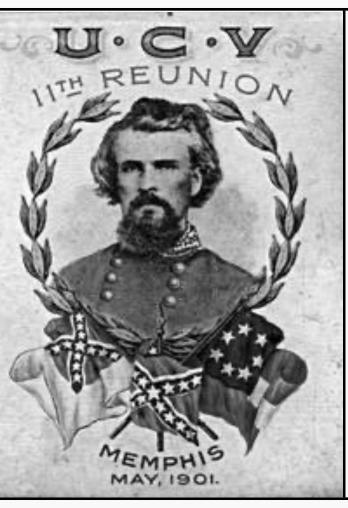
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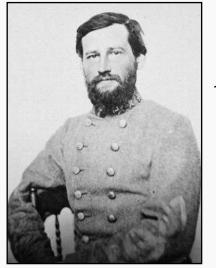












"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the quardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved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

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General



Bradford-Rose 1638 celebrated Christmas with special guest Lt. Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy and friend of the Camp H.K. Edgerton at Historic Hale Springs Inn in Rogersville, TN.

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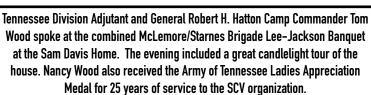
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Newport Camp member Channing Greene with his antique tractor at the Morristown Christmas parade.









Hornet's Nest Hike

Shiloh Battlefield

May 11, 2024 at 8:00 am

Meet at the Peach Orchard for

the 4 mile hike

Officer Reports



Division Gommander

I pray you are all doing well. We have made it through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, which I hope were joyous times with family and friends. With 2023 behind us. we have a brand new year before us. We need to be determined to do more on behalf of our

Compatriots,

heritage in 2024 than ever before.

I have had the honor to visit and attend meetings and special events over the past few months. From Kingsport and Rogersville in East Tennessee, to Memphis in West Tennessee, and places in between. It has been refreshing to see good attendance by SCV members and those outside the organization at these events. It is great to see a mega flag finally up and flying in the Memphis area. If you ever get the opportunity to attend the memorial service for the Battle of Kingsport, do so. And the members who come together in Murfreesboro for the memorial service at Confederate Circle in Evergreen Cemetery are faithful in honoring the Confederate dead. These events and others like them display the dedication of the members and camps within the Tennessee Division.

As everyone is aware, the SCV was unsuccessful in the fight to keep the Reconciliation Monument in its rightful location in Arlington Cemetery. This proves our enemies respect no boundaries in place, even when it comes to cemeteries. We must be ever watchful of our monuments and memorials, regardless of their location. If at all possible, any future monuments and memorials should be placed on SCV controlled property, whether camp, Division, or National.

I once again wish to encourage you to visit and support the many Southern/Confederate heritage friendly sites in Tennessee. There are many places to learn about our heritage. Just a few are listed which need and appreciate your support.

- Forrest Boyhood Home Chapel Hill, TN
- Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Columbia, TN
- Sam Davis Home Smyrna TN
- Longstreet Museum Russellville, TN
- Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery Chattanooga, TN
- Trimble Flag Park Trimble, TN
- Bleak House Knoxville, TN
- The Lotz House Franklin, TN
- Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery Beech Grove, TN
- John Wiley Templeton Confederate Memorial Cemetery Winchester, TN....and many more.

We must offer our support, financial and otherwise, to these sites which help preserve our heritage. Look for places in your area that support Southern heritage, and let them know you appreciate it.

The 2024 Tennessee Division Reunion is almost upon us. This year's Division Reunion will be held in Columbia, TN at the War Memorial Building on Saturday April 27th. The National Confederate Museum being the site of the Friday night social. This is an election year, so be sure to attend to support these fine men who are running for office. The members of Sam Watkins, Camp 29 have put together a great event. This will be a great time to see old friends, and make new ones.

As I am writing, we are working against an attempt to abolish the Heritage Protection Act on Capitol Hill in Nashville. As of now the bill is set to go before committee. This is when we need our members to step up in contacting their legislators. Information has been provided to our members through brigade commanders and the Tennessee Division Facebook page. I trust that by the time you are reading this, HB1673/SB1756 will have died in committee. Never doubt the power you hold by contacting your legislators.

In the last issue of the Forrest Escort I referenced a communication that I had sent out a message titled, "The Death of the SCV." I will state sagain, if we do not get past our petty, childish differences, our organization is doomed. It's time to suck it up, and move on. We brag about how dedicated we are to our ancestors, prove it. If our ancestors and heritage are truly our main focus, then we have no other choice. If we continue down this path, we will not have an organization to fight for our heritage. And if your thoughts reading this are, "You just don't understand" or "Yeah, but...," then you are part of the problem. We need to search ourselves to see what our focus truly

It is up to us, not someone else, to forward The Charge. We cannot wait on others to stand up for our ancestors. If we do not do so now, who is going to do it and when.

It has been my honor to serve as Commander of the Tennessee Division. I love and appreciate each of you and your dedication to our Southern heritage. This has not been a decision I've taken lightly. I sincerely love this organization and what it stands for. If in the future I can ever be of assistance to you, I will do my best to do so. May God bless each of you as we press forward.

Respectfully,

Joey Nolan, Commander Tennessee Division, SCV



John Blankenship | st Lt_Gommander **Greetings Compatriots,**

As I am writing this report, we are experiencing extremely cold temperatures. This makes me long for Spring and warmer days. In this letter I want to touch on a few things that are important for the future of our organization. I

hope you will take a few of minutes to read them.

Let's be honest, we must grow if we are going to survive and thrive for

future generations. We must work to develop a solid recruitment plan. This recruitment plan must be a part of an overall long range plan. Other organizations develop these so they can remain relevant to their customers/members and to gain new customers/members.

We must continue to improve communication in the Division. This works both ways from the Camp to the Division and from the Division to the Camp. We have a very nice website for the Division and it could be even better utilized by the camps/brigades submitting information to be included on it. We can continue to use email and also use text messaging more. We have many tools available for us to communicate better.

We must continue to educate the general public about what the SCV is. We recently developed the TN Division Confederate Hero Trading Cards. This is another creative recruitment and educational tool. Several years ago, Past Commander Mike Beck produced promotional videos and these were great. We need to revisit this and develop new ones that can be shared on social

media. The Division could also create it's own podcast. These are just a few ideas we can work on. Also, don't forget to setup a booth at every fair and festival that you can. It's important to be visible in your community.

I know we all get tired of hearing about fundraising, but without funds we can not do the things we do. We have begun fundraising for the Forrest Hall Event Center at the Forrest Boyhood Home. We must continue to raise funds for this project and see it completed. It will make the property much more useable with an enclosed space. Don't forget we have the National Confederate Museum in Tennessee. We need to promote it more. It's a great kept secret that doesn't need to be secret.

These are just a few of the things I would like to work on in the Tennessee Division. I believe we have the best Division in the Confederation. Let's continue to work together to make it even better.

With all of that being said, I would be honored to have your support and vote for Tennessee Division Commander at the Division Reunion in April at Columbia, TN. I promise that I will serve the Division with honestly, fairness, and integrity. Most importantly, I will make sure the focus remains on remembering, honoring and defending the Confederate Soldier.

Thank you to each of you for all of the work you do for the SCV and honoring the Confederate Soldier. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you.

If I can be of service to you or your camp, please reach out to me.

God Bless.

John A. Blankenship Lt. Commander, TN Division johnblankenship71@hotmail.com 731-420-1316



Jake Donelson Challenge Coin!



15 dollars each!

Contact Sean Hill to order yours today!







Richard Garcia

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SCV Brothers,

In 2023, I've been fortunate to visit many camps and work with many great compatriots in the Tennessee Division. As we move forward into 2024, please prioritize your SCV Charge to loyally support your camp, brigade, division, and

their respective projects, activities, and events.

TN Division lost several camps last year. The reasons for losing them vary, don't let this set

us back - let's not lose more camps, we must help each other prosper in 2024.

What makes a productive successful camp? Commitment to the Camp's charge! Every great camp not only has a shared vision and a greater purpose but also has compatriots who come from all walks of life and who affirm to the SCV Charge, shared vision, and purpose.

Please commit to giving 100% to your camp. To become a great camp, each compatriot, especially the camp leadership, must commit to giving their all to the camp. This doesn't mean you don't have a family life, work life, or personal life. It means your work effort in your camp demonstrates that you care for the growth and success of your camp. It means that you attend your monthly meeting and be active and contribute in your camp's projects. It means your camp knows they can count on you to do what must be done. It also means that you bring your best effort within you to bring out the best from your camp. To achieve success requires faith and belief in yourself, hard work, dedication, and determination. Everything is possible if we commit ourselves to believe.

With new Commanders and Adjutants at the helm of many camps, everyone in these leadership positions whether you are new or experienced should consider taking the SCV Commander and Adjutant Training course. This course will teach you about the responsibilities of being a successful Camp Commander and Camp Adjutant. This is a two hour online course and is held on a monthly basis. For complete details contact:

Eric Previti, SCV Membership Coordinator: epreviti@scv.org

Another great opportunity to learn about camp organization and leadership is attending the Army of Tennessee Workshop. The workshop will be held at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee this year on May 4, 2024. For contact information and complete details refer to Jimmy Hill, AOT Commander: aotcommander@alscv.org

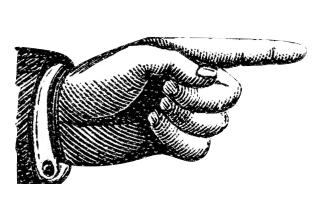
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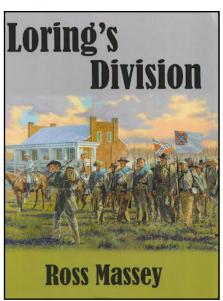
Compatriots, we must be resilient and never surrender to the anti-confederate environment that has surrounded us. We must pledge to ourselves to stay positive. Don't let any negativity sabotage our charge, camps, brigades and division. We have to stay positive together through the tough challenges we face, we have to encourage each other along the way, we have to keep believing together, we have to keep working together in our mission and we must utilize our collective strength to succeed together and greatness will follow.

"Our country demands all our strength, all our energies. To resist the powerful combination now forming against us will require every man at his place. If victorious, we will have everything to hope for in the future. If defeated, nothing will be left for us to live for." -Robert E. Lee

God Bless Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Richard Garcia
2nd Lt. Commander TN Division
SCV National Life Member
TN Division Life Member





First known history of an entire division

Written by Ross Massey

Contact Ross at masseyla@aol.com





Nark Buchanan Heritage Defense

It's time for action!!

A bill has been filed in the 2024 Tennessee General Assembly which would eliminate the Heritage Act from our state law, which would mean a much greater chance of removal of our

memorials. It was filed by a new member of the legislature, a woman from Nashville who calls herself a "community organizer." and while it has only a slight

chance of passage, we need to stop it now. It's House Bill 1673 and is currently in the Public Service Subcommittee. We need it killed in this subcommittee.

The chairman of this subcommittee is Iris Rudder, and the members are Rebecca Alexander, Rick Eldridge, Curtis Johnson, Kelly Kiesling, Dennis Powers, and Vincent Dixie. If any of these are your representatives, please email or call them now, and tell them that our historical memorials are important, and that you want them to vote NO on HB1673. This subcommittee was friendly to us last year, so please do write them a quick, nice note asking for a NO.

Here is the email list for the Public Service subcommittee. Ask the representative to vote against HB1673.

rep.iris.rudder@capitol.tn.gov rep.rebecca.alexander@capitol.tn.gov rep.vincent.dixie@capitol.tn.gov rep.curtis.johnson@capitol.tn.gov rep.kelly.keisling@capitol.tn.gov rep.dennis.powers@capitol.tn.gov

The Federal government has shown that it has no compunction with tearing down monuments and erasing American history, culture and heritage.

In light of the recent events at Arlington, and that the US House passed a bill to remove Confederate monuments and markers at National Parks and Battlefields. Americans need to unite.

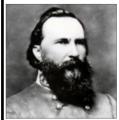
The Sons of Confederate Veterans is not alone in this effort. 44 US Congressmen signed a letter imploring the Army to refrain from taking down the monument in Arlington. Our goal is to contact these politicians and solicit their support. We will build local teams to meet with these congressmen. If you have a working relationship with our Tennessee Congressmen Scott Desjarlais, Andrew Ogles, Chuck Fleishmann and/or John Rose please contact HQ.

Our spokesmen will contact them individually, meet with them and their staff to develop a relationship. We can help them further some of their agenda (assuming they align with our beliefs), while asking them to prevent the removal of our battlefield monuments.

Mark Buchanan **Tennessee Heritage Defense Chairman** 901-570-1413



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.

General Longstreet

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

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Hours of Operation Open to the public April – December Tues. - Sat. 10am - 5pm Sunday by appointment Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children 12 and under

Group Tours arranged by appointment

Donations:

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Mail to: 5915 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy

Russellville, TN 37860



> David C. Daniels Division Genealogist

Men of the Tennessee Division:

As always the recurring subject is recruitment and retention.

People are getting weary of all the monuments being removed and our culture being stricken, and they want to do something. Let's give

them an outlet in the SCV.

Have them join an organization that will fight, but also continue to honor our ancestors.

We can see the

tide turning, somewhat, in what folks are putting up with from the "WOKE" community and we should take this opportunity to turn those that have those sentiments into recruits.

Surely, in a conversation, you have a family member, coworker, or one you worship with, someone that agrees that enough is enough.

Keep a recruiting pamphlet with you and if you have a business card, SCV, or otherwise, give it to them. Make a contact, for you will never know where your next member will come from. For those of you that have recruited in the past, has your recruit renewed? If you recruit, you should adopt that member and his membership, and keep him active and informed.

Let's prepare for the future, "Who's going to fill our shoes?" If not you, WHO? If not now, WHEN?

Again, don't let genealogy be an excuse, send us their lineage information to, tendivgen@yahoo.com, and I am sure we can find them a Confederate connection.

David C. Daniels, Tennessee Division Genealogist SCV National Genealogy Committee



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Ed Butler, former Tennessee Division Commander of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was the keynote speaker at the December meeting for Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville. Mr. Butler gave a presentation on Recruitment for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Wreaths Across Dixie at Bethesda Cemetery in Russellville, TN.

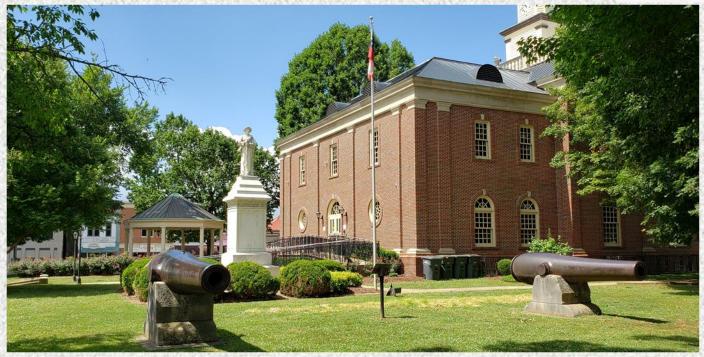


Confederate History Month Commemoration! Saturday, April 13th 2024, 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM



To be held on the historic square downtown
Fayetteville, Tennessee
Hosted by: John R. Massey Camp No. 152
Sons of Confederate Veterans





Our program will be:

11—11:30 Information on local Civil War history and help finding a Confederate ancestor

11:30—12:00 PM Southern songs by Tater and Joe

12:00—12:30 PM Tennessee State Senator Janice Bowling

12:30—1:00 PM Author and Historian Dr. Michael Bradley

1:00 PM—1:30 PM Period music by Mike Dunn

1:30—2:00 PM Wreath laying at the Lincoln County Confederate Monument: The Tennessee OCR Black Rose Society and Confederate reenactors.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information call 615-812-0206 email: thedixieobserver@gmail.com



Our annual Convention is called a Reunion because this is the one time during the year that all Camps across the Tennessee Division have an opportunity to come together and fellowship. Hosting a Reunion is a memorable event and every measure should be taken to make it a success. Our Reunions are scheduled well in advance to give plenty of time for planning the event. If any problems arise the Tennessee Division Commander should be notified immediately. Assistance on hosting a Reunion is available from the Tennessee Division Reunion time and place committee. The following basic guidelines must be followed:

- 1. The Reunion must be held during April, if possible avoid a weekend with Easter Sunday. Set the date well over a year in advance for planning and reservations.
- 2. There must be a Reunion program, name-tag and lanyard for each member and guest, and a commemorative item (Medal, pin, etc.) Have a ditty bag for each registered member to place these items in.
- 3. Registration forms, schedule, hotels and any additional information must be available at the Reunion prior to hosting a Reunion. These forms must be sent to the Tennessee Division webmaster and Facebook administrator one year prior to the Reunion. All forms must be sent to the Forrest's Escort newsletter editor for the annual printed edition.
 - 4. Compile a list of local area Hotel accommodations with a host hotel. Try to negotiate a special Reunion rate.
- 5. Meeting facilities must be large enough to hold 200 members and guests with tables. Have a head table for Officers and a podium. If possible hold the entire Reunion at the same site. Have audio/visual equipment available, do a sound check the day before the business session to be sure it is working.
 - 6. Friday night meet and greet social event.
 - 7. Saturday Business session with an opening ceremony, invite local dignitaries to attend.
 - 8. Saturday luncheon with a historical program and or a local historical tour after the luncheon.
- A Saturday evening banquet with the awards ceremony. For the banquet each table should have a centerpiece. A guest speaker or music will make for a good evening.
 - 10. A report must be given to the DEC on Reunion plans one year prior to the Reunion taking place and at every DEC meeting prior to the Reunion taking place.

Optional items to consider:

-Ladies tour during the Saturday business session. -Meeting room for a TN OCR Division meeting.

Financial considerations: A Reunion takes a considerable amount of funds to fulfill all the duties of being the host Camp. Set the registration cost where the program, commemorative item, name tags, event facilities and other Reunion related items are covered. All SCV members must pay the registration fee. Be sure the luncheon and banquet prices cover your costs. Selling ads and ancestor memorials for the program could pay for the cost of printing. With the amount of time given for planning, your Camp should be able to make a profit off the Reunion.



Proposed Constitutional Amendment -2024

To amend the Division Constitution to add the office of Brigade Lieutenant Commander as an authorized brigade officer. This officer would represent the brigade in the absence of the brigade commander.

<u>REASONING</u>: the Brigade Commander (BC) represents up to several hundred members and if for some reason the Brigade Commander cannot attend a DEC meeting then currently those hundreds of men have no voice or no vote. This amendment provides for a brigade lieutenant commander to represent the brigade and cast any vote that may arise thus including the brigade and its members in Division issues and administration.

In addition, the Brigade Lieutenant Commander could also officially fill in for the Brigade Commander at brigade functions if the brigade commander is not available, and if thus requested by the BC.

This Brigade Lt. Commander position would be an authorized office but is optional for each brigade.

This position is also potentially important for attendance and quorum determination at DEC meetings. Sometimes it is impossible for the BC to attend, understandably, due to work, family, illness, prior commitments, etc. and a DEC quorum is therefore in jeopardy if several Brigade commanders cannot attend. Having an additional duly-authorized representative for the BC would alleviate this.

To amend Article IV — STATE ORGANIZATION, Section 2, to add that a Brigade and the camps thereof may optionally also elect a Brigade Lieutenant Commander to support the Brigade Commander. This Brigade Lieutenant Commander shall be elected in the same manner as the Brigade Commander.

In all subsequent Articles, such as V —OFFICERS, Section 4, and VI — DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 6, the term "Brigade Commander" will likewise confer the same duties/requirements, etc, interchangeably upon the Brigade Lieutenant Commander if the Brigade Commander is not available.

The Articles / Sections shall be amended with these modifications:

Article IV — STATE ORGANIZATION

Section 2 — The Tennessee Division shall be divided into Brigades. The Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the Division Convention by a majority vote of the delegates of the Camps within their respective Brigades. A Brigade and the camps thereof may also elect a Brigade Lieutenant Commander to support the Brigade Commander. The Brigade Lieutenant Commander shall be elected in the same manner as the Brigade Commander, and hereinafter all references to the Brigade Commander will likewise confer the same duties/requirements, etc upon the Brigade Lieutenant Commander as shall be applicable to the Brigade Commander and will represent the Brigade in the absence of the Brigade Commander, if thus requested by the Brigade Commander.



2024 Tennessee Division Reunion April 26 & 27, 2024 Columbia, Tennessee Hosted by: Samuel R. Watkins Camp 29

The 2024 Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion will be held April 26 & 27, 2024 at the Southern Heritage Center located in Columbia, Tennessee. The reunion will be hosted by the Samuel R. Watkins Camp 29.

It will begin on Friday night April 26th with a welcome at Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. Light refreshments will be provided and the home and museum will be open for tours Friday evening until 8 PM. The business session will be on Saturday April 27th at the Memorial Building 2 blocks from the square in Columbia, TN and across from the President James K. Polk Home.

We are doing some details of this reunion a little different to control cost and better provide what members request. The registration fee is only \$25 and only includes the program and Saturday Awards Luncheon. The decision was made to move the awards program to the luncheon so more of our members will have an opportunity to attend the awards program. The decision to NOT have the medal as part of the registration fee is because several members said they do not want the medal and generally throw them or give them away. However, a special 2024 Tennessee Division Reunion Medals will be available for order and purchase.

The Ladies' Tour will be going to a few places in town including President James K. Polk Home and the Athenaeum. Details are continuing to be finalized for the ladies tour.

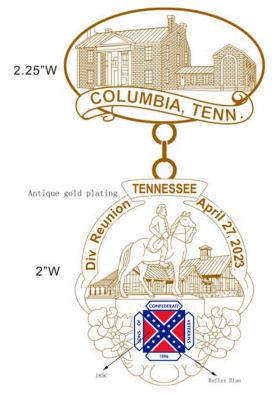
The deadline to guarantee the medal, tours, banquet and additional reunion program is March 30th. After March 30th it will be available first come first serve and as available.

Updates will be available on Facebook, srw29.com and tennesseescv.org.

Accommodations:

<u>Closest to the Southern Heritage Center</u> Richland Inn 931-381-4500 <u>www.richlandinncolumbia.com</u> Baymont by Wyndham 931-548-4246

I-65 Exit 46 Super 8 931-548-1359 Candlewood Suites 931-398-1045 Quality Inn 931-223-8475 Red Roof Inn 931-381-1410 Comfort Suites 931-548-8600 Hampton Inn 931-540-1222 Holiday Inn Express 931-380-2025 Sleep Inn and Suites 931-548-2900





2024 Tennessee Division Reunion April 26 & 27, 2024

Columbia, Tennessee

Hosted by: Samuel R. Watkins Camp 29

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Please make all checks payable to: Sam Watkins Camp 29 and mail to

Jason Boshers

405 North Main

Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474



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Ad Program

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The Sam Watkins Camp will be preparing a program for the event and we are selling ads for the program. We are expecting approximately 100 families to visit for the weekend with tours of the President James K. Polk Home and the Athenaeum. Rooms will be booked in town and at Exit 46 off of I-65.

The back cover is \$200

Inside back cover is \$150

Inside front cover is \$150

Full page ad is \$100

Half page ad is \$50

Quarter page ad is \$25

For questions, contact Jason Boshers at 931-698-7393 or jasonboshers@charter.net.



2024 Tennessee Division Reunion April 26 & 27, 2024 Columbia, Tennessee

Hosted by: Samuel R. Watkins Camp 29

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Southern Heritage Festival

Gavalry, Infantry, Artillery

Historical Speakers

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Food and Gold Drinks

Saturday

June 15, 2024

9:00 an - 4:00 pm

A Fundraiser for the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home











Fellow Compatriots,

Let me start by thanking Commander Jimmy Hill for his untiring devotion and dedication to the Army of Tennessee over the past two years. He has traveled many hours and many miles to be supportive of division and camp events. I appreciate his many hours of service and support to national programs and especially for his wonderful work on improving our National Confederate Museum. Job well done my friend!

My announcement for Army of Tennessee Commander, and the continued publishing of that announcement over the past few months in The Sentinel, you hopefully learned something about me personally and some of my basic goals for this position. I want to spend the remainder of this article diving deeper into my goals and the continuing strengthening of our organization and our Army of Tennessee.

I have traveled to many camps over the years making presentations and trying to be of encouragement to each camp I visit. I have seen how many of our camps struggle for their very existence and unfortunately some do not survive. Many of our camps are strong and active, but many others find themselves in difficult positions. I believe we all understand that the camp level of our organization is our life blood. Our national organization depends on our camps to provide the strength, energy, and support that is needed for us to be a viable and thriving movement for change.

If selected to become your Army of Tennessee Commander, I intend to focus my energy on strengthening, communicating, and supporting our great camps throughout the Army. I will work with division commanders, and their command staff to establish strong lines of communication to provide every member with the opportunity of service. A vital piece of this process will be an all-important follow-through to ensure our efforts are being effective, and that camps are given every advantage.



As an organization, we are provided with many worthwhile national programs that I personally support, but my concern is that we do not provide our camps with the assistance, training, encouragement and support they need to thrive. I became a candidate for this office because I believe a greater emphasis and concentration needs to be placed on our camps from all levels. This process begins with strong and consistent support from the national level to strengthen our camps. We must provide specific guidelines and information to camps as to how they can begin and implement various programs that are offered, and to insure they are aware of these opportunities. We must understand their needs and provide ideas and programs to help them succeed.

This emphasis on the camp must start at the top but it also must travel efficiently and effectively through the organization to the camp level where the help is so badly needed. I talk to camps that do not even know who their brigade commander is and have certainly never seen him. I talk to camps that are not aware of various programs available to them. I talk to camps who are not aware of the great publications provided by men such as Commander Jimmy Hill and others because the intended targeted member often does not receive the information because of a breakdown in the system. We need follow-through and accountability to ensure that our people are receiving this valuable support.

I have talked to camps who have asked me very basic questions such as how our organization is structured, and how does it work. Many of our members know nothing about the organization above their individual camp. This is something that can be initiated at the national level as well as division level for our membership. How can we expect our folks to become involved and remain members when they are not even secure in the organization they have joined? We need to get back to the basics and train our members, so they have a clearer understanding of who we are as an organization.

Unfortunately, I am seeing a trend in our organization of our members not being desirous of leadership roles. No organization can survive without good people willing to step up to fill such positions. We are losing entire camps because no one is willing to accept leadership and these camps unfortunately end up folding. I believe one possible solution to this is a matter of constant encouragement, education, and training to get our members to a comfortable level of knowledge and ready to accept critical command positions.

For the past few years, we have had a downward trend in membership. We must ask ourselves why is this happening? Our purpose is a noble one, and considering what is going on in our country today, we should not be losing people but rather gaining members daily. Unfortunately, instead I see our camps struggling to recruit and retain their members. We need to seriously concentrate and focus on the needs of our members. At various levels we need to visit our camps to provide encouragement and support for their activities.

Sometimes I think we are so busy focusing on our many national programs that the importance of our members and camps get lost in the shuffle. We cannot, and should not, ignore our camps' serious and critical needs. As an organization, at every level, we must do everything we can to help our camps prosper and grow.

I would greatly appreciate your support and your camp vote at the upcoming National Reunion in July as your next Army of Tennessee Commander as we work together to strengthen our great organization.

Tom Wood Commander, General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 Tennessee Division Adjutant



Compatriots,

I hope each of you are doing well and enjoying your summer. I would like to introduce myself or reintroduce myself to you. My name is John Blankenship and I am currently serving as Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division.

I was born and raised in Humboldt, Tennessee. I attended the local schools. I am married to Kasey and we have one son, Colton. Kasey works as a legal assistant at an area law firm and Colton is starting high school.

Professionally, I spent almost 19 years in radio broadcasting full time. In 2021, I accepted the position of Director at the Humboldt Public Library. I still work with a local radio station in the area part time. I have also been the curator of the local Humboldt History Museum.

In 2012, I helped organize the Humboldt Historical Society and have served as President since that time. This organization has taken on many projects to share our local community's history and heritage. We have held home tours, cemetery walks, placed historic markers, etc.

In 2018, I was appointed as the official Gibson County Historian and currently serve in this role.

In 2022, I ran for County Commissioner in District #4 and was elected to that position to serve for four years.

This position gives me a great opportunity to serve my community. I have also gained knowledge of and assisting with a multi-million dollar budget.



I began my membership with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2012. I joined the Otho F. Strahl Camp 176 in Union City. In 2013, then Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander, Bill Foster, asked me to reorganize the John B. Ingram SCV Camp in Jackson, TN. We later moved this camp to Humboldt and reorganized the old Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209. A couple of years later, Mr. Foster had to resign due to health reasons and asked me to be his replacement to serve as Brigade Commander. I served in that position until being elected 2nd Lt. Commander in 2020. I was elected as your Lt. Commander at the April 2022 Tennessee Division Reunion. I have been a member of the National Disciplinary Committee. I am also a Life Member of the SCV and the SCVMC. I have attended many SCV meetings, from the local camp level to the national level.

I have told you a lot about me, not to lift me up on a pedestal, but to show you my heart and willingness to serve. It has been an honor to be a member of the Tennessee Division and the Executive Council for several years. I have had the opportunity to sit under many fine men who have taught me so much about this organization. The mentorship of these individuals has been invaluable. I feel I have the experience, knowledge, the heart, passion and the fight to serve the SCV in the years to come.

We must not slow down in advancing the Charge that has been given to us by the Confederate Veterans themselves. We must continue to carry the banner high to make sure the next generation learns of the sacrifice and heroism of the Southern Soldier.

We will have many battles ahead to protect our history. We must work to increase our membership. There is power in numbers. We must find ways to get more young people in the SCV, using technology as a center point. We also have much work to do in retaining our current members. This will take better communication to our membership.

This Division is in good financial shape but we must not take this for granted. We must continue to work with our legislators to protect our TN SCV license plates. It is our financial lifeblood. It will take each of us working together to accomplish these things.

Much thought and prayer has gone into this decision. I would be honored to serve as the next Commander of the Tennessee Division. I humbly ask for your consideration, support, and vote at the Tennessee Division Reunion at Columbia in April 2024. I can promise you one thing, I will continue to give me best for you, our organization and most importantly, our Confederate Ancestors.

In Your Service.

John A. Blankenship Lt. Commander, TN Division Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209 johnblankenship71@hotmail.com 731-420-1316



Fellow Compatriots,

SCV continues in a war that none of us can afford to lose in any way, shape, or form for the future of southern heritage and the preservation of our historical monuments. It is a battle that we can win honorably, and it is a fight that every male with confederate ancestry should join. We must all make membership a high priority.

During the past several years, I have been truly honored that I stood proudly shoulder to shoulder with many compatriots from East, Middle, and West Tennessee during camp meetings, parades, recruitment efforts, fundraisers, reenactments, museum events, memorial services, and school living history days. I applaud every compatriot for their SCV and Confederate work ethic, and I firmly believe the success of this division is the continuity of our sweat equity to elevate and preserve the history and legacy of the Confederate soldier.

Our knowledge of history is an important and powerful weapon that we as compatriots have in our holster to use in every opportunity that arises. I am very passionate about confederate education and speaking on Confederate history. I have conducted educational programs at SCV camps in the Tennessee, Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi Divisions, as well as at historical societies and high schools.

With prayers and faith in God, I respectfully ask for your consideration to support my candidacy to become the next Tennessee Division 1st Lt. Commander.

My family left Texas in search of work in the early 60's and moved to Reedley, California, the "The World's Fruit

Basket." I graduated from California State University in Fresno in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business. I am a Life Member of the National Alpha

Gamma Rho social-professional Agricultural fraternity and past Mentor for the TN Achieves/Tennessee Promise college scholarship programs in Davidson County.

I wanted to live in the South and experience a different way of life from what I was accustomed to. My decision was nurtured by my interest in southern history. In a one-way solo trip, I left California in 1986 driving my El Camino to start a new chapter of my life and to begin my career with the federal government in Florida. My career path continued toward North Carolina, and I finally settled in Tennessee in 2012. I am proud to say that my three adult daughters and infant granddaughter were born in the former Confederate States of America! I am married to Tamathy, who is TNSOCR Middle Tennessee Vice-President and Chaplain of Aunt Polly's Highland Roses OCR Chapter 10. She is a member of the Murfreesboro UDC Chapter 91, joining under her great-great grandfather, Private Andrew Jackson Turner, 10/11th Tennessee Cavalry. With 37 years of federal service, I retired from the U. S. Food & Drug Administration in 2022 as Supervisory Investigator stationed at the Nashville district office where I provided leadership and management oversight to staff and field operations in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

In 2018, I was sworn into General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723, under my great-great grandfather Private Andres Rodriguez, 8th Texas Infantry, Company C. I eventually moved to Gainesboro, where I was elected as Commander of the Gainesboro Invincibles Camp #1685. I am an SCV Life Member, TN Division Life Member, and Nathan Bedford 200 Society member. I also belong to Friends of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs and Friends of the Forrest Boyhood Home. I currently serve as TN Division 2nd Lt. Commander and Camp Commander of the Gainesboro Invincibles #1685. I completed SCV National Commander/Adjutant training, attended Army of Tennessee instructional workshops, and currently serve on the TN Division Confederate Heroes Card Project Committee. I am a Past Tennessee Division Education Chairman, Past acting H. L. Hunley Brigade Commander, and Past Highland Brigade Adjutant. I am a member of the SCVMC, C.E.R.T (Confederate Emergency Response Team) certified, Sam Davis Memorial Association Director, and a reenactor with the 38th Mississippi Infantry re-enactment group.

If I am elected, my immediate goals are to closely support the Tennessee Division Commander's Charge, the DEC staff, and the responsibilities and tasks assigned to the position. My objectives also are to promote the first line of defense, the "true grit" of SCV... our camps; continue our strong efforts in heritage defense/monument protection; SCV membership; and champion the expansion of the General William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award to high schools. Our adversaries who attack the SCV make distorted assumptions of us stating we are not a heritage organization. They use their own contemptuous agenda to corrode the depiction of the confederate soldier and remove all recognition of the Confederacy. Confederate history and heritage preservation will be upheld in Tennessee, by you and me, in rural towns, in cities, in the courts, in the city councils, and in the state legislatures. We are the gatekeepers of our Southern Heritage!

With that said, I am a steadfast believer in the Southern Cause and will never waiver from the Charge presented to us by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee. I will do whatever I can for the Tennessee Division and follow the successful "bootprints' left by my predecessors. I am truly honored that you all are my fellow compatriots and that I have the prospect of serving the Tennessee Division. Therefore, I am humbly asking for your consideration and support to serve as 1st Lt. Commander of Tennessee Division.

God Bless Tennessee!

Richard Garcia TN Division 2nd Lt. Commander Commander, Gainesboro Invincibles #1685 615-906-2811 RLG1029@icloud.com



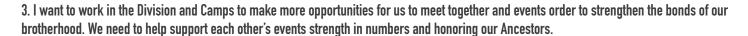
Greetings Compatriots,

I am officially announcing my candidacy for the office of 2nd Lt. Commander for the Tennessee Division SCV. This election is to be held at the 2024 Reunion in Columbia TN.

The question many candidates are often asked is "Why are you running for this office?" The short answer is that I feel, at this crucial time my experience and knowledge can best be utilized on the Division Executive Council (DEC) as 2nd Lt. Commander.

As Division 2nd Lt. Commander, here are some of the items on my agenda:

- 1. First and foremost is to serve the membership. I would be your voice on the DEC and source of information. I truly believe our officer's main jobs are communication and organizational use of resources.
- 2. We need to continue to modernize our communication and the ways in which we deliver our message. Communication is key in getting participation in our events.



4. Help Camps recruit and retain members. We must continue to recruit and replace our lost membership. We are an aging Organization we must attract new members. We have opportunities in our organization to put members in activities they enjoy as I tell my members we have something that will fit most anyone.

My experience in the SCV includes: Camp Program Director, Camp Lt. Commander, Camp Commander, Starnes Brigade Adjutant, and Starnes Brigade Commander. I have served on several committees and currently serve on TN Division Education, Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming and Division Reunion Committee. I am currently also a member of the Division Speakers Bureau. I am active with the CERT program and participate in Color Guard.

I cherish the many friendships I have made in the SCV, I truly call y'all Brothers. I appreciate any support for this endeavor as we fight together.

Deo Vindice.

Sean Hill Starnes BGE Commander Marshall Rangers Camp 297



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Brigade Reports



Glarence Farmer Tighland Brigade The Capt. Champ Ferguson Camp 2014 is excited about 2024.

New officers are Commander Jack Looper, 1st. Lt. Kevin Phillips, 2nd Lt. Steven Jordan (a new member),

Adujant Michael Parker, and Chaplain Stephen Parker.

On Dec. 2, the camp marched in the Monterey Christmas Parade. in as the newest member

New Member Steven Jordan was sworn in as the newest member

of the Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014, Sons of Confederate Veterans. His ancestor George Washington Jordan was assistant surgeon in the 59th Mounted Infantry (Cook's) during the Civil War. Pictured from left, chaplain Stephen Parker, commander Greg Ray and Jordan.



The Sgt William A Hamby Camp # 1750, Crossville, TN. had some

excellent speakers in 2023 & will have more in 2024. Over 40 camp members, family, & friends attended our Annual Christmas Banquet in



December.

The camp meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the white activity building behind the Old Fashion Independent Baptist Church located at 250 Tenth Street.

On 22 October 2023, the Dillard-Judd camp was asked to Officiate over the re-interment of Confederate Pvt. Andrew Halfacre & his wife, Rhoda Anderson

Halfacre, by
descendant &
Compatriot Mike
Davis. Many
helped in the
service,
Carthage UDC,
Rear Guard,
numerous
Camps of the
Highland



Brigade, Phillips Artillery from Overton County, & reenactors of Co. A, 3rd TN Infantry were riflemen on the Honor Guard. The family thanks everyone who attended & helped on that beautiful day.

The Sparta camp meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the white county public library. Emanual England is the Commander.

The Livingston camp meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at the American legion quanza hut. Camp commander is Bill Heard

The Baxter camp meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at JD's man cave. The camp commander is JD Burgess.

The Spencer camp meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Burritt college building in Spencer. Camp commander is Clarence Farmer.

The Jamestown camp meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the hometown cafe. In Jamestown. The camp commander is Jimmy Vincent.



Kyle Stewart Longstreet's Brigade The Longstreet Brigade has been active again this quarter! Bradford Rose #1638 continues to host and use their creativity in both raising funds for the Longstreet Museum and interacting with the community. They certainly are leading the charge with their activities, events, and focus!

A pic of a really cool tshirt they are selling is attached! Longstreet-Zollicoffer #87 participated in the Seymour parade, Toys for Tots, area Festivals, and presented an award to State Senator Frank Niceley. Both camps had great camp Christmas parties!





Bruce Gibson McGlemore's Brigade









On Saturday, January 13, the McLemore and Starnes
Brigades held their second annual joint Lee-Jackson
Banquet. This year, thirty-eight attendees gathered at the Historic Sam Davis Home and Museum to celebrate the

generals' birthdays.
During the post-dinner
ceremony, McLemore
Brigade Commander
Bruce Gibson presented

Nancy Wood with the Army of Tennessee Ladies'
Appreciation Award. The night's speaker was
Tennessee Division Adjutant
Tom Wood, who presented what many attendees said was the best speech on generals Lee and Jackson they have heard. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Sam Davis Home.

Murfreesboro Camp No. 33 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, 225 W College St, Murfreesboro. TN.

The Camp conducted two successful turkey shoots in October and December.

On Sunday, December 31, the Camp held its annual memorial service commemorating the 161st anniversary of the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River.) The First National flag holding vigil over Evergreen Cemetery's Confederate Circle was replaced amid a three-volley salute and the laying of wreaths and roses.

General Robert General Robert H. Hatton Camp No. 723 meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at Jimmy Floyd Community Ctr., 511 N. Castle Heights Ave, Lebanon. TN.

The General Robert H.
Hatton Camp has enjoyed
another very successful year.
The Hatton Camp has added 6
new members since the fall,
for a total of 11 for the year.
We continued our good public
relations with two articles
published in the local papers
as well as pictures of
receiving The Army of
Tennessee's "Superior Camp"
Award at the National
Reunion

The camp initiated a fund-raising campaign to assist in paying off our national museum. Over \$1,000 has been raised so far, with a few months to go.

The camp held a workday at the Battle of Hartsville Battlefield in October. A Celebration of Life was conducted for General Hatton at Cedar Grove Cemetery in November. The camp participated in the Lebanon Veterans Day Parade.



Three successful turkey

shoots were conducted. A record crowd of over 60 people attended the annual camp Christmas party. The successful annual Toys-for-Tots campaign was concluded at the Christmas party and provided to the organization.

The camp participated in the placing of wreaths at Confederate Veterans gravesites in December.

Sam Davis Camp No. 1293 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Oglesby Community Center, next door to Woodson Chapel Church of Christ in Brentwood.

On Sunday, November 26, members of the Camp led the annual Winstead Hill March honoring the route taken by the Army of Tennessee on that deadly afternoon of November 30, 1864.

The first weekend of December, the Camp had a booth at the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show in Franklin to help recruit and hand out Confederate information.

Capt. Ed D. Baxter No. 2034 meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Fairview Community Center, 2714 Fairview Blvd W, Fairview.







Members of the SCV
Jim Davis Camp 1425
participated in the
Lafayette and Red Boiling
Springs Christmas
Parades. Our float won 2nd
place in the Lafayette
parade.

Savage-Goodner Camp No. 1513 meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Dekalb County Community Complex, 712 S Congress Blvd., Smithville.

Savage-Goodner continues with its cemetery program. The sign below will be placed in Mt Zion Cemetery near Temperance Hall on April 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm. This marker details the Confederate service of three soldiers buried there. One of these soldiers,

Thomas Ford of the 2nd Tennessee Cavalry, was killed in a nearby skirmish and buried here by his comrades.

The Gainesboro Invincibles Camp No. 1685 continues with its monthly speaker series and meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Bridge Church, 110 West Hull Street, Gainesboro, TN. Everyone is welcome to a home-cooked meal starting at 6 pm; the meeting will follow immediately at 7 pm.

The camp participated in the Franklin Death March.

The camp participated in the Battle of Murfreesboro Memorial service.

The speakers for 2024 are:

January: Tamathy Garcia: Gainesboro in the news 1862–1865.

<u>February:</u> Scott Hunt: Knights of the Golden Circle. <u>March:</u> Claudia Chapman, Women of the Confederacy.

<u>April:</u> Clark Matthews, Champ Ferguson. <u>May</u>: Alan Radar: To be announced

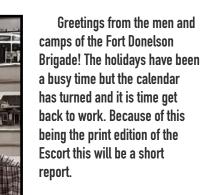
June: Mike Dunn, Revivals in the Southern Army.

July: National reunion, No meeting.

August: Steve Higgs, Confederate Sniper Jack Hinson.

<u>September</u>: To be announced. October: To be announced.

November: Mike Dunn, Music of the Confederacy.





First, the Isham G. Harris Camp 109 at Paris recently hosted their first Lee-Jackson Dinner. They

are also planning toward the Battle of Paris Commemoration coming up in March. This camp meets on the third Tuesday, 7 pm at Uncle Billy's Eatery in downtown Paris.

The Frank P. Gracey Camp 225 at Clarksville continues to have their monthly meetings and informative programs. Theirs is a great example of camp members stepping up to provide a program when outside speakers are not always available. The camp meets the second Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Paul & Jackie's Diner on Zinc Plant road in Clarksville.

The Fort Donelson Camp 249 at Dover will provide an active part in assisting the Park with upcoming events surrounding the February anniversary of the Battle of Fort Donelson. Camp meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday, 7pm at the Stewart County Public Library in Dover.

The Captain Wm. H. McCauley Camp 260 at Dickson is busy organizing their School Days Living History and cookout coming up on May 10, 2024. Camp Meetings are held the fourth Saturday each month at Noon at the Saint Paul Church building which is owned and maintained by the camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Settle Brigade Commander



May 4, 2024,

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee. There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

Register early to guarantee your spot!

Registration is \$15 which includes lunch. Pre-register by March 15th for lunch.

After March 15th, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included).

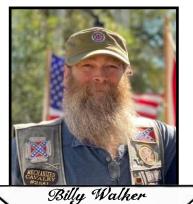
All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training)), AoT Councilman Carl Jones (Building a better camp), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community Involvement) and others (subject to change)

The annual Pilgrimage will be going on at Elm Springs as well. We will take a break from the workshop to attend the main event at the pilgrimage and then will return to the conference center for lunch and then continue the workshop agenda. We hope to have a free tour of the museum or house as part of the registration.

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	13476 Wendy Madison, AL		

Registrations after March 15th are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.



Billy Walker Mountain Brigade Hello to all my Southern Compatriots,

It's been a busy time in the Mountain Brigade with alot being planned for the future. All of the camps in the brigade are reaching out every chance to

gain new members.

Rumors have it that some folks in Southeast Tennessee are working on a couple of new camps for 2024, More to come! We are

looking forward to alot of great things coming from the camps out of Southeast Tennessee in the near future!

In November, Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan spoke to the camp. He commended Camp 3 for their hard work over the years, and the importance of standing up for our heritage.

Camp 3 participated once again in the Wreaths Across America program at the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. What a beautiful site to see these wreaths placed on the graves of our honored dead.

N.B. Forrest Camp #3 in Chattanooga TN

Camp Commander---- Nick Norwood, cmdrnbforrestchatt@gmail.com

Camp Adj.----- Donnie Ashley, nbforrestchatt@gmail.com

Meeting Day, 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Camp 386 swore in a new member, and honored one of our youngest members with a special award.

Johnny Parson was sworn in as our newest member under the service of the following ancestor. Private William P. Murphy, 30th Georgia Infantry, Company H. (Second cousin, four times removed.)

Xander Lee Braden was presented with the Commendation Medal and certificate by Camp 386, the Tennessee Division, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. While on vacation in Pigeon Forge, his grandfather, Randy Braden, Lt. Commander of Camp 386, had a heart attack in their hotel room. Xander, along with his grandmother performed CPR on Randy. This allowed time for emergency personnel to arrive, with Randy then being flown to the hospital in Knoxville. TN.

Street's Auto Parts, a local business, also presented Xander with a certificate of appreciation.







It is good to have young men like him and others as members of the SCV.

Camp 386 held its annual Christmas party in December. Along with members of the camp and their families, we were honored to have Mountain Brigade Commander Billy Walker and Tennessee Division 2nd Lt. Commander Richard Garcia with us. We had a great time celebrating this joyful time of the year with SCV family.

Cumberland Mountain Rifles Camp #386
Camp Commander---- Buck Parson, rebelbuck386@yahoo.com
Camp Adj.----- Joey Nolan, scvproud@gmail.com
Meeting Day, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
Meeting Location, 51 Depot Street, Tracy City, TN 37387

Wheeler-Long Camp #709 in Dunlap Tennessee
Camp Commander----Vic Holmes, gotomanvick@gmail.com
Camp Adj.———
Meeting Day, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm
Meeting Location, Dunlap Coke Ovens Museum, Dunlap TN

2nd Lt William Moore Bain Camp #2333 in Ocoee TN
Camp Commander---- Glen(Ricky)Lankford, rickylankford92@gmail.com
Camp Adj.----- Shawn Pritchett, shawnpritchett@outlook.com
Meeting Day, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm
Meeting Place, Shiloh Baptist Church, Hwy 64, Ocoee, TN

13th Tennessee Cavalry Camp #2304
Camp Commander---- Norman "CN" Angel
Camp Adj. ------ C.J. Angel
Meeting Day, 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm
Meeting location, City Hall, Pikeville, TN

Thank you and God Bless Dixie!

Respectfully yours,

Billy Walker Mountain Brigade Commander mtnbrigcommander@qmail.com



Jason Boshers Sam Watkins' Brigade

The Brigade has 7 camps and camps have been meeting or hosting events.

Report from Rawdon– Spears Camp 2113 Commander Spike Sears: Rawdon – Spears Camp 2113 is back up to 39 men

with a few more pending.

We are still pushing forward to raise money by brick sales and donations to get the stone laid around the flag poles in

Summertown Memorial Park (Photos on SMP Facebook Page). The bricks are \$50 are allow three lines with a maximum of thirteen letters per line. We will be starting the Summertown Springs Cleaning and Restoration project again in the upcoming Months. Clearing brush, placing a grill and rebuilding flower beds by the Civil War Trails Marker. We have started a Relic Recovery CORP along with Our Camp SCV/SCVMC Chaplains CORP. We are waiting on 3 CSA markers to be finished to take to a small cemetery and be set and finish the cleanup of that Cemetery in the coming months. We have been cleaning stones and going back for the next treatments over the coming months with more stones listed to be visited. Lots more has been found out about the Troop movements here around Summertown with more leads popping up due to the Relic Recovery Corp and being seen out and about. I am Proud of these men who have come to and through this Camp

that have taken what I could give them in knowledge and added to the studies they have done and carried The Charge onward.



Report from Sam Watkins Camp 29 Commander Keith Johnson Camp #29 is developing our 2024 fund raising efforts so that we can continue, and even increase, our support of Historic Elm Springs, support of local cemeteries that have Confederates buried there as well as the purchase of headstones for soldiers that may not have one. We already have two major events planned. The first one involves the camp providing concessions at the SCV Headquarters' July, for the Rebel Rouser Cruise –In. This is an informal car show where owners bring their vehicles to show them and to visit with one another. There are no entry fees or prizes awarded. We have had great attendance for the last two years and the date this year is July 27, 2024, at the SCV Headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee. The second event involves Camp #29 hosting a full-blown car show. We received permission to use the same name, Rebel Rouser, and the date of

October 12, 2024, has been set. As already stated, this will be a full-blown show with sponsors, entry fees and prizes for cars, trucks and motorcycles. The camp will also provide concessions during the event. Fundraising is already underway and anyone wishing to support these activities, or waning to know more about the Cruise-In in July or the Car Show in October, are free to call Darren Bobo at (931) 698-3328. The Sam Watkins Camp 29 supported the Christmas Home Tour at Elm Springs. The camp will be hosting the Stephen D Lee Institute on February 16th and 17th in Columbia and will host the Tennessee Division Reunion on April 26th and 27th also in Columbia.

The Major Nathaniel Cheairs Camp 2138 has been busy with the city cemetery in Spring Hill keeping the cemetery cleaned up, hosting a cemetery walk and cleaning stones.

The Colonel George H Nixon Camp 214 has been busy planning some upcoming events.

With spring coming and April being Confederate History Month, many activities are being planned by every camp.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Boshers Sam Watkins Brigade Commander







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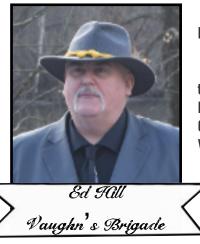
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Greetings from Vaughn's Brigade,

I hope all our Compatriots throughout the Tennessee Division had a safe and merry Christmas and New Year's. Vaughns Brigade has been

busy throughout the last quarter and through the holidays. We are gearing up for the new year ahead, with several events and projects in the works.

The James Keeling Camp #52 was again able to hold their annual Ghost walk at East Hill Cemetery in October with about 250 guests attending.

The Camp also was able to help the Impact Community Center with their annual Trick or Treat held in their parking lot with about 200 kids attending.

In November, the camp was able to march in the Bristol Veterans Day parade.

The Camp also attended two meetings of the Bristol City Council meetings in response to an attempt to move the Bristol Confederate Monument. Hopefully this has been put to rest for now, but we also are keeping an eye out for other attempts to have it moved.



A few members were able in December to help with Brian Greene and the Tennessee SCV Honor Guard at a funeral for a Past Commander from Kentucky in New Tazewell, Tennessee. Camp members were also able to attend and help with the Honor Guard at the Battle of Kingsport on December the 16th.

Camp #52 also continued to support The Impact Community Center food drive and supplied them with enough boxes of crackers to give each family (125) one box with each food box supplied to them.

The annual Camp Christmas meeting and snack dinner was held on

December 18th and also welcomed our newest member Eli Hogan Tate.

Camp #52 meets on the 3rd Monday at the ICC 1717 Bristol Caverns Hwy Bristol at 7pm.

The Colonel John Singleton Mosby Camp had a good fourth quarter of 2023. The October and November meetings were held at Randall's there was not a December meeting due to the holidays.



The guest speakers were;
Angela Miller — Women of the Confederacy
Linda Turner — Confederate Christmas —
Southern Traditions

The camp worked to finalize the plan for constructing a fence around Barrett Cemetery. The camp previously cleared overgrown brush and repaired several headstones. There are several Confederate soldiers buried in

the cemetery.

The camp
continues to
pursue becoming
part of the AdoptA-Highway
program by
adopting a portion
of Netherland Inn
Road between the
Battle of Kingsport
Civil War
Monument and
Netherland Inn.

The camp hosted the 159th Commemoration of the Battle of

Kingsport. Kingsport's Vice Mayor Collette George, Tennessee SCV Division Commander Joey Nolan, historical reenactors, and a Civil War-era cannon were present for the event.

Camp #1409 meets on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30pm at Randalls Restaurant 120 Old Union Rd Church Hill.

The Lt. Robert D Powell camp 1817 had our annual Christmas dinner at Pardner's Barbecue in December.
Commander Tipton spoke about Confederate Christmas traditions as well as some military actions that took place on Christmas Day. Lt. Commander Dave Roberts provided a reading about Christmas at the Confederate White House in 1864. We ended the evening with a candlelight service to honor the memory of each member's ancestor. Our next meeting

each member's ancestor. Our next meeting will be February 19th at 7pm in the

community room behind the Old Deery Inn in Blountville.

Camp #1817 meets on the $3^{\rm rd}$ Monday at the Deery Inn Museum 3425 SR-126 Blountville at 7pm.











The Lt. Tipton camp added another new member, James Sage. We also had our Christmas dinner at Golden Corral on the 15th of December. The monument for **Confederate Senator Landon** Carter Haynes has been placed and we are going to discuss the dedication ceremony for it, at our meeting on January 9th.

Camp 2083 meets on the 1st Tuesday at Dinos Restaurant 420 E. Elk Ave Elizabethton at 7pm.

As usual Camp #2243 stays very busy setting up sales and recruiting booths.

The following is a list of events attended in the last quarter.

- -October 7 and 8 Newport Street Festival
- -October 13 and 14 Sevier Co. tractor show at the National Guard Armory **Newport**
- -October 21 and 22 Grassy Fork fall Festival
- -October 31 camp setup at Newport City Park for Trick or Treat

The camp has also had several quest speakers at our monthly meetings.





- -October 17 camp guest speaker **Vonda Dixon**
- -On November 21 Camp quest speaker, Past CIC Larry McCluney
- -On December 16 Camp had their annual Christmas Banquet with guest speaker, Brigade Commander Ed Hill

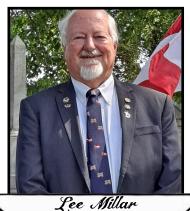
In December we lost Camp member, Mike Morgan. Several camp members, SCV friends and associates attended his funeral, where his family was presented with a Battle flag by the camp. Honor Guard leader, Bryan Greene gave a Confederate military salute during the service.

Camp #2243 meets on the 3rd Tuesday at the DAV Building 148 Pine St. Newport at 6:30pm.









Memphis Brigade

The biggest news of the Memphis Brigade is the raising of the largest Battleflag in Tennessee by the Forrest Camp 215. with assistance from all of the Brigade camps. A flagraising ceremony, held on Dec 9 to raise the 20x30 flag, featured notable quest

speakers such as CIC Jason Boshers, Virginia Flaggers president Susan Lee, TN Div cdr Joey Nolan, and others, plus a cannon

and musket salute, and music by the 52nd String Band. The flag is on land owned by the Forrest Camp, and is outside the city limits of Memphis. A hearty Rebel yell goes out to project leader Lee Millar, assistant Mark Buchanan, and all of the men of the Brigade.

The Brigade's annual Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet was postponed due to the severe snow storm and freezing weather and will now be held on Sat, Feb 10, at the Unity Masonic Lodge in Memphis. Guest speaker is Hon. Greg Biggs, presenting a program on "Buckeyes in Gray – our Ohio Confederate Soldiers." Tickets are \$30 each and still available.

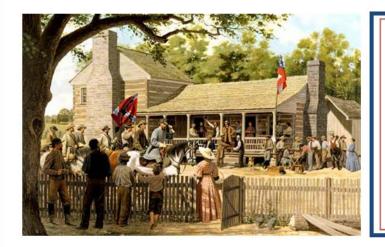
In Collierville, the Wigfall Greys 1560 have been conducting fundraisers all year and Cdr Perry Russell presented a \$5000 check to the Forrest Monument Fund at SCV HQ. Likewise, the R E Lee Camp 1640 Cdr Arthur Oliver presented a \$5000 check to SCV HQ for the Confederate Museum Fund.

The Simonton-Wilcox camp, and Cdr Wayne Moon, have joined in to help resurrect the Fort Wright Historical Assn to restore Fts Wright and Randolph, which were Tennessee's first Confederate training camp, and where N B Forrest trained as a private.

On March 3-4 at the Landers Center in Southaven, MS, the annual Mid-South Civil War show will be held once again, with over 100 vendor tables and displays. This is hosted by the Lee Camp and the Chalmers Camp, with Don Harrison as show chairman. All are invited to attend. A flyer is included in this newsletter.

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

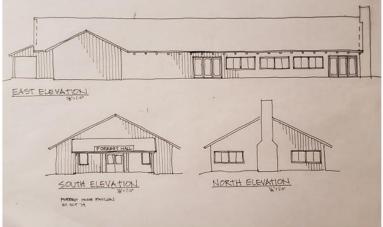
Lee Millar **Memphis Brigade Commander**



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!

Colonel Jeffery Forrest level \$5,000
Morton's Artillery level \$500
Other \$
City:
Zip code:
nail:

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 mboroscv33@aol.com



Sean FAll Starne's Brigade

Camp 37 held a Turkey Shoot on Nov. 18, 2023. Money was raised for the Camp to help maintain the Forrest Boyhood Home.

Camp 37 also donated grocery store gift cards to the

> local schools food drive to help families during the holidays. The flag at the Forrest medallion monument in Chapel Hill was also replaced.

The members of John R. Massey SCV Camp No. 152 have been busy promoting and keeping our Confederate history alive in Lincoln County. Our Confederate monument continues to get brighter from the CERT cleaning we did over the summer. The Confederate First National flag flies over this monument 24/7. We have plans to clean other headstones around the county using he CERT method. A

local church was being member Mike Towry was

remodeled and Camp No. 152 doing some of the work. He had four of the pews that were being replaced donated to the **SCV Confederate museum for** seating. We had nearly 100% retention this dues cycle with only one that did not renew. We have been able to continue our work at the Lincoln County museum updating the War Between the States display. Our Camp meetings have had good attendance with some fine speakers. We participated in the Rosehill cemetery stroll with SCV members portraying

five of the Confederate

soldiers buried there. This was part of a Fayetteville Main street event. We had a recruiting table set up at the Host of Christmas Past in November followed by the Cemetery Stroll at the Old City cemetery. We had several

County Confederate Monument for Christmas. Our annual **Confederate History month event** will be held at the Lincoln County courthouse on April 13, 2024. Deo Vindice!

On December 16, 2023 Gen. BF Cheatham Camp 72 and the VFW Post 10904 placed 61 wreaths on the gravestones and monuments at Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery. Christie Conlee with the VFW and Michael Anderson of SCV Camp 72 officiated. We had a wonderful attendance, with past Division **Commander James Patterson and** Rush Bricken, TN State Rep. also present.

Camp 297 has been working hard participating in the 160th anniversary of the capture and hanging of Sam Davis. We participated in Color Guard for events at the Sam Davis Home and capture site in Giles Co. TN. The camp has sold challenge coins with the 3rd TN Co. H Mascot Jake Donelson making \$1500 for the Sam Davis Home, Members also helped clean up down tree limbs at the Sam Davis Home on January 6th. Our CERT program is looking forward to better spring weather so we can resume cleaning Confederate graves and Monuments.



Camp No. 152 members to participate in this event. Camp No. 152 namesake John R. Massey is buried in this cemetery. We placed a wreath at the Lincoln



















Greetings from the Jeffrey Forrest Brigade!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with laughs shared with friends and family! 2024 is upon us which means it's Lee-Jackson Banguet time.

I want to thank the
Strahl Camp #176 in
Union City for hosting this
years Jeffrey Forrest
Brigade Lee-Jackson
Banquet. Now then, let's get

into the camp reports.

Otho F. Strahl Camp #176 is hosting the 2024 Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 20th at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Union City. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. The guest speakers will be Wayne Tate portraying Gen. Robert E. Lee and Hal Jones portraying US General Ulysses S. Grant. The Strahl Camp also lost a dear member recently, Danny Isbel. Compatriot Isbell was a long time member who was instrumental in almost every project the camp had completed. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

The Col. R. M. Russell Camp #209 has been maintaining flags at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, Collinsworth Cemetery near Humboldt, and Oakland Cemetery in Trenton. They have cleaned and repainted a few more cast-iron Southern Crosses on veteran's graves at Rose Hill Cemetery. They are working on compiling a list of Confederate veterans buried at Rose Hill that will include the regiment they served in as well as other information about the veteran. They are planning a Confederate Memorial Day service in June.

The Crockett Rangers Camp #1774 continues to work on locating the graves of our Confederate ancestors.

The Bell's Partisans Camp #1821 replaced the 2nd National Confederate Flag flying over Gen. Otho F. Strahl's grave on November 25th with the

assistance of the Crockett
Rangers Camp. The camp also
participated in the Newbern
Christmas Parade on November
30th . We were very warmly
received in the parade. The camp
welcomed a new Sgt. At Arms
during their official camp
meeting and December potluck.
Congratulations to Compatriot
Gregg Gregory on his election. All
other camp officer positions
remained the same.



Respectfully,

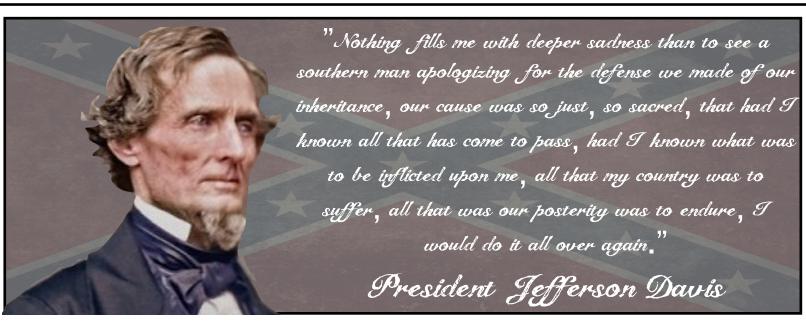
Shawn "Digger" Rainey Camp Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans, Bell's Partisans Camp #1821 Trimble, TN



SCVMC #1173 Captain, 1st Battalion Company A







Joshua Cameron, Bradford-Rose Camp Adjutant and Division Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster, was presented with the General Samuel Cooper Award from the National SCV for the Best Website in the Confederation. The award was presented at the National Reunion in July and presented to Cameron by Bradford-Rose Camp Commander Jordy Barnette. Cameron has previously won the Best Camp Newsletter in the Confederation two years in a row and Best Camp Website in the Confederation.





Division members participated in an Honor Guard by firing volleys at Wreaths across America event at Obion County's oldest cemetery, Bealuh

Gainesboro Invincibles Camp 1685 and OCR Chapter 10 Aunt Polly's Highland Roses successfully completed their 2023 Toy Drive. The toys were delivered to the Bridge Church in Gainesboro for further distribution into the community.



Social Elite of the Mid 1800 s

The Lincoln Cult of admirers even to this day continue to sell our nation a series of lies and distortions about the life of the true Mr. Lincoln. Hopefully, this article will reveal at least some of the truth about him that we can use in our arsenal of information against this strong cult of Lincoln lovers. Lincoln's real political and economic successes began with the Whig Party with his election to the Illinois State House in 1834.

Henry Clay of Kentucky is often times credited with the founding of the Whig Party in 1833. The party consisted of some very prominent men of the day including John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Zachary Taylor, General Winfield Scott and many other leading liberal and nationalistic big government thinkers of the day. You recognize many of these names as they went on to eventually be President or Presidential contenders and men who were very prominent in our nation's history. This Whig political party included Lincoln, and was in large part the avenue through which Lincoln's political career had its beginnings and much of his success with the elite of the Northern society of the day. The Whig Party was one of the two major parties in the nation from 1833 until 1856 along with the Democrat Party. The Whig Party grew out of the old previous Republican Party. The Whig party had its peak years when it had dominant control of the government from 1841-1843 when it controlled both the House and Senate. The Whig Party was later dissolved in 1856 and once again became the Republican Party from which Lincoln was elected President in 1860. The Whig Party consisted of what today we call Progressives or Liberals and were nationalistic in their thinking. Lincoln's philosophy of government was the perfect fit for the party. The primary Whig base of support came from the elite of society. All of its leaders and followers were centered among entrepreneurs, professionals, planters, social reformers and the upper middle class of society at the time. The Whig Party was always the party of the moneyed elite in our nation.

Lincoln was a Whig much longer than he was ever a Republican. As a member of the Illinois State Legislature, he led his delegation in a successful Whig effort to appropriate some \$12 million taxpayer dollars to subsidize road, canal, and railroad corporations in Illinois. Unfortunately for the Illinois taxpayer these subsidies led to a huge financial debacle, with literally no projects being completed and all the money being wasted or stolen. The state taxpayers could directly thank Mr. Lincoln and the Progressives for that debacle. Obviously, nothing has changed in our governmental excessive spending programs since the 1830s as we continue today with these wild excessive programs which continue to result in waste and fraud. Unfortunately, this was a disaster for the Illinois state taxpayers, but it was a boon to Lincoln's political career as it catapulted him into a position as one of the top railroad industry lobbyists even before the word lobbyist existed.

Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Lincoln, the Illinois Central Railroad became one of the largest corporations in the world. Lincoln served as one of the primary attorneys for the railroad until he was elected President. He traveled across the Midwest in a private railcar with a free pass everywhere, and was also accompanied by a private entourage of railroad executives in most of his travels across the country. This was the real Mr. Lincoln in action that so many in our country have deified. His real lifestyle was a far cry from the image we have been sold of old honest Abe, the poor, humble, backwoods rail splitter that has been pictured to generations of school children across our nation for many decades. In one single litigation case Lincoln successfully defended the railroad and Lincoln presented a bill to the railroad for \$5,000 which was an incredible sum in the 1850s. He presented his bill to no other than the vice president of the railroad George B. McClellan who would eventually become the commanding officer of the Union Army under Lincoln. The company was outraged at Lincoln's terribly excessive bill, but after some legal wrangling and urging from McClellan the bill was paid. This was not the only time

that Lincoln took financial advantage of his position and his influential elite contacts. By the mid 1850's Lincoln had close relationships with powerful industrial interests and leaders who were always important to him and present in his political counsel.

Lincoln had smartly invested in a large section of property in Council Bluffs, lowa, but why Council Bluffs? The reason was that a political and railroad industry insider told Lincoln the Transcontinental Railroad would have its starting point in Council Bluffs. That renowned railroad industry engineer who gave Lincoln the insider information was none other than the eventual infamous General Granville Dodge of the Union Army. When Lincoln became President, he called a special session of Congress in July 1861. The primary purpose of the session was to approve a taxpayer-subsidized Union Pacific Railroad. The bill was passed in 1862 and gave the President total power to appoint all directors and commissioners and to give him the power to determine the point of commencement of the railroad. Not surprisingly, Lincoln chose Council Bluffs, Iowa as the eastern terminus where he had just purchased a large tract of land with this very purpose in mind. Coincidentally, Granville Dodge was promoted to chief engineer of the railroad because of his sharing insider information with Lincoln. This Transcontinental Railroad bill was a gigantic payoff to the Northern business interests that supported Lincoln's political career and the Republican Party.

This Northern clique of slick political operators and businessmen aroused suspicions in the Southland, and the South questioned all these huge sums of taxpayer dollars being paid for in part with Southern taxes, but yet allocated by Congress for the building of a Transcontinental Railroad. This railroad system strictly crossed the Northern states and to the North's full economic advantage, but the South helped pay for it. Another example of political corruptness in the Lincoln administration involved John C. Freemont, who would also become a general under Lincoln. He was a wealthy Northern California engineer who conducted an extensive survey to insure that the railroad would end up in Northern California where he had large real estate holdings. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens received a block of stock in the new railroad in exchange for his vote on the railroad bill. As part of his deal Stevens also demanded all iron for the railroad be manufactured in America where he owned an iron factory in Pennsylvania. There were many other favors and corrupt actions involving Congressmen for their approval to vote for the bills passage. Obviously, nothing has changed in Washington in the last 160 years regarding political corruption and cronyism.

It is probably not an exaggeration to say that the primary reason for the reestablishment of the new Republican Party of 1856 was to establish the largest patronage program in the history of our government. This was always the dream of the old Whigs like Lincoln who understood such a system could cement them in power for generations to come. Their dream was achieved beginning with the government subsidized Transcontinental Railroad. No one was more influential in achieving this dream than "Ole Honest Abe Himself" the original railroad industry lobbyist who had made a fortune through his elitist friends.

Of course, Lincoln continued to carry and spread this system of cronyism and corruption as we saw above into the War Between the States by his appointment of his old friends in very high civilian and military positions. Lincoln and the party's vision of a strong and controlling nationalistic government and constant use of Constitutional abuses continued to grow under Lincoln's administration throughout the war years. I think we can all thank "Ole Abe" who is known as the father of "Big Government" who set in motion all of the precedents for future Presidents to continue that growth and all the Constitutional abuses we see in Washington today.

I believe the old adage goes something like this: The More Things Change..The More They Stay The Same . This is what we see in our government throughout history.



December 25th -- a Christmas wreath was placed on the graves of General and Mrs N B Forrest at the Southern Heritage Center (Elm Springs) by Lee Millar, Forrest Camp 215, and Jennifer Wendt. Ms. Wendt made the period-style wreath out of boughs of cedar and pine, magnolia, and mistletoe. The wreath was topped by a period red ribbon, and a modern candy-cane heart. General Forrest will always be remembered as one of the greatest American fighting men of all time.

Dr. Brad Waters, Chaplain & past Cdr of the R. E. Lee Camp 1640 (Germantown) recently received the UDC's Meritorious Service Award for his service to the SCV and UDC, and country. Dr Waters is a retired Army surgeon and retired surgeon from the VA. He's spent many years supporting the SCV and the UDC.

pictured: Mrs. Bonice Henson, pres of the General Forrest Chapter 1194 UDC Mrs. Brad Waters, UDC member **Dr. Brad Waters** Mrs. Beth Lee. UDC 1194







On Saturday, Dec, 9, 2023, over 100 SCV & UDC patriots braved a threatening thunderstorm to witness the raising of the 20x30 ft Battleflag along interstate 385.

The men of the Forrest Camp 215, with assistance from the Memphis Brigade camps (Simonton-Wilcox 257, Chalmers 1312, Wigfall Greys 1560, Jobe 1637, Lee 1640) raised the longawaited megaflag at the camp-owned Flag Park.



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Willing to Travel: Inquire

Topics: TN Civil War Battlefields Kentucky Civil War Battlefields

MS Civil War Battlefields

Archer's Tennessee Brigade

African American Medals of Honor

Civil War Christmases

Gilbert Henderson Bates' March for Union

MS Civil War Generals

The Porter Brothers' Sacrifices

John A. Blankenship

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Willing to Travel: 2-3 hours depending on

the day of the week

A Variety of Topics including:

Gibson County History,

The Murder of Solomon Shaw in 1862

Dr. Michael Bradley

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Location: Coffee Co., Middle TN

Willing to Travel: 100 miles - may need to

stay overnight

Topics:

-The Tullahoma Campaign

-Forrest in West Tennessee — 1862

-David C. Kelley: Forrest's Fighting

Preacher

-Forrest and the Klan

-Why They Fought: Farewell Addresses of

Officers to their Men

-Behind the Lines in Occupied Middle

Tennessee

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Topics:

-Nathan Bedford Forrest: Devil No More

-Diversity within the ranks: a glimpse at Men of Color in the Confederate Army

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Location: Smith County, Carthage, Middle

TN

Willing to Travel: About two hours

Topics:

-Revivals in the Southern Armies

-Music in the Confederacy

-Christmas in the Confederacy

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Topic

-Blood on the Rio Grande: Tejano

Confederates

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notice Topics:

-Georgia's Lawton-Gordon-Evans Brigade

of the Army of Northern Virginia

-Charles Todd Quintard - Chaplain and

Surgeon of the Army of Tennessee

-John B. Gordon - Soldier; John B. Gordon

- Statesman

-Coming soon: Onward Southern Soldier -

Religion and the War for Southern

Independence

Bryan R. Green

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Location: Grainger Co., East TN Willing to Travel: 4 - 5 hours

Topic

-Confederate States Navy

Scott D. Hall

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

Topics:

-Judge Advocate's Update

-The South's Point of View (Secession;

Cause of War)

Edward Hill

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Topics:

-Bureaus of the Confederacy

-Mechanized Cavalry

Sean Hill

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Willing to Travel: 2 hours during week 3

hours on weekends

Topics:

-Confederate Navy

-Jake Donelson Mascot

-58th NC Infantry

Ross Massey

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TN

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Topic: Loring's Division

Matthew J. McClanahan

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Willing to Travel: Anywhere Topics:

-Confederate Monuments

-Western Theater battles and campaigns

-War in the Upper Cumberland, and many other topics

James McGlincy

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Location: Maryland

Willing to Travel: East, Middle, West

Topic:

-1st Person Nathan Bedford Forrest

Dr. Steve Murphree

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Location: Rutherford Co., Murfreesboro,

Middle TN

Willing to Travel: About two hours

Topics:

-Insects and Disease in the War Between

the States

-B.F. Cheatham - An Extraordinary Life

-War Horses of the Confederacy

Joey Nolan

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Location: Grundy Co., Middle TN

Willing to Travel: Two hours

Topics:

-What Happened to the Southern Way?

-I Will Not Be Ashamed

-Skirmish at Tracy City

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Location: Lincoln Co., Fayetteville, Middle

TN

Willing to Travel: 1 hour during the week,

weekends contact me.

Topics:

-Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid

-The Story of Sam Davis

-Our Heritage

Todd Pierce

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Location: Greene Co., East TN Willing to Travel: 100 miles

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Topic:

-Acts of Dishonest Abe

David Pope

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Willing to travel: Eastern Time Zone,

Western NC, SE KY, further with advance

notice.
Topics:

-East Tennessee Confederates

-Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman: America's

Historian

-Jubal Early, Counsel for the Confederate

Defense,

-Numerous others

Rick Revel

731-336-6488

Location: Henry Co., West TN

Willing to Travel: Depends on the size of

the camp or camps.

Topics:

-Multiple topics, but the latest is my book

about Jack Hinson: "In the Hills of

Tennessee."

Susan Richardson

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Location: Putnam Co., Middle TN

Willing to Travel: 100 miles

Topics:

-Civilian Life in the Blockaded South

-Tragedy of the Roswell Women

-Personal Accounts of Christmas During the

War

Scott Sallee

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Location: Sumner Co., Gallatin, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: Up to 2 hours

Topic:

-The Deification, Sanctification, and

Sainthood of Abraham Lincoln: How Did

That Happen?

Jim Sandman, USN Ret.

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Location: Murfreesboro, Rutherford

County, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: state of Tennessee

Equipment needed: projector with HDMI

port Topic:

-"Discovering Submarines and Heaven" (45

min) –

PowerPoint presentation of the history of the American Submarine Service, including the Turtle (Revolutionary War), CSS Hunley, and the birth of the U.S. Submarine Navy in 1900 up to present day. Visits to subs by American Presidents are covered, then I conclude with a brief description of

Ronnie Slack

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my book about discovering Heaven.

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Location: Harriman, Roane Co., East TN

Willing to Travel: 100 miles

Topics:

-Jack Hinson's One-Man War

-A Tribute to the Confederate Fighting Men at the Battle of Fort Donelson

Scott Smith

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Location: Hawkins Co., East TN Willing to Travel: 100 miles

Topics:

-Class of 1846

-Nullification and Secession

-John Crawford Vaughn

-The Battle of Kingsport

-Naval Technology

-Cryptology

(Given some lead-time I can do short

presentations on most topics).

Terry Twigg

615-486-9560

Location: Smith Co., Middle TN

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

Topic:

-Col. John S. Mosby and the Battle of New

Market

(Looking to add a new topic)

Tom Wood

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Location: Wilson Co., Lebanon, Middle TN

Willing to Travel: 3-4 hours

Topics:

-Civil War Medical Service

-President Jefferson Davis-His early life up

to the war

-President Jefferson Davis-His embattled war years

-President Jefferson Davis-Life after the

-Confederate Guerilla Champ Ferguson

-Yankee Lies and Distortions of History

Dr. Claudia Chapman

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Location: Tipton County, Brighton, West

TN

Willing to Travel: location that would

necessitate an overnight stay

Topic: Women of the War: The many roles women played during

the war: doctors, nurses. spies, soldiers, women who stayed home, Roswell Women,

Nancy Harts, etc. I talk about specific

women and some of their history

Vonda Dixon

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Location: Smith Co., Middle TN Willing to Travel: 100 miles

Topics: Flags of the Confederacy Aunt Polly, the most famous lady of

Jackson County

Discovery and Documenting a Lost

Confederate Cemetery

Clark Matthews

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Topic: Champ Ferguson "The Confederate

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Topic: Living History as General Robert E.

Lee - Lee the man, his family, and the General

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Willing to Travel: Topic: Old Johnsonville

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Topics: Fort Donelson: One Soldier's Story

Martha Ready Morgan: From Wife to

Widow in 630 Days

Valor and Lace: The Amazing Women of

the Civil War

Four Months in Murfreesborough, November 1862 - February 1863 - What a

Difference an Army Makes!

Letters to Mary: The Civil War Diary of Dr.

John Kennerly Farris

Dottie Meadows

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Location: Jackson Co., Gainesboro, Middle

TN

Willing to Travel: Wherever

Topic: Sophie Reilly Hatton's life before, during and after the war. We have artifacts, letters, etc. Our presentation is given by

Dottie Meadows, Robert Hatton Towson, Nancy Wood and our PowerPoint expert,

Tamathy Page Garcia.









Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 member Arthur Harris presents Tennessee State Senator Frank Niceley the Robert E. Lee Award presented to him by the Tennessee Division of The Sons of Confederate Veterans at their reunion last April.



Over 60 members and guests attended the annual Christmas party for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN where the Toys-for-Tots were presented to the local organization.

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	ı \$ Total:	
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
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Send payment and application to: SCV Tennessee Division P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088			
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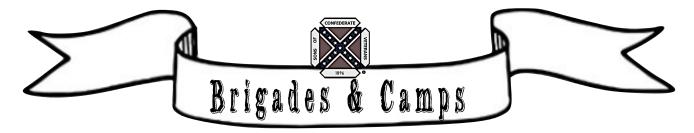
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APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to any member in good standing. It may be obtained by paying a fee as shown below. Upon acceptance, the Life Member will receive a Life Membership certificate, lapel pin, and membership card upon payment in full. The rates shown reflect the dues increase voted on in 2019. This form goes into effect 8-1-2020. All current conditional memberships will be honored at the old rate.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Application for Life Membership

I hereby make application for Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. My payment is enclosed which entitles me to lifetime membership within the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I understand that I am still obligated to pay any Division or Camp annual dues if affiliated with a local camp & that Life Membership only covers national dues. I further understand that I will also have to continue paying national dues until my life membership is paid in full if I choose to make payments using the conditional option.

□ Life Membership	Life Membership Conditional Life N		
\$875 (Ages 12-64)	\$437.50 (Ages 65-79)	\$218.75 (Ages 80+)	
Name:	SCV #	Age:	
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City:	State:	Zip Code:	
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I hereby make application for Life Membership in the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. My payment of \$100 is enclosed which entitles me to lifetime membership within the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I understand that I am still obligated to pay any annual camp dues, if affiliated with a local camp & that this Life Membership payment only covers division dues. I further understand that I will also have to continue paying national dues if not already a life member at the national level.

\$100 Life Membership

Print Full Name:		Age:
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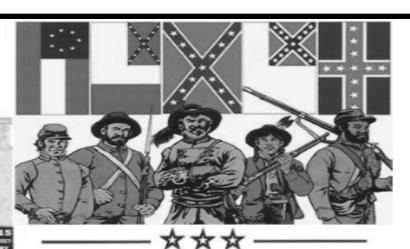
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