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

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General

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Compatriots,

It is an honor to once again address you as Tennessee Division Commander. Spring is finally here, with warmer weather, there will be plenty of camp activities to keep everyone busy in the coming months.

Thank you to 2nd Lt. Commander John Blankenship and the members of Col. R. M. Russell, Camp 209 for hosting an excellent 2021 Tennessee Division Reunion in Humboldt, TN. The beautiful site of the Reunion could not have been better. The dedication of Camp 209 is unmatched, and they set the bar for future Reunions. I had the honor of having my dad, Barry, and one of my sons, Grayson, with me at the Reunion. In addition to a great Reunion, the Tennessee Division accepted the previous challenges of $500.00 by California, and $750.00 by Missouri, to the National Confederate Museum. The Tennessee Division gave $1,000.00 and challenged other divisions to do the same.

- General Forrest: We are still awaiting words on the date of the reinterment of General and Mrs. Forrest. As soon as the date is determined, we will get the word out to everyone. This will definitely be a once in a lifetime event.
- The 19th Annual Forrest Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival will take place on Saturday June 19, 2021 at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN. You do not want to miss this great event packed with food, music, guest speakers, reenactors, vendors, and more.
- If you have not done so, join Friends of Forrest Boyhood Home. There are membership levels available to fit anyone’s budget. Help make the Forrest Hall Events and Visitors Center a reality.
- At the Tennessee Division Reunion in Humboldt, TN, past Division commander James Patterson introduced the General Forrest 200 Society. With 2021 being the 200th birthday of our beloved General Forrest, this is another way you can help with the building of the Forrest Hall Events and Visitors Center. The only way to join this elite society is to give the $200.00 membership. Also, there will only be 200 memberships available, so you don’t want to miss out. More details are coming soon.
- If you do not have an SCV license plate, what is your excuse? Our license plate is a rolling billboard in promotion of our heritage. This is an ideal way to show your pride in your Southern heritage, and support the Tennessee Division financially. When our enemies come after them, we are ready and waiting to fight them to the end.
- Sadly, legislation to help strengthen the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act was stopped in committee. However, there are legislators ready and waiting to take up this fight and press forward. We are not giving up on protecting Tennessee history.

- I’m glad to say we have had new camps within the Tennessee Division in recent months. We have also have had camps become current who were once on the defunct list. Our camps are hard at work recruiting and helping grow this Division.
- The National Reunion in Metairie-Kenner, LA is soon approaching. If you have not registered, do so soon. If you have never attended a National Reunion, this would be a good one to make your first.
- As a reminder to everyone, be mindful of social media posts and other groups you are affiliated with. Our actions can do more harm to the Southern cause than good. Beware of wolves in sheep’s clothing, because everyone who says they support us is out friend.

Let us always bring honor to the memory of our Confederate ancestors. May God bless each of you in your work on behalf of our Southern heritage.

Respectfully, your servant in preserving Southern heritage,

Joey Nolan, Commander
Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Compatriots,

I pray that the reading of this finds y’all well and safe.  Summertime is an exciting time for Southern Heritage. There will be Confederate Decoration celebrations all across Tennessee and The Forrest Boyhood Home Celebration, both in June. I want to give a shout out to 2nd Lieutenant Commander John Blankenship for putting on one of the best Tennessee Division Reunions I have ever attended. I had the pleasure of visiting The Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp 3 in Hixon Tennessee and have plans to visit many more Camps in the near future. Let’s all stay the course! Remember, our defrays in The Tennessee House & Senate were by only one vote in each! Keep up the skeer!

Deo Vindice,

G. Frank Heathman
1st Lieutenant Commander, Tennessee Division, SCV

Award Winners from the Division Awards Banquet
- Tod Carter Newsletter Award: Camp 72, Robert Trail (less than 50 members), Camp 1638, Joshua Cameron (over 50 members)
- George Ellsworth Website Award: Camp 1638, Joshua Cameron
- Edward Carmack Media Award: Randy Tindell, Tim Massey, & Joshua Cameron
- Jefferson Davis Award: Earl Smith, Don Harrison, & James Turner
- Robert E. Lee Award: David Livingston, Joe Pulley, & Bill King
- Horace Hunley Award of Excellence: Mark Buchanan
- Sam Davis Camp of the Year: Forrest Boyhood Home Camp 37
- Albert Sidney Johnston Outstanding Camp Award: N.B. Forrest Camp 3
- N.B. Forrest Man of the Year: Ronnie Headley
- DeWitt Smith Jobe — Sam Davis Icon Award: Ed Butler

Jane Simmons Davis Ladies Service Award Recipients
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- Barbara Parsons — Nancy Wood
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Saturday Historical Tour (Drive on your own)
Saturday Awards Banquet Horton State Park $35
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Questions: call 256-565-6304

Host Camp Marshall Rangers Camp 297
It is my honor to report that this program and the hard work of those individuals involved has now spread it across the confederation. The warm weather has brought a resurgence in training. I would like to thank all those gentlemen who've received a certification and are capable of now teaching others and spreading the word of protect, defend, and do no harm.

Our Middle Tennessee representative Marty Smith will be holding a training session by the end of the month. With that he has two individuals who are working on completing their certification and should have it at the end of that session.

Many of you know by now that back in February I suffered a heart attack and had to spend two or three weeks in the hospital. The character of the men involved in this program really step forward. The design of this program is to cover if someone's unavailable and it was put to the test and was quite successful.

The Florida Division Commander contacted me and said he wanted a team established in Florida. His goal is to have at least one person in every camp in the division certified. I have to thank my western region rep Wayne Moon who traveled to Jacksonville Florida and certified 30 people in that division to form a core team there.

Then our neighbors in Mississippi contacted me and asked if I would come down to help them establish a team. The goal they're trying to reach is the same as Florida and to have at least one person certified in every camp. I traveled to Beauvoir had a classroom session at the Jefferson Davis library. Followed by Hands-On training at the Biloxi City Cemetery. Other than our normal attendees there were three or four people who drove 8 hours from somewhere in Alabama to receive the training. Also one gentleman added an extra day on his vacation before returning to Texas so he could receive training.

If you would like for your camp to host a training session please contact me.

Your humble servant,
Tom Meadows
C.E.R.T coordinator
Ancestor Profiles
An ongoing series highlighting the ancestors of Tennessee Division members
Submit your ancestor to the Editor today!

Charles Bradford
submitted by Dale Welch

A three-term Putnam County sheriff was highly esteemed and well respected during his life. When he was just a 16-year-old boy, he joined the Confederate Army and fought all the way to Appomattox Courthouse, VA, being one of only a handful of his regiment left to surrender.

Charles B. Bradford was born on Jan. 15, 1844, in Missouri, to William and Elizabeth Huddleston Bradford. He was named after his maternal grandfather. When his father died, his mother brought him and brother, David back to what is now Putnam County, moving in with her parents. The family lived near the Salem Methodist Church.

When the War Between the States broke out, 16-year-old Charles and his 18-year-old brother David signed up for the Confederate Army on a hot July 31, 1861, at Camp Zollicoffer, in Livingston. Men and boys from all over the Upper Cumberland converged into Livingston and were soon transferred to Camp Myers, near Monroe which was also in Overton County. Camp Myers was a camp on instruction where men learned how to be soldiers. Marching and drilling again and again. With a lot of men together in one place in unsanitary conditions, diseases from common colds to measles spread easily. Young Pvt. Bradford became sick and was sent home. He soon returned and was mustered into Confederate service, along with his brother in Capt. Joseph Shaw's Co. F, 25th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, on Oct. 1, 1861, at Camp Myers. The regiment's colonel was the "silver-tongued" Sidney S. Stanton, a Tennessee state senator before the war.

Skirmishing with home guards and Federal forces took up a good part of the first few weeks. When Stanton's 25th Infantry was ordered to Bowling Green, KY, local residents complained about being left undefended. They took care of their business, but by Nov. 15, they had been ordered to Mill Springs, KY. On Jan. 19, 1862, Union forces defeated Confederates, securing Kentucky in the Union. Confederate Gen. Felix Zollicoffer was killed when he rode up on Union forces, thinking it was his army.

The 25th Infantry was sent to Chattanooga and left in the city when Gen. Bragg started movement back to Kentucky. On Aug. 21, 1862, under Col. John M. Hughes, they were dispatched to Sparta. By Oct. 8, the regiment was at Perryville, KY, under the command of Brigadier Gen. Bushrod Johnson. The 25th Infantry suffered eight casualties at the Battle of Perryville.

In 60 days, from Chattanooga to Kentucky and into Knoxville, the regiment had logged 555 miles.

In the Battle of Murfreesboro, in Dec., 1862 and Jan., 1863, the regiment reported 120 casualties out of 336 soldiers. They stayed near Tullahoma until the actions around Hoover's Gap, starting on June 24, 1863. On July 17, 1863, Pvt. Bradford was promoted to 2nd Corporal.

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Col. Hughes and 20 men were sent back to the Upper Cumberland to round up stragglers and get new recruits. He was gone, cut off by Federal forces until April, 1864.

On Sept 19-20, the 25th Infantry was fighting at the Battle of Chickamauga. It had 56 causalities out of 145 men. Under Lt. Col. William Snowden, the regiment was commended by Gen. Johnson.

The regiment operated in Eastern Tennessee after Chickamauga. 2nd Corp. Bradford was slightly wounded around Knoxville. The regiment fought at Ft. Louden, Bean’s Station and Ft. Saunders.

By May, 1864, the 25th Regiment was in Virginia. They participated in battles at Walthall Junction, Dwift Creek and Drewry's Bluff. Charles Bradford, at 20 years old had become captain of his company.

At the Battle of Drewry’s Bluff, fellow Capt. Samuel J. Johnson and all 50 men in Company K were captured. Johnson became an unwilling member of the “Immortal 600,” a group of 600 Confederate officers, being held as prisoners and were used by Yankee captors as human shields in front of Federal fortifications in the South. Capt. Johnson survived, but several did not.

On Apr. 9, 1865, Capt. Charles Bradford was among only 20 men left of the 25th Tennessee Infantry Regiment that surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse, VA. The regiment had been consolidated several times, but now it was over and time to go home in time for spring planting.

Bradford married a woman he knew well—his stepsister, Mary Ann Pullen. They had two daughters.

Bradford remained active in community and church affairs. In 1888, he was elected as Sheriff of Putnam County and served three terms, before serving 12 years as a Tennessee State Prison official, serving under four governors.

In her later years, Bradford’s mother moved in with the family. They helped her celebrate being the oldest person in Putnam County. She died in 1914, at age 95.

Bradford was active in the Methodist Church and for 45 years, was a member of the Mount View Lodge No. 179, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal organization.

The former Confederate Captain and Putnam County Sheriff died at his home of pneumonia at the age of 74, on Aug. 7, 1918. He is buried in the Bradford Family Cemetery behind a house on the corner of Old Kentucky Road and Raider Drive.
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Compatriots and Friends of the Division,

I know that a lot of our Tennessee Division members may think that the Forrest Boyhood Home is simply a huge money pit that sucks in a lot of dollars and what do we get in return, other than preserving an historic site dedicated to one of the South’s greatest military heroes?

That should be reason enough but the Home does make money. As of 03 May, for the SCV fiscal year of 2020 - 2021 (August - July) the Forrest Boyhood Home has turned into SCV Headquarters $7,118 from the sale of t-shirts, books, bumper stickers, Forrest prints, tours of the home and just plain old donations. This year it doesn't include the sales that we usually get from the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show in Franklin which was cancelled this past December (usually $500 - $600).

There is another $2,000+ in cash receipts that have been reimbursed for small items like stamps, mower gas, lunches for workers at the Home, weed eater line, etc.

We have another 3 months to add to this seven thousand dollar total and usually the warmer weather brings more tours and of course, this doesn't include the net income from the Forrest Homecoming event in June.

So many, many thanks to all of our loyal Confederate patriots who have worked at General Forrest's home, donating your time, labor and money. As Charlie Daniels said, "Be proud you're a Rebel 'cause the South's gonna do it again!"

Sincere thanks,

Gene Andrews, Forrest Boyhood Home Committee
Friends of
The Forrest Boyhood Home

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All proceeds go to the maintenance of the Forrest Boyhood Home Property.

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Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley C.S.A. (Major Sibley 2nd U.S. Dragoons) had very grand plans upon Secession & he had traveled to Richmond VA to convince President Davis they were worthwhile.

At the meeting General Sibley convinced the President he could seize N.M., AZ territory, Colorado & Southern California. Now this was an attractive proposition to the C.S. government not only because seizing the Gold mines in Colorado and the Sierras would add real wealth to the treasury but seizing the ports in California would open up a much needed supply line to the easily blocked Eastern states. But low and behold even more attractive than all these possibilities was that Sibley had been stationed in Utah & New Mexico and told President Davis he needed absolutely nothing from the Government other than permission to raise a brigade of hard fighting Texans. They could live off the land and seize a transcontinental confederacy for no cost to the Government.

Sibley was given commission as Brigadier General to the Confederate States Army and permission to raise a brigade to seize the Southwest. Everyone believed the war was to be fought in the East, but not so for General Sibley and his valiant Texans who faced a hellacious campaign in the desert.

Sibley’s brigade marched out of San Antonio Oct. 22nd 1861 to accolades and dreams of a transcontinental Confederacy. There was originally 3 regiments commanded by Col. James Riley 4th regiment Commanding, Col. Thomas Green (Mexican war veteran) 5th regiment commanding & Col. William Steele 7th regiment commanding. Upon reaching Fort Bliss Col. Baylor’s 2nd regiment Texas mounted rifles was incorporated into the newly dubbed army of New Mexico.

The army of New Mexico marched North where they encountered 3,000 Federals at Fort Craig near the Rio Grande. I have seen Fort Craig and it has a strong commanding position of the river and Bosque. Sibley knew with his few mountain Howitzers he could not take the fort so he drew up and offered battle on the plain below, Col. Canby (U.S.) refused. The next day Sibley decided to bypass the Fort and march North cutting off the forts supplies. They marched South, forded the river then marched North to ford it again. They continued to march towards Albuquerque & Sante Fe. Canby guessed Sibley’s plan and rushed his men to Valverde Ford where there was a terrific battle.

At the height of the battle Captain Willis L. Lang launched a courageous and suicidal charge against a company of Colorado Federals. This was the immortal charge of the Texas Lancers, the only Lancer charge in the war for Southern Independence. They were armed only with lances and gave their lives to turn the tide and save their compatriots. They were cut to pieces, including Captain Lang, but their heroism shall never be forgotten. Company B 5th Regiment Texas Volunteers.

The Battle was won with the Federals retreating into Fort Craig, February 21st, 1862. Sibley marched North occupying Albuquerque on March 2nd, 1862. Eight days later the army of New Mexico occupied the territorial capital of Sante Fe putting them in striking distance of Colorado.

Sibley’s men then turned to seize Fort Union. The Advanced forces of the armies met on March 26th and skirmished in Apache Canyon, but the real action took place on March 28th 1862 in the Sangre De Cristo mountains, a place called Glorieta Pass, the Gettysburg of the West.

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“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
We are happy that all of our camps have resumed their monthly meetings.

The R E Lee Camp of Germantown is having their next meeting outdoors, at the (Union) Fort Germantown. The Camp has informally adopted the site to maintain an ‘education’ site about the war. Included at the earthwork fort are two reproduction cannon, and 3 plaques supplied by the camp that tells of the fort’s history, and why it was important in keeping Forrest away from the railroad. One plaque also briefly explains the causes of the war, from the true standpoint.

The Forrest Camp (Memphis) has moved to a new meeting site at the Masonic Lodge, which provides much better security (especially needed here), parking, kitchen, and meeting space. Attendance has begun to rise again.

The Forrest Camp also donated four 6-foot artifact display cases to the Confederate Museum.

Commander Wayne Moon of the Simonton–Wilcox Camp has been conducting monument–cleaning classes as part of our CERT effort.

The Wigfall Greys (Collierville) has a huge bbq supper planned for their next meeting, as a fund-raiser. The guest speaker is author Brandon Beck, talking about Forrest’s recruiting of new armies.

All of our camps will join with the UDC in observing Confederate Decoration Day on Sunday June 6. The service will be at Confederate Rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

Lee Millar, Memphis Brigade Commander
Starnes’ Brigade Commander Earl Wes Pullen

Nathan Bedford Forrest
Boyhood Camp #37
The camp was in charge of the Flag Retirement Ceremonies at the Forrest Boyhood Home on March 6th.

Commander Ronnie Headley was in charge of this event, helping Compatriot Richard Garcia retire damaged and no longer reusable Confederate Flags. This camp has over 30 members now. Look for more good news from this camp.

Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp #72
Things have been quiet with this camp. They just lost their Chaplain, Mr. Tittsworth to a Covid 19 related death. They finally started meeting again in March. Compatriot Dix presented a program on Spring Hill, whether it was a skirmish or battle. We do know that what happened here led to the Battle of Franklin.

John R. Massey Camp #152
Covid 19 has affected this camp also, but they are continuing to hold their monthly meetings with good speakers. They are continuing to advertise, speak with new recruits and gain more support for the cause. They want it to be known that April is Confederate month and plan to enjoy it with several events, one being a rally around the monument on the Fayetteville square with speakers and live music on April 17th.

Dr. J. B. Cowan Camp #155
They continue to take care of the Confederate graves at Oakwood Cemetery. They cleaned the Dr. J. B. Cowan tombstone. Dr. Bradley will be the speaker at their next meeting in April. Their meeting place now is at the former Camp Forrest ARC building which is in front of the Tullahoma Civic Center. Michael Bradley’s Books is a new Facebook page. It tells you what books of his are in print are in print, and how you might get a copy. Let others know what you think by hitting the like button.

Marshall Rangers Camp #297
We are in the works already on preparing for the 2022 SCV Reunion. A SCV pin and shirt has been designed. We now have a color guard sergeant in place. We are working on a Terry’s Texas Calvary Museum at the Farmington Cemetery. We were over concessions at Confederate Flag Day at the Forrest Boyhood Home. Approx. $1000.00 was raised.

Cumberland Mountain Rifles #86
Camp 386 had several great additions donated to our camp museum. Among other items, included was an original 1841 Sword and an original 1851 Colt Navy revolver. At the March 2021 meeting we accepted into our ranks the newest member of our camp, twelve year old Xander Braden. As part of the “Heartland Offensive”, the camp has begun collecting socks to be donated to shelters which help men, women and children who are in need. To date over three hundred pair of socks have been collected. Camp 386 is preparing to place Confederate military grave markers later this year, as well as participate in local events.
The next few months will be quite active. Here is a list of some of the events happening around the Brigade.

The Benton Smith camp in Portland Tennessee will be participating in the strawberry festival in Portland on April the 8th.

General William Bate camp in Gallatin will be holding a Confederate memorial Day service on June 5th at 2:30.

The Sam Davis Camp in Brentwood Tennessee will be hosting a Confederate memorial Day service on Winstead Hill at 10:00 in the morning of June 5th.

General Hatton camp will be having a marker dedication and celebration of Confederate memorial Day on June 5th at 10:00 in the morning.

Murfreesboro Camp 33 will be hosting a Confederate memorial Day service on June 6th at the Confederate circle.

The Joe Johnston camp number 28 in Nashville is putting a great deal of effort to establish a podcast. We look forward to seeing how this goes.

The one good thing about our Brigade is that even if their Camp is not having an event, they are very quick to join in with neighboring camps to help support them. It is a beautiful sight to see.

Humbly submitted,
Tom Meadows
McLemore’s Brigade Commander

Greetings from the Fort Donelson Brigade!

I am grateful for the warm welcome as I assume the duties of Brigade Commander, and I am thankful for the camp commanders and adjutants for their help in getting this report together. Camp #249 in Dover has been delayed in returning to in person meetings due to ongoing covid concerns and severe health issues experienced by some of the members. They have assisted the NPS staff with some long-range planning and updates to the Cultural Landscape Survey -- which helps make sure the true story is presented both fairly and accurately.

Camp #225 in Clarksville has been especially active in recruiting new members and having excellent meeting attendance and programs. A Confederate Memorial Day Observance is being planned along with grave marking ceremonies. Their biggest issue is trying to fit everyone into the meeting space while managing distancing protocols. I wish we all could have that problem! A huge salute to Gary Libano and all the guys in the Gracey camp! Due to a great demand, they are preparing to order more of the cast iron grave crosses. If you are thinking about needing some, now would be a good time to let them know.

By the time this comes to press, the McCauley Camp #260 will have just finished their most recent BBQ fundraiser for continued improvements to their meeting place at St. Paul’s Church. It is amazing the transformation there in the years since the camp went out on a limb and purchased the church property, giving them a permanent home while at the same time preserving an important piece of local history. On May 5, they presented Hunley Awards to both a male and female cadets from the ROTC program at Dickson County HS. The camp continues to protect and monitor the monuments and memorials in the area that are so dear to our hearts. I want to thank Paul Johnson for his assistance and support, along with encouraging us to have more brigade activities.

Camp #270 in Springfield continues to uphold the Charge, meeting monthly and planning several coming events. Martin and the boys provided special music and were an integral part of the program at the May 1st Memorial Service at Elm Springs.

Colonel Cyrus Suggs Camp #1792 at Adams meets on the second Saturday each month at the Adams School and has recently enjoyed a series of programs by Dewey Edwards on federal prison camps, sharing stories of the “generosity and benevolent care” displayed by our federal friends to the North. I look forward to meeting with them soon.

We will be working closely with the other camps at Paris, Fairview and Centerville to keep everyone engaged and informed. Hopefully we can plan a brigade-wide event later in the summer or early fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Settle
Fort Donelson Brigade
The Highland Brigade has been/doing well. At this moment in time I know of (6) Memorial services being planned.

The three hosted by Cookeville’s Dillard-Judd camp will include the one at Cookeville City Cemetery for ALL our ancestors with 2nd Lt Commander TN Division, Frank Heathman, as the guest speaker on 6 June, starts at 2 p.m. One planned, no date yet, for the ancestor of TN Division JAG Edward Phillips. Another is in the early planning for former TN Division Commander James Turner.

Jack Looper of the Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone (Monterey) camp 2014 has two Memorial services planned, for 22 May & 5 June for ancestors.

The Wiley Steakley (Spencer) camp 2307 is in the early stages of planning a Memorial service for an ancestor.

Savage-Goodner camp (Smithville) member & CERT trained, Marty Smith, is going to have a “hands on” training day this spring. I’ve been told by the CERT Coordinator, Tom Meadows. The other camps in our Brigade have been & will be busy this summer as well, but I don’t have their info with me as I write this.

Former TN Division Commander, Edward McNatt Butler, Dillard-Judd camp 1828, is almost finished with building the display cabinets for the Confederate Museum at Headquarters/Columbia TN. At this writing 3 May, we expect to be completely finished & installed in 3–4 weeks.

Recently, 5 or 6 camps of our Brigade attended the Pilgrimage & Memorial service held at Headquarters on the 1st of May. Three camps, Sparta, Cookeville, & Gainesboro furnished riflemen for the Honor Guard on that day for the Commander In Chief. It’s expected to be an annual event.

If anyone has an ancestor buried within our Brigade’s territory & wants a Memorial service conducted for a Confederate ancestor, contact myself or one of the camp’s officers. We will gladly do the honors.

Deo Vindice.

Mike Williams,
Commander Dillard-Judd camp 1828 & Commander Highland Brigade
Sam Watkins’ Brigade Commander Matt Singleton

It is my privilege to give the following report of the Sam Watkins Brigade. The Sam Watkins Brigade is made up of 9 camps spread throughout middle Tennessee.

The Maj. Nathaniel F. Cheairs Camp 2138 hasn’t missed having a meeting since the pandemic started, they have recently been working on securing Rippavilla in Spring Hill as their permanent home. Recently the city of Spring Hill voted to remove the management company that ran Rippavilla. The camp is still working with the city to make sure they can continue to meet there. They recently had Rich Garcia come and give his program about Tejano Confederates, which was well received by the camp. The camp has also been busy volunteering at Elm Springs helping rearrange the house to help get it back to its original 1837 look.

The Sam Watkins Camp 29 is back to having regular meetings and they definitely hit the ground running, they hosted TN Division Adjutant Tom Woods for a 3 part program on Jefferson Davis. The program was well received by the camp. Recently the camp teamed up with the Cpt. James Madison Sparkman Chapter UDC and held a Southern Cross of honor Service for Cpt. Merritt Booker Tomlinson, the last Confederate Soldier to pass away in Maury County, the service was well attended by members throughout the brigade. The Camp is planning on teaming up with the Cheairs camp on cleaning the Bates cemetery, and have plans to clean the Dooley cemetery. They are continuing to mark Confederate soldiers in Wilkes’s cemetery, they sponsor 2 Civil War Trails markers, one in Rose Hill Cemetery and one at Elm Springs. They work closely with the National Confederate Museum.

The Rawdon–Spears Camp 2113 Held a quarterly meeting in February where the recognized 2 compatriots with certificates of appreciation. In March the camp swore in 4 new members and continue to beat the bushes for more recruits. The camp Commander Spike Spears recently met with some compatriots in the Clifton area and helped them start paperwork for a new camp in Clifton. The camp has attended ceremonies across middle Tennessee. The camp has a project they’ve been working on for a couple of years the Summertown Memorial Park. Commander Spears and the camp members pour a lot of blood sweat and tears into this project and it looks amazing. If you’d like to help the camp accepts any donation, you can send checks or money orders to Mike Spears PO Box 465 Summertown Tn. 38483
Sam Watkins Camp 29, Columbia, Tn. Meets at historic Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee every 3rd Tuesday @7pm. The Camp Officers are Commander Kenneth Lovett (mrsbk1@yahoo.com), and Adjutant Jason Boshers (jasonboshers@charter.net).

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General John C. Brown Camp 112, Pulaski Tn. The camp officers are Commander Tony Townsend no email contact and show no adjutant at this time.

Battle of Shiloh Camp 1454, Shiloh Tn. The camp meets at the Shiloh Methodist Church the 1st Thursday of every month at 6pm. The camp officers are Commander Larry Deberry larry@shilohtours.com, Adjutant Stephen Reed shiloh51tn@gmail.com.

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On the evening of 12 April, the Lexington High School Air Force Junior R. O. T. C. presented "AWARDS NIGHT 2021"

One of the National Awards was presented to Nicholas Lucas, son of Tina Forgette, of Lexington. Cadet Lucas was presented the prestigious H. L. Hunley Award, given by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and given to a deserving JROTC cadet, selected by instructors for having demonstrated the characteristics of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

The award honors the courageous submariners of the CSS H. L. Hunley, who were lost at sea in February 1864. The award was presented by Martin Frost, LHS Class of 1967, Tennessee Division Chaplain and a Lifetime Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Commander James Price, Pvt. Ike Stone Camp #564, Henderson, Tennessee.

In the photos are shown the four new artifact display cases that the Forrest Camp 215 donated to the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. SCV Executive Director Adam Southern stands behind one of the new cases, and camp member Lee Millar stands by one of the filled cases. The cases are 6 feet long, 40 inches high, 24 inches wide, and have electricity and some lighting. Thanks go to Camp Member Lee Millar for acquiring the cases and delivering them to our Museum.
Commander Ed Hill was on hand to present two General William Hicks Jackson Agriculture Awards to students and FFA members at Volunteer H.S. and Cherokee H.S.

SCV Confederate pilgrimage and memorial service on May 1st at SCV HQ.
Herb DeLoach of Chattanooga N.B. Forrest Camp 3 (center) recently donated the original 1st printing of the two volume set of Jefferson Davis “Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government” published in 1881 to the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. On hand to receive the gifts were 1st Lt. CIC Jason Boshers on the right and Tom Wood, Tennessee Division Adjutant on the left who also received an original.

Adjutant John Hitt presented Commander Earl Smith with his 25 Year Pin for being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 years at the April meeting of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans held at Glenwood Baptist Church in Powell.

Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014 Sons of Confederate veterans were given a donation for their Confederate Memorial Park, in Monterey, by the Army of Tennessee Camp 64, Spns of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Pictured from left, SCV Chaplian Stephen Parker, SCV 1st Lt. Commander Gail Parker and SUVCW Commander Tommy Phillips. Photo: Dale Welch

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, welcomed new members into its ranks at its April meeting held at Glenwood Baptist Church in Powell. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new members Lee Warren Prator, David Matthews, Millard O. Ross and Adjutant John Hitt.
Although about forty years have passed since the Southern armies surrendered to the victorious armies of the North, yet it is not far enough away for us to forget many of harrowing scenes enacted during that bloody struggle. Historians have proposed to give to the world an accurate account of the war, but all that have written have done so in a partial manner, and it remains for someone perhaps yet unborn to give a true account of the causes leading up to the war and mete out to each army its full measure of praise for what they achieved during that great conflict. We who were living at that time well know that on each side were heroes as brave as the world ever produced, and whose acts will ever live in the hearts of all who love the brave. Of the brave and courageous, our own beloved State has furnished her portion. The name of Sam Davis will go down in history as one of the world’s heroes and generations yet unborn will see monuments stand as a reminder of his undying devotion to Southern chivalry and honor. Poets will ever be ready to compose their verse and chant their praise of him. But while Sam Davis was all that one can admire, yet he was not alone for bravery and courage.

In this communication I would turn back a few pages in memory’s book and tell you of one as I have tried to describe was Miss Asenith Shaw (Miss Senie, as I always knew her) of the little village of Quincy, about four miles from Alamo, the county seat of Crockett County, and about thirteen miles southwest of Trenton, where I was reared. At this early age this young girl was destined to figure in one of the bloodiest tragedies committed in that part of the country during the war.

But before I give an account of the tragedy I will digress and describe the condition of that part of our state at that time. The battle of Belmont had been fought and the Confederate forces had evacuated Columbus, KY and had retreated to Corinth, Miss, and the Federal troops had taken possession of the Western part of the state. I was only a lad yet I can never forget looking at the sad faces of the old men as they left the depot after the last trainload of our soldier boys passed by on their retreat South.

There were but two or three men in Trenton who were not in full sympathy with the cause of the South and but very few families but what had some representative in the Southern army. They knew when our troops left that the Federal troops would soon occupy the town and they dreaded their coming. We had not long to wait for in short while the Second Illinois Cavalry, commanded by Col Hogg, made its appearance. These troops deserved a better commander. He was a mean and unscrupulous man and did all that he could to humiliate the Southern empathizer. He was brutal and unkind to his troops and I remember hearing more than one wishing that he might be killed in his first battle. Their wishes were gratified, for in a skirmish with the Rebel boys near Bolivar he fell pierced by eight bullets. I always believed these were fired by his own troops. In the same battle Capt Hogg, his brother, who was on the Confederate side, was also slain. He had been at my father’s and I had heard him wish that it might not be his fate to meet his brother in battle. When the Yankee boys came back to Trenton after the fight, some of them were speaking lightly of the Rebels to Miss Jennie Elder, one of Trenton’s nicest young ladies, and told her that the Rebs did not have on any coats. Her reply was that the Southern boys always pulled off their coats when they killed hogs.

The Seventh Kansas Jayhawkers were the next to come to our midst. The Second Illinois were angels as compared to these fellows. One night about sixty of Gibson County’s best citizens had been hung up by the necks by these vandals in an effort to extort from them their money. Of this number, three refused to disgorge and these they killed.

Another regiment from Kansas, commanded by an old man, Col Fry, came next. He was a nice old man and was well thought of, but he was not to be with us long, for Gen. Forrest pounced down upon him one evening and captured his whole command, a portion of these being troops from our own state under Col Hawkins. The Fourth Illinois Cavalry came and were not so bad, but when a Kansas battery came we had cause for fear. It is of two of this number I have to write for they were the principal factors in a tragedy in which one of them, a Lieutenant, was to die at the hands of the brave girl of whom I write.
Solomon Shaw, the father of this noble girl, was the wealthiest man in that section. He was the owner of a large cotton factory there and had in his employ a number of white hands and was the owner of a great number of slaves. He owned a grocery and dry goods store and in fact did the business for that part of the country. In the home of Mr. Shaw at that time were himself, his wife, his son Solomon, 18 years old, and Miss Senie, his baby girl. He had other daughters who were married and not present. At the beginning of the war the son had enlisted in the Haywood Rangers at Brownsville, which belonged to Forrest’s command, but at the time of which I write he was at home. When he enlisted, his father, as was the custom with the rich, presented him with a young slave named Calvin, to accompany him as his body servant. Young Shaw and his young slave were about the same age and had been reared together, and each seemed devotedly attached to each other. Some of young Shaw’s friends had warned him of Calvin, but he only laughed at their predictions of Calvin betraying him.

Calvin was at home with his master and on the night of the 22nd of September, 1862, sometime between midnight and day, left and went to the Federal camp in Trenton, and as subsequent events proved, perfected arrangements with some of them to come out that evening and kill the father and son and then they and the negroes were to despoil the place of everything of value and take their plunder into Trenton, after which the negroes were to go up North and live. That evening (Sunday) about dark, Mr. Shaw, his son and daughter were out in the back yard when they heard someone in the front calling. They immediately went to the front and on the porch saw two Federal soldiers. One of them was standing on one side of the front door with a roll of rope on his arm and his companion stood on the opposite side. Mr. Shaw went up to them, when one of them as spokesman, told him that they had orders to arrest him for harboring guerrillas. Mr. Shaw denied the charge, but said “we surrender.” Young Shaw then asked them by whose order they were to be arrested. They told him Gen. Grant. The son, knowing that Grant was then in Memphis and gave no such order, said “I will never go with you.” And swiftly passed through the door into the hall pursued by both of the soldiers. The father and daughter ran in while the son was trying to get through the back door into the room where he kept his gun, but the negroes who were in the plot had locked the door from the inside and the soldiers were soon upon him and at once a life and death struggle commenced in this dark hall. Miss Scenie was the only one of the family that had any weapon and she was afraid to fire lest in the dark she shoot her father or brother. Soon one of the soldiers fired and the ball penetrated the left breast of the father, who exclaimed “You have killed me, for God’s sake, spare my son.”

They did not come to spare father or son and, of course, heeded not the plea, and soon another shot from the pistol of one of the soldiers and the son received a ball directly in the forehead, but fortunately his head was thrown back and the ball did not penetrate the brain, but ploughed its way out at the top of his head and lodged in the ceiling. From this time the young man was crazed and knew nothing. The soldiers now tried to get out the front door and this was Miss Scenie’s chance, for here she could see to distinguish one from the other. She took her stand by the door and as one of the soldiers approached followed by her father, who although having received his death wound was still in the fight, she placed the muzzle of the revolver against his breast and pulled the trigger. Unfortunately, the pistol snapped and the soldier was soon safe outside the door, followed by the father, who fell dead just as he reached the outside. The brother was next to pass out and then the remaining soldier, who was now closely pursued by the brave girl, firing at him as he ran. She ran him around the yard twice and emptied her pistol, and fortunately the last shot went crashing through his body. He was able to reach the barn, where the negroes already had the horses hitched to a wagon. They put him on some straw and brought him into Trenton, where this “brave” officer, slain by a Southern girl, died two days afterward. Before dying, however, he was able to tell of the murderous assault made upon him in the house of the old Rebel.

The girl was now alone with the body of the murdered father. The brother had gone she knew not where. The firing had been heard and the news soon spread and before long the neighbors and friends had gathered in. The body of the father was gently lifted and borne into the house, after which search was made for the son. He could not be found and it was not until the afternoon of the next day that he was found unconscious and nearly dead from the loss of blood, lying in a fence corner. He was traced for two miles by his blood. They placed him on a litter and brought him home, and after weeks of careful nursing by this devoted sister, he recovered and was once more ready to join his command.

The father had been murdered and the Federal troops came out and burned the factory and took everything of value, and now the son was again to bid farewell to the mother and sister and go and fight the despoilers of his once happy home. This time he was to go without Calvin, who had not been seen since he left home early that fateful morning. He was now inside the enemy’s lines and to undertake to pass through was hazardous. This heroic sister again came to his assistance. One evening about dark two horses were bridled and saddled, then led to the front door. The brother assisted his sister to mount and then was soon astride his steed and both well armed were ready to start on their perilous journey. It was necessary to travel at night, and they were soon out of sight of home and friends and making their way through the dark bottoms of the Forked Deer River. They could not cross the bridge for fear the noise of crossing betray them to some nearby foe.
They, therefore, had to ford the river and pass over the muddy sloughs and take by paths and roads not much traveled, each moment expecting to be halted by the voice of some sentinel. They traveled thus until after midnight when they felt that they were secure and safe through the line and among friends. They halted. Here they were to separate, the soldier boy to continue his journey southward while the brave sister was to retrace her steps, making her lonesome journey alone. An affectionate embrace and a parting kiss on the lips of the brother from the devoted sister, then a parting clasp of their hands they separated never more to behold each other in this world.

Miss Senie arrived safely at home early next morning. They brother joined his command and was a good and faithful soldier up to the time of his death, which occurred near Franklin, Tenn., of fever. Here it was that his devoted sister was for the last time to behold the face of that brother who had almost been her idol.

Since that parting in the road at midnight she had heard from him but seldom, and the sad message came for her to come, but too late to behold him alive. She had him placed in a coffin and the remains attended only by herself, were carried back to the old home and buried by the side of his murdered father.

Judge W.W. McDowell, now of Memphis, was in the army with him and I believe was a messmate of his. He told Judge McDowell that his father had quite a large sum of money in gold buried on the place and that no one but himself and father knew where it was. The father was dead and he was constantly in danger and he wanted to let his mother know where it was, but he was afraid to write as there was danger that a letter might fall into the hands of someone else. He failed to disclose its hiding place and perhaps that gold will ever remain hidden in the earth at the old homestead.

When the war had closed and the rebel boys came marching home, several of them sought the hand of the brave girl in marriage, but she kept her heart free until a brave young Captain of the Southern army, Wise A. Cooper, of Murfreesboro, came and wooed her, when she yielded her heart and life unto his care and keeping. They were married and lived for a number of years at Trenton and in 1875, Capt Cooper, then a prominent lawyer, represented Gibson County in the Lower House of the State Legislature. He afterward moved to Fort Smith, Ark., and practiced law there until his death in 1882. His brave wife died a few months before and there with three children they lie buried. They left one son, Edward Cooper, now of New York, and a daughter, Miss Eva May Cooper of Fort Smith. Mr. Shaw’s other daughters were Mrs. Albert Buck of Brownsville and Mrs. Joshua Tharp of Somerville. Mr. Buck was the first person to arrive on the ground the night of the tragedy. He now lives in Memphis. His son, SS Buck, was for a number of years a well known conductor on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, but is now conductor on one of the roads leading from Memphis. Mrs. JH Jones of Dyersburg is his sister. Mrs. Foster, wife of Adkins Foster, the Clerk and Master at Alamo, is a daughter of Mrs. Joshua Tharp.

In the little village church yard at Quincy the father, son and mother sleep side by side, while the marble shaft stands as a monument to mark their resting place. But a much more imposing monument is the church and Masonic Hall, which were built by this good man. I always thought that the brave daughter should have been brought back and buried by the side of these two, whose lives she had so nobly tried to defend.
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