

The Delta General

This Month's Issue: Black Confederate History Month



Camp Website: www.humphreys1625.com

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Hello compatriots and friends. It is an honor and privilege to greet you as the Commander of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp. For some of you, being the Camp Commander may not be that big of a deal to you, for you have served the Sons of Confederate Veterans in a greater capacity. For others, perhaps you aspire to be a camp commander one day or hold a leadership position in the SCV. To me however, this is one of the greatest honors I have received during my time as a member of the SCV.

I joined the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp in August, 2021 after migrating from another Camp. Immediately, I was impressed with the genuine friendships that existed in the Camp, the openness with which I was greeted; and how almost immediately, I was asked to take a leadership role in the Camp. This was not my experience with my previous camp, where I always felt like an outsider who wasn't really wanted or needed in the Camp. All of this is said to tell you that as Camp Commander, I want you to be a part of this Camp and feel like you are valued, wanted, and needed. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has too many enemies and too few recruits to take any of us for granted. If you want to serve, then do so. If you want to go to the State or National Reunions, then go. If you want to join our Camp: come on. We need everyone who believes in our Cause and is willing to fulfill our Charge to become a part of, and step forward in, the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Saturday, January 13 was our annual Lee-Jackson Dinner; our Camp's annual celebration of the birthdays of two of our greatest military heroes and finest examples of the Southern gentleman. The Dinner was very well attended and it was really nice to see Camp members and guests who are not always present at our monthly meetings. I want to recognize four of our State Division members: Forrest Dawes, Connor Bond, Terry Arthur, and Boyd Coker who were guests at our Dinner. Their presence was greatly welcomed and appreciated. Some of them traveled many hours to join us and that says a lot about our Camp and the people in it.

The food at the Dinner was fantastic and the fellowship was great. The Order of the Confederate Rose held a silent auction and hopefully made a lot of money to support their mission. All of the items in the auction were sold, so a one hundred percent sell-through rate can't be beat! The highlight of the Dinner though, was the appearance of noted author Mrs Shelby Harriel-Hildebaugh from Poplarville. Shelby, as she prefers, is a foremost researcher about female soldiers of the War Between the States, both Federal and Confederate. Her research and interest in female soldiers led to the publication of her first, and thus far only, book Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi. Shelby spoke to the audience about the female soldiers she researched: the number of women who disguised themselves as men to fight, their motives for joining the armed forces, the consequences for being caught, and the personal stories of a few selected female soldiers. Her lecture was informative, entertaining, and was very well received by the audience. I purchased a copy of her book and I can not wait to read it. The Benjamin G Humphreys Camp will certainly be honored to have her return to our Camp and speak again. She was very appreciative of our invitation to speak and she had a great time at the Lee-Jackson Dinner.

The Camp will meet again Saturday, February 10. If you are a member of the Camp, please make every attempt to come to our monthly meetings. When we joined the SCV, we had to take an oath to uphold the Charge given to us by General Steven D Lee. Coming to Camp meetings is a way to uphold the Charge. Also, we need you to be present, to share your ideas, and to serve. Our focus at the February meeting will be to set a date for our annual Confederate Memorial Service.

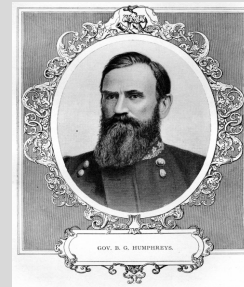
Thank you all again for your trust and confidence in me to be your Camp Commander. As I stated when I was inaugurated, I will do my very best work with each of you, further the betterment of our Camp, and uphold the Charge.

Adjutant's Report — January 13, 2024 - Dan McCaskill

This past January 13, 2024; the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625, SCV; General Charles Clark Chapter #253, MOSB and Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR held its 28th annual Lee – Jackson Birthday Banquet to celebrate the birth of two of the South's greatest generals, Robert Edward Lee on January 19th and Thomas Jonathan Jackson on January 21st. This night was also the birthday of our Camp's Co-founder Tommy McCaskill. The event was held at the 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Indianola and was a pot luck dinner with the entree of fried chicken provided by the Camp. Attendance for the evening was 30 and there was plenty of good food and good fellowship.

The Banquet was called to order by Camp Commander Larry McCluney, who asked Camp Chaplain Earl McCown gave the invocation and bless the food. Color Sergeant Earl Allen led everyone in the Pledge and Salutes to the Colors and read The Charge. Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief McCluney welcomed everyone to the Banquet and introduced the following distinguished guests: Dan McCaskill, Adjutant-in-Chief, Michael Anthony, Camp Commander-elect, Forrest Daws, MS Division 1st Lt. Commander, Terry Artur, MS Division 2nd Lt. Commander, Boyd Coker, 1st Brigade Commander, Conor Bond, Past MS Division SCV Commander, Earl McCown, Past MS Division MOSB Commander, Gator Stillman, Past Sergeant-At-Arms, Suzi Bond White, President, MS OCR Society, Missy Stillman and Annette McCluney, Past Presidents MS OCR Society. After the introductions, Larry invited our speaker and guests to enjoy their meal.

After the meal, Larry introduced our guest speaker Shelby Harriel-Hildebaugh, who gave a presentation based on her book "Behind the Rifle, Women Soldiers in the Civil War". This story was about women who left home for various reasons, disguised themselves as men and joined the armies of the North and South to fight as men. Some of the reasons were abusive marriages, large poor families and the need to make money for survival. Shelby presented many documented cases of women serving as men debunking the naysayers. Shelby tested us with pictures to see if we could distinguish between women and men. It was very difficult. The women joined unnoticed because all the inspectors were concerned about was if they had enough teeth to tear the cartridge and enough fingers to fire their musket. Another plus for the women was all the young men ranging in age from 13 to 16 who were not discovered during the War continued their disguise as men until their death because so many opportunities were open to them as men instead of women.



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After the program, 1st Lt. Commander Forrest Daws installed the following Camp Officers to a two-year term: Michael Anthony, Camp Commander; Larry McCluney, 1st Lt. Camp Commander; Dan McCaskill, Camp Adjutant; and Earl Allen, Jr., Camp Color Sergeant. Commander Daws pinned the Camp Commander medal on the chest of Michael Anthony.

Dan McCaskill conducted the Camp's Candlelight Memorial Service to remember our Camp and Chapter members who have "Crossed Over" and to remember our Confederate Ancestors.

With the absence of Sandra Stillman, President of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR, Annette McCluney with the assistance of Missy Stillman and Jennifer Coker presented follow Chapter Member Suzi Bond White with her Life Member Certificate in the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, Order of Confederate Rose.

After the presentation, the Ladies presented the top bidders in the Silent Auction with their winnings. Everybody went away happy.

At this point, Larry fully relinquished his position as Camp Commander to new Commander Michael Anthony who closed the banquet with a few remarks.

With a closing prayer by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown and a robust singing of Dixie, the evening's festivities came to a close.



is possible for us to have the consciousness of the nearness and fellowship of God in our daily life, to talk with Him as we talk with an earthly friend, yes, as we talk to no earthly friend, and have Him talk to us, to commune with Him too in a silence that is far more meaningful than any words could be.

The results of walking with God are numerous and wonderful! Walking with God we experience Great joy, abounding joy. In one of the loneliest hours of His lonely life, Jesus looked up and said, "I am not alone because the Father is with me." (John 16:32). We also have an abiding peace, and a spiritual enlightenment. There is also purity of heart and life. Nothing is so cleansing as the consciousness of God's presence. When we walk with God, we please God, and we share God's eternal companionship.

To enter into a walk with God is not all that difficult. First of all we must trust the atoning blood of Christ, God is holy and we are sinners. Sin separates as a deep and impassable chasm between us and Him. There can be no walking with Him until sin is put away, and it is the blood that puts away sin. Second, if we would walk with God we must obey God. Third, if we walk with God, we must cultivate the thought of His presence. We must "practice the presence of God."

Father; I thank you for your ever-present love, protection and provision. Please guide us, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to be faithful to you and to walk with you in our daily life. I pray for guidance and strength for Commander Michael Anthony, as he leads our camp in perpetuating the history and cause of our ancestors. Father forgive our sins and short-comings. In the name of Jesus we pray these things. Amen.

Editor's Note: Camp Budget to Be Adopted in February at Camp Meeting

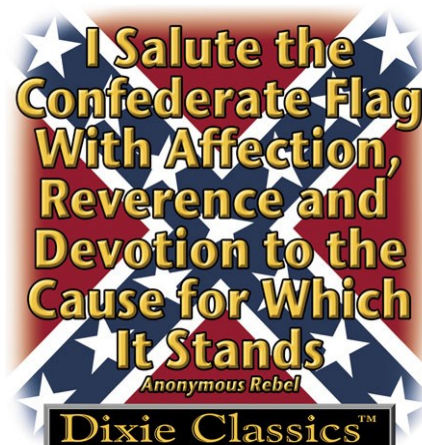
On page 4 you will find the proposed Camp Budget for 2024. Please review the attached budget and be prepared for discussion and adoption after discussion for the next budget. It is important that you be present and give your input on this important budget adoption. Please note, we are in the black for the first time in years. This is good as we have a balanced budget and a conservative one.

Mississippi Division News:

Guardians needed

Everyone knows the atmosphere in this country where it comes to anything Confederate. Last summer we saw how vulnerable our Memorials were to the rioters. Sadly, it has spread to the cemeteries the place where the left wants all the Memorials moved. In the past few weeks, the Sleeping Lion Memorial to the Confederate dead in Oakwood Cemetery in Atlanta, GA has been removed. Our Confederate Dead and our Memorials are at risk to removal and vandalism. This why we need Guardians to watch over our Memorials and burial sites of our Confederate Dead. Most of our members live in Counties with Confederate Memorial Monuments and all live near a cemetery where Confederate Dead are buried. The Mississippi Division has the MS Division Guardian Program for burial sites where a person adopts a burial site or several sites and watches over the site ensuring it is properly cared for. The Division now has the MS Division Monument Guardian Program. With this program, a person signs up to keep watch on a Memorial. There is a contact person to report any vandalism and/or threats of removal. If anyone is interested in this program please see the attached application and information.

See Page 5 and 6 for more information on this worthwhile Division project.



Guest Speaker for Camp Meeting February 10, 2024

If you missed our Lee/Jackson Banquet, you really missed a great speaker who kept everyone's attention. Not only did Shelby Harriel-Hidelbaugh keep everyone's attention, but she also came close to selling out all the books she brought on hand.

For February, I have booked Bro. James Taylor as our guest speaker. It has been some time since he spoke and as we all know we have a close relationship, our Camp and the Calhoun Avengers Camp. He is always a great speaker and we look forward to the meeting on February 10, 2024.

Please make all effort to attend and bring a friend as well.

News from B/G Charles Clarke Chapter 253 Military Order of the Stars and Bars



The Mississippi Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars will have their Annual Meeting Saturday, February 17, 2024. The location for the meeting will be at the American Legion Post #72, 113 Fairground Spur, New Albany, MS, 38652. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM.

Chaplain's Corner — Earl McCown

WALKING WITH GOD

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." (Genesis 5:24)



This is one of the most fascinating and thrilling verses in the Bible. It sounds more like a song from a heavenly world than a plain statement of an historic fact regarding a humble inhabitant of this world of ours.

What is it to walk with God? To walk with God means to live one's life in the consciousness of God's presence and in conscious communion with him, to have the thought constantly before us, "God is beside me," and to be every now and then speaking to Him and, still more, listening for Him to speak to us. In a word, to walk with God is to live in the real, conscious companionship of God. Enoch walked with God, not on a few rare occasions of spiritual exaltation, such perhaps as most of us have known, but for 300 consecutive years after the birth of Methuselah. (Genesis 6:22). It

Brig. – Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Indianola, Mississippi 38751

Financial Statement: January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Beginning Funds	\$ 1,992.15
Deposits	3,523.61
Forrest Plaza	1,000.00
Confederate Museum	430.00
Checks	-3,319.02
Confederate Museum	-430.00
Forrest Plaza Project	-1,000.00

Account Balance **\$ 2,196.74**

Restricted: Heritage Defense	\$ -299.50
Museum	120.00
Due to MS Division	40.00

Available Funds **\$ 1,737.24**

	<u>Op. Budget remaining as of 1/31/24</u>		<u>Proposed 2024 Operating Budget</u>		<u>2023 Budget</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Newsletter	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.20	Newsletter	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Memorial Day	50.00	50.00	Memorial Day	50.00	50.00
Awards, JROTC	0.00	0.00	Awards, JROTC	0.00	0.00
Emergency Fund	75.00	17.90	Emergency Fund	100.00	100.00
Church	50.00	0.00	Church (\$ 25 per night)	275.00	275.00
Camp Website	0.00	0.00	Camp Website	181.00	151.00
1 st Lt. Cmdr Fund	2.88	260.00	1 st Lt Cmdr Fund	275.00	275.00
Lee – Jackson Banquet	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 41.53</u>	Lee – Jackson Banquet	<u>\$ 140.00</u>	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
Balance	\$ 300.88	\$ 314.23		\$ 1,121.00	\$1,091.00

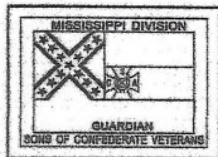
<u>Certificate of Deposit, (# 8206011183)</u>	<u>01-01-2024</u>	<u>01-01-2023</u>
	\$ 1,729.43	\$ 1,712.26

<u>Capital Reserve</u>	\$ 616.24	\$ 601.64
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<u>Distribution of CD</u>	<u>01-01-2024</u>	<u>01-01-2023</u>
Capitol Reserve (83.42%)	\$ 1,442.69	\$ 1,428.37
MOS & B (16.58%)	\$ 286.74	\$ 283.89

<u>Distribution of Assets</u>	<u>02-01-2024</u>	<u>02-01-2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Checking Account	\$ 2,196.74	\$ 1,992.14			
Certificate of Deposit	1,729.43	1,712.26			
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	\$ 3,926.17	\$ 3,704.40	\$ 221.77	\$ 249.14	\$ 273.68

Mississippi Division Guardian Program



Purpose: The program is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.

Eligibility: Any Mississippi Division camp member in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age and who has demonstrated his desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (A) He shall care for and protect the grave(s) of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally unless he is physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Alabama Division.
- (B) He will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave so it is designated as a final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc. He will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.
- (C) He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of two times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least one week prior. He shall place a wreath or a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

APPLICATIONS, REVIEWS & APPROVAL:

- (A) Individuals who wish to participate in the GUARDIAN program must complete and submit the Guardian Application form to the Mississippi Division Guardian Committee Chairman. The Committee Chairman will then forward the application on to the Guardian Committee for approval. The application must be accompanied with a map showing the location of the gravesite along with written driving instructions to the cemetery. A before photograph of the gravesite must also be submitted before approval. An after photograph can be submitted for the file as work is completed.
- (B) The applicant must also remit a one-time \$10.00 fee with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon the candidate's approval for membership in the GUARDIAN program. The fee is non-refundable.
- (C) Individuals who are not accepted into the GUARDIAN program will be given an explanation in writing by the Review Committee. The applicant can request an appeal of the decision. The Review Committee will review the applicants appeal and render a decision. The decision of the Review Committee is final.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Multiple Gravesites: GUARDIANS may care for more than one gravesite and will be recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. Special certificates or indications on the Guardian pin may be authorized to signify the care of multiple veterans' graves. Normally no more than 25 gravesites will be authorized for a Guardian to care for. The Review Committee may authorize more than 25 on a case by case basis under the advice of the applicants Cam Commander.

- (A) **Forfeiture of Guardian position:** A Guardian who cannot meet the requirements of his position due to relocation, health or other reasons must notify the Review Committee. All fees are non-refundable.
- (B) **Bequeathing of GUARDIAN position:** A Guardian may transfer his responsibilities as a Guardian to another SCV member in good standing with prior approval by the Review Committee. There is a \$10 fee for transferring the Guardianship. This fee will cover the new Guardian's membership pin and certificate. If he is already in the Guardian program there will be no fee to cover the certificate designating the new guardianship he is undertaking.
- (C) **Revocation of GUARDIAN status:** The Review Committee may revoke the status of a participant in the Guardian program if he fails to carry out his duties and responsibilities as outlined. The Committee reserves the right to inspect, with or without notice, any GUARDIAN'S Confederate Veteran's gravesite to confirm compliance with all of the rules and regulations specified in the program.
- (E) **Wilderness Gravesite:** This is a gravesite that is completely neglected or abandoned in a remote area. Application for this special designation must be accompanied with before and after pictures of the gravesite and the Guardian must meet all other requirements of the program.



SCV_CHAT

RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME

SCV Chat — Every Monday Night on Facebook at 7:00 PM Central time and on Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM for Look Around the Confederation

BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.
Biloxi, Mississippi*

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library located on the grounds of Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mississippi Guardian Program Application

Turn Application into Division Guardian Committee Chairman

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Location: _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veterans Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____ Co.: _____

Born: ___/___/___ Died: ___/___/___ Condition of site: Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent

(circle one)

Location of Grave: (Include name of cemetery, city and county): _____

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: _____ Cross of Honor? _____

Documentation of Confederate Service: List book, service record, etc. _____

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able. In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately. I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Committee Chairman: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Mail Application, Map and Photos to:

Mississippi Division Guardian Program
123 Douglas Street
Bruce, MS. 38915



**2024 SCV MS Division Reunion
Registration Form**
128th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
30th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Flowood, Mississippi – June 7-9, 2023
Hosted by the Rankin Greys SCV Camp 2278 and MS Society, OCR
Hilton Garden Inn



Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV and Ladies of the Mississippi Society OCR,

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Annual Reunion, hosted by the Rankin Greys Camp 2278. The Reunion will be held on June 7-9, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flowood, MS.

Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our esteemed compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend. Our host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/janflgi-hilton-garden-inn-jackson-flowood/>. Located in the heart of beautiful Flowood, Mississippi, our venue offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. Room Rates are \$129.00 a night; use the code MSSCV to receive this room rate when booking.

Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at our reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates. This year we are please to announce that **YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE at (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mississippi-division-scv-reunion-2024-registration-669731193027?aff=oddtcreator>) . For those who would prefer, you can still mail your registration form with a check or money order. If you are attending the awards banquet, please make sure you indicate your meal preference. **If you are choosing the steak option, include your preferred doneness.****

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our convention planning committee at msscvreunion2024@gmail.com or visit the Eventbrite page and visit the FAQ section.

To give you an idea of what will take place at this year's reunion, we have this rough itinerary.

Friday June 7th

- **12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration- Host Hotel**
- **4:00 PM-5:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting-Host Hotel**
- **6:00 PM- 6:30 PM Memorial Service- Mississippi Confederate Monument- Old Capitol Green**
 - Traditionally, this service is held on Sunday morning and is a time for us to reflect on our Confederate Ancestors and the Compatriots. We figured that we could move it to Friday evening to encourage participation and set us in the right mind for the weekend.
- **6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party-Old Capitol Museum**
 - Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, and constitutionally we have our reunion the weekend following his birthday. This year we will celebrate at the Old Capitol, a building well known to President Davis. Come enjoy refreshments and wonder the halls where southern statesmen like Davis, LQC Lamar, Benjamin Humphreys, Robert Lowry, Steven D. Lee, and William Barksdale once strowed. Then join us in the House Chamber where secession was debated for an interesting presentation. We will have private security as well as Capitol Police to ensure we are not disturbed.

Saturday June 8th

- **7:00 AM- Color Guard Muster**
- **8:00 AM- Opening Ceremonies**
- **9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.**
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting**
- **5:00 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar at Hotel Lobby**
- **6:30 PM- Awards Banquet**
 - The doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be SCV Executive Director Adam Southern.



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SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Title/OCR Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited). Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will have a Tea and receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception (Old Capitol)

on or before May 6, 2023, \$20.00 / After May 6, 2023, \$30.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet - \$45.00 per Adult QTY _____

QTY _____ \$ _____

Please Indicate:

Chicken: _____ Steak: _____ Level of Doneness: _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 10, 2024, **INCLUDING WALK-UPS**)

Individual Ancestor Memorial - \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Half Page Ancestor Memorial - \$40.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Full Page Ancestor Memorial - \$100.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT

=====➔ \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to **Rankin Greys Camp 2278** & Mail to:
 Rankin Greys Camp 2278 C/O: Chris Bryant, 387 Rankin Gerguson RD, Pelahatchie, MS 39415

SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 OCR Contact: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191

HOTEL INFO

Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood
 118 Laurel Park Cove , Flowood, MS, 39232
 Use MSSCV when booking for \$129.00 room rate
 (601)487-0800

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS



November 16, 2023

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Society:

This document serves as official notice that the annual meeting of the Mississippi Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be convened on Saturday, February 17, 2024. The location of the meeting will be at American Legion Post #72, 113 Fairground Spur, New Albany, MS 38652. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledges a. Pledge of Allegiance b. Salute to the Flag of the State of Mississippi c. Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America d. Pledge to the MOS&B
4. Greetings
5. Introduction of National, Society, and Chapter Officers and Guests
6. Minutes from the February 4, 2023 Annual Meeting
7. Treasury Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjourn for Luncheon and Guest Speaker

11. Closing & Benediction

12. Memorial Service

For those members and guests requiring overnight accommodations, we recommend the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, or Best Western.

All three hotels are located in New Albany and are in close proximity to the meeting location. We are respectfully requesting that as many Chapter officers and members as possible attend this important meeting. Without your participation, continuing our momentum and maintaining MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS viability are made all that much harder. We have several guests who are national officers who will be attending this meeting.

Please RSVP using the attached form no later than January 15, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is given below. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

In the Bonds of the Old South,
Mike Moore, DCS Adjutant
Mississippi Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars
(732) 962-5335 mssocietymosb@gmail.co m

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Name: _____ Position _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter Name and Number: _____

Number attending luncheon: _____ x \$25.00 per person = \$ _____

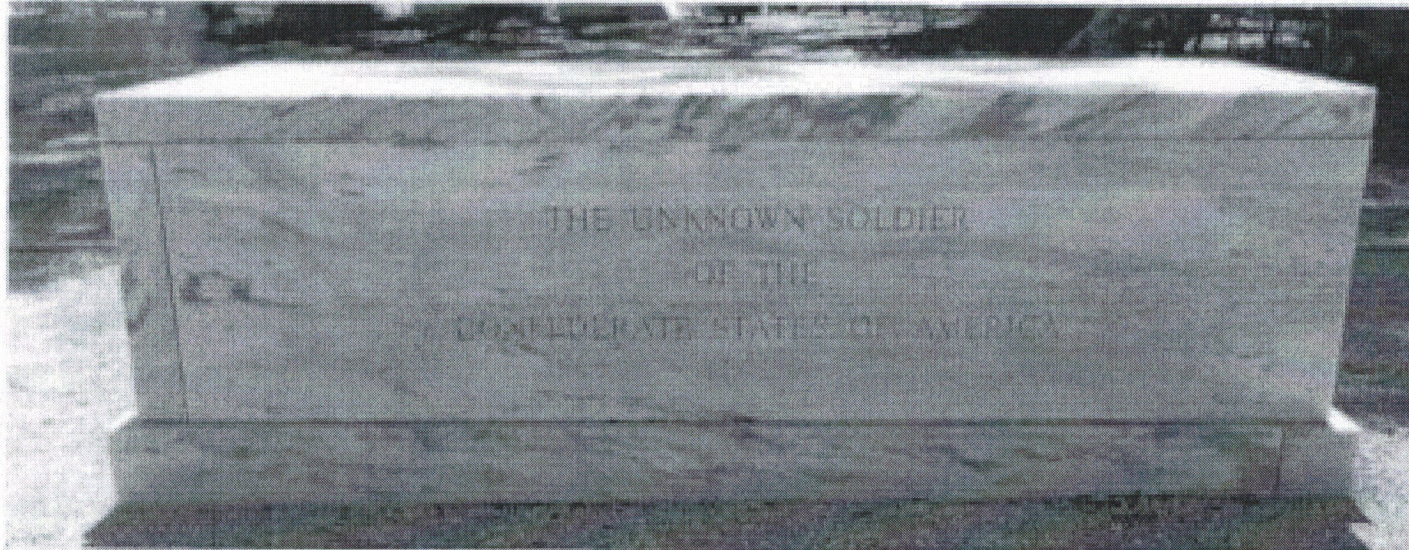
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Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit and company. Memorial bricks will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir.

Detach and send in the form below to the address listed to order your bricks.

Ancestral Brick Order Form

Instructions: Use the lines as laid out no more than 15 spaces per line. You may use abbreviations when necessary. Please include your name and address, for confirmation letter. (See Sample Below)

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National SCV News

Lt. CiC Walter Donnie Kennedy Announces for SCV Commander-in-Chief

As announced via our August 16, 2023, video on Rumble, I will be seeking your support in the upcoming election for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. All our lives, Ron and I have been intrigued by the history of our Southern "kith and kin." We were taught Southern history from the first and second generation of post-war family and friends. This knowledge became our sure bulwark against Yankee mis-information and out-right falsehood about our people. With the publication of the first edition of *The South Was Right*, we began an effort to inform Americans in general and Southerners in particular about the correctness of the Cause of the South, and the deleterious results for all Americans stemming from the defeat of the Confederate States of America. It is with that resolve that I am attempting to join my fellow SCV members, as the C-i-C of the SCV and push forward the efforts begun five years ago to "take back the narrative." Simply put, this means making the SCV a well-known organization that is leading the fight against neo-Marxist destruction of traditional American values. In the past few years, the national SCV has begun using tools such as the One-Click Politics, Kaplin Polling services, and Nation-wide pro-South ads to punch back at our enemies. I pledge to all SCV members and Southerners to never leave the field of battle until the enemy is laid waste. As I have stated many times in articles and speeches, WE CAN WIN! We do not have to accept defeat. Anything lost can and will be restored and most importantly, as Southerners, our equal Rights as Americans will be secured. God bless the SCV and God Save The South!

LT CIC Candidate Announcement

Compatriots,

By now most have you have probably seen or heard the announcement by Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy, that he has decided to withdraw his candidacy for Lt CiC. I am sure you all join me in thanking Ron for his many years of excellent service and look for to his future endeavors.

This being the case, I have been encouraged to withdraw my candidacy for ANV Commander and instead run for Lt CiC. Therefore, I am humbled to announce that I am a candidate for Lt. Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be elected at our 2024 Reunion.

I am committed to fulfilling "The Charge"!

My credentials and experience to serve as Lt Commander-in-Chief include that I have been a member of the SCV since 1992. Since joining our organization, I have served as Virginia Division Commander twice. Also in the Virginia Division, I have served as Division Adjutant and 1st Lt. Commander and I have served eleven years on the Division Executive Council. I've served ten years as the Commander of the Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14 in Smithfield, Virginia and as Camp Adjutant. I have also served and chaired a number of active committees.

Under Past Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, I served as Deputy Chief of Staff. I am an eight-year Navy Veteran and recently retired from Dominion Energy after thirty-two years of service. I'm proud to state that I'm also a Life Member in both the SCV and the Virginia Division, with many Confederate soldiers in my lineage. I love the South, I live in the South, and am proud to be called a true Southerner!

I wish to put my experience and credentials to work on your behalf. I'm more than aware of the attacks on our Heritage. I am diligently working to preserve our monuments. As your Lt CiC, I will continue to fight this heritage battle. We will work together to improve our Organization in the areas that concern us all, in the SCV.

We need to recruit new members, retain current members and educate the public about what it is we proudly represent. I have ideas and suggestions on increasing the membership and the importance of retaining our greatest asset, all of you, the membership of the SCV.

It is imperative that we strategize and find new sources of revenue and implement them to help pay off our financial obligations. I will work with the GEC to pursue opportunities to achieve that goal. I will serve to be your voice on the GEC by establishing a direct line of communication between you and the Council. I assure you, your voice and concerns regarding the direction of our organization will be heard. I will always be open to hearing your concerns and suggestions to help make our organization stronger.

I want you to know that I will be available to you. You have my word that I will not just be another vote on the GEC. So, I ask for your support and vote for Lt Commander-in-Chief. With your support, I look forward to working with you in making our organization much stronger and helping to move our SCV into a successful future.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you do for our organization. I thank you for your consideration in helping me to obtain the office of Lt Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,
Anthony M. Griffin, Virginia Division Commander



THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Parks have been taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateurs. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence. In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. The forces of political correctness have gone into high gear. They attempt to ban any and all things Confederate through their ideological fascism.

There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account of why so many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert government by the consent of the governed in America!

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

These plans have now become a reality. The ground breaking has taken place and the museum is now open.

Take this journey with us and support the museum as a donor or join the Friends of the Museum today!

Send Donations to:
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Attn: National Confederate Museum
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.

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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
CONFEDERATE MUSEUM
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE!



Fellow Compatriots,

The Confederate Museum and Southern Heritage Center at Elm Springs is the place where we can tell our story about our Confederate ancestors and the South. This beautiful facility is something each and every SCV member can be proud of. We have many unique artifacts as well as a research library that is filled with books on the War Between the States. Our gift shop is full of SCV branded and Confederate themed merchandise. This museum has become a reality because our members had the vision that one day we would be the only source of true information on our Southern Heritage. To keep this vision alive for current and future generations, we must continually support our Confederate Museum. There is debt on the museum, we have ongoing operational expenses as well as perpetual maintenance. In order to raise funds for the Confederate Museum, a goal of \$5 million has been set and this annual Commander-In-Chief Fundraiser Challenge is being made at all levels of the SCV. This is an annual ongoing challenge, it will run from July 1st through June 30th each year with the amounts collected totaled annually to determine winners in each category.

The donations will be tracked in each edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine with a "Raise the Confederate flag" graphic, where the flag goes up the flagpole as funds are raised. Let's all take this challenge from the Commander-In-Chief and see who can raise the most money for OUR Confederate museum!

1. Annual Army challenge by the Commander-In-Chief with one National award for the Army that raises the most funds.
2. Annual Division challenge by the Army Commanders with one National award for the Division in each Army that raises the most funds
3. Annual Camp challenge by the Division Commanders with one National Award per Division for the Camp that raises the most funds.

Additionally there will be one National Division award and one National Camp award presented to the Division and Camp that raises the most funds. A plaque for each winner will be given as well as recognition in the Confederate Museum and the Confederate Veteran Magazine. The member that donates the most overall will win the Christopher Memminger award.

___ YES, I will help the SCV tell the true history of the Confederate soldier and the South by donating today:
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Donations can be made: check, online, credit card or by calling 1-800-MY-SOUTH

Checks are to be made payable to: SCV Confederate Museum Fund, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Online payments can be made at: <https://scv.org/donations/donation-form-6/>

A reoccurring payment option is available at the online link. A challenge was made at the National Reunion for members that are able, to donate \$50 or more per month for two years!

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"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906



2024



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Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

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One Free Ancestor Ad Info:

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (EARLY Jan.1, 2023 thru Jan. 1, 2024)			\$90		
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)			\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)	\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon (Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)	\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)	\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner	\$80		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon (NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)	\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus) Circle Desired Tour Time Only 50 people per time slot	\$55		
Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show	\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour	\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow	\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast	\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)	\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$60		
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)	\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.	\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast	\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon	\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)	\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian	\$100		
EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.			\$10		
EXTRA Reunion Medal (Note: 1 medal is included with registration, so order extras here)			\$25		
2024 Numbered (1-100) Reunion Medal (This medal NOT included with registration)			\$100		
FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals					

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For more information, please email: support@SCV4.org

Forrest's Last Ride



Forrest's Last Ride is the name of the project to reconstruct the gravesite of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. This will be a very large project as the plaza is 50 feet deep and 75 feet wide. Everything that was with the graves is now on the grounds and waiting to be reconstructed. The Equestrian Statue, which is the headstone of the graves will be repaired and returned to its rightful place. This project is for the repair, reconstruction, and placement of the Forrest Gravesite in its entirety and as intended by the artist Charles Henry Neihaus.

On September 18, 2021, we gathered to lay to rest, Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest were on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs. On October 1, 2022, the General Executive Council voted to rebuild the entire plaza as it was originally Constructed. The estimated cost to reconstruct the entire plaza is \$150,000. Currently, \$76,000 has already been raised. This project is being done by the great-great-grandsons of General Forrest and the General Executive Council.

This cannot happen without your help and donations. This cannot be built until the money has been raised. If you wish to contribute, please send your donations to SCV National.

To pay by check:

Please make your check payable to SCV National with Forrest Plaza in the memo line and mail to:

SCV
P. O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

To pay by phone: call 931-380-1844, ext. 209

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You take them down, and we will put them back up!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024

Fellow Compatriots,

For those who may not know me, my name is Tom Wood, and I currently serve as the Tennessee Division Adjutant and have served in that position for the past eight years. After much thought, prayerful consideration, and discussion with my wife, I have decided to present myself as a candidate for the office of Army of Tennessee Commander in 2024. I am a 7th generation Tennessean proud of my ancestors and my honored heritage and I will always continue to fight to restore the South to its once very valued place in society.



I am a retired Air Force Reserve Officer with 20 years of service. I am also a retired construction executive with a 40 year career, retiring from Lipscomb University in Nashville as the Director of Construction and Physical Plant Operations in 2014. My wife, Nancy, is a retired school teacher of 25 years, and an active member of the Order of Confederate Rose. She serves on the Tennessee OCR state staff, as well as an OCR chapter president. My wife and I both enjoy traveling and would welcome the opportunity and privilege to travel around and visit divisions and camps in the Army of Tennessee as your AOT Commander to provide you strong representation and direct communication to the National level. It has been my honor to be a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 great years. During my tenure as Tennessee Division Adjutant we have experienced a time of growth and many tremendous successes for the division with many added responsibilities to manage. I also currently serve as the commander for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tennessee. I have served my camp in a variety of staff positions including multiple terms as commander over those 25 years of service. I was honored to be selected as the "Man of the Year" in the Tennessee Division in 2022.

During my tenure as commander our camp has grown and been extremely active in preservation of our Southern Heritage. Last April our camp received the "Outstanding Camp of the Year Award" for 2022-2023 in the Tennessee Division. The camp also received the "Outstanding Media Coverage Award" for the year. Our camp presented the "Robert E. Lee Award" for people outside the SCV for outstanding service to one state senator and a state representative who represents our district and who are strong supporters of the SCV and our heritage. They were very grateful of such an honor and are always supportive of all of our heritage efforts in the legislature.

I am a life member of both SCV National, as well as a life member of the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Morgan's Men Association and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for over 20 years. I am part of the Tennessee SCV Speakers Bureau and have spoken many times to camps across Tennessee on a variety of subjects. I have authored several articles for The Sentinel Newsletter and the Tennessee Division Forrest Escort on a variety of topics.

I would now like to use my leadership skills as your representative on the General Executive Council and to be your voice as we go forward. Communications has always been a spirited conversation in our organization, and I would like to be in a position where I can work towards improving communications for our members.

Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I have recruited several over the years and I will continue my efforts in that regard and encourage all members to reach out. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. My camp this past year had a 99% retention, but we had one member we could not convince to continue even though we tried hard. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

This decision to be a candidate for AOT Commander has not been lightly decided but has been well considered for some time. I realize the obligation and dedication that this position needs and requires and I am willing to meet those demands. I now have the time and the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of this position. I am grateful for your consideration in voting for me as your AOT Commander at our next election.

Yours In Service to the South,
Tom Wood Tennessee Division Adjutant General
Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 Lebanon, Tennessee

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,



It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Army Councilman for the past three years. In that time I've fielded many phone calls and emails and visited many Camps and functions as well as taken part in the carrying out of training workshops put on around our Army. Likewise I've attended every National Reunion and every GEC meeting in addition to a number of those which were held by teleconference and/or online. I've done my best in this capacity to represent the best interests of our Divisions, our members and our esteemed organization.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization with a mission that is not only near and dear to my heart, but it is a big part of who I am. I believe absolutely in the Cause that our ancestors contended for and I make every effort to spread the truth of that Cause at every opportunity that I am afforded. Over the years I've done more interviews with media talking heads than I can count and have stood face to face in head-on debate with a well-known group that is highly and militantly adversarial towards our organization and our Heritage. I have long held the belief that it is my mission in life to know the truth of the history of our Southland and to relay that truth.

Having joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 I have served in just about every office at the Camp level in addition to many Division Offices to include Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, 2nd Lt Commander from 2012 to 2016, 1st Lt Commander from 2016 to 2018 and Alabama Division Commander from 2018 to 2020. I've served as Chief of Heritage Operations for the Army of Tennessee from 2010 to 2012, National Chief of Heritage Operations from 2016 to 2018, National Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense from 2018 to 2020 and AoT Councilman from 2020 until the present.

As Commander of the Alabama Division I undertook the mission of "building the SCV by building the Camps" and worked across Division lines with the Tennessee Division to erect a monument on our property at the Forrest Boyhood Home. I've been instrumental in putting on education conferences that were designed to bring nationally known speakers to our members at an affordable price in an effort to educate us on our history. I believe fervently that the Camps are the backbone of this organization and that by training Camps in areas that will help them to grow and run more efficiently we will likewise benefit the overall health of our entire organization. I stand by that assertion and belief.

The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US as a people. The Southern tradition is a threat to the ultra-left and their radical agenda and we must fight back against this with everything we can intellectually muster. The SCV is the premier entity in this fight and at times it seems we are the only entity! We must be as determined as our adversaries and we must work in a manner that is smart and effective to curtail their efforts. We must train and equip our Camps to be our voice and a formidable influence in the local community, and we must attract the general public to take up our Cause. The polls are clear that the public is on our side, but we must harness that support and put it to active use for our purpose and our mission.

While the Camp is the backbone of this organization, to formulate a coherent and cohesive message that will resonate throughout our Army, Divisions, Brigades and Camps we must have strong representation at every level of the SCV, including on the General Executive Council. We must have people with experience and who can bring new ideas to the table, as well as who can work with the others in elected positions. Gentlemen, I believe I have the ideas and that experience and, after much thought and prayer, it is with great reverence for you and all that you are doing for our Cause that I announce my candidacy for the position of Commander of the Army of Tennessee and humbly ask for your support.

I am, Yours in the Cause,
Carl Jones Councilman Army of Tennessee
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Announcements for Army of Tennessee Councilman 2024

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

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



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

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

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

Forward the Colors,

George Conor Bond

Past Commander, Mississippi Division SCV

Rankin Greys Camp 2278

Compatriots,

My name is Roy Hudson and I am seeking your support for the office of AOT Councilman. I have come to this decision after a lot of soul searching, prayer, and discussion with family and fellow compatriots.

I have been a SCV member since 1991. I am a Life Member of the SCV. At the camp level I have held almost every office including Commander, having chartered the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #1595.

My current duties include First Lt. Commander of the Captain J.J. Dickison Camp #1387 in Melbourne, FL., Sergeant of the third Battalion Company D, of the Mechanized Cavalry, Division Lt. Commander of Southeast Florida and serve as the Inspector in Chief on the General Staff of the SCV.

Over the years I have participated in many SCV events, public events and given many historical lectures. I currently am on the Florida Division's Speakers Bureau.

In my working life I spent 49 years in Law Enforcement serving in all positions from Deputy to Chief. I have managed hundreds of personnel and oversaw a 50 million dollar budget.

When I retired 2 years ago, I made the commitment that the SCV would be my new full time career. I know that my background, life experience and unwavering love for the SCV, will assure that I have the ability and passion to do the job.

In travelling around the country, we continue to hear about recruitment and retention. We do need to work especially on retention. Another issue that I hear constantly is the average compatriot feels their voice is not heard at the national level. I do commit to making myself a conduit for the members of the AOT to get their ideas and concerns to the GEC.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in the next year to meet and discuss your priorities for our SCV.

Deo vindice

Roy P. Hudson

Yes, There Were Black Confederates. Here's Why

By John Stauffer *The Root Magazine* January 2015

The myth of black Confederates is arguably the most controversial subject of the Civil War. Over the past four years, the debate over whether or not blacks fought for the Confederacy has been the most discussed topic on Civil War Memory, a popular website attracting teachers and scholars from around the world, and the Atlantic Monthly and *The Root* have devoted several articles to it.

Almost every Civil War historian today repudiates the idea of thousands of blacks fighting for the South. Brooks Simpson and Fergus Bordewich are representative in their dismissals. The notion of "black Confederates," Simpson says, betrays a "pattern of distortion, deception, and deceit" in the use of evidence. Bordewich declares the very term "meaningless," "a fiction," "a myth," utter "nonsense." They are reacting to a growing chorus of "neo-Confederates," who assert that tens of thousands of blacks loyally fought as soldiers for the Confederacy and that hundreds of thousands more supported it. Neo-Confederates acknowledge that the Confederacy legally prohibited slaves from fighting as soldiers until the last month of the war. But they argue that 10 percent of the Confederate states' 250,000 free blacks enlisted as soldiers, and that thousands of loyal slaves fought alongside their masters even though the Confederacy prohibited it. They do this, as the Civil War scholar James McPherson noted, "as a way of purging their cause of its association with slavery."

The debate over black Confederates has reached a kind of impasse: Neither side is listening to the other. As the historian William Freehling quietly acknowledged in a footnote: "This important subject is now needlessly embroiled in controversy, with politically correct historians of one sort refusing to see the importance (indeed existence) of the minority of slaves who were black Confederates, and politically correct historians of the opposite sort refusing to see the importance of black Confederates' limited numbers."

Freehling is right. A few thousand blacks did indeed fight for the Confederacy. Significantly, African-American scholars from Ervin Jordan and Joseph Reidy to Juliet Walker and Henry Louis Gates Jr., editor-in-chief of *The Root*, have stood outside this impasse, acknowledging that a few blacks, slave and free, supported the Confederacy.

How many supported it? No one knows precisely. But by drawing on these scholars and focusing on sources written or published during the war, I estimate that between 3,000 and 6,000 served as Confederate soldiers. Another 100,000 or so blacks, mostly slaves, supported the Confederacy as laborers, servants and teamsters. They built roads, batteries and fortifications; manned munitions factories—essentially did the Confederacy's dirty work.

We know that blacks made up more than half the toilers at Richmond's Tredegar Iron Works and more than 75 percent of the workforce at Selma, Ala.'s naval ordnance plant. And slaves grew the crops that fed the Confederacy. As Frederick Douglass noted, blacks were "the stomach of the rebellion."

The total number of black Confederate soldiers is statistically insignificant: They made up less than 1 percent of the 800,000 black men of military age (17-50) living in the Confederate states, based on 1860 U.S. census figures, and less than 1 percent of at least 750,000 Confederate soldiers.

But they carry immense symbolic weight, for they explode the myth that a slave wouldn't fight on behalf of masters. Scholars recognize that throughout history, slave societies have armed slaves, at times with the promise of freedom. They also acknowledge that a small number of African Americans were slave owners (about 3,700, according to Loren Schwening). In a similar vein, some blacks voted against Obama (4 percent in 2008, 6 percent in 2012), and a few Jews supported the Nazis. Now that the sesquicentennial of the Civil War is almost over, it is time to



admit that there were also a few black Confederates.

Did Black Confederates Lead to Black Union Soldiers?

African Americans were the first to publicize the presence of black Confederates. Frederick Douglass bemoaned the Confederate victory of First Manassas in July 1861 by noting in the August 1861 issue of his newspaper, *Douglass' Monthly*, that "among rebels were black troops, no doubt pressed into service by their tyrant masters." He used this evidence to pressure the administration of Abraham Lincoln to abolish slavery and arm blacks as a military strategy. It was "the speediest method of terminating the war," he said.

Douglass repeatedly drew attention to black Confederates in order to press his cause. "It is now pretty well established that there are at the present moment many colored men in the Confederate army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets," he wrote in July 1861. Slaveholders "accept the aid of the black man," he said. "Why should a *good* cause be less wisely conducted?" (Douglass and most other observers ignored blacks' service in both the Union and Confederate navies from the beginning of the war.) In refusing to use blacks as soldiers and laborers, the Lincoln administration was "fighting the rebels with only one hand"—its white hand—and ignoring a potent source of black power.

What were Douglass' sources in identifying black Confederates? One came from a Virginia fugitive who escaped to Boston shortly before the Battle of First Manassas in Virginia that summer. He saw "one regiment of 700 black men from Georgia, 1000 [men] from South Carolina, and about 1000 [men with him from] Virginia, destined for Manassas when he ran away."

For historians these are shocking figures. But another eyewitness also observed three regiments of blacks fighting for the Confederacy at Manassas. William Henry Johnson, a free black from Connecticut, ignored the Lincoln administration's refusal to enlist black troops and fought as an independent soldier with the 8th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He also wrote for the *Pine and Palm*, a black paper, and blamed the Union loss at Manassas partly on black Confederates: "We were defeated, routed and driven from the field. ... It was not alone the white man's victory, for it was won by slaves. Yes, the Confederates had three regiments of blacks in the field, and they maneuvered like veterans, and beat the Union men back. This is not guessing, but it is a fact."

Meet John Parker, Black Confederate

Douglass corroborated Johnson's story. He published in the March 1862 issue of *Douglass' Monthly* a brief autobiography of John Parker, one of the black Confederates at Manassas. A Virginia slave, Parker was sent to Richmond to build batteries and breastworks. After completing this job, he and his fellow slaves were ordered to Manassas "to fight," as he said. He was put in an artillery unit with three other black men. On Sunday, July 21, "we opened fire about 10:00 in the morning; couldn't see the Yankees at all and only fired at random."

During the battle, Parker said, he worried about dying, hoped for a Union victory and thought of fleeing to the Union side. "We wished to our hearts that the Yankees would whip us. ... We would have run over to the other side but our officers would have shot us if we had made the attempt." He and his fellow slaves had been promised their freedom "and money besides" if they fought. "None of us believed them; we only fought because we had to."

Parker remained on the battlefield for two weeks, burying the dead, bayoneting the wounded to put them out of their misery, and stripping the Yankees of clothes and valuables. His burial duty was, like his impressment as a laborer and gunner, under orders and the threat of being shot.

Parker's ticket to freedom was the [first Confiscation Act](#), passed on Aug. 6, 1861, which authorized the Union Army to confiscate slaves aiding the Confederate war effort. Although the act did not mention freedom, it was in effect the first emancipation act, as the historian James Oakes has noted, because it prohibited officers from returning "contrabands" into slavery.

Parker fled for Union lines and in early 1862 reached Gen. Nathaniel Banks' division near Frederick, Md. Union soldiers "welcomed" him. They gave him a suit of clothes and plenty to eat and asked him to return to Virginia as a Union scout. Parker refused, saying that he "was bound for the North," but told them everything he knew about rebel positions. They gave him provisions, a contraband pass and a letter of introduction to a minister in New York City who could help him. He arrived safely in New York and began lecturing on "The War and Its Causes" for 10 cents a ticket, according to an advertisement for his lecture.

Why Did They Fight for the Confederacy?

Parker's ordeal sheds light on black Confederate soldiers at Manassas. First impressed into Confederate service as a laborer, he was then ordered to man a battery and to fire on Union troops. After the battle, he

resumed his status as laborer, working burial duty. Prompted by the first Confiscation Act, he found freedom behind Union lines and in New York City.

His case was representative. Confederates impressed slaves as laborers and at times forced them to fight. In effect, they put guns to their heads, forcing them to fire on Yankees. Harper's *Weekly*, one of the most widely distributed Northern papers, featured a similar scene on the cover of its May 10, 1862, issue. An engraving based on a drawing by Harper's sketch artist Larkin Mead depicts "a rebel captain forcing negroes to load cannon" while under fire from Union sharpshooters (shown as the lead photo for this article). Mead obtained details of the scene from Union officers, who "witnessed it through" a telescope. According to Harper's, the blacks were shot by the sharpshooters, "one after the other."

Most black soldiers, at First Manassas and elsewhere, were free blacks. They were either conscripts who built breastworks and then, like Parker, were ordered to fight or were volunteers.

Free blacks in the Confederacy had few rights. Nevertheless, they were "the black pseudo-aristocracy" of the South, according to the Civil War historian Ervin Jordan. Their expressions of loyalty to the Confederacy stemmed from hopes of better treatment and from fears of being enslaved. In several communities they formed rebel companies or offered other forms of support to the Confederacy. Their displays of loyalty protected them and provide a context for understanding such newspaper reports as that of the *Charleston Mercury*, which stated in early 1861: "We learn that one hundred and fifty able-bodied free colored men of Charleston yesterday offered their services gratuitously to the Governor to hasten forward the important work of throwing up redoubts wherever needed along our coast."

Free Black Confederates Step Into the Fray

The most prominent example of free black Confederate troops is the Louisiana Native Guards, based in New Orleans. Some 1,500 men enlisted, and early in the war they announced their determination to "take arms at a moment's notice and fight shoulder to shoulder with other citizens" in defense of the city. Part of the state militia, they marched in review through the streets with white soldiers. But they were never ordered into combat, and when Union forces captured New Orleans in the spring of 1862, they switched sides and declared their loyalty to the Union.

Gen. Benjamin Butler, commander of the Union forces in New Orleans, interviewed some Native Guards and asked them why they had served a government created to perpetuate slavery. They "dared not refuse," they told Butler, according to the book *General Butler in New Orleans*, published in 1864 by the biographer James Parton. "By serving the Confederates," they hoped "to advance a little nearer to equality with whites."

Many, if not most, free blacks in and around New Orleans aligned themselves with the planter class in hopes of greater rights. In this sense the region more closely resembled the Caribbean than the cotton South, with a comparatively large population of elite free blacks, most of them light-skinned. Some were slave owners—and among the wealthiest free blacks in the country, as the economic historian Juliet Walker has documented.

A similar culture of free blacks identifying with the planter class existed in Charleston, S.C., and Natchez, Miss. In fact, most of the 3,700 "black masters" in the decade before the Civil War lived in or around Charleston, Natchez and New Orleans. In addition to owning slaves, they established churches, schools and benevolent associations in their efforts to identify with whites.

With the onset of war, their patriotic displays were especially strident. In early 1861 a group of wealthy, light-skinned, free blacks in Charleston expressed common cause with the planter class: "In our veins flows the blood of the white race, in some half, in others much more than half white blood. ... Our attachments are *with* you, our hopes and safety and protection *from* you. ... Our allegiance is due to South Carolina and in her defense, we will offer up our lives, and all that is dear to us." In their show of support for the Confederacy, they were "race traitors."

How Long Were There Black Confederates?

The vast majority of eyewitness reports of black Confederate soldiers occurred during the first year of the war, especially the first six months. Why? Because after the first Confiscation Act, slave laborers began deserting to Union lines en masse, and free blacks' expressions of loyalty toward the Confederacy waned. The second Confiscation Act, of July 1862, which declared all slaves of rebel masters in Union lines "forever free," accelerated desertions. So did Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. In some counties beginning in 1863, as many as 70 percent of impressed slaves deserted. The Union's emancipation policy checked any impulse blacks may have had to fight for the Confederacy.

As desertions rose, masters increasingly refused to allow slaves to be impressed by the Confederacy. Their claims on their slaves trumped that of the state, as the historian Stephanie McCurry has noted. Masters could

force slaves to fight as soldiers despite the Confederacy's prohibition, and they could refuse to have them impressed.

Beginning in 1863, reliable eyewitness reports of blacks fighting as Confederate soldiers virtually disappear. The last known newspaper account of black Confederate soldiers occurred in January 1863, when Harper's Weekly featured an engraving of two armed black rebel pickets "as seen through a field-glass," based on an engraving by its artist, Theodore Davis. Harper's used the image to silence Northern dissent against arming blacks in the North, as the Emancipation Proclamation authorized: "It has long been known to military men that the insurgents affect no scruples about the employment of their slaves in any capacity in which they may be found useful. Yet there are people here at the North who affect to be horrified at the enrollment of negroes into regiments. Let us hope that the President will not be deterred by any [such] squeamish scruples." The Union's emancipation policy ultimately forced the Confederacy to offer freedom to slaves who would fight as soldiers in the last month of the war. But before slaves were accepted as recruits, their masters first had to free them, and freedom did not extend to family members. Only a hundred or so slaves accepted the offer.

Ironically, the majority of blacks who became Confederate soldiers did so not at the end of the war, when the Confederacy offered freedom to slaves who fought, but at the beginning of the war, before the U.S. Congress established emancipation as a war aim.

The Union's emancipation policy prompted blacks, slave and free, to recalculate the risks of fleeing to Union lines versus supporting the Confederacy. Frederick Douglass was right: Emancipation was a potent source of black power.

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The Lincolns in the White House

By Kevin O. Johnson, Ph.D.

DALLAS - Abraham Lincoln stands in history as the Great Emancipator, but the discovery of an affidavit in which he ordered the sale of his own slaves shows that his iconic image isn't quite accurate, says Kevin Orlin Johnson, Ph.D., author of *The Lincolns in the White House: Slanders, Scandals, and Lincoln's Slave Trading Revealed*, published this month by Dallas-based Pangaeus Press.

Johnson was never particularly interested in Lincoln. But readers of his books on Catholic Christianity wanted to know why we don't understand our holidays any more. "I found that our civil holidays changed after the War of 1861," he says, "which led to the discovery that the whole history of the Lincoln years needed to be rewritten."

Historians have always known that Lincoln handled lawsuits involving runaway slaves, but only to return them to their masters. In fact, Johnson was also surprised to find the diary of an Illinois lady who recorded that when Lincoln represented a slaveholder suing her abolitionist husband for the return of a runaway slave, he actually brought shackles with him into the courtroom to take the slave and his family away if he won - which he did.

Even as President, Lincoln didn't change his views. In his First Inaugural he proclaimed that he had "no lawful right [and] no inclination" to "interfere with the institution of slavery." He never advocated equal civil rights for blacks, Johnson says, "and to the end of his life Lincoln planned to exile all Americans of African heritage to Africa or Central America - 'colonization,' as they called it." On his own, he nearly provoked a war with Nicaragua about the project.



It's not so well known that Lincoln always aspired to ownership, either, Johnson says. "In his own words, 'People who don't own slaves are nothing,' even in Illinois.

And even before Johnson's discovery of documentary proof, Lincoln's official history established his slaveholding beyond any doubt. "Lincoln married Mary Todd, who inherited slaves from her father. The law in those days automatically transferred those slaves to her husband. Obviously, the Lincolns didn't keep any slaves, so Lincoln must have sold them."

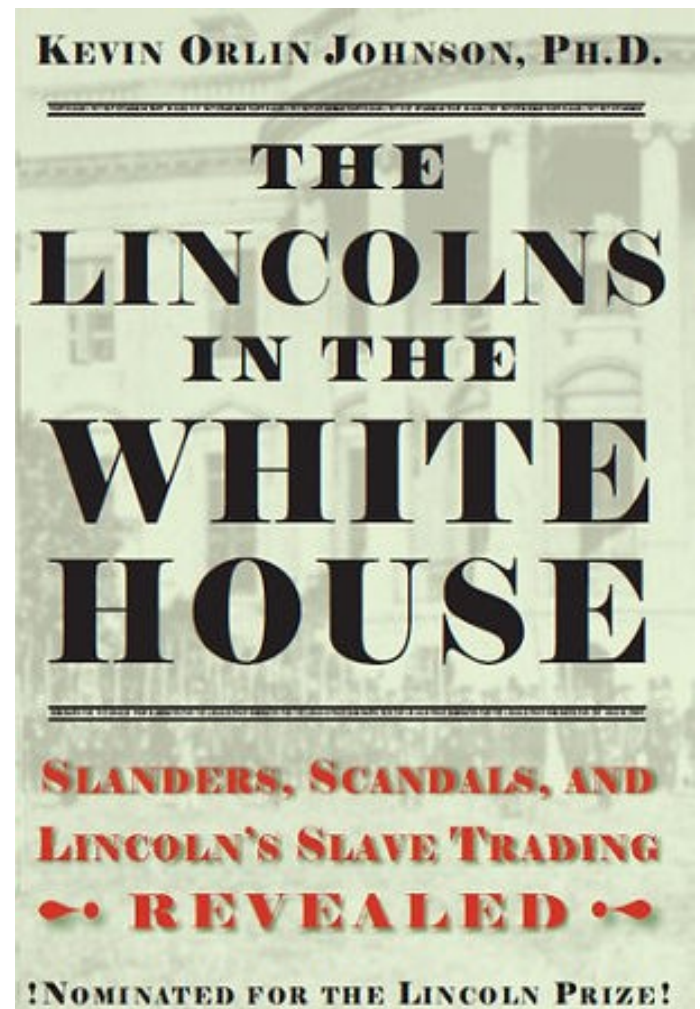
But primary evidence that Lincoln owned slaves hadn't surfaced. The decades-long settlement of the Todd estate left thousands of court documents, Johnson says. "But for more than a century Lincoln Studiers have been scratching through those archives, and documents about slavery were prime targets for destruction or theft."

So Johnson started searching the private collections of prominent Lincoln Studiers of the past, such as William H. Townsend of Lexington, Kentucky, and the notorious Rev. William E. Barton, whose plunder filled several railroad boxcars when shipped to the various libraries mentioned in his will. Sure enough, Johnson found the document in a dusty box at the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago, uncatalogued since it was bequeathed to the library in 1930.

The affidavit was written in 1850 by the family attorneys Kinkead and Breckinridge - John Cabell Breckinridge, who'd run against Lincoln for the presidency a decade later. It's the Lincolns' answer to a Bill in Chancery filed in Fayette County about the disposition of the property that the couple had inherited from Robert Todd. It certifies that Lincoln and his wife "are willing that the slaves mentioned in the Bill shall be sold on such terms as the Court may think advisable."

Like the Inaugural and Lincoln's other declarations on slavery, this was a matter of public record. Then why isn't Lincoln's ownership of slaves already part of our understanding of the Great Emancipator? Johnson has a simple answer: "Professionals in Lincoln Studies just refuse to ask the right questions."

The Lincolns in the White House, which includes a photo image of the document, is available at better bookstores everywhere and directly for fastest delivery at www.pangaeus.com



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