



# The Southern Advocate

The Quarterly Newsletter of the  
**Oklahoma Division**  
**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
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*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."* (Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906)

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## Ardmore Confederate Monument Dedicated



Front view of the Confederate Monument surrounded by the memorial bricks. The rear view is shown at the right. See Commander's Comments below for more information. Additional photos are on pages 10 and 11.

The Reunion is sponsored by Lt. General John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 of Vicksburg.



### SCV National Reunion

The SCV's 2013 National Reunion and Convention will be held in Vicksburg, MS on July 17-20 at the Vicksburg Convention Center and Auditorium located at 1600 Mulberry ST.



## Calendar of Events

July 4-7 – Battle of Gettysburg Reenactment  
July 4 – Independence Day  
July 17-20 – SCV National Reunion, Vicksburg, MS  
July 27 – Oklahoma DEC meeting, Henryetta

## Commander's Comments

Our camps have had a great quarter since our last newsletter. We started with our top event, our state convention in April, with former CIC Chuck McMichael as our special guest. We inaugurated the Harold Tydings Award. We adopted the goal of 500 members and SCV license tags in Oklahoma within five years. We have had memorial services among our camps, a cross of honor dedication, several social events, as well as our normal camp meetings. Our membership continues to grow having grown to 308 before the recent loss of Henry A. Yandle, who had reinstated in February. Henry answered the last roll call on June 18. We have several camps that have pending applications. We ended the calendar year at 272, so we are continuing our upward surge. We ended this quarter with our dedication of our monument in Ardmore. Over 200 attended. We also had tremendous press coverage. We recognized all our ancestors in a special way and gained a great deal of public relations credibility for the Division and the entire SCV. Your DEC will meet on July 27, and we will wrap all details about the monument at that time.

A special shout out to Camp #892, B/G Richard M. Gano of Poteau. They are now our largest camp with a membership of thirty-six and two applications in process. Commander Everett Plummer and the entire camp have done an outstanding job in meeting the charge we are all given. They are to be loudly and proudly congratulated. We now have five camps above twenty members and three above thirty.

Men, we are now closing out this fiscal year at the end of July. Our national convention, our DEC meeting, and then a new year starts. We are officially in "The Year of The Local Camp". If this is to mean anything, the time to start moving is now. If there are any men who have expressed interest in joining or reinstating and just haven't, now is the time to contact them and sign them up. If you have any members who haven't attended in some time, a contact would do wonders in making their retention more likely. Let's resolve to make sure our local camps have the best meetings ever in this next year.

Keep viewing our website and facebook page. They are great communications tools, and this newsletter is an outstanding publication. Commanders, make sure you know who it is that communicates this newsletter to all your camp members and then make sure that it is.

Get ready; we are now in, "THE YEAR OF THE LOCAL CAMP."

Larry W. Logan



Confederate Memorial at the Ardmore Veterans Center, originally the Confederate Soldiers Home



The original Trustees of the Confederate Soldiers Home – John Threadgill was Commander of the Oklahoma Division of the United Confederate Veterans from the 1890s until about 1904. He was succeeded by William MacLin Cross who resigned in 1910 because of ill health and died soon afterwards. He was

succeeded by Gen. Daniel M. Hailey. (The information and photo are by Cherokee Brigade Commander, Bruce Bishop.)



## Compatriot Jordan Boyd Honored

Contributed by James Rollins

Compatriot Boyd is a member of the Fifth Sergeant Thomas B. Wood, Camp No. 150 of Grove. Compatriot Boyd has been supported in his education with a scholarship to Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS by Cowskin Prairie Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The following is a transcription of an article published in the Pittsburg, KS newspaper on April 7, 2013, about Jordan Boyd and his many academic and work honors while a student at Pittsburg State University:

“Jordan Boyd, a Pittsburg State University student is one of seven in Kansas being honored this year for their leadership and problem-solving ambitions.

Boyd, a senior history major from Afton, OK, is one of 181 students nationwide to receive the 2013 Newman Civic Fellows Award from Campus Contact. The honor recognizes students who have demonstrated an investment in finding challenges within their communities. Newman Civic Fellows awards are made in memory of Frank Newman, who dedicated his life to creating systemic change through education reform.

Boyd, who hopes to work as a museum curator after graduation, was recognized for his work at two area museums. He has assisted in planning operations and fundraising for the Dodson Museum in Miami, OK and most recently at the Miners Hall Museum in Franklin, KS. He was nominated for the award by PSU President, Steve Scott.

Boyd, who works as a student employee in the PSU financial assistance office is also a candidate for the PSU Student employee of the Year. Earlier this year, he earned a Golden Gorilla, a student honor given on Apple Day to recognize students who have made exemplary contributions in community service, academic excellence and campus involvement. Boyd is a graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, OK.”

We are all very proud and honored by Compatriot Boyd’s accomplishments, and we salute him for his hard work and intelligence in his academic field. Congratulations to Jordan Boyd and thanks to the Cowskin Prairie Chapter of the UDC for all their hard work and support on his behalf.

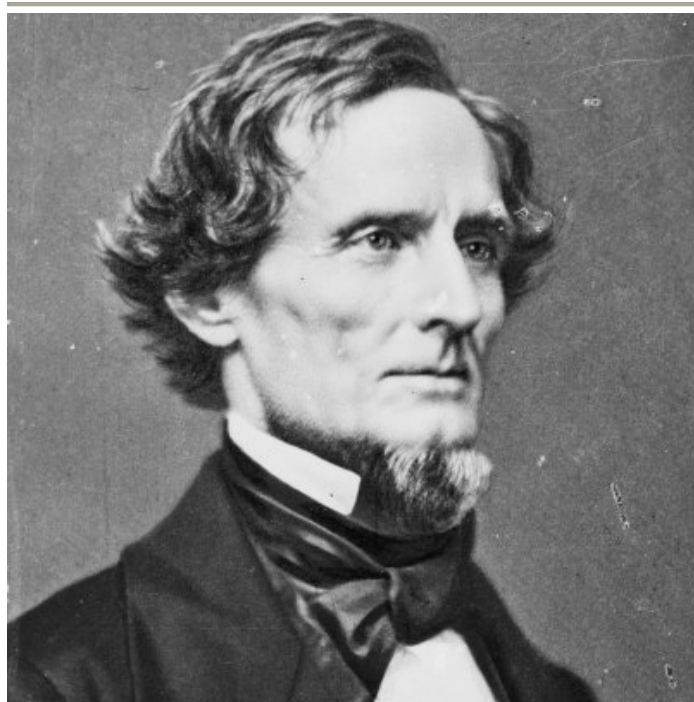
*Editor’s Note:* Compatriot James Rollins is Adjutant of Camp Fifth Sgt. Thomas B. Wood.

## DEC Meeting

Commander Larry Logan

The next DEC meeting will be Saturday July 27, at 12:30 at Chair Crushers Restaurant in Henryetta. A complete agenda will be furnished with the July DEC report. Subjects known to be on the agenda as of this time are (1) Vision 2016 and the im-

plementation in the local camps, (2) The division strategic task and the implementation in the local camp, (3) Distribution of the division newsletter. We are still having members asking if we still have a division newsletter, which means it is not being distributed by all camp commanders, and (4) Committee report about how future Harold Tydings Award recipients will be determined.



Jefferson Davis

June 3, 1808 – December 6, 1889

## Commander Logan Names Members of Division Award Committee

Commander Larry Logan has named the members of the committee that will develop guidelines for awarding the Division’s newly created Harold Tydings Award in future years.

Compatriot Carl Fallen of Tulsa will serve as chairman. The other members are Division Lt. Commander, Bob Pattison, Col. Roger Quarles Mills Brigade Commander, Rob Weaver, and Commander Virgil Chain, Camp Shelby’s Iron Men of Duncan.

Commander Harold Tydings, Camp Dew Moore Wisdom of Muskogee, the award’s namesake and first recipient, will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. He will have no vote in selecting future award recipients. The committee will report its suggestions to the DEC at its meeting on July 27.

## Correction

We inadvertently mis-spelled Mr. James Matlack’s name in the list of brick purchasers in the First Quarter-2013 newsletter. We thank Mr. Matlack for calling this to our attention and extend him our apologies for the error.



## Ardmore Monument Donors

We have two more donors for the Ardmore Monument: Compatriot Bryce Hill, Camp Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa who purchased four bricks and donated \$600 and Compatriot Virgil Chain of Duncan's Camp Shelby's Iron Men who purchased one brick. A big Southern "thank you" goes to these two fine compatriots. Continuing donors will be recognized in the future

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### Confederate Symbols – Battle Flag

By: Ken Cook, Division Historian

The most familiar and popular of all Confederate symbols is the Battle Flag. During the first Battle of Manassas, Confederate soldiers had trouble distinguishing between their flag and the stars and stripes from a distance, when the flags hung limp. General P. G. T. Beauregard wrote that he was "resolved then to have [our flag] changed if possible, or to adopt for my command a 'Battle flag', which would be entirely different from any State or Federal flag." One of his aides, William Porcher Miles, the former chairman of the Congressional Committee on the Flag and Seal, described his rejected national flag design to Beauregard. Miles also told the Committee on the Flag and Seal about the general's complaints and request for the national flag to be changed. The Committee rejected this idea by a four to one vote, after which Beauregard proposed the idea of having two flags. He described the idea in a letter to his commander General Joseph E. Johnston: "I wrote to [Miles] that we should have *two* flags—a *peace* or parade flag, and a *war* flag to be used only on the field of battle—but Congress having adjourned no action will be taken on the matter—How would it do us to address the War Dept. on the subject of Regimental or badge flags made of red with two blue bars crossing each other diagonally on which shall be introduced the stars, ... We would then on the field of battle know our friends from our Enemies."



Miles' original design – the Sovereignty or Secession Flag

According to historian John Coski, Miles' design was inspired by one of the many "secessionist flags" flown at the South Carolina secession convention in December 1860. That flag was a blue St. George Cross (an upright or Latin cross) on a red field, with fifteen white stars on the cross, representing the slave states, and palmetto and crescent symbols in the canton position. Miles received a variety of feedback on this design, including a critique from Charles Moise, a self-described "Southerner of Jewish persuasion". Moise liked the design, but asked that "the symbol of a particular religion not be made the symbol of the nation." Taking this into account, Miles changed his flag, removing the palmetto and crescent, and substituting a heraldic saltire ("X") for the upright cross. The number of stars was changed several times as well. He described these changes

and his reasons for making them in early 1861. The diagonal cross was preferable, he wrote, because "it avoided the religious objection about the cross (from the Jews and many Protestant sects) because it did not stand out so conspicuously as if the cross had been placed upright thus." He also argued that the diagonal cross was "more Heraldic than Ecclesiastical, it being the 'saltire' of Heraldry, and significant of strength and progress."

Although Miles described his flag as a heraldic saltire, it had been thought to be erroneously described since the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a cross, specifically a Saint Andrew's cross. Supposedly this folk legend sprang from the memoirs of an aging Confederate officer published in 1893. However, further research has proven that it was no folk legend. In 1863, during the session in which the Confederate Congress was voting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Flag, Representative William G. Swan of Tennessee moved to substitute the following language: "That the flag of the Confederate States shall be as follows: A red field with a Saint Andrew's cross of blue, edged with white and emblazoned with stars".



Miles' modified design



The square design approved by General Joseph E. Johnston



Regimental flag of the 17<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry with the regimental designation sewn on the flag – a common practice used to distinguish regiments



Regimental flag of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry with battle honors sewn on the flag – a common practice and a subject of great regimental pride

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## Confederate Veteran.

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E. D. POPE, EDITOR.

### TO RICHMOND, OUR THANKS.

In complimenting the Richmond Committees for the interesting and successful occasion they made of the 42nd Annual Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, it would be a pleasure to give the name of every Chairman and individual member as contributing to that success and interest. Failing that, mention must be made of Maj. Robert T. Barton as the General Chairman, who was untiring in his efforts to provide a celebration that would reflect credit upon Richmond and Virginia. Selected by the late Gen. Jo Lane Stern as the young leader of the reunion forces, on him fell the mantle of the veteran organizer, and most worthily he wore it, receiving the praises of his associates in this work as well as by the recipients of Richmond's hospitality. Special mention is also made of Mr. T. M. Carrington, President of the Richmond Battlefield Park Corporation, who arranged all details in connection with the formal dedication of that area and was largely responsible for the success in transporting visitors during the four days of the reunion.

It is appropriate also to mention the splendid reports of the newspapers of Richmond and the special reunion edition of the *Richmond Magazine*, which carried the official program in addition to many interesting articles and illustrations which made it a most desirable souvenir of the city, State, and reunion. Its editor, J. Malcolm Bridges, another young official, was Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the Reunion.

### THE BATTLE FLAG OF THE CONFEDERACY.

As there seems to be some question that the Battle Flag of the Confederacy as officially adopted was square, the following is given as testimony from the two generals who were instrumental in having it designed and adopted.

Owing to the similarity of the Stars and Bars and the Stars and Stripes, these colors became confused in battle, and, shortly after the first battle of Manassas, a flag for service in the field was created for the army around Manassas, then known as the Army of the Potomac. It became within a year the battle flag of all the Confederate armies and was borne by the troops throughout the war. The design for this flag as submitted to

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was oblong, but he preferred a square flag, as the following taken from his "Narrative of Military Operations," page 602, shows:

"Many designs were offered, and one of several presented by General Beauregard was selected. I modified it only by making the shape square instead of oblong, and prescribed the different sizes for infantry, artillery, and cavalry."

Of this flag, General Beauregard says: "We finally adopted, in September, 1861, the well-known battle flag of the Army of the Potomac (as it was first called), to which our soldiers became so devoted. Its field was red or crimson; its bars were blue, and, running diagonally across from one corner to the other, formed the Greek Cross; the stars on the bars were white or gold, their number being equal to the number of States in the Confederacy; the blue bars were separated from the red field by a small white fillet. The size of the flag for infantry was fixed at 4x4 feet; for artillery, 3x3 feet; and for cavalry, 2 1-2x2 1-2 feet."

As further assurance that the official flag was square—although there were some oblong battle flags in use, many of which were made by "loving fingers" and presented to companies and regiments—the illustrations in a booklet showing the "Returned Battle Flags"—flags returned by the United States Government—give the large majority in the square form, with the white fillet, as described by General Beauregard, and also with a white border on the edge (this also has been questioned). These flags were carried by troops of different States, as is stated with these illustrations, and many of them are "battle scarred" and torn, attesting their authenticity.

The first flags from this design were made by Misses Hettie and Constance Cary, Virginia belles, who presented them to Generals Johnston, Beauregard, and VanDorn. General Beauregard sent his flag to New Orleans and, upon the fall of that city, to Havana, for safe-keeping; then it was returned to New Orleans and placed in custody of the Washington Artillery. An illustration of that flag shows that it was square and had the white border, also fringe.

Hanging in a glass case in the center of the Museum of the Confederate Soldiers Home at Richmond, Va., is the Flag of the Crenshaw Battery—the square Battle Flag with a white border. The Crenshaw Battery, Pegram's Battalion, A. N. V., of Richmond, Va., organized March 14, 1862, participated in 43 engagements.



## Membership Report to 2013 Oklahoma Division Convention

We have 295 members as of today compared with 252 one year ago.  
We have twenty camps in the division compared with seventeen at this time last year.  
Our largest camp is Tulsa with thirty-three.  
Second is Poteau with thirty-one.  
Third is Oklahoma City with twenty-nine.  
Mannford and Duncan both have twenty.  
We have five camps of twenty or more. Three years ago we had one camp with twenty or more.  
We have nine camps between ten and nineteen members.  
We have six camps below ten members.  
We have eight camps in the Cherokee Brigade.  
We have five camps in the Roger Mills Brigade.  
We have seven camps in the Fort Washita Brigade, which includes two camps from the Indian Nations Red River Brigade that are temporarily combined with Fort Washita.  
We are actively working on reinstating the Shawnee camp and have had five members renew their membership and another individual who joined after moving here from Mississippi and reinstating his membership.  
The division has fifteen life members.  
We have several members in process.

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## Tentative 2013-14 Division Budget

Income: \$1360\*

### Expenses:

Website	\$ 314
CPN meeting hall	\$ 200
Speaker	\$ 200
Printing & Mail	\$ 100
Newspaper Ads	\$ 150
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 396</u>

Total \$1360

\* Based on 272 members at year-end, paying \$5 division dues

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## Headstone Dedication for Pvt. James Lycurgas Smith

On Saturday, April 13, the General Forrest Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Muskogee, OK, conducted a headstone dedication ceremony for Pvt. James Lycurgas "Babe" Smith, Co. D, 16th Tennessee Infantry. The ceremony was held at Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee following the adjournment of the Division convention. Many of the convention attendees also attended the dedication. Representatives of several UDC chapters and many of Pvt. Smith's descendants were also present.



Ms. Nancy Calhoun, a great-granddaughter of Pvt. James Lycurgas Smith and Vice-President of the General Forrest Chapter, addresses the gathering in Fairview Cemetery.



Members of Camp Shelby's Iron Men of Duncan served as honor guard and firing party for the unveiling and dedication of Pvt. Smith's headstone. (Photos are by Carl Fallen.)



## In Memoriam

Commander Logan announces the passing of Compatriot Henry A. Yandle on Tuesday, June 18. Compatriot Yandle was living in Shawnee and was a current member of Camp #513 of Norman. His permanent home as he called it was Henryetta.

Compatriot Yandle recently had gall bladder surgery at the VA hospital in Oklahoma City and was there almost a month. He had several health issues connected with his military service. He has virtually no close family, with an aunt, her husband, and two uncles as survivors. He was fifty-five, a veteran, an avid biker, and a member of a Christian Bikers unit. There were no services.

Commander Logan asks all compatriots to remember our brother who has answered the last roll call.



Division Commander Larry Logan presenting Commander Jerry Patrick, Camp Lt. Colonel Jackson F. McCurtain of Norman, with his Vietnam Service Medal at the camp's June meeting

## Memphis Update

Knox Martin, Adjutant  
N.B. Forrest Camp 215, Memphis  
SCV Tennessee Division Genealogist

Not a lot to report right now. We presented the city with a copy of the Citizens to Save Our Parks lawsuit, and they have thirty days to review it and get back to us with their plans. The thirty days is up later next week, and we will know more after we hear back from the city attorney. Our lawyer feels we have a good case, but it is now in the city's court. I will get back to you once I have more information to share.

## Cross of Honor Dedication

Camp Lt. William H. Mayes of Pryor held a Cross of Honor dedication for Pvt. William Nelson Brown, Co E, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry, on Saturday, May 18. The Cross of Honor is the cross discovered by a junk dealer in Tupelo, OK and which Commander Logan presented to the Pryor camp in January.



Cherokee Brigade Commander, Bruce Bishop, at the far left, along with members of Camp Lt. William H. Mayes: Adjutant Kevin Dodson, Commander Jon Ketcher, Compatriot Josh Day, Sergeant-at-Arms Jonathan Ketcher, Lt. Commander Mark Ruddle, Chaplain and Graves Registrar John D. Ketcher, Jr.

## Tennessee Passes Heritage Protection Act

N. B. Forrest Camp No. 215 of Memphis and the Tennessee Division, SCV are pleased to announce the passage of the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2013.

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam has recently signed into law the Heritage Protection Act. This law, which applies to the entire state and all cities, prohibits the renaming, removal, or relocating of any military monument or item, such as a statue or flag display, or park, and includes streets and school names, or any other item so honoring a military unit or person. It is effective as of April 1, 2013, and applies to any military item from the French and Indian War through the Mid-East wars, and all U.S. wars in between, including the War Between the States.

This legislation, the basic text of which was written by Lee Millar, SCV Chief of Protocol and Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division, was introduced by Tennessee Division Commander Mike Beck in the Senate and by Millar in the House. It passed overwhelmingly by both the House and the Senate by a combined vote of 95-25. Thanks also to those many compatriots who wrote to their senators and representatives in support.

This law will assist in the Memphis issue with the Forrest Park anti-renaming campaign and will clearly hereafter protect the Forrest Statue, as well as the Jefferson Davis Statute and the SCV Confederate cannons in Confederate Park. It will also protect scores of other Confederate and War for Southern Independence sites throughout Tennessee.





# Report of Oklahoma Division Convention and Reunion

By, Larry Logan, Division Commander  
as submitted to the ATM Commander

The Oklahoma Division held its annual convention and reunion Saturday April 13 at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Complex in Shawnee, OK. The following is my report to you for your perusal. Meeting informally started at 9 a.m. with coffee and visiting, and the brigades met at 9:30. The convention was formally called to order at 9:45.

Per our constitution, Chaplain Tom Poteet opened the proceedings with prayer, Brigade Commander Rob Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance, Shelby's Iron Men of Camp #1356 of Duncan posted the colors while Lt. Commander Pattison narrated the revered poem, "I am Their Flag". Commander Eric McBroom of Camp Clem Vann Rogers, #481 of Oklahoma City, led the Confederate flag salute and Division Commander Logan read the Charge. Division song leader Don Clark of Camp #513 led the singing of "Dixie".

Congratulatory letters were read from the Mayor and City Manager of Shawnee, Chief of Staff Chuck Rand, and Lt. Commander Kelly Barrow. Guests attending were our special keynote speaker Chuck McMichael, former SCV national commander, and his wife Belinda, six spouses, one daughter, and five prospective members.

Chief of Staff John Priddy presented the membership report. Total membership stands at 295 compared with 252 at convention last year. Several members are in process, which will put us above 300, a significant amount for the division. It is the largest level for the division in recent memory. We have twenty camps compared with seventeen at this time last year with one camp on the cusp of being reactivated. We have fifteen life members. Division Adjutant Les Tucker presented the financial report. The division made a profit of approximately \$300 as of March 21. With about \$300 to deposit in the division account it will be over \$2000, also the largest in recent memory. Larry Logan presented the budget for the next fiscal year. Total budget of \$1360 was adopted based on 272 members at yearend 2012. With 295 current and over 300 soon, more than \$1500 will be available in the coming year. Vision 2016 Division Coordinator and Brigade Commander Allen Harrison presented the plan's progress to the convention. All coordinators have been named, and it is now time for the local camps to adopt the components that are important to each camp. Camps were encouraged to prioritize the components. Chief of Staff John Priddy presented the DEC strategic plan to the convention. It is closely tailored and modeled after Vision 2016 but specifically measured to our division. The strategic plan will be communicated to all camps. Bob Pattison was sworn in Division Lt. Commander. Chris Leeson, Commander of Camp #817, gave a short report on the Mechanized Cavalry and its success in the division. Virgil Chain, Commander of Camp #1356, gave a short report on our Facebook page.

Les Tucker presented a short lecture on "Why Southerners are Different, Our Celtic Tradition." The program was very well received.

Terry Pierce of Camp #481, coordinator of our monument project, gave a solid report on the progress. Construction has started this past week, with the base concrete to be poured this week. Materials will start arriving around May 1. Dedication is scheduled for June 22, and all items should be completed at that

time. The division raised \$20,500 for the project. Special thanks to the national SCV, which made the largest contribution to the project, \$5,000. Seventy-one bricks were sold at \$100 each with sixty-seven being purchased by Oklahomans. The dedication appears to be the biggest event for the division in many years. Camp #900 Adjutant Ron Burton gave a report on the division adopting an award to deserving members to be titled "The Harold Tydings Award" in honor of his many years of service to the division. The motion was adopted unanimously. The first award was scheduled for presentation at the beginning of the afternoon session. Graves Coordinator Bernie Cooper of Camp #1378 gave his report and noted that a centralized grave report for the state will be available by year-end. Over 1,000 registrations have been sent to the national database. Chaplain Tom Poteet gave a talk on the Chaplain's duties and encouraged all to pay particular attention to all members as a way to improve our retention rate. His talk was very well received.

Commander Ken Cook of Camp #1378 gave a program on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Cabin Creek, the greatest Confederate victory in Indian Territory. The total victory of this battle is sometimes forgotten. The talk was extremely thorough. The meeting was adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1 p.m.

Ken Cook gave a short report on our division newsletter. It should be noted that Compatriot Cook as editor of *The Round Mountain Report*, his camp newsletter, won the award for the best newsletter in the SCV for camps under fifty members last year. He recently took over the editor's duties for the division newsletter.

Commander Logan asked for permission to adopt as a five year goal for the pursuit of Sons of Confederate license tags in Oklahoma. The motion was adopted unanimously. We need 500 prepaid applications to do so and the consensus was that we will have no trouble being at that point in five years. Commander Logan presented the first Harold Tydings Award to Harold Tydings, Commander of Camp #307, who was a slam dunk as the first recipient. He was very appreciative. Commander Logan declared it the "Year of the Local Camp" in his introduction of Past-Commander McMichael and pointed out several facts on why the local camps growth and accomplishments will be vital in the coming year. Compatriot McMichael was introduced as one who has not only talked the talk but has walked the walk and was greeted with loud applause. Commander McMichael spoke of his connections to Oklahoma that were many and mentioned this was his first time to visit with the division. He spoke of the Confederate pride we all have and was interrupted several times with thunderous applause. He concluded by complimenting the division and with his familiar phrase, "As long as there is a Southern breeze, this flag will fly." He took several minutes to do a Q & A with the members and it was very much appreciated by the membership.

Commander Jim Herndon of Camp #2206 offered special t-shirts and hats with the Oklahoma Division emblem and many were sold. The convention closed with prayer, the singing of "Dixie" and a group picture.

Several members then went to Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee to participate in a UDC headstone dedication honoring Pvt. James Smith of the 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. Shelby's Iron Men provided the honor guard and firing party.

Humbly submitted, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013. What a pleasure.



# Oklahoma Division Reunion and Convention



Group photo of Convention Attendees



Division Commander Larry Logan opens the convention



Commander Logan swearing in Lt. Commander Bob Pattison with Chuck McMichael and Les Tucker



SCV Past-Commander Chuck McMichael addresses the convention. Les Tucker, John Priddy, Bob Pattison, Larry Logan at the head table



Commander Logan presenting Commander Harold Tydings, Camp Dew Moore Wisdom of Muskogee, with the Division's first Harold Tydings Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the Oklahoma Division

(All convention photos are by Carl Fallen.)



# Confederate Monument Dedication – Rose Hill Cemetery – June 22

## Proclamation



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Oklahoma Division**



By the power vested in me as Commander of the Oklahoma Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans,

I issue the following proclamation:

Whereas, men of the Oklahoma Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans conceived the idea of placing a monument to the 190 Confederate Veterans buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, OK;

And whereas, the men of the Oklahoma Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans believed they could accomplish such task;

And whereas, the men of the Oklahoma Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans have achieved such task;

Therefore, I, Larry W. Logan, acting in my official capacity, do hereby declare that this sacred emblem of bravery and courage shall be an eternal, perpetual, and everlasting tribute to these 190 buried here and in countless and forgotten corners of Oklahoma.

On this day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2013, this monument is officially installed and dedicated.

Larry W. Logan

## Dedication Poem

THE CONFEDERATES OF ROSE HILL AND BEYOND

They were getting old, tired, paunchy, and chanty:

Their hair, was falling out fast,

As they set around the campfire, telling stories of their homes, and their past:

Of the battles they had lost, and of battles they had won:

And a few of the good deeds they have done.

But we'll hear their tales no longer.  
For the Confederates have passed away.  
Our world, tis a bit more empty.  
Only the ghost of the Confederates, and a little bit of Dixie are left for us today.

If we can't do our heritage honor, our legacy here is to give them praise.  
At least let's give them courtesy to God.  
In our prayers, at the end of the day.

For they fought and died for "Dixie", as their families live here to say.  
For our Confederates soldiers, oh, how sad, for they all have passed away.

Wanda Miller, Coalgate, Ok.



OK Division Commander, Larry Logan, opening the Monument dedication ceremony



OK Division Adjutant, Dr. Les Tucker, Master of Ceremonies, addressing the attendees





Presentation of the mourning wreath – Carrie Cook, Cow-skin Prairie Chapter of the UDC, Grove



Compatriot Terry Pierce, Camp Clem Vann Rogers, Oklahoma City, Chairman of the Monument Committee



Commander Rob Weaver, Roger Quarles Mills Brigade, giving his presentation on Col. Tandy Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Choctaw Regiment



Captain Clem Vann Rogers Color Guard, Oklahoma City, 16<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry, Joe Wright Guards



Sherry Catron, President of Chickasaw Chapter, UDC of Ardmore, giving her presentation on Col. Martin Shecoe – Chickasaw Battalion



Commander Logan introducing Rev. Bertram Bobb, Chaplain of the Choctaw Nation, who gave the benediction

*All photos are by Carl Fallen  
Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh, Tulsa*



# Memorial Day around the Confederacy



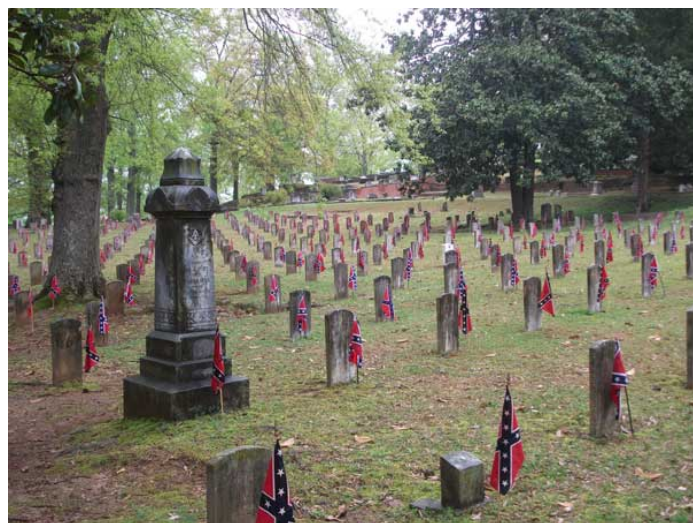
Oklahoma Division Commander, Larry Logan, speaking at Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh's Confederate Memorial Day service, Tulsa, OK – May 18, 2013



Laurinburg, NC – May 11, 2013



The tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, located in the Confederate Cemetery on the grounds of Beauvoir, Biloxi, MS – April 27, 2013



Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Rome, GA – April 26, 2013

**“Lest We Forget”**

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