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Army of Tennessee

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VETERANS

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

Men of the Army,

I wish I could give you a bright rosy future or everything is going great column but that would be the same as being told that inflation isn't really as bad as we think and the border crisis is made up. The truth is we continue to struggle to retain our existing members and to recruit new members. You have all heard the expression "We are aging out", look around at your own camp and look at the age of your members. A lot of gray out there and it is not the uniform. The recruitment and retention of members falls squarely at camp level. Division and National has very little to do with the size of your camp and how it grows. It falls upon the officers to put on good programs, hold good meetings and activities that make people want to join. In other words it is the responsibility of every member to make their camp grow. I personally think there is a rosy future out there, you see it when you visit a well run camp that is active, cares about its members and doesn't get stuck in a one dimension style of camp. Instead of just cleaning headstones or just holding a reenactment or other event, why not do all three? When you limit what your camp does, you limit who joins your camp. The goal is to grow. To grow there has to be harmony between the members, they have to enjoy coming to the meeting: when that happens they will tell others and they will join.

Dues renewal is coming up. We need to be at 100% at the end. You should start in April collecting dues. Based on past years it is taking longer to collect them. Also you should not hold your dues until everyone in the camp has paid. This creates a log jam at GHQ when instead of getting a 1/3 in June and more in July to process, we wait until August (grace period) to pay the bulk of the dues. With a limited staff they are still entering dues in late September and early October. We can speed the entire process up by sending them in a timely matter.

Every year letters are sent to delinquent members from a couple of years past to try to get them to renew. We get a lot of our members back. This should be done at camp level, not a letter but a phone call. You have a roster. Form a committee of a few members to reach out and try to get that former member back in your camp. With the new proration policy, reinstatement after two years is available at the discounted price. Offer a deal on a package price. If a father and son are joining or two brothers joining offer a lower camp dues amount for the first year if both will join together. If you have a member who is experiencing a slight financial problem, consider helping pay the balance or all of his dues rather than losing him. In most cases they repay the camp when they can. Think outside the box to make your camp grow.

We continue paying on the museum and we have made good progress. As I write this the bank loan stands around 1.1 million dollars. Still a lot of money but in one year it has been cut in half and I believe we are on track to pay off this loan by July 2025. It has been through the efforts of the members, local camps, Divisions, etc that has made this possible. There are new programs coming to help pay this debt off and put the Forrest monument up all at one time. It is called the **21st Confederate Heroes program**. You will read more about it in an upcoming Confederate Veteran but in a nutshell, if 1500 people, Camps or Division donate \$1000 then the bank loan goes away and the Forrest plaza goes up. Is it doable? Yes, if a Camp or Division sets a goal to do it or an individual feels they can make this happen, then it will. It can be made in payments if you choose. If you signed up for one year, your payment would be \$83.33 per month. We can do fundraisers at camp level and easily raise more than \$1000 in a year. There are other ideas that will be presented to the membership as well. One is on the bottom of page 5, it is a challenge to the Tennessee Division members and then he challenges the other Divisions. One final push and the debt will be gone. Lets make it happen. It will take all of us.

Saying this, I realize the organization asks repeatedly for donations. From Camps to National and every level in between we are asking to raise money. There are so many projects from the different levels that need our support. It is the very foundation of the Charge of General S.D. Lee. To defend the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, etc takes money. Advertising, law suits, buildings, monument protection and activities cost money. It is your choice to contribute or not. If you choose not to donate, it is your decision and I don't know of anyone who will look upon that member as not doing his part. There is no arm twisting. Some give to the Forrest Plaza that will not donate to the museum fund. It is their choice. If they decide to just contribute to their local camp project then that is fine. There are only so many dollars in your budget you can part with and most people know our dollars don't go as far as they once did. Do what you can and support what you want to support but don't use it as an reason to leave the organization.

We have some important events coming up in the near future. Many of these have conflicting events on the same day so we can't be everywhere at the same time. My calendar is set from now to the National Reunion. To help save budget money I have only scheduled 5 events and only one requires an overnight stay. Upcoming, we have the Tennessee Division Reunion, AoT workshop, Kentucky Division Reunion, Alabama Division Reunion and the National event at Fairview, Kentucky on June 8th.

Our focus needs to be on growing our camps. I cannot stress that enough. Listen to your camp officers, if they are telling you they cannot do another term then you need to find someone to step up for that position. We have had camps to fold because the camp commander quit. At some point everyone needs a break. We need to prepare for that day.

My term is coming to an end in July. We will be electing new officers to lead the Army of Tennessee at the National Reunion in Charleston. We have two men standing for each of the two offices. The voting will be held Saturday morning at the AoT meeting. It will be a ballot vote and your camp chairman will need to have his credentials form with him to vote. One person can vote all of your delegates or they can be split. The newly elected officers will take over Sunday morning after the reunion comes to a close.

There will be one more issue of the Sentinel that I will publish. It will come out in late June 2024. The template will be provided to the newly elected Commander if he desires to keep it going. On July 21st the email address AoTcommander@alscv.org will be deleted.

Jimmy Hill
Commander
Army of Tennessee

I am issuing a challenge to members of the Tennessee Division to send \$50.00 for the debt of the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs by July 1, 2024. With approximately 2,300 members in Tennessee currently, that would be \$115,000.00 toward museum debt. If you can send more, great. But please send at least \$50.00.

I also challenge our fellow divisions to challenge the members to do the same. This is not so any division or their members can boast, but to get our museum paid for.

Note: Make sure you designate your contribution to go toward the Confederate Museum debt. Let's work together and get this debt paid.

Mail donations to:

**Sons of Confederate Veterans
PO Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402**

Respectfully,

**Joey Nolan, Commander
Tennessee Division, SCV**

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 brogeoti@gmail.com or 678.360.9667



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: _____

Visa ___ Master Card ___ American Express ___ Discover ___

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



Tennessee Division Adjutant Tom Wood presents Marty Smith of the Savage-Goodner Camp in Smithville, TN with the Superior Leadership Award for his many years of service to the SCV.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in a work day at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) in Knoxville in March.



Norman Dassinger Jr. was the keynote speaker at the March 2024 meeting of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, Sons of Confederate Veterans. He spoke on General George Pickett. Photo by Cadet Kasem Roden



Buckhorn High School outside of Huntsville, Alabama had its ROTC award ceremony on March 21st. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ed Kennedy of the Col. Egbert J. Jones Camp in Huntsville made the Hunley medal presentation to Army JROTC Cadet Thomas Zeigler.

We are going on the offense and going to make history.

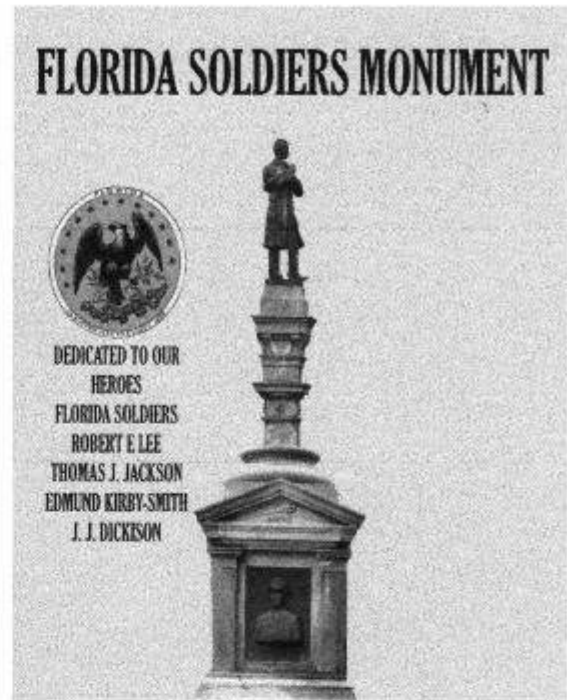
Today, we're asking for your help because we have the opportunity to make history and re-erect the Florida Confederate Soldier's Statue that was taken down by the current woke culture of our city's politicians. We need your help to purchase material, so that we can build an everlasting Memorial to the Confederate Soldier.

We are hoping to raise \$12,000 to re-erect the Confederate

Memorial. Without donations like yours, we won't be able to provide adequate material to raise the memorial to our Ancestors. The physical labor will be provided by the camp, along with donations of heavy equipment and land.

Compatriot, would you consider donating \$50, or whatever you can, to help us achieve our mission?

Together, we can continue ensuring better futures for our Ancestor memories, and the sacrifices they made.



**Send your checks made out to SCV and Confederate Memorial written in memo section.
Mail to: Calvin Hart 4884 Victoria Chase Ct Jacksonville, Florida 32257.**

Florida Soldier's Confederate Memorial from Hemming Park

At the state reunion of United Confederate Veterans (UCV) in Ocala, Charles C. Hemming announced his plan to erect a memorial in honor of Florida's Confederate soldiers. Charles, a Texas bank executive, was raised in Jacksonville and, at age 17, joined the Jacksonville Light Infantry as a private on January 10, 1861. After fighting in many land battles, he was captured by Union forces at the Battle of Missionary Ridge. He was sent to an Illinois prison in December 1863 but later escaped to Canada and became a confederate spy. As a secret Confederate emissary, he made his way to Canada, the West Indies, Florida and Virginia, during which time he was captured on three different occasions but escaped. He rejoined his regiment in North Carolina where he was promoted for meritorious service. Members of the local Robert E. Lee Camp of the UCV invited Charles to a reception in Jacksonville hoping to have him place the Florida's Soldier's monument in their city. After viewing several possible locations, Hemming preferred the center of St. James Park in Jacksonville. Although it involved removing a popular fountain, the City's Board of Public Works gave its approval. The unveiling ceremony took place on June 16, 1898. Later, in 1899, the City Council changed the name of St. James Park to Hemming Park. The monument rose sixty-two feet from the square foundation. A column extended from the base topped by a bronze figure of a Confederate soldier in winter uniform. He stood at ease, with hands clasping the barrel of his rifle that rested on the ground. On his cap were the initials, "JLI", representing the Jacksonville Light Infantry. On three sides of the base were the busts of Confederate General Kirby-Smith, Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson with their drum corps, and General J.J. Dickinson, commander of the UCV's Florida Division. On the remaining side of the square, there was a plaque containing a tribute, most likely written by Charles Hemming, "TO THE SOLDIERS OF FLORIDA".

After much controversy, the Jacksonville Mayor removed the have the statute in the middle of the night. On June 10, 2020, after 122 years in the center of the park, work crews removed the entire statue and stored it until 2023 when it was returned to the Hemming family. The monument was donated to the Kirby-Smith Camp #1209, who recently cleaned the Soldier statue. Plans are under way to have the monument re-erected soon to honor the Florida Confederate Veterans at Kirby-Smith Confederate Park.

Whereas the original location the Florida Soldiers was downtown and few viewed it, it will be located within viewing by thousands going down the interstate highway. Be part of the Confederate Memorial Crew and support this effort.

Robert E. Lee: An Exemplary American *by John Taylor*

The assaults on Robert E. Lee and anyone who fought for Southern Independence never abate. Lee symbolizes most things his critics hate – he was a devout Christian, he believed in the sovereignty of the States within a voluntary federal republic, his primary allegiance was to Virginia (his “country”), and he felt “Union” at the point of a bayonet undermined the entire American experiment in self-government. One might ask: Why did the colonies seek independence if the goal was replication of the mercantilist British Empire they left? Lee’s beliefs are typically criticized by the usual suspects: neocons/Trotskyites, “globalists,” “socialists,” and others who despise the traditional Christian South. These individuals dominate “higher education,” corporate media, and what some generously call “entertainment.”

There are many areas concerning Lee that rile those who harbor strong hatred for the South. For example, many criticize Lee because he was the steward over the Custis slaves. They conveniently ignore that Lee opposed slavery, treated those under his control in the manner prescribed in the Holy Bible, and freed the slaves under his stewardship on December 29, 1862. Lee stated: “If I owned four millions of slaves, I would cheerfully sacrifice them for the preservation of the Union, but to lift my hand against my own State and people is impossible.” (Abbeville)

Lee has also been criticized for believing Blacks were better off in America than Africa (most were slaves in both). He was a man of his times but, unlike many of his contemporaries (like Lincoln), Lee was not known to advocate deportation of Blacks or to refer to them in derogatory terms (like Lincoln, William T. Sherman, John Sherman, Ben Wade, etc.)

Lee opposed secession, even referencing it as “revolution” but, once Virginia voted to secede (after Lincoln called for the invasion of sovereign States), he felt duty-bound to follow. He saw the horrors of fighting against one’s own family. Furthermore, invasion of a State was deemed to be a treasonous act of which Lee, or anyone who understands a voluntary federal republic, would take no part in.

At the behest of Winfield Scott, Lincoln offered Lee command of Union forces. He respectfully declined, a major reason being his unwillingness to fight against his own people. Lee loved the original Union and dutifully served in the U.S. Army for decades; however, he did not view the federal government as a *de facto* God (as did Sherman and others).

Lee fought for independence. Ironically, this angers many Americans – especially those who believe Hamilton’s invention that the sovereign States are not really sovereign.

In the West Point Class of 1829, Lee finished second and received no demerits. Lee was adamant about duty, contra our present world of “What is in it for me?” Lee won the admiration of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and others. He has been praised worldwide by statesmen, religious leaders, scholars, etc. The present military “woke leadership,” which distances itself from Lee, is like a parody from the old National Lampoon magazine or Saturday Night Live. What a sad world we live in when great Christian men like Lee are demonized. The Book of Isaiah states: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” These are the times in which we live.

On February 18, 1874, four years after Lee’s death, Georgia Senator Benjamin Harvey Hill addressed the Southern Historical Society: “When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he must lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, a victor without oppression, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was a Caesar without his ambition, a Frederick without his tyranny, a Napoleon without his selfishness, and a Washington without his reward. He was obedient to authority as a servant, and loyal in authority as a true king. He was gentle as a woman in life; modest and pure as a virgin in thought; watchful as a Roman vital in duty; submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles!” (Martin)

Lee stated: “My chief concern is to try to be an humble, earnest Christian.” “Woke” statists e.g., Seidule, Warren, Milley, Austin, will likely never understand honor and integrity as they are antithetical to their world. Thus, they will never understand great men like Robert E. Lee.

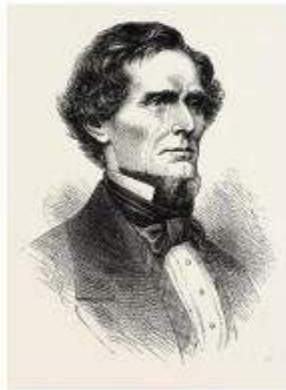
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JEFFERSON DAVIS STATE HISTORIC SITE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION & SCV NATIONAL EVENT JUNE 8, 2024 11AM-2PM

258 Pembroke-Fairview Rd, Pembroke, KY 42266

Come see the 351-ft obelisk dedicated to President Davis at the site of his birth on the 100th anniversary of its completion! Elevator rides to the top of the monument and museum admission will be available!



- ACTIVITIES INCLUDE -

- Special guest speakers*
- Live artillery firing*
- Living history displays*
- SCV camp & merchandise booths*
- Food trucks*
- and more!*



If interested in participating with artillery, living history or a camp booth setup, contact Division Commander Thompson (lkthompson@kyscv.org) or Adjutant Knight (kydivadj@gmail.com)



*All activities & speakers subject to change**

Sponsored by Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



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

GOALS OF CANDIDATE TOM WOOD ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024



My name is Tom Wood, and I am a candidate for Army of Tennessee Commander. I have served eight full-time years as Tennessee Division Adjutant, and as Camp Commander for the award-winning General Robert H. Hatton Camp in Lebanon, Tennessee. Any leader must have priorities and focus on the specific goals he hopes to achieve in that leadership role to be effective and successful. The reason I decided to become a candidate for this office is to concentrate my energy on the much-needed strengthening of our membership.

My goals for this office are to focus on six aspects of membership that I believe are imperative for our survival as an organization. My desire is to provide the needed support to strengthen our membership by working with division leaders in the areas of recruitment, retention, education, leadership training, communication, and encouragement of one another. My goal is to personally visit every division several times, and to speak with division leaders on how I can help meet their needs and accomplish their goals. I intend to personally visit and support as many camps as possible in the Army of Tennessee over the next two years.

We have too many camps that are struggling for their very existence and unfortunately some do not survive. As I travel around, I have become concerned that our members are not being provided with the support they need and deserve. I am finding that many of our members are not educated about our organization above the camp level. It is difficult to get excited about an organization you basically know very little about. I am finding that many of our members are not receiving the great publications that are produced at various levels. This is a serious breakdown in our communication system that needs direct and immediate attention.

Many of our camps need assistance in providing organized, interesting, and effective regular meetings to encourage and strengthen better attendance and participation. We have camps that are literally closing their doors due to a lack of members willing to take leadership roles. We must train our members and prepare them for future leadership positions. I want to emphasize the encouragement that every member needs and how important they are to the success of our organization. We must be supportive of each other and focus on what's best for our organization ahead of our own personal interests if we are to be successful.

My goal is "leave no man behind." We know our members are the strength and backbone of our organization. Without our membership we do not have an organization to support. We must reflect the importance of our members in our actions by always being supportive to them. I believe we can accomplish many great things with persistence and hard work. I am committed to this hard work by continuing my SCV work on a full-time basis to do everything I can to strengthen our organization and the Army of Tennessee. I am very supportive of our many great national programs, but we cannot get so focused on programs that we overlook the most important element of our organization...our members.

I want to thank Commander Jimmy Hill for his untiring dedication and service to the Army of Tennessee over the past four years. Job well done sir!!

I am asking for your support and your vote for Army of Tennessee Commander as we go forward striving for greater success.

Yours In Service to the South.

Thomas H. Wood
Woodth25@gmail.com

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.



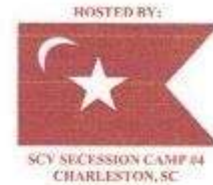


Sons of Confederate Veterans

129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

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Email: _____ **Phone #:** () _____

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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)	\$55				
<small>Circle Desired Tour Time</small> <small>12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00</small> <small>Only 50 people per time slot</small> <small>Tour times assigned on 1st come basis so times not guaranteed</small>							
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 <small>NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.</small>	\$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 <small>Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian</small>	\$100				
EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) <small>NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.</small>			\$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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**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



Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Army of Tennessee Councilman. I have been lucky to have the SCV as a part of my life for almost 30 years. I remember attending camp meetings, brigade functions, headstone dedications, memorial services, and countless other events that are the bedrock of the SCV as a child. Having grown up with the SCV, I have had the privilege to serve this organization on every level. Despite being younger than our average members, I have the experience and knowledge to effectively serve this organization in a national position. However, that youth also means that I have new ideas to bring to the table that will impact our future.

The main role of councilman is to be the voice of the members on the GEC and to communicate back to the members it's actions. As the largest Army in the Confederation, the AOT deserves leadership that will represent them, will communicate with them, and will work with the other members of the General Executive Council in moving our organization in the right direction for victory.

In addition to these duties, if elected councilman I will push for more youth outreach, growing our social media presence, more training workshops emphasizing heritage operations and a new retention program focused on A.I.R (Activity=Inclusivity=Retention).

Below you will find a brief autobiography. I appreciate your consideration and support.

Forward the Colors,

George Conor Bond
Past Commander, Mississippi Division SCV
Rankin Greys Camp 2278

SCV Resume Experience

Camp- Chairman of various committees, Lt. Commander, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian
Brigade- Councilman
Division- Chairman of various committees, Legislative Liaison, Heritage Operations Officer, Color Sergeant, Lt. Commander, Commander
Army of Tennessee - Adjutant
National- Deputy Chief of Heritage Operations (Promotions), Deputy Chief of Staff, Aide-De-Camp to CiC, Chairman National Retention Committee
Other - Co-Creator and Co Host SCV_Chat, Interim Chairman Friends of Beauvoir, Commanded Artillery Wing at Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinternment

Awards

Robert E. Lee Award
 Heritage Defense Medal (multiple)
 Distinguished Service Award (multiple)
 Meritorious Service Award (multiple)
 SCV Commendation Award (multiple)
 SCV Leadership Award (multiple)
 Superior Achievement Award (multiple)
 Hold the Line Award, MS Mechanized Cavalry 1G
 MS Division Commanders Appreciation Award

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





Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, met at Shoney's in Oak Ridge Tn in March. They meet for breakfast and fellowship and sometimes a presentation on the last Wednesday of each month.



Camp Commander, Tom Wood, of the General Robert H. Hatton Camp in Lebanon, TN welcomes newest member Chuck Roydhouse.



New 10x15 flag on a 70 foot pole on I10 NM 39, CAMP 1315 Florida Division.



The North's Victory Unmasked *by Clyde Wilson*

An aspect of preserving the Southern tradition is rescuing books of wisdom that have been lost and forgotten. That is the case with *The United States Unmasked*, published in 1879 by Gabriel Manigault (1809—1888).

Manigault was born in Charleston to distinguished patriot families on both sides and married into another such family. After serving in the defenses of Charleston and the fall of the Confederacy, he moved his family to Canada and remained there permanently.

His book was a strong and eloquent critique of United States' decline as a result of The War and Reconstruction. It could not find an American publisher, and was published in London. You need to look at the historical context of 1879 to appreciate Manigault's subtitle, *A Search Into The Causes Of The Rise And Progress Of These States, And An Exposure Of Their Present Material And Moral Condition*.

The Panic of 1873-1879, the longest depression in American history, was still in full sway when Manigault wrote. It had been caused by failed massive and immoral speculations of New York bankers and stockbrokers. Unemployment reached one million. Wages for the employed declined by one-quarter, according to official statistics. Thousands of businesses failed, leaving more than a billion dollars in debt. Labour strife was larger and more violent than ever before.

In 1876-1877 President Grant had militarized Washington to prevent the installing of the Democrat Samuel Tilden, who had won the presidential election. The standard mainstream American historian, Allan Nevins, described this period: "Various administrations have closed in gloom and weakness . . . but no other has closed in such paralysis and discredit as (in all its domestic affairs) did Grant's. The President was without policies or popular support" and incompetence and corruption marked his Cabinet.

According to Manigault the North had prosecuted the war against the South in expectation of acquiring a cornucopia of Southern riches with its natural resources and by replacing with "free labour" the costs of inefficient and lifelong care of slaves. This was done after a long history of exploitation of the South by tariff abuse. Northerners had set their hearts on control of the national government by which they would get power and money. By distortion of the Constitution with "necessary and proper" national banks and conversion of a revenue tariff to a protective tariff, the federal government, a child of the States, had eaten up its parents.

Southerners had erred by thinking they could win a war of independence: "Now it is flying in the face of all history and all experience in human nature to suppose that any people or government, with large means of waging war, will abandon possession of rich tributary territories without first striving to retain them by force of arms. . . They will fight rather than give it up."

By the War and Reconstruction Northerners had outsmarted themselves. They had impoverished the South and the regime they installed did not work, fostered immense corruption, and created a government controlled by the rich. They had perpetrated a new regime that was despicable compared to the noble Old Union. He writes: *"The rich men in the United States are not the proprietors of the fields, meadows, and pastures, the broad acres, the visible and tangible property of the country. They do not much care for this kind of property. Its annual yield is too moderate and comes in too slowly for them. . . . The rich men of the country, or the reputed rich, are bankers, merchants, manufacturers, and above all, successful gamblers in in stock-jobbing of all kinds, in government, and State, and municipal bonds, and railroad corporation stocks, in government contracts got by official favouritism for a high fee. . . . Most of these millionaires have lately been raised into notice by some lucky speculation or speculation But they are the leading spirits of the day—the objects of envy and admiration"*

Manigault comments that the Republican government of by, and for the people has "been very successful in making the fortunes of those who could obtain office under it, or exercise influence over those who are in office. It has made many men rich; but it has increased, not diminished the number of the poor, and deepened their poverty." The victory of the Northern regime has "utterly failed to elevate the material and moral welfare of the country."

Perhaps even better evidence of decline was in the moral area: corrupt big city machines, an increased rootless population, crime greater than ever before, "society" composed of vulgar new rich. The loss of Southern republican and Constitutional ethics had turned the government into the plaything of those seeking profit. The prosperity of the country was now dependent on debt and paper rather than production, and the gap between the tiny minority of the super rich and the rest had become immense. Manigault prophetically described the American economy of debt and paper that has been fully consummated in our time and was the inevitable consequence of the outcome of the War between the States.

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Clyde Wilson

Clyde Wilson is a distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at the University of South Carolina where he was the editor of the multivolume The Papers of John C. Calhoun. He is the M.E. Bradford Distinguished Chair at the Abbeville Institute. He is the author or editor of over thirty books and published over 600 articles, essays and reviews and is co-publisher of www.shotwellpublishing.com, a source for unreconstructed Southern books.



These pics are from March 16th (General Cleburne's 196th birthday) at the 48th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show, the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Twelve members made it out during the weekend, and we were well received by participants and the general public. This is normally one of Maj Gen Patrick Ronayne Cleburne Camp 2257's (Michigan) best recruiting events during the year.



Commander Gerald Robinson finishes the business session at the March Sons of Liberty Camp 580 meeting in Decatur, Alabama. Photo by Dale Crawford.



Ten year old cadet member Kasem Roden got a thundering round of applause when he presented the "Charge" at the March meeting of the DeKalb Rifles camp in Sylvania, Alabama. Kasem has been a cadet for several months. Photo by Dale Crawford.



Gary Carlyle, National Chaplain and Commander of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, SCV gives Confederate money to students correctly answering trivia questions. Carlyle lectured five classes on Southern history at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Rainsville, Alabama. Photo by Dale Crawford



Ryan Rogers with the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824 was the keynote speaker at the March meeting of the Sons of Liberty Camp 508 Meeting. In honor of the recent St. Patrick's holiday, Ryan made a great presentation of Irish flags. Photo by Dale Crawford



SCV member Kane Dunham awards the prestigious Hunley Award to cadet SFC Joseph Ratliff hailing from Arab, AL



Commander Tom Wood of General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN pictured with new member Robert Lee Hodge.



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~~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~~

*** ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL TIME (CT) ***

Friday, October 11, 2024

10 AM-- School Days /Living History Activities open

11 AM - 10 PM-- Reenactor registration/Check-in

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8 AM - 10 AM-- Reenactor registration/Check-in

11 AM-- Spectator Activities Open

2 PM -- Reenactment Battle begins

7 PM - 10 PM--Ball (Music by Emmy award-winning Unreconstructed)

(Public is Welcome to Attend)

Sunday, October 13, 2024

10 AM-- Reenactor church service (Public Welcome)

11 AM-- Spectator Activities Open

2 PM -- Reenactment Battle begins

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<p>N. B. Forrest Level: \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 10% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt 	<p>Robert E. Lee Level: \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 15% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt 	<p>Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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Members of the West Tennessee Honor Guard under Compatriot Danny Langston participated in a headstone dedication in Eads, TN.



Camps 1861 & 1865, Florida Division set up at the Williston Spring Festival.



Luke Patterson, a young student at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Rainsville, Al. carefully examines a minnie ball during a history lecture given by Gary Carlyle, Commander of the DeKalb Rifles Camp 1824, SCV. Carlyle talked about his huge display of period artifacts mixed with trivia questions along with Southern morals and values. Photo by Dale Crawford



Woodville Founders Day. Members of the 3rd Brigade under Cmdr Mark Bess gathered to help proclaim our heritage and teach the true history of the South. Several Camps were in attendance. Camp #742 "wakulla guards". Camp #703 "Quincy young guards" camp #1614 "Finley's brigade"

21st - Century Confederate Heroes
 See more about it at scvconfederatelegion.com



It was a great day to honor Confederate Senator Landon Carter Haynes with a headstone dedication today. In behalf of the Lt Robert J Tipton camp #2083



Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans had our Division Executive Council meeting today. Thank you to the Mississippi Society OCR for supporting us with a great meal. I believe we had a productive meeting.

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Newly elected officers of Confederate Gray's Camp 523 in Delta, Alabama along with NEC Brigade Commander Jimmy Martin and Lt Brigade Commander Brian Cooper.



SCV Frank P Gracy camp #225 in Erin TN. 16 March 2024.



Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373 Mississippi Division are all setup for this weekend's Picayune Spring Street Festival!



N.B. Forrest Camp 1353 Memorial Service. The service was held at the Confederate Monument in downtown Hattiesburg.



The Ninth Brigade had a great time at the Confederate Heritage Ball. The Colquitt Camp did a great job. The food was wonderful, Brandon Chambless, once again outdid himself. The music was great and the folks there had a wonderful time.



Placing flags on the graves of Seminole County's Confederate Veterans. (Georgia Division) With me was one of our newest camp members, Parker Lanier, and his son. Pictured here with their Confederate ancestor, Archiebald 'Archie' Parker.



UPDATE ON FORREST HALL EVENT CENTER

It has been a few months since our last update on the fundraising and construction progress of the event center now under construction at Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. We have made great progress so far and much has been accomplished. We are all anxious to see the next phase of construction and to see the structure rising into the sky. I am pleased to write this update, as this has been a very exciting and productive year for both fundraising and construction towards our goal for The Forrest Hall Museum and Event Center. Since the beginning of our fiscal year beginning August 1, 2023, we have received an additional \$42,500.00 towards our next goal of completing the covered pavilion including the roof structure and roofing. This will allow us the usage of the large pavilion for all events at the Forrest Home. This pavilion is a huge step in our goal of a completely enclosed building and beginning work on the interior.

As you are aware a considerable amount of work has already been completed on the project. All permits, geo-tec work including core drilling, site testing, site-work, grading, and excavation work, under slab utilities, and concrete floor completed and ready for the structure to be installed. Stone has been gathered from another site to be used to build the chimney and fireplace. This and much more has been completed for the project to date. To accomplish everything that has been accomplished has cost approximately \$125,000.00. Everything that has been completed has all been paid for through your generous donations.

I want to personally thank Gene Andrews for all his time and effort on this project, as well as his continued voluntary time maintaining the entire property. Gene's dedicated work has saved us thousands in construction costs for this project. Another log building has been brought on site and placed near the event center to be utilized for event center storage. This additional log structure has been paid for by the Tennessee Division out of division funds, and not you're your donated funds for the hall.

Through your continued support and generous donations, and another very successful year of fundraising, we hope to be able to begin our next phase of construction to complete the pavilion soon. It has been a long haul, but now we are beginning to see the fruits from our efforts with much more being realized soon. The estimated cost of completing the pavilion at this point is anticipated to be \$125,000.00. We have an excellent start to this next phase with \$62,500.00 on hand, but we must have another solid year of fundraising to conquer the next phase.

Please continue your generous donations so we can soon see this wonderful addition to the Forrest Home with so many benefits for all SCV occasions. Thank you for your continued support. Please send your donations to:

SCV Tennessee Division
Forrest Fundraiser
P.O. Box 782
Lebanon, Tennessee 37088

Thomas H. Wood, Adjutant
Tennessee Division



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: _____

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The General John Herbert Kelly Camp 1980, Gordo, Alabama took a field trip to the to The Starkville Civil War Arsenal located in Starkville, Mississippi. This artillery museum is owned and operated by Mr. Duff Neubauer whose program is outstanding. The museum is not open to the public, but by appointment only. contact Mr. Neubauer - 662-323-2606 or cell 662-617-9962



Our northeast Florida Mech Cav along with WW Loring Camp 1316 did a C.E.R.T training in cleaning headstones

. The Northern Origins of Jim Crow *by John M. Taylor*

The late Paul Harvey famously said: “Now, for the rest of the story.” “Jim Crow” is a classic example of an incomplete story. Establishment media incessantly blames the South for everything considered “historically bad.” Some modern TV shows and movies will make a sane person want to heave. In reality, when all racial and ethnic groups were in close proximity, segregation was essentially a non-issue in the Old South. Segregation was actually born in the North. Jack Trotter contends that everyone in Southern households typically “considered themselves a part of an extended family...sharing both familial affection and the labor which was essential to flourishing.” Of course, modern know nothings would disagree.

After the South failed to gain its independence, the occupation forces initiated many changes. They intentionally drove wedges within Southern society—often for their own ill-gotten gains. Conversely, most places in the North had distinct factions and “ethnic neighborhoods” virtually from day one.

Corporate media references the “Jim Crow South” but conveniently fails to mention the root of this verbiage. The original “Jim Crow,” Thomas Dartmouth Rice, was a White man born in Manhattan, New York, in 1808. Trained as a woodcarver, Rice became an entertainer, specializing in “blackface.” Describing himself as the “Original Jim Crow,” Rice “performed in a short-waisted blue coat, threadbare gold pants and mismatched shoes, singing, ‘Eb’ry time I wheel about I jump Jim Crow.’” Newspaper editors and letter writers picked up the phrase, routinely accusing politicians of “jumping Jim Crow” for giving up a principle too easily or abandoning their party’s cause.” Rice was extremely popular in the North. New York City was, “one of many of places in the North where working-class whites could see blackface minstrelsy, which was quickly becoming a dominant form of theater and a leading source for popular music in the United States.” (Nat Geo.) Rice’s popularity took him all the way to England. Concurrently, “Jim Crow” seeped into the American vernacular.

Rice was very popular in Massachusetts, with a Black population of perhaps one percent. In that State, we can see classic examples of Jim Crow. For example, in the summer of 1838 the Eastern Rail Road began operations. A large number of individuals boarded three trains in Boston and journeyed 13½ miles to Salem. At day’s end, Eastern’s President, George Peabody, lauded the railroad as a leader in social change, equal rights, and unification. “The next day, though, when Peabody’s railroad officially threw open its doors to the paying public, the ‘standard of Equal Rights’ was nowhere in sight. Instead, the Eastern’s white and black passengers found separate cars awaiting them.” The “Jim Crow Car” was born in the railroad industry.

In 1841, Black abolitionist David Ruggles arrived in Massachusetts for strategic sessions. “Ruggles boarded the steamboat Telegraph in New Bedford’s harbor, bound for Nantucket and a meeting of abolitionists there.” Ruggles discovered there were two fares: The \$2.00 ticket allowed passengers to roam the ship whereas the \$1.50 ticket confined passengers to the “cheap seats on the forward deck.” Ruggles paid the higher fare but the captain rejected it. This led to a fight in which Ruggles lost his hat and relevant papers and he never made it to Nantucket for the meeting.

Weeks later, also on the New Bedford & Taunton railway’s service to Boston, Ruggles again bought the \$2.00 ticket and entered the Whites-only car. The New Bedford & Taunton was one of three Massachusetts railroads that used the system of separate cars. The conductor summoned reinforcements to eject Ruggles, who again fought to defend himself. His baggage went on to Boston but Ruggles went to New Bedford to file a formal assault claim against the railroad.

“At a two-day trial before New Bedford police judge Henry H. Crapo, the railroad president testified that the company’s rule benefited everyone because it “separated the drunken, dirty, ragged and colored people from the others.” Crapo contended, “The railroad was entitled,...to make and enforce whatever rules it deemed necessary...The cars are the property of the stockholders, and as such are private property.” Ruggles called the trial “the greatest farce I ever witnessed.”

Another incident involved Frederick Douglas and a White abolitionist named John Collins as they sought to travel together on the Eastern Railroad. Again, a scuffle and ejection ensued, with Douglas proclaiming, “In dragging me out, on this occasion, it must have cost the company twenty-five or thirty dollars, for I tore up seats and all.” At the next stop, his white companions were forced to leave the train.

Examples of Northern racial animus typically fall outside the approved narrative. After The War to Prevent Southern Independence, racial friction worsened in the South. Much of the animosity arose from the backlash created by outsiders interfering where they had no business.

Sources: “The Jim Crow Car,” by Steve Luxenburg, from The Washington Post at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/magazine/wp/2019/02/20/feature/the-forgotten-northern-pre-civil-war-origins-of-jim-crow/> ; “The Strange Career of Segregation,” by Jack Trotter, from the Abbeville Blog, at: <https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/the-strange-career-of-segregation/>; and “Who was Jim Crow,” from National Geographic at: <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/who-was-jim-crow/>. Quotes other than noted as National Geographic and Jack Trotter came from Luxenburg’s article.



The Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014, Sons of Confederate Veterans swore in two new members during their March, 2024 meeting. Pictured from left, 1st Lt. Kevin Phollips, Chaplain Stephen Parker, new members Beecher Phillips / ancestor: Pvt. Joshua Stoneman Sincox, Co. G, 63rd VA) and Mike Looper (ancestor: Bugler Wiloby Looper, Co. F, Hamilton's TN Cavalry) and Commander Jack Looper. Photo: Dale Welch.



Good Job to the compatriots of the Ben Caudill Camp No. 1629 in KY for their efforts in placing the Confederate flags back on the graves of these Confederate heroes.



Commander Rik Carden of the Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp in Birmingham, Alabama mans a recruiting booth. Nice looking recruiting table.



Kirby Smith Camp 1209 swore in two new members this evening. One of them is the youngest member in the SCV as today is his 12th birthday, so welcome to Tommy Jackson and Hamilton McElroy to the Florida Division and the SCV!



Recruiting booth at the gun show WPB, this is what a camp on fire does, with the charge. General James Patton Anderson is Smiling wide. Impeccable and Impressive Commander Warren, Adjutant Peter Johnston , thanks for all you do.





New member Josh Baker is sworn in by Commander Stuart Waldo of the Prattville Dragons Camp 1524 of the Alabama Division.



Battle of Paris, Tennessee Commemoration



The Captain J.J. Dickison Camp 1387 set up at The Battle of Narcoossee Mills to do our historical flag presentations and recruiting. Thanks to all our compatriots who showed up and helped during the weekend. A special shout out to Ronnie Nichols from the Loring camp. Although not a member of our camp assisted us in set up on Sunday and stayed to help us tear down after the event was over. A great way to live the charge.

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.

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The Assault on the Institution of the Traditional American Family by Stuart Waldo

“Our enemies are a traditionless, homeless race. From the days of Cromwell to the present day they have been the disturbers of the peace of the world....After what has happened the last two years, my only wonder is that we consented to live for so long a time in association with such miscreants. Were it ever proposed to enter again into a Union with such a people, I could no more consent to do it than to trust myself in a den of thieves.” (Jefferson Davis, Dec 16, 1861) One of the established reasons for the secession of the Southern states was the recognition that the Southern and Northern peoples, cultures, and way of life were so disparate that they were incompatible. The Southern economy was based on agriculture while the North was developing more industry; Northern industry used many raw goods produced in the South and sought to retain the Southern populace as a captured market for their finished goods. Much of the South was still rural and wilderness and required settling and land development. Religion and mostly Protestantism was embedded deeply in Southern culture. Southern culture adhered to a patriarchal model with the family unit working together important to the success of their farms. The North was the center of most immigration in the 19th century which created a mottled society diluted from a sense of shared tradition gained from the founding colonists and nation’s fathers.

Today the striking cultural differences between the red states and blue states are as glaring as in the antebellum period. Texit is gaining momentum with Texans not identifying with the rest of the country’s direction including allowing unrestricted illegal immigration across the border there. Many on social media share the same feelings as this poster on Twitter (X), “I find it really hard to even refer to them as “fellow Americans”. Leftists are furiously doing their best to destroy the future for our children and grandchildren. I have absolutely NOTHING in common with these people.” I ran across an article “The Death of the Nuclear Family” on Business Insider (<https://www.businessinsider.com/death-of-typical-american-nuclear-family-economic-crisis-marriage-divorce-2024-3>) which stated, “The 'typical American family' was always a blip. It's time to rethink it. The nuclear family (is) officially over, the model is beginning to look more like a fringe lifestyle choice than the bedrock of American society.” The family structure on which western civilization largely developed is fringe now. “The demise has sparked no shortage of (often racist, sexist, and homophobic) political backlash. Radical family-abolition scholars such as M.E. O'Brien, whose 2023 book "Family Abolition: Capitalism and the Communizing of Care" argues that the contained family structures "cannot carry the immense burden of work placed on them." In an early 2020 cover story for The Atlantic, the conservative columnist David Brooks declared the nuclear family "a mistake."” Family-abolitionist?

Further along in this diatribe, “In white, middle-class families, men earned the wages that supported the family and their wives raised the children and ran the home. The nuclear family became a microcosm of capitalist self-sufficiency and the consumerism that came with it.” Problem with this racist take is that it ignores the established fact that blacks in the 20th century embodied the nuclear family model and it was during this period that fewer black children were being raised by welfare mothers and destined for incarceration. “The nuclear family became a microcosm of capitalist self-sufficiency and the consumerism that came with it.” So, we’re beginning to see where this article is taking us, an embrace of LGBTQ environmentalist socialism. The author states that the nuclear family was unstable as evidenced by soaring divorce rates when no-fault divorce laws were implemented. So now, was it the family unit that was the problem or liberal judges and legislators creating instability? Further in this illustrative article, “The biggest fallout we see today is in the childcare crisis, where the self-reliance inherent to the nuclear-family model resulted in women bearing the burden of raising children. Although an overwhelming majority of women now work outside the home, they continue to shoulder the bulk of unpaid care giving labor for children and aging relatives. They also end up doing more household chores — laundry, cleaning, and cooking are all primarily done by women.” Oh the horror. The burden of child rearing. Of creating and nurturing a home. “The wealthiest "shareholders" in a capitalist economic system (can afford housekeepers and childcare), it isn't a particularly enticing deal for most Americans, Kristen Ghodsee, an ethnographer at the University of Pennsylvania and the author of "Everyday Utopia: In Praise of Radical Alternatives to the Traditional Family Home,” told me. The nuclear family's guise of self-sufficiency only barely conceals its toxic codependence with the market economy.” A guise, not an inherent foundation. The article goes on to state that children are a “bad investment” and in an apparent contradiction, conservatives want to limit “reproductive freedoms” (read that the killing of babies), when one would assume capitalist conservatives would want more consumers. The author conjectures “something better” as “polyamorous families, platonic coparenting, and "mommunes" becoming the next big thing.” Fellow Americans? These lunatics are doing their best to destroy the future for our children and grandchildren. I have absolutely NOTHING in common with these people. As Sons of Confederate Veterans, we honor our ancestors, their sacrifices in building their families, their homes, their states, their culture. They fought the Second war for Independence with a tenacity to defend their homes and families and preserve their way of life, their Constitutional liberties and freedoms. As our SCV initiation ceremony states, “They left us traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, and respect for womanhood; they left us a passionate belief in freedom for the individual. Our Confederate ancestors bequeathed to us a military tradition of valor, patriotism, devotion to duty, and a spirit of self-sacrifice. When our nation no longer admires and pays tribute to these traditions, we will no longer remain a free nation.” It is Confederate History and Heritage month – make it a great one and a great year for the Cause. Deo Vindice.

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