

FORREST'S ESCORT

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



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General



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Division Commander Joey Nolan

Compatriots,

I hope you and your families had a joyous Christmas and a happy start to the new year. With 2020 behind us we can concentrate on making this year better than last year. With many in our ranks faced with Covid, and the loss of loved one's. I ask you to keep our Southern family in your prayers.

I've been honored to attend several memorial services, along with Christmas and Lee-Jackson dinners, where our camps and brigades are leading the way. Through the dedication of our members, the Tennessee Division is moving forward in recruiting and starting new camps, with more to come. I am convinced we have the best Division in the Confederation. However, we are faced with battles, with our enemies attacking our Southern heritage. As always, we are in the thick of the fight. For obvious reasons I cannot elaborate on our strategy, but I can say we are carrying on the fight. Many meetings and phone calls have taken place in dealing with these situations. There is much talk about the attacks, both politically and physically, on our monuments, statues, and memorials. But remember, we are living memorials to our ancestors. Watched by those interested in learning about Southern heritage and the SCV, and those wishing to see us fall, it is important we are doing what is right and honorable in representing our Confederate ancestors.

Below are ways we can all promote, preserve and support our Confederate heritage.

- SCV License Plate: If you don't have one for your auto or motorcycle, get one today. These license plates are a rolling billboard. We know the enemy wants it gone, and we are always prepared to take up the fight to keep it. We must be prepared to contact our state legislators at all times.
- Forrest Boyhood Home: We have several things to look forward to at the FBH, with 2021 being an exciting year for General Forrest.
- On March 6, 2021 at 12:00 pm, a Confederate Flag Day celebration will be held at the FBH. Along with flagging, there will be Forrest tee shirts, food and drinks will be available to help raise money for FBH projects. At 3:00 pm a Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held, so bring or send your worn, faded and tattered Confederate and American flags to be respectfully retired. Ronnie Headley, the TN Division Flag Retirement Chairman, is preparing an excellent ceremony.
- The annual Forrest Homecoming will be on Saturday June 19, 2021, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please contact myself, Ronnie Headley, Jason Boshers, or Gene Andrews if you would like to help in this exciting event.
- We are preparing to build the Forrest Hall Events and Visitors Center at the Forrest Boyhood Home. To make this happen we need your help. You will find a membership form to join Friends of the Forrest Boyhood Home included in the Forrest Escort, with six membership levels to fit anyone's budget. At the Tennessee Division Reunion, something special unveiled to benefit our beloved General that you will want to be a part of.
- The Tennessee Division Reunion is on April 16 and 17, and is fast approaching. If you haven't done so, please send in your registration. This year it is being held in Humboldt, Tennessee, by Col. R. M. Russel, Camp 209. You do not want to miss this year's Reunion.

We are still fighting battles on several fronts. The Forrest Bust is still in the rotunda of the State Capitol, but our enemies want it gone. Regular contact with attorneys, elected officials and "those in the know" is always maintained. As always, we are fighting for the bust to stay where it belongs. We are always prepared to fight to keep our SCV license plate. As determined as they are to take it, we are more determined to keep it. If you don't have one, get one. In the fight in Williamson County over the county seal, many hours have been spent in working on the approach to fight for the seal. The same goes for the coming fight to keep the Confederate monument at Centennial Park in Nashville. The Metro Board of Parks and Recreation are filing a petition for waiver before the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) to have it removed. We are preparing for that fight as well. These battles with the THC are being fought after the governor has replaced conservative members. Those in their place do not value history and heritage as their predecessors. Regardless of who is on the THC, we are standing up for historical preservation.

Now more than ever we are steadfast in preserving our heritage. Together we can be victorious as we press forward. Let us determine to make 2021 our best year for heritage preservation and promotion. May our Lord and Savior be with each of you and our beloved Southland.

Respectfully, your servant in preserving Southern heritage,

Joey Nolan, Commander
Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



1st Lt. Commander G. Frank Heathman

Compatriots,

At the request of the editor I will keep my words short to prevent excessive printing costs. Southern Heritage is under siege! The political winds from The White House to The State House are blowing foul. Much

like our Confederate Ancestors in the last half of the war, we will be fighting an uphill battle. The Federal Government's onslaught against anything Confederate is in full swing. Here in Tennessee our Governor is stacking the deck in the Historical Commission to defeat us at every turn.

But what can we do? Contact our United States Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty. Let them know that you are an SCV member and that history and culture should be preserved. The naming of United States Military Bases that are named for Confederate Generals is at the forefront of the national battle.

In Tennessee we need to contact our State Representatives and Senators, especially Republicans in rural areas, and let them know that we want The Tennessee Historical Commission to preserve our Southern Heritage!

There are many things going on behind the scenes to win our battles. We are blessed to have excellent attorneys both as JAG and private counsel. We will prevail!

In closing let me encourage all to contribute to The Friends of The Forrest Boyhood Home! I know I am!

Deo Vindice,

G. Frank Heathman

1st Lieutenant Commander, Tennessee Division, SCV



2nd Lt. Commander John Blankenship

Greetings Compatriots,

Below you will find a schedule of events for the 2021 Reunion that will be held in Humboldt, on April 16 and 17. Registration forms are also available below.

Schedule of Events at Twin Oaks in Humboldt, TN (start times may change)

Friday, April 16, 2021

Registration	6:00 – 8:00pm
Meet & Greet Social	6:00 – 8:00pm

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Event Venue Open	8:00am
Opening Ceremonies	8:30am
SCV Business Meeting	9:00am – 12:00pm
Lunch	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Tour of Twin Oaks	1:30pm – 2:00pm
Local Tour of Sites & Museum	2:15pm – 4:00pm
Banquet & Awards	6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Col. R. M. Russell Camp 209 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is excited to announce that the TN Division Reunion will be held in Humboldt on April 16 & 17, 2021.



The Tennessee Division Reunion in 2021 will be held at the Historic Twin Oaks Estate. This beautifully restored Antebellum home was built in 1860.

In the 2011, the home was purchased and made into an event venue. In the back of the property is a 200 seat space that is used for conferences and receptions. Many weddings have been held on the front yard.

This will be a reunion to remember. Make plans to be there.



For more details and registration info, visit our website at www.scv2021.com or call 731-420-1316.



Tennessee Division Reunion

April 16 & 17, 2021

Humboldt, Tennessee

Hosted by: Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209 (www.scv2021.com)



Name: _____

Address: _____

Camp Name: _____ Camp # _____

Camp or Brigade Office held: _____

Guest or Spouse: _____

Registration: \$40 for each SCV member attending No. of persons _____ Total \$ _____

\$45 March 1 – April 1, 2021 (late registration)

Friday Evening Social \$15 No. of persons _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday Lunch \$20 No. of persons _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday Evening Awards Banquet \$35 No. of persons _____ Total \$ _____

Vendor Registration \$50 Total \$ _____

Total No. Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Reunion Program Book Advertising: (Due March 1st)

Back Cover \$250 - Full Page \$100 - 1/2 Page \$50 - 1/4 page \$25 - 1/8 Page \$15

(For advertising contact John Blankenship at johnblankenship71@hotmail.com) Ad Total \$ _____

Ancestor Memorials (\$15 each)

Total for Ancestor Memorial: \$ _____

Make checks payable and mail to:

Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209
210 N. 19th Avenue
Humboldt, TN 38343

Grand Total \$ _____

Host Hotel: Baymont by Wyndham Jackson, 465 Vann Drive, Jackson, TN. Call **877-361-2496** to reserve your room. Tell them you are reserving a room with the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** room block. Rooms are limited. You must reserve by April 1st to get the room discount. Two Night Total: \$204.26. There are many other Jackson hotels to choose from as well.

Awards Nominations for 2021 Reunion

April 16-17, 2021 SCV, Tennessee Division Reunion, Humboldt, TN Awards and Nominations Criteria and Guidelines

Nominations must be mailed to:

John A. Blankenship, 2nd Lt. Cmdr., TN Division
210 N. 19th Avenue, Humboldt, TN 38343

Nominations may be emailed to:

johnblankenship71@hotmail.com

Nominations do not have to be sent by registered mail. Nominations and supporting documentation (newspaper articles, photos, etc.) are solicited from all camps in good standing across the division. A selection committee is established and each nominee will be examined and evaluated.

The **Sam Davis Award** (Camp of the Year Award) Presented to the camp with the best combination of the following attributes:

- Excellent representation of the SCV to the public at large
- Participation in and/or sponsorship of community service events
- Participation in and/or sponsorship of SCV and other Southern Heritage events
- Completed and/or pursuing an outstanding project
- Shows a rapid growth and/or high retention in membership
- The entry should note all camp activities

Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: One

The **Jefferson Davis Award** Presented to a member(s) of the Tennessee Division who has rendered outstanding service to the organization or contributed to the maintenance of our Heritage. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, member name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Limited to Three

The **Robert E. Lee Award** Presented to individuals or organizations outside the ranks of the SCV who have rendered valuable service or support to any camp, the SCV, or our Southern Heritage. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, individual or organization name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Limited to Five

The **Edward Ward Carmack Award** Presented to an individual or organization for the best media coverage of the SCV, Tennessee Division, or our Southern Heritage. Winner is not required to be a member of the SCV. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, individual or organization name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Three

The **Tod Carter Award** Presented to the Editor of the best camp newsletter in the Division. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry must include 3 copies each of 4 editions of camp newsletters from March 2020 through February 2021. All newsletter submissions must be in print. Electronic newsletters will not be accepted. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of newsletter editor, name of newsletter, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging is based on the following criteria:

Format

- Editorials
- Camp News
- Historical Content
- Original articles and material on the war
- National and Division News
- Current events/news pertaining to the SCV
- Commentary on events of interest to the SCV
- Visual appeal
- Use of photos
- Includes contact information

Number of awards: Two ; (1) Camp with 50 or more members; (1) Camp with less than 50 members

Awards Nominations Continued

The **George Ellsworth Camp Home Page / Web Site Award** Presented to the Webmaster of the camp with the best web site. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, webmaster name, website name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry. Camp Facebook pages may be entered. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Site loads and displays easily and quickly
- Easy to navigate
- Readable and appealing
- Constantly updated
- Informative
- Colorful/use of graphics
- Includes contact information
- Includes information on becoming a SCV member

Number of awards: One

The **Dr. Rosalie Carter Camp Scrapbook Award** Presented to the camp with the best scrapbook. Camp scrapbooks must be submitted to the 2nd Lt. Commander by 9:00 am on the Saturday of the Convention (time zone in which Convention is held). Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- The scrapbook must be brought to the Convention in order to be judged
- Only material dating from last year's Convention to the present will be considered (all previous years' works must be removed from the scrapbook)
- Visual appeal is important, and will be considered
- All Scrapbooks must be the work of a camp member of the camp entered

Number of awards: One

The **General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award** Presented to the individual "Man of the Year" that has shown dedication to the charge of the SCV. This member has gone above and beyond to demonstrate their devotion of preservation, continuation of the memory of our Confederate Ancestors, educates, promotes, is constantly active, and uses all available resources. Individual must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of member, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: One

Jane Simmons Davis Ladies Appreciation Award

This award honors Mrs. Davis for raising Sam Davis, a courageous son that gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. The Tennessee Division Jane Simmons Davis, ladies appreciation award is given to ladies that have been continuously dedicated to the SCV and sacrificed a generous amount of their time assisting the SCV Tennessee Division or a Camp there within. Ladies must be nominated by a current member of the Tennessee Division and submitted by the Camp Commander. Each nomination must be approved by the Tennessee Division Commander; this award shall only be received one time. Submit a summary of the nominee's assistance to the Tennessee Division or a Camp there within. A limit of 10 awards per year will be given at the Tennessee Division Reunion.

Guidelines For Tennessee Division Awards:

- The deadline for Division award nominations is **March 8, 2021**
- The year eligible for awards runs from April 2020 – March 2021
- All entries become the property of the SCV Tennessee Division with the exception of the scrapbook
- Proper documentation must accompany all nominations in order for them to be considered:

- Include a 1 page cover narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp submitting entry, location, and contact person
- Identify supporting documentation (photos, articles, attachments, etc)
- Provide proper reference to attachments (photos, articles, etc)
- Be specific – sponsored or co-sponsored event and/or participated in event
- Focus on events and projects the camp was involved in

Send all entries and nominations by mail or e-mail to be received by **March 8, 2021** or before to:

**John A. Blankenship, 2nd Lt. Commander,
TN Division SCV
210 N. 19th Avenue, Humboldt, TN 38343.**

**For more information or questions:
731-420-1316 johnblankenship71@hotmail.com**

2021 Proposed Bylaw Changes

Submitted by:

James G. Patterson, Adjutant

Murfreesboro SCV Camp #33

Article III – Membership & dues

Section 3 – *Add:* A life membership in the SCV Tennessee Division is available with the amount being set by the TENN DEC, any changes are voted on at the annual Tennessee Division Reunion. You must be a member in good standing with SCV National in order to apply for the Tennessee Division life membership. The life membership will become invalid if a member resigns or is expelled from the SCV and will be reinstated only after review by the Tennessee Division DEC.

Reason for adding: The current Tennessee Division Constitution does not make mention or have guidelines for our current Life memberships.

Section 5 – If a member of the SCV Tennessee Division resigns his SCV membership in a documented manner, they will be immediately taken off the roles of the Tennessee Division and SCV HQ will be notified of their status. After resigning, a member can be readmitted to the SCV Tennessee Division only upon approval of the Tennessee Division DEC.

Reason for adding: We have had members that were disciplined and removed from the SCV and there were no guidelines for how their life membership would be handled.

Article IV – STATE ORGANIZATION

Add:

Section 8 – The Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans is solely affiliated with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc and is not affiliated with any other organization.

Reason for adding: There are several organizations that work closely with the SCV Tennessee Division; some even require that you be a member of the SCV to join. However, these organizations are not connected to the SCV Tennessee Division in any official capacity.

Add:

Section 9 – Business sessions during meetings of Camps within the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans shall only be conducted by current SCV members of their prospective Camp. Non-SCV members and members of other SCV Camps shall not have a voice or vote in any Camp business including elections. The Officer presiding over a Camps business session may allow non-SCV members and members of other SCV Camps to speak but only when recognized by the presiding officer. At the discretion of the Camp members, non-SCV members and members of other SCV Camps can be asked to leave the room while the Camp conducts its business.

Reason for adding: There have been inquiries on who can and cannot participate in a Camps business, this should clarify those questions.

Tennessee Division C.E.R.T.

I can honestly say no one wants warmer weather to come like the members of this team. Many in the team have been out scouting those stones that need our attention. We have many working to become certified and earn their card along with the right to wear the patch, if they so choose.

How does one become certified you may ask? They're actually a couple of ways. One, you can have your camp invite us to do a lecture at one of your meetings. This will count as one hour of classroom time. The next step, you will need seven hours of hands-on cleaning. Camps may also sponsor a training Day which combines the classroom and Hands-On for a total of eight hours.

Once certified, you are clear to train others in the No Harm method. You also become part of an ever-growing pool of individuals who's ready to preserve, protect and do no harm to our monuments, which includes the effects of mother nature and vandalism.

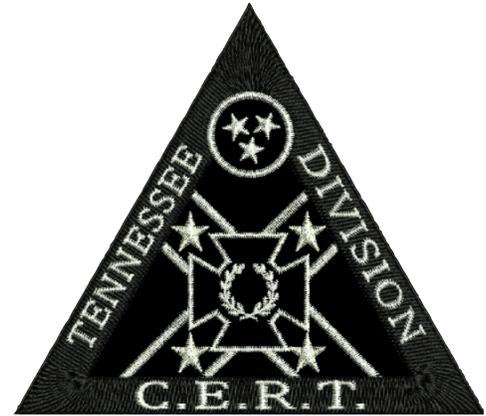
The work individuals have done here in the Tennessee Division with this program is spreading. The Florida Division has set up a training Day in Jacksonville for March 20th. Their goal is to end the weekend with as many Florida Division members certified as possible, so they can train the other camps in the state.

If your Camp would like to set up a training day please contact me at redleg291@yahoo.com

Tom Meadows
C.E.R.T. COORDINATOR

As our ranks grow in this program, I can't help but think of the words of Dr Bradley.

*The Mighty Men of Valor began to gather.
This band of brothers, native to the Southern soil, pledged themselves to a cause; the cause of defending family, and fireside, and faith.*



February is Black History Month.

What better way to celebrate than to educate someone with :

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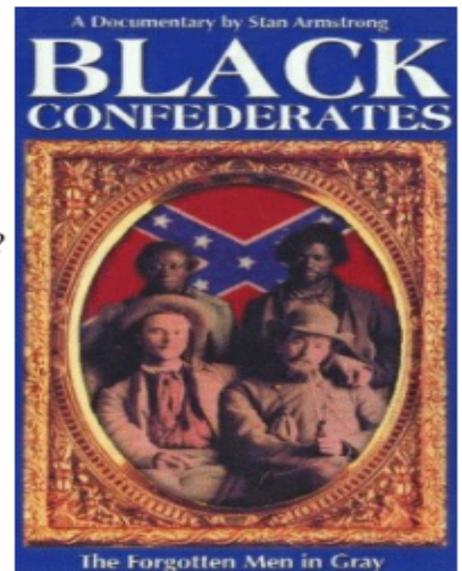
Stan Armstrong & Nelson Winbush

“Splendid!” Nelson Winbush
Black American, SCV member

Producer Stan Armstrong
Black American, SCV member

Gen. N. B. Forrest Historical Society
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Memphis, TN 38111

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Samuel Marion Silver

submitted by Sean Hill

My 3rd great-grandfather Samuel Marion Silver was born on 30 December 1833 in Burnesville, NC. Samuel Silver enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company E, Partisan Rangers, 58th North Carolina Infantry Regiment on 25 Jun 1862 in Mitchell County, North Carolina when he was 28 years old. He was promoted to Captain (As of Co. K) on 29 Jul 1862. Promoted to Lt. Colonel on Regimental staff on 1 Sep 1864.



The 58th Infantry Regiment was organized in Mitchell County, North Carolina, in July, 1862. Its twelve companies were recruited in the counties of Mitchell, Yancey, Watauga, Caldwell, McDowell, and Ashe. In September it moved to Cumberland Gap and spent the winter of 1862-1863 at Big Creek Gap, near Jacksboro, Tennessee. The 58th participated in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from Chickamauga. It lost 46 killed and 114 wounded at Chickamauga, totaled 327 men and 186 arms in December, 1863 to Atlanta, guarded prisoners at Columbia, Tennessee, during Hood's operations, then moved to South Carolina and skirmished along the Edisto River. Later it returned to North Carolina and took about 300 effectives to

Bentonville where it saw action. The unit was included in the surrender on April 26, 1865.

During the 1880 Census, Samuel was a Widower. He and his children from his first two marriages were living in Yancey County, North Carolina where he was a Dry Goods Merchant.

During the 1900 Census, Samuel and his third wife were living in Grouse, Wallowa County, Oregon where they were farming.

During the 1910 Census, Samuel and his family were living in Grouse, Wallowa County, Oregon where he was the US Postmaster.

During the 1920 Census, Samuel and Amanda were living in Grouse, Wallowa County, Oregon.

He died May 7 1922 and is Buried in the Bartlett Union Cemetery, Wallowa County, Oregon.

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Addr: _____

City/St/Zip: _____ **ST** _____ **Zip** _____

Email: _____

Help Us in Williamson County

from James Turner

“Our men died the death of heroes. I sometimes think that surely our brave men have not died in vain. It is true, our cause is lost, but a people who loved those brave and noble heroes should ever cherish their memory as men who died for them. I shed a tear over their memory. They gave their all to their country.” Sam R. Watkins, *Co. Aytch: A Side Show of the Big Show*.

Sam Watkins was correct when he wrote that we will cherish the memory of the men who fought for their homes, and he understood how easy it is for us to forget. If you’re reading this, though, then you haven’t forgotten. Today, I’m asking you to take action.

The Williamson County seal was created in 1968 by Mrs. Virginia Bowman, the county historian. In the seal she included a Confederate flag draped over a cannon, to memorialize the five battles fought in the county: Brentwood, Thompson’s Station, Spring Hill, and the 1863 and 1864 Battles of Franklin. We also had severe fighting during the retreat of the Confederate army after the Battle of Nashville. The flag on the seal is very appropriate for a county that brings in hundreds of thousands of “Civil War tourism” dollars every year, but now the county board of commissioners has decided that the flag must go.

The people of Williamson County disagree. What happened in Williamson County is that a weak mayor let himself be intimidated by outsiders, and he created a committee to review the county seal - a “task force” that would guarantee his desired results. The mayor made sure that there would be no real public input, and he rushed the commission into a vote before most people even knew what was happening. Some commissioners stood against the change, and some who voted for the flag’s removal also questioned the way this all happened. Regardless, the vote to remove the flag passed, and their request is now before the Tennessee Historical Commission.

If they win this one, they’ve announced that they will begin to “study” the 50+ Williamson County streets and roads that have Confederate links, such as Cleburne, Forrest, Gist, Strahl, Robert E. Lee, Captain Freeman, and so forth. The people pushing the change of the seal are the same ones that have been trying to remove the Confederate monument (“Chip”) from downtown Franklin. The UDC is still fighting that battle, with true honor and an undying spirit.

So, you ask, what will the SCV do? The answer is simple. We will fight. Commander Nolan and the Tennessee Division Executive Council voted to make this fight, and our national organization has given us their blessing.

Now, you ask, what can I do? The mayor has refused to meet with us, and he seems to think that we won’t fight back. He’s wrong. Our attorneys are preparing our case, and they are working at a deep discount. But even at that discounted rate, we need money to fight this.

I’m asking you to send us \$20 and, if you can’t do that, then I’m asking for \$10. This is a situation where, truly, every little bit helps. Then speak up at your camp meeting and pass the hat, and tell them this is a fight to defend an honorable flag and the men who fought under it.

If we don’t fight, they will jackhammer away our flag on the courthouse floor, and they will paint, scrape, and remove it from a hundred other places in Williamson County. If we don’t fight, the bully will be back for the monument. If we don’t fight, then we have forsaken an honest and true rendition of our common history. If we don’t fight, then we allow them to define us.

Please send what you can to Sam Davis Camp, P.O. Box 3448, Brentwood, TN 37024. Note that the check is for the county seal, and know that we will give it our all.

Lest we forget.

James K. Turner

Past Commander - Tennessee Division SCV





Heritage Defense Chairman Mark Buchanan

Greetings Compatriots!

The men of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans take our Confederate Heritage seriously. It is an honor to have been asked to be the Heritage Defense Chairman, seeing as there are so many good people to choose from. It is my goal to be available to help address any heritage issues that may arise in your area. My contact information is 901-570-1413, my email at marksouth1861@yahoo.com Contact me as soon as an issue comes up so we can develop a plan and then work the plan.

I also want to expand the position from just defense to include preservation. The best way we can preserve our Confederate heritage is to pass it on to our children, grandchildren, friends, family, co-workers and our church family. We all know what the media and the education system say about our Confederate soldiers. The real story comes from us, the direct descendants of those great southern men. We can also preserve our heritage by supporting our National Confederate Museum. If you were able to attend the dedication of the Jefferson Davis Monument you saw the beautiful edifice you built to honor our Confederate heroes. Donate what you can to www.scv.org to support the museum.

In 2020 we saved monuments from Clarkesville to Columbia, Collierville to Chattanooga and many more. Y'all did a great job! Remember that cannot succeed without help from above. Our Lord made the world in 6 days and then rested. One of those days I feel sure he must have decided to gather all that was best, brightest, most beautiful and gathered it together in one spot. We call it Dixie. So, as we go about our business of preserving that which is best, let us all thank Him for all His Blessings!

Deo Vindice,
Mark Buchanan
Heritage Defense Chairman



"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



Lesser Known Fields of Glory

An ongoing series from Division Members to highlight the lesser known battles, skirmishes, and raids of the War for Southern Independence

Battle of Dandridge

by Joshua Cameron

The fall/winter of 1863–64 was quite a busy time in East Tennessee. After the battle at Gettysburg, General James Longstreet requested a transfer to the Western Theater. With the request granted, Longstreet was on his way to Tennessee. Battles in Blountville and at Blue Springs in September and October 1863 were fought before Longstreet's arrival in the area. With this in mind, forces under Longstreet were detached from General Bragg's army and sent to East Tennessee to prevent Union General Burnside from reinforcing besieged Union forces in Chattanooga.

In the months to come, Longstreet's men would engage Burnside and other Union forces at Campbell's Station (Nov. 16), Fort Sanders (Nov. 29), Bean's Station (Dec. 14), Hay's Ferry (Dec. 24), and Mossy Creek (Dec. 29). This was one of the coldest winters on record in the region while fighting took place. Records indicate that the temperature reached -29° and rivers were frozen all across the area making crossing deadly. The harvest though had been good around East Tennessee prompting foraging from both armies while the getting was good. Unfortunately, the weather took its toll on both armies. After the battle at Mossy Creek, the bodies of those who had fallen were frozen to the ground and bodies needed to be pried from the earth. By January 1st, the temperature was at its worst with horses hooves and wagon wheels freezing to the muddy, frozen ground. Men burned anything in sight just to stay warm! Records indicate that 6 Union pickets froze to death during the night with their eyes still open while on duty on Bay's Mountain.

It is under this veil of freezing temperatures, that the battle of Dandridge would take place. On January 14, Union General Samuel Sturgis and his cavalry division occupied Dandridge. He ordered his troops to reconnoiter and secure the countryside at Long Creek near Kimbrough's Crossroads, a few miles above Dandridge. General Longstreet, who was headquartered in Russellville, also ordered his men to reconnoiter towards the Federals. On January 16, the Federals encountered Longstreet's men in the form of General Micah Jenkin's men on the Morristown Road at Kimbrough's

Crossroads. After several minutes of intense fighting between the Union cavalry and Confederate infantry, the Union counterattacked halting the Confederate advance. Confederate reinforcements entered the field and General Sturgis ordered Israel Garrad's cavalry back to Dandridge.

Around noon on January 17, Confederate General Bushrod Johnson's men charged down the Chuckey Road, while General Jenkin's men attacked down the Morristown Road from Kimbrough's Crossroads. This caused units under Union General Oscar LeGrange and Israel Garrad to fall back. Fighting was intense across many different fronts. Fighting along the Chuckey Road on the Neff Farm drove the Neff family to their cellar for safety. The men of the Neff family were with the 1st Tennessee (Carter's) Cavalry CSA, which left the women to tend the farm and home. As the women took refuge from the fighting, Amanda Neff, one of Captain Neff's daughters, let curiosity get the best of her. She went to investigate the fighting and a stray bullet grazed her scalp, clipping off a lock of her hair. Family legend states that the hair that grew back was white, set against the rest of her dark hair.

Back in Dandridge, Union Generals Parke, Granger, Sheridan, Cox, Wood, and Sturgis make the decision to withdraw, believing that Longstreet will be reinforced which will lead to a much larger battle the next day. During the night, the Federal withdraw towards Strawberry Plains. Longstreet, unable to pursue, because of the weather and lack of shoes, returns to winter quarters in Russellville.

This was the largest concentration of men at any one place in the valley, east of Knoxville. General Longstreet had 20,000 men and 20 pieces of artillery, while the Federals had 26,000 men and 34 pieces of artillery. This force was in an area of less than 10 miles in diameter. Many local historians have stated that if the Federals had not withdrawn, the battle that might have occurred on January 18, could have turned Dandridge in to a National Military Park. As it stands though, total losses for the Confederates were around 150 and the Union losses around 100.

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After the battle at Dandridge, Confederate and Union forces once again clashed near Sevierville at the Battle of Fair Garden and at Blant's Hill. Even with these engagements, the Federal forces were never able to stay in the area long enough to establish a permanent camp around the Dandridge area.

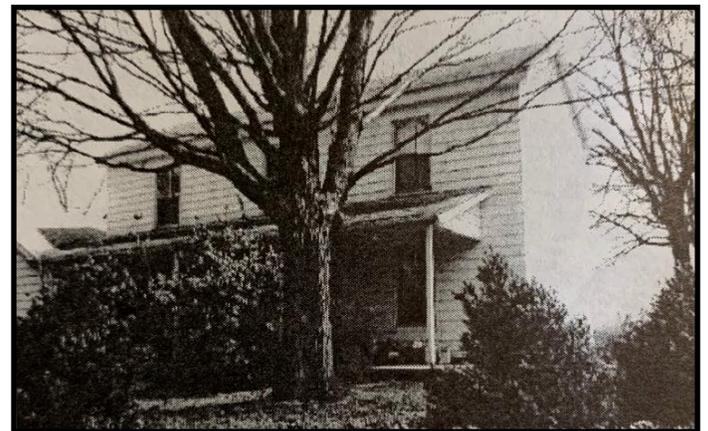
This battle and others around the area are of particular interest to the author, as I grew up around the Kimbrough's Crossroads area and my ancestors were the Neff's. My 2nd Great Grandfather, Philip Cline, married Amanda Neff. They made their home in Dandridge and White Pine. During the war, Philip was with the 61st Tennessee Infantry, serving as a hospital steward and ultimately ending up in Camp Chase as a POW. My 3rd Great Grandfather, Capt. David Neff, and his 3 sons were all serving with the 1st Tennessee Cavalry. When the war ended, he returned to Dandridge, but soon moved back to his ancestral home in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, due to strong Union sentiment in East Tennessee.

My interest in the fighting around where I live began when I met a local historian and re-enactor Dewey Beard when I was in 7th grade. He came to my school to do a presentation on Union and Confederate soldiers and I was able to help him set up his camp. He explained to me that I lived near where the battle of Dandridge started. He recommended that I get a book written by David Smith about the battles in our area. I was able to attend a seminar in which Mr. Smith gave a presentation on his book and I was hooked from then on. Since then, I have had the privilege to meet and talk with many other local historians and the legendary Mike Beck, who has shared his knowledge of local battle history with me.

Finally, I will leave you with a paraphrased quote that comes from Mr. Smith regarding the battlefields around the area. I'm sure this will ring true to many who read this when we reflect back on the state of many of the battlefields around our state and country. "Where bullets once flew at Dandridge, golf balls now fly. Where cannons once fired and infantry marched at Mossy Creek, a Wal-Mart stands along side factories. Progress has taken much of what was sacred soil."



Picture of a portion of the battlefield near Kimbrough's Crossroads with historical marker.



David and Lydia Neff home in Dandridge, Tennessee. The home still stands today.

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Brigade Commander Reports



Memphis Brigade Commander Lee Millar

Only 3 camps: NB Forrest Camp 215 (Memphis), Dewitt- Smith Jobe 1637 (Bartlett) and the James Chalmers 1312 (Bartlett) were able to meet last month and

this month. Virus restrictions and cautions prevented our other camps from meeting.

The Forrest Camp had an increase in attendees and saw an inspiring presentation by Tenn Div Heritage Chairman Mark Buchanan.

The Jobe Camp likewise had an excellent meeting on the topic of heritage preservation and current heritage issues in the state and elsewhere.

In the Collierville alderman runoff elections, both of the candidates supported by members of the Wigfall Greys each won their respective positions. It shows what public campaigning by our members can do.

On March 5-6 at the Landers Center in Southaven, MS, the annual Mid-South Civil War show will beheld once again, with over 100 vendor tables and displays. This is hosted by the Lee Camp and the Chalmers Camp, with Don Harrison as show chairman. All are invited to attend. A flyer is included in this newsletter.

The Forrest Camp and the Forrest Family continue to work on the plans for the removal of the Forrest gravesite from Memphis and the future Re-interment. More details will be forthcoming as things develop.

February is Black History Month, or as we like to call it: Black Confederate Soldiers Remembrance Month. This would be a great time to show the "Forgotten Heroes: Black Confederates" dvd to your camp.



Starnes' Brigade Commander Earl Wes Pullen

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 has had a good start to the new year. They have been blessed to only miss one meeting during the health crisis, that being the month

of April of 2020.

- The Camp was honored with the gift of five nice display cases for our camp museum by Billy and Katy Walker. Two of those cases are in place, with artifacts already transferred and on display.

- For the January meeting they honored General Lee's and General Jackson's birthdays. Refreshments were provided by

camp member Bill Brooks during a time of fellowship after the meeting.

- At the next meeting they will be presenting their newest camp member, who is twelve years old, with his membership certificate.
- The Camp is looking forward to working to bring honor to their ancestors and promote Southern heritage.



McLemore's Brigade Commander Tom Meadows

January sees us moving toward warmer weather. The camps of the Brigade have had to deal with many challenges through these winter months. The virus has forced cancellations of

some meetings and permanent loss of some meeting places. There are those who have risen to the challenge by adapting. Camps have been live streaming meetings on Facebook and holding zoom meetings on some occasions. The month of February holds the promise that camps will be returning to their permanent meeting places and times.

This has also been a time for planning of upcoming events. The following is a list of those events happening around the Brigade.

- Confederate Flag Day at the NBF Boyhood home on March 6th
- McLemore Brigade Patrick Cleburne Birthday Luncheon on May 13 at Noon. Dr. Bradley will be speaking.
- General Hatton #723 Cemetery work day on March 27th.
- Confederate Memorial Day on Winstead Hill, June 5th at 10:00 am.
- June 5th at 2pm will be a Confederate Memorial Day service in Gallatin at the Gallatin City Cemetery.



Vaughn's Brigade Commander Tim Massey

The Major James T. Huff Camp held their annual Christmas Dinner at the Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center on December 19, 2020. Fellowship, good food and fun

was enjoyed by all. The Camp has decided to cancel the January and February Camp Meetings due to the ongoing issues with Covid 19 and will hopefully be able to resume in March.

The Bradford-Rose Camp has not held a meeting since October due to the spread of Coronavirus, but they are planning to meet on February 27 at the Longstreet Museum for the first meeting of the new year. While meetings did not take place, Camp members Kevin Witherell and Joshua Cameron, along with Aunt Polly OCR member Vonda Dixon, joined Mike Beck and Carson-Newman professor David Needs for a tour of the Battle of Mossy Creek on the 157th Anniversary of the conflict.

Several Camps of the Brigade were in attendance at the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Kingsport hosted by the Mosby Camp. Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan gave remarks and placed a wreath at the monument. An honor guard also was in place to fire a salute to those who played a part in the battle.

The Lt. Robert D. Powell Camp met for an annual Christmas dinner at Pardner's BBQ. While they did not have a regular meeting in January, 1st Lt. Commander David Tipton,

Public Relations officer David Roberts, and Commander Travis Merrell attended the annual Longstreet-Zollicoffer Lee-Jackson dinner at which David Tipton had the honor of being guest speaker. During the awards portion of the dinner, David Tipton was presented with the Harry T. Burn courage in politics award.



Patrick Cleburne Birthday Celebration

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Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander Lenny Stover



The camps of the Brigade have been extremely active recently preserving Southern history and honoring our Confederate heroes.

Otho French Strahl Camp 176 recently hosted CERT

training provided by Compatriot Wayne Moon. Members of Pvt. Ike Stone Camp 564 and Bell's Partisans Camp 1821 were also in attendance. The membership was instructed on proper cleaning of headstones. Compatriot Moon provided hands on training for those attending by allowing them to clean the headstone of Pvt. Charles "Uncle Charlie" Shepard, a black Confederate that is interred near the Monument to Unknown Confederate Dead in Union City.

Bell's Partisans Camp 176 also hosted CERT training, again provided by Compatriot Wayne Moon. This training was also attended by members of Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp 176, Pvt. Ike Stone Camp 564 and Crockett Rangers Camp 1774. The attendees performed practical application of the instructed techniques by cleaning a monument to Confederates that are interred in the Old City Cemetery in Dyersburg.

Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp 176 and Bell's Partisans Camp 1821 are teaming up to try to raise funds to place a granite monument at the Parks Cemetery Ridge Confederate Memorial Plaza in Trimble. The current statue is made of fiberglass and wood and is deteriorating due to weather. The site was established several years ago by Camp 176 and these

two camps have been working in unison to maintain the site since it was dedicated. The pulley system for the mega flag was recently replaced. A zero turn mower has been donated and Camp 1821 purchased a gas powered hedge trimmer and provides personnel to maintain the landscaping. The work of these two camps is a prime example of how we should all be working together as a team in preserving our Southern heritage.

Pvt. Ike Stone Camp 564 has been working at the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield. These dedicated compatriots spend hours doing whatever is needed to help maintain this site.

Crockett Rangers Camp 1774 is in the process of reorganizing. Due to COVID concerns and the passing of the past camp commander, the camp has not been meeting. Efforts are underway to get the camp active again.

There is going to be an effort to revitalize the former Col. Jeffrey Forrest Camp 323 in Dresden. This camp lost their charter last year and a recruiting effort is beginning to bring that camp back to life.

Col. Robert M. Russell Camp 209 is busily preparing for the 2021 Tennessee Division Reunion that they are hosting in Humboldt, TN. The reunion will be April 16 and 17, 2021. If you have not mailed in your registration yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Ft. Donelson Brigade Commander Rick Revel



The only camp to respond for a report was the Frank P. Gracey Camp 225. I received a newsletter stating there would be no meeting for January 2021 due to Covid-19. No information was offered for the number of members in the camp. The other camps were contacted three times, but no response.

The Isham G. Harris Camp 109, as of 1-15-2021 has eight individuals who have paid their dues. Their information and a check to cover the dues will be sent to SCV HQ and to Tom Wood to start the process of rechartering the camp.



Highland Brigade Commander Mike Williams

The Highland Brigade has been pretty busy from 1 December 2020 through 31 January 2021. Our biggest achievement was we hosted our annual Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, where SCV LtCIC Jason

Boshers was our guest speaker, TN Division Commander Joey Nolan also spoke briefly, and with help from the TNSOCR ladies, Rose Greenhow's Rear Guards, wives & friends it was a successful event. I don't believe anyone went home hungry.

The General George Dibrell Camp was on the artillery crew at the Hammock brothers Memorial that Cookeville camp hosted. Helped with the "Hope Toy Drive," & raised over \$1350 & two truck loads of new toys so underprivileged kids could have a nice Christmas. Attended the 6 Dec Memorial at Headquarters on the anniversary of the death of President Jefferson Davis. Also participated in rides to raise money for people that were in need of financial help. Attended the 2021 Highland Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet.

The Wheeler-Long Camp attended Memorial Service at HQ for Jefferson Davis, attended the Highland Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, & brought three wooden plaques & 2 lucky winners took them home. The Camp has been making plaques, flag holders, key chains, etc. for a camp fund raiser.

The Gainesboro Invincible's attended as an Honor Guard at the Franklin & James Hammock Memorial Service hosted by the Cookeville camp and attended as an Honor Guard for the Memorial Service on the anniversary of President Jefferson Davis death at Headquarters, hosted by TNSOCR. The Camp held a Christmas dinner at Helen's Restaurant. They are also planning and developing a remembrance service for the "Burning of Old Columbus" by Union troops that occurred February 24, 1864 during the Union Cumberland River Campaigns. They will need soldiers for an Honor Guard. Also under the direction of TN Division Commander Joey Nolan, Commander Gainesboro Invincibles SCV Camp 1685, with Commander Ronnie Headley NB Boyhood Home Camp #37 are jointly developing a flag retirement program for the SCV Tennessee Division Confederate Flag Retirement Ceremony on March 6, 2021 at Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood home.

Dillard-Judd Compatriot & former TN Division Commander, Edward McNatt Butler got started working on a huge display case for the SCV National Museum. He has a little help, but needs more, if anyone who has cabinet making experience, or no experience at all,

call Ed at (931) 544-2002. Time is of utmost importance. If you'd like to help on this project that will last "forever," call him.



Sam Watkins' Brigade Commander Matt Singleton



It is my privilege to give the following report of the Sam Watkins Brigade. The Sam Watkins Brigade has been doing what we can to get through the pandemic. The Sam Watkins Camp 29 hosted

the Brigade Christmas Party at Elm Springs and camps from all over the SCV were in attendance including CiC Larry McCluney. Camp 29 also are currently sponsoring a Civil War Trails Marker at Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia Tennessee; they helped The Major Nathaniel Cheairs Camp 2138 with their battlefield Memorial Service at Rippavilla plantation in Spring Hill Tennessee. The Cheairs Camp 2138 in Spring Hill recently held a memorial service for the Battle of Spring Hill at Rippavilla plantation. They also held their annual Lee Jackson Banquet at Historic Elm Springs. Recently the City of Spring Hill voted to remover Rippavilla Inc from running Rippavilla Plantation Camp 2138 will soon be looking for a a new place to meet, they will be holding meetings at Rippavilla until April 2021. The Brigade added a new Camp, The Unknown Confederates MIA Camp 2328, in Five Points Tennessee.



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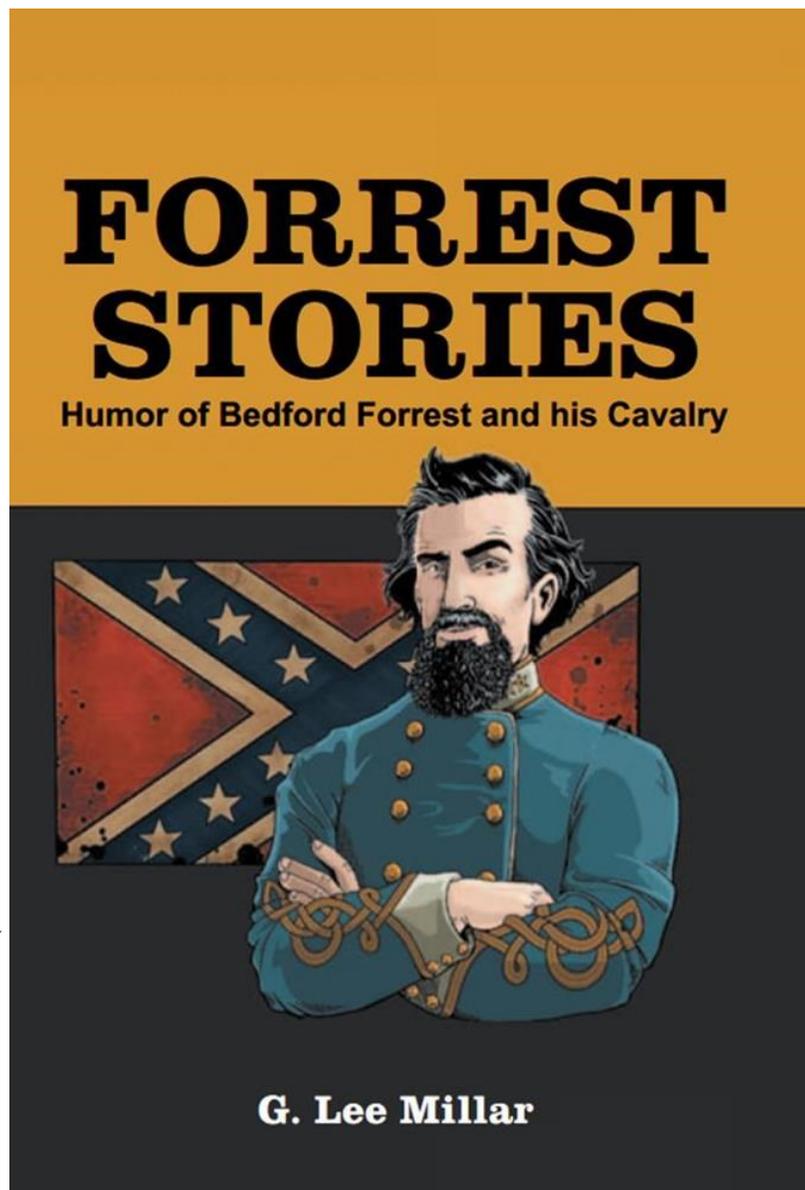
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Around the Division



Myers-Zollicoffer Chaplain Tommy Phillips administers the oath of initiation to the newest members of the SCV and Camp 1990: Richard Evans of Monroe joined under the service record of 1st Lieutenant Jesse Ledford, Company B, 25th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry; and Roy Joe Geesling of Livingston joined under the service record of Private Felix Grundy Billbrey, Company F, 13th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry.

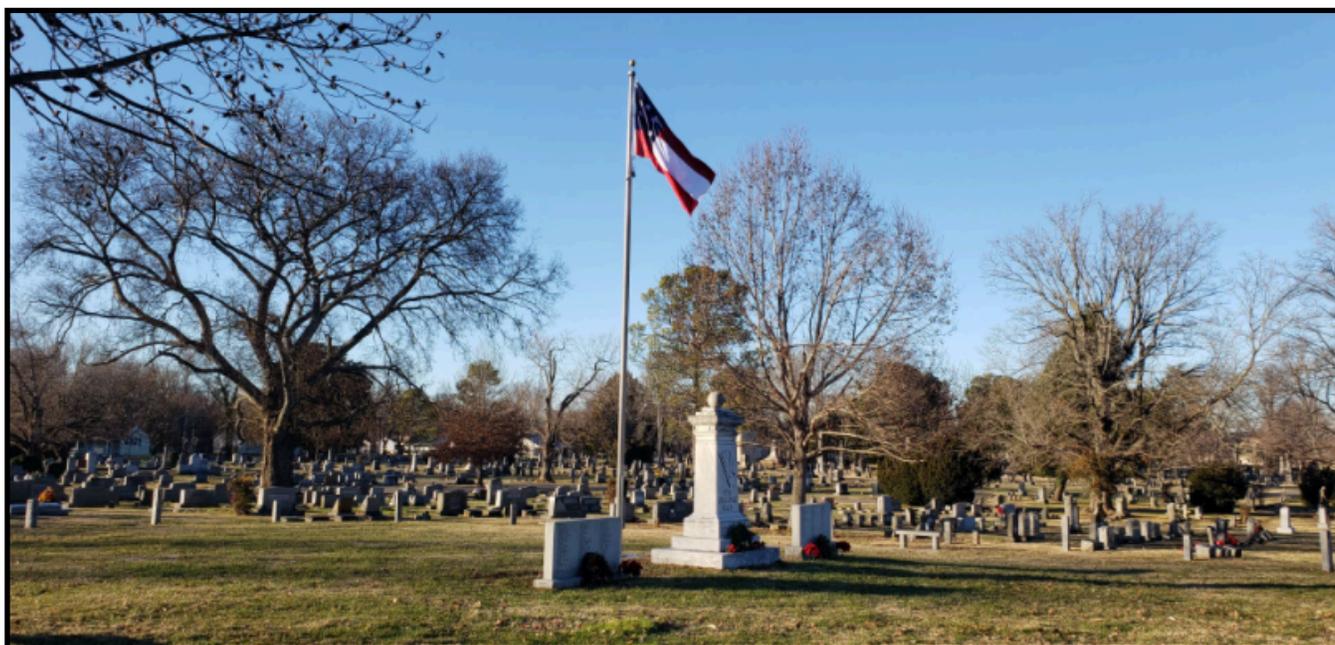


Image from the memorial service held on January 3, 2021 at Confederate Circle in Evergreen Cemetery. Wreaths were placed, hymns sung and Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan gave remarks to those in attendance.

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Murfreesboro SCV Camp #33 hosted Christmas 1862 on the 150th anniversary of the Christmas Eve Confederate Ball just before the Battle of Murfreesboro.



The Honorable David W. Tipton, General Sessions Judge, Sullivan County, Tennessee, received the Harry T. Burns Political Courage Award in appreciation of his political support of Confederate Heritage at the Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in Knoxville in January and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Kyle Stewart, 2nd Lt. Commander of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was awarded the Robert E. Lee Freeman Award in recognition of his devotion to duty and in appreciation of his promotion of the causes of Camp 87 and the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in January in Knoxville and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans.



James H. Roper received the Clark M. Roberts Memorial Award from Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in January in Knoxville. Mr. Roberts received the award in honor and recognition of their devotion to the cause of Southern Heritage and support of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Camp 87.

Bobby Ray White and Matthew Ray White were welcomed into the Myers-Zollicoffer Camp. Both men were elected members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans upon the service record of their ancestor Private Elige Washington Ledbetter with Company A, 8th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry. The youngest member of Camp 1990, Lucas White, conducted the oath of initiation to his grandfather and father.



Progress being made at the site of Forrest Hall located at the Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill. Thanks to Gene Andrews for the pictures!



A Simple Explanation

by Valerie Protopapas (Abbeville Institute)

What separated the Jeffersonian understanding of government embraced by the South from the philosophy of Lincoln and the people of the North? For if Lincoln had believed as Jefferson, the war would not have happened. Indeed, it is probable that the circumstances leading up to the war would not have happened. So, what in fact, did happen?! Truth to tell, there were two philosophies of government or rather of the nature of man that undergirded North and South. The South held to the Aristotelean philosophy, later articulated by Locke, that Man was a communal being who naturally created groups in which to live. Within those groups government was necessary, but only to provide protection for the citizenry. The creed of this philosophy was voiced by Jefferson: “Government governs best that governs least.”

The other philosophy of government arose from the teachings of British philosopher Thomas Hobbes. Hobbes opined that man was not a communal being but rather, like the tiger, man was a solitary, making his way as best he could as a practitioner of the Law of the Jungle; that is, the survival of the fittest. Therefore, in order for man to be “civilized,” he had to be forced into a relationship with his fellows and that relationship could only be sustained through coercion. Naturally, the only means by which such coercion could be applied was government. Thus government was the means by which civilization and society were maintained. If there were no central government or if that government was weak and thus such coercion not efficacious, the result would be social and political chaos!

This was the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln and his political allies! Secession of the Southern states meant to Lincoln—besides the loss of revenue—the beginning of the breakup of what had been to that time an ever expanding Union. This, in turn, would lead to a weakening of central authority and, hence, anarchy, something which simply could not be permitted! Anything and everything needful to prevent that breakup was acceptable in light of the unmitigated disaster that would follow a weakening of the central authority and its ability to force a naturally unruly populace into submission! No act was too barbarous, no crime too egregious to be shunned if by its commission the Union was preserved. This mindset answers many questions about the Union strategy of total war and why the people of the North did not cavil or later repent of the commission of such atrocities because they were seen as “necessary.”

Of course, Lincoln as a Hobbesian was not talking about “union” as most men understood it then—or now for that matter. A true “union” is by its very nature voluntary. Union at the point of a gun is conquest, occupation and subjugation. Lincoln’s definition of “union” was the submission of the American people—North and South—to the will of the central government. And under that arrangement, the states became nothing more than “counties” within a national government. And as counties have no separate powers within their states, so states then have no separate powers within the central government but become bureaucratic entities used for the collection of revenues and the imposition of federal laws, mandates and regulations.

This is, in effect, what happened as a result of the war of 1861. Lincoln and Hobbes won. Aristotle, Locke—and Jefferson—lost and so did the vision of the Founders and We the People. Besides explaining how and why a ruinous war came about when sovereign states exercised their constitutional right to depart from a union that was no longer to their collective benefits, it also explains what is going on 150 years later as the same questions arise again as Jefferson Davis prophesied. Indeed, the major question remains: who rules—We the People or the Government?

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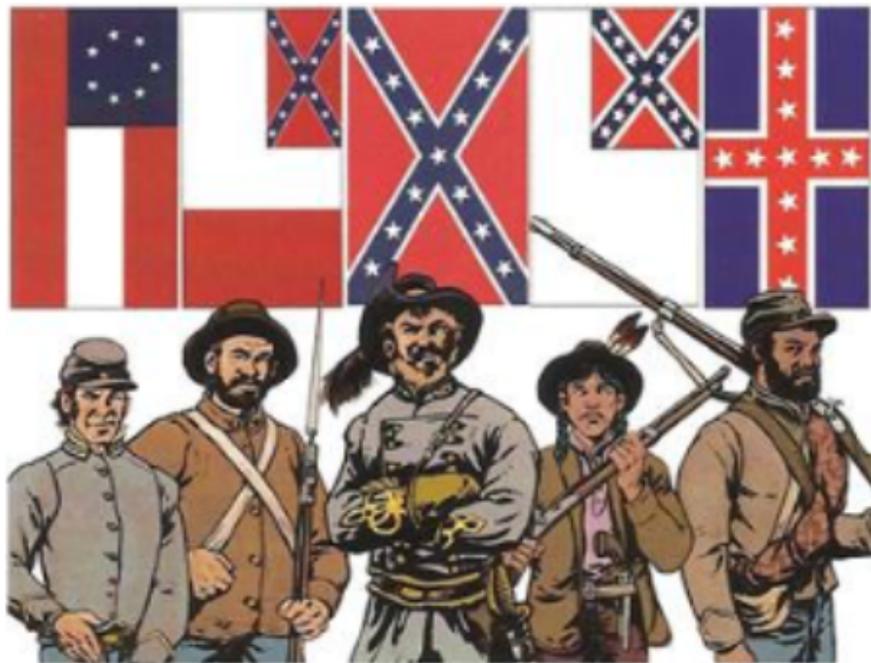


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