterans, in Convention assembled, that the request of the United Daughters of the Confederacy embodied in the letter of Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, their President General, to have the sanction of the Confederate Veterans in carrying into effect an act of the Confederate States of America, conferring on a number of Confederate soldiers medals for gallant behavior in battle, be and is hereby cordially approved and gratefully appreciated.

"Resolved, further, That the United Daughters of the Confederacy be requested to fix the day for the presentation and disposition of these medals, in accordance with the suggestions contained in the letter above mentioned.

"Resolved, further, That the loving thanks of the Confederate Veterans be given to the glorious Southern women, the faithful guardians of the fame of their husbands, sons and brothers."

The sponsors and maids from the North Georgia Brigade were presented. Then a Texas veteran moved a vote of thanks to the people of New Orleans for their hospitality; to the press, for their many acts of consideration, and to the railroads for their courtesies, which were adopted by a rising vote.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in Richmond, Va., in 1907.

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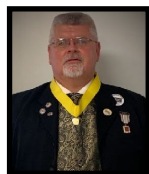
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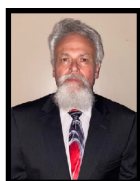
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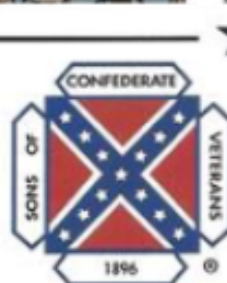
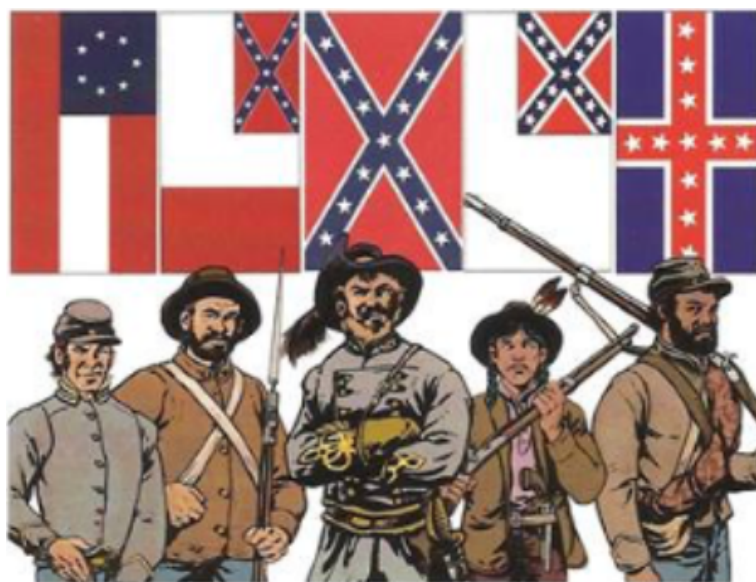


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