



# The Southern Advocate

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**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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## Commander's Comments

Jim Orebaugh, Division Commander

As part of our efforts to communicate and inform our own, Past-Commander Cook, Commander Cathey and I have discussed topics that we feel would be of interest to our camps and to others. These presentations will become part of a Division library and be available, in outline form, for anyone to present.

Listed below are just a few of the topics discussed. (Most of the items listed have been presented at various times). Eventually, they could even be recorded for presentation on the web page or on other outlets:

- "Guarding the Texas Road" (WBTS battles in Indian Territory)
- Confederate Archives and Archives research and preservation
- Immigrants in the Union Army and their effect on the War
- Joshua Chamberlain's account of Appomattox
- Music of The Confederacy
- Indian Territory's only naval battle – J. R. Williams
- The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments & Posse Comitatus
- History of CSS Hunley

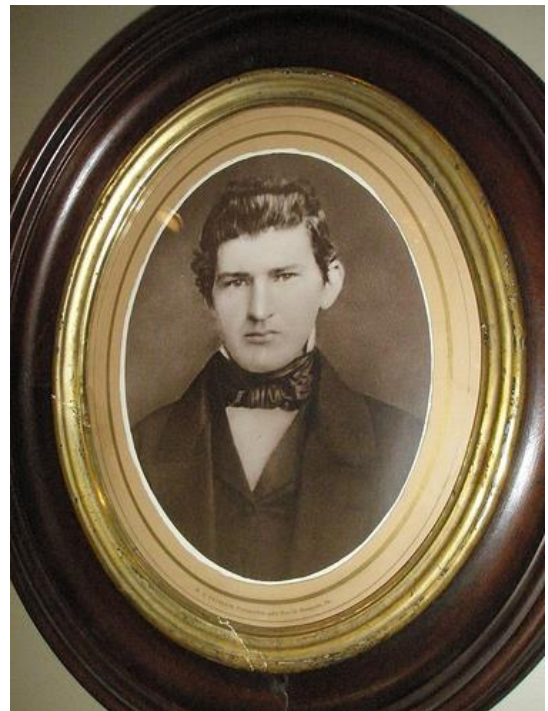
Suggested topics:

- Confederate & WBTS Myths
- Battles that "Changed the War"
- Individual member's family stories
- Individuals, generals, politicians, characters
- Reconstruction

We urge all of you to take advantage of this resource and also to add presentations that already exist and/or items/subjects that you feel would be of interest.

Staying informed is the best way to defend ourselves and our organization.

## Confederate Hero



James W. Jackson (Read his story on page 12.)

## Calendar of Events

September 29 – DEC meeting, McLoud  
November 11 – Veterans Day  
March 3 – Confederate Flag Day, TBA  
April 28 – Oklahoma Division Convention, Shawnee

## DEC Summer Meeting

On Saturday, July 7, the Oklahoma Division held a DEC meeting at Curtis Watson's Catfish Restaurant at McCloud. Fourteen DEC members, other Division members and a few guests were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Rev. Todd Cathey, Commander of Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa. Adjutant Steve Ward called the roll and determined the presence of a quorum. Division Commander James Orebaugh welcomed the attendees and gave a short opening statement. The next order of business was the installation of Virgil Chain as Division LT Commander. (He had been unable to attend the Division Convention, when the other elected officers were installed.) Adjutant Ward read the minutes of the last DEC meeting, which were adopted unanimously.



Division Commander, James Orebaugh, congratulating LT Commander Virgil Chain after administering the oath of office.



Attendees at the DEC meeting – Adjutant Steve Ward standing in the background reading the minutes of the last DEC meeting

Chief Recruiting Officer, Charley Wilson, spoke on recruiting and retention. He is available to assist any Camp with a recruiting event. His contact information is on the Camp page of the Division website. Adjutant Steve Ward, who is also the Division's Information Technology Officer, spoke on plans to upgrade the Division's website to make it interactive by adding an event calendar and other features. Newsletter Editor Ken Cook spoke on the importance of the Newsletter in showcasing Camp activities and as a valuable source for communicating Camp, Brigade and Division activities not only within the Oklahoma Division but throughout the Confederacy. The Newsletter is widely circulated within the Confederacy by several recipients who re-distribute it to their networks. Editor Cook encouraged Camps to send him information and photographs of their significant meetings and Camp projects.



Division Chief Recruiting Officer, Charley Wilson, delivering his presentation on recruiting and retention.

Lt. Commander Virgil Chain reported on a heritage incident at Cornish Cemetery in Jefferson County during a Confederate Memorial Day event in May. The cemetery caretaker removed several Confederate flags on graves that headstones didn't indicate that the interred was a Confederate veteran. The incident is still being reviewed. Terry Pierce, Chairman of the Rose Hill Cemetery Committee, gave an update on the Division monument and the Confederate graves in the Confederate Section of the cemetery. The Director of the Ardmore Parks Department, which has authority of the cemetery, has reneged on her approval for a camera to be installed to keep watch on the monument.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "Dixie", led by Commander Allen Harrison of Camp Col. Tandy Walker of Shawnee and the benediction by Commander Cathey. The next DEC meeting will be at the same location on September 29.

(Photos courtesy of Allen Harrison)



## 2018 National SCV Award Recipients

At the National SCV convention and Reunion, on the recommendation of then Division Commander Ken Cook, six members of the Oklahoma Division received National SCV awards for exceptional accomplishments during the SCV fiscal year, 2017-2018.

It has been the practice for the sitting Division Commander to present the recommendations for SCV National awards because he will be more familiar with the activities of Division members and the deadline for recommendations to be received at National is May 14. The following awards recommendations were submitted in mid-April.

### Graves Award –

#### Stan Dowling, Camp Col. Jackson F. McCurtain (Moore)

As team leader, Compatriot Dowling and his team surveyed all the cemeteries in Jackson County, Oklahoma, identifying Confederate graves in the cemeteries. They placed fifteen Crosses of Honor and compatriot Dowling compiled a book entitled *Confederates in Jackson County, Oklahoma*, listing all of the Confederate burials with relevant details. He donated a copy of the book to the Southern Prairie Library System in Altus, Oklahoma. The gift of the book was duly acknowledged: "The Southern Prairie Library System wishes to thank you for the donation of your book, *Confederates in Jackson County, Oklahoma*. It is greatly appreciated. It makes an excellent addition to our Genealogy/Local History Collection." – signed by Tammy Davis, Administrative Assistant. (The award was recommended by then Ft. Washita Brigade commander, Jerry Patrick and confirmed by Commander Cook.)

### Commendation Medal –

#### Terry Pierce, Camp Capt. Clem Vann Rogers (Oklahoma City)

Compatriot Pierce is Chairman of Rose Hill Monument Committee. This Committee has responsibility for overseeing the Division's Confederate monument at Rose Hill Cemetery at Ardmore. He was the designer and principal constructor of the monument. For several years before the committee was established, Compatriot Pierce, on his own initiative, expended many hours going to the cemetery to check on the monument, cleaning up around it and checking on the conditions of the Confederate graves in the adjacent cemetery. As Committee Chairman, he has taken on additional responsibility for overseeing the condition of the monument and grave stones of 200+ Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

#### Larry Logan, Camp Jackson F. McCurtain (Moore)

Compatriot Logan has given several years of service to the Oklahoma Division including two terms as Division Commander. Since leaving that position, he has been adjutant of his

camp and has taken the lead in camp recruiting and retention with successful results. His camp is currently the largest in the Oklahoma Division with fifty-three members. He is also the Division's Deputy Media Spokesman. This year he served as Chairman of the Confederate Flag Day Committee, and in that position organized and executed a very successful 2018 Flag Day Rally.

#### Bryce A. Hill, Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh (Tulsa)

Compatriot Hill has been the Division Chief of Heritage Operations for several years and the Division Judge Advocate for the past two years. He is also the Division Media Spokesman. During his tenure as Chief of Heritage Operations, he has successfully responded to the few heritage issues that have come to his attention. As Media Spokesman, he has conducted a number of interviews with local media. He is currently working with the Tulsa School Board to recover artifacts, which his camp gave to Robert E. Lee Elementary School several years ago. The school has recently been renamed and the artifacts (a large oil portrait and numerous photographs) are no longer displayed and are currently in storage at the school.

### Distinguished Service Medal –

#### Alvin W. Johnson, Camp Capt. Benjamin F. Smallwood (Coalgate)

Compatriot Johnson was the force behind the organization and chartering of Camp Smallwood. He has served as Camp Commander and for the past several years has served as the Camp Adjutant. Last year, he contacted all the lapsed members of the defunct old Coalgate camp and got them all to reinstate and join Camp Smallwood, also in Coalgate.

#### Jerry C. Patrick, Camp Col. Jackson F. McCurtain (Moore)

Compatriot Patrick is currently the Commander of Ft. Washita Brigade and Oklahoma Division Quartermaster. He is also a past commander of Camp McCurtain. As Ft. Washita Brigade Commander, he has spent considerable time in an effort to establish new camps by following-up with current members interested in starting a camp and manning recruiting tables at numerous gun shows, sometimes with new camp prospects and sometimes alone, at his expense. He is also part of a team currently surveying cemeteries and identifying Confederate graves in southwest Oklahoma.





## Heritage News



Compatriots Ronnie Keesee (left) and Patrick Self of **Camp Captain James J. McAlester** (McAlester) show their respect and honor for Confederate heroes on Memorial Day at the graves of Confederate veterans P.M. Drake, Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, and William C. Cummings, Co. G, 35<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, at Oakwood Cemetery in Wewoka, Oklahoma.



**Camp McIntosh** Compatriot Ron Roark and his wife recently visited Elk Horn Tavern (Pea Ridge) Battlefield, Arkansas. where his great-grandfather, Simeon S. Roark, fought in 1862.



Compatriot Jeff Paulk of **Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** (Tulsa) at the Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Memorial at Selma, Alabama



Compatriot Paulk has placed five pavers at the Forrest Memorial in honor of his Confederate ancestors. The memorial, where the pavers are placed, tells the story of the Battle of Selma and how Forrest fought to defend Selma.

## North Carolina SCV Launches Billboard Campaign

The North Carolina Division has announced the unveiling of its first interstate highway billboard intended to reach the general public of North Carolina with the organization's message. This first billboard, advocating for the protection of Confederate memorials in North Carolina and bearing an image of UNC's boy soldier memorial (commonly referred to as "Silent Sam") is located on Interstate 40 East near the intersection of Interstate 95 in the vicinity of Benson.



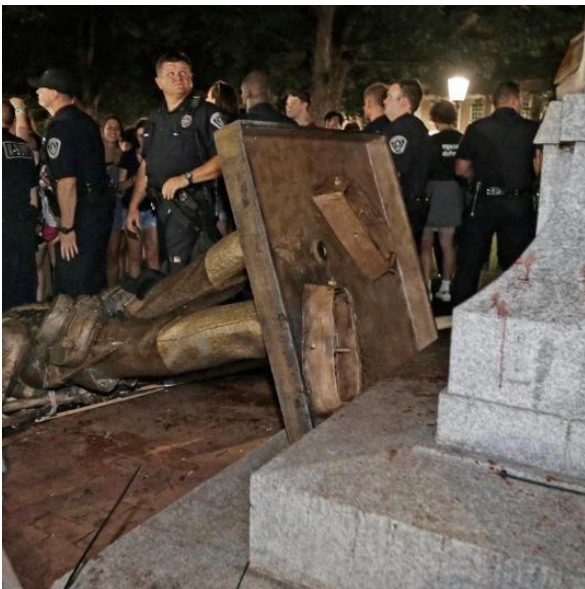
(Contributed by Charly Wilson)



## “Silent Sam”

“Silent Sam” is a bronze statue of a generic Confederate soldier by sculptor John A. Wilson. It represents students of the University of North Carolina who served the Confederacy. It stood on the historic upper quad of the UNC campus at Chapel Hill for more than one hundred years – June 2, 1913 until August 20, 2018, when a mob of radical leftist vandals pulled it down.

In the end, their efforts were in vain. North Carolina General Statute 100-2.1(b) requires that Soldiers' War Memorials be reinstalled within ninety days from the date they are torn down. So, by November 28 or so, “Silent Sam” will have been repaired and hopefully restored to its rightful place. Below are before and after photos of “Silent Sam”.



30' x 50' Battle Flag at the Charlottesville, Virginia I-64 Spirit of Defiance Memorial Battle Flag Site.

(Contributed by Charley Wilson)

## Fight Over Confederate Statues Personal for Daughter of CSA Soldier

Kerry Sanders – nbcnews.com

As the debate rages throughout the country about how to honor Confederate soldiers, some see the statues of the old South not as symbols of hate, but symbols of their family.

For 94-year-old Iris Gay Jordan of Florida, the debate hits close to home. She still becomes emotional when she talks about her father, Lewis Gay, a soldier who fought for the Confederacy during the War of Southern Independence and survived three battles. "My family died for it and that should stand for something," said Jordan. Asked about whether the statues should stand today, she said "Yes, they stand for a part of history."

Jordan says her family never owned slaves, and lived in a farming community outside of Lake Butler, Florida, where neighbors of all colors depended on each other for their livelihoods. "If they wanted to borrow equipment they would come over and get it," said Jordan. "And if we needed to borrow equipment we would go over and get it."





## Camp News and Activities

At its June meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, **Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** (Tulsa) welcomed its newest member, Compatriot Gerald Allen Dewey.



Camp Past-Commander, Bruce Bishop, presents Camp McIntosh's newest member, Gerald Allen Dewey, with his SCV Membership Certificate.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, **Camp Pvts. Grayson & Brewster** (Altus) had a recruiting table at a gun show in Elk City. The show had a decent turnout and the Camp received fifteen possibilities to research, three solid prospects and one former member to reinstate. Sunday was slow but they still got five possibilities.



Oklahoma Division LT Commander, Virgil Chain, at the Elk City gun show

At the June 16 meeting of **Camp Captain James J. McAlester** (McAlester), Commander Bently Couch presented the Camp's newest member, Jack Williams, with his SCV Membership Certificate. Compatriots Bobby Smith and Marshall Neagle of Col. Charles DeMorse 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, Camp 2269, of Van, Texas were the Camp's special guests.



Commander Couch presenting Compatriot Jack Williams with his SCV Membership Certificate



Guest Bobby Smith (center), Commander of the Col. Charles DeMorse 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, Camp 775, presenting Camp McAlester Compatriot Patrick Self with a cap and a 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry commemorative flag. Compatriot Marshall Neagle is on the left.







Camp McAlester members, Bob Pattison, James Nevels, Bently Couch, Patrick Self, David Nix, Ralph Morton and Steve Ward, taking a break from performing their monthly cleanup at Jeff-Lee Park after the Camp's June meeting

On Saturday, June 23, Camp (and Division) Chaplain, Bob Pattison, and his wife, Sue, hosted Camp McAlester members at their home. They were invited to bring their firearms and practice a little target shooting.



Bently Couch and James Skelton, Chief of the Kusa Nunahi Tribal Band of the Cherokee Nation, relaxing at the event. Chief Skelton and his wife, Andrea, were distinguished guests at the Camp's July, August and September meetings



Bob Pattison (left) and others look on as a shooter tries his skills.

**Camp Col. Tandy Walker** (Shawnee) had a recruiting table at the G&S Gun Show in Shawnee on the weekend of July 21. The Camp obtained fourteen leads and one person completed a membership application on the spot.



Camp LT Commander Ronald Gwynn, Camp compatriot John Milton Yates III and an unnamed member of Oklahoma Law Shield at the recruiting table



Lt. Commander Gwynn presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Jennifer Ellis for her generosity in providing a table at the gun show at no cost to the Camp. Ms. Ellis is an owner of G&S Promotions, which conducts gun shows in Oklahoma and Arkansas.







Camp Walker Commander, Allen Harrison, presenting new member Jason Castoe with his SCV Membership Certificate at the gun show. Compatriot Castoe's Confederate ancestor is PVT Reason Rainwater, Co. K, 30<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry (Richards) Regiment

At **Camp Col. Tandy Walker's** July meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the program was presented by Compatriot George Andrews. He gave a very interesting presentation about his Confederate ancestors in the War of Southern Independence. Compatriot Andrews also had a drawing for an item of Confederate memorabilia.



Compatriot George Andrews giving his program

**Camp BG Stand Watie** (Ardmore) held its annual Flag Day event at Ft. Washita on June 16. During the event, Camp Commander Robert Carroll and Division Commander Jim Orebaugh presented Ft. Washita Director Jim Argo with his SCV Membership Certificate.



(L - R.) Oklahoma Division Commander Jim Orebaugh, Camp Watie Commander Robert Carroll and Compatriot Jim Argo

Compatriot David Boyer gave the program at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of **Camp Captain James J. McAlester**. His subject was his Confederate ancestors – the eight Wilkins brothers of Union County, Mississippi.



Compatriot Boyer pointing out one of the Wilkins brothers





**Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** (Tulsa) held its annual Awards Luncheon on August 11. The featured speaker was Dr. Brad Henson. His topic was "Civil War Medicine". Dr. Henson is a long-time Confederate artillery re-enactor.



Dr. Brad Henson giving his presentation

The highlight of **Camp Captain James J. McAlester's** August meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> was a visit from Marcus Anthony Looper (portrayed by his descendant and Camp Chaplain Bob Pattison). He took meeting attendees through his view of the war and shared his thoughts and happenings as an infantryman in Co. H, 19<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment.



Bob Pattison portraying his Confederate ancestor, Marcus Anthony Looper

**Camp Col. Jackson F. McCurtain** (Moore) held its August meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. National SCV awards were presented to Camp members Larry Logan, Jerry Patrick and Stan Dowling.



LT Commander Jimmy Carter presenting Jerry Patrick with his SCV Meritorious Service Award – Commander Rocky Waddell on the left



Commander Waddell presenting Stan Dowling with his SCV Graves Award – Camp Past-Commander Jerry Patrick is on the right





Commander Waddell presenting Division Past-Commander Larry Logan with his SCV Commendation Award



LT Commander Carter and Commander Waddell presenting newest Camp member, Mark Atterson, with his SCV Membership Certificate

**Camp Pvts. Grayson and Brewer** (Altus), with the Division Color Guard, participated in the Elk City Rodeo Parade on September 2.



Division Color Sergeant Steve Stricklan at the Elk City Parade

At the September meeting of **Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma Division Past-Commander, Larry Logan, was the guest speaker. His program was "Slavery in the North".



Past-Commander Logan giving his presentation



At **Camp Col. Tandy Walker's** August 16 meeting, Commander Allen Harrison presented a program from *Understanding the War Between the States* entitled "The First American War for Independence". The book has been so popular with the Camp's members that they have purchased thirteen copies. The cost is only \$5.00 per book. A very good resource for the truth about the War. Sixteen writers contributed to the book, including Oklahoma Division Past-Commander Les Tucker. The book may be ordered from Howard Ray White, telephone no. 704-242-0022. If you purchase twelve books, they are \$5.00 each. Shipping is included by Mr. White. On [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), they are \$7.00 each.

At the September 15 meeting of **Camp Captain James J. McAlester**, members welcomed new member, Division Past LT Commander and SCV Life Member, Harold Tydings. Compatriot Tydings recently transferred his membership from Muskogee to McAlester. Camp Commander Bently Couch presented the program on the Battle of Sabine Pass (Texas), a lop-sided Confederate victory. Commander Couch also presented the Camp's newest member, Compatriot Jimmy Morrison, with his SCV Membership Certificate.



Compatriot Jimmy Morrison displaying his SCV Membership Certificate

Commander Mason Page of **Camp Col. Dew Moore Wisdom** (Muskogee) has resigned all his SCV offices in order to concentrate on his college studies. Adjutant Kevin White has been elected to finish Commander Page's term as Camp Commander. Kevin will also retain the office of Adjutant.

Compatriots,

By now, all of you have witnessed the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone that has been affected, due to the catastrophic results of this storm. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is, among other things, a benevolent organization, pledged to help and assist those in need. At this time, we have several members on the east coast who are in need. Homes, vehicles, possessions, etc., damaged or lost. Our compatriots have had their lives turned upside down.

This is a reminder to the membership, we have an SCV Relief Fund to help our members in emergency situations. You can send donations to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans - Relief Fund  
P.O. Box 59  
Columbia, TN 38402-0059

I can personally attest to the benefit of the SCV Relief Fund. Several years ago, Lynda and I experienced a house fire that put us in a hotel for six months. The Relief Fund came to our aid with financial assistance for the first couple of weeks when we had nothing. Since the SCV is a 501(c)3 organization, your donation is tax deductible. So, give now and help our brothers and sisters.

Thank you for your help.

Paul Gramling, Jr., Commander-In-Chief - SCV

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## The SCV Going Forward

Ken Cook, Editor

At the 2018 National SCV Convention and Reunion, members elected new National officers and new Army commanders. Newly elected officers include National Commander Paul C. Gramling, Jr., National LT Commander Larry McCluney, ATM Commander Darrell Maples and ATM Councilman JC Hanna.

In the current issue of "Confederate Veteran", Commander Gramling, LT Commander McCluney and the new Chief of Heritage Operations, Donald Kennedy, wrote articles stating that in the future, National SCV will be proactive in dealing with threats to our heritage. It's about time, and we hope they mean what they say. As far back as we can remember, the SCV has been almost always reactive rather than proactive. It's hard to save a monument after it's already on the ground. We congratulate the new officers wish them well and will be standing by to assist however we can.

## James W. Jackson

Bently Couch, Division Historian

In Alexandria, Virginia, a gang of four armed men broke into the home of an inn keeper to take his property. This awakened the innkeeper, who confronted them. It cost him his life. The man who shot him, was later awarded a Medal of Honor for this murder. This dastardly deed was done by government agents in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution.

On May 23, 1861, Virginia ratified the Articles of Secession. In response, 40-year old James W. Jackson raised a very large Confederate flag (14' x 24') on a 40-foot pole on top of his three-story inn in Alexandria. This made him the original Virginia Flagger.

Jackson's inn was called the Marshall House. It was located on the corner of King and Pitt Streets in Alexandria. The flag could be seen all over town. Lincoln could see it from the White House.

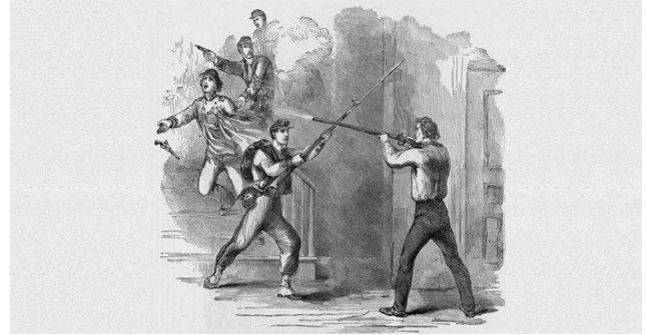


The Marshall House Inn – Alexandria, Virginia – 1861

Before daybreak on May 24, the morning after Virginia seceded, President Lincoln sent 6,000 troops to occupy Northern Virginia, a clear violation of the Constitution. Among the invading force was the 11<sup>th</sup> New York Zouaves led by Colonel Elmer Ellsworth. The Zouaves crossed the Potomac River and marched up King Street. First, they captured the Alexandria telegraph office and placed it under guard. Coming out of the telegraph office, Ellsworth looked up to see Jackson's flag in the early morning light and said, "Boys, that flag must come down."

Ellsworth took four men, broke down the door of the Marshall House Inn, and climbed the stairs to the roof. One of the Zouaves cut down the flag. All the commotion awakened Jackson. He got his double barrel shotgun to confront the intruders. Jackson met them on the second floor landing just as Ellsworth was taking the flag from one of his men saying: "I'll take that prize." This would be the first Rebel flag captured in the War, and Ellsworth wanted it. Everyone knew the War would be over in three months and not much time to take prizes. Jackson responded with "Yes, here is another prize for you" as

he unloaded one barrel of his shotgun in Ellsworth's chest. Immediately, one of the Zouaves named Francis Brownell put a bullet through Jackson's head. It was over in seconds. Jackson's wife, Sara Maria Jackson, heard the gunfire and rushed out to find her husband dead. Guards were posted so that no one could enter the Marshall House Inn. Later the Yankees confiscated the Marshall House from Jackson's widow and used it as a Provost Marshall office.



James W. Jackson defending his home from Yankee invaders.

Ellsworth's body was taken to the Washington Navy Yard. One of the mourners was President Lincoln. Ellsworth had worked as a clerk in Lincoln's law office. It is reported that when Lincoln saw the body, "he wept like a woman".

The day after his death, James Jackson's remains were dressed in his militia uniform and buried on his family's homestead in Fairfax County. Besides his wife, he left behind three little girls. A year after his death, a book was published entitled *The Life of James W. Jackson, the Alexandria Hero, the Slayer of Ellsworth, the first Martyr in the Cause of Southern Independence*. It is now out of print. Jackson's shotgun is in the possession of the Smithsonian Museum of American History. It is currently not on display.

The Marshall House, which stood on the corner of King and South Pitt streets was torn down in the 1950s. An Oriental restaurant is there today. The Jefferson Davis Camp of the SCV frequently meets there to honor the man "killed for defending his property." The Sons of Confederate Veterans installed a plaque at the site of the Marshall House. The plaque calls Jackson the "first martyr to the cause of Southern independence." In full, it reads:

"The Marshall House stood upon this site, and within the building on the early morning of May 24, 1861, James W. Jackson was killed by federal soldiers while defending his property and personal rights as stated in the verdict of the coroner's jury. He was the first martyr to the cause of Southern Independence. The justice of history does not permit his name to be forgotten. Not in the excitement of battle, but coolly and for a great principle, he laid down his life, an example to all, in defense of his home and the sacred soil of his native state Virginia."





# **“Lest We Forget”**



**Recently erected Confederate monument at Chickamauga, Georgia**



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