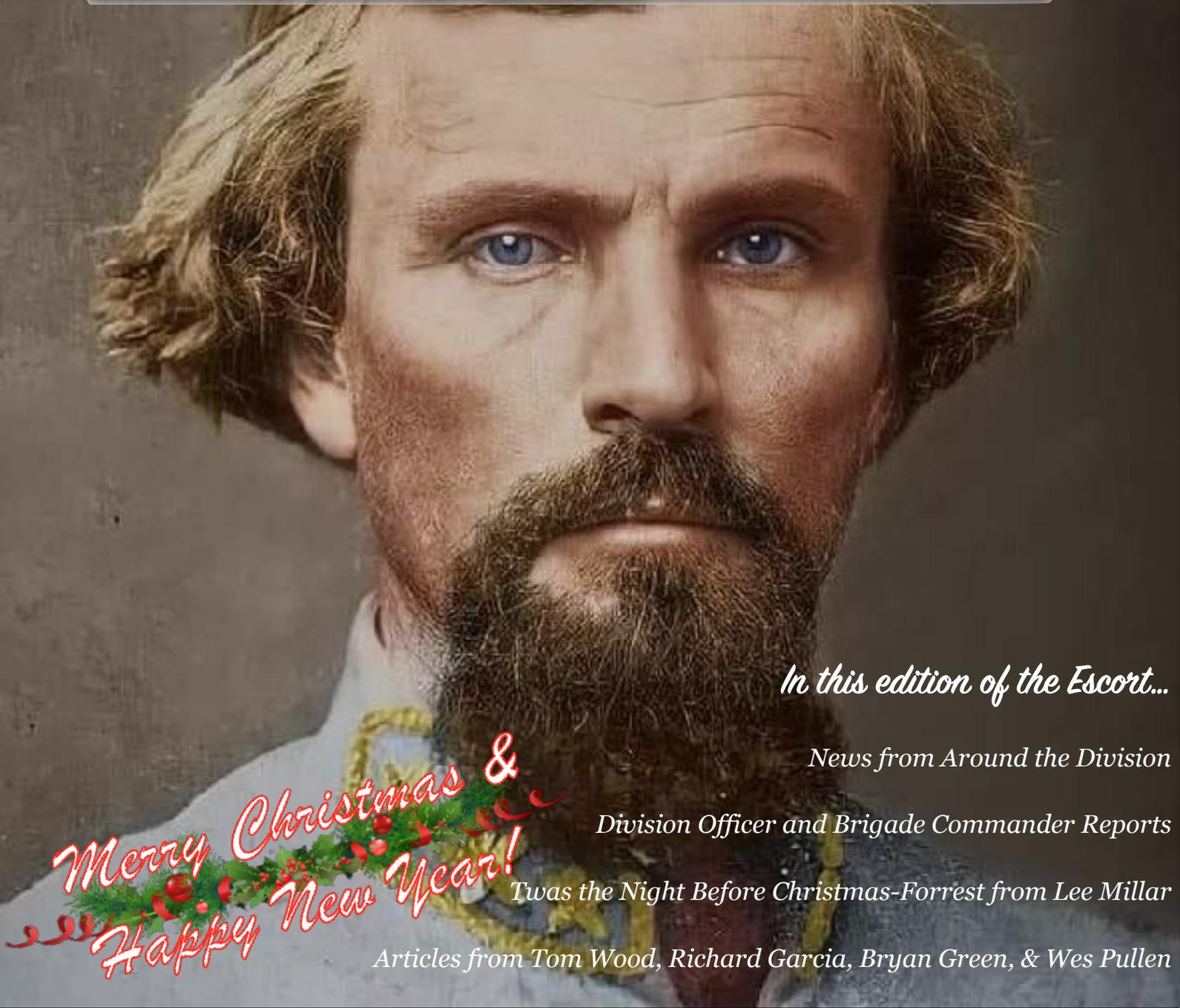


# FORREST'S ESCORT



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



*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General*



## Division Commander Joey Nolan

### Christmas Greetings.

I pray all is well with you and your family as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. This time of year is when the best inside us should shine bright. Children are busy with planning for the presents they will receive, as parents are trying to buy gifts from the long list they were given. All this while merchants are counting their profits, hoping to make more than last year.

It is sad that many never take the time to realize what the season is really about, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The miracle of that night so long ago is still a reality today. Wise men and shepherds, along with the angels of Heaven, were there to witness His birth. Think of how Mary and Joseph felt as they witnessed this miracle come to Earth, as it must have been an awesome event to see.

The words which resound today, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men", are among my personal favorites from the Bible. Through the darker times down through the centuries, the joy, peace and love of Christ have given comfort to all who will accept.

There is a recitation which was written and performed by a dear friend and brother in Christ, who is now celebrating in Heaven, titled "Christmas of '54." It tells the story of a boy whose family is poor and lacking in finances to buy gifts for he and his siblings. He prayed and asked God for them to somehow have a good Christmas. To the surprise of the children, as well as their parents, on Christmas morning there was food and an abundance of gifts for all. They never knew if it was from a neighbor, folks from the local church, or possibly an angel, but prayers were answered and it was a joyous day.

I ask that we all find a way to bring Christmas cheer to someone in need. It may be giving a gift, paying a bill for someone, or make some calls to those sick or elderly, but find a way to do for someone else. If nothing else, cheerfully wish everyone you meet a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Just some of the camp meetings, events, and memorial/dedication services I've been blessed to visit and be a part of are:

- The TN Mechanized Cavalry State Annual and riding tour in September.
- In October, the dedication of the Jefferson Davis statue and the opening of the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs in Columbia, TN.
- The Reunion of the TN Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at Pickwick Landing State Park.
- The First Annual Cruise-In With Forrest at the Forrest Boyhood Home.
- Hammock Cemetery memorial service in Livingston.
- The memorial service hosted by the TNSOCR for Jefferson Davis at his statue at the National Confederate Museum.
- Christmas party's of Gen. A. P. Stewart, Camp 1411, and my own camp, Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, 386.

It is always a joy and honor to fellowship with Southern brothers and sisters, whether SCV, SCVMC, UDC, or OCR. We are all in this together, to honor our ancestors and make sure the truth is told.

Let us not focus on the negative, but focus on the blessings we have been given. We have been afforded the opportunity to host and attend events when others have not. Now more than ever, we need to cherish each time we can gather together and fellowship. I encourage you all to spend time with family and friends this holiday season. Remember the blessings we have been given, while sharing the love that we have been shown. Take the words to heart, "peace, good will toward men", and spread Christmas cheer everywhere we go.

God bless you all, and Merry Christmas.

Joey Nolan, Commander  
Tennessee Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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woes we have all suffered.

The Tennessee Division has stood firm in the face of adversity and we have won most of our battles. A new battle has presented itself with the passing of Sir William Dorris, the owner of the Forrest Monument and Flag Park in Nashville. Bill, in his will, left millions to his dog and the flag park to The Sons Of Confederate Veterans or The Battle Of Nashville Trust. This is convoluted and confusing to say the least. Our attorney, Doug Jones is already preparing for the legal battle ahead.

Forrest participated in the Confederate defeat at The Second Battle Of Franklin before suffering another loss at the Third Battle Of Murfreesboro in December 1864. After Hood's beleaguered Army Of Tennessee was routed at The Battle Of Nashville, Forrest led the rearguard operations during the retreat to Mississippi.

## *1st Lt. Commander G. Frank Heathman*

Compatriots,

I pray that this finds y'all well and safe . As 2020 comes to an end lets all pray that in 2021 we will see healing and relief from the

My vision is a stone equestrian monument with Forrest riding south. This would be both honorable and historically correct.

In closing, I pray that the wonderful spirit of Christmas and the joy of the birth of Jesus blesses all y'all.

Deo Vindice,

G. Frank Heathman

1st Lieutenant Commander, Tennessee Division, SCV

## *2nd Lt. Commander John Blankenship*



Greetings Compatriots,

I hope this letter finds each of you well. We are now in the holiday season. I hope

you had a blessed Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Christmas.

I have been working on compiling a list of Confederate Monuments across the state of Tennessee. This database will be a great resource for the Tennessee Division. I need your assistance in compiling this list. I will be preparing an updated form that you can submit with information about Confederate monuments in your area. Be watching for this form in the near future.

The 2021 Tennessee Division Reunion will be April 16th & 17th in Humboldt. Please make plans to join us at this reunion. You can visit [www.scv2021.com](http://www.scv2021.com) to get information about the upcoming reunion. Registration forms are available to download. If you have any questions regarding the reunion please feel free to contact me.

May God continue to Bless the SCV and our Southland.

Merry Christmas,

John A. Blankenship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, TN Division  
SCV Life Member  
SCV Mechanized Cavalry Member





# 'Twas the night before Christmas -- Forrest

By Lee Millar, N. B. Forrest Camp 215, SCV, December 2013

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the camp  
Only our pickets were stirring in the cold evening damp.  
The carbines were loaded, the powder kept dry,  
Because on the morrow we'd raise the war cry.

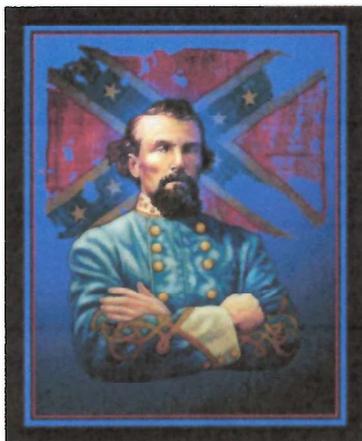
The Yankees were sleeping all sound in their beds  
Unaware that we Rebs had put a price on their heads.  
They lay feeling safe 'neath the dark winter sky.  
They had sent out no videttes, not even a spy.

When out by our fire there arose such a clatter  
We jumped from our blankets to see what was the matter.  
The stomping of hooves and the creaking of leather,  
Steam coming from nostrils in the cold winter weather.

And on the lead horse, sitting tall, did appear  
A rider the Yankees had all come to fear.  
Ole Bedford, his Escort, our Flag waving proud  
Made all of us feel like an invincible crowd.



He turned in the saddle, guided old Roderick near.  
He snapped a salute, made us all want to cheer.  
But we had to keep quiet for our only fear  
Was if we rose a ruckus the Yankees would hear.



His eyes shone like fire as closer he came.  
He surely would lead us to glory and fame.  
And I heard him say, as he rode out of sight:  
"Merry Christmas to all.....for tomorrow we fight!"

And one last thing that he told us that night:  
Merry Christmas to Y'all, and the South is right.....

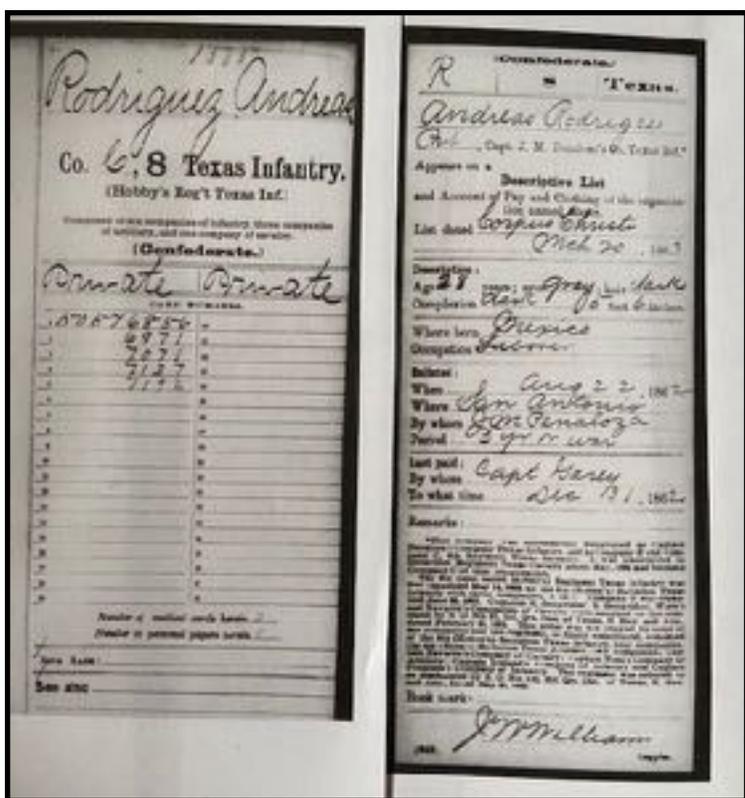


## Andreas Rodriguez and the 8th Texas Infantry

by Richard Garcia

My GG grandfather was born in Mexico as it shows on his muster card. He was mustered into service in San Antonio, TX in 1862 under 8th Texas Infantry Captain JM Peñaloza. He finished the war and continued his life in Texas and Mexico. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Coahuila Mexico. My ancestors unit information and the list of his 300 Tejano compatriots. This information destroys the national narrative about the Confederacy.

As a battalion, the force prevented a federal invasion at Corpus Christi in August 1862 and in September captured J. W. Kittridge of the federal fleet. In 1863, after organization of the regiment, the Eighth guarded Fort Esperanza on Matagorda Island, kept a battery on Mustang Island, and in May drove Union troops off St. Joseph's Island. In the fall of 1863 superior Union forces under Nathaniel P. Banks were able to force Hobby's troops back to the San Antonio River. After December 1863 they were ordered transferred to East Texas, but many entered Waul's Legion instead. Part of the Eighth regiment was stationed on Galveston Island in the winter of 1863; other units in the area of Indianola and Lavaca engaged in skirmishes with the federals as late as February 1864. Most of the units fought under Thomas N. Waul in the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in April 1864 and from then to the end of the war were employed in coastal defense in Texas. The regiment was mustered out of service on May 22, 1865.



The Eighth Texas Infantry battalion of the Confederate States Army was organized by Alfred Marmaduke Hobby in Refugio County on May 14, 1862. It later became known as Hobby's Eighth Texas Infantry regiment. It consisted of three companies under captains Robert E. Jones, William E. McCampbell, and P. H. Breeden. A fourth company under Edwin E. Hobby was added on June 20, 1862, and a fifth, under José M. Peñaloza, completed the battalion. The battalion trained at Camp Charles Russell near Banquete until July 19, 1862, when it was ordered to defend Corpus Christi as a part of the Twenty-ninth Brigade. There it was joined by various other units of light artillery and mounted rifles and in February 1863 became the Eighth Texas Infantry regiment, with a staff including John Ireland, J. A. Throckmorton, Daniel D. Shea, and others.

<b>Company C</b>	Pvt. Audreas Andrada	Pvt. Toribio Bustamente
Capt. Joseph M. Peñaloza	Pvt. Lorenzo Arambula	Pvt. Aciano Cantu
2nd Lt. Juan Sanceda Jr.	Pvt. Luis Arambula	Pvt. Victoriano Cantu
Sgt. Antonio Coy	Pvt. Luciano Avila	Pvt. Nicanor Cardenas
Sgt. Umecindo Sancedo	Pvt. Jenis Baldez	Pvt. G. Casandra
Sgt. Felipe Vargas	Pvt. Claudio Barajas	Pvt. Severiano Castillo
Cpl. Domingo Flores	Pvt. Alfonzo Barela	Pvt. Jesús P. Castro
Cpl. Alejos Hernandez	Pvt. Timoteo Barela	Pvt. Francisco Chavez
Cpl. Pablo Montez	Pvt. Carlos Barron	Pvt. José Contrares
Cpl. Valentine Navarro	Pvt. Aniseto Beltran	Pvt. Becelio Contrarus
Cpl. Jesús Rodriguez	Musician Pablo Benavides	Pvt. Julian Cortez
Cpl. José Maturino Rodriguez	Pvt. L. Berientes	Pvt. Torebio De Aquino
Pvt. Luciano Abito	Pvt. Antonio Billareal	Pvt. Martino De La Cruz
Pvt. Agapito Aguilar	Pvt. Cleofas Billareal	Pvt. Martin De Los Santos
Pvt. Teodoro Alcalan	Pvt. Secundino Borego	Pvt. Bensalado De La Rosa

Pvt. Miguel Dias	Musician Nicanor Hernandez	Pvt. Andreas Rodriguez	Pvt. Josi Maria Casito	Pvt. José Maria Romine	1st Sgt. Juan A. Barrera	Pvt. Presideo Garcia
Pvt. Emilo Escamillo	Pvt. Lazaro Leyva	Pvt. Esperion Rodriguez	Pvt. Manuel Cortenas	Pvt. Juan Rubio	Sgt. Juan Cardenas	Pvt. Ynoceuti Garcia
Pvt. Simon Escovedo	Pvt. Antonio Loa	Pvt. Juan Rodriguez	Pvt. Eluardo Cortez	Pvt. Clemento Trevenio	Sgt. Yldifonso Leal	Pvt. Luis Gomez
Pvt. J. Esparsa	Pvt. Prudencio Lopez	Pvt. Salvador Rodriguez	Pvt. Simon Cortez	Pvt. Julian Urista	Sgt. Celso C. Navarro	Pvt. Santiago Goni
Pvt. Lino Espinoza	Pvt. Jesús Mancha	Pvt. Pedro Rosales	Pvt. Benino Cyprian	<b>Company F</b>	Cpl. Nemicio De la Zerda	Musician Demas Gonzales
Pvt. R. Flores	Pvt. Antonio Martinez	Pvt. Adriano Rubio	Pvt. Justo De La Garza		Cpl. Luis Garcia	Pvt. Guadalupe Gonzales
Pvt. Jesús Galvan	Pvt. Francisco Martinez	Pvt. Marcelino Ruiz	Pvt. Leandro Delgado	<b>Company G</b>	Cpl. Blas Gortari	Pvt. Gomes Gonzales
Pvt. Bernaldo Garcia	Pvt. Antonio Mendez	Pvt. Gregorio Samora	Pvt. Marcello Delgado		2nd Lt. W. Garcia	Cpl. Pablo Olevarri
Pvt. E. Garcia	Pvt. Francisco Morales	Pvt. Nestor Sanchez	Pvt. Sisero Delgado	Pvt. D. Canta	Cpl. Gumecindo Rodriguez	Pvt. Neibus Gortari
Pvt. J. Garcia	Pvt. José Maria Munoz	Pvt. Juan Segura	Pvt. Bernando Esparsa	Pvt. S. De La Garcia	Pvt. Francisco Calvillo	Pvt. Antonio Guterres
Pvt. Manuel Garcia	Pvt. Pifano Munoz	Pvt. Juan Manuel Soto	Pvt. Jesús Esparsa	Pvt. Anotnio Garcia	Pvt. Mateo Canales	Pvt. Antonio Hernandez
Pvt. Miguel Garcia	Pvt. Secundino Musquez	Pvt. Martin Soto	Pvt. Antonio Garcia	Pvt. Pedro Garcia	Pvt. Rafael Cardenas	Pvt. Bartolo Hernandez
Pvt. T. Garcia	Pvt. A. Perez	Pvt. Ysidro Soto	Pvt. M. Garcia	Pvt. William Garsa	Pvt. Juan Antonio Casanova	Pvt. José Maria Hernandez
Pvt. Vicenti Garcia	Pvt. Noverto Camila	Pvt. Suarez	Pvt. Leandro Garza	Pvt. E.W. Gaston	Pvt. Juan Casenova	Pvt. Benito Herrera
Pvt. Ylario Garcia	Pvt. Leonides Ramirez	Pvt. Ignacio Valdez	Pvt. Magurisco Gomes	Pvt. John Gomas	Pvt. Juan Cervantes	Pvt. Juan José Herrera
Pvt. Luis Garza	Pvt. Enocencia Gomez	Pvt. Jesús Varrera	Pvt. Manuel Gonzales	Pvt. Fernando Madrigales	Pvt. Francisco Chapa	Pvt. José Jaimes
Musician Lazara Garza	Pvt. Heraldo Ramon	Pvt. José Vasquez	Pvt. Benito Hernandez	Pvt. N. Morano	Pvt. Bugler Juan Coy	Pvt. Mareiso Leal
Pvt. Enocencia Gomez	Pvt. Juan Ramos	<b>Company D</b>	Pvt. Jesús Hernandez	Pvt. Pedro Rayes	Pvt. Antonio De Leon	Pvt. Manuel Lopez
Pvt. Eduardo Gongora	Pvt. Pascual Ramos		Pvt. Antonio Canavara	Pvt. Antonio Leandro	<b>Company H</b>	Pvt. Juan De los Reyes
Pvt. Atanacio Gonzales	Pvt. G. Resendes	<b>Company E</b>	Pvt. Crisofora Losano	Capt. Angel Navarro		Pvt. Pablo De Olles
Pvt. Firman Gonzales	Pvt. Francisco Reyes		Pvt. Elijio Agiluar	Pvt. Ugeneo Martinas	Capt. Sexto E. Navarro	Pvt. Juan Fernandez
Pvt. M. Gonzales	Pvt. Refugio Reyes	Pvt. Jesús Amedore	Pvt. Benito Martines	1st Lt. Mariano Garcia	Pvt. Manuel Flores	Pvt. Cresencio Montes
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Pvt. Manuel Guerrero	Pvt. Manuel Rodriguez	Pvt. Juan Baldez	Pvt. Juan Remerez	2nd Lt. Thomas A. Rodriguez	Pvt. Ysabel Garbri	Pvt. Nicacio Montes
Pvt. Angel Hernandez	Pvt. Alcario Rodriguez	Pvt. Santus Baldez	Pvt. Rigardo Rodrigues		Pvt. Jesús Garcia	
Pvt. José M. Hernandez	Pvt. Anastacio Rodriguez	Pvt. Magado Cabraro				

Pvt. Blas Moya

Pvt. Trinidad Olivari

Pvt. Fabian Pacheco

Pvt. Ceebulo Perez

Pvt. José Maria Perez

Pvt. Tomas Perez

Pvt. Manuel Polanco

Pvt. Edwards Rivas

Pvt. José Ma. Rodriguez

Pvt. Mariano Rodriguez

Pvt. Ysabel Rodriguez

Pvt. Alejo Ruiz

Pvt. Severiano Sancedo

Pvt. Julian Sanchez

Pvt. Rufino Sanchez

Pvt. Manuel Selvera

Pvt. Juan Sierra

Pvt. José Maria Valdez

Pvt. Cristobal Andrea Vasquez

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Pvt. José Castillo

Pvt. Fernauda Garcia

Pvt. Francisco Garza

Pvt. Rafael B. Garza

Pvt. Saveranio Garza

Pvt. Jesús Gonzales

Pvt. Recardo Gonzales

Pvt. Nicholas Hernandez

Pvt. Cayatana Molino

Pvt. Antonio Ortiz

Pvt. Juan Antonio Ortis

Musician Theofilo Rendon

Pvt. Revera Rodriguez

Pvt. Vicenta Saldiva

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Pvt. Casania Servantez

Pvt. Carlo Trevenio

Pvt. Recente Villarreal

Pvt. Nasceno Villarial

Pvt. Jesús Ynojosa

Pvt. Juan José Ynojosa

Pvt. Martin Ynojosa

## *Tennessee Division C.E.R.T*

The TN Division C.E.R.T Team continues to grow from one end of the state to the other. Enthusiasm is high and participation is growing daily. West Tennessee representative Wayne Moon has held training sessions involving several camps. He reports that numbers are growing in that part of the state everyday.

There was a large training session at the City Cemetery in Sparta, Tennessee. Some individuals drove two hours just to receive their training. The local camp had several members commit to becoming fully certified. This training session also established a relationship with Sparta's City officials who were very impressed with the program.

Training was also held in Morristown Tennessee. That session included not only SCV members from the area but also UDC and OCR members.

Tennessee is starting to catch the eye of other Divisions around the confederation as well as camps. The national program SCV Chat featured a segment on Tennessee Division C.E.R.T and now others are interested in adopting similar programs in their state.

Across the state, over the past 3 months, over 200 SCV members have been introduced to or trained in the No Harm Method of cleaning.

That number includes 20 members who have decided and committed to be fully trained C.E.R.T team members. Ten more members are pending and should become fully certified when the weather cooperates. The group across the state has cleaned more than fifty headstones and ten Confederate monuments. These numbers do not include the number of stone markers that are being maintained by advisors and representatives. I am also happy to report that all regional reps have emergency supplies to distribute, if vandalism occurs. Always remember to Preserve, Protect, and Do No Harm!!!

Tom Meadows  
C.E.R.T

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## *Celebrating Christmas in the War Between the States Navy*

After consulting various people in the Civil War Navy re-enactment community, surprisingly very little is known about how Christmas was celebrated in the Union and Confederate navies.

Mr. Larry Bopp of the Ship's Company, the crew that does living history on the USS Constellation in Baltimore Harbor states that in Moses Safford's diary on USS Constellation he mentions on Christmas day in 1862 that the crew was treated to a turkey dinner. In 1863, the writer was on shore Christmas day and mentioned firecrackers and guns going off, but these were not from the ship. On Christmas day of 1864 the crew had meager rations and the only treat was tins of sardines.

Mr. Daniel Walls, a member of the Facebook group Civil War Navy and Marine Reenactors writes: Constellation's crew had a slush fund to buy produce for a feast while in the Mediterranean. Different ship's crews put on skits or to entertain officers and fellow crew. I believe the Wabash had a pretty well known band (within the Navy). Some Ships that weren't in combat arenas put up decor like a small tree in the rigging. I doubt mistletoe was put aboard though.

Sadly, no matter where the sailor was, like his counterpart in the army, the separation from his loved ones on Christmas was the same then as it is now.

If you have a loved one in the military, be sure to contact them on Christmas day; it could be the best Christmas present ever!

Merry Christmas to all!



## *Lesser Known Fields of Glory*

*An ongoing series from Division Members to highlight the lesser known battles, skirmishes, and raids of the War for Southern Independence*

### *Battle of Anthony's Hill*

*submitted by E. Wes Pullen*

The Battle of Anthony's Hill (also known as the Battle of Kings Hill or the Battle of Devil's Gap, was an engagement that happened December 24, 1864 between combined Confederate and infantry units commanded by Major General Nathan Bedford Forrest and Union forces commanded by Major General James H. Wilson. The battle was part of the Franklin-Nashville Campaign.

General Forrest had been assigned by Lt. General John B. Hood to command the rear guard of the Army of Tennessee, which was in flight, following the Battle of Nashville on December 15-16, 1864. After evaluating Pulaski, on December 24th, Forrest was confronted with problem of slowing Wilson enough that the Confederate Army could complete the final 40 miles of its retreat to the Tennessee River.

Due to all the casualties, Forrest was forced to use what is known as ineffectives from the infantry. They were in very bad shape physically. These were men who had been badly wounded, but they would fight at the time and place that Forrest needed them. Forrest provided wagons for these men, Any able bodied man who could walk were regulated to walk, whether they wanted to or not because these ineffective men would fight when needed.

Believing he was pursuing an enemy ripe for capture. Wilson had his troops on the road early on Christmas day. At 3 p.m., he was several miles from Pulaski when he encountered Forrest skirmishers. Without hesitation he sent in pursuit three regiments of dismounted cavalry into a heavily wooded gorge leading to the top of Anthony's Hill Good progress was made until a rail barricade was encountered. Here Forrest had posted his two brigades of infantry and two brigades of cavalry, along with three masked field pieces. In moments the Federal Troops had been blasted back by heavy musketry in the direction from which they came, with Forrest's men in rapid pursuit. Soon, they encountered an additional brigade of

troops who quickly joined the retreating brigade of Wilson's troops and joined the retreat. After capturing a Federal cannon, the Confederates continued in pursuit for a half mile until they struck a full division of Union cavalry. At this point Forrest chose to disengage, His victorious troops returned up the hill to their original positions near the barricades, and then withdrew under the cover of darkness further south to Sugar Creek

Forrest who had already established a reputation for bold offensive action, displayed at Anthony's Hill an equal mastery of defensive warfare. His stand there and the following day bought important time for the stricken army to flee safely behind the Tennessee River. That the Army of the Tennessee survived to cross the river safely on December 26-28 barely, hours ahead of their pursuers, and continued to fight into the following spring is due almost completely due to the Forrest performance in delaying the Union pursuit.

The women, old men, and children dug graves for these soldiers, 27 of these soldiers were unknown. Digging these grave was extremely hard for these slain Confederates. It was a hard winter already. The community had to dig through ice over 8 inches thick in order to dig a grave. This community dug 43. They also faced death if even if they thought of burying the dead from the Federals in the area.

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# Brigade Commander Reports



## Mountain Brigade Commander Steve Troxler

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## Memphis Brigade Commander Lee Millar

Our “on-fire” Dewitt  
 Smith-Jobe Camp  
 1637 enlisted 5 new  
 members at the  
 December meeting and  
 3 of these are young

recovered. Meetings will resume in January. They, along  
 with the Chalmers Camp, will again host the Mid-South  
 Civil War Show on March 5-6.

The Lee Camp meets on the 2nd Monday.

The Forrest Camp 215 signed up one new  
 member in December, and hosted Dr. Samuel Mitcham  
 as guest speaker. Dr. Mitcham, from Louisiana, is author  
 of the Forrest book: “Bust Hell Wide Open.”. The camp is  
 also sponsoring the Forrest Commemorative Revolver  
 fund-raiser to restore the Forrest Equestrian Statue  
 which is now in storage. The monument will be re-  
 erected in the coming year.

The Forrest Camp meets on the 2nd Thursday.

The James Chalmers Camp 1312 of Bartlett is  
 also conducting in-person meetings. Cdr Sam Escue  
 continues to keep that camp active. The Chalmers Camp  
 meets on the 3rd Thursday. Our annual Lee-Jackson-  
 Chalmers Banquet has been postponed from Jan 16 to a  
 future date, due to the new virus lockdowns.

men who really want to get involved in the Heritage  
 effort. In the last few months, several statewide political  
 candidates visited us prior to our meetings to ask for  
 our support during the 2020 election cycle. The camp  
 has been meeting in person but also held its first ZOOM  
 virtual meeting for members who could not travel to the  
 Community Center. Jobe camp member Mark Buchanan  
 was selected as Tennessee Division Heritage Defense  
 Chairman, and he’s hit the ground running, encouraging  
 camps in our heritage fights. The Jobe Camp meets on  
 the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The Collierville Wigfall Greys 1640 also hosted  
 several candidates, and members personally backed  
 two in particular for town alderman. Both won. The  
 Wigfall Greys meet on the 2nd Tuesday.

The Robert E. Lee Camp 1560 of Germantown  
 decided to cancel their last two meetings due to 2  
 members contracting the Chinese virus. Both have fully



# *Starnes' Brigade Commander Earl Wes Pullen*

Camp 37 and Camp 297 with help from TN Commander Joey Nolan held a General Forrest Cruise-In in November at the Forrest Boyhood Home. Even with Covid around us we still

had 22 cars and 11 motorcycles there! Our camps got new members also, I brought membership applications and I think some others did also. It was a good day for all who worked it and attended it.

Camp 37 chartered in October and this group is on fire. Camp 37 also sponsored a Turkey Shoot earlier this month. Wo much sickness and wet conditions, this kept Sean and I from Camp #297 from going.

Camp 82 is sponsoring Christmas wreaths Across America at Beech Grove at the Confederate Park there. There are 61 Confederate soldiers buried there. Many thanks to Mike Anderson for heading up this endeavor.

Camp 152 are keeping a close eye on the monuments in their area and providing speakers for their meetings. When I was there in November Reverend Moody was there explaining the need of the black man and black soldiers which were essential in keeping black and white families together. Their speaker this month was General Scales, who is an authority on Civil War history.

Camp 155 has been idle because of Covid.

Camp 297 now has control of the Farmington monument and a museum is in the plans and surprise is at hand. We met with Camp 29, along with both CiC Larry McCluney and Lt. CiC Jason Boshers. Matt Singleton did a good job of hosting the event. Gene Andrews was the featured speaker.

Camp 160 No meeting due to Covid.

Camp 1411 This camp has lost their meeting site due to Covid. Camp 152 planned to let them use their meeting place for a Christmas party, but I do not know if they had it.

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles Camp 386 is continuing the fight for Southern heritage. Even with circumstances related to Covid-19, our meetings have continued. Our members have been giving out membership applications and SCV license plate rack cards wherever they have the opportunity.

- Tom Wood provided an excellent program for us on the post-war years of President Jefferson Davis.
- Camp 386 member John Willis Cooper shared his knowledge of weapons of the war.
- Tom Meadows provided our Christmas program this year. We were reminded that even in the darkest of times, God's light and the spirit of Christmas are ever present.
- We've had several additions to our museum, including an 1841 sword and an 1851 Colt Navy revolver.
- Camp 386 is committed to begin 2021 by recruiting and promoting true Southern history.





## *Vaughn's Brigade Commander Tim Massey*

Vaughn's Brigade Camps are still dealing with the impacts of coronavirus in our region as many activities and meetings are being cancelled.

The Brigade though has the privilege to report that we have added a new Camp in the Dandridge area! This new Camp is called the 10th Tennessee Regiment of Irish Volunteers. Their Camp Commander, Steven Stewart reports that the Camp has been meeting is at his home due to lack of places to meet and differing work schedules. The Camp has also found unregistered graves in the Dandridge area and contacted the Graves registry so that our proud Confederate soldiers will be honored and never forgotten. The Camp has documented 30 more graves and are currently working on in the area as well. The graves were also marked with flags. A few members have written books and published them and they are working with different organizations in the community to help with any possible relief for families due to Covid issues.

The Kingsport Camp will be hosted the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Kingsport Commemoration and wreath laying ceremony on December 19th at 10:00am. It was held at the Monument in Riverfront Park, Kingsport. Their regular monthly meetings are on the 4th Monday at 6:30pm at Mommas House restaurant 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN. Due to the Covid situation affecting their operating hours, the Camp has had to temporarily move monthly meetings to the 4th Tuesday at 5:30pm. The Camp also decided to move the meetings to the 4th Saturday at 1:00pm during the winter months. The next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday January 23rd at 1:00pm.

The Gen. Alfred E Jackson Camp 215 were meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Logan's Roadhouse in Johnson City. They haven't had a meeting since Covid hit & groups were not allowed to meet in restaurants. The Camp finally got permission to meet again, but Logan's went out of business & has since been bought out by a corporation in Knoxville. The manager there has had to go through corporate to get permission for the Camp to meet, but was told they couldn't bring their flags into the building. This of course didn't go over well & it took a few months to get explanation as to why from corporate. It seems that this is a company policy that nothing from outside be brought in the restaurant due to Covid. This is for every one who wishes to use the facility, not just our group.

The Bradford-Rose Camp has continued to meet, but changed their meeting time from the evening to Noon at the Longstreet Museum in Russellville so that everyone could be socially distanced outside. Several members of the Camp were awarded National Awards over the past few months and received them as they were able to meet. The Camp was also able to have Tom Meadows with C.E.R.T., come to the historic Bethesda Cemetery to give a presentation on grave and monument cleaning. This was attended by the local UDC Chapter and several other Camps in the Brigade! One unfortunate circumstance of the current Corona environment has been that the Bradford-Rose Camp had to cancel their annual Christmas Supper that was to be held at Hale Springs in Rogersville. The Camp hopes to meet in January for the first meeting of a new year!

Lastly, I want to wish all members of the Brigade a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Brigade leadership hopes to be with all of you in the new year!

## **Brigade Commanders**

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

## **Camp Commanders and Adjutants**

*Keep up with your Camp events and submit timely reports to your Brigade Commander for publication in each edition of the Escort!*



## *McClemore's Brigade Commander Tom Meadows*

The camps of the Brigade have been dealing with many restrictions due to COVID as has the rest of the Tennessee Division. However, they continue to push forward

to further our Cause.

The Thomas Benton Smith Camp #2177 continues to do an excellent job maintaining the highly visible Confederate flag on route 109 between Gallatin and Portland. They will be changing out that flag again in the very near future. They are already planning to resume their flag sales at various events in the spring, including the Strawberry Festival in Portland. Their camp email is [denstub1977@att.net](mailto:denstub1977@att.net)

General William B. Bate Camp #34 has been adaptive and innovative in leading the way to deal with current restrictions. They did a live camp broadcast on Facebook while meeting at Rosemont. They are also planning ahead for their Confederate Memorial Day service on June 5th, at 2:00 pm at the Confederate Circle in Gallatin. This is always a well done event and I encourage all camps in the Brigade who are available to please support them at this event. Their camp email is [lucaslawfirm@aol.com](mailto:lucaslawfirm@aol.com)

Battle of Murfreesboro Camp #33 played a major role in the Annual Sam Davis Memorial Service. The camp assisted with tours, and Color Sergeant Kurt Husky did an excellent job with the Honor Guard. They continued this fall with their annual turkey shoots. These are always big events for the camp. The camp is also preparing for their annual memorial service for the Battle of Murfreesboro. It will take place January 3rd at 2:00 p.m. This will be at Evergreen Cemetery. This is a very solemn event and should not be missed. Their camp email is [mborosc33@aol.com](mailto:mborosc33@aol.com)

Sam Davis Camp #1293 the past few months has become the front line of defense on Confederate monuments in the Franklin area. Their members are ever vigilant in monitoring community and government information to better protect our monuments. The camp also did an excellent job this year with the Annual March Off Winstead Hill. SCV members from around the state participated in this event. They are also planning ahead

to future events as there will be a Confederate Memorial Day service on Winstead Hill on June 5th at 10:00 am. I encourage anyone available to please attend this event so our brothers in the Sam Davis Camp know they are not standing alone in defense of our Confederate ancestors in Franklin. Their camp email is [ropewalker@hotmail.com](mailto:ropewalker@hotmail.com)

Joe Johnston Camp #28 in Nashville has probably had to deal with more liberal COVID restrictions than any other camp in the Brigade. That has not slowed them down as they have continued to meet at various locations outside of the city limits. The camp is also working on recruitment as they took in two new members at their December meeting. Please watch this camp for future events that will be coming up as they explore new ways to further the Cause. Their camp email is [sanpayton@comcast.net](mailto:sanpayton@comcast.net)

Colonel Randall McGavock Camp #1713, due to health concerns of some of its members, this Camp has been unable to meet for the past 3 months. They hope to resume their meetings beginning in January. Their camp email is [csa48hughes@gmail.com](mailto:csa48hughes@gmail.com)

General Robert Hatton Camp #723 has continued to meet and hold activities. Fall of the year for them, means turkey shoots, and they held those successfully. One of their biggest fundraisers is caramel popcorn sales at the Wilson County Fair. This year that was denied to them due to the virus. The camp pushed forward by having a special order popcorn sale for the Christmas season. Also in December their annual camp Christmas party was held. Their camp email is [mwfrost@peoplepc.com](mailto:mwfrost@peoplepc.com)

Tom Meadows  
McClemore's Brigade Commander

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## *Ft. Donelson Brigade Commander Rick Revel*

Commander Revel wishes to extend his warmest wishes to the members and Camps of the Ft. Donelson Brigade. With the transition from McClemore's Brigade Command to Ft. Donelson Brigade Command, in the recent weeks, Commander Revel has not had the opportunity to complete a thorough report on Brigade activities. Please be in contact with him in the next weeks as he assumes full command. Merry Christmas!!



## Highland Brigade Commander Mike Williams

Our Brigade will be hosting a 2021 Lee-Jackson Banquet on 23 January, arriving around 5 pm. Opening Ceremony at 6 pm at the Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 111 Mack

Ray Rd, Cookeville TN 38506. Lt Commander In Chief, Jason Boshers will be our guest speaker. It's a covered dish affair & everyone of the Brigade is welcomed & our friends. I'll be bringing two crock pots of black bear stew.

\*General George Gibbs Dibrell camp # 875, Sparta

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Meets 1st Tuesday 6 pm, White County Library.

Has had several meetings with guest speakers:

1. Tom Meadows on C.E.R.T. program
2. Mike Williams on Highland Brigade/TN Division news
3. Rich Garcia talked about Texas soldiers
4. Vonda Dixon on flags
5. Penny Waller on horses used during the war

Activities that several of the camp's men have participated in are:

1. Received their Cert patch.
2. Cleaned several monuments, including our General Dibrell's big monument. there was a good turn out for Cert Day.
3. Helped to be security for others camps.
4. Helped with the Hope Toy Drive and raised over \$1350 and two truck loads of new toys so underprivileged kids could have a nice Christmas.
5. The men and I helped move the Jefferson Davis statue from Fairview< Kentucky to a safe house in Paducah, Kentucky.
6. Several of the men also participated in the parade at Dunlap, TN. They also worked Billy Walker's booth to help hand out flyers and recruit new members.
7. Two men from our camp received Honor Guard Medals, by attending School of the Soldier/Color/Honor Guard training from the TN Division Color Guard Sgt, Bryan Green
8. Helped unload semi truck load of supplies for the tornado victims in Cookeville, TN.

9. Participated in the ceremony to change the colors "Bonnie Blue" to our Confederate flag at Monterey, TN.
10. Worked at the Sparta Liberty Day Celebration. We set up a booth and handed out flyers and recruited new members.
11. Participated in rides to raise money for people that were in need of financial help.

Unfortunately, some of our meetings have had to be canceled because covid 19. in spit of covid 19, over the past year our camp has added several new members.

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They've been having monthly meetings with speakers. Held a picnic at the Coke Ovens Park. We attended the Memorial service held at SCV Hq Museum for the 131st anniversary of the death (6 Dec 1889) of President Jefferson Davis on 6 December.

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Meets monthly, 4th Saturday, 9 am, no certain location because of the "china virus." Held a Veterans Day Flag Ceremony on the square in Lafayette, we did a video with "The Two Farmers", that has been veiwed over 43 thousand times and shared 754 times. This was an effort to grow our camp and camps all over the country as well as to educate the public of our cause.

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Meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm at Dekalb County Complex/UT Extention Office Bldg 712 South Congress Blvd.

Brigade Commander Williams came on 10 December & gave us the latest news. The day was his birthday, we surprised him with a Confederate battle flag cake.

We had a reception for Mac and Eva Willoughby at the Alexandria Christmas parade. Mac was a teacher in DeKalb County for many years and had many friends here. Mac is a charter member in the Savage-Goodner Camp and was a member of Huwalds Battery before it disbanded some years ago. Mac and Eva have moved to Rutherford County now and we will miss seeing them.

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Meets at The Bridge Community Church, 110 W. Hull Avenue, Gainesboro, TN 38562. The meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00–9:00 pm. Dinner is served at 6 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm.

October 3: several members of the camp spent the day at the Granville Heritage Days, in Granville TN where a SCV recruitment booth was displayed.

October 9: Several members of the camp attended a Memorial for Eleanor “Granny” Battersby, oldest TNSOCR member and a member of Aunt Polly OCR #10

October 10: Camp Commander participated in the Jefferson Davis Monument re-dedication ceremony at the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.

October 15: Camp hosted Guest Speaker Eric Durham from the Jim Davis SCV Camp #1425 at the monthly Gainesboro Invincibles SCV Meeting

October 24: Camp Commander attended the Private Joshua Stoneman Simcox, Company G 63rd McMahon’s Virginia Infantry memorial hosted by the Standing Stone/ Captain Champ Ferguson SCV Camp #2014

October 31: Camp members participated in the yard sale fundraiser for The Gaines House Confederate Field Hospital, Gainesboro TN

November 7: Camp Commander attended the Jim Davis SCV Camp #1425 Lafayette, TN , courthouse to replace the Confederate flag

November 12: Camp Commander, as SDMA Board Director attended the Sam Davis Memorial Association meeting at the Historic Sam Davis Home, Smyrna Tennessee.

November 19: SCV Meeting–Camp Commander presented – “CSS Shenandoah, Rebel of the High Seas” program to visitors and camp members

November 21: Camp Commander presented “Tejano Confederates” program and participated in the Honor Guard at the Historic Sam Davis Home, Sam Davis Memorial service, Smyrna Tennessee

November 28: Camp Commander attended SCV Camp #3 Thanksgiving picnic at Dunlap Coke Ovens State Park

December 3: Camp Commander attended Robert H. Hatton SCV Camp #723 Christmas Party

December 5: Camp Commander participated in the Dillard–Judd SCV Camp #1828 Memorial service for Captain Franklin Hammock and Private James Hammock 25th TN Infantry

December 6: Camp Commander participated as Honor Guard in the Jefferson Davis Memorial at Elm Springs confederate museum, Columbia Tennessee

December 10: Camp Commander attended the Savage– Goodner SCV Camp #1513 monthly meeting, Smithville TN

Brigade Commander Mike Williams came to our meeting on 10 December, & he reported the latest news. The meeting night was his birthday night, so we surprised him with a Confederate battle flag cake. We also had a reception for Mac and Eva Willoughby at the Alexandria Christmas parade. Mac was a teacher in DeKalb County for many years and had many friends here. Mac is a charter member in the Savage–Goodner Camp and was a member of Huwalds Battery before it disbanded some years ago.

December 11–17: Camp is scheduling a Christmas dinner.

The camp continues to be active in the Gaines House Association meetings.

Community service–Shane Woodward Lt. Commander initiated a Gaines House (confederate field hospital) fundraiser which consisted of donation jars bring placed at various businesses in Cookeville TN. This activity generated monetary donations for the Gaines House

The camp is planning and developing a Remembrance service for the “Burning of Old Columbus” by Union troops that occurred February 24 1864 during the Union Cumberland River Campaigns.

Under the direction of TN Division Commander Joey Nolan, Commander Gainesboro Invincibles SCV Camp 1685, with Commander Ronnie Headley NB Boyhood Home Camp #37 are jointly developing a flag retirement program for the SCV Tennessee Division Confederate Flag Retirement Ceremony on March 6, 2021 at Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood home.

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Meets 2nd Monday 6 pm, at Old Fashion Independant Baptist Church, 250 10th St. The camp has been holding monthly meetings with speakers. Compatriot Gary Green attended the Hammock brothers' Memorial Service as a rifleman on the Highland Brigade Honor Guard. Mr Green & wife attended the Simcox Memorial that the Monterey camp hosted in October at Pine Ridge Cemetery at Muddy Pond.

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**\*Dillard-Judd camp # 1828, Cookeville**

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**Meets most months at Golden Coral, 3rd Monday, 5:30 to eat, 7 pm meeting starts, 1380 Interstate Dr.**

**We usually have a good line up of speakers.**

**In early October we partnered up with the Gainesboro camp & attended the Granville Heritage Days, where we had a recruitment booth. We attended the Simcox Memorial that the Monterey camp was holding.**

**For our October meeting C.E.R.T. coordinator Tom Meadows came & we were able to hear his very informative talk on the proper way to clean grave markers & Monuments. 3rd weekend of October Hershel Meadows & Mike Williams attended the annual reenactment of Camp Wildcat, near London KY. For a week in early November we guarded our Monument at City Cemetery, in anticipation of civil unrest because of the Presidential election. A former Monument guard, who lives way off donated \$350, & Camp Chaplain Chris Dobbs' father donated some pistol holsters he made & we had around \$480, to get started checking out & buying a security camera so we could watch the Monument 24/7. We decided on a camera & received it. We came across a local business man who allowed us to "get on" his wi-fi so we could have a signal. As soon as we figure out what size pole & diameter we will get the camera & pole primed/painted, & we'll be in business to watch our Monument at anytime we wish. On 5 December the camp held a Memorial service for Captain Franklin Hammock & his brother James Hammock. Capt. Hammock was killed during a skirmish with Unionist Tinker Dave Beaty's men at "Raven's Cliff", I think in Overton County. These two veterans are ancestors of Compatriot Hershel Meadows. Our Division Commander, Joey Dale Nolen, was able to attend. Ladies in dress from the TN SOCR to laid a wreath at the Captain's grave marker & red roses at both veteran's grave markers, members of the new Heritage group, Rose Greenhow's Rear Guard, read a poem, laid a wreath at Pvt. Hammock's grave marker, a 7 man Highland Brigade Honor Guard & 2 on the camp cannon shot the Final Salute, & a bugler played Taps, Jack Looper of the Monterey camp. Two of Jack's young grandsons, Michael Allred and Grayson Breedlove, served on the Honor Guard. The cemetery is located in the middle of a wilderness, no where near any modern activity or houses, in Overton County. A beautiful place.**

**Compatriot & former TN Division Commander, Edward McNatt Butler got started working on a huge display case for the SCV National Museum.**

**Compatriot David C. Daniels has volunteered to be appointed the "Highland Brigade Genealogist." If a Highland Brigade Camp doesn't have an SCV member who does genealogy, they can either contact David, or the TN Division Genealogist, Joe Burns  
email: [jaburns01@att.net](mailto:jaburns01@att.net)**

**We attended the October unveiling of the Jefferson Davis statue at Headquarters' SCV Museum grounds. We also attended the 2020 Sam Davis annual Memorial service held at his home in Smyrna, where Lt CIC Jason Boshers was Keynote speaker. We also attended the 131st anniversary Memorial services of the death of Jefferson Davis that the TN Society Order of Confederate Rose organized. A grand affair to attend.**

**We were asked to find the Marlow Cemetery & gravesite of Pvt. James Alexander Marlow, located in Putnam County. Was easy to find using gps. Commander Clarence Farmer & I spent the afternoon finding it. Pvt. Marlow is the ancestor of TN Division Judge Advocate H. Edward Phillips. Sometime in 2021 our Camp will conduct a Memorial service for Pvt. Marlow with Mr. Phillips as Keynote speaker. At our December 2020 meeting this month, Mike Boswell, Adjutant of the Livingston camp will be our guest speaker, his program title, "Muskets & Applejack: Spirits, Soldiers, & the Civil War," aka the Yankee War.**

**\*Myers-Zollicoffer camp # 1990, Livingston**

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**Meets 3rd Thursday, 7-8 pm at the American Legion Quonset Hut, S. Church St.**

**We attended & welcomed the Dillard-Judd camp to conduct their Memorial service for the (2) Hammock brothers. Commander Vincent also served on the Brigade Honor Guard for this event**

**\*Standing Stone/Capt. Champ Ferguson Camp # 2014**

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**Meets 2nd Monday 6 pm, at the Monterey Train Depot. Compatriot Jack Looper attended the Hammock brothers Memorial service hosted by Dillard-Judd camp Cookeville, in Overton County's territory, & performed "Taps." Two of Jack's grandsons served on the Highland Brigade Honor guard as riflemen. October 24th hosted memorial for Joshua Stoneman Simcox of Co. G 63 VA. Inf. ANV Longstreets Corps. And Buckners Corps AOT at Pine Ridge Cemetery, Muddy Pond. The Camp placed 28 Battle Flags at Sand Springs Cemetery. We attended Tennessee Division Color Guard and Honor Guard training held at Poplar Springs Baptist Church.**

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Meets 3rd Sunday 7 pm at "the Man Cave," at JD's place.

Due to covid19 and the planned demic, the 8th TN Cav has had a long break in our monthly meetings. We have resumed our meetings with swearing in a new member. Please welcome Leo Denny into the SCV. Some of our SCVMC members recently participated in a toy run to raise toys and other items for Restoring Hope, a local charity. The toy run was very successful. Our next meeting is scheduled for 20 Dec where we will take up the task of cleaning a cemetery where a member's ancestor is buried.

**\*13th Tennessee Cavalry camp # 2304, Pikeville**

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Meets 2nd Thursday 6 pm at Bledsoe County Rescue Squad Bldg.

Palmetto spoke in October and he spoke on the last fort to fall that was covering General Lee's back and supply line. Vonda Dixon spoke in November and it was on her years in the OCR and doing genealogy. Thanksgiving dinner at the Coke Ovens with the Mechanized Calvary and the Wheeler-Long camp. We had a good showing for the Christmas parade in Pikeville.

**\*Pvt. William L. Steakley camp # 2307, Spencer**

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Meets 2nd Tuesday 5:30 pm at Fall Creek Falls Community Center

On 21 September the Camp's oldest member passed away/ crossed the river to rest in the shade of the trees, who was Commander Farmer's father. The camp has been very active & had lots of flagging events, as well as cemetery work days. Since June the camp has attended approximately 25 different events. Attended Jefferson Davis' Memorial service at Headquarters. We took care of our annual Christmas card event we do for the residents of the local nursing home. We are in the planning stage for a Memorial service for Aaron & Pay Moffet, a veteran of Co A, Tn Infantry. He was dug up years ago & his grave marker was broken. We plan to repair or replace the marker & conduct a Memorial service.





# *Around the Division*



Compatriots at the Old Sparta Cemetery

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held its annual Christmas Party in December at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House).



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C.E.R.T training was provided in Dyersburg, hosted by Bell's Partisans Camp 1821. The instructor was Compatriot Wayne Moon. Also in attendance were members of Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp 176, Pvt. Ike Stone Camp 564, Crockett Rangers Camp 1774, and members of Mary Ann Bell Chapter 21, TN Society OCR.

Members of the Jim Davis Camp 1425 Macon County, met to change out their flag on the square. Guests of the Camp included, Rich Garcia and Tamathy Page from the Gainsboro Invincibles Camp and Aunt Polly Eaton Williams Order of Confederate Rose Chapter 10.



Commander Joey Nolan and Vaughn's Brigade Adjutant Joshua Cameron were on hand for the Chartering of the 10th Tennessee Regiment of Irish Volunteers in Dandridge, TN.



C.E.R.T Training in Union City, TN with members of the Otho French Strahl Camp.



Forrest Camp 215 places double winter tarps over the NBFForrest pedestal at Forrest Park, Memphis. This is to protect it during the winter. Pictured: LtCdr Mike Riggs, Mike Cross, Lee Millar, Commander Harry Adams



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held its annual Toys for Tots toy drive at its annual Christmas Party held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in December. Adjutant John Hitt presented the toys and monetary donations to Lance Corporal Jordon Hedrick. Pictured L-R are Adjutant John Hitt, Lance Corporal Jordon Hedrick, Commander Earl Smith and Jim Roper.



Several Camps and at least 3 Brigades were on hand for the annual march at Winstead Hill in November.



C.E.R.T Training in Sparta

Former TN Division Commander Ed Butler, working on the Kentucky Coffee wood for the display cabinet that will be housed in the new Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. This is a great undertaking by Ed and all of the Division is proud of his work!



C.E.R.T Training hosted by the Bradford-Rose Camp at the historic Besthesda Cemetery in Russellville, TN. The training was led by Tom Meadows and several Camps in Vaughn's Brigade were present for the training.

Former Tennessee Division Commander Mike Beck and Bradford-Rose Lt. Commander Jordy Barnette replace the flag flown over the cemetery at Bethesda Church.



# Historical Arguments for Secession

As Related by Jefferson Davis

Submitted by Tom Woods

The Southern States were not the first states in the Union to advocate secession from what they believed to be an abusive and mis-managed government. There were several serious considerations of withdrawal from the Union by New England States early in our country's history. These considerations for secession were a result of dissatisfaction with Federal Government Administrations decisions which the states felt had an adverse effect on their state and their sovereignty. There was never a thought or consideration by these states that withdrawal from the Union to protect their sovereignty would be regarded as treasonable or revolutionary, but, yet today many consider the withdrawal actions of our Southern States as treason. As Jefferson Davis stated "It is evident, therefore, that the people of the South, in the crisis which confronted them in 1860, had no lack either of precept or of precedent for their instruction and guidance in the teaching and the example of our brethren of the north and east. The only practical difference was that the north threatened and the South acted."

As President Jefferson Davis states "These men who are cited below-Cabot, Pickering, Quincy and others-were not Democrats, misled by extreme theories of States Rights, but leaders and expositors of the highest type of Federalism and a strong central government. This fact gives their support of the right of secession the greater significance".

The South Carolina Convention met on December 20, 1860 and unanimously adopted an ordinance revoking her delegated powers and withdrawal from the Union alliance. In view of the failure of all overtures for conciliation during the first month of the session, other states were now making preparations for secession. This was generally admitted to be an unquestionable right pertaining to their sovereignty as states and the only peaceable remedy that remained.

In the prior history of this country, repeated instances are found as to the assertion of the right to secession, and of a purpose entertained at various times to put it into execution. This is especially true of Massachusetts and other New England States. The acquisition of Louisiana in 1803 created much dissatisfaction in those states, for the reason, expressed by an eminent citizen of Massachusetts writing that the "The influence of our (the northeastern) part of the Union will be diminished by the acquisition of more weight at the other extremity of the country." These discussions of secession were freely discussed, with no intimation, in the records of the period, of any idea among its advocates that it could be regarded as treasonable or revolutionary.

Colonel Timothy Pickering, a famous and patriotic citizen of Massachusetts was a leader in the secessionist movement of 1803 and 1804. He wrote to a friend December 24, 1803 the following." I will not yet despair. I will rather anticipate a New Confederacy, (Northern) exempt from the corrupt and corrupting influence and oppression of the aristocratic democrats of the south. There will be a separation. The white and black will mark the boundary."

Davis points out "It was not slavery that threatened a rupture of the Union in 1832, but the unjust and unequal protective tariff. It happened, however, on all these occasions that the line of demarkation of sectional interest coincided exactly with that dividing the states in which negro servitude existed and those in which it had been abolished. It corresponded with the prediction of Mr. Pickering in 1803, that , in the separation to come "the white and black population would mark the boundary"---a prediction made without any reference to slavery as a source of dissension."

In another letter dated January 29, 1804 wrote regarding the wrongs and abuses by the existing administration thus expressing his views and remedies:

“The principles of our revolution point to a remedy—a separation”

“I do not believe in the practicality of a long-continued Union. A Northern Confederacy would unite congenial characters and present a fairer prospect of public happiness, while the Southern States, having a similarity of habits, might be left to manage their own affairs in their own way”.

Davis states Pickering’s position “is cited only as showing the opinion prevailing in the north at that day with regard to the right of secession from the Union, if deemed advisable by the ultimate and irreversible judgment of the people of a sovereign state.”

In 1811, on the bill for admission of Louisiana as a state of the Union, the Hon. Josiah Quincy, a member of Congress from Massachusetts said “If this bill passes, it is my deliberate opinion that it is virtually a dissolution of this Union; that it will free the states from their moral obligation; and as it will be the right of all, so it will be the duty of some, definitely to prepare for separation—amicably if they can, violently if they must.”

The Hartford Convention of 1814, representatives from New England States met to consider grievances concerning the war with Great Britain. Their plan of separation corresponds very closely with that adopted by the Southern States some 50 years later. “If the Union be destined to dissolution by reason of the multiplied abuses of bad administration, it should, if possible, be the work of peaceable times and deliberate consent. Some new form of Confederacy should be substituted among those states which shall intend to maintain a federal relationship to each other. Events may prove that the causes of our calamities are deep and permanent.”

Again, in 1844-1845, the annexation of Texas evoked threats of dissolution of the Union from Northeastern States. “The project of the annexation of Texas, unless arrested on the threshold, may tend to drive these states into dissolution of the Union”.

I have found no evidence of threat from the Federal Government charging these states with treason or subversive behavior regarding their resolution of secession from the Union. The above cited events helped to set the stage certainly for what the South ultimately resolved in 1860-1861. The difference was the South actually acted on their resolve.

Davis states in his farewell speech to the senate in 1861, “Secession is justified upon the basis that the states are sovereign. There was a time when none denied it. I hope the time may come again when a better comprehension of the theory of our government, and the inalienable rights of the people of the states, will prevent any one from denying that each state is sovereign.”



*“Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance, our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that was our posterity was to endure,*

*I would do it all over again.”*

*Jefferson Davis*



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# *“Speaking of the Devil”*

## *Thoughts from the Editor*

Compatriots and Friends of the Tennessee Division,

I want to send my warmest wishes of the season to each of you! We are a diverse group of men of many varied backgrounds, cultures, races, and ethnicities! Whether you are celebrating Hanukkah or Christmas, I hope that the commercialism of the mainstream can be put aside and you focus on the spiritual aspect of the season.

I will leave you with some of the most profound scripture of the Bible, which for Christians is the reason we celebrate this season.

Luke Chapter 2:

**1**And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

**2**(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

**3**And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

**4**And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

**5**To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

**6**And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**7**And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**8**And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**9**And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

**10**And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**11**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**12**And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**13**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**14**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**15**And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

**16**And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**17**And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

**18**And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

**19**But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

**20**And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**21**And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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