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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Greetings members of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and others of you who are interested in what is happening at our Camp. Our February Camp meeting was highlighted by the presence of, and comments by, Brother James Taylor of the Calhoun Avengers Camp in Calhoun City. Brother Taylor is an old friend of our Camp and he is a mesmerizing storyteller. He told the story of several prominent evangelical Christians who followed the teachings in the Book of Isaiah when God sought one righteous man so he could save the city. Brother Taylor challenged the members of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp when he asked, "Are you going to be that man? Are you moral, God-fearing, and gracious? Are you going to step forward and be the man the Sons of Confederate Veterans needs to lead it and Live the Charge?" My words do not describe the depth and power of Brother Taylor's words, but his question is pertinent. Who among us is going to lead? Who among us has the courage and grace to stand tall and hold your head high when you are called a racist, a traitor, and a White supremacist? They attack us and are afraid of us because they do not want to acknowledge that what they believe is a lie and their ideas about American history are wrong. So who is not afraid to speak the truth to history and honor our Confederate ancestors and the Cause for which they fought? When you are on the side of truth, nobody can hurt you.

The Benjamin G Humphreys Camp has several exciting events coming as the calendar turns from winter to spring. Our March meeting, Saturday, March 9, features Larry McCluney as our speaker. In April, our Camp will honor our Confederate dead at our annual Confederate Memorial Ceremony. This important remembrance will be held at the Confederate Cemetery in Greenville on Saturday, April 20 at two o'clock. Our Camp's chaplain and elder statesman Mister Earl McCowen will speak at the Memorial Service. In June several members of the Camp will attend the State Reunion in Flowood June 7-8.

How will you Live the Charge? How will you stand up for the truth about Confederate and American history and heritage? If you are not attending the Camp meetings, coming to our next meeting is a good way to start. If you have a friend who might be interested in learning about Confederate history and heritage and might have a Confederate ancestor, tell him about our organization and bring him to a meeting. Ladies are always welcome at our Camp and if they have Confederate ancestors, they might want to join the Order of the Confederate Rose which is indispensable to the work of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp. It is not just one man who will make our organization strong; though just like the Confederate Army needed Robert E Lee, we need a strong leader. But it takes all of us to Live the Charge and perpetuate the good name of our Confederate Ancestors.

See you March 9 at our next Camp Meeting.

Adjutant's Report — February 10, 2024 - Dan McCaskill

Call to Order: At 6:00 PM CST by Camp Commander Michael Anthony.

Opening Prayer and Blessing: Camp Chaplain Earl McCowen

Pledge and Salutes: Camp Color Sergeant Earl Allen, Jr.

Reading of The Charge: Camp Color Sergeant Earl Allen, Jr.

Camp Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting. While waiting for the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9 OCR to finish preparing the evening meal, Commander Anthony conducted some Camp Business.

The First Order of Business was the adoption of the Minutes of the Lee-Jackson Banquet as published in The Delta General. Earl McCowen made the motion to adopt the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Larry McCluney and passed without objection.

The Second Order of Business: Officer Reports – Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported our speaker for our March Meeting will be Charles Tucker who will give a program on "The Confederate Soldier." Larry is working to secure Mark Hidlegaugh as a speaker for either July or August depending on his schedule.

Adjutant Dan McCaskill deferred his report to the Business Session when the 2024 Annual Budget will be presented. Camp Editor Larry McCluney asked members about the newsletter. No problems were reported and everyone enjoyed the newsletter. Sandra Stillman did not have a report for the OCR. Military Order of Stars and Bars Commander Earl McCowen reported the Annual MS Division Meeting will be February 17, 2024 at the American Legion Hut in New Albany, MS starting at 10:00 AM. There is a luncheon at \$25 per person. RSVP no later than January 15th. The Chapter is still looking for more members. Camp Commander Michael Anthony did not have a report.

Upcoming events: The National Pilgrimage / Confederate Memorial Service will be held on May 4th at SCV Headquarters in Columbia, TN. In conjunction with the Memorial Service, there will be an Army of Tennessee Workshop from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for the Service; The Mississippi Division Reunion will be held in Flowood, MS June 7 – 8, 2023; The National Reunion will be held in North Charleston, SC July 17 – 21, 2024.

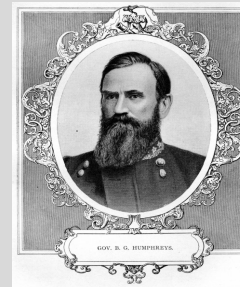
Commander Anthony called for a recess for the evening meal. Members enjoyed some home cooking by Annette McCluney.

Third Order of Business: 2024 Budget – Adjutant Dan McCaskill presented the 2024 Annual Budget as printed in The Delta General and opened the floor for discussion. Seeing no discussion, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Charles "Gator" Stillman and passed without objection. Adjutant McCaskill reported the Camp broke even with the Lee-Jackson Banquet. The current checking account balance stood at \$2,401.13 after all expenses for the Lee-Jackson Banquet had been paid.

Fourth Order of Business: Recruiting Table – A table has been secured at a cost of \$85 and will be manned by Kenneth Ray, Larry McCluney, Tommy McCaskill and Dan McCaskill. The time to report on Saturday is 8 AM.

Fifth Order of Business: Confederate Memorial Service – After a discussion, Kenneth Ray made a motion to hold our Memorial Service on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Greenville Cemetery starting at 2:00 PM with Camp Chaplain Earl McCowen as our speaker. The motion was seconded by Gator Stillman and passed without objection. An additional motion was made by Kenneth Ray to hold a brief Camp Meeting following the Service. The motion was seconded by Earl McCowen and passed without objection. More information will follow in the near future. As always, rifles are needed for the Honor Guard.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Commander Anthony turned the podium over to Brother James Taylor for the evening program. The theme of Brother Taylor's message was "how one man can have a great influence." The object of his program was the Reverend Billy Graham. James went centuries back in time to present examples of how one man of Faith had an influence on one person of Faith for each succeeding generation up to Billy Graham. James' point is it takes only one person to have a great influence on many. In the life of the SCV, James' challenge was will we be that person.



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Larry McCluney
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After the program, the Ladies of the OCR conducted their raffle for a two-book set on the Army of Tennessee. After several tries, a winning number was drawn with Dan McCaskill being the winner.

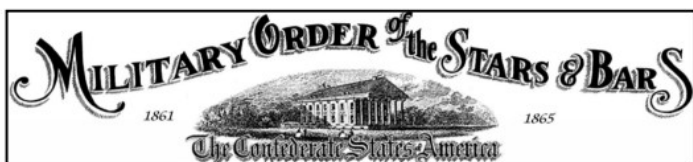
With no other business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl McCown and the motion passed without objection. Attendance for the meeting was 16.

The Camp Meeting was closed with a word of prayer by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie.

Guest Speaker for Camp Meeting

March 9, 2024

Unfortunately, we had scheduled for our March Meeting, Charles Tucker, but he forgot he had a previous engagement. Since our Camp meeting falls on the anniversary of the attack on Fort Pemberton, Larry McCluney will present his presentation on The Yazoo Pass Expedition.



News from B/G Charles Clarke Chapter 253

Greetings;

On February 17, 2024, I attended The Mississippi Society of the MOS&B annual meeting in New Albany. The meeting was well attended. I saw some old friends and met some new friends. The meeting was called to order by MS Society Commander Stan Howell; with the Invocation by Chaplain General Buddy Irvin, followed by the Pledges and Salutes.

Greetings were rendered by MS Society Commander Stan Howell; Commander General Johnnie Holley; National Society of Daughters CSA Officer Corps President General Norma Holley; AOT Commander Chris Heuer; and ATM Commander Terry Phillips.

Candidates for National Office spoke briefly. Those speaking were Lt. Commander General Tommy Rhodes (Running for Commander General); ATM Commander Terry Phillips (Running for Lt. Commander General); AOT Commander Chris Heuer (Running for Re-election) and MS Society Commander Stan Howell (Running for AOT Executive Councilor).

Reports were presented by the Archivist General; Genealogist General – Kevin Hawkins; and Quartermaster General – Danny Landreth.

Following lunch, (which by the way, was delicious and more than plentiful), Benediction was given by Rev. Bobby J. Irvin Jr. The meeting was closed with a Memorial Service, lead by Chapter #100, Commander Larry Hellums.

This was truly a very good meeting, very informative, interesting and well planned.

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 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.

Gun Show Report

The morning of February 17, 2024, Kenneth Ray, Tommy and Danny McCaskill arrived at the Washington County Convention Center in Greenville to setup and man the Camp's Member Recruiting Table.

Recruiting material was supplied by Larry McCluney who could not help due to a scheduling conflict.

As you can see, we were open for business when the doors were opened at 9:00. Things were slow as everyone were walking around looking. As the morning wore on, people started stopping at the table asking questions and were given answers about the SCV. Informal material and applications were handed out to 12 prospective members. The best sales pitch was from Tommy. Tommy was not deterred when he learned the two young men who were interested were from South Africa. This proves there are people outside of the U.S. who know of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Gator stopped to visit with us as well as old friends such as Warren Hammett of Greenville talking with Tommy. Beside new prospects, we talked to a couple of past Camp members, a member of the old Mechanicsburg Corridor Camp in South Mississippi and a member of the Crystal Springs Camp.

All in all, we handed out a dozen applications to prospective members, received donations for State and Battle Flags plus a CD on the truth of the Confederate Battle Flag. \$91 was raised for the Confederate Museum.

I want to thank Earl McCown for sponsoring the table.

Humbly Submitted,
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Adjutant





**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

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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

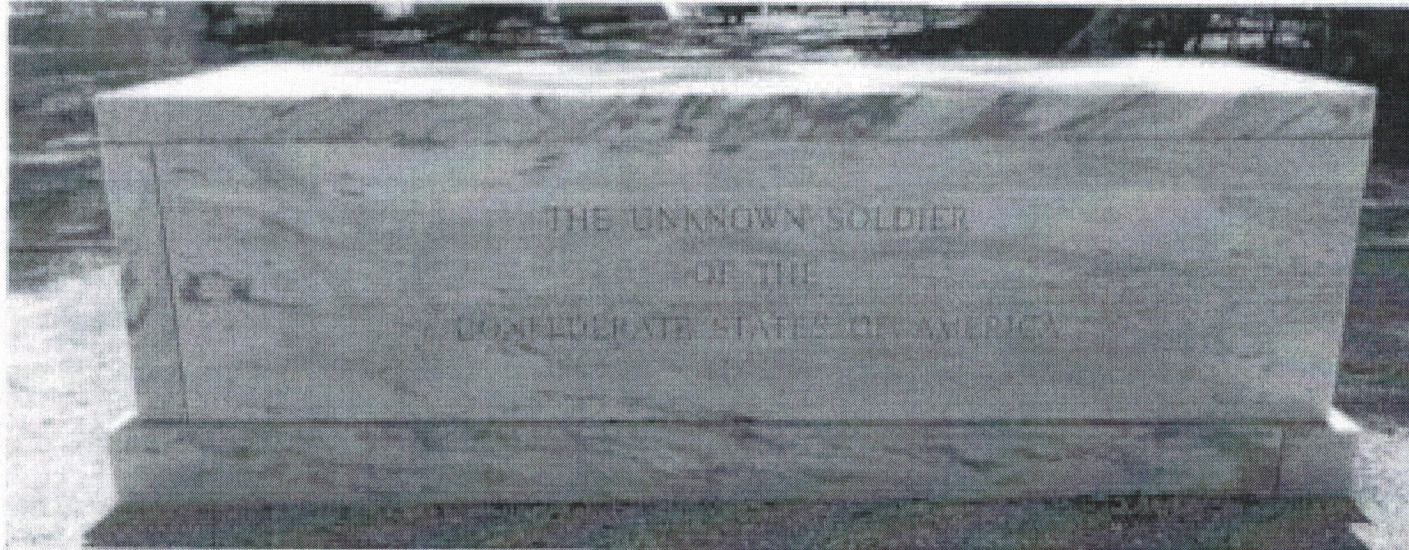
SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 OCR Contact: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191

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

Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Honor your confederate Ancestors by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. The plans for the sidewalk are nearing completion, so if you want a brick put down for your ancestor you need to get your order in soon, so as not to miss out.



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)

Line 1: _____
(First and Last Name)

Line 2: _____
(Rank)

Line 3: _____
(Unit)

ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick for:

Bricks for Beauvoir
Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir
2344 Beach Blvd
Blind, MS. 39531

OR Visit our gift shop where you
can pay by cash or credit!

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.
McCluney
6th MS CAV. CO. F

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.

National 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!



Discover the rich heritage of the American South at the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee. Immerse yourself in the stories of the past, from the War Between the States to present-day.

Step into the footsteps of history as you wander through exhibits of the museum, filled with artifacts, documents, and images from our past, offering a glimpse into the struggles and triumphs of the South.

Surround yourself with the beauty of Elm Springs, a stunning antebellum property. Stroll the grounds or admire the elegant architecture that transports you to a bygone era.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, a curious explorer, or simply seeking to broaden your horizons, the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs (the Southern Heritage Center) welcomes you with open arms!

Plan your visit today and embark on a journey through time at the Southern Heritage Center. Your experience awaits!

#ExploreHistory #ElmSprings #ColumbiaTN #SouthernHeritage



New Displays & More!

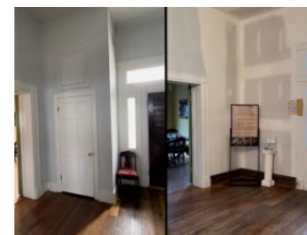
We're thrilled to announce an exciting enhancement to the National Confederate Museum, made possible by a generous grant from the Order of the Southern Cross! Thanks to their support, we've acquired brand new display cases that will showcase our treasured artifacts with the dignity and reverence they deserve.

These beautiful cases are more than just a practical addition; they're a testament to our commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of the American South. These cases will provide a stunning backdrop for visitors to immerse themselves in the stories of our past.

As we work to fill these exquisite new displays, we invite you to join us for a special opening of the museum on **Saturday, March 2, 2024**. Explore our collection like never before, and witness firsthand the impact of the Order of the Southern Cross's dedication to preserving our heritage.

From War Between the States enthusiasts to curious newcomers, there's something for everyone at the National Confederate Museum. Our doors are open to all who seek to understand and appreciate the complexities of our shared history.

Don't miss this opportunity to be among the first to experience our new exhibits. Mark your calendars for **March 2nd**, and join us for a day of discovery, reflection, and celebration at the National Confederate Museum, 9a to 2p. We can't wait to welcome you!



The Entry Hall Project

Step back in time and witness the restoration of historic Elm Springs in all its glory! Nestled in Columbia, Tennessee, Elm Springs beckons history enthusiasts and preservationists alike to witness a remarkable transformation.

The focal point of our restoration efforts? The majestic entry hall, a gateway to the past that sets the tone for the entire estate. With careful precision, we've removed a 1950s closet, allowing Elm Springs to reclaim its original grandeur and authenticity. This bold step brings us closer than ever to recreating the home's original appearance, inviting visitors to step into a bygone era.

But our journey doesn't end there. To truly revive the spirit of Elm Springs, we've painstakingly selected a historic wallpaper and trim color, meticulously chosen to evoke the charm and elegance of yesteryear. With each restoration project, we breathe new life into this beloved landmark, honoring its storied past while embracing the promise of its future.

However, our restoration efforts rely on your generosity. To complete this ambitious project and ensure Elm Springs shines as a beacon of history for generations to come, we need your support. Your donations will make a tangible difference, helping us preserve this cultural treasure and share its legacy with the world.

Join us in our mission to preserve the soul of Elm Springs. Together, let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and create a future where history thrives. Donate today and become a part of something truly extraordinary.

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.

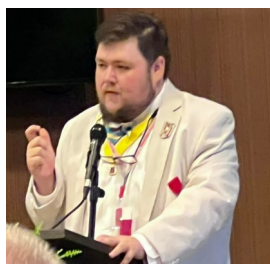
In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you do for our organization. I thank you for your consideration in helping me to obtain the office of Lt Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Griffin, Virginia Division Commander

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 it's 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. Dickson 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.

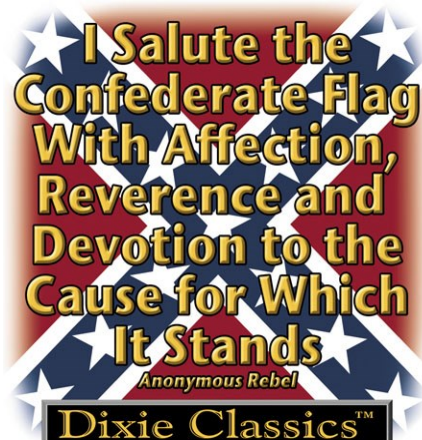
In my working life I spent 49 years in Law Enforcement serving in all positions from Deputy to Chief. I have managed hundreds of personnel and oversaw a 50 million dollar budget.

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





Army of Tennessee

Workshop

May 4, 2024,

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee.
There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

Register early to guarantee your spot!

Registration is \$15 which includes lunch. Pre-register by March 15th for lunch.

After March 15th, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included).

All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training), AoT Councilman
L Jones (Becoming a Community Partner), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community involvement) and
others (subject to change)

The annual Pilgrimage will be going on at Elm Springs as well. We will take a break from the workshop to attend
the main event at the pilgrimage and then will return to the conference center for lunch and then continue the
workshop agenda. We hope to have a free tour of the museum or house as part of the registration.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Home: (____) ____ - _____

Cell: (____) ____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Camp Name & Number: _____ Division: _____

Please send this completed form, together with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 (by March 15th for lunch) made
payable to AoT Workshop and mail it to:

AoT Workshop
c/o Jimmy Hill
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757

Registrations after March 15th are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.



**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:
 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$162 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$5,000 \$10,000 Other: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCV ID# _____ Camp No. _____ Division: _____

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!

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Code: _____

Visa Master Card American Express Discover

Signature: _____

"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



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

NATIONAL REUNION



July 16 - July 21 2023

The Embassy Suites in North Charleston, S.C.

Please make Checks Payable to **Low Country SCV**

Mail to: **2024 SCV National Reunion**

P.O. Box 1049, Ladson, S.C., 29456

To Register & Pay Online: SCV4.org/2024

For more information: Contact Rick Little:

(843) 305-3085 / Support@SCV4.org



Sons of Confederate Veterans

129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM



Please Print Clearly or Type

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

Email: _____

Phone #: () _____

SCV Camp Name: _____

Camp #: _____

State: _____

Your Rank, Title, or Position: _____

Spouse Name (for Name Badge): _____

(Note: Do not pay registration fee for spouse - not required)

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					

Please make checks payable to: "Low Country SCV"

Mail form & check to: Low Country SCV, PO Box 1049, Ladson, SC 29456-1049

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

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



The Georgia Division needs your help.

Stone Mountain Memorial Park began as a Memorial to the Confederacy May 1924 when the bust of General Robert E. Lee was revealed. The 1925 Stone Mountain coin has Memorial to the Valor of the Soldier of the South struck on the back with the equestrian figures of Generals Lee and Jackson on the front.

We have two issues. The first issue is the woke Democrats in the Georgia State legislature have filed House Bill 794 that removes Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy. If this legislation passes, it opens the door for changing the names of everything currently named for our beloved Confederate Heroes in and around Stone Mountain Memorial Park. Their ultimate goal will be to blast away the carving.

The second issue is Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp is allowing the governing authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA), to relocate the Memorial Flag Terrace to an area where it will never be seen, and they are creating woke museum exhibits in Memorial Hall that dishonors our Confederate Veterans.

What can we do now? Below are (2) two links which will send a prepared message to Georgia's Speaker of the House and the Georgia Governor. Please take the time to complete this form using your name and address. If you wish to alter any of the statement, please be courteous and polite. Sign it and click Submit.

This link goes to Georgia's Speaker of the House concerning House Bill 974.

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This link goes to Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp concerning changes to Stone Mountain.

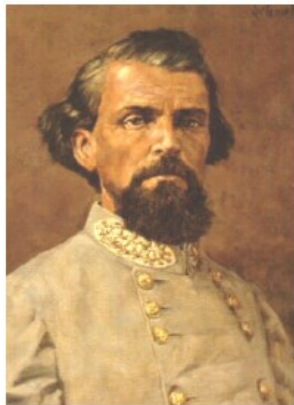
https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/messages/edit?promo_id=21926

Below is their direct contact information if you would like to call, email or write them.

Jon Burns, Georgia's Speaker of the House
jon.burns@house.ga.gov
Kailyn.Duesler@house.ga.gov
 Office: (404) 656-5020
 332 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334

Brian Kemp, Georgia's Governor
Georgia.governor@gov.state.ga.us
 206 Washington, Street, Suite 203 State Capitol
 Atlanta Ga. 30334
 Office: (404) 656.1776

In Bonds of the Southland,
 R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief
 Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in-Chief
 James Ronald Kennedy, Chief-of-Heritage Operations



"I loved the old government in 1861. I love the old Constitution yet. I think it is the best government in the world, if administered as it was before the war. I do not hate it; I am opposing now only the radical revolutionists who are trying to destroy it. I believe that party to be composed, as I know it is in Tennessee, of the worst men on Gods earth - men who would hesitate at no crime, and who have only one object in view - to enrich themselves."

~ Nathan Bedford Forrest, in an interview shortly after the War

HOUSE BILL 794 ENTERED TO REMOVE STONE MOUNTAIN AS A MEMORIAL TO THE CONFEDERACY

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

January 28, 2024

Friends,

The woke democrats from DeKalb County are at it again, they pushing their House Bill 794 which removes Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy.

The memorial carving was first declared a memorial in May 1924 when General Lee's bust was revealed. In 1958 the State of Georgia purchased the park as a Memorial to the Confederacy and was open to the public on April 14, 1965. State law code 12-3-191 & 12-3-192 specifies all of Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy and is protected by 50-3-1.

House Bill 794 eliminates the park as a Memorial to the Confederacy altogether, removes the Memorial from the park's name, and opens the door to removing the road and building names, and their ultimate goal of removing the memorial carvings. See the below link to review a copy of HB 794.

House Bill 794 has been placed in the House Governmental Affairs Committee and will be brought up in the 2024 Georgia General Assembly Session.



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

21st Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park

Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 am. to 1 pm.

★ **Keynote Speaker - Chaplain in Chief Gary Carlyle** ★



Sponsored by: Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

Arrive at 10:00 am. and enjoy bluegrass music by Jubilee, at 11:00 am. a cook-out will be provided by the Division and then at 11:45 am on the memorial lawn the Memorial Service will begin followed by a Cannon and Honor Guard Salute. Parking on (Old Hwy 78 E.)

National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world's largest monument to the Confederate soldier. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy the park after the service.

Needed Cannon & Honor Guard Reenactors

If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty based on the size of the artillery piece. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate. Contact information below, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Contact: George Crawford at brogeoti@gmail.com or 678.360.9667

What can we do now to Kill House Bill 794?

Contact the Speaker of the House Jon Burns and ask him to NOT support HB 794 and keep it in the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Jon Burns, Speaker of the House
jon.burns@house.ga.gov
Kailyn.Duesler@house.ga.gov

Office: (404) 656-5020
332 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334

Contact your local Representative and ask them not to support HB 794.

Go to <https://pluralpolicy.com/find-your-legislator/> to find your Representative.

Contact the below list of Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman to NOT support HB794.

Representative John LaHood
Chairman, Governmental Affairs
john.lahood@house.ga.gov
shannon.willis@house.ga.gov
131-A State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
Office: (404) 656-5105

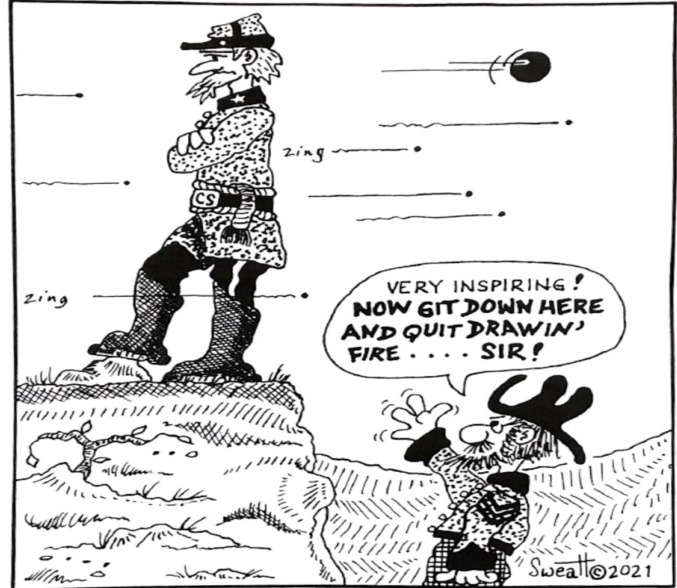
Contact Governor Brian Kemp and ask him not to support HB 794 and to keep his promise to protect Stone Mountain from the leftists.

Governor Brian P. Kemp
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
Call : (404) 656-1776
Brian.Kemp@georgia.gov

Be polite and precise. Be sure to call, email, and write a short letter. Do all three, they are accounted for separately.

Co. A

Greg Sweatt



Battle of Fort Pemberton

The Yazoo Pass Expedition was a joint operation of Major General Ulysses S. Grant's Army of the Tennessee and Rear Admiral David D. Porter's Mississippi River Squadron in the Vicksburg Campaign of the American Civil War. Grant's objective was to get his troops into a flanking position against the Rebel defenders. The expedition was an effort to bypass the Confederate defenses on the bluffs near the city by using the backwaters of the Mississippi Delta as a route from the Mississippi River to the Yazoo River. Once on the Yazoo, the Army would be able to cross the river unopposed and thus achieve their goal. The operation would require a deep penetration into enemy territory that was dominated by water, so cooperation between the two services was necessary. The Army was led by Brigadier General Leonard F. Ross. Naval commander was Lieutenant Commander Watson Smith, who was in extremely poor health; his health was an important factor in the ultimate failure of the expedition.

The expedition began on February 3, 1863 with the breaching of a levee on the Mississippi River, allowing water to flow from the river into a former channel that connected with the Yazoo River through a series of other waterways. The attacking fleet passed through the cut into Moon Lake, through the Yazoo Pass to the Coldwater River, and then into the Tallahatchie, which combines with the Yalobusha to form the Yazoo River, which met the Mississippi a short distance above Vicksburg. From the start, the expedition was delayed by natural obstacles that were more serious than the perfunctory Confederate resistance, so forward motion was as little as ten miles (16 km) a day. Because progress was so slow, the Confederate Army under Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton was able to set up a fort and block passage of the Federal fleet near the town of Greenwood, Mississippi. The Federal fleet did not approach the fort until March 11; then, the ironclad gunboats of the fleet were repulsed in a series of gunfire exchanges on three separate days. The Army troops present could not contribute significantly to the battle because of the nature of the ground, much of which was under water.

Following the third repulse on March 16, Lieutenant Commander Smith's health failed him completely, and he turned command over to Lieutenant Commander James P. Foster. Foster and Ross decided to withdraw to the Mississippi. They were temporarily persuaded to try again when they met reinforcements for the Army, but they resumed their retreat when the new army commander, Brigadier General Isaac F. Quinby, saw the futility of further attacks. The entire force had returned by April 12, and the expedition was over. The Vicksburg Campaign was bogged down in early 1863, following the repulse of the Union forces under Brigadier General William T. Sherman at Walnut Hills (or Chickasaw Bayou) late the previous year. Major General Ulysses S. Grant wanted to keep his troops busy until he could begin active campaigning later in the spring, so he ordered them to undertake several moves that would give the appearance of activity but would not bring on a major battle. Grant, writing in his memoirs long after the event, stated that he did not have great confidence that

any of them would prove successful, although he was prepared to take advantage of them if they did.[2] One of the operations he put in motion became known as the Yazoo Pass Expedition because it used a waterway of that name.

The western part of the state of Mississippi, from the Tennessee state line to the north and Vicksburg at the south, is a part of the flood plain of the Mississippi River. As such, it is quite low; in many places, it is in fact lower than the level of the river. The region is therefore occupied by numerous marshes, brakes, sloughs, bayous, lakes, creeks, and rivers that in the geologic past were parts of the river bed. Until the middle of the nineteenth century, overflow from the Mississippi continued to pass into these waters, and they could be used as alternatives to the main river for water transportation. One such route left the Mississippi at a point a little south of Helena, Arkansas, passed through Moon Lake (an oxbow lake, i.e. a former loop of the river that had been cut off when it changed course), and followed the Yazoo Pass to the Coldwater River.

The Coldwater is a tributary of the Tallahatchie River, which combines with the Yalobusha to form the Yazoo River at Greenwood, Mississippi. The Yazoo then flows 188 miles (303 km), to reenter the Mississippi a short distance above Vicksburg. This changed in 1856, however, when the coming of the railroad induced the state to drain some of the land for agricultural uses. To that end, they built artificial levees to confine the river to its main course. Deprived of its principal source, the water level behind the levee dropped as much as eight feet (approximately 2.5 m).[3]

The Army and Navy had distinct but not incompatible reasons to get their forces to the east of Vicksburg. Grant wanted to get his soldiers onto dry ground with no rivers between him and the Confederate defense. Once that was done, he believed that he could flank Pemberton's Confederate army. At the same time, he could divert a part of the expedition up the Yalobusha River to destroy a railroad bridge that was enabling the enemy to threaten his own line of communications. Porter's purpose was to use his armored gunboats to destroy Rebel shipping at Yazoo City. He emphasized that any enemy ironclads must be destroyed, if possible on the stocks. Although the two services had divergent goals, this did not affect the expedition adversely; its ultimate failure is ascribed to other causes.[4]

A preliminary survey by Acting Master George W. Brown in the tinclad USS Forest Rose confirmed the feasibility of the operation, and on February 3, 1863 a group of some 400 pioneers under Lieutenant Colonel James H. Wilson dug two gaps in the levee at the site where the Old Yazoo Pass had formerly met the Mississippi. At this time, the difference in water level between the river and the former stream bed was eight feet (2.5 m), so the water rushed through the openings with great vigor, enlarging the gap and carrying away everything in its path. By the next day, the gap had increased in size to 80 yards (73 m). The flow was so great that the vessels assigned to the expedition could not safely enter for several days. The flotilla of gunboats and army transports passed through the gap on February 24 and immediately proceeded into Moon Lake.[5]

The naval contingent consisted of seven gunboats and a tug. Five of the gunboats were of a type known colloquially as "tinclads," vessels of light draft carrying thin armor capable of protection only against infantry weapons: USS Rattler, Marmora, Signal, Romeo, and Forest Rose. The other two were the larger and heavier Baron De Kalb, one of the original City class ironclads, and Chillicothe, an inferior second-generation copy. Later, another gunboat, Petrel, and two rams, Lioness and Fulton, would join the expedition. Lieutenant Commander Watson Smith led the flotilla from his flagship Rattler.[6]

The Army contributed nine infantry regiments that were carried in thirteen transports. An additional 600 or so soldiers were sent aboard the

tinclads to defend them, if necessary, from Rebel boarding parties that could be expected in an operation so deep in enemy territory. Grant would have sent more troops, but a shortage of available transports prevented him from doing so. The troops were a part of the XIII Corps, under the command of Brigadier General Leonard F. Ross. Later, they would be reinforced by a column led by Brigadier General Isaac F. Quinby, who ranked Ross.[7]

The Confederates in the meantime were not idle. Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton was aware of his opponents' intent as soon as the

levee had been breached, if not before, and he gave orders to Major General William W. Loring to stop them. He immediately organized some work details to block the Yazoo Pass and Coldwater River by felling trees across the streams, but they were largely ineffective. The obstructions were quickly removed by Union army engineers under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Wilson. More serious, however, was a fort that Loring ordered to



'STAR OF THE WEST' SHIP MODEL BY SHIP'S CARPENTER, NEW YORK, CIRCA 1860, FIRST SHOTS OF CIVIL WAR WERE FIRED AT THIS SHIP

be built a few miles upstream from the point where the Tallahatchie and Yalobusha Rivers combine to form the Yazoo. A peculiarity of the courses of the Tallahatchie and the Yazoo is that they flow past each other on opposite sides of a neck of land that is only a couple of hundred yards (or meters) wide.[8] Here, Loring's men made a barricade of cotton bales, covered them with layers of dirt, and mounted a pair of heavy guns. This hastily-constructed earthwork was named "Fort Pemberton," or sometimes "Fort Greenwood." He had other batteries lining the bank of the Tallahatchie almost all the way to the Yalobusha, and still others on the Yazoo. In addition, he had built a boom or raft that could be swung out to block the stream, and in the channel just downstream of this he scuttled a ship, the former Star of the West. [9]

Loring had time to set up the defense because the progress of the Union flotilla was painfully slow. Instead of pushing ahead with his ironclads, Lieutenant Commander Smith insisted that the entire force, gunboats and transports alike, should move together. They could move only in daylight hours, but Smith continued to recoal his vessels during the day. Furthermore, they would waste hours in the early mornings and would stop at midday for lunch. Moving faster than the current, according to Smith, "brings us foul." [10] Ross protested strongly against the lack of urgency, as did Smith's second in command, Lieutenant Commander James P. Foster. Their pleas were disregarded. Smith's torpor may have been a result of his declining health; he had been sick when the expedition started, but he had stayed on, hoping that he would improve when his fleet was in motion. Instead, he only got worse, and he eventually had to relinquish command to Foster. By then, however, it was too late.[11]

The Union flotilla finally arrived in the vicinity of Fort Pemberton on March 11, more than five weeks after the levee at Yazoo Cut had been breached. A probe sent out by the Army, accompanied by Chillicothe, found that the terrain near the fort was too marshy to support an attack by infantry. The attack would have to be carried out by the gunboats, aided by whatever artillery could be brought ashore and brought to bear. Not even all of the gunboats could participate; because the river was rather narrow, only two boats could engage at a time, and these only bows on to the enemy.[12] The initial probe was followed by a more determined bombardment by Chillicothe and Baron De Kalb. In this action, Chillicothe sustained the most serious injury of the operation. A shell from Fort Pemberton passed through one of her gun ports while the 11-inch (280 mm) gun was being loaded, striking the shell and causing both to explode. The gun itself was not harmed, but 14 members of the gun crew were killed or wounded. Another man was killed by a later hit. Baron De Kalb did not suffer any significant damage, because of her superior construction and because the Confederate gun crews concentrated their fire on the more

vulnerable Chillicothe.[13] The next day (March 12) was given over to repairing the damage suffered by the gunboats, and giving them additional protection by placing cotton bales on the foredecks. Smith also landed a pair of 30-pounder Parrott guns, one from his flagship Rattler and the other from Forest Rose. He also sent ashore a 12-pounder howitzer. They were sited some 800 yards (730 m) from the fort, and were, like the guns in the fort, shielded by cotton bales covered with dirt.[14] The two ironclads returned to action on March 13, this time assisted by the shore battery and the mortar boat. The Confederate gunners again concentrated their fire on Chillicothe. Although she lost only three wounded among her crew, the pounding she took from the enemy artillery loosened many of her armor plates and generally revealed the inadequacy of her construction. Baron De Kalb, although not punished so severely, lost three of her officers and men killed and three others wounded. The Rebels lost some of their men also, when a shell entered a magazine. Although it did not explode, its fuze set fire to the ammunition stored there, and the fire killed one man and burned 15 others. Another shell killed a man and wounded two others. At the end of the day, Fort Pemberton was basically unscathed; the gunboats, however, particularly Chillicothe, had been badly battered. Smith failed to note that the Confederate fire was slackening at the end of the day, their ammunition supply being depleted.[15]

Smith spent the next two days repairing his vessels and landing a broadside 8-inch (210 mm) gun taken from Baron De Kalb. He and Ross decided to make a determined assault on Monday, March 16. The ironclads would be pushed closer to Fort Pemberton than before in order to be better able to silence its guns. They would advance side by side with the mortar boat lashed between them. Infantry would follow in tinclads behind them, ready to go ashore as soon as the guns in the fort were knocked out and a suitable landing place could be found. The planned attack collapsed almost immediately when a series of shot or shell hit Chillicothe's casemate. The impact buckled the armor plates in such a manner that the gun port stoppers could not be raised. Chillicothe was forced to retire, and Smith decided to pull the relatively undamaged Baron De Kalb out of action also. That was essentially the end of the Union effort. Smith finally realized that his health was impeding the expedition, so he turned command over to his second-in-command, Lieutenant Commander James P. Foster. [16]

Foster and Ross decided together that further effort would be futile, so the flotilla began to withdraw the next day. They had not gone far when they encountered a group of Union transports bringing in reinforcements under the command of Brigadier General Isaac F. Quinby, whose appointment predated that of Ross and who therefore ranked him. Quinby ordered Ross to go back down the river to renew the attack, and he persuaded Foster (whom he could not order) to accompany him. A few desultory probes were launched in the next several days, but Quinby found what Ross already knew, that the land was unsuitable for an infantry assault. Quinby received orders from Grant to return to the Mississippi, where he and Ross were needed for the next assault on Vicksburg. The flotilla withdrew from Fort Pemberton for the last time, and by April 14 all had returned.[17]

Notes:

1. Joiner, Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy, p. 125
2. Grant, Memoirs, p. 297.
3. Shea and Winschel, Vicksburg Is the Key, pp. 68–69. ORN ser. I, v. 24, p. 258 states that the date of building the levee was 1853.
4. Hearn, Admiral Porter, p. 179. See also Porter's orders to Watson Smith, ORN ser. I, v. 24, p. 244.
5. Hearn, Admiral Porter, pp. 179–182. Shea and Winschel, Vicksburg Is the Key, p. 69.
6. Joiner, Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy, p. 125. ORN ser. I, v. 24, p. 245.
7. Hearn, Admiral Porter, pp. 182, 184.
8. At present, a part of the Tallahatchie flows through a crossover channel near the former site of Fort Pemberton, thus in effect making the land opposite the city of Greenwood an island. The crossover did not exist in 1863.
9. Star of the West was famed for her role in the first attempt to resupply Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor in the final days of the Buchanan presidency. She turned back in the face of secessionist gunfire (this was before the Confederacy was established), and the Civil War was postponed for another two months. Later, on April 17, 1861, she had been captured off the coast of Texas and taken into Confederate service. Her name was changed officially at that time to Saint Philip, but almost everyone continued to refer to her by her former name. See Tucker, Blue and Gray Navies, p. 228.
10. ORN I, v. 24, p. 262.
11. Smith's health was indeed failing, and he was sent North for medical treatment as soon as the expedition returned to the Mississippi, but he died soon after. See Soley, "Naval Operations," Battles and Leaders, v. 3, pp. 561–563.

12. This was at any rate in keeping with Porter's orders to Smith, which told the latter not to use the tinclads against Confederate artillery. ORN ser. I, v. 24, p. 244.
13. Hearn, Admiral Porter, p. 183. ORN I, ser. I, v. 24, pp. 246–247.
14. ORN I, ser. I, v. 24, p. 247. Hearn, Admiral Porter, p. 183.
15. Hearn, Admiral Porter, pp. 183–184.
16. Hearn, Admiral Porter, p. 184. Milligan, Gunboats Down the Mississippi, p. 135.
17. Milligan, Gunboats Down the Mississippi, p. 136.



THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

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