

# FORREST'S ESCORT



**"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 Officers



## Division Commander Joey Nolan

I pray you are all doing well. Summer has come and gone, and Fall is here. With this time of year come festivals and community events, which provide us with opportunities to reach members of the public with our message. It has

been refreshing to receive positive feedback from camps and their successes with all the hard work these camps invest.

Two issues on many minds are the Arlington Reconciliation Monument in Arlington Cemetery, and Forrest Hall on the campus of MTSU. Attorneys are working hard on both to ensure we are victorious on behalf of our heritage and ancestors. We can never let down our guard, as the enemy will catch us unaware. At any time with little notice, our members may be called on to send emails and make calls. That is why it is so important to maintain the lines of communication from SCV National down to the camps. When provided with important information to contact elected officials, your help is invaluable.

Many have inquired about the Tennessee Division Grave Guardian program. Yes, Tennessee does have its own program, similar to that of SCV National. I have asked the 1st Lt. Commander and 2nd Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division to oversee this program. Be looking for more information soon on how you can be a part of this program.

I have heard great things from camps and brigades being involved in cemetery tours during the month of October. Again, this was another tool to use for recruitment and sharing our heritage. If you have never attended one of these tours, make plans to do so next year.

As before, I wish to encourage you to visit and support the many Southern/Confederate heritage friendly sites in Tennessee. There is no shortage of places to learn about our heritage. I will list a few below 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
- ...and many more.

Now more than ever, we must offer our support, financial and otherwise, to those who are willing to help preserve our heritage. Look for places in your area that support Southern heritage, and let them know you appreciate it.

As most have seen, read, or heard, the Robert E. Lee statue of Charlottesville was secretly melted down. What a disgrace for this to happen to a statue of one of the most Godly men to walk the earth. To reference the Bible, my thoughts were for God to forgive them because they have no true understanding of what they are doing. However, this shows us we must be ever watchful of our statues and monuments to make sure this does not happen in Tennessee. As much as possible, build a working relationship and open lines of communication with local entities. We have more friends than you might expect. Before making a fist, try first extending a hand of friendship.

The 2024 Tennessee Division Reunion is getting closer. The upcoming Reunion will be held in Columbia, TN at the War Memorial Building on Saturday April 27th, with the National Confederate Museum being the site of the Friday night social. This will be a great time to see old friends, and make new ones.

Recently I sent out a communication titled, "The Death of the SCV." I was sure it would be met with resistance by some, and it was. I stated that the death and destruction of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not coming at the hands of outsiders, but those on the inside. The weapon of choice is not gun, knife, sword, or cannon, but by the use of tongues. Petty differences and personal vendettas are tearing down more than can be built up. We are the ones doing this, so we can stop it.

Regardless of any resistance, the statements were true. If we do not get past our petty, childish differences, our organization is doomed. It's time to suck it up, and move on. If our ancestors and heritage are truly our main focus, then we have no other choice.

It is up to us to tell the true history of our Confederate ancestors. Their blood cries out to be remembered as the Southern patriots they were. We cannot wait on someone else to stand up for them. If we do not do so now, who is going to do it and when. God's blessings upon you all.

Respectfully,

Joey Nolan, Commander  
Tennessee Division, SCV



# General Forrest 200 Society

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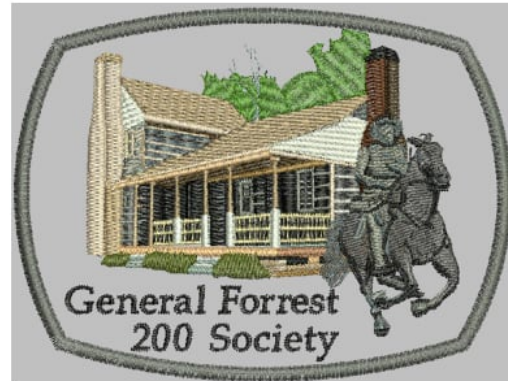
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On July 13, 1821 Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill Tennessee. Forrest would become one of the greatest self made men in the South, plantation owner, businessman and most importantly one of the most feared Generals during the War Between 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 19<sup>th</sup> 1927: "Every Confederate soldier who did his duty measured up to the highest standard of a man. But no body of soldiers in all history possessed more patriotism or exhibited more courage and determination to do or die for their country than the followers of Nathan Bedford Forrest."

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

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

Membership \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For questions call: 931-315-9065 or email: [scvproud@gmail.com](mailto:scvproud@gmail.com)



## 1st Lt. Commander John Blankenship

Gentlemen,

Fall is in full swing here in Tennessee. Another season is quickly passing and we are getting closer to winter. As the temperatures begin to drop and the leaves begin to change color, I am reminded of the

hardships that our ancestors faced. Many of these young men had never been more than a few miles from home. It's hard to imagine what a cold winter must have been like, with little to no food and clothes to stay warm. Not only did these men face the elements of nature, but also the emotional and spiritual aspects they dealt with. Some being hundreds of miles away from home, they must have been worried about the well being and safety of their families. The fears they must have had wondering if their loved ones had the things they needed to survive an upcoming winter. Yet these men still pressed on and continued to fight to protect and defend their loved ones left at home.

There will never be another group of men like them. The cause for which they fought was so worthy to be defended that they left their homes and families. Let us not forget this. We must continue to defend them. We are the last line of defense. They even knew we would be. Let us live up to the Charge they gave us. Let us tell their story, a one of sacrifice and heroism.

I ask that you continue to stand with me in this Cause. We must stand as ONE. Do not let the Enemy divide us.

Thank you to each of you for the work you are doing in your communities to honor the Confederate Soldier. Thank you for continually defending his good name. Thank you for preserving his history.

I am thankful to be a part of the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization. I am honored to be able to stand with each of you, my Brothers. We may not share the same names, however we share the same goal. That is to remember and honor the Confederate Soldier.

The Tennessee Division continues to stand strong. We are financially stable. We have many great programs in place. Let's continue to be active and recruit new members.

If I can be of service to you or your camp, please let me know.

John Blankenship  
Lt. Commander, TN Division  
[johnblankenship71@hotmail.com](mailto:johnblankenship71@hotmail.com)  
731-420-1316



## 2nd Lt. Commander Richard Garcia

Fellow Compatriots,

November is approaching. It is a time to be thankful, a time to remember, and a time to embrace those who enrich our lives. Wishing you all a

Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The Sam Watkins Brigade will host The Tennessee Division Reunion on Saturday April 27, 2024 in Columbia TN. On Friday night, April 26th, at the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs campus, a welcome event will be held.

The business session aspect of the reunion will be held at the War Memorial Building two blocks off the square and across from the James K. Polk Home. More information will be provided at a later date.

Awards are very important. They recognize, motivate and inspire the Tennessee Division Charge.

Please start accumulating your documentation and submit your 2024 Tennessee Division Award Nominations by January 20, 2024. Criteria for Awards are on the next page.

Richard Garcia  
TN Division 2nd Lt. Commander  
SCV National Life Member  
TN Division Life Member  
General Forrest 200 Society Member



# Awards Nomination Criteria

The Award Nominations can be mailed to:

Richard Garcia

2nd Lt. Cmdr., TN Division

836 Quarles Hollow Rd.

Gainesboro Tennessee 38562

or may be emailed to: [RLG1029@icloud.com](mailto:RLG1029@icloud.com)

615-906-2811

Nominations do not have to be sent by registered mail. Nominations and supporting documentation (newspaper articles, photos, etc.) are solicited from all camps in good standing across the division. A selection committee is established, and each nominee will be examined and evaluated.

**The Sam Davis Award (Camp of the Year Award)**– Presented to the camp with the best combination of the following attributes:

- Excellent representation of the SCV to the public at large
- Participation in and/or sponsorship of community service events
- Participation in and/or sponsorship of SCV and other Southern Heritage events
- Completed and/or pursuing an outstanding project
- Shows a rapid growth and/or high retention in membership
- The entry should note all camp activities

Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: One

**The Jefferson Davis Award** – Presented to a member(s) of the Tennessee Division who has rendered outstanding service to the organization or contributed to the maintenance of our Heritage. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, member name, name of camp, location, and contact person.

Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Limited to Three

**The Robert E. Lee Award** – Presented to individuals or organizations outside the ranks of the SCV who have rendered valuable service or support to any camp, the SCV, or our Southern Heritage. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, individual or organization name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Limited to Five

**The Edward Ward Carmack Award** –Presented to an individual or organization for the best media coverage of the SCV, Tennessee Division, or our Southern Heritage. Winner is not required to be a member of the SCV. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, individual or organization name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: Three

**The General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award** – Presented to the individual “Man of the Year” that has shown dedication to the charge of the SCV. This member has gone above and beyond to demonstrate their devotion to preservation, continuation of the memory of our Confederate Ancestors, educates, promotes, is constantly active, and uses all available resources. The individual must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of member, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.

Number of awards: One

**The Tod Carter Award** – Presented to the Editor of the best camp newsletter in the Division. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry must include 3 copies each of 4 editions of camp newsletters from January 2022 through December 2022. All newsletter submissions must be in print. Electronic newsletters will be accepted. The entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of newsletter editor, name of newsletter, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging is based on the following criteria:

- Editorials
- Camp News
- Historical Content
- Original articles and material on the war
- National and Division News
- Current events/news pertaining to the SCV
- Commentary on events of interest to the SCV
- Visual appeal
- Use of photos
- Includes contact information

Number of awards: Two

(1) Camp with 50 or more members

(1) Camp with less than 50 members

**The George Ellsworth Camp Home Page / Website Award–**

Presented to the Webmaster of the camp with the best website. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. The entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, webmaster name, website name, camp name, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry. Camp Facebook pages may be entered.

Judging will be based on the following criteria: • Site loads and displays easily and quickly

- Easy to navigate
- Readable and appealing
- Constantly updated
- Informative
- Colorful/use of graphics
- Includes contact information
- Includes information on becoming a SCV member

Number of awards: One

**The Dr. Rosalie Carter Camp Scrapbook Award** – Presented to the camp with the best scrapbook. Camp scrapbooks must be submitted to the 2nd Lt. Commander by 9:00 am on the Saturday of the Convention (time zone in which Convention is held). Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- The scrapbook must be brought to the Convention to be judged.
- Only material dating from last year's Convention to the present will be considered (all previous years' works must be removed from the scrapbook)
- Visual appeal is important, and will be considered
- All Scrapbooks must be the work of a camp member of the camp entered

Number of awards: One

**The Jane Simmons Davis Ladies Appreciation Award** – This award honors Mrs. Davis for raising Sam Davis, a courageous son that gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. The Tennessee Division Jane Simmons Davis Ladies Appreciation Award is given to ladies that have been continuously dedicated to the SCV and sacrificed a generous amount of their time assisting the SCV Tennessee Division or a Camp there within.

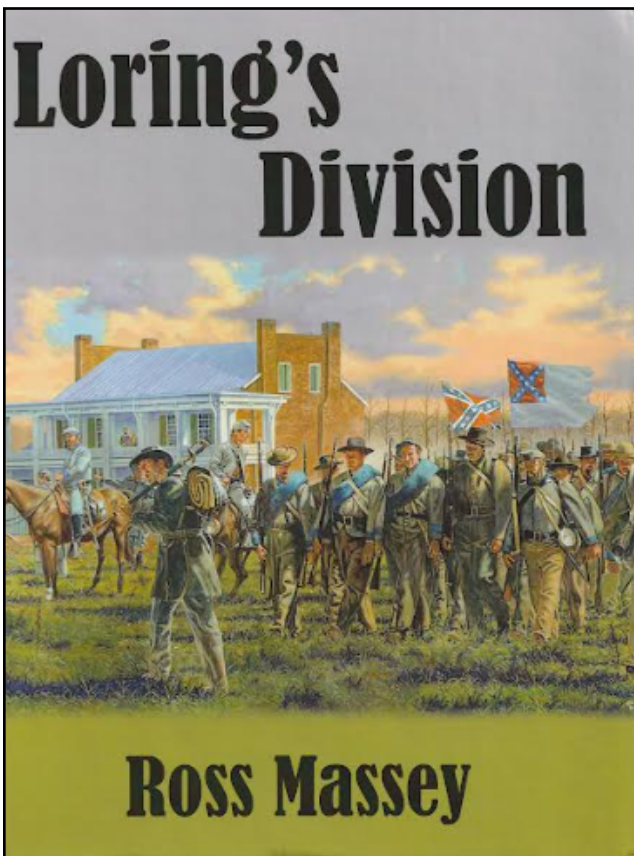
Ladies must be nominated by a current member of the Tennessee Division and submitted by the Camp Commander. Each nomination must be approved by the Tennessee Division Commander. This award shall only be received one time. Submit a summary of the nominee's assistance to the Tennessee Division or a camp there within. A limit of 10 awards per year will be given at the Tennessee Division Reunion.

**Guidelines For Tennessee Division Awards:**

- The deadline for Division award nominations is January 20, 2024
- The year eligible for awards runs from April 2023 – January 2024, unless otherwise specified.
- All entries become the property of the SCV Tennessee Division except for the scrapbook
- Proper documentation must accompany all nominations for them to be considered.



**Marshall Rangers camp 297 has a new challenge coin for sale featuring Jake Donelson. The coins are \$15 each and profits are going to the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna. Contact Sean Hill to order yours today!!**



**Ross Massey of Camp 28 has written the first known history of an entire Division in his new book, Loring's Division. Published by Scuppernong Press and available now! For more information contact Ross at [masseyla@aol.com](mailto:masseyla@aol.com)**

**General James Longstreet's Headquarters, winter of 1863-1864**



**General Longstreet**

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

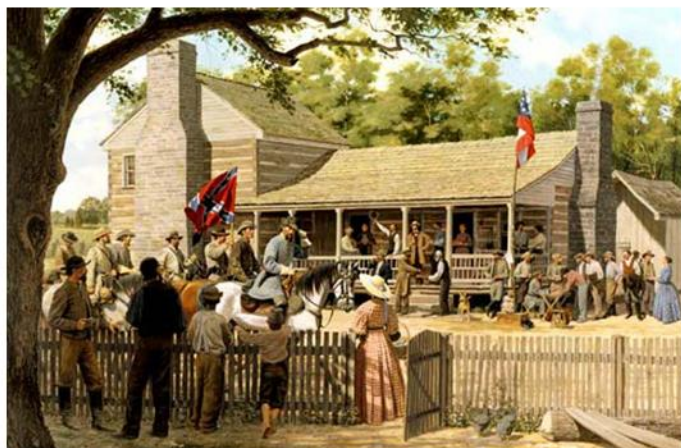
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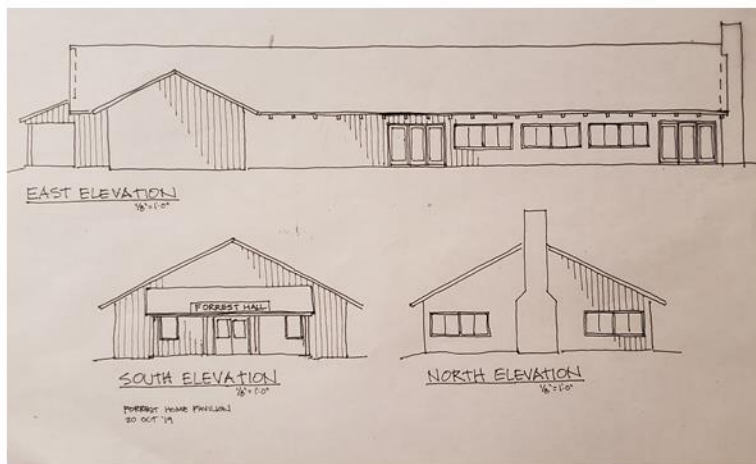
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**PLEASE CONSIDER A VISIT TO OR A DONATION  
TO HELP PRESERVE AND CONTINUE  
OPERATING THE GEN. LONGSTREET MUSEUM!**



**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE  
LAUNCH OF A FUND RAISER FOR A  
VISITORS CENTER AT THE  
NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST HOME  
IN CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE.  
“FORREST HALL”**

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



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

General Forrest level \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Colonel Jeffery Forrest level \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_  
Forrest Escort level \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Morton's Artillery level \$500 \_\_\_\_\_  
Forrest's Cavalry level \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Send your donation to: SCV Tennessee Division, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088

Make a note that your donation is for FORREST HALL.

If you have questions contact James Patterson at 615-812-0206 or mboroscv33@aol.com





# Brigade Commander Reports



Commander Jack Looper telling the story of the Confederate soldier to students.



## Highland Brigade, Commander Clarence Farmer

The Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014 sponsored it's annual "Trails thru History" at the Monterey Depot Museum on Sept. 29. The event had almost 700 students attend. Pictured is 1st Lt.

The camp also participated in Monterey's Standing Stone Day on Oct. 14, marching in the parade and setting up a recruiting booth up in Whittaker Park.

Dillard-Judd 1828, in Cookeville has been pretty busy going to reenactments this late summer/early fall. Reenacting with Co A 3rd TN Infantry we've been to Battle of Munfordville, Ky, 160th anniversary of Battle of Chickamauga, & the 1st reenactment of Streight's Raid at Cedar Bluff, Alabama. The 3rd will be going to Fort Dickerson Knoxville in November. Ed Butler finished building the donation/long arm display cabinet & we delivered it to the Confederate Museum at Headquarters. Ed's working on a recruitment project that will be unveiled at our November 2023 camp meeting.



## Longstreet's Brigade, Commander Kyle Stewart

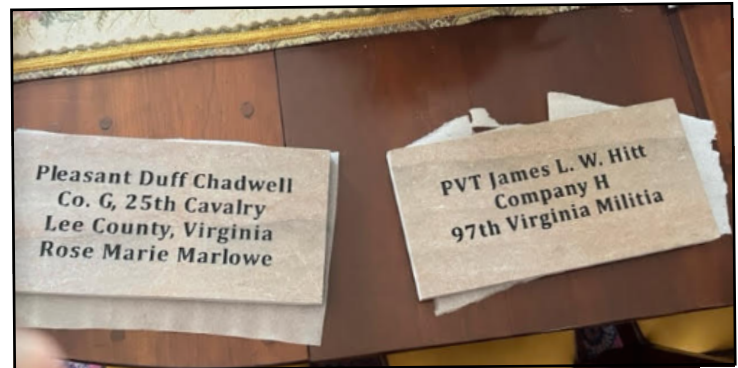
Gentlemen,

The Longstreet Brigade has had another very active quarter in recruiting, retention, and furthering Specifically speaking, Bradford/Rose Camp #1638 has presented multiple William Hicks Jackson AG awards,

had a booth at the Grainger Co Tomato Festival, and actively raising funds for their Confederate statue to be placed on the Longstreet Museum property.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp #87 placed a marker for a recently found gravesite, participated in multiple festivals, and Bleak House fundraising.

Kyle Stewart  
Brigade Commander







# MOSSY CREEK BANNER



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AUGUST 1863

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## COLONEL BRADFORD- COLONEL ROSE SCV CAMP 1638

*Annual Christmas Supper*

 WHEN: DECEMBER 16, 2023 6:00 PM

 WHERE: HISTORIC HALE SPRINGS INN  
ROGERSVILLE, TN

 COST: \$40 PER PERSON

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INFORMATION ON THE KENNEDY TWINS





# McLemore's Brigade, Commander Bruce Gibson

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.

During two weekends in October, members of the camp and other members of the McLemore and Starnes brigades assisted in the Sam Davis Home Ghost tours. This is the primary fundraiser for the Home. This year, we were involved in shooting a commercial for the Rutherford County Tourism Board. Stay tuned to see if we made the final edit.

On October 28, the Camp held its first turkey shoot of the season. Another will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 3816 John Bragg Hwy, Murfreesboro, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The turkey shoots are the Camp's main fundraiser for the year.

In November, the camp will replace the U.S. flag at Evergreen Cemetery. In addition to maintaining the Confederate flag in the cemetery's Confederate Circle, the camp replaces the U.S. flag on or near Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

On December 31 at 2:00 p.m., the Camp will commemorate the 161<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Murfreesboro Confederate Circle in Evergreen Cemetery. The ceremony will culminate in replacing the Confederate flag in the Circle.

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 Hatton Camp is again planning three great turkey shoots at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. You'll find them on the Peyton Road side near the back. They will start around 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays and finish up around noon or until they run out of shooters. On the Sunday shoot, they will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until around 4:00 p.m. They will have country hams again, 5-pound packs of thick

sliced bacon, maybe a sack or two of country sausage, and a few money rounds. The dates are November 11 and 12, and December 2. See you there!

On Saturday, November 4, the Camp will celebrate General Hatton's birth and successful life at 10:00 a.m. at his gravesite at Cedar Grove Cemetery. We have the honor of General Hatton, his wife Sophie, their son, and other family members being buried right here in Lebanon at historic Cedar Grove. Robert Hatton was such an essential part of life in Lebanon and his service to the Confederacy that we continue to enjoy the tribute of his memory with his statue on the Lebanon square.

On Saturday, October 7, Jim Davis Camp No. 1425 held a memorial service honoring Private John R. Holland, C.S.A. The Camp saved the small cemetery where Pvt. Holland is buried from land development. They reclaimed the cemetery from nature, constructed a fence around it, and placed the marker identifying his burial site. This was the Camp's first memorial service, and they did a bang-up job of it.



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, the Camp will host the annual March from Winstead Hill commemorating the march taken by the Army of Tennessee on that deadly afternoon of November 30, 1864. The march will leave the parking lot at Winstead Hill Park at 2:00 p.m. Rides will be available for those who are not up to the two-mile march but still want to honor our Confederate ancestors.

The Camp will have a recruitment and information table at the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show, on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3 at the Williamson County Ag Center. Come to the large door on the ground level at the rear of the building and help out a couple of hours from 9-5 on Saturday and/or 9-3 on Sunday.

The Camp will remember the Battle of Nashville on Saturday, December 16 (the actual date of the second day of the battle.), with Confederate uniforms and flags at Peach Orchard Hill on Harding Place and at the Battle of Nashville sign on Franklin Pike from 2-4 p.m.

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.

The Gainesboro Invincibles No. 1685 continues with its monthly speaker series and meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridge Church, 110 West Hull Street, Gainesboro, TN. Everyone is welcome to a home-cooked meal starting at 6:00 p.m.; the meeting will follow immediately at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Scott joined the Camp under Nathaniel Lafayette Brown. He was a private in Co. C., 51st Virginia Infantry. He enlisted on May 1, 1862, at Wytheville, Virginia. He was wounded at New Market (shot through the left leg). He was a POW at Waynesboro on March 2, 1865-Harpers Ferry to Winchester to Fort Delaware-March 12, 1865.

The camp under Compatriot Leo Denny has started our popular community service/Christmas activity: "Caring for Kids Toy Drive".

The camp has been busy with the following activities:

- The camp participated in the Jim Davis Camp #1425 memorial service of Pvt John R Holland in Lafayette, TN.
- The Camp participated in the annual Sam Davis Home Ghost Tours.
- The camp in support of Compatriot Michael Davis attended the Reinterment Memorial Service for his ancestor Pvt.

Andrew Halfacre (Co. E 28th TN Infantry, Army of Tennessee) & wife Rhoda Anderson Halfacre at the family ancestral Halfacre cemetery in Baxter. Camp 1828 arranged the memorial services.

- The camp participated in the Poke Sallet Foundation's Chili Cook with OCR Aunt Polly's Highland Roses Chapter 10 in Gainesboro, TN.



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.





# Ft. Donelson Brigade, Commander Steve Settle

Greetings from the men and camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade!

First, the Isham G. Harris Camp 109 at Paris is busy as always keeping a positive

presence in the public eye and pushing our message in positive ways. This camp meets on the third Tuesday, 7 pm at Uncle Billy's Eatery in downtown Paris.

The following highlight of camp history was submitted by Compatriot Wes Frank: This camp was RE-Chartered on September 2, 2021. January 2023, we soon became a very active camp holding our first Lee/ Jackson Supper attended by guest speaker Gen. Lee (David Chaltas, referred to as old Gen. Lee), in March we did a living history at the courthouse square to celebrate the Battle of Paris, TN. May 31st came and we held our first Confederate Memorial Day Service in Paris City Cemetery to honor 48 Confederate Veterans buried there. We also participated in the Puryear Day Parade and the float won first place, while the SCV Mechanized Cavalry rode behind. July was busy for us in the Camp, first our Singer, song /writer and Camp Commander, Rick Revel, invited a few camp members to his official music video shoot for "That Muscle Shoals Sound," James Swor was a photographer, Wesley Frank came in SCV Mechanized Cavalry attire as a biker in the audience, then we appeared again in "Good Morning Paris" on TV, the Camp attended the Henry County Fair and spent 4 evenings talking to people about our history and recruiting. During the same time frame, the camp opened the Camp Store, inside the Old Kountry antique's mall, offering Confederate flags, bumper stickers, other Confederate items for sale and Sept. 13th, the camp raised its 3rd Confederate Flagpole on private property which we will call "Flags across Henry County" two are now located near Cottage Grove, see photo below. Sept 30th, Commander Rick Revel and several others participated in the Paris Bicentennial celebration at the courthouse square and then the City Cemetery during a ghost walk to represent the camp, with the Bicentennial commission. Oct. 7th, the Camp store went to Hazel Days, KY and set up. Oct 29th, David Ellision headed up a Southron



Cross of Honour in Walker Cemetery, TN, with the Ft Heiman, Pvt. Riley Camp, along with the Gen Tilghman Camp from KY and the Isham Harris Camp from Paris. November 11, is Veterans Day and the Henry County Veterans Day Parade entry is in it for the Camp. We are coordinating with LT Commander John Blankenship, Lt Commander Rich Garcia, and Sean Hill to do a Confederate Emergency Response Team (CERT) class for our camp. Christmas is also coming so the Camp Graves committee Wesley Frank Chair, Dicky Bomar and our newest transfer from Memphis, Jim Davis, are working on the "Wreaths across Dixie" project; we are also doing the paper work to register our Confederate Graves here in Henry County to send to the Graves Committee at Headquarters. Jan 2024, will see another Lee/Jackson, and another Battle of Paris re-enactment event sponsored by the camp and MUCH, MUCH, MORE as we build steam with this HOT Camp!

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. Compatriot Glen Alan Graham gave a recent program on his ancestors that was very informative and well received by the members. I want to recognize Compatriot Don Horton and the excellent job he does each month in publishing the camp newsletter, The Cumberland Confederate. It is always full of camp and division updates, information, and usually includes an informative historical article.



The camp meets the second Tuesday, 6:00 pm at Paul & Jackie's Diner on Zinc Plant road in Clarksville.

The Fort Donelson Camp 249 at Dover is meeting regularly and planning on participating with other camps in upcoming events. Health issues with several of the key members of the camp have limited recent activities. Compatriot George Wallace is always ready to lend a hand to neighboring camps and recently hosted a black powder/cannon training and certification event. Camp meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm at the Stewart County Public Library in Dover.



The Captain Wm. H. McCauley Camp 260 at Charlotte in Dickson County is

very active also. On Saturday September 16 they set up at recruiting booth at the annual Charlotte Festival. We had a few interested in what the camp was doing and one applicant. Pictured L-R are Commander Jim Davis, Jesse "Kreeker" Hay, Carl Garrett. October 1, Cadet Kelsie Mullinicks from Dickson County High School JROTC was finally presented with her medal! Kelsie was presented the H.L. Hunley JROTC certificate in May but at that time we did not have the medal. 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



recommended.

Camp 386 participated in the annual festival, the Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp, in Altamont, TN. There was great interest in all our booth had to offer, such as books, flags, and other Confederate items. The camp has already he gained one member from the event, with two more ready to join.

Cumberland Mtn Rifles, Camp 386 he been honored with being



## Mountain Brigade, Commander Billy Walker

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 has had some very good programs at our meetings. Guests such as Sean Hill, Tom Wood, and Patricia Street, spoke on a variety of topics. Any one of these speakers would be highly

able to support the Grundy County High School football team, the Yellow Jackets. For all of their away games, we have provided a post-game meal for the players and coaches. This has allowed the camp the opportunity to share our heritage, while sponsoring our youth. There are at present, four members of the team who are members of the camp.

Three members of Camp 386, Barry Nolan, Randy Braden, and Buck Parson, received awards for their hard work and continued dedication to the camp and the SCV. Our camp is always trying to find ways to share the Southern heritage that is so much in need today. It is an honor to be a part of the Tennessee Division and such a great organization as the Sons of Confederate Veterans.





# Jeffrey Forrest's Brigade, Commander Shawn Rainey



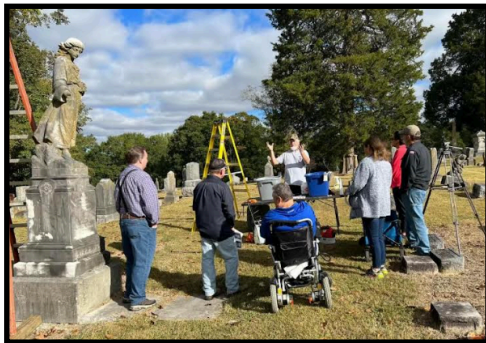
Greetings from the Jeffrey Forrest Brigade!!! It has certainly been a busy year. Many great things were accomplished around the Brigade and the camps are growing well. With the holidays right around the corner, I want each of us to pause

and give thanks to those around us that mean the most. Now lets get into the reports from the camps!

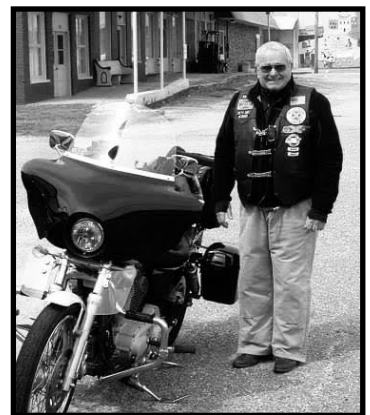
The Otho F. Strahl Camp 176 in Union City put up a booth during the Obion County Fair in August. It was well received by the public. The camp has been very active in getting the Civil War Trails sign put back up at the Unknown Confederate Monument. The sign was removed last December by the trails committee from a miscommunication in funds. Commander Harry Weatherly and Adjutant Barry Sowell have been instrumental in getting this funding from the city moving forward. Thank you both for being so active in the Obion County Historical Society, contacting the Civil War Trails committee, contacting the city manager, as well as contacting Discovery parks of America in Union City.

The Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209 held a CERT tombstone cleaning workshop in October at Rose Hill Cemetery. Mitch Newman and Sean Hill were the instructors. Several SCV members and non-SCV members were present. Several stones were cleaned. Well Done 209!!! Thank you Mr. Newman and Mr. Hill for assisting this camp with this!

The Crockett Rangers Camp 1774 is continuing their research into local Confederate Veterans. The continue to honor their final resting place.

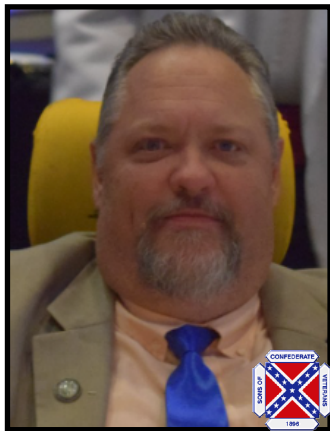


The Bell's Partisans Camp 1821 participated in the Trimble Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. Thank you to those who braved the cold temperatures to come out and help. The camp lost one of our most dedicated members in September. Compatriot Wayne Hulme went to be with the lord. He will be terribly missed by all of us in Bell's Partisans. Our prayers are with his son, Compatriot Keith Hulme, during this difficult time.



Respectfully,  
Shawn "Digger" Rainey





## Starnes' Brigade, Commander Sean Hill

Camp 297 has been busy preparing the Sam Davis capture site for the 160th Anniversary. CERT coordinator Mitch Newman taught a class in Humboldt TN sponsored by Col. R.M. Russell SCV Camp 209.

Several camp members participated

as actors in the Sam Davis Home Ghost Tours which is a big fundraiser for the home. Camp Adjutant Wes Pullen designed a challenge coin featuring Jake Donelson and the 3rd TN Flag proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Sam Davis Home.



## Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 37 Turkey Shoot



Saturday, November 18, 2023  
9:00 A.M.

Nathan Bedford Forrest's Boyhood Home

4435 Pyles Rd

Chapel Hill, TN

**\*\*12 gauge only\*\***



## H.L. Hunley Brigade, Commander Dennis Stubblefield

Brig.Gen. Thomas Benton Smith Camp #2177 set up a recruiting/sales booth beside the Authentic Coffee's 10th annual jeep meet in Millersville on Aug 5th. John Hunt Morgan Camp had a gret reenactment event from Oct 27th-Oct, 29th Morgan On The

Rim. Many camps attended along with several from the TN division. Have connected with the Joe JohnsonCamp #28 and will be visiting them soon. Trying to get the Randall McGavock Camp #1713 in

Hermitage active again and talked to some that were in that camp. General William Bate Camp #270 had a turkey shoot on Oct 28th.I talked to the commander of the Private Andrew Jackson Brown camp and they had no events planned. Will contact Col. Cyrus Suggs Camp #1792 soon as we keep missing each other. The good news is that several camps are adding new members.



*"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*





# SAM DAVIS: A HERO REMEMBERED!

The 160th anniversary of the capture, trial and execution of  
Sam Davis, the Confederate Hero.

**Saturday November 18th 2023** at the Sam Davis home in Smyrna Tennessee starting at 1:00 PM there will be a program by Rick Revell in the museum auditorium.

At 2:00 PM there will be a memorial service at the grave of Sam Davis, SCV Commander in Chief Jason Boschers will be the keynote speaker. Located at 1399 Sam Davis Rd, Smyrna, TN 37167

*Confederate reenactors and ladies in mourning dress are welcomed to participate.*



*Pulaski, Giles County, Tenn., Nov. 26, 1863*

*Dear Mother: Oh, how painful it is to write you! I have got to die to-morrow morning--to be hanged by the Federals. Mother, do not grieve for me. I must bid you good-by forevermore. Mother, I do not fear to die. Give my love to all. Your son, Samuel Davis*

*Mother, tell the children all to be good. I wish I could see you all once more, but I never will any more.*

*Mother and Father, do not forget me. Think of me when I am dead, but do not grieve for me. It will not do any good.*

*Father, you can send after my remains if you want to do so. They will be at Pulaski, Tenn. I will leave some things, too, with the hotel keeper for you. Pulaski is in Giles County, Tenn., south of Columbia.*



**Saturday November 25th 2023** at 1:00 PM in Minor Hill Tennessee there will be a memorial service at the capture site of Sam Davis. The guest speaker will be Past Tennessee Division Commander James G. Patterson.

*Confederate reenactors and ladies in mourning dress are welcomed to participate.*

West of Hwy 11 off of Hwy 64, at the intersection of Monument Drive and Sam Davis Circle. Fourteen miles south of Pulaski







# Vaughn's Brigade, Commander Ed Hill

Greetings from Vaughn's Brigade,

As usual, the Compatriots of Vaughn's Brigade have been busy participating in numerous events and activities.

James Keeling Camp # 52 primary concern this past quarter has been the health of Camp member Scott Cornwell. He was able to have his double lung transplant and was able to come home in September, however due to an antibody that was attacking his new lungs, Scott has been back to Duke for treatment. They feel like it was caught in time, and he is now back at Duke and hopes to be home by Thanksgiving.

Camp # 52 was able to march in the Blountville 4th of July parade and sent the Color Guard to participate in the Baileyton Days parade in Greenville Tn.

The Camp was able to hold its yearly picnic in September and have its bingo gift give away.

Our biggest project was the removal of two large trees at East Hill Cemetery that fell during a storm in July. We were thankful that no

damage was done to 2 large gravestones that they fell near. The camp, with the help of some unknown volunteers, were able to remove most of the trees and we had to hire a company to finish the last two large sections.

Camp 52 continues to help the Impact Community Center with their monthly food support to needy families. Several members helped during the month of August to help fill the boxes, both by unpacking donated food items and filling boxes for the distribution.

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

The Lt. Robert D Powell camp #1817 continues to hold monthly meetings the third Monday of each month in the room behind the Old Deery Inn in Blountville at 7pm. In October, during our monthly meeting, we had a delicious supper cooked in Dutch ovens by our camp cook John Mize. Commander Ed Hill was our guest speaker and provided an update of things going on in the division.

During the meeting, we voted to contribute \$100 to the monument for Landon Carter Haynes. Also, during October, we had a booth at the Heritage Days in Blountville where we recruited and received donations for the I-81 flag fund.

Camp #1817 meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the Deery Inn Museum 3425 SR-126 Blountville at 7pm.

The Colonel John Singleton Mosby Camp had a productive third quarter of 2023. The August, September, and October meetings were held at Randall's Restaurant, there was not a July meeting.

The guest speakers were:

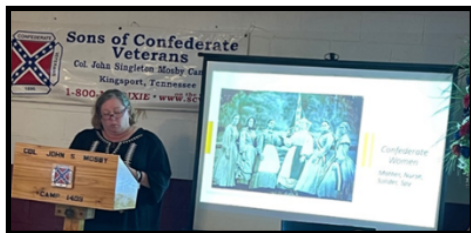
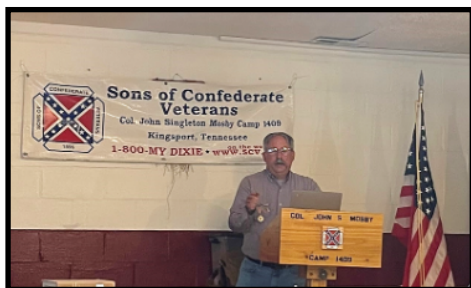
- Pappy Hawthorn – Major Battles in our Area
- David Pope – Jubal Early
- Angela Miller – Women of the Confederacy





The camp worked to finalize the plan for constructing a fence around Bellamy 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 Adopt-A-Highway program by adopting a portion of Netherland Inn Road between the Battle of Kingsport Civil War Monument and Netherland Inn.



We are busily preparing for our 159<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Kingsport Commemoration. It will be held at the monument at Riverfront Park on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Everyone is invited.

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

The Lt. Robert J Tipton camp is doing great. We are going to be adding a couple new members soon, we set a booth up at The Old Butler Days and had a great time. Just an update on the Senator Haynes project we are doing well with fundraising, but still have a way to go yet. Please contact Commander Jason Baker if you would like to donate toward replacing the monument for Confederate Senator Haynes at: [jbhbkaker@yahoo.com](mailto:jbhbkaker@yahoo.com)



We are also planning a Christmas dinner at Golden Corall and will be providing a dinner to a needy veteran around Thanksgiving.

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

Maj. James T. Huff Newport on August 15<sup>th</sup>. we had our camp meeting with guest speaker HK Edgerton. September 16<sup>th</sup> the Camp set up a booth at "Rally Around Our Veterans" for sales and recruiting. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, we had our camp meeting with guest speaker "Pappy"



Hawthorne. October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> we set up a booth at the Newport Street Festival and recruited a new member. October 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> we set up at the Sevier County Antique Tractor Show at the National Guard Armory. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our camp meeting with guest speaker Vonda Dixon.



During this meeting, the Camp voted to help replace the Dixie Highway plaque in Hot Springs N.C. We are currently raising funds for this project. Please contact Commander Costner if you would like to contribute.



[dcostner06@gmail.com](mailto:dcostner06@gmail.com)  
On October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, we set up our booth at the Hartford Fall Festival for sales and recruiting. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Camp will be set up at the Newport City Park for Trick or treating.



Special note:

On November 21<sup>st</sup> the camp will be having Past Commander- in- Chief, Larry McCluney as our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

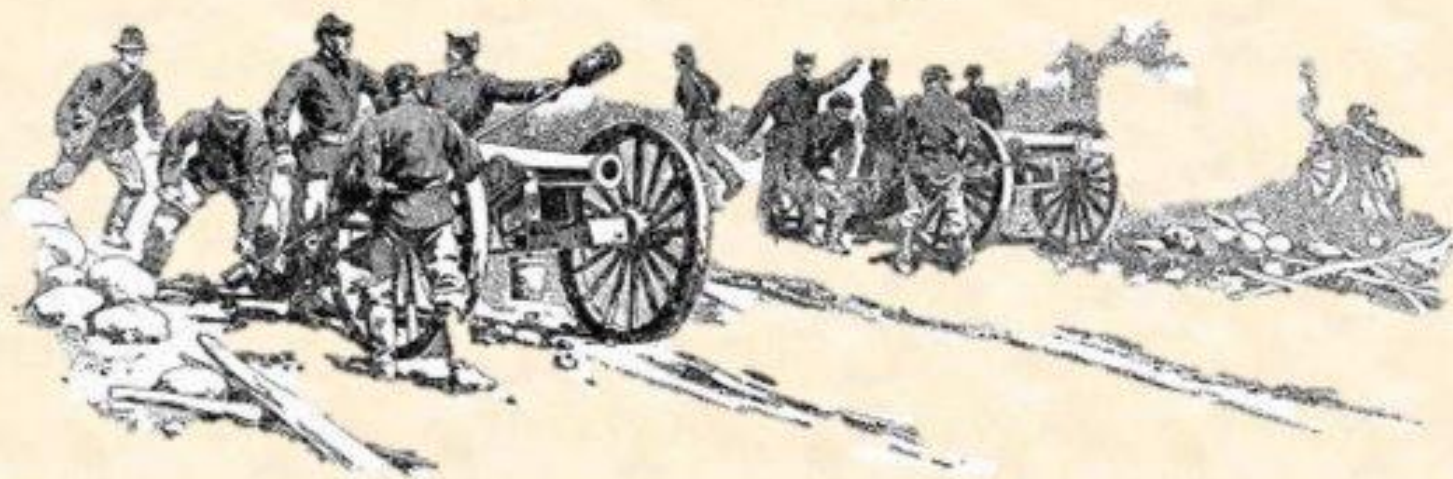


**159<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

# **Battle of Kingsport Commemoration**

**December 16, 2023 - 10:00am  
Riverfront Park, Kingsport**

*Hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Col. John Singleton  
Mosby Camp #1409 Kingsport TN*







## Memphis Brigade, Commander Lee Millar

The Memphis Brigade is excited to announce that the long-awaited mega-flag-raising at the Forrest Camp's new Flag Park land (Memphis) will occur on Sat, Dec 9, at noon, and all compatriots and families are

invited. Please see the accompanying flyer for directions. We'll have the flag-raising, guest speakers, including Susan Lee from Vir, cannon salute, musket salute, food and refreshments.

In other news, the Wigfall Greys 1560 of Collierville have raised \$5000 to donate to HQ for the re-building of the Forrest monument. Quite an achievement for a small camp.

The R E Lee Camp of Germantown has likewise raised \$5000, and this will be sent to HQ for the retirement of the CS Museum debt. Congratulations on a job well done.

The Simonton-Wilcox 257 participated in the Tipton County Heritage days and had an excellent display near the court house. Hopefully, several new members will be joining.

The Dewitt Jobe camp continues its leadership in adding new members with 2 added at the last meeting.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Regimental String Band (all SCV members) participated in a funeral service of a US Army veteran at the recent Ridgetop, TN reenactment. The service included helicopter flyovers flown by retired Special Forces pilots. The Tenn Div also had a recruiting tent set up for the weekend.

Camp meetings: Lee Camp on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Wigfall Greys on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, Forrest Camp on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs., Simonton-Wilcox on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, Jobe Camp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, Chalmers Camp meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

Lee Millar

Memphis Brigade Commander

## Christmas Ball

Step back in time and fill your dance card as you swirl the floor to authentic Reels, Promenades and Waltzes popular during the 1860's.

On-site dance instruction provided by Dance Master Mr. Mark Orman.

Period music provided by the 52<sup>nd</sup> Regimental String Band.

Light refreshments will be served. Period dress is required for dance participants.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 Time: 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm

Please Note: The Christmas Ball will NOT be on the traditional first Saturday of December due to the new logistical conflict with the Columbia Christmas Parade.

The Memorial Building, 308 West Seventh Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Advanced Tickets - \$30.00 or At the Door - \$35.00

Spectators Are Welcome (Non-Period Dress) - \$25.00

Advance Ticket Sales begin September 15, 2023.

Space is limited.

Please send payment to

PayPal account: 1861girlsschool@gmail.com

to reserve your tickets for a beautiful evening of festivities and wonderful memories.

For costume rentals contact:

Tammy Hatcher (937) 698-3876

For ticket purchase by check, please remit payment to:

Tammy Hatcher 4595 Old Sowell Mill Pike Columbia, Tennessee 38401





# YOU ARE INVITED:



## THE FLAG IS GOING UP

**FORREST MEGA-FLAG  
WILL WAVE OVER WEST TENNESSEE !!!**

**ALL PATRIOTS ARE INVITED !!!**

**Saturday, Dec 9      NOON**

The men of the Forrest Camp 215, with assistance from other Memphis Brigade camps, will raise the long-awaited **20 x 30 megafLAG** at our Flag Park.

52nd Regimental String Band

Musket & cannon salute

**Special Guest Speaker: Susan Lee of the Virginia Flaggers**

### **Directions to Flag Park**

Set GPS for 6501 Way Dawn Dr, Arlington, TN 38002

Traveling on I-385/I-269 on the far north loop.

The Flag Park is generally at mm42 on the south side of the interstate.

Exit at Hwy 14 (Austin-Peay Hwy), and head SOUTH.

Turn LEFT (east) at the first traffic light, Pleasant Ridge Rd

Continue on Pleasant Ridge PAST Pleasant Top Drive and turn LEFT onto Way Dawn Rd.

Turn LEFT on Cotton Knoll Rd (which is on the south side of 6501) and drive onto the dirt road.

Sponsored by the N B Forrest Camp 215, SCV, Memphis

# The Life of General Robert H. Hatton

by Tom Wood

The General Robert H. Hatton SCV Camp in Lebanon, Tennessee is named in honor of this great gentleman. Each November we honor and remember the life and character of this proud and prominent citizen of Lebanon. He was a friendly, outgoing, compassionate person who was extremely popular with his friends and neighbors. The life of this great man was cut short with his untimely death at the battle of Seven Pines, Virginia on May 31, 1862. His life was honored by the citizens of Lebanon and Tennessee for his service when a statue was erected on the square in Lebanon in 1912 with a massive audience in attendance.

Robert Hopkins Hatton was born on November 2, 1826, in either Steubenville or Youngstown, Ohio. He was descended from a large and respectable family of English origin. He was the fifth of six children in a family of three sons and three daughters. His father was a Methodist Episcopal preacher. For several years his father served as a circuit preacher moving from place to place every year either establishing new churches or strengthening existing ones throughout the region of Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The Christian principles taught to young Robert guided him throughout his entire life of service.

Young Hatton began his formal education at the age of six while living in Alleghany County Pennsylvania. When little Robert found out his teacher was going to be a woman, he rebelled at such a thought. He made the decision to skip school and instead headed to town to watch the local militia practicing their military skills. Robert had now had his first lesson in military affairs at the young age of six. Upon being told his son was not in school his father went looking for him and found him in town. He grabbed Robert by the hand and headed toward the schoolhouse with Robert in tow. Young Robert was resisting every step of the way and vehement that he was not going to school under a woman teacher. His father sharply told him, you must either go to school or go to jail. Robert quickly responded to his father in a rather defiant voice and said "I'll go to jail." His father quickly turned back toward town to take Robert to the jailhouse thinking that would change young Robert's mind once he saw the jail. The young headstrong Hatton was unchanged in his attitude about attending school even after seeing the jail. The exasperated father, now out of options, simply used forceful coercion by pushing and pulling the little rebel to the schoolhouse. When they arrived at the schoolhouse door, the door opened and there stood the teacher welcoming them. It was though a miracle had occurred as Robert's demeanor immediately changed once he saw the teacher. Robert was an intelligent young man and advanced quickly in his studies.

In 1835 the family was living in Nashville where his father continued his ministry, and the children continued their education. Robert's mother was in the habit of sending him to the market and other errands around town for things she needed. Robert was always willing to perform these tasks for his mother except one day he hesitated and did not want to go. His mother had asked him to go to the store and purchase a new bottle of vinegar. His mother asked him why he did not want to go to the store. Robert responded and said, "I am afraid someone will think I am carrying a bottle of whiskey." The patient mother had the old bottle wrapped in a paper bag to hide it from public view and off Robert happily went on his errand. As a boy Robert would shun the very appearance of intemperance,

and in his adult years many remember his fervent speeches about the evils of alcohol. His abstinence from drinking continued throughout his life.

After two years in Nashville, the family moved to a farm on Long Hollow, Beech Grove, in Sumner County, Tennessee just north of Nashville. There Robert continued his education and worked on the farm. It was said of young Hatton that whatever he undertook to accomplish he did in an energetic and cheerful manner. He always had a positive outlook on life, and whatever he did, he did with all his might. That trait would follow him for the balance of his life.

At age 15 he realized he had his father's disposition for public speaking, and at age 16 he gave his first public speech on the square in Gallatin, Tennessee at the town 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. It was a long speech for a young person of 16, and it was the beginning of many speeches he would give throughout his life. He would become well known as a great public speaker. He continued his education and diligently applied himself to his studies. When he was 19, he applied to Cumberland University in Lebanon for acceptance at the Junior class level. He was accepted with the understanding that he would master the studies required of a student at that level which he did. One of his professors said of him: He was studious, energetic, persevering, with an untiring application and could but succeed." Hatton graduated with the highest honors from Cumberland after having been there only two years.

In 1848 Robert entered law school at Cumberland where he attended for one year, but because of a lack of funding he was unable to finish. He would not borrow the money he needed for school because he did not want to become indebted. While working, Robert continued his law study on his own giving every spare moment to his studies. He eventually passed his bar examination, and he became a prominent attorney in Lebanon. He entered a law partnership with another prominent citizen named Nathan Green. For three years they had a successful practice although they were completely different in many of life's ways. He was very popular with the citizens around Lebanon, and known as a good, fair, and honest Christian man.

How he met his future wife is unknown, but he married Sophie Reilly of Williamson County, south of Nashville on December 16, 1852. Young Hatton was always interested in the political side of life. He was an up and coming member of the Whig Party. He seemed to be a natural politician as he was well spoken, outgoing, friendly and very likable. He became a popular candidate to represent his district in the Tennessee Assembly in 1855 and was elected and served until 1857 when he became a candidate for governor. His campaign for governor was unsuccessful and his opponent Isham G. Harris was elected and was serving as governor when the war broke out in 1861.

The popular Hatton did not let the defeat deter him. He was now nominated and elected to the United States Congress in 1859. Where he faithfully served until the war broke out. In his letters to his wife Sophie in late 1860 he began expressing serious concerns about the future of the country and the sectional divisiveness and his doubt for holding the nation together.



Robert Hatton was many times apart from his family for months at a time because of his service to his state and to the nation, and then his dedicated service to the Confederacy. Robert and Sophie constantly wrote to each other almost daily about life's events and expressing their love for each other and their sadness being separated from one another. In his letters he always remembered and expressed his affection and love for his children and other members of the family that he longed to see.

He arrived home from Washington in early March 1861. Shortly after his arrival he spoke for two and a half hours to the citizens of Lebanon on the county courthouse steps for national unity. The crowd was a mixture of folks supporting the union and those supporting secession. The speech was highly pleasing to the pro-union folks, but the secession supporters, which included a large contingent of Cumberland University students from the South, were highly displeased and booed and hissed throughout the speech. Later that evening around 11:00 P.M. the pro-secession folks were outside of Hatton's home continuing their protest. The newspaper reported the incident as follows: "The beating of tin pans and savage-like whooping by some twenty individuals who had gathered around his house to disturb the peace of his family. Hatton arose and in his sleeping attire, went out in front of his dwelling, and fired a pistol into the midst of the ruffian gang. His fire was returned by about a half-dozen shots, but fortunately no one was injured. Somewhat subdued the disturbers drifted down the street about a quarter mile from town where Hatton was hung and burned in effigy for his strong union beliefs. We learn that investigation will be energetically made to ascertain the names of those engaged in this dirty work, and when found, they will be expelled from the otherwise peaceful community of Lebanon."

Such was the welcome home for Hatton after having served in the congress for two turbulent years. Charles Cummins in his Tennessee Historical Society article said "to the sensitive, conscientious, and proud soul of one who had been acclaimed as Wilson County's "Our Bob" it must have seemed like the lowest point of his career and his life."

Hatton's never ending and delusive hope for peace and a continued united nation had now ended with Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops to invade the Southern States to conquer and bring them once again under submission to federal authority. It was now that Hatton believed that the great government founded by General George Washington and the patriots of the revolutionary war had ceased to exist. It was now that Hatton believed that the United States Constitution had been tossed aside to be remembered only in the history books. The union that was once greeted with applause and cheers had become nothing more than a by-word of disdain, distrust and dissolution for those in the South.

The northern states were responding to Lincoln's call for troops to suppress the Southern States while the South was preparing to repel the northern coercion and invasion. For Robert Hatton, being a Southern man, by education, by association, by feeling, and having been trusted by the people of the South for so many years, his family, his home all being in the South it was only natural for him to cast his influence and fortune to the Southland and to his beloved Southern people.

Hatton was asked to make a speech about the events of the day, but for Hatton, the time of talking was over. His response to the inquiry was "Now is the time for action; the time for talking has passed."

Now with his course of action resolved, he energetically went to work in calling for volunteers to enlist in a company from Lebanon and

surrounding counties to defend their homeland. Hatton was elected captain of the company, and in late May 1861, his company and five other companies marched out of Lebanon toward Camp Trousdale in Sumner County north of Lebanon. Captain Hatton's wife and family were standing in the front yard of their home as the units proudly marched by in June of 1861. This would be the last time he would see his family, although there would be almost daily writing between them.

At Camp Trousdale, Hatton's company became part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. Hatton was elected Colonel of the regiment. By mid-July the regiment was enroute to Staunton, Virginia where they were to join Maney's 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee, and Col. Forbes 14<sup>th</sup> Tennessee to form the Tennessee Brigade under General Anderson. The regiment served in Western Virginia during the first year of the war. They were later transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia where they served until the surrender at Appomatox.

General Anderson was re-assigned, and Colonel Hatton was promoted to Tennessee Brigade Commander and the rank of Brigadier General on May 23, 1862. General Hatton only enjoyed his rank for one week, as on May 31, 1862, he was leading his men in a charge at Seven Pines, Virginia when he was hit by a Minnie ball and was instantly killed. An eyewitness and fellow 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee officer Col. John K. Howard reported the following account of his death to the newspapers. According to Col. Howard the regiment was called up from reserve late afternoon. Hatton was heard to say his last command "follow me boys." General Hatton's horse fell, and Hatton extricated himself from the horse and he dashed forward. He had hardly gone 30 steps when he fell and died without struggle. Hatton was liked and respected by his men. It is said they thought of him as a father figure.

General Hatton's last letter to his wife was written on May 28, just three days before his death. The letter is written in a fashion of a farewell letter in which he seems to be predicting his death on the battlefield. This is the only letter that I have seen in his many letters to his wife that had such a melancholic tone.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry continued their glorious fight for the remainder of the war in such battles as Mechanicsville, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. At the surrender at Appomatox the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment consisted of 6 officers and 41 men. When the regiment went off to war they were one thousand strong.

General Hatton was deeply proud of his boys and would have been appreciative of their dedication for three more years of difficult fighting. General Hatton was 36 years old when he sacrificed his life for a cause he felt so strongly about. It was said that few public men in the country had risen so rapidly to positions of honor and distinction, and few indeed, had so bright a prospect in the future as Robert H. Hatton. Because of the union occupation of Tennessee, General Hatton was temporarily buried in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the conclusion of the war, he was re-interred at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, Tennessee on March 24, 1866, with a massive crowd in attendance at his service. He had finally returned to his beloved home where today he lies next to one of his sons and dear wife Sophie. General Hatton had died as he had lived; A man of strong beliefs and convictions on what was right, and the courage to stand up for what he believed.



# Around the Division



The Hatton Camp and the Knoxville Camp welcome new members to their ranks!



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Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated at the Fall Festival at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore in September.



Hatton Camp members work day at Hartsville Battlefield



The General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN held a birthday party and celebration of life at the gravesite of General Hatton. Approximately 30 people were in attendance including camp members.



The Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014 sponsored their annual "Trails Through History at the Monterey Depot Museum. Approximately 684 students learned about everything from Native Americans, the War Between the States to snakes and owls.





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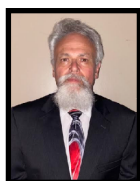
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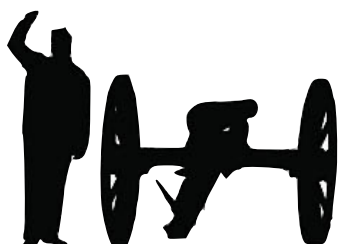
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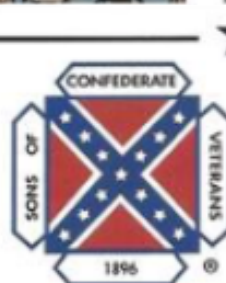
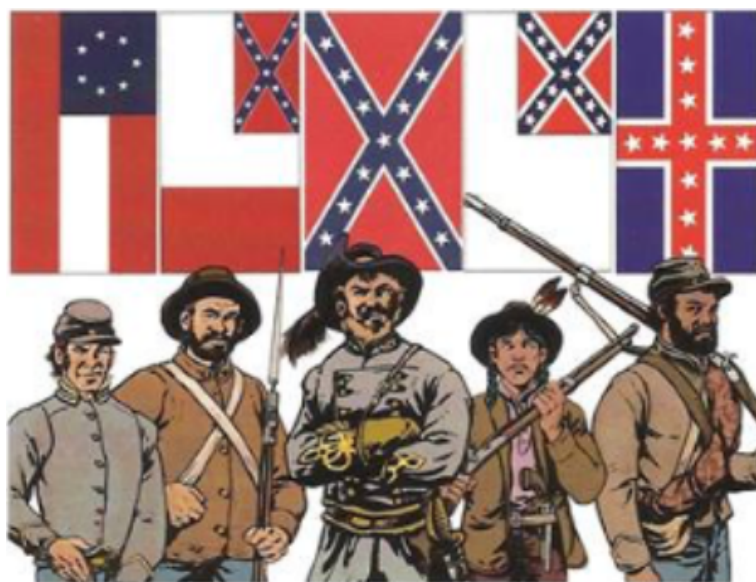


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