

W.B. Tate United Confederate Veterans Camp Morristown, TN



W.B. Tate Camp of the United Confederate Veterans gathered for a reunion at Liberty Hill Methodist Church in Morristown around 1910. The Camp was organized on August 24, 1894 and named in honor of William Brown Tate of Grainger County. The last Hamblen County Confederate Veteran was James P. Graves, who died at the age of 90 on September 30, 1937.

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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

# A Very Important Message From Commander Patterson Regarding Recent Events

#### Men of the SCV Tennessee Division,

The past few days we have all seen the most outrageous behavior by persons taking part in so called "peaceful protests" with many ending in violence.

As you all know, this was started because of the murder of George Floyd by Minnesota Police Officer Derek Chauvin. I ask that each and every one of you as Christians pray for Mr. Floyd and his family in this time of loss. None of us would want to see a friend or family member suffocated to death in this manner by someone whose duty is to protect and to



serve. Officer Chauvin has been charged with third degree murder and should have the maximum sentence allowable by law. It is because of his police brutality that we are now in a state of civil unrest.

Most all of these protests have gone violent due to organizations that wish to destroy our history, this Nation and are nothing more than opportunist that have used Floyd's death to justify their actions.

Looting, burning buildings, desecrating the memorials to Southern and US veterans, costing the taxpayers an unimaginable amount in lost property and law enforcement costs. The most despicable act has been in Richmond Virginia with the fire set at the UDC National Headquarters. The Confederate Battle flag of Stonewall Jackson was burned along with many artifacts, manuscripts and books. Here in Tennessee we have seen the Edwin Carmack statue pulled down and several other monuments defaced. Carmack wrote the pledge to the South: "The South is a land that has known sorrows; It is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; A land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; But a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories. To that land every drop of my blood, every fibre of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; And when my last hour shall come, I pray God that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

Our Southland is being scarred and riven again with the destruction, desecration and removal of our ancestors' memorials. The good name of our Confederate soldiers and their families are once again being slandered and blamed for events past and present that they were not responsible for. In the past several years we have all had to fight for our ancestors due to attacks by South haters and Southern apologists. Nothing in recent years compares to the absolute lawlessness that has gone on this past week. We can all expect politicians to use this moment for political gain and that is why we must continue to stay in contact with all of them whether they have been on our side in the past or not.

Each of us must stay vigilant and dedicated to protecting the monuments and memorials to our ancestors. Keep a watchful eye on all of these and be prepared to contact the local law enforcement officials once you see something happening, do not take part in any violence. As law abiding citizens we do have the right to always be prepared to protect ourselves and our family. I urge all Camps to have a text message list of monument watchers that can go by at random times or take different shifts keeping an eye on them. Take pictures and videos of all suspicious individuals and their vehicles. If a monument in your area is desecrated, be prepared to clean it up immediately.

These are trying times; our Confederate ancestors faced much greater challenges but even in defeat stood tall and proud of each other. Remember that we as the caretakers of our forefathers memory are all in this together. Support and encourage each other as the Confederate blood that runs through our veins has consecrated all of us together. We are still in that land of hallowed and heroic memories; it is up to us to keep that memory alive for all generations past, present and future.

By Tennessee state law, June 3rd is Memorial or Confederate Decoration day and is a Day of special observance. Most of you will have a Confederate memorial day service this weekend I also urge each of you to remember them on Wednesday June 3rd which will be our "Gray Day of Remembrance" Make it a point to wear gray and make any social media profile gray.

There will come a day when we will all be "rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms." Until that time comes, remain dedicated to the South and her heroes. Deo Vindice.

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

James G. Patterson, Commander Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans





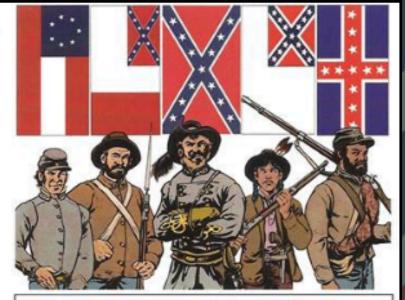
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From the license plate revenue that the Tennessee Division S.C.V. receives, 20% goes to a special fund in the Tennessee State Museum Foundation dedicated to Confederate Artifact Conservation. Funding from the Tennessee Division S.C.V. has been used for all or part of 14 Confederate flag conservations, the Sam Davis overcoat and the kepi General Patrick Cleburne was wearing when he was killed at the Battle of Franklin.

## **Tennessee Heritage Protection Act Of 2016**

SB2138: Any public real property or park, preserve, or reserve located on public property that has been named or dedicated in honor of any historic conflict, historic entity, historic event, historic figure, or historic organization; or any statue, monument, memorial, bust, nameplate, plaque, artwork, flag, historic display, school, street, bridge, or building that has been erected for, named, or dedicated on public property in honor of any historic conflict, historic entity, historic event, historic figure, or historic organization; may not be removed, renamed, relocated, altered, rededicated, or otherwise disturbed or altered.





#### **Tennessee Confederate facts**

There were 135,812 Confederate soldiers from Tennessee.

270 African-Americans received a Confederate pension from the State of Tennessee after the War Between the States.

There were over 1,400 Battles and engagements in Tennessee during the War Between the States.

Thomas' Legion, a Confederate unit organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, was made up of several hundred Cherokee Indians loyal to the South.

There are over 70 historical markers dedicated to Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest across Tenn.

Sam Davis "The Confederate Hero" was from Smyrna, Tenn.

SCV National headquarters is located in Columbia, Tenn.

Female Confederate spy Mary Kate Patterson, from LaVergne, Tenn., is the only female buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery Confederate Circle in Nashville, Tenn.

Confederate Marine Engineer Horace L. Hunley, who was born in Gallatin, Tenn., developed the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel in wartime.

Sumner A. Cunningham, from Shelbyville, Tenn., served as Sargent in the 41st Tennessee Infantry CSA and became the founder, editor and publisher of the Confederate Veteran magazine.



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**Commander James Patterson** 

Fellow Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

In the last edition of the Forrest's Escort I gave my farewell, but since we had to

reschedule the Tennessee Division Reunion twice and have not had our Officer elections my term has been extended a few months. We haven't had to deal with this situation before but we are not alone, most other Divisions in the SCV are going through this as well. Be patient and we will meet soon.

Since Joey Nolan is running unopposed for the office of Tennessee Division Commander and has plans that he had made to get ready for office I have discussed with him having all of the appointed Officers report to him. I will be contacting the Officers in the next week or two.

As far as the Tennessee Division Reunion, the dates are now August 21-22. If you currently have a reservation, the General Morgan Inn will be automatically moving your registrations to the new date. The Reunion schedule will remain the same. If you now cannot and need to cancel or if you can now attend and need to make a reservation you can call them at:

#### **Reservations @ The General Morgan Inn**

111 North Main Street Greeneville, Tennessee 37743 Tel: 1 800 223 2679 Tel: 1 423 787 1000 Fax: 1 423 787 1001 reservations@generalmorganinn.com

If you haven't registered you still have time to do so. I am sure that there are some of you that will not be able to attend and a few that were not going to be able to make it before but we will still have a good event. Thanks to the men of the General Morgan Camp for their dedication to making this Reunion happen. The Hotel is going to drop our rates by \$10 per night and give us a free reception on Friday night. These past few months have been hard on Camps as far as meetings, most all have had to cancel their monthly meeting and memorials. This has also kept protestors away from our monuments but we can expect them to go back at it when the coast is clear.

The state legislature will be back in session June 1<sup>st</sup> and we will see if they make it a quick session, pass the budget and go home or try to pass some anti-Confederate bills. I will keep you informed through Facebook or email as to what the legislature is doing.

With the date for the reinterment of General Forrest and his wife being postponed, we are still waiting on all of the new details to be worked out. The pedestal that the Forrest monument stood on will have to be disassembled and moved, then the bodies can be removed from the vault that they were placed in.

There will be a work day on June 12-13 to clean up and set up prior to the Forrest homecoming. Our fundraiser has started to build the Forrest Hall events center, if you or your Camp can make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. The Forrest homecoming will go on as planned for June 20<sup>th</sup> in Chapel Hill. If you have items for the silent auction, just bring them with you and place them on a table under the tent between the cabin and the barn. We will have a DEC meeting starting at 9 am behind the barn on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June as well.

I hope that each of you will continue our tradition of holding a Confederate Memorial Day service on a day closest to June 3<sup>rd</sup> which is a day of special observance in Tennessee. Some Camps are holding a short service due to current conditions and restrictions.

Gentlemen, keep the faith during this inconvenient time of Reconstruction 2020. Our Confederate ancestors faced much greater odds. Deo Vindice.

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

James G. Patterson, Commander Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

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# Lt. Commander Joey Nolan

In the last issue of the Forrest Escort I stated that my report would be my last as Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division. Little did I, nor anyone else, realize what was waiting just around the corner. That being said, it is my prayer that each of you and your family have safely weathered the storms that have come our way, literally and figuratively. Yes, our Tennessee Division Reunion has had to be postponed...twice. But when you think about the hardships endured by our ancestors, this seems but a small inconvenience. However, we as Southerners will prevail through any of the adversities faced with and keep moving forward honoring our ancestors.

As I am writing you this morning I reflect on the events that have taken place in the past twenty-four hours. I have watched with anger, hurt, shame, and disgust the events that have unfolded across America, particularly the South. Monuments to our noble ancestors have been vandalized and damaged. Buildings have been set on fire, including the headquarters of the UDC. Rioting has become an all too familiar site in our beautiful Southern cities. As I tried to get some sleep last night, I could not help but awaken off and on, checking to see what horrible acts had taken place since the last time I checked. And each time I awoke, I prayed to God, asking His intervention. What adds salt to the wound is that fact of how we just celebrated Memorial Day, when America honors its fallen heroes. At the time you read this, we will have celebrated Confederate Memorial Day, honoring our Confederate ancestors who fought so valiantly, defending their beloved Southland. Although it is fitting that we observe both days, now more than ever, it should not take a special holiday for us to remember those who served so honorably in defense of our freedom. We should endeavor to honor our ancestors every day of our lives, not just on set days of the year. We now realize how quickly our way of life can change, including when, and how, we celebrate these special days, and the importance of preserving our heritage, rights, and freedom. Let us never again take any of our freedoms for granted.

But before all the chaos, I had the honor of speaking at the May 26 meeting of N. B. Forrest, Camp 3, in Chattanooga, TN. As if by divine design, their meeting was held in the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. The weather was perfect for such a beautiful evening being outdoors. Then add being surrounded by the graves of those who fought so bravely for the South, I can think of no better setting in which to meet. When in the area of locations such as this, I encourage you to take a little time to visit them. We can never forget the sacrifice made by not only the soldiers, but all the people of the South. As all are aware, the grand opening of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, as well as the reinterment of General Forrest and his wife, have been postponed.



Although everyone is disappointed at the changes taking place, we must be patient. In the end it will be worth the wait to have the museum open, and our beloved General and Mrs. Forrest finally able to rest in peace. These, and many other events, will take place, and our lives will get back to normal. The worst part of all these postponements is not getting to fellowship with our Southern brothers and sisters. But we know

Commander Patterson has led us honorably through some of the most turbulent times we have seen in the state of Tennessee. I personally ask that you keep he and his family in your prayers, and show him your gratitude for his stand and leadership. As all of you know, the date of the Tennessee Division Reunion has been moved to August 21-22, 2020 in Greenville, TN. I am seeking the office of Commander of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I in no way take lightly the office and responsibility I seek as Tennessee Division Commander. I desire your prayers for myself, as well as for all our officers, as we promote our Southern heritage, and honor our ancestors. And as never before, pray for our nation, and especially our beloved Southland.

Respectfully, your servant in the Southern cause,

Joey Nolan, Lt. Commander Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 931-315-9065 scvproud@gmail.com



# 2nd Lt. Commander G. Frank Heathman

I pray that the reading of this finds you well. As I write this Nashville is under siege by Antifa and Black Lives Matter. These cowards damaged the Edward Ward Carmack

statue on the Capitol grounds last night. Is the Sam Davis statue next? First we were besieged by tornados, then the Covid 19 Pandemic, and now attacks by communist domestic terrorists. If there was ever a time to get right with Jesus, it is now! Luke 22:36-38 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his script:and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

The most striking thing to me concerning the late unpleasantness is the different viewpoints of SCV Compatriots based on whether they live in rural areas or urban areas. I live in occupied Nashville and it has been terrible.

Despite all this , I, along with many others, have been working hard to forward The Charge and promote Southern Heritage.The most enjoyable event I participated in was the cleanup day at The Historic Sam Davis Home.I actually got to use my 4WD truck to pull out a stuck tractor.

Camps are beginning to meet again and we have a firm date, August 21 -23 at the beautiful John Hunt Morgan In in Greenville Tenn. for our Annual Reunion. Also, The Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home Festival will be June 20 and I am eager to fellowship with my friends and Compatriots.

As you are all aware I am running for the next leadership position, 1st Lieutenant Commander up the ladder from my current position as 2nd Lieutenant Commander. I am opposed in this election and all I ask is for each Camp to examine my record of steadfast leadership in The Tennessee Division.Unlike my opponent I have worked my way up the chain of command, garnering skills and knowledge in each position to better serve in the next position. I ask that y'all strongly consider this. The election , of course, will be held at our Reunion in August. I encourage each camp to send a representative to vote for your camp.

#### God Bless Y'all and God Bless Dixie,

G. Frank Heathman, 2nd Lieutenant Commander Tennessee Division, SCV

## Edward Ward Carmack's Pledge to the South

The South is a land that has known sorrows; It is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears. A land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart is consecrated forever.

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An ongoing series from Division Color Sergeant, Bryan Green, about the history behind the flags of our Ancestors and the Confederate States of America

# Do You Know Your Confederate Naval Flags?

Unlike the army, the Navy had 3 basic flags that flew on a seagoing ship. The 3 different flags are: National Ensign, Naval Jack, and Pennant.

The National Ensign of a country is usually the national flag (standard) of that country. An ensign can also be flown as a military, civilian, commercial, and pleasure boats or ship designations.

This is true with British Commonwealth countries. The countries of the Commonwealth fly a national ensign specifically designed for that country other than the national flag. Case in point, the British national flag is known as the Union Jack, made up of red and white crosses on a blue field. The ensign of the Royal Navy is a white flag with the red Cross of St. George making four quadrants. The upper left quadrant along the hoist (pole side) is the Union Jack. The ensign designated for civilian ships in Britain is a red flag with the Union Jack in the upper left quadrant. Other countries throughout the world also have separate naval ensigns.

The US Coast Guard (USCG) standard is as follows: a white field with a dark blue U.S. Great Seal. The shield on the eagle's breast has a blue chief over vertical red and white stripes. Inscribed in an arc above the eagle is "UNITED STATES COAST GUARD"; below the eagle is "SEMPER PARATUS" and beneath that are the Arabic numerals "1790". The Coast Guard ensign is a white flag with 16 red and white perpendicular stripes with the USCG Standard in the upper left quadrant and the USCG seal centered in the field.

The Confederate States Navy (CSN) chose to use the National flag as their ensign. The ships of the CSN flew the First and or Second National flag depending on the date the ship was commissioned. Because of being adopted in March 1865, and not distributed to the Army or Navy, the Third National Flag never flew on a Confederate ship.

The Confederate Navy, as with the rest of the Confederate government, mirrored the US using the same basic documents, regulations, customs, and traditions. One of these customs and traditions is the "Naval Jack."

The Naval Jack is a small rectangular or square flag that is flown from a "jack staff" (flagpole) at the bow (front) of the ship while it is anchored or at dock. The Jack is usually smaller than the Ensign of the ship. Some countries including the US and the CSA used the canton of its national standard. A canton in a flag is a rectangular area, usually at the top hoist corner of a flag, occupying up to a quarter of the flag's area. The canton of a flag may be a flag in its own right (Jack). The US Naval Jack is the blue field with the white stars. The US Naval Jack is used as the official Jack for both military and civilian boats and ships. Keeping the same custom of using the canton of the national standard, the Naval Jack of the CSN was the blue field with the 7 white stars in a circle. When the Second National Flag was adopted in 1863, the Naval Jack was changed to the canton of the second national flag; AKA the Confederate Battle Flag. Diehard old salts of the navy including myself refer to that flag as the "Naval Jack".

Traditionally, there are 2 types of pennants: Commissioning and Church. Each are flown from a military ship. The custom and tradition of flying pennants go back thousands of years. Both pennants are a long narrow triangle shape flag. Up to modern times the pennants were as long as the ship and is flown at the highest point practical on the ship. The width varied with an average of 6 -7 inches wide at the hoist and up to 70 feet long. The design of a commissioning pennant is very similar to the national ensign of the ship. The Commissioning Pennant is flown 24/7 from the day it is commissioned until it is decommissioned. The only time the Commissioning Pennant is lowered is when a flag officer or civilian official is aboard the ship and flies their personal flag.

The Church pennant is flown in just above the national ensign during church services. The church pennant is the same shape of the commissioning pennant but different colors.

Sizes may vary on the Church pennant. I have seen a Church pennant about 12-16 inches wide along the hoist and about 10 feet long. A blue crucifix with the length of it is parallel with the length of the pennant. The Church pennant is white.

When ever you see a picture or drawing of a Confederate ship, you will know what and where the flags are. As with the internet, things are copied and pasted including pictures and drawings of our gallant ships. Look for the national ensign. It will tell you if the drawing or picture is historically correct or just a drawing done by a Yankee Harper's Weekly artist.





# **Mountain Brigade – Commander Terry Siler**

The Mountain Brigade Camps in Knoxville and Chattanooga have mostly been dormant this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has paralyzed much of our country. The warmer spring-like weather and relaxed social gathering restrictions have breathed life into camp activities.

The Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp # 87 had a well-attended meeting in May. Plans are made to host their annual Confederate Decoration Day celebration at the Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville.

N. B. Forrest Camp # 3 continued maintenance at the historic Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery during the recent lock down. Plans are being made to replace the roof on the 100-year-old pavilion this summer. The May camp meeting was held at the cemetery in order to meet social distancing suggestions. NBF # 3 recently purchased a memorial brick at the newly opened Medal of Honor Heritage Center which honors the camp's namesake General N.B. Forrest.

Confederate Memorial Day services are planned at the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. Speakers are Tennessee Division Lt. Commander Joey Nolan and Susan Lee of the Virginia Flaggers. Mountain Brigade members are looking forward to the upcoming Tennessee Division Reunion in Greeneville and the National Reunion in Florida.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Siler, Commander

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Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be celebrating Confederate Decoration Day with its annual Confederate Decoration Day Ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10:30 am at Old Gray Cemetery, 543 N Broadway Knoxville, TN 37917. The speaker will be 2nd Lt. Commander Kyle Stewart. Kyle's subject will be "Why Confederate Decoration Day".

Attendance is FREE and open to the public.

# **McLemore Brigade – Commander Tom Meadows**



The camps of the Brigade find themselves breaking out of their weeks of confinement. I must commend many of the Camps for finding new and inventive ways to meet and conduct business during these lockdown situations.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Camp #28 was one of the first camps to have a May meeting and wasted no time getting to work. The camp voted to donate \$1000 to the new activity center and museum at the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home. The camp also in the near future will be maintaining the flags at the Confederate Flag Park in Nashville.

Murfreesboro Camp #33 replaced the American Flag for Memorial Day Weekend at Evergreen Cemetery. They then proceeded to Confederate Circle to hold their monthly meeting. It was a moving experience to conduct camp business at the final resting place of our Confederate veterans.

The General Hatton Camp #723 had an informal meeting and small work detail at the grave of the General Hatton and his wife on her Birthday. The Camp held their regular monthly meeting on May 28th discussing upcoming projects and events.

Portland Camp #2177 will be meeting on June 1st because their meeting location had to be changed due to lockdown restrictions in their area. They will be discussing one of their major family events, a family picnic. We always look forward to seeing this camp at the NBF Homecoming, as well.

Sam Davis Camp #1293 will discuss hosting a McLemore Brigade event in June of 2020. This will be a Confederate Memorial Day service.

Gen. William B. Bate Camp #34 in Gallatin, TN will be holding Confederate Decoration Day Ceremonies on June 27th at 2:30 pm. The location will be at the Confederate Circle in Gallatin. This will also be a memorial service for past Camp Commander Bryan Roehrig. This event will include speeches and a military Honor Guard. We thank our Camps for forwarding the charge during these trying times. This was a frontal assault on many of us. I commend these camps for reorganizing and attacking on the flanks in order to meet their goals. I hope meeting schedules will return for all camps as we get into summer.

Your Humble Servant,

Tom Meadows, McLemore Brigade Commander



# Vaughn's Brigade – Commander Billie Joe Holley

Well, what can one say? The last three months have been an experience with most (if not all) of us witnessing a plethora of events that we had never imagined. From total lock downs of entire towns, cities and states to mandatory masks, gloves and 'social distancing"; recommendations, projection models and government mandates and protective orders changing daily, if not hourly, one does not know who or what to believe.

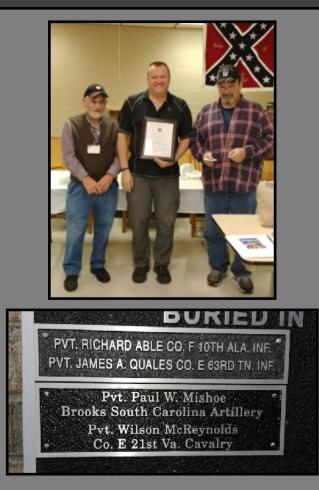
I have some real concerns about the current situation and how it's continued effect and enforcement on "We the People" will transpire. More on that later..

Vaughn's Brigade has not been totally inactive these last few weeks. Some Camps have met in private homes, cemeteries and other venues. The meetings have not been numerous, but have kept the fellowship and camp and SCV business fresh in the minds and hearts of the attendees. A couple of camps. if not more, have lost their previous meeting places, due to the actions of the "Powers that be". With small businesses and restaurants being closed by a government decree classifying them as "Non Essential", some have already Closed permanently. I fully expect that some of the public buildings used in the past to become closed to us, in the future.

#### James Keeling Camp #52, Bristol

Held a camp meeting at the monument in East hill cemetery, Bristol, on May 18th. Had a couple of work days scheduled that may have been cancelled by rain. Held a brief Memorial Day Service at East Hill on May 23rd. after decorating (flagging) the entire cemetery on the 22nd. It was a short but meaningful ceremony with about 20-25 attendees, mostly camp members and family. Being located in Virginia (still locked down) it was not advertised or announced to the general public. It went off without a hitch.

They were able to add 2 new names to the Unknown Monument in East Hill, after confirming their burial in the cemetery.One of the unknowns is the ancestor of their newest camp member Eric McReynolds. A fitting tribute to our Confederate Heroes.



They also awarded a Gen. William H. Jackson Scholarship along with \$500.00 to Maia Nelson, Happy Valley High School. It will be presented at her graduation ceremony.

#### Col. John S. Mosby Camp #1409

On March 21 2020, several camp members showed up on a wet and cold Saturday morning and cleaned the Battle of Kingsport Monument.



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# Vaughn's Brigade Continued....



The Camp has adopted the Barrett Cemetery in Surgoinsville. It was long forgotten and nearly overgrown. To date, we have found at least 5 Confederate soldiers buried there. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, several Camp members showed up with chainsaws, axes, rakes, shovels and trimmers. We proceeded to cut and haul away the brush, making it look very nice. We also straightened and up righted several markers. The next workday we have, will be concentrating on cleaning and repairing the stones.



#### Maj. James T. Huff Camp #2243,

Even without being able to meet, the Huff camp, Newport, has continued to "Keep the Charge". Not being able to conduct their usual Debate contest, with a Confederate subject, they held an Essay contest with scholarships, this year at Cocke County and Cosby High Schools. Three nice scholarships on the subject "What My Southern Heritage Means to Me" were awarded. The winner was Caroline Brawley, Cocke County H.S. \$1000.00 scholarship. Second, Kylie Hall, \$100.00 toward her education. Third, Samuel Turner, Cocke County H.S. \$50.00 awarded.

They have 2 prospective members submitting their paperwork and applications to the SCV. The camp cleaned the Huff-Sussong cemetery to prepare for Memorial Day. Confederate graves will be decorated (flagged) prior to June 3rd, Confederate Memorial Day. They continue to maintain their Interstate Mega Flag and have donated the last one to be retired at the opening of the new museum. Fellow members of the SCV,

I have been concerned about a particular issue that I have seen creeping into our culture and organization. In a nutshell, a large proportion of our population seems to have become comfortable in the current situation of "safer at home", mandated clothing or accessories, less frequent or NO visitation of relatives and friends and a general fear of being out in public. I know there are those with compromised health issues, so that may be a wise decision, but I sense and have witnessed that many are content to continue the status quo.

My home camp had our first meeting since February, last evening. I'm gonna say "The attendance was less than overwhelming". Men of the SCV, we must return quickly to our previous attitudes and participation in Camp, Division and National SCV events and meetings. We cannot let our enemies, and they are many, see us as a weak, fragmented or indecisive organization. We must Rise Up and Quickly to maintain any semblance of a strong and vibrant Southern organization.

I want to leave you with the following,

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and a sound mind". 11 Timothy 1:7

Respectfully submitted. Billie Joe Holley Commander, Vaughn's Brigade. Keeping The Charge



# Memphis Brigade – Commander Lee Millar

The NB Forrest Camp and the Forrest Family continue to work on the plans for the Forrest gravesite and the future Re-interment. There is more on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

On the national Memorial Day, the Forrest Camp joined with the Shiloh camp 1454, along with members of the Lee camp and the 51<sup>st</sup> Tenn. Infantry to hold the annual Shiloh Memorial Day service. This year it was at the Johnston HQ site just outside of the battlefield – due to the "No gatherings" rule on the park. This was our 34<sup>th</sup> year to hold this CS service. Part of the ceremony by the 51<sup>st</sup> Tenn. was the very moving Confederate veterans' Canteen Ceremony. 1454 Cmdr. Larry DeBerry was the MC, and guest speaker was Lee Millar. Attendees numbered 55.







The area UDC's, with assistance from our Brigade camps, hosted their annual CS Decoration Day at Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis. Battle flags were placed on hundreds of Confederate graves. This event drew scores of people, and thanks to these camps for helping out: Jobe Camp, Lee Camp, & Forrest Camp. The Canteen Ceremony was also conducted at this service.



For future events our camps' members look forward to attending the Forrest Boyhood Home homecoming at Chapel Hill, TN, the Forrest Birthday Celebration on July 12, and the National Reunion in Jacksonville.

Lee Millar Memphis Brigade Commander

# **Starnes Brigade – Commander Wes Pullin** Report submitted from Camp 386, Commander Parson

Report for Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 -Starnes Brigade.

As with everyone else, Camp 386 has patiently endured the lockdown, although begrudgingly. Thankfully, we only had to cancel our April meeting.

1) On March 8, Camp 386 hosted a dedication service after placing three military grave markers for soldiers who had nothing honoring their service to the Confederacy. Those honored with new markers were Pvt. George Lovelace, Pvt. A.D. Roddy , and Pvt. John Grantham. Along with Camp 386 were members of Mtn. Rifle Roses, Chapter 28, OCR; Kirby-Smith, Chapter 327; Tennessee Society Order of Confederate Rose; AoT Commander Jason Boshers; and honor guard from Middle Tennessee and the Highland Brigade.

2) Officer elections were held at the May 19 meeting of Camp 386. Those elected were as follows. Commander - Buck Parson; Lt. Commander - Randy Braden; 2nd Lt. Cmdr. - Dan Green; 3rd Lt. Cmdr. - Aaron Anderson; 4th Lt. Cmdr. - Zack Anderson; Adjutant - Joey Nolan; and Chaplain - Barry Nolan.

Camp 386 is planning ahead to take part in



Summer and Fall events in order to promote and preserve our Southern heritage. The camp continues to maintain a museum at its meeting location. Anyone is welcome to visit our monthly meetings held each 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The location is 51 Depot Street -Tracy City, TN 37387.

Camp 386 also maintains a Facebook page with Camp events, historical information, pictures, and videos, at Cumberland Mtn. Rifles.

**Commander Buck Parson** 









# Ft. Donelson Brigade – Commander Marlin Rood

The Gen'l John Hunt Morgan Camp 270 placed Flags in Confederate graves at Greenbrier Cemetery. Our next meeting will be at the Am Legion (Greenbrier). Our guests speaker will be CiC Paul Gramling, 29 June 7:pm.

The Baxter Camp 2034 (Fairview) May have been on life support (under 7 members), but no more. I'm pleased to announce they are out of immediate danger and are recovering nicely thanks to the efforts of a few dedicated Compatriots.

Camp #225 is holding a grave re-dedication on 30 May 2020 at 09:00 am for Cpt. George young Williams 50th Tenn. as well as our yearly ceremony's for Confederate Memorial day. We plan to start meetings on 9 June 2020. I have checked with the establishment owners and we are cleared to go. I would also like to report the loss of Bill Rubel to covid 19 unfortunately he was one of the two people to die of it in Clarksville. During the pandemic the camp has remained active I have continued to send out a camp newsletter every month, we also donated <u>\$500.00</u> to the SCV Tennessee disaster response effort, we replaced 4 Southern crosses that were missing or damaged and made and replaced a grave marker that was destroyed. We have received two new membership applications and a camp transfer.

Marlin Rood Brigade Commander

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Submit your reports and pictures to the editor for publication in each edition of the Escort so that the Camps in your Brigade can be recognized!

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# Col. Calvin H. Ferrell, 12th TN Infantry

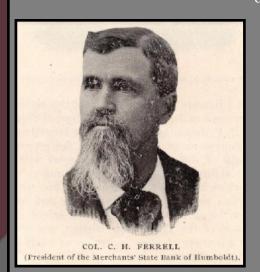
#### by John Blankenship

I have been working on my Shaw family line in Gibson County, TN. The oldest ancestor that came to Gibson County was Zachariah Shaw, who was a Revolutionary War veteran from the Wake County, North Carolina area. His daughter Unity Shaw married Major Bledsoe in 1804. Major & Unity are my 4th great Grandparents. They were in Gibson County by 1827.

My latest research has been around the children of Zachariah Shaw. Charity Shaw, sister to my 4th Great Grandmother Unity Shaw Beldsoe, married Dent Ferrell in 1825 in NC. Dent and Charity moved to Dyer County, TN shortly after their marriage. Dent & Charity died in December 1849 from complications with Pneumonia. One of their five children was Calvin H. Ferrell.

Let me introduce you to my 1st cousin 5x removed....

Calvin H. Ferrell was born December 25, 1837 in Dyer County. He was left an orphan when his parents



died in 1849. At the age of twenty, he farmed and kept house for himself, and in 1859 he began operating a steam saw and gristmill. In 1861 he enlisted in the Newbern "Blues" Twelfth Infantry Regiment, of the Confederate Army. He was at Belmont and Shiloh, and was wounded and captured at the

latter engagement. He was confined to Alton, Ill., for several months and was exchanged. He rejoined and served under General Forrest.

He was married April 7, 1864, to Lavinia K. Scales, of Gibson County.

In 1866 he came to Humboldt and engaged in the mercantile business for some time. In 1874 he began keeping a large nursery in Gibson County. In the late 1880's he was doing a large business, and employed sixty salesmen. He closed out this business in 1888. In July, 1885, the Humboldt Weekly Messenger newspaper was established. Mr. Ferrell was also an organizer of the Farmers & Merchants Bank (later Merchant's State Bank). He served as President of both Banks. He was also an organizer of the Humboldt Cotton Mills (on Avondale St) and served as Vice President in 1901.

Col. Ferrell was also an active participant in the Spiritual & Educational interests of Humboldt. He was the largest contributor to the building and furnishing of the Methodist Church on 12th Avenue, in which he was a member and trustee. His home stood on the property at which the old Jr High and High School stand. He donated this land to the city school system in 1916/17 for a new high school to be built. The street was named in his honor. (Ferrell Street).

Col. C.H. Ferrell was one of Humboldt's most prominent and upright citizens, always setting a moral and Christian example.

He died April 10, 1923 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. He and his wife had no children.

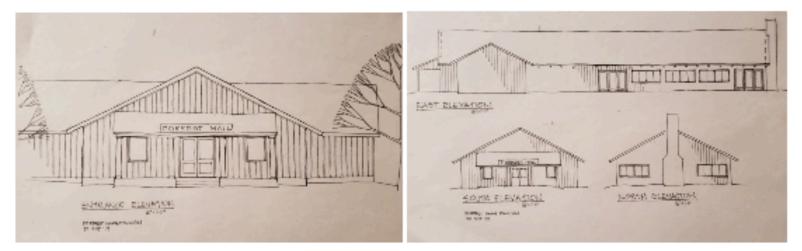




RESIDENCE OF COL. C. H. FERRELL, PRESIDENT MERCHANTS' STATE BANK, HUMBOLDT.



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!

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# Around the Division

# **Agricultural Leadership Award Presentations**





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

# Forrest Update for May 2020

Several recent media reports have caused a stir of misinformation and confusion due to their (usual) inaccurate reporting of the lawsuit conclusion and the [not] "impending" disinterment of the Forrest graves in Forrest Park in Memphis.

The Forrest Camp 215 Sons of Confederate Veterans has released this announcement that the Forrest Family Descendants have voluntarily dismissed their final lawsuit against the City of Memphis and Memphis Greenspace, as of Monday, May 11, 2020. This was a routine step towards completion of the previously agreed-to confidential settlement agreement with the defendants, along with the Forrest Camp 215 Sons of Confederate Veterans. This action represents no change in the process.

As per the signed settlement, the Forrest Camp and/or Forrest Family has taken possession of and ownership of all historical items that were in the two Civil War parks in downtown Memphis, including the two monuments/statues, cannons, and historical markers. Similarly, the Forrest Family has been given undisputed rights to retain or remove the graves of General and Mrs Forrest located in what was Forrest Park.

In regard to the graves, a standard petition to the court has been filed, and supported by the Forrest Family and Forrest Camp, by Memphis Greenspace to "discontinue the cemetery" in the park. This will clear the way for the Forrest Family to move the graves at some later point.

In regards to the future disinterment of the graves of Gen. & Mrs Forrest, the park where they rest is no longer his park. The town is no longer the same as when he was here -- and in fact, is no longer a town for any of us who grew up here. The gravesite cannot be protected. So the Forrest Family has chosen to move the graves to a site where Forrest and wife can be protected, honored, respected, and visited in safety. Yes, it's unfortunate that this has to happen, but it's the best outcome for the General.

The Forrest Camp and the Forrest Family will reerect the entire Forrest Equestrian Monument at an undisclosed location sometime in the future.

Please come visit the new monument gravesite when it is completed. Forrest would want us to see him in a pleasant respectful setting, and remember him as the great man & leader that he was.

More details and announcements will be forthcoming as plans and details are determined.

Lee Millar Spokesman, Forrest Family and Memphis area SCV.





# **Clean-up at Sam Davis Home**



# Flag Day Activities Across the Division



Members of the Division on flag day at the Forrest Boy Hood Home in Chapel Hill.

10 10/05

Camp 87 showed up at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville in support of Flag Day.



# Flag Day Continued...





Members of Vaughn's Brigade at a Flag Day Ceremony.

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Members of Marshall Rangers 297 cookout at the Forrest Boyhood Home for Flag Day. All sales of over \$400 went to the

Boyhood Home.

Pictured are 1st Lt. Commander Robin Minor, Chaplin Kevin Hill & Mandy Hill, wife of Sean Hill



# Mosby Camp Cleans up Kingsport Monument & Local Cemetery



Above: Dennis Rutledge, Todd Pierce, & Ric Ragle clean Kingsport Monument.

Left: Camp members work to clear away trees and undergrowth in Barrett Cemetery.

Right: Terry Gillenwater, Ed Hill, & Kris Carter leveling grave marker.





## N.B. Forrest Camp #3 meeting in Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery







Members of the N.B. Forrest Camp met on May 26th at the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery with special guest speaker Lt. Commander Joey Nolan.

# Candidacy announcement for Highland Brigade Commander





Many in the Highland Brigade know me, I'm Mike Williams, Camp Commander of Cookeville's Dillard-Judd camp 1828. I served 4 years as Highland Brigade Commander, 2012-2016. I got to

know many of y'all during that time. After the "unpleasantness" last fall, our Tn Division Commander had to appoint Gail Parker of the Monterey camp as Highland Brigade Commander. He's served us good. The virus scare has hindered everyone & Gail didn't get to be with us much since everything has been shut down. I've asked him is he gon'a run next election for a 2 year term & he says no. He just did this stet to help out during a time of crisis. By January I had heard of no one stepping up to the plate & run as our Brigade Commander. I decided I would run for

the job, a 3rd term, to distance us from the dishonesty that went on in filling out membership certificates. If elected, I will do all I can to help our camps in any way y'all would like my help. I'll not be pushy, just there if you need me. It's been regrettable that the Tn Division Reunion was postponed twice. Last word I got was 21-23 August, in Greeneville TN, not far from where I go black bear huntin. And y'all know my bear recipe's results. Maybe that would make a great campaign slogan, "and a bear in every pot." Lol You must attend the Tn Division Reunion's business meeting to vote. If someone else puts their hat in the pot, may the best man win. Each Camp in our Brigade has one vote in our Brigade Commander Election. Hope to see you there.

Deo Vindice (God Will Vindicate)



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# 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

# **Skirmish at Tracy City**

On January 20, 1864, the Union garrison occupying Tracy City, TN was attacked by a Confederate raiding party on horseback. In the "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies," this Civil War action is denoted "The Skirmish of Tracy City, Tenn."

The two most prominent Confederate officers involved called what is known today as the Upper Cumberland home. These officers were Col. John M. Hughs, or Hughes, of Livingston, or nearby Overton County, and Maj. Willis Scott Bledsoe of the Jamestown vicinity in Fentress County. Both these officers served together throughout the war.

As the war progressed, Maj. Bledsoe's company had become a unit in Wharton's Brigade in the 4th Tennessee Cavalry under Brig. Gen. John A. Wharton. Their service eventually led them to Tracy City, a small Southern town on the Cumberland Plateau.

It was in Tracy City where the 20th Connecticut, Company B., led by Captain Andrew Upson and 2nd Lt. Theodore Jepson, occupied the "Howard and Benham's store" in an area known as "the Heading." In this area is where the Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company ran a line to, and where the store was located, which had been leased by the U. S. Government to F. O. Howard and Company. As it would be for many years to come, coal was an important driving force during this time, and a valuable asset to both sides.

A stockade had been built in the vicinity in order to provide protection for the store. When the attack by Confederate began, a sentinel, and another Union soldier by the name of David B. Powell were both surprised by the action. With the sentinel firing a warning shot, the Confederate column returned fire, hitting and mortally wounding Powell.

Being cut off from the rest of the 20th Connecticut, Captain Upson and approximately ten of his men, who were located at the Tracy City Depot, were fired upon, resulting in Upson being hit twice. With nowhere to go, he and his men had no choice but surrender. While this engagement was taking place, Lt. Jepson and his men at the stockade were still under attack. With his commanding officer taken prisoner, along with he and his men surrounded, Jepson was left with few options.

Maj. Bledsoe, knowing the lack of options at the disposal of Jepson, dispatched a flag of truce with surrender terms. He stated that if they would surrender at once without further bloodshed, they would all be paroled and permitted to retain any personal effects. Reports state that Jepson refused these terms.

## by Joey Nolan, Lt. Commander

Tired of waiting, it was reported that Bledsoe and his men relieved the Union soldiers of their blankets and overcoats. They also took other supplies easily carried away, paroled the prisoners, and left Tracy City after having been there for approximately four hours.

Although not a major engagement on a grand scale, it was proof that even small, out of the way areas in the mountains were of importance to both sides.



This information was taken from a more lengthy and detailed article written by Jim Nicholson published in the Grundy County Herald in 1977. This story, more officially titled "New Light on Skirmish Here - Tracy City," can be found online.

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Sophie Reilly Hattons life before, during and after the war. We have artifacts, letters, etc. Our presentation is presented by myself, Dottie Meadows, Robert Hatton Towson, Nancy Wood and our powerpoint expert, Tamathy Page.

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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, cryptology.

Contact the Education Committee to have your name added to the Tennessee Division Speakers Bureau.

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#### Topics:

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

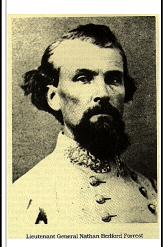
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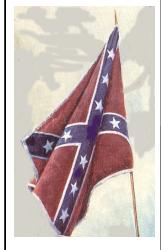
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# "Speaking of the Devil" Thoughts from the Editor

Compatriots and Friends of the Tennessee Division,

As you may have figured out by now, the newsletter looks a little different! After some consulting with Division leadership, I took on the responsibility of newsletter editor for Forrest's Escort with this issue. I want to personally thank those in the Division who have supported me and given me another opportunity to proudly represent the Division, the SCV, and my Confederate Ancestors. It is my hope that I can carry on the proud tradition of excellent newsletters every quarter from the Tennessee Division! It would not be possible to continue without thanking our previous editor, Reed Working, for his many years of service and dedication to the Escort. Reed has consistently given the Division a great looking and informative newsletter over the years and we should all give him our gratitude for doing such a great job!

As previously stated, I hope I can continue to provide the members of the Division with a respectful and worthy newsletter that showcases the hard-working men of the Camps and Brigades within the Division. I want everyone that reads this to feel free to contribute to the newsletter with articles, poems, pictures, family history, etc. We have new sections on lesser known battles/ skirmishes and our ancestor profiles that I want to encourage everyone in the Division to contribute too! I personally enjoy seeing and reading the member contributions and frankly, I feel those type of stories and histories connect with people on a deeper level. One of the aspects that I think can help us most with getting our story out there, is being able to connect with the public on an emotional level and what better way to do that than with the heroism and bravery that our Confederate ancestors displayed in the War for Southern Independence?!

In conclusion, I hope you will consider adding to the newsletter in one of our future issues and also remember to share the Escort with your friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. by forwarding it on to them so that they can see what we are really about!

Your Servant to the Cause,

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