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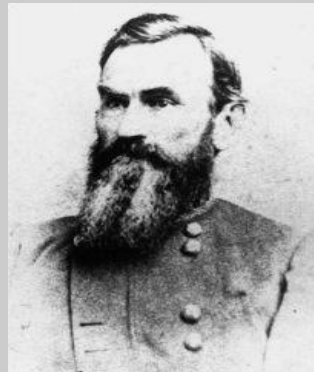
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots,

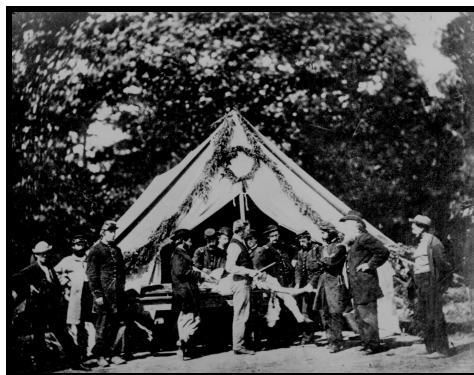
As I sit here typing my Commander's Note, I am looking at our new membership renewal notice. It is very professionally done and easy to understand. This will save your poor Adjutant many hours of work and save the Camp postage cost sending the notices out to the members. The due date is August 31st but you have a grace period until October 31st but please do not wait until the last minute. I must congratulate Gary Pierce for being the first Camp Member to renew his membership.

Our Camp is at a critical point of the year, membership retention. Over the past 6 years, we have had a problem retaining our members. The membership peaked at 71 back in 2003 but steadily declined to a low of 51 and now stands at 59. I would love to see us achieve 100% renewal this year. Please do not let personal conflicts keep you from maintaining your membership. Remember, you as a Son of a Confederate Veteran have been charged with the vindication of the Cause for which they fought and the preservation of the good name and memory of our Confederate Veterans. Our enemies are constantly beating at the door and unless we can maintain and increase our numbers, we

will lose what we hold dear, our Confederate Heritage. Retention and Recruitment are the keys to success. A preliminary report from Larry on the National Reunion showed that the By-Law amendments we were against failed to pass and all others were approved. Larry will give a full report at our Camp Meeting on August 20th. Our next Meeting will be our Birthday party for Benjamin G. Humphreys so bring your favorite dish, drink and a friend and come have a celebration. Mark Saturday, October 3rd on your calendar. This is the 2nd Annual First Brigade Picnic hosted by the Capt. C. B. Vance Camp # 1669 to be held at Sardis Dam Big Acres #1 starting at 12:00 noon. This will be potluck so bring a dish and drinks and enjoy some Southern Fellowship. For more information, contact 1st Brigade Commander Donald Wright at 662-934-6211 or email at [dwright29miss@usa.com](mailto:dwright29miss@usa.com).



God Bless the South,  
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Commander



## AUGUST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Our August 20th meeting will feature John McGibonney who will speak on surgical techniques during the war. John is the Northeast Brigade Commander of the Louisiana Division, SCV. Also, we will be observing Brig/General Humphreys Birthday with a pot luck supper so bring your favorite dish.

### Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ Next meeting will be Thursday, August 20
- ⇒ September 18-20, Battle of Farmington Reenactment
- ⇒ September 18, MS Division, UDC State Convention in Greenwood
- ⇒ October 3, Living History at Sugar Farm
- ⇒ Fall Muster at Beauvoir, October 16-18

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## Camp News:

# CAMP MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the 2009 National SCV Convention in Hot Springs, AR, several Camp members received awards for their services for the SCV. Among these were Dan McCaskill (Commander-in-Chief's Award), Alan Palmer (Distinguished Service Award), and Larry McCluney (Distinguished Service Award).

## MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE NEWS: SOCIETY OF THE BLACK ROSE



At the 2009 MSOCR convention in Greenwood, MS the "Society of the Black Rose" was approved by the members of the MSOCR as a part of the state organization. The goals of the founder were to organize a statewide network to help with memorial services, to enlighten the men and ladies to proper persona and to offer services or assist with services locally and statewide and services in other states by invitation. The structure was setup to have a "Keeper of the Rite" who would serve as a contact person and keeper of the services that can be adopted to help the SCV or anyone honoring a Confederate or a Confederate Memorial in their region. The Keeper of the Rite is assisted by a phone coordinator who has a list of the members and phone numbers and calls when widows are needed.

The Black Rose was named in honor of the greatest widow in the Confederacy who risked her personal safety for the Confederate Cause and lost her life trying to help The Cause, Rose O'Neal Greenhow.

The Black Rose can assist locally as small groups with memorial services or programs, and as a state group for special services. Our first ceremony was performed at the Melton Cemetery in Yalabusha County on June 27th. We are now taking applications for new members. Those interested should contact:

Sandy Smith @ sas212@tycom.net

Home phone 662-983-3214

Cell phone 662-414-1092

P.O. Box 112

Bruce, MS 38915

Or

Sandra Stillman @ sstillman@aol.com or 662-347-2782

320 South Cornell Ave.

Greenville, MS 38703

The Society of the Black Rose is a volunteer Order within the msocr to perpetuate the persona of a War Between the States widow at SCV functions, memorial services, grave dedications, etc.; and is open to any dues-paying member of the msOCR (no additional dues required). At present, we have 3 members and are still growing.

*If you would like to participate in the Black Rose Society, please mail or email the following;*

Name:

Address:

Phones-

(Home):

(Work):

E-mail address:



## CAMP REPRESENTED AT HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION

At right is a picture of part of the MS Delegation at Hot Springs on Greg Stewart's House Boat - (L-R rear) Greg, Analee, and Ellis Stewart, Annette and Larry McCluney, (front) Nancy and Carl Ford. See page 3 for a summary of the Convention.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIG/GEN BENJAMIN G. HUMPHREYS

Humphreys was born in Claiborne County, Mississippi, on the Bayou Pierre. He was educated in New Jersey and enrolled at West Point in the same class as Robert E. Lee. However, he was expelled when he participated in a "Christmas frolic" that ended up turning into a riot. Upon his return to Mississippi, he was elected to the state senate representing his native county and served from 1839 to 1844. In 1846, he moved to Sunflower County, Mississippi, founded Itta Bena, and continued as a planter.

Humphreys was commissioned a captain in the Confederate States Army in 1861. He was subsequently promoted to brigadier general after the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. There, Humphreys' regiment was part of the force that at-

tacked Federal positions at the Peach Orchard, driving the defenders back toward Cemetery Ridge. Humphreys took command of the brigade upon the mortal wounding of Brig. Gen. William Barksdale. He remained in command of the brigade through the end of the war.

In October 1865, he was elected as a Democrat and sworn in as the 26th Governor of Mississippi under President Andrew Johnson's Reconstruction plan. He won re-election in 1868 and continued with a second term, but with the beginning of Congressional control of Reconstruction he was physically removed by occupying U.S. armed forces on June 15 of that year.

## NATIONAL NEWS:

# SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN HOT SPRINGS, AR

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Condensed Account of GEC meeting of July 22, 2009 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

1. Invocation, pledge and salute to Confederate flag given and Charge given by CIC McMichael
2. Minutes of GEC Spring Meeting and the teleconferences (3) which took place over the months since the Spring GEC meeting at Elm Springs were approved.
3. GEC adopted new Roll Of Honor Certificate
4. GEC adopted new Life Membership Certificate which will list the ancestor of the life member in addition to the name of the life member.
5. Division Commander James of the Texas Division requested that the GEC approve the use of the SCV Logo on vehicle tags to be issued by the State of Texas. The Division is preparing to file the necessary paperwork to have the State authorize issuance of SCV tags in Texas. The GEC voted to approve the use of the SCV Logo as requested.
6. Adopted Sesquicentennial Society Medal and Membership Certificate.
7. Brief Report was given by past CIC Ron Wilson regarding preparations for the 2010 Reunion to be held in Anderson, South Carolina.
8. Loy Mauch, Chairman of the Hot Springs Reunion Committee, gave a report regarding the preparations for the Hot Springs Reunion.
9. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year was presented to the GEC.
10. The GEC discussed the proposed amendments for the Constitution and Standing Orders to be considered at the Convention.
11. Brief executive session was held.
12. Meeting closed with a prayer and the singing of Dixie!

Report on the Hot Springs Reunion - Thursday July 23.

Opening ceremonies opened at 8:30 AM by Convention Chairman Loy Mauch and included a musical program and greetings by the Mayor of Hot Springs, the hotel manager, the SUVCW, The United Daughters of the Confederacy, The Children of the Confederacy the Arkansas Division Commander, ATM Commander and the Commander in Chief.

Business began at 10 AM.

1. Adjutant announced that a quorum had been achieved.
2. Convention adopted the Special Rules of Order for the convention.
3. Minutes of the 2008 Convention in Concord, North Carolina were adopted.
4. CIC McMichael discussed the now completed purchase of 8 acres adjacent to the Elm Springs home. This land is situated very close to the home and gives the SCV control of the land in the immediate vicinity of our headquarters.
5. Adjutant in Chief Mark Simpson presented his report to the convention.
6. Executive Director Ben Sewell made a report to the convention and the delegates gave him a standing ovation for the service he has given to the SCV.
7. The proposed SCV budget for the next year was presented to the delegates. It was adopted as presented with a request for additional detail in the future.
8. Lt. CIC Givens presented his report to the convention.
9. Past CIC Ron Wilson spoke to the convention regarding the 2010 general reunion to be held in Anderson, South Carolina. The business meetings will be held at the local convention center with the main hotel to be used will be the

Hilton Garden Inn where the room rates are \$80.00 per night. Commander Wilson also gave a report on the recently concluded Sam Davis Youth Camps and was presented with a cowboy hat by the members of the youth camp held in Texas.

Business concluded just after noon and the body recessed to meet on Friday at 9 AM.

**The Friday July 24 business session meeting began at 9 AM.**

1. Time and Place Committee report was given by Chief of Staff who is also a member of the Time and Place Committee. The committee reported that at the spring GEC meeting held at Elm Springs four bids were heard for the 2012 Reunion. The Time and Place Committee recommended the bid of the Murfresboro Camp No. 33 of Murfresboro TN be accepted by the GEC. The GEC voted to accept the recommendation of the Time and Place Committee and refer the recommendation of the Time and Place Committee to the General Convention. The General Convention in Hot Springs voted to accept the bid of the Murfresboro Camp No. 33 to be the host of the of the 2012 General Convention.
2. ANV Commander Brag Bowling gave a report on the recent work of the Stephen D. Lee Institute.
3. Sesquicentennial Society Report - The GEC approved the formation of the Sesquicentennial Society at its spring meeting at Elm Springs. The dues of the Society ( one time ) will be 200 dollars. 150 dollars of this amount will be allocated to a building fund to construct a new office building and museum on the grounds of SCV headquarters at Elm Spring. The remaining 50 dollars will go into a fund to be used at the Bicentennial of the War for Southern Independence.
4. The convention held a discussion of the licensing agreement of the Sesquicentennial logo with Dixie Outfitters.
5. ANV Commander Bowling gave his Army of Northern Virginia report.
6. AOT Commander Kelly Barrow gave his Army of Tennessee Report.
7. ATM Commander Todd Owens gave his Army of Trans-Mississippi Report.

The convention took a break from 10:35 AM to 10:55 AM.

8. Virginia Division Commander Sawyer gave a report on Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. The SCV will be given the cemetery. This will resolve a long standing issue between the SCV and the city of Richmond regarding the care of the cemetery.
9. 2010 Reunion Committee Chairman Ron Wilson gave the phone number for the host hotel for the 2010 reunion in Anderson, South Carolina. The number is 864-964-0100. This number and NOT the 800 number for the Hilton Hotel chain must be used to get the SCV rate at the hotel. The Hilton Garden Inn is the host hotel.
10. There was a proposal made that the SCV adopt a flag for Confederate POW / MIAs. The proposal was defeated.
11. The CIC lead a discussion of the SCV affinity credit card. After the discussion the body voted to pursue a SCV credit card with a variety of art work.

**Meeting recessed at 11:50 until 10 AM Saturday. (Next page)**

## **The Convention assembled at 10:00 AM after the conclusion of the Army Meetings.**

The Convention began the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Standing orders.

### **A. Constitutional Amendments.**

1. Amendment 1 passed with amendments to further clarify that Army Commanders AND Army Councilmen would submit nominations to the CIC for membership on the disciplinary committee.
2. Amendment 2 was withdrawn by the author.
3. Amendment 3, which raised the number of members required to form a camp, was defeated.
4. Amendment 4, defining discipline procedures, passed.
5. Amendment 5, which would extend the term of the CIC and Lt. CIC, failed.

### **B. Standing Order Amendments**

1. Amendment 1, which allows the GEC to create special purpose endowment funds, passed.
2. Amendment 2,3 and 4 were considered as a group. These amendments create a Convention Planning Committee, in place of the existing Time and Place Committee, and Heritage Promotion Committee as standing committees. Amendments passed.
3. Amendment 5 creates a standing Youth Enhancement Committee. motion was proposed to postpone consideration of the amendment. Motion passed and amendment postponed.

C. Ed Butler, Chairman of the Heritage Promotion Committee, addressed the convention regarding the placement of flags and other monuments in prominent places.

### **D. Convention considered the following proposed resolutions:**

1. Resolution No.1 thanking the Keller Camp for their work on the Convention as host was passed. Author Chief of Staff Chuck Rand.
2. Resolution No. 2 by AOT Commander Kelly Barrow, passed. - Condemning those who misuse confederate symbols.
3. Resolution condemning the town of Jonesboro, TN for refusing to accept bricks denoting Confederate service in their veterans memorial was passed. Author Kirk Lyons of North Carolina.
4. Resolution submitted by Kirk Lyons recognizing the long service of Russell Darden and naming all future undesignated scholarships to the Sam Davis Youth Camp be named as Russell Darden Scholarships. Compatriot Darden was a 57 year member of the SCV who passed away during the past year. Resolution passed.

## **DIVISION NEWS:**

# **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ANNOUNCED**

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### **Compatriots:**

There will be an Executive Council Meeting Saturday August 15, 2009, 10 AM at the War Memorial Building, Jackson, MS. Agenda items you may desire should be sent to Chief of Staff Funchess <midgulf@bellsouth.net>.

Jim Strickland, Adjutant  
By order of Commander Atkinson

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## **SCV RACE CAR FINAL**

Dear Compatriots,

I hope this post finds you well. I am writing you today to update you on the SCV race car project. I am pleased to report that after a long and at times, difficult journey, the SCV finally had its' day on the track.

Saturday, July 25th, 2009, in Hickory, North Carolina, the SCV race car was driven by Brandon Ward of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Brandon is one of the top drivers in the USAR Pro Series circuit.

The race unfortunately coincided with our National Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas. But I had the pleasure of announcing at the Confederate Ball on Saturday night that our car finished the race in third place. The race was filmed and is scheduled to be telecast on Fox Sports Network on Sunday, August 23, 2009.

The SCV membership was represented by: Craig Cooke, Ricky Reeves and Scottie Shook of the North Carolina Division. Craig's wife Jana was also along. Ricky Jenkins and Irvin Shuler of the South Carolina Division also attended.

Commander Shuler sent me a report and wishes me to relay to you the reaction of the crowd to our car.

He allowed that when Brandon Ward was introduced to the crowd and the SCV was announced as his sponsor, the crowd cheered and cheered louder than they did for anyone else. I spoke with Mr. Jack McNelly, the co-owner of the USAR Pro Series and he not only buttressed Commander Shuler's remarks but added that the crowd responded with thunderous applause. He then went on to tell me that he spoke with many people that day about the SCV car and he NEVER heard one single negative remark.

Commander Shuler added that he was approached by many men interested in joining the SCV. He handed out applications and directed them to the website. Many more people came just to congratulate them and thank them for putting Southern heritage back into racing.

Our Compatriots spent time before the race with the driver, talking and taking pictures. After the race, they tried to get back to the car to congratulate Brandon but found that they could not get close because of all the photographers and TV crews surrounding our car.

As rough as the negotiations were over the past six months, I am prepared to call this a success. Of course, I have been

fielding calls from the race circuit offering us deals to sponsor the car again. I would like some input from you before we even discuss going further. Drop me an email and let me know your thoughts. The race was not the only part of the SCV race car equation. Part of the deal was to have a show car on display at the reunion on Hot Springs. This also was a reality.

Our original driver and fellow compatriot, James Hylton sent his NASCAR truck series truck. The truck sported our logo on the hood, the back quarter panels and the bed. It also had the website address along the sides and 1-800- MY-DIXIE across the back. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the art department was under the impression that the truck was black. The truck was in fact yellow and the lettering was white. But one of the ladies of the reunion staff quickly remedied the situation with a black marker.

James Hylton has generously offered this truck to the SCV as a permanent show car. If we are able, I would like to have a professional wrap made for the truck and have it sent to many shows and events. Furthermore, I discussed an ad campaign with Mr. Hylton that would use the truck to promote the work of the SCV. He is on board with using the truck wherever we can to raise awareness of the SCV. I would be remiss if I did not thank a few people that made this possible. First and foremost, I thank the membership for standing behind the project. I thank James Hylton and his crew especially marketing director, Doug Barron who hauled the SCV truck to Hot Springs and back again to the shop in South Carolina. I thank Brandon Ward and his team for their help. And I owe a great debt of gratitude to Larry Foyt for helping at every turn.

If you have any questions or suggestions please drop me a line at the address below. If you would like to know a bit more about Brandon Ward and the USAR Pro Series check the links below. I will be posting photos from the race soon and other designs of our cars at my website.

Thank you and God Bless the South,  
Michael Givens, Lieutenant Commander in Chief

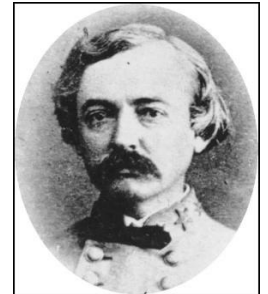
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## BRIG. GENERAL CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B HONORS MISSISSIPPI GENERAL BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM HENRY CHASE WHITING

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WHITING, William Henry Chase, soldier, born in Mississippi about 1825; died on Governor's island, New York harbor, 10 March, 1865. His father, Levi, a native of Massachusetts, was an officer of the regular army from 1812 until his death in 1852, when he was lieutenant-colonel of the 1st artillery. The son was graduated at the United States military academy in 1845 at the head of the class in which were Charles P. Stone, Fitz-John Porter, and Gordon Granger, he was assigned to the engineer corps, and engaged in the construction of forts and internal improvements in the west and south, becoming a captain, 13 December, 1858. He resigned on 20 February, 1861, entered the Confederate service, and in June and July of that year was chief engineer, with the rank of major, of the Army of the Shenandoah, under General Joseph E. Johnston.

He was promoted brigadier-general on 27 August, 1861, and commanded the brigade whose timely arrival won the Battle of Bull Run for the Confederates. He took part in the battle of West Point, Virginia, 7 May, 1862, was made a major-general in 1863, and built Fort Fisher, North Carolina, of which he took command in the autumn of 1864. He defended the fort during the unsuccessful attack by General Benjamin F. Butler, and the successful one by General Alfred H. Terry (q. v.), and on its capture was severely wounded and taken prisoner.



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## FROM THE MOS&B LT. COMMANDER GENERAL

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### Compatriots of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars –

The General Executive Council met on June 11, 2009 to review matters of the Order prior to the commencement of the 2009 Annual Convention in Columbia, South Carolina.

A major topic that was discussed was the economic need to decentralize the operations of our International Headquarters. As stated in Commander General Hodge's Annual Report dated May 15, 2009 our Headquarters operations requires more money to function than we receive in revenues. The GEC met on December 04, 2008 and approved a \$49,700 CY 2009 budget. In order to balance this budget it was anticipated that a \$14,200 withdrawal from our investments would be necessary during the year. Of this \$49,700 overall budget, our Headquarters operation was reduced to a minimum level of \$28,550 which primarily consists of wages and salary, license fees, insurance, rent, and utilities.

Three proposals were brought to the GEC meeting on June 11, 2009. The first option was to keep Headquarters in Daphne as a **status quo operation**, the second option was for the **hiring of a paid Executive Director** operating out of his NC residence for an annual fee of \$18,000, and the third option was to use the General Staff as an **all volunteer**

**operation** to manage our Headquarters operation and to meet the daily requirements of our membership.

The GEC voted on the third option. The planning and initial steps required to implement the GEC decision has been taken this past week. To contact Headquarters now and in the future, please use the following immediately:

Our toll free number is **877-790-6672** Our email address is **headquarters@mosbihq.org**

Our US Postal Service address is:

**MOSB IHQ**

**P. O. Box 1700**

**White House, TN 37188-1700**

It is anticipated that by adopting this de-centralized model, we will save on an annual basis a minimum of \$28,000. This savings can be redirected to our investments, used for special projects that support our objectives, and ultimately used to fund a permanent headquarters as our membership expands.

Should you experience any problems or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Staff.

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## **SCV PASSES SLRC'S RESOLUTION; JONESBOROUGH BOYCOTT IS OFFICIAL**

HOT SPRINGS, AR – A resolution calling for an economic boycott of the town of Jonesborough, Tennessee, was adopted unanimously Saturday at the annual convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, held this year in Hot Springs.

The resolution was drafted and submitted by SCV members on the staff of the Southern Legal Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that advocates for civil rights in connection with Southern heritage issues. It was prompted after Jonesborough officials abruptly altered their policy on the wording of memorial bricks for Confederate veterans at the town's Veterans' Park.

The memorial bricks, purchased and paid for by individual donation, are inscribed with the names, units and dates of service of individual local veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present day. Earlier this year, however, town administrators refused to accept applications for bricks in memory of Confederate soldiers, on the grounds that Confederate soldiers did not qualify as U.S. Veterans. Several bricks honoring Union soldiers and inscribed accordingly were already in place at that time. In June the SLRC warned the town that its policy was discriminatory and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to allow Confederate bricks. But at its July meeting the Board reversed itself and said that henceforth all bricks purchased for veterans serving in the 1861-65 conflict would simply be inscribed "Civil War," with no Union or Confederate designation. Citizens who ordered, or intended to order, bricks for Confederate veterans feel betrayed by the town's action, which they consider a bad-faith attempt to attract revenue while circumventing the Confederate designation issue.

The SCV, comprised entirely of the descendants of Confederate servicemen, has a total membership of about 32,000 throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. About 2,500 members live in Tennessee.

**ATTENTION: Address Changes:**

**If anyone in our Camp has a mailing address change, e-mail address change, or has not received their Newsletter; please contact Larry McCluney at 662-453-7212 or e-mail – confederate@windjammernable.net**

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