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## *In Memory Of*

**NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST**

**&**

**MARY ANN MONTGOMERY FORREST**

Several members of the Oklahoma Division attended the Reinterment of LTG. Nathan B. Forrest and Mrs. Forrest on September 18, 2021. Lt. Div. Commander Kevin Easterling, Terry Pierce and Terry McClain of the Capt. Clem Vann Rogers Camp (OKC) and Commander Glenn Hunt and his son John from the new Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers) Camp from Ada. Commander Hunt and his son had the honor of carrying the caskets of the General and his wife from the boyhood home to the hearse for their ride to Elm Springs. By special invitation, the five members had the honor of visiting the site of Sam Davis' last days in Pulaski, Tennessee. The services were limited to 2500 by National HQ. The new Museum is still a work in progress but worth the visit. Several past Commanders-in-Chief were present, including our own Edwin Deason.





Photos from the reinterment of LTG. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest



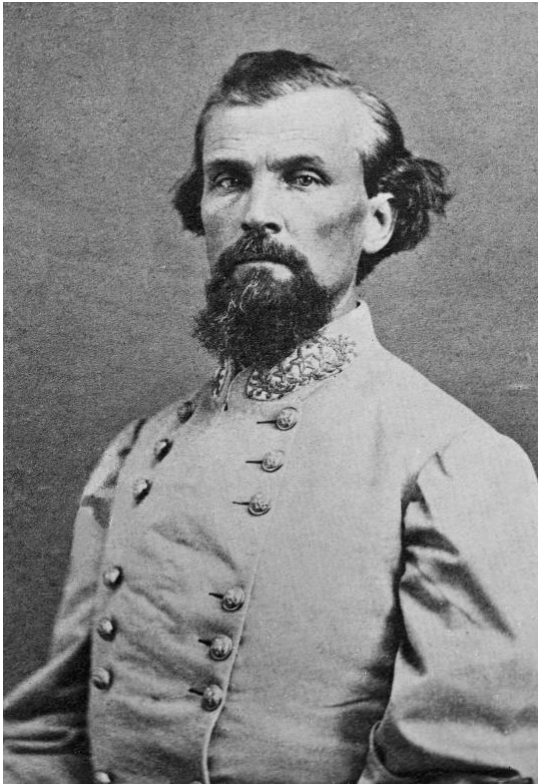




Oklahoma Division members at the Sam Davis Memorial in Pulaski, Tennessee



# *Nathan Bedford Forrest*



*N*athan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877) was a Confederate general during the Civil War (1861-65). Despite having no formal military training, Forrest rose from the rank of private to lieutenant general, serving as a cavalry officer at numerous engagements including the Battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Brice's Crossroads and Second Franklin. Known for his maxim "get there first with the most men," Forrest was relentless in harassing Union forces during the Vicksburg Campaign in 1862 and 1863, and conducted successful raiding operations on federal supplies and communication lines throughout the war. In addition to his ingenious cavalry tactics, Forrest is also remembered for his controversial involvement in the Battle of Fort Pillow in April 1864, when his troops massacred black soldiers following a Union surrender. After the Civil War, Forrest worked as a planter and railroad president. He died in 1877 at the age of 56.

## **Nathan Bedford Forrest: Early Life**

Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill, Tennessee, on July 13, 1821. He grew up poor and received almost no formal education before going into business with his uncle Jonathan Forrest in Hernando, Mississippi. In 1845 his uncle was killed in a street fight

started over a business dispute, and Forrest responded by killing two of the murderers using a pistol and bowie knife. Forrest married Mary Ann Montgomery, a member of a prominent Tennessee family, that same year. The couple would later have two children.

Did you know? Known as the "Wizard of the Saddle" for his ingenious use of cavalry forces during the Civil War, Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest rose from the rank of private to lieutenant general despite having no previous military training.

Forrest eventually found success as a planter and owner of a stagecoach company. In 1852 he moved his young family to Memphis, Tennessee, where he amassed a small fortune working as a slave trader. His business continued to grow throughout the 1850s, and in 1858 he was elected a Memphis alderman. By 1860 Forrest owned two cotton plantations and had established himself among the wealthiest men in Tennessee.

## **Nathan Bedford Forrest: Civil War Service**

Following the start of the Civil War (1861-65), Forrest enlisted as a private in the Tennessee Mounted Rifles and helped equip the unit using his own money. He soon earned a promotion to lieutenant colonel and was placed in charge of raising and training his own battalion of 650 mounted troopers. Forrest would win his first engagement later that year, when he led a surprise attack on a complement of 500 Union troops near Sacramento, Kentucky.

Forrest was next involved in heavy fighting at Fort Donelson, Tennessee, in February 1862. Despite being cornered by Union forces under General Ulysses S. Grant, Forrest refused to surrender along with General Simon Bolivar Buckner and the fort's 12,000 other Confederates. Shortly before Grant claimed the fort, Forrest led roughly 700 cavalry past the Union siege lines and escaped to Nashville, where he coordinated evacuation efforts. Forrest was heavily engaged at the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862 and commanded rearguard actions during the Confederate retreat into Mississippi. Already known for his daring, Forrest reportedly led a cavalry charge against Union skirmishers and singlehandedly engaged several troops despite sustaining a gunshot wound to the back. His legend would continue to grow after the battle, when he published a recruiting notice in a Memphis newspaper that included the line "Come on boys, if you want a heap of fun and to kill some Yankees."



Forrest's injury would keep him away from the field until June 1862. A month later he led a raiding mission into Tennessee, where he captured a Union garrison at Murfreesboro. Promoted to brigadier general, Forrest next participated in cavalry operations near the vital Mississippi River hub at Vicksburg, Tennessee, which was under siege by Ulysses S. Grant. Throughout late 1862 and early 1863, Forrest's cavalry relentlessly harassed Grant's forces, frequently cutting off communication lines and raiding stores of supplies as far north as Kentucky. Careful to never engage the superior Union numbers in outright combat, Forrest instead relied on guerilla tactics designed to frustrate and exhaust his pursuers.

Forrest was engaged throughout early 1863 in operations near Fort Donelson and at the Battle of Thompson's Station. In May 1863 he successfully cornered Union cavalry commanded by Colonel Abel Streight near Cedar Bluff, Alabama. Recognizing that Streight held a substantially larger force, Forrest led his troopers around the same hilltop multiple times in order to give the appearance of larger numbers. He then bluffed Streight into surrendering his 1,500 Union cavalry before revealing he had less than a third as many men.

Forrest was prominent during the Battle of Chickamauga in September 1863, in which part of his cavalry dismounted and fought alongside infantrymen on the Confederate right flank. He was then instrumental in pursuing the retreating Union army. After the battle Forrest openly criticized General Braxton Bragg, who he believed had failed to capitalize on the Confederate victory. Frustrated with his commanding officer, Forrest requested a new assignment, and in October 1863 he was placed in independent command in Mississippi. Promoted to major general in December 1863, Forrest fought a series of small engagements in Tennessee before defeating a much larger Union force at the Battle of Okolona in February 1864.

Forrest's most controversial action as a field commander would come in April 1864 at the Battle of Fort Pillow in Tennessee. After capturing the federal garrison by force, Forrest's men reportedly killed over 200 Union soldiers, many of them black troops who had formerly been slaves. While Forrest and his men would claim the fort's occupants had resisted, survivors of what became known as the "Fort Pillow Massacre" argued that Forrest's men had ignored their surrender and murdered dozens of unarmed troops. The Joint Committee on the Conduct of War would later investigate the incident and agree that Forrest's men had committed an unjust slaughter.

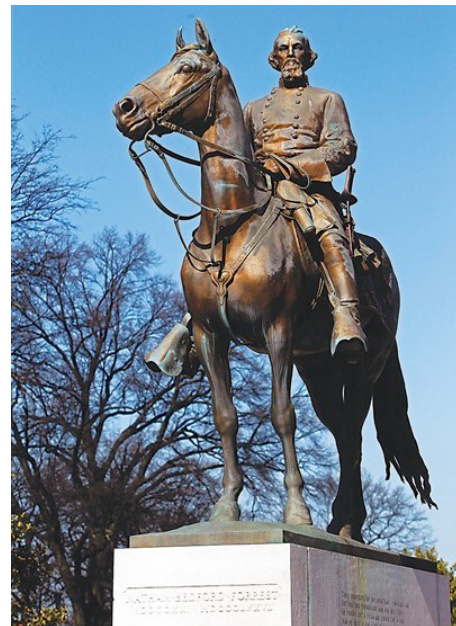
His reputation stained by the events at Fort Pillow, Forrest went on to achieve a stunning victory in June 1864 at the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. After leading nearly 8,500 Union troops on an exhausting chase, Forrest counterattacked with 3,500 men near Baldwyn, Mississippi, destroying the Union force and claiming valuable supplies and arms. Forrest then suffered a defeat at the hands of William T. Sherman's forces at the Battle of Tupelo in July 1864. He would respond with raids against Memphis and Johnsonville, Tennessee, before linking up with forces under General John Bell Hood in November 1864. Forrest participated in the Confederate defeat at the Second Battle of Franklin before suffering another loss at the Third Battle of Murfreesboro in December. After Hood's beleaguered Army of Tennessee was routed at the Battle of Nashville, Forrest led rearguard operations during the retreat into Mississippi.

Promoted to lieutenant general in February 1865, Forrest would oppose Union General James H. Wilson during his raid into the Deep South but was defeated at the Battle of Selma in April 1865. He then disbanded his weakened force in May 1865 following the surrender of the Confederacy's major armies.

### **Nathan Bedford Forrest: Later Life**

Forrest returned to Tennessee after the Civil War and entered private business. In the years following the conflict he would work as a lumber merchant, planter and president of the Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad.

In the late 1860s Forrest began an association with the newly formed Ku Klux Klan, a secret society that opposed Reconstruction efforts. Forrest's financial situation later became desperate following the failure of his railroad business in 1874. Forced to sell off many of his assets, he spent his later years overseeing a prison labor camp near Memphis. He died in 1877 at the age of 56.





# Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest



Born: October 24, 1826  
Birthplace: Franklin County, Tennessee  
Father: William Hugh Montgomery 1792 – 1829  
(Buried: Cowan Cemetery, Cowan, Tennessee)  
Mother: Elizabeth Dougherty “Betsie” Cowan 1803–1870  
Husband: Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest 1821 – 1877  
(Buried: Health Sciences Park, Memphis, Tennessee)  
Married: September 23, 1845 in Hernando, Mississippi  
Children:  
Captain William Montgomery Forrest 1846 – 1908  
(Buried: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee)  
Frances “Fannie” Ann Forrest 1849 – 1854

Died: January 22, 1893  
Place of Death: Memphis, Tennessee  
Age at time of Death: 67 years old  
First Burial Place: Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, TN  
Disinterred: to Forrest Park, Memphis, TN in 1904,  
renamed Health Sciences Park in 2013  
Exhumed: from Health Sciences Park on June 3, 2021  
and buried temporarily in Munford, Tennessee  
Reinterred: Elm Springs Estate, Columbia, Tennessee  
on September 18, 2021

The legend of Nathan Bedford Forrest began long before the start of the American Civil War. Although there are a number of differing accounts of the events that took place in the summer of 1845, Bedford did meet his future wife in a notable and romantic way. The story illustrates that even in his early 20's, Bedford displayed the character, chivalry, and powerful personality that would later propel him to become one of the most successful and feared cavalry commanders of the Civil War.

On an August Sunday, Forrest met the daughter [niece] of a Presbyterian minister, Mary Ann Montgomery, and her mother while they were on their way to church. The Montgomery's buggy had broken down while crossing a stream. A couple of the local young men were on the river bank laughing and teasing Mary Ann and her mother. Bedford rode up on his horse, saw what had happened, and dismounted. Immediately he waded across the stream and carried Mary Ann to safety and then rescued her mother. Deciding that the boisterous jokesters needed to be taught a lesson, Bedford crossed the stream again and proceeded to thrash the young men.

After properly introducing himself, Bedford asked permission to call on Mary Ann. Impressed with his gallantry, Mrs. Montgomery agreed. Bedford and Mary Ann were married six weeks later on September 25, 1845. And so began the life long love affair that would become part of the legend of General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Obituary: *Confederate Veteran Magazine* - Page 63 - Vol. 1 - February 1893 No. 2:

“Death of Gen. Forrest's Wife - The lovely wife of Gen. N. Bedford Forrest died January 22nd, 1893, in Memphis, Tenn., where she had resided for many years. She was Miss Mary Ann Montgomery, and was married Sept. 25, 1845. After the General's death she devoted herself to the rearing of three grandchildren, Mary, Bedford, and William, children of her only son, whose mother died when they were quite small. Mrs. Forrest was a cultured Christian lady, and was devoted to the cause in which her husband was not only a hero, but a wonderful man. He was as a whirlwind in combatting the foe.”



## *Captain Clem Vann Rogers Camp #481*

Oklahoma City

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Over the last several months Kevin Easterling and Terry Pierce have been very active in repairing the Division Monument in Ardmore from the damage that it had incurred. The 1865 block has been replaced and the corners fixed to the best of our ability. Two further blocks are being replaced on the monument in the next few weeks.



Members Terry Pierce, Terry McClain, and Kevin Easterling of the camp attended the reinterment of LTG Nathan B. Forrest and his wife. Pierce and McClain had the honor to stand guard at the caskets at Elm Springs the day of the funeral. Easterling and Pierce had the privilege to view the site of the Sam Davis Memorial and the building of the Confederate officers who had first created the Klan as a gentleman's club that unfortunately was turned into an organization of terror. Several headstones have been restored by both Easterling and Pierce over the course of the year. Members of the Camp attended the Living History at Honey Springs, and in Arkansas.





## *Captain James J. McAlester Camp #775*

McAlester

Adjutant Steve Ward of **Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775** of McAlester submitted the following report and photographs of the Camp's Second Quarter activities:

The Camp meets on the third Saturday of the month, held at our meeting place in McAlester. Our April meeting was well attended. We remembered Jeanette Couch and presented Lt. Commander Bently Couch with a framed photo of Bently and Jeanette at an SCV event; The Camp extended condolences to Compatriot James Nevels on the loss of his wife Nancy on March 14; Chaplain Pattison gave a short summary of the 10 things all dictators do to take power; Adjutant Steve Ward reported that the Camp has 5 members awaiting induction; members were advised of death of Compatriot David Boyer; Lt. Commander Bently Couch provided a briefing on the 2021 Oklahoma Division Annual Convention held a week earlier; Camp voted to purchase a half page ad in the 126th Annual SCV National Reunion & Convention Souvenir Program; discussed and approved purchasing 12 copies of "Understanding the War Between the States" with new members receiving a copy upon initiation; members voted to purchase a paver brick for Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore to honor our Camp's namesake James J. McAlester; Lt. Commander Bently Couch presented an outstanding program, "The Lost Cause". After dinner, Camp members met at Jeff-Lee Park to pick up litter there.



(Left) McAlester Camp Commander Patrick Self presented Lt. Commander Bently Couch with a framed photo of Bently and his wife Jeanette at an SCV event in remembrance of Jeanette.



(Above) Clean-up crew doing their duty to keep the Jeff-Lee Park area clean.



At the May meeting in McAlester, Quartermaster Bret Hinds showed a reproduction he made of a mine detector (tunnels, not explosives) used by Confederates to detect underground tunneling by yankees; mega-flag site was discussed; a full size example of our 1/2 page ad for the 126th SCV Annual Reunion Souvenir Program, prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward, was presented for viewing; SCV Announcement regarding the breach of membership data from 2017 was discussed; we talked about companies pushing political agendas; Jeremy Epperley was present and inducted into the SCV and Camp 775; Chaplain Bob Pattison proposed having a Camp policy to purchase a \$50 (or less) floral arrangement for members, member's spouse/children who pass away; the proposal passed. Cherokee (NE) Brigade Commander Steve Sanders addressed the members on the "Myths of Slavery".



(Left) New member Jeremy Epperley (right) received his membership certificate and "Understanding the War Between the States" book for new members from McAlester Camp Commander Patrick Self after being inducted into the SCV and Camp 775 by Camp Chaplain Bob Pattison.



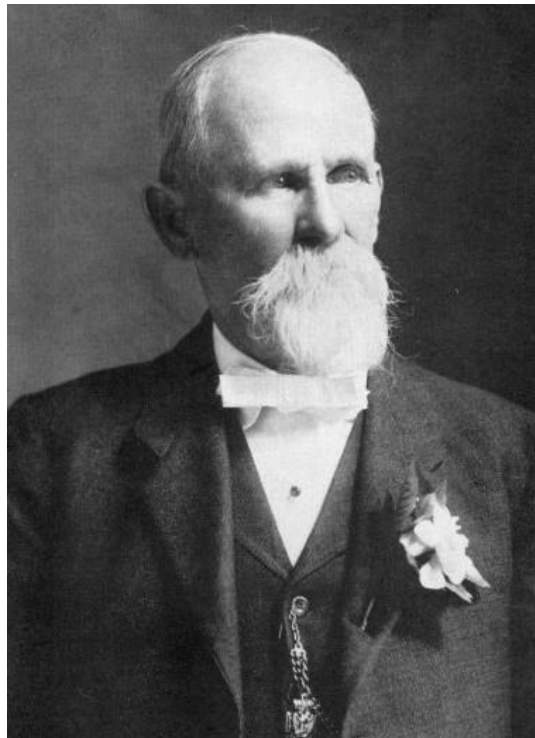
(Left) Cherokee (NE) Brigade Commander Steve Sanders dispels many of the myths of slavery that most of us learned during our brainwashing as young'uns in government indoctrination centers (public schools).



Our attendance was bit down for our June meeting, but that could have been due to the air conditioner in our regular room not working so we were moved to another room. Chaplain Bob Pattison presented our meeting to the Lord and asked for His blessing. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the Charge. Chaplain Bob Pattison provided "Words from the Chaplain" to give us further biblical knowledge. Quartermaster Bret Hinds indicated that he had ordered a new book to be placed into the Camp library. The mega-flag project was reviewed; in the beginning, we had neither the funds nor the location for the flag. After a division-wide fund raising campaign, we now have the necessary funds but still need a good location. Please be alert to anyone who may have a location that would be acceptable and would be willing to donate land with highway frontage for this project. A "thank you" letter was read from GHQ thanking Camp 775 for the donation to the General Nathan Bedford Forrest and wife exhumation and re-burial. A headcount was taken on members planning on attending the Chartering Ceremony for the new Ada Camp 2331 to be held Saturday, June 26. Annual SCV dues will be collected soon; Adjutant Steve Ward will be mailing renewal notices shortly to McAlester Camp members. Please make this a priority. We hope everyone will continue to honor and respect their Confederate ancestors and Southern heritage by quickly renewing their membership.

Lt. Commander Bently Couch gave an outstanding program on the life of Daniel M. Hailey. Daniel Hailey is one of the Confederate veterans buried in McAlester's Oak Hill Cemetery. With the research Bently performed, we learned that Daniel Hailey was very instrumental in the early days of McAlester and the surrounding area. He was also quite active in the formation of the United Confederate Veterans in the Oklahoma Division, being the Commander for a number of years. Prior to Bently's presentation, this was just a headstone in the cemetery. Now we know who this man was and what he accomplished in his lifetime. This November, when Camp 775 members place our Christmas wreaths, we will know the history of Daniel Hailey and be further honored knowing he was Commander of the Oklahoma United Confederate Veterans. R.I.P. sir and we thank you for your service!

A very special thank you to Andrea and James Skelton for providing the beautiful centerpieces for our tables. They added so much extra to the Confederate atmosphere. THANK YOU !



Lt. Commander Bently Couch (left) enlightens the attendees of the June Camp meeting in McAlester about Oklahoma Confederate veteran Daniel M. Hailey (right).



## *Major James McHenry Camp #2310*

Broken Arrow



Commander Steve Ward of **Major James McHenry Camp 2310** of Broken Arrow submitted the following report of the Camp's 2021 Second Quarter activities:

The Broken Arrow Camp meets on the second Saturday afternoon of each month, held at our meeting place in Broken Arrow. The April 10 Camp meeting had many interesting topics. We celebrated the return of the Muskogee Camp with 11 members in good-standing on their Camp roster. In a blasphemous United Methodist Church flyer called ANTI-RACISM STARTS FOR WHITE CHRISTIANS: DO'S AND DON'TS, it mentions, "...and the Confederate battle flag, all of which are long-revered symbols of white supremacy and racist violence" and then begs us to "Learn that history". Commander Ward contacted the pastor of the local United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow for comment, with no response. We also learned about the Canadian pastor who shouted a health inspector and "Gestapo" cops out of his church on Easter weekend for being there without a warrant (an example for us to follow when government practices tyranny against us).

The May 8 meeting of Broken Arrow Camp 2310 was held later in the day with a meeting/supper instead of the normal dinner/meeting due to the meeting room being booked during our normal afternoon time slot. It worked out well; we discussed many topics, including a recap of the Oklahoma Division Convention and Reunion; the announcement that Donald Kennedy (author of *The South was Right!* book with twin Ronald) is running for Lt. Commander-in-Chief; Oklahoma is now a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State, and a new law that prevents the Federal government from closing places of worship in Oklahoma. We discussed the Georgia Division's Stone Mountain "Call to Action"; and lastly we discussed honoring our mothers who support (or supported) the Southern cause on Mother's Day.

We were honored to have Tulsa Camp Lt. Commander Clint Anderson join us for the June 12 meeting which was packed with interesting topics. We mourned the loss of Tulsa Camp member and Graves Registrar Bernard Roy "Bernie" Cooper, who crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees May 13 at the age of 69. We learned the Claremore Camp may be re-chartered if enough interest is generated. The Ada Camp Chartering ceremony was announced for Saturday, June 26, 12pm at Catfish Round-Up off I-40 Exit 200 just south of the interstate; several attendees mentioned they would be there. We discussed the Georgia Division's Coca-Cola Resolution and agreed to boycott their products. We discussed how Juneteenth (June 19) was a celebration of nothing if you know true history. From the bestselling book *A Rhythm of Prayer*, we discussed the vitriolic *Prayer of a Weary Black Woman* and wondered how something that hateful could cause the book to remain on store bookshelves. At the University of Oklahoma, there is no place for conservative thought, lest ye get banned from the volleyball team. In a related story, upon receiving postal mail requesting a donation from the university, Commander Ward, an OU alumnus, writes #defundOU on the donation card and mailed it back. North Carolina Lt. Governor Mark Robinson was applauded for his speech covering almost every culture war. We were disgusted to learn that a driver of a modified stock car racing on a North Carolina track was very apologetic for having a Confederate battle flag image inside his car that was discovered after the race. We laughed at the pitiful yankees who were mortified at the sight of the Third National Flag being displayed by an elderly veteran at a Natick, Massachusetts Memorial Day ceremony (the online video is priceless).





# *Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers) Camp #2331*

Ada

## CAMP CHARTERING CEREMONY

Saturday, 26 June 2021: After months of hard work, dedication and perseverance, Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers), SCV Camp 2331, Ada, OK CSA officially received its charter at a Chartering Ceremony held at Catfish Round-Up, Seminole, OK. The Ada members, along with members of their respective families in attendance, were:

- Commander Glenn Hunt
- Lt. Commander (Operations) Garry Solomon
- Lt. Commander (Administration) Danny Morris
- Adjutant Michael Leddy
- Chaplain John Hunt
- Youth Coordinator Michael Leddy, Jr.
- Don Veal
- David Morris
- John Wilburn

A special thanks to the following officers, members and their families from across the Oklahoma Division who joined us to make this day very special and unforgettable:

- Oklahoma Division - Division Commander Virgil Chain, Division Adjutant Steve Ward
- Shawnee Camp #2207 - Adjutant Allen Harrison, Lt. Commander Ron Gwynn, David Netterville, Bill Smith and Clarence Hopper
- McAlester Camp #775 - Vic Fowler
- Broken Arrow Camp #2310 - Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk
- Altus Camp #2118 - Commander Robert Findley

We, the Gray Riders of Camp 2331 are saddled up and ready to ride for Dixie - Today, Tomorrow and Beyond!

Glenn Hunt

Commander

Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers)

SCV Camp 2331

Ada, OK CSA











# Colonel Tandy Walker Camp #2207

Shawnee

May 2021



The monthly meeting of Camp 2207 was held once again at Van's Pig Stand on North Harrison in Shawnee. We had 17 members and 7 Guests. Adjutant Michael Leddy, Sr and his son Michael Leddy, Jr of Camp 2331 were among the guests. The May meeting was postponed from May 27 to June 3 because of impending weather conditions. The program, "Understanding the WBTS", Chapter 28, "The sufferings of the Prisoners of War and Why it Happened" by Karen Stokes of S.C., S.I.S.H. The membership was reminded of the SCV National Reunion in Metairie, LA and if they were attending to register before July 1. Dues collection was discussed again.

The benediction was given by Bill Smith and singing of "Dixie" was led by Don Clark.

June 2021



(Upper Left); Felicia Bohrer giving the program. (Upper Right) Attendees.  
(Lower Left) Cmdr Bohrer presenting Wayne Brauning Friends Certificate.  
(Lower Right) Cmdr Bohrer presenting Jim Williams Membership Certificate.

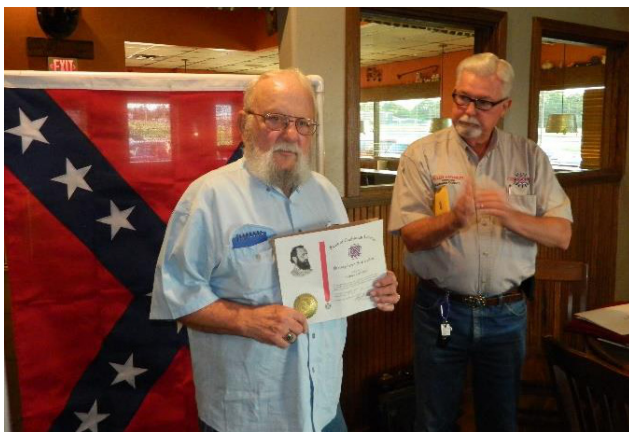


The monthly meeting of Camp 2207 opened with the Invocation given by Chaplain Warren Boles, followed by the salute to the Confederate Flag and the reading of the "Charge". After the introduction of members and guests Commander Bohrer gave a short reading from the book "When the Yankees Come". A membership certificate was presented to Jim C. Williams whose ancestor Martin Williams was a Private in Company A, 4th North Carolina Senior Reserves (Sain's). A Friend of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Certificate was presented to Wayne Brauning.

We had 15 members and 11 guests. Among the guests were Cmdr Glenn Hunt and wife Nora, Michael Leddy, Sr., Michael Leddy, Jr., Garry and Cathy Solomon all from Camp 2331 in Ada, OK. Also Camp 775 Cmdr Patrick Self and mother Mary Lou Self, Melmon Brauning wife of Wayne Brauning, Vicki Conley, daughter of John Conley and JoAnna Cranston, wife of Charles Cranston. The program given by Felicia Bohrer was Chapter 29 of "Understanding the WBTS", "The Cost of the War in Lives Lost and Families Shattered", by William Cawthon of Alabama, S.I.S.H.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction by Chaplain Warren Boles followed by "Dixie", led by Cmdr Glenn Hunt of Camp 2331.

### August 2021



(Upper Left) James Bohrer  
(Lower Left) Warren Boles

(Upper Right) Ron Gwynn  
(Lower Right) George Andrews

The monthly meeting of Camp 2207 had 13 members in attendance along with 5 guests, 4 of them from Camp 2331 in Ada, OK. It was announced this meeting marked the 5th anniversary of the reconstituted camp. Adjutant Harrison gave a report on topics discussed at the Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Metairie, LA. He also displayed items purchased at the Reunion on behalf of Bill Smith for auction at Camp meetings. Also, a Lee-Grant knife set donated by an anonymous woman at a gunshow was shown to attendees. The knife set was to be auctioned at the September 23 meeting.



SCV National Award Certificates were presented to Cmdr Bohrer, Lt Cmdr Ron Gwynn, Chaplain Warren Boles and Life Member Dr. George Andrews for his contribution to our camp. Adj. Harrison brought the certificates and lapel pins from the National Reunion in LA.

The program was given by Cmdr Bohrer from "Understanding the WBTS", Chapter 30; "The Cost of the War in Financial Terms, by Joseph Stromberg of Georgia, S.I.S.H.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction by Chaplain Warren Boles and the singing of "Dixie".



Compatriots,

The Harvest Creek Venue has been reserved for Saturday April 30, 2022 from 8 am to 4 pm for our Division Convention.

As discussed, I sent a personal check for \$130.00 to Madison Martin to guarantee the Venue for the event on April 30, 2022. No word yet if we may have a cannon demonstration.

God Bless the Southland,

- Allen Harrison



## *Colonel Daniel N. McIntosh Camp #1378*

Tulsa

Nov. 9, 2021

Good evening,

Please see the attached photo of one of our newer members, Gregory A. Martin. He was welcomed into the Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp tonight during our monthly meeting.



We had another new member that joined tonight, John McKeel. His paperwork is complete and he paid his dues. More to come on our new member at the next meeting.

We held elections tonight for our Officers, the following were elected for the 2022 term:

Commander - Clint Anderson

Lt. Commander - Michael John Gambill

Adjutant - Steven Johnson

We discussed our upcoming recruiting opportunity at the gun show this weekend and watched a documentary on Andersonville.

Regards,

Clint Anderson

## Lt. Commander / Editor's Comments



Gentleman, as we start a new decade, we are witnessing the era of pure uneducated ignorance in the society of the United States. Back in 1988 the NAACP was facing a problem within their organization. They had declining membership and revenue. To fix this problem they decided they needed a central theme to re-energize their organization, and that was to declare war upon everything Confederate and needed to do anything to rid the United States of our heritage and remembrances of our people. Jessie Jackson Jr, as a member of Congress forced through a bill to force all national parks to include slavery into the parks displays whether it was a part of the battle or not. The Southern Poverty Law Center came along by its founder Morris Dees working with the NAACP to attack and sue many organizations they deemed racist, whether they were or not, to raise capital for their continued assaults on anyone or anything they deemed offensive. They started with flags on capital grounds, first was here in Oklahoma, which they were successful with, and then getting Georgia to change their flag with much political backdoor dealing, which was a one-way street. South Carolina removal from their capital dome was next with a legislative agreement to move the flag to the soldier's monument at Main and Gervais. The Election of Barack Obama set back race relations in the U.S. 50 years. In the 8 years in office that administration witnessed problems between the police and Blacks to new levels since the 1960's the rise of this BLM movement to attack conservative and working-class whites. They have enabled the school systems to falsely

teach history of the war and its causes, labeling all our ancestors as traitors. Patrick Cleburne said it best that our children would be taught by northern teachers on their point of view only. Now we are witnessing monuments being destroyed mainly by ignorant under-educated white liberals who are led on by many communist college professors and blacks that are fulfilling the 1988 decree. The desecration of monuments protected states laws are at an all time high, along with graves being removed from their resting places by these people. Not only has General Forrest and His wife the latest victims, but some in northern cemeteries that were Prisoners of War. These politicians and their supporters have not conscience nor respect. We have witnessed attacks on military installations that bear the names of Confederate's that may or may not have held others in bondage. The generation that wanted reconciliation by naming southern bases after southern officers did so out of merit. Ships and tanks were named after generals of both sides for their fighting virtue. This generation has been lost on education, by the introduction of Marxist ideology in the 1980s and has grown deeper since then to blame only the white male for the United States misfortunes rather than uniting the melting pot we call America.

~ Kevin Easterling

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## HOW TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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### Brothers of the OK SCV

If have a story you would like to have published in the quarterly newsletter, please send it to the email address above. We would like to hear from all the camps within the Division. Please do not send stories regarding re-enactments; we want to know what your camp is doing, or memorials of those who have recently passed away.

We can't wait to hear from you on what is going on with your camp.

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