

Greetings Compatriots,

Are you ready to forward the colors? To live the charge? Those are bold questions but what do they mean?

Ultimately, we all have to answer that question for ourselves. To me it means being active and visible. In church I've heard pastor's ask "does the world know you're a Christian". Let me ask, does the world know that you're the Son of a Confederate Veteran? The charge has the lines, "we will commit to the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name" how do we do that if no one knows about us?

How did you learn of the SCV? I was attending a veterans funeral to stand a flag line and take part in a motorcycle escort to the national cemetery when I saw someone with a Mechanized Cavalry back patch. He explained to me about the SCV and I searched out our local camp. I'm not saying everyone should join the Mechanized Cavalry. This will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year in the SCV but I've only been in the Mechanized Cavalry for about 3 years. It is an increased commitment.

There are many way to be active and visible. Standing on a bridge waiving a battle flag may not be your thing and that's alright. You can also put a SCV tag on your car or wear something with a flag on it. You can visit Confederate graves and monuments. Remember if people never see anyone in these places then it's easy for them to think that they aren't important. And most importantly talk to people about Confederate history. If they don't hear it from us then what will they hear?

Also we have some big things coming. The museum will open at Elm Springs and we will have the re-internment of General and Mrs. Forrest on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our own Confederate Memorial Day service at the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery is June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have a re-dedication service. The pavilion is 100 years old this year.

“But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee.

Respectfully Yours,

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