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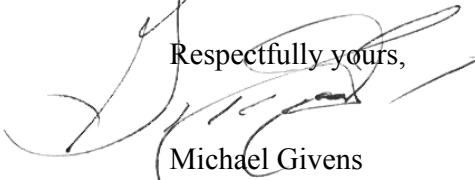
It gives me great pleasure to present you with The SCV Book of Reports for 2014. Between these covers you will find much information concerning nearly every aspect of our fine organization. While you will hear many oral reports during convention, with this book, you will have a permanent record of the year's events to study at your leisure.

Please take the time to peruse these pages and learn about much that has been accomplished in the name of the venerable men in gray during this past year. Read about the successes of your fellow Compatriots throughout the Confederation. See how you, your Camp, Division or the SCV as a whole, may benefit from a program or activity that has worked well for others. Perhaps you may think of a better way to accomplish something that you read about and you will try it your way and share your own success.

I wish to encourage you to read these reports and contact the officers and/or committeemen that have written them and either congratulate them on a job well done or offer your constructive suggestions for the betterment of the SCV. Furthermore, I urge you to look at the offices and committees of the SCV and decide where you might care to offer your assistance for the cause. Personally, I have worked for the defense of Southern Heritage, utilizing the might of the SCV, for many years. Yours may be the very idea that, once implemented, will be the tipping point of our ultimate success. Run for office in the SCV or find a committee that you feel that you can contribute to and get on board. We need all good Southerners now!

I hope you enjoy these reports. Use this information to help build the SCV into a stronger force for the advancement of the Confederate Cause. Thank you for your attention to this and the continued efforts to vindicate our glorious ancestors. I remain,

Respectfully yours,

  
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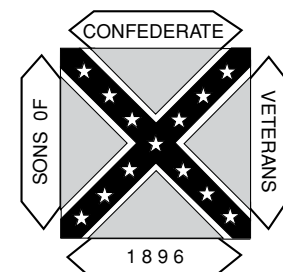
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# Reports of General Officers

## Commander-in-Chief R. Michael Givens

*On Wednesday, May 10, the veterans of the sixties marched through the streets of Charleston, triumphant in peace, under the same colors they defended with their lives when old Fort Sumter boomed and swept the sea with shot and shell.... As Division after Division and Company after Company passed in review hats were waved with patriot frenzy, and loud cheers were heard from the thousands who had patiently waited for the line to pass. Youth and age, in one conglomerated mass, mingled their shouts and did not fail to applaud even the most humble private in the ranks....*

Reporting on the 1899 UCV & SCV Reunion  
*Charleston News and Courier*

Greetings Officers and Gentlemen of the SCV,

Welcome to the 119<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I am pleased to bring you news concerning the state of our blessed Confederacy. Slowly and surely we are building the SCV stronger. Because of the groundwork that has been laid, I expect this pace to speed up in the coming months and years.

While our Heritage is under constant attack, we still have much to be grateful for. We have a powerful organization whose sole purpose is to defend our own and our children's birthright to the untarnished truth of our Confederate forebears. Try as we might, we do not win every battle, but our victories keep our truth alive and for that we are thankful.

I wish to list five special members who are true blessings. We are one-hundred and fifty years from the War and we are graced with the presence of five men whose fathers are counted among the very men we celebrate, emulate and honor. I humbly present to you our Real Sons:

Compatriot H. V. Booth of Elberton, Georgia, member of Camp 926, is the son of Private Isam Johnson Booth, 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Reserves, "Fannis Regt," Company D.

Compatriot Calvin Crane of Roanoke, Virginia, member of Camp 1326, is the son of Private James Anthony Crane, 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Light Artillery, Company B.

Compatriot Clifford Blair Hamm of Gastonia, North Carolina, member of Camp 872 is the son of Private John Berry Hamm, 71<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Troops, Company G.

Compatriot Francis H. Vittetow of Winter Park, Florida, member of Camp 102 is the son of Private Greene Thomas Vittetow, 10<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, Company B.

Compatriot Mike Y. Yancey of Cordova, Tennessee, member of Camp 1640 is the son of Private Sam Yancey, 7<sup>th</sup> MS Cavalry, Company B.

I wish each of you would remember these men in your thoughts and prayers. Send them a card and let them know that you appreciate them and the sacrifice of their fathers. I am sure your attentions would mean a great deal to them.

The SCV has been embroiled in many battles for the honor of our ancestors over the past year. Some have been ongoing engagements which have lasted for years, even decades. I'll list a few here; the crusade for the rightful markers on the final resting places at Oakwood Cemetery rages on. I have reason to believe that headway is being made in that arena. In the Memphis Parks case, I also feel progress is

being made and I hope we will enjoy a favorable resolution in the near future. The Virginia Museum of Modern Art is still at their game of denying the presence of the Confederate Battle Flag on the property which may ultimately belong to the SCV. The presence of the museum may have been a confiscation of UCV property; at the very least it's a questionable encroachment. Recently, the California Assembly voted, nearly unanimously, to ban the sale or the display of the Confederate Battle Flag on state property. The undereducated and delicate assemblyman Isadore Hall III (D-Compton) said the battle flag of the Confederacy is a symbol of "racism, exclusion, oppression and violence toward many Americans." In this current attack on the First Amendment, California gubernatorial candidate Tim Donnelly stood alone, casting the sole vote in opposition. Additionally, the current controversy over the total mismanagement and malicious mishandling of Confederate relics, photographs and documents by the directors of the Museum of the Confederacy is beyond the pale of comprehension. For this we have a plan which I hope to debate a solution on the floor of the Convention this week. I will leave further detail of our present battle situations to the able minds and pens of our Division Commanders and our Chief of Heritage Operations as presented elsewhere in this journal.

Some of the egregious attacks leveled at our ancestors and modern-day Southerners are stemmed from ignorance, but others are calculated slander usually committed for the sake of profit. To paraphrase William Shakespeare, *their sin's not accidental, but an occupation*. Our more organized enemies are in this libelous game simply and totally for the dollars they are able to collect from the frightened mass of uneducated dolts of modernity. Their accusations are slanderous and rooted in chicanery — it was the North which harbored a fiendish desire to control their neighbors, not Southerners. Southerners only wished to be left alone, to manage their lives as they saw fit. But the meddlesome American Yankee began as a strain of man who planted themselves upon the cold, rocky, cheerless shores of New England; almost immediately, affixing their destinies and their scowling gaze upon the ever-smiling, sunny South. Those natural-born haters of liberty shared little to no blood with the Southerner. They sprouted from a breed of infidels, who, having been the curse of their own country, descended, as the locusts of Egypt, to plant their seed of radicalism upon American soil. They found success in their passions to control and condemn their close neighbors — whether they were enslaving Native Americans or burning at the stake their own women at the mere whisperings of suspected and imagined witchcraft. Having success in their larger and ever more insane ambitions to conquer and control the South these calculating scandalmongers remain even today the bane of American freedom and have an unbalanced control on the education system at large.

Education is our greatest duty. This is why each individual Compatriot does his best to educate his family and friends. This is why our camps, Division and Armies spend much of their efforts in schools, reenactments and providing lectures. Education is the basis of nearly every function we perform from the individual to the GEC. This is why we have supplied you with hard-hitting essays in each issue of the *Confederate Veteran*. This is why we will publish these essays in a book after this reunion. Hopefully this book will be accepted as the definitive defense of the Southern Cause. It is my sincere hope this book will be found in enough homes in America to make a lasting difference in the struggle for historical truth. Education is the reason we created the Stephen D. Lee Institute, an annual study of Southern culture. Plan on joining us for the upcoming Institute in Dallas, Texas. Check our website for further details.

Another educational venture which is perhaps our most important is the Sam Davis Youth Camp. It is held annually in Virginia and Texas. The proper training of our youth is vital to the fulfillment of the *Charge*. Support these camps. Let's strive to improve them to the betterment of our beloved Southland.

Our Vision program, designed to increase our membership by tens of thousands is on-going. The program was adopted in convention at Montgomery where it was first taught to the SCV at large. It was also taught and studied in convention at Murfreesboro. Training sessions in General Systems Theory (the basis of the Vision Program) have been successful at nearly every level of the SCV. Leaders were chosen at the Army and Division levels and training was incorporated in the Leadership Conferences which

have been held throughout the country. Many sessions have been held and much valuable information has been gleaned for the betterment of the SCV. The upper level meetings culminated with the Division Commander's Summit this past February in Elm Springs. At that point, the training continues at the camp level. If your camp has not held its first Vision meeting, get with your Division Staff and set this up. Once this program is fully functional it will enable each member to have a stronger say in the direction of our organization. With that added communication the SCV will benefit from the limitless talents of our individual members. This means some change and sometimes change is difficult, but we cannot remain as we are if we wish to have any effect in the never-ending assault on our Heritage. Resisting change has a proven heritage of failure.

*A man who is used to acting in one way never changes; he must come to ruin when the times, in changing, no longer are in harmony with his ways.*

—Niccolò Machiavelli (15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century, Florentine philosopher)

Thank you for supporting this initiative to build an unstoppable force to vindicate the cause of our valiant ancestors.

As your commander-in-chief, I have had the honor and pleasure to represent you and the spirit of our ancestors in many public arenas. I have been interviewed in the press, on radio and television. Nearly every encounter found me alone against three, four or even five animated and determined adversaries. It seemed like pretty good odds all in all. Perhaps my most memorable interview was a thirty-minute debate, televised on the worldwide Al-Jazeera Network with the vice president of the NAACP. He had nothing new to add. He was stuck in the same tired rut of insults his group has been bogged in for years. I thank you for the opportunity to match my wits and use the intelligence I have earned over these years of study to defend the noble cause of the Confederate Soldier and his family. I firmly believe it is to our advantage to be proactive in our battles. We cannot sit on the sidelines, casually waiting for an opportunity to defend what is already attacked. We have the tools and the intellectual weapons. We must attack as well as defend.

*Cry "Havoc," and let slip the dogs of war.*

—William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*, Act III, scene 1, line 270.

I have also had the honor to travel throughout this fair country to many camps and SCV events, visiting with my brothers and exchanging ideas for the betterment of our cause. I have also enjoyed the occasion to visit with UDC groups and the Children of the Confederacy at numerous events.

Under my direction, the GEC has held regular meetings in person as well as numerous teleconference meetings. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest men in the SCV on the General Executive Council. I can attest to their devotion to duty and their love of the Southern Heritage that we are duty-bound to protect and perpetuate. Our committeemen and their chairmen have also done stalwart duty. Your staff has done all in their power to support you and the fulfillment of the *Charge*. I thank them for their service.

I wish to also use this opportunity to thank the excellent staff we enjoy at Headquarters. They are all stellar in their duty and have been endless support for the organization. As many of you know, our Executive Director (of many years), Compatriot Ben Sewell will be retiring this year. The search for his replacement began in earnest earlier this year. We have much to be thankful for from the wisdom and talent that is Ben Sewell. He has given much more than he has received. Director Sewell kept a cool head during rocky times and kept us on a straight and determined course during his tenure. His shoes will be hard to fill. He will always be a member of the SCV and we will still benefit from his association, but if you feel as I do, seek him out at the reunion, shake his hand and thank him for all he has done for us.

## *Sons of Confederate Veterans*

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I now wish to thank the most important person in the SCV — and that would be you. Without you the member, we would be nothing. Without you, the great deeds of our beloved heroes in Gray would be buried in forgotten cold graves throughout the South and beyond. Through your dedicated service, the men (who wrote the very definition of Southern Manhood with their blood and their heroic actions), their wives, children and other loved ones who held the home front together, supplying food to the front lines and often fighting off the marauding and thieving Yankees with what weapons they had, through your dedicated service, these good people do not lie forgotten but are warmed by your loving remembrance. Thank you for your service. Thank you for not hiding your brilliant birthright, but sharing it with your own children and making sure that it is a beacon to light the path of truth for an honourable and just people.

Four years ago, you men saw something which allowed you to put me in the seat of the commander-in-chief. Two years ago you chose to reelect me to this position. I know in my heart that I could have done more for our cause and I could have done better for our ancestors. I ask your kind indulgence for my faults and ask you accept my heartfelt gratitude for entrusting me with this office. Besides the marriage to my wife and the birth of my children, these four years of service to the SCV have given me some of the finest moments of my life. I believe that our SCV family is peopled by some of God's finest. I wish to thank my family for taking this journey with me. I know that my association with the SCV has made me a better man, I am certain the same is true of my son Chandler. My daughter Olivia also benefited by seeing a constant example of standing for what is right and against slander and lies. Both of my children have been at or near the front lines and know much more of life for the experience. But my wife, Nicole, is a saint for allowing me to miss time with my immediate family to nurture the larger Confederate family. I thank you all.

The battle fought by our ancestors was no equal fight in men, armaments or materiel — but it was also unequal in spirit. Against the North's senseless invasion the South's greatest defense was her spirit and this spirit has never died. The Cause of liberty lives on. They may have beat us but they never beat us down. The spirit lives on because we know that our Cause is just, and this knowledge steels our hearts, and nerves our arms, for this continuing unequal conflict. Always remember the soldiers in Gray, remember that you walk among their very sons and remember that you too are their son. We are their blood.

We are a band of brothers, native to the soil...

God bless the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

God Bless the South.

I am respectfully yours,

**Michael Givens**  
**Commander-in-Chief**  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**





## Lt. Commander-in-Chief Charles Kelly Barrow

The duties of the lieutenant commander-in-chief are to pursue ways to help recruit and retain members into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. In addition to that, the lieutenant commander-in-chief sits on the General Executive Council (GEC). In the fiscal year of 2013-14, I was honored to represent the membership at all GEC meetings. Since Vicksburg, I continued to work in finding new ways to recruit but most importantly, retain the members we currently have in pursuant with our Vision 2016 goals.

Print ads in *American History*, as well as other magazines, have run to promote membership in the SCV. Some of the locations we have placed ads in are *Georgia Backroads*, South Central Tennessee Tourism Association, and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). I was disappointed in the SAR's decision to not run our ad after it ran in the Fall 2013 issue. I have never heard from their president-general directly but from their editor-in-chief. I don't buy the excuses of "many complaints, offensive" or "too aggressive." I do appreciate the members of the SAR who are members of the SCV for coming to my support whether by e-mail, phone call or letter.

This year I have conducted a print media recruiting program that continues to work favorably for the SCV. With this program, GHQ along with Division Commanders and recruitment officers have to work as a team with Headquarters to make sure all of the men who respond are contacted not only via mail but verbally. The Ultimate Outdoor Action Pack mailing pack, which went out to more than a half million people, has helped to recruit members and Friends of the SCV that may not have been reached otherwise.

A race car in the Florida Division was sponsored by the SCV which had our logo and our website on the car.

The 1800MySouth.com website continues to be an invaluable tool in the recruitment process of new members. As I write this report, there were more than 716 potential members to download applications from this site. 1800MySouth.com is any easy way for all members to provide information about the SCV to potential new members.

Advertisement with Ancestry.com and Fold3.com continues to benefit the membership with their discounted rates. Not only will this assist every camp with recruitment and genealogical research, the added benefit is a returning percentage of that membership goes directly to National SCV. I am happy to say that with working with Fold3.com they were able to offer free service again during the month of April, which they even promoted as a Confederate History Month Special.

To add to the many things the average camp has available to assist them at a recruitment table, the tents which were introduced last year have become a big hit (especially in the ANV) and are available upon request from your army commander. They are perfect for fairs, festivals, reenactments, and it will enhance your set up and bring awareness to your surroundings. They add an air of professionalism to your set-up.

To assist camps in bringing in new members and encouraging delinquent members to re-up, a press release was sent informing members that February was National Recruitment Month. The basis of the press release was to encourage and promote the proration policy that National SCV has in place but that most members are unaware of. Go to [www.scv.org/pdf/proration/pdf](http://www.scv.org/pdf/proration/pdf) to learn more about this tool all should take advantage of.

This spring, more than 4,000 letters were mailed out to our inactive members in a reinstatement campaign. As I write the report, the response has been great so let's hope it will continue. At the same time wrist bands with [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org) were created by popular demand and should be available to the membership by the National Reunion.

Because of the direct relationship with recruiting and retention, I have continued to offer leadership training and development program which is vital to our Vision 2016 goal. To date (2013- 2014) we have held the National Leadership Workshops in San Antonio, Texas; Lake City, Florida; Kansas City, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana and Pasco, Washington featuring a variety of lectures from nationally

recognized SCV leaders. Nearly 400 of our members have attended these conferences and several have found them of such benefit that they have attended more than one. It is my prayer the next lieutenant commander-in-chief will continue these workshop for the betterment of the SCV and the membership as a whole.

Social Media is the current craze and it was imperative for the SCV to embrace this. One of the many social media communities, and probably the most known, is Facebook. Currently the National SCV is working on ways to promote on Facebook and other social media outlets as well. With that being said, an online ad was placed on Townhall.com, which has been a huge success.

Vision 2016 is our national effort to reach our membership goal of 50,000 strong by 2016. I am happy to report I have been involved since its inception and have attended all meetings; however, it will take each member to make this goal a reality. I have given “training” through the article in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine in hopes to help individual members to be equipped so that as a team we can reach the goal.

Another disappointment came from the National Rifle Association (NRA). After getting the go ahead to run an ad in the *American Rifleman Magazine*, the NRA decided not to run our ad due to the “Paula Dean Controversy.” I have submitted three other ads, which were all rejected. All of the ads carried the Battle Flag, so maybe that is more the problem to them and the Paula Dean issues was a good excuse. Once again, support from SCV members who are members of the NRA (like me) was appreciated. Members from all over, including some “big wigs” in the NRA, called, wrote letters and e-mails in support of the ad and me. It was great to know I wasn’t alone in this quest.

The feedback from members concerning my articles on Recruitment and Retention has been very favorable. Your comments or criticism are always welcome. In my travels around the country, I have listened to the concerns of the membership — you. I appreciate all each of you does every day and I am here to serve you. If you ever need me, you can reach me by phone or e-mail.

My time as your lieutenant commander-in-chief has been rewarding and exhilarating. During my service, I have seen our organization unite, experience continually growth and deal with many triumphs. Monuments were erected, members took a stand, our President’s Library was dedicated and Vision 2016 was born. All of this and more in just a short four years thanks to the members like you.

Finally, I wanted to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your Lt. CIC. I had a blast working for you and for the betterment of the SCV. In the last four years, I have travelled more than 75,000 miles (more than 23,000 miles this year alone) and probably more if I add flight miles. I have enjoyed every minute of it. I want to thank my devoted wife Cassie and my daughter Georgianah and son William for coming along on many of the trips and for their support. Most especially I want to thank those who prayed for them.

Now that my term is coming to an end, I need to move on. Let me be clear, I am completing one experience and starting another; however, I will take each and every one of you with me wherever I go. Trust me when I say that I am a better man for having done my service in your company. The God of Jacob has truly blessed me and I am grateful for the family He has provided me and the SCV, which is the second greatest organization to His church.

*Deo Vindice!*

Charles Kelly Barrow  
Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief

## Army of Northern Virginia Department Commander B. Frank Earnest

It is not without a certain amount of sadness that I write this, my final report, as your army commander. My strongest feeling though is pride.

Not only pride in a name derived from that great army which served under General Robert E Lee, but pride in you, the members of today's Army of Northern Virginia. This report is not about me and what I have done. It is about you and all you have accomplished. One only needs to look at the pages of the *Confederate Veteran* to see all the good work you have done. From monuments in Pennsylvania to historical preservation in South Carolina, to a planned memorial for the crew of the CSS *Shenandoah* to be held in England, this army is fulfilling our charge.

I have been able to visit most of the Divisions and many of the camps. The first event of the year was of course the commemorations of the birthdays of Generals Lee and Jackson. As an old navy man myself, I also noted the birthday of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury. Nor did I forget my wife's favorite general, also born in January, George E. Pickett.

At the ceremonies in Lexington, Virginia, I saw old friends from the Divisions of this army as well as the Army of Tennessee. This spring I was able to attend the reunions of the South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia Divisions. I ventured out of this army and was warmly welcomed by the members at the Alabama reunion.

Doug Nash, our Army Division 2016 Coordinator accompanied me to Elkton, Maryland, where we meet with camps from Delaware and New Jersey. We were even joined by a member from Ohio who was passing through and saw our SCV logo. We were well received as was the information we had to impart.

I have always strived to do as R. E. Lee said, and do my duty in all things, including traveling to Elm Springs for GEC conferences, and participating in teleconferences to conduct the business of this organization. Two of the most rewarding things I have done as army commander are issuing the Russell Darden Memorial Scholarship and serving on the special projects finance committee. This committee affords me the opportunity to be aware of all the great works being done by the camps and Divisions of all three armies.

Danny Schmidlkofer of Camp 1939 Freeman's Battery Forrest's Artillery is working on a project to place a marker to Dr. Rufus Weaver at Gettysburg, and several cemeteries in the South. I have been working with Dan on this project well over a year and I will continue to do so until the last marker is dedicated.

I stand by to assist the next ANV Commander in any way possible. I turn over to him a treasury which has grown from \$5 to more than a \$1,000, and a reissued ANV medal to show pride of membership in this army. I stand ready to continue to serve as you the membership may direct. I wish good luck to you and your next army commander.

B. Frank Earnest, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and Southern Patriot

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## Army of Tennessee Department Commander Thomas V. Strain, Jr.

Greetings from the great state of Alabama and the Army of Tennessee. It is extremely hard to believe that we find ourselves assembled here in North Charleston, SC for the 119th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were all gathered singing *Dixie* in Vicksburg at the closing of last year's reunion. I certainly hope that you and yours have had as great of a year that my family has had.

It certainly has been a very busy year for me. As you all know I haven't only been performing all the duties required of me as the commander of the Army of Tennessee I have also been traveling the Confederation offering my services to be allowed to serve you as your next Lt. commander-in-chief.

In August I attended the North Carolina Division Executive Committee meeting and also the Leadership Conference held in Paducah, Kentucky. During the fall I attended a number of camp meetings as their guest speaker and we also held our fall GEC meeting in Columbia which I attended. In November I was asked to serve as the narrator of a play dealing with the last days of Sam Davis. This event was quite possibly one of the greatest highlights of my SCV career. The event was held at the Sam Davis Home and the event was very well received by the locals from the surrounding area. I hope that this becomes an annual event that can grow to spread the word of what the SCV is really about, preserving our ancestors good name.

In January I traveled to Jacksonville, FL to attend a turkey shoot, fishing rodeo and Brigade picnic hosted by the Kirby-Smith Camp. It was an honor to be asked to attend this event and the tour of town that Commander Hart gave me was wonderful. It was somewhat surreal to actually walk the same sidewalks the UCV walked almost 100 years ago at their reunion. Tara and I then traveled to Florence, SC to be the guest speaker at the 7th Brigades annual Lee/Jackson Banquet. In February I attended the S.D. Lee Institute in Chattanooga, TN and would highly recommend that if you haven't attended one of these you need to strongly consider attending one in the future.

Since that time I represented the AOT at the Leadership Summit held at Elm Springs which was attended by eleven of our Division Commanders and more than thirty Division officers. To date I have attended reunions in South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Alabama. Over the next couple of weeks we will be traveling to the Georgia and Mississippi reunions and providing greeting from the Army.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity over the last six years to serve you on the GEC as your councilman and commander. I honestly cannot think of a better group of men to have served. It is my sincere hope that I am afforded to serve you for the next two years as your Lt. commander-in-chief.

Your humble servant,

Thomas V. Strain Jr., AOT Commander

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## **Army of Trans-Mississippi Department Commander Milton Todd Owens**

Members of the Army of Trans Mississippi Dept,

I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to serve you during the past two years as the commander for the Army of Trans Mississippi, the best Army in the Confederation. What makes the ATM the *Best*? That's easy, each of you. Even with the vast expanse of territory we have, we are constantly at work doing what the *Charge* tells us to do; defending the Confederate soldier's name, guarding his history, and perpetuating the principles that he loved. The growth that we have had can only be credited to each member of each camp in every Division. Let us keep up the good work.

I became a member of the SCV 25 years ago in this coming December and it seems as if it was just yesterday. I guess that's what happens when you are doing something that you love to do. I am 100 percent committed to the ATM and I am looking forward to the many years that I have left to grow with our organization.

In serving you on the GEC for the past six years, I have looked only to what is best for the ATM and the SCV as a whole. I have enjoyed being able to visit with each of you. I have loved hearing your ideas of

what you want to see happen to your organization. I must tell you that there have been many times when I have wondered what I had gotten myself into, but the things that test us only make us a better person or leader. I have always had the open door policy and will continue to do so. I will listen to your problems and concerns and do what needs to be done to correct or solve whatever the need may be even though I am going out of office.

As we head into the last year of our Sesquicentennial, the SCV has entered into the surge for our newest goal with the formation of the project Vision 2016. We still need your help in making this project's goals come to life. With the view into the future of 50,000 members by the year 2016, we must all be out on the battlefield making sure that the truth about our ancestors is being told and bringing in every new member that we can. In return we must be prepared for an assault like we have never seen before. Our organization will be made out to be the most evil and radical of associations on the face of the earth. We must be prepared for whatever our opponents can throw at us. We must stand up to them as our ancestors stood up to the Federal Government and say "Enough is Enough" and must be prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect ourselves and our history.

If we as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will do as our ancestors taught us, love and honor our God, love and protect our families and respect our fellow man, there is nothing that can stop us from being the best that we can be. I thank each of you for your love and support over the years and I cherish you all very deeply.

I hope to see each of you at the 2014 Convention/Reunion in North Charleston, SC.

In Service to the ATM and the South, I remain,

M. Todd Owens, Commander of the Army of Trans Mississippi

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## **Adjutant-in-Chief Stephen Lee Ritchie**

The first duty of the adjutant in-chief, assigned by the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is the preparation and preservation of the minutes of all meetings of the membership in convention and of the General Executive Council. In the past year, aside from the three business sessions conducted at last year's Reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the General Executive Council has met a total of nine times in the past year and the time required toward fulfillment of that obligation has been considerable.

Several times in the past year, emergency teleconferences have been required to discuss such immediate issues as the desecration of the Museum of the Confederacy in Virginia, illegal action against the parks in Memphis, Tennessee and assaults on Confederate monuments in North Carolina.

Responsibility for the correspondence of the organization is also the responsibility of the adjutant in-chief but thankfully our staff at Elm Springs with the oversight and direction of the executive director, capably handles the majority of that task. Unfortunately, occasionally disciplinary issues do arise and the duty of that correspondence requires attention of the adjutant in-chief.

It has been one of my greatest pleasures to work closely with Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow in the most extensive training program ever offered by our organization. To date fourteen (14) National Leadership Conferences have been conducted across the Confederation and by the time this report is read, we will have also completed a conference in Pasco, Washington, to serve members and leaders in the new Pacific Northwest Division.

While continued expansion of the On-line Leadership Institute had been slow due to various IT issues the groundwork has been laid and training is available for commanders and adjutants with other modules planned or in development.

I have continued to maintain close contact with Division adjutants through the monthly *Adjutant's*

*Dispatch*, offering information on national policies and issues, advice on Division and camp procedures and hopefully, encouragement in performing often thankless and sometimes discouraging work. I am hopeful and have encouraged that those publications have been forwarded to each of our 875+ camps.

It has been my goal in the past two years to be the most visible and easily accessible adjutant in-chief in our history and if the volume of telephone calls and e-mails I have fielded from my home in the past two years are any indication, I have been at least partially successful. Very few days have gone by that I have not had the honor of offering assistance to a camp, Division or Army leader.

Last year my first report to the membership began with an expression of gratitude to you, the membership, for the honor, the commander-in-chief for the opportunity and the other members of the General Executive Council for their patience and support. As I approach the end of my tenure in this office, my final report must echo the first. Having personal knowledge of a number of my predecessors, I am certain I have not been our best adjutant in-chief but I am hopeful it can be remembered that I have worked hard and done my best. More than anything, I hopeful that my service has been an honor to my Confederate ancestors who I am confident watch my every move.

My last word must be heartfelt thanks to my friend and mentor, retiring Executive Director Ben Sewell. Ben's counsel has been invaluable both personally and in the performance of my duties and words cannot express my thanks. His service to our beloved organization will never be equaled and he and his beautiful wife, Sandie deserve every pleasure that awaits them.

Stephen Lee Ritchie  
Adjutant-in-Chief

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## **Chief of Heritage Operations Eugene G. Hogan, II**

This report begins with a grateful acknowledgement for allowing me to serve you in this position, a new position which you created by Constitutional Amendment at last year's Reunion. The structural change is one that has evidenced benefit and holds even more promise for the future. In particular, the work of the Army Heritage Coordinators with the Division Heritage officers has been extremely productive. As important as it is to speak of the unified priority of "Heritage" (whether "Defense" or "Promotion"), the cooperation between the Heritage Operations Committee (HOps) and Division operatives is critical — nothing gets done in this organization unless the Divisions embrace it.

All that said, when it comes to the issues we faced, it was "same old, same old." Yet, it is probably fair to say our detractors have stepped up their intensity. This is particularly true when it comes to assaults on the memory of some of our iconic heroes. To put this into perspective, consider Florida and the "Tale of Two Counties."

In Duval County, several years of intermittent complaining by the usual alliance of the uninformed led by the anti-Confederate bigots reached a culmination as the school board voted unanimously to change the name of Forrest High School. Social engineering has a cost — and that often includes a dollar figure. In this case, an initial price tag of \$400,000 recently recalculated to be \$242,000. Although the school district said private funds would be solicited, a Jacksonville TV station reported in April that only \$2,600 in donations had been received. It appears that taxpayer funds will have to be accessed for this project. Let this be instructive to us as we use all the tools of reason when similar situations arise.

Lee County, similarly, had heard a consistent rumbling of discontent over a portrait of Robert E. Lee in the County Commissioners' chamber. The men of the William Footman Camp dug in, making their voices heard in local media and with their elected officials (these are always our preferred venues of engagement, not the courts). While the enemy lowered their banners and retreated and we celebrate the victory, this issue will, no doubt, surface again. Be prepared.

As a matter of fact, Florida was an interesting study this past year. In addition to the above cases, there was a new kind of monument controversy in the Sunshine State — not the removal of a Confederate marker, but an attempt by the Sons of Union Veterans to place a Federal monument at Olustee. We continue to monitor this situation. However, recognize this as a cautionary tale. The demographics of Florida almost dictate that this would happen to them first, but beware — the South is changing; this is an issue other Southern states will probably have to grapple with in the future.

There are several consistent themes in this report — one is Nathan Bedford Forrest. He remains a lightning rod for Confederate issues. Our ability to accurately and effectively communicate the events of his life and times will be an indicator of the continued success and vitality of the SCV. Our men in Memphis continue to fight the good fight over the “renamed” parks, Forrest Park being the crown jewel. If you’ll permit a non-legal opinion, we’ve demonstrated our case effectively, but still have not broken free of the web of litigation that a large municipality is able to spin.

In a smaller town to the south, Selma, AL, the cause of Forrest progressed — he was good at taking back ground and that is what our forces did there. After the requisite legal wrangling there, the town settled by deeding the property of the monument to the local UDC and allowing repairs to be made. Though the initial intent was a larger monument, this has to be considered a net gain ... and a victory.

Finally, in regard to Forrest, April 12 was the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Ft. Pillow, perhaps the beginning of the century and a half of misinformation regarding the “Wizard of the Saddle.” Lt. Col. Edwin Kennedy and Dr. Michael Bradley prepared statements on the events of the battle and Forrest in general, respectively. They were released with a brief statement to the public and were also made available to the membership through the Division Heritage officers.

Another commonality of the Heritage work of the past year is the venue in which it occurred — schools. This includes high schools as well as institutions of higher learning. Recent events will draw our thoughts to Washington & Lee and the demands of “The Committee” and the overall “Heritage makeover” they have in mind for their campus. Obviously, we are watching this with great interest and have been in touch with the Virginia Division. This situation is a little trickier, as W&L is a private institution. We do anticipate that alumni and donors will help us hold the line on long-standing traditions.

With all deference to W&L, however, it is difficult to think of a public institution which retains reminders of its Confederate past as does The Citadel. Last fall, however, its campus (Summerall Chapel, to be exact) became a flashpoint of Heritage conflict as it was discovered by a cadet and subsequently reported to us that the Battle Flag had been removed. It was later determined that this was a secondary act — the prime attack was religious in nature; the Christian Flag was removed and an illuminated Cross above the chapel went dark.

Upon learning of the problem, the president ordered the Chapel returned to its proper state. Here is the lesson in this incident — we were able to act quickly and with influence because we have a Compatriot on the Board of Visitors. Think of the many SCV members that are graduates of public colleges and universities and could seek service on their governing board; here is a sphere in which our influence is desperately needed.

There is one more important Heritage development on the college campus. While our first two instances are rooted in Lexington and Charleston, two places which ooze Confederate history, the third might surprise you ... San Diego.

California Compatriot and San Diego State alum, Mike Schooling, had worked diligently to revive an ROTC award on that campus. Both the Naval and Air Force ROTCs had utilized the award for an outstanding cadet in the past, but had discontinued the use recently and seemed averse to changing that course. ATM Heritage Coordinator Scott Myers took the initiative to prepare some narrative material on the award and work with the Navy and Air Force administrative personnel to make it a reality. As of this writing, he has received approval from the Navy; we are waiting to hear from the Air Force. Once again, this means a call to action — any university with a Naval ROTC program is fair game for this award

(much like the good work we've done with high schools and the *Hunley* JROTC Award).

That reference gives me the chance to make a transition back to the high school campus and an event which occurred just prior to graduation. A young man in western Tennessee was reprimanded for wearing a Confederate Flag T-shirt and was forced to change. When the story hit social media, it took off like wildfire to the extent that another pro-Confederate group from another state was planning a rally at graduation. The impending activity was a great concern to the mother of the graduate. Compatriot Perry Short had learned about the incident, as well as the subsequent actions on Facebook and was in touch with Executive Director Ben Sewell.

We were able to leverage a personal relationship between one of our Division Heritage officers and the leadership of the other group. They stood down, so the graduation ceremony was about past accomplishments and future hopes, as it should have been. Local SCV members have befriended the young man (in person, not just digitally), establishing a positive relationship which can continue into his college days. Furthermore, they will be talking to the administration (and school board, if necessary) to get the policy changed for future students (including the young man's sister).

Schools are one of the institutions of the community with which we must cultivate a positive relationship ... another are our churches. Recently, we learned that in selected communities, an effort was being made to undermine the relationship between our camps and the latter. An infamous cyber-bully, whose name would be familiar if I would honor him by putting it in print, was contacting churches which host SCV meetings and attempting to break that bond by his usual fare of toxic speech about this organization. From what we can tell, he has not been successful. Forewarned is forearmed.

Last year, you will recall, we learned of a shooting at the Family Research Council (FRC). This was of particular interest to us because the gunman had, apparently, been profoundly influenced by the hate speech of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). This event was the impetus for our recognition of Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Week — the idea being that we shouldn't spend our time just defending ourselves against the ridiculousness of the *Intelligence Report*, but rather, we should go on the offensive and do some PR work in our communities; build productive relationships; show them we are the "good guys." We continue to hear good reports from this initiative. If your camp or Division did not participate this year, make it a priority for 2015.

As for FRC, they do excellent work in defending traditional, conservative, even Biblical values. Because I believe in their mission, it saddens me to report to you that recently, Robert Morrison, their Senior Fellow for Policy Studies opened a column on their website with the following,

"Abraham Lincoln had no chance to prepare for war. He took the Oath of Office on March 4, 1861. In his Inaugural Address, the new president appealed for peace."

This does not anger me as much as it concerns me. If the recognized bedrock conservatives of this country can treat history so carelessly and show such contempt for the region of the country where their virtues are most consistently practiced and taught, we have a profound and daunting task in front of us.

So, here is where I will begin to summarize. As we've looked at the significant events of the past year, we should focus on the lessons learned and use them as a playbook for future encounters with the enemy. This comes against a backdrop of perhaps not knowing just who our enemies are, or, knowing our "friends" are not often friendly.

This is no time to be idle, not with our minds, our muscles or our money. Yes, I said "money." We continue to promote *Patrick Cleburne Guild* and *Heritage Support Team* as vehicles for fundraising. In fact the Maryland Division recently presented our beloved Compatriot Father Alister Anderson with membership in the *Guild*, a fitting tribute to this man among men.

There are countless others who deserve the same honor. For a Division and many large camps, \$1,000 is not a high hurdle. What an opportunity to build our Heritage coffers while honoring a Compatriot for years of faithful service. You can contact your Division Heritage officer for the information on these initiatives, but also keep in mind a \$3 annual contribution from each compatriot would ready us for the



fight which surely is coming with the Sesquicentennial marking of Reconstruction. By the time we meet again, that is where we'll be.

Again, I offer you, my Compatriots, my thanks for the privilege to serve in this manner. A big "thank you" is also in order for my staff — Deputy Chiefs Greg Stewart (Promotion) and Ed Butler (Defense) and Army Coordinators Ronnie Roach (ANV), Alan Losure (AOT) and Scott Myers (ATM).

I have tried to "leave it better than I found it." We must all do that — and history will judge if we were successful.

Gene Hogan  
Chief of Heritage Operations

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### Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. Mark W. Evans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has maintained a spiritual emphasis throughout its history. Foundational to that emphasis is the Christian faith which permeated the Southland and the Confederate armies. A vast revival brought tens of thousands of the men in gray to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Confederate Chaplain J. William Jones said, "[A]ny history of that army which omits an account of the wonderful influence of religion upon it — which fails to tell how the courage, discipline and morale of the whole was influenced by the humble piety and evangelical zeal of many of its officers and men — would be incomplete and unsatisfactory" [*Christ in the Camp*, pp. 5, 6]. The chaplains of the SCV have a glorious example to follow. We are grateful for their labors and efforts. They bring devotionals in their camps, minister to members, write for their camp papers, participate at all levels, and have an impact for good upon our entire organization.

The *Chaplains' Corps Chronicles* has served as a significant means of assisting SCV chaplains. This free, e-mail publication was started by Past Chaplain-in-Chief H. Rondel Rumburg some eight years ago. Dr. Rumburg continues to edit and publish this valuable paper each month. It has been my privilege to be the assistant editor and to witness the Lord's blessing upon this effort. The paper has assisted every chaplain-in-chief since its beginning. Each issue contains an article written by the chaplain-in-chief and also includes a "Message from the Chaplain-in-Chief." The periodical provides editorials, announcements, articles, biographies, sermons from Confederate chaplains, book reviews and other important information for SCV chaplains.

Prayer is essential to the spiritual vitality of our organization. The Confederate soldiers often gathered for prayer. There is a record of General Robert E. Lee quietly joining such a prayer meeting, bowing humbly before the living God. Throughout the war, days of prayer were announced and solemnly observed. Many SCV chaplains continue to lead in this sacred exercise through e-mail prayer lists, camp publications and other means. We use our Chaplains' Corps e-mail list for this purpose. The response has been most encouraging. Compatriots are comforted by knowing SCV chaplains and members are interceding for them. We have seen wonderful answers to prayer which fill our hearts with praise. I am thankful to belong to an organization that conducts a Prayer Breakfast at each annual Reunion. It is a privilege to organize, conduct, and see our compatriots gather to pray to our heavenly Father.

Each year a large number of compatriots pass away. I have the solemn task of writing condolence letters. At the Reunion, with the help of other chaplains, we conduct a Memorial Service, to honor those who have departed, comfort their families and friends, and provide a time to reflect upon the sacred Scriptures. I am grateful for the assistance of the camp adjutants and commanders who notify us of the passing of members, and also for Executive Director Ben Sewell and his staff who maintain records and assist us in many ways.

As I write this report, we are looking forward to our Chaplains' Conference to be conducted June 19 and 20 at the Providence Baptist Church, 1441 Erickson Avenue, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Pastor Lloyd Sprinkle graciously agreed to be our host. This gathering is for the edification, education, and fellowship of SCV chaplains. Spiritual blessings have abounded at these meetings.

As a member of the General Executive Council, I appreciate the privilege of attending the meetings and having a part in significant decisions. We always pray before the meetings begin, and while the business unfolds, I am often silently interceding. I am thankful for the apparent desire to make decisions in an upright manner and to stay faithful to our charge.

My duties have taken me to numerous meetings and events throughout the Confederacy. I pray that the Lord will undergird us in our resolve to stand for the true history of the South, and that He will send a gracious revival of the Holy Spirit, even as our ancestors enjoyed.

Mark W. Evans  
Chaplain-in-Chief

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### **Historian-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr.**

I am pleased to submit this report to the General Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, meeting July 16-19, 2014 in North Charleston, South Carolina outlining the activities of the office of historian-in-chief during the 2013-14 fiscal year of the administration of Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens.

There are two areas I wish to report on: 1) the continuing effort to obtain historic documents related to the history of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and 2) the continuing effort to catalogue the records of the Sons of Confederate Veterans which are being stored in Jackson, MS at the Mississippi Department of History and Archives.

**Historic Documents:** Due to the fact the Sons of Confederate Veterans does not have a permanent headquarters to store these documents I urge everyone to renew their efforts of giving to the Confederate Museum to store our documents and records. Thus, it has been my mission to obtain original or copies of historical documents of the SCV from 1896 to the 1960s. These documents are, for example, copies of early constitutions of the SCV, programs and minute books from conventions, early camp membership applications, and documents on the United Confederate Veterans in relation to the SCV. These documents not only pertain to the national organization but documents relating to various divisions are also being discovered, they are noted and forwarded to various Division commanders to obtain if they desire. The main area which has been searched in procuring these documents is on the Internet by searching e-Bay. This year, there has been very little activity in obtaining these documents. Most of the ones which have been seen on the Internet have been unrelated to national but mostly division level.

**Archives Work:** It was discovered more than eight years ago that the Mississippi Department of History and Archives housed 38 boxes of Sons of Confederate Veterans records which date from the early 1900s to the 1950s. The archive has no record of the type or description of the contents of each box. This is an ongoing project which must be continued in cataloging the contents of these boxes but sadly it has been a slow and tedious process and I have not been able to commit 100 percent because of my duties as AOT councilman and Beauvoir Trustee but some headway has been made.

Even though our main focus has been cataloging the SCV records in Jackson, MS, new discoveries have been made of UCV / SCV at the Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. It has been noted a list of the minutes and Annual Reunions of the 1892, 1896, 1902, 1909, 1910, 1917 and 1929 have been discovered. Therefore I urge our next commander-in-chief to pick a person possible from Mississippi who is close to these archives and can devote 100 percent of his time in

recording these records.

It has been my pleasure serving as the Confederation's historian-in-chief the past six years and I look forward to seeing you at the North Charleston Reunion.

Confederately,  
Larry McCluney, Historian-in-Chief

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### Chief of Staff Charles L. Rand, III

As I write this I am looking back, not just over the last two years but the previous six, when I have served Commanders-in-Chief McMichael and Givens as either chief of staff or adjutant-in-chief. While it seems hard to believe six years have passed, it serves as proof of the old axiom that "time flies when you are having fun." When I write this I mean it in the sense that when one has good and important work, and I consider the work I do with the SCV for the preservation of the memory of our Confederate Ancestors, to be of the utmost good and very important, time passes quickly.

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans we know that in today's society much of what we honor and revere is held in contempt. It has been said that no one is more surely enslaved than one who is enslaved but believes they are free. That is something we face today. There are so many who have "swallowed the dog" and accepted the simplistic and absurd premise that Lincoln fought to "Save the Union" and "Free the Slaves." This is taught in our schools and universities and has become the primary ground on which those who wish to destroy history and besmirch the memory of our Confederate Ancestors stand. They use it to attack our monuments and flags, call our ancestor traitors and even deny the descendants of those who fought for the freedom of the Confederacy the simple human dignity of being able to place memorials at the graves of their ancestors.

Most of those who attack our history do so out of ignorance, some do so out of malevolence and others to promote their political agendas. Against this, and the apathy of the general public, we are the bulwark who stands between our history and heritage and the attempts to redefine and destroy it. While there is little that any of us can do alone to preserve our history and memory of our ancestors, we as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans comprise the Army of Remembrance, the Army of History and the Army of Preservation which must endure or see that which we hold dear be destroyed. We must persevere in our efforts as we are all that stands between our ancestor's memory and those who will destroy that memory if they are permitted to do so.

In this effort end much has been done in the last six years. Among these efforts we have begun the effort to build The Confederate Museum, to tell the story of the Confederate Veteran from a purely Southern perspective, we have and continue to hold events to mark the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence, the Vision Program has been established to help grow the SCV into a more formidable organization, and each of us has worked in our camps and divisions to carry on the mission given to us in *The Charge* of General Stephen D. Lee in our local communities.

Upon leaving office as chief of staff to Commander-in-Chief Givens, I want to thank him for the opportunity he extended to me to contribute to the work he has undertaken the last four years. I also wish to extend my thanks to our staff at Elm Springs for the service they provide, without which the Sons of Confederate Veterans would not be able to function.

As many of you know, this will be the last Reunion at which Ben Sewell will be executive director of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I do not have the words to express how the SCV has benefited from his efforts over the years he has served in that capacity. His efforts, professionalism, council, insight and wisdom have been of great value to me personally and to the SCV as a whole. I heard a member remark that we will soon "replace" Ben Sewell as executive director. I responded that while it is true that the SCV

will have a new executive director, we will never be able to “replace” Ben.

In closing let me express my gratitude to you, the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, for the work you do, to the assistance you have given me these last six years, and the comradeship that I have come to know and cherish among our dedicated and determined Band of Brothers.

*Deo Vindice!*

Chuck Rand  
Chief of Staff

# Reports of National Committees

## Awards Committee

James S. Davis, Chairman

It is an honor to serve as the chairman of the Sons of Confederate Veterans National Awards Program. I would like to thank the members of the committee for their valuable assistance with this years awards.

I have received suggested improvements to the current awards program from several compatriots throughout the confederation and I will review and discuss them with the new chairman when he is appointed.

I would like to give special thanks to Sub-chairman Henry Kidd for his dedication.

James S. Davis  
National Awards Chairman

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## Convention Planning Committee

Joe Ringhoffer, Chairman

The convention planning committee has not met since the spring GEC meeting at Beauvoir in 2013. The normal notice was posted in the *Confederate Veteran* concerning bids for hosting the 2017 reunion and none were received.

Members of the committee communicated via phone and e-mail and were directed by the CIC that the bidding would be reopened communicated via the SCV blog and web site.

Those wishing to bid must have communicated that to the chairman by the end of March with a hard bid due by the end of April.

Given the short amount of time to hear these bids, the committee will make a decision on presentations after all bids are in and meet in Charleston to make a recommendation.

Joe Ringhoffer  
Chairman

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## Budget and Finance Committee

Stephen Lee Ritchie, Chairman

The Budget and Finance Committee receives funding requests from camps, Divisions or SCV endorsed groups for funds which otherwise could not be obtained. These grants must then be used to complete projects which will affect positively the image of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and further the *Charge* of General Stephen D. Lee. The Committee then carefully examines each request and its supporting material and makes a non-binding recommendation to the full General Executive Council, which then, after due consideration, determines whether to grant the request or not. Sometimes grants are made but in lesser amounts and/or with certain stipulations.

It is never the goal of the committee to make an unfavorable recommendation and so its greatest frustration is that many requests are submitted apparently with no regard for following the Funding Proposal Guidelines as they appear on the SCV website. Unfortunately, this leaves little chance of a positive recommendation and an even less chance of receiving the requested funds from the GEC. Most critical of these guidelines are whether awarding the requested funds will complete the project and that at least 50 percent of the funds needed have been raised or pledged. The higher the percentage raised and demonstrating the continuance of fundraising the higher the chance of success.

All funding for these requests comes from the earnings from two separate and restricted funds, the Katon Thomas Miller Fund and the Rosen-Mowery Fund. Member per capita tax (dues) are not used to grant funding requests nor are the principle investments from either of these funds. Because available funds are totally dependent on investment earnings, they are necessarily fluid. The committee's first responsibility is to the continuing financial health of our organization and so the projected earnings of the two funds are heavily considered, as are the merits and benefits of each request.

As of this writing and with the pre-Reunion GEC meeting remaining, the Budget and Finance Committee has received and considered seven separate requests during the past fiscal year, totaling in excess of \$21,000.

In this, my final report as chairman of this committee, I would like to state I have had the honor of serving with four (4) of the finest men that I know. Army of Tennessee Commander Tom Strain, Army of Trans Mississippi Commander Todd Owens, Army of Northern Virginia Commander Frank Earnest and Executive Director Ben Sewell have worked diligently collecting any additional information needed and considered each and every request seriously and without regional bias. Words cannot express the respect and admiration that I have for each one of them and my appreciation for their service and friendship.

Stephen Lee Ritchie  
Adjutant-in-Chief  
Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee

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## **Discipline Committee**

### **Don Shelton, Chairman**

The theme of discipline for this year in the SCV has been jurisdiction — or lack of it. Case after case, in one way or another, has ended up in front of the GEC waiting for a decision to proffer charges because no other body could proffer. Typically this results from a member transferring to headquarters (or another camp/Division) before their camp or Division gets charges filed, and also simply from headquarters camp members who commit alleged acts but aren't under the jurisdiction of any camp or division.

This turns the GEC into a *de facto* disciplinary committee for the headquarters camp. The GEC already has enough on its plate without having to do committee work, and these situations often fall between the cracks.

As an attempted help to this situation, in some cases the Disciplinary Committee went ahead and investigated the matters for probable cause and made formal recommendations to the GEC on whether to proffer. It is too early to say if this approach has helped or not. At best, it serves as more of a stop-gap when several of these hit at once, however.

Because the headquarters camp doesn't actually function, the only way to alleviate the GEC from being its disciplinary committee is to grant power of proffering charges to some other committee — either the SCV Disciplinary Committee, or a new committee of some kind. This will require a change to the SCV Constitution or Standing Orders, something most likely to be proposed at next year's reunion.

The GEC also tasked the DC Chair with drafting model language which Divisions and camps can adopt into their constitutions for discipline which will hopefully streamline the process to where it can easily be understood and followed. That draft language has been completed and at the time of this writing is under review by the judge advocate-in-chief and will be presented to the GEC at this reunion.

Finally, a word of advice which may make life the most simple in egregious conduct situations; if the ultimate goal of a camp or division proffering charges is to have the member removed from the SCV, my advice is to forego camp/Division discipline and simply start by proffering charges with the general organization. This provides several advantages:

- 1) It begins the disciplinary process immediately upon filing of the charges; at that point the member cannot transfer out of the camp/division to avoid discipline.
- 2) If the Disciplinary Committee agrees that the member should be removed from the SCV, this is the fastest way and avoids duplication of discipline at two different levels. If the DC decides on innocence or a lesser punishment, the camp/division is still free to pursue its own discipline at that point.
- 3) When a camp/Division conducts its own discipline first, the SCV Disciplinary Committee is required by policy to review the proceedings to make sure they were proper. If it is found something wasn't proper, the GEC policy then is that the matter is voided (everything is put back as it was before — meaning the member is placed back in the camp/Division and it's as if nothing happened). The camp or Division can at this point start over. This policy protects the general organization from acting on an improper conviction (thus becoming a direct party to any legal actions which arise from it). All of this, even the review, takes time; each Division or camp will have its own disciplinary process so the committee has to review the language, review the case, etc. Proffering with the general organization first may serve to avoid all of this.

Don Shelton, Chairman  
SCV Disciplinary Committee

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## **Forrest Boyhood Home Gene Andrews, Chairman**

If you want to shoot a music video or if you are looking for a historic wedding site, the Forrest Boyhood Home is the place for you. Since last year's report, we've hosted the shooting of our third music video shot at the Forrest home and in October, soon we will have our third wedding at the Forrest home.

Of course we're paid for the use of the grounds and the exterior of the cabin. We charge extra for use of the interior of the home. Weddings, filming, sale of T-shirts and bumper stickers and the donation box all help to supplement the budget allocated by the National SCV.

June was our twelfth annual Forrest Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival, which is our biggest money maker, averaging a little more than \$4,000 each year.

All of the income gets turned around in a hurry. We have completed the restoration of our second of three interior rooms at the home. For those of you who have been there or have seen the photographs, this is the first floor living room on the two story west/left wing of the home. Just one more room to go!

We've had insulation sprayed under the floors of the home after some of the large cracks and broken pieces of flooring were repaired. You could really tell a difference in the amount of cold air *NOT* blowing up through the floor during some of our single digit temperature days this past winter. This should help with our heating and AC bills.

We have been clearing the woods to the west of the parking lot for whenever we get an OK from the Executive Council for a visitor's center. No major construction, just hauling out the cedars for the rail

fence at the west of the cabin and we are building a post and rail fence around the opening for the cave in front of the cabin. Over the years, we have had to rescue two dogs which fell into the cave and we felt it would be a prudent idea to put up a fence around the cave before we had to rescue a human. A chain link fence would be quicker but not too 1800s looking and besides, we've got the cedar posts so, be historic, be green and recycle! Spotted Owl Gore would be so proud of us.

We continue to clear the open areas we have for mowing along the driveway and across the open fields on our property. Digging the rocks and stumps out not only speeds up the mowing time but it saves the mower blades and cuts down on weed eating time which leaves more time for working on the home.

Marshall County still hasn't been able to get the Tennessee Department of Transportation to place our Civil War Trails sign at the front entrance. The county is paying for the sign and the annual fee but every time we think we've finished, the state comes back and tells us one more thing we need to make our handicapped parking area acceptable. I guess it would have been asking too much to have them tell us *ALL* of the requirements the *FIRST* time they visited the site.

The Forrest Home belongs to you, the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please come by when you are in the Middle Tennessee area or after you visit headquarters at Elm Springs and see what your dues have done to preserve this important Confederate historic site. The Battle Flags still proudly fly at the Forrest Home!

Gene Andrews, Chairman  
Forrest Boyhood Home Committee

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## **Genealogy Committee**

### **Gale F. Red, Chairman**

It has been my honor to serve another year in the capacity as a member and Chairman of the SCV Genealogy Committee. Our function is to provide assistance to interested persons needing help finding eligible Confederate ancestors through whom men may be able to join the SCV. We also provide information to active members seeking additional information and confirmation of other possible Confederate ancestors. Additionally, we assist quite a few ladies interested in their Confederate ancestors in providing research assistance and direction. We research the lineages and genealogies of those who request our assistance and provide muster records, pension information, and other corroborating information regarding Confederate veterans.

We normally have a team of ten persons, almost all of whom are already actively and responsibly engaged in significant roles in their camps, divisions, and even with other National committees. Most of our team members are, in addition to their work with the Genealogy Committee, very involved in ongoing research projects that are significant as well. We have a very qualified and effective team that works well together and provides excellent service to our members and those who contact us for assistance. The men currently serving on our team are Terry Wabnitz (Colorado) who serves as my number two man, Kevin Ivey (Kansas), Alan Lerwick (Utah), Kyle Sims (Texas), Robert Massey (Arizona), Ron Jones (Tennessee), Leon Wolf (New York), and myself, Gale Red (Illinois). Gary Ayers (Missouri), Jack Schleuning (Texas), and Jason Crews (Texas) have served on the committee but each has had to step down for either health concerns or other personal circumstances. We are currently adding a new member to our team. He is Bruce Cloninger of North Carolina, and he currently serves as the North Carolina Division Genealogist. We are still seeking another new member, hopefully from a Southeastern state.

We are blessed to be provided significant tools, such as subscriptions to Ancestry.com and Fold3.com, to help us in our research. Since our report of last year, we have handled nearly 400 research inquiries which came to us through the National SCV website. Additionally, each member of our team also handles



numerous requests from their own divisions and various camps and individuals. Most of Genealogy Committee members also work on requests that come in from recruiting events in their own areas.

Of the nearly 394 requests from our SCV website, 365 were completed successfully. Twenty-nine searches remain open in various stages of completion or awaiting additional inputs from the requesters. Forty-six searches could not accurately identify a valid ancestor, and another twenty-six searches determined that the identified individual was not properly related to the requester so could not be used. We have been unable to track precisely how many completed requests resulted in new members. This is largely due to the fact that we do not have a good way to track those who eventually join. Nevertheless, we are very confident that at least a-half of all successfully completed inquiries result in the men joining either a local camp or the Headquarters Camp. We do not regularly track the number of searches from other than our website received requests performed by our committee members for their camps or divisions.

We are very proud of the service we provide to the SCV. We know that many camps are still not fully utilizing our services, with many still not being aware what we can do to assist them in qualifying potential members for membership. In looking ahead to hopefully better serve the SCV, we are planning to put together an instructional “how-to” video to assist current and future camp and division level genealogist more effectively and more accurately document the proper genealogies of potential applicants. We look forward to being able to work more closely with division and camp genealogists to assist them in whatever ways we can to make their task easier.

Gale F. Red  
Genealogist-in-Chief

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## **Graves and Monuments Committee**

### **Robert A. Edwards, Chairman**

Greetings from the Graves and Monuments Committee. It is an honor and privilege to serve as chairman of the committee and bring you this report. Our committee continued to make progress this year by increasing the participation in the two new National programs.

By the time you receive this, the Confederate Graves Registry (CGR) will have just completed its third year of existence. The program was released for test in the Army of the Trans-Mississippi (ATM) on January 15, 2011, with a little more than 40,000 graves. Then on July 15, 2011, at our reunion in Montgomery, it was my pleasure to announce the CGR program was available for the Army of Tennessee (AOT), the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV) and the rest of the world and the number of recorded graves was up to 55,028 on that day. At the time of this report the database had 100,239 graves recorded and we're on our way to our second hundred thousand graves. These graves were located in more than 13,097 cemeteries, in 47 states and 14 countries. This is good progress, but we feel we are still in the beginning phase.

Many Divisions have yet to designate a contact person for the CGR and have not started entering data into the database. We have entered all of the graves of only four Divisions. Arizona, Colorado, Iowa and Louisiana Divisions have provided their data and or entered the data from their Division database, graves forms or books. We have started receiving information from several other states, and a couple of Divisions have appointed a contact person who can enter and/or edit the information for their Division.

The Confederate Graves Registry is a national Sons of Confederate Veterans asset and will only be successful through the participation of all members, camps and Divisions within the SCV. We would encourage each Division to designate a graves and/or CGR contact person and begin adding the grave records for their Division into the database. We have grave registrars for the following Divisions:

ATM — Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon,  
and Texas

AOT — Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee

ANV — Pennsylvania

Two Divisions have shared their graves database with the National Program but we are unable to process them for the lack of typists. We need additional people for data entry. We need people (men or women) who are familiar with Microsoft Excel which can take the data from the format provided and enter it into an Excel workbook. If you would like to participate or if you know of someone interested in participated in data entry, the CGR has a place for you. Please contact Robert A. Edwards at: geaux-tigers@sbcglobal.net we need your help.

The second program implemented two years ago was the National SCV Guardian program. Mr. Dennis E. Todd of the South Carolina Division agreed to be chairman of a sub-committee to develop and oversee the national implementation of the Guardian Program. Started in 1993 by the South Carolina Division and adopted by other Divisions later, it has been Compatriot Todd's goal, chore, and challenge to take the South Carolina model and expand it for use at the National level. It is with pleasure that I am able to write that compatriot Todd has accomplished his goal. Upon being accepted into the Guardian program the applicant will receive a certificate and lapel pin. Compatriot Todd's article about the Guardian Program can be found in this book.

We are very pleased to have these two programs and hope they will not only enhance the care of Confederate Veterans graves for many years to come but provide a valuable resource to everyone in the world to be able to find those graves. These two major initiatives we feel will assist compatriots to continue to uphold the *Charge* to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and at the same time provide new resources to help locate the graves of our Confederate veterans and in turn help in recruiting new members into the SCV.

The committee has collected nominees, by Division, for the National Graves Award which are submitted to the commander-in-chief for his consideration. The Graves Award is for SCV members only and the award criteria can be found in the SCV Awards manual. These awards are presented as a medal and certificate by the commander-in-chief at the National Reunion.

We appreciate all of the help and support you are providing. Please continue.

Robert A. Edwards  
Chairman

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## **Guardian Program**

### **Dennis E. Todd, Chairman**

The care of the Confederate Soldier's final resting place, his grave, for as long as the member is physically able to do so; and to insure that the grave is marked so people know here rests a Confederate Soldier. That is the Guardian Program. There are Southern soldiers lying in unmarked and unattended graves throughout the world, in cemeteries which have been long forgotten. It is the accepted duty of the Sons to search out these cemeteries and graves and give them the care that they deserve.

Talk first started in January of 1992 in South Carolina when a few members of the Division were returning from the funeral of Real Son Motte Junius Yarbrough. They stopped by an old cemetery. E. M. Clark, Jr. and I started talking with then SC Division Commander Robert L. Brown (1990-1994) about all the hard work being done by SCV members in these old cemeteries caring for Confederate graves. We all agreed there should be some way to recognize these men for their work.

Commander Brown, over the next few months, came up with the idea of starting a state program to recognize members who took on the care of a Confederate Soldier's grave for life. One of the main

responsibilities was to ensure the grave was marked as a Confederate Soldier. After discussions with Clark and myself, the program moved forward. The rules and guidelines were worked out over the next few months. It became an official SC Division program March 27, 1993, at the SC Division reunion in Folly Beach, SC. The first member, and chairman for seventeen years, was E. M. Clark, Jr. The other three committee members were Robert L. Brown, William Grissop and myself. We were also the first four Guardian members. By 2011, the SC program has 250 plus guardians caring for more than 700 graves.

Alabama started its Division program in August of 2008, with Compatriot Jimmy Hill being the chairman and their first guardian member. The Louisiana Division has the newest program with Milton Todd Owens as its chairman. Both of these programs are based on the one in South Carolina.

In July 2010, Commander-in-Chief Givens asked me to start a national program and I immediately asked these men (Clark, Hill and Owens) to help head the new National Guardian Program (NGP). The NGP was approved by the SCV General Executive Counsel (GEC) on March 19, 2011, and the first two applications were then approved (they are out of Arkansas).

The national program is being established for members of camps that do not come under a division command (such as HQ camp) *AND* those divisions without a Guardian Program. If there is a Guardian Program within a division, the members of that division will apply to that division and *NOT* to the national program. However, once a division has granted a member full guardian status, that member will be allowed to wear the National Guardian pin (see rules). It is not the goal of the NGP to take away from the division programs. The NGP will help work to start programs within all divisions (putting the NGP out of work with the exception of Headquarter's camp and a few others).

The rules/guidelines and application have been sent out to all army and division commanders and posted on the SCV National website.

In 2012 Todd Owens was elected as Army of Trans-Mississippi commander and asked that I find someone to replace him on the committee. Texas had started a Guardian Program for its Division that year. Phillip L. Davis was the force behind getting that program up and started and its first committee chairman. I asked Davis to serve on the national committee for ATM Department.

The guardian program is a life commitment of the member or as long as he is physically able.

As of this report date, March 25, 2014 there are 69 National approved Guardians from the divisions of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

There are three Guardian Pro-Tem members from the divisions of Ohio and Oklahoma. These Compatriots are working on the required two year startup period of caring for a Confederate Veteran's grave.

The 72 above Compatriots are caring for 101(+) Confederate Veterans' graves.

There have been a few members whose applications were returned to them for being incomplete. We ask all SCV Members to see the National SCV website for a complete set of the rules/guidelines and application.

Mississippi and Oklahoma have had members looking at starting a program within those divisions.

Dennis Earl Todd  
Chairman, National Guardian Program

**Vision 2016 Committee**  
**Dr. T. Y. Hiter, Chairman**

The Vision 2016 Committee began the year with a firm mission: to take the process to the Divisions, and through them, to the camps. Both efforts began simultaneously. “Hands-on” training in the Group Process techniques which make up the heart of the program were presented at both special Vision workshops scheduled by Armies and Divisions, and somewhat shorter, but analogous presentations were made as part of national Leadership workshops presented by Lt. Commander-in-Chief Barrow. Both were effective, and both have resulted in additional work in several Divisions.

At the same time, Divisions who were ready to start camp level meetings were both allowed and encouraged to do so.

Workshops were held in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina and Tennessee. The Tennessee effort was a special Division Commander’s Retreat hosted by Commander-in-Chief Givens at Elm Springs. Nineteen Divisions were represented, either by their commanders or by designated representatives.

That Division Commander’s event was the actual “kickoff” for camp-level meetings. As a refresher, it should be noted that the overall object of Vision 2016 in the 2013-2014 year was to get the camps started holding some, at least of the six required Vision meetings. A second objective was to get the Internet-based communication system up and running, and to get the various documents that camps and Divisions need (for instance, the *What Works in Camps* booklet) available on-line. A big plus was to have been a vastly improved communications system that would link the commander-in-chief and every camp commander in one seamless wireless resource. Unfortunately, a number of communications *bugs* have continued to flaunt themselves, and we are behind on the communications piece.

The rest of the document process has been moving slowly along, however. The *Camp Public Relations* manual is available in paper form from Elm Springs; the *What Works* booklet is available for download off the SCV website, and the Speakers Bureau, while bulky, is also available for current use.

As mentioned, several Divisions are fully involved in Vision meetings. More should be. Anyone needing help in getting the process moving should contact their Division commander and Vision coordinator ASAP. They know how to do it, and they know how to get the reports flowing. The emphasis this coming year will be on getting the reports on-line and available to every camp. The process continues!

Dr. T. Y. Hiter  
Chairman, Vision 2016 Committee

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**Investment Committee**  
**Joe Ringhoffer, Chairman**

The investment committee met during the general reunion of 2013 in Vicksburg. Chairman Joe Ringhoffer and member Jerry Austin were both present.

Total returns and investment philosophies were discussed as well as what seemed to be a slight shift to more mutual funds by our investment managers.

No changes were made and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted, March 26, 2014.

Joe Ringhoffer  
Chairman

## Sam Davis Youth Camp Kirk D. Lyons, Secretary

As we begin our 11th year of Sam Davis Youth Camps, we invite the entire SCV membership to consider ways to support the Sam Davis Camps and the SCV's future, which are linked.

In 2014 there will be two Sam Davis Camps. The first, which will take place as this report goes to press (15 June - 21 June 2014, will be held from Sunday 15 June through Saturday 21 June at the Woodmen of the World Camp near Thaxton, Virginia between Roanoke and Bedford. This will be SDYC's 4th year at Thaxton, which offers a trained staff and incomparable recreation facilities including archery, rock wall and zip line, swimming, volleyball, putt putt golf and canoeing.

Other Sam Davis sponsored activities will include drill on a full scale WBTS cannon, live musket shooting under NRA trained personnel, patriotic singing and nightly traditional dance practice culminating in a dress ball on the last night of the camp.

Campers receive about 4-5 hours per day in instruction including etiquette and deportment, various Confederate historic topics and religious instruction. Past chaplain-in-chief always brings a message on the story of Sam Davis.

SDYC anticipates having 60 campers at the June 2014 camp, about the same as last year.

There is still time to sign up your child for the 2nd Sam Davis Camp held in Clifton Texas at the 3 Mountain Retreat Conference Center (27 July - 02 August 2014). Applications and forms are available at: <http://samdavis.scv.org/> Camper fees are \$495 for the week — a real bargain.

The Texas (ATM) Camp, usually smaller at about 25 campers (as in last year), is also different in that the campers can go horseback riding almost every day of the camp, and campers enjoy a one day field trip to a local historic site. There is also a world class observatory three miles from the camp. Like the Virginia Camp, Texas Campers receive religious instruction and a Sam Davis message from Pastor Weaver, plus hymn and patriotic singing and nightly dance practice ending in a ball on Friday night. Historical topics vary from the Virginia Camp, but like Virginia, teach campers the Confederate history they don't receive in public schools. Activities also include cannon and musket drill and a massive water balloon fight.

Campers at both camps compete for Best Camper and oratory contest prizes.

We hope the Texas Camp will continue to grow, participation by other ATM Divisions in sending campers would be helpful. We want to grow!

The campers graduated by the Sam Davis Camps have lifetime positive memories of the experience and give the SCV a future it might not otherwise have. Who knows how many future commanders-in-chief we may have already graduated?

To you Sons of Confederate Veterans.... Send a camper, offer a Sam Davis Scholarship. Better yet: DO BOTH! Come see us while the camps are going on. Just let us know you are coming. You, our SCV membership, needs to see the *FUTURE* in action.

Kirk D. Lyons, Secretary  
Sam Davis Youth Camp LLC

## **National Medal of Honor Committee**

### **Auston E. Smith, Chairman**

1. Committee Membership: Auston E. Smith, Chairman Henry Kidd, Member D. Michael Thomas, Member John Henry Taylor, Member Charles Thomas Boardman, Member.

2. Committee Chairmanship: Committee Chairman Auston E. Smith was appointed to the National Medal of Honor Committee on 15 March 2011. To ensure opportunities to other SCV members who wish to serve, the chairman respectfully requests to be relieved of duty at the installation of the new commander-in-chief (July 2014).

### **Roll of Honor Medal**

Nomination activity during 2013 -2014 included four approvals and no disapprovals.

a. On 25 Mar 2014, the committee, by unanimous vote, approved the award of the SCV Roll of Honor Medal for Sergeant George A. Woodrum, 26th Battalion, Virginia Infantry, CSA, based on the information contained in the Medal of Honor application and without further documentation being required. The Medal of Honor nomination had been previously disapproved by the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, having agreed that Sergeant Woodrum's heroic performance of duty on both occasions covered in the application warrant recognition; however, his deeds do not sufficiently separate him from all the other heroic Color Bearers who gave their life doing their duty. Sgt Woodrum was submitted for the SCV Medal of Honor by Mr. Robert L. Neely. Compatriot Neely is a member of SCV Camp 1694, Flat Top Copperheads of Princeton, WV.

b. On 2 May 2013, the Medal of Honor Committee, by unanimous vote, approved the award of the SCV Roll of Honor Medal for Private John Mills, 9th Company G, Regiment; Anderson/Hood's Division; Longstreet's Army, Georgia Infantry, CSA. The committee finds Pvt. Mills to be listed on the Roll of Honor as established by the Congress of the Confederate States of America and as announced by General Orders #93 on 22 November 1862, and subsequently addressed by General Orders 131 on 3 October 1863. Pvt. Mills' service is documented by a National Archives Confederate Service Record, and this record indicates that his compatriots identified him as being conspicuous for courage and good conduct on the field of battle at Gettysburg. Nomination was submitted by Adjutant Malcolm E. Dodd, Jr., John B. Gordon Camp 599, Lafayette, GA.

c. On 20 May 2014, the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, approved the award of the SCV Roll of Honor Medal to 3rd Sergeant Vincent H. Joiner, Company B, 32nd Alabama Regiment, Army of Tennessee, CSA, for his actions on or about 31 December 1862 and 3 October 1863 at the Battles of Murfreesboro. This nomination of 3rd Sergeant Joiner was submitted by Mr. William E. Bassett, Sr. Nomination is supported by Stephen R. Mallory Camp 1315.

d. On 20 Jun 2014, the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, approved the award of the Roll of Honor Medal to Corporal S. L. Neely, Company A, Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, CSA, the Committee finds Corporal Neely to be listed on the Roll of Honor as announced by General Orders No. 87 on 10 December 1864 as previously established by the Congress of the Confederate States of America in General Orders No. 131 (1863). Corporal Neely's service is documented by a National Archives Confederate Service Record file, and this record indicates that his compatriots identified him as being conspicuous for courage and good conduct on the field of battle during May 1864 at Talley's Mill, Virginia. Corporal Neely died as a result of wounds received in battle and no negative information could be found in his service records which would disqualify him for this recognition. Nomination was submitted by Mr. Larry McDaniel, Colonel W. P. Rogers Camp 321, Corinth, MS

### Medal of Honor

Nomination activity during 2013 -2014 included two approvals and two disapprovals.

a. On 3 July 2013, the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, approved the award of the SCV Medal of Honor to Major James Breathed for conspicuous gallantry during battle on 8 May 1864 in the vicinity of Todd's Tavern and Spotsylvania Court House (Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse), Spotsylvania Co., VA, while assigned to Stuart's Horse Artillery Battalion, ANV, CSA. This nomination of Major Breathed was submitted by Mr. David P. Bridges. Sponsoring SCV Camp is the General James Longstreet Camp 1247.

b. On 27 Aug 2013, the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, disapproved the award of the Medal of Honor to 3rd Corporal Lewis H. Skelton, Co. F, 1st Mississippi, Beal's Brigade, CSA, for the award of the SCV Medal of Honor. Additional research by the committee has revealed that Corporal Skelton's record indicates he was absent without leave at least from August of 1864 through 1865 with no mention of his ever returning to his unit; that amounts to a documented AWOL of at least seven months if not more. The nomination of 3rd Corporal Skelton was submitted by Compatriot C. P. Landry, Adjutant, Brigadier General Francis T. Nicholls Camp 1362, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

c. On 25 Mar 2014, the Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, 26th disapproved the award of the Medal of Honor to Sergeant George A. Woodrum, Battalion, Virginia Infantry, CSA, for the SCV Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor Committee, by majority vote, agreed that Sergeant Woodrum's heroic performance of duty on both occasions covered in the application warrant recognition; however, his deeds do not sufficiently separate him from all the other heroic Color Bearers who gave their life doing their duty. The committee has also agreed, by unanimous vote, to approve the SCV Roll of Honor Medal for Sergeant Woodrum based on the information contained in the Medal of Honor application and without further documentation being required. Sergeant Woodrum was submitted for the SCV Medal of Honor by Mr. Robert L. Neely. Compatriot Neely is a member of SCV Camp 1694, Flat Top Copperheads of Princeton, WV.

d. On 20 May 2014, the Medal of Honor Committee, by unanimous vote, approved the award of the SCV Medal of Honor to Captain John Taylor Wood for distinguished gallantry and "daring and brilliant conduct" resulting in the capture of the US transport schooner *Elmore* on the Potomac River; of the ship *Alleghany* and the US gunboats *Satellite* and *Reliance* and the US transport schooners *Golden Rod*, *Coquette* and *Two Brothers* on the Chesapeake Bay; and the *Underwriter* on the Neuse River near New Berne, North Carolina, with the officers and crews of the several vessels brought off as prisoners. Between raids, Wood served as a colonel on President Davis' staff and was captured with Davis on 9 May 1865; he escaped, made his way to Cuba and eventually settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In May 2014, one hundred forty-nine years after his capture and escape, we proudly recommend Captain Wood for this deserved recognition! The nomination of Captain Wood was submitted by Mr. Robert William Parker, Commander, Private Wallace Bowling Camp 1400.

It has been my honor to serve as chairman of this committee for the past three years and I stand ready to assist the incoming chairman in any manner possible. I commend the members of this committee listed above for their faithful service to General Headquarters. At the date of signing this report, I have no further applications pending and offer my resignation as chairman.

Auston E. Smith  
Chairman, National Medal of Honor Committee





# Reports of Divisions

## Alabama Division

Gary Carlyle, Commander

The success of the advancements and accomplishments of the Alabama Division in fulfilling our *CHARGE* is due the effort of our membership. Special recognition goes to the DEC, appointed committees, and staff who unselfishly give their service, time, and leadership.

Some of the avenues for advancing our Heritage are listed: recruiting tables at gun shows, fiddlers' conventions, town celebrations; participation in Christmas parades, Veterans Day parades, Founder's Day parades, supporting General Robert E. Lee Day celebration throughout the State, Lee-Jackson banquets throughout the state, participating in Confederate Memorial Day celebration on public squares, Confederate Flags flying in high traffic areas for the public to enjoy, placing Confederate Heritage posters in schools and public places to support Confederate Heritage Month in April, donating books and publications to schools and public libraries, participating in *Civil War* round table discussions; production of living histories in many educational areas, providing for effective and proficient genealogy, sponsoring grave side ceremonies for families of Confederate ancestors, placing grave markers for our ancestors, posting hundreds of grave Confederate flags; defending against Heritage violations, cleaning and caring for hundreds of Confederate graves, having sesquicentennial events, participating in Army of Tennessee and National SCV events, working with other Southern Heritage groups and much more.

The monument and grounds celebrating the capture of Colonel Streight by General Forrest was completed. Brigade workshops were attended. A new advertisement program is in effect. Monuments have been placed with much fan fair and rededicated ceremonies of older monuments and events were received with much positive press coverage and recognition from the public. New camps are being chartered. Space will not allow the many other Division activities.

The Alabama Division has many plans for the New Year. Our sesquicentennial event will be at Tallassee armory. Living histories for many schools are in the planning. New recruiting methods are planned. A division calendar will be planned to allow us to support and others to support planned Southern Heritage events of many groups. These are a few of the many planned events.

We all have our spiritual, family, and vocational responsibilities. However, let us not forget our Heritage. If we don't tell them, who will?

*"Duty is ours, consequences is God's"*— Stonewall Jackson.

Gary Carlyle, Commander  
Alabama Division

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## Arizona Division

Clyde C. England, Commander

We are pleased to announce the Arizona Division has enjoyed a great year since the convention in Vicksburg. With eleven camps in the Arizona Division, we have an SCV presence across the state.

The Arizona Division hosted a National Leadership Conference along with our Lt. Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow. The Division sent delegations from four camps to the National Convention.

We hosted a Vision 2016 workshop which was led by Dr. Tom Hiter and was a great success. The Arizona developed an action plan for Vision 2016 and put this plan in effect in March.

The Division presented 14 SCV *H.L. Hunley* JROTC awards to students from across the state. We will present at least that many this year.

Several camps hosted recruiting and information booths a community events including gun shows, genealogy fairs, and county fairs. More than 60 gentlemen were contacted about SCV membership with 24 joining or reactivating. Membership has increased by 16 percent. One new camp was chartered this year in Show Low in northern Arizona. The SCV Mechanized Cavalry has been a great asset in recruiting.

Our camps participated and presented the flags in seven parades around the state. The Division Camps have participated in many living history events at schools and colleges.

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 sponsored a Boy Scout Eagle Project to clean up a Confederate cemetery, with the Yuma Territorial Outpost Camp 2186 sponsoring a Boy Scout Eagle Project to install interpretive historical kiosks at Stanwyx Station, the site of a skirmish with Union Troops.

We have taken part in several battle reenactments across the Arizona Territory, including events at Pioneer Living History Museum, Yuma Quartermaster Depot, Queen Creek and Picacho Peak State Park. We are currently in the process of locating and recording Confederate graves on the GPS system and are planning numerous Confederate memorial ceremonies around the state. We will hold the 20th annual Arizona reunion on 17 May 2014 in Prescott and are sending a large delegation to the National Reunion in July to South Carolina.

“Remember never be haughty to the humble or humble to the haughty.” (Jefferson Davis)

Clyde C. England  
Arizona Division Commander

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## **Arkansas Division**

### **M. Ray Jones, Commander**

It is a pleasure to report the Arkansas Division is still experiencing growth. The Division is now in progressing toward the new Camp at Mena, AR Chartered with over 15 members starting it. Great job Men of Arkansas. Most of the Camps in the Division have placed or help dedicate Historical Markers during the last year participated in dozens of Confederate Soldiers Memorials and dedications. There was some of the best attendance in years at Division sponsored events which include: David O. Dodd Memorial in Little Rock, General Patrick R. Cleburne Memorial in Helena, Arkansas 2014 SCV Reunion in Jonesboro, Confederate Flag and Heritage Day in Little Rock at the State Capital.

The 2014 SCV Reunion was held April 4-5 in Jonesboro, Arkansas and was well attended by camp members. Division Commander M. Ray Jones called the meeting to order with the invocation by Chaplain Joe May followed by the pledges and salutes to the different flags. A letter was next read from the Lt. commander-in-chief bringing greeting to the group and a letter from him running for commander-in-chief at the Annual SCV 2014 Reunion. Letters were also read from Paul Gramling candidate for ATM councilman, Curtis Tipton candidate for ATM councilman, Charles Lauret candidate for ATM commander, Frank Earnest candidate for Lt. commander-in-chief. Letters of greeting were read from our Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and ATM Commander Todd Owens.

This being a Division Election they were held during the meeting. The results of the elected offices are as follow: Robert Edwards Arkansas Division Division Commander from Benton, Sheldon Gately 1st Lt. Commander from Little Rock, Gordon Hale 2nd Lt. Commander from Berryville. The following men were elected Brigade Commanders: Northwest Brigade Trip Wilson, Northeast Brigade Billy Smothermon, Central Brigade Vernon Cloos, Southern Brigade Bill Turney. Congratulations to all of our

newly elected officers of the Arkansas Division. W. Danny Honnoll was reappointed as the Division chief of staff.

Being the out going commander I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as the Division for the last two and a half years and I will continue to work with the men of the Division in position where I am needed.

M. Ray Jones  
Arkansas Division Commander

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## California Division Farrell D. Cooley, Commander

I'm proud to announce the California Division Sons of Confederate Veterans is alive and well, productive and mindful of our Vision 2016 goals. We just conducted our 2014 Division Convention in Fresno, California, where we held a Vision 2016 seminar and developed new ideas from our members to help us succeed.

We congratulated two of our division officers as 'Rebels of the Year'; Steve Smith and Chuck Norred. Our camp of the year was awarded to Camp 1742, Inland Empire and Commander John Smoley who happens to be our Lt. commander of the division. We recognized with a very special award (The Heritage Preservation Award) Ms. Margaret Alley of the UDC. She has helped our men across the division discover Confederate Veterans in their areas. She has conducted memorial services for our men over many years. In 2008 she published a phenomenal resource listing the graves of some 1,600 Confederate Veterans buried throughout California: *Confederates in California*. We donated a copy of this work to headquarters when it was first published.

Congratulations to these individuals; however, it is only a small sampling of our talent. We have more members who serve our division with upmost pride and consistent service. I'd like to point out the exceptional service of Dr. Vern Padgett, Ph.D. who has served the California Division for many years as adjutant. Others include Mike Climo our web master, Commander Jim Stephens and Adjutant Roy Adair of San Diego who was our 'Rebel of the Year' for 2013 in Redlands, California. I should mention too, our division convention for 2013, held in Redlands was a very special event and well attended. Ernie Powell our Division Chaplain has always been available for our spiritual support and comfort at any time day or night. Past Commander Lou Olker from Northern California has worked diligently to find and memorialize unknown Confederate Veterans and found himself engrossed in poison ivy while in the process of discovering overgrown graves.

Our California men are always busy with SCV work. We have members who reenact and role play important individuals of the Confederacy, doing this dozens of times during the year. We have members who set up displays at reenactments or schools and teach the true history of the South. Commander John Roberts of Los Angeles created beautiful recruitment posters set up on easels which can be easily transported and set up during reenactments, meetings, or other events. Most of our camps conducted a Confederate Memorial Day service where CS Veterans are buried and some of these services are quite elaborate with color guards and honor guards doing 21-gun salutes. Several of our camps celebrate General Lee and General Jackson's Birthdays by having a luncheon with guest speaker. We have camps who concentrate upon charity projects, such as a food drive for the homeless or a toy and clothing drive for needy children. One camp conducts color guard duty for homeless veterans who have passed away. Some camps seek out the SUV for joint events and one camp joins the VFW/American Legion for National Memorial Day where we fly the battleflag with other veteran groups.

As leaders within the organization, we should know it is all about the people. Our men deserve

recognition so every year I create an 'Honorable Mention' brochure where we acknowledge our best men in the division and mention this during our banquet. A small amount of effort such as this generates positive reinforcement of our goals and objectives. At our 2013 national reunion in Vicksburg, the California Division had 10 members in attendance and we brought home numerous awards.

The California Division is concentrating on the Elm Springs Museum Fund Raiser and several members have donated \$100 each, including one member, Charles Smith of Orange County who donated \$500 himself. Some camps have donated individually, such as the Orange County Camp gave \$600, Los Angeles \$200, and others at \$100 each. Whatever the grand amount turns out to be, it will give our California Division members extreme pleasure to announce this donation during our Charleston convention. We have fewer than 300 members.

In closing, I'm grateful to be supported by such good men of character and reputation. It is an honor for me to represent our division, and we will only be as good as our members allow us to be. I believe there is always room for improvement and therefore we continue to strive at being the best we can be.  
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Farrell D. Cooley  
California Division Commander

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## **Florida Division**

### **James S. Davis, Commander**

The Florida Division continues to actively promote our Southern Heritage and culture throughout the state. The Division is made up of 51 camps with 1,462 members. Many of the camps are developing working relationships with their schools as well as their local governments.

The Division was asked to assist in the planning and execution of the City of Tavares first annual Rifles, Rails & History. This three-day event allowed us to spotlight our heritage without restrictions. The unique aspect of the event is it was not held on some distant field, but right in the heart of downtown Tavares, the capital of Lake County. Camps from throughout the state were assigned exhibits which showcased different aspects of the war and its causes. The schedule of activities included artillery, cavalry, infantry and navy demonstrations, a parade down Main Street, sutlers and a ladies tea and fashion show. Participating were Compatriot Nelson Winbush, the Division's 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and the following camps: Kirby Smith, Judah P. Benjamin, Gen. W.W. Loring, Finley's Brigade, Gen. Jubal A. Early and Pvt. William R. Milton. The Division is actively preparing for this year's event.

Many camps within the Division have an active *Hunley Awards Program* with their local schools. This program not only recognizes deserving JROTC members but shines a positive light on the SCV.

Our Division Adjutant William Nicholson developed an *Adjutant's Procedures Manual* for our camp adjutants. The manual was designed to provide in depth assistance for the camp adjutants and covers all aspects of the adjutant's job including Division and SCV HQ Adjutant Training.

The Division will be focused on developing additional educational material for camps to use when interacting with the public. Tri-fold handouts along with multi-page pamphlets will be perused as the medium of choice. We are also in the process of completing Florida specific recruitment material which should assist in generating new members.

During the last nine months, the Division has been involved in four heritage issues throughout the state. The Division's chief of heritage defense and our five regional coordinators have been busy. In Jacksonville we lost the fight to keep the name Forrest High School but in Fort Myers and Crestview we prevailed and won the day. In Olustee we have won the first round and wait to see when the second

round will start. I want to thank Robert Gates, Calvin Hart, Jim Shilinglaw, Kenneth Daniel, Robert Fuller, Kim Hoeffcker and Graham Smith for they are directly responsible for our successes.

As Division commander I am extremely proud of every member of the Florida Division and their many accomplishments over the past year.

James S. Davis  
Florida Division Commander

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## Illinois Division Jacob M. Lake, Commander

I gladly submit this report to you on the behalf of our Division to give a brief overview of our activities in the past year. 2013 and 2014 have been productive years for our Division and we continue to march on.

This year in April of 2014 we held our annual convention in Springfield, Illinois at the Crowne Plaza Hotel where we elected our new officer corps. Robert Mestas was elected as our newest Division commander and we look forward to serving under his guidance. Robert has also served as our Division Heritage Defense Officer.

Convention activities focused on a business meeting where the camp reports were submitted and read, followed by a discussion of the future role of the Illinois Division. The meeting was followed by a luncheon and the installation of new officers.

In 2013 we were also honored as a division to present the *H.L. Hunley* ROTC Award to some very deserving cadets in Illinois as well as our annual Illinois Division Scholarship which is awarded once per year to one high school senior who is the descendent of one or more Confederate soldiers or sailors.

Our division is pleased and honored to report that we have awarded our annual \$1,000 Illinois Division Scholarship to Claire Elizabeth Collins of Honenegah High School, Rockton, IL. Our annual scholarship has really helped to get the name of our Division out there. Because of this award more families and schools are learning about us and the positive effect the SCV has on local communities.

Our camps also participated in many events this year and I'm happy to report that they remain active and on the front lines of our efforts. Each one of our camps continue to hold memorial services and also contribute to the preservation of the Confederate graves and local history here in Illinois.

Camp Douglas Memorial 516 has just finished conducting their annual service at the burial site of our heroic Confederate dead who perished at the POW camp located in modern day Chicago. The service is conducted every year in April and includes a rifle salute.

Gale Red of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp 1962 also continues to locate and document the graves of Southern soldiers in the state. I have news that he will soon publish an updated listing and Roll of Honor for our veterans and heroes buried within state lines. This publication will be available online as are past versions. Camp 2229 has plans to assist the Iowa Division this year with the annual memorial service at the Confederate POW Cemetery on Arsenal Island in Rock Island, Illinois. All of our camps continue to be busy with events each month.

In closing, we bring you greetings from our division and hopes that you all will enjoy reading our yearly report. The Illinois Division is still here and we will do everything possible to continue and expand our work.

*DEO VINDICE!*

Jacob Lake  
Illinois Division Commander

## **Indiana Division**

### **Gordon Dean Flick, Commander**

The Indiana Division has had a challenging, yet prosperous year. Membership and retention both remained steady as in previous years. The postcard program launched by LTCIC Charles Kelly Barrow has been a tremendous success for our Division. We have recruited many members and are working on recruiting some of the tire kickers into our camps. Several of our long term members went to be with Our Lord. They will be missed deeply.

The Division presented two *H.L. Hunley* awards to JROTC Cadets to start off our Division program for this award. The first was presented in May of last year to a cadet at Owen Valley High School and another this year. The commander of the unit contacted Indianapolis Camp Commander Robert Henry Brown.

The Indiana Division was represented at the Forrest Boyhood Home fundraiser in June. Several of our members have attended the festivities on an annual basis. The event helps to raise funds for an SCV owned landmark.

Nine members attended the National Reunion in Vicksburg. Seven out of the eight Indiana camps were present and voting. It part of our responsibility of an international organization to be present at events which chart the course of our organization.

Members of the Indiana Division attended the second annual Simon Bolivar Buckner Institute in September. The event was hosted by the Purchase Brigade of the Kentucky Division. Members of our Division always enjoy time with our compatriots in Kentucky, where most of our ancestors came from who settled our state.

The Indiana Division Convention was held in Bluffton, Indiana, in October 2013. Several constitutional amendments were passed. They keynote speaker was past Illinois Division Commander James Falvy Barr. David Lee Wires of the Col. Robert M. Martin Camp 2320 was chosen as the Commander of the Year. The A.J. Ringo Camp 1509 was selected as Camp of the Year and Commander Charles Raymond Chandler accepted on behalf of the camp. The recipient of the Dr. Neal Chase Pitts Meritorious Service Award was Adjutant-in-Chief Stephen Lee Ritchie for his many years of service to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Indiana Division.

Indianapolis, Indiana, was the site of a National Leadership Conference in December. The Division was proud to host CIC Michael Givens, LTCIC Charles Kelly Barrow, and AIC Stephen Lee Ritchie. Thirty-two members were registered to attend the event. However, eight inches of snow blew in the night before. Our National leadership team was treated to a mild view of an Indiana winter. Twenty-four compatriots attended the event including Ohio Division Commander John Anson and three of his members. I want the thank all of the National leaders for their insight and training. Special thanks goes to CIC Michael Givens for becoming the first commander-in-chief to officially visit the Indiana Division. Indiana has now truly become a Confederate state.

Our Lee-Jackson event was held in conjunction with the John Hunt Morgan Chapter 2485 UDC at Old Normal Hall in Ladoga, Indiana, on the second Saturday in January. Old Normal Hall was the home of the Stonewall Jackson Camp 1 of the United Confederate Veterans. The scheduling of the event was fortuitous because we received another six inches of snow the normal weekend we hold this event. Larry Stephen Weatherford from Murfreesboro Camp 33 was our keynote speaker. Fifty-eight individuals attended the event. This was one of the biggest crowds we have had in a long time.

Division Lieutenant Commander Alan Losure and I attended the Division Commander's Summit held at Elm Springs for the purpose to being trained in conducting group processes by Dr. Hiter. We had a chance to meet many of the Division Commanders we only knew by name. It was two days of some very hard work, but we came away with a better understanding of Vision 2016.

Confederate Memorial Day is held on the last Saturday in April. It is our duty and honor to salute and memorialize the 1,616 Confederate soldiers who perished at Camp Morton in Indianapolis, IN. Members of the Indiana Division in conjunction with the John Hunt Morgan Chapter 2485 UDC assembled at Crown Hill Cemetery to remember their sacrifice during the War to Prevent Southern Independence. Our keynote speaker was Barbara G. Marthal, who delivered an outstanding address on behalf of our beloved ancestors. It was our pleasure to host her and her husband Bill Harris, a member of the Marshall Rangers Camp 297, for this event. We had around fifty in attendance.

The Indiana Division was represented at the Georgia Confederate Memorial Day event at Stone Mountain. What a great tribute to three of our Confederate ancestors to see them etched on that mountain. We were also happy to hear AIC Stephen Lee Ritchie as the keynote speaker for the event. How great it is to see people from all over the Confederacy attending an event at such a beautiful park.

Our work continues in mapping the graves of Confederate Veterans in Montgomery County, Indiana. Almost 70 Confederate Veterans are buried in the county that hosted the Stonewall Jackson Camp 1 of the United Confederate Veterans. Many of the Virginia veterans are buried at the Ladoga Cemetery where the Indiana Division erected a monument in 2009 listing all of the veterans, along with their State, Division, and Company numbers. They are classified by the cemetery where they are buried. Chaplain Bill Boone of the Dixie Grays Camp 2155 decorated the graves for Memorial Day and found another Confederate Veteran. He too, will be remembered by having his name etched into the monument.

This is my last report as Indiana Division Commander. To say the last four years have been challenging is an understatement. It has been my honor to serve the Hoosier State in honor of our ancestors. Words alone cannot express my gratitude to all of our members, camp commanders, and Division Executive Council. Special thanks goes to AIC Stephen Lee Ritchie; First Lieutenant Commander Alan Losure; Second Lieutenant Commander Robert Henry Brown; and Charter Division Commander Neal Chase Pitts, MD for their help and inspiration during the last four years. I could not ask for a better group of friends.

I would be remiss if I did not mention John Hunt Morgan 2485 Chapter President Jacqueline Kay Ritchie and her members. Jackie has been of great assistance during the past several years in helping us plan and host all of our Division events. I would have been lost without her.

*Deo Vindicavit*, God HAS Vindicated. God bless the Confederate State of Indiana and God bless Dixie.

Gordon Dean Flick, Commander  
Indiana Division

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## **Iowa Division**

### **Richard B. Pohorsky, Commander**

The Iowa Division continues to grow and make its presence known throughout Iowa. Recognition in a northern state continues to be a challenge and education of the public as well the traditional school system is an on-going priority. For the past two years camp and Division Officers have been actively involved with the Iowa State Historical Building and Museum. In 2013, Division Commander Richard Pohorsky and Compatriot Sherman Lundy gave presentations on Southern Heritage while Camp Commander Bruce Peterson and Compatriot Terry Dumerauf provided information and education regarding documenting Southern genealogy and service records. Camp Commander Bruce Peterson in conjunction with Madison County Civil War 150 Committee members, also presented the life of the Southern Soldier along with other presentations to over 350 middle school students at the Civil War Exhibit held in the Historical Building.

The Iowa Division holds two annual meetings. The first meeting is held in the spring after the Rock Island Memorial event. Every year we honor the memory of approximately 2,000 Confederate soldiers who died as prisoners of war at Rock Island. They were buried far from their homelands in the South but we work diligently to ensure they are never forgotten. Each year, we are honored to have family members attend this ceremony. Thanks to National Lt. CIC, Charles Kelly Barrow's support and the generous response of several Divisions, we were able to purchase 1,000 new flags. A flag is placed at each of grave for the Memorial Day Ceremony. This project will continue until all the existing flags have been replaced.

Our second meeting was held in the fall in Burlington, Iowa where we honored Confederate Navy veteran Julius Breitenstein who served on the CSS *Virginia* during the battle of the CSS *Virginia* and the *Monitor*. We were pleased with the efforts on the part of the Aspen Grove Cemetery staff in welcoming the public as well as the press. Additionally, the event received positive news coverage which further advances our efforts to educate a northern audience regarding the true history of The War for Southern Independence.

The annual Lee-Jackson dinner, was held in Cedar Rapids where Compatriot Sherman Lundy provided a presentation on the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee. This function in Iowa is held for the education of our members and to remember our great leaders and does not include a business meeting due to the weather and travel restrictions on the membership. Iowa in January typically has well below zero temperatures with icy and snowy roads and extremely difficult travel conditions.

Due to the wide territory and the many miles required by our members to travel for meetings, the Division encourages its members to work on camp and individual projects throughout the year. Division members have taken part in multiple school programs covering uniforms and weapons, the true causes of the war, Battle Flag history and preservation as well as a wide range of other topics. In addition to school programs, members work with Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, Boy Scouts Troops, VFW and American Legion posts and churches. Additionally, our members write news columns which appear in local papers highlighting Southern veterans who settled in and are buried in Iowa as well as the history of the war from the Southern point of view.

Compatriot and Division Adjutant Herman Johnson has always put forth a herculean effort in identifying Confederate graves in Iowa over the years. Not only does he put in countless hours of research and verification for Iowa locations, but he has also contributed greatly to the efforts of the National graves registration project.

The Division also paid for the repair and restoration of the headstone of Private Stephen Hurt who served in the 48<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. The Iowa Division has made it a tradition to secure dirt from the state from which its veterans were born and served. The soil is then sprinkled over the grave during a tribute so that the veteran may symbolically and literally "forever rest beneath his native soil." Camp Commander Bruce Peterson worked with Chaplain Michael Virts of the Virginia Division to secure soil from near the Fredericksburg battlefield for a ceremony held in St. Charles Cemetery during "Old Settlers Days."

We are always vigilant for chances to fill the huge void left by the traditional education systems, when it comes to the Southern Confederacy and the War for Southern Independence. Among our plans for 2014 is the launch of a new Division web site with two main goals of recruiting and education. The new site will include Division news, membership requirements, links to various research resources and a YouTube video of the Rock Island ceremony as well as a photo gallery of grave dedication ceremonies held around the state. We continue to be keenly aware of our Charge.

Bruce Peterson  
Commander, Iowa Division



## Kansas Division

### Kyle E. Erickson, Commander

Greetings from the flatlands of Kansas, although contrary to popular belief, Kansas is not the flattest state, but the seventh, beat by the number one Florida, Illinois, North Dakota, Louisiana, Minnesota and Delaware in flatness!

I am proud to announce Kansas, though still a smaller Division than some with seven camps, still maintains a large visibility via recruiting ventures throughout the state, with recruiting at gun shows, genealogy events, participation in parades and other endeavors, including a very largely attended re-enactment at “Civil War Day at Cowtown” in Wichita every April, and the Kansas Ancestor Fair in Topeka at the Kansas State Historical Society in October.

Our elections are held every two years, between the National elections at our Division Reunion, usually the third weekend in June. It was changed last year to not compete so closely with Father’s Day, but this year it returns to the third weekend and will be held June 20-21 in Emporia, KS. Our speaker will be Kellee Blake who is authoring a book on the Confederate Virginians of the Eastern Shore, and will be speaking on one of the prominent Confederates in her book, Captain Thaddeus Fitzhugh, who is buried in Kansas City, Kansas. Ms. Blake is the retired director of the National Archives, Mid Atlantic region and historian.

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp in Kansas City was proud to host a Leadership workshop in November, and it was well attended, with members from Kansas, Missouri, and one from Illinois in attendance to hear CIC Michael Givens, Lt. CIC Kelly Barrows, and AIC Stephen Ritchie.

The Key Camp also hosts a yearly Lee-Jackson Banquet in January every year which is well attended and is a very successful event they are proud of. This year’s speaker was Deb Bisel who gave a talk on “Jeb Stuart in Kansas.”

There were nine members of the Division which represented Kansas at the National Reunion in Vicksburg in July 2013. There were also two members who represented the Kansas Division at the Commander’s Summit held at Elm Springs in February.

Kansas now also has six members in the Mechanized Cavalry, another group we would like to grow.

The newest camp in Kansas is B/G’s Buckner and Chilton Camp 2227 in Dodge City and it was chartered April 22, 2013. Though they started out with eight members, they have increased to 11 and they had the honor of having 100 percent retention in the first dues cycle of their existence.

The South Kansas Camp 2064 in Wichita is celebrating their 10th year this June, being chartered June 18, 2004, and is the second largest camp in the division.

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp in Kansas City turns 14 this year, chartered May 22, 2000, and is the largest camp in Kansas.

Celebrating 15 years this year are three camps:

General Lewis A. Armistead Camp 1847 in Salina, KS, chartered March 9, 1999.

Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp 1854, Topeka, KS, chartered May 17, 1999.

Brig William Steele Camp 1857, Leavenworth, KS, chartered June 22, 1999.

The first camp which was established in Kansas was the Albert Pike Camp 1439 in Wichita and was chartered May 30, 1985, celebrating their 29th year this year.

There have been a few other camps in Kansas who have come and gone, but we hope to see the Kansas Division continue growing, both in camps and members. Like most other divisions, we lost a few at the end of last year, but have gained a few of them back as well as new members.

One of our big projects for our division is Project Locate, the Kansas Division Confederate grave registry. We hope to get our listings converted into a database and able to again put it online, and we have a lot of ground to cover in our quest to find more Confederates in Kansas, and make sure they are properly identified and documented.

Overall, the Kansas Division is doing very well, though there is always room for improvement, especially with membership, which we will continue to strive for. Of course, one of our biggest drawbacks is with Kansas not being part of the Confederacy originally. It seems a lot of people here when they see us have been influenced by Northern propaganda of what the South and those of us who love and display the Confederate Flags are about. However at our recruiting tables, in talking to different folks, it seems we are finding more and more people, those with Southern lineage and even though those that claim to have no known Confederate ancestry, that know the truth about what our Confederate ancestors fought for, and what the war was really about, and support our cause. The Kansas Division looks forward to supporting *The Charge*, camaraderie, and continued growth and improvement for the upcoming year and beyond.

Kyle E. Erickson, Commander  
Kansas Division

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## **Kentucky Division**

**John T. Suttles, Commander**

Greetings from the Kentucky Division.

At the present we have 25 camps and working to add more. Unfortunately our Division had several loyal and long-time members pass and cross over the river last year. Their passing shows the need for recruitment of young members to carry on Stephen D. Lee's Charge.

Camps throughout the Division are still having stone settings, memorial services, ghost walks, and participating in parades flying our flag.

The General Lloyd Tilghman Home & Civil War Museum in Paducah continues to be a must visit site for Civil War enthusiasts. Visitors come by River Boat tours and word of mouth brings tourists from across the globe. A very special thank you to our administrator Bill Baxter, and of course we cannot forget his faithful canine, Baxter, who many times helps greet visitors. Because of his special job, he has been recognized and honored as a Paducah Good Will Ambassador complete with red collar. Please visit and support this important museum which was home of Confederate General Lloyd Tilghman who gave his all for liberty.

Special thanks to the General Lloyd Tilghman Camp 1495 for hosting the 2014 Kentucky Division Reunion. The Reunion generally held in June was moved to March 22, the closest weekend date to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Paducah, fought March 25, 1864. On this date General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his Confederate Cavalry advanced through Union held territory and attacked the Union garrison station at Fort Anderson in Paducah.

The Kentucky Division Reunion was held at Trader's Mall located off I-24 at exit 16. The 150th Commemorative Service was held at Arant Confederate Park honoring the Battle of Paducah when General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his Confederate Cavalry attacked the Union Garrison and the supply depot which was located in Paducah at Fort Anderson. SCV members and spectators were thrilled by the sight of Confederate uniforms and the firing of the full scale cannon, a mountain howitzer and a 21 gun salute honoring the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Paducah.

Another honor was that 150 Kentucky Division medals were made honoring Colonel Albert P. Thompson. Colonel Thompson's job was to keep the Union troops pinned inside the fort. Two Union Timberclads added their fire power to the fort and a shell from one of them killed Colonel Albert P. Thompson who died within a block of his home. Forrest's other troops burned and destroyed other Union war material while Thompson's troops held their position.

There were also 150 Commemorative coins made honoring the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Paducah. What a great way to honor our ancestors and cherish their memory. What a great Division we have. I am proud of our Division and proud to be a Kentuckian.

John T. Suttles, Commander  
Kentucky Division

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## Louisiana Division Ted Brode, Commander

Gentlemen of our beloved Confederation,

Greetings from the Louisiana Division! As you enter our state you will be greeted by a sign proclaiming “Bienvenue en Louisiane” (Welcome to Louisiana) and yes it is true we do have beignets and you need to come have coffee and beignets at the Café Du Monde. But we also are the only state still sporting parishes instead of counties and we are home to the first colonial revolt for independence against a European power. In keeping with that heritage, the Sons of Louisiana fought in every major campaign in our War for Southern Independence and while doing so even created a new definition for the word “Tiger.” We look toward the day when that same spirit of unity and love of freedom reignites.

The United Confederate Veterans, was organized in New Orleans in 1891, with seven of the first ten camps residing in our state. Since that time, several men that called Louisiana home served as commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. *The Charge* which we all love was delivered in New Orleans in 1906 and from that time on Louisiana’s representation in the Sons of Confederate Veterans continues with many Louisiana men serving on the General Executive Council.

In the past year, the men of the Louisiana Division have been busy “Forwarding the Colors” and upholding “The Charge.” Our Division was well represented at our National Reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The work this year was constant; even before the 2013 reunion we responded to an attack on the Confederate Veteran in the letters to the editor of a major newspaper in the capitol city. In the middle of the year we celebrated Lee and Jackson with Lee-Jackson events in every corner of the state. And as the current year began to close we celebrated numerous sesquicentennial events during Confederate History Month.

We have a number of regular gigs where we show the colors to include Mardi Gras parades in Farmerville, Monroe and West Monroe. The Monroe/West Monroe parade draws 100,000 spectators and is televised to another 200,000. This year the parade was especially large. An unusual gig we have developed is to make ourselves very visible at the Highland Mardi Gras Parade of Shreveport where we had been denied entry. There, led by the Taylor Camp, we show the colors along the parade route. Members also marched in SCV-sponsored units in the Veteran’s Day activities throughout the state. SCV units were present at numerous Christmas parades. These Christmas parades represent the breadth of our work. At Homer, a small town and a small parade, we were there and we were there at Natchitoches, a larger town, whose Festival of Lights Christmas parade is the largest Christmas parade in the state. This year’s weather for the parade at Natchitoches was abominable and many, if not most, parade units failed to show. But not the SCV — we were there — bundled up and still cold, we made our way through the streets, past the shivering spectators to the delight of all. Other parades in which we participated include the Watermelon Festival Parade in Farmerville, Chicken Festival Parade in Dubach, Pioneer Days Festival Parade in Greenwood, Red Bud Festival Parade in Vivian, and the Good Ole Days Parade in Marthasville. Recruiting booths were set up at many of these festivals.

Our sesquicentennial committee provided opportunities in the town of Franklin honoring the 150th of the Battle of Irish Bend. Special memorial services remembering the Battle of Mansfield, the Battle

of Calcasieu Pass, and for Generals Stafford and Mouton upon the 150th anniversary of their deaths. The sesquicentennial of the Battle of Mansfield (the largest battle west of the Mississippi and a great Confederate victory) was organized by one of our camps.

As in years past, division members remembered our ancestors with memorials such as that at the Keatchie Confederate Cemetery in Desoto Parish and at Camp Parapet in New Orleans. Traditional Memorial Day Ceremonies were had at Hillcrest Cemetery in Haughton and Confederate Memorial Day services were held in various parts of the state. Division members participated as reenactors at the annual “Night After the Battle” event at the Mansfield Battle Park which has become a favorite.

Members continued work on the Burrs Ferry breastworks preparing the works there for use by the division. The annual Flags Across the Ouachita was held on the US highway bridge between Monroe/West Monroe averaging a friendly honk or wave per minute. Members began the process of protecting and perhaps repairing the ANV tumulus in Metairie Cemetery of New Orleans.

Louisiana Division Camps were proud to continue the tradition of awarding *Hunley Awards*. Work continues with the Guardian program and support for the Sam Davis camp. Work also continues on providing a large data base for graves and monuments.

While our governor did not issue a Confederate History Month Proclamation, several municipalities did, and a representative in the State House of Representatives issued a proclamation proclaiming April as “Confederate History Month.”

We are always looking for ways to forward the colors and to live up to the *charge*. May God grant us success in that effort.

Ted Brode, Commander  
Louisiana Division

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## Maryland Division Jay Barringer, Commander

Confederate Greetings from Maryland — the first state south of the Mason-Dixon Line as well known for the Orioles, Ravens and Preakness as for its high taxes and low 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment regard! The Maryland Division continues to focus on *The Charge* of Gen. S. D. Lee and the promotion of *The Cause*. During this busy Sesquicentennial year, the compatriots, camps, and color guard of the Maryland Division ardently forwarded the Confederate colors in a host of events. It is an honor to submit this report to our compatriots at Charleston, SC from the state where pro-Southern patriots resisted the “despot’s heel” and “northern scum” on April 19, 1861 along Baltimore’s Pratt Street where first blood was drawn.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In a year that witnessed a healthy increase of 12 new compatriots between our February division meeting and April state convention, since the last national reunion report we were deeply affected by the passing of no less than nine compatriots. Consequently, at 460 members the Maryland Division strives to recruit new members at public events and locales. We enjoy the benefits of the SCV’s postcard solicitation program. Our success at new member recruitment resulted in the receipt of two Dixie Club awards from SCV HQ by two of our compatriots. Furthermore, each camp pro-actively endeavors each year to renew the memberships of compatriots of good comportment.

**DIVISION PROJECTS:** In addition to two annual meetings and a state convention hosted by one of our camps in rotation, the division promoted several notable events including:

The semiannual National Park Service clean-up at Gettysburg National Military Park. For a second year, the Maryland Division participated in the NPS’s Adopt-a-Monument project to provide beautification and landscaping services for four monuments at Gettysburg Battlefield. Volunteers hauled

away debris, trimmed bushes, and beautified areas around selected battlefield monuments including Beckham's Horse Artillery, Breathed's MD 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Horse Artillery, Fitz Lee's Brigade, Battery, and the 1st Maryland Artillery – Dement's Battery. Twelve compatriots representing six camps in VA, PA, and MD participated in this physically rigorous work in support and memory of our Marylanders who fought at Gettysburg.

The annual National Kidney Foundation Walk in Baltimore, MD. Everyone has probably been affected, directly or indirectly, by the challenges of kidney disease. Maryland Division compatriots joined thousands of other walkers in the 2014 Kidney Walk to raise money for the National Kidney Fund. Compatriots also used the opportunity to promote the SCV as "Team Botany Cross Boys." Attired in summertime finery, the Botany Cross Boys were the best dressed attendees and presented themselves as a professional organization of Southern gentlemen while raising more than \$300 in support of the National Kidney Foundation.

The annual Capt. Heinrich Wirz & Mary Surratt Memorial Service. Converging on Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC, Maryland Division compatriots gathered to honor two martyrs and scapegoats who were horrendously abused by the vengeful yankee government after the war. Specifically set for Armed Forces Day each year, compatriots also paid tribute to Confederate Armed Forces and current United States Armed Forces who serve throughout the world today. Traditionally organized by SCV Past Chaplain-in-Chief Father Alister Anderson, this year he requested the division assume responsibility for the event because, having just turned 90 years old, he is "beginning to slow down!" The division also honored Fr. Anderson with the SCV Heritage Defense Gen. Patrick Cleburne Guild Award. He is a true hero for his service in WWII, Vietnam, the SCV, and the church as an ordained Orthodox priest.

**HERITAGE DEFENSE:** Although most Marylanders never heard of Charles Stanley beyond his name on a library in Laurel, MD, he became the center of controversy and the subject of the division's only heritage violation during the year. In anticipation of the rebuilding of the Charles Stanley Memorial Library, some members of the Prince George's County Library System want to rename the library upon completion. A very small, yet typically vocal, minority of residents discovered that Mr. Stanley was a Confederate private (gasp!) in Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> MD Cavalry. Despite his community contributions after the war as a businessman, banker, philanthropist, mayor, and state assemblyman, in their warped view his army service abrogated all else. However, nothing abrogated the clause in the deed for the library property donated by the Stanley family in their ancestor's memory. This legal detail requires the library shall be "Charles Stanley Memorial Library" in perpetuity at that location. The Maryland Division vigorously opposed the attempt to demonize Mr. Stanley's service and actively supported a petition to "Keep the Name." The matter remains on-hold during construction; however, there is overwhelming community support to retain the Stanley name on the new library. The Maryland Division sincerely appreciates the support of our many SCV compatriots and we thank everyone who signed the on-line petition with many positive, professional comments to retain Pvt. Stanley's name.

Though not a heritage violation, the Maryland Division received a notification in early January that the Stony Run Society of Friends would again hold a silent [but stupid] vigil at the Gilmore Camp/MD UDC annual Lee-Jackson Day commemoration in Baltimore's Wyman Park. This year's theme for the Quakers of questionable common sense, as they sought to "[build] alliances for racial and social justice," was to "Change the Date." Because our commemoration of the birthdays of Lee and Jackson often occurs, through no devious scheming as is Quaker contention, on the same weekend as MLK Day, the math-challenged Friends demand we change *OUR* commemoration date while failing to understand that 1807 and 1824 are earlier than 1929. We will neither honor their wish nor reciprocate their desire for dialogue. They maintained a respectful distance across the road offering no disruption during the event.

Although the Maryland General Assembly rescinded Maryland's 1862 ratification of the Corwin Amendment, the state general assembly made no repeat attempts to alter the state song, *Maryland, My Maryland* with its pro-Southern timbre. Like busy bees, a majority of the assembly was fixated this year on the critical "Bathroom Bill" making grammatical or pictorial designators on bathroom doors a superfluous anachronism.

**COLOR GUARD:** There was never a busier year than 2013 with 27 ceremonies and nine parades for the Maryland Division Color Guard — our most visible and mobile asset! All camps in the division are represented in the color guard which can deploy nearly two dozen flags plus pipes and drums. One of the six 150<sup>th</sup> battle anniversary events in Gettysburg alone was the Culp Brothers monument dedication with our compatriots of the Pennsylvania Division. For yet another year, our Color Guard joined Virginia's Gen. Robert E. Lee Camp to march in the widely televised National Capital Memorial Day Parade. The timing could not have been more serendipitous as the processional halted at 1500 hours for *Taps* while our Confederate Flags waved directly in front of the reviewing stand in sight of military, political, and VIP officials. With television stations unable to switch to a commercial break for so long, our colors enjoyed national exposure followed by the melody of *Dixie* upon resumption of the event along Constitution Avenue.

As the official color guard for the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade; the Washington, DC, UDC Arlington Cemetery Confederate Memorial Day at Jackson Circle; and the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table, the requests for our group are numerous. Ironically, in events such Independence Day, Washington's Birthday, and Mummer's Day, the Maryland Color Guard is consistently the recipient of awards for historical groups. We like to attribute this to a far greater appreciation, enthusiasm, and acceptance of the Confederate flag among the general populace than by the media, academia, or the offence-seeking politically correct crowd. The Maryland Division is justifiably proud of our color guard whose compatriots sacrifice time, talent, and treasure to promote Confederate heritage.

**CAMP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Our camps are *THE* veritable foundation of the division. Among the significant camp accomplishments in 2013 are: Point Lookout Gray Days; the Blessing of the Fleet; completion of the Adopt-a-Headstone project to install more than 600 new headstones in eight years; the Potomac River Crossing to commemorate Lee's entry into Maryland; a CSS *Hunley* ROTC Award presentation; the Sharpsburg Battlefield Illumination; Confederate Navy/Marine Corps Day in Annapolis; a cold weather and personal item collection drive for assisted living residents; Confederate Memorial Day services in Frederick and Howard Counties; an Open House and Recruitment Drive with authors, historians, and genealogy groups; information booths at festivals throughout Harford and Cecil Counties; dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial and display in Glasva, MD; the "God's Eye" ride and fund raiser for children's cancer research; participation in the Wounded Warrior Project; and several Adopt-a-Highway clean-ups.

**CONCLUSION:** The fine work of our compatriots, camps, and color guard is according to His will and dedicated to the honorable memory and service of our Confederate ancestors. The projects, of which only a limited subset is noted above, are consistently impressive and publicly well-received (except by Quakers!). We are thankful for the opportunity to promote *The Cause* and the SCV and look forward to working with our fellow SCV compatriots in 2014.

American by Birth & Southern by the Grace of God,

Jay Barringer, Commander  
Maryland Division

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## Mississippi Division Alen Terrell, Commander

The past year has been an eventful year for the Mississippi Division. Some challenges have been met and some still face us.

As a follow-up to Past Division Commander Alan Palmer's report last year I am pleased to announce the Mississippi monument to be placed at Shiloh National Military Park is under construction. In March

2014 a sculptor was selected and the design was chosen. Work has begun and we are still anticipating a date sometime in 2015 for it to be placed. I would like to thank all of you that participated in the fish fry supper at last year's National reunion as the money raised at that event helped us get to this point.

Many of you are probably aware of the changes which have occurred at Beauvoir in February 2014. The Division hopes the changes made will continue to insure that Beauvoir stands on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a tribute to Jefferson Davis and the Confederate Soldier for many years to come.

We have had our struggles holding on to some camps but we have gained a few new ones. It was my privilege to present the camp charter to the Live Oak Rifles Camp 226 located in Pascagoula, Mississippi at the 2013 Annual Fall Muster event held at Beauvoir.

The Division now has 44 active Mississippi Camps plus the Division HQ Camp. We had five Camps achieve 100 percent renewal and they are: Charles W. "Savez" Read Camp 69 of Yazoo City; Sgt. Samuel J. House Camp 837 of Senatobia; Gen. Earl Van Dorn Camp 1679 of Port Gibson; Mechanicsburg Corridor Camp 1704 of Mechanicsburg and Jefferson Davis Camp 1862 of Newton. Eight camps came close with only one delinquent member and they are: M/G E. C. Walthall Camp 211 of Grenada; Jones County Rosin Heels Camp 227 of Laurel; Samuel H. Powe Camp 255 of Waynesboro; Charles Clark Camp 856 of Cleveland; Capt. Francis Marion Rogers Camp 873 of Amory; Capt. C. B. Vance Camp 1669 of Batesville; 9<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry Camp 1748 of Lucedale and Lt. John Sallis Camp 1776 of Tremont. As of March 1, 2014, the membership of the Division currently stands at 1,371. The number of Mississippi Division Life Members is currently at 85.

I hope everyone has a great time at this year's Annual Reunion and I pray we all will continue to carry out the *Charge* as Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Allen Terrell, Commander  
Mississippi Division

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## Missouri Division

### Darrell L. Maples, Commander

The Missouri Division has once again had a very successful year. Our camp and Brigade activities were at an all time high and participation has been outstanding. Our 2014 Annual Reunion was perhaps the best attended in many, many years. The membership of the Missouri Division continues to prove just how important our heritage and our history is, and the membership has experienced a revival on interest in all things Confederate.

In recent months, the Major James Morgan Utz Camp 1815 of Florissant, Missouri has put up a full-sized billboard sign along Interstate 70 highway, and this camp is using this as a recruiting tool. This billboard sign is seen by literally thousands of drivers each day and it is hoped not only the Utz Camp will benefit, but all other camps in the Missouri Division.

Numerous camps in the Missouri Division retained 100 percent of their membership and actually had an added gain to the membership totals. Membership retention is an ongoing problem throughout the SCV and for several camps to retain 100 percent of their respective memberships is quite an accomplishment.

During our Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, the Missouri Division voted to fully fund a new monument, this monument being dedicated to Missouri's Confederate Chaplains. Missouri's Chaplain Soldiers served with great dignity and honor and are very deserving of this special recognition. The monument was officially dedicated on June 14, 2014, at Jefferson City, Missouri. The Missouri Division believes that by setting this monument, other SCV Divisions might also follow our lead in recognizing our Confederate Chaplains.

This Missouri Division has also taken on the fight to get our beloved Confederate Battle Flag returned to the Confederate Memorial Cemetery at Higginsville, Missouri. Due to political reasons, the flag was removed in 2003 from this Confederate Cemetery which was adjacent to the Confederate Home of Missouri. The Missouri Division has purchased another full-sized billboard sign as a tool to garner support for our efforts to return the flag to its rightful location, flying over our Confederate dead. Confederate Veterans from all thirteen Confederate States have been laid to rest at this cemetery, and only Confederate Veterans and in some cases their spouse are at this cemetery. We believe they have earned the right to rest under the flag they fought under. The Missouri Division leadership at the time (2003) fought long and hard to get the flag returned, but the politically correct crown eventually won the day. We have lived to fight another day, and we are retaking the fight to those who would forget our Confederate Ancestors.

We in the Missouri Division will continue to take the *Charge* seriously and will continue to do all we can to vindicate their Cause.

Darrell L. Maples, Commander  
Missouri Division

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## **New Mexico Division**

### **Jim Houghton, Commander**

I am pleased to report on the following activities of the Division from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014:

**In January 2014**, the Division sharpshooters showed up in force to dominate our annual North/South Shoot. Division members placed first and second in the individual rifle competition, and first, second and third in the individual pistol competitions. The Division sharpshooters team placed second in the overall team competition and another Confederate squad from the southern part of the State finished third. New members participated in the shoot, together with seasoned veterans. It was a great day of comradeship within the Division and helped us add new members to the fold.

**In February 2014**, numerous compatriots within the Division participated in living history events and the reenactment of the Battle of Valverde outside of Socorro, the first Confederate victory in the Sibley Brigade Campaign in 1862. These events were organized and implemented by Division Compatriot and Camp Commander Charles Mandeville.

**Confederate Cemetery Project.** Past Division Commander Jim Red and Compatriot and Camp Commander Charles Mandeville continue to make improvements to the New Mexico Confederate cemetery which was dedicated in 2012 outside of Socorro, New Mexico. We encourage all compatriots to go to our website to see continued developments at the cemetery. Additional monuments are planned and other improvements to make the cemetery a fitting memorial to our ancestors who fought in the Sibley Brigades in the New Mexico campaign in 1861-1862.

#### **Division Supporting Veterans and Other Community Support.**

In July 2013, the Division made a \$500 donation to the 68<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Survivors of the USS *Indianapolis*. The USS *Indianapolis* was a heavy cruiser who delivered materials for the atomic bomb to Tinian in July 1945 which led to the bombing missions a few weeks later which brought an end to the war with Japan and saved countless lives of servicemen and their families. Unfortunately, while en route to the Philippines to rejoin their taskforce, the USS *Indianapolis* was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine. Out of the more than 1,200 sailors and Marines, only 317 survived the ordeal, many being eaten by sharks while in the water awaiting rescue. Those that did survive were scarred for life. One of the remaining 38 survivors was Loel Dene (L.D.) Cox of Comanche, Texas, who is with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Frontier



District Camp 1904. It was an honor to meet Compatriot Cox at the reunion. The reunion organizers were appreciative of the donation. I encourage all our compatriots to look at the website for the USS *Indianapolis* 2014 reunion and consider making either donations or attending the reunion as a support volunteer.

This year's project will be to provide some financial support to a Deputy County Sheriff who took four hits while trying to stop an armed madman who had previously shot and wounded city police officers in an ambush. This ex-Marine put herself in harm's way to protect her community and is most deserving of our support. She faces multiple surgeries and a long road to recovery.

Various meetings were held throughout the year to address issues of recruiting and membership retention; the Division budget; and Division planning and training of camp adjutants to assist the camps and their commanders with their duties. We continue to focus on strengthening our Division with new "Friends of the SCV" members. Division members also supported graveside ceremonies within the state where Confederate soldiers are buried.

We have identified the following projects and events for the next campaign year (April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015).

We will conduct Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies at the new Confederate Cemetery in Socorro on the last weekend in April, 2014. We expect the event will be well-attended by both Division members and our friends.

We will support the UDC placement of three headstones of Confederates buried in Roswell in April. We continue to emphasize this as a critical role that our Division plays in supporting the UDC and the families of the deceased Confederates.

We are organizing a long-range (100-200 yards) sharpshooter/sniper black powder rifle competition as a good get-together function for our compatriots and as an additional recruiting tool.

It has been my honor to serve as the commander of the New Mexico Division during this reporting period. We are proud of our accomplishments in our Division. I trust this report will meet with your approval.

Jim Houghton, Commander  
New Mexico Division

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## North Carolina Division

**Thomas M. Smith, Jr., Commander**

The North Carolina Division once again has been very active in pursuing the preservation of our heritage and culture. Several key members of our division attended the Vision 2013 Conference at Elm Springs this past Spring. Plans are underway to implement that program within the state. We look forward to using this knowledge and other measures to increase our membership.

Our division newsletter continues to be an award winning journal. We recently made the transition from the US Postal System to the online version which will save the division thousands of dollars which can be used for other Confederate Causes. We realize that some members, even though very few, do not have access to a computer. We have made exceptions for these members. It is important that we as an organization utilize every technological tool at our disposal.

We continue to enhance our General Johnston Statue site at the Bentonville Battlefield. We intend to install interpretive bronze plaques, brick walkways, parking areas and other improvements in the coming years. We also plan to raise funds to install multiple huge flag poles across the state near well traveled interstates. As has been the practice for the past six years we continue to work with the Department of

Archives and History to restore original Battle Flags. In addition we have started to restore Confederate uniforms as well.

Our state continues to fly the Confederate Flag over our State Capitol for all three Confederate holidays; Memorial Day, Robert E. Lee Day and Confederate Flag Day. I think this may be the only state which continues this practice.

On April 26th we held our Division Reunion in Valdese, NC, in which Danny Bolick was elected Division Commander and Kevin Stone was elected Lt. Division Commander. The attendance of this meeting surpassed all attendance records over the past twenty-five years. At this meeting, hundreds of Sesquicentennial Silver coins the division had minted were sold to our members at cost to show our appreciation for their membership.

The front of the coin depicted the CSS *Shenandoah* and the reverse was the Great Seal of the Confederacy. The coins were one ounce of fine silver each. We look forward to the coming year with our new leaders.

Tom Smith, Commander  
North Carolina Division

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## **Oklahoma Division**

### **Larry W. Logan, Commander**

Dear Compatriots of The Confederation:

It is with great pride that, for the last time, I furnish the Oklahoma Division contribution to the *Book of Reports* for our national convention. Our new commander will be Allen Harrison and he is preeminently qualified for the task. He has been serving as brigade commander for the Ft. Washita brigade, Southeastern Oklahoma, affectionately known as "Little Dixie."

Since the division reorganized in 2006, remarkable progress has been made. The reorganization took place with few camps and few men but they were dedicated to picking up the pieces and fulfilling the charge we are given. From that humble start it has grown to a division of more than 300 men and 20 camps. Brigades have been instituted, a division executive council has been revitalized, our communication has drastically improved through a great website, Facebook, and a newsletter that is top notch. Subject to convention approval we are planning to adopt the Guardian program in the division this year. Additionally, last June we completed and dedicated a \$20,000 monument to 190 Confederate Veterans buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore, OK. It was the largest concentration of Confederate Veterans buried anywhere in the world which did not have a monument on it. Now they are recognized for the special human beings they were and always will be. The division has won awards at the national level, camps have as well, and many individuals have been awarded numerous medals and certificates in recognition of their part in the resurrection of the division.

Altogether the message is that the Oklahoma Division is back. It is at the doorstep of even greater success in the future and we are ready and willing to accept all the challenges that are inherent in the current political and social environment.

It has been my pleasure to serve as division commander for the last four years for such an outstanding group of men.

You will be hearing a great deal from this group for a long time.

Your obedient servant,

Larry W. Logan, Commander  
Oklahoma Division

## **Pennsylvania Division**

### **James K. Palmisano, Commander**

The reporting year has been a busy year for the Pennsylvania Division. The year encompassed the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. We were involved in many events for the year. We participated in the remarking of a Confederate grave on the Susquehanna river bank which was swept away during the flood several years ago. This was a fine effort between several groups of historical reenactors and the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of York County, PA. After years of research this grave contains the remains of an unknown Confederate Veteran, who during the Gettysburg campaign was found washed up on the bank of the Susquehanna river by Union troops and was buried there. Sadly, we have never been able to determine who this soldier was. The Sons of Union Veterans put the first permanent marker at the grave site before the SCV was present in Pennsylvania.

At the July battle week celebrations, we were present at the National Peace light memorial in Gettysburg which was dedicated by president Franklin Roosevelt in 1938 to the veterans of the War Between the States. This is an eternal flame monument to commemorate the reunification of the United States. At that time more than 1,800 Civil War Veterans were present. At this year's ceremony many fine speeches were given, including the Commandant of the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, Major General Anthony Cucolo who gave a riveting and moving presentation. US Congressman Scott Perry, a US Army reservist also spoke eloquently. During this ceremony the Pvt. John Wesley Culp Camp SCV of Gettysburg provided the Confederate Color Guard for the ceremony commanded by Division Adjutant Ben Lewis, and was a front page picture and story in the publication of the Frederick Post newspaper. The ceremony and pictures were also carried in other local newspapers. A memorial wreath was laid at the Memorial by Division Commander James Palmisano in memory of the Confederate Veterans.

Another large event was the establishing a Sons of Confederate Veterans information booth at the downtown Gettysburg location on Steinwehr Ave. This was located to maximize exposure to the public visiting Gettysburg. The information booth was staffed for four days by volunteers from the local camp and National SCV Officers Lt. Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow, and Frank Earnest Commander, Army of Northern Virginia, and Pennsylvania Division Commander James Palmisano. It was a hot and humid typical Gettysburg July week and a big success to all who helped make this a very special anniversary.

The first and only monument at Gettysburg placed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was the unveiling of the Culp Brothers memorial located in a central downtown Gettysburg on Steinwehr Ave. This memorial was the centerpiece of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It tells the story of two brothers, one who fought for the North and our Gettysburg Camp namesake who fought for the South. Thanks to the efforts of Gettysburg camp commander and nationally recognized sculptor Gary Casteel and hundreds of donors and volunteers, and the SCV National HQ donations, this project became a reality in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

At the dedication ceremony, many speakers and dignitaries were present. Among them the Honorable Mayor of Gettysburg Bill Troxell, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow of the SCV, and his wife Cassie, Army of Northern VA Commander Frank Earnest, Pennsylvania Division Commander James Palmisano, SCV Culp Commander Gary Casteel, Chaplain Ben Lewis, and Sons of Union Veterans vice commander, Anthony Aubright, and the donor of the land representative Tammy Myers, for the American Civil War Wax Museum of Gettysburg. Giving majesty and Confederate exuberance was the Maryland Color Guard and their many fine members who turned out in large numbers to underscore this first and only monument at Gettysburg placed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The PA Division graves registrar Sam Ricks has discovered an additional four Confederate graves and one unconfirmed status of a POW. Pennsylvania now has recorded 329 confirmed Confederate graves in our registry. Sam has also instituted grave walks which tell the stories of the Confederate dead buried in

the cemeteries that are becoming very popular tourist interests in the Philadelphia area.

A statewide coordinator, Joe Noroski, was appointed as Division coordinator for the *Hunley* JROTC award program.

As a small Division, less than 100 members, we are proud of our accomplishments and thank the SCV National HQ and the hundreds of people we have interacted with in the last year to make this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

James K. Palmisano, Commander  
Pennsylvania Division

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## **South Carolina Division**

### **Leland Summers, Commander**

Greetings Compatriots and welcome to South Carolina, the birthplace of the Confederacy.

On March 29, 2014, the SC Division bestowed a great honor upon me. They chose me to serve as Division commander for the next two years. I must admit that this is one of many tributes I have experienced in my lifetime. I take the position with pride. Our 3,000 member force consists of 65 camps organized in 10 Brigades. Our Division officers are working in harmony to strengthen our camps. We are all working diligently for the preservation our Confederate history and educating others to tell our “true story.” We have many exciting projects underway.

Confederate Memorial Day—Confederate Memorial Day takes place in SC on May 10. It is recognized as an official state holiday. On May 3, the SC Division conducted a State Memorial Service on the grounds of the Statehouse in Columbia. Many camps, along with the UDC, Confederate Roses, Children of the Confederacy, and Palmetto Battalion conducted local services. Between April 27 and May 11 there were more than 40 Confederate Memorial Services across the state. These services not only permit us to remember the valor of the Boys in Gray and his families but provide the opportunity to tell their story and why he fought.

Flag Preservation—We continue to work hand-in-hand with the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum in Columbia. Our role with them is to spearhead funding to conserve and display our majestic Confederate Flags and Banners. Nine have been conserved thus far. These will be on display during the Preservation Luncheon. These Colors are our direct link to our brave Confederate ancestors. This program will continue for years to come as we still have more than 100 Flags and Banners to conserve.

Signers’ Monument—The SC Division continues to work on our Signer’s Monument. On December 20, 1860, 170 elected officials convened in Charleston, SC. They were recognized as the most respected, educated, and distinguished men in South Carolina. These citizens risked their fortunes, families, property, and placed their lives on the line to sign the Ordinance of Secession giving birth to the Confederate States of America, changing history and granting liberty to all South Carolinians. Present day there is but one small plaque and one historical marker paying tribute to them. The SC Division is changing this. Our Monument will be approximately 11 feet tall and 5 feet square weighing more than 20 tons erected in a memorial garden. We are proud to report to you that the stone has been purchased and is currently being carved. All Compatriots across the Confederation will be invited when the time comes to dedicate our Monument. I hope you will join us for this noteworthy event.

Graves and Monuments Restoration and Guardianship—All SC Camps are very involved in this ongoing project. Few days pass when I don’t receive a report or photographs about another completed

project. In the past year most SC camps located and restored many abandoned cemeteries holding the grave sites of our Confederate ancestors. Wilderness graves have been located and marked. Confederate Crosses of Honor have been placed and recognized with a special Cross Dedication Service. The names and location of the cemeteries and grave sites are recorded in our Graves Registry. This project will continue through the coming year.

Heritage for Youth—In April 2014, the SC Division began our Heritage for Youth Program. Our Heritage for Youth Committee has a threefold mission.

1.) Provide program assistance to enhance camps that are already engaged in youth programs. 2.) Encourage camps not doing Youth programs to do so with cooperation from other camps, Brigades, and Divisions and 3.) Promote Sam Davis Youth Camp by providing our young people with the opportunity to attend through scholarships. Each Brigade has a goal to provide one scholarship for a student to attend the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Recently the SC Children of the Confederacy provided us a scholarship to send someone to the Sam Davis Youth camp. These programs provide us with the opportunity to teach them the true history of the South. Our young people certainly do not get this *true* education in our politically correct public schools. It also acquaints young men to the SCV in hopes they will research their own lineage and possibly join the organization. In the future we plan to use our Sam Davis Youth Camp graduates to assist with on-going youth day activities. Many local reenactments include a youth day program on Friday inviting local schools to attend as a field trip opportunity. In the past twelve months we estimate that more than 5,000 elementary and middle school students have been exposed to these programs.

This is a brief summary of just some things going on in South Carolina. There are many more and there is so much more to do. We will continue to look for more opportunities to fulfill the mission of our Charge. Enjoy your stay in South Carolina and please come back to see us.

Leland Summers, Commander  
South Carolina Division

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## Texas Division

### Johnnie L. Holley, Jr., Commander

This past year has been very good for the Texas Division. Our members have been extremely active in all areas. I have attended numerous camp meetings, dedications and events within the state.

The Fort Worth Stock Show parade was well attended by numerous camps and we were very well received by the public. It was a great honor to march with my compatriots in the Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville, Texas, in March. Our flags were saluted by bystanders and many compliments were given to our group.

The 2016 National Reunion Committee has been active and plans are well underway. The Rodeo night has been negotiated and, I think, it will prove to be very popular with the attendees. This will give our visiting compatriots a unique look at Texas and its heritage.

I am greatly impressed with the recruiting activities of the Division. Looking at the *Confederate Veteran* magazine numbers shows the success of Texas Division in this area. We, as I am sure is the case throughout the Confederation, have had some disturbing numbers in retention. The Texas Division is working very hard in this area and will make a strong effort during this year's reinstatement period to not only retain the members we have, but to regain many of the members we have lost in the last few years.

We had a most successful outcome in Beeville, Texas, on a flag issue where we defended the flag and kept it flying. Our efforts have yielded a new camp in Beeville which will help us defend against any further problems. We still are working on a long-standing problem in west Texas and will continue to do so.

I have been very happy with the number of compatriots attending reenactments around the South. The sight of our Texas flag being carried at Chickamauga by the horse-drawn artillery and the number of Texas men in attendance was quite inspiring. Events in Texas, Louisiana, and other states have been well attended by Texas units.

My thanks to the staff at Elm Springs for their hard work and support. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated. The National SCV staff has also been very helpful and their support is greatly appreciated.

I look forward over the next year to growth and advancement in our pursuit of the *Charge*. The Texas Division is always ready to work with others and will assist in any way possible those who follow the *Charge* as we do.

Greetings to all. Long Live the South. Forward the Colors and never forget the greatness of our Ancestors and the Heritage we defend.

Johnnie L. Holley, Jr., Commander  
Texas Division

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## **Virginia Division**

### **L. Tracy Clary, Commander**

The Virginia Division is proud of our almost 3,000 members in close to 80 camps throughout the state. We have welcomed many new Compatriots and two new camps into our ranks and sadly have had to bid farewell to those who are now in heaven. Our retention and recruiting program, led by 2nd Lt. Commander Ken Parsons, has continued clarifying records and reclaiming some of the Compatriots who had become inactive.

We are still awaiting the results of our Appeals Hearing with the Veteran's Administration for the placement of upright markers, at Oakwood Cemetery. Chairmen Lee Hart and Brag Bowling are continuing to implement the improvements at the cemetery while this most important aspect is in litigation. The Speaker's Stand refabrication is complete and the refurbishment of the stone cemetery entrance has been approved and will very soon be underway. A beautiful new flag pole is proudly flying a Stainless Banner along with one of our Southern State flags. Landscaping and planning for future improvements are on-going.

Our camps have been involved with many Sesquicentennial celebrations and living history events. Cemetery preservation and the addition of markers have continued to increase throughout the state.

Our Membership Renewal System has enjoyed continued success since being implemented eight years ago. The additional funds, donated through the system, have significantly helped the Division with various projects and with individual camp goals. This system has also been used to improve communications and plans are to expand the information gained with its use. The Division will add a Relief and Welfare selection, for our Compatriots, this upcoming year.

The Lee-Jackson observances were held throughout the state. Past Division Commander Brandon Dorsey and the Stonewall Brigade Camp 1296 hosted the Lee-Jackson event in Lexington. 1st Lt. Commander Tracy Clary offered greetings from the Division at this event. The event was well attended with a very strong showing of support for the Confederate Flags during the parade and throughout the weekend. The Lee-Jackson Camp 1 held the 2nd Annual event at the Pelham Chapel in Richmond that same weekend. The crowd was standing room only and many visitors, from outside of the SCV, were in attendance.

The Virginia Division once again offered support to the annual Wakefield Shad Planking. This event, which many politicians use to open their campaigns, gives us an opportunity to speak with and receive endorsements with these candidates. Special thanks to Cecil “Tommy” Thomas III and several members of the Virginia Division 1st Brigade for their participation.

The Virginia Division Convention, hosted by the Fincastle Rifles Camp 1326, was held in Roanoke, VA. The attendance was greater than expected and thereby giving us more opportunity to share our messages throughout the Division in a more personal way. This was an election year for the Division and the new Virginia Division Commander is L. Tracy Clary of The Old Brunswick Camp 512 of Lawrenceville, VA.

The annual Sam Davis Youth Camp is continuing to grow. Membership has increased every year in Virginia and we do not see a reason for this trend to change. The Woodmen of the World Family Activity Center in Thaxton, VA, is more than willing to work with our group to ensure the best camp possible is had by all. Special thanks to all of those involved with this very special project, most especially Mr. Jack Marlar, past SCV Field Representative, who continues his dedication and devotion to this worthwhile mission.

The Division has dealt with some major changes in the Museum system in Richmond. The Museum of the Confederacy suggested a merger during the summer of 2013 and then recanted only to formally announce the merger once again in early 2014. The Division is actively searching for the best remedy to protect the Confederate story involved with this merger. Our Archives are not to be hidden, that is not why they were donated to this establishment and we will not go quietly and let this happen. The name change is but one issue, from the Museum of the Confederacy to the American Civil War Museum, there are many more. This will be an on-going challenge and we have just begun.

In conclusion, the Virginia Division continues to forward the *Charge* in defense of our Heritage. As issues present themselves we react quickly and positively, but more importantly we continue to prepare to be proactive and strive to take care of issues before they grow. The Virginia Division Executive Council continues to look at new ways to share ideas and grow as a part of the SCV. We have vastly improved communications through electronic means, yet have not forgotten the spoken and written word. I want to thank the Compatriots of Virginia and friends of the Division for their continued support of our Heritage. May God Bless the Old Dominion and the South.

L. Tracy Clary, Commander  
Virginia Division

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## Europe Camp

### Alles Gute, Commander

#### EUROPE CAMP ACHIEVEMENTS

Continuous Confederate graves survey throughout Europe, inspecting condition and if necessary, restoring/cleaning the tomb and providing a VA marker or cross of honor. Among them:

Heros von Borcke, Poland (VA marker, cross provided).

CS Navy Captain Thomas J. Page, Italy (tomb restored, cross provided).

Major General Camille De Polignac, Germany (tomb in good condition).

Captain Van der Stucken, Belgium (tomb in good condition, cross provided).

Captain Giuseppe Lavizzo, France (VA marker provided).

Moses Ezekiel's first burial site, Italy (photographic survey made).

Robert von Massow (burial site found, but marker, cross of honor and memorial ceremony rejected by his descendants)

Working together with serious historical organizations/foundations in the interest of preserving Confederate heritage. Association with the British 290 Foundation to promote and preserve the memory of CSS *Alabama*. Newest achievements:

Help in founding a plaque on the Azores Island of Terceira remembering the namegiving of CSS *Alabama* there and the start of the ship's cruise, June 1862.

Help in funding another plaque in the city of Cherbourg, France, remembering the sinking of CSS *Alabama* in battle with USS *Kearsage*, June 1864

Research for providing Captain William A. Ferring with a VA marker on his previously unmarked grave in Blytheville, AK. European-born Ferring was one of the Immortal 600 in front of Charleston, SC.

Intended as an important educational tool: Regular presentations of movies (old and new) related to the Old South and the WBTS in the camp's newsletter, helping to avoid the effects of bad propaganda (i.e. Lincoln) and pointing out positive things regarding the Confederacy (i.e. The Horsemen).

Alles Gute, Commander  
Europe Camp

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# Future Reunions and Sesquicentennial Event

2014 Sesquicentennial Event

September 13, 2014 — Franklin, Tennessee (<http://confederate150.com/2014.html>)

120th General Reunion

July 15-18, 2015 — Richmond, Virginia

121st General Reunion

July 14-17, 2016 — Richardson, Texas





# Addendum

## Special Rules of Order

### For the 2014 General Reunion — North Charleston, South Carolina

#### Rule 1. Dress and decorum

- a) The Chair shall take care to maintain the dignity and majesty of the convention by enforcing good order and decorum at all times.
- b) Delegates are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen, refraining from any personal insults.
- c) Delegates and guests should wear proper business attire (coat and tie for men).
- d) All cell phones or other electronic devices shall be turned off or put in silent mode while the Convention is in session.
- e) The Commander-in-Chief may appoint any necessary assistants such as a parliamentarian, timekeeper, microphone-monitors, tellers, and such other convention staff as he deems appropriate. These persons need not be members of the SCV and their presence in the hall is at the discretion of the Chair.
- f) For admission in to the assembly hall and to facilitate identification and seating, delegates, members, guests, and convention staff shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Registration & Credentials Committee upon registration and may be required to present positive identification.
- g) The Chair shall have power to regulate and restrict the admission into the meeting hall of visitors and guests.

#### Rule 2. Motions & Resolutions.

- a) All motions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the maker, including his camp number, and submitted to the desk as directed by the Chair.
- b) All resolutions — except those proposed by the General Executive Council or by duly appointed committees, and all recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the Convention that are not in the form of resolutions — shall be referred without debate to the Amendments & Resolutions Committee for consideration. Resolutions proposed by the General Executive Council or by other duly appointed committees shall be presented directly to the Convention at the appropriate time.
- c) The Amendments & Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the Convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except resolutions which the Committee by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its members may decide not to report.
- d) Each delegate who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Amendments & Resolutions Committee if he so requests.
- e) The convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 2c and may immediately consider a resolution, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a resolution, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.
- f) The Adjutant-in-Chief shall have power to make stylistic and non-substantive changes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and numbering to any and all motions and resolutions and any amendments to the Constitution and Standing Orders adopted by this convention and ordered for publication.

#### Rule 3. Debate.

- a) Before entering into debate, delegates shall go to a microphone and wait to be recognized. If a microphone-monitor is present, the delegate shall communicate to the microphone-monitor whether he wishes to speak for the motion, against the motion, ask a question in the form of a point of information or parliamentary inquiry, or make a point of order. In order to make a secondary motion, the delegate must first be recognized to speak either for or against the pending motion.
- b) No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question in the same session while another desires the floor, nor longer than three (3) minutes without leave of the Convention; which shall be granted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, without debate.
- c) Debate on any single question shall not extend for more than sixty (60) minutes, taking together all speakers for and against and any subsidiary motions. The time for debate maybe extended by leave of the Convention, granted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, without debate.

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- d) Debate on any individual secondary motion shall not extend for more than ten (10) minutes, taking together all speakers for and against; without leave of the Convention granted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, without debate.

Rule 4. Voting.

- a) The chair shall put all main and secondary questions *viva voce*. If a delegate calls for a division of the house or the Chair feels that the vote was inconclusive, the chair shall take a standing vote.
- b) The final vote-tabulation of any recorded vote except election of officers — including the results of each camp's votes — shall be posted in the convention hall and made available for inspection.
- c) Nominations for each office to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one (1) nomination and one (1) second. The nominating speech shall be no more than five (5) minutes. The seconding speech shall be no more than three (3) minutes. The candidate's speech shall be no more than eight (8) minutes..
- d) Elections for Department (Army) offices shall be conducted in the respective Department (Army) meetings and reported to the Convention.

Rule 5. Announcements. Notices for announcement to the Convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or a proper representative of the person) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be presented to the desk.

Rule 6. Minutes. The Adjutant-in-Chief shall cause the minutes of all sessions of this General Reunion, including reports presented and minutes taken at Department meetings, to be recorded for publication. Said minutes shall be approved by the General Executive Council and made part of the permanent records of the SCV.

Rule 7. Special Appropriations. Notwithstanding any other Special Rule of Order, no appropriation of funds, apart from the budget presented by the General Executive Council, may be considered unless the convention is given at least twenty-four-hours (24-hours) prior notice. Said notice shall be made in writing and include the name and camp of the proponent and second; as well as the amount, purpose, and funding source of the proposed appropriation. After the notice is announced and accepted, the Chair shall determine a time for the question to be heard.

Rule 8. Enabling Powers. The Adjutant-in-Chief shall have power to make stylistic and non-substantive changes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and numbering to any and all motions and resolutions and any amendments to the Constitution and Standing Orders adopted by this convention and ordered for publication.

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### **2013 Sons of Confederate Veterans General Reunion Minutes (Unapproved) July 17-19, 2013 – Vicksburg, Mississippi**

#### **Business Session No. I - July 17, 2013**

Call to Order - 9:35 a.m. by Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens

Invocation – Delivered by Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans

Roll call of General Staff by Adjutant-in-Chief Steve Ritchie – reports a majority of the General Executive Council is present and a quorum of camps is present to conduct business

Motion by AOT Councilman Larry McCluney, Brig. Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp 1625

Second by NC Division Chaplain Rev. Herman White, Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668

Vote – Unanimous in approval

Appointment of Parliamentarian – Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell

Introduction of Recording Secretaries – Commander Dave Wires and Rev. Ray Parker

CIC Givens instructed that all Resolutions be given to Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell

CIC Givens inquired of audience the presence of Real Sons – None present

CIC Givens inquired of audience the presence of Real Grandsons – five stood for applause

Compatriot Nelson Winbush, Jacob Summerlin Camp 1516 inquired of audience the presence of any Grandsons of veterans surrendered at Battle of Vicksburg – 12 present stood for applause

Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Ben Sewell

Report on Elm Springs – Maintenance, etc.

- a. Report on Membership numbers - 23,622 current, 2,000 paid 2014, 3,437 Life Members, 7 Real Sons - Total Membership 29,018 64,410 lapsed members in the database
- b. Assets: Forrest Home - \$15,000 Budgeted \$47,000 - Work Completed
  - Scholarship - \$79,100 can award three to five \$1,000.00 Dollar Scholarships yearly
  - K T Miller Fund - \$1,050,000 Rosen Mowery Fund - \$817,000
  - Endowment - \$155-160,000 New Confederate Museum Building Fund - \$428,374
  - Heritage Defense Fund- \$24,923 Life Member Endowment Fund - \$630,253
  - Heritage Promotion - \$6,531 (Some funds assisted Paducah Ky. Camp /Flag)
  - Bicentennial Fund - \$37,712
  - Brooks Fund - \$3,848,000 (Medical Research Grants for SCV descendants)
- c. Approved for Combined Federal Campaign - Averages \$28-40,000 per year
  - Exe. Dir. Sewell accepted a donation toward the JROTC *Hunley* Award in the amount of \$10,116 from Compatriot Kevin Stone on behalf of the Mechanized Cavalry
  - Recognized Investment Committee – Compatriots Joe Ringhoffer and Jerry Austin
  - Annual Audit Submitted from previous year as well as copies of the 990 tax return are available
- d. Budget For Year – Membership numbers – result in 80% of annual income, we lose 14% to 16% of members annually and approximately 2,400 old members reinstate each year
  - Current staff can accommodate approximately 40,000 members
- e. Expense Items and recommended changes to the budget that has been distributed to delegates
  - Army Departments Travel Expenses - Amended from \$12,000 to \$15,000 (\$3,000 each Army Commander \$2,000 each Councilman)
  - Chaplain-in-Chief - Amended from \$1,000 to \$1,500
  - Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief - Amended from \$6,000 to \$8,000
  - Other - Advertising and Recruitment – Amended from \$24,000 to \$30,000
  - Motion to accept by Compatriot Lee Miller, N.B. Forrest Camp 215
  - Seconded by Compatriot Eric Chester, George Overton Stoner Camp 1000
  - Vote – Unanimous in approval
  - Adjutant-in-Chief’s Report – Adjutant-in-Chief Steve Ritchie
  - Referred the delegates to his written report in the Book of Reports
  - Expressed thanks to CIC Givens for the opportunity to serve, Exe. Dir. Sewell and members of the General Executive Council for their support and patience
  - Complimented the members of the GEC for their energy and work-ethic
  - Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work closely with Lt. CIC Barrow on National Leadership Conferences and On-line Leadership Institute
  - Have communicated with Division Adjutant’s monthly via *Adjutant’s Dispatch*, newsletter
  - AIC Ritchie then ask for additions or corrections to 2012 Reunion Minutes as published in the Book of Reports
  - Motion to accept by AOT Commander Tom Strain, Capt. Thomas H. Hobbs Camp 768
  - Second by AOT Councilman Larry McCluney, Brig. Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp 1625
  - Vote – Unanimous in approval
  - Judge Adjutant-in-Chief Report – Judge Advocate-in-Chief Burl McCoy
  - No current litigation issues
  - Considerations:
    - a. Memphis parks being renamed
    - b. A.J. Ringo Camp 1509 member expulsions
    - c. Texas license plate issue
  - Chief of Staff Report – Chief of Staff Chuck Rand
  - Annual Book of Reports - 400 registered attendees in June and 500 Book of Reports printed
  - Late registration brings total to 550 delegates causing shortage

In the future the Book of Reports will be available on-line and archived there

Thanks to all camps for submitting reports in timely manner and Aide de Camp Dennis Palmer for his hard work and determination in collecting reports

SCV Museum project started four years ago and has currently raised several hundred thousand dollars toward its construction but we need to “rededicate” ourselves to make it a reality

Donations to museum on a tier system

Chuck Rand has personally pledged \$1,000 dollars (Stonewall tier donation)

Chaplain-in-Chief Report – Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans

Spoke of his years of friendship with the CIC

No other organization in this country has the spiritual strength of this organization

We “buy the truth and sell it! The truth is what is ... a lie is what is not!”

*Chaplains Corps Chronicles*, started by Past Chaplain-in-Chief Ron Rumburg is a monthly publication sent by e-mail receives prayer requests and offers historical testimony of faith

Last Chaplains Conference was in Harrisonburg, Virginia hosted by Rev. Lloyd Sprinkle, a great time of Christian fellowship

Break 10:35 am – 11:00 am

Army of Northern Virginia Commander Frank Earnest

Introduced his guest Ian Pierce from the Guernsey Island in the Channel Islands

13 miles off the northern coast of France, 12 miles off the southern coast of England

Compatriot Pierce spoke of the occupation of his Island by the Germans in World War II

The Nazi’s respected the civilians and did not rob, steal or harm them, unlike the occupying Federal army in the South during the War of Northern Aggression

He further commented on his Pro-Southern sentiments at home and with friends and family

Recruiting and Retention Report – SCV Field Rep. Jack Marlar

Loss of Membership due to:

a. No member involvement

b. Failure to greet and recognize new members

c. Must have name tags

d. Follow-up with a telephone call

e. Failure to bring in outside speakers or have historically accurate camp presentations

Camps lose 50% of new members in first year of membership

Only 25% of camp members attend the meetings

Challenge members to bring a friend to a camp meeting

Leadership Training Report – Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow

Leadership Conferences throughout the Confederation; Richmond, Virginia, Foley, Alabama

Scheduled in San Antonio, Texas, Lake City, Florida and tentatively in the new proposed Pacific

Northwest Division

Also hope to record Leadership Conferences and make them available on-line

On-line Leadership Institute available but still under development

Trying to build our organization through better leadership

All part of the Vision 2016 program, Better training = Better Leaders

Online training available for positions of camp commander and adjutant

Convention Planning Committee Report – Chairman Joe Ringhoffer

Committee met in Biloxi, Mississippi, last March

Motion submitted by Committee: to approve the 2016 National Reunion to be held July 14-17, 2016 in Richardson, Texas

Early Registration \$60.00 Dollars, Regular Registration \$70.00

Vote – Approved by the delegates

Compatriot Johnnie Holley rose to thank the Convention Planning Committee  
Business Session No. I was recessed at 11:50 am by CIC Givens until 8:30 am Friday, July 18th

**Business Session No. II - July 18, 2013**

Call to Order – 8:35 am by Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens

Invocation – Delivered by North Carolina Division Chaplain Herman White

Opening Remarks - CIC Givens

He reported on the previous day's Heritage Luncheon where the speaker was Lt. Colonel Edwin L. Kennedy who compared Fort Pillow to operations in Iraq

Sesquicentennial Events Report - Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael

He related that at a date to be announced in the fall of 2014 for an event to be held in Franklin, Tennessee. We will parade from Winstead Hill past the Carter House and "take the town again." We hope to see several thousand men there for that event

"EVERY day should be a celebration of our Southern Heritage!"

CIC Givens said that due to pressure from the Sons of Confederate Veterans the folks at the Carter House were forced to put the Battle Flag back up on the flagpole

He also reported that last evening, Lt. CIC Barrow, AIC Ritchie and himself traveled to the Children of the Confederacy Convention at Jackson. The C of C does not use Battle Flags but yet has a wonderful creed which expresses the desire to preserve the memory of sacrifice of their Confederate ancestors but yet does not use their battle standard

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Donald Livingston, Dr. Clyde Wilson and others, *Confederate Veteran* magazine has become an educational journal

*Confederate Veteran* Report - Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell

EIC Powell said to send address changes directly to GHQ to eliminate the middleman. Photographs are currently taking a little more than one year to appear due to the backlog. He also advised to not reduce the size of photographs when sending them electronically since that also reduces their clarity

The electronic version of *Confederate Veteran* became available in the past year and it will continue to be available. Eventually members will have the option of receiving CV electronically or in hard version

The Sesquicentennial Series of articles will continue through the end of the Sesquicentennial and then will be published in book form

Stephen D. Lee Institute Report - Chairman Brag Bowling

Chairman Bowling complimented the CIC and the EIC on promoting education and scholarship. He related that as chairman for the past eight (8) years he has seen events steadily improve in both quality and attendance

The next Stephen D. Lee Institute will be held February 7-8, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and the theme will be "The South Experiences the First Total War." Attendance is usually 125-150 people. Cost is \$125 for members and spouses and \$150 for non-members. Scholarships are also available

Sam Davis Youth Camp Report - SCV Field Representative Jack Marlar

Field Rep. Marlar reported on the Sam Davis Youth Camps saying that the camps are the most successful thing we can do for the future and that several of the teenagers here today are graduates and one is currently a camp commander. Field Representative Marlar also reported on the variety of camp activities

The Sam Davis Youth Camp has a variety of activities, swimming, horseback riding and the highlight of the week is always the oratory contest

SDYC Graduate Shauna Robinson, daughter of John H. Reagan Camp 2156, Commander Marc Robinson also addressed the delegates about her camp experience. Miss Robinson is now active in both the UDC and the OCR

JROTC *Hunley* Award Report - Compatriot Tripp Wilson

Compatriot Wilson reported more than 500 awards have been presented in 39 different states but unfortunately, 75 schools that participated last year did not this year because they were not contacted. Curiously, many Northern Divisions presented more awards than Southern Divisions. Compatriot Wilson encouraged camps to step up and sponsor awards. Many Northern Divisions don't have a nearby camp to do this

Tennessee Governor's Proclamation - Compatriot James Patterson

Compatriot Patterson reported on the Tennessee Governor's proclamation commemorating the death of Sam Davis

US Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame - Compatriot Curt Tipton

Compatriot Tipton reported that Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 had nominated Sam Davis for the US Army's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame. Pvt. Sam Davis (CSA) is an ancestor of SP4 James Davis, the first soldier killed in action in Vietnam

Confederate Museum Report - Past CIC Chuck McMichael

Past CIC McMichael reported on the Confederate Museum asking the delegates, "Do we want to build the finest Confederate museum in existence?"

"Quality is not so much dependent on what we have to show but what we have to say!"

We have over \$450,000 cash ... not pledges, toward that goal but we have hit a plateau. The General Executive Council had a fruitful discussion in the pre-reunion meeting and created a committee to address the subject but we need to rejuvenate fundraising. Members need to get themselves right with the Confederate Museum and then their Camps, Divisions, etc.

CIC Givens announced that all Resolutions should be turned in to Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell by noon today

Break 9:45 – 10:05 am

Chief of Heritage Defense Report – Chief of Heritage Defense Gene Hogan

CHD Hogan thanked the delegates for allowing him to serve and the CIC for his confidence. He then introduced Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense Ed Butler and Army of Northern Virginia Coordinator Ronnie Roach, Army of Tennessee Coordinator Alan Losure, Army of Trans Mississippi Coordinator Mike Hurley and Heritage Promotion Chairman Greg Stewart

CHD Hogan related that the key to Heritage Operations is communication. All members should be signed up for the SCV Telegraph and familiar with Heritage Defense reporting on the SCV website

The best way to fight heritage battles is before they begin. People in your community should know who we are and what we stand for

CHD Hogan also promoted participation in Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, stating that we must have a good relationship with Law Enforcement and let the general public know who the "good guys" are

CHD Hogan also announced his intention to ask the delegates to approve an amendment to change the title of Chief of Heritage Defense to Chief of Heritage Operations since that office now encompasses promotion as well as defense and he then introduced a new "Heritage Defense Team" plan to build and maintain funding for this work

CIC Givens then gave instructions on speaking procedures and limits before introducing Past Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan as Chairman of the Amendments Committee

Past CIC Sullivan then read the following Proposed Amendments with the Committee recommendation:

PCA #1 submitted by Compatriot Ronnie S. Roach, Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp 813

Amend to insert second paragraph in the Preamble to include the Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans as given by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee on April 25, 1906.

Committee recommendation – Do Pass!

Compatriot Ronnie Roach, Camp 813 rose to speak in favor of his amendment.

Compatriot Edward Cailleateau, Camp 110 rose to request an amendment to the amendment, to add “Are you ready to die for your country?”

Parliamentarian Frank Powell ruled that the proposed amendment is in order

Compatriot Mark Brandon, Camp 133 seconded the motion

CIC Givens solicited discussion

Compatriot Edward Cailleateau, Camp 110 rose to speak in favor of his amendment stating that we are an historical organization and this amendment is to commemorate *Confederate Veteran* editor S.A. Cunningham.

ATM Commander Todd Owens rose to speak in opposition offering the official Minute Book for the 1906 UCV Reunion, which states the “Charge” exactly as we currently cite

Ensign Aide de Camp Evan McMichael, Camp 1308 rose to request a point of clarification, asking if the amendment would also change the “Charge?”

North Carolina Division Commander Tom Smith, Camp 1485 rose to “Call the Question.”

Vote to end debate was approved

Vote to amend the amendment was not approved

Debate then resumed on the original Proposed Amendment

Compatriot Stuart Waldo, Camp 1524 rose to point out several inaccuracies in style and grammar, which by virtue of the Enabling Clause would be corrected by the Adjutant-in-Chief

Vote to end debate was approved

Vote to accept the original Proposed Amendment was approved

PCA #2 proposed by the General Executive Council

To amend Article 5.1 to give greater latitude to local camps in areas not currently served by a Division to petition the GEC for formation of a Division. It also addresses current Divisional structures by giving them the opportunity to petition the GEC for necessary changes.

To amend Article 5.2 to address camps not formed within a divisional structure by making the language consistent with the amendments proposed for Article 5.1

Committee recommendation – Do Pass!

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow rose in support of the amendment relating that this amendment would allow camps without Divisions to work in unison to better further the Charge.

North Carolina Division Chaplain Herman White, 668 also rose in support elaborating on the Lt. Commander’s remarks

Compatriot George Church, Camp 1649 rose to express concern over possible misuse of Northwest “Territory” as the possible name for a referenced Pacific Northwest Division

Compatriot Erik Ernest, Camp 458 rose in support of the amendment reporting on the number of Camps in the Pacific Northwest that could benefit from this amendment

Compatriot Mark Brandon, Camp 133 rose to request a point of clarification as to how this policy would be put into effect

Chief of Heritage Defense Gene Hogan, author of the amendment on behalf of the General Executive Council rose to explain

ANV Commander Frank Earnest rose in support of the amendment citing expected benefits to development of a Delaware Division

Compatriot Brag Bowling, Camp 3000 rose to request a point of clarification on possible effects on existing Armies

AOT Commander Tom Strain rose to “Call the Question.”

Vote to end debate was approved

Vote to accept the Proposed Amendment was approved

PCA #3 proposed by Chief of Heritage Defense Gene Hogan

To amend Articles 7.1, 9.2.1, and 9.5.6 to reflect the need of this office to represent the

Confederate Heritage agenda and its promotion, not merely “defense.” It represents a more proactive approach by the SCV. In the three paragraphs in the above stated Articles, “Operations” is simply submitted for “Defense,” additionally, in 9.5.6, the word “activities” is used for more meaningful sentence construction

Chairman Sullivan advised that this is also reflected in PSO Amendment #1

Committee recommendation – Do Pass!

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael proposed that we bundle PCA #3 and PSO Amendment. #1

Commander-in-Chief Givens advised that this was impossible since Constitutional amendments require a 2/3 majority and Standing Order Amendments require a simple majority

Chief of Heritage Defense Gene Hogan rose to speak in behalf of his amendment

Compatriot Jim Baker, Camp 712 rose to speak in opposition to eliminating the word “Defense” from the title

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael rose to speak in support, stating that we should not always be on “defense,” we should often be on attack

South Carolina Division Commander Mark Simpson rose to “Call the Question.”

Vote to end debate was approved

Vote to accept the Proposed Amendment was approved

PSO Amendment. #1 proposed by Chief of Heritage Defense Gene Hogan

To amend Article 6.5 and combine Article 6.16 to create a simplified but better defined structure for the promotion and defense of Confederate Heritage. They are complimentary to the proposed Constitutional Amendments

Committee recommendation – Do Pass!

Compatriot Lee Millar, Camp 215 rose to “Call the Question.”

Commander-in-Chief Givens advised that the motion was out of order since no one had yet had the opportunity to speak

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael rose in support of the amendment

Vote to end debate was approved

Vote to accept the Proposed Amendment was approved

South Carolina Division Commander Mark Simpson delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Vision 2016 Program in the place of Vision Coordinator Tom Hiter who was unable to attend

Compatriot Wayne Jones presented a beautiful gliche oil painting of Carton Plantation to Exe. Dir. Ben Sewell who accepted on behalf of GHQ. The painting was a gift of Debi and Kent Robinson of D & K Prints of Grayson, Georgia

Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans reminded the delegates of the annual Memorial Ceremony to be held today at 3:45 pm

CIC Givens reminded delegates that Army meetings would be held tomorrow morning at 8 am.

Convention Chairman Alan Palmer invited the delegates to remain in the hall for a group photograph

CIC Givens recessed Business Session No. II at 12:27 pm until 9 am Saturday, July 19, 2013

### **Business Session No. III - July 19, 2013**

Call to Order – 9:14 a.m. by Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens

Invocation – Delivered by Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans

Happy birthday wishes to AOT Commander Tom Strain

Report on Beauvoir – Beauvoir Exe. Dir. Rick Forte

Home of Jefferson Davis was devastated by Hurricane Katrina – received 16 million dollars in government aid for repairs

SCV Members are able to lease cottage on property for \$100 per day



It requires 200 visitors a day to pay for upkeep and Beauvoir is now operating on its own funds.

When all work is completed there will be a Grand Opening

Sam Davis Youth Camp Report – Compatriot Kirk Lyons, Isaac Newton Griffin Camp 758

Delivered a plea for donations for the Texas Division Sam Davis Youth Camp

Presented a gold military sash to CIC Givens for his son Chandler who is entering the Citadel in the fall

Oakwood Cemetery Report – Virginia Division Commander Mike Pullen

Thanks to all who have donated funds toward the restoration of Oakwood Cemetery

The Veterans Administration continues to cause a stoppage in the placement of tombstones for the 17,200 men buried there despite their previous agreement to provide stones

Commander Pullen requests help from those members who may have contacts with the legislation as well as continued donations to the effort. At the current time there is only one Senator from Ohio who is supporting delivery of the stones

Litigation is pending on the issue but the court is 2 years behind in hearing cases

Civil War Trails Markers have helped direct tourists to Oakwood

New flagpoles have been erected that will fly Confederate flags and rotating state flags

Memphis Parks Report – Compatriot Lee Millar, Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215

Memphis City Council is trying to change the names of three parks to “something less offensive” but the Citizens to Save Our Parks is fighting this illegal action in conjunction with the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 and others and are currently awaiting a court date

Funds are needed to finance this legal action, donations are welcome and T-shirts are available for \$15 in the vendor area

Guardian Program Report – Texas Division Guardian Program Chairman Phillip Davis, Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109

Locate a Confederate soldier’s grave and commit to maintaining it for your life.

Requirement of visiting grave at least three times a year and maintenance of the gravesite and marker

Worthwhile program and encouraged participation across the Confederation

Mechanized Cavalry Report – Compatriot Kevin Stone

Leather vests (Colors) bearing the SCV logo are a rolling billboard for the SCV

Founded in 1997 the Mechanized Cavalry current has about 2,000 members

Compatriot Tripp Wilson called forward to accept a check for \$660 to retire any debt from *Hunley* JROTC Awards

Mechanized Cavalry will have a national event at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and is planning an historical tour of Maggie Valley, North Carolina

Adjutant-in-Chief Report – Adjutant-in-Chief Steve Ritchie

“Rosemont” the boyhood home of President Jefferson Davis and burial place of his mother is owned and kept open for visitation through the efforts of Compatriot Percival Beacroft

“Rosemont” is located near Woodville, Mississippi, about an hour and a half from Vicksburg

There will be a special Sunday opening for SCV Members at Rosemont from 10 am to 4 pm

Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell read the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution #1 – Presented by the Convention Planning Committee

Commend the John C. Pemberton Camp 1354 for a successful Reunion

Exe. Dir. Ben Sewell rose in support and offering an amendment to include wives and ladies in attendance

CIC Givens made a motion to accept the Resolution

Resolution approved

Army of Northern Virginia Commander Frank Earnest read the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution #2 – Presented by Virginia Division Commander Mike Pullen

Support the Virginia Division with the Robert E. Lee Home and soldier's property overtaken by the Virginia Historical Society.

CIC Givens made a motion to accept the Resolution

Resolution approved

Editor-in-Chief Frank Powell read the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution #3 – Presented by Compatriot Lee Millar

Support the Tennessee Division in their endeavor to prevent the permanent renaming of Forrest Park, Confederate Park and Jefferson Davis Park by the Memphis City Council.

CIC Givens made a motion to accept the Resolution

Resolution approved

Report from Chief of Staff - Chief of Staff Chuck Rand

Blog - Internet Bulletin Board posting information that was in the Media

To locate Blog go to [scv.org](http://scv.org) and view scroll at bottom of page

SCV Telegraph - notices and information from meetings at GHQ to communicate with members, i.e. heritage issues usually averages 1 message per week

To sign up for Telegraph go to web page or contact Brian Sharp at GHQ

Report on SCV National Reunion 2014 – ANV Councilman Randy Burbage and Convention

Chairman David Rentz

Host Hotel is Embassy Suites and the Convention Center is adjacent to the hotel

*Hunley* Tours and Fort and Battlefield Tours - a shuttle bus from the hotel will be available to take you to tours

Please bring your Division Flags to Opening Ceremony

Army of Tennessee Report - AOT Commander Tom Strain

Achievements:

Wilderness Ceremony Dedication - Bristow Station Virginia

Heritage Parade Rally at Beauvoir

SCV National Reunion

Future Projects - Skype for meetings and phone apps

Army of Trans Mississippi Report - ATM Commander Todd Owen

Work continuing as usual

Division is paying for youth memberships of new recruits

Army of Northern Virginia Report - ANV Commander Frank Earnest

Get on Board with Vision 2016

Attend Leadership Conferences

Will be attending the Russell Darden Memorial Scholarship Award August 14th in Maryland

Stated convention lacking Confederate Flags

We all need to utilize the ANV recruiting and information tent

Dedicated a Monument at Gettysburg to Wesley and William Culp

Break 10:40 – 11:05 am

Report from Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow

Constitutional duties of the Lt. Commander-in-Chief are recruiting and retention with added focus on Vision 2016 goals

Print ads in *American History* magazine special editions, 1863 and Gettysburg

Direct mailing via Ultimate Outdoor Action Pack, Celebrate History and Explore History mailing packs, which went out to over a million people

1800MySouth.com website continues to be an invaluable tool in the recruitment process

Ancestry.com and Fold3.com continues to benefit the membership with discounted rates and free service during Confederate History Month

Recruitment tents provided for the use of each Army

National Recruitment month – February (first month of proration eligibility)

Conducted National Leadership Conferences across the Confederation

On-line Leadership Institute

Articles in *Confederate Veteran* focusing on recruiting and retention

Working with the National Rifle Association toward advertising in *American Rifleman Magazine*

Closing Remarks – CIC Michael Givens

Highlights:

We are in the third year of the Sesquicentennial

We are the “Thin Gray Line”

Our Organization is growing very slowly

Remember the seven Real Sons and send them cards and encouragement

Current Fights:

North Carolina - Monuments litigation

Virginia – R.E. Lee Camp Soldier’s Home and the Museum of Confederacy in Richmond and the flag fight in Lexington

Texas and Florida – License plate fights

Tennessee – renaming of parks in Memphis

Read the Essays in the *Confederate Veteran* and discuss them

All the Essays that have been in the *Confederate Veteran* will be compiled at the end of CIC Givens term of office and compiled into a book called *To Live and Die in Dixie*

Education is the Most Important Issue

Attend the Stephen Dill Lee Leadership Institutes

Wear your Colors

The Sam Davis Youth Camp is a diamond in our crown help send kids to camp for our histories education

There are 25 to 40 million descendants of Confederate Veterans however membership in the SCV membership numbers have plateaued for the past several years

Vision 2016 – to attain 50,000 members within the next 3 years

By 2050 the U.S. population will be approximately ½ billion

Are You Willing to Fight?

We are going on the offense

New Advertising Campaign with three or more Subjects:

(1) Ad about Nathan Bedford Forrest

(2) Ad about Jefferson Davis

(3) Ad about Abraham Lincoln

Direct you to website [youwereliedtoabout.com](http://youwereliedtoabout.com)

To defend our cause when they make a statement — you said it you prove it!

Why do you fly the Battle Flag?

Fly the Battle Flag to honor the sacrifices of our ancestors who fought to stop the invasion of their homes!

Benediction – Delivered by Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans

Singing of *Dixie* – led by South Carolina Division Commander Mark Simpson

118th Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion adjourned at 12:20 pm, July 19, 2013

## National Awards 2013

### Jefferson Davis Chalice Recipients

*Presented annually, this is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Chosen by a secret ballot of the General Executive Council, nominees must have served in a position of national importance in an outstanding manner, and must have previously received the Robert E. Lee Gold Award. The award consists of an engraved silver chalice, medal and certificate.*

2013 – Richard V. Forte, Sr. – Mississippi  
2012 – Bragdon R. Bowling – Virginia  
2011 – R. Michael Givens – South Carolina  
2010 – Charles L. Rand III – Louisiana  
2009 – Charles E. McMichael – Louisiana  
2008 – Ronald E. Casteel – Missouri  
2007 – Christopher M. Sullivan – South Carolina  
2006 – Denne A. Sweeney – Texas  
2005 – Ron W. Wilson – South Carolina  
2004 – Jeffrey W. Massey – Arkansas  
2003 – Allen M. Trapp, Jr. – Georgia  
2002 – George Church – Mississippi  
2001 – John Adams – Florida  
2000 – Col. J.E.B. Stuart, IV – Virginia  
1999 – Edwin L. Deason – Oklahoma  
1998 – Patrick J. Hardy, M.D. – Missouri  
1997 – Patrick J. Griffin – Maryland

1996 – Peter W. Orlebeke – Texas  
1995 – Dr. Norman R. Dasinger – Alabama  
1994 – Robert L. Hawkins III – Missouri  
1993 – Frank Rankin, Jr. – Kentucky  
1992 – Keith A. Hardison – Mississippi  
1992 – William D. Hogan – Florida  
1991 – Frank Dean Boggs – Florida  
1991 – Bernard E. Eble – Louisiana  
1991 – William Earl Faggert – Mississippi  
1991 – J. Martin Johnson – Alabama  
1991 – Lynn Jackson Shaw – Tennessee  
1991 – Robert B. Wilson – Arkansas  
1990 – James N. Vogler, Jr. – Texas  
1989 – Ralph Green – Texas  
1988 – James West Thompson – Mississippi  
1987 – John E. Hunter – Texas  
1986 – Charles W. Britton – Oklahoma  
1985 – Ronald T. Clemmons – Tennessee  
1984 – Col. Joseph B. Mitchell – Virginia  
1983 – Charles H. Smith – Oklahoma  
1982 – Dr. B.H. Webster – Tennessee  
1981 – Dr. Ralph W. Widener, Jr. – Texas  
1980 – Jack Watson – Texas  
1979 – S. Wayne Van Zandt – Arkansas  
1978 – T. White Crigler – Mississippi

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### Robert E. Lee Gold Award Recipients

*This is the second highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. No more than three awards may be made annually. Chosen by a secret ballot of the General Executive Council, nominees must have served in an outstanding manner in a position at the national, department or division level.*

2013 – Dr. Donald Livingston – South Carolina  
2013 – Dr. Clyde Wilson – South Carolina  
2013 – James K. Turner – Tennessee  
2013 – Stephen L. Ritchie – Indiana  
2012 – B. Frank Earnest, Sr. – Virginia  
2012 – Eugene G. Hogan, II – South Carolina  
2012 – Dr. Thomas Y. Hiter – Kentucky  
2011 – Lee Millar – Tennessee  
2011 – M. Todd Owens – Louisiana  
2011 – Thomas V. Strain Jr. – Alabama  
2010 – Rev. Dr. Cecil A. Fayard, Jr. – Mississippi  
2010 – F. Lee Hart III – Virginia  
2010 – Joseph E. Ringhoffer – Alabama  
2009 – C. Kelly Barrow – Georgia  
2009 – R. Michael Givens – South Carolina  
2009 – Mark A. Simpson – South Carolina  
2008 – Richard V. Forte – Mississippi  
2008 – R. Burl McCoy – Kentucky  
2008 – Leslie R. Tucker – Oklahoma  
2007 – Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson – Maryland

2007 – Edward E. Funchess – Mississippi  
2007 – Paul C. Gramling, Jr. – Louisiana  
2006 – Bragdon R. Bowling – Virginia  
2006 – Charles L. Rand III – Louisiana  
2006 – Donald G. Shelton – Kentucky  
2005 – Randall B. Burbage – South Carolina  
2005 – W. Danny Honnoll – Arkansas  
2004 – Edward O. Cailleateau – Louisiana  
2004 – C. H. “Sonny” Carwile – Virginia  
2004 – John French – Mississippi  
2003 – Mark Lea “Beau” Cantrell – Oklahoma  
2003 – Richard H. Knight – Tennessee  
2003 – Nelson W. Winbush – Florida  
2002 – Henry Kidd – Virginia  
2002 – Charles E. McMichael – Louisiana  
2002 – Ron Wilkinson – Texas  
2001 – George Church – Mississippi  
2001 – Billy Ray Hankins – Mississippi  
2001 – Oliver Sappington – Missouri  
2000 – Russell Bailey – Tennessee  
2000 – Lawrence L. Limpus – Missouri  
2000 – Collin Pulley – Virginia  
1999 – John Adams – Florida  
1999 – Gregg Clemmer – Maryland  
1999 – Steve Lucas – Texas  
1998 – Edwin L. Deason – Oklahoma  
1998 – Denne A. Sweeney – Texas  
1998 – Ron G. Wilson – South Carolina

1997 – John Perry – Texas  
 1997 – Frank B. Powell, III – North Carolina  
 1997 – Allen Trapp – Georgia  
 1996 – William C. Daniel – Alabama  
 1996 – Perry Outlaw – Alabama  
 1996 – Col. J.E.B. Stuart, IV – Virginia  
 1995 – Norman R. Dasinger, Jr. – Georgia  
 1995 – Jeffery W. Massey – Oklahoma  
 1995 – Christopher M. Sullivan – South Carolina  
 1994 – Patrick J. Hardy, MD – Missouri  
 1994 – James R. Kennedy – Louisiana  
 1994 – Robert G. McLendon – Florida  
 1993 – Robert L. Hawkins III – Missouri  
 1993 – Charles Lunsford – Georgia  
 1993 – Ralph B. Palmer – Georgia  
 1992 – Trent Lott – Mississippi  
 1992 – Duke Nordlinger Stern – Florida  
 1992 – Thomas C. Underwood – Florida  
 1991 – Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr. – Tennessee  
 1991 – Patrick J. Griffin, III – Maryland  
 1991 – Lee Hawthorne – Virginia  
 1990 – Dr. Norman R. Dasinger – Alabama  
 1990 – Keith A. Hardison – Mississippi  
 1990 – Peter W. Orlebeke – Texas  
 1989 – Lee V. Connor – North Carolina  
 1989 – John L. Echols – Mississippi  
 1989 – James E. Meadows – Texas  
 1988 – William D. Hogan – Florida  
 1988 – W. Baxter Perkinson – Virginia  
 1988 – James N. Vogler, Jr. – Texas  
 1987 – William Earl Faggert – Mississippi  
 1987 – Jack E. Marlar – South Carolina  
 1987 – Jack Tyler – Texas  
 1986 – Rev. Dr. Charles E. Baker – Alabama  
 1986 – Robert E. Claggett – Maryland

1986 – James Troy Massey – Arkansas  
 1985 – Robert Bearden – Arkansas  
 1985 – Dr. James M. Edwards – Georgia  
 1985 – William C. Scott – Alabama  
 1984 – Earl F. Harvey – Virginia  
 1984 – Dr. William D. McCain – Mississippi  
 1984 – James West Thompson – Mississippi  
 1983 – Dr. Laurance Arnold – Texas  
 1983 – Dr. C.W. Buck – Oklahoma  
 1983 – Lynn Jackson Shaw – Tennessee  
 1982 – Charles W. Britton – Oklahoma  
 1982 – Robert G. Elliott – Florida  
 1982 – Richard R. Slate – Georgia  
 1981 – Ronald T. Clemmons – Tennessee  
 1981 – John E. Hunter – Texas  
 1981 – Frank Rankin, Jr. – Kentucky  
 1980 – Bernard E. Eble – Louisiana  
 1980 – Harrison Etheridge – Virginia  
 1980 – Ralph Green – Texas  
 1979 – Col. Joseph B. Mitchell – Virginia  
 1979 – W. T. Nettles – Texas  
 1979 – William Stigler – Mississippi  
 1978 – Frank Dean Boggs – Florida  
 1978 – Charies H. Smith – Oklahoma  
 1978 – Dr. Ralph W. Widener, Jr. – Texas  
 1977 – Danny Gould – Georgia  
 1977 – Paul Porter – Virginia  
 1977 – Dr. B.H. Webster – Tennessee  
 1976 – Phillip E. Frank – Alabama  
 1976 – J. Martin Johnson – Alabama  
 1976 – Robert B. Wilson – Arkansas  
 1975 – Judge William Beard – North Carolina  
 1975 – Clyde A. Boynton – Georgia  
 1975 – Dr. James Butler – Tennessee



## 2014 Proposed Constitutional Amendment One

Proposed by: Jack E. Marlar, Past ANV Commander  
16th Regiment Camp 36

Allison Perry, 6th Brig Commander, GA Division  
Immortal 600 Camp 2600

Tracy Clary, Lt. Commander, VA Division  
Old Brunswick Camp 512

*To insert the traditional ending in the Charge of Stephen D. Lee*

Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

### PREAMBLE

In the name of a reunited country, the Sons of Confederate Veterans declare the following purposes: Allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; a strict construction of all sections conferring power upon the Federal Government and the implied and understood reservations to the States arising therefrom and a general attitude of opposition to further amendment thereof. We adhere to the principles of the Great Charter of England granted at Runnymede, AD 1215, and the Anglo-Saxon rights and personal liberties transmitted to us thereunder; to associate in one united, compact body all men of Confederate ancestry and to cultivate, perpetuate and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby; to aid and encourage the recording and teaching with impartiality of all Southern history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, seeing to it especially that the events of the War for Southern Independence are authentically and clearly written and that all documents, relics and mementos produced and handed down by the active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to comfort, succor and assist needy sons of Confederate veterans, their wives, widows and orphans; to urge, aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, military and civil, wherever done and wherever found, particularly stressing that of our heroic Confederate ancestors who, by their sacrifice, perpetuated unto us and our descendants that glorious heritage of valor, chivalry and honor which we now hold and venerate; and to instill in our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America, to the glory of God and the honorable memory of our fathers who fought in that Cause.

Therefore, we, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, commit to insure that the aforementioned impartial Southern history will be taught to each generation, current and future, in accordance with the "Charge" given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans, in his speech at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans held in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 25, 1906.

"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 soldiers' good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you also love and to those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish"... **Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.**

This will be the mission statement for all current and future members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization, as defined within this Constitution.

*This amendment restores the meaningful language used in the "Charge" for decades by the Sons of Confederate Veterans without actually attributing it to the "Charge" as reflected in the official minutes of the UCV and SCV of 1906.*

## 2014 Proposed Constitutional Amendment Two

Proposed by Isaac Newton Giffen Camp 758, Black Mountain, NC

Article 8, Section 2 Paragraph 6 currently reads:

### 8. CONVENTIONS

8.8.6 Delegate Voting. At the General Convention, in election of officers and on final passage of Constitutional amendments, each Camp shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled whether or not it has that number of delegates in attendance. In the event that all of the delegates to which the Camp is entitled are not in attendance, the number of votes which the Camp is entitled to cast shall be prorated among the Camp's delegates present, if more than one. If only one delegate is present, that delegate shall be entitled to cast the total number of votes to which his Camp is entitled as hereinbefore stated.

The proposed Amendment would change 8.8.6 to:

### 8. CONVENTIONS

8.8.6 Delegate Voting. At the General Convention, in election of officers and on final passage of Constitutional amendments, each Camp shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled who are credentialed and in attendance.

*This amendment would normalize and democratize voting procedures in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, while increasing delegate participation at national reunions.*

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## 2014 Proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders

None submitted.

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