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News From Around the Division

Do you have a photo that would make a great cover for our division newsletter? Check inside for more information and see how to submit your picture as a potential cover for our quarterly magazine. Or, do you have a story about your ancestor to share? Submit your ancestor’s history for all to enjoy.
Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

We’re in the middle of a mild winter; hopefully we can get through it with no ice or snow! Regardless of the time of year, our enemies continue their attacks on our Confederate ancestors and heritage. The legislature has been in session since mid-January and once again General Forrest is the target of the liberals and some so-called “Conservatives”. Removing the Forrest bust in the state capitol is the grand prize. Myself, Joey Nolan, Frank Heathman, Jason Boshers and Dr. Bradley attended a state house Naming, Designating, & Private Acts Committee meeting on - Jan 28th, 2020 at the Cordell Hull building in Nashville. HJR0686 was introduced and would take down the Forrest bust and replace with someone else. I talked about why our Confederate ancestry is important to us and why he is a hero in Tennessee. Dr. Bradley spoke on the truth about General Forrest. There were a few representatives that were not very polite during the hearing; one actually was called out by the chairman because of his comments. My daughter watched the hearing and called them piranhas. These attacks cross both party lines, Republicans and Democrats have come out against the Forrest bust and proclamation with the Governor leading the way.

Representative Cassada who was on our side last year on keeping the bust in the Capitol has now proposed rotating all of the busts. What each of us has to do is continually monitor what goes on in the legislature and be ready to call and email our local representatives.

As always we need to keep pushing our SCV license plates. This is our major source of funding and helps out with many Camp projects as well as the restoration of artifacts in the Tennessee state museum. Keep one on all of your vehicles and encourage friends and family to do like wise.

We are getting close to our Tennessee Division Reunion which will be held April 17-18 at the General Morgan Inn in Greenville TN: it will be an outstanding event and I hope that every Camp sends at least one delegate. Get you registrations in immediately, if you do not sign up for the meals you will be going hungry since there will not be any available at registration. This is our time of year to fellowship with members from across the state of Tennessee, share our successes from this past year and learn from each other. We will have an open meeting at the Reunion on Friday April 17th around 8 PM, the location will be posted at the Reunion.

Since this is an election year, we will be using ballots. We will vote by delegates as in the past per the Tennessee Division Constitution: Each Camp in good standing shall have one vote for every ten members in good standing and one additional vote for a major fraction of five or more. No Camp shall have less than two votes. In the event that all delegates for a Camp are not in attendance, the total votes for the Camp may be cast by the delegates that are present and are in good standing with the Camp. No Camp vote may be cast by proxies or without a member in good standing present. Be sure to enter your nominees for the Division awards listed in this newsletter, there are many awards and there are a lot of people that deserve recognition.

As most or you are aware of, there will be a Grand Opening of the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs on May 23rd that will include the reinternment of General Forrest and his wife. As of now the General and his wife will lie in state at the Boyhood home in Chapel Hill for a few days prior to being at SCV HQ. Go to this link for information, it will be updated as more details are available: https://scv.org/grand-opening-of-the-national-confederate-museum/. This will be a huge event, be patient as the details are worked out. SCV National is in charge of all of the arrangements. This will also be the time that we launch the fundraiser for the Forrest Hall visitor’s center at the boyhood home in Chapel Hill. A flyer for the Forrest’s Hall visitor center is in this newsletter, make copies and help raise money for this great addition to the Forrest home property. The Forrest and Davis monuments from Memphis will be placed at SCV HQ at some point in the future.

The Tennessee Division and the Alabama Division are working on a joint project to place a Confederate monument at the Forrest home in Chapel Hill. Alabama will supply the soldier and Tennessee will supply the granite base. This will be dedicated at the Forrest homecoming on Saturday, June 20th so make plans to be there. The Forrest homecoming is our biggest fundraiser of the year for the home, invite friends and fellow SCV members to attend. March 7th is Confederate Flag Day, each Camp needs to plan a flag rally and if possible end up at the Forrest home in Chapel Hill. Mike Mitchell will be having a flag retirement ceremony for your old Confederate flags.

Our Confederate ancestors faced greater odds than we can ever imagine but kept on fighting knowing that death could come any second. There is no greater example of our ancestor’s determination than the charge into Franklin on November 30, 1864 where General Patrick Cleburne said: “Well, Govan, if we are to die, let us die like men.” They died like men and it is up to us to defend them like men no matter what the odds are. Even if we lose we must continue to fight and continue to support and encourage each other. Just like many of the battles our ancestors fought in we can look back and say what should have happened, we must focus on the many battles ahead.

Since I will not be running for another term as Tennessee Division Commander, this is the final entry of my Commanders comments in the Forrest’s Escort. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the members of the Tennessee Division for the past four years as Commander. We have the best Division in the SCV; regardless of who is elected we will all need to support them in the next term. Thanks to each and every one of you for your membership in the SCV and your dedication to our Confederate ancestors. Deo Vindice!

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

James G. Patterson, Commander
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Southern heritage. If someone attacks one of our brothers, they bond. We are brothers in the fight, promoting and defending our differences from time to time, but in the end we share a common end. That is, or should be, the way it is in the SCV. We may have our siblings do, on a daily basis. But when they are apart for any substantial amount of time, neither is satisfied until they are back together almost all the time, they will fuss and scuffle, as most all verbal, it does not keep him from expressing himself. Being standing there watching them as they slept, I thought about the bedroom, to be sure they were tucked in and covered up. In putting down. My answer came as I walked into Grayson and Beau's put down. My answer came as I walked into Grayson and Beau's put down. My answer came as I walked into Grayson and Beau's. In preparing for my report, I was wrestling with my thoughts to put down. My answer came as I walked into Grayson and Beau's bedroom, to be sure they were tucked in and covered up. In standing there watching them as they slept, I thought about the bond they share. Although, as most of you know, Beau is non-verbal, it does not keep him from expressing himself. Being together almost all the time, they will fuss and scuffle, as most all siblings do, on a daily basis. But when they are apart for any substantial amount of time, neither is satisfied until they are back together. The bond they share, even during times of fussing and fighting, cannot be broken. Why? Because they are brothers to the end. That is, or should be, the way it is in the SCV. We may have our differences from time to time, but in the end we share a common bond. We are brothers in the fight, promoting and defending our Southern heritage. If someone attacks one of our brothers, they attack us all. That is because we are a "band of Southern brothers."

Without doubt, 2019 was a rollercoaster year for the SCV, as well as other historical organizations. Although our enemies have not relented, we proved that our resolve is steadfast and strong, which has paid off in many areas. They failed in their quest to make us go away, to which we answered with...NO!

Probably the biggest news since the discovery, raising and burial of the crew of the H. L. Hunley, is that of General and Mrs. Forrest will be reinterred at Elm Springs, in Columbia, TN. This, without doubt, has set our enemies heads to spinning, which proves it is a good thing.

We have many great days ahead in 2020 in the Tennessee Division. Together, we will win victories and make continued progress this year.

In closing, I will mention, as I’m sure you are aware, that I am seeking the office of Commander of the Tennessee Division. Although an official announcement is included in this issue of the Forrest Escort, I do ask for your support as I seek this position. Working together, we WILL grow the Tennessee Division and the SCV. Thank you for your support.

May God bless you all, as well as our beloved Southland.

TN Div./SCV Life Member
Camp 386, Tracy City

Companions of The Tennessee Division SCV, I hope the receipt of The Forrest Escort finds you and your families well. After a long and expensive battle with the criminal government of Memphis Tennessee we finally have our monuments back! What a glorious day it will be on May 23 when The Forrest Equestrian Monument and the bodies of General Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest will be placed on friendly ground at Elm Springs.

The battle surrounding potential removal of the Forrest Bust located in The State Capitol since 1978 rages on. In January Jason Boshears, James Patterson, Joey Nolan, Dr. Michael Bradley and I were in The State House battling those who would have the bust removed. I must say that James Patterson and Michael Bradley put the sker in them with their presentations. We have fought many hard battles and still have enemies and battles to deal with. Antifa, NAACP, The Southern Poverty Law Center, and liberal elected officials are lined up against us. We must stand firm! The current leadership for The Tennessee Division SCV is strong! I am ready, able, and willing to continue the long hard fight to keep our Confederate ancestors name in a place of honor and respect! Are you?

G FRank Heathman, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Tennessee Division, SCV
#buyatagsaveaflag

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 the principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the south is presented to future generations.

Stephen D. Lee 1906
Proposed Bylaw Changes

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS
Section 2 - The Division Commander, or in his absence, the 1st Lt. Commander, shall preside at all meetings of the Division, and shall be the proper officer on whom citations, notices, or other legal process shall be served. **Add: In the absence of the Division Commander and the 1st Lieutenant Commander, these duties shall pass to the 2nd Lt. Commander.**

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS
Section 1 - The Commander shall be the executive head of the Division with full power to enforce provisions of the Constitution. He shall be Chairman of the Division Convention and shall be empowered to act for the Confederation as circumstances, in his judgment require, in cases not provided in the Constitution subject to appeal by the Convention.

Section 2 - The 1st Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence, and in case of his death or resignation, shall become Commander for the unexpired term. The Lieutenant Commander shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Commander.

**Add: Section 3 – The 2nd Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the 1st Lieutenant Commander in his absence, and in case of his death or resignation, shall become 1st Lieutenant Commander for the unexpired term. The 2nd Lieutenant Commander shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Commander.**

*Change current section 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7*

The previous two changes do not add an office but merely define the office of 2nd Lieutenant Commander.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP & DUES
**Add: Section 6 – No one shall be admitted membership in the Tennessee Division SCV regardless of their Confederate lineage who has publicly denounced the SCV, Confederate soldiers or has taken part in the removal of Confederate memorials on public or private property as defined by the Tennessee Heritage Protection act. The person that is named as “do not accept application” will have to be recommended by a Camp in the Tennessee Division and approved by the Tennessee Division Executive Council.**

There have been politicians and other persons that have claimed Confederate lineage as an attempt to give credit to their actions to destroy our Confederate history. Those persons would most likely never apply for membership; this by law change will guarantee it.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS
Section 1 - This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Camp in good standing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention.

*Change to: at least sixty (45) days in advance, this aligns the notice with the below article IV section 5, 45 day notice of the Reunion. This also gives the editor of the Forrest Escort enough lead time to print and mail the Tennessee Division newsletter.*

ARTICLE IV - STATE ORGANIZATION
Section 5 - The annual date for the Tennessee Division Convention shall be in April in conjunction with the annual Reunion. Each Camp shall be notified forty-five (45) days in advance of any Division Convention. The rules of procedure at Conventions shall be those set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

Awards & Nominations

April 17-18, 2020 SCV, Tennessee Division Reunion, Greenville, TN

Awards and Nominations Criteria and Guidelines

Nominations must be mailed to:
G. Frank Heathman, 2nd Lt. Cmdr., TN Division
4937 Shadowlawn Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076
Nominations may be emailed to: gheathman@gmail.com
Nominations do not have to be sent by registered mail.
Nominations and supporting documentation (newspaper articles, photos, etc.) are solicited from all camps in good standing across the division. A selection committee is established and each nominee will be examined and evaluated.

The **Sam Davis Award** (Camp of the Year Award) Presented to the camp with the best combination of the following attributes:
• Excellent representation of the SCV to the public at large
• Participation in and/or sponsorship of community service events
• Participation in and/or sponsorship of SCV and other Southern Heritage events
• Completed and/or pursuing an outstanding project
• Shows a rapid growth and/or high retention in membership
• The entry should note all camp activities

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

*Number of awards: One*

The **Jefferson Davis Award** Presented to a member(s) of the Tennessee Division who has rendered outstanding service to the
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organization or contributed to the maintenance of our Heritage.
Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, member name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry.
Number of awards: Limited to Three

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

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

The Tod Carter Award Presented to the Editor of the best camp newsletter in the Division. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry must include 3 copies each of 4 editions of camp newsletters from March 2019 through February 2020. All newsletter submissions must be in print. Electronic newsletters will not be accepted. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of newsletter editor, name of newsletter, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging is based on the following criteria:
Format
• Editorial
• Camp News
• Historical Content
• Original articles and material on the war
• National and Division News
• Current events/news pertaining to the SCV
• Commentary on events of interest to the SCV
• Visual appeal
• Use of photos
• Includes contact information
Number of awards: Three ; (1) Camp with 50 or more members; (1) Camp with less than 50 members

The George Ellsworth Camp Home Page / Web Site Award Presented to the Webmaster of the camp with the best web site. Winner of this award must be a member of the SCV Tennessee Division. Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, webmaster name, website name, name of camp, location, and contact person. Identify any supporting documentation (photos, articles, etc.) and provide proper reference to attachments included with entry. Camp Facebook pages may be entered.
Judging will be based on the following criteria:
• Site loads and displays easily and quickly
• Easy to navigate
• Readable and appealing
• Constantly updated
• Informative
• Colorful/use of graphics
• Includes contact information
• Includes information on becoming a SCV member
Number of awards: Two ; (1) Camp with 50 or more members; (1) Camp with less than 50 members

The Dr. Rosalie Carter Camp Scrapbook Award Presented to the camp with the best scrapbook. Camp scrapbooks must be submitted to the 2nd Lt. Commander by 9:00 am on the Saturday of the Convention (time zone in which Convention is held). Entry should include a narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp, location, and contact person. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
• The scrapbook must be brought to the Convention in order to be judged
• Only material dating from last year’s Convention to the present will be considered (all previous years’ works must be removed from the scrapbook)
• Visual appeal is important, and will be considered
• All Scrapbooks must be the work of a camp member of the camp entered
Number of awards: One

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

Jane Simmons Davis, ladies appreciation award
This award honors Mrs. Davis for raising Sam Davis, a courageous son that gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.
The Tennessee Division Jane Simmons Davis, ladies appreciation award is given to ladies that have been continuously dedicated to the SCV and sacrificed a generous amount of their time assisting the SCV Tennessee Division or a Camp there within. A limit of 10 awards per year will be given at the Tennessee Division Reunion.

Guidelines For Tennessee Division Awards:
• The deadline for Division award nominations is March 15, 2020
• The year eligible for awards runs from April 2019 – March 2020
• If a camp enters the competition, at least one representative from that camp must be present at the Awards Banquet or that camp will be disqualified
• All entries become the property of the SCV Tennessee Division with the exception of the scrapbook
• Proper documentation must accompany all nominations in order for them to be considered:
  • Include a 1 page cover narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp submitting entry, location, and contact person
  • Identify supporting documentation (photos, articles, attachments, etc)
  • Provide proper reference to attachments (photos, articles, etc)
• Be specific – sponsored or co-sponsored event and/or participated in event
• Focus on events and projects the camp was involved in

Send all entries and nominations by mail or e-mail to be received by March 15, 2020 or before to:
G. Frank Heathman, 2nd Lt. Cmdr., TN Division SCV
4937 Shadowlawn Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076
For more information or questions: 615-948-2035
gfheathman@gmail.com
I am seeking the permission and support of the camps and membership of the Tennessee Division to hold the position of First Lieutenant Commander. I am a lifetime member of both the National and the Tennessee Divisions and currently serving as McLemore Brigade Commander. I have served on the camp level in the positions of Historian, Surgeon, Lieutenant Commander, and Camp Commander. I have also been an active member on the DEC.

Outside of my SCV activities, I am a retired school teacher of over twenty years teaching US History and Government. Since my retirement, I have also served in the Ocean Pines Fire Department; seven of those years I served as the Chief. During this part of my life, I was responsible for the safety and training of ninety career and volunteer firefighters, paramedics and EMT’s. I am highly trained in planning and prevention, to work shoulder to shoulder with you the membership in flagging, cleaning headstones and involvement with your camps as they work with community organizations. I feel that in order to understand the concerns camps are facing across the division, it is necessary for someone who holds a command position to be with you. It is my hope to better understand your concerns so that we may better serve you. A strong camp makes a strong division.

Your Obedient Servant,
Tom Meadows
McLemore Brigade Commander
Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

Time is growing short for you and your camp to join other camps in our division in sponsoring the H. L. Hunley JROTC Award at a high school in your area. The Hunley Award is one of the few ways we can get into schools not only to let them know there is a Sons of Confederate Veterans organization, but also to be seen in a positive manner actively supporting tomorrow’s leaders. Please let me help you connect with a school by going to the Tennessee Division web site and clicking on the Hunley Award or by calling me at 865-556-5682.

At the Division reunion on April 18, 2020, the incoming Division Commander will appoint a new compatriot to oversee the division’s Hunley Award program. Brian Gibson, camp 33 Murfreesboro, has volunteered to serve. I hope Brian will give the Hunley Award fresh legs that will better carry the award into middle and west Tennessee. The change of leadership will commence with the election our new Commander. I will stand by to aid Brian during the transition. Hunley Award packets will be available at the reunion for last minute sponsoring camps. I thank Commander Patterson for his full support as this award transitioned from a national to a division program. Commander Patterson has recently approved giving the ENVOY pin to ALL compatriots, who have in a supporting role, also attended a JROTC award ceremony. These additional pins will be issued at the coming reunion. It is rewarding to know that annually some 45 young men and women, in our division, have been honored to receive the H. L. Hunley JROTC Award presented by an ENVOY sent by Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Thanks to all that made that happen!

Keep to the Charge, Bob Gentry

Tennessee Division, Hunley Award Coordinator

Richard Hatten and Cadet Austin Jameson at Loudon H. S.
Brigade Reports:

Vaughn's Brigade Report

Vaughn's Brigade Spring Report:

The eight camps in Vaughn's Brigade have been busy since our last report. The Christmas season and holidays before and after kept all of us on the run. Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day parades, Christmas, New Years along with our normal schedules all require our time and commitment. Keeping our Southern History, Heritage, and Honoring our Southern Ancestors (both men and women) in the public square is our main priority. We must not forget this "It's Who We Are and What We Do". "The Confederate Soldiers were our kinfolk and our heroes. We testify to the country our enduring fidelity to their memory. We commemorate their valor and devotion. There were some things that were Not Surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our rights and history, nor was it one of the conditions of surrender that unfriendly lips should be suffered to tell the story of the war or that unfriendly hands should write the epitaphs of the Confederate dead. We have a right to teach our children the true history of that war, the causes that led up to it and the principles involved". Edward W. Carmack

Several camps participated in Veteran's Day parades around the area, from Bristol toward Knoxville.

Christmas parties and gatherings were held by several camps, Bristol, Elizabethton, Newport and Morristown. The highlight was the Bradford-Rose Dinner on Dec. 21 at Hale Springs Inn, Rogersville. CiC Paul Gramling was the featured speaker. AOT commander Jason Boshers was also in attendance. It was a memorable evening.

The season for Lee-Jackson Banquets is coming to an end. It seems that about every camp or Brigade in Tennessee celebrated the birthdays of these two Southern Heroes over the last two weekends in January.

Vaughn's Brigade recently held theirs at the GMI in Greeneville. With Lt. CiC Larry McCluney as guest speaker, it was a memorable evening. Awards were as follows;

Certificates of Appreciation to:
- Bryan Green, Tn. Division Color Guard, for his assistance and placing the flags.
- Jackie Dennison, UDC, OCR, for her faithful attendance and photography.
- Jordy Barnette, Most Inspirational Member... It's nice to be young.
- Camp of the year, #52 James Keeling, Bristol.
- UDC Chapter 410, Morristown. Historical Preservation Award, Headstone and cemetery rededication.
- Special recognition to Kevin Witherell, Joe Gibson and Tom Pardue Sr. for ALL the help, encouragement and assistance they have given me, for the last 6 years.

The camaraderie and emotional presentation of Gen. Beauregard by the Lt. CiC contributed to the overall enjoyment of the evening.

Now we will be concentrating on the upcoming Reunions; Division and National. Both are Election reunions, be sure your delegates are registered. The Division Reunion, Greeneville, on April 17-18, is vital. We will be electing new Division officers as well as some Brigade officers. Make plans to have your camp represented. They don't get this close to home, too often. Take advantage of the opportunity to attend and participate in the internal functions of YOUR SCV

As I sit here reflecting on the last six years as Brigade Commander, there are a multitude of thoughts going through my mind. The camps in Vaughn's Brigade have had their ups and downs, as have the SCV and society as a whole. The Brigade and SCV have responded in a positive manner, in public and behind the scenes. We must NOT forget the admonition by Carmack. If we relent, if we relax, if we do less than our Charge or Carmack's words admonish us, WE WILL be covered up and lost in the annals of history. We are faced with lies, hatred, ignorance, indifference and apathy, from within and without. We cannot and must NOT SURRENDER...

God Save The South.

Keeping The Charge
Billie Joe Holley
Vaughn's Brigade Commander

Mountain Brigade Report

The Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 in Knoxville and the N.B. Forrest Camp #3 in Chattanooga started the new year with several noteworthy activities.

Camp #87 hosted their 27th annual Lee-Jackson dinner celebration at The Foundry in Knoxville. The event was well-attended, as usual, by SCV and UDC members from several local Camps/Chapters, as well as local community leaders and local elected officials. Ms. Teresa Roane, chairman of The Recognition of the Service of Black Confederates committee for the UDC was the speaker. Her topic was appropriate for the times entitled "Why We Should Preserve Confederate Monuments and Memorials".

Several Camp members received well-earned awards and recognitions. The Camp made generous contributions to "Toys for Tots" program and participated in the Seymour Christmas parade. Plans are being made for several H.L. Hunley award presentations in the spring at local high schools.

A family-friendly Lee-Jackson celebration started the new year for the N.B. Forrest Camp #3 in Chattanooga. The "covered-dish" meal was an attempt to increase Camp participation with this long-standing annual event. Participation was good, with members and family members from other area Camps attending. Brigade Commander Tom Meadows was the speaker. James Skipper and Billy Walker were inducted as Camp leaders. Holiday contributions were made to "Christmas for Kids" fund and members of the Camp participated in the Soddy Daisy Christmas parade. The search continues for an appropriate Camp meeting place. A Confederate headstone has been obtained for a soldier and it will be placed beside his brother whose Confederate headstone was erected last summer in a local family cemetery. Presentations of H.L. Hunley awards are planned this spring at local high schools.

Steve Troxler will assume the duties of Mountain Brigade Commander in April at the Tennessee Division Reunion in Greeneville. It has been my pleasure to serve as Mountain Brigade Commander the past four years.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Siler
Brigade Reports:

McLemore Brigade Report

It is my honor to give this report to the McLemore Brigade. 

**Camp #2177**, Portland, TN is under new command. Dennis Stubblefield has replaced Dustin Clemons as Camp Commander. Dustin has been Camp Commander for many years. Dennis has been very active in the camp. We wish them both the best in their new endeavors. This camp has been involved in many community involvement over the years and also does a great job maintaining the confederate flag on Hwy 109.

The **McGavock Camp** has proven to be trusted guardians over the confederate soldiers buried on the grounds at the Hermitage. They are constantly working to ensure these veterans are not forgotten.

**General Joseph E Johnston Camp #28** in Nashville is ever watchful and keeps us informed on how the political winds are blowing out of our state capitol. They have also spent countless hours determining ownership of confederate monuments in that area. The camp is also known for having very informative speakers and is a great asset to the Brigade.

**General William Bate Camp #34** plays an active role in the community, providing historical cemetery tours, and events. Their Confederate Memorial Day Service, this past year was one of the true highlights with former SCV Commander Thos. Strain as the speaker. Commander Randy Lucas as well as other members of the camp are true spokesmen and guardians for those buried at the Confederate Circle. The **General Hatton Camp #723** in Lebanon Tennessee, over the past year has provided support for community groups including the City Museum, A Soldiers Child and cemetery gravestone cleaning and restoration. Their Confederate Memorial Service this year was held on the Town Square at the Hatton Monument and was well attended. The Wilson County Fair saw this camp well represented as camp members manned their SCV booth for ten straight days.

The **Sam Davis Camp #1293**, located in Brentwood, has been very active throughout the year. This camp has to be commended, for they are the caretakers of one of the jewels in our SCV crown, here in Middle Tennessee, which is Winstead Hill. They are also the driving force in organizing the Annual March from Winstead Hill, to the Carter House. Their hard work in these areas is definitely commendable.

**Murfreesboro Camp #33** sponsors several events throughout the year, which include Forrest’s Raid on Murfreesboro, and The Battle of Murfreesboro. They also help maintain those graves at Confederate Circle, year round. The camp has also taken great steps forward by showing respect and honor to all veterans by taking on the duty of changing the American flag in the cemetery, twice a year. The **Nathaniel Cheairs Camp #2138** has been transferred to the Sam Watkins Brigade. This event just recently occurred. Since they spent most of the year in our Brigade, I would be remiss in not mentioning them. The Cheairs Camp has worked closely with events and maintenance at Rippavilla Plantation, the home of their namesake. They have installed and replaced numerous headstones in the past year in TN, and two other states. They have been working on abandoned cemeteries to see that our veterans are not forgotten. They also do a lot of work at the Spring Hill Cemetery tending confederate graves there, among them, the grave of Captain Freeman. I wish them the best in their new brigade.

I wish to thank the camps of the brigade for all the work they do. Serving you has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life.

Tom Meadows
McLemore Brigade Commander
I hope this letter finds each of you well. We are continuing to honor the Charge that was given to us by Gen. S.D. Lee in 1906. Below you will find a few things the camps in our brigade have been involved in.

The brigade helped host the TN Division Executive Council Meeting in September. The brigade partnered with the Memphis Brigade SCV, Pvt. Ike Stone Camp, and the Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Association to host the meeting. A fellowship was held on Friday night and the meeting was held on Saturday. It was well attended. Mr. Steve McDaniel hosted a battlefield tour after the meeting. Thank you to all those that made this possible.

The flag pole at the Parks Cemetery Ridge Confederate Memorial Plaza had to have wench replaced. Thank you to all of those that help maintain and care for this beautiful site that’s dedicated to our Confederate ancestors.

I attended the recent DEC meeting held in Smyrna at the Sam Davis Home. It was a good meeting. I encourage our members to attend these informative meetings. They are open to the membership. Our Brigade Adjutant, Lenny Stover, was also in attendance.

The Bell’s Partisan’s Camp 1821 in Trimble hosted the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet again this year. It was held on January 18th at the Trimble Community Center. Our guest speaker was Tennessee Division Lt. Commander Joey Nolan. The food and fellowship was excellent. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. We are looking forward to next year.

The Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209 in Humboldt is planning a Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Birthday Banquet in July 2020. Please be watching for more details about this event.

I was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Billy J. Foster of Rutherford, TN. Bill was past Commander of the Otho F. Strahl camp in Union City. He was also the past Commander of the Col. Jeffrey Forrest Brigade. He was instrumental in forming the Parks Cemetery Ridge Confederate Memorial Plaza in Trimble where a mega 20x30 Confederate Flag flies. I am honored to have known Mr. Billy and appreciate the firm stand he took with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Bill recruited me for the SCV and picked me as his replacement as Brigade Commander when he retired from the position. He was a true Southern Gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. His funeral was Friday, January 17, 2020 in Rutherford, TN.

It has been an honor to serve as the Col. Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander the past few years. This will be my final written report as Brigade Commander, as I am not seeking reelection for this position. I thank you for the support you have shown me. I would humbly ask for your continued support as I seek the office of 2nd Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division in April at Greeneville Reunion. Please make plans to attend this Reunion. May God grant us Grace as we continue to fulfill the Charge.

Respectfully,
John Blankenship, Commander, Col. Jeffrey Forrest Brigade
SCV Life Member
SCV Mechanized Cavalry Member
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**Guerrilla Activity**

Tennessee’s Upper Cumberland region was a hotbed of guerrilla activity. Early in 1864, Union forces under the command of Col. William B. Stokes had skirmishes with such groups as Capt. Champ Ferguson’s Independent Scouts and more in the Calfkiller area of Putnam and White counties.

Union forces had so much trouble out of the guerrillas in late February and early March that Stokes issued a “no quarter” order, meaning “no mercy.” It was certain death for any Confederate soldier they found.

While scouting the area, Col. Stokes and about 200 Federal troops traveled through the Sinking Cane community, located along the edge of Overton and Putnam county line, four miles north of present-day Monterey.

At daybreak, on March 12, 1864, Stokes and his men arrived at the home of William Alexander and Cynthia Holford Officer home. Mrs. Officer and daughter, Frances (Fanny), were cooking and serving breakfast. That morning, it was a special treat because the Officer’s son, John Holford Officer, was at home on leave. In addition, the Officers had six other Confederate soldiers as their guests. These soldiers had been in skirmishes in the area and had become separated from their units.

The soldiers were: 2nd Lt. Robert S. Davis, Co. E, 8th Texas Cavalry; John P. York, of Co. E, 8th Texas Cavalry; William M. Slaughter, Co. C, 1st Regiment, Texas Rangers; Samuel Garrett, Co. G, Texas Cavalry; William Oliver, Co. A, 8th Texas Cavalry (his last name is misidentified on his tombstone as “Shipp”); and William A. Lipscomb, Co. C, 3rd Alabama.

Also at the early morning breakfast was young Johnny King, from
Compatriots,

The following information is the year in review for Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386, in Tracy City. We have stayed quite busy throughout the past year. The following events were a few of the ones hosted or participated in by members of Camp 386.

- Camp 386 hosted a Confederate Flag Day event at the Confederate monument on the Old Courthouse Square in Altamont, TN.
- In observance of Confederate Memorial Day, camp members visited, cleaned and placed flags at the graves of Grundy County Confederate soldiers.
- The camp had a float in the July 4th parades in Monteagle, Altamont and Tracy City, TN. We actually won trophies and prizes in two of the three parades.
- Members of Camp 386 volunteered to work on Make A Difference Day at Coalmont Elementary School. Volunteers worked on playground and school maintenance. We were honored to meet and talk with Tennessee First Lady Maria Lee, who came to visit the schools in Grundy County.
- Camp 386 had a great time by setting up a booth at the 2019 Grundy County Fair. As always, we were well received, and had the opportunity to share our Southern heritage with attendees, young and old alike.
- We also still maintain a military and local history museum at our meeting location at 51 Depot Street, Tracy City, TN.

We at Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386, are looking forward to an even better year of honoring and sharing our Southern heritage. We also are currently working on signing up new recruits, with one Cadet becoming a full member in March. The members of Camp 386 consider and honor and privilege to forward The Charge.

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386, P. O. Box 24 Tracy City, TN 37387
scvcamp386@gmail.com, Facebook: Cumberland Mtn Rifles
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm, 51 Depot St. - Tracy City, TN

Guerrilla Activity ...continued

Manchester, Tenn. The young boy probably had been along to help the soldiers with their horses and other needed jobs.

As Stokes' army arrived in lightning speed, the Confederates were enjoying their breakfast. It had probably been awhile since they had eaten. It turned out to be the last meal for most of them. There was no warning. John Holford Officer jumped up from the table as the Yankees filled the yard and surrounded the house. A trusted Officer slave, “Uncle Abe” Officer, helped hide him in the loft above the kitchen.

The other young Confederate soldiers were unarmed. They had stacked their weapons in a hallway that was not easy to reach, being suddenly surprised by the Yankees. All the unarmed soldiers were killed in the house, with the exception of 2nd Lt. Davis. He was dragged into the yard and set against a fence post (now preserved in the Overton County Heritage Museum) and executed.

“Uncle Abe” told the Tennessee Historical Society many years later that 2nd Lt. Davis, told they Yankees before he was murdered, “Boys, you ought not to do this. I’ve never done anything but my sworn duty.”

As the Yankees were going to kill the young King boy, who was hiding behind a chair in the parlor, “Uncle Abe” stopped them by telling them he was just a young orphan boy going from house to house.

In the wild fracas, Mrs. Officer had been shot. Yankees tried to set the home on fire. Mr. Officer kicked it out. They tried two more times, but each time, Mr. Officer would kick it out. A Yankee told him the next time he tried, he would be killed.

“Every time you try and burn my house,” he replied, “I will surely put it out.” He reminded Col. Stokes that they had just murdered six unarmed men, wounded Mrs. Officer and had “heaped as much sorrow upon a human being as one could endure.”

Zeke Bass, one of Stokes’ men told Officer that it had been a blessing in disguise that Mrs. Officer had been shot, for it had spared his life and his house would also be spared.

About an hour after the Yankees had left, the Officer’s son, John Holford came out of his hiding place and headed for the woods.

“Uncle Abe” took the murdered soldiers to the Conley Cemetery, just down the road from the Officer home. The grave sites were not marked until the late 1970s, through the efforts of Juanita Heard and James Parker. Government markers were provided in 1982.

The Conley Cemetery is located off of Rock Springs Rd., in what is called “Peaceful Valley.”
WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF A FUND RAISER FOR A VISITORS CENTER AT THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST HOME IN CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE. “FORREST HALL”

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

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

General Forrest level $10,000-Colonel Jeffery Forrest level $5,000
Forrest Escort level $1,000-Morton’s Artillery level $500
Forrest’s Cavalry level $100-Other $ ________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________ City: ____________________________
State: _________________________________ Zip code: _____________________________
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Send your donation to: SCV Tennessee Division, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088
Make a note that your donation is for FORREST HALL.
If you have questions contact James Patterson at 615-812-0206 or mboroscv33@aol.com
Patrick Cleburne Birthday Celebration
Hosted by McLemore Brigade
Keynote Speaker: Thomas Cartwright
March 14, 2020
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The First 100 participants to sign up will receive a free button and event ribbon!!

Eagleville Community Center
317 Hwy 99
Eagleville, TN 37060

$10 per person plus a side dish

Name:____________________________ Total # of Guests _____
Phone #__________________________ Check # and Total _________
Email address:________________________

Please sign up to bring a side dish. Fried chicken, ham, cake, coffee, tea and water will be provided.

_____ Mashed potatoes  _____ Corn  _____ Sweet potato casserole
_____ Hash brown casserole  _____ Green beans  _____ Coleslaw
_____ Tossed Salad/dressing  _____ Baked beans  _____ Broccoli Salad
_____ Macaroni and cheese  _____ Black-eyed peas  _____ Green bean casserole
_____ Fruit salad  _____ Soup/chili  _____ Red beans and rice
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Make checks payable to: Tom Meadows 1405 Riverwatch Ct. Apt 3101 Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Questions? Redleg291@yahoo.com

Deadline March 1, 2020
Tennessee Division Reunion
April 17-18, 2020
Greeneville, Tennessee
John Hunt Morgan Camp 2053

Name: ________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Camp Name: ___________________________ Camp # ____________
Camp or Brigade Office held: _______________________________________
Guest or Spouse ____________________________________________

Registration: $35 for each SCV member attending
No. of persons ________ Total $ ________
$40 March 1—April 5 Vendor registration $50
Friday Evening Social Dickson-Williams Mansion $12 No. of persons ________ Total $ ________
Saturday Lunch General Morgan Inn $15 No. of persons ________ Total $ ________
Ladies Tea 3PM Doughty Hall $10 No. of persons ________ Total $ ________
Saturday Awards Banquet General Morgan Inn $35 No. of persons ________ Total $ ________
Total No. Attending: ________ Total $ ________

Convention Booklet Advertising:
Back Cover $250; Full Page $100; 1/2 Page $50; 1/4 Page $25; 1/8 Page $15
(for advertising contact Tim Massey at horses319@comcast.net) Ad Total: $ ________
Ancestor Memorials ($15 each)

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Total for Ancestor Memorial : $ ____________

Make Checks Payable and mail to:
John Hunt Morgan Camp 2053
2726 Shiloh Road
Greeneville, TN 37745

Grand Total: $ ____________

Hotel Reservations should be made at the General Morgan Inn by March 10, 2020. Call 423-787-1000. You must ask for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to get discounted rate of $119.
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SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2020
A fundraiser for the NB Forrest Boyhood Home
Sponsored by the
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Ron Jones was the keynote speaker at the December business meeting of the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held at the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville. Mr. Jones spoke on the Georgia Brigade, 38th Georgia Company, one of the largest brigades in the Confederacy.

Teresa Roane, Chairman of the Recognition of the Service of Black Confederates for the United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented her program entitled “Why We Should Preserve Confederate Monuments and Memorials” at the 27th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in Knoxville in January and sponsored by the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Earl Smith, Commander of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87 Sons of Confederate Veterans, received two certificates of appreciation from The United Daughters of the Confederacy (Chapter 89) for Camp 87’s efforts in cleaning up the grounds at Confederate Memorial Hall (Bleak House) and for money raised for the chapter at Camp 87’s December Business Meeting held at The East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville.

The Late Lloyd Daughtery was awarded the Harry T. Burn Award for Courage in Politics at the 27th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in Knoxville in January and sponsored by the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Accepting the award were former TEC Secretary Keitha Kelley and former co-host of the Voice Kelvin Moxley. Pictured L-R are 2nd Lt. Commander Kyle Stewart, Commander Earl Smith, Keitha Kelley, Kelvin Moxley and 1st Lt. Commander Ken Stark.

Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, participated in the Seymour Christmas Parade in December along with friends and family.
News From Around the Division:

Camp 87’s 27th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in Knoxville in January. And a picture of our Commander Earl Smith giving marching orders to the troops at the Dinner.

Presentation of Dr. Digby Seymour Excellence in Education Award to Charlie Rhodarmer, Manager/Director of Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Ted Hatfield was awarded the Clark M Roberts Memorial Award at the 27th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Celebration held at The Foundry in Knoxville and sponsored by the Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Mr. Hatfield received the award in honor and recognition of his devotion to the cause of Southern Heritage and support of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Camp 87. Pictured L-R are 2nd Lt. Commander Kyle Stewart, Commander Earl Smith, Ted Hatfield and 1st Lt. Commander Ken Stark.

Presentation of Clark Roberts Award to Compatriot Arthur Harris

Presentation of Robert E Lee Freeman Certificate of Appreciation to Newsletter Editor John Lee

Presentation of Dr. Digby Seymour Excellence in Education Award to Charlie Rhodarmer, Manager/Director of Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
News From Around the Division:

Colton Blankenship holds his new SCV membership certificate. Colton recently turned 12 and is now a full member of the Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209 in Humboldt, TN.

With over 85 in attendance, the Hatton camp presented a brief history recounting the life of General Hatton, his wife Sophie, the Battle of Lebanon and the history of the Confederate monument on Lebanon's square.

Compatriot Steve McDaniel speaks at the 157th Anniversary of the Battle of Parker's Crossroads. Pvt. Ike Stone Camp helped organize the event.

Unknown Soldiers Monument 150th Anniversary in Union City in October 2019. A restoration was recently completed and a re-dedication was held. Pictured at the monument are 2nd Lt. Commander Frank Heathman, Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Commander John Blankenship, and Lt. Commander Joey Nolan.

MDGA

Have you heard about the SCV campaign called Make Dixie Great Again? You should check it out:

MakeDixieGreatAgain.com

It’s a great resource with videos, articles and a set of very professional infomercials. You are encouraged to check them out on Facebook. Search for them. like their page and share the videos.

This initiative seeks to put us on the offensive to take back the narrative and present our ancestors with the honor they deserve.
Compatriots,

The battle to preserve our Confederate Heritage has been a long and costly campaign. To continue to fight, and there will be more attacks, we must have the funds to forward the banner of our Confederate ancestors. Please consider donating to the Tennessee Division Heritage Defense fund. At the January DEC meeting it was voted to request from each member this able, donate at least $20 to go toward the important cause. Deo Vindice.

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City: _________________ State: ___ Zip code: _________
Phone: _____________ Email: _______________________

I am sending the following amount to help continue the legal fight to defend our Confederate ancestors good name.

$20 _____ Send your much needed payment to: Tennessee Division SCV, P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088
$50 _____
$100 _____
Other $ _____ Be sure to designate for the Tennessee Division Heritage Defense Fund

Get a Tag, Save a Flag!

SCV specialty plates are available at your local county court clerks office for cars, trucks and motorcycles. Personalized SCV plates can also be purchased. You do not have to be a SCV member to purchase this tag.

From license plate revenue, 20% goes to a special fund at the Tennessee State Museum Foundation dedicated to Confederate Artifact Conservation. Funding from the TN Division SCV has been used for all or part of the restoration of over 15 original flags. The Sam Davis overcoat and the kepi General Patrick Cleburn was wearing when he was killed at the Battle of Franklin have both been conserved and are on display at the State Museum.

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