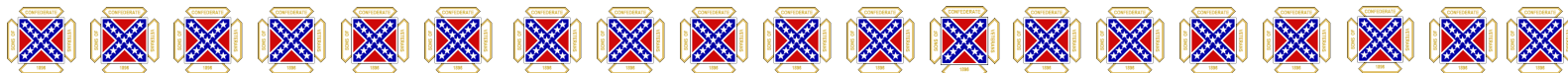




Forrest's Escort

*The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans*

December 2009



The Year of Dixie

By Dr. Michael R. Bradley, Ph.D.
Commander, Tennessee Division

Compatriots,

For the past four years you have honored me by allowing me to serve as Commander of the Tennessee Division. I have enjoyed performing the duties of this office but I have enjoyed more meeting SCV members across the state. Many good things have been done during this time. I take no credit for any of these good things because the real work of the Division is done by the camps and by the individual members.

I have been aided and guided by a dedicated and hardworking staff. No person could have asked for better men to stand beside him in carrying out the necessary work. Indeed, the staff has done most of the hard, routine work, freeing me to visit and to speak to camps across the state. Enough cannot be said in thanks to those who have served on the Division Staff. The Brigades do valuable work in coordinating the work of camps and I am indebted to the men who have done such excellent work as Brigade Commanders. The Brigade Commanders are a vital link in our communications and planning net which allows the Division Commander to communicate with nine men instead of having to keep an eye on seventy-odd camps.



But, the strength of the Division is the camps and the individual members. When good things are done it is because of the initiative shown at this foundation level. I know that the work of carrying out the charge given us by S.D. Lee will go forward under competent and dedicated leadership following our meeting at Manchester in April.

Until that April meeting I will continue to work as hard as I can to assist you in making good things happen in the Tennessee Division. Following that meeting I will be found in the ranks, ready to do whatever I am called on to do to forward the colors and to support the cause.



It is not the price you pay to be a member.

It is the price that your ancestor, along with you, paid to become eligible.

SGT MAJOR Larry E. Williams, US Army/ Retired
Commander Starnes Brigade, TN DIV, SCV



Sons of Confederate Veterans
2010 Tennessee Division Reunion
Manchester, Tennessee
April 23, 24, & 25, 2010
Manchester, Coffee County Convention Center
I-24 exit #114
Hosted by: M/G Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp #72
Manchester, Tennessee

Schedule of Events (Tenative)

Call to Honor

Friday, April 23, 2010-Lobby, Holiday Inn Express

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration Open
Welcome Reception

Saturday, April 24, 2010-Manchester Coffee County Conference Center

8:00 a.m - 12:00 Noon
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m - 12:00 Noon
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - -9:30 p.m.

Registration Open
Vendors Open
Opening Ceremonies
TN Division SCV Business Meeting
Ladies Fashion Show
Luncheon & AOT Commander Barrow address
Bus Tour of Tullahoma Campaign Sites
Awards Banquet and Dinner Theater

Sunday, April 25, 2010-Sewanee Cemetery

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Service

Meal Info:

Lunch

Lunch includes choice of soup du jour or a small tossed salad with choice of dressing, vegetable and appropriate side dish. Hot fresh baked bread. Choice of coffee, tea, and ice water.
Entrees:

Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu

Stuffed with Swiss Cheese and Virginia Ham with White Wine Supreme Sauce.
Or

Marinated London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce

Thin Slices of Char-Broiled flank Steak

Dinner

Dinner includes a small tossed salad with choice of dressing, vegetable and appropriate side dish. Standard beverage service and baked bread and desert.

Prime Rib of Beef au Jus

10 oz. Generously cut from the whole roasted rib loin. Hand Trimmed and Dipped in a Rich Full Flavored Au Jus. Served with creamy horseradish sauce.
Or

Blackened Salmon filet

Extra Thick Cut of Tender Salmon Filet Seasoned with the Chef's Own Cajun blend. Seared in Smoking Hot Olive Oil then Finished Slowly to be Moist and Juicy.



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Registration Form

Call to Honor

Name: _____ Camp Name _____ No. _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ e-mail Address _____
Office Held In: Camp/Division and Brigade _____
Guest: _____

Registrations: (Required for all SCV members attending) _____ 1 @ \$25 _____
(\$5 off if you register before Feb. 15, 2010)

Luncheon specify _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ London Broil _____ @ \$16 _____

1 P.M. Bus Tour with stops at Dixie Outfitters _____ @ \$25 _____
Manchester, Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery, Braggs Hdqs
Wartrace Chockley's Tavern, Blockade Runner, Bell Buckle,
Liberty Gap and Beech Grove for dedication of Gen. A.P.
Stewart Monument return to Convention center @ 5:00 P.M.
(Tour guide TN Div. Commander Dr. Michael R. Bradley)

Awards Banquet - Program by Steve and _____ @ \$26 _____
Allison Gipson from CW Dinner Theater in Whitwell, TN
Dinner specify _____ Prime Rib _____ Blackened Salmon _____

Ancestor Memorials (four lines of text) _____ @ \$5 _____
Reunion T-Shirts (all cotton) specify white or gray M, L, XL, XXL _____ @ \$15 _____
Reunion Sweat Shirts (all cotton) specify white or gray M, L, XL, XXL _____ @ \$20 _____
Vendor table setup \$10 each _____ @ \$10 _____

**Deadline: April 1 for Luncheon, Banquet, Tour, T-Shirts
and Ancestor Memorials**

Total _____

Host motels will be the Holiday Inn Express and the Comfort Suites. Both are located adjacent to the Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center. Both offer rooms @ \$70 per night if you mention "SCV". You must make your reservation at least 2 weeks prior to 4/23/2010 to get this rate. Rooms are also available at other local motels, including Microtel. Rooms there are \$52.79 per night, but you have to prepay to get that rate. Use local #'s to get the reduced rates.

Hotels & Information

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express 931-728-9383 _____
Hotel: Comfort Suites 931-728-1301 _____
Hotel: Microtel 931-723-7001 _____

Send Reg. & Payment To:
Cheatham SCV Camp 72
Michael Anderson, Adj.
87 Tanglewood Dr.,
Manchester, TN 37355-7426

For Information:

Reunion Committee Ch; Sgt Maj Ret. Larry E. Williams 931-924-3000
e-mail Tennesseeans2@blorand.net
Michael Anderson: 931-728-9492 e-mail manchesterrebel@charter.net
Brent Lokey: 931-684-5724 - e-mail firstmost@bellsouth.net
O.B. Wilkinson 931-571-7311 - e-mail owilk@lighttube.net
**All events will take place in Convention Center except Friday Night
Registration at Holiday Inn and the Bus Tour Sat.**

Vaughn's Brigade Report

After a great summer campaign , all of the camps in our brigade are seeing slight increases in membership while trying to be sure that all members on the rolls last year, re-up. The Hampton TN. camp on the verge of collapse has been energized by the efforts of Rev. Rick Morrel, (1st Lt. Brigade Commander) and will have their required numbers to keep a charter. The formation of a camp in Jonesborough TN. , (Gen. Alfred E. Jackson camp) under the leadership of Commander Joe Adkins, will be chartering in Jan. with 10 members and three ready to sign up. They will keep the pressure on the town to include our ancestors in the Veterans Memorial Park.

David Roberts

Vaughn's Brigade Commander



The Vaughn's Brigade flag raising was held on June 6th 2009 in celebration of Jefferson Davis' birthday. It was dedicated to the men, women and children from TN. that suffered, bled and died in our quest for Southern Independence. The 19th TN. Vol. Inf. provided the honor guard and the flag detail was led in charge by H. K. Edgerton and all of the children present at the service. There were approx. 200 people in attendance. It is located 1 1/4 mile inside the TN. state line on I-81.



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed that the following amendments be made to the Tennessee Division Constitution to allow for an additional Lt. Commander and provide that one of the three Lt. Commanders be elected from Each Region of the State to improve line of command and communication between the Commander, the GEC and the Brigade Commanders from each region.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Sec. 1 - This organization shall elect, by ballot, every two years at its annual Division convention in April, a Division Commander, 1st Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander [three Regional Lt. Commanders \(one from each region of the state: ie, East, Middle and West\)](#), and Brigade Commanders, who shall take office at the conclusion of the Convention and serve in their respective capacities for the term of two years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 2 - The Division Commander, or in his absence, [a Regional Lt. Commander appointed by him](#) 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.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 2 - The 1st Lieutenant Commander [In the absence of the Division Commander, one of the three Regional Lt. Commanders, as appointed by the Commander](#), shall perform the duties of the Commander. in his absence, and in case case [In the event of](#) his death or resignation, [one of the Regional Lt. Commanders, by vote of the Executive Council](#), shall become Commander for the unexpired term. The Lieutenant [Commanders](#) shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Commander.

Sec. 6 - The Brigade Commanders shall aid the Camps assigned by the Commander to their Brigade, [reporting directly to the Lt. Commander in their region](#), and fulfill all duties as required by the Commander [and the Lt. Commander for that region](#). Each Brigade Commander may appoint an adjutant to assist him in his duties.

ARTICLE VI - STATE ORGANIZATION

Sec. 2 - The Tennessee Division shall be divided into [Regions](#) and Brigades. [The Regional Lt. Commanders](#) and Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the Division Convention. [The Brigades should be divided as follows:](#)

[East Region](#)

[Mountain Brigade](#)
[Vaughn's East Tenn. Brigade](#)

[Middle Region](#)

[Highland Brigade](#)
[W. S. McLemore Brigade](#)
[Ft. Donelson Brigade](#)
[J. W. Starnes Brigade](#)

[West Region](#)

[Samuel R. Watkins Brigade](#)
[Jeffrey Forrest Brigade](#)
[Memphis Brigade](#)

Sec. 5 - The Division Convention shall be composed of the delegates of the Camps presided over by the Commander, or in his absence, one of the [Regional](#) Lt. Commanders, who shall be the presiding officer of the organization. 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.

Sec. 9 - The Executive Council shall be composed of the Division Commander, who shall be the presiding officer, the Division Chief of Staff, the Division Judge Advocate, the Division Adjutant, all Brigade Commanders, and the chairmen of all constitutionally mandated standing committees, and the [three Regional Lt. Commanders](#). 1st Lt. Commander and 2nd Lt. Commander. One of the duties of the Division Executive Council shall be the formulation, approval and implementation of a strategic plan for the Division, subject to a majority vote approval by the Annual Tennessee Division Convention.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

Sec. 3 - Membership Committee, which shall have charge of (a) encouraging, coordinating, and assisting Camps in the recruitment and retention of Division members and (b) developing new Camps for the Division. The Chairman shall be either the 1st Lt. Commander, or the 2nd Lt. a [Regional Lt. Commander](#) of the Division as designated by the Division Commander. The body of the committee shall be composed of one (1) at large member, and one (1) member from each Brigade, all appointed by the Chairman.

Sec. 4 - Monument Committee, which shall have charge of all matters relating to monuments, graves, and the Division's objects and purposes in these respects. The Chairman shall be either the 1st Lt. Commander, or the 2nd Lt. Commander [a Lt. Commander](#) of the Division as designated by the Division Commander. The body of the committee shall be composed of the various Brigade Commanders of the Division. The Division Commander shall be an ex officio member and shall have the responsibility to cast the tie breaking vote when necessary; the Division Adjutant shall also be a non-voting member.

Proposed by Ronald E. Jones Commander Longstreet/Zollicoffer Camp 87 Knoxville, Tennessee



Deadline for the next edition of the Forrest Escort

The deadline for the next edition of the Forrest Escort will be February 14th (Valentine’s Day). The issue will be dedicated to the upcoming Tennessee Division Reunion in Manchester on April 23 - 25. **All matters pertinent to Tennessee Division business must be in this newsletter as this allows for the 45 day notice.** This newsletter will not be delayed as it must go to the printer on Monday February 15th.



“We put up at the Gee House in Selma, and they had sand put in the sugar to keep soldiers from eating it and charged ten dollars for a square meal of victuals besides. They charged five dollars for a drink of whisky and five dollars for a shave in a barber’s shop. Five dollars in Confederate money those days was about at par with five cents in silver. Money was as plentiful as the leaves of the forest. And had our independence been established, we would have been the wealthiest nation on the earth.”
Sam Watkins, Company Aytch, Edited by Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister, Chapter 11, I Get A Furlough

“The feast of death went on. The last mellow tints of the golden sunset melted with the sky. Moans and groans and the sharp cry of fierce agony rose above the din of battle, like the savage growls of the wounded tiger”.
Sam Watkins, Company Aytch, Edited by Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister, Chapter 16, Franklin, The Assault

Dedication of Jones Greer
Wes Puller, adjutant, Marshall Rangers



Early in 2008 after reading Dr. Bradley's book, *Forrest Escort*. I began thinking about the Greers that lived near Belfast. Could they be descendants of the same Jones Greer, a former slave who was a member of the Escort that had settled near Belfast? I knew a George Greer, but he had long moved away, and I did not know where he was now living. The idea of finding Jones Greer's grave was put in the back of my mind.

One day as I was doing some banking, I happened to meet George. After shaking hands I told him I was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I asked him if he knew who Jones Greer was. It surprised me when he answered me by saying, "He was my great grandfather". I asked him where he was buried and he told me Cedar Grove Cemetery near Belfast. Now having something to go on, I began to ask more questions. I even told my next door neighbor, Lawrence Whitaker, who is a black man, what I was up to. He told me Ronald Greer was who I needed to talk to and that he could give the answers I sought. I was also told by my cousin's wife, Mary Ann Roberts could give me some help.

I had talked to Dr Bradley earlier and told him what I was up to and he told me to pursue my search. I also called Cathy Woods, President of the Giles County Chapter of the UDC #257, and asked for her help. Cathy was more than happy. The search was on.

I phoned Mr. Ronald Greer, told him who I was, who I was with and told him that we in the SCV would like to honor his grandfather because of his service to Forrest Escort. Mr. Greer thought I was joking at first. He asked me how I got his number and I told him. I also told him Mr. Whitaker had told me to call him. Upon realizing

that I was not joking, Mr. Greer told me where his grandfather was buried. The grave was simple to find after that because Jones Greer and his wife Bettie were buried next to Ronald Greer's mother Lillie.

Mr. Greer was invited to our next camp meeting. He was glad that someone was next into his grandfathers history. The only thing he knew up to this point was that his grandfather was buried next to his mother.

Going back to the cemetery, Cathy and I soon located his grave and soon we began planning a dedication to honor Jones Greer.

Jones Greer was born a slave and was a slave until 1862. This was when he joined Forrest Escort. He joined the Escort as a free black man on his own accord. He became the body servant to four officers in the Escort. They were Captain Nathan Boone, Captain John Jackson, Lt. Sam Donaldson and Lt. George Cowan. There are no records of these officers in the Escort being slaveholders. I believe Jones Greer joined the Escort in Lincoln County due to the proximity of where most of the Escort was from.

He married Bettie Elizabeth Yowell on 18 September 1867. He and Bettie raised 8 children; 4 girls and 4 boys. Jones son Pascal is the father of Ronald Greer.



Jones died of throat cancer on 27 April 1922. He had applied for and received a pension which was awarded to him on 7 July 1921. Two comrades in the Escort, A. A. McEwen and J. B. Pearson, were witnesses on his pension application. He was only able to collect his pension for 8 months before he died.

Thanks to Dr. Bradley and the Tennessee Division SCV, we were able to procure two monuments for Jones and Bettie Greer. We planned his dedication for 28 June 2008. Little did we know it would be one of the hottest days of the year. We had a great turnout. Through another source, I have heard it said that Ronald Greer said this was the nicest thing that has ever been done for his family.

We, the Marshall Rangers Camp #297, would like to thank all who helped with this dedication. Cathy Woods, Tim Morrison, Ross Moore, Kaye Muse, the Calloways, the Tuscumbia Guard, Ed Butler, Dr. Bradley, the Tennessee Division SCV and H.K. Edgerton. We would also like to thank the Greer family and their friends who supported them that day. Many new friends were made and some new history was learned. Mr. Greer has joined the Marshall Rangers camp.



At the July 16, 2009 meeting of the Myers-Zollicoffer Camp No. 1990 in Livingston, TN, Bill Speck Camp Commander had to honor to issue the oath to our newest member of the Myers-Zollicoffer Camp No. 1990, Mr. Curtis Hayes, Mayor of Livingston, Tennessee is the Great Great Grandson of Pvt. Sam Cullom, Co. F, 8th TN Inf. Pvt. Cullom was a very honorable black Confederate from Overton County, Tennessee and drew a Confederate pension after the war.



The following is a list of fellow TN Division SCV members who own their own business. When possible please support your Compatriots in the Tennessee Division.

Springfield Guitar Co. (Marlin Rood Adj Camp #270)
614 Main St.
Springfield, Tn. 37172
615-384-6255

www.springfieldguitar.com
springfieldguitar@bellsouth.net

S & G Custom Cycles (Ronny Mangrum #2072)
1114 Galloway St.
Columbia, Tn. 38401
931-380-0202
www.sgcustomcycles.com

Dixie Outfitters Southern Heritage Store
(Mike Davis Camp #72)
1900 McArthur Street
Manchester, TN 37355
931-728-0481

www.dixieoutfitterstenn.com
dixie_outfitters@bellsouth.net

Discounts given to SCV, UDC and Active Military

Ross Moore Entertainment (Ross Moore Camp #155)
True Southern Heritage Music
615-812-3268
www.rossmooreentertainment.com
rmooreent@aol.com

Tennessee Photo Archive Collection

The Roderick, Forrest's War Horse camp #2072 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has embarked on a worthy project. We are attempting to collect the photos of every soldier from the Volunteer State who served during the War Between The States. (Both Blue and Grey!) We will be placing the collection at the disposal of genealogists everywhere for a nominal fee to help offset the costs of copying and compiling these photos. We also have the collection cross referenced by unit designation to better accomodate authors who are looking for photos to add to potential articles and/or books. (We already have over 3,000 likenesses available!)

The idea for this project was formed several years ago while working with a research service for a local Franklin museum. Most customers were interested in a photo of their long forgotten ancestor to accompany other information. The Tennessee State archives and museum have a limited collection available to the public and we learned that there was no single place to look for others. We prefer to acquire photos of soldiers in uniform, but are quite happy to receive pre and post war photos as well. (Or one of each if available.) Any accompanying information will be readily accepted. Please feel free to contact us for affordable duplication suggestions for your Rebel's photos or we can accept digital versions instead.



Private Byrd Troutt of Co. F, 7th TN Cav Battalion is well armed in this image taken in 1861 (Donated by Tim Heath of Lebanon)



Private John C. Sanders of Co. F, 7th TN Cav Regiment in his early war uniform. Saunders joined in 1861 and was captured in Miss in 1863 and sent to Rock Island Prison. (Donated by Bleak House Museum in Knoxville)



Lewis D. Shockey joined Co. C, 35th TN Infantry in 1861 then transferred to the 16th TN Infantry in February 1863. He was wounded at Shiloh, Richmond & Perryville and once again at Murfreesboro. (Donated by V.A. Seagraves of Lewisburg)

If you would like for us to check our Tennessee Photo Archives for an ancestor, please do not hesitate. Please consider taking the time to share your photos with us and tell others of our undertaking. This project will only be a success if everyone contributes. Let us know of photo collections that are in local archives or private hands so that we might contact them. Since there were over 150,000 men who served the Confederacy and the Union from Tennessee we realize we have a huge project before us. We gladly accept this challenge, as that is the mission of our 113-year-old non-profit organization, to preserve our unique Confederate history!

For a sample of our collection you may visit our web page at www.tennessee-scv.org. (Look under the heading of "Tennessee Soldiers & Heroes" and then go to "Gallery of Tennessee Heroes." You may also contact, Ronny W. Mangrum, at 4762 Peytonsville Road, Franklin, Tenn. 37064. Phone 931-374-8368 for more info or e-mail at Celticgranda2@yahoo.com.



Private Henry Walker of the 24th TN Volunteer Infantry. Walker holds his bible in this early war image. He was killed in action at Shiloh. (Donor unknown)



John Ambrose Reid served in the 14th TN Cav. This photo is post war in his UCV uniform. Included in his file is his "TN War Veterans Questionnaire" where he said this of Hood's TN campaign. "I will not soon forget when we made a raid on Franklin and Nashville. Our rations were poor, beef. Corn meal and not much of that. No shoes and improper clothing." (Donated by Reid Lovell of Franklin)

2009 The Year of Dixie

Oh, I wish I was in the land of cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten, *{Alt Original: Simmon seed and sandy bottom,}*
Look away, look away, look away Dixie Land.

In Dixie Land, where I was born in,
early on one frosty mornin',
Look away, look away, look away Dixie Land.

I wish I was in Dixie, Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand
to live and die in Dixie.
Away, away, away down south in Dixie.
Away, away, away down south in Dixie



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