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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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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Commander's Comments

James Orebaugh, Division Commander

At Christmastime, it is interesting to note the Christmas "quotes", wishes and general greetings that are sent by various persons, some famous, some not. In searching for something that speaks to the meaning of the season and to us, the SCV, I came on a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that best illustrates the power of the Christ bestowal. When things look darkest and we feel like giving up, remember the gift of the season.

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

We will prevail by keeping the faith in ourselves, each other and the cause for which we stand.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Confederate

"If you are true Southerners, reach back to your Southern roots for enough fortitude to stand up. Our heritage cannot be saved if they see us as weaklings. During Lincoln's War the South had 104,000 deserters. Think before you join them." – Elijah Coleman – Lee-Jackson Day 2012, Lexington, Virginia



Soldier of Faith by Mort Kuntzler



Fall DEC Meeting

The Oklahoma Division, SCV held a fall DEC meeting on Saturday, September 29 at Curtis Watson's Catfish Restaurant in McCloud. The meeting was attended by less than the number of members necessary for a quorum to attend to business. Fortunately, the meeting had no business that required a vote. The meeting agenda consisted of discussions and reports.

Division Chaplain, Bob Pattison, opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the roll call by Adjutant Steve Ward. Commander Jim Orebaugh gave a welcoming statement. The theme of the meeting was "fighting back". Commander Orebaugh emphasized the need for the Division to be proactive when dealing with our enemies and detractors and to assertively defend who we are.

Adjutant Ward reported on Camp annual reporting. Camp reports were sent to National as required by the National Constitution. He also spoke on National dues, which were required to be at GHQ by August 31. He emphasized the need to continue following up on unpaid dues if there is still the possibility of collecting them. He also distributed folders to Camp commanders in attendance with a printout of each Camp's delinquent members. National retains delinquent members on its rolls unless it has received a Last Roll Report indicating the member is deceased. Camp commanders should clean up their delinquents by submitting a Last Roll Report to National for any deceased member on the delinquent roll. Adjutant Ward will mail folders to those Camp commanders not in attendance along with instructions for cleaning up their delinquent rolls.



Adjutant Ward addressing the meeting

Division Recruiting Officer, Charley Wilson, spoke on several aspects of membership recruiting, stressing the importance of gun shows as arguably the best venue for successful recruiting. He passed out a list of upcoming gun shows within Oklahoma.



Recruiting Officer Wilson addressing the meeting

Chief of Heritage Operations, Bryce Hill, updated the meeting on open heritage issues. The only open item is the resolution of the question of Confederate artifacts given to Robert E. Lee Elementary School by Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa several years ago. The school has been renamed Council Oaks School, and the Tulsa school administration initially informed Camp McIntosh that it would return the artifacts subject to proof that they had been gifts from the Camp. Proof was submitted, but TPS has so far not returned the items. The Camp continues to pursue the matter.

Division Lt. Commander, Virgil Chain, spoke on the Guardian Program and Adjutant Ward spoke on graves registration. Newsletter Editor, Ken Cook, spoke on the importance of camps and brigades submitting reports and photographs of their respective activities. He also recommended that submitters send their information as the event occurs rather than accumulating and sending them at the end of the calendar quarter.

The meeting was cut short because Commander Orebaugh was scheduled to attend a funeral service. Unaddressed Agenda items were laid on the table. Chaplain Pattison offered the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next DEC meeting will be on Saturday, February 23 at the same location.



Chief of Heritage Operations, Bryce Hill, addressing the meeting
Commander Kevin White, Camp Col. Dew Moore Wisdom of
Muskogee (L.) and Division Commander Orebaugh



Lt. Commander Chain speaking on the Guardian Program

"If you care more about who gets the credit, or glory, or attention for good deeds than you do about the men who have gone on before us, then you are in this fight for the wrong reason. We don't have time to sit around and worry about such balderdash, as we already have our eyes fixed on the next battlefield. All glory to God. All honor to the *Confederate soldier*. It's not about us."

***Susan Hathaway
Virginia Flaggers***



Courtesy of Ms. Susan Hathaway, Virginia Flaggers

Message from the Adjutant

Attention Camp Commanders/Adjutants – This is a friendly reminder to continue recruiting from your delinquent (DLQ) members roster. All Commanders should have received a delinquent members roster from me at the last DEC meeting or by mail. (A few small or new Camps do not have delinquent members and therefore will not have a delinquent members roster.) It's important that we reach out to these delinquent members and convince them to pay their annual dues and get them back into good-standing within our organization. It's an easy way to grow your Camp.

Also, all Camps need to check the Division website (oklahomascv.org) to see if a gun show is coming to your city, or nearby city. Gun shows are target-rich environments for SCV recruiting. More effort needs to be made to recruit at the many Oklahoma gun shows. Recruiting tables can be had for little or no cost. There's help if you're inexperienced at gun show recruiting. Excuses won't recruit new members. It takes effort, and it takes sacrifice. I want to see both from all Oklahoma Camps. That's the only way we can grow and be a stronger Division.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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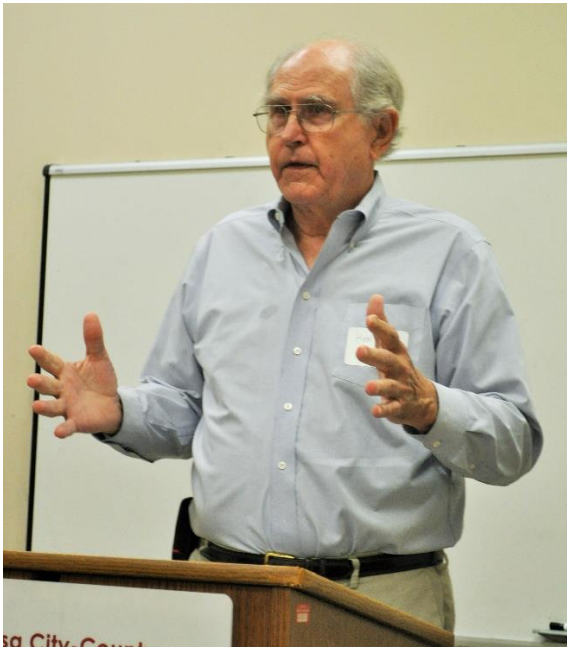
Calendar of Events

February 23	– DEC Winter Meeting – McLoud
April 27	– Oklahoma Division Convention – Shawnee
July 18-21	– SCV National Reunion – Mobile, Alabama



Camp News and Activities

The October 9 meeting of **Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** (Tulsa) was a joint meeting with Indian Nations Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Several members of Camp McIntosh are also members of Indian Nations Camp. Camp Historian, Ken Cook, presented the program: "Why the Indian Nations Allied with the Confederacy".



Camp Historian, Ken Cook, presenting his program.



Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Commander, Todd Cathy, and Camp compatriots, Deryk Newberry (R) and Jerry Dewey (L), cleaned the grave stone of PVT Daniel G. Childers, Co. D, 1st Creek Mounted Volunteers in Broken Arrow's White Church Cemetery. (Photo by Todd Cathey)

Division Commander, Jim Orebaugh, was the guest speaker at the October 11 meeting of **Camp Captain Clem Vann Rogers** (Oklahoma City). His topic was Confederate music.



Commander Orebaugh presenting his program

(Contributed by Kevin Easterling)

Camp Col. Tandy Walker (Shawnee) held their October meeting on the 11th. Compatriot Brent Haught was sworn in as the Camp Adjutant. Camp members held a discussion on National Chief of Heritage Operations, Donnie Kennedy's, article in the latest issue of "Confederate Veteran". CHO Kennedy is beginning his tenure by being proactive in confronting our heritage enemies. He is launching the "Confederate Legion" effort to educate the Southern public on the truth of the War for Southern Independence. This education will be accomplished through radio and newspapers, if we have enough participation from the membership throughout the Confederacy.

Commander Allen Harrison presented the program: *Thirteen Free and Independent States Join in a Constitution* by Dr. Clyde N. Wilson. Commander Harrison also announced that Compatriot Don Clark is doing well with recovering from a recent heart attack, so much so that he attended the meeting, and as customary, led the members in singing "Dixie" at the end of the meeting.





Commander Harrison congratulating newly sworn in Camp Adjutant, Brent Haught

On October 15, **Camp Col. Jackson F. McCurtain** (Moore) held their monthly meeting at the Moore Public Library. Guest speaker was Division Past-Commander, Les Tucker. He spoke on the Choctaw involvement in the War for Southern Independence. During the meeting, Camp Commander Rocky Waddell presented Lt. Commander Jimmy Carter with his SCV Life Membership Certificate.



Commander Waddell (R) presenting Lt. Commander Carter with his SCV Life Membership Certificate

Camp Capt. James J. McAlester (McAlester) held their October meeting on the 20th at Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in McAlester. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Todd Cathey, Commander of Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa, presented his program, "To Die Like a Man", a narration on the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.



Past-Commander Tucker giving his program



After the meeting, Camp members (L-R) David Boyer, Ronnie Keese, Patrick Self, Bently Couch, David Nix, Ben McIntosh and Steve Ward adjourned to Jeff Lee Pool/Park to pick up litter in fulfillment of the Camp's obligation under McAlester's Adopt-A-Block program. (Photo by Kathy Ward)



Commander Todd Cathey presenting his program
(Camp report and photo by Steve Ward)

Eight members and four guests attended **Camp Col. Tandy Walker's** October meeting. LT Commander Ronald Gwynn chaired the meeting in place of Commander Allen Harrison, who was ill with the flu. LT Commander Gwynn announced the Camp will place Confederate Christmas wreaths on Confederate graves in several local cemeteries. They will be placed immediately after Thanksgiving and removed after New Year. The program was given by members and guests. They read passages from *The Virginia Dynasty: Spectacular Growth of the Union of the States* by Clyde N. Wilson, PhD.



Past-Lt Commander Roark



Adjutant Haught (R) presenting Lt. Commander Gwynn
with a LT Commanders medal

Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh held their November Camp meeting on Tuesday, the 13th. The meeting had a good turnout with twelve members and one guest. The most important piece of business was the election of 2019 Camp officers: Todd Cathey, Commander; Derek Newberry, LT Commander and Robert Woodall, Jr., Adjutant. Commander Cathey appointed Jerry Dewey as the new Color Sergeant. Camp Past-LT Commander, Ron Roark, presented the program: "Bloody Hill", an account of the Battle of Wilson's Creek (Oak Hill). His Great-grandfather fought in the battle as a member of the Missouri State Guard (Confederate).

As is customary, the Camp will not have a December meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, with special guest SCV CiC Paul Gramling. He will administer the oath of office to the 2019 officers and present the program. Oklahoma SCV members are invited.



Jerry Keener was Past-LT commander Roark's guest at the meeting. Jerry is a GG-Grandson of Sequoyah, the creator of the Cherokee syllabary. Jerry gave a very interesting presentation on the life of Sequoyah. (Camp McIntosh meeting photos by Carl Fallen)

Camp Col. Jackson F. McCurtain held their November meeting on Monday, the 26th. The meeting program, "Artillery Operations during the War", was presented by Brad Minson. The Camp had planned to present their newest member, Laden Smith, with his SCV Membership Certificate, but he had a vehicle accident on the way to the meeting. He was uninjured, but missed the meeting. LT Commander Jimmy Carter and Adjutant Larry Logan went to Compatriot Smith's home, where they presented him with the Certificate in his garage.



Brad Minson presenting his program



Lt Commander Carter presenting new member, Laden Smith, with his SCV Membership Certificate

(Camp McCurtain reports and photos by Larry Logan)

Camp Captain James J. McAlester held their November Camp meeting on Saturday, November 17 at their usual meeting place, the Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in McAlester. After a brief business meeting and lunch, members in attendance spent a pleasant afternoon placing memorial wreaths on twenty-eight Confederate heroes' graves at McAlester's Oak Hill Cemetery.



Camp Commander, Bently Couch, swears in new SCV members Dillon Pratt (middle) and his father, the Honorable James Pratt (right).
(Above Photo by Steve Ward – below photos by Kathy Ward)



Camp members at the grave of Captain James J. McAlester



UCV Memorial



Camp McAlester Compatriot, David Nix, shows his respect and honors Confederate hero, Pvt. Benjamin Franklin Jones of the 1st Tennessee Cavalry with a beautiful memorial wreath at the cemetery in Calvin, Oklahoma. (Photo by Nikki Nix)

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, **Camp Pvt. Drury Warren** (Ponca City) held a meeting at Blaze's BBQ in Enid. It was a small turnout but it's the beginning for forming a Camp in Enid. The Ponca City camp has a few members, who live in the vicinity of Enid. The next SCV meeting in Enid will be scheduled in January 2019. If anyone knows anyone in, or around, the Enid area, who would be interested in assisting with the formation of a new Camp or joining the SCV, please contact Charley Wilson at landmanscv@yahoo.com.



Craig Robertson of Enid, a member of Camp Pvt. Drury Warren



Steve Sanders, Cherokee Brigade Commander and member of **Camp Lt. Colonel William Penn Adair** (Bartlesville), at the SCV recruiting table at the Coffeyville, Kansas, gun show on December 5



Jeff Paulk of **Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh** and Division Adjutant Steve Ward manning the SCV recruiting table at the Grand National Gun Show in Tulsa on November 30

Camp Captain James J. McAlester held their December Camp meeting on the 15th. The meeting opened with a special invocation by Camp Chaplain Bob Pattison. After the business meeting, Oklahoma Division Commander, James Orebaugh, treated the attendees with his "Music of the Confederacy" presentation. Accompanying Commander Orebaugh were guests Pam Eisenhour and Commander Ken Young of **Camp 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles** (Edmond). After his presentation, the meeting was closed with a benediction, and then, everyone enjoyed lunch and good fellowship together. (Photo by Steve Ward)



Commander Orebaugh giving his presentation

Re-enactor members of **Camp Captain Clem Vann Rogers** (Oklahoma City) participated in the re-enactment of the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 1-3. The event was sponsored by Arkansas State Parks on the original battlefield near the Borden House site. Camp Commander Erik McBroom's report:

We have witness on the national level in recent years, the evil of political correctness and revisionism rear its head. Our group has not avoided this ignorance, even on our front. A year or so ago, a certain federal commander decided to demand that we not bring the battle flag on the field at the Honey Springs event during the ceremonial flag presentation and speech by chief of the Creek Nation. This insulting request was answered with a firm NO, from our battalion commander. We would carry our flag on the field and in the presentation with or without their approval. Even with the threat of them turning their backs to it.

A similar scenario began to play out on the second day at Prairie Grove over a disagreement on the battle program and presence of the Quantrill "NO QUARTER" flag carried by the Confederate cavalry. The same federal officer tried to influence park officials to ban the Confederate cavalry and flag from Sunday's battle event. Our command staff of the 1st Arkansas Battalion lead the chorus once again and was followed by the Missouri and Red River Battalion, that we would not participate unless our side was represented with all components, flags, etc. Thus, there we not be another day of the re-enactment for the public. A letter was composed, signed and delivered to the park officials Sunday morning. The deliberation followed with the park siding with our request and the event would carry on in its entirety. We are currently developing a plan to get this individual

out of reenacting, as if this continues it could wreck this venue of reaching out to the public and presenting the Confederate soldier in one of the freestanding avenues which we can.

For his leadership and defending our wishes and flag, a certificate of appreciation was presented to Col. Matthew Emde, by Capt. McBroom and members of the Rogers Camp. The certificate was issued by CIC Paul Gramling. This presentation was made at morning parade formation on Sunday in front of the 1st Arkansas Battalion of Confederate Infantry. Many of the members of the battalion serve as officers and members of the SCV in Oklahoma and Arkansas. As well, new Camp Rogers member, Paul Wilson, was presented his membership certificate. Paul is a Vietnam veteran and retired Commander in the USN and a Seal. His ancestor also fought at Prairie Grove.

Both men received the honor with appreciation and bare fine integrity and patriotism reflective to that noble character which inspired our ancestors.



COL Mathew Emde with his SCV Certificate of Appreciation



New member, Paul Wilson, with his SCV Membership Certificate

On Saturday, December 15, the **Oklahoma Division Color Guard** held their annual Confederates for Christmas program in the Mount Zion Cemetery at Thackerville. Altogether, twelve compatriots from camps **Shelby's Oklahoma Iron Men** (Duncan), **Pvt. W.D. Chain** (Cooperton) and **Pvts. Grayson and Brewer** (Altus) participated in the event.



Eddie Gill, a descendant of Roswell B. Barrett, Co. E, 18th Texas Cavalry, spoke of his ancestor. The Color Guard fired a three-volley rifle salute and a one-cannon salute.

Camp Private Drury Warren held their December meeting on Saturday, December 15 at Danny's BBQ in Ponca City. The meeting began with the opening prayer and, then Terry Thompson read the Charge. Each member introduced himself. Commander Wilson gave a report about events and happenings in the SCV. Cherokee Brigade Commander Steve Sanders addressed the slave issues of America, which were not causes of the war.



(L to R) are Don Stanley, Steve Sanders, Don Pemberton, Ray Simmons and Terry Thompson.

Camp Captain Clem Vann Rogers participated in the annual Fort Reno “Guns for Christmas” event on December 16. Camp Commander Erik McBroom’s report: This year’s event happened to land on the memorable date of December 16, at near 2:00 pm. Taking daylight savings time into consideration, it would have been about 3:00 pm 154 years ago. Down to the very moment the battle of Nashville was coming to a close with the final assault on Compton’s Hill. Colonel William Shy and his band of patriots sacrificed all for the Confederacy. This great western defeat signaled the end of the Army of Tennessee and any offensive campaign in the west. A prompt for a pause was given so that all present keep the memory of these American veterans in their hearts. This was the keynote message of our volleys for the public who responded with applause at the display and even a holler from the crowd “Long live the Confederacy!” The other participants followed our lead and the firing continued down the line for the program. We signed up one new recruit from the event and will be there again next year.



Stand Watie

Bently Couch, Division Historian

On December 12, 1806, Degadoga was born in Oothcaloga, a Cherokee town near present day Rome, Georgia. Degadoga means "He Stands." His Christian name was "Isaac Watie." The world remembers him as Stand Watie, the last Confederate general to lay down his arms in the War for Southern Independence. Watie was the only Indian on either side to rise to brigadier general's rank.

In July 1861, Confederate officials commissioned Stand Watie a colonel in the Army of the Confederate States of America. They authorized him to raise the First Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. Cherokee Chief John Ross signed the Cherokee Confederate Treaty of Alliance in October 1861 and raised the First Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles, commanded by Colonel John Drew. At this time, Colonel Watie's regiment became the Second Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles.

Colonel Drew's regiment became part of Colonel Douglas H. Cooper's command and was ordered to help stop the flight of the pro-Northern Creeks. The Creeks were attempting to flee to Kansas. Drew's regiment participated in the Battle of Round Mountain and the Battle of Chusto-Talasah, where most of the regiment deserted to the Union Creeks and followed them into Kansas. The men believed they had signed up to defend their homeland against Yankee invaders, not to fight fellow Indians.

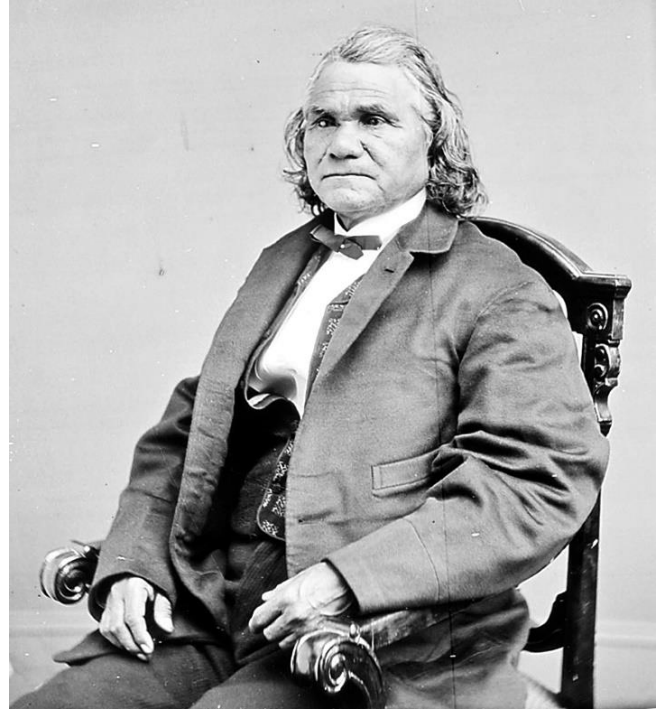
What remained of Drew's Regiment was folded into Watie's regiment and reorganized as the 1st Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Rifles with Colonel Stand Watie in command.



1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles regimental flag designed by Albert Pike.
The original flag was lost in the Battle of Old Fort Wayne.

Stand Watie is noted for his role in the Battle of Elk Horn Tavern, Arkansas, on March 6–8, 1862. Under the command of General Benjamin McCulloch, Watie's troops captured Union artillery positions and covered the retreat of Confederate forces from the battlefield. During the war, Watie's troops participated in twenty-seven engagements and numerous skirmishes. Although some of the engagements were traditional battles, most of his activities used guerrilla tactics. Although, poorly equipped and armed mostly with castoff rifles or captured weapons, Watie's men raided from south of the Canadian River throughout northern held Indian Territory, into Kansas and Missouri, tying

down thousands of Union troops. General Samuel Bell Maxey Watie promoted to brigadier general on May 10, 1864.



One of the 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles' most spectacular victory was the capture of a Yankee steamboat, *J. R. Williams*, on the Arkansas River in June 1864, the only naval battle in Indian Territory. The 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles are also remembered for the capture of an enemy wagon train at the Second Battle of Cabin Creek in September 1864.

In February 1865, General Watie was given command of the Indian Division of Indian Territory, but due to lack of supplies, was unable to launch any offensive operations. He disbanded most of his men following the surrender of other Confederate troops in the spring of 1865. Watie participated in the Camp Napoleon Council in May 24, 1865.

The Camp Napoleon Council was a meeting of Indian tribes that resulted in an intertribal compact. The council took place at Cottonwood Camp near Verden in present day Grady County, Oklahoma. The tribes agreed to cease fighting and work together to form a confederation. They also sent delegates to Washington to negotiate with the federal government, which refused to negotiate with them.

On June 23, 1865, General Stand Watie became the last Confederate general to lay down his arms. Watie stayed out of politics during his last years and tried to rebuild his farm. He died at Honey Creek on September 9, 1871. He is buried in the old Ridge Cemetery, later called Polson's Cemetery, in what is now Delaware County, Oklahoma.



Report of Chief Recruiting Officer

Submitted by Charley Wilson

Muskogee

On Friday evening, October 19, 2018, I drove to Muskogee to overnight to be at the Gun Show the next morning. Had breakfast at the Hornback Catfish Ranch. Good coffee and breakfast for sure. This restaurant has a nice meeting room that can accommodate an SCV Camp meeting or larger.

On Saturday morning, October 20, 2018, I arrived early at the Muskogee Civic Center and set up the information table. The Gun Show got off to a very slow start in attendance and remained like that all day. However, I told as many men as would listen about the truths of the Confederate veterans and the South. Several men indicated interest in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and so I took their information to research at a later time. I returned home that evening.

The next day on Sunday, October 21, 2018, the Muskogee SCV Camp Commander Kevin White manned the table, however he reported that he was unable to locate any men who might be interested in SCV.

Tulsa

On Friday, November 30, 2018, I drove to Tulsa to assist Jeff Paulk and Steve Ward with an SCV information table at the Grand National Gun Show. From the beginning at 9:00 am, there was a good number in attendance until about noon or 1:00 pm, then it was slow for the remainder of the day until 5:00 pm. We spoke to most everyone who passed in the aisle next to the table and a few others elsewhere. We gathered eighteen names and their information on Saturday. I returned home after the Gun Show that evening.

The next day on Sunday, Jeff Paulk and Steve Ward manned the table themselves. There was not a very large attendance that day; however, they gathered seven prospects' names and information.

Many of the prospects from both days were not from the Tulsa metro area so there is potential to find new members in Tulsa for outlying towns. For example, one man who has a proven Confederate ancestor lives in Bartlesville. And, another man from Ponca City will be joining our Ponca City camp as soon as we receive his signed Application. Meanwhile, we have much more research to do for the interested prospects discovered at the Grand National Gun Show in Tulsa.

Jeff Paulk (Tulsa) and Steve Ward (McAlester) are knowledgeable about the Confederate veterans and the South and they are very supportive in upholding the Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They know how to work a Gun Show and they do an excellent job manning the table to catch those passing by. I enjoyed working this Gun Show with Jeff and Steve and hopefully we can do another show as soon as possible.

Coffeyville

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, I manned an SCV information table at the Coffeyville Gun Show. At the beginning, it looked to be a busy day, however it slowed about 11:00 am. I was able to collect names and information from eleven men who expressed interest in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. So far, I've proven that three of the men have Confederate ancestors. Hopefully, all three men will be joining the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Summary

Steve Sanders was present at every one of the above Gun Shows. He roams the show to speak to men and also assists in manning the table. Thanks to Steve Sanders for all he does at the Gun Shows for the Confederate veterans.

Gun Shows are a good place to see and speak to many men in a short amount of time – eight hours. We have to ask them to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Otherwise, if you're not at a Gun Show, you can be selling men on the Confederates and the Sons of Confederate Veterans right where you are.

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When recruiting for the SCV, we're telling the true history of the Confederate Veterans and the South. There's nothing in the Charge about recruiting but there is about standing for the true history. So, we have to keep the Charge before we can recruit.

In January, there are Gun Shows scheduled for Ada, Durant, Elk City, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. In February, there are Gun Shows in Lawton, Oklahoma City, Shawnee and Tulsa. In March, there are Gun Shows in McAlester, Oklahoma City, Sulphur and Tulsa. There are lots of Gun Shows in Oklahoma, but not much is being done by the SCV to participate in Gun Shows or elsewhere to take advantage of the opportunities.

Are you waiting for men to ask you about joining the Sons of Confederate Veterans? How many folks even know that you are a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans? You can't wait forever. Now is the best time to begin telling everyone you know and meet about the truths of our Confederate ancestors and the South. How will folks know anything about the Sons of Confederate Veterans if you don't speak up and say something for the cause? It's part of your duty as a member of the SCV to so.

Our Confederate ancestors were right and the UCV Confederates created the Sons of Confederate Veterans for us to stand for the truths of the Confederate veterans and the South. How much more authority do you need than the direction of the UCV Confederates?



Heritage News

Chapel Hill Police Chief Speaks for First Time Since Silent Sam Came Down

CHAPEL HILL, NC (WTVD) – Six weeks after Silent Sam came down, Chapel Hill's police chief spoke publicly for the first time. Chief Chris Blue participated in a community conversation led by the Orange County Human Relations Commission about the statue's future.

The talk was entitled "Hate, Heritage and Hope: Orange County Voices." "I'm saddened that our department's association with Silent Sam may well diminish the work we've done," Blue said. "We've done great work when it comes to addressing racial disparities, tackling bias and building relationships with everyone in every corner."

Last year Blue said UNC's Police Chief, Jeff McCracken, sent a letter to the chancellor expressing concerns that the statue had become a public safety threat -- it's a position Chief Blue agreed with then and now.

"Many people in our community are highly, highly charged around the issue and we've seen that," Chief Blue said. "I think the statue makes us less safe in our community. We said that a year ago and my opinion about that has not changed. I think we all expected that at some point, an effort would be made to take the statue down. We certainly had concerns about when that happened that somebody could be seriously hurt, but I think we've been fortunate so far."

Commentary

Rex Cash, Division Past-LT Commander

This is to report a typo in the article entitled "Chapel Hill police chief speaks for first time since Silent Sam came down" dated October 1, 2018. The typo is in this line: "Chief Blue said, 'I think the statue makes us less safe in our community.'" Clearly, since the statue is an inanimate object, it is impossible of posing any more of a threat to anyone or anything than the lamp post beside it. On the other hand, there are more than enough historical examples to prove it is only the violence, hatred, intolerance and fascist tactics of the irrational students and other politically correct extremists that toppled this statue that are a threat to the community and civilization. Certainly, no one can believe the police chief is so inept, irresponsible and derelict in his duty as to blame an inanimate object for the criminal behavior of flesh and blood perpetrators. So, quite obviously the line was meant to read "I think the students make us less safe in our community."

UNC Silent Sam Issue Still not Settled

The North Carolina state public university system rejected a proposal Friday to build a \$5 million structure to house the restored Silent Sam statue. Chairman Harry Smith cited costs as the primary reason for rejecting the proposal. The Board of Governors passed a resolution to have several of its members work on a new plan that will be due in March.

In early December, the University of North Carolina trustees has proposed a plan to build a history center to house the statue in a new history on the edge of the campus. The plan drew sharp criticism both for its cost and because it would return Silent Sam to the grounds of the university. Since then, numerous faculty members, students and current and former athletes have signed open letters or otherwise voiced opposition to returning the statue to campus. About eighty teaching assistants have also threatened to withhold final grades on 2,000 student assignments at a critical time at the end of the semester.

State law requires the statue remain at its original location. The matter is a long way from being settled.

Laura Ingraham Compares Confederate Statue Protesters to ISIS

Jon Levine – *thewrap.com*

Laura Ingraham took a moment during her Fox News program on December 4 to defend Confederate statues and argue that those who want to tear them down are comparable to ISIS terrorists.

"This recalls the kind of destructive mindset of let's say, ISIS," she said. "Think about ISIS, what they did, they pillaged and they wiped away irreplaceable historical and religious monuments. From Palmyra — remember in Syria? — simply because they could. It was offensive to them."

"This happened, OK, the Confederacy happened," Ingraham added. "And we owe it to the future to leave history as it existed undisturbed, continue to debate it, have conversations about it."

Ingraham's segment broadly focused on protesters who toppled the "Silent Sam" statue at the University of North Carolina last summer and their subsequent efforts to keep it from being rehoused elsewhere on campus.

The statue controversy has been a divisive one in many southern states, falling along predictable ideological lines. On the left, activists say the statues memorialize slavery and racism from America's past, while on the right, others insist — like Ingraham — that it is important to commemorate history.

"We owe it to the future to leave history as it existed undisturbed, continue to debate it, have conversations about it," said Ingraham.

“Lest We Forget”



Confederate Christmas by Mort Kuntzler



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