

Tennessee Division Reunion
Sons of Confederate Veterans
April 11 -13, 2014
Union City, TN
Hosted by
General Otho French Strahl Camp #176
At the
Eddie Cox Senior Center
622 Depot Street, Union City TN 38281

- Events include a welcome party on Friday evening at the Eddie Cox Senior Center.
- Two tours to chose from on Saturday. One is a trip to the new Discovery Park of America which is a 50 acre complex with a 100,000 square foot building with displays of dinosaurs, airplanes, an earthquake simulator and many other exhibits. The other choice of a tour is a free self-driving tour which includes stops at the four skirmishes in the area, the monument to the unknown soldier where 40 Confederates are buried and adjacent to the unknown lot is a cemetery with about 130 Confederates are interred, a stop at Dixie Gun Works, a stop at the Trimble Flag Park and a stop at the library for a display by the local camp for Confederate History Month.

# Friday April 11

Registration 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Welcome Party 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

# Saturday April 12

Registration 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
Opening Ceremonies 8:00 AM
Business Session 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM
Lunch 12:30 PM until 1:15 PM
Tours 1:30 PM until 4:30 PM
Awards Banquet 7:00 PM until 8:30
Speaker: Colonel Tom McKinney (Ret.)

# **Hotel Information:**

Hampton Inn 2201 W Reelfoot Ave, Union City, TN 38261 (731) 885-8850 Hospitality Inn 1221 W Reelfoot Ave, Union City, TN 38261 (731) 885-6610

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# 2014 Tennessee Division Reunion April 11 –12 in Union City, TN Hosted by: Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp #176



Registration Form

Name:		
Address:		
Camp Name:		Camp No:
Office or position held in Camp or Brigade		
Guest:		
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Registration: (\$30 per each SCV member attending)	No. of persons:	Total \$
Saturday Lunch: (\$10 per person)	No. of persons:	Total \$
Tours:		
<ol> <li>Discover America Tour (\$15 per person)</li> <li>Self-driving tour of local points of interest (Free Note: Please state number of individuals so a map can be provided</li> </ol>	No of persons:)	Total \$
	No of persons:	_ Total FREE
Awards Dinner: (\$20 per person)	No. of persons:	Total \$
Ancestor Memorials: (\$5 each)		
	Total Ancestor	Memorial: \$
Parks Cemetery Ridge Confederate Memorial Plaza Bricks Note: Please see attached flyer or visit		
	o. of bricks: Br	rick Total \$
	Grand Total: S	\$
Make checks payable to SCV Camp #176 and mail to: Jimmy Williams Apt. 860B N. Hwy. 45 West		
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Union City, TN 38261

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Line 2:	Phone	Memorial Plaza 203 South Home
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Otho French Strahl Camp #176

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# Forrest's Escort

The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans



February 2014

## Members of the Division

The time is approaching for our reunion and convention. I hope you plan to attend to do the business of our Division and enjoy in the fellowship and events our host camp, the General Otho French Strahl Camp #176, has worked hard to provide to the membership.

As we enter the 2014 calendar year there will be many events as last year. I see our Division being called on by many groups all across the State to participate in 150th events. So let's plan and prepare now. Please use the Division Calendar of Events and the Division forum to get the word out and better use our resources. I have opened up the Echo to all DEC members in a one way communication. If there are to replies that should be done privately or the Division form.



With all the 150th events and programs across our State plus funding requests, it is crucial we supports these efforts through the use of the Kroger cards and the renewals of our auto and motorcycle tags. Please remember to support our Division by using these resources and have your family and friends get involved in using them also.

Mike Beck Tennessee Division SCV Commander mlb59@charter.net Cell 423-312-1874

## Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

It was discussed at the last Division Executive Council meeting about increasing the use of electronic means to help control the cost of the Forrest Escort. The current yearly financial allotment for the Forrest Escort is \$10,000. We can surpass this amount easily this year. All methods of controlling the cost from only one mailed copy a year, to no mailed copies, to electronic only, etc.

It was decided by the Division Executive Council to allow the membership to decide. It has been added to the agenda for discussion and a vote will be taken. If you want your voice to be heard on this subject, come to the Tennessee Division Reunion in Union City and voice your thoughts.

Jason Boshers Editor, Forrest Escort

# TN Division Reunion Union City TN April 11th and 12th

# **Guidelines for SCV Camps sponsoring OCR Chapters in Tennessee**

January 26, 2013 Revised April 27, 2013

- The sponsoring SCV camp and the OCR Chapters must be in the same Brigade Region
- SCV Camp must be in good standing with Division and National in order to sponsor an OCR Chapter
- No combining of funds (SCV and OCR) in same accounts per IRS Guidelines
- Letter of Recommendation and voting results of the sponsoring SCV Camp must be kept on file with the TN Division
- Annual Report (due prior to April) of OCR Membership completed and kept on file with the sponsoring camp and copy submitted to the TN Division
- OCR Chapters are associated by sponsorship only and have no voting rights within the SCV
- Use of the SCV logo is prohibited by any entity other than the SCV (it is the property of SCV Inc.)
- Sponsoring SCV Camp, DEC and/or Division Commander reserve the right to withdraw sponsorship of any Tennessee OCR Chapter at any time
- Refer to the SCV Constitution and the SCV Camp Handbook for more information on conduct and governing
- Use of SCV Camp identifications such as logo, designs, patches, etc is prohibited.

## Please note:

1) Items to include in your annual report regarding sponsorship of OCR Chapters as there is no official form are:

- OCR Chapter Name
- OCR members names
- List of events OCR assisted the SCV Camp
- Any uses of the SCV logo by the OCR Chapter
- Web address should the OCR Chapter have a website
- 2) Requests for permission to use the SCV logo should be forwarded to your Brigade Commander to send to the Tennessee Division Commander. At this time there is no formal request form.

Brigade Commanders – follow up with all camps of your brigade with these guidelines.

# Calendar of events

April 11th & 12th: Tennessee Division Reunion to be held at the Eddie Cox Senior Center in Union City, TN. Hosted by General Otho French Strahl Camp #176. Events include a Welcome Party on Friday night. Business session on Saturday and your choice of tours which include the new Discovery Park or a self-guided driving tour of local Confederate sites which include skirmish and burial sites (a map will be provided). Please see the event flyer and registration form in this newsletter.

21st: Forrest Boyhood Home Celebration at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN. There will be period music plus demonstrations by infantry, cavalry and artillery. Please see the attached flyer in the newsletter and visit <a href="http://elmspringscsa.com/id18.html">http://elmspringscsa.com/id18.html</a> for more details and maps.

August 23 & 24th: Smoky Mountain Military and Relic Show. See the flyer in the newsletter and follow This link for more details:

http://www.southerncross1861.com/smoky-mountain-military--relic-show.html

June

# Proposed Amendment Change to the Tennessee Division Constitution

Submitted by Jason Boshers

# **Number of Notification Days**

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 sixty (60) days in advance of any Division Convention. The rules of procedure at Conventions shall set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

## Proposed:

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 set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

## Reason:

The reduction from sixty (60) days to forty-five (45) days will allow the items in the Forrest Escort to be more time relevant while still allowing a good number of days for preparing for the Division Convention. The extra fifteen (15) days will also allow extra time for preparation and delays that always occur while preparing the document.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Boshers Editor, Forrest Escort



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Proposal and reason for proposal: To add the Tennessee Division Bulletin Board as a method of communication in Article VII and Article VIII. It will allow the Division another valid means of communication

The current Constitution reads:

Article VII - Executive Council

C. The vote must take place via Tennessee Echo, the communications site sponsored by the Division.

Article VIII - Committees

E. Finance Committee, ......All meetings to this committee shall be announced in advance to the members of the Tennessee Division by either the Tennessee Echo or the Division Newsletter.

The proposed change would read:

Article VII - Executive Council

- C. The vote must take place via Tennessee Echo *and/or Tennessee Division Bulletin Board*, the communications site sponsored by the Division.
- E. Finance Committee, ......All meetings to this committee shall be announced in advance to the members of the Tennessee Division by either the Tennessee Echo or the Division Newsletter or the *Tennessee Division Bulletin Board*



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## Members of Vaughn's Brigade;

## I am announcing my candidacy for Brigade Commander of Vaughn's Brigade in Upper East Tennessee

I, Billie Joe Holley, am announcing my candidacy for the office of Brigade Commander of Vaughn's Brigade. After a lot of thought, consideration and counsel with other members of the Brigade, I feel it is time to run for this important position. We have an enthusiastic, committed and loyal group of S.C.V. members up here and need to be united in the promotion and public acceptance of The Sons of Confederate Veterans. It seems like the Oath we recite at each meeting, stops at the door on the way out, in to many cases.

I have the support of my Camp Commander, Lt. Commander, and Camp members, and other members of the Brigade in this endeavor. I know it will not be easy and is often a thankless position, but I feel that it is time for a renewal of purpose. I pledge to fulfill the duties of Brigade Commander, as listed in our State Constitution, to the best of my ability.

I have been Camp Adjutant for five years, so am experienced with the requirements of time, resources and commitment, necessary to properly manage a camps needs. I have a long and varied background in managerial and business positions. I am now retired and have a farm in Greene County. My wife of 49 years is the Recording Secretary for the Daughters of The Confederacy, in Johnson City. We are committed as a couple to the promoting and preservation of the values our ancestors held dear and died for.

I ask that all members of the Brigade would consider voting for me as your next Brigade Commander.

For The Cause Billie Joe Holley, Adjutant, John Singleton Mosby Camp 1409. Kingsport, Tennessee

# Compatriots,

After much thought and prayer, I am announcing my candidacy for the office of 2nd Lieutenant Commander of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Although most of you know me, I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me.

- \* First and foremost I am a Christian. My faith and relationship with Christ is more important than anything else.
- \* My wife Donna Beth, with whom I am happily married, and I have five children: Chris 21, Nicole 19, Sam 16, Grayson 6 and Beau 5.
- \* I have been a member of the SCV since 2003, and am a TN Div. Life Member.
- \* Since becoming an SCV member I have held the following offices: Lt. Cmdr. Camp 386, Cmdr. Camp 386, Starnes Brigade Cmdr.

If I could sum up my desire and goal as an SCV/TN Div. member it would be to not only see our numbers increase and educate those who are in need of knowing the truth of our Southern heritage, but see more youth involvement. We MUST bring more young men into our organization. I believe we already have at our disposal one of the best instruments in the TN Div. Comics. By utilizing these and the many other resources available, I believe we can make a difference and see the SCV/TN Div. grow and have a greater impact. If elected, I pledge to do all I can, with the help of the Lord and the support of my wife and family, to honorably serve the TN Division.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joey Nolan, Commander Starnes Brigade, TN Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

# James Patterson for 1st. Lt. Commander

Fellow Compatriots,

I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of 1st Lieutenant Commander of the Tennessee Division. I have been married to my wife Melanie for 34 years, she is a member of the Martha Ready Morgan UDC Chapter No. 2487 and Vice-President of the Jane Simmons Davis OCR Chapter No. 6. We have a 31 year old son, Matt who is a member of SCV Camp # 33, a 22 year old daughter Callie who is a member of the Jane Simmons Davis OCR Chapter No. 6 and our 3 year old granddaughter, Lily Ann is also a member of OCR Chapter No. 6.

I am an SCV Life member and have been a member of the SCV for 23 years. Currently, I am the Adjutant of Murfreesboro SCV Camp No. 33 an Office that I have held for 15 years. I was the Committee Chairman for the 2012 SCV National Reunion and now serve on the SCV National time and place committee. I served as McLemore's Brigade Commander for three terms, am now 2nd Lieutenant Commander of the Tennessee Division and won the Nathan Bedford Forrest man of the year award in 2012. I am on the Board of Directors of the Sam Davis home and Chairman of the Sam Davis home building and grounds committee. In November our Camp held a three day event "Sam Davis a Hero Remembered" which commemorated the capture, trial and execution of Boy Hero of the Confederacy Sam Davis.

If elected, I will work for you, the members of the Tennessee Division and give full support to the SCV Tennessee Division Commander. Recruiting new members is of greatest importance and we must use current technology for maximum results. Developing a recruiting plan and helping to promote the National SCV Vision 2016 will be top priority. Also, we must develop new ways for not only the Tennessee Division, but Camps as well to raise funds and promote our greatest sources of revenue, the SCV license plates and Kroger cards.

Thank you for your consideration, God Bless each of you and God Bless Dixie!

In the Bonds of the Old South, James G. Patterson, Adjutant Murfreesboro SCV Camp No. 33

Cell: 615-812-0206 Home: 615-890-6194

Email: mboroscv33@aol.com



Note: Compatriots I made a mistake. This article should have run in a previous Forrest Escort. I made a mistake and did not run it. It was entirely my fault. I apologize to Compatriot Ronny Mangrum. Jason

Gentlemen of the Tennessee Division! The 8th Annual Confederate Flag Benefit on August 10 is fast approaching again. We need your help!!!!

The Roderick, Forrest's War Horse camp 2072 of Springhill, Tenn. has enjoyed some pretty good success in raising much needed funds to conserve our beloved Southern battle flags that lie in storage at the Tennessee State Museum. Our success would not be possible without the generous donation from the Tennessee Division's SCV tag fund. A fund that we hope will grow now that we have SCV tags for motorcycles. "Buy a Tag, Save A Flag" is more than a clever sound byte, it is an effective fund raising tool as well. Our success has also been assisted by the Order of Southern Cross members as well. They donated much needed funds to put our lofty goals over the top for three years now with a larger donation each year. We also want to thank the many SCV members, & hundreds of proud sons & daughters of Dixie, from not only across the great Volunteer State, but beyond. They not only attend our popular annual fundraiser but also make donations to our worthy cause. No amount is too small.

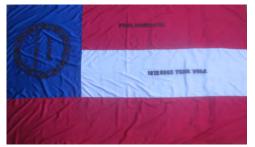




18th TN Infantry



Hill's Cavalry



18th TN Regiment

A brief look back at flags either saved or about to be. Our first flag was the huge silk 20th Tenn. Infantry's flag that took us 5 years to reach our goal. We take deep pride in announcing that you can now see this cool First National hanging in the State Museum!!!!!! Go see if before it goes back to storage!!

Next we completed the 1st/6th Tenn. Cavalry's bullet scared Southern Cross flag which has been shipped to the conservators. Then the 24th Tenn. Infantry's flag along with the 50th Tenn. Infantry's unique15 star St. Andrew's Cross pattern flag will be attended to soon after we present checks on July 27 in Nashville. The 14th Tenn. Infantry's flag is packed & ready to be shipped to the conservators thanks to "Save Our Flags" & Compatriot James Turner of Franklin.

Now we are working on the huge silk 18th Tenn. Infantry's First national flag that has nearly faded to yellow. (This flag was made with portions of Gen. Breckinridge's wife's wedding dress.) We have made a replica of this flag to show people how beautiful it once was.

And this is where we need your help. We need \$35,000 to save this old flag for future generations & we want to complete that total this year. Here is how you can help. Attend our benefit near Franklin on August 10 & bring a friend. Send us some cool items for our "Silent Auction" during the Flag benefit. Of just send us a tax deductible donation!!!!!

Good news is that more camps are becoming interested in adopting flags that are housed in the State Museum's huge Rebel flag collection. Along with the Nashville area, Gen Bate camp, the Lebanon area, Gen. Hatton camp, & the successful first flag completed by James Turner of the

Brentwood area Sam Davis camp we can now add Bell's Partisans Camp #1821 to this noble list. This West

Tenn. camp recently adopted the rare guidon of "Hill's Cavalry" from Tipton area in West Tenn. It was recently returned to Tenn. from the Wisconsin Historical Society in 2003 & is in bad need of repair & conservation. (We have included a replica flag for this one too.) I hope your camp will look into joining our growing ranks of camps raising money to conserve this old banners. The flags are as close as any of us will ever have to meeting a genuine Confederate. These rare & fragile flags are all that is left to link us with our Southern heroes & if we Sons of Confederate Veterans do not make the effort to save them who will?

If you, your camp, or any other organization is interested in adopting one of the dozens of Tenn. Flags on the endangered list please let us know! Donations & inquiries may be mailed to Roderick 2072, 1114 Galloway street, Columbia, TN. 38401. Look for us on Facebook, "Confederate Flag Benefit" and check out www.saveourflags.org to help us. Contact Ronny Mangrum at celticgranda2@yahoo.com or 931-374-8368 for more info or to inquire about a slide program for your camp on Tenn. flags.

Confederately Yours,

Ronny Mangrum Roderick 2072

## Tom Strain for SCV National Lt. Commander in Chief

Fellow Compatriots,

I hope that you and your families are doing well so far in this New Year. As we have reached 2014 we have also reached the middle of the Sesquicentennial of the War of Southern Independence. We as an organization are at a pivotal point as we move forward. I firmly believe that with proper leadership we can continue to be a front runner as a "Historical Honor Society" after this five year celebration of our beloved ancestors.

After much thought and discussion with my family and close brethren within the SCV I am offering my services in July of 2014 to serve you as your Lt. Commander in Chief of our organization. Please visit my website www.scv-strain.com . On it you will find my platform on how we can improve on the things we do today and also some fresh new ideas and plans to increase our numbers so that the SCV will be here for generations to come.

I feel like I have the experience as a person that has held many offices from the Camp, Division, and Army levels to enhance the office of Lt. CiC. I also bring the experience of being self employed for over twenty years to the table. The SCV is a business and we need to run it as such.

Having been one of the GEC officers that worked with the Vision 2016 from day one I am dedicated to make this program a success. Gentlemen I can't do this alone. I am going to need your help and support as I venture into this endeavor and I will be calling on many of you soon to gather your input and ideas. I will not only being asking for your endorsement, I will also be asking you to make plans to travel to Charleston, SC to vote! Today more than ever we have a chance to change business as usual. Please feel free to contact me at anytime!

Tom V. Strain Jr. www.scv-strain.com tomstrain@bellsouth.net 256.729.6055 (office) 256.990.5472 (mobile)

# 2014 SCV, Tennessee Division, Awards and Nominations Criteria

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* ~ Our "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 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 Five

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: Three

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 2012 through February 2013. 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
- · Editorials
- · 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: **Two** awards, one award in each of categories -(1) Camp with 50 or more members (2) 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.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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- · 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: One

*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 Friday 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

### Guidelines:

- · The deadline for Division award nominations is Friday March 21, 2014
- · The year eligible for awards runs from April 2013 March 2014

- · 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:
- o Include a 1 page cover narrative of 75 words or less, name of camp submitting entry, location, and contact person
- o Identify supporting documentation (photos, articles, attachments, etc)
- o Provide proper reference to attachments (photos, articles, etc)
- o Be specific sponsored or co-sponsored event and/or participated in event
- o Focus on events and projects the camp was involved in
- · Send all entries and nominations by certified mail to be received by March 21, 2014 or before (entry may be disqualified if not sent certified mail) to:

James G. Patterson P.O. Box 1915, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1915 615-890-6194 or mboroscy33@aol.com

# Memphis Parks Update 12/2013 SCV WINS 2ND ROUND

In the second preliminary hearing on our lawsuit to save the Confederate parks in Memphis, the Forrest Camp 215, and the Citizens to Save Our Parks, has prevailed in this round in court. The SCV sought to enter additional information, documents and evidence against the city council and the city fought to block or limit its entry. The Chancery Court judge, stating "facts are facts and I want to see it" ruled that the SCV should indeed file a second Amended Complaint to have all of the evidence and documentation in one place. This has been done and now we await a full hearing on the case. The Memphis City Council has illegally attempted to rename the three Southern history parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park and Jefferson Davis Park, to innocuous and meaningless names. The SCV filed suit to block the name change and to restore the historic names. We appreciate the continued support of our follow compatriots to stop this attempted erasure of our history.

Forrest Camp 215, PO Box 11141, Memphis, TN 38111





Lee

# Millar

# For 1st Lt. Commander

Tennessee Division, SCV

- Always Defending Southern Heritage
- . Always Promoting the SCV
- . Always in the trenches for Gen'l Forrest

28 Years of Service, Life Member

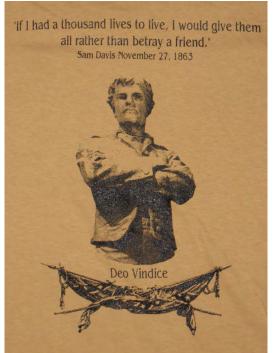


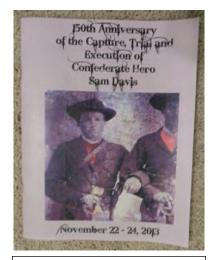
Tenn Div member **LEE MILLAR** is awarded the SCV's 2nd highest award: The Robert E. Lee Medal Presenting the award is SCV Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens. Montgomery, Ala, July 16, 2011.

# Sam Davis, a Hero Remembered!

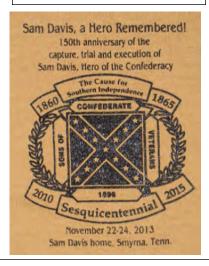


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# FACT

Nathan Bedford Forrest DID NOT originate the KKK\* Nathan Bedford Forrest WAS NOT a Grand Wizard in the KKK Nathan Bedford Forrest WAS NOT a member of the KKK\*

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# **Starnes Brigade Report**

Commander: Joey Nolan

Camps: Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham #72, Dr. J. B. Cowan #155, Marshall Rangers #297,

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles #386, Gen. A. P. Stewart #1411, Gen. Benjamin J. Hill #1615,

Sumner A. Cunningham #1620, Capt Abner S. Boone #2094

It is an honor to report again on the activities of the Starnes Brigade once again. I would like to give a compiled version of the camps within the Starnes Brigade for 2013 and the good job they have done.

**Dr. JB Cowan, Camp 155 - Tullahoma, TN:** Along with their monthly meetings with informative guest speakers, Camp 155 worked very hard, along with members of the UDC and Camp 72, in putting together a living history event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Tullahoma Campaign. Events included were: medical tent and demonstrations, artillery demonstrations, educational speakers, camp sites, and more. Camp 155 also hosted the Tennessee State Museum Civil War exhibit "Cavalry in the Heartland. In addition to these events, Camp 155, Camp 72 and the UDC, along with counterparts from Kentucky and South Carolina, held a marker dedication honoring the sacrifice of soldiers from the two states.

Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham, Camp 72 - Manchester, TN: The members of Camp 72 worked tirelessly in 2013. Some of the events they hosted, co-hosted and were involved in were: 150 Anniversary of The Tullahoma Campaign living history event, Kentucky and South Carolina marker dedication, and their annual Camp 72 picnic at Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery. They also had a recruitment booth for the SCV at the Lynchburg, TN/Jack Daniels World Championship BBQ, that brings in thousand's of tourists, which makes available numerous possible recruits. Along with their informative monthly programs, Camp 72 remains one of the hardest working camps in the Tennessee Division.

Marshall Rangers, Camp 297 - Lewisburg, TN: In addition to the Marshall Rangers having been busy in 2013 with dedications and programs, they have started a work in their camp that is of great importance. Members of Camp 297 have for several months now, been going to cemeteries in the area using GPS technology marking Confederate graves. Through this endeavor, the location of graves that could eventually be forgotten and lost are now being preserved. Anyone wishing to find out more on starting this program can contact Wes Pullen and he will be glad to help.

**Sumner A. Cunningham, Camp 1620 - Shelbyville, TN:** Camp 1620 has been steadfast in their work to honor, preserve and promote the memory of their camps namesake and all Confederate soldiers and events in Bedford County. Whether it's their hosting a cemetery lantern tour, involvement in community events or monthly meeting programs, they work hard in promoting the SCV. Their "Shelbyville In The Middle" event marking the 150th Anniversary of the Tullahoma Campaign was a huge success. Several hundred visitors attending were treated to artillery demonstrations, camp sites, cavalry, medical tent and displays, artifacts displays, guest speakers, and more.

- **Gen. A.P. Stewart, Camp 1411 Winchester, TN:** Camp 1411 continues to be diligent in their work at John Wiley Templeton Confederate Cemetery. They have worked hard in maintaining the Confederate graves located there and made good use of funds raised and donated in keeping with this endeavor. They have also worked in promoting the SCV at the heritage day at Tim's Ford State Park.
- **John R. Massey, Camp 152 Fayetteville, TN:** Camp 152 has been faithful in the dedication to involvement in community events. Marker dedications, Trail Of Tears march, Host of Christmas Past, cleaning and maintaining Confederate graves, and more, their members work hard to spread the Confederate truth and promote the SCV. When called upon, Camp 152 is always willing to step up and take up the task in Lincoln County.

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 - Tracy City: The members of Camp 386 stayed busy in 2013 with involvement in many area events. SCV recruitment booths at the Civil War Living History event in Monteagle, the Fannie Moffit Stomp in Altamont, and Mountaineer Day in Tracy City. They participated in July 4th parades and hosted their annual Confederate heritage Festival, which involved the dedication of a flag pole and flag at the monument to the "Fighting Men Of the Cumberland." Camp 386 members have also been involved with providing Cadet Forrest Escort editions to school kids. They also held a birthday bash for Generals Lee and Jackson in January complete with a cake with a large Confederate flag on it. Camp 386 maintains a Civil War/local history/U. S. military museum at their camp headquarters and is working with the town of Tracy City on some sesquicentennial events as well.

Joey Nolan, Commander Starnes Brigade TN Division, SCV

# **Mountain Brigade**

Commander: Terry Siler

Camps: N. B. Forrest #3, Longstreet/Zollicoffer #87, Gen. John C. Vaught #2089

The Mountain Brigade, Tennessee Division is doing well. Three Camps; Knoxville, Athens and Chattanooga enjoyed good years in 2013. All continue to grow in membership and represent their communities favorably.

Longstreet-Zollicoffer # 87 in Knoxville is the second largest Camp in the Confederation. Under the leadership of Commander Scott Hall and a hard-working a cadre of hard working, dedicated gentlemen continues to grow and prosper. They have represented our organization very well at community events such as parades and festivals. Their Lee-Jackson banquet last January was most impressive with Commander in Chief Michael Givens as principle speaker. I look forward to this event in 2014.

General John C. Vaughn # 2089 in Athens, for a small Camp is extremely active in the McMinn and Polk County area. They represent us very well at community events such as parades, fairs and local festivals. I attended a very impressive Confederate marker dedication service last winter they hosted in Monroe County. Several community leaders were present and the principle speaker was McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy. He noted he has several Confederate ancestors and showed interest in joining the SCV.

N.B. Forrest # 3 in Chattanooga has had a busy year. Last April they hosted the annual Tenn. Division Reunion. This event was obviously well planned and organized. The facility, programs, meals, vendors, tour were exceptional. Several "ole-timers" remarked this was the best Reunion they had ever attended. Kudos to Bob Epperson and his committee for a great job. All Mountain Brigade Camps were represented. October found NBF # 3 as a big part of the State of Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial event in Chattanooga. This Camp manned an impressive display of artifacts and handouts for the thousands of visitors who attended. Much appreciation to Herb Deloach for heading up this event. NBF # 3 has been asked to host this year's Steven D. Lee Institute in Chattanooga.

We look forward to this year as another opportunity to uphold The Charge. I encourage all brigade members to attend the upcoming Tenn. Division Reunion in Union City. New officers will be elected to lead us into the next two years.

Terry Siler Mountain Brigade Commander Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans (423) 842-5963

# **Memphis Brigade Report**

Commander: Mark Buchanan

Camps: N.B. Forrest #215, Simonton/Wilcox #257, Capt John W. Mebane #319, James R Chalmers # 1312,

Wigfall Greys #1560, Gen Robert E. Lee #1640

# Simonton-Wilcox Camp

The Camp has been very active in the Tipton County area. Further restoration and promotion of Camp Yellowjacket and Fort Wright goes on. The Camp participated in the Brighton Centennial Celebration. A wonderful living history was on display for the event. The camp even led the opening ceremonies with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. Everyone joined in singing Dixie!

## Robert E. Lee Camp

The Lee camp has had a great year recruiting and promoting the Charge. The camp recently completed the installation of two howitzers at Fort Germantown. The existing pieces were in poor condition and not period. This was a great public relations project.

## N.B. Forrest

The Forrest Camp helped lead the way in promoting Confederate heritage in the Memphis area. The camp, along with the brigade, is raising funds to continue to restore the Confederate Parks to their original names. The Forrest Monument is also in need of restorative work. There is a fund raising effort to make these repairs happen.

## Gen. Chalmers

This active camp is again promoting its Civil War show in Desoto Conference Center February 15-16. This event is always well received and attended. This should be on everyone's "Gotta be there" list!

## Wigfall Grays

The Wigfalls have been active in promoting the Charge in Collierville and the Memphis area. They hosted the annual Battle of Collierville reenactment, Memorial ceremonies at the Magnolia Cemetery and history seminars at the Collierville museum.

The Memphis Brigade is blessed with very active Sons of Confederate Veterans camps. It is wonderful to see the civic minded and positive attitude of these men in the face of adversity. If you have read any news on Memphis, it may appear that the SCV is not welcome here. There are always those arrayed against us who are blinded by false history, poor educational opportunities, and ignorance. But the tide is turning. The Brigade has been, and will continue to work very hard to promote southern heritage in the community. As you all know so well, the work is hard, but it is honest, and very rewarding. To that end, the Citizens to Save Our Parks is still working to restore the names of the historical parks in Memphis and to restore the Forrest Park Marker to its rightful place. The city did contact our CTSOP spokesman Lee Millar about returning the Forrest marker and asked where to deliver it. He responded "Put it back where you found it!" The city refused. Therefore it continues to defiantly rest in a maintenance building. They can't move it as it is part of the lawsuit. so they can't renovate the building! That General Forrest, always causing trouble! There have been several meetings with the Chancery Court, and as of this publication, the city has NOT responded on time to the amended complaint entered by CTSOP in December. No court date can be set until the city responds to the amended complaint. One can only imagine what discussions are taking place in the paneled recluse of city hall over this suit. If you care to, you can view the filing on public record. You can just type "Memphis park law suit" in your browser. It is an excellent brief on the history of Memphis and the Parks in particular. Members of the city council stated at the beginning of this ordeal; "We don't need a history lesson!" Through the efforts of Becky & Ken Muska and Lee Millar they not only got the lesson, they got the entire course!

The members of the Memphis Brigade would like to thank everyone, from National, the Division and the Camps for the continued support of this struggle. Through your prayers and efforts you have joined in the fight to keep the Charge on and the flags flying in Memphis. After my return from a recent Division meeting where the Division voiced support for this fight, my son Cale (Lee Camp member) reminded me of a quote from the General at the battle of Shiloh

"Boys, do you hear that musketry and that artillery? It means that our friends are falling by the hundreds at the hands of the enemy, and here we are guarding a damned creek! Let's go and help them. What do you say?"

You all have come to the aid of the Memphis Brigade, for that, gentlemen, words are not enough to express our gratitude.

Deo Vindice Mark Buchanan Commander-Memphis Brigade



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# **Jeffrey Forrest Brigade**

Commander: Billy Foster

Camps: Otho French Strahl #176, John B. Ingram Bivouac #219, Col. Jeffrey Forrest #323, Pvt. Ike Stone #564, Hill/Freeman #1472, Crockett Rangers #1774, Bell's Partisans #1821, Capt Akil/Newman #2099,

Obion Avalanche #2111

Bells Partisans Camp had a recruiting booth at the Newbern Depot Days Celebration.

The O.F. Strahl Camp completed the cleaning off an abandoned cemetery(Chambers-Holman),repairing several downed headstones where five Confederate Veterans are buried; Completed restoration of the M-37 Military vehicle donated for sale with the proceeds to provide funds for maintaining the Trimble flag; Began restoration of the broken Confederate headstones in the Old U.C. Confederate Cemetery. Compatriot John Abernathy is in charge of this project and has completed and placed 60 headstones with about 70 remaining. Conducted two Confederate headstone dedication and memorial services. Placed two new flag poles and flags at the Unknown Confederate Monument site and the Old Troy Cemetery.

Currently finalizing plans for hosting the Tennessee Division reunion in April 2014. Hill-Freeman Camp –No Report.

.The John B, Ingram #219 is being reactivated with Commander John Blankenship leading the charge.

# Fort Donelson Brigade Report

Commander: Robert Moore

Camps: Isham G. Harris #109, Frank P. Gracey #225, Fort Donelson #249, Capt. W. H. McCauley #260, John Hunt Morgan #270, Col. Jack Moore #559, Col. Cyrus Suggs #1792

Visiting a few of the camps, since last report, indicates that most of the camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade are holding on, and gaining a few new members, and having good meetings, but there are two camps that have suspended meetings. Most are having dedications, good programs, and special days open to the public, such as the McCauley Camp 260 having Heritage Days. Several of the Middle Tennessee camps are involved in living histories and reenactments, such as the reenactment of Fort Donelson in Erin/Cumberland City.

# McLemore's Brigade Report

Commander: Brian Corley

Camps: General Joseph E. Johnston Camp #28, Murfreesboro Camp #33, General William B. Bate Camp #34, General Robert H. Hatton Camp #723, Todd Carter Camp #854, Sam Davis Camp #1293, Colonel Randal McGavock Camp #1713, Captain E. D. Baxter #2034, Major Nathanial F. Cheairs #2138, General T. B. Smith Camp #2177

No report

# Vaughn's Brigade Report

Commander: Rick Morrell

Camps: James Keeling #52, Col. John S. Mosby #1409, Col. W. M. Bradford/ Col. J. G. Rose #1638, Lt Robert D. Powell #1817, Gen. John Hunt Morgan #2053, Gen Alfred E. Jackson #2159

No report

# **Highland Brigade Report**

Commander: Michael Williams

Camps: Gen. George Gibbs Dribell #875, Savage/Goodner #1513, Gainesboro Invincibles #1685,

Myers/Zollicoffer #1990, Sgt. William A Hamby #1750, Dillard/Judd #1828,

Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone #2014, Jim David Camp #1425

The Wheeler-Long Camp #709 had a battle flag selling campaign to raise funds for guest speakers and it was a complete success. They are ready for the next fund raiser. The camp supports the Brigade & Division in all functions. Camp members were quick to get their dues in. New members are continuously being sought. The Camp keeps in the public eye by announcing camp meetings every month in the local newspapers & using every opportunity to submit articles & pictures of SCV events & Memorials. A recent guest speaker, Ben Brandon of the Georgia Division & Shoot Boss in the Georgia Appleseed Project talked about Liberty and the sacrifices made during the Revolutionary War & War of Northern Aggression & marksmanship. Mr. Brandon offered to teach a "Jack Hinson Clinic" which will include history about Jack Hinson & marksmanship training. Camp Commander, Charles Bowling is looking into how this might be able to come about for the benefit of the members of the TN Division. The Camp regularly attends the rifle competitions held by the Brigade & the Brigade Forrest picnic. A few members have joined the OCR. At least one is a member of the Gaines House Association. The camp meets the 2nd Thursday at 6 PM at the Electric Co-Op in Dunlap.

The Savage-Goodner Camp #1513 held its annual fundraiser at the Smithville Jamboree. The rain & storms during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration negatively impacted receipts, but the Camp was still able to bring its monument fund to \$32,000. The camp donated a John Paul Strain print to give away at the Brigade Forrest picnic in July. They attended the Sam Davis sesquicentennial in Nashville & Smryna. I know at least one member marched from Winstead Hill to the Carter House in Franklin in November. The camp meets 2nd Thursday at 7 PM at 722 South Congress Blvd in Smithville.

The Myers/Zollicoffer Camp #1990 has many members of the camp who are active re-enactors. They went to Resaca Ga, Gettysburg Pa, Fort Loudon, Chickamauga Ga, Granville, Fort Sanders, and Standing Stone Day in Monterey, In July the Camp participated in the Genealogy Bonanza sponsored by the Overton County Historical Society during Genealogy & History Day in Livingston. They were at the Overton County Fair. They had a soldier's encampment at the Celina Homecoming Days. Their annual Camp picnic was held at Deep Valley Campgrounds at the head of Mitchell Creek. Two special guests were Real Grandsons of Confederate Veterans. The local VFW held a Veterans Day Ceremony in Livingston with Camp members present. Camp members went to the Sam Davis Sesquicentennial event in Nashville & Smyrna in November. In December with the support of the Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter of the UDC, they collected toys for the community toy drive @ Masters General Store in Hilham. The Camp had a float in the Livingston Christmas parade, and won 1st place in their category. For 2014 the Camp is getting ready for their annual Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet. They will be at a re-enactment of "The Affair at Travisville" in Byrdstown TN at the birth place of Cordell Hull in May. The Camp continues to grow and they meet the 3rd Thursday at 7 PM at Stover's Restaurant on East Main St in Livingston.

The Sgt. William A. Hamby Camp #1750 continues to grow & get new members wanting to honor their Confederate ancestors. They are having excellent speakers each month. The Camp participated in the Crossville Pioneer Days & distributed over 100 "Civil War Trail Marker" brochures. The Camp took over sponsorship of the "Roses of the Cumberlands" OCR chapter from the Dillard-Judd camp starting in January 2014. Their Camp elections were held and new officers took over in January. Camp members & OCR members had a Christmas float this past year titled "Christmas in Dixie". They have supported the Brigade in functions. They have 6 more Veterans grave markers to place in 2014. The camp meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM at the First Christian Church on 111 East 1st St. in Crossville.

The Gainesboro Invincibles Camp # 1685 went to the Brigade Forrest picnic, Granville Heritage Days in October, Veterans Day Memorial in Livingston, Sam Davis Sesquicentennial event in Nashville & Smryna. Members help with the Gaines House Association, trying to restore Gainesboro's oldest house. The Camp had a float in the Cookeville, Gainesboro, and Livingston Christmas Parades, and helped the Crossville camp during their Parade. Their OCR ladies are very active within the Brigade/TN Division. The camp meets the 1st Thursday at 7 PM at "The River Church" in Gainesboro.

The Jim Davis Camp # 1425 had their "Changing of the Flag Ceremony" at the square in downtown Lafeyette in October, attended by member of the Brigade and OCR ladies of the Brigade. No exact meeting day/month.

The Champ Ferguson/Standing Stone Camp #2014 replaced the battle flags on the graves of Texas Rangers at the Conley Cemetery, and other local Confederate Veterans in the area, added foot markers at the base of the Monument near the I-40 flag pole, attended and participated in various re-enactments in Tennessee & surrounding states. They took part in the annual Brigade Forrest picnic. They hosted the living history during the Standing Stone Day celebration in Monterey. They recently honored their Camp's namesake, Captain Champ Ferguson at his grave site. Maintaining the I-40 flag pole & flags is an ongoing job. The camp meets the 2nd Monday at 6 PM at the Monterey Train Depot.

The Dillard-Judd Camp #1828 hosted the Brigade Forrest picnic, continues to help the Gaines House Association in Gainesboro, recently by launching a fund raising campaign for the restoration of the oldest house in Gainesboro, hosted rifle competition shoots within the Brigade, attended the VFW Veterans Day Ceremony in Livingston, attended the Sam Davis Sesquicentennial in Nashville & Smyrna all weekend long, and helped various camps within the Brigade and TN Division as needed. The camp meets 3rd Monday at 7 PM at Shoneys Restaurant on S. Jefferson Ave in Cookeville

The General George Gibbs Dibrell Camp # 875, attended the Brigade Forrest picnic, was in the Cookeville, Gainesboro, and Livingston Christmas Parades, attended rifle competitions held by the Brigade, helped Gainesboro, Cookeville, and Crossville during their Christmas Parades. Their OCR ladies were very active within the Brigade/Division. The camp meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM at the White County Library in Sparta.

# Sam Watkins Brigade Report

Commander: Brian "Doc" Edwards

Camps: Sam Watkins #29, Gen John C. Brown #112, Freeman's Battery Forrest Artillery #1939, Roderick-Forrest War Horse #2072, Rawdon/Spears #2113, Lee's Long Riders #2184

I hope everyone has had a nice Christmas and start to the new year. We saw many 150th re-enactments in 2013 and quite a few Camp cook-outs and other events as well. I look forward to seeing everyone out in 2014 as we get into the home stretch of our Sesquicentennial. There will be much going on in Tennessee this year. I am currently helping plan the 150th "Battle of Beardstown" in Lobelville Tenn. for the weekend of September 27th with other members of the Lee's Long Riders' camp #2184 (Biffle's men ran the yankees all the way out of the county!), and hope to see many of you there and at the other events being put on around our great state as well. If I may be of assistance to any of you planning such an event, spreading the word about it, or speaking at one, please, contact me.

Again, I look forward to the year ahead, honoring our ancestor's memory in the just cause of Southern Independence!

+Virtus Sola Nobilitas+ Cdr. B.T. "Doc" Edwards, Sam Watkins Brigade

## Sam Davis Monument Commemoration After Action Report

For months now I have been preaching that members of the Color Guard and other interested people should request Devine Intervention in regards to pleasant weather before each event, including this one. I myself had left several messages on request line. As the men of the Color and Honor Guards gathered at the Sam Davis Boyhood Home in Smyrna, TN, on the dreary morning of November 22, 2013, for their departure to the Sam Davis Monument on the Statehouse grounds in Nashville; one would think that our requests were not answered and that the Naysayers had planned this weather from the beginning. Only time would tell.

This was the first time that members of more than one Tennessee Division Color Guard came together to form one unit and commemorate the capture, trial and execution of the "Boy Hero of the Confederacy". Our rendezvous point was the big white barn on behind the museum. It was here that 7 riflemen, seven color bearers, two drummers, and four general officers converged for the largest gathering of the Tennessee Division Color Guard. Sergeant Kurt Huskey served as the Sergeant of the Honor Guard and I as the Sergeant of the Color Guard. There the flags were assigned, uniforms inspected, rifles checked, and last minute instructions were given. I looking dapper as always and was not aware of the red clay barn floor until sometime into this preparation time, thus my black shoes and white gaiters were now red, white, and black as well as the rest of the rest of the shoes in the barn. To add insult to injury, the drizzle started to get heavier. Trash bags were issued to the Color bearers to wraps the colors to keep them from getting wet. The troops were moved from the barn to the back porch of the museum to await the arrival of the charter buses and to make any last minute adjustments and trips as needed – it was going to be a long day.

We arrived at the War Memorial Building across from the Monument at the corner of Charlotte Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. When the first foot stepped off the bus, the cameras and smartphones came out; both locals and tourist clicked away. We assembled on the sidewalk and were given last minute changes to the program. The Naysayers had gone to "plan B", which was moving the event to the War Building auditorium. The building was grand. It had portico and a grand open plaza adjacent to it. Needless to say what the Guards practiced 3 weeks earlier for this event was now down the tubes. A quick scouting trip of the auditorium was done and a plan was conceived. With 20 minutes before the ceremony the Guards did two dry runs at the amazement of the gathered crowd. These rehearsals caught everyone attention including the ceremony organizers because they were not expecting the Color for at least 20 minutes. As we started, everyone stood up and took pictures and such as if we were actually starting the program. I announced, "No, it's just a quick practice." Two runs at our plan and we were ready to go. We made our assembly in the foyer. Mr. James Patterson, Master of Ceremonies, called for the posting of the Colors and we stepped off at 1 PMish sharp. The Guard entered the rear of the auditorium and positioned themselves by file at the edge of the balcony so when the order was given to forward march the flags would go from at the trail to shoulder arms. The Honor Guard using the left isle and the Color in the right isle, we marched together then reaching the front, we crossed each other resulting in the Colors in front of the stage on the right and the Honor Guard on the left The Honor Guard positioned themselves by file so the Sergeant was on the right. We stopped at the respective far edges of the stage then the command "Front" was given. The Guards presented the Colors and Arms and then went to parade rest for the remainder of the ceremony. At end of the ceremony, the combined Guards made a right face marched by file back in front of the audience and exited the auditorium using the same isles in the beginning. We marched to the portico and went to at ease waiting further instructions. As we marched into the portico, to our surprise, for those who did request Devine Intervention, their requests were answered.

The ceremony called for Madam President Harriette Maloney, Kate Litton Hickman Chapter #597, UDC to present a wreath at the monument. But because the ceremony was inside this portion was canceled. Right after the end of the ceremony it was discovered that Madam President Harriette Maloney still wanted to present the wreath. Another quick scouting trip was done and it was decided that the Combined Guards would escort Madam President Maloney to the Monument so that she could complete her mission.

For those not familiar with the location of the Sam Davis monument at the Statehouse grounds, it is located on the incline at the corner of Charlotte Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. The entrance to the monument has an iron gate at the corner on the sidewalk with steps leading up to the monument, a sight quite to behold.

The Guard formed up in the plaza next to the Building, with the Honor Guard on the left column and the Colors on the right column. Madam President Maloney took her spot behind the Guards and again the order, "Color Guard – Forward the Colors, March!" was sounded. The Battalion stepped off to the cadence of the drums; it was a grand sight to see. Along with the US National Flag; the First, Second, and Current National Flags; the Army of Tennessee, Bonnie Blue, and Tennessee Division SCV flags were flying freeing in downtown Nashville on a Friday afternoon. As the Guards approached the monument, each column marched up along the outside edge of the steps halting at the top. The command to front and present arms was given, after which Madam President entered the monument area and walked up the steps to the monument. The Guards then followed and was placed around the monument as the wreath was placed. The Guard then marched back to the steps, fronted and presented arms as Madam President Maloney left the monument grounds. The Guard then marched off and was dismissed for those who wanted photos of the monument. The Guard was reformed and we marched back to the busses. Once again we dismissed, furled the flags, and embarked on the buses for the ride back to the Sam Davis Boyhood home. After arriving, the Guards assembled on the porch on the museum for the final muster.

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# Tennessee Division Reunion Sons of Confederate Veterans Union City, TN April 11th & 12th

## Morristown Christmas Parade 2013 After Action Report

I can not start this report without thanking Almighty for His love, patience, and understanding; for without this thanks, it would have rained on the parade for sure, literally. Once again the naysayers and doubting Thomas's were out in force bringing umbrellas and rain gear in fear of rain showers that were predicted by Knoxville weather forecasters. Shame on you for listening to them and not your heart. The call was sounded early last week for all to request Devine Intervention for pleasant weather and it was obvious that some did not take this advice seriously. As we were making final preparations for the Morristown Christmas parade on the afternoon of December 5, 2013, umbrellas and tarps appeared from nowhere. The members and their families of the Bradford-Rose Camp embarked on the journey to the assembly area at the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown. The Church was open to all and the Congregation hosted an evening snack for the parade participants. Seeing that the Sanctuary was open, I went inside to make a last minute request.

That being said; after this pre-parade activity, things were not going well logistically; re-enactors and surrey's were not to be found, horses and mules were anxious to get started, and people in period attire were just milling around. Fortunately the Navy was at the right place at the right time. After making preliminary observations of the situations, I took charge and devised a plan of action. After securing the attention of all those participating in our group, the line-up assignments were given and last minute instructions from the parade officials were received. At 6:50 sharpish the groups of Color Guard, musicians, wagons, cannons, banner carriers, horse riders, and the Bradford-Rose Camp Army troop carrier all came together waiting to step off. Then the command, "Color Guard – Forward the Colors, March" was heard and then the War Between the States contingent was on the move. A tense moment occurred when we were stopped 100 yards from starting by the parade officials. Some motorized units had to make their way into the parade route. After the last car made its way on to the street, it seemed like all the noise associated with starting points of parades quadrupled. Marching bands were warming up, the 7:10 train was on time and blowing its loud whistle, the musicians in our group finally got it together and, and the guy in the convertible right in front of us thought it was a good idea to rev up the engine while shifting causing exhaust fumes its related engine noise to be in our faces. For a few moments, it was a trying time to convey commands to the Color Guard and the musicians, and then we started once again.

The parade route was packed with people for it seemed a mile or so, an incredible sight to behold. The musicians were volunteers from a Yankee organization that was invited to join us; a fifer, 2 drummers, and of course the drum major to keep an eye on them. The drums and fife was great a keeping a steady cadence. It was the Color Guard that was the fast marchers. Several times the Color Guard had to halt and waited for the rest of the contingent to catch up. As we marched, people were cheering us on and also saluting the flags by the taking off of hats and placing hands on hearts. As a good friend of mine says; it was "great stuff", nothing but praise and cheers from the public as we marched by. I am glad that I have a group of well-trained Color Guard members, because I too was caught up in the enthusiasm of the moment of the parade and was just slightly disoriented when ordering left wheel turns. Somehow what was to be "left wheel, march" became "right wheel, march." Fortunately, the men had a sense of where we were going and made the left wheels. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and that includes the parade. We reached the Jefferson Savings Bank parking lot and made our final stop and retired the Colors. It was a good event, the Colors were in the public's eye and we had a good reception from them.

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# 2014 Vaughn's Brigade Lee/Jackson Dinner After Action Report

In the past, I have posted requests for Devine Intervention in regards to pleasant weather for events; however, because this event was being held indoors, such a request was not needed. Divine Province surely saw what was transpiring and made arrangements for a cool, crisp, moon lite starry night. The Dinner was held on January 11, 2014 and as the sun set on the horizon; one could see that He smiled upon us once again.

Upon arrival at the Doubletree Hilton in Johnson City, TN, one was greeted by Confederate flags in the lobby of the hotel and as one got closer to the banquet room, the flags were more prevalent, and the final touch was the placing of two garrison size Naval Jacks, the SCV CiC flag, and the Brigade flag on the center of the wall behind the head table. To complement this, the Division Flags were placed on the left side of the room and a set of flags borrowed from the Knoxville Longstreet-Zolicofer Camp # 87 was placed on the right side of the room.

Brigade Commander Rick Morrell requested and was given the flags from Camp #87 for the night and they were used as part of the opening ceremony. The flag set consists of the flags of the States that joined the Confederate States of America and the others. The flags were introduced, presented, and posted by order of secession. The last flag posted was the flag of the Cherokee Nation. A gentleman in period correct Cherokee attire presented and posted it. The ceremony then shifted to the introduction, presentation and posting of the national flags of the CSA, after which the Salute to the Confederate Flag was rendered. The evening continued with the usual food, fellowship and fun that one would expect from a gathering of friends and compatriots. Mr. H.K. Edgerton was attending and gave his rendition of "I am your flag." The keynote speaker was SCV Commander in Chief Michael Givens. After his presentation the Brigade presented Mr. Givens with portion of the Naval Jack that flew on a hilltop along I-81 at mile marker 73. The flag was replaced due to wear and tear. So what does one do with a very large Naval Jack flag? Why of course, respectfully cut out the center star and mount it in a frame and present it to the CIC.

One of the awards given out to members of the Brigade was to Color Guard member Kevin Witherell for his outstanding service to his Camp and to the Brigade. HUZZAS to Kevin on his award.

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# 150th Anniversary of Battle of Bean Station After Action Report

The weather sometimes reminds us of how our ancestors felt during a certain period of time. December 14, 2013, was one of those days. 150 years ago, the weather was very cold, perhaps drizzly and with patches of sun here and there, and was one of the coldest winters on record. The weather was uncertain as well for the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Bean Station; rain, wind, cold temperatures, and the chance of the sun shining was slim. However, the commemoration went on as scheduled. Waking up to a cold rainy day was not what everyone involved wanted to see, but as we started to gather at the First Baptist Church of Bean Station, the sun shined thought the clouds giving everyone confidence that the ceremony would be grand.

Programs are meant to be changed, sometimes just a tweak here or there and sometimes, just starting over from scratch, with this program somewhere in between. The original program called for the commemoration be at the Bean Station Cemetery then once finished, everyone would go to the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Bean Station just down the road; but because of the uncertainty of the weather, on Thursday, December 12, 2013, a few phone calls were made and the decision was made to reverse the program and do the inside stuff first and see what happens in regards to the cemetery portion.

About 10:30 AM, volunteers started to assemble to make the Fellowship Hall suitable for all. First thing that was discovered was that the ceiling was not tall enough to place the Color Guard flags vertically, thus a solution had to be thought of quickly. The flags were displayed against the wall on an angle. This provided the ceremony with the flags for the Pledge and Salute. Light refreshments were provided by the Grainger County Historical Society. Mayor Terry Wolfe from the Town of Bean Station talked briefly on the status of our "battlefield" and described a big picture of the future of the battlefield and the Town. Mr. Bill White portraying General James Longstreet spoke briefly about the General's perspective of the battle. Mr. Wyatt played Flowers of the Forest on his bagpipes, a few poems were read, and Deeper Faith entertained us with some inspirational songs. With a quick peek outside a thumbs up was given and it was announce that the program will continue at the cemetery.

Those in attendance were given the choice of driving the short distance or walking behind the Colors and troops. The Color Guard was formed just outside the church with the Honor Guard falling in along with General Longstreet, the Piper, and bugler; it was a grand sight to behold. Then the command was shouted out for all to hear, "Color Guard, Forward the Colors, March!", as we stepped off, the Piper played "Scotland the Brave". We arrived at the cemetery a few minutes later and position ourselves behind the monument that was erected to commemorate the Battle and the men who fought there. Wreaths were presented, Carnations donated by Something Sassy Florists and the Lakeside Marina, were laid at the graves of the Unknown Confederate soldiers and Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, the owner of the tailor Shop where the Confederate field hospital was during the battle. As the wreaths were presented and the flowers were being laid, Amazing Grace was piped. A volley was rendered by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Infantry, CSA and the bugler ended the service with the playing of Taps. The Color Guard and Honor Guard then retired off the Field of Honor.

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Stephen D. Lee 1906



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