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1 Peter 2:15 "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:" (KJV)

Commander's



Corner

Greetings Compatriots,

A new year is upon us and we anticipate great things to take place this year, both for our country and in the SCV. Let us always be in the "recruiting mode", seeking those who need to be in our organization, and who would be an asset to it. We are the best kept secret around. That needs to change, and we can help make that change by being more visible in our communities, wearing our Confederate clothing, put Confederate stickers on your truck, and being ready to "talk SCV" anytime and any place.

We need to stay on top of our retention of members. Some camps are slipping into the "danger zone" and we need to avoid this. We want all our camps to remain in good standing and keep the Oklahoma Division the great Division that it is. Commanders, be sure to submit your annual Division dues to Division Adjutant Steve Ward 30 days before our April 26 Division Convention. He will send out a reminder as time nears. Also, it would be nice to see more camps send in pictures and reports of events they have participated in for the quarterly newsletter. We are always interested to share in what you are doing.

Lastly, our DEC meeting is coming up on the 1st of

February at LaDonna's Grill in Meeker, OK. We need all Camp Commanders and Brigade Commanders to attend, as we have important topics to discuss. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Maybe you haven't attended in quite some time. Now would be a good time to attend. Come, eat, fellowship, and let's take care of our Division business.

God Bless Dixie!

- Jeff Paulk
Oklahoma Division Commander
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Major James McHenry Camp 2310 – Broken Arrow, OK CSA

*Commander Steve Ward of the unreconstructed **Major James McHenry Camp 2310** of Broken Arrow submitted the following report and photos of the Camp's fourth quarter 2024 activities:*

The October Camp fellowship dinner and meeting was short on attendees but long on interesting topics. After our Invocation / blessing of the food, and reading of The Charge, we reviewed the comprehensive September meeting, presented our Adjutant/Treasurer's Report and discussed the current Camp membership of 19.

Old business included HQ still slow to process anything due to lack of help; No response from the National SCV webmaster Dean Stevens or Texas Division Commander Michael Hurley concerning the 2025 National Reunion being held in "Houton" Texas; "Words of Thought" from ATM Chaplain Troy Chandler; and the 28 September Southern Cross of Honor dedication for Col. Daniel N. McIntosh hosted by the Oklahoma Division UDC.

New business and correspondence topics included HQ continuing to offer Commander/Adjutant training in October; Get Out The Vote promotion from CiC Walter Donald Kennedy; Register To Vote announcement from Save Southern Heritage Florida; update on Southern Legal Resource Center lawyer Kirk Lyons in Black Mountain, NC and an update on H.K. Edgerton of Asheville, NC, both living in the hurricane-ravaged part of Western NC.

After Announcements and Events, we began our discussion on Confederate ideology and news to share by asking attendees, "What's on your mind? What are YOU doing? How have YOU pushed back?" Lt. Commander Paulk read from a list of how he's been pushing back against the false narrative; Lt. Commander Paulk and Commander Ward wrote to the mayor and council of Kincardine, Ontario, Canada concerning a "controversial" monument with Confederate ties to be decommissioned by the council, with Commander Ward receiving a reply from one of the councilors in agreement with his displeasure of the decommissioning; The Price for Standing Up by Virginia Senator Amanda Chase; Is it Biblical to Question Our Pastor's Teaching by James Arendt (with a reference to SCV member Pastor Charles Jennings); a concise and accurate explanation of the The Confederate Constitution by Randall G. Holcombe of The Mises Institute; SLRC Arlington Update and Kirk Lyons speaking at Judah P. Benjamin Camp Heritage Banquet in Tampa; "Want to end the port strike? Start buying American." quote from Padraig Martin (via Gab Social); Discussion of H.K. Edgerton articles – My Yankee "Friends", Checks and Balances, CIBO Election Forum; Quotes from Rose O'Neal Greenhow, Confederate Spy; Tennessee GOP Rep. Tim Burchett on using a quote referencing Gen. Grant after the second Trump Assassination Attempt; "Any army who wars against defenseless civilians..." quote by Gen. Robert E. Lee; Mass invasion of a country is an act of war;

If Christians are not engaged with politics...; Secession and Florida History by Brother Greg Wilson of Free Florida First; James Edward Hanger – Confederate Veteran entrepreneur; "Our country calls and he who would not respond..." quote by Robert August Moore; An excerpt of a 1903 speech by Edward W. Carmack, Tennessee Senator; What Union General Charles Whittier said about the Army of Northern Virginia; Fox News reports one-third of US public school students are behind grade level, data shows – except in one region of the country; the Democrat open borders plan to entrench single-party rule by The Western Lensman; Haitian illegal aliens invade our Southland – Enterprise, Alabama residents sound the alarm on impact of illegal immigration in Coffee County.

Good food and fellowship preceded our 9 November meeting. After our Invocation / blessing of the food, noon meal, and reading of Our Charge, we reviewed the October meeting and presented our Adjutant/Treasurer's Report with 19 members in good standing.

Old business topics included HQ still slow to fix membership database problems due to lack of help...with an email to explain why; After months of the 2025 National Reunion being advertised as "Houton" Texas on the National SCV website, it has finally been corrected to read "Houston, Texas" thanks to Commander Ward's efforts; Flag Rally planned for Wewoka Sorghum Festival Parade Saturday, 26 October was canceled...but then attended by The Gray Riders Camp of Holdenville (Garry Solomon commanding) and members of the Ada Camp.

New business covered the following topics: Get Out The Vote 2024 video from James Ronald Kennedy incorrectly stated that "The Sons of Confederate Veterans, America's oldest continuously operating veteran's organization..."; Save Southern Heritage Florida's Mission Critical 2024 Southern Heritage Voter Guide; October Commander's Corner from Division Commander Jeff Paulk was distributed; Discussion of the Nov/Dec 2024 issue of *Confederate Veteran* magazine included published letter (and photo!) from Div. Cmdr. Paulk, a poem from a Tulsa Camp member, 21st Century Confederate Heroes count, and discussion of the photos section.

Announcements and Events followed, then we began our earnest discussion on Confederate ideology and news to share by asking attendees, "What's on your mind? What are YOU doing? How have YOU pushed back?" Lt. Commander Paulk read from a list of how he's been pushing back against the false narrative; An insightful description of what's at stake in this election from Catholic Archbishop Carlo Viganò; The devil is not attacking you because you are weak (video transcript); Election results by state; shocking election results from Buncombe County (Asheville), NC, a hard hit area from Hurricane Helene;

“Don’t give them an inch - The real fight starts now” by The Patriot Nurse; America’s current Democrat Party...How would you describe them?; The thing about slavery...; The perfect American History book for Home Schools written by 16 members of the Society of Independent Southern Historians; Discussion of H.K. Edgerton articles – The Latest Weapon of Choice is an Alabama Teen SPLC Tool, H.K. Edgerton targeted in nefarious scheme – From Joy to Despair, and The Irony and the Struggle (forwarded with email message to NC Division Commander Kevin Stone); updates from SLRC – We file Reply Brief in motion to force woke Army leadership to retain Memorial, Worries, and After all this my phone crashes; Why we need a Revolution! by Kirk Lyons (Southern Legal Resource Center); The Left never cared about free speech; Lawmakers vow to fight Trump if he restores Confederate military base names; Comments by Black Senator Robert Ford, South Carolina State Senate, 14 February 1999; Confederate History and Heritage Month Resolution adopted by the Texas Senate on 30 March 1999; Forrest and a bully; The Character of Nathan Bedford Forrest; Where is our Stonewall Jackson today in the South? by Michael Gaddy; Why Should We Fight Wars for Ukraine and Israel? by Dr. Ron Paul; Photo of US Nuclear Attack Sub USS SNOOK SSN-592 flying the Naval Jack / AOT battle flag; “Read True History for Yourself...” SCV decal on truck back glass; Photo of Major General Earl Van Dorn Memorial and perfect inscription; Am I a Gab Nazi? by Pdraig Martin; Is the US military now authorized to kill Americans on US soil? (Department of Defense directive to use lethal force clarification)

Despite email and postcard reminders, the December meeting of the Broken Arrow Camp was very poorly attended. Nevertheless, attendees enjoyed good food and Confederate fellowship after our Invocation / blessing of the food. After the noon meal, the meeting was brought to order and Our Charge was read. We then reviewed the November meeting and presented our Adjutant/Treasurer’s Report with 19 members in good standing.

Old business topics included asking the question: America’s current Democrat Party – How would you describe them? Our new business topics covered the 12 Nov. SCV Telegraph concerning the Arlington Monument and Military Base Names – Time To Act, and later that same day the SCV Telegraph about the President-Elect Action Plan, followed by the 19 Nov. SCV Telegraph concerning the One Click Politics Link. A list of 11 members who appear on our Oklahoma Division roster before the 2024 dues collection period this summer, but are not listed on our current Division roster AND are not listed on the delinquent roster recently sent for our Division was sent to HQ for inquiry. HQ (Eric Previti) explained why they were left off and apologized for the error. Lastly, Ponca City Camp member Glen W. Hupp passed away.

Announcements and Events followed, then we began our earnest discussion on Confederate ideology and news to share by asking attendees, “What’s on your mind? What are YOU doing? How have YOU pushed back?” Lt. Commander Paulk read from a list of how he’s been pushing back against the false narrative; Final Report from Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (“Scamdemic”) by Chairman

Dr. Brad Wenstrup vindicated what Lt. Commander Jeff Paulk and myself (and few others) knew all along. We rewarded ourselves by taking a victory lap around the meeting tables because we sought and learned the truth about the whole thing from the beginning, pushing back against the false claims and tyranny as we were taught to do by our Confederate ancestors. We also discussed the controversy surrounding Confederate group prompts Garner (NC) to cancel 2019 Christmas parade; Why did “Honest Abe” support the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850? (A question from Wanjiru Njoya, who recently wrote “Erasing Black Confederates” published at the Mises Institute and Abbeville Institute); Lee Monument: The Law is the Law, an update from American Heritage Association; Images from Save Southern Heritage and other sources; Conservative author and podcaster Jesse Kelly, who wrote “The Anti-Communist Manifesto” book has an entire chapter on the war on Confederate Monuments; H.K. Edgerton reports on (1) Arlington National Cemetery / Trump, Netanyahu, Hegseth & Me, (2) Who Will Speak Up? and (3) Plantation Christmas; Kirk Lyons of the Southern Legal Resource Center reported on submitting their Final Brief in the Appeal to return the Reconciliation Monument to Arlington National Cemetery; Defend Arlington (of which Lt. Commander Paulk and myself support) submitted a request for First Day Executive Order for Restoration of Reconciliation Memorial to President-elect Donald Trump; We couldn’t understand why the hosts of SCV Chat would post a photo of a Confederate Veteran and Union Veteran sitting together, shaking hands with the caption, “Veterans...Honor them ALL this Veterans Day!”; Walk Toward The Fire – Don’t Worry About What They Call You by Andrew Breitbart on the VA Flaggers Facebook page; a Virginia landowner is facing jail time over refusal to remove Confederate Memorial as reported by the VA Flaggers; Thanksgiving Origins by Brother Greg Wilson of Free Florida First; The Rejection of Communism on Thanksgiving Day by Dr. Carole Hornsby Haynes; SECDEF Austin’s Woke Destruction of Reconciliation Memorial was called out on the www.starrs.us website (against woke/CRT in our military); A Crooked Congressman, The National Park Service, and Lying Marxist Historians! article by Michael Gaddy; The Most Persecuted Group in America Today by Peggy Hall of The Healthy American; Texas Leads Counterrevolution in Education by Dr. Carole Hornsby Haynes; Texan Stands Up To Yankee General; Brion McClanahan reports (1) The most evil man in American history is? (2) Yankees can’t get a pass for slavery, (3) Secession is on the table, (4) Who knew the Founders would be canceled? and (5) Are we witnessing a Third Reconstruction? This is being led by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, who has written a woke book about it and has published countless articles dating back to 2016; and finally, we discussed Islam’s Role in Slavery by Jim Goad.

As always, the meeting was closed with a Benediction provided by Camp Chaplain Jeff Paulk.

Until next time, KEEP PUSHING BACK!

God Save the Southland,
- Steve Ward, Commander
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Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775 – McAlester, OK CSA

*Commander Patrick Self of the unreconstructed **Capt. James J. McAlester Camp 775** submitted the following report and photographs of the Camp's activities (with the help of Adjutant Steve Ward) for the fourth quarter of 2024:*

Camp 775 members met at the Great Balls of Fire Bowling Alley in McAlester for our October meeting. Nine members were present. Due to illness, Commander Patrick Self was unable to attend, so Lt. Commander Bently Couch filled in for him. We were thankful to have Oklahoma Division UDC President Alice-Ann Shiflet and Barber Haver as our guests.

C/Q Bret Hinds gave the Invocation and the SCV Charge. Lt. Commander Bently Couch led the Salute to the Confederate Flag. Minutes from the 21 September meeting were reviewed. The Adjutant/Treasurer Report, prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward, was presented by Lt. Commander Bently Couch. We remain at 26 members, 5 of which are Life Members. The McAlester Camp is one of only five Oklahoma Division Camps to retained 100% membership.

In old business, C/Q Bret Hinds reported on new additions to our Library. Bret also informed us that the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund now has \$1,686.

Under new business, The Sarah Watie Chapter 2579 UDC of Tulsa hosted a Southern Cross of Honor Dedication Ceremony for Col. Daniel McIntosh on 28 September at the Fame Cemetery in McIntosh County. Several members of Camp 775 attended.

The Camp set up a recruiting table at the 12 October ALLTEX Gun Show held at the Southeast Expo Center in McAlester.

(Photo by Patrick Self)



(L-R) Bret Hinds, Vic Fowler, Chris Loyd, David Nix, and myself manned the table at the gun show. Four potential recruits were identified.

After the November meeting, the Camp will place Christmas memorial wreaths on the Confederate graves in the Oak Hill Cemetery and the Old Town Cemetery.

The program for this meeting, "Why I am a Daughter of the Confederacy," was presented by the President of Oklahoma Division UDC Alice-Ann Shiflet

Following the Benediction by C/Q Bret Hinds, compatriots enjoyed a meal together while sharing in Confederate fellowship.

The third Saturday of November found members of Capt. James J. McAlester Camp 775 meeting at 11am at the Great Balls of Fire Bowling Alley in McAlester. There were 10 members in attendance with guests Susie Fowler and Spencer Loyd. At this meeting, we remembered two of our departed members:

- David Boyer (Age 75) 29 Oct 1945 - 28 Nov 2020

- James Skelton (Age 74) 28 Dec 1946 - 23 Nov 2021

Both David and James were loyal attendees at Camp meetings. Each had presented programs to our group. Both were active in Camp discussions and decisions. David and James enriched our Camp by their presence and we continue to miss them.

Attendees stood as C/Q Bret Hinds gave the Invocation and presented our meeting to the Lord asking for His guidance. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge. The previous meeting (19 Oct 2024) was reviewed. Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the Adjutant/Treasurer Report that was prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward. The Camp membership remains steady at 26.

Under old business, C/Q Bret Hinds reported no new additions to the Camp Library and that the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund now holds \$1847. There was no new information on the Division mega-flag project. (We have the money, we just need a place!)

New business topics included discussion of articles and a photograph of special interest to Oklahoma Division SCV members in the Nov/Dec Confederate Veteran magazine. Members were asked to check out the recently published third quarter Division newsletter by editor Steve Ward. (oklahomascv.org/newsletter)

Following the drawing for door prizes, C/Q Bret Hinds gave the Benediction and we enjoyed dinner and Confederate fellowship. After our meal, members reconvened at Oak Hill Cemetery to place Christmas wreaths on Confederate graves in lieu of a program.

(Photo by Patrick Self)



Camp 775 began the tradition of placing Christmas wreaths on Confederate graves with the Nov. 2016 meeting. Adjutant Steve Ward and wife Kathy assembled the original wreaths and brought them to the Nov. 2016 meeting. In those days we were meeting at Western Sizzlin. Members had voted unanimously to take on the yearly responsibility of placing Christmas wreaths on the graves of Confederate Veterans. This year made Camp 775's eighth consecutive year of honoring Confederate Veterans buried in McAlester cemeteries.

(Photo by Patrick Self)



Today's members that participated in this honorable duty were (above, L-R): Bently Couch, Bret Hinds, David Nix, Clifton Taylor, and myself (behind the camera). As each wreath was placed, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read aloud the Veteran's name and the unit with which he served (if known).

As a side note, this meeting just happened to coincide with a billiards tournament that was hosted by the Great Balls of Fire Bowling Alley. As such, the outside noise was much greater than usual. This is the second billiards tournament that has been on the same Saturday that we meet. Several members in attendance suggested that we consider moving back to the facility we used in Indianola. The Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center was, without doubt, much roomier and quieter than the Bowling Alley. The downside is the \$50 per month we were charged for use of the facility. We will further discuss the possibility of returning to Indianola at next month's meeting.

Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope this finds each of you in good health and enjoying the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Though there are still those who will wish you "Happy Holidays", we know that the real reason we celebrate is because of Jesus. December 25 was, long ago, designated "Christmas Day" not "Holiday". So, again, Merry Christmas!

I am fully aware that Christmas season is an extremely busy time of the year and can result in conflicts with members' schedule. However, as today was the 3rd Saturday of the month, members of Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775 met for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. We had 8 members and guest Susie Fowler in attendance.

Today, we remembered Division Commander James L. Orebaugh who passed away 18 December 2020 at the age of 81. Commander Orebaugh had attended Camp 775 meetings as our guest speaker on several occasions. If you check out the Oklahoma Division SCV Facebook page, scroll down and you will find a photo of his grave marker.

Following the Invocation by C/Q Bret Hinds, members gave the Salute to the Confederate Flag. Lt. Commander Bently Couch then read the SCV Charge and the previous meeting was reviewed. Camp 775 Adjutant Steve Ward submitted the Adjutant/ Treasurer Report and it was read by Lt. Commander Bently Couch. The Camp roster from HQ showed that we have 26 members in good standing. In old business C/Q Bret Hinds gave an update on our Library and provided some interesting information on the Hunley restoration. He also reported no change in the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund (\$1847). Bret also mentioned that the Camp's Confederate merchandise for sale was getting low. After discussion from the floor, it was decided to table the problem for a future meeting.

Under new business, a short review of Camp 775 activities for 2024 was given. Highlights were: donations from members to the Camp included key chains (Billy Gates), business cards (James Nevels), recruiting brochures (Bret Hinds), 8 coffee cups bearing SCV logo (from Rebel Bait Shop via James Nevels); recruiting tables at three McAlester gun shows; Camp members participated in a Veterans Monument dedication at Red Oak Cemetery; members David Nix and Bret Hinds each worked tables at the Oklahoma Division Convention; members participated at a Southern Cross of Honor Dedication Ceremony at Fame Cemetery; for the 9th year, we placed Christmas wreaths on Confederate graves at Oak Hill and Old Town Cemeteries.

Moving Camp meetings back to the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center was opened to the floor for discussion. Attendees were polled as to their preference of location. Two negatives were put forth: added driving time and lack of an adjacent or nearby eatery. Everyone felt that the Indianola facility was far better for our purposes than the Great Balls of Fire Bowling Alley. Compatriot Vic Fowler had, at my request, secured us on the Indianola Community

and Senior Citizens Center calendar for the 3rd Saturday of each month. Our reserved time slot is 11am- 2pm. Vic was able to get us a favorable rate of \$30 per month. When we last were meeting at Indianola, we were paying \$50. Attendees discussed payment options and it was decided to make the full year's payment (\$360) at one time. Further, it was decided that for our January meeting, members will bring drinks, sandwich fixins, and side dishes in order to have our Confederate fellowship and Dinner together at the Indianola facility. The Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center provides us with a quiet, private facility with no extraneous noise or distractions. If you've not attended a Camp meeting for some time, come join us in January. You will be pleased with our return to Indianola.

We next discussed the situation of Coalgate Camp Commander Joseph McTee's daughter and her upcoming two spinal surgeries.....the first scheduled for 27 December with a second scheduled for sometime in February.... to be done in Tulsa. Attendees unanimously voted to donate \$250 to Commander Joseph McTee to be used as needed in regards to his daughter's surgeries. Camp 775 Adjutant Steve Ward will be contacted to fulfill the wish of the Camp as soon as possible.

A Christmas card to Camp 775 members from Steve and Kathy Ward was passed for viewing. Members were pleased to see it. Also, a sincere Thank You message from Steve and Kathy was relayed to attendees in regard to our Olive Garden gift card.

Members were reminded that, weather permitting, we will retrieve our Christmas wreaths from Old Town and Oak Hill Cemeteries after the January meeting. We replace them with Confederate battle flags!

(Photo by Patrick Self)



Today's program was provided by our own C/Q Bret Hinds. (See photo above) Bret spoke on "Artillery in the War Between the States". Most of us, myself included, have usually only thought of our ancestors fighting against Infantry and/or Cavalry forces. After Bret's presentation on Artillery, we have a much better understanding of the lethality and devastation of "the big guns". Thank you Bret.

Compatriot Billy Gates, not being able to withstand our Benevolent Fund sitting at \$67, donated \$13 to the Fund. That will put the Benevolent Fund at our goal of \$80. Thank you for that extra donation Billy! I've said it before, I'll say it again! A finer group of men can not be assembled than what we have at Camp 775!

Merry Christmas to all! Remember, in January and thereafter, we will meet at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center in Indianola, Ok. Third Saturday of the month, 11am. Hope to see you there.

STAY SOUTHERN. BUY SOUTHERN. BE SOUTHERN.

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



Tulsa Camp Adjutant Steven Johnson's Election Day cap



McAlester Camp Adjutant Steve Ward's Election Day cap

Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp 1378 – Tulsa, OK CSA

Camp Historian and Newsletter Editor Ken Cook of the Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp 1378 submitted the following report and photos for the Fourth Quarter of 2024:

The photos below are from the Sarah Watie Chapter #2579 UDC Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 14 at Big Whiskey's American Restaurant & Bar in Tulsa.

The first photo shows Sarah Watie president, Lori Cooper presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Camp McIntosh Past-Commander and current Chaplain, Clint Anderson. Clint was the featured speaker at the lunch.

The second photo is of Oklahoma Division LT Commander Michael Leddy saying a few words to the attendees.



Indian Territory Camp 892 – Poteau, OK CSA

Camp Adjutant Don Branham of the Indian Territory Camp 892 submitted the following report and photo for the Fourth Quarter of 2024:

Despite the loss of a few key camp members over the last couple of years and low attendance, a small but dedicated number are focused on growing the camp. Just a few weeks ago we submitted an application to HQ for a new member, Joey Watkins. We have potluck fellowships at least twice a year. At each meeting we have a brief presentation that honors our Southern heroes but we do not have our heads buried in the past: we eagerly discuss the current news that may impact Confederate Heritage.

Our camp maintains the CSA Battle Flag and flagpole on HWY 63 near the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line. In September we were honored to have as a guest Division CDR Jeff Paulk, who shared a lot of great information with us, as well as having an excellent interactive discussion on a variety of topics. Our camp meets every other month (odd months), usually the first Thursday of that month, however, because of the New Year's holiday we will meet January 9th, 2025.



Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers) Camp 2331 • Ada, OK CSA



The Gray Riders Camp 2340 • Holdenville, OK CSA

*Camp Commander Michael Leddy of the **Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion (Mounted Volunteers) Camp 2331** and Camp Commander Garry Solomon of **The Gray Riders Camp 2340** submitted the following report and photos for the Fourth Quarter of 2024:*

We started off the fourth quarter with the 20 October Ada Gun Show at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex. It wasn't as good as the others but we made a little money and had some interested prospects. (See photos below)



SCV Recruiting Table at the Ada Gun Show Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion Cmdr Michael Leddy The Gray Riders Cmdr Garry Solomon

The Gray Riders Camp 2340 intended to put a float in the Wewoka Sorghum Festival & Parade on 26 October 2024. Our request to participate in the parade was denied, so instead The Gray Riders Camp and Shecoe's Chickasaw Battlion Camp conducted a Flag Rally near the courthouse. On the 26th, the Gray Riders Camp arrived at the courthouse in Wewoka shortly after 0900hrs, joined later by members of Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion Camp. We displayed The Gray Riders banner and Confederate flags. Commander Garry Solomon and Jody Crane



Sr. stood fast with flags in hand with Commander Michael Leddy, Jody Crane Jr., Kathy Solomon, Gator Solomon and Coda Leddy standing with them. Several officers from the Wewoka Police and Sheriff's Department passed us without incident, for about forty-five minutes. About 0945hrs, six law enforcement officers gathered in the middle of the street, talked for a few minutes, then approached and talked with Commander Solomon for awhile and finally told us we needed to leave. They said they could arrest us if we didn't go to a designated spot for us, which was well away from the parade. Refusing to leave, Commander Solomon informed the officers they were on a public sidewalk in front of the courthouse and that were were conducting a 1st Amendment protected activity on public property. We were causing no disturbance and stayed in our spots peacefully. One of the officers stated that

Commander Solomon needed a permit, to which he replied that they do NOT need to pay money for a RIGHT guaranteed by the Constitution. The officer asked us to leave again, and again Commander Solomon stood his ground and refused, telling the officer to arrest him. The police talked with the event organizer in our presence and told him that we were not breaking any laws and that they would keep an eye on us. For the most part, public response was positive. We were not removed or arrested. After the parade (which is all we desired to be in) we furled our flags and went about our way. A battle won against vile Marxism!

In November, The Gray Riders and Shecoe's Chicksaw Battalion Camps held a joint meeting and Thanksgiving Chili dinner. It was delicious! As the Lt. Commander of the Oklahoma Division, Michael Leddy attended the Oklahoma City Camp meeting in November with Division Commander Jeff Paulk. (See photos below)



Oklahoma Division Lt. Commander Michael Leddy (left) and Oklahoma Division Commander Jeff Paulk (right) at the Capt. Clem Vann Rogers (OKC) Camp meeting in November.



(L-R) Capt. Clem Vann Rogers (OKC) Camp Commander Erik McBroom, Past-Division Lt. Commander Rex Cash, Oklahoma Division Commander Jeff Paulk and Oklahoma Division Lt. Commander Michael Leddy.

In December we attended the Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Sarah Watie UDC Chapter #2579 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A good time was had with fellowship and food. Then on that same day we participated in the Tupelo Christmas Parade with the Coalgate Camp. (See photos below)



Tupelo Christmas Parade



Our last meeting of the year was another joint meeting with Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion Camp and The Gray Riders Camp enjoying a fried chicken Christmas dinner.

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Ada Camp 2331 Commander Michael Leddy

Holdenville Camp 2340 Commander Garry Solomon



Li'l Dixie Confederates Camp 2259 – Coalgate, OK CSA



Commander Joseph McTee of the **Li'l Dixie Confederates Camp 2259** submitted the following report and photos for the Fourth Quarter of 2024:

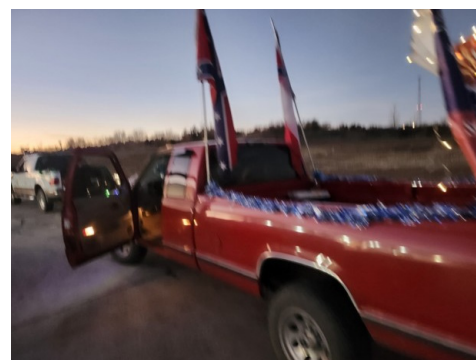
For the 3rd straight year, the Li'l Dixie Confederates Camp 2259 of Coalgate, Oklahoma entered the Tupelo, Oklahoma Christmas Parade on Saturday, 14 December 2024.

The designs on the float was created by my wife Maggie McTee and the kids - Rodnea Russel, Andie McTee, Maddie McTee, and Collin Bell. They drew the designs freehand on cardboard and colored them and put the lights around each design.

In attendance was myself (Commander Joseph McTee) along with my Camp Adjutant Donnie Lee and two Coalgate Camp members, Danny Tattershall and Terri Inscho, along with Donnie Lee's girlfriend and kids, Lily and Lewis.

It's something plain and simple. We didn't go all out but the kids loved it. We were asked to come back next year!

(Photos by Joseph McTee)



Col. Tandy Walker Camp 2207 – Shawnee, OK CSA

Past-Commander Allen Harrison of the Col. Tandy Walker Camp 2207 submitted the following reports and photos for the Fourth Quarter of 2024:



The October meeting of Camp 2207 was opened with Chaplain Warren Boles (above, left) giving the invocation and Commander James Bohrer leading with the Salute to the Battle Flag. He then read the "Charge" to the 14 people assembled in Van's Pig Stand. We had three guests; Fort Washita Brigade Commander Michael Leddy and wife Britne; and Kleta Smith, wife of Camp member Bill Smith. Adjutant Bobby Colwell briefed the attendees on a raffle of a rifle donated by an individual at a gunshow. The tickets will be \$20 with the winner being announced next summer.

(Below, standing) David Netterville, Capt., USAF (Ret.) gave a presentation on Union General B. H. Grierson, who led the 6th and 7th Illinois Cavalry the length of Mississippi, about 800 miles. Grierson was the character played by John Wayne in *The Horse Soldiers*. The book *Sick from Freedom* was auctioned for \$30. Adjutant Colwell was the final bid. Thanks to our auctioneer Chaplain Boles.

We had our November meeting at Van's Pig Stand as we normally do. The November Camp meeting was held a week earlier, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We had 17 members and one guest in attendance. David Netterville secured our speaker from Oklahoma City.



Ben Odom (left) of the Civil War Round Table gave an interesting presentation on the WBTS in Indian Territory. Adjutant Colwell asked and received volunteers to work the table at the December 21 & 22 gun show. Commander Bohrer also asked for volunteers to ride the float in Shawnee's Christmas Parade of Lights; several men volunteered. Adjutant Colwell gave an update on tickets for a drawing on a donated rifle. Drawing will be later in 2025. Adjutant Colwell (below, left) presented a

membership certificate to Harvey Glen "Buck" Day (below, right), former Pottawatomie County Commissioner. Compatriot Day has membership under his ancestor Private William Jackson Cope who served in Company E, 10th Kentucky Cavalry Regiment (Mays).



Gerald Gay and Mr. & Mrs. Hammond



(L-R) Cmdr James Bohrer, Lt. Cmdr Ron Gwynn and Adj. Bobby Colwell



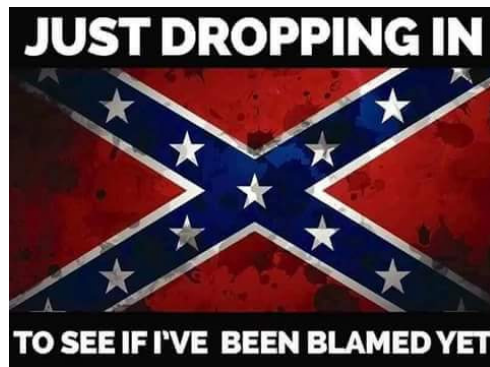
(L-R) Dr. George Andrews, Jonathan Smith and Charles Brown



(L-R) Holdenville Camp Cmdr. Garry Solomon and wife Kathy; Philip Cobb

The December meeting was held on the 19th. December is the last month of our camp meeting at Van's Pig Stand. We will now meet at Frateli's Italian Restaurant, 1945 N. Kickapoo Ave., Shawnee, OK 74804. We had 11 members and one guest in attendance.

Cmdr James Bohrer presented the program. He explained the origins of some of our Christmas Carols previous to the War for Southern Independence. He also gave a report on the success of the Camp Float in the Shawnee Christmas Parade. Commander Bohrer (below, left) presented a membership certificate to Shiloh Smith (below, right) whose ancestor, Sergeant William Carrol Paine, served in Company E, 29th Texas Cavalry Regiment.

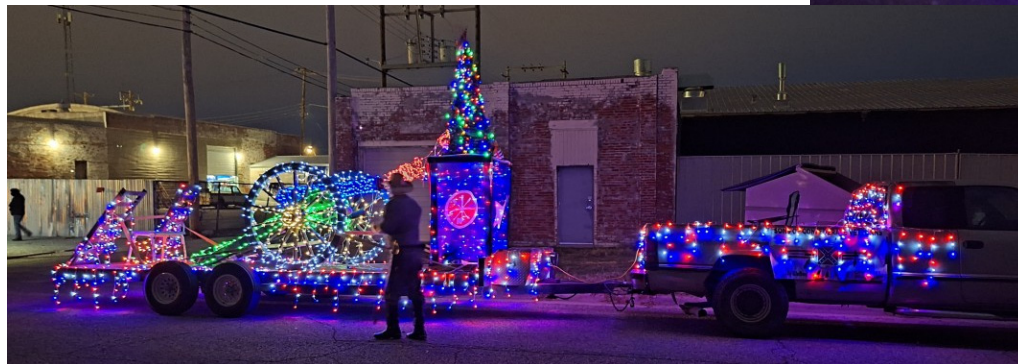
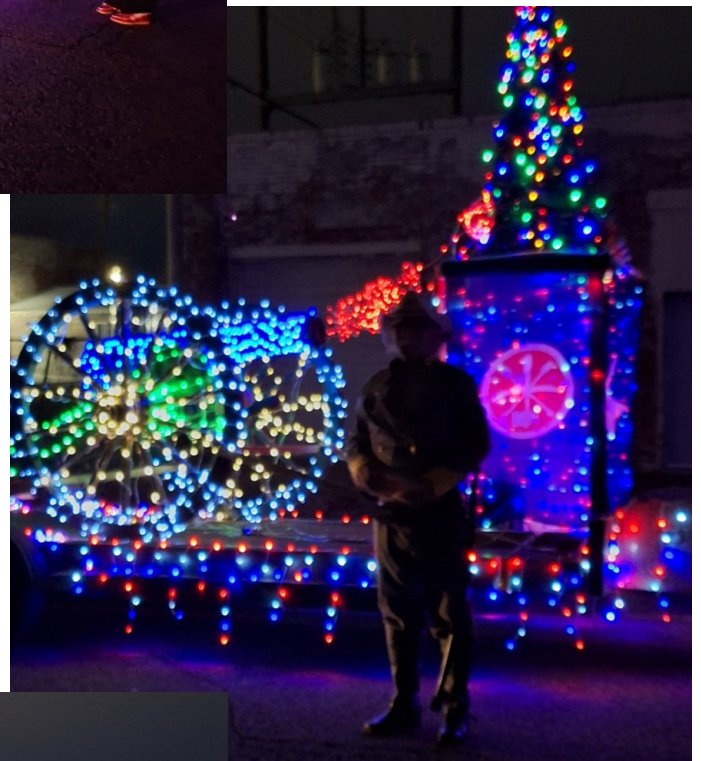




**Col. Tandy Walker
Camp 2207 at the
Shawnee Christmas Parade
Friday, 13 December 2024**

*Commander James Bohrer of the **Col. Tandy Walker Camp 2207** submitted the following reports and photos:*

We took part in the Shawnee Christmas parade on Friday the 13th of December. This was the first time the Camp was allowed to be in this parade. We had over 4000 lights on the float.



(L-R) Commander James Bohrer, Past-Commander Allen Harrison, Compatriot Charles Brown and Adjutant Bobby Colwell were present.



FROM THE DESK OF STEVE WARD

Oklahoma Division Adjutant steve@rebelokie.com

As 2024 comes to a close and we prepare for a new year, now is a good time to look back and reflect on what has been a rough year for some and a moderate year for others. No matter how you felt about 2024, however, it's always a good time to count your blessings - starting with your Southern heritage.

I won't say much about Camp/Division news, saving the important details for our 01 February DEC meeting (see last page of newsletter). But I will say this: Collectively we need to do better in all aspects of running our Camps - submitting dues on time, membership retention, filling out documentation on a timely basis, attending meetings of all types, and just plain CARING. Almost every month SCV Membership Coordinator Eric Previti at HQ offers an online class for new (and not-so-new) Commanders and Adjutants. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the necessary skills officers need to properly run a Camp. Class attendees can ask Eric questions to problems they are having. It is well worth your time to enroll in one of these classes if you're a Camp Commander or Adjutant and have not already done so. Every SCV member with an email address should be receiving these online class invitations.

Which leads me to my next point: Camp Commanders and Adjutants - it is your duty to make sure you have a current email address for each of your members that can send / receive email. Any changes to email addresses (and other contact info) need to go to HQ. I can help with that. There's a big push at HQ to have all current members' email addresses so that when HQ sends out a broadcast message, no one will be left out (except those without an email address). Let's do our part and make sure we can communicate with our members by email so HQ can communicate with our members by email.

Kudos to members who sent in photos, captions and stories for the Division newsletter. No matter what you send, it's interesting to know how you vindicate and celebrate your Confederate ancestors. I've said it before - it takes ALL Camps to make this newsletter a success.

McAlester Camp 775 Commander Patrick Self ended his report in this newsletter with the words, "STAY SOUTHERN. BUY SOUTHERN. BE SOUTHERN." Couldn't have said it better myself. I continue to support our Southland financially as much as possible, and I hope you're making an earnest effort to do the same. I understand it's virtually impossible to buy no products made in China, but if you develop the habit of reading labels, maybe you'll convince yourself you don't really need that item. Reading labels can also awaken you to product made in the South. Enjoy handing out candy to trick-or-treaters? Boycott the big yankee candy makers and instead look for Charms Blow Pops, Chase's Cherry Mash, Airheads, and Cowtails. If you take time to read the labels, you'll find even more candy (and many other consumables) made in the South. Do this in every aspect of your life, and get your family members to do the same.

In my Camp, discussions concerning communism and loss of liberty are not uncommon. Cherokee Brigade Commander Steve Sanders would point out the "four boxes" to be used in the defense of liberty: soap box, ballot box, jury box, and cartridge (ammo) box. The soap box represents exercising one's right to freedom of speech to influence politics to defend liberty, which has diminished greatly in the last four years due to an increase in censorship. The ballot box represents exercising one's right to vote to elect a government which defends liberty, which only works if elections are fair and honest. The jury box represents using jury nullification to refuse to convict someone being prosecuted for breaking an unjust law that decreases liberty, but the weaponization of our justice system renders this ineffectual. And finally, the cartridge box represents exercising one's right to keep and bear arms to oppose, in armed conflict, a tyrannical government, which we have now. The four boxes represent increasingly forceful methods of political action. There's an old saying that you can't vote your way out of communism; you have to fight your way out. The fix was in - no more liberty-loving Presidents will be elected. And yet, I feel like we DID beat communism at the ballot box in November. How was this possible? ANSWER: 'God shed His grace on thee.'

And may God shed His grace on the Southland.

- Steve Ward

The new Oklahoma standard-issue license plate... More Confederate than you realize

by Steve Ward



Version 1 - Specialty plate issued in 2016



Version 2 - New 2024 standard-issue plate

Although the Supreme Court ruling that Texas can reject Confederate flag license plates took the wind out of our sails to pursue the same thing for our state, there is one special Oklahoma license plate that does have Confederate affiliation.

On November 16, 1907, Oklahoma celebrated its statehood, becoming the 46th state. In 1911, Oklahoma got its first official state flag. Using the colors from an American flag, the state flag featured a blue number “46” in the middle of a large white star fimbriated in blue and centered on a solid red field. In 1913, the red flag was delivered to Washington D.C. via train to be on display during the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson.

This flag was designed by Kentucky native Ruth D. (Mrs. W.R.) Clement, who moved to Oklahoma City shortly before statehood. Clement was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here in Oklahoma from 1910-1912. She was also on the Board of Control of the then-new Confederate Home in Ardmore. During her term, United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters throughout the state took part in furnishing the rooms of the newly completed home.

Sadly, the flag only lasted until 1925. As Oklahoma became famous from its oil-producing wells, some people and legislators felt this flag was not historically representative of the state since it looked too similar to the Soviet Union’s flag. (And yet, the word “Oklahoma” is derived from the Choctaw words *okla* and *humma*, meaning “red people”, plus much of the state is known for its red soil.)

Around the same time, legislature passed a law making it illegal to fly a red flag in the state, which is still on the books today. The state’s official motto, LABOR OMNIA VINCIT, which is Latin for “Work Conquers All”, was added to the bottom of the specialty license plate issued in 2016.

One has to wonder if Mrs. Clement was thinking about the Bonnie Blue Flag when she came up with this design for Oklahoma’s first state flag. Granted, the star is not set against a field of blue, but the star does have a blue border.

On 01 September 2024 the new standard-issue license plate available for Oklahomans is strikingly similar to the aforementioned 2016 specialty plate. The state’s motto has been replaced with the new state tagline “Imagine That”, conveying the hopeful idea that Oklahoma is a state that “surprised people by defying expectations, providing countless opportunities and inviting audiences to dream of their own personal potential.”

Along the bottom of the new license plate is an assortment of symbols that represent different aspects of Oklahoma's culture and economy - Bison (Oklahoma's state mammal), wind turbine, Skydance Bridge, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Red-tailed hawk (state raptor), Route 66 and the Pops sculpture, Sacred Rain Arrow statue (used in the license plate design from 2009 to 2016), waving wheat, Golden Driller, and a crescent moon with three stars and a pair of fluffy clouds that represent the Oklahoma sky.

So if you’re unhappy with the poorly-designed bird license plate currently on your vehicle and want something more eye-catching, historical, and a gift to the state from a Daughter of the Confederacy, check out the Original State Flag license plate. Version 1 is still available as a specialty plate. It costs \$21.15 to purchase and personalize (or pre-numbered), and \$16.66 every year to renew, along with the usual registration renewal. Drivers can get the new standard-issue plate (Version 2) by paying a \$4 plate replacement fee with their annual vehicle registration renewal -or- \$9 outside of their annual renewal at a local licensed operator (tag agency). You can find details in the License Plates section of the Service Oklahoma website: <https://oklahoma.gov/service/popular-services/license-plates.html>



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ORAL ARGUMENTS IN THE ARLINGTON APPEAL SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025

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Thirty bound copies of the 466 page Appendix was filed with the DC Circuit Court of Appeals - Cost \$3900 + postage. Will owe about another \$4000 when the bound 30 copies of our Appellants and Reply briefs are filed the day after Christmas!!! The Appeal bills will come in fast and furious after Christmas - so please help us NOW!

The estimated total, \$16,500 for a great brief in a critically important national case is a bargain compared to what is usually paid by mainstream clients in a DC federal appeal. By comparison, the Department of Just-US has outspent the good guys (at least) 10 times that with YOUR tax dollars.

We look forward to oral arguments sometime this Winter. I will travel to Washington DC on 06 JANUARY to be sworn into the bar of the DC District Courts. So remember us this Christmas time!!

EVERYTHING IS FILED ON ARLINGTON APPEAL as of 26 DECEMBER. Oral arguments set for 20 FEBRUARY.

Help us pay the Appeal costs. Make your most generous donation to the SLRC.

It was a YEAR AGO that the Memorial was illegally dismantled - ask Trump to restore it! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT! PLEASE KEEP IT UP - between Arlington and recovering from the hurricane - YOUR DONATION IS OUR SURVIVAL!

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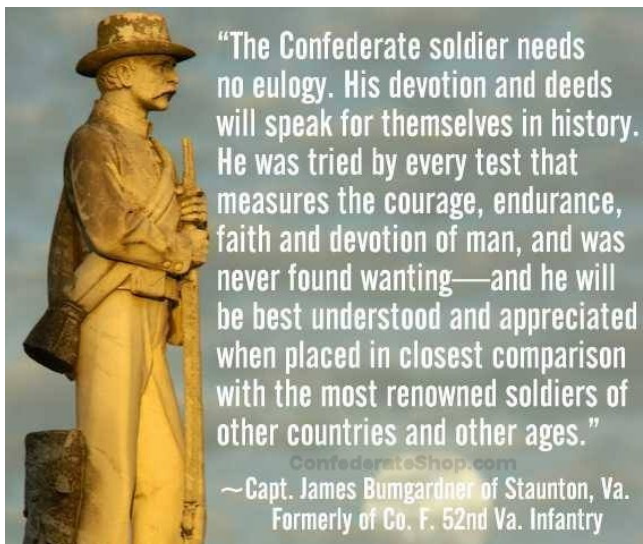
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Glen William Hupp

10 February 1944 – 15 November 2024



Glen William Hupp was born February 10, 1944, in Shreveport LA, to Addie Zee Hupp and Keith A. Hupp. He passed away in the early hours of November 15, 2024, in the VA Hospital in Hot Springs SD, with his cherished wife of 54 years, Patricia Hupp and children nearby.

Glen was a private man and known to do things his own way including setting up his own arrangements for his eventual death. Strong willed and comforted by being in charge, he opted for a military burial with graveside services for his immediate family only. It was his wish that his friends and family not fuss, however he did understand there would be a celebration of life set at a later date. Naturally he didn't want an obituary but he did enjoy swapping stories over coffee, so grab a cup in his honor and enjoy the following.

Glen was born the oldest of six children and grew up on a ranch outside of Hot Springs, SD. He was very devoted to his mother and grandmother through their entire lives and helped take care of the rest of the family until well after his beloved mother passed away. He struck out on his own at a very young age working various jobs and learning to be a truck driver.

On July 5, 1966, he was drafted into the U.S. Armed Forces where he served in Vietnam until April 7, 1968. He was awarded the Vietnam National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Glen returned to Vietnam after his honorable discharge to work for the Department of Defense until finally returning home to Hot Springs in November of 1969.

Upon his return he purchased a house moving business and returned to one of his most cherished hobbies of hunting and fishing which he immediately did a great deal of. In May of 1970 he was living in a small house in Hot Springs when he ventured out on a very warm day to see a lovely woman intently trimming hedges a few yards over. He went over and struck up a conversation by way of offering a cold beverage. He must have been instantly smitten because he used a very suave line of, "Wouldn't it be something if you started on one end, and I started on the other, and we fell in love." The lady in question, Patricia, promptly cut through the cord of her hedge trimmer. It was a whirlwind because they were married within a few weeks on July 31, 1970. They became an instant family of four when Patricia brought her son, John, and daughter Kathi with her.

Glen had a very sharp mind and was ever the business man. He built up his house moving business and carried it on for over 25 years with the support of Patricia and a couple special employees who became friends. Glen could move nearly anything and was known for moving much more than houses, but large barns, huge propane tanks and even a gas station right from the middle of Hot Springs to the very end of town. He could solve all logistics from power lines, negotiate with local authorities and safely work out traffic concerns. He engineered his own tools, most notably designing steerable dollies and inflatable house jacks, which enabled him to move things with minimal damage. In the off season he often returned to trucking, hauling propane in the 70s and 80s and later it would be over the road trucking cross country.

Glen's family grew and he and Patricia had two more children together, a daughter Brenda and son Glen Jr. He would occasionally include one or the other on short trips or to coffee or when he would go hunting. Brenda was quite often in tow, professing to love coffee and be helpful in deer and antelope hunting from the age of five onwards. Glen would chuckle as he would egg Glen Jr. into charming waitresses while out to coffee causing mischief in their wake.

They lived in a house Glen purchased and moved to Hot Springs from Rapid. The house was always filled with a variety of dogs, cats and the occasional bird or fish as Glen was a great lover of animals. He was never without their companionship and he had their devotion, in return perhaps both finding comfort from each other. He even had final arrangements made for his beloved dog Pickette to say goodbye to him. Pickette was his treasured girl from a dear departed friend.

As mentioned, Glen loved hunting and fishing and there was not a season he didn't participate in. There were many years he and Brenda would venture out in the wee hours of very cold mornings, following carefully planned hunting strategies to "catch the big trophy" and he had to put up with a child's antics of squealing with delight and scaring the big game away, or accidentally hitting an 8-point buck with a snowball that was irresistibly tossed over ravine. After the big hunt there was always the trip back into town to show off or lament the one that got away over coffee.

Glen enjoyed the meeting over a cup of coffee right up until the end. He might gruffly greet folks with affectionate nicknames and a twinkle in his eye while "educating" them on things like the stock market or how things should be done. He always had an opinion and was quick to share it. He liked to be in charge and this was evidenced by Patricia quipping she hasn't made a decision for over 54 years.

Veterans, particularly those who served in Vietnam, were held in high esteem by Glen and he proudly wore hats and t-shirts with their emblems. Glen had a deep abiding respect for veterans and supported the Cornerstone Rescue Mission Veterans program and a memorial will be sent in his honor.

Glen left this world the way he lived his life, on his own terms. He leaves his wife, Patricia; son, John (wife Peggy); daughter, Kathi; daughter, Brenda (husband JC); and son, Glen Jr. He had grandchildren John, Jake, Cooper, Carson and Gracie, and great grandchildren Jaxon and Justice. May he enjoy endless cups of coffee and swapped stories.

Glen was a member of the Pvt. Drury Warren Camp 2180 of Ponca City.

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by Keith Miller in Oklahoma City

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Listed items for sale:

Enfield rifle replica • 24" x 40" framed Mort Künstler print

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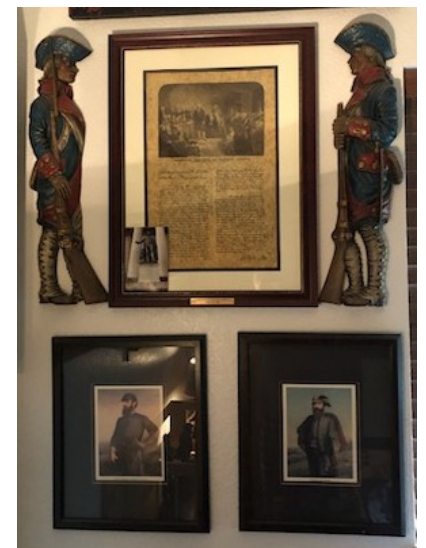
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OKLAHOMA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DEC) MEETING

LaDonna's Grill • 524 S Dawson St (Hwy 18) in Meeker, OK (north of Shawnee)

Saturday, 01 February 2025

Harrison Street is a major arterial street running north-south in Shawnee. It is also State Hwy 18. If you take Harrison Street/Hwy 18 north out of Shawnee, you will arrive at LaDonna's (Meeker, OK) in less than 15 minutes.

From I-44, take the Chandler Exit and follow the Hwy 18 South signs through Chandler. Fifteen minutes later, you'll arrive in Meeker; LaDonna's Grill is on the west side of Hwy 18.

11am dinner; meeting to start around 12:30pm. Do your best to order your meal ASAP after your arrival.

Send me your topics to discuss ASAP. Let me know what you want to talk about.

Draft agenda for the DEC meeting will be circulated closer to the meeting date.

It is the responsibility of ALL Oklahoma DEC members to attend and participate:

- Division Commander
- Division Lt. Commander
- Division Adjutant
- Division Judge Advocate
- Brigade Commanders
- Camp Commanders
- and the immediate past Division Commander if he has served a full term of office.

Please mark your New Year calendars now and keep this day free - Saturday, 01 February, 11:00am. Important topics to the Division will be discussed, so you won't want to miss this.

Bring your appetite and let's have a good turnout. Show you care about your Camp, Brigade, and Division, and come prepared. Let your voice be heard, and let's build a foundation for our Division that's as solid as the one the UCV built for their organization.

Please share this announcement with your Camp members.

Let's all be Confederate and attend this meeting! Now more than ever, you know our Confederate ancestors were RIGHT!

God Save the Southland,

- Steve Ward, Adjutant
- Oklahoma Division SCV
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