

Greetings Compatriots,

Well it's been just a little over a year since I was elected your camp commander and I find myself reflecting on the time that has passed. If you haven't guessed it sure didn't go as expected.

I don't think there is anyone's year that hasn't been affected by the virus. We have still managed to have most of our meetings in spite of it. We've had some really great speakers this year and I expect our 1st Lieutenant will line up another outstanding lineup in the coming year.

The Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery is looking great. The bandstand has a new metal roof that should continue looking good for years to come. We managed to have a great Confederate Memorial Day service there in spite of being protested.

Those that would attempt to erase our history have been emboldened by the current political climate in the nation. We have had to change the way we publicize events and meetings. We have had to pull together support from many groups to help defend the A.P. Stewart statue at the Hamilton County courthouse.

We won the battle but make no mistake the war is not over. There is more opposition out there and some downright hate. Maybe some of the hate is overflow from the political climate this election year. We have to stand against it. We have to teach the true history. But having watched the political hatred and name calling on the news and social media has reminded me that we have to stick to conducting ourselves as southern gentlemen. They will hate and call us names but we will be above that. And those watching will see that we in our conduct also honor our ancestors.

I also want to thank all of you. Our accomplishments are the result of the members of the camp. So you Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the ones to keep the charge and forward the colors.

Respectfully Yours,

James Skipper
Camp Commander



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