"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
General Forrest 200 Society

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

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

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

Membership $200 ______ Voluntary Donation $ _______ Total: _______

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ____________

Phone #: _________________________ Email: ____________________________

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

For questions call: 931-315-9065 or email: scvproud@gmail.com
Greetings to all in Tennessee,

It is truly an honor to come to you as Commander of the Tennessee Division. We have survived winter and are now ready for spring. This is the time of year when new life begins in nature, with the flowers, trees, and most of all, warm weather. It is also the time when we are fired up and ready to promote our Southern heritage with renewed vigor.

At the time I am writing to you, our 2022 Tennessee Division Reunion in Chapel Hill, TN is now behind us. Marshall Rangers, Camp 297 did an excellent job hosting this year’s reunion. From the beginning of the Friday night low country boil to the last “Hoorah” of Dixie on Saturday night, it was an unforgettable event. One event of note of the weekend was the memorial service at the Forrest Boyhood Home for Past Tennessee Division Commander Skip Earle. On Saturday members of the Tennessee Division, along with Skip’s friends from college, were present to honor his wishes. With a resounding artillery salute, Commander Earle is forever a part of the Forrest Boyhood Home. An amendment to make the Tennessee Division Chaplain a voting member of the DEC was approved at the Reunion. The chaplain is a very important part of a division, and this measure follows how SCV National is set up. Also, after elections and appointments to positions you will notice some new faces, as well as some familiar ones, to the Tennessee Division Executive Council. A list of the DEC and the contact information for these officers will be provided.

We are looking forward to the 2023 Reunion being hosted by Longstreet-Zollicoffer, Camp 87 in Knoxville. The Reunion will be held on March 31st and April 1st, at The Foundry in downtown Knoxville. This is a beautiful venue for the Reunion, and we know Camp 87 will put on a great event. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Tennessee Division is on a solid foundation financially. With the sales of our SCV license plates, we are preparing to use funds to promote the preservation of true history. IF you do not have an SCV license plate on your automobile or motorcycle, what are you waiting for? It not only helps the Tennessee Division financially, it is a rolling advertisement for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I can tell you we will be implementing changes to how funds from the SCV license plate are used. As you know, the Tennessee State Museum is not planning to display Battle Flags in the TSM. As in Matthew 7:6 KJV, “…neither cast ye your pearls before swine…” Therefore, we must find other ways to use funds from the tag sales to preserve historical items. You will be hearing more in the days ahead.

Our camps and brigades are moving forward and promoting our heritage whenever possible. Whether it is a chili cook-off, at memorial services, or speaking to school children, our true history is being told by countless means. Many have reached out to elected officials, whether city, county, or state in order to build a relationship and share the truth. One lesson we have learned is you never know who is on your side until you ask.

We have suffered some setbacks in our fight “wokeness” at the state capitol. However, members of SCV National and the Tennessee Division, along with Save Tennessee History and other concerned citizens, are determined to fight again for the preservation of ALL Tennessee history. But, when the time comes to contact your legislators, these people cannot do it alone. It takes the effort of everyone, working together and being determined to not allow our history to be erased. It is the Sons of Confederate Veterans and no one else who are fighting for ALL of Tennessee’s history, whether it be Davy Crockett and Andrew Jackson, General Forrest and Admiral Farragut, or Dr. King and B. B. King. We are fighting so our rich history is here for generations to come.

Continued —>
In the month of March, with Confederate History Month coming up, I asked everyone to participate in the “Just One” campaign. This was a result of the realization that approximately 2,500 members in Tennessee, along with concerned citizens, caught the eye of the governor, state agencies, and the media. They were concerned we might be successful in our efforts to take back the narrative. If we could cause that much of a stir, then what would 5,000 members do? What would 10,000 members do? What if each member recruited “just one” new member? And, before you say it has been tried before and can’t be done, how many members have you recruited? If we are determined, we can do it. We cannot wait until there is no history to preserve. If not us, who? If not now, when?

We have one of the biggest SCV events of the year coming up. The Forrest Homecoming will be on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN. There is a great lineup of singers, musicians, speakers, living history, vendors, a silent auction, and much more. If you have never attended this event, now is a good time to start. All the proceeds go to benefit the Forrest Boyhood Home.

At the Forrest Homecoming you can fill out an application to join the Forrest 200 Society and/or Friends of the Forrest Boyhood Home. Monies from these go to the Tennessee Division to build the proposed Forrest Hall Events and Visitors Center. Together, we WILL make this project a reality, which will be a monument within itself to General Forrest.

Again, it is my honor to serve as your Tennessee Division Commander. With the help of Almighty God, and you, descendants of the greatest fighting force assembled on Earth, we will keep fighting on. Let’s not just recite The Charge, let’s live The Charge. God bless you all.

Deo Vindice,

Joey Nolan, Commander
Tennessee Division, SCV

“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

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

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

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PLEASE CONSIDER A VISIT TO OR A DONATION TO HELP PRESERVE AND CONTINUE OPERATING THE GEN. LONGSTREET MUSEUM!
Greetings Fellow Compatriots,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are fresh out of the 2022 Tennessee Division Reunion. I would like to compliment the Marshall Rangers Camp for the great work they hosted. The food and fellowship at the Forrest Home on Friday night was fantastic. Saturday’s activities were just as good. Everything was well organized and the food was great.

It was an honor to be elected at the reunion to serve at Lt. Commander of the Division. I will continue to work to help make this the best Division in the Confederation. I look forward to serving you. We have many tasks ahead of us. One of those will be to continue our work to preserve our monuments and history. As individuals, we must continue to work the State Legislature to get them to protect history. We do have friends there. Talk to your Representatives and Senators. As TN taxpayers, let them know where you stand. I would also like to congratulate Joey Nolan on his re-election as Tennessee Division Commander. And also congratulations to Rich Garcia on being elected 2nd Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division. We also have several new Brigade Commanders who were elected at the reunion.

I will continue to serve as your Monuments Committee Chairman. Please send me information on the Confederate Monuments in your area. I am keeping a database of them. If you have questions, please reach out to me.

Also, my local camp (Col. R. M. Russell Camp 209) is hosting a Confederate Memorial Day service on Saturday, June 4th at 10am. It will be held at the Collinsworth Family Cemetery on Tom Dunlap Road, just outside of Humboldt. There are 4 Confederate Veterans and one past TN Division SCV Commander buried there. Two of these Confederate Veterans died during the War. We will honor all of them with an artillery salute. We will have a color guard as well as several speakers. If you would like to participate in the service, please let me know. We would be honored to have you.

Gentlemen, thank you again for all you do to honor the brave Confederate Soldier. I look forward to working with each of you. If I can assist you in anyway, please reach out to me.

God Bless the South!

Respectfully,

John A. Blankenship, Lt. Commander, TN Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compatriots,

I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve as the 2nd Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division.

We must continue our Charge to tell the true history of the southern soldier while “preserving the history and legacy” of confederate heroes. Tennessee is changing drastically as many out-of-state families relocate into our Confederate State daily.

The lingering problem we now face is the “new” Tennesseans. They may not share our legacy or perspective. They are not aware of our Confederate pride and they are not educated in our rich Confederate history. We must persevere and be a counterforce to their corrosive misinformation.

From the State House to our communities, it is our duty to keep our Confederate landscape and history viable and fully visible. One way is Compatriot presence. There are letter writing initiatives, recruitment activities, camp events, memorial services, parades, CERT projects, community festivals, and other events where our ranks are thin. There is a job for everyone. EVERY Compatriot brings their unique strength and ideas to the table, being pro-active and supporting these functions and activities empowers our dialogue and keeps our Charge vibrant.

In the words of the late SCV Compatriot and author John O’Donnell Rosales, “Our ancestors were brave men and women who were not afraid or ashamed to fight for their proclaimed independence. We have no reason to let them look down from heaven and be ashamed of us for not preserving their memories, history and Confederate symbols. These symbols must be kept clean from those who in their absolute ignorance, racism, and segregationist hatred deem to use them to divide America and for other nefarious purposes and deeds. Their spirits linger here in every valley and in every glen, in every hill and on every swamp and in Gettysburg and in fields known but to them and god. Thus let the battle flags fly! Let them once again catch the wind! It is the least we can do for our valiant dead. Deo Vindice”

¡Viva La Confederacion! Long Live the Confederacy!

Richard Garcia
2nd Lt. Commander, TN Division Sons of Confederate Veterans
2022 Tennessee Division Awards Winners

Tennessee Division 2022 Award Winners

George Ellsworth Best Website: Joshua Cameron - Camp 1638
Tod Carter Newsletter: James Patterson - Dixie Observer (under 50) Reed Working - Eyes & Ears (Over 50)
Edward Carmack Media Award: Randy Tindell WJPJ Radio Station
Jefferson Davis Outstanding Member: Mike Dunn Sean Hill Michael Avery
Sam Davis Camp of the Year: N.B. Forrest Camp #3
Nathan Bedford Forrest Man of the Year: Tom Wood

Jane Simmons Davis Ladies Service Medal: Melina Forbes Tamathy Garcia Alice Gibson Tegan Hill Tyrenia Rainey
Division Commander Awards: C.E.R.T. Memorial Preservation Award: James Patterson Billy Walker Wayne Moon Tom Meadows
Gen. A.S. Johnston Outstanding Camp: Sam Watkins Camp 29
H.L. Hunley Award of Excellence: David Daniels Sam Davis-Dewitt Smith Jobe TN Division Icon: Martin Frost
Dr. Rosalie Carter Camp Scrapbook Award: Marshall Rangers Camp 297

RAISE THE FORREST MONUMENT:

Fundraising has begun to re-erect the Forrest Equestrian Monument above the graves of Gen’l and Mrs. N B Forrest at Elm Springs.

FORREST WILL RIDE AGAIN
Please help get the statue back up.

Send donations to:
Forrest Camp 215 Monument Fund PO Box 11141 Memphis, TN 38111
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Tennessee Division Reunion**

**March 31 - April 1, 2023**

Knoxville, TN

HOST CAMP is Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp #87

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

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**Reunion Program Advertising:**

- Full Page: $75
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For advertising send email with Ad to: knoxrebs@comcast.net

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Make checks payable to mail to:
SCV Camp #87, P.O. Box 943, Knoxville, TN 37901 (memo 2023 TN Reunion)

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

Host Hotel: Marriott Downtown Knoxville

525 Henley Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
865-522-2800

Group name: Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion
John R. Massey

Today a small, crumbling stone with an almost illegible inscription on the courthouse square at Fayetteville, Tennessee, is the only physical reminder of John R. Massey, a man who gave his life for his brother in the summer of 1864. But his story is one that deserves to be remembered as an act of sacrifice that happened in the Civil War.

July 15, 1864, was a bright, pleasant day in the county seat of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and life was about as good as it would get during the latter stages of the war. The gardens were beginning to produce early vegetables, and the monotony of the winter’s diet of salted and dried food was being broken. The weather was turning hot, but that was to be expected in mid-southern Tennessee at that time of the year. The Confederate Army of Tennessee had been gone from the area for almost a year following the Tullahoma campaign, but as yet there was no permanent Union garrison in the village, only occasional visits from forage trains or a patrol out on a scout.

Fayetteville was in disputed territory. As the traffic along the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad increased in support of Sherman’s campaign in North Georgia, an increasing number of Confederate cavalry and guerrilla units moved into the area around Fayetteville, attempting to interdict that traffic. These elusive units made life miserable for the Union garrisons guarding the railroad, so much so that one Union general, Eliazar A. Payne, decided to take drastic action.

Suddenly, the morning quiet of the July day in the county seat village of Fayetteville was shattered by gunfire. Union troops under General Payne rode into town, shooting left and right. Soon smoke was rising from numerous points as barns and outbuildings were set afire. Squeals of pigs and squawks of chickens blended with screams of terrified women as hostages were seized and dragged to the courthouse in the middle of the village. From the hostages assembled these four were selected for execution: Thomas Massey, William Pickett, Franklin Burroughs, and Dr. J. W. Miller. Their lives would be spared only if someone in town gave information as to the whereabouts of a camp of Confederate cavalry or guerrillas. Franklin Burroughs had come to the courthouse to purchase a marriage license; he planned to wed the next day. William Pickett had come to town to purchase needed supplies at the general store. Thomas Massey was on his way to work when he was taken by the Union troops. Dr. Miller was not with the original group but was taken hostage later in the day. Years later Dr. Miller’s son recalled the terrifying events of that day:

The day of the raid was a bright, sunny day. All nature was clad in its new garment of green. New Irish potatoes and English peas about ready for the table and our first “mess” appeared then. My brother and myself had helped our mother get these vegetables from the garden, she having apprised my father of the fact that “We are going to have Irish potatoes and new peas for dinner.” This delighted him, as he was very fond of such things.

Dr. Miller, it should be noted, had only recently been released from Camp Chase, Illinois, having been held there as a prisoner of war since the fall of Fort Donelson in February 1862. His son continued: This pleasure and anticipation was soon swept away, followed with despair, distress, mental anguish and vanishing hope -- my father was arrested, charged with harboring bushwhackers, the same as Massey and the others. The officers who took him in charge and carried him off gave my mother no information as to his fate, despite her pleadings for some knowledge of it, any more than to say, “All damned bushwhacker harbors would be shot and sent to hell.” At 11:30 mother received notice that all prisoners taken, charged just as mentioned, would be killed at the same time, 3:00 that evening.

General Payne had led his troops a short distance out of town to the top of a nearby hill and halted them there for their midday dinner. The Miller family’s cook had proceeded with the preparation for their dinner despite all the confusion, and when Mrs. Miller learned that her husband was still close to town, she prepared a plate of the potatoes and peas and sent his son and a young African-American slave to bring it to him. As his son described it:

We found him sitting under a beech tree, surrounded with six or eight men as a guard. Upon being handed his dinner he courteously invited his guards to eat with him, they refused but urged him to eat quickly since they might move at any moment. While he was eating General Payne rode up, surrounded by his staff, all on fine horses, bright uniforms, sabers dangling. Payne rode very near my father, not more than six feet away and made a statement ever memorable to me, “You G-d d----d grey-eyed bushwhacking sympathizer. I’ll have you shot at three o’clock this evening with Thomas Massey and the other damned scoundrels.” I grabbed my father by the neck and begged for his life, but the officers forced me away and told me to leave. When my father hugged me to his bosom he said, “Good bye, my little boy, I’ll never see you again.” No one but a confiding child in a similar condition can realize the awful agony of that moment.

Soon after these scenes transpired, General Payne received a visitor, John R. Massey. John had heard of the arrest of his brother, Thomas, and of the impending execution. He had ridden into town from his home west of Fayetteville and had gone to see General Payne to plead for his brother’s life. John made two points: His brother Thomas had nothing to do with the Confederate army and had probably been identified as a harbinger of bushwhackers by a neighbor who had a grudge against him; and, Thomas was the father of a family of young children who would suffer a good deal, emotionally and financially, by the loss of their father. General Payne was unmoved by these arguments. Then John said, “If you must have Massey blood, take mine.” Immediately, Payne agreed, releasing Thomas and arresting John in his place.

At three o’clock the Union soldiers fell into ranks with loaded rifles. Burroughs and Pickett were overcome by the situation and collapsed to the ground. John Massey reached down, seized each by the shirt collar and pulled them erect. “Kneel to God, but never to dogs like these!” Ripping open his shirt, Massey then said, “Do you so-called soldiers think you can hit the target at this range?” Gesturing at his heart, he concluded, “Then aim right here.” A volley of shots rang out and the three collapsed. Burroughs still moved, so an officer ran him through with his saber. At dark the young woman who was to have married Burroughs on the next day, Miss Molly Goodrich, ventured up the road to where the Yankees had paused, and there found the bodies of Massey, Pickett, and Burroughs lying as they had fallen. Dr. Miller, for reasons unknown, was taken some 9 or 10 miles farther toward Shelbyville and released. That night he was joyously reunited with his family.

All these deaths were tragic, and Payne had disobeyed the rules of war in taking hostages and murdering them. Most moving was the death of John R. Massey, a man innocent of any offense against the government of the United States, who volunteered to take the place of his brother in facing execution.
WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF A FUND RAISER FOR A VISITORS CENTER AT THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST HOME IN CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE. "FORREST HALL"

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

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

General Forrest level $10,000 Colonel Jeffery Forrest level $5,000
 Forrest Escort level $1,000 Morton's Artillery level $500
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Send your donation to: SCV Tennessee Division, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088
Make a note that your donation is for FORREST HALL.
If you have questions contact James Patterson at 615-812-0206 or mboroscov33@aol.com
Hello my fellow Tennessee Compatriots,

I would like to introduce myself to those who don’t know me. My name is Billy Walker and I am the new Brigade Commander of the Mountain Brigade. I have been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for a little over 6 years. I serve as 1st Lt of the N.B. Forrest camp #3 in Chattanooga TN. Sergeant of 3rd Squad/ 1st Platoon Tennessee Mechanized Cavalry, Tennessee C.E.R.T. State Advisor and the head caretaker of the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery.

It will be my great honor to represent the Mountain Brigade in the upcoming term. We have a lot of plans on making our brigade grow and prosper along with working with the other brigades and the Tennessee division as a whole. I am looking forward to working with the 3 camps I will be representing. Do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance I might be able to give you or your camp!

N.B. Forrest Camp #3 in Chattanooga TN
Camp Commander James Skipper, cmdrnbfforrestchatt@gmail.com
Camp Adj. Donnie Ashley, nbforrestchatt@gmail.com
Meeting Day, 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Upcoming 2022 Event Schedule
- Confederate Memorial Service, Saturday June 4th, 12 Noon, Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery
- Springtime Food Drive, Underway Now
- Springtime C.E.R.T. Training Program, May, Date and time TBA
- 1st Annual Bob Myers Chili Cook-off Date and Time TBA

2nd Lt William Moore Bain Camp #2333 in Ocoee, TN
Camp Commander Shawn Pritchett, shawnpritchett@outlook.com
Camp Adj. Steve Norwood, cornfromajar@yahoo.com

Meeting Day
3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30 pm at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Ocoee TN

Thank you and God Bless Dixie!

Respectfully yours,

Billy Walker
Mountain Brigade Commander
Greetings Compatriots,

I would like to take a few lines to introduce myself and share some of my visions on where we should go from here. I am a retired Electronics Engineer. I worked for 25 years in Huntsville AL for a major manufacturer. I also taught basic electronics part time for a marine industry technical association for the past 20 years.

I have been in the SCV since 2012 and have been Camp Program Director, 1st LT Commander and Commander. I was Starnes Brigade Adjutant for Commander Wes Pullen for the last 7 years. I am also a member of the Forrest Boyhood Home Committee. Wes Pullen is my best friend. He has taught me a lot about what we are and how to conduct matters. Wes and I are good at helping people find Confederate ancestors so if you need help contact either of us.

One of my most important jobs as Brigade Commander is communications both from Division command to you and from you to Division command. As a “tech guy” I strongly suggest that everyone has some type of electronic communication. Email is the simplest and most everyone has instant access today via a smartphone. This is not only free but its also fast and these days we must be able to respond to our enemies’ attacks as soon as they happen. Myself and quite a few others use Facebook to communicate and I can say that the SCV is the only reason I am on Facebook again its free and instant and its also a great way for other camps and brigades to know what events are going on. I use Constant Contact for texting members of my camp and I’m setting up a version for Starnes BGE now. I am also planning to hold a few Brigade Officer calls this year so we can all get together and share ideals and to discuss current items as needed.

I’ve started attending events of camps in my brigade I will visit each one soon. I am a big proponent of the C.E.R.T program I have had the training and seen it work. I encourage each camp in the Brigade to have C.E.R.T training.

Remember the Nathan B Forrest Boyhood Home festival Saturday June 18, it’s a big event that helps the home. If anyone needs help please contact me. I look forward to growing the SCV and living the Charge.

Sean Hill
Starnes Brigade Commander
TN Division Life Member ~ SCV National Life Member

Starnes Brigade SCV Camp meeting dates & places

#37 – Forrest Boyhood Home 2nd Saturday at 2:00 pm
#72 – Cheatham Camp 4th Tuesday at Oak Restaurant, Manchester at 7:00 pm. (6:00 pm. Dinner).
#152 – John Massey Camp 2nd Thursday at Fayetteville Shoney’s at 7:00 pm. (6:00 pm. Dinner)
#155 – J.B. Cowan 2nd Tuesday at the Wilson Athletic Center, Tullahoma at 7:00 pm.
#297 – Marshall Rangers 2nd Saturday at the Marshall County Museum in Lewisburg at 2:00 pm.
#386 – Cumberland Mountain Rifles 3rd Tuesday. Old County Building in Tracy City at 6:30 pm.
#1411 – A.P. Stewart 4th Tuesday at the Duck River Electric offices in Decherd at 6:00 pm.
#1620 – Sumner A. Cunningham, 2nd Monday, Bedford County Library in Shelbyville at 6:00 pm.

A great day downtown Fayetteville on Saturday April 23 for the John R Massey Camp No. 152 Confederate history month memorial. Around 50 in attendance from many surrounding Camp, with an outstanding speech by Tennessee State Senator Janice Bowling, TN Div Commander Joey Nolan and others. Hooray for Dixie!
Greetings from the Jeffrey Forrest Brigade! I want to start by thanking the men of the Jeffrey Brigade for allowing me to continue to serve them as their Brigade Commander. I had a wonderful time at the Division Reunion and would like to thank everyone involved with making the event such a success. We had 4 out of 6 camps represented at the reunion this year. All the camps have been doing great work.

The Bell’s Partisans Camp hosted their annual Chili Cook-off to raise funds for the Trimble mega-flag. The event was a great success. The men of the Bell’s Partisans camp thank Commander Joey Nolan and 1st Lt. Commander John Blankenship for their continued support of this event and for judging the chili!

I also had the amazing opportunity to swear my son, James Rainey into the Bell’s Partisans Camp. He becomes the 3rd generation SCV member with my Dad, Bobby Rainey, and myself.

The Strahl Camp in Union City hosted a C.E.R.T. cleaning at the Unknown Confederate Soldier’s monument. The event was very well attended by members of our camps as well as others from Kentucky. I want to thank the men of both the Bell’s Partisans and Strahl Camps for their work on these projects.

I will be speaking at the Ike Stone Camp Meeting on Tuesday May 10th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Reagan Cafe. All are welcome. The Col. R.M. Russell Camp is planning a Confederate Memorial Day service on Saturday, June 4th in Humboldt. Commander Blankenship is looking for a few men to come in uniform for a small color guard, rifle volley, and possibly a cannon firing. If you are available to assist the Russell Camp with this, please contact 1st Lt. Commander John Blankenship. The Bell’s Partisans is also planning their Ride for the Flags to support upcoming Southern Heritage Projects. The date for the ride is July 16th. Details are still being planned.

The Jeffrey Forrest Brigade is still very active. I am proud of the work the men have accomplished and I look forward to everything we still have to do. I hope to see y’all at some of these events. God Bless, and God Bless Dixie!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn “Digger” Rainey
Greetings from Vaughn’s Brigade.
As the newly elected Brigade Commander, I’d like to share a little background. I am currently, also the Commander of the #1409 Col. John S. Mosby Camp in Kingsport, and 1st Lt of the TN Mechanized Cavalry. I am a life member of the SCV National and a life member of the TN Division. I greatly appreciate the members of Vaughn’s Brigade having the confidence to elect me as Commander. I will serve dutifully and to the best of my ability. The Brigade covers a fairly large geographical area. It is close to 90 miles from the farthest-reaching camps. I plan on facilitating better communications between Camps for a group effort of sharing information and structured teamwork. Also, I want to concentrate efforts to revive camps that have been affected by lack of participation due to the pandemic. Vaughn’s Brigade has been busy and with the warmer weather, will be even busier with several events and projects coming up.

Earlier in the year, the James Keeling Camp # 52 of Bristol worked at getting their new meeting place ready. Members helped unload old furniture, sanding, painting and the purchasing of new chairs and tables to fit the room. While working on the room, members helped with food donations for the center’s food distribution to needy families in the community, done on the second Friday of each month. Camp members have helped set up a mock supermarket to be used in helping school age children and mentally challenged students how to shop alone and helping older mentally challenged adults to shop and feed themselves. Camp members also have helped provide donated furniture to the adult mentally challenged study area where they learn to interact and study. The center provides an area for them to learn how to dress, feed themselves, clean their rooms and other life needs. Camp members have also worked on starting a Camp Library and have received over 130 books with about 150 more to be donated to the camp. They are now obtaining bookcases to hold these. Camp #52 members continue to maintain East Hills Cemetery with clean up, stone repair, trimming of bushes and tree removal for future usable cemetery plots. Camp # 52 also maintains the flags for the cemetery section plus the 5 x 8 First National flag in the Confederate Field of Honor section. Camp # 52 also maintains the flags and cemetery sections plus the 5 x 8 First National flag in the Confederate Field of Honor section. Camp # 52 along with donations to the Confederate Museum have supported the Virginia Flaggers and also continue to support the Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award. The Camp started in 2020, a scholarship to support this Award. It started with $250.00 and was matched by a donation to bring it to $500.00. The award for this year stands at $650.00 (at present) to an Agricultural student at Johnson County High School. This camp stays busy.

The Col. John S. Mosby Camp #1409 in Kingsport, is getting geared up for another busy summer. Monthly meetings with guest speakers are regularly held. Recruitment is steady, with new members being added throughout the year. Merchandise sales and recruitment booths are set up at events throughout the year. Several ongoing projects and new ones are being planned. The Camp adopted a cemetery, containing at least 4 Confederates, that had been abandoned for some time. A major effort was made to clear and remove trees and brush. It is now ready for stone repairs coming soon. Sadly, # 1409 lost member Mike Rigsby. A Camp memorial service for him, is being planned.

The Bradford Rose #1638 Camp of Morristown, took possession of a replica of the statue that fell in North Carolina that was created by Monuments Across Dixie. This project was spearheaded by Camp Commander Jordy Barnette for the better part of two years and was assisted by the Tennessee Division. The statue is now on display at the General Longstreet Museum in Russellville awaiting the construction of a base. The Camp is also involved in raising money to help pay off the outstanding mortgage of the General Longstreet Museum. Everyone is encouraged to donate to make sure this SCV friendly museum stays open in East Tennessee! Please contact Mike Beck if you wish to help. Lastly, the Camp has been meeting regularly and entertaining guest speakers along with our sisters in the UDC. We have also welcomed in some new members and transfers since the beginning of the year. The Camp plans on putting their CERT training to use over the summer and fall by cleaning the graves of members ancestors who are located in the Morristown/Mossy Creek area. Dates for these cleanings will be announced and all are welcomed to attend!

The Lt Robert J Tipton Camp #2083 in Elizabethton, have been holding regular meetings and have a new Commander that is determined and passionate about the SCV. They are working hard on recruitment and have recently added two new members and are planning on adding another two soon. The Camp maintains a Confederate cemetery and recently installed a trail camera to deter vandalism to the flag pole at the cemetery.

The Major James T. Huff Camp #2243 of Newport, on March 15th held a C.E.R.T. class during the monthly meeting. The following week, they organized their yearly Flag Rally and parade through town, ending at their Mega flag site and replaced the flag with a new one. This camp has created a very attractive merchandise sales and recruiting booth, with a large number of items for sale. They attend several local events throughout the year, thereby funding several projects and programs they are involved in. The first this year was the Sevier County tractor show, followed by the Cocke County Bluegrass Festival. During the April meeting a Flag Retirement Ceremony was performed. April 29th, the Camp joined the Knoxville Camp and others at Music in the Mountains Parade in Pigeon Forge. On May 7th, the Commander is scheduled for a C.E.R.T. class at the Knoxville SCV meeting to obtain Qualification. As a reminder, on May 14th the Camp will be hosting a First Responders Appreciation Day at the Newport City Park at 10am. Everyone is invited.

Respectfully,

Ed Hill
Brigade Commander
Jim Davis Camp 1425 Macon County. set up at the Big Gun and Knife Show at Macon County Fairgrounds. we helped order a memorial stone for John R Holland and will have a memorial later this year for him as well as raising money with a quilt raffle to put a fence around the small cemetery he is buried in.

Cookeville’s Dillard-Judd camp 1828, continues having top notch speakers for monthly meetings; They assisted the ladies who are rechartering the Carthage UDC Chapter in a Memorial Service for Pvt. Newton Jasper Petty, Allison’s Cavalry Squadron. They are getting ready for local festivals. Camp voted to give out a Gen. William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award to a High School student we know this year. The camp will conduct a Confederate Decoration Day Ceremony at Cookeville City Cemetery at their Monument on Sunday 5 June 2022 at 2 pm. Compatriot Mike Dunn will be the keynote speaker.

The 8th Tennessee Cavalry #2298 meets at the man cave (JD house) every 3rd Sunday at 6. Bryan Rodgers—Adjutant 931-349-2329 and JD Burgess—Camp Commander 931-644-1576.

On April 9 The Wheeler Long #709 Camp In Dunlap Held a Civil War Relic Show. There were over fifty displays of artifacts recovered from the Tennessee Valley. Overall attendance was good with several people putting in applications to join the SCV.

On Saturday April 23, 2Lt Robert Dykes Held A Recruiting Event with several camp members in attendance.

The Hamby Camp # 1750 inducted a new member recently—Michael Loftis Fields & has had some good speakers. Commander Gregg Davis recently attended the TN Division Reunion. The camp meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Myers-Zollicoffer 1990 hosted the Confederate History and Heritage Supper on April 21 with 74 guests for the evening. The Camp started placing Battle Flags on the graves of Overton County Veterans in 2009. The Annual Supper serves has a fundraiser for the flagging project and this year TN Division Adjutant, Tom Wood, presented his program on Champ Ferguson. Camp 1990 also welcomed Kenneth Vaughn in to the Camp at their regular meeting.

The 13th Tennessee Cavalry met March 10 at 6 PM at City Hall in Pikeville Tennessee our speaker was Jerry Wormsley who had done extensive research and found the names of 16 unknown confederates that were buried in Pikeville cemetery and he even had a monument donated to the 17 who had died in Pikeville hospital from General Briggs March to Kentucky.
Greetings from the men and camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade!

Spring has finally arrived and everyone is busy planning events and activities for the summer. I would like to say thanks to everyone who planned and worked to make our recent Division Reunion a success. Our camps are active and as always continuing the fight to present and preserve our history, our heritage and our ancestors memory in many ways.

The Isham G. Harris Camp 109 at Paris is having great success with their mobile merchandise and recruiting booth that attracts positive reaction and interest as it is displayed around the community and at special events. This camp is active and growing. They have recently added a Book of the Month feature that is distributed via email and Facebook. This is a great way to get the word out about positive Southern literature and stimulate discussion among members and friends.

The Frank P. Gracey Camp 225 at Clarksville recently participated in the Irish Day Festival in Erin. Camp members walked and manned a float assisted by members of the Porter’s Battery re-enactment group. They were very well received and enjoyed many waves and cheers from the large crowd along the route. They are busy planning their Confederate Memorial Service and getting ready to install a new set of grave markers for our fallen soldiers.

Congratulations to George Wallace of the Fort Donelson Camp 249 at Dover upon being recognized as adult volunteer of the year for Stewart County at the recent Three Star Volunteer Awards ceremony. George is active in many ways and serves numerous groups in the community, always being a great ambassador for our history and the Cause it represents. Most recently he portrayed a Confederate Infantryman for a school field trip at the Land Between the Lakes 1850’s Homeplace, giving the students a glimpse into the daily life and activities of our Southern soldiers that is sadly neglected in the school books and curriculums used today.

The William H. McCauley Camp 260 at Dickson is active and continuing their restoration work on the historic St. Paul Church near Charlotte where they meet monthly and have a small library and museum. They most recently presented a Hunley Award to a distinguished student at Creekwood High School. Congratulations to new Camp Commander Jim Davis and all the men for stepping up and keeping things going.

On April 30, 2022 the Savage-Goodner Camp 1513 in Smithville dedicated the Apollos of the West hiking trail on Short Mountain. The trail honors Gen R. M. Gano who commanded the Confederate forces at the nearby Battle of Snow Hill. The campers at Short Mountain Bible Camp will hike the trail and learn the story of the medical doctor from Texas who was most effective as a minister in the Church of Christ.
The John Hunt Morgan Camp 270 in Robertson County is busy planning a CERT training event to be held in late June at a date TBA. They would welcome anyone who is interested to attend and will be confirming the date and location as soon as details can be worked out. If you are interested start making plans and contact us directly for details. Their May meeting will be moved up one week to Monday the 23rd to avoid conflicting with the Memorial Day weekend.

The Cyrus Sugg Camp 1792 at Adams always has an interesting meeting and lively discussions held at the historic Bell School and Moss’ Restaurant location on the 2nd Saturday of each month at noon. Looking for a great meal and great fellowship? Drop by and it’s guaranteed you will enjoy both. Lt. Commander Dewey Edwards has a display there of numerous books he has researched and written on a variety of topics and local history. Tim Henson publishes a newsletter that is full of local news and history. Copies are always available and are very interesting. Visitors are always welcome.

Last but not least, a great big “Thank You” and good neighbor salute to Mike White of the Capt. Ed Baxter Camp 2034 at Fairview. Recent storms brought down a large cedar tree on a neighbors property that joins the Brown-Chester Cemetery. Needing help removing it, and not knowing for sure whose property it was, the gentleman reached out via the internet to the SCV due to a small sign placed at the cemetery entrance several years ago by our late Compatriot Dennis Lampley with the name of the local camp. This fellow somehow got in touch with Lee Hattabaugh, AOT CoS and AL Div. Adjutant, who contacted our brigade leadership, which got in touch with Mike, who took care of the mess, even though it was not actually connected with the Camp or the cemetery. Long story short, with just a bit of compassion, a couple of emails and phone calls, and the willingness to help, the SCV now have a friend for life, a potential new member, and a ton of grateful good will. In this day and time we can all use more of these.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Settle
Brigade Commander

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20th Annual
Forrest Homecoming and
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Submissions are encouraged! Camp photos, activities, news, and stories about your efforts to support our Charge are all welcome!
Photos from the 2022 Division Reunion hosted by the Marshall Rangers Camp
A contingent of Compatriots with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Myers-Zollicoffer Camp 1990 met with Livingston City Mayor Curtis Hayes and Overton County Executive Ben Danner for the signing of a proclamation designating April 2022 as Confederate History Month in Overton County, Tennessee and urging all citizens to avail themselves of the opportunities to increase their knowledge of this important era of Tennessee’s history.

Jimmy Matlock of Matlock Tire Company received the Harry T Burn Political Courage Award at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration held in January at The Foundry in Knoxville and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Lt. CiC Jason Boshers speaks at the Lee Jackson Dinner Celebration held in January at The Foundry in Knoxville and sponsored by Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans.
Joshua Cameron presented Kelly Ford of the General Longstreet Museum in Russellville with the General Robert E. Lee Award from the Tennessee Division SCV.

Members of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp pose during setup for their annual Lee-Jackson Celebration.

Otho French Strahl Camp 176 at Discovery Park in Union City.

John Blankenship presents Mr. Brent Cox (Director of the Governor Gordon Browning Museum) with the 2022 TN Division Robert E. Lee Award.
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