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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,

In my last Commander's Corner I overlooked the passing of Al Benson, Jr., which I only discovered in the January-February issue of the Confederate Veteran. Though I never had the honor to personally meet Al, he and I were good email friends for a lot of years. He would, from time to time, print one of my articles in his newsletter, *The Copperhead Chronicles*. He wrote articles almost daily, and I posted many of them online for others to read. He co-authored a couple of books with our CiC, Donnie Kennedy -- *Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists*, and *Lincoln, Marx, and the GOP*, both of which I have and are excellent books. He was a great teller of truth and defender of the South. I am proud to have been able to call him my friend, and he will be sorely missed.

On 01 March I had the honor to address the Brig. General Clement Evans Chapter of the UDC at the Tulsa Little Theater. The meeting was well attended. My talk was on Reconstruction, and I referenced the following books: *The Un-Civil War* by Leonard M. Scruggs, *Reconstruction* by James Ronald Kennedy, and *Truths of History* by Mildred Lewis Rutherford. These are excellent books and I highly recommend them. Each UDC member was given a set of my history brochures. I appreciated the invitation to speak to these nice ladies and thanked them for their warm reception.

On 5 March I contacted Oklahoma Division Lt. Commander Leddy to check on the situation in Ada from the previous

night's tornadoes. He said that everyone was fine and he suffered only some slight damage. We are headed into that time of year here when tornado activity is common. Let us pray we are all spared any ill effects, but be ready to assist others if the need arises.

This month I sent personal letters and a set of our history brochures to all 100 U.S. Senators. Yes, most of them will probably end up in the trash, but if only one Senator or staff member has an open mind, learns something, and passes it on, it will have been worth it. Also, my good friend and SCV member, James King from Albany, Georgia sent me the following video on the War of Northern Aggression. It may be the most unbiased one I have ever seen. I urge you to watch it and share it with others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYepwEO5QDY>

It was good to learn that Compatriots David Nix and Vic Fowler of the McAlester Camp are home from the hospital and recovering from some health issues. Let us continue to lift them in prayer as they regain their strength.

ALL CAMPS! - Please send your Division dues (\$5 per Camp member) to Division Adjutant Steve Ward as outlined in his email. Also, as a minimum, all Camps should at least send a delegate to the April 26 Division Convention.

Always remember...we must, when at all possible, answer back to those who slander our heritage, whether they do it out of hate, or ignorance. We must continue to "live the Charge".

God Bless Dixie!

- Jeff Paulk

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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 first quarter 2025 activities:*

We kicked off the new year with our January Camp dinner and meeting on the second Saturday. After our Invocation / blessing of the food, noon meal and reading of The Charge, we reviewed the December 2024 meeting, presented our Adjutant/Treasurer's Report and discussed the 19 Camp members in good standing.

Old business topics included two articles from the August 2020 issue of the AlabamaGazette.com: Are You From Dixie? by John M. Taylor, and The Cancel Culture is Killing Creativity by Amanda Walker; We discussed Announcement #4 – The SCV Charge Policy issued 25 January 2021 by then-CiC Larry McCluney, Jr. and wondered why they couldn't get The Charge right at the last two National Reunions; Defend Arlington sponsoring a \$5 Christmas Card to Trump (Mar-A-Lago) asking to restore Reconciliation Monument; Defend Arlington – One Year Ago This Morning, A Day That Will Live in Infamy (Christmas Card); Update on Coalgate Camp Commander Joseph McTee's daughter and McAlester Camp Compatriot David Nix; and continued membership database problems with HQ.

New business topics included December Commander's Corner distributed by Division Commander Jeff Paulk (with Camp member Erik Goepfert's comments); 16 December 2024 21st Century Confederate Heroes mailout to "Commanders" from CiC Kennedy; 31 December 2024 Jimmy Carter condolences from CiC Kennedy; 06 January 2025 email from ATM Commander John McCammon regarding Change of Officer Report Form; HQ Commander/Adjutant Training for January 2025; 10 January 2025 (Museum) Bank Debt: Paid in Full from CiC Kennedy; and lastly we reviewed the highlights (and lowlights) of the Jan./Feb. 2025 Confederate Veteran magazine.

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; we share two articles from Brion McClanahan – Jimmy Carter, Southerner –and– Jimmy Carter, conservative?; H.K. Edgerton article about President Jimmy Carter; Reflections on the Legacy of Jimmy Carter by Dr. Carole Hornsby Haynes; You Can Be Free—Just So It Is Somewhere Else (Lincoln The Consummate Liar!) by Michael Gaddy; KY Rep. Thomas Massie – Once a "conspiracy theorist", now vindicated; "Anti-Racist" is a Code Word for Anti-White; 1972 Berrien High School (Nashville, GA) cheerleaders photo (colorized) with battle flag on the exterior wall of the high school; Trump's new

name for the Gulf of Mexico is not as good as ours; GA Division SCV files lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association; Marxism and the Cultural Revolution – Wanjiru Njoya; Liberal Judge dismisses lawsuit seeking return of Confederate 'Gray Ghost' to Ranger Memorial at Fort Moore; Another Example of Anti-Southern Judicial Activism by David Rhodes McCallister, JD; Kudos Candace! by Pastor Chuck Baldwin; 2024: The Year Evangelicals Took Fellowship With Devils by Pastor Chuck Baldwin; I went to the border – Here's what I saw – Wendy Rogers (R-AZ State Senate); That's What I Like About The South (humor); James Hylton – NASCAR driver, SCV member. The meeting adjourned at 3:23pm with a Benediction.

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

Old business topics included the (Museum) Bank Note Paid Off... What's Next? from CiC Kennedy; Billboards Across the Confederation Program from CiC Kennedy; 01 Feb. Oklahoma DEC meeting recap; Update on Coalgate Camp Commander Joseph McTee's daughter and update on McAlester Camp Compatriot David Nix; Membership database problems have finally been fixed by HQ.

We discussed the following new business topics: Saturday 15 February Elm Springs' Valentine's Dessert Party and Tour (fundraiser); 06 February "Arlington Victory, Closing the Deal" from CiC Kennedy (and ATM Commander McCammon); HQ Commander/Adjutant Training available for February 2025.

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; Brother Greg Wilson of Free Florida First asked the simple question, "Are you a Confederate or are you a Republican?"; J.D. Vance's Bold Step to Reclaim Robert E. Lee's Legacy by William Sullivan (American Thinker); H.K. Edgerton wants to bring a \$300 million lawsuit against Facebook (for smear-slander-libel); Southern Legal Resource Center suggests to Keep Praying, Keep Writing Trump, But...; Black Southerners in American Wars (excerpt) by Michael Martin, Abbeville Institute (12 December 2018); Black History Month – Black Confederate Heritage fact sheet prepared by the SCV Education Committee (2004); Black History Month: The Facts by Dr. Carole Hornsby Haynes (2021); Trump Goes To War With The Education Mafia – Dr. Carole Hornsby Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm with a Benediction.

The March meeting of the Broken Arrow Camp was met with a lower than expected turnout, but those attending enjoyed good food and Confederate fellowship after our Invocation / blessing of the food. The meeting was brought to order after the noon meal and Our Charge was read. We then reviewed the February meeting and presented our Adjutant/ Treasurer's Report with 19 members in good standing.

Old business topics included the 5-year anniversary of our Major James McHenry Camp 2310 (of Broken Arrow, chartered under government tyranny in 2020); the National Billboard Project by LTCIC Tony Griffin Recruiting (via ATM Commander John McCammon); Well-being update on McAlester Camp Compatriots David Nix and Vic Fowler; and a summary of Lt. Commander Paulk's visits to other Oklahoma Camps, including the UDC meeting where he was invited to be guest speaker.

During new SCV business and correspondence, we discussed Early Registration for the 130th SCV Reunion in Houston, TX; Early Registration for the Galveston Battlefield & Cemetery Tour at the Reunion in Houston; the highlights (and lowlights) of the March-April issue of *Confederate Veteran* magazine were discussed; and a courtesy reminder that Daylight Saving Time starts the next day.

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; Krewe of Thoth kicks out 2 members after Confederate beads thrown at Mardi Gras parade; Sec. of Defense Pete Hegseth orders Fort Liberty to revert back to Fort Bragg...but with a twist; the Renaming of Fort Bragg email from CiC Kennedy; Southern Legal Resource Center (Kirk Lyons) asks, "What Just Happened with Fort Bragg?"; HK Edgerton weighs in on Pete Hegseth and DOGE, and his letter to President Trump; Defense Department changes Fort Moore's name back to Fort Benning (but not the original Benning); Southern Legal Resource Center pulling out every stop for Arlington; Good news and bad news from Defend Arlington; Save Southern Heritage Florida 06 March member briefing concerning Arlington Reconciliation Memorial and Saluting (Confederate) Women's History Month; A Very Short Quiz for Government Idolators by Michael Gaddy; You Know They Hate Your Guts, Right? and It's Time To Go Our Separate Ways by Brother Greg Wilson, Free Florida First; Belated Unhappy Birthday Dishonest Abe! (Roast in Hell) by Michael Gaddy; Oklahoma's Southern and Confederate Creds – T. Morris (IdentityDixie.com); Despite outcry, NC town's Confederate monument is staying put... for the moment. The meeting was closed at 3:05pm with a Benediction provided by acting Camp Chaplain Jeff Paulk.

Until next time, KEEP PUSHING BACK!

God Save the Southland,
- Steve Ward, Commander
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Jockey brings manufacturing back to the States using our cotton

by Steve Ward

I happened to stumble across a package of Jockey brand t-shirts that stated on the packaging that they were "Made in America" with "American Grown Cotton". This was quite a surprise, as they have been outsourcing their manufacturing for many years to Jamaica, Costa Rica, Honduras, Columbia, and Bangladesh, to name a few.



Always glad to see manufacturing brought back to the States, and we all know the South grows the BEST cotton! So if you're in the market for t-shirts or other undergarments, I highly recommend the MADE IN AMERICA Collection by Jockey.

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 first quarter of 2025:

Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775 returned to Indianola for our January meeting. Despite rather brisk temperatures, we had very good attendance with 10 members and 2 guests. The facility was, as we expected, quiet, private, and welcoming. We want to acknowledge the effort that Vic and Susie Fowler put forth to secure this facility for our use. Camp 775 is on the calendar for the third Saturday of each month for the remainder of the year, 11am-2pm. Thank you Vic and Susie!



Attendees were met with quite a surprise. Shortly after the group was called to order, Compatriot David Nix (above, center) arrived to be in attendance. Upon entering, David was greeted with a hearty round of applause. After approximately a week spent in St. Francis Hospital, he has only been home for about 5 days. Though not yet feeling 100%, David made the admirable effort to join his fellow Confederates at today's meeting. We applaud his dedication to Camp 775. It was a very uplifting experience to witness his determination to support the Camp! We salute you David and pray that today's outing was not too tiring.

Following the Call to Order and Welcome, members were given a short review of our use of the Indianola facility. Our very first meeting at Indianola was in July 2022. This change was necessary due to the Great Balls of Fire Bowling Alley in McAlester being closed for renovation. We continued to meet in Indianola thru the August 2023 meeting. Camp 775 then returned to McAlester for the September 2023 meeting. In December 2024, members voted unanimously to return to Indianola.

Chaplain Bret Hinds gave the Invocation which was followed

by the Salute to the Confederate Flag. Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge. The previous meeting was reviewed. The Adjutant/Treasurer Report, prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward, was read to attendees by Lt. Commander Bently Couch. Camp membership remains at 26. A gun show in McAlester is scheduled for the 15th and 16th of February. Those dates coincide with our scheduled Camp meeting. Members voted to skip the gun show so as not to interfere with the Camp meeting.

CQ Bret Hinds reviewed the Camp Library and reported that the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund had a small increase. Purchase of more Confederate merchandise for the Camp to sell was again tabled. Thanks to an extra donation by Billy Gates, our Camp Benevolent Fund has reached our goal.

Oklahoma Division Executive Council meeting on 1 Feb at Meeker, Ok was discussed. Pertinent photos and notes in the Jan/Feb issue of the Confederate Veteran were discussed. The SCV Museum bank loan has been paid. Members voted to spend money on an advertisement in the upcoming SCV National Reunion souvenir booklet. We revisited the establishment of a Camp bank account. After a short discussion, members voted on the bank, account name, authorized users and mailing address. In the near future, the authorized users will meet at the bank office in McAlester to establish our account.

(Photo by Patrick Self)



As January is the birth month of both Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, Lt. Commander Bently Couch (above) provided an interesting program of quotes from Gen. Robert E. Lee and explained how they were both derived from and reflected General Lee's philosophy on war and life.

Chaplain Bret Hinds gave the Benediction. Members then enjoyed sandwiches of lunch meats and/or cheese with sliced tomato and lettuce, potato salad, chips, peach cobbler and drinks on site at the Indianola facility. Future "Where shall we eat?" discussions will be held. (Thank you Susie Fowler for preparing the potato salad and peach cobbler!)

(Photo by Patrick Self)



Members reconvened at Old Town and Oak Hill Cemeteries (above). Christmas wreaths were retrieved and replaced with small Confederate battle flags. Thank you to all who participated in that endeavor. Though the truck thermometer indicated 39 degrees, the wind made it feel much colder!

Seven dedicated members of McAlester Camp 775 met at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center in Indianola for our February meeting at our usual 11am time. We welcomed guests David Netterville and Allen Harrison from the Shawnee Camp, and Div. Lt. Commander Michael Leddy and wife Britne Leddy. Following the Call to Order, our guests were recognized and introduced. Attendees were given the latest information on Vic Fowler and David Nix. Vic had a full hip replacement on Friday the 14th. He is doing quite well. He believes that his back pain has been relieved and will hopefully be released to go home tomorrow. David Nix has been removed from ICU and moved into a regular floor room. He seems to be getting a bit better with each passing day. However, his medical team has not yet determined a course of action and David is patiently awaiting their decision. Camp 775 sent David a floral arrangement on Friday wishing him a speedy recovery. He is very appreciative of the Camp's gesture. To any and all members who have taken the time to send David an encouraging message, please know that David thanks you. Continue to keep both Vic and David in your prayers.

Today, We Remembered Nona Lee Wood. Thanks to efforts by Bently Couch and Steve Ward, Nona had been honored as a "Friend of the SCV". She was extremely proud of that honor. Nona very rarely missed a Camp meeting and was

always available to give a friendly word of encouragement. Nona passed away 04 February 2019, age 77, from complications of colon cancer. Even after 6 years have passed, we continue to miss her presence. RIP Nona.

C/Q Bret Hinds presented our meeting to the Lord and asked for His blessing. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge and we reviewed our last meeting. The Adjutant Treasurer Report prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward was read by Lt. Commander Bently Couch. The Camp Benevolent Fund has met its goal. We remain at 26 members in good standing.

C/Q Bret Hinds reported on 4 new additions to the Camp Library and that the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund remains unchanged.

A copy of the ad we have purchased for the SCV National Reunion souvenir booklet was circulated for attendees to view.

On Friday, 07 February, Lt. Commander Bently Couch, C/Q Bret Hinds, and myself met at a bank in McAlester. After an hour and a half of a considerable amount of jumping thru various hoops, we were able to obtain an EIN number and a checking account. There will be four authorized users.

The 01 February DEC meeting was reviewed with main discussion being possible progress with the Division mega-flag project. Division Commander Jeff Paulk has managed to get a spot donated for the flag if we choose to use it. It is a small 10ft x 10ft area in the Tulsa area that has visibility from I-244. However, local necessary permits only allow for a 45ft pole. When soliciting donations, the plan was for a 60ft pole. The use of this site was put on hold while further possibilities are explored.

The Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center is in process of beginning a fund raising campaign for a remodeling campaign that is currently scheduled to begin in 2027. The Fund raising is running thru 2026. Members will consider a donation to the campaign in the near future as more information becomes available. It is unknown at this time if the facility will be totally closed during the remodeling in 2027.

Attendees were reminded to make plans to attend the Division Annual Convention on 26 April.



(Photo by Patrick Self)



Our February Camp meeting program was given by Retired Air Force Captain and Shawnee Camp member David Netterville (above), who gave an interesting discussion on Beauvoir, the last home of CSA President Jefferson Davis.

Following the Benediction by Chaplain Bret Hinds, members reconvened for a Mexican dinner in McAlester. Attendees had voted prior to adjourning to bring sandwich makings to the March meeting in order to remain together at the Indianola facility.

The March 2025 meeting of Camp 775 Compatriots was held today being this was the 3rd Saturday of the month. As attending members had previously voted unanimously to do, we met at the Indianola Community and Senior Citizens Center in Indianola.

(Photo by Patrick Self)



We were happy to have Vic Fowler and David Nix (above) in attendance. As you should be aware, both Vic and David have each recently had their struggles with some health issues and spent time in the hospital and undergone physical therapy. Both report feeling much improved, and both want to thank each Camp member for their messages of encouragement and their prayers. David especially wanted to thank our longtime member and previous Camp Chaplain, Bob Pattison, and our current Chaplain, Bret Hinds, for their consistent encouraging notes and prayers. During the darkest days, David says that these two Compatriots helped lift his spirits and gave him the will to continue. The Lord has truly blessed Camp 775 with such men and we are proud to claim them as "ours".

Ten Camp members were present at this meeting, along with guest Susie Fowler

Today, we remembered Nancy Nevels, wife of Compatriot James Nevels. Nancy was born 15 Feb, 1945 and passed away 14 March, 2021, aged 76. She and James were married on 18 July, 1975. The Camp extended our continuing condolences and support for James.

C/Q Bret Hinds presented our group and meeting before the Lord asking His blessing. Following the Salute to the Confederate Flag, Lt. Commander Bently Couch read the SCV Charge. The previous month's meeting was reviewed and the Adjutant/Treasurer Report (prepared by Adjutant Steve Ward) was read by Lt. Commander Bently Couch. Camp membership is 26 (including 5 Life Members!) C/Q Bret Hinds has acquired several new books for the Camp Library, one of which is a pictorial table book of various WBTS battles. He also reported an increase in the Perryville Battlefield Monument Fund.

We briefly discussed the March/April issue of the Confederate Veteran. Attendees were reminded of the upcoming Oklahoma Division Annual Convention (26 April) and encouraged to attend.

(Photo by Patrick Self)

Lt. Commander Bently Couch (right) provided today's program on Union General Benjamin Butler. If you held a disdain for Yankees prior to the presentation, the program would not have improved your opinion. Butler was/is one of the most disliked Generals of the War and soon earned the nickname, "The Beast". He was once described as, "short, fat, shapeless, no neck, squinting, bald-headed, and above all, that singular half defiant look." And this was by one of his subordinates!



Following the drawing for Door Prizes, C/Q Bret Hinds gave the Benediction and attendees remained at the Indianola facility for sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, cake and pastries. During our Fellowship period, it was decided that we will grill hamburgers and hotdogs after the April meeting. If you have not been in attendance in a while, you may want to put 19 April on your "save the date" calendar and come join in the Confederate fellowship.

Be proud of your Southern Confederate heritage and remember.....

"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

Patrick Self

Captain James J. McAlester Camp 775
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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 photo for the First Quarter of 2025:*

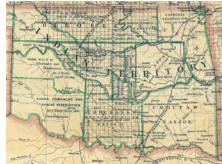
This is a photo of our 2025 officer induction event on January 14. Left to right is Division Commander Jeff Paulk administering the oath of office to Deryk Newberry, Commander; Bryce Hill, Lt Commander and Steven Johnson, Adjutant.

Pvt. Drury Warren Camp 2180 – Ponca City, OK CSA

*Camp Commander Steve Sanders of the **Pvt. Drury Warren Camp 2180** submitted the following report for the First Quarter of 2025:*

We met for our January meeting at our usual location. I gave a program on the Myths Of Slavery to those in attendance. Our February meeting was attended by five Camp members, and the program was on the importance of the Charge. I was the lone attendee at the March meeting.

Indian Territory



Camp 892 – Poteau, OK CSA

*Camp Adjutant Don Branham of the **Indian Territory Camp 892** submitted the following report and photos for the First Quarter of 2025:*

Camp 892, Indian Territory based in Poteau is breaking winter camp and ready for the battles ahead. At our March camp meeting we officially welcomed new SCV member Joey Watkins. The pictures below show Joey taking the membership oath given by LT Commander Steve McDuffie. Joey is joining under the Confederate service of his GG Grandfather Private Henry Newton Patterson, Co. B, South Carolina 6th Infantry.



Our camp is also waiting on membership approval of another recruit, Poteau resident Bill Morris, who has a rich Confederate heritage.

Camp Adjutant Don Branham attended the DEC in Meeker February 1st. We plan for the camp to be represented in April at the Division's Annual Conference.

We are small in number, but large in determination.



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 First Quarter of 2025:*

January was our first meeting at Frateli's Italian restaurant, 1945 N. Kickapoo St., Shawnee, Oklahoma. We enjoyed excellent food before our meeting at 6:30 pm. Fourteen members attended along with two guests.



A very informative talk was given by Ret. Lt. Col. Greg Kent (left) on Union Major General Joshua Chamberlain. Many of us walked away with a different view of the General.



Adjutant Colwell reminded the camp of an upcoming gun show. He asked for volunteers and many compatriots stepped up to serve. The raffle for a reproduction WBTS 58 caliber rifle was mentioned. Adjutant Colwell informed the Camp of a Division Executive

Committee on February 1st at LaDonna's in Meeker, OK. On a vote of the attendees, a donation was approved to "21st Century Confederate Heroes." (Photos by Allen Harrison)



(L-R) Lt. Commander Ron Gwynn, Commander James Bohrer, David Netterville and Dr. George Andrews take care of business at the January Camp meeting.

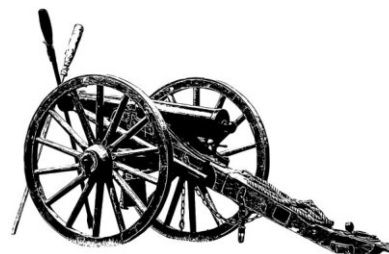
The second meeting of the year for our Camp opened with Chaplain Boles invocation followed by the salute and "Charge", led by Commander Bohrer. We had thirteen members and three guests in attendance. Adjutant Colwell talked about a camp flag and asked for suggestions. A discussion was held on the possibility of Camp 2207 holding a Lee-Jackson dinner and auction in January of 2026. The compatriots voted in favor of the dinner. The dinner will be held at Harvest Creek Venue, the same place as our Division Convention.



(L-R) Commander James Bohrer, Adjutant Bobby Colwell Jr. presenting an SCV membership certificate to Jonathan Smith for his son Maddox Smith. Maddox is training in the Navy, possibly for the Submarine Service. Duane Bass (sitting) looks on.

The program was given by Steven Byas, Program Director of History, Randall University. His topic was "Sherman's March to the Sea Thru South Carolina." His talk was forthright and a true history of the brutal treatment of Southern men, women and children. Professor Byas will be the keynote speaker at our Division Convention April 26, 2025.

The March meeting was attended by fourteen members and one guest. Adjutant Colwell gave the presentation on "Civil War Antique Saddles." He brought his collection of saddles. There was further discussion on the design of a camp flag. Volunteers were called upon to help with the Division Convention and dinner.



FROM THE DESK OF STEVE WARD

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The other day I received a spam phone call from a female asking me if I had chosen a Medicare Advantage Plan (Am I that old already???) and what time would be good to stop by my house to discuss my options. Having my fill of people hounding me with the same question, or wanting to come out and inspect my roof to create unnecessary repairs or other such nonsense, I asked the female who she was and where she was from - *geographically*. After identifying herself and letting me know she lived in Tulsa all her life, I told her as a Southerner she ought to know it was improper to just invite herself over to a stranger's house. She agreed and said, "That's why I'm asking for a day and time." She obviously didn't understand my point. One thing I've learned by being in the SCV and understanding my Southern heritage is that we never stop teaching others (including SCV members) on how to embrace our heritage and the proper way to distance ourselves from the corrupt yankee empire.

President Donald Trump promises to restore statues and monuments that were removed during the Biden administration. But will he restore the Reconciliation Memorial to its rightful place at Arlington National Cemetery? For many months now, Save Southern Heritage-Florida, Defend Arlington and the Southern Legal Resource Center (Kirk Lyons) have been at the forefront of doing all they can to encourage us to contact our congressmen (and now President Trump and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth), and to raise money to put the Memorial back through all legal means. By comparison, our own organization, given to us by our heroic Confederate ancestors, puts in a weak effort. It shouldn't be that way.

As always, kudos to you members who sent in photos, captions and stories for this Division newsletter. Sadly, participation was down from the last issue. No matter what you send, it's interesting to know how you vindicate and celebrate your Confederate ancestors. Keep sending in your articles and photos as you finish your meetings and events. Remember, it takes ALL Camps to make this newsletter a success. Likewise, if your Camp is hosting an event, contact me so I can put it on the Division website calendar.



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Camp Commanders and Adjutants...let's get those Division dues sent to me if you haven't already. (Refer to my 22 March email for details.) Your dues determine if your Camp is in good standing at the Division Convention and Reunion, so mail those dues so they reach me before 26 April please. Thank you!

If you're interested in Confederate graves, I am nearly finished converting all Confederate graves in Oklahoma from the Confederate Graves Registry (cgr.scv.org) into Excel spreadsheet by County. You can download these spreadsheets from the Division website: <http://www.oklahomascv.org/docs.html> If you don't use Excel, contact me and I can convert the list into another format you can use.

Now is a good time to recruit new members during our 3rd and 4th quarter prororation period. New members can pay one price for the remainder of this year (ending July 31) and all of next year.

April is coming, and you know what that means - Confederate Heritage and History Month! Time to learn a little and share a little. Not only that, but our Division Convention and Reunion will occur on Saturday, 26 April at the same place as last year, Harvest Creek Venue (see last page for details). We have a great program and dinner lined up. I'd sure like to see (at least) one delegate from every Oklahoma Camp attend.

Be safe in your travels and strong in your convictions.

- Steve Ward



Southern Legal Resource Center

The Confederate Voice

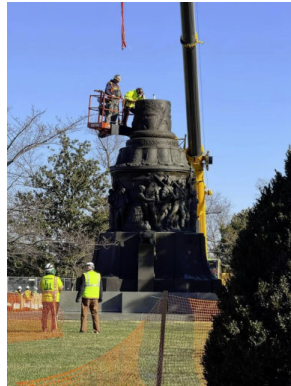
Support the SLRC!

YOU SHOULD KNOW THE DRILL BY NOW! PLEASE ACT

Call the White House 202-456-1111 and mail a letter to:

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

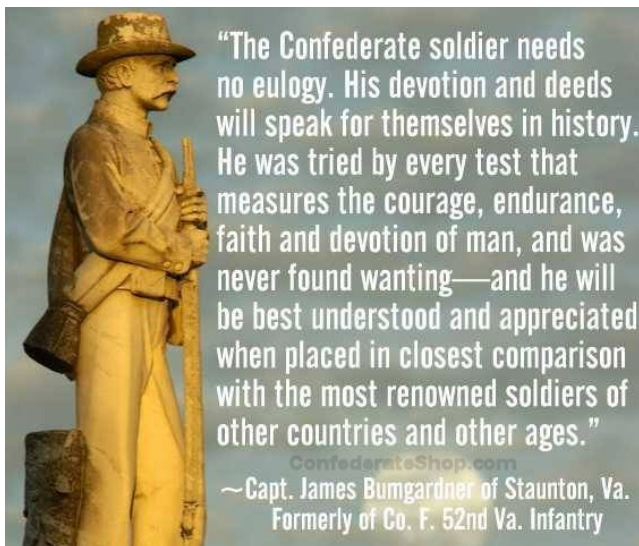
Copy to Secretary of Defense Peter
Hegseth
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000



1. Tell them to please restore the President McKinley in Arlington National Cemetery - taken down by the Biden regime.
2. Removing the Memorial, a grave marker desecrates the sculptor's, Moses Ezekiel, grave and grave and desecrates the graves of 500 veterans buried in Jackson Circle (Section 16)
3. Put it back as a modern symbol of national reconciliation
4. Please share this letter with your congressman:
DefendArlington.org

We've Been Busy

Your Defend Arlington litigation team has been hard at work. Chief Trial Counsel Kirk Lyons traveled to Columbia, SC this past Tuesday for a well planned tour-de-force at the



"The Confederate soldier needs no eulogy. His devotion and deeds will speak for themselves in history. He was tried by every test that measures the courage, endurance, faith and devotion of man, and was never found wanting—and he will be best understood and appreciated when placed in closest comparison with the most renowned soldiers of other countries and other ages."

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~Capt. James Bumgardner of Staunton, Va.
Formerly of Co. F. 52nd Va. Infantry

Statehouse organized by Richard Hines and the South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. About 100 people, SCV, UDC and other friends showed up to support introduction of a Bill to amend South Carolina's Monument Protection Bill to add citizen standing. There was standing room only in the Senate Gallery - 22 Senators stood with Senator (and SCV member) Danny Verdin to introduce the Senate members to monument protection supporters - WELL DONE! I was able to visit with both SCV Commander in Chief Kennedy and UDC President General Julie Hardaway about Arlington.

Now that a 3 Judge panel of the DC Circuit Court of Appeals has dismissed our appeal as "moot" in a rather sloppy 2 page opinion we are preparing a Motion for rehearing before the entire 8 Judges on the Circuit. Because the US is a party we have until 25 APR to file.

We have other irons in the fire that we will share when we can!

YOUR DONATION IS OUR SURVIVAL! Help us pay the Appeal costs. Make your most generous donation to the SLRC.

- Kirk Lyons

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Is your toothpaste, mouthwash, or first-aid gel Confederate?

by Steve Ward

If you love the Southland as much as I do, you'll search the store shelves (and the interwebs) to find Southern items. And occasionally, you'll find items with a Confederate history. One such item is Dr. Tichenor's brand toothpaste.



George Humphrey Tichenor (1837-1923) was born in Ohio County in western Kentucky. After being educated in public schools, he left school and devoted considerable time to the private study of chemistry. Later he became a businessman in Franklin, TN. Shortly after the War to Prevent Southern Independence broke out in 1861, he was commissioned by the Confederate government to manufacture guncotton. He enlisted with the 22nd Tennessee Cavalry Regiment and in 1863 he became an enrolling Confederate officer, and was later appointed an assistant surgeon in the army.



Some time afterward he passed the required examination by the army board and was a commissioned surgeon at Okolona, Mississippi, during which time he is believed to have been the first in the Confederacy to have used antiseptic surgery. Tichenor experimented with the use of alcohol as an antiseptic on wounds. In 1863 he was badly wounded in the leg, and amputation was recommended,

but he insisted on treating his wounds with an alcohol-based solution of his own creation. His wound healed, and he regained the use of his leg. It is said that Dr. Tichenor introduced the first use of antiseptic surgery in the Confederate army, and by so doing saved the lives of many soldiers and made amputation of limbs unnecessary in frequent cases.

As with all proud Southerners, Dr. Tichenor had a fierce regional loyalty. He insisted that his techniques be used only on injured Confederates, never on Union prisoners.

After the close of the war the doctor resumed the study of chemistry, and a little later made a special study of the subject of antiseptics, this ultimately resulting in the perfection of the preparation since known as Dr. Tichenor's antiseptic refrigerant. Tichenor developed his antiseptic formula in Canton, Mississippi, and thereafter practiced medicine in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, moving there in 1884. In 1888 he moved to New Orleans and started bottling Dr. Tichenor's Patent Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana; the formula, consisting of alcohol, oil of peppermint and arnica, was originally marketed as useful for a wide variety of complaints, to be used both internally and externally, for man and beast. An image of the Confederate Battle Flag remained on the product label well into the 20th century. He formed a partnership with J. M. Sherrouse, and located at 230 Canal Street. This partnership continued about five years, when the business was merged into the Sherrouse Medicine Co., and by lease Dr. Tichenor continued to control the manufacture of the antiseptic until the year 1905, when the Dr. G. H. Tichenor Antiseptic Co. purchased the unexpired lease of the Sherrouse Medicine Co. The company producing this liquid was incorporated in 1905 and is still in existence, though the recommended uses are now more modest, principally as toothpaste, mouthwash and topical antiseptic.



If you can't find these items at your local store, try Amazon or other online outlets. All products earn high marks!

Learn more at: <https://www.drTichenor.com/>

2025 OKLAHOMA DIVISION CONVENTION AND REUNION

Harvest Creek Venue • 10165 N. Harrison St (north of Shawnee)

Saturday, 26 April 2025

(Harrison St. and Highway 18 are the same. From I-40, go north on Highway 18 approximately 4 miles. Harvest Creek Venue is on the east side of the highway.)

From I-44, take the Chandler Exit and follow the Hwy 18 South signs through Chandler. Twenty minutes later, you'll arrive at Harvest Creek Venue on the east side of Hwy 18.

Downloadable map here:

<http://www.oklahomascv.org/2025okdivconventionmap.pdf>

Doors open at 9:00am with donuts and coffee and vendor set-up. BBQ catered lunch by the Col. Tandy Walker (Shawnee) Camp 2207 - \$16 per person and will consist of variety of meats and sides, drinks, plates, forks, napkins, etc. Please bring exact change if you can.

Keynote speaker will be Steve Byas. Steve Byas is the director of the History Program at Randall University in Moore. His program will be about secession.

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

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

It is the responsibility of ALL Oklahoma Camps to send a delegate to attend and participate, in addition to:

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

Please mark your calendars now and keep this day free - Saturday, 26 April, 9:00am. 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
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