

Please Note: No Camp meeting for November because of a conflict of activities on the Division level. We will have a Camp meeting on December 12, 2026.

Michael Anthony, Camp Commander

Commander's Comments:

Greetings men and ladies of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp, the Brigadier General Charles Clark Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Ella Palmer Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose, and our friends and followers who read this newsletter. By the time you read this article, Halloween will be over and the election on November 3 probably will be as well. I hope you enjoyed your day of frights, scares, candy, and friends; and I certainly hoped you voted for the candidates you believe best represent your interests. Before you jump on me and tell me that the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not a political organization, keep reading, for this is not a political article.

From two weeks outside the election, it certainly looks on a national level that the Democrats will take control of the House of Representatives and have a very realistic opportunity to take control of the United States Senate. The previous sentence may turn out to make me foolish if the present Republican majority holds, but that would be a very bold prediction. This is not good news for the perpetuation and preservation of Southern history, heritage, and culture. If you don 't believe me, look at what is happening in our mother state: The Commonwealth of Virginia. A Democrat promising moderation was elected governor one year ago and she and the Democratic legislature of the State have gone on a rampage trying to destroy everything Confederate in Virginia. Looking at just that, the future for us is not sunny, but at least we know what to expect.

What do the actions of our ancestors teach us? How can we use history to guide our present and create a future where Confederate and Southern heritage and history is treasured and valued? First, we must be prepared to fight. Our ancestors asked only to be left alone to live their lives, but the Federal government would not allow them that kindness. Today, we ask that our monuments, memorials, named places and buildings be left alone, but a Democratic controlled Congress will probably not allow us that courtesy. So we must fight. But second, we must fight with a strategy and a plan. Just as our ancestors were forced to acknowledge their loss to the Federal army and rejoin the United States of America, they had a plan. For a few years, Radical Reconstruction suppressed the noble warriors of the Confederacy, installing governments and policies that were nothing but instruments of terror, confiscation, and usurpation. But our ancestors waited out the Carpetbaggers and eleven short years after the end of the War, they regained complete control of their States and were able to build a society rooted in Democracy, freedom, and liberty. We need a strategic plan, and we need to acknowledge the reality of our foe; and understand that just like the Radical Republicans of the Reconstruction Era, our current foe wants to destroy our society, our history, and our Confederate heritage.

To the credit of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mississippi's own Conor Bond was elected Chief of Heritage Operations during the Annual Reunion in July. I know of no other man who is more qualified for this job than Conor. He has spent his entire adult life in the halls of politics. He knows who to talk to, where to go for information, and how to talk to people to make them sympathetic to the Cause of preservation and defense of Confederate history and heritage. Conor is a fine man and I have every confidence that he has the skills and knowledge necessary to confront a probable new foe at the Federal level.

We know the challenge that is probably coming before us. We know that the probable takeover of Congress and the Senate by the Democratic party is not favorable to Confederate history and heritage. But we can win this fight. Our ancestors did when there were literal Federal armies occupying their states. So too, we can win. We must win; not just for us today, but for our children tomorrow and in gratitude of the sacrifice our Confederate ancestors made for us.

Deo Vindice,
Michael

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Dan McCaskill,

Camp Adjutant's Report: October 10, 2026

Call to Order: At 6:00 PM CDT by Compatriot Larry McCluney
Opening Prayer and Blessing: Camp Chaplain Earl M. McCown, Jr. Pledge, Salutes, and Reading of The Charge: Color Sergent Earl B. Allen, Jr.

Compatriot Larry McCluney welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting and moved on to Officer Reports while the ladies of the OCR setup the evening meal.

Officer Reports: Commander Michael Anthony was absent; 1 st Lt. Commander David Floyd was absent. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that the current balance of the checking was $2,557 which includes $299 for Heritage Defense. All dues, fees, and Optional Giving have been forwarded to their respective organizations. No funds from the Operating Budget were spent since our last Camp Meeting. To date, $414.80 of the budget has been spent which represents 39% of the Annual Budget. Current Camp membership stands at 43. due to four deaths and one non-renewals. MOSB: Commander Earl McCown reported that we are still looking for new members. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that the dues notice has been sent to all Chapter members.; Past CIC: Larry McCluney reported that he will be attending Fall Muster at Beauvoir along with Brad Hartsfield, October 16 – 18th; Larry reported that the Mississippi Division is well represented on the General Executive Council; OCR: Missy Stillman reported that they are accepting donations for the Lee-Jackson Banquet raffle. Some members will be attending Conor Bond's wedding at Beauvoir on November 14th . At this time, Larry recessed the meeting for our evening meal.

Old Business: 1) Lee-Jackson Banquet, Jan 16th: It was confirmed that Conor Bond will be our speaker. The main entrée for the banquet was discussed and a final decision will be made at the next Camp Meeting; 2) Carrollton Recruiting Table: this event was canceled due to the forecast for severe weather and a lack of confirmed volunteers. 3) Mississippi Division Informational Brochure: an insert to the brochure containing information about the Camp was put forth for consideration. After a brief discussion, the insert was unanimously approved.

New Business: No new business. With no other business, Kenneth Ray made a motion to close the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Earl McCown and passed without objection.

Program: Larry McCluney presented a program on how self-proclaimed historical experts say there were no Black Confederates. Larry gave us a list of the most woke history authors: Gary Gallagher, James McPherson, Bruce Levine, James O. Horton and Kiven Levine. One reason this myth is sustained is because the mainstream media and social media promote this narrative because the fact that Blacks did take up arms in support of the Confederacy would undermine the victor's position. A very good program.

Events: Fall Muster at Beauvoir will be held October 16-17, 2026. There will be "battles" both days, you will have re-enactors and sutlers to visit with. There is Beauvoir Home and the Museum in the Library to explore. You will need to check-in at the Gift Shop.

With no other business coming before the Camp, a motion was made by Kenneth Ray to adjourn the Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Hathaway and passed without objection. The meeting was closed with prayer by Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie. Attendance for the meeting was 9.

The next scheduled Camp Meeting will be November 14, 2026. Note: On October 24th, the November Camp Meeting was postponed to December 12th due to the absence of key Camp members.

Humbly Submitted,
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Adjutant

Earl McCown,

Chaplain's Corner



'Without Christ!'

'Without Christ!' A more miserable condition cannot be conceived. It is bad enough to be without money, without health, without a home, or without friends. But it is far worse to be without Christ! No tongue can tell the depth of wretchedness and misery that lie in those two words. There is no poverty like this, no need like this. Yet this is the condition that we were all in, when God laid hold of us by His mighty grace: '*At that time ye were without Christ.'*

When must we say that a person is without Christ? To be sure, all men are without Christ by nature. Sin has separated us fromGod. A man is without Christ when he has n knowledge of who Christ is, what He has done and where He is now. The purpose of preaching the gospel is to inform men of the person and work of Christ. Yet it is not enough to simply know the historical facts concerning the person and work of Christ. You may know all that s to be known about Christ and still be without Christ. A man is without Christ when he has no heart faith in Christ.

What does it mean to be without Christ? Paul points out four solemn deprival's of the soul without Christ. Without Christ you are '*aliens from the commonwealth of Israel'*, separated from the people of God. Without Christ, you are '*strangers from the covenants of promise'*. All the promises of God are in Christ Jesus, yea and amen. The covenant promises of forgiveness, guidance, protection and providence are for those who are in Christ. Without Christ you have no promise from God, except that of judgment. Without Christ, you have '*no hope'*. There is no hope of redemption, no hope of righteousness, no hope of acceptance with God, no hope of mercy, no hope of heaven. Without Christ, you are *without God,* perishing without the knowledge of God. Without Christ, you are among the lost, ruined, condemned sons of Adam in the world.

How can you be in Christ? You must be born again in Christ. You must be in Christ by faith. As soon as you trust Christ, you are in Christ.

Lee/Jackson Banquet January 16, 2027

Its time to mark it on your Calendar to make plans to attend our annual Lee/Jackson Banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2027. Our guest speaker is the National Heritage Operations Chief and Past Mississippi Division Commander George Conor Bond.

The ladies of the OCR are gearing up for their silent auction and if you have any items you would like to donate please bring them at the December 12 meeting.



Mississippi Division News:

MS Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Vehicle License Plates



At the 2005 MS Division, SCV, convention, the Division renewed its pledge to preserve/conserve MS's original Confederate Battle flags. Show your support for your Division and our Flags by purchasing a Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans "vanity" car or motorcycle tag today (if you haven't already done so)! If you've already done so, please continue to purchase the tags when tag replacement time rolls around!

When you purchase a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag, $26 of your purchase price comes directly to the MS Division. The majority of these funds are used for the restoration of the original MS Confederate Battle flags in the Mississippi Museum of History in Jackson. The remainder being used to fight heritage violations.

The Mississippi division has to date restored nine original MS Confederate Battle flags and two more are in process, at a total cost of approximately $100,000! Thus conserved, these flags should now last for at least two-hundred more years! What a gesture to our noble Confederate grandsires!

According to the Department of Archives and History, a sampling of conserved flags are beautifully framed, then put on display at the Mississippi Museum of History and Beauvoir (Museum).

Restoration of these storied emblems is exceedingly expensive, with typical conservation costs ranging from $3,000 to $27,000 per flag. This vital work is done by hand, using the latest methodologies and state-of-the-art materials. One of the finest conservation services in the nation performs all the work in-house in West Virginia.

If not conserved, these most-precious artifacts of our history — the very "colors" that our Patriot forebears fought and died under — will simply crumble into dust. We can't let that happen!

Anyone can buy a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag! You need not be a Member of the Division! You don't have to show a Membership card or any other SCV identification. Ask friends, family, and co-workers to buy one today and, thus, help preserve a little bit of MS's proud history! Make your family fleet of vehicles an "all SCV" fleet!

To purchase a tag, simply go to your county tag office and request a MS Sons of Confederate Veterans tag! Take your present tag, fill out the forms, write a check, and affix your SCV tag to your vehicle, showing all who see your car/truck/motorcycle that you are a Mississippian who cares about your "Heritage of Honor"!

Note: Some tag offices do not have the SCV car tag on display, but it is available. You might respectfully request that your local office display the tag in their tag displays, so that other folks can become aware of its availability for purchase. Make sure that tag office personnel know that anyone can purchase the tag, not just SCV Members!

If you have any problems obtaining a MS SCV tag or employees claim that they can't get such tags, immediately contact the MS State Tax Commission, register a gentlemanly complaint, and respectfully request that the State Tax Commission make your local tag office comply with State law and procure a MS SCV tag for you.

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Monday Nights @ 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Just go to facebook and watch.





131st Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
33rd Reunion- Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose
2nd Confederation- Mississippi Division SCV Cadets
Pickwick Landing, TN – June 4-6, 2027

SCV REGISTRATION FORM

SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp 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 MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION AND SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET USING THIS FORM. OCR BUSINESS MEETING REGISTRATION ATTACHED.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 4, 2027, $60.00 / After May 4, 2027, $70.00 QTY____ $_____

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception

on or before May 4, 2027, $40.00 / After May 4, 2027, $45.00 QTY____ $_____

Awards Banquet - $55.00 per Adult / After May 4, 2027, $60.00 QTY____ $_____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 14, 2027, 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 Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321 & Mail to:
Dwight Johnson, 3470 CR 100, Corinth, MS 38834

SCV Contact: Mike Moore (732) 962-5335 or msdivadjutant@gmail.com
OCR Contact: Laura Moore (662) 416-7949 or chapter25ocr@gmail.com

HOTEL INFO

The Mississippi Division has a block of rooms reserved for the Reunion. Please contact the Lodge directly at the number given below and tell them your stay is for the Sons of Confederate Veterans event.

The Lodge at Pickwick Landing
120 Playground Loop • Counce, TN 38326 • (731) 689-3135

Hosted by:
Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321 and Ladies of Col. William P. Rogers Chapter 25

Assistance Graciously Provided By:
Brices Crossroads Camp 1430 and Ladies of Brices Crossroads Chapter 32

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ALL EVENTS AT PICKWICK

Friday June 4th

- **12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration**
  - **Conference Center Foyer**
- **5:00 PM-6:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting**
  - **Room TBA**
- **6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party**
  - **Meeting Rooms A-B**

Saturday June 5th

- **8:00 AM- Color Guard Muster**
  - **Conference Center Foyer**
- **8:30 AM- Opening Ceremonies**
  - **Meeting Rooms A-B**
- **9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.**
  - **Meeting Rooms A-B**
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting (Tea hosted by Ladies of Brices Crossroads Chapter 32)**
  - **Meeting Room C**
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Division SCV Cadet fun day**
  - **Shiloh Battlefield**

After the meetings conclude, please feel free to explore the area and all it has to offer. Lunch is on your own.

- **5:30 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar**
  - **Conference Center Foyer**
- **6:00 PM- Awards Banquet**
  - **Meeting Rooms A-B-C**

The doors for the banquet will open at 5:30 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:00 PM. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Sam Winkler who will give us an in-depth portrayal of President Jefferson Davis.

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Laura Moore, 108 CR 5131, Booneville, MS 38829

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Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

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 Solider 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 BRICKTODAY!

Make Checks out for $50.00 per brick to:

Bricks for Beauvoir

Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir

2244 Beach Blvd

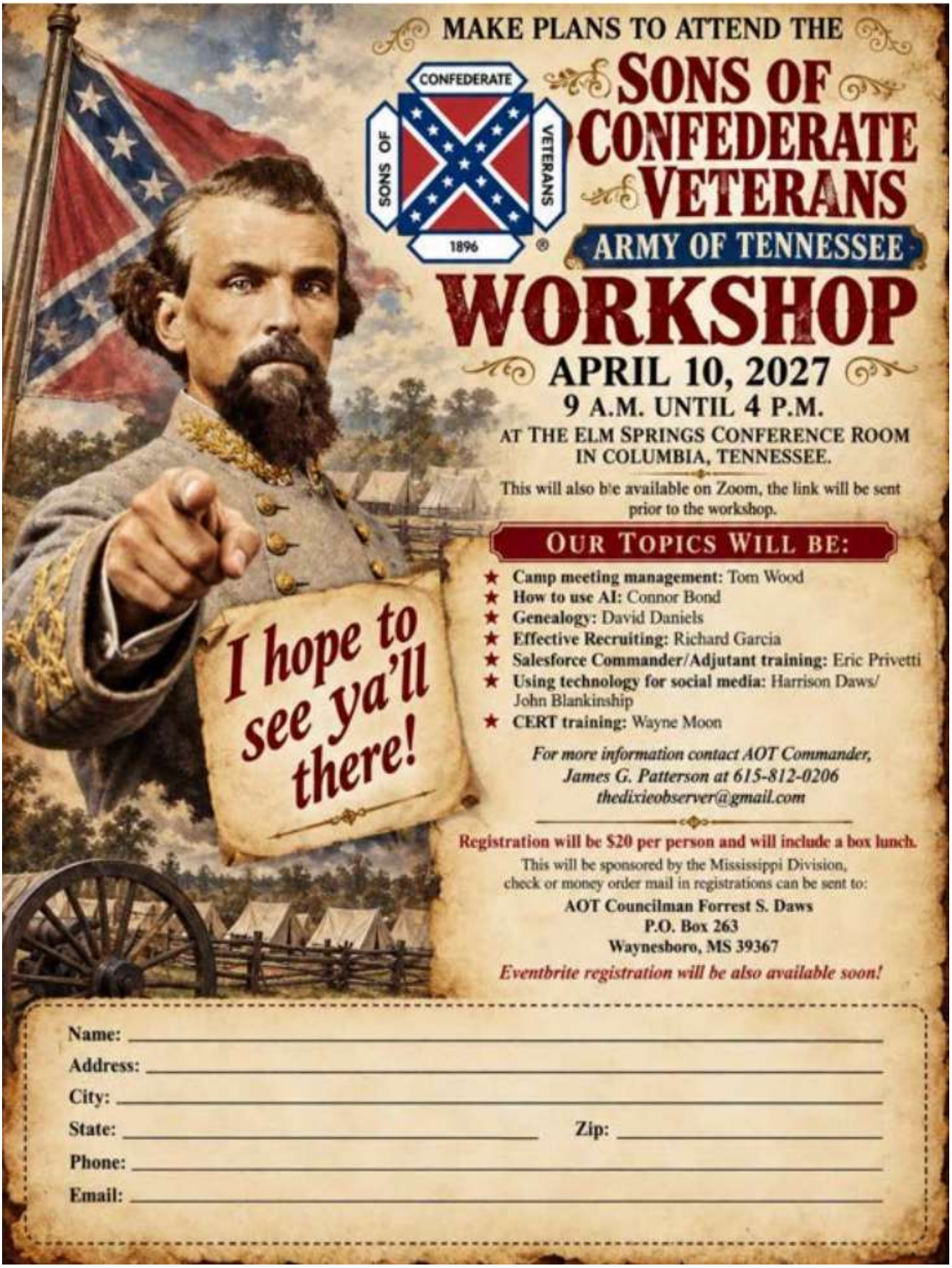
Biloxi, MS. 39531

OR

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

Example:

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McCluney
6th MS CAV. CO. F


MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE
CONFEDERATE
SONS OF
VETERANS
1896
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
ARMY OF TENNESSEE
WORKSHOP
APRIL 10, 2027
9 A.M. UNTIL 4 P.M.
AT THE ELM SPRINGS CONFERENCE ROOM
IN COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE.
This will also b'e available on Zoom, the link will be sent prior to the workshop.
OUR TOPICS WILL BE:
★ Camp meeting management: Tom Wood
★ How to use AI: Connor Bond
★ Genealogy: David Daniels
★ Effective Recruiting: Richard Garcia
★ Salesforce Commander/Adjutant training: Eric Privetti
★ Using technology for social media: Harrison Daws/ John Blankinship
★ CERT training: Wayne Moon
For more information contact AOT Commander,
James G. Patterson at 615-812-0206
thedixieobserver@gmail.com
Registration will be $20 per person and will include a box lunch.
This will be sponsored by the Mississippi Division,
check or money order mail in registrations can be sent to:
AOT Councilman Forrest S. Daws
P.O. Box 263
Waynesboro, MS 39367
Eventbrite registration will be also available soon!
I hope to see ya'll there!
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone:
Email:

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.



Beauvior - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis. Biloxi, Mississippi

Friends of Beauvior

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



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

THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Park have be taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateu Museums have changed their collections and interpretation 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 co rectness 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 th South and others can go to learn an accurate account of wh many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert govern- ment 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 sta the process to erect a new building that will have two purp es. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us o fice space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate M seum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth ab what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July ol 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the commor Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

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

Take this journey with us and support the museum as a dor 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.

www.theconfederatemuseum.com



~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2027 Reunion ~

Official Registration[1] Form

Mobile, Alabama * July 15th – 17th, 2027

Raphael Semmes Camp 11, SCV

scvsemmes.org

NAME (Print):_____

SCV CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

PERSONAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

~ Tickets Purchased ~

Event / Date	Price$	Quantity	Total$
Registration	80		
Wednesday, July 14, 2027, Diner Cruise 6:00 p.m. (Limited to the First 100)	120		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, SCV Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.	40		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, SCV Heritage Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	60		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, Fort McDermott & Blakeley Battlefield Tour 2:00 p.m. Fort McDermott is "NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE", and has a steep grade.	20		
Friday, July 16, 2027, Walking Confederate Tour of Mobile, Alabama w/Paul Brueske 9:00 a.m. (Ladies Tour)	50		
Friday, July 16, 2027, SCV Awards Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	60		
Friday, July 16, 2027, Tour of Fort Gaines	50		
Saturday, July 17, 2027, SCV Banquet & Grand Ball	75		
Ancestor Memorial ~ Each @ 2 Lines per Memorial	10		
Debutant Presentation - Please ask for this page.			

[1] **REGISTRATION INCLUDES BADGE AND PROGRAM:**
ADDTITIONAL BADGES AND PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CONVENTION AT TIME OF CHECKING IN.



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Raphael Semmes Camp 11, SCV

scvsemmes.org

Fill in ***Ancestor(s)*** Name & Unit (Each - Two Lines of 45 Characters ~ Use Back of Form if Necessary)

Sub Total ~ Price of Tickets& Memorials Page 1	

Reunion Program Inclusions/Advertising Option Rates[1]

FULL PAGE $200.00
HALF PAGE $100.00
QUARTER PAGE $ 50.00
BUSINESS CARD $ 25.00

Final Total ~ Price of Tickets, Memorials and Program Options/Advertising	

~ MAKE CHECKS PAYBLE TO ~

~ CAMP 11 REUNION ~

~ MAIL BOTH PAGES & PAYMENT TO ~

SCV REUNION 2027
317 HADRIAN STREET
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36606

Host Hotel: Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel ~ Rate = $185.00/per Night
64 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602
Reservation Desk: 1-800-922-3298

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO RECEIVE NEGOTIATED ROOM RATE

[1] Circle selected ***Inclusions/Advertising Option*** **on the Form Above, Include Payment, and Attach Information to be placed in the Reunion Program.** Orders and Information for ***Ancestor Memorial & Inclusions/Advertising Options must be received*** by **June 24, 2027 at the HADRIAN STREET MAIL ADDRESS above *to be Included in Reunion Program*.**

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM
RAPHAEL SEMMES CAMP 11

CARD TYPE

[] MASTERCARD [] VISA [] DISCOVER [] AMEX [] OTHER_____

CARDHOLDER NAME (AS ON CARD) _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE(mm/yr) _____/_____ SECURITY CODE_____

CARDHOLDER ZIP CODE ON CREDIT CARD BILL _____

AMOUNT CHARGE $_____ + 3% FEE

I, _____, AUTHORIZE RAPHAEL SEMMES CAMP 11 TO CHARGE MY CARD ABOVE FOR AGREED UPON PURCHASE.

_____ _____

Customer Signature Date

PHONE#_____


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VETERANS
1896
STAY CONNECTED
with the
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
Follow us on social media for the latest news, events, history, and updates from the SCV.
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Sons of Confederate Veterans (Official)
INSTAGRAM
@scv_hq
CIC FACEBOOK
SCV Commander-in-Chief
X (TWITTER)
@SCVHQ
YOUTUBE
@SonsOfConfederateVeterans-z1m

From the Army Commander



Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

Fall is here and we are finally getting a break from the summer heat. The past few months has been the time of year for County fairs across the Confederation; I know that many of you have set up recruiting booths. Hopefully you have had great success in recruiting new members. Letting folks know about our Confederate ancestors, the struggles they went through and that we have a heritage of honor is important as well.

A SWOT survey was sent to all the Division Commanders and the response was outstanding. Chuck Roydhouse analyzed the data that was gathered, we have had a SWOT Zoom meeting, and we are working on a plan to assist the Divisions in the Army of Tennessee. In the next few weeks, we will roll out a recruiting plan, social media program and a chain of command breakdown. All of these will be for Camps that need help in those areas. Idea sharing across the SCV will help all of us.

One of our greatest problems is communication and distribution of information. Check your emails daily and respond asap. It's easy to put it off and then it gets lost in the shuffle. Send details about events, Camp meetings and projects to "The Sentinel" newsletter editor Sean Hill. Everyone should activate their member login on the SCV website and keep their information current. If you have a change of Officers, email Eric at SCV HQ and let him know membership@scv.org We have three SCV online shows that watch to keep you up to date. SCV Chat comes on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM Central time, Tennessee Tuesday 7:00 PM Central time and Look around Florida 7:00 PM Central time.

We are having an AOT workshop on April 10 th , 2027 9AM until 4PM at the Elm Springs Conference center. We will be covering eight important topics. Camp meeting management: Tom Wood, How to use AI: Connor Bond, Genealogy: David Daniels, Effective Recruiting: Richard Garcia, Salesforce Commander/Adjutant training: Eric Privetti, Using technology for social media: Harrison Daws/John Blankinship, CERT training: Wayne Moon If you are there in person it will be $20 per person and includes a box lunch. A registration form is in this newsletter, I hope many of you will be able to attend. This will also be available on Zoom.

Thank you for your membership and dedication to our organization. May God continue to bless each of you, Dixie and the SCV!

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From the Army Councilman



Gentlemen of the Army of Tennessee,

As I sit down to type this letter and reflect back on the last few months, I am pleased with the progress the organization is making on the national level. While there is always more to do, I feel as though forward progress is being made.

Last month, this administration held the first meeting of the General Executive Council. We handled numerous pieces of business, but one that will probably be of interest to most of our members is the fact that we approved a bid for the reconstruction of Forrest Plaza. This has been a long time in the making and many people have worked hard to make it happen. First and foremost, I would like to thank each and every person, Camp, Brigade, Division, or business that financially contributed to cover the cost of this massive project. Like the museum before, your generosity is making the dream become a reality. I would also like to thank the Forrest Last Ride Committee for their tireless work on this project. They have gone above and beyond to not just make sure the plaza gets rebuilt, but to make sure it will be done the right way. More will be announced soon, but for now I am thrilled that the wheels are in motion and work should begin soon.

Another item discussed at length during our meeting was a new social media campaign. Lt. Commander-in-Chief Charles Lauret, Chief of Heritage Operations George Conor Bond, and Deputy Chief of Heritage Promotions Harrison F. Daws, have worked together to create a promotional plan that will put us on the offensive. At our last reunion, Commander Kennedy used the phrase, "If they know, we will grow". A big focus of this social media campaign will be getting our message out there. We will need everyone's help though. Content will be needed. When your Camp has a project, take pictures and tell us about it. Detailed information will be coming soon on how to submit material, but it will be up to the members to follow through. Remember, it's all about letting people know who we are and what we are all about.

On the Army level, Army of Tennessee Commander James Patterson has assembled a fantastic staff and I am excited to have the opportunity to work with him to move this Army forward. He has been in communication with every Division's leadership, which has helped us formulate a plan to help strengthen the AOT. One of the things Commander Patterson has planned is an Army of Tennessee Workshop. which I will let him expand on. I thank him for his willingness to pursue improved training for our members. Training is something we as an organization desperately need, so please plan to take advantage of this workshop if you are able. More details to come.

General Forrest said to never stand and take a charge, but to charge them too. We are under attack, and the time for playing defense only has passed. If we are to be successful, we must make our own offensive charges. Working together, being active, and keeping things positive, we can and will make a difference. It is my honor to serve as your Army of Tennessee Councilman, and I pledge to work as hard as I can to live up to the Charge by protecting, preserving, and telling the history of our ancestors.

For the Cause,
Forrest S. Daws Army of Tennessee Councilman

Why the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Still Matters

There is a one-acre burying ground somewhere within thirty miles of almost every compatriot reading this. It sits behind a soybean field or at the end of a logging road, and it holds eight or ten graves. One of them is a Confederate officer. The stone has spalled along its face until the name is a suggestion rather than a fact. The iron fence has rusted through at the corners and a sweetgum has grown up inside it. The family that once tended the plot moved to Atlanta in 1961 and no longer knows the place exists.

No state agency is coming. No county has a line item for it. No university will send a graduate student. The National Park Service protects battlefields, not the ten thousand scattered plots where the men who fought on them were finally laid. If that stone is reset, if that fence is repaired, if that name is recorded before the last legible letter weathers away, it will be because a handful of private citizens decided it was worth a Saturday. That is the plainest possible statement of what this Order is for.

It has become fashionable to assume that anything worth preserving will eventually be preserved by an institution — a museum, an agency, a department. This is a comfortable assumption and it is wrong, and the reason it is wrong has nothing to do with politics. Institutions preserve what is legible to them: the notable, the aggregated, the fundable. They are built to steward the significant few. They are not built, and have never been built, to steward the diffuse many.

The South's historical record is overwhelmingly diffuse. It is not concentrated in a dozen archives. It is in family Bibles, in county courthouse basements, in church minute books, in photographs in shoeboxes, and in thousands of small cemeteries with no owner of record. A professional institution encountering this material faces an impossible arithmetic: the cost of finding, cataloguing, and conserving any single item exceeds what that item alone can justify. So the material is not preserved. It is simply lost, quietly, at a rate that no one measures.

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars solves this arithmetic by changing the terms. Our labor is not billed. Our members are already distributed across the exact geography where the material sits — a chapter in Corinth, MS knows things about Corinth, MS that no visiting scholar will learn in a week. And crucially, our interest does not lapse at the end of a grant cycle. A chapter that adopted a cemetery in 1974 is still mowing it in 2026. That kind of continuity cannot be purchased. It can only be inherited, which is precisely what the Order is organized to do. There is a second thing we possess that institutions cannot manufacture, and it is worth naming directly because we tend to take it for granted.

When a chapter approaches a landowner about access to a family plot on his property, the conversation is different from the one a stranger would have. When a chapter petitions a county commission to protect a burial ground from a road widening, it is not a lobby group speaking; it is the family. When we apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a government headstone for an unmarked grave, the application is grounded in documented lineage — the same lineage our membership process requires us to prove in the first place.

This is the quiet genius of the Order's design. The genealogical rigor that gets a man admitted is not a formality or a velvet rope. It is the evidentiary foundation of everything else we do. A proven line of descent is what converts a sentiment into a legal and practical standing to act. Our members' application files are, collectively, one of the most substantial bodies of documented Confederate officer genealogy in existence, and they exist because we insisted on the proof.

The work itself is unglamorous and specific, and our chapters have been doing it since 1938, when seventeen surviving Confederate officers and forty-seven descendants met at Columbia, South Carolina, and elected Captain Homer Atkinson of Petersburg as the first Commander-in-Chief.

Marking. Repairing. Decorating. Those three words from our chapter guidance cover an enormous amount of ground: resetting toppled stones on proper bases, cleaning biological growth with conservation-grade methods rather than the wire brushes and household bleach that destroyed so many markers in the last century, repairing and repainting ironwork, clearing encroachment, replacing illegible markers, and recording GPS coordinates and photographs so that a plot found once is never lost again.

The recording matters as much as the stonework. A cemetery that has been surveyed, photographed, and documented survives its own physical destruction. If the road goes through anyway, the record of who was there remains — and the record is often what persuades the commission not to let the road go through at all.

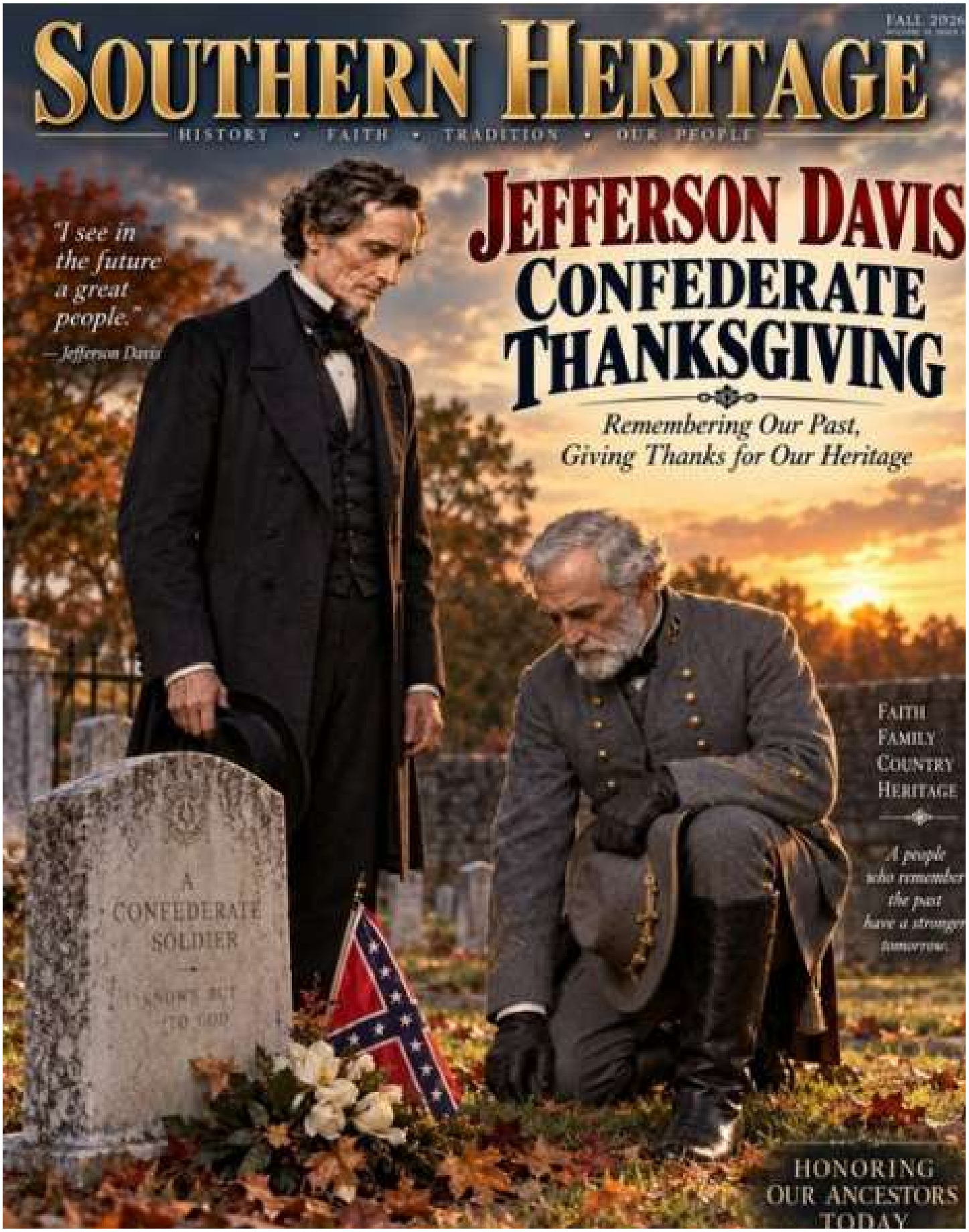
Alongside the field work stands the commemorative and educational program the Order has maintained for decades: scholarships awarded on the strength of serious historical work, literary awards for authors and publishers producing substantive scholarship, memorial and Honor Roll ceremonies, historical lectures in our communities, and the monuments and markers our chapters have raised and continue to maintain.

None of us needs to be told that public memory of the Confederacy is contested ground, or that a good deal of it has been contested against us in the last decade. The temptation, when a community removes a monument, is to treat the loss as the whole story and grievance as the whole response. I would suggest a different posture, on strictly practical grounds.

Grievance persuades no one who is not already persuaded. Stewardship persuades almost everyone. The county commissioner who watched our compatriots spend four Saturdays clearing a cemetery that had been a thicket for thirty years is a different man afterward than he was before. The archivist who has worked with our records knows we handle documents properly. The professor whose student received one of our scholarships has read the work. In every case, the argument was made by conduct, and conduct is an argument that is very difficult to answer.

So the answer to a difficult climate is not less work. It is better work — more rigorous documentation, more professional conservation practice, more genuine scholarship, and more visible service to the communities where our chapters sit. An organization that is unmistakably good at preserving history is in a far stronger position than one that is merely loud about it. Here is the only real threat to this Order, and it has nothing to do with our critics.

Everything described above depends on a chapter existing within driving distance of the work. A chapter is not a building or an endowment; it is a group of men who show up. Chapters that do not recruit do not shrink gradually. They reach a point where four men are doing the work of twenty, and then they stop, and the cemeteries they tended go back to woods in about a decade. Every compatriot reading this knows at least one eligible man who has never been asked — a brother, a cousin, a son, a son-in-law, a friend who has mentioned an ancestor's service. The single most consequential act of preservation available to most of us is not performed with a trowel. It is performed by asking that man to join, and then by putting a tool in his hands the first Saturday he is free.


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The First TRUE Thanksgiving was in the South!

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. -- In 1863, at the height of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. This fact - along with the holiday's origin among the Pilgrims of Plymouth colony - would seem to give Thanksgiving a Yankee flavor. Not so, says a history professor at the University of Arkansas. The Thanksgiving tradition is as deeply rooted in the South as it is in the North.

In fact, Willard Gatewood, emeritus alumni distinguished professor of history, would argue that the American Thanksgiving began in the South.

On Dec. 4, 1619, 39 British settlers arrived at the Jamestown colony, located in what is now the state of Virginia. "The charter these settlers brought over from the royal government said they must set aside the day of their arrival as a time to give thanks annually to God," said Gatewood. This southern Thanksgiving pre-dates the Plymouth celebration by two years.

"The Jamestown crew didn't have much to be thankful for except that they were alive," Gatewood explained. "It was a time of starvation. But they had made it to the New World, and they were going to give thanks."

Rather than emphasizing the nation's division, Gatewood asserts, Thanksgiving acted as a common feature, uniting northern and southern culture for generations before the Civil War. New York passed laws to make it a state holiday in 1830, and Virginia ratified an official Thanksgiving in 1855.

"Both North and South had been celebrating Thanksgiving long before Lincoln declared it national," he said. "It wasn't associated with presidents or politics so much as with tradition."

This tradition extends far back in history, according to Gatewood. Thanksgiving originated in Europe in the form of harvest festivals that celebrated the abundance of the land and the health of the people. Colonists brought this tradition to the New World where they added religious connotations - thanking God for their safe arrival and continued survival.

Gatewood said this tradition spread through the New England colonies after 1623 when Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth colony set aside July 30 as a day of "prayer and celebration." The Jamestown Thanksgiving celebration may have remained more localized.

National recognition of the holiday came late and during a time of great conflict. But according to Gatewood, Lincoln's decision to give Presidential recognition to Thanksgiving had little to do with politics.

Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of a popular women's magazine called "Godey's Lady's Book," began an editorial crusade to attain national recognition for Thanksgiving. Her efforts are credited with persuading Lincoln to make his 1863 proclamation.

"'Godey's Lady's Book' was the premier women's magazine before the Civil War and was widely distributed, both North and South," said Gatewood. "Women took it to heart. And even though women did not then hold the power to vote, through letter-writing campaigns and pressure on male members of the family, they exerted great influence."

And Gatewood suggests that the timing of Lincoln's Thanksgiving proclamation may have been welcome despite the on-going animosity between North and South: "In a time of such conflict, it must have been comforting to find some common bond -a thankfulness for what America had given us rather than anger and contention."

History Corrected

Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision.

Major General Patrick Cleburne

For over 160 years, the history of the War Between the States has been misrepresented by Northern academia. As the guardians of the Confederate Soldier's history and good name, it is our duty to correct the narrative.

Was the War Between the States a Civil War?

While many refer to it as such, the conflict from 1861 to 1865 doesn't meet the common definition of a civil war. According to Webster, a civil war is a conflict between different sections or factions within the same nation. However, this wasn't the case during the War Between the States. The North and South were two distinct nations—the United States of America and the Confederate States of America. Before the conflict, Southern states legally passed ordinances of secession to leave the Union and later formed their own nation.

Additionally, the term "civil war," as used in reference to other historical conflicts like the English or Roman civil wars, doesn't accurately describe what happened between the North and South. The Southern states had no intention of overthrowing the existing federal government or imposing their will on states like Massachusetts or New York.

Instead, the Southern states chose to withdraw from the United States, leaving its government intact, and formed their own confederation. This approach is similar to the one taken by American patriots 90 years earlier, but with an even stronger legal foundation than the revolution celebrated by many who now condemn Southern secession.

Wasn't the War Between the States fought to end slavery?

While slavery was a significant issue during the Civil War, it was not the primary reason for the conflict. President Abraham Lincoln, who initiated the war, made it clear that his main goal was to preserve the Union, even if that meant protecting slavery. In a letter to Horace Greeley, Lincoln stated that he would save the Union with or without freeing slaves, depending on what was necessary.

The idea that the war was fought solely to free the slaves emerged in 1863 when Lincoln needed to shift the war's focus. With the conflict at a stalemate and European powers considering support for the Confederacy, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. This document had no legal authority to free slaves but was a successful public relations move that redefined the war's purpose.

Lincoln's introduction of slavery as a war rationale came well after the conflict had begun, highlighting that other factors were at play, including a punitive Northern tariff, debates over state sovereignty, and Lincoln's determination to preserve the Union. Ultimately, the 13th Amendment, passed after Lincoln's death, was what truly ended slavery.

Isn't the Confederate flag a symbol of bigotry and racism?

Even though the Naval Jack, often mislabeled as the "Confederate flag," has been misused by racist groups to appeal to Southerners, it does not lose its honorable history. Born from the Cross of St. Andrew, it was a soldier's flag, representing the honor and valor of those

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defending their homes in a war they didn't seek.

When critics claim the Confederate flag is a symbol of racism due to its misuse by groups like the Ku Klux Klan, they must also consider that the Stars and Stripes and the Christian flag have been similarly abused by such groups. Yet, no one calls for banning these symbols because people recognize that their true meanings remain intact despite their misuse. The same standard should apply to the Confederate battle flag.

Did any African Americans fight for the Confederacy?

Yes, an estimated 65,000 African Americans—some free, but most slaves—assisted the Confederate cause. Many served as cooks, teamsters or in other support roles, but almost a third faced the enemy in combat. (One scholar estimates as many as 180,000 African Americans may have assisted the Confederate army.)

About 5,000 to 10,000 African Americans, possibly more, served in North Carolina units, according to Weymouth T. Jordan, editor of North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865 for the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. At least 200 African Americans were awarded Confederate pensions from the state government, suggesting that many times than that number actually served. This is because all pensioners faced a substantial burden of proof, with many soldiers not being able to demonstrate their eligibility; even the youngest applicant had to survive to age 79, to be living when the pensions were established; and needed to remain in North Carolina, though many migrated.

Much of the documentation about African American soldiers comes from Federal accounts, including this one from former slave Frederick Douglass: ***"There are at the present moment many Colored men in the Confederate Army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but real soldiers, having musket on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets, ready to shoot down any loyal troops and do all that soldiers may do to destroy the Federal government and build up that of the rebels."***

Over the last decade, several volumes have documented the role of African Americans in the war, including work by Dr. Edward Smith, dean of American Studies at American University in Washington, whose academic research has been dedicated to explaining the role of African Americans in the conflict.

Why would any African Americans serve the Confederacy?

Historians have identified several reasons for African Americans' Confederate service, including loyalty to their state, protecting their homes from Federal troops, personal bonds with free citizens who enlisted, and, in some cases, the promise of freedom in exchange for military service.