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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.

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From the Army Commander

Compatriots,

It is the first week of December, 2023 as I write this article and to be honest, I am glad to see 2023 come to an end and I hope that 2024 will bring new energy and direction for our organization. We cannot continue to keep going down the same path, as at best we are maintaining not growing. All of you have seen the formulas where there were x number of Confederate soldiers and you work the numbers to where we should have a huge membership base; but we don't. As an organization what are we not doing to attract these eligible men?

The first thing you should ask yourself is why did you join the SCV? Was it because of your interest in the history of the war and why it was fought? This is the number one response I get. The War between the States is the most studied because you can visit the actual battlefields of the war and the homes of the leaders and soldiers. The second reason is that you have a family connection that ties you to the war. These two reasons will apply to 95% or more of the people you talk to about joining so use them as a starting point of your conversation. Remember too that if he doesn't have an ancestor he can be a friend of the SCV.

The second question you should consider is your camp ready to grow. We just said that most people join because they have an interest in the battles, politics of the war or their family connection, so at your camp what are you doing to make this a part of your meeting? Are you having speakers or a camp member giving a program? Are you at least discussing the local history of the area your camp is located? The next statement is one I made at a workshop and I got varied responses. "If your camp is not ready, you should not recruit." What I mean by that is if the visitor or prospective member comes to your meeting and if no one greets him or recognizes him as being a visitor, there is no program, just a business meeting, your odds of getting him to join your camp are significantly reduced. You are vying for this person's time. He has other things that he can be doing; there are other things he could be doing in the time slot your meeting is held. **We have to make our meetings interesting enough that he walks out the door wishing that the next meeting was next week, not a month away.** Not only is this good for the new member but it keeps your current members coming each month. You have to have things going on at your camp to make them keep coming. Successful camps have a lot in common. When you walk in the door it looks like a SCV meeting is being held there, they have programs, they have projects and more than just the camp commander is actively working in the camp.

Tougher than recruiting is retention. We recruit 5 new members and lose 4. What did we do wrong? Hopefully you can at least get them to tell you why they decided not to renew and then take the steps to address it. The worst thing is to just accept it and start looking for more recruits. If you don't fix the problem you will see the same result. When a member stops coming, for example he has missed the last three meetings, do you have someone set up to reach out to find out why? If not you should. If I missed three or more meetings and I didn't hear from anyone I would think that either no one cared if I was there or not.

Negativity inside your camp can be disastrous. If you are constantly bashing the Division or National leadership, what message are you sending to your membership. It has become a contest on who can be "more Confederate." We take to Facebook and spread rumors, fake news or plant the seeds of doubt and then sit back to take it all in. Some do it because they didn't get elected to an office they wanted, others because they just don't like the idea and they would rather work to make it fail than let it succeed and others that like taking a swipe at another member because they don't like him. Bickering and infighting creates turmoil in the camp and the SCV as a whole and you WILL LOSE MEMBERS. Discord within in the camp is normal. Not everyone will agree on suggestions, projects, etc. But it should be friendly discord, state your objection to the idea and explain why you are against it and if the others in the camp don't agree then let it go. Don't dwell on it to the point where you resort to tearing down the voted on and accepted idea. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions and we must respect those opinions even if we don't necessarily agree with them. Facebook postings have caused members to drop out, not only because of SCV posts but posts concerning current events, political posts and others.

Encourage more people to get involved. Explain to your members why the Camp, Division or National is doing something. If you don't know, ask! Keep your members informed and you will see better results.

2024 brings an election year in many Camps, Divisions and at National. Hopefully we have men who will step up to fill these positions. Ask questions, find out what their platform is and how you think it will affect you or the organization. My term ends at the upcoming reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. I have enjoyed my role as Army Commander and I hope that I have served you well. Again, I don't expect that everyone has agreed with everything I did but I have to make decisions based on the good of the organization and the majority of the members.

In November I had the pleasure of attending my fifth Henry Wirz Memorial Service in Andersonville, Georgia. AoT Councilman Carl Jones and Hobbs Camp member Robert Jewellson went with me to the event. This was the only one that I have attended that involved rain so it was a little crowded in the room but it was still a good service. My point is go to the events being put on by the camps or divisions in your area. Andersonville is not exactly close for me but it is well worth the drive; especially when you get to see a member receive his 50 year service certificate and medal. James Gaston (one of the founders of this event) is shown along with his wife receiving the award from Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 Past Commander John Carroll. Its not every day that you find a SCV member that has been around for 50 years. Congratulations James.



There are a number of important events coming up in the Army of Tennessee. Some that I know about are the Robert E. Lee Day event in Georgia on January 13th at Irwinville, the Robert E. Lee Day event in Alabama on January 20th in Montgomery, S.D. Lee in Columbia, Tennessee on February 16 –17, Alabama Education Conference on March 16th in Wetumpka, Alabama, The Stone Mountain Memorial Day Service on April 27th in Georgia, the Tennessee Division Reunion on April 27th in Columbia, Tennessee, the AoT workshop in Columbia, Tennessee on May 4th along with the annual Pilgrimage on the same day in Columbia at HQ. There are plenty of others as well to pick and choose from.

One event not mentioned above is a National event being held at Fairview, Kentucky on June 8th. Hosted by the Kentucky Division it will be held as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Jefferson Davis obelisk. It will be held at the Jefferson Davis Historic Site. The Park will host an event there over a two day period beginning on June 7th and culminating on June 8th. The SCV will be a part of both days but the main service will be on the 8th. More details will be forthcoming.

For our camps to grow, we have to be seen. Every time a camp sets up at a festival, marches in a parade or holds a meeting we have an opportunity to tell others who we are as an organization and what we do. You should always have applications with you. I keep several in the glove box of my car. For 20 years I have heard the line "The SCV is its own best kept secret." I think it is time that we put that phrase on the scrap heap. We need to be visible, we need to advertise we are having camp meetings and events, we need to advertise we are having a Division or National event. We HAVE to grow to be relevant. We lost close to 700 men in 2023 from the AoT, some by death but most for unknown reasons.

The last thing I want to mention is the event held at Elm Springs and the Museum on December 2nd. We participated in the Maury County Tour of Homes again. It was well attended, the parking lot was full most of the day. There were visitors in the museum all day. Most, surprisingly did not know we had a museum in Columbia but they do now. They were amazed at what all we have. I kept telling them we are a work in progress and to come back. Compatriot John Hill set up a display for Friday and Saturday and talked about his ancestor General. A.P. Hill. He had a lot of people to talk to. We had a mother and son who brought an artifact to donate to us. An update for everyone, we have ten upright full glass display cases on order. There will be a total of 52 when we raise the necessary funding. These cabinets are 6 feet tall and almost 6 feet wide (70"). I can't wait for them to come in and we start bringing the museum to life.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Jimmy Hill

Commander

Army of Tennessee

From the Army Councilman

Compatriots,

I don't have to inform you that our Heritage is under a relentless and seemingly non-ending assault. We are still in battles over monuments, name changes and other violations against our history and our family histories. Our adversaries are well organized and persistent. They will never give up unless we just utterly defeat their agenda. To do this we need members. Even members who cannot participate as often as they'd like, attend Camp meetings or get involved in SCV projects. Merely having their names on the rolls is a benefit because it bolsters our numbers and provides financial income, in the form of dues, to our Divisions and National organization. The SCV is the largest and the premier organization in our fight to maintain our history and if we fail, the South and America in general both become a drastically different place. We cannot fail.

Our numbers are significantly down as of my latest update on retention. There are a few Divisions who have not shown losses, but several that have. We've got to change this. We need Camps calling delinquent members and getting them reinstated. If they refuse, we need to know why. I suspect several are dragging their feet and procrastinating. We need to give these folks a push and get them back in. Beyond this, we need to recruit new members. There are millions out there who are eligible for membership and would be willing to join if they new we existed. We've got to tell them. Are you holding recruiting events? Are you active in your community? Do you have a Camp, Brigade or Division genealogist who can locate their ancestor? The easier we can make it on them to join the more likely they are to do so.

What do your Camp meetings look like? Do they start and end on time? Are they well organized? Is there an agenda? Do things run smoothly? Are they fun to attend? Do you give people a reason to want to be there such as having speakers, entertainment and fellowship? Do your existing members greet and welcome new prospective members? These things all go a long way in both recruitment and retention, and they work hand in hand. If you are recruiting people into a dysfunctional Camp, they're not coming back. Simple as that. When meeting attendance falls, retention follows.

Have your Camp Officers ever attended an Army Workshop? If not, why? If so, did they implement and utilize any of the things they learned there? If not, why?

What about interactions with the general public? Perhaps you have people in your community who support our mission morally, but they're not active in trying to assist our efforts. Have we identified these people and formed some means of communication? Have we informed them as to how they can help us? Have we asked them to write letters or make phone calls to political leaders on our behalf?

What if they're not eligible to join, but they are interested in our Cause- have we signed them up as Friends of the SCV?

The Camps are the backbone of this organization and your success determines our success as an organization. There has never been a more trying time in the history of the SCV than the one we're in now, and we need everyone who agrees with our efforts to save our history to pitch in in whatever way they can.

These issues and others will be discussed at the upcoming AOT Workshop on May 4, 2024 at our HQ in Columbia, TN. I hope to see you there, but you don't have to wait until then to start growing your Camp.

Deo Vindice,

Carl Jones

AoT Councilman, SCV

*Army of***Tennessee****Workshop****May 4, 2024,**

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee.

There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

Register early to guarantee your spot!

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

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

All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training), AoT Councilman Carl Jones (Becoming a Community Partner), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community involvement) and others (subject to change)

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

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 **\$15 (by March 15th for lunch)** made payable to **AoT Workshop and mail it to:**

**AoT Workshop
c/o Jimmy Hill
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757**

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



On Saturday, May 13th 2023, Michigan's Military Heritage museum had the honor of hosting SCV Commander-In-Chief Jason Boshers for an afternoon of military history. Commander-In-Chief Boshers gave an in-depth talk about the life of the great Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, of whom SCV camp 2257 is named in honor of.

Camp 2257 and CiC Boshers also had the honor of inducting new member Brian Murphy, who in turn presented an 1857 Smith Carbine to Commander-In-Chief Boshers for display in the National Confederate National Museum in Columbia, Tennessee.

Michigan's Military Heritage Museum was founded in 2016 in Grass Lake, Michigan. The museum moved to its new home in Jackson, MI in 2021. Located on the former site of Union Camp Blair which operated from 1864-66, the museum features a vast number of exhibits pertaining to Michigan's military history from pre-Revolutionary War on through the modern era. There are several exhibits covering Michigan's Confederates and their role in Michigan's history and the war.

Kevin Gerych, Camp 2257



Commander Chris Haley of Col.W.P.Rogers camp 321 on left is with new member Jon Newcomb.





Walkways of Remembrance

Bricks and Pavers For the Walkways for the
General Headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Elm Springs
and the
Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

Remember and honor your Confederate Ancestor, a family member or any cherished memory with the purchase of a Memorial Brick to be laid for a walkways at the General Headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.

Brick sizes:

The 4" x 8" brick will allow 3 lines with 21 characters (including spaces) per line and will cost \$50.

The 8" by 8" brick will allow 6 lines with 21 characters (including spaces) per line and will cost \$100.

Layout for 4" x 8" brick with 3 lines max and 21 characters per line max (including spaces) \$50

Layout for 8" x 8" brick with 6 lines max and 21 characters per line max (including spaces) \$100

Make checks payable to SCV and write "Bricks" in the memo line. Please fill out this form and mail to:

SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Credit card payments are available by calling 1-800-MYSOUTH and contacting Merchandising.

Please include all your contact information so we can contact you.

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

The Stephen D. Lee Institute



Stephen D. Lee Institute



February 16-17 2024 Columbia, Tn

The theme this year is "Who we are- as a people and an organization".
The Friday night reception will be held at the National Confederate Museum.

Some of the presenters include:

Dan Dorrill

Ben Sewell

Forrest Daws

Chris Sullivan

Frank Powell

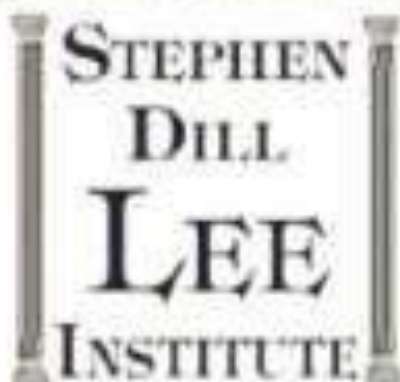
Ron Kennedy

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024



Fellow Compatriots,

For those who may not know me, my name is Tom Wood, and I currently serve as the Tennessee Division Adjutant and have served in that position for the past eight years. After much thought, prayerful consideration, and discussion with my wife, I have decided to present myself as a candidate for the office of Army of Tennessee Commander in 2024. I am a 7th generation Tennessean proud of my ancestors and my honored heritage and I will always continue to fight to restore the South to its once very valued place in society.

I am a retired Air Force Reserve Officer with 20 years of service. I am also a retired construction executive with a 40 year career, retiring from Lipscomb University in Nashville as the Director of Construction and Physical Plant Operations in 2014. My wife, Nancy, is a retired school teacher of 25 years, and an active member of the Order of Confederate Rose. She serves on the Tennessee OCR state staff, as well as an OCR chapter president. My wife and I both enjoy traveling and

would welcome the opportunity and privilege to travel around and visit divisions and camps in the Army of Tennessee as your AOT Commander to provide you strong representation and direct communication to the National level.

It has been my honor to be a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 great years. During my tenure as Tennessee Division Adjutant we have experienced a time of growth and many tremendous successes for the division with many added responsibilities to manage. I also currently serve as the commander for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tennessee. I have served my camp in a variety of staff positions including multiple terms as commander over those 25 years of service. I was honored to be selected as the “Man of the Year” in the Tennessee Division in 2022.

During my tenure as commander our camp has grown and been extremely active in preservation of our Southern Heritage. Last April our camp received the “Outstanding Camp of the Year Award” for 2022-2023 in the Tennessee Division. The camp also received the “Outstanding Media Coverage Award” for the year. Our camp presented the “Robert E. Lee Award” for people outside the SCV for outstanding service to one state senator and a state representative who represents our district and who are strong supporters of the SCV and our heritage. They were very grateful of such an honor and are always supportive of all of our heritage efforts in the legislature.

I am a life member of both SCV National, as well as a life member of the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Morgan’s Men Association and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for over 20 years. I am part of the Tennessee SCV Speakers Bureau and have spoken many times to camps across Tennessee on a variety of subjects. I have authored several articles for The Sentinel Newsletter and the Tennessee Division Forrest Escort on a variety of topics.

I would now like to use my leadership skills as your representative on the General Executive Council and to be your voice as we go forward. Communications has always been a spirited conversation in our organization, and I would like to be in a position where I can work towards improving communications for our members.

Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I have recruited several over the years and I will continue my efforts in that regard and encourage all members to reach out. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. My camp this past year had a 99% retention, but we had one member we could not convince to continue even though we tried hard. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

This decision to be a candidate for AOT Commander has not been lightly decided but has been well considered for some time. I realize the obligation and dedication that this position needs and requires and I am willing to meet those demands. I now have the time and the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of this position. I am grateful for your consideration in voting for me as your AOT Commander at our next election.

Yours In Service to the South,

Tom Wood

Tennessee Division Adjutant
General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723
Lebanon, Tennessee



Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Army Councilman for the past three years. In that time I've fielded many phone calls and emails and visited many Camps and functions as well as taken part in the carrying out of training workshops put on around our Army. Likewise I've attended every National Reunion and every GEC meeting in addition to a number of those which were held by teleconference and/or online. I've done my best in this capacity to represent the best interests of our Divisions, our members and our esteemed organization.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization with a mission that is not only near and dear to my heart, but it is a big part of who I am. I believe absolutely in the Cause that our ancestors contended for and I make every effort to spread the truth of that Cause at every opportunity that I am afforded.

Over the years I've done more interviews with media talking heads than I can count and have stood face to face in head-on debate with a well-known group that is highly and militantly adversarial towards our organization and our Heritage. I have long held the belief that it is my mission in life to know the truth of the history of our Southland and to relay that truth.

Having joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 I have served in just about every office at the Camp level in addition to many Division Offices to include Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, 2nd Lt Commander from 2012 to 2016, 1st Lt Commander from 2016 to 2018 and Alabama Division Commander from 2018 to 2020. I've served as Chief of Heritage Operations for the Army of Tennessee from 2010 to 2012, National Chief of Heritage Operations from 2016 to 2018, National Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense from 2018 to 2020 and AoT Councilman from 2020 until the present.

As Commander of the Alabama Division I undertook the mission of "building the SCV by building the Camps" and worked across Division lines with the Tennessee Division to erect a monument on our property at the Forrest Boyhood Home. I've been instrumental in putting on education conferences that were designed to bring nationally known speakers to our members at an affordable price in an effort to educate us on our history. I believe fervently that the Camps are the backbone of this organization and that by training Camps in areas that will help them to grow and run more efficiently we will likewise benefit the overall health of our entire organization. I stand by that assertion and belief.

The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US as a people. The Southern tradition is a threat to the ultra-left and their radical agenda and we must fight back against this with everything we can intellectually muster. The SCV is the premier entity in this fight and at times it seems we are the only entity! We must be as determined as our adversaries and we must work in a manner that is smart and effective to curtail their efforts. We must train and equip our Camps to be our voice and a formidable influence in the local community, and we must attract the general public to take up our Cause. The polls are clear that the public is on our side, but we must harness that support and put it to active use for our purpose and our mission.

While the Camp is the backbone of this organization, to formulate a coherent and cohesive message that will resonate throughout our Army, Divisions, Brigades and Camps we must have strong representation at every level of the SCV, including on the General Executive Council. We must have people with experience and who can bring new ideas to the table, as well as who can work with the others in elected positions. Gentlemen, I believe I have the ideas and that experience and, after much thought and prayer, it is with great reverence for you and all that you are doing for our Cause that I announce my candidacy for the position of Commander of the Army of Tennessee and humbly ask for your support. I am,

Yours in the Cause,

Carl Jones

Councilman

Army of Tennessee

Sons of Confederate Veterans



**ROY P. HUDSON
FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COUNCILMAN
2024**

COMPATRIOTS,

MY NAME IS ROY HUDSON AND I AM SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF AOT COUNCILMAN. I HAVE COME TO THIS DECISION AFTER A LOT OF SOUL SEARCHING, PRAYER, AND DISCUSSION WITH FAMILY AND FELLOW COMPATRIOTS.

I HAVE BEEN A SCV MEMBER SINCE 1991. I AM A LIFE MEMBER OF THE SCV. AT THE CAMP LEVEL I HAVE HELD ALMOST EVERY OFFICE INCLUDING COMMANDER, HAVING CHARTERED THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST CAMP #1595 .

MY CURRENT DUTIES INCLUDE FIRST LT. COMMANDER OF THE CAPTAIN J.J. DICKISON CAMP #1387 IN MELBOURNE, FL., SERGEANT OF THE THIRD BATTALION COMPANY D, OF THE MECHANIZED CAVALRY, DIVISION LT. COMMANDER OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AND SERVE AS THE INSPECTOR IN CHIEF ON THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE SCV.

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MANY SCV EVENTS, PUBLIC EVENTS AND GIVEN MANY HISTORICAL LECTURES. I CURRENTLY AM ON THE FLORIDA DIVISION'S SPEAKERS BUREAU.

IN MY WORKING LIFE I SPENT 49 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVING IN ALL POSITIONS FROM DEPUTY TO CHIEF. I HAVE MANAGED HUNDREDS OF PERSONNEL AND OVERSAW A 50 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET.

WHEN I RETIRED 2 YEARS AGO, I MADE THE COMMITMENT THAT THE SCV WOULD BE MY NEW FULL TIME CAREER. I KNOW THAT MY BACKGROUND, LIFE EXPERIENCE AND UNWAVERING LOVE FOR THE SCV , WILL ASSURE THAT I HAVE THE ABILITY AND PASSION TO DO THE JOB .

IN TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY, WE CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. WE DO NEED TO WORK ESPECIALLY ON RETENTION. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I HEAR CONSTANTLY IS THE AVERAGE COMPATRIOT FEELS THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. I DO COMMIT TO MAKING MYSELF A CONDUIT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AOT TO GET THEIR IDEAS AND CONCERNS TO THE GEC.

I HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE IN THE NEXT YEAR TO MEET AND DISCUSS YOUR PRIORITIES FOR OUR SCV.

DEO VINDICE

ROY P. HUDSON

Yellowhammer Jammer

Marbury, Alabama

The Yellowhammer was billed as a music festival but it was certainly more. We had cannons, living history encampment, kids section, hot dog eating contests, guest speaker, vendor tents and so much more. This was the first event like this we tried in Alabama and hopefully we will continue to build on our success.



Brendan Young



Unreconstructed



Mutt Cooper



Carl Jones







Jack Cowart brought his half scale replica of The Hunley



Past CiC Chuck McMichael



Brian Cooper enjoying the day



Ally Knight



Vendor Row



Jacob Knight



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
CONFEDERATE MUSEUM
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE!



Fellow Compatriots,

The Confederate Museum and Southern Heritage Center at Elm Springs is the place where we can tell our story about our Confederate ancestors and the South. This beautiful facility is something each and every SCV member can be proud of. We have many unique artifacts as well as a research library that is filled with books on the War Between the States. Our gift shop is full of SCV branded and Confederate themed merchandise. This museum has become a reality because our members had the vision that one day we would be the only source of true information on our Southern Heritage. To keep this vision alive for current and future generations, we must continually support our Confederate Museum. There is debt on the museum, we have ongoing operational expenses as well as perpetual maintenance. In order to raise funds for the Confederate Museum, a goal of \$5 million has been set and this annual Commander-In-Chief Fundraiser Challenge is being made at all levels of the SCV. This is an annual ongoing challenge, it will run from July 1st through June 30th each year with the amounts collected totaled annually to determine winners in each category.

The donations will be tracked in each edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine with a "Raise the Confederate flag" graphic, where the flag goes up the flagpole as funds are raised. Let's all take this challenge from the Commander-In-Chief and see who can raise the most money for OUR Confederate museum!

1. Annual Army challenge by the Commander-In-Chief with one National award for the Army that raises the most funds.

2. Annual Division challenge by the Army Commanders with one National award for the Division in each Army that raises the most funds

3. Annual Camp challenge by the Division Commanders with one National Award per Division for the Camp that raises the most funds.

Additionally there will be one National Division award and one National Camp award presented to the Division and Camp that raises the most funds. A plaque for each winner will be given as well as recognition in the Confederate Museum and the Confederate Veteran Magazine. The member that donates the most overall will win the Christopher Memminger award.

☐ YES, I will help the SCV tell the true history of the Confederate soldier and the South by donating today:
\$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$162 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ Other: \$

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

SCV ID# Camp No. Division:

Donations can be made: check, online, credit card or by calling 1-800-MY-SOUTH

Checks are to be made payable to: SCV Confederate Museum Fund, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Online payments can be made at: <https://scv.org/donations/donation-form-6/>

A reoccurring payment option is available at the online link. A challenge was made at the National Reunion for members that are able, to donate \$50 or more per month for two years!

Credit Card Number: Exp. Date Code:

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Signature:

"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, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906



Hatton Camp Commander Tom Wood welcomes his three grandsons into the camp. Pictured from the right is Commander Wood, grandsons Tayte Reynolds, Ryan Franklin and Marshall Apple.



I had the honor to deliver two donations to the Museum at Elm Springs today. There is a brick and a foundation stone from the Col. James Lawrence home, where Gen. Forrest caught up with Col. Abel Streight. This was a donation from the Cherokee County Battlefield Preservation Corporation.

I also delivered a box of books for the library on behalf of the Turkrytown Valley Camp 1512. Pictured are Brigade Commander Jimmy Martin (L) and Executive Director Adam Southern (R)



Chaplain in Chief and Camp Commander of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Gary Carlyle was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Asbury High School History Club. Photo by Dale Crawford.



Kasen Steele Roden became a cadet member (under 12 years of age) of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans. He joined on the military record of his Confederate ancestor William Hill Hosch who served in Company "I" 4th Georgia Cavalry. His dad Aaron Todd Roden joined on the same ancestor. His little brother Klay will soon become a cadet member also. Harold Bouldin presented the membership certificate and pin. Photo by Dale Crawford



John Lowman (left) and Kenneth Chatelain (Right) received their membership certificates from Cmdr Lee Hattabaugh (Center) at the October meeting of the Capt. Thomas H. Hobbs Camp in Athens, AL

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.
Reconciliation Memorial
Arlington National Cemetery

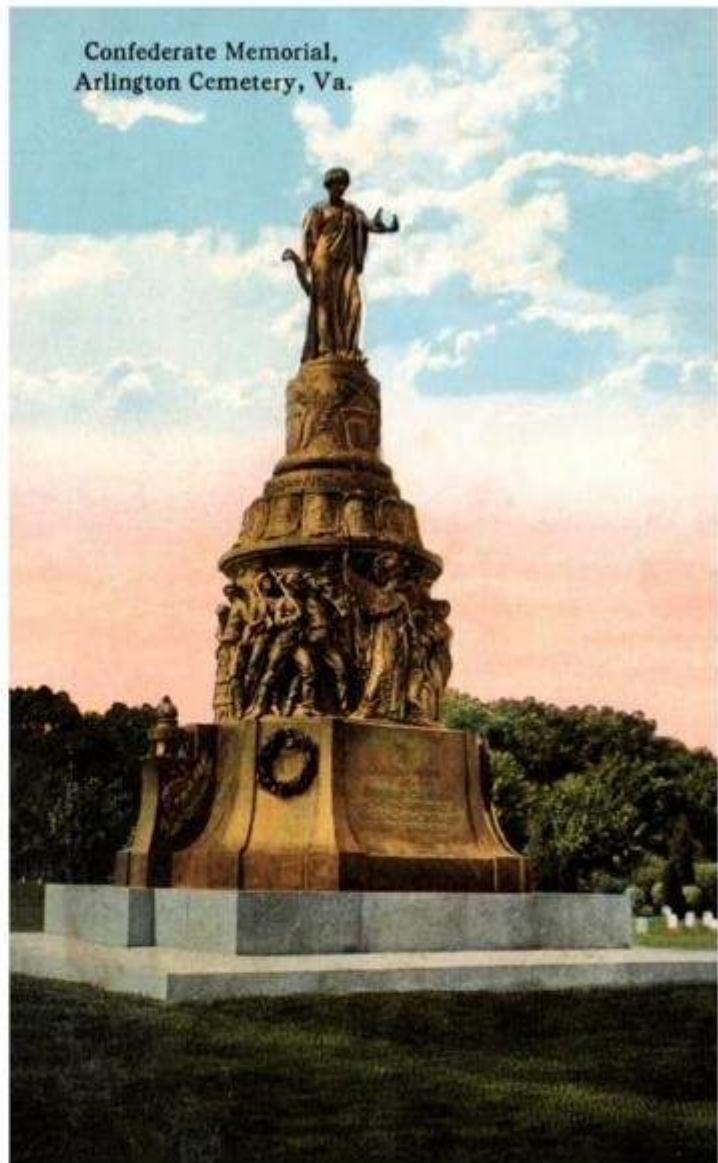
On January 12th, the General Executive Council Sons of Confederate Veterans voted to enter into a lawsuit to fight the removal of the Reconciliation Memorial located in the Confederate Section of Arlington National Cemetery. SCV National has been working with an attorney and actions will be forthcoming.

The lawsuit will take funding. To contribute to help the SCV fight this travesty, please send your donations to:

Online: <https://scv.org/paypal-donations/> and click on the Donate button under Heritage Operations (Defense).

Phone: call [931-380-1844](tel:931-380-1844), ext. [209](tel:931-380-1844)

Check: Make the check payable to SCV National, write Arlington in the subject line and mail to:



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R. S. Jason Boshers
Commander-in-Chief

Walter Donald Kennedy
Lt. Commander-in-Chief

The New England Slave Trade *by John M. Taylor*

The enemies of the South are all around. One of the most repugnant is Elizabeth “The Fake Indian” Warren. You also have Lloyd “The Wokester” Austin, who seems to have periodic battles with the English language; Mark “The Mannequin” Milley, who appears to have had brain surgery that went awry; and a gang of so-called historians who worship at the foot of Abe Lincoln and blame America’s “ills” on the South. As the Brits would say: bollocks!

The political football that leftists and “race hustlers” incessantly toss around is slavery. (Booker T. Washington warned about grifters who profit by stirring up racial animosities.) Historically, corporate welfare loving Whigs and Republicans also exploited the issue, especially during tariff disputes. History shows slavery has been around since humans have existed and all racial and ethnic groups have experienced it.

Regardless of this fact, blame for slavery is routinely dumped on the South, largely due to the dishonest way history is taught.

The trans-Saharan and trans-Atlantic slave trade moved over twenty million Africans from their homes to various locations throughout the world. Roughly five million died in transit. “The first wave, in the 800s A.D., was carried out in North Africa by Arabs and Berbers, both were non-European Muslims.” This lasted from the ninth to the fifteenth century. It resulted in the enslavement of over ten million Black Africans. It was likely the most brutal in history as relatively few survived and many who did were made into eunuchs.

“Around 1460, Portugal established posts along the coast of Western Africa to trade in African slaves.” This was the beginning of European involvement in the trade. Black African capturers, sellers, and profiteers were the constant in both scenarios—those sold or traded were slaves in Africa before they were placed on a slave ship. Northern Europeans could not survive in Sub-Saharan Africa, an area often dubbed “the White man’s grave.”

In 1562, the English became involved, under Sir John Hawkins. Although several European countries participated, “England became, on the whole, the leader in this trade, and was unrivaled by any save her daughter, New England.” Massive profits from the slave trade contributed mightily to the wealth of the British Empire and New England.

The Puritans settled in Massachusetts in 1620, about thirteen years after the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. They tried, largely unsuccessfully, to enslave the native Indians. The Puritans did manage to export some Indians (mostly Pequots) as slaves if they were considered hostile to the Massachusetts colony; they were sent to the Bermuda’s, Barbados, and other locations in exchange for Blacks and material goods. [Conversely, Virginia created laws against trespassing on Indian land, taking their land, killing them for trespassing, etc. Virginians saw Indians as worthy of learning Christianity.]

American slave trading began in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. “The first ship from America, which embarked in the African slave trade, was the *Desire*, Captain Pierce, of Salem, Massachusetts.” The *Desire*, built in Marblehead, Massachusetts, first sailed in June of 1637 (see John Winthrop’s writings). It headed to the Bahamas “with a cargo of ‘dry fish and strong liquors’...obtained the Negroes from two British men-of-war, which had been captured from a Spanish slaver.” Massachusetts’ Dr. Jeremy Belknap declared New England rum as foundational to the African slave trade.

Virginia was not active in the slave trade, did not ask for it to be imposed on them, and tried to stop it. None opposed it more vehemently than Patrick Henry and John Tyler, Sr., who “wanted it handed down to posterity that he opposed that wicked clause [in the U.S Constitution] permitting the slave trade.” New

England shipping companies were chiefly responsible for bringing slaves to the South and these companies had considerable political influence.

Rhode Islanders, Captain James DeWolf of Bristol and John Brown of Providence, (part of the family connected to Brown University) joined forces to protect the slave trade. Indeed, the slave trade “was one of the foundations of New England’s economic structure; it created a wealthy class of slave-trading merchants...Even after slavery was outlawed in the North, ships out of New England continued to carry thousands of Africans to the U.S. South.” Slave ships were typically owned and controlled by Northerners. No Southern flags flew from any ships; American slave ships did, however, fly the U.S. Flag, i.e., the Stars and Stripes. Virginia actually had no ships involved in foreign trade; colonial laws and subservience to England did not allow it.

Enemies of the South are everywhere but none more glaring than the politicians, “historians” and “educators” who refuse to admit any facts that fall outside of the government narrative. The worst of the bunch are the cowardly Southerners who dishonor their own ancestors.

Sources: “The Myth of Northern Innocence: Before Emancipation, The North Perpetuated and Profited from: Slavery,” by Anne Farrow, Joel Lang, and Jenifer Frank, from Hartford Courant, September 5, 2005; A Defense of Virginia, by Robert L. Dabney; The South Was Right, by Kennedy and Kennedy; Union At All Costs: From: Confederation to Consolidation, by John M. Taylor; and War for What?, by Francis Springer. NOTE: Slavery actually ended in 1962 when it was outlawed on the Arab peninsula. Also, Alabama Congressman Mike Rogers has allegedly allowed “Pocahontas” Warren to move forward with the Soviet-inspired “Renaming Commission.” If true, one has to ask exactly who Rogers represents. In contrast, there are others who contend it is insulting to have your name associated with the present “woke” military.



THE SOUTH HAS RISEN

We have all heard the old refrain that the “The South will Rise Again” and now this is literally happening in our country in a way no one could have expected. The total devastation of the South by an invading Yankee Army in 1861 left the Southern economy in ruins and millions of Southern families lost everything as a result of that unlawful invasion. This intentionally planned destruction was to totally subjugate the independent thinking Southerner to never question the elite of Washington again. The Southern mind-set has always been one of perseverance, independence, strength and resolve. Even though severely damaged and under the control of the Yankees, the strong Southern mind-set never gave up and began the long 163 year struggle to return to the pre-war years of a strong dominating Southern economy.

I have mentioned previously in some of my writings that the South was the richest part of the nation just prior to the war breaking out. The poorest state in the South was richer than the richest state in the north. Lincoln could not afford the South to rebel and leave the Union because of his unfair taxation on the South. Lincoln's effort to save the nation was to in fact save the north from financial disaster because they could not survive without the Southern economy. The irony in this war to me is that Lincoln started the war to bring the Southern economy and their revenue stream back to the Union, but ironically, by attacking the South he literally destroyed the Southern economy with his destructive war.

The Northeast has long been the king pin of America's wealth, particularly New York City and the Washington-New York-Boston corridor. As a result of the Covid pandemic and the north's total control and lock downs, the wealth of the nation is now changing for the first time since the War Between the States. The South is now perhaps stronger than ever. The Southern economy is once again leading the way in economic output. Six of the fastest-growing states are now in the South. These states include Florida, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. These Southern States are now contributing more to America's wealth than the Northeast for the first time in 163 years. This monumental shift of fortunes continues to grow even wider for the South as northern companies and the northern population is heading South in record numbers.

The Southeast gained \$100 billion in new income in 2020-2021 and the Northeast lost \$60 billion in an analysis by the Internal Revenue Service. Since the pandemic began in early 2020 two-thirds of all job growth occurred in the Southeast where 9 of the 15 fastest growing cities reside. In his article Brian Weber states the reason for this reversal in fortunes for the South is not only due to a more attractive climate, tourist attractions, cultural centers, and vacation destinations, but the political and economic climates attracting business and entrepreneurs. The South has the lowest tax levels, and several states in the Southeast have no state income taxes. The Southern states provide a pro-business philosophy and availability of a large workforce in the South. These factors and others are not only attracting corporations but the ordinary Americans who have had enough of woke and broke in the Northeast.

According to the National Association of Realtors, people are leaving these tyrannically controlled states in droves and moving to Southern states and other freedom loving states. Twenty-six states had an influx of movers while 25 (including District of Columbia) lost population. Florida added 318,855, Texas added 230,961, North Carolina with 99,796 and South Carolina another 84,030 with the most influx of people in 2022. Florida's population grew by 2% in 2022 making it the fastest growing state in the nation for the first time since 1957.

To mention a few losses, California lost some 300,000 in population, with New York another 300,000 and Illinois losing nearly 150,000 in 2022 and they have lost many more since this census was taken at the end of 2022. All appearances would indicate those numbers are even larger today than when these census were originally taken.

While the Southeast has enjoyed a building boom of homes, office buildings and industrial complexes since 2022, the Northeast grapples with a surplus of older office space deserted by tenants who have moved to the friendlier Southern culture.

Florida isn't the only place where business is booming. According to Business Facilities Magazine, Texas has the best business climate in the nation with other Southeastern states such as Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and of course Tennessee being on the list. Not a single northeastern state made the list. The Austin Business Journal states that the state of Texas would be the seventh largest economy in the world if the Lone Star State was a nation unto itself.

Clearly, the South has risen from the ashes of war like the Phoenix Bird, and it doesn't look like it will slow down any time soon.

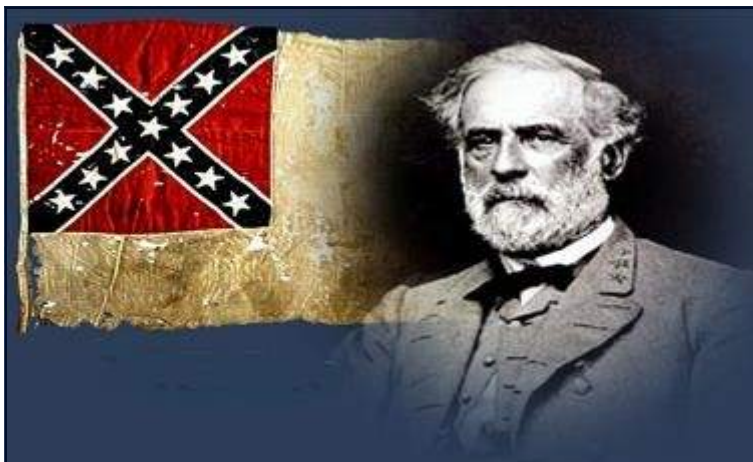
One has to wonder why political and business leaders in the northeast aren't following the South's lead by creating a business-friendly climate. Perhaps the leftist cult is so hell-bent on their agenda that they are willing to sacrifice everything to save their ideology. They just don't seem to get it or more likely they don't seem to care. The American people are in-fact getting it, and they are beginning to understand and retaliate against these agendas. We are now beginning to see the results of this backlash from these tyrannical controlling states. Millions of these fed-up citizens from these northeastern and leftist leaning states are packing their bags and their wallets and they are heading down South to the land of political freedom and economic opportunity.

A fellow compatriot recently shared this story with me. He was at an event where several Confederate flags were being displayed. A car with an Illinois license plate pulled up and the couple got out. Not knowing what their intentions were or how they would respond to seeing these flags he approached them and welcomed them. He presented them with a Confederate Flag, and they were very receptive and offered to pay for the flag. He responded that it was free to them. She insisted on paying and finally he accepted her offering and gave her a second flag for her donation. The group had a pleasant and informative conversation with them for about 30 minutes. They said they were planning on moving to Southeast Tennessee to get away from all the nonsense in Illinois. During the discussion the gentleman said he had a Confederate ancestor and intended to join the SCV and his wife was going to join the OCR. The man from Illinois said there were a lot of people like them in Illinois that believed in the South and Southern Heritage. They are tired of the heavy taxation and the controlling and even tyrannical governments they are living under. I think this is a great example of us not being afraid to reach out to tell our story even when we aren't sure what the response might be. We will never know unless we reach out and take a chance.

There is no doubt that some will look at this northern invasion in a negative way, and I myself have wondered what the end result of this influx to the South might present. I believe as Sons of Confederate Veterans, we should look at this growth in a positive way to spread our message near and far as the compatriot above did. We need to widen our horizons and take advantage of this opportunity to recruit and teach our true history to those from the north that have been mislead about our history all their lives. Hopefully, we can now have commonality with those moving South from leftist states that are looking for a better life. They are now our neighbors and our new friends. Let's take advantage of these new opportunities teach them the truth. Our new immigrants from the north obviously now realize the South is the best place to live, but we will still have to work on their history lessons and teach them our Southern heritage. We have much to be proud of with our Southern heritage and culture so let's share it. Let's share it with our new friends because they are here to stay. Economically, the South has indeed risen from the ashes like the mythical Phoenix Bird.

May God Bless the South and our organization as we continue to fight for truth and our American ideals.

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



Alabama Division
Robert E. Lee Day

January 20th, 2024

Archives Building
624 Washington Ave.
Montgomery

Program begins at 10am

Indiana Division Reunion

The Indiana Division held its annual reunion on October 21st at the American Legion in Bluffton, Indiana. The members and guests arrived early Saturday morning. Commander Del Felder called the reunion to order. The crowd was a little smaller than normal because of prior commitments but the business of the Division still has to be taken care of. After the opening and the invocation, the business session began. The Membership Report was given by Adjutant Gaylan Garrett and the Financial report was given by 1st Lt. Commander Robert Brown. The Commanders report was given by Commander Felder on some of the progress made by the Division and some of the challenges that the Division was confronted with.

The main business of the reunion was the passage of three amendments to the Indiana Division Constitution. All three amendments passed. The most important was the change that allows the Division Commander to also serve as a Camp Commander. Each camp present was allowed to speak about their camp and report on membership and activities and what they looked to do in the remainder of this fiscal year. Just before lunch Commander Len Grummell gave a brief talk about Indiana gun laws and changes that had been made.

After lunch the National and Division awards were given out. Commander Daniel Henry of the Captain Arthur M. Rutledge Camp received the Commander of the Year Award. The Dixie Grays Camp received the Camp of the Year award and was received by Commander Gaylan Garrett. Division Commander Del Felder was presented with the Dr. Neill Pitts Award for outstanding service to the Indiana Division.

AoT Commander Jimmy Hill gave a brief talk about the progress at the National Confederate Museum and the new artifacts that have been recently received. It was noted by Commander Felder that this was the 6th visit to the Indiana Division Reunion for Commander Hill although one of them was spent in a Fort Wayne hospital. The appreciation of the Division members for this was much appreciated. The belief that every Division is important regardless of size means a lot to our members.

AoT Councilman Candidate Roy Hudson from Florida was the guest speaker for the reunion. Roy gave a short talk on his candidacy which included the offices that he has held and currently holding including Inspector in Chief for the National organization. His topic was on John Singleton Mosby and it was a great talk. Many attendees had ancestors who rode with Mosby so the topic really hit home.

The reunion came to an end and we all headed to our respective destinations. A lot of good men live behind enemy lines, north of the Ohio River.



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.paypal.com%2Fme%3Fbusinessid%3DHCPNFL)

Or e-mail us at HCPNFL@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

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2024 National Reunion, Charleston, S.C.



There are so many reasons to be at the 2024 National Reunion in Charleston. First, it is an election year, for Commander in Chief, Lt Commander in Chief and the Army Commanders and Councilmen. Who we elect to lead our organization is important. Second, Charleston is one of the most historical cities in the country. Before the war for Southern Independence, Charleston was heavily involved in the 1776 War of Independence fought by the forefathers of many of our Confederate ancestors; Many of these sites are in Charleston or a short drive away. Third, you help chart the direction of the Sons of Confederate Veterans through your participation in the business sessions and last but not least, the camaraderie between members is vital to the well being of the organization.

Whether you can only come for a couple of days or for the whole reunion, you will have a good time, learn a lot about the SCV, make life long friendships and know that you helped shape the SCV for the future.

There are many tours and lectures available from the camp that you can take part in or go out on your own to see the sights that you want to see. Charleston has a lot to offer not only for the history but for its food, architecture and its people. Visit scv4.org for more on the National Reunion plans, tours and schedule.



Sons of Confederate Veterans 129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly or Type



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Address:

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

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Phone #: ()

SCV Camp Name:

Camp #:

State:

Your Rank, Title, or Position:

Spouse Name (for Name Badge):

(Note: Do not pay registration fee for spouse - not required)

One Free Ancestor Ad Info:

Ancestor Name		Company	Unit	State of Service		
Date	Time	Event		Price	Qty	Total
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (EARLY Jan.1, 2023 thru Jan. 1, 2024)				\$90		
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)				\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.		\$80		
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)		\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon (Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)		\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)		\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner		\$80		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon (NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)		\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus)				
Circle Desired Tour Time		12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00		\$55		
Only 50 people per time slot		Tour times assigned on 1st come basis so times not guaranteed				
Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show		\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour		\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow		\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast		\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)		\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon		\$60		
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)		\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.		\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.		\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast		\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon		\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)		\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian		\$100		
EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.				\$10		
EXTRA Reunion Medal (Note: 1 medal is included with registration, so order extras here)				\$25		
2024 Numbered (1-100) Reunion Medal (This medal NOT included with registration)				\$100		
FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals						

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Mail form & check to: **Low Country SCV, PO Box 1049, Ladson, SC 29456-1049**

For more information, please email: support@SCV4.org

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, click on donate, click on Heritage defense. It will open a Paypal box and you can donate there.

Jimmy Hill
AoT Commander



General Forrest 200 Society



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

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # : _____ Email: _____

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

For questions call: 931-315-9065 or email: scvproud@gmail.com



Isham G. Harris camp 109, Paris, TN. L-R Jim Davis, Commander Rick Revel, Wesley Frank, Treasure Tommy Swor.



Swearing in of new member for the Isham G. Harris Camp 109, Kenny Snow, L-R Commander Rick Revel, Kenny Snow, Chaplin Jackson Lawley



Telegrapher Dicky Bomar and businessman Distiller James Swor.



New Flagpole and homeowner Jackson Lawley, Cottage Grove



At Left, The Commander of the Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, GA, recently enjoyed the privilege of presenting two very deserving Camp members with SCV Distinguished Service Medals for their many years of outstanding service to both the Camp and the Georgia Division. Pictured from left are

Compatriot Larry Fleming, Commander Dale Thompson, and Compatriot Dale Wiggins.





Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, SCV, welcomed new members into its ranks at its September meeting held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville. Pictured L-R are Commander Earl Smith, new members James M Bower and David C Brown Jr, and Adjutant John Hitt.



Brian Hornback, Knox County Trustee, presented a program on Property Tax Relief at the Longstreet Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, September meeting held at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville.



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



Compatriot Jack Cowart gives program on the Hunley. Receiving instructions are friends and members of the Coffee County Rangers Camp 911, Enterprise, Alabama and Private Augustus Braddy Camp 385, Troy, Alabama



Chris Adams, a member of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, SCV found an almost abandoned cemetery in rural Jackson County with some Confederate graves. Photo by Dale Crawford

Alabama Education Conference



The last Alabama Education Conference was held in 2018 in Prattville. We kept trying to bring it back but just couldn't seem to make it happen. It is scheduled for March 16, 2024 and we have a new home for the event. The Southern Cultural Center in Wetumpka is providing the use of their building for this year and hopefully years to come. Don't procrastinate, register early enough so we know we can have the event (number of people coming dictates if we can put it on) and arrange the amount of food needed for the event. We hope to see you there. Any questions contact Jimmy Hill at editor@alsev.org or Carl Jones at csa6thflorida@att.net. We hope to see you there! Our four speakers are listed below: Books will be available and signed by the authors.



James Ronald (Ron) and Walter Donald (Donnie) Kennedy were born and raised in Mississippi. Their book, *The South Was Right!* may be said to have initiated the modern Southern movement and has sold over 135,000 copies. Shotwell published in 2020 the third edition, updated for the 21st century. They have written numerous books on Southern topics. Many in the media have noted the Kennedy Twins advocacy of limited government—that is, real States' Rights—which have led to many interviews and TV appearances.



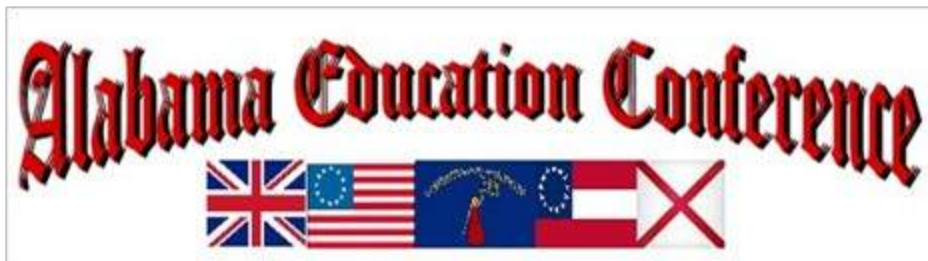
Dave Benner writes and speaks on issues related to the United States Constitution, founding principles, and United States history. He writes articles for The Tenth Amendment Center and the Abbeville Institute. He also produces history-oriented videos and podcasts. Dave is the author of *Compact of the Republic: The League of States and the Constitution*, a historical narrative that promises to be the definitive defense of the compact theory of the United States Constitution. He also wrote *The 14th Amendment and the Incorporation Doctrine*, a succinct tract that articulates how the federal judiciary has severely eroded the Constitution's original intent, giving the federal courts a historical excuse to meddle with the internal affairs of the states.



Ryan Walters is a life-long Mississippian and hails from the "Free State of Jones." He holds a bachelor and master's degree in American history from the University of Southern Mississippi. He writes columns for the Laurel Leader Call newspaper in Laurel, Mississippi, and for the Right Side Online, some of which have appeared on Townhall.com. He is the author of *The Last Jeffersonian: Grover Cleveland and the Path to Restoring the Republic*, a book that examines current political problems through the prism of history. He was also an occasional guest host and frequent commentator on the Right Side Radio Show with Chris McDaniel, Jack Fairchild, and Lewis Garvin.



Tom Daniel holds a Ph.D in Music Education from Auburn University. He is a college band director and teaches music at Chattahoochee Community College, who lives back in the woods of Alabama with a cotton field right outside his bedroom window. His grandfather once told him he was "Scotch-Irish," and Tom has been trying to live up to those lofty Southern standards ever since. Tom was a presenter at the 2018 Alabama Education Conference and did an outstanding presentation on the influence of the South into the different genres of music.



Name _____

March 16, 2024*Vindicating the Cause, one mind at a time*

*Southern Cultural Center
12814 U.S. Highway 231
Wetumpka, Alabama 36092
9:30 am to 3:30 pm*

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: (____) ____ - _____

Office: (____) ____ - _____

Cell: (____) ____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____ Division: _____

Pre registered Alabama Division Members Seminars inc. lunch.....\$40.00
Registration postmarked after March 1, 2024 or at door will not include lunch..... \$40.00

Please send this form, or a copy thereof, completed, together with a check or money order in the amount of the total shown above, made payable to **Alabama Division SCV**

**PO Box 375
Capshaw, Al 35742**

Speakers are booked but are subject to cancellation and is beyond the control of the Alabama Division. There will be no refunds on this event unless the event is cancelled.

21st 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 27, 2024 from 10 am. to 1 pm.

★ **Keynote Speaker - Chaplain in Chief Gary Carlyle** ★



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



MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

Arrive at 10:00 am. and enjoy bluegrass music by Jubilee, at 11:00 am. a cook-out will be provided by the Division and then at 11:45 am on the memorial lawn the Memorial Service will begin followed by a Cannon and Honor Guard Salute. Parking on (Old Hwy 78 E.)

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 brokeoti@gmail.com or 678.360.9667



Commander Tom Wood of the General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN, welcomes their newest member Bruce Camp. The camp has recently added 11 new members.



New member Casey Stephens is sworn into Tilghman-Beauregard #1460 in Mayfield, Kentucky on October 27, 2023.



Pvt. Eldridge Riley #2347 Calvert City, KY presents a donation to Martha's Vineyard for the annual food drive.



KY Division Commander Thompson swears in 4 new members to the Col. Charles Wickliffe Camp #2337.



Col. Charles Wickliffe #2337 members Mike Rhoden & Commander Rodney Dennis on hand for the 2023 Columbus-Belmont "Civil War Days" Weekend in early October.



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



Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

All memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter.

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

Longstreet Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- 10% Gift Shop Discount

N. B. Forrest Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 10% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Robert E. Lee Level: \$500

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 15% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt

Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 20% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Longstreet Level _____ Judah P. Benjamin Level _____ Patrick Cleburne Level
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Please make checks payable to Sons of Confederate Veterans and mail to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

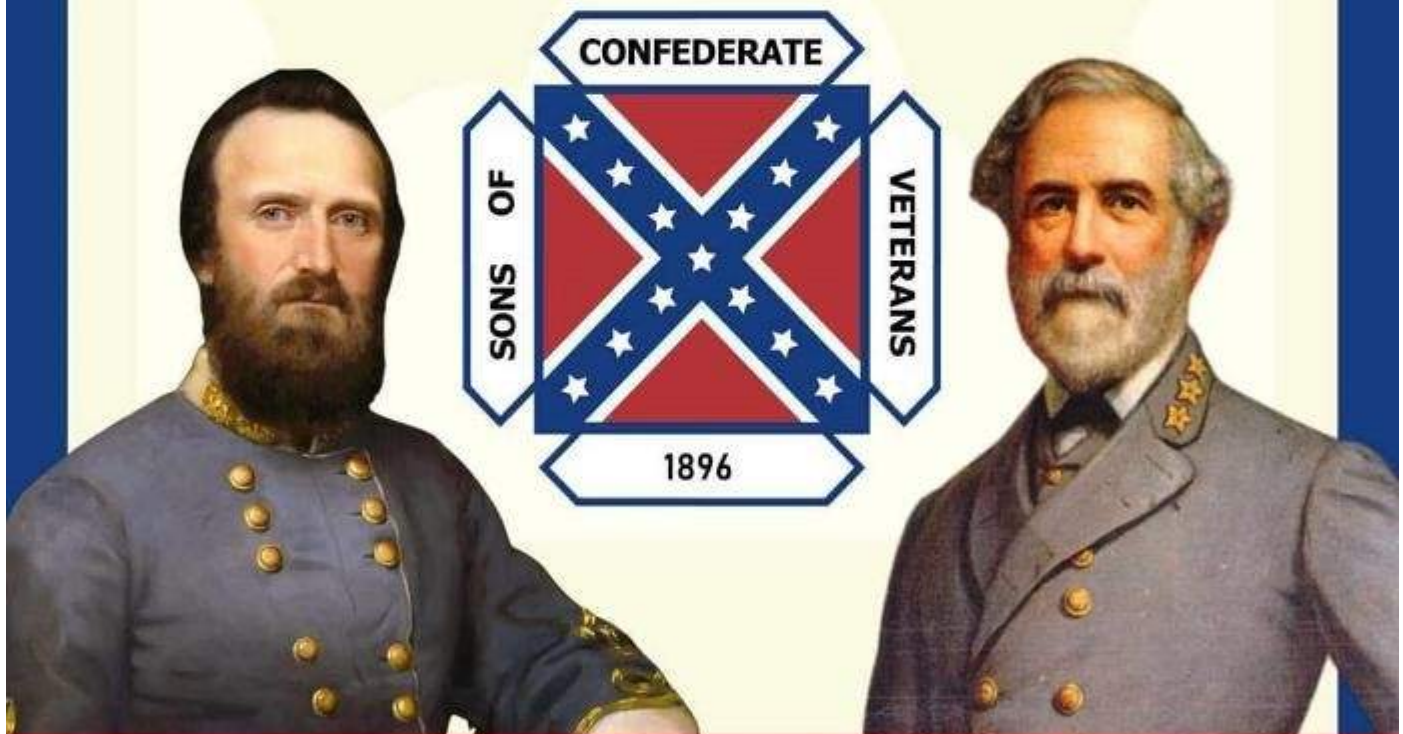
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JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
629 N. Main Street Jamestown, TN 38556

HOSTED BY JAMES M. SAUFLEY CAMP #929

EVERYONE WELCOME!
POTLUCK DINNER WILL BE SERVED



JANUARY 27TH, 2024
6:00 PM CST

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
JASON BOSHERS C.I.C.





Another great meeting at the Harrisburg Camp in Tupelo, Mississippi. Nice to have 2nd Lt Division Commander Terry Arthur and his wife as our guests. Terry gave a great program to the camp tonight.



The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, Georgia Division, recently represented the SCV in the City of Millen's annual "Fair on the Square Parade." Adjutant James Saxon towed the Camp's U.S. Model 1841 12-Pounder Field Howitzer and Limber, accompanied by, from left, Compatriot Larry Fleming, Sergeant-at-Arms Ben Graham, and Historian Steve Rathbun, wearing uniforms that were historically accurate for artillery units in the Southeast Georgia area.



After continued pressure on the City of Rome, during the week of October 19, the Confederate Soldier that was vandalized in 2018 was placed back on top of the Myrtle Hill Cemetery Confederate Monument.



New Tallassee Armory Guards members receiving their SCV Membership Certificates. (L-R) Camp 1921 Commander Randall Hughey, James Melton, Bobby Spivey, James Cambert and Ricky Joe Luster.





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John Hitt, Adjutant for Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, presented a program on Charles Francios Duclout at the October meeting held in Knoxville at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House). Charles Francios Duclout was from Switzerland and came to America and settled in Knoxville. He joined the Confederacy. After the War, he established the Zollicoffer Camp in 1885. The picture behind Adjutant Hitt is of Charles Francios Duclout attending the funeral of President Jefferson Davis. Charles Francios Duclout died July 1, 1917 and is buried in Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville.



John R. Massey Camp #152 recruiting table at the Fayetteville, TN Host of Christmas Past.



Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans Member, James Alvin Slice Jr was laid to rest Saturday, November 11, 2023. Compatriot Slice's wish was to have the Third National Flag on his casket. Members of Camp 87 participated as Honor Guard and gave the Flag to his daughter.





Members of Col. Alfred Johnston #276 & Pvt. Eldridge Riley #2347 pose after the Col. Johnston Memorial Service on Nov. 4.



Members of Col. Alfred Johnston #276 pose at the final resting place of Col. Johnston.



Gainesboro Invincibles Camp 1685, TN Division welcomes Tony Rhodes and Rick Scott as new members. Pictured in the middle is Division 2nd Lt Commander Rich Garcia.



Commander Robert Tyree inducted new member Thomas Langley into the Kentucky Secession Site #2125 Camp, Russellville, Kentucky



The General Robert H. Hatton Camp participated in the Veterans Parade in Lebanon, Tennessee.



MS 5th Brigade Councilman Harrison Daws visits with the Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373 in Picayune, Mississippi



Benefit Ride & Fundraiser

Presented by GA Mechanized Cavalry

TROOP - 3

SCVMC 3rd Battalion Company B

MARCH 9, 2024



Where: Jefferson Davis State Park, 338 Jeff Davis Park Rd,
Fitzgerald GA

50/50 Drawing
5 for \$10

Time: Gates open @ 8 AM

Registration: 10 AM – 11 AM

\$20.00 Per Rider/Driver & \$5.00 Per Passenger

Door Prize Raffle
Tickets
\$1 ea or 6 for \$5

- RIDE STARTS: 11 AM, we will ride to Blue & Gray Museum in Fitzgerald GA
- RETURN TO: Jefferson Davis State Park
- TOTAL RIDE TIME: 1 – 2 hours round trip
- LUNCH: 1:30 PM – Backwoods BBQ will be the food vendor for the event

All donations from SCV Camps, Troops, SCV Platoons, & OCR need to be turned in to 2nd LT. Big Bubba Bradshaw no later than 2 PM day of the event.

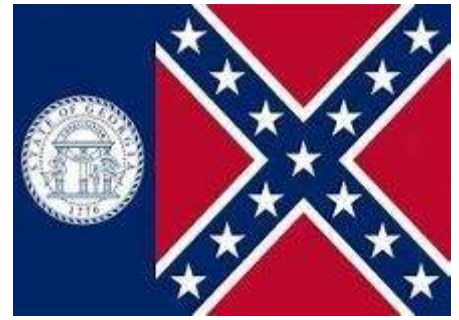
Any and all donations raised will be presented to Hershel Smith and Pastor Weaver the day of the event.

SCV Camps, SCVMC Troops & Platoons are welcome to setup merchandise tents.

All SCV, SCVMC, OCR, friends, family, kids, and guests are welcome!

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

**** The prize for the GRAND PRIZE Drawing will be announced at a later date ****



Army of Tennessee