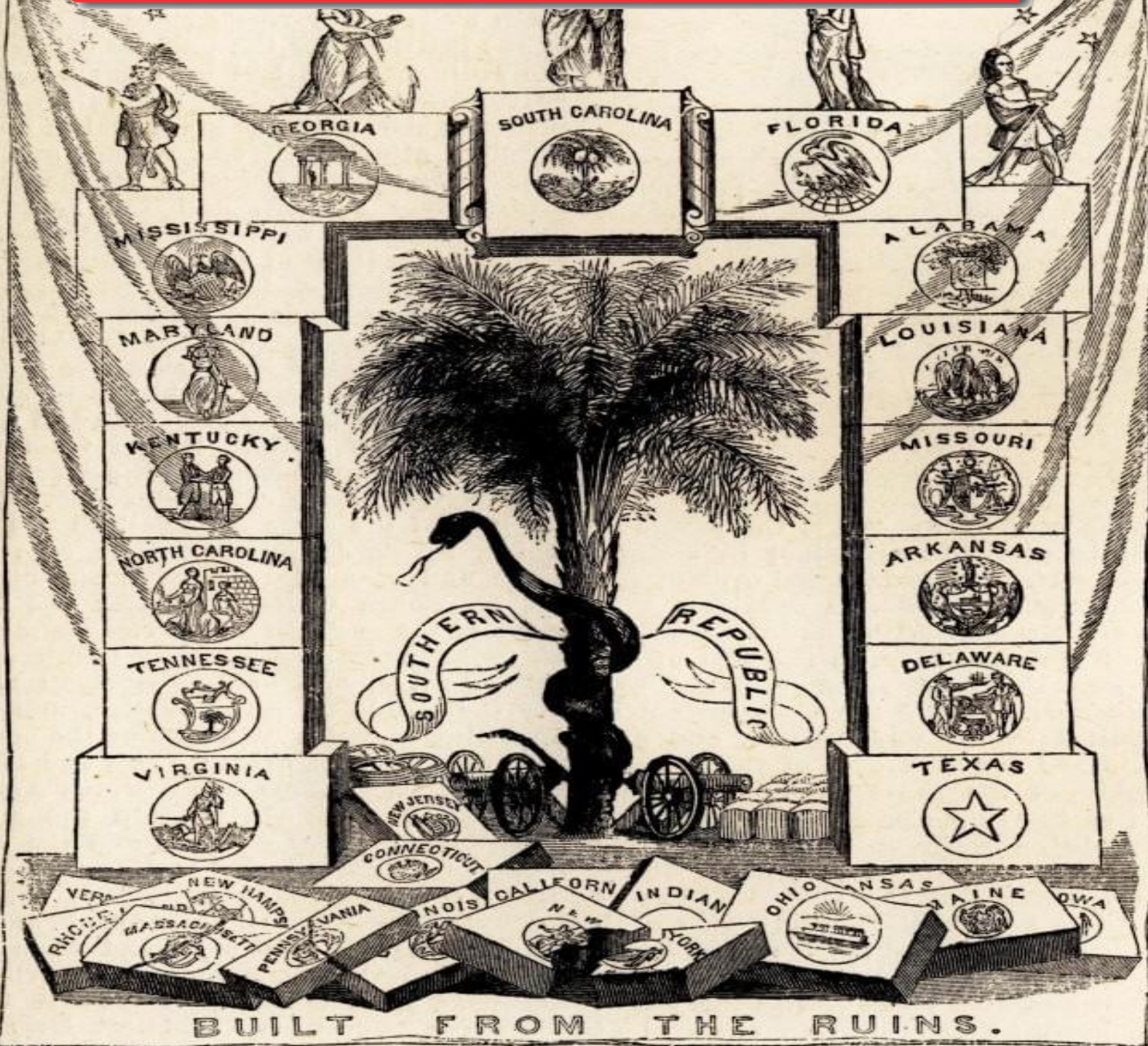


FORREST'S ESCORT



"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





Division Commander Joey Nolan

Greetings to all,

I pray you were blessed with joy and happiness during the Christmas season. In addition to celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, it is a wonderful time with family and friends. Christmas joy, Southern style, was spread with numerous camp and brigade parties and dinners. Many camps were involved in Christmas parades across the state. Santa Clause mixed with Confederate flags will always garner attention. Thank you to all who participated in these events and took a stand for Southern heritage.

There were many memorial services and events held as 2022 was coming to an end and 2023 was beginning. Many camps and brigades have held Lee-Jackson banquets celebrating the birthdays of Generals Lee and Jackson. Regardless of the time of year or the weather there is always something to do promoting Southern heritage.

Construction has begun on the Forrest Hall Events and Visitors Center at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN. The concrete pad was poured before the harsh temperatures and weather moved in. Before further work can be done, the Tennessee Division must raise much needed funds. If you wish to help you can do so by joining the Forrest 200 Society, Friends of Forrest Boyhood Home or simply make a donation for this project to the Tennessee Division. The annual Forrest Homecoming which will be June 17, 2023, with proceeds going to maintain the grounds and facilities. Thank you to Gene Andrews for his love and dedication for General Forrest and this historical site.

Be sure to send your registration for the upcoming 2023 Tennessee Division Reunion at The Foundry in Knoxville, TN. The Friday night social is on March 31st, with the convention and awards banquet taking place on Saturday April 1st. Longstreet-Zollicoffer, Camp 87 is sure to put on a memorable event.

Your help is needed with any legislation in the Tennessee legislature by contacting your elected officials when that time comes. In the past two years with proposed legislation there have been senators and representatives in Nashville who have told us they never received any contact on those bills. You contacting those who represent your districts is a MUST. When contacted with legislative information by your brigade and camp commanders, please make contacting your legislators an immediate priority.

Now for the broken record. We MUST put personal differences aside and start working together. Our worst enemy is ourselves, as we are killing our organization with petty bickering. We MUST make our ancestors and heritage a priority if this great organization is to exist. These same problems plagued the Confederate government so many years ago, which did not help our cause. Let's not allow the same thing to happen to our organization.

I was contacted a few months ago and asked "If the SCV had actually done anything to stop the removal of any Confederate monuments or flags?" and "Not lip service, or preaching to the choir, but examples where it has been stopped because of the SCV." In my wish to answer the question with utmost accuracy I consulted James Turner, Government Relations Chairman for the Tennessee Division. Here are just a few examples we combined to bring assurance that the SCV is working and not just offering "lip service."

- In the fall of 2022 the SCV stopped the renaming of several Confederate-named streets in the Forest Hills area of Nashville. This success involving the Tennessee Historical Commission came about through the efforts of our attorneys and members.
- When faced with the renaming of Forrest Hall on the campus of MTSU, the SCV again stepped up to face the Tennessee Historical Commission. Through the unwavering efforts of SCV members and officials, the name Forrest Hall is still in place today.
- At minimal cost to the SCV, for two years now we have been successful in keeping the Williamson County Seal in place, which bears the Confederate Flag.
- When the flag was taken down at the Carter House, along with our attorneys, we stepped up and the flag was back up within ten days.

- In 2020 when there was a threat to remove the Stewart monument from the grounds of the Hamilton County Courthouse, the SCV again stepped up. Through immediate efforts of SCV members and officials, our preparations for action, and with concerns from citizens in that area, the measure to remove was defeated.
- In Clarksville, TN, there was immediate action taken to protect Confederate monuments at the bridge where there is a mass Confederate grave, and a monument in a cemetery. The local SCV camp, Tennessee Division, and SCV National, and our attorneys were all involved in protecting those monuments.

The answer to the question is a resounding YES, the SCV has stopped the removal of many flags, monuments, memorials and names. But now I have some questions we each need to ask ourselves.

- Do you attend your camps monthly meetings?
- Are you active in supporting local camp activities?
- Why were there less than 40 people in attendance at the annual Sam Davis Memorial Service on November 19, 2022 at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna, TN?
- Why were there less than 40 people participating in the annual Winstead Hill/Franklin March on November 26, 2022 in Franklin, TN?
- Why were there less than 500 people in attendance at the annual Forrest Homecoming on June 18, 2022 at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN?
- Why were there less than 300 people in attendance at the Pilgrimage to Elm Springs at SCV National Headquarters on May 7, 2022?
- Why are there less than 150 members in attendance at the Tennessee Division Reunion each year?
- Why are there less than 1000 members in attendance at the SCV National Reunion each year?
- When was the last time you recruited a new member for the SCV? Or the first time in many cases?

All the questions referred to are valid. Just as was the case with our ancestors, we will not win every time. But we will keep fighting and moving forward. There is no place to stop.

Our ancestors are depending on us to tell the truth of their story. Whether you are the person who works maintaining the graves and monuments to our ancestors; one who wears the Confederate flag on your coat, shirt or vest; the person who is knowledgeable on Southern history and a great speaker; one who stands waving the flag at overpasses and street corners; one who has the opportunity to speak to young people sharing the truth; or a hundred and one other ways, we can all do something to bring honor to the memory of our ancestors. Do not let our ancestors down and keep living The Charge.

May God richly bless you, our beloved Southland, and America.

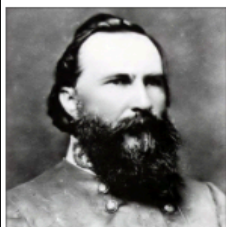
Sincerely,

Joey Nolan, Commander

Tennessee Division, SCV

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 38

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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General Forrest 200 Society

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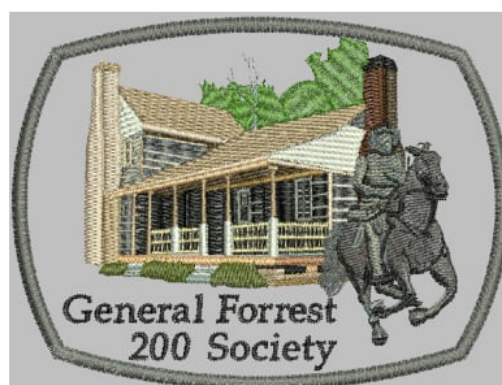
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On July 13, 1821 Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill Tennessee. Forrest would become one of the greatest self made men in the South, plantation owner, businessman and most importantly one of the most feared Generals during the War Between 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!

Membership \$200 _____ Voluntary Donation \$ _____ Total: _____

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

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1st Lt. Commander John Blankenship

Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

I hope each of you had a good Thanksgiving and Christmas. The new year has arrived. It seems like 2022 just flew by. There have been ups and downs in my life

over the past year, but I am grateful for the Lord keeping his hand upon me and my family.

A new year brings new opportunities and let's take advantage of each one we are given. We have held the course for so long and must continue to fight the good fight. This charge was given to us by our ancestors. We must continue to remember them and their sacrifices. Their blood runs through our veins, we are part of them.

I have spent several years researching my Shaw ancestors. One of them is my 4th great uncle, Solomon Shaw. You have read about him in a past edition of the Forrest Escort, so I will not tell the full story here. Briefly, he was a wealthy landowner and strong supporter of the Southern Confederacy. On September 22, 1862 two Yankee soldiers came to his plantation with intentions to rob him. Basically he refused to give them anything and was shot by the two soldiers in his home. His son was also shot. The two Yankees thought they would get away but one was shot after being chased by Shaw's daughter, Miss Seenie Shaw. The Yankee would eventually die in Trenton. Solomon's son would die the next year near Franklin. After

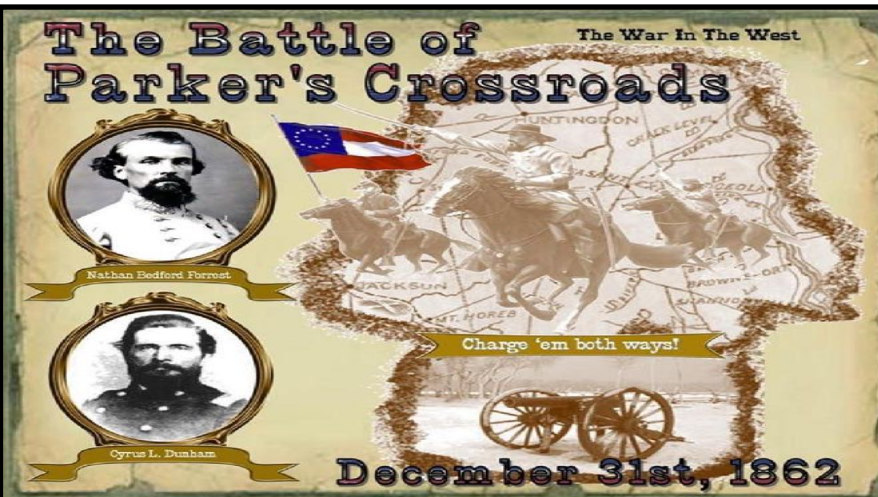
young Sol's death, Miss Seenie took a wagon and brought his body back to west Tennessee. Today, Solomon Shaw and his son Solomon E. rest in graves next to each other in Quincy, TN. This story brings up many emotions in me when I read it or tell it. It reminds me of the tragedy and heartache so many suffered during the War. It also reminds me of the bravery and heroism of those in the South at that time. We must continue to tell their stories. They should not and will not be forgotten.

Brothers, we must continue to honor these brave men and women of the South from the 1860's. So that their story can live on, we must continue to work together. There is but one reason the SCV exist and that is to tell the true history of the South.

Deo Vindice — With God, Our Defender

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Division Reunion this year. If I can be of service to you, please feel free to contact me.

John A. Blankenship
Lt. Commander
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2nd Lt. Commander Richard Garcia

Compatriots,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. As we prepare ourselves, our camps, and our Brigades for a prosperous 2023,

let's focus on dialogue with the community, camp growth, event planning, publicizing your events, and member participation.

Community spring festivals are right around the corner. These festivals are a great way to recruit, fundraise for your camp, and develop camaraderie with your fellow compatriots and community. You should start planning now, reaching out to you city leaders and your Chamber of Commerce to become a part of these festivals. You do not need an elaborate recruitment set-up to accomplish this task. We are living memorials to our ancestors with a wealth of knowledge to discuss SCV and our history with the individuals that attend these festivals.

In addition, Agriculture is the rootstock of our heritage. The General William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership award is an excellent opportunity to showcase the SCV through community support toward our young men and women who are the future of our confederate history. I recently spoke to an Agriculture Educator. Other than the FFA program, he referenced that the High School at a typical level does not acknowledge over-achieving agricultural students. Many rural communities with FFA programs support our cause which can generate new members. Reach out to your High School

agriculture teachers and discuss the purpose of the award. This is a excellent recruitment tool. Brigades, I challenge you to present an Agricultural award, at a minimum, to at least 2 or more high schools per brigade this year. You can build on from there. Details for the award can be found at the Tennessee Division website.

The C. E. R. T. Program is also an excellent asset toward recruitment and preserving headstones. Plan now for Spring Cleaning. Reach out to your communities and churches as many public and private cemetery confederate headstones are in a dire need of cleaning. This is a great way to publicize, recruit, and discuss the SCV charge within your community. Please reach out to Billy Walker and Wayne Moon SCV C. E. R. T. Program Coordinators for details related to training and certification.

In conclusion, our passion, courage, determination, and sacrifices are the essence of southern history. Tennesseans know and understand our past history, which is why we as SCV Compatriots are all connected to each other, no matter the stature and cultural tapestry that we evolved from. Embrace the importance of the SCV charge. We owe this to our children and their children and generations to come.

Long Live the SCV!

¡Long Live the Confederacy!

Richard Garcia, Tennessee Division, 2nd Lt. Commander

Challenges Issued!!

Two challenges have been issued!

The sword of Confederate General Earl Van Dorn has become available for purchase. The Tennessee Division SCV has donated \$500 to the acquisitions fund towards the purchase of the sword and challenged all divisions and camps to make a donation towards the purchase.

We have until the middle of March to raise the funds for purchase.

At the fall GEC meeting, the GEC voted to put the Forrest Plaza up as it was originally designed. The Brigade General Humphries Camp 1625 pledged to donate \$1,000. Over the weekend at their Lee-Jackson they made good on their pledge and even raised some extra. The camp has challenged all camps to make a donation to the Forrest Last Ride fund which will put the Forrest Plaza and Equestrian Statue Headstone back.

Two challenges have been issued. Will you answer the challenge?



**Sons of Confederate Veterans
Tennessee Division Reunion
March 31 - April 1, 2023
Knoxville, TN**



HOST CAMP is Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp #87

Name: _____

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Saturday Bleak House Tour: \$10 (3148 Kingston Pike) No. of persons _____ Total \$ _____

Longstreet's HQ during Battle of Knoxville Winter 1863 (Drive yourself and/or carpool)



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Reunion Program Advertising: Full Page: \$75; 1/2 Page: \$50; 1/4 Page: \$25

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Questions: call John Hitt 865-689-4592 or Kyle Stewart 865-789-4323 or Earl Smith 865-660-5655

Host Hotel: Marriott Downtown Knoxville

525 Henley Street

Knoxville, TN 37902

865-522-2800

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Update on the Construction of Forrest Hall & Multi-purpose Building

submitted by Tom Wood

As I write this update on the progress of construction of Forrest Hall, I am pleased to inform you that construction has finally begun on this Tennessee Division project. The concrete slab preparation including the under-slab plumbing and electrical work and the pouring of the slab have recently been completed. Unfortunately, it has been way too slow of a process to collect the necessary funding that continues to be so badly needed to complete this project. Construction projects often-times prove to be difficult in overcoming obstacles and hurdles, but I believe the worst of the struggles are behind us and we are now ready for full speed ahead depending on each one of us and our camps being financially supportive.

This is now the time to re-energize our fund-raising efforts once again to keep this project going forward as quickly as possible. We can only do the work that we have the funding to accomplish. Much more financial assistance is needed to accomplish our goal. The Division has some \$40,000 remaining in the construction funds after paying for the work performed so far. If you have an understanding of construction projects such as this, you realize we still have a lot of work ahead of us to complete the financing and the ultimate goal. The effort of having this wonderful facility is well worth all of our efforts and financial support. This is a facility that people across this nation can visit, enjoy and learn the true history of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and our beautiful Southern

Heritage. The Forrest Boyhood Home receives visitors from across the nation and is a wonderful teaching tool for us to use.

We have received funding from many people across this great country for this project for which the Tennessee Division is very grateful and appreciative. There are several ways each of us can help. You can join the Forrest 200 Society, the "Friends of Forrest" at various financial levels, or simply a donation to Forrest Hall. All of these funds go directly to the construction account.

All of the funds received by the Tennessee Division are tax deductible. Some of you are sending monthly donations, others are giving as they can periodically, and others have generously provided large one-time gifts. Every contribution is important and critical to our success. If you have not yet given or would consider another financial donation, we ask that you please consider this project in your gift giving program.

In Honor of the South,
Thomas H. Wood
Tennessee Division Adjutant
P.O. Box 782
Lebanon, Tn 37088

Samuel Frank Coatney: Dangers in Coming Home

submitted by Dale Welch

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.

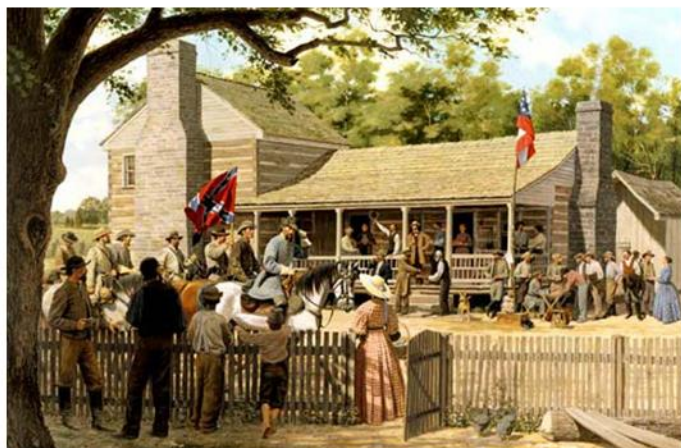
On January 20, 1864, Pvt. Coatney was listed as "absent without leave." It was just three days before his 31st birthday. It wasn't that he didn't want to come back—he just couldn't get back quickly. He had come home to check on his wife and kids, which had increased by one since he'd been off to war.

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.

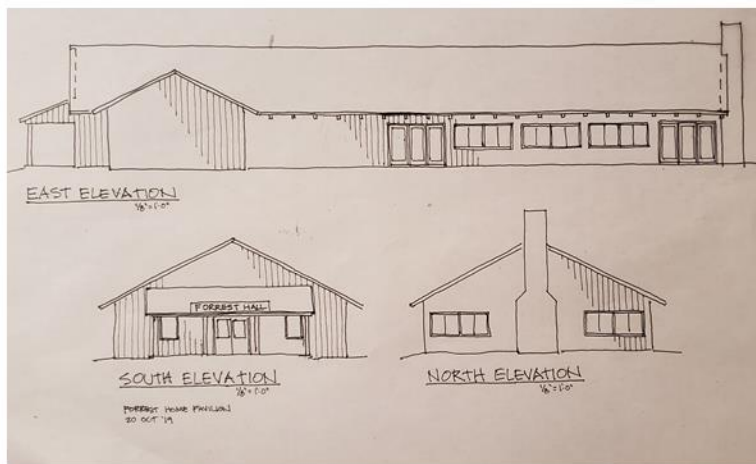
Running for his life, Pvt. Coatney ran by a place where the women washed clothes by the creek. He noticed a wooden washtub, that had been made out of a log and turned it over on him. He heard the bushwhackers all around him. They searched in trees, around the rocks, up and down the creek, leaving no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



**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE
LAUNCH OF A FUND RAISER FOR A
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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 _____
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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

To my brothers and compatriots:

All Sons of Confederate Veterans have inherited the responsibility of honoring our ancestors and our Confederate family. In today's climate, it is of utmost importance that we do everything possible to bring in new members.

The internet age has been around for a few years and now more than ever information is available more readily than before and information is constantly being added. No longer can we pick up a copy of "Tennesseans in the Civil War" and if your Great-grandpa's name is listed, he can be used for membership in the SCV. Your ancestor must have served honorably, so a bit more research must be done to verify his service. But, don't despair, we can find them an ancestor, at least give it a good effort.

In our research, we have found several recruits that had an ancestor that was a Prisoner of War that signed the Oath of Allegiance, which disallows his use as a Confederate patriot. Well, not always. It was commonplace that the Union required some POW's sign the loyalty oath prior to being released and if they did sign, after the surrender, they are considered as serving honorably.

As much as we want and need new members, we must protect the integrity of our membership and the right and honor we have to call ourselves "Sons".

Again, I will state that almost everyone has a Confederate ancestor or a Confederate soldier in their family. It doesn't have to

be a Great-Great-Grandpa. Great uncles and cousins are also allowed, and while they may be a bit more difficult to find, it can happen.

There are several genealogical websites available that you can employ. Some charge for their use, and others are free. For a beginner, I recommend using Family Search, which can be found at <http://www.familysearch.org>. It is FREE, easy to use and some will say addicting. Other sites are Ancestry.com and My Heritage. For military records use <http://www.fold3.com>, it does charge for a membership, but if you need military records retrieved, we have a membership and would be glad to help you.

If you are recruiting someone and they say "I don't have any Confederates in my family." Let's prove them wrong, give us a chance to show them that they too carry the proud blood of a soldier that fought in "America's Second Revolution."

"Deo Vindice", my brothers for "God is our protector."

David C. Daniels,
Tennessee Division Genealogist
tendivgen@yahoo.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

The Story of Colonel John Francis Neff

written for VMI Cadet Biographies

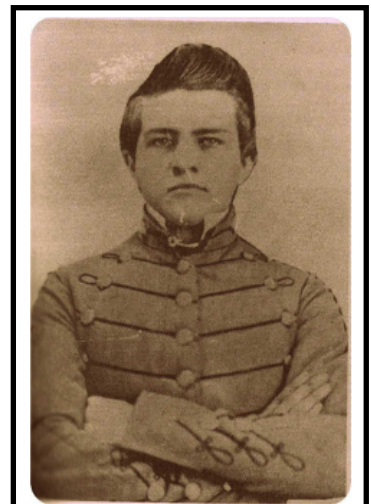
submitted by Joshua Cameron

The following account is a snapshot of the life of one of my Confederate Ancestors, John Francis Neff. The journey to finding Col. Neff and his connection to my family started in Charleston, SC at the Museum of the Confederacy. While there, I was scrolling through the index of a book looking for familiar names when I came across, Neff. My 3rd Great Grandfather was a Neff, who lived in Dandridge, TN during the mid-1800's and was a Captain, along with his 3 sons, in Carter's 1st TN Cavalry during the War. They had migrated to Tennessee from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and ultimately, moved back there after the War. So knowing this, and seeing the Neff name in this book and reading that John Francis Neff was from the same area in Virginia, I took to finding him in my family tree. After a long search, I was finally able to place him as a 3rd Cousin 4x removed. After this, I was able to find the following account of his life, pictures, and artifacts connected to him. My journey with Col. Neff culminated in a trip last summer to his burial place in Virginia and the battlefield where he lost his life for the Cause. Being able to stand about as close as the Park Ranger could get me to where he fell dead on the field of battle was one of the more moving experiences of my life. I hope you can appreciate the following account of his life that was written for the VMI Cadet biographies.

The pen of the writer cannot do justice to the character or the memory of Colonel John F. Neff, and he would gladly transfer the task imposed upon him to someone better fitted by taste and culture to perform the duty. Much has been said and written since the close of the terrific struggle of the past decade respecting the worth, gallantry, and nobility of character of those fallen braves who participated in it, and yet all that has been said so justly, graphically, and eloquently of others might be said of the subject of this brief sketch. He was one of nature's noblemen. Though his career was a brief one, it was long enough for the development in an eminent degree of the character of the Christian man, soldier, and patriot.

Colonel Neff was born in the county of Shenandoah, State of Virginia, on the 5th of September, 1834, and was the oldest son of John Neff, a prosperous farmer and a faithful and exemplary minister in the denomination of Christians known as the Tunkers. His residence is on the north fork of the Shenandoah River, and within view of that magnificent landed estate belonging to John G. Meem called Mount Airy. The Neff family is a numerous one in the Valley of Virginia, and "the name is the synonym of honesty, industry, and hospitality. Neff's School-House, which stood on the Valley, turnpike,

within a few miles of the town of New Market, was Colonel Neff's preparatory department. There, for a few months in each consecutive year, he enjoyed the tuition of some of the most indifferent instructors. The instruction which he received was sufficient to enkindle within his breast an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and to cause the formation of a resolution to secure for himself, if possible, all the advantages of a liberal education. The desire which burned within him prompted him when but a youth, amid discouragements of no ordinary character, to launch his frail bark out upon the rough sea of life. The wherewithal had to be secured elsewhere than under the parental roof, and long years must intervene before, by dint of his own personal exertions, he could hope to realize a sufficient amount to carry him through the curriculum of some first-class institution of learning. With reference to the accomplishment of the object had in view we find him in the far-off South, at one time clerking in a mercantile establishment, and at another time writing in a clerk's office. Disease prostrates him, and the tardily-accumulated money is diverted into a channel not anticipated, and the desired object recedes farther into the misty future. But affliction and its concomitants fail to dampen his ardor or shake his resolution. A shorter route to the desired goal occurred to him, and we find him seeking the co-operation and influence of a distinguished gentleman with reference to his admission into the Virginia Military Institute as a State cadet. The effort was made, but the rules and regulations of said institution, founded upon statutory law, barred his entrance. Finally, through an influential friend,—who proved to be a friend indeed,—he renewed the effort to induce his father to send him as a pay cadet to the institution of his choice. The considerations presented to the mind of his father prevailed, and long-cherished prejudices were uprooted.



Cadet Neff at VMI. Neff graduated 4 of 19 in 1858. He was a student of Thomas Jackson. (Picture from *The Stonewall Brigade* during the Civil War)

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Who can imagine the joy which swelled the breast and beamed in the sunny countenance of the young adventurer upon the reception and perusal of a letter from his father bidding him come home, and assuring him that the necessary means would be furnished to enable him to take the regular course at the Virginia Military Institute? Gladly did he return to the parental roof which he had forsaken, assured of his father's ability to perform the promise made him. It was but a short time ere young Neff was where he had longed to be, enjoying the advantages of one of the best institutions of the kind in the South, and within the moulding influence of men who have since shed a lustre upon the page of their country's history which will be undimmed by the lapse of time. Could young Neff have had his own way, he would have emerged from college about the time he entered. Thrown among many of the most gifted sons of the South, he soon, by his generous nature and manly deportment, won friends, and bound them so closely to him by the silken cords of friendship as that they could not be separated by lapse of time or "the vicissitudes of life." Despite the imperfections of Colonel Neff's early education and training, he took a high stand as to scholarship among his classmates, and discovered, both to his associates and to his instructors, the true elements of intellectual manhood. He made claim to the law as a profession, and no sooner did he graduate the Institute than he entered the law-class of Judge J. W. Brokenbrough. Having obtained license to practice his profession, he went South, and first solicited professional business in the city of New Orleans, subsequently at Baton Rouge, and finally at Memphis, Tennessee. At the latter place, he formed an association in business with James H. Unthank, Esq., and continued with him until the commencement of hostilities between the North and South. No sooner was the tocsin of alarm sounded than Colonel Neff severed his associations in business, and turned his back upon professional prospects the most flattering and encouraging, and sought a position for which he was so well fitted by training and education in the service of the Confederate States. On his return to his native Virginia, he sought and obtained from Governor Letcher, at Richmond, a commission as a drill-officer, and was ordered to report for duty to the officer in command of the forces at Harper's Ferry. He tarried but a day or two at home on his way to Harper's Ferry, and then, with other graduates of the Virginia Military Institute, engaged in the important work of drilling the patriotic officers and men with reference to the mighty conflict which was at hand. It is difficult to estimate the value of the services thus rendered by Colonel Neff and others. Doubtless the unparalleled success of the Confederate arms was, in a great measure, attributable to it.

The brigade subsequently commanded by General T. J. Jackson was in process of formation, and Colonel A. C. Cummings was placed in command of several volunteer companies in said brigade, the

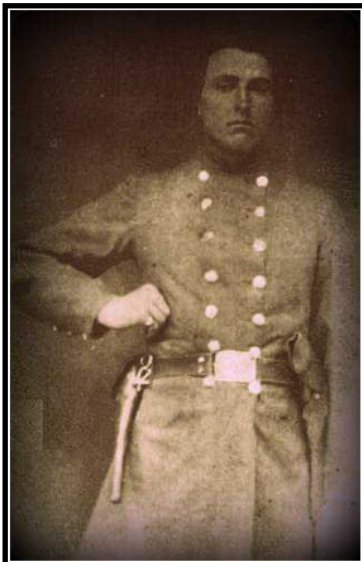
nucleus of what was afterwards known as the 33d Virginia Regiment. Said regiment was composed principally of companies from Shenandoah, the native county of Colonel Neff, and he very naturally sought duty with this command. His comrades in arms who survive him will bear testimony to his faithfulness and efficiency as a drill-officer. Colonel Cummings, who had seen service in the Mexican war, and who had won for himself an enviable reputation by his soldierly qualities and gallantry, appreciating the worth of Colonel Neff, tendered to him the position of adjutancy in his regiment, which he accepted. He made a model adjutant. Handsome in person, genteel in appearance, kind, courteous, and affable to all, and ever ready and willing to discharge his duty, however unpleasant its character, he soon won the admiration and affection of his superiors and inferiors in position. In action, we need but speak of Colonel Neff's conduct in the first battle of Manassas and we have epitomized his conduct and bearing in every subsequent engagement in which he participated. He did not seem to partake of that wild enthusiasm which seized and possessed almost every other individual in his command. Cool, calm, and collected, he discharged the duties of his position very much after the style with which he discharged them in the camp or bivouac. He had too much pride of character to shrink from danger, and this is, after all, the sum total of courage. Incidents might be given illustrative of the qualities and characteristics attributed to Colonel Neff, but time and space will not permit of giving them in detail.

Colonel A. C. Cummings, for reasons which, if fully known, it would not be proper to state, a short time previous to the reorganization of the army, in the spring of 1862, declared a purpose not to permit his name to be offered as a candidate for re-election. The determination of Colonel C. momentarily cast a gloom over his command, and all eyes were turned upon Colonel Neff as the most suitable person to take his position as commandant of the regiment. This circumstance of itself speaks volumes, when it is remembered that Colonel Neff, though among the youngest officers in the command, was thought to be the man for a position which had been so conspicuously filled by a veteran soldier and officer. Election-day came, and with scarcely a dissentient voice he was elevated to the position. Colonel Neff did not seek the position; it sought him. Indeed, his native modesty would scarcely permit him to receive what had been with so much unanimity bestowed. The sequel proved that the estimate formed of his worth, character, and courage was not erroneous, nor the confidence reposed in him misplaced. He filled Colonel Cummings's place; to say more would be needlessly invidious. Were the writer of this sketch called upon for the secret of Colonel Neff's popularity, he would not revert to the conspicuous gallantry he exhibited amid the baptism of fire on the plains of first Manassas,

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—however gallant there, others there were who were equally so,—nor would he attempt to draw it in the fact that he was in the midst of his countrymen, and by them elevated to position ; but rather would he seek to trace it in his nobility of character, high sense of honor, blended with the sweetest and kindest disposition ever found in the sterner sex, which beamed forth in his benignant face, spoke in the utterances of his voice, and in his every action. Men and officers loved him,—could not help loving him,—obeyed him because they loved him, and followed him into the very jaws of death. Love is a magic influence, and is more potent in camp and on the march, or in

the sanguinary conflict, than all else beside. The love and admiration which he challenged relieved him sensibly of the onerousness of the responsible duties which his position imposed. There were prior to the reorganization of the army several things which created more or less dissatisfaction among the troops. The prohibition to their joining a different arm of service from that in which they originally enlisted after their term of enlistment expired, and the conscription of the militia and incorporation of them with the regiments of volunteers, were



Colonel Neff in uniform sometime between 1861-62. Notice the double revolvers worn by Col. Neff and his ring worn on his right hand.

among the principal causes of dissatisfaction. Colonel Neff, without an apparent effort, poured oil upon the troubled waters, and very soon not a murmur of discontent was heard in his command. In a very short time, after he assumed command it was thoroughly organized, disciplined, and prepared for the future conflicts of the war. Swift Run Gap, where the reorganization of General Jackson's army took place, was the basis of those grand and rapid movements which gave him a world-wide reputation as a military chieftain, and which have been styled as Napoleonic in their character as well as results. Colonel Neff was with his command in every engagement, commencing with McDowell and ending with second Manassas, where he met his untimely fate.

After the rout of General Banks, General Jackson retired through the Valley of Virginia before the superior forces of Generals Fremont and McDowell. He took a position near Port Republic, when he was threatened in his rear by one of the generals named, and in his front by the other. On that Sabbath morning, which shall ever be remembered when General Jackson met, at the bridge spanning the

Shenandoah at Port Republic, the forces under General Shields and hurled them back, and about the same time threw the forces under General Ewell across the path of General Fremont at Cross Keys. Colonel Neff was ordered to take his regiment and guard the several fords of the Shenandoah a few miles below Port Republic. It was a responsible position, but entrusted to one who, though young in command, had won the confidence of his superiors, and who, if occasion had required, would have demonstrated, as he had done before and as he did subsequently, that he was the right man in the right place. As was anticipated, General Shields did not make a second effort to cross the Shenandoah and unite his own with the forces of General Fremont. From some misapprehension of orders, Colonel Neff, late in the evening of the day, was ordered to join his brigade at Port Republic. He did so, but after nightfall was ordered to reoccupy the position which he had held during the day. It was late at night before he made such disposition of his troops as promised freedom from surprise and successful attack. Wearied by the activities, toils, and anxieties of the past few days, he sought repose. The sun was shining brightly the next morning when he awoke, and he at once inquired, "No marching orders yet?" and upon being told that none had been received, he replied that General Winder had certainly forgotten him and his command. He communicated with him, and found the fact to be as he supposed. Learning that his brigade was marching, with orders to engage the enemy when he met him, on the opposite side of the river, with the greatest promptitude he collected his troops and set out to join it. He found General Ewell's troops crossing the foot bridge which had been thrown across the river. Not willing to wait on said troops, he asked and obtained permission to cross his troops contemporaneously. He crossed first, having ordered his troops to follow as rapidly as possible. When the last were thus crossed over, Colonel Neff having personally superintended their alignment, the regiment moved off at a double-quick step. The fight was raging when he reached the scene of action, and not knowing the position of General Winder's Brigade, he rushed to the front (although solicited by other brigade commanders to unite with their brigades and go into action with them),



Colonel Neff's coat that is displayed in the Luray Museum.

just in time to unite with Major Wheat's Battalion in charging and taking the battery at General Lewis's house. The taking of this battery turned the tide of battle, and it was only a few minutes before the enemy was on a precipitate retreat, vigorously pursued. Colonel Neff joined in the pursuit.

Similar instances might be multiplied exhibiting the fidelity, promptitude, and sagacity of the youngest regimental commander of the Stonewall Brigade. The seven days of battle below Richmond had been fought and won, and General T. J. Jackson's Corps was ordered to Gordonsville, with reference to the military operations of the man whose "headquarters were in his saddle." Whilst the army was lying at Gordonsville some misunderstanding occurred between Colonel Neff and General Winder, which induced General Winder to place him under arrest. General Winder (and it is said to his praise) was a most rigid disciplinarian, and dealt with the greatest exactitude with all his subordinate officers. Time did not permit of an investigation of the matter prior to the battle of Cedar Mountain. The question was asked what Colonel Neff would do, whilst on the march to Cedar Mountain, without his sword. Those who knew him best responded that he would go into the thickest of the fight with his regiment. He did so, and his presence with his men under such circumstances inspired them with an ardor and enthusiasm which, perhaps, they had never manifested before in so eminent a degree. It requires the most genuine courage to withstand a deluging shower of leaden rain and iron hail without arms. General Winder, who came, perhaps, nearer to filling General Jackson's place as brigade commander than any other, fell, mortally wounded, at Cedar Mountain, and the investigation of the charges and specifications against Colonel Neff by his superior in command proved only a misapprehension of orders on the part of Colonel Neff. Cedar Mountain was only the commencement of a campaign which equaled in importance and results any other of the war. General Pope was forced to take position on the northern side of the Rappahannock. Whilst there it was that General Jackson made that detour in his rear which added additional lustre to his fame. Manassas Junction was captured, with its immense stores of munitions of war and supplies. Before its evacuation Colonel Neff was ordered to destroy the rolling-stock connected with the railroad, and all the supplies that could not be removed for want of transportation. The order was promptly executed. The unintermitted marches, together with the loss of rest, which continued for consecutive days and nights, almost completely prostrated Colonel Neff. He applied to the surgeon of the regiment; and he not only prescribed for him, but advised at least a temporary suspension of the active duties which his position imperiously demanded. Colonel Neff could not brook the idea of quitting even temporarily his position under the circumstances. On the morning of the 28th of August, 1862, whilst the brigade, under the cover of a wood, was lying in line of battle,

anticipating an attack, the surgeon voluntarily approached him, examined his pulse, and told him that in his condition he should not entertain the idea of doing any service that day. He failed to extract a promise from him that he would not. It was but a short time ere the brigade was ordered to charge, and Colonel Neff, as he was wont to do, sprang to his feet, and repeated, in his clear, sonorous voice, the word of command which came ringing down the line. It was with a shout such as the Stonewall Brigade was famous for that the charge was made. On approaching a fence, amid a terrific fire of artillery and small-arms, Colonel Neff stopped in an exposed position, and the writer, in passing him, inquired if he had any orders to communicate. He replied, "None; go to the fence and do whatever you may regard as necessary to be done." These were the last words that he was ever heard to utter. The conflict raged, assault after assault upon the Confederate lines were repulsed, and the curtains of night fell upon the scene of one of the most sanguinary fields, for the numbers engaged, of the war. The inquiry was started, "Where is Colonel Neff?" No one could respond satisfactorily to it Strange to tell, was the exclamation, that he was not, as was his habit, moving among his troops and cheering them on to duty and victory. A match was struck and a candle lighted, and he was found in the icy embrace of death just at the spot where the writer had passed him. The fearful mystery was solved. Though many had fallen, and there were many expressions of regret, for none of the fallen heroes of that hour were there more heart-felt expressions of sympathy and regret than for Colonel John F. Neff. A promise made him, and which was mutual in its character, when contemplating the uncertainties of life, had to be fulfilled then and there. The living image of her who was nearest his big heart must be secured, and the ring which she had placed upon his finger had to be taken off, and conveyed as sad mementos to her of a love and plighted faith which could only be quenched or removed by the king of terrors. His remains were removed to a grassy spot in the woods from which he had made his last charge with his command, and there interred, in a carefully-marked spot.

Colonel Neff was prepared for the sudden calamity which ushered him into the spiritual and unseen world. He had years before dedicated his heart and life to the service of God, and had ever thereafter exemplified in life and conversation the Christian graces in a high degree of perfection. He died not without hope, and entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Since the war his affectionate father has secured and deposited his remains in the family burying-ground. He sleeps beneath the green sod of his own native Valley of Virginia the sleep that knows no natural waking. Loved ones and friends, who will ever fondly remember him, weave affection's garlands for his tomb and scatter affection's incense over his ashes.

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From the marker:

Rude's Hill

Stonewall Jackson's camp ground
April 2-16, 1862
His headquarters at the foot of this hill.
Colonel John Francis Neff, Commander
33rd Regiment, Stonewall Brigade,
born and buried near here.

Erected by The Shenandoah Chapter, U.D.C.
1927



Close up picture of Col. Neff's kepi and my daughter, Autumn, posing with the display of Neff's dress uniform.



NEFF-RICE CAMP, NEW MARKET, VA.

BY J. L. SCHAEFFER, ADJUTANT, QUICKSBURG, VA.

In April, 1868, we organized a **Camp** of Confederate Veterans known as "**Neff-Rice Camp**" with fifteen members, the headquarters being at New Market, Va. We have had enrolled one hundred and six members all told. Since the organization, however, thirty-one of our comrades have "crossed over the river and are resting under the shade of the trees." We still have fifty active members on roll. Some have moved to other States and others have been dropped from the roll. Regular meetings of the **Camp** are held in New Market on the last Saturday of March, June, September, and December. We also hold a meeting on May 15 (Memorial Day), at which time our officers are elected or reelected. On the last Saturday of December, in connection with our regular meeting we have our annual oyster supper, to which every Confederate veteran is cordially invited.

In August our annual reunions and picnics are held two miles west of New Market in a beautiful grove on the Southern Railroad, with a **camp** fire the night before the reunion, when we entertain all the old boys free. These **camp** fires and reunions are always largely attended by veterans. From 6,000 to 8,000 people attend the reunions annually.



Somewhere in this field near the tree line, Col. Neff fell mortally wounded at the battle of 2nd Manassas on Brawner's Farm.

A short write up regarding the Neff-Rice Camp of Confederate Veterans in New Market, VA.

My daughter Autumn placing a flag on the headstone of Col. Neff in Cedar Grove Cemetery, VA. Coincidentally we had several Confederate ancestors in the graveyard.





Brigade Commander Reports



Highland Brigade Commander Clarence Farmer

Wheeler-Long Camp meets 4th Thursday, February through October 6 PM at Dunlap Coke Ovens Museum 350 Mountain View Rd.

At traffic light middle of town on 127 turn toward library on

Cherry St, speed limit 20MPH, turn right at 3rd Ave (watch for Coke Oven sign) at end of road turn left, then turn right on to Mountain View Rd.

GPS coordinates

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The Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014. Participated in the Monterey Christmas parade on Dec. 4. The camp will have a Confederate Memorial Service on Saturday, Apr. 15 at 10 a.m. at Whittaker Cemetery, on N. Elmore St. St. , a lock North of Whittaker Park.

Dillard-Judd camp 1828, Cookeville, meets 3rd Monday, 5:30 or 6pm to eat, meeting starts 7pm, at Golden Corral, 1380 Interstate Dr, Cookeville. They continue having excellent speakers, & they help other camps & UDC within the Highland Brigade area

James M. Saufley Camp 929 held their monthly Tuesday, December 6th at the Jamestown City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Commander Jimmy Vincent followed by prayer conducted by Chaplin Clinton Daniels. Pledge to the American Flag and recognition of the Confederate Flag was also conducted. There was an agreement to dispense regarding the reading of last month's meeting minutes. With the attendance of eighteen people, Commander Vincent introduced our guest speaker, Jason Boshers. He is the national Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Mr. Boshers gave a very special presentation involving Sam Davis, who was hanged during the Civil War. He will later be at our Lee/Jackson dinner on February 4th at the Jamestown Community Center. Also, at the December 6th meeting was a discussion about recruiting new members. Some people in

attendance showed interest and filled out the appropriate paperwork. Another topic discussed was the need to become more visible in the community. Lastly was the upcoming February dinner and the estimated number of people who will attend and how to plan accordingly. Meeting was adjourned.

The Pvt Wiley L Steakley camp continued its annual Christmas cards for the local nursing home in the Spencer community and also swore in a couple new members in January with Cole Watson being our youngest member at the age of 13. The camp is steadily growing.

The 13th Tennessee cavalry camp 2304 October meeting was By Carson Camp he did an awesome presentation on the Wheeler raid even has some of the artifacts in the Coke oven museum in Dunlap November was Susan Richardson and she did a great presentation on the women of the war It was a really good one to come and watch as she did live demonstrations with her spinning wheels And in December we had the honor have a Mike Dunn he spoke of Christmas in Dixie of the many hardships and how grateful the men were for what they had even treated us to some special music of the Era



Confederate Memorial Service

at Whittaker Cemetery
Monterey, Tennessee

April 15  **10 a.m.**

In Memory of:

Pvt. David Alexander Buckner
Co. K, 2nd Tennessee Infantry (Robinson's)

Pvt. John Henry Ray
Co. A, 17th Tennessee Infantry

Pvt. George Dallas Byrne
Co. F, 17th Tennessee Infantry

1st Lt. Joseph J. Riddle
Co. F, 4th Tennessee Cavalry (Murray's)

Pvt. John V. Deck
Co. D, 25th Tennessee Infantry

Pvt. John Franklin Sehon
Co. F, 5th Tennessee Cavalry

Pvt. John Thomas Hall
Co. H, 13th Tennessee Cavalry

Sgt. Fountain Perry Smith
Co. C, 13th Tennessee Cavalry (Gore's)

2nd Lt. Sherrord Horn
Co. K, 25th Tennessee Infantry

Pvt. William Franklin Smith
Co. G, 13th Tennessee Cavalry (Gore's)

Pvt. Samuel Kidwell
Co. K, 1st Tennessee Cavalry

Pvt. Isaac Jefferson Swallows
Co. D, 25th Tennessee Infantry

Pvt. Martin Sims Matheny
Co. I, 25th Tennessee Infantry

2nd Lt. William Henry Wilson
Co. D, 25th Tennessee Infantry

Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Capt. Champ Ferguson-
Standing Stone, Camp 2014**





McLemore's Brigade Commander Bruce Gibson

Greetings Compatriots,

Murfreesboro Camp No. 33

On January 1, 2023,

Murfreesboro SCV Camp No. 33

and Jane Simmons Davis OCR Chapter

No. 6 hosted a memorial service at Confederate Circle in Evergreen Cemetery commemorating the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Murfreesboro. The featured speaker was Sean Hill, J.W. Starnes Brigade Commander. The culmination of the service was the semiannual changing of the First National Confederate Flag which stands vigil over this mass grave containing over 2,000 mostly unknown Confederate soldiers.



Robert H. Hatton Camp No. 723

Robert H. Hatton Camp has been very busy for the past few months with several events including the following:

Our annual participation in the Tennessee State Fair consisted of our recruiting booth and our fundraiser selling our famous Caramel Corn. It was a very successful event talking to hundreds of people.

American History Celebration representing our history from the Revolutionary War thru WWII. Several SCV members from across Middle Tennessee participated teaching the public about our glorious history. It was a great day and well attended.

CERT Training was offered to the public and attended by several people from the community. The day included cleaning several Confederate monuments and headstones side-by-side along with our neighbors.

One of the camp's fundraisers is holding three Turkey Shoots in November and December which was very successful with many in the community participating.

Our annual catered Christmas Banquet paid for by the camp was held in conjunction our Toys-for-Tots Campaign. The camp purchased several hundred dollars in toys and all attendees brought many toys for a very successful campaign of toys for our local

families and children. Several special guests were in attendance including State Senator Mark Pody, State Representative Terri Weaver, and SCV Commander-in-Chief Jason Boschers.



Jim Davis Camp No. 1425

Jim Davis Camp No. 1425 participated in the Lafayette and Red Boiling Spring Christmas parades. Their float won 2nd place at Lafayette. On December 6th they held their Christmas dinner at the Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs.



Gainesboro Invincible's Camp No. 1685

The camp participated as Color Guard in the Tennessee Division UDC Convention in Kingsport. The camp participated as Color Guard in the Sam Davis Memorial service in Smyrna. The camp participated in the Battle of Franklin Winstead Hill Death March in Franklin. The Camp successfully conducted "Caring for Kids Toy drive" under Compatriot Leo Denny. The toy drive yielded over \$2,000 dollars in toys. The camp participated as Color Guard in the Battle of Murfreesboro Memorial service at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro.





Starnes' Brigade Commander Sean Hill

Greetings Compatriots,

Camp 72

Worked on resetting the tombstones at Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery hopefully will

be completed this quarter. The electrical contractor stated that he hoped to get to work sometime after the New Year. Once completed, we will install the well pump and switch to well water. We did participate in the Wreaths Across America on December 17, 2022. The local American Legion assisted, and we laid 61 wreaths on Veterans' graves and monuments. It was a very moving ceremony. Our meetings have been moved to the 4th Thursday of each month due to the Oak Restaurant being closed on Tuesdays.

Camp 297

We have chartered a new Order of Confederate Rose chapter #35 Fannie Battle and we look forward to working with them to forward the cause. Several members have been participating in Color Guard activities with various camps across the mid state and were growing our Color Guard. Our CERT program is growing. We now have an active team working to clean cemeteries and repair monuments. We will have a class for certification in the spring working with the Marshall Co Historical Society to train others outside the SCV. Meetings are second Saturday at the Marshall County Museum 2pm.

Camp 1620

Worked with the city to repair the flagpole on Willow Mount Cemetery. Willow Mount Cemetery was established in the mid 1840's. Nearly six hundred unknown fallen Confederate soldiers rest along the North side of Confederate Lane. The First National Flag now flies proudly over the Cemetery. We are working to rebuild the camp from losses and looking for new recruits if you know of any in our area interested please have them contact allenbrown@gmail.com or starnesbgescv@gmail.com Meetings are second Tuesday at the library .

Camp 386

We have been busy promoting our heritage and working to make a positive impact in the community. Our goal is always to share the truth of our Southern heritage and bring new members into the fold.

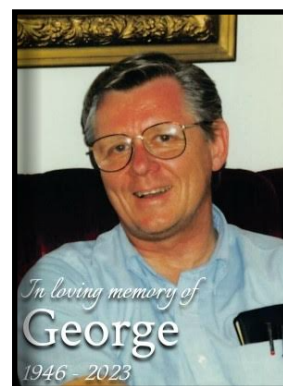
As part of their "Socks For Rebels" program, members of the camp presented Judy Winton, the nurse at Coalmont Elementary School, with a basket full of socks. She stated they were appreciated and would be put to good use for students who are in need of them. Throughout the year Camp 386 members collect socks to give to those in need.

At the November meeting, two new members were sworn in. Brothers Andrew and Adrian West were presented with their membership certificates and complimentary paintings. Joining under the service of their ancestor Pvt. Jeremiah Fults, they are both eager to learn more about their Southern heritage.

The camp Christmas party was well attended and enjoyed by all. This was a great night for members of the camp and their families to share in the joy of the season.

Unfortunately we have suffered sadness and loss. After a lengthy illness, longtime member George Miller passed away recently. George served as editor of our camp newsletter, Rifles Rebel Report, until he became unable to do so. His deep love for his heritage and the SCV is unmatched. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

As we are headed toward Spring, Camp 386 is preparing to work even harder to promote Southern heritage. We are steadfast in our determination to forward The Charge and bring honor to our ancestors





Fort Donelson Brigade Commander Steve Settle

Greetings from the Camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade.

Several of our camps have been quite busy, and are preparing for upcoming events. The Paris camp will be hosting a Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 20. They are also planning a commemoration of the Battle of Paris to be held March 11, 2023 on the courthouse square in Paris. Members of the Clarksville and Dover camps participated in the Stewart County History Day, giving live presentations and answering questions from school children and the general public. They were honored to help host the annual SCV-UDC Christmas Dinner and enjoyed having our own CiC Jason Boshers as guest speaker.

The Dickson Camp is planning a Living Heritage days at the historic St. Paul Church on May 12 and 13, 2023. School children will

be the focus on Friday and Saturday presentation will be open to everyone. The hours are from 9 am to 4 pm, and this is a free event. Soldier camps, civilian camps, field hospital, artillery demonstrations, historical displays and lectures, and Native American / Longhunters are some of the areas to be represented. They would welcome any assistance from other camps and individuals. Contact Carl Garrett at 615-446-7288 for more information.

I apologize to the other camps not mentioned in this report. Between the holidays, bad weather and health issues I have not been able to make the rounds of camp meetings recently.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Settle
Brigade Commander



Memphis Brigade Commander Lee Millar

All of our Brigade camps held Christmas parties/banquets and all were well-attended. Each was a pleasant evening of food and fellowship. 2022 was a successful year, with all camps

increasing their numbers and attendance. We look forward to an even better year in 2023.

Our notable recent guest speakers include: HK Edgerton, Dr. Jerry Wooten on the Battle of Johnsonville, Dr. Brandon Beck on the first meeting of Lee and Jackson, Blade Cooper on minorities in Confederate service, Dr. Bruce Lynch on Jefferson Davis in Memphis, Lee Millar on CS flags, and others.

The Forrest Camp also broke ground on our long awaited Flag Park, cleared much of the 5 acres, and poured concrete for the new 55-foot mega-flag pole. As soon as some dry weather returns the camp will raise the new pole. The unveiling will occur a little later when warm weather returns.

Camp meetings: Lee Camp on 2nd Monday, Wigfall Greys on 2nd Tuesday, Forrest Camp on 2nd Thursday, Simonton-Wilcox on the

2nd Thursday, Jobe Camp on the 3rd Tuesday, Chalmers Camp meets on the 3rd Thursday.

Lee Millar
Memphis Brigade Commander





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Around the Division



Rebecca Sardella spoke on the United Daughters of the Confederacy Headquarters in Richmond at the December meeting of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.

Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the Seymour Christmas Parade in December.



SCV Member Dennis Adams posing with John Hitt at the Bleak House Christmas Tour in December.

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



Mike Beck announces, with deed in hand, that the Lakeway Civil War Preservation Association, with assistance from local & state representatives, has paid off the loan for the General Longstreet Museum!!



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the Home School Educational Program at the Sam Houston Schoolhouse in Blount County.



Forrest Camp 215 LtCdr John Heard was Confederate Santa for the Christmas party.

Santa presented a humorous dual list of Naughty & Nice people of 2022. Notably missing from the "Nice" list were many of our legislators, military leaders, and national politicians.



Forrest Camp 215 member Lee Millar participated with the General Forrest UDC 1194 in presenting a Joint Proclamation from the Tennessee General Assembly & Senator Paul Rose, to UDC member JoAnn Moore, thanking her for her 31 years of service on the Tenn Historical Commission. UDC member Elizabeth Coker was instrumental in arranging for the proclamation.



SCV members cleared the Flag Park land in Memphis, dug the flagpole hole, and poured concrete around the pole sleeve. Pictured: Mark Buchanan, Mike Brown, Lee Millar



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Location: Hawkins, East TN

Willing to Travel: 50-100 miles

Topics: Bureaus of the Confederacy,
Mechanized Cavalry

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Topics: Confederate States Navy

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Location: Wilson, Middle TN

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Topics: Blood on the Rio Grande: Tejano
Confederates

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Location: Sevier, East TN

Willing to Travel: E. TN (generally; but can vary
depends on timing, etc.)

Topics: Judge Advocate's Update; The South's
Point of View (Secession; Cause of War)

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Topics: 1st Person Nathan Bedford Forrest

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Location: Greene, East TN

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Topics: Acts of Dishonest Abe

James G Patterson
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Location: Fayetteville, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: 1 hour during the week,
weekends contact me.

Topics: Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid, The story
of Sam Davis, and Our Heritage

Terry Twigg
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Location: Smith, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: Depends on if I can get off
work & get to meeting on time.

Topics: Col. John S. Mosby & Battle of New
Market. Looking to add a new topic.

Rick Revel
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Location: Henry, West TN

Willing to Travel: Depends on the size of the
camp or camps.

Topics: Multiple topics, but the latest is my new
book about Jack Hinson "In The Hills Of
Tennessee."

Susan Richardson
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Willing to Travel: 100 miles

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Tragedy of the Roswell Women, Personal
Accounts of Christmas During the War

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Will Not Be Ashamed, Skirmish At Tracy City

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Topics: Confederate Monuments, Western
Theater battles and campaigns, War in the
Upper Cumberland, and many other topics

Dottie Meadows
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Location: Middle TN

Willing to Travel: Wherever Topics: Sophie
Reilly Hattons life before, during and after the
war. We have artifacts, letters, etc. Our
presentation is presented by myself, Dottie
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and our powerpoint expert, Tamathy Page.

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Location: Hawkins, East TN

Willing to Travel: 100 miles Topics: Give a little
lead time I can do short presentations on most
topics. Class of 1846, nullification and
secession, John Crawford Vaughn, the battle of
Kingsport, naval technology, cryptography.

Dr. Steve Murphree
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Topics: Insects and Disease in the War Between
the States; B.F. Cheatham- An Extraordinary
Life; War Horses of the Confederacy

Scott Sallee
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Location: Gallatin, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: Up to 2 hours

Topics: The Deification, Sanctification, and
Sainthood of Abraham Lincoln: How Did That
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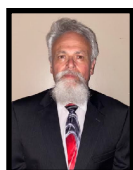
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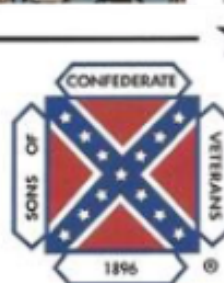
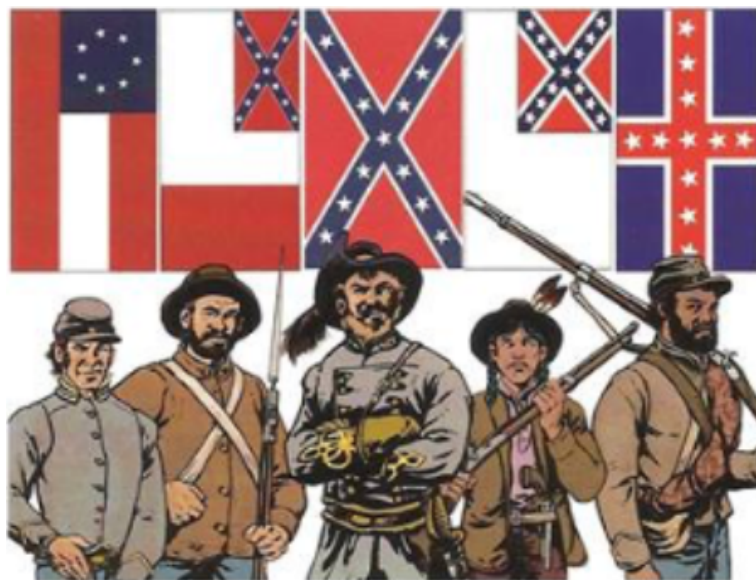


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