



THE OKLAHOMA VINDICATOR

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FROM THE COMMANDER

I hope this finds you all in good health, me and my Family have been keeping a bug active. The cold weather has made one ready for spring and outdoor activities. I am working on several projects of my own and some with others in the SCV. The SCV is a big family we have fights like brothers we disagree on things but we work through them like a family. I know we can't all agree on things all the time but we can be men about it in the end. I want to see the Oklahoma Division grow as a division NOT SEE THE DIVISION IN OKLAHOMA GROW. The numbers are dropping all over the place some things have been brought to my attention that are being worked on. We all need to stand up for what we think and also understand someone else might not see it our way, and that's fine. We can still be men and get along. I would like to hear more from y'all on where you want the Division going. I want to see 10 more camps in the next year in the state, I know this is hard to do as we have trouble finding men who want to join. Continued on page 2

... LT. COMMANDER

Welcome to this edition of the Division newsletter. I hope that camps are having regular meetings and are looking to bring descendants into the organization to enjoy our shared ancestry in the war. We can always learn from each other about different aspects of the war. Every one of us has a story of our families that served in various capacities in the conflict. After the war, many of our people left their damaged homes to escape the forced reconstruction actions of the vengeful union government, of politicians who sought to further punish the Southern population for standing up to their economic and political abuses. Many came to the Indian Territory for various reasons. We the members of this Division are in a special position to tell the stories of the families who either were in the Territory or close states of the Trans-Mississippi. Many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have an affinity for the war in either the eastern or western theaters of the conflict, but very few actually are familiar with the War in the Trans-Mississippi department. ... Continued on page 2.

... EDITOR

ATTENTION BROTHERS

When sending in any information or articles, we are not allowed to post or print anything of personal political views or opinions regarding others' views whether we agree or disagree. We are a non-profit non-political organization; we have to keep our personal views or opinions to ourselves and not push them on others. We are to work and support each other as a brotherhood, others political or personal views are not the representation of this Division. Per National and Division Constitutions, we cannot entertain political discussions within the newsletter.

Kevin Easterling

Newsletter Editor

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We all have a few friends that ask about what we do. invite them to a meeting or an event. Share the love we have for the Confederates with those who will listen. Take the time to keep asking them to come to a meeting or event with you.

The Oklahoma Division is all of ours to grow and share, we need to live the CHARGE and yes, we all will see what the CHARGE says to do so do right by you. Show them who we are and be PROUD of our ANCESTORS.

Virgil Chain

Continued from the Lt. Commander ...

We could educate our fellow members and the public on what truly existed by our ancestors in this region before, during, and after the conflict of 1861-65. Over the last few years, we have witnessed the destruction of our culture and monuments by this “woke” generation and sadly members of our own organization who have decided to embrace the new correctness by either leaving the organization or joining with our ancestors’ adversaries. Gentlemen, it is up to us to educate our children and grandchildren on the correct history of our people before we slip into obscurity. The organization slipped to only a few hundred members during WWII and after the centennial of the War, the renewed interest came up and men joined the ranks to number in the thousands. In the last 25 years, we have witnessed the slow chipping away at the Southern culture by those who have moved here from areas outside of the southern states, to become members of governmental levels to force a new realm of reconstruction upon our culture. First, it was our flags to be put away, no display of our soldiers’ flags of any kind, and the destruction of many of our national park museums, and other locations that educate both parties of the conflict. Now we have witnessed the forced removal of many Confederate memorials and graves of prominent military and civil leaders, even a few graves in former union POW camps have seen the removal or outright destruction of the headstones and graves by these woke individuals and their supporters. Just over the last couple of months, the supposed representatives of our federal government have caved to remove very decorated world-renowned Southern men such as Robert E. Lee and others from the US Military Academy at West Point to rename military installations and vessels, as well as the destruction of memorials in Arlington National Cemetery. We must band together and ensure that our culture is protected and truthfully represented in meetings and in public forums.

Kevin Easterling

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Commander Erik McBroom

Camp gained three new member Mr. Gary Knesek and two other members (names will be forthcoming). We've had several good programs provided by camp members John and Josh George for our last several meetings. Members of the camp attended the anniversary of the Battle of Honey Springs or Elk Creek as it is known by the tribes. Work has continued by Terry Pierce and Kevin Easterling on the Rose Hill Monument in Ardmore. Unfortunately, it was voted on to cancel the 2023 Lee-Jackson Dinner. Would like for more visitors to attend our camp meeting and bring out new prospective members.



Captain James J. McAlester Camp #775 – McAlester

Commander Patrick Self

Commander Patrick Self and Adjutant Steve Ward of Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775 of McAlester submitted the following report and photographs of the Camp's Third and Fourth Quarter activities:

For our July 16 meeting, a group of hard-core Camp 775 Confederates met at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center, Indianola, Oklahoma. For most, it was a bit further to drive than our normal McAlester location...15 to 20 minutes further...but the new facility served us well. All attendees agreed that it would be a good "away-from-home" meeting place until our usual meeting place is ready for our monthly meetings.

There were nine members and two guests in attendance, including State Representative Jim Grego from House District 17. After the call to order, the group remembered our Camp 775 Compatriots that have gone to Glory: Ron Clark, Harold Tydings, Phillip Lambdin.



For "Words From the Chaplain", Camp Chaplain Bob Pattison selected 2 Chronicles 7:14, paraphrasing: "If my people which are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray and seek my face, I will hear from Heaven and heal their land." As we have come to expect from Brother Bob, he went directly to the heart of the message...Christians need to stand for and on their biblically-based principles.

Lt. Commander Bently Couch presented the Adjutant/Treasurer Report. Adjutant Ward has mailed out membership renewal statements. Members were urged to PLEASE make submitting dues a priority.

Under "Old Business", Quartermaster Bret Hinds reviewed a selection of books now available in the Camp Library; he also reported that the Perryville Monument Fund still remains at \$671. David Nix was happy to report that he has finally been able to correspond with representatives of the Choctaw Tribe in reference to our Perryville Monument project. Camp members were informed that the Camp meetings for August, September, and October will be held at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center.

In "New Business/Correspondence", expenditures for the Harold Tydings and Phillip Lambdin funerals were discussed. An email from Compatriot Frank Wilson (living in Alabama) expressing his thankfulness to, and for, his Camp 775 friends was read to the attendees. Frank's eldest son has recently been deployed to Romania/Poland in support of NATO. We asked for prayers for his safety and safe return home. Frank's youngest son has two more years of high school. As that time draws to a close, Frank will be planning on building his home here in the McAlester area. We at Camp 775 are anxious for his return. Frank closed his email wishing God's blessings to all Camp 775 Compatriots.

We spent quite some time making additions/corrections to the proposed wording of the Perryville Battlefield Monument. Suggested changes from The Honorable James R. Pratt, Compatriots Dan Houser and David Nix were read and adopted. Numerous attendees also had suggestions that were adopted. These changes will be printed out and reviewed again at the August meeting.

Chaplain Bob Pattison was called forward and all present were asked to stand. Brother Bob then read aloud the Last Roll Resolution for our departed Compatriot, James Skelton. James was one of our members who rarely, if ever, missed a meeting. We miss him!

David Nix provided the program. His title was "What I thought I knew about my family". David traced his family ancestors that had proudly served the CSA. He has somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 ancestors that fought for the Confederacy.

Following the Benediction, the group motored about a mile south on Route 113 and had lunch and fellowship at Jon's Country Corner.

Camp 775 wishes to thank Vic and Susie Fowler for their efforts in securing the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center for our meetings. It was great to have them with us today. Also, it was a pleasure to have Jeffery Gates join us today. Less than 48 hours earlier, he was in his 18-wheeler truck in California, secured a load, drove to Albuquerque, New Mexico, slept the minimum number of hours, drove the load on to Tulsa, and then drove home to Savanna. Got a few hours of sleep and came to our meeting. Thank you for your dedication Jeffery!

Our August 20 meeting was again held at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center in Indianola. Ten members and three guests were in attendance. We thanked Vic and Susie Fowler for securing the facility for our use.

After the group was called to order, Vic Fowler was asked to give an update on his issues. Members were interested in the condition of Dorothy Harrison, wife of former Camp 775 member Allen Harrison. No new information was available.

Quartermaster Bret Hinds gave the Invocation and asked the Lord's blessing on the group and our meeting. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge.

After the previous meeting was reviewed, Lt. Commander Bently Couch gave the Adjutant/Treasurer Report. The month's expenditures were for stamps and for the annual renewal fee of our Camp website domain names.

Quartermaster Bret Hinds discussed new books that are available to borrow from the Camp Library and informed members that the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund remains at \$671. Compatriot David Nix reported his communications with the Choctaw Tribe. They apparently are not interested in participating in funding the Perryville Battlefield Monument. As such, Camp 775 proceed with this project without them.

We discussed the wording for the Perryville Battlefield Monument. Lt. Commander Bently Couch had taken the suggested changes that were made at our July meeting and provided attendees with a copy of his rewritten work. Members were asked to read thru the proposed changes for grammatical and historical accuracy. Further review will be made at the September meeting.

Attendees were informed of matters that were settled at the August 6 Eastern Oklahoma Command (EOC) meeting. The EOC will be a communication and events coordinator for all SCV Camps in the Northeast and Southeast Brigades and members of the Order of the Confederate Rose. Any member of the Northeast and Southeast Brigades is an EOC member and welcomed to attend meetings.

The upcoming Labor Day Cookout, hosted by the Coalgate, Ada, and provisional Holdenville Camps at Holdenville Lake, Sept 5, was discussed. Notice was also given on the upcoming Oklahoma Division Executive Council meeting August 27.

It was agreed that Camp 775 will have a recruiting table on Saturday, September 24 at the Red Dirt Treasure Festival in McAlester. Any Camp 775 member willing to assist is welcome. If you have never worked a recruiting table, it is quite a rewarding experience and provides a great opportunity to get further acquainted with fellow members.

Of the 32 members on last year's Camp roster, 27 have renewed their membership. Camp 775 is truly thankful for all who felt it important enough to maintain their SCV membership. And, your Confederate ancestors are, without doubt, proud of your decision.

Attendees were asked to stand in honor as Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the Last Roll Resolution of our recently deceased Compatriot, Phillip Lambdin. Vic Fowler was given the Resolution and will present it to Phillip's family.



Compatriot Chris Loyd was called forward and was officially inducted into the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Camp 775. Chris has already proven himself to be an active member and we welcome him into our Camp!

Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the poem, "I'm a Good Ole Rebel" which caused much head bobbing and smiling. Check out Hoyt Axton's musical version on YouTube. You won't be disappointed.

After passing the hat and drawing for door prizes, Quartermaster Bret Hinds gave the Benediction. The group "migrated" (Bently Couch's wording) to Jon's Country Corner to share in fellowship and a meal. After food and fellowship, next stop was to Jeff-Lee Pool/Park area where members fulfilled our Adopt-A-Block commitment to pick up litter. Camp 775 prides itself in being regular and faithful in our effort to help Keep McAlester Beautiful.



Special thanks to Susie Fowler for bringing a loaf of her famous zucchini bread (won by David Nix as a door prize). We will continue to keep Vic, Susie, Allen and wife Dorothy Harrison in our prayers.



Members of Camp 775 met at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center, Indianola, Oklahoma, Saturday, September 17 at 11am. We had a small number of attendees at today's meeting - only six were in attendance, with one guest. Despite the low turnout, we held several good discussions on matters that affect our Camp.

Following the call to order, members were welcomed and an update was given on Compatriot Allen Harrison's wife, Dorothy. Allen wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. Quartermaster Bret Hinds gave the Invocation and asked for the Lord's blessing upon our meeting. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge. Our previous meeting was reviewed. Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the Adjutant/Treasurer Report. Despite several reminders, our Camp had 5 members that chose not to renew their annual SCV membership which leaves us with 27 members in good standing.

In “Old Business”, Quartermaster Bret Hinds reported several new books are now available. He has also received a donation from Camp 775 member Bruce Gujda, to our Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund. That fund now has \$731. Compatriot David Nix reported that he has had no further contact from anyone from the Choctaw Tribe in regard to their participation in the Perryville Battlefield Monument project. Members were given a copy of the draft wording on the Perryville Battlefield Monument. This version reflects and incorporates the changes proposed at prior meetings. If no further grammatical/wording changes are presented, we will vote on accepting this draft as the final wording for the Monument.

The Camp 775 recruiting table at the Red Dirt Treasure Festival, Saturday, September 24, was discussed. Members expressing a willingness to work the table include Vic Fowler, David Nix, and Bret Hinds. We are hoping to acquire several new recruits from this effort.

In “New Business/Correspondence”, a Thank You note from Andrea Skelton was circulated for members to view. She expressed her appreciation for the Camp’s reading of James Skelton's Last Roll Resolution. She wrote that James had been proud of his membership in the SCV and extremely proud to be a member of Camp 775. Her note will be kept in Camp 775 archives. Members were informed that Division Commander Virgil Chain’s father had recently passed away and that no further information was available. Member Phillip Lambdin and former member Harold Tydings were listed under “Last Roll” in the September/October issue of the Confederate Veteran magazine.

A good amount of time was spent discussing our participation in Keep McAlester Beautiful’s Adopt-A-Block program. The last photo submitted to Keep McAlester Beautiful as part of our August litter pick-up report showed our members wearing various types of apparel that displayed SCV/Confederate symbols. When Keep McAlester Beautiful published their latest email newsletter, ALL of the SCV/Confederate symbols had been digitally removed from the photo. Today's attendees were unanimous in agreeing that, should Keep McAlester Beautiful insist on erasing our SCV/Confederate symbols from submitted photos, Camp 775 should withdraw from participation. Lt. Commander Bently Couch and I will attempt to schedule a face-to-face meeting with someone from the Keep McAlester Beautiful staff to express the Camp’s opinion on the matter. Should they insist on remaining "woke", Camp 775 will cease participation in their Adopt-A-Block program.

When discussion/comments/ideas were opened to the floor, Lt. Commander Bently Couch mentioned that the Camp was in need of additional Christmas wreaths. After further discussion, it was decided that the Camp needs 20 more wreaths. Sir Bently and/or I will contact Adjutant Steve Ward for information on how the original wreaths were made and make arrangements to obtain the necessary materials to produce more wreaths.

Quartermaster Bret Hinds provided the Benediction and the group adjourned to Jon's Country Corner for a meal and fellowship.

The Camp is grateful to Vic and Susie Fowler for securing our temporary meeting location. It is comfortable, quiet, and air conditioned!

Parting thought.....

ANY SOCIETY WHICH SUPPRESSES THE HERITAGE OF ITS CONQUERED MINORITIES,
PREVENTS THEIR HISTORY OR DENIES THEM THEIR SYMBOLS, HAS SOWN THE SEEDS OF
THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION. - SIR WILLIAM WALLACE 1281

Camp 775 hosted an SCV Education and Recruiting Station on Saturday, September 24 at the Red Dirt Treasure Festival in McAlester. Although the turnout was not as large as expected, the table was well received and the workers manning the table got to share their Confederate knowledge and gain recruiting experience.

The good people of the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center graciously allowed us to meet there again for our October 15 meeting. As always, the Camp wishes to thank Vic and Susie Fowler for securing this fine meeting location. We had an excellent turnout for today's meeting. There were 9 members and 6 guests in attendance, including SE Brigade Commander Michael Leddy and his wife and two sons. We remembered Andrea Skelton, acknowledged her passing away, and remembered the many contributions she had made to Camp 775. Following the Invocation and Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge and Adjutant/Treasurer's Report. At this time we have 27 members with no new members awaiting induction. The Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund continues to grow thanks to the generous members of the Oklahoma Division. The Choctaw Tribe has given no indication of willingness to financially assist in the project.



Participation in the Keep McAlester Beautiful program was given review. After contact was made with Keep McAlester Beautiful staff, they stated that NO images would be published that showed "the Stars and Bars". That being the case, they were informed that Camp 775 would no longer participate in the program. Their response? Simply "OK." So, we have withdrawn from the program. (See separate story in this issue.)

Attendees were given information about the upcoming Li'l Dixie Fall Feast sponsored by the Coalgate Camp. Camp members voted to "Plant a Tree" in honor of Andrea Skelton. Commander Clint Anderson of the Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp 1378 (Tulsa) gave an enlightening program on the Sultana Disaster. Following the drawing for door prizes, pass-the-hat, and Benediction, attendees assembled 20 new Christmas wreaths for Confederate graves. A word of "Thanks" to Adjutant Steve Ward for supplying information on where to purchase the necessary items to assemble 20 wreaths. And thanks to both Steve and wife Kathy for producing the bows and the laminated battle flags that were used in today's wreath assembly. "Thank you" to Lt. Commander Bently Couch for tracking down and ordering the items. Also, for taking the time to wrap the wreath frames with garland prior to today's meeting.

Upon completing the wreath assembly, we adjourned to Jon's Country Corner and shared a meal and Confederate fellowship.

The November 19 Camp 775 meeting was well attended. We had 9 members and 1 guest. After the Call to Order, attendees were welcomed and thanked for their dedication and we then remembered our departed Compatriots, David Boyer and James Skelton. David passed away in November 2020 and James Skelton passed in November 2021. Both David and James were veterans and regular attendees, seldom missing a meeting. Camp 775 misses both of these dedicated Confederates and we are thankful for the time they had with us.

The Camp extended thanks to Bret Hinds for accepting the responsibility of standing in for our Chaplain, Bob Pattison. Bret acknowledged that he was attempting to fill "big shoes" but that he would do his best. Chaplain Pro-tem Bret Hinds then gave the Invocation and did an admirable job standing in for Brother Bob. Thanks goes to Bret for taking on this new task. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge and Adjutant/Treasurer's Report. The Camp thanks SE Brigade Commander Michael Leddy and his family for staying with us after the October meeting to assemble more Christmas wreaths.

Quartermaster Bret Hinds reviewed several new additions to the Camp Library and mentioned that the Camp has numerous Confederate related items that would make excellent Christmas gifts. Lt. Commander Bently Couch and Compatriot David Nix reported on the Li'l Dixie Fall Feast held in Coalgate. The "Certificate of Tree Planting" in honor of Andrea Skelton was passed for members to view. Our Camp will continue to honor her and remember her service and dedication.

The possible acquisition of the headstone made for Brig. Gen. Edward Thomas was discussed. All attendees agreed that, although it was a unique item, it would be of little or no use to the Camp. The increase of price for SCV supplemental certificates was noted. The SCV Proclamation from HQ making November "Confederate Native American Month" was briefly discussed. There was no Program today in order to use the time towards wreath placement.

Following the Benediction by Chaplain Pro-tem Bret Hinds, the group moved to Jon's Country Corner for a meal and fellowship. The menu is limited but the quality of food and service is excellent. The staff there is very receptive to our group and they do their best to make us feel welcome. Camp 775 members then drove to Old Town Cemetery and placed Christmas wreaths on known Confederate grave sites. Upon completing that, we moved to Oak Hill Cemetery for the same purpose. It was our privilege and honor to do so. Those Confederate Veterans fought for the same values that we hold dear and they deserve our respect and thanks. Placing the Christmas wreaths at their graves is the least we can do. Thank you to all who participated in this annual Camp 775 event.



Special "Thank you!" goes to Vic and Susie Fowler. They secure our current meeting location and arrive early to open the doors and are the last to leave after locking up.

Despite the chilly weather and the rush of Christmas, there were 7 members and 3 guests in attendance at our December 17 Camp meeting.

After the Call to Order, we took time to remember past Division Commander James Orebaugh who passed into glory December 18, 2020 after a bout with COVID-19 and then pneumonia. Commander Orebaugh was a dedicated SCV member. On several occasions he had traveled from his home in Edmond to present a program to our Camp. He was a fine Southern gentleman with pride in his Confederate ancestors. We certainly miss him.

After Chaplain Pro-tem Bret Hinds gave the Invocation, attendees gave the Salute to the Confederate Flag. Lt. Commander Bently Couch then read the SCV Charge and then the Adjutant/Treasurer's Report that was prepared by Camp Adjutant Steve Ward. Quartermaster Bret Hinds provided an update on the Camp Library. Compatriot David Nix informed us that he had sold one of the Trans-Mississippi patches on eBay, but within a day or so he received notice from eBay that he could NOT continue to sell that item as the eBay staff considered it "racist". So the happily ignorant "my way or the highway" culture strikes again. Gentlemen, WE CAN NOT LET OTHERS DEFINE AND DICTATE TO US WHAT OUR SYMBOLS AND FLAGS MEAN! SCV members are encouraged to exhibit our beloved battle flag whenever and wherever possible...front vehicle tags, ball caps, window decals, lapel pins, t-shirts etc.

The final wording for the Perryville Battlefield Monument was discussed and, with the exception of line #33, was approved by unanimous vote. Line #33 deals with who funded the Monument. Attendees desired to have recognition of Camp 775 as the originating Camp for the project but to also note that funding was from the membership of the Oklahoma Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Exact wording for Line #33 will be clarified at next month's meeting.

Major events and occurrences for Camp 775 during 2022 were reviewed. Likely the most unexpected event was our withdrawal from participation in the Keep McAlester Beautiful program. This was brought about by the insistence of Keep McAlester Beautiful personnel that NO Confederate symbols could be visible in our photos.

Fort Washita (SE) Brigade Commander Michael Leddy was with us today and was given time to address the Camp. Commander Leddy said that he always enjoys sitting in with our Camp. He informed us that the Holdenville Camp has been granted a Charter and SCV Camp number. The Holdenville Camp, named The Gray Riders, will be SCV Camp 2340. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Boomerang Diner in Holdenville. Garry Solomon is the Camp Commander. Also, Commander Leddy said that the Coalgate, Ada, and Holdenville Camps would be participating in the Christmas parade in Tupelo, Okla. That event will be held on Christmas Eve in Tupelo. Set up time is 9am at 1st Street and East Main. Battle flags ARE permitted. Participation was encouraged.

Lt. Commander Bently Couch provided the program. His topic was "The Lost Cause". It was evident that Sir Bently did a lot of background and research for the presentation and he provided us with facts and evidence showing that secession by the 13 Southern states was not a new idea and had been threatened on more than one occasion by Northern states. It was not, nor is, a treasonous act. Our ancestors were NOT traitors but simply fought for the right to govern themselves. A very enlightening program - thank you Sir Bently.

Camp members were asked to show their sincere appreciation to Camp 775 Adjutant Steve Ward for all that he and his wife Kathy do for the Camp, so as a way of saying "thank you", part of the pass-the-hat collection will be used to purchase a Cracker Barrel gift card to cover the expense of a supper meal for both he and Kathy, along with a Merry Christmas/Thank You card passed around for attendees to sign.



Today's meeting had several highlights. One came to us very unexpectedly. Following the pass-the-hat and drawing for door prizes, Susie Fowler announced to the group that she had baked her famous zucchini bread...enough for EACH attendee to receive a loaf! If you have ever attended a meeting when Susie provides a loaf for a door prize, you are aware of how quickly they disappear from the possible selections. There have been threats of violence caused by someone reaching too quickly to pick her zucchini bread from the door prize table. Susie spent an entire day baking so that we each could have a loaf. It was a very thoughtful gesture. Camp members gave Susie a well-deserved standing ovation in appreciation.

Following the Benediction by Chaplain Pro-tem Bret Hinds, the group adjourned to the Lake House General Store (formally Jon's Country Corner). The name has changed but the personnel and menu remain the same. We all enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

Deo Vindice!

Patrick Self, Commander
Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775
Sons of Confederate Veterans
McAlester, Oklahoma



Major James McHenry Camp #2310 – Broken Arrow

Commander Steve Ward

Commander Steve Ward of Major James McHenry Camp 2310 of Broken Arrow submitted the following report of the Camp's 2022 Third and Fourth Quarter activities:

Our July 9 Camp meeting began on a sad note as we remembered Camp member and SCV Lifetime member Harold Tydings who passed away on June 24. Compatriot Tydings was an integral part of the Oklahoma Division SCV since the early 1990s. His tireless efforts in recruiting, chartering SCV Camps, and meeting presentations helped build the Oklahoma Division into what it is today.

The rest of the meeting was focused on asking the attendees, "What's on your mind? What are you doing? How have you pushed back?" We also discussed Phil Leigh's article, *No Southerners on New Army Base Names*. We learned how valuable it was to understand our enemy. The Valentine Museum in Richmond, Virginia unveiled the Jefferson Davis statue in its disgusting '2020 state' and made us wonder why there was no outrage from the SCV members in that area. Finally, we talked about Kinney and several other counties on the Texas border who have declared the illegal immigration an 'invasion' and want Governor Abbott to act. Anyone remember an invasion on our soil in 1861?

We were delighted to have Tommy Lee Woods join us for our August 13 Camp meeting. Compatriot Woods was a member of the National Camp and chose to transfer his membership to the Broken Arrow Camp. We look forward to his participation in future Camp meetings. A recap of the Eastern Oklahoma Command meeting in Henryetta on Saturday, August 6 was given. Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk discussed his SCV Recruiting and Education Station that he and Pastor Charles Jennings manned at the August 5-6 Pow Wow in Broken Arrow; although attendance was less than expected, there were a fair number who were interested in our organization. Biggest news item was the unprecedented and tyrannical FBI raid on Donald Trump's Mar-A-Lago home on August 8, with statements from Oklahoma politicians and Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake, who had this to say:

“This is one of the darkest days in American history:
the day our Government, originally created by the people,
turned against us. This illegitimate, corrupt
Regime hates America and has weaponized the
entirety of the Federal Government to take down
President Donald Trump.

Our Government is rotten to the core.
These tyrants will stop at nothing to silence the Patriots
who are working hard to save America.
This is an incredibly horrendous abuse of power.
If we accept it, America is dead.

We will not accept it.

The 10th Amendment can and will save our Republic
and the road to stripping the Feds of power
travels right through Arizona.

We must fire the Federal Government.

As Governor, I will fight these Tyrants
with every fiber of my being.
America – dark days lie ahead for us.
May God protect us and save our Country.”

Remind you of another time our government was rotten to the core and tyrannical? WAKE UP, PEOPLE!

We also discussed how Texas Governor Greg Abbott is sending busloads of illegal immigrants to “sanctuary city” New York City. Yet when they arrive, yankee Mayor Eric Adams boo-hoos about it.

At the September 10 meeting we were disappointed to report that despite several efforts and reminders, three Camp members had not renewed their annual SCV dues. But the addition of Charles Flowers as the newest member of our Camp was cause for celebration! Also cause for celebration was Camp member Erik Goepfert, who found his Confederate Great-Grandfather’s grave in Kansas. Compatriot Goepfert has graciously offered to perform genealogical searches of Confederate ancestors for recruits, and we are very thankful for that offer.

After asking the attendees, “What’s on your mind? What are YOU doing? How have YOU pushed back?”, we discussed the Enfield, NC mayor under investigation by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation after he live-streamed the bulldozing of the town’s Veterans Memorial which started as a Confederate memorial. Camp Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk emailed Enfield Mayor Mondale Robinson to educate him on why those memorials exist. Lt. Commander Paulk did receive a reply from Mayor Robinson, but his vulgar, thug reply cannot be printed here. We continued the discussion of Texas Governor Greg Abbott busing illegal immigrants, now to the “sanctuary city” of Chicago. As a result of Gov. Abbott’s action and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s reaction, *FOX & Friends* co-host Brian Kilmeade said on-the-air, “**We are actually having, in our lifetime, a War Between the States**”, which is what Camp Commander Ward has been saying for many months. Conservative show host Mark Levin complains about the Constitution being trampled...with a photo of Abraham Lincoln behind him! This led into a discussion of the war crimes committed by federal forces during the WBTS. Trenton, Georgia is the place to be for true Confederates! (Just read the Wikipedia about this awesome town.) We asked the question, “Are

Confederate flags a symbol of hate?” and the surprising answer is they DO represent hate...of government tyranny! The Ole Miss Rebels football team ran onto the field carrying the new ugly Mississippi state flag upside down at the beginning of their season opener – too funny! Southern writer and staunch Confederate defender Connie Chastain wrote a fantastic article that we should NEVER accept the removal of our Confederate heritage. North Carolina Lt. Governor Mark Robinson took a dump on his heritage at the August 2022 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Dallas, retelling the story of Little Round Top and concluding, “The world now is Gettysburg. And America is Little Round Top. And you...YOU are the [Union] soldiers that stand on that hill in this defense [of the “bad guys”]. We asked the question, “Did Southern ports in the 1860s matter to the yankee scum?” Two 1861 newspaper articles provided the answer: Yes they did matter. A recent article reveals that Ivy League law professors (more yankee scum) argue for an end to the U.S. Constitutional Republic. Lastly, we read a quote from a Union soldier (and 1864 prisoner at Andersonville) that appeared in the New York Times newspaper who puts the blame where it belongs for the Andersonville deaths.

Our October 8 Camp meeting in Broken Arrow started with the usual Invocation/Blessing of food, Call to Order, Reading of Our Charge and minutes of last meeting. We then proudly swore Charles Flowers into the SCV and Major James McHenry Camp 2310. Our program began with the usual questions of “What’s on your mind? What are YOU doing? How have YOU pushed back?” to the meeting attendees. After discussing this, we continued discussing Confederate ideology hot topics such as the planned removal of the Confederate Memorial at Arlington isn’t about racial reconciliation, it’s about political power; Mathews County, Virginia is fighting to keep their Confederate memorial, and the SCV Camp located there are key to keeping the memorial at its present location; a



Georgia “Civil War” monument vandal was convicted and sentenced (barely); Controversial “Civil War” and Confederate store in Georgia leads neighboring yankee business to relocate (YES!); ‘Delete Dixie’ - University of Alabama faculty, students petition to censor fight song; From Confederate monuments Jacksonville lawsuit morphs to also challenge 5 county names; The United States of Confederate America story; To see how Marxists plan to destroy America, we looked at their war on Virginia’s history; Connie Chastain’s excellent Letter to the Editor: The Culture War on Confederate Heritage; and lastly, we were dismayed to learn Ivy League law professors argue for an end to the U.S. Constitutional Republic.

The Broken Arrow Camp 2310 meeting in November had a drop in attendees but was nevertheless interesting. The November Camp roster from IHQ showed that our Camp officially had 20 members in good standing, with 2 new members from the previous meeting. We were excited to announce the Holdenville Camp Charter paperwork and fees have been processed by HQ to become Oklahoma’s newest SCV Camp, The Gray Riders Camp #2340. Confederate ideology topics included how we’ve been pushing back against our tyrannical government; a questionable Letter to the Editor in *Confederate Veteran* magazine; Election Day results and what would our Confederate ancestors say/do; and the recitation of “O’ Free Men, Remember Who You Are” by Commander Ward.

The December 10th meeting of the unreconstructed Broken Arrow Camp Confederate ideology topics included a discussion of how our members have been pushing back against our tyrannical government. We also discussed *Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee and the theological virtue of Hope* by Father Terrance Klein; Judge Laurence Silberman, Defender of Confederate Monuments, dies; Kettle Run teen student in Virginia wants to rename Lee and John Mosby highways; Montgomery, Alabama Public School Board approves name changes for two schools; *Every Story Has Two Sides* by Mark Atkins; Mark Levin unmasks the Democratic Party (but loses credibility with his ignorance about the Confederacy); Confederate camp responds to call for flagpole along I-85 to come down; Second Amendment Preservation Act of Newton County, Missouri; How slave states became the foundation for American gun culture (so they say); MeTV flags objectionable content (Battle Flag) in ‘shows from another era’; Excerpt from Frank Lawrence Owsley’s essay, ‘The Irrepressible Conflict’ in *I’ll Take My Stand*, published in 1930; Kari Lake supporters turn on Confederate flag-waver during Arizona election protest; and an excellent *Reparations for Slavery?* article by Gregory Hood.

All Broken Arrow Camp meetings begin with an Invocation/Blessing of food, reading of The Charge and last meeting minutes, SCV news and announcements, and close with a Benediction.

My Confederate brothers and sisters, until next time, KEEP PUSHING BACK!

God Save the Southland,
- Steve Ward, Commander
Major James McHenry Camp 2310
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



The Gray Riders Camp #2340 – Holdenville

Commander Garry Solomon

2 Jul 2022 - The Gray Riders (provisional), Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion Camp 2331, and the Li’L Dixie Confederates Camp 2259 participated in their Independence Day parade in Calvin and received a welcome reception. Gun Show in Shawnee on **23-24 July 2022** went well and The Gray Riders rendered support to the Col. Tandy Walker Camp #2207.

6 Aug 2022 - Attended an EOC meeting at Henryetta, Oklahoma, had good turnout. Many issues discussed!

17-18 Sep 2022 - The Gray Riders (provisional) and Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion Camp 2331 participated the Ada Gun Show. We recruited 1 new member for Holdenville & 2 for Ada.

6 Oct 2022 - The Gray Riders (provisional) and Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion Camp 2331 attended the Indian Territory Camp #892 meeting. Purpose to network and show support.

5 Nov 2022 - The Gray Riders (provisional) and Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion Camp 2331 attended the Chartering Ceremony for Camp #2, Order of Confederate Rose in Poteau; a proud occasion and after both camps drove to Coalgate and attended a cookout sponsored by the Li’L Dixie Confederates Camp 2259. All three camps and the OCR was well represented.

24 Dec 2022 - The Gray Riders Camp #2340, Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion Camp #2331, and the Li’L Dixie Confederates Camp #2259 participated in the Christmas parade in Tupelo, Oklahoma. We were well received and invited back next year by the Chief of Police.

Col. Tandy Walker Camp #2207 – Shawnee

Commander James Bohrer

The November Camp 2207 meeting was held a week early because of Thanksgiving. We had 16 members and 2 guests. We discussed placing Confederate Christmas Wreaths after Thanksgiving and removing them after January 1, 2023. Most of the wreaths were placed in Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee. The program was given by Captain David Netterville; Topic, "Brice's Crossroads". The "Wizard of the Saddle", Nathan Bedford Forrest, dominated the Yankee invader.



Capt Netterville (right) presenting Membership Certificate to Compatriot Jimmy Brown

The December monthly meeting of Camp 2207 was held at Van's Pig Stand, 3815 North Harrison Ave, Shawnee. We had 11 members in attendance and 0 guests. We ended the calendar year with 52 compatriots in "Good Standing". The program was given by Dr. George Andrews; Topic, "Winter Time in the Confederacy". Very interesting snow scenes and snowball fights. The power point projector and screen was donated to the camp by Dr. Andrews. Commander Bohrer called for the Executive Committee to meet at 3:30 pm prior to our January meeting on January 26, 2023



Commander Bohrer, Dr. George Andrews, Chaplain Warren Boles, Lt. Commander Ron Gwynn, David Netterville and Allen Harrison. Plus Bobby Colwell, not pictured. These men constitute the Executive Committee for Camp 2207.

In Memory of Roy D. Chain



The first pic is at the funeral for camp's founding member Roy D. Chain. Oklahoma Division Commander and Pvt. W.D. Chain Commander presenting Mrs. Virginia Chain the Confederate Flag from Roy's Coffin.



The second picture Lt. Bob Findley from the PVT. GRAYSON AND BREWER CAMP #2118



Third picture Lt. Bob Findley offering a salute after firing the last cannon volley

Fourth pic the Oklahoma Color Guard



Bob and Virgil are from 1st Battalion Company F 5th Platoon. Short 1B F5 if you want “Capt. Factor’s Seminole Riders” MEC CAV.

Roy Chain’s funeral was attended by three camps and one MEC CAV. Shelby's Iron Men, Pvt. Grayson and Brewer Camp and Pvt. W.D. Chain.

Virgil Chain and his family are greatly appreciative of all those that came to his father’s funeral and helped give him the honors that he deserved.



Battle of the J.R. Williams

BY Eric Standridge Jun 20, 2022

<https://owlcation.com/humanities/CivilWarNavalBattleinOklahoma>

Oklahoma's Civil War Naval Battle

Oklahoma's only Civil War naval battle was either a great success or a tremendous failure.

In 1862, the Union Navy confiscated the J.R. Williams under the premise that the steamboat was being used to carry military contraband into the Confederate ports. After the Union Navy took possession of the J. R. Williams, the steam-wheeler was sent to Cairo, Illinois for outfitting as a supply boat for the Union's Anaconda operation.

The Anaconda Plan was a strategy that the Union's General-in-Chief Winfield Scott devised. The plan called for a blockade of the Southern ports and proposed an advance down the Mississippi River to cut the Confederate Military in two.

The J.R. Williams was used to resupply gunboats during the fierce battles along the Mississippi, including the siege of Vicksburg. While the battles were intense, the steamboat emerged unscathed. After the fall of Vicksburg, she was sent to Little Rock to shuttle Union troops and supplies up and down the Arkansas River.

The Capture of the J.R. Williams

The final voyage of the J.R. Williams would end in disaster.

The steamboat had been heavily loaded with supplies in Fort Smith and had been ordered to transport these supplies up the Arkansas River to Fort Gibson. Overloaded and unprotected, the steamboat carried a cargo valued at about \$120,000 (valued today at approximately \$4.2 million dollars). With only a small force of one officer and twenty-five men, the J.R. Williams was a perfect target.

That's precisely what Brigadier General Stand Watie thought.

On June 15, 1864, Watie and his Confederate Indian Brigade ambushed the J.R. Williams just as it rounded a bend of the Arkansas River near Pleasant (or Pheasant) Bluff, about five miles below the juncture with the Canadian River.



The town of Tamaha, formerly known as Pleasant Bluff

The Ferry Landing at Pleasant Bluff

During the Civil War era, Pleasant Bluff, now known as Tamaha, was an important port town along the Arkansas River. Because of its importance, in 1837, it was considered as a location for a new military post. This was the home of a widely-renowned traveling Baptist preacher, Rev. Joseph Smedley.

The town had seen a significant amount of activity during the Civil War. In November 1864, General Sterling Price, fleeing from Union Forces after the "The Gettysburg of the West", stopped in Tamaha for a brief respite. This was just a few months after the battle for the J.R. Williams. At the time, Stand Watie was a little further down on the Texas Road, camped out near Sulphur Springs.

Although the town of Pleasant Bluff was an important location along the Arkansas River, it was still sparsely populated. It wasn't until the early 1900s that the town saw a big influx of business. However, this was short-lived. Two separate fires destroyed the town, and when riverboat traffic ceased around 1916, growth in the town had declined significantly.

Throughout the war, the small steamboat landing at Pleasant Bluff (Tamaha) remained a vital point during the war in Indian Territory. The landing is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Battle on the Arkansas River

High above the slow-moving river, Stand Watie carefully concealed three light cannons in the brush. They watched with guns at the ready as the J.R. Williams confidently traversed the calm waters of the Arkansas River.



Stand Watie



Oklahoma Civil War Naval Battle: Civil War 8-pounder light mountain howitzer.

Stand Watie's three cannons were of this type, but on a smaller scale, firing a 3.5 diameter solid shot iron ball.

On board the steamboat, Lieutenant Cook and his men were relaxed, enjoying the warm summer afternoon while watching the rolling scenery slowly pass by. They passed Ft. Coffee earlier in the day and expected to reach Ft. Gibson without incident.

The river channel took a slow curve to the south, just under Pheasant Bluff. As the J.R. Williams rounded the curve, the floodgates of hell opened up.

In a blinding flash of fury, explosions ripped the steamboat open. The pilothouse was hit first, and it exploded in a shower of metal splinters. Immediately after, a second cannonball buried itself deep inside a boiler. In a sudden release of pressure, the boiler exploded, ripping a gaping hole through the side of the vessel. The smokestack was crushed by a third ball as Lt. Cook and his men frantically tried to return fire.

The engineer and fireman lay buried under a heap of rubble. The pilot knew there was no way to outrun the battering rain from above. Grasping what was left of the wheel, he pointed the stricken vessel towards the north bank, just opposite the Confederate position. Amid a barrage of gunfire, the Union troops beached the J.R. Williams.

Forty yards separated the boat from the water's edge and another four hundred across the sandbar to the safety of the woods. Lt. Cook gave the order, and the men jumped overboard into waist-deep water and waded ashore. The Rebels continued pounding away at the vessel as the men raced across the sandbar, fleeing for their lives.

The men finally reached the safety of the trees without incident. Lt. Cook ordered his men to remain under cover until nightfall when they would return to the J.R. Williams. If possible, he planned to return to the vessel and complete his mission, otherwise, he was to salvage what could be carried and then send the boat to a fiery grave.

As the Lieutenant made his final plans, he soon discovered the source of their deception. After running the vessel onto the sandbar, the pilot quickly hid in the hull of the boat while the firing took place. Once the Union forces were safe beyond the tree line, the Captain of the boat and another man emerged from their hiding places. Before the Union forces could react, the two men were already piloting the boat across the river, straight into Confederate hands.

Brigadier General Stand Watie had completed his objectives flawlessly. The J.R. Williams had been captured without a single loss of life. The Union soldiers were in retreat, and the fortune stored on the boat now served to support the C.S.A.

After the steamboat was secured, Watie ordered his Indian troops to unload the boat. Energized with their astounding victory, his soldiers quickly became unruly, to a point to where he could no longer control them.

The war had devastated their homes. Their families endured, but life on the frontier was harsh, and the war had taken what little they had left. The soldiers saw a way to bring prosperity back to their families, and they acted.

Despite Watie's best efforts to keep control over his men, they disobeyed and began to rifle and loot the vessel. Many of them took what they could carry and returned to their homes. With his troops deserting him and with no wagons from his superiors, Stand Watie reluctantly gave the order to burn the J.R. Williams and the remaining supplies.

A number of his loyal troops did just that. Setting the boat adrift and on fire, they watched as it slowly sank in the Arkansas River.

As it slowly disappeared beneath the water line, the remnant of the only naval battle in Oklahoma history was forgotten.

The Recovery Effort

Recovery efforts began in 1998 when Robert DeMoss of Cleveland, Oklahoma led a dive team to the Robert S. Kerr Reservoir to search for the wreck of the Williams. Through dedicated research and eyewitness accounts, he pinpointed a site in Robert S. Kerr Reservoir for his dive team to search.

During the dive, the team found numerous remains of a Civil War-era vessel, but there is nothing to signify that these remains are from the J.R. Williams. Among those items brought to the surface was what could be a portion of the steamboat's stern wheel. The wheel is strikingly similar to other steamboats used during this time frame.

The remains of the J.R. Williams may contain clues to events of a bygone era. Previous shipwrecks have yielded countless artifacts including military and many personal items.

In 1999, Robert DeMoss formed the J.R. Williams Recovery Committee. The Recovery Committee is a non-profit organization made up of individuals in the northeastern Oklahoma area who are dedicated to the effort to recover, preserve, and ultimately display in a museum any remains and artifacts from the steamboat.

Another attempt was made on September 19, 2000. Panamerican Consultants, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee attempted to find the remains of the J.R. Williams using a magnetometer, side-scan sonar, and other electronic equipment. After DeMoss brought the site to the attention of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers archaeologist Louis Voge, they quickly hired a team of consultants.

Unfortunately, the sonar survey didn't reveal the information that DeMoss had hoped for. When funding becomes available, they may attempt another survey of the site. Still, DeMoss hasn't given up. He continues to send dive teams to the area, in hopes of one day discovering, beyond doubt, the remains of the J.R. Williams.

Update: Sadly, I have been informed recently of the passing of Mr. DeMoss. Research on the J.R. Williams is still ongoing, however, we may never see the raising of the remains of the J.R. Williams.



Photo by Patrick Self

Cancel culture hits the McAlester Camp



In February 2017, the McAlester Camp was looking for a way to become involved in the McAlester community. One of the options that was met with much favor was a Keep McAlester Beautiful program called “Adopt-A-Block” whereby companies and organizations could adopt an approximately one square city block to keep it clean of litter several times a year. Knowing who we were, the Keep McAlester Beautiful Executive Director at the time found “the most Confederate place in McAlester” for us – the Jeff-Lee Pool/Park area, named after McAlester’s Jeff-Lee UCV Camp No. 68. This park land was owned and used by the area’s Confederate veterans for picnics, reunions, celebrations, etc. On 01 March 2017 our application to adopt this block was approved. The organization erected a sign for our commitment, and for the next five years we collected litter from this hallowed ground three to four times a year.



In 2019 the Executive Director accepted a new job, so a new Executive Director was hired. We got along fine...until we submitted our litter pick-up report and photo (top) after our August 2022 meeting. When the September Keep McAlester Beautiful newsletter came out featuring our photo (bottom), all SCV logos and Confederate icons had been digitally removed! We phoned the Executive Director and let her know that this was unacceptable. Her response: Someone had complained it was offensive so in the future we either have to wear clothes without SCV and Confederate graphics -OR- they will be digitally removed. We chose a third option...to discontinue our participation in their Adopt-A-Block program.

How sad that we live in a country where complaints from a tiny ignorant minority cancel our proud heritage. The Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775 Sons of Confederate Veterans is having none of that!

The Confederate heritage community needs to get real savvy, real fast.

We give up way too quickly. We should never, NEVER accept the removal of our heritage. Never. The response to the removal of the Lion of Atlanta comes to mind; also the response to the mutilation and dismemberment of Pensacola's Confederate Memorial. We have given up on ever having these memorials restored.



The forces against us are too many, too big, too rich, too special, too coddled? That just means saving our heritage will take longer; all the more reason to NOT give up after a couple of weeks, or months, or years. In many locales, city and county officials act on the complaint of one or handful of people and remove memorials. We should become counter-complainers. Call, make appointments, go to these officials in person and 'splain it to them.

Change the narrative. Call them “memorials” instead of “monuments”. Monuments can be memorials but they can be other things as well (they can mark dates, events). There is no mistaking what a memorial is. Changing the narrative means turning the tables. If critics call Confederates "traitors" just say they were following the example of their revolutionary grandfathers. If they bang the slavery drum, remind them there were almost no banks in the South in the 19th century, so yankee banks financed the purchase of plantation land and slaves. Northern insurance companies insured slaves. Northern factories purchased Southern, slave-grown cotton. Remind them slavery in the South could not have existed without this help from the north.

Remind them that if the north had REALLY cared about freeing slaves, all they had to do was quit buying the cotton.

We have got to take the gloves off. We have got to quit focusing on the minutia of the war's history and what general was in charge of what battle, and start looking at what's happening today and tomorrow. Waaaaaaay too many of us are waaaaaay too accepting of the deformity and falsification of our history, heritage and our ancestors' experience. If you are so accepting...why?

- Connie Chastain

Camp Meetings

1st Thursday of Each Month

Poteau Camp Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Pryor Camp Meeting @ 6:30 pm

2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Bartlesville Camp Meeting @ 6:30pm

Tulsa Camp Meeting @ 6:30 pm

El Reno Camp Meeting @ 7:00 pm

2nd Thursday of Each Month

OKC Camp Meeting @ 6:30 pm

2nd Saturday of Each Month

Cooperton Camp Meeting @ 10:00 am

Coalgate Camp Meeting @ 11:00 am

Altus Camp Meeting @ 11: 00 am

Ardmore / Madill Camp Meeting @ 12:00 PM

Broken Arrow Camp Meeting @ 12:00 pm

3rd Monday of Each Month

Moore Camp Meeting @ 6:00 pm

3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Holdenville Camp Meeting @ 6:00 pm

3rd Thursday of Each Month

Muskogee Camp Meeting @ 6:30 pm

3rd Saturday of Each Month

Duncan Camp Meeting @ 10:00 am

Ponca City Camp Meeting @ 11:00 am

McAlester Camp Meeting @ 11:00 am

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Ada Camp Meeting @ 6:00 pm

4th Thursday of Each Month

Shawnee Camp Meeting @ 6:00 pm

To find out the locations of meetings, please email or call either the camp's Commander or Adjutant. Their information can be found at <http://www.oklahomascv.org/>.



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Please send submission articles with pictures and camp updates by end of each month. The newsletter will be sent out 4 times a year in the Spring (March), Summer (June), Fall (Sept.), and Winter (Dec.). This is because we have not been getting very many sending in articles or camp updates, so no need to send out monthly updates. We thought long and hard about this decision and this was the best for everyone, so they can have plenty of time to get articles together and send in what they would like to put in the newsletter regarding their camps. Kevin's wife, Amanda, does have a background in doing this type of design and layouts, so she has been entrusted to help with the newsletter to give us the best layout.

Kevin W. Easterling

Editor and Oklahoma Division Lt. Commander