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## Army of Tennessee

SONS OF CONFEDERATE  
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The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the Second American Revolution. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the SCV is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes so that future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861 - 1865 period is preserved.

Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.



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## From the Army Commander

Compatriots,

I hope everyone has enjoyed this holiday season and are ready for what 2023 brings. 2022 was a year of challenges, for the nation and for the historical organizations as a whole. I believe that other groups have figured out that they are also targets of an agenda minded minority. The Southern side has been the low hanging fruit but in 2022 they have moved up the tree and people are realizing their history is up for discussion, removal or contextualizing and guess what, they don't like it!

I firmly believe this will be a pivotal year for us. A handful of members will not be able to push back. It will take all of us as members to come together if we are going to preserve the history of our Confederate ancestors. To often we get lost in the camp mentality and what I mean by that is we think we cannot accomplish much because we only have x number of members. I don't believe that because a small, medium or large camp can accomplish great things if they are engaged in their community. **Is your camp engaged?**

At the Division level we need to provide more support for our camps. It doesn't mean throwing money around just to say we did something. We have camps of all sizes that are active and working hard. Sometimes we get tunnel vision and only focus on trying to get the less active camps involved. There is nothing wrong with that but what if for an example you funded a billboard or ad campaign for an active camp? That camp could easily grow by 25%. The Division leadership needs to put together plans to help their camps recruit, engage and retain its members. As camp members YOU have a voice in your Division. You have to be engaged to make a difference. Write or call your Division representatives to voice your concerns, be polite and offer your suggestions. You elected these people, hold them accountable or run for office yourself to bring change.

At the National level we have to do a better job in communicating to the membership. We do an adequate job of providing the basic information but it is the breaking news and call to action where we falter. The basic news comes via the Confederate Veteran magazine but since it only comes 6 times a year it is limited on breaking news content.

We have other means of communication but it requires member involvement. We have the SCV Telegraph; The telegraph is simply an email blast. How many of you are signed up to receive it? All you have to do is send an email to HQ and ask to be added to the list and provide the email address you want it sent to.

We have social media sites like Facebook at every level in the SCV where a message could be placed but we have a lot of members that don't use social media of any kind.

I try to use this newsletter as a way of letting you know what is going on at National, what other Divisions and Camps are doing through programs and activities but it is a quarterly newsletter and not intended for breaking news. Plus I have trouble even getting it circulated. I don't have the ability to send it to every single member by email. I don't have every members email address and a lot of what I have, bounce back. I send the completed newsletter to our Army Communication Officer Tim Pilgrim (Georgia Division Commander) who then sends it to each Division Commander, Division Adjutant, Division Communication Officer and a handful of National officers. We are piggybacking off of the Georgia Division's Constant Contact page and we can only use a small number of addresses. What is supposed to happen is that the Divisions would send it to their members in whatever is the best way they have for communication. Whether it is placed on their Division Facebook page or it is distributed by other means, it is up to the Division to distribute it.

I have heard the idea of a National Press Secretary discussed. I guess my first question is, will this be a volunteer position? If it is a paid position where will the money come from? The second question is how will the information be communicated to our members? We have to solve the basic communication problem first in my opinion.

Do you tune in to SCV Chat? A weekly broadcast through social media outlets that keeps you informed.

Are you a member of the Confederate Legion?  
Have you donated to the Heritage Defense fund?

The National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs is one of our best assets. We are able to tell the true story of the Southern people and the Confederate soldier but we need to continue a campaign for donations to finish what we have started.

On page 6 you will see the proposal to put up the statue of General Forrest and to complete the plaza around the gravesite. It will take funding.

Unfortunately it does take money to fight. It is not a battle that will be fought by bullets and rhetoric. We will have to dig deep to stop the purge of our Confederate history. The fight has been going on for a while, **Are you engaged?**

(Continued on page 8)

## From the Army Councilman

Greetings fellow Compatriots,

I hope you had a safe and joy-filled Christmas and have a Blessed New Year. This year, 2023 marks 160 years since the midway point of the War of Northern Aggression. And today, 160 years later, the radical elements in our voluntary union are still in the process of trying to tear down the South, our traditions, our beliefs and our culture. They remain unrelenting in these efforts from their attacks now on Arlington, to attacks in Georgia, South Carolina and other areas, they will not rest until all vestiges of the traditional South are erased. And make no mistake, Confederate monuments and similar remembrances are only the beginning of their efforts.

To fight this, we must be visible and we must grow as an organization. One definition of the word “must” is *“be required by immediate or future need or purpose”*. There should be no question about our immediate and future need for the growth and future of our organization, as it is the largest and most effective entity that is now combating the efforts of those who are organized against us.

Growth should not be considered “recruitment of members” only. Rather, it is growth in those who are willing to take up our mantle and support us regardless of whether they are members or not. Some of you may recall at our AoT Workshop last year I referred to the military term of “force multiplication”. In war time military units often go into areas and organize indigenous people who have an enemy common with their own. They train them to fight back and to resist that enemy. This is what we must do in our own communities. The polls show overwhelmingly that the population of America at large, and even more so in the South, supports the maintenance of Southern Heritage. We must engage these supporters and encourage them to join our fight.

Every one of us knows five, ten, twenty or more people who may not be members, but who agree with our mission. We must enlist them to come to our aid, Having them to write letters, send emails or make phone calls can be invaluable in persuading politicians at all levels of government to stop going along with the small but very vocal minority that has declared war on us. Again- we “must” enlist these people.

The 2023 AoT Workshop is scheduled for March 11th. At this conference you will hear a variety of speakers on an array of topics that will assist you in growing your Camps, multiplying your support and generally bettering the SCV as a whole. It is a great opportunity for you to hear new ideas, make new contacts and learn information that will perpetuate our organization and help to accomplish our goals. Please, make every effort to attend.

Deo Vindice,

Carl Jones

AoT Councilman

Sons of Confederate Veterans



## *Forrest's Last Ride*



*Forrest's Last Ride* is the name of the project to reconstruct the gravesite of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. This will be a very large project as the plaza is 50 feet deep and 75 feet wide. Everything that was with the graves is now on the grounds and waiting to be reconstructed. The Equestrian Statue, which is the headstone of the graves will be repaired and returned to its rightful place. This project is for the repair, reconstruction, and placement of the Forrest Gravesite in its entirety and as intended by the artist Charles Henry Neihaus.

On September 18, 2021, we gathered to lay to rest, Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest were on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs. On October 1, 2022, the General Executive Council voted to rebuild the entire plaza as it was originally Constructed. The estimated cost to reconstruct the entire plaza is \$150,000. Currently, \$76,000 has already been raised. This project is being done by the great-great-grandsons of General Forrest and the General Executive Council.

*This cannot happen without your help and donations. This cannot be built until the money has been raised. If you wish to contribute, please send your donations to SCV National.*

To pay by check:

Please make your check payable to SCV National with Forrest Plaza in the memo line and mail to:

SCV  
P. O. Box 59  
Columbia, TN 38402

To pay by phone: call 931-380-1844, ext. 209

To pay online: <https://scv.org/paypal-donations/>

***You take them down, and we will put them back up!***





# Army of Tennessee

## Workshop

**March 11, 2023,**  
9 AM to 4 PM at the Gift Horse Restaurant, 209 W. Laurel Ave, Foley, Alabama.

Host hotel is the Hampton Inn by Hilton, located at 3152 Abbey Lane, Foley, AL  
Rate- \$104.00+tax= \$115.44 Price good Wed-Mon (March 8 - 13) **Code C-AOT**  
Cut off date for Group Price- 1 Mar 2023 (There after - regular price)  
Hotel # (Local) 251-923-4600 select zero for front desk

**Hosted by the Alabama Division and the Fort Blakely Camp 1864, Foley, AL**

**Registration is \$20 which includes lunch. Pre-registration by March 1st for lunch. After March 1st, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included. If extra lunches are available it will be first come, first serve)**

**All Divisions are welcome to attend!**

**Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training) Lt CiC Donnie Kennedy (Recruiting and Retention) Heritage Chief Ron Kennedy (Taking our Message to a National Audience), AoT Councilman Carl Jones (Becoming a Community Partner ) and CiC Jason Boshers, (Going forward with the SCV), (subject to change)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Numbers: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form, together with a check or money order in the amount of **\$20 (by March 1st for lunch)** made payable to **Camp 1864, AoT and mail it to: SCV Camp 1864**

**PO Box 906  
Silverhill, AL 36576**

**Registrations after March 1st are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.**

## From the Army Commander (cont.)

Currently as an organization we face an uphill battle. Through the Federal, State and local governments we are being attacked through committees and commissions that want to remove our southern history. Names of military bases, ships and weapon systems are being recommended for renaming because they are named after a Confederate. If approved it will cost millions of dollars to accomplish this. Polling shows the majority of the American public are against this but that doesn't seem to matter to those looking at the proposal. At the end of 2022 the Naming Commission shifted gears and announced their plans for the Arlington Confederate Reconciliation Memorial. See the article on this page for more about this proposal.

We are using One Click Politics to notify representatives and Senators that the people are against this.

Monuments are still under attack by cities across the South. In Georgia a win at the State Supreme Court should provide help to fight in their state. In Richmond, Virginia they have removed the A.P Hill monument and are moving the grave. If no one speaks out, this will continue and it will take funding to overcome this issue.

I ask the question again, **Are you engaged?**

We have a popular slogan in the SCV that goes, "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?" Do we believe this or is it just a slogan. I believe it. **Do you?**

In 1779 Captain John Paul Jones when facing surrender proclaimed *I've not yet begun to fight*. Surrender was not an option. It is not an option for us today. For us to surrender, to abandon the fight, means that our Confederate history disappears. Look around, there is no one else to keep the true history of the South alive. The Charge given to us by General S.D. Lee doesn't have a line in it saying "when times get hard, abandon the fight." If you truly believe that why your Confederate ancestor fought was right, **you cannot surrender**. If you believe the hardships that his family lived through, not only during the war years but for generations to come, **you will not surrender**.

No one said it would be easy, but compared to what our ancestors went through, this is a walk in the park.

On March 11, 2023 in Foley, Alabama we will hold an AoT Workshop. Part of the discussion will be ideas to help in the areas outlined in this article. There will be a Q&A session as always. Bring your ideas and questions.

**Are you engaged?**

Jimmy Hill  
Commander  
Army of Tennessee



## Confederate Monument At Arlington National Cemetery

Most of you are aware, the Naming Commission, consisting of 8 members, was created by Congress in 2021. Their purpose was to evaluate and make recommendations for naming, renaming, or removing all Department of Defense (DOD) items that commemorate the Confederate States of America or anyone who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of America. They have submitted reports to rename nine military bases named after Confederate soldiers, plans are underway to rename any equipment such as ships, planes, tanks, etc that bear the name of a Confederate soldier or certain battles and now their latest report recommends the removal of the top two thirds of the Confederate Monument at Arlington. We cannot stand for any of these to take place. We need to contact our National Congressional Representatives and Senators to voice our disapproval. Letters, emails, phone calls and petitions. The National SCV has developed a way of contacting them through social media. You can find it on the National Facebook pages and The Confederate Legion website..

**ACT NOW** before it is to late!



## Historic Cemetery Preservation of North Florida, Inc.

Kelly V. Crocker, President

Southern Friends,

The Historic Cemetery Preservation of North Florida, Inc, based in Tallahassee, is a non-profit, tax exempt organization registered with the State of Florida and the Internal Revenue Service. It is our goal to Restore, Preserve, and Maintain the final resting place of Confederate Veterans and their spouses. We also include all U. S. Veterans and their spouses.

Our mission includes cleaning headstones using established and approved methods, repairing damaged and broken headstones, and obtaining and installing headstones for those soldiers who have never had a headstone.

We will acquire as many new headstones from the Veterans Administration (VA) as possible, at no charge. However, headstones for some Veterans will be purchased, in cases where the VA will not accept our "proof of burial". Also, there will be expenses for cleaning and repair materials. This will not be an easy task, BUT will be a worthy cause.

Our first major project is The Confederate Section of Old City Cemetery Tallahassee, Florida, where old records indicate there are 186 Confederates buried. However, only 62 markers currently exist. We have identified an additional 80 unmarked Veterans, who are believed to be there. (22 from Georgia units and 58 from Florida units) Four Soldiers died of wounds from Battle of Olustee and three from Battle of Natural Bridge. The VA has rejected some of our requests for markers, already. It seems that "died in Tallahassee Hospital" is not good enough. We will continue to fight the VA, but will ultimately have to purchase some stones. We believe that every Veteran deserves a marker. A list of the unmarked Veterans will be provided upon request.

We need your help! Every donation received will go toward this project until it is finished. Receipt of your tax-deductible donation will be provided upon request. Our immediate goal is to raise \$10,000 for this project. Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donations may be sent to:

HCPNF

2089 Padlock Place

Tallahassee, FL 32303

Or use PayPal link. [PayPal.Me/HCPNFL](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hcpnfl.com)

Or e-mail us at [HCPNFL@gmail.com](mailto:HCPNFL@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance.

Kelly V Crocker *Kelly*

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# 20th Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza  
in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain  
Confederate Memorial Park

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 12:00 noon

★ **Keynote Speaker - Pastor John Weaver** ★



*Sponsored by: Georgia Division,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



## MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

Arrive at 10:30 am. parking on (Old Hwy 78 E.) to enjoy a cook-out provided by the Division and then start to assemble at 11:45 am on the memorial lawn where the service will begin at 12:00 noon, the Cannon and Honor Guard Salute immediately following.

National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world's largest monument to the Confederate soldier. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy the park after the service.

## Needed Cannon & Honor Guard Reenactors

If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty based on the size of the artillery piece. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate. Contact information below, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Contact: George Crawford at [brogeoti@gmail.com](mailto:brogeoti@gmail.com) or 678.360.9667

\* Date subject to change until final approval of permit, by SMMA



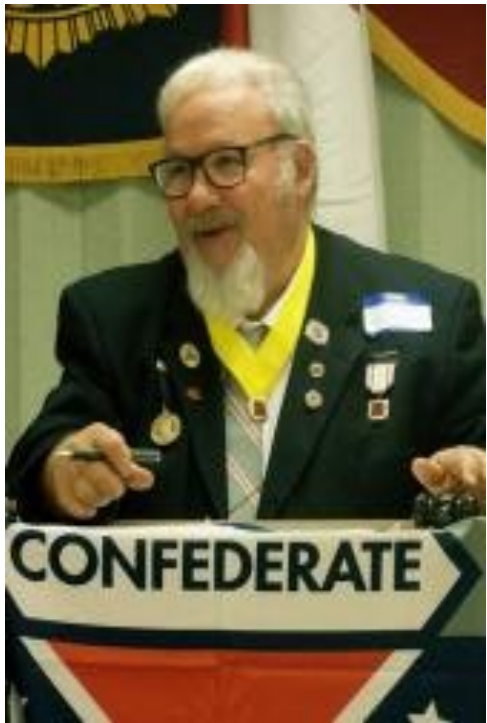


On September 17th, Constitution Day, The Robert H Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN sponsored an American History Celebration honoring our history from the founding of the nation through WWII. Pictured above are several Middle Tennessee SCV members who participated in the day to make it so successful. This event was held at the Hartsville, TN Battlefield where John Hunt Morgan surprised and captured approximately 3000 Union troops. This battlefield is managed and maintained by the camp.



James M. Saufley, Camp 929, Jamestown, TN, received their camp charter at the Travisville Cemetery, on the 161st anniversary of Saufley's death as the first soldier killed in battle in Tennessee.





Indiana Division Commander Del Felder was reelected for a second term in October at their Division reunion held in Bluffton.



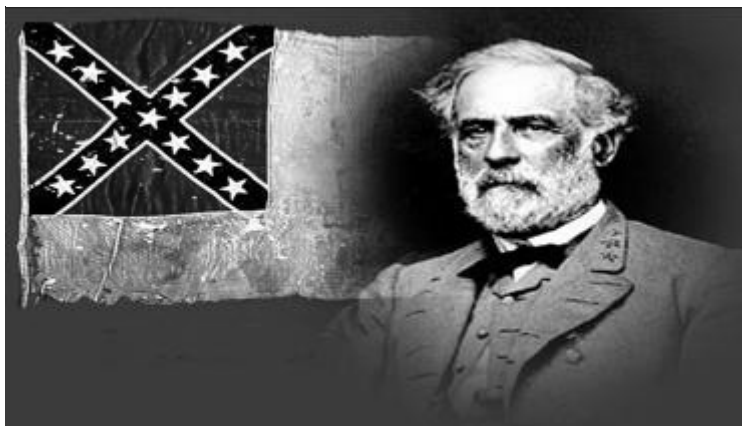
John Hunt Morgan camp in Kentucky. Bud Dixon was the guest speaker but the star of the meeting was MimeOgraph, a bloodhound that is part of the Jefferson County Search Dog Association. Mr. Dixon and his wife are the handlers.



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, welcomed a new member into its ranks at its November meeting. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new member Matthew C. Fletcher and Adjutant John Hitt.



Sam Miller and Jim Roper, members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, cleaned the military marker of PFC James E Manuel at Solway Church of God in Knoxville as part of their C.E.R.T training. PFC Manuel died in England on March 20, 1945 of wounds received in battle.



Alabama Division  
Robert E. Lee Day

January 14th, 2023

Archives Building  
624 Washington Ave.  
Montgomery

Program begins at 9am





Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 712 Clean up day of local graves, one who served in the 16th Mississippi, that our Crystal Springs Southern Rights Camp is named after. This cemetery is the resting place for the earthly bodies of white and black families who lived during this difficult time in Southern History .



Robert H Hatton Camp #723 participated in the Tennessee State Fair with a recruiting booth and selling our famous caramel corn as a fundraiser. Pictured is Nancy Wood, OCR Chapter President manning the caramel corn wagon.



Covington Cty Sharpshooters Camp 1676, Mississippi Division setup at Mitchell's Farm's peanut festival selling flags for our Camp



United Daughters of the Confederacy, Knoxville Chapter 89, made Earl Smith, Commander Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, an Honorary Member in recognition for the hard work he does for Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House). Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith and President Debra M. Wilson, UDC Chapter 89.

## Alabama Division Confederate Memorial Day Service

April 22nd, 2023

On the

State Capitol Grounds

Program begins at 10am

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ONE WEEK AT A TIME



# 2023 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion

[www.2023scvreunion.org](http://www.2023scvreunion.org)

*Hosted By The James M Keller Camp #648  
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas  
July 19, 20, 21, 22nd 2023*



**The Arlington Hotel is the Official Hotel of the 2023 SCV National Reunion**

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**[www.scv2023reunion.org](http://www.scv2023reunion.org)**



Marshall County Rangers Camp 297 placed a Cross of Honor at the graves of the Confederate soldiers at Farmington. Pictured are Sean Hill, Robin Minor, Wes Pullen and Buddy Martin.



Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 held their monthly meeting tonight. Please join us in welcoming our two newest members, brothers Drew West and Adrian West.



## **UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION FORREST HALL MUSEUM AND MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING**

As I write this update on the progress of construction of Forrest Hall, I am pleased to inform you that construction has finally begun on this Tennessee Division project. The concrete slab preparation including the under-slab plumbing and electrical work and the pouring of the slab have recently been completed. Unfortunately, it has been way too slow of a process to collect the necessary funding that continues to be so badly needed to complete this project. Construction projects often-times prove to be difficult in overcoming obstacles and hurdles, but I believe the worst of the struggles are behind us and we are now ready for full speed ahead depending on each one of us and our camps being financially supportive.

This is now the time to re-energize our fund-raising efforts once again to keep this project going forward as quickly as possible. We can only do the work that we have the funding to accomplish. Much more financial assistance is needed to accomplish our goal. The Division has some \$40,000 remaining in the construction funds after paying for the work performed so far. If you have an understanding of construction projects such as this, you realize we still have a lot of work ahead of us to complete the financing and the ultimate goal. The effort of having this wonderful facility is well worth all of our efforts and financial support. This is a facility that people across this nation can visit, enjoy and learn the true history of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and our beautiful Southern Heritage. The Forrest Boyhood Home receives visitors from across the nation and is a wonderful teaching tool for us to use.

We have received funding from many people across this great country for this project for which the Tennessee Division is very grateful and appreciative. There are several ways each of us can help. You can join the Forrest 200 Society, the "Friends of Forrest" at various financial levels, or simply a donation to Forrest Hall. All of these funds go directly to the construction account.

All of the funds received by the Tennessee Division are tax deductible. Some of you are sending monthly donations, others are giving as they can periodically, and others have generously provided large one-time gifts. Every contribution is important and critical to our success. If you have not yet given or would consider another financial donation, we ask that you please consider this project in your gift giving program.

In Honor of the South,

Thomas H. Wood  
Tennessee Division Adjutant  
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# Help Georgia Fight For Their Monuments

The Georgia Division is involved in multiple legal cases trying to preserve the monuments where they are currently located or to return them to their original location. The monument takedown effort in Georgia is stronger than any other place except Virginia. If you as an individual, a Camp or a Division can help financially it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the cases they are involved in will set precedents that can be used by other states when applicable. They have spent more than \$150,000 of Division funds plus other monies donated to stop the desecration by the local or county municipalities. All donations sent regardless of size is appreciated. Send to Georgia Division SCV

PO Box 1081  
Macon, GA 31202

Write Heritage Defense fund in the memo line of your check. Donations are tax deductible. If you want to donate using a credit card go the Georgia Division website [georgiascv.org](http://georgiascv.org), click on donate, click on Heritage defense. It will open a Paypal box and you can donate there.

***Jimmy Hill***  
**AoT Commander**







Members of the Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp 108, Matthew Talbot Nunally Camp 1671 and the Rambling Roses Chapter Order of Confederate Rose held a Fall Cemetery Cleanup and Fellowship at Old Concord Cemetery for continued maintenance on the historic cemetery.



Fellow Compatriots,

It should come as no surprise to us that our Southern culture today is obviously superior to the cultures in the North and those in the West because citizens from those states are now moving South quickly in vast numbers. The perfect example of this is that I talked to a few people at our Tennessee State Fair Exhibit in August who had just recently moved to our state and they were from New York and California. Interesting thing was they stopped at our booth and seemed to be very friendly towards our efforts. Why are they coming South? People from these states are coming South to escape governmental tyranny and overreach, extreme violence and lawlessness, excessive taxation and a better way of life for their families. These "Blue States," or democratically controlled states have defunded and crippled law enforcement to the point that mobs and gangs are running totally uncontrolled in the streets. Businesses are leaving these areas because they can no longer tolerate the rampant uncontrolled, and unabated thefts that occur daily. Those that try to defend our major cities in the North and the West are considered the problem. For defending your city, you are slandered, berated, criticized and at times even jailed and placed on trial for trying to protect yourself and your city from such hatred. Some major cities continue even today certain mask restrictions and other diabolical controls to attempt their continued control over their citizens. This appears to be a clear sign of a sick, depraved and decaying civilization that needs rescuing. This tyranny is exactly what our ancestors have fought against throughout history. If we are to honor our ancestors and save our freedoms we can do no less.

The fact that so many of our countrymen think this new "wokeism" being sold in our nation is a good thing is absolutely astonishing and incomprehensible to most citizens. Those advocating the Neo-Marxists philosophy are desirous of absolute total governmental control over every aspect of our lives. Our nation has always had to deal with radical cultural movements in the past that historically have tried to affect our way of life and impact on our freedoms. We have always been successful in surviving previous attempts of radicalization in the past and I believe we will survive this current effort. This current cultural divide does appear more prevalent today than perhaps those in the past, but I am an optimist and believe the nation will not allow this radical agenda to destroy this nation that we all love. Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls" and that certainly seems to apply to us in today's society. These certainly are trying times in many ways, but I feel confident that we will overcome. George Orwell warned us in his book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" that what we see in America today would eventually happen in our country. We thought at the time such ideas could never occur in our country, but here we are living in just such a time. We must be diligent, alert, and pro-active in protecting our cultural values, our families, our Christian beliefs and our freedoms from those that would destroy such things.

A cultural divide has always existed in our nation, but it does appear to be more obvious to us now and it seems to get more prevalent and violent as time goes on. Founding Father John Adams in the Continental Congress realized this union of North and South would be difficult from the very founding of the nation. He wrote that "the political union between the two people (meaning North and South) would not hold without the utmost caution on both sides." I don't believe caution is a word in the Neo-Marxists vocabulary as they are determined to undermine the governmental system our country is founded upon as quickly as possible. They are at this point full speed ahead with their agendas. Samuel W. Mitcham wrote in his book that the South has always been "more leisurely and less money-oriented" than the North. British citizen Anthony Trollope who traveled extensively North and South, wrote in 1861, "The South is seceding from the North because the two are not homogenous. They have different instincts, different appetites, different morals and a cultural difference." Samuel W. Mitcham in his book "It Wasn't About Slavery," made the observation that New England, with its Puritan legacy, developed a self-absorbed, holier-than-thou culture that looked down on the rest of America. This group of elitists believed high tariffs were their natural right, making New England stronger than the rest of the country. This elitism is what we see playing out in our nation today.

The northern states have also viewed nature as something dark and foreboding, an evil to be conquered and controlled. The Southerner saw nature as something to embrace and enjoy. The South loved hunting and fishing and horse racing, and they had a relaxed attitude toward life and nature in general. Some even saw the South as close to paradise on earth. Mitcham also points out that by 1850 "the North had many secular humanists, including atheists, deists, transcendentalists, and assorted other non-believers in Christianity but the South loved its Christianity. Southerners were not so delusional as to think they knew all there was to know about the universe and the meaning of life as the North did. The fact is that many in the North today use the term [Bible Belt] in a derogatory manner, while Southerners consider it a compliment and embrace such thought. Many of our founding fathers saw difficulty with this new union of states because they realized the cultures were so different in various parts of the country. I leave you with this question; ask yourself; how far am I willing to go to protect my culture, my heritage, my life-style, and my freedoms against those set on their destruction? That is a sobering thought and not easily answered. We must be pro-active in our fight and not be left sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to take up our fight. Every person is needed. Each one of us has different talents and abilities and when those talents are all combined in a unified way we are a force to contend with in this fight. There are many ways to fight this cultural war, and everyone has an important role to play in maintaining our way of life. Remember, and live by our motto of action that we have adopted and ask yourself.....

If Not Me..... Who      If Not Now..... When

Thomas H. Wood  
Tennessee Division Adjutant



## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Corinth Militaria Show**

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## Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service met with much fanfare

*By Tracy K. Hall, Americus Times - Recorder*

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service was held in the town of Andersonville recently. The Service is held annually and sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp in Americus. The public is always invited to attend, and there were attendees from several states and throughout Georgia this year.

The First Capt. Wirz Memorial Service was held in Andersonville in 1976 and was organized by Arthur Park of Orlando whose father served under Capt. Wirz at Andersonville Prison.

Guest speaker for the Service this year was Attorney Martin O'Toole from Marietta. He mentioned how a delegation of Union prisoners from Andersonville were given a pass to visit President Lincoln to request a prisoner exchange, but Lincoln refused to see them. Mr. O'Toole discussed the Wirz Trial and mentioned that Capt. Wirz was the Commandant at Andersonville Prison for the last 14 months of the War Between the States. When the War ended, he was paroled but then was arrested and taken to Washington, D. C. for a Trial before a Military Tribunal. A number of Northern witnesses testified with great certainty that Henry Wirz had personally executed prisoners. However, of the 13 Prisoners Wirz was found guilty of murdering, NO NAME was ever given for them.

A number of Defense witnesses were not permitted to testify. Capt. Wirz was also found guilty of conspiracy, but there was no evidence brought forward in the Trial that there was a conspiracy. Many historians have said his Trial was one of the most unfair trials ever held in the United States.

Capt. Wirz was hung on November 10, 1865. His executioners placed the noose around his neck so that when the trap door was sprung, his neck was not broken. He dangled at the end of the rope for 20 minutes and strangled to death. The Union troops present chanted "Andersonville, Andersonville" while he was hanging.

The Northerners cut off Capt. Wirz head and neck and right arm and exhibited the bones around the country. It took his attorney, Louis Schade, four years to get some of the bones back for a burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington. To this day in 2022, there are still some of his bones on public exhibit at a museum in Maryland.

SCV Camp Commander George Larsen welcomed the large crowd to the Memorial Service and lead the group in the pledges of allegiance to the U. S. and Georgia flags and the salute to the Confederate flag. Rev. Mark Carter had the invocation. James Gaston recognized many of the special guests.

Greetings were brought by dignitaries from the Order of Confederate Rose, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Mr. Max Hurlimann for Col. Heinrich Wirz of Switzerland (who is the great grand nephew), and Mr. William Freeman (descendant of Mr. Arthur Park).

After singing Dixie, the attendees proceeded to the Capt. Wirz Monument where Anderson Battery of SCV Camp 1399 had a cannon salute. This was followed by a rifle salute by the Stewart/Webster SCV and A. H. Stephens Camp Honor Guards to end the Memorial Service.



During the ceremony AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (L) and Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim (Ctr) presented Martin O'Toole (R) with the Heritage Defense Medal from the Sons of Confederate Veterans.





Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the Sequoyah Fall Festival held in Vonore in September.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the Home School Educational Program at the Sam Houston Schoolhouse in Blount County in Aug.



## Battle of Skirum Creek, Alabama

New reenactment held by the Capt. John Rayburn Camp in Marshall County, Alabama on 9/23 through 9/25/2022 (Including School Day) There were over 600 kids present on School Day!

Photos by Dale Crawford







October 1, seven members of Camp 91, Thomson Guards participated in the Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem, Georgia. The camp collected \$214 for the Georgia Division legal defense fund. The camp also collected names, addresses and cell phone numbers of 21 well qualified potential members. It was a very successful day.



At the October meeting of Camp 91, Thomson Guards, Adjutant David Butler was awarded the Daughters of American Revolution historic preservation award based on three accomplishments. First, David published two books that documented the gravesites of all veterans in Columbia and McDuffie Counties, GA. Second, David and his wife purchased and restored the Historic George McGruder plantation located in Columbia County. McGruder had three sons fight for the Confederacy and two died in the war. Thirdly, David is a charter member of the Little River Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution and a charter member of the Camp 91, GA Division, SCV. Shown is Chapter Regent Karen Holley presenting both a certificate and medal. Congratulations David!



September 2022 - Greenville, Kentucky Living History Camp



At the November meeting, the Thomson Guards, Camp 91, Georgia Division recognized four members who recently joined the National Guardian Program. These men pledged to care long term for the gravesite of at least one Confederate Veteran. Nothing is more important than this in meeting our Charge. Seen in this photo (L to R) is Tom Holley, Jimmy Crawley, Jimmy McDaniel and David Moore. Not shown is our fifth guardian member Patrick Lunceford.

# COLLECTABLE FINAL CONFEDERATE VETERANS REUNION STAMP



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★ *Georgia Division* ★  
*Sons of Confederate Veterans*



**Annual General Robert E. Lee  
 Birthday Celebration  
 Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 11:00 am  
 Jefferson Davis Memorial Park**

338 Jeff Davis Park Rd, Fitzgerald, GA 31750

*Robert Edward Lee ~  
 b. January 19, 1807 ~ d. October 12, 1870*

**Event Agenda:**

Welcome ..... Dan Coleman  
 Honor Guard ..... Host Camp Jefferson Davis Cowboys #682  
 Opening prayer ..... Kim Beck  
 Salute to Confederate Flag/Pledges ..... Sergeant at Arms  
 Poem: ..... George Ray Houston  
 Introduce speaker ..... Ken Arvin  
 Keynote Speaker ..... TBD  
 Commander's thanks ..... Tim Pilgrim  
 Announcements ..... Tim Hawkins  
 Benediction ..... Kim Beck  
 Salute: muskets & artillery at the Jefferson Davis Monument

**After the Event:**

- ~ BBQ Dinner provided by Ga. Division ..... Pit Master Ken Arvin
  - \$6 per BBQ plate including sides and drink. (all proceeds fund the following year BBQ) Children 12 and under plates are free.
- ~ Executive Council Meeting to follow BBQ Dinner





Major James T. Huff camp selling at Newport, Tennessee street festival.



Winchester, Tennessee camp 1411 held its annual picnic at the JW Templeton Confederate Cemetery on October 1.





Camp #1413, Camp #2155, Camp #1509 and friends from the 5th Kentucky Infantry, 44th Tennessee Infantry and the 12th Georgia Light Artillery at the Hartford City Days (Indiana)



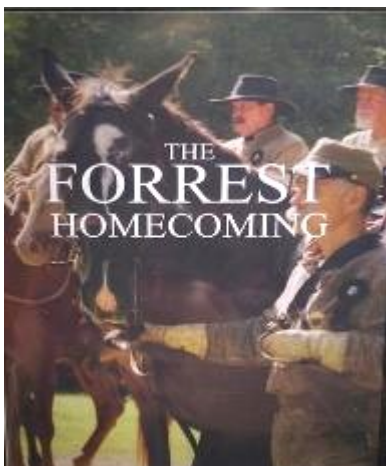
Arthur Rutledge Camp CDR. Daniel Henry presenting Paul Wood his camp members certificate and camp POW Honor certificate for his ancestor.



Indiana Division CDR. Charles Felder Jr., Paul Wood (AKA Gen. R. E. Lee), CDR. Daniel Henry and 1st Lt. CDR. Jeffery Bowen all members of Captain Arthur M. Rutledge Camp #1413.



Rutledge Camp CDR. Daniel Henry and camp member Jack Sanders



If Santa didn't bring what you wanted, order from the SCV store.



The Bell's Partisans Camp #1821 and the Mary Ann Bell Chapter #21 OCR participated in the Newbern and Friendship parades.

## Stephen D. Lee Institute 2023

We are pleased to announce the 2023 Stephen D. Lee Institute will be held February 24-26, 2023, in Tampa, Florida. Our host hotel for the event is the Sheraton Brandon Hotel, 10221 Princess Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33610. 1-813-623-6363.

Registration includes Friday Welcome Reception with General R.E. Lee at 5 PM; Saturday Breakfast at 8 AM, Lunch, Reception at 5:30 PM and Banquet at 6:30 PM. Tote Bag, SDLI Lapel Pin, Souvenir Program, and Meet the Authors. A Friday Speaker VIP Dinner at 6:30 PM is optional. This year's topic:



## “Iconoclasm: Monuments From Memory to Mayhem”

### Speakers

Our faculty for this year's event will include:

**Ronnie Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Defense**

**Dr. Ann McClean, Virginia Historic Preservationist**

**Teresa Roane, Museum Archivist**

**The Honorable Dennis Baxley, Senator**

**Ed Hooper, Journalist, Author and Documentarian**

**Alexander Adams, British Artist and Author *Iconoclasm, Identity Politics and the Erasure of History***

The Monument Lawyer Panel:

**Scott Hall, Esq. (SCV Judge Advocate General)**

**Ed Patterson, Esq. (TN, NC)**

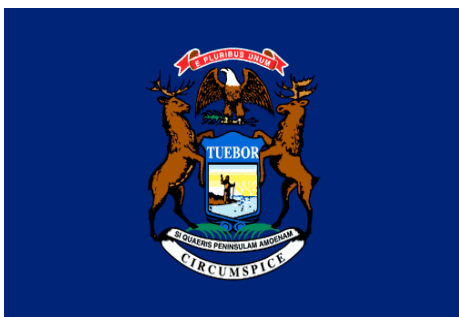
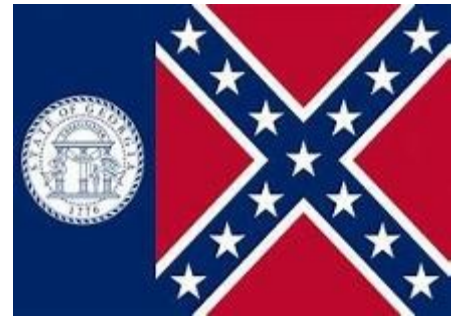
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