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Society wants all Confederate monuments to be torn down!!!



Meanwhile in
Campbell County...

09/17/2016 - Confederate Monument Dedication



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"Old times here are NOT forgotten"



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Thomas V. Strain Jr.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”



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*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-in-Chief
United Confederate Veterans
April 24, 1906*

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Commander's Report

Commander Tony Griffin - commander@scvva.org



Compatriots,

As most of you have noticed, our billing statements have not been sent out as of this writing. We had to get

another printer and went in with several other Divisions with the new printing service. They are about three weeks behind at this time and hope to have them out soon. Once received, any issues with your bills need to be brought to your Camp adjutant's attention and he can get the issue resolved with Division Adjutant Mays. There will be plenty of time to get your dues paid before the grace period ends on October 31. I appreciate your patience as we work out the bugs on this first run with the new vendor.

The past month has been relatively quiet except for the protest march in Richmond on August 13th that wound up being much ado about nothing. Division 1st Lt Commander Ray and Heritage Defense Coordinator Earnest were on the ground on Monument Avenue and kept in contact with local authorities to ensure the safety of our monuments.

The Division is still looking for volunteers to serve on various standing committees. Gentlemen, we have approximately 3000 members in

the Division and have positions for those of you that would like to help the Cause. Please consider serving on one of these committees; check the Division website for more information or contact you Brigade Commander.

Fall is almost on us and with that the weather gets cooler and Camps start more projects. Keep your reports and pictures coming so we all can see what you are doing. Send a list of your Camp and Brigade events to our newsletter editor at (travistoombs@gmail.com) and they will be posted.

The State Fair is coming and runs from September 23 to October 2. The Division has a booth and still needs volunteers for some of the days. Your Brigade Commander has the information for signing up so contact him if you are interested in helping out. Let's make this a great opportunity to get some good public exposure, raise some money for the Division and recruit new members.

Thank you for all that you do!

Deo Vindice,
Tony





Heritage Defense

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Monuments, take down the monuments!

Every human being deserves at least one monument. This is especially true of military veterans. The one monument that everyone deserves is called a headstone, tombstone, or grave marker. Every grave represents a real person who once lived as we live now. If we could meet anyone of these persons, we certainly would not agree with them on all things. We might not agree with their politics. We might have a different religion or disagree on how to raise our children. Well then, since we agree that we don't agree, let's just remove all the grave markers in every cemetery everywhere. This of course, is totally ridiculous. It is however, their excuse to take down all monuments and memorials to our Confederate ancestors.

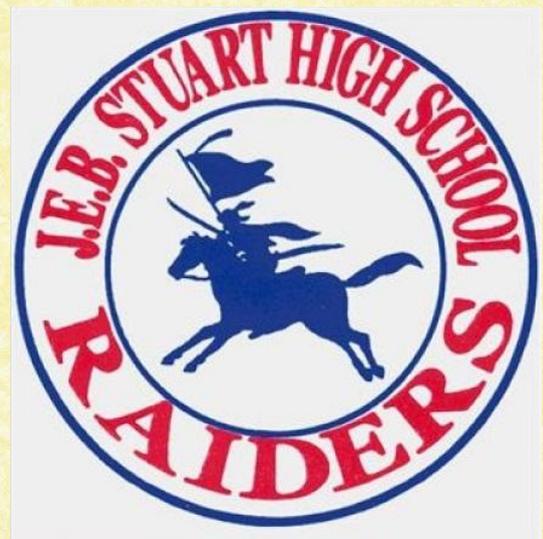
Parks, streets, and schools will soon follow. They are already under attack. You would never allow anyone to remove the stones from your family

cemetery plot. We can not let them erase all images of our Heritage and our Ancestors. If this foolishness is going on in your city or county, please attend the public meetings on this subject. Ask you camp commander and brigade commander for their guidance and help.

I have recently learned from 3rd Brigade Commander Reggie Bennett that these evil forces wish to change the name of the J.E.B. Stuart High School in Fairfax County. Travis Toombs, our ODV editor, informs us that the cost of doing so would be \$700,000.00. In this time of government deficit at all levels, perhaps this money could be put to better use towards education itself.

I am currently dealing with an even graver situation. I don't have all the details yet. I will inform you all of the situation in the next ODV.

Frank Earnest,
HDC and Southern Patriot





Chaplain's Comments



Chaplain Fred Chiesa - chaplain@scvva.org



At the start of the War Between the States, the south considered the need for chaplains.

Confederate secretary of war; Leroy P. Walker issued a report

calling for chaplains on April 27th, 1861. Confederate congressman Francis S. Bartow of Chatham County Georgia submitted Bill #102, which passed to create the post of chaplain with salary to be \$85 a month but that was cut two weeks later to \$50 a month. Duties of the chaplain nor what uniform were ever specified in the bill.

As chairman of the military committee he helped select the color and style of the initial Confederate gray uniforms. Bartow also pushed for fast actions to counter the imminent threat of Lincoln and the Northern retaliation. To back up his words with actions he announced in May that he would be resigning from congress and departing for the battlefield, taking his Oglethorpe Light Infantry up to Virginia.

He explained later on:

"After my public compelling to achieve it (secession) ... I had pledged myself to meet all the consequences of secession. I am bound, therefore, in honor, and still more strongly by duty, to be among the foremost in accepting the bloody consequences which seem to threaten us."

Next, Bartow offered his volunteer military force directly to the president, Jefferson Davis, who immediately accepted and made him commander of the new Confederate force Oglethorpe Light Infantry, the first company to officially serve in the Confederate Army. After arriving in Richmond, Virginia, he was promoted to Colonel of the 8th Georgia infantry. At the Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861, while rallying his men toward the enemy and cheering them on *"Boys, follow Me!"* and waving his cap over his head, a bullet fatally lodged in his chest. Some of the men gathered around him, witnessing his last words: *"Boys, they have killed me, but never give up the field."* The soldiers obeyed his last command to attack and destroyed the enemy battery at Stone Bridge.

Francis S. Bartow was a man of honor, not only did he say what he meant, he practiced what he preached. In honoring our ancestors we must always remember our actions sometimes speaks louder than our words and in the eyes of God we must walk the path of righteousness.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs and that it may benefit those who listen

- Ephesians 4:29



Epaulet of Confederate Chaplain

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Thoughts of a Millennial

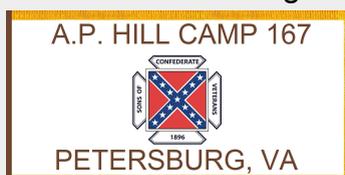
The 12 Steps to Unreconstructing Yourself

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- Step 1: Admit that, as a student in a public school, we were ignorant to the federal indoctrination occurring and because of this, we were powerless to stop our reconstruction.
- Step 2: Come to the understanding that anything, but not necessarily everything, that we have been taught could possibly be inaccurate and/or biased information designed to justify the cause of the victor.
- Step 3: Conclude that the only way to determine the difference between the truth and what they want us to believe is the truth, is for us to look at both sides of the situation, analyze the evidence, and come to a logical conclusion excluding what is politically correct and what has been “twisted” based off of modern day thinking.
- Step 4: Search all available outlets for information concerning not only the viewpoint of the north and the South, but also the viewpoint of other countries that “did not have a dog in the fight.”
- Step 5: Admit to God, ourselves, and others that we are ignorant right now, but are actively seeking the truth and listen to any advice that others may have.
- Step 6: We are now ready to analyze the information in front of us as a person with a “blank slate” so that we can determine for ourselves what happened and not what they wanted us to think happened.
- Step 7: Begin to analyze the evidence in front of you with a mindset that has no predetermined outcome.
- Step 8: Make a list of contradicting viewpoints and contradicting evidence that may be reviewed in the following step.
- Step 9: Carefully review the contradicting evidence while keeping in mind the source and the mindset of the source at that time. Evidence can not be reviewed with a modern day mindset or else we run the risk of misinterpreting it.
- Step 10: After the evidence has been thoroughly examined, you can now begin to draw conclusions of your own. Conclusions that were not forced upon you by the victor of a war in which they started.
- Step 11: Remember as you come across information regarding this War of Northern Aggression, that not everyone who writes about this war has been through these steps and that they, themselves, may be unknowingly reconstructed. You must continue to weed through the ignorant information until only the truth remains.
- Step 12: Help others become aware of their reconstructing and explain to them that it is not their fault. Remember, to be a successful graduate of the public school system you **MUST** remember the reconstructed view of history. And for most high school students, it is too difficult to remember the reconstructed version, much less the correct version too.

But then again, take these steps with a grain of salt because after all, these are just the thoughts of a millennial.



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1st Brigade Report

Commander Howard (Hal) Hartley - hscoobysnack@aol.com



Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14:

Activities in July

1st Lt Commander Tommy Thomas continued his cleaning of area Confederate tombstones and Southern Crosses of Honor.

Commander Tony Griffin attended July DEC meeting as Division Commander.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on September 6th at 6:30 at the Carrollton Ruritan Club. Guest speaker will be Billie Earnest talking on Mary Surratt.

Stonewall Camp #380:

Next Meeting

The next Camp Meeting will be August 30th, 2016 at East Side Pizza

Gen William Mahone #1369:

Camp Picnic

On July 4th, 2016, the camp hosted a picnic at Compatriot Jones' home in which 18 persons attended. The Camp made a donation to the American Cancer Society relay for Life Chairman, Miss Brenda Raiford.

Membership

The camp received 2 new membership applications along with 1 membership transfer request.

Urquhart Gillette Camp #1471:

July Meeting

On July 21st, 2016, the camp met at Fred's Restaurant in Franklin. There were 16 in attendance and it was camp movie night. The Sam Davis Youth Camp was discussed along with preparations for the Southampton County Fair.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 18th, 2016 and it will be show and tell. Also, members should be prepared to discuss fundraising ideas.

Norfolk County Grays #1549:

July Meeting

On July 20th, 2016, the camp met at Gus & George's Restaurant with 18 in attendance. The speaker was Ian Pearce who spoke about the German occupation of Guernsey Island. The meeting was dedicated to Nathan Bedford Forrest in celebration of his birthday being on the 13th of July. The camp also honored the soldiers who died in Gettysburg and at the Battle of the Crater.

Other Activities

June 21- Cdr Shirley, Lt Cdr Earnest traveled to Keysville to attend, Charlotte County Grays program given by Mrs. Earnest.

June 23 - Cdr Shirley and Lt Cdr Earnest assisted in placing 3 headstones at Oakwood Cemetery.

July 5 - Cdr Shirley attended Lt Cdr Fred Ingams funeral.

July 16 - Lt Cdr Earnest escorted Ancestors, of Pvt. L. Brown to view recently place headstone.

Jul 18 - Cdr Shirley, Lt Cdr Earnest and Compatriot Lee Hart escorted Ian Pearce to Big Bethel Battlefield to view monument of Pvt L Wyatt.

Jul 19 - Cdr Shirley, Lt Cdr Earnest escorted Ian Pearce on guided boat tour of Ft. Wool.



1st Brigade Report

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James City Cavalry Camp #2095:

July Meeting

On July 27th, 2016, the camp met at the Colonial Heritage Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia with 33 in attendance. The speaker was Mike Hendricks and he spoke on the Richmond Clothing Bureau. The Camp made a donation to the William and Mary College Swem library, for acquisition of Pvt TJ Head. Chaplain elect Warren Raines took his Oath of Office.



Mike Hendricks with 1st Lt Engles show uniform display.



New Chaplain Raines with Senior Chaplain Breeden.

General Wise's Refugees #2189:

June Meeting

On June 9th, 2016, 4 members of the Camp met at the American Legion Hall where they reinstated Compatriot Donnie Brock and Recruit William Sprague. They also discussed having another cookout.

Camps in the 1st Brigade:

- 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry Camp #9
- Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14
- Magruder-Ewell Camp #99
- Stonewall Camp #380
- Princess Anne Camp #484
- General William Mahone Camp #1369
- Urquhart-Gillette Camp #1471
- Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549
- Tom Smith Camp #1702
- Lane-Armistead Camp #1772
- General John R. Chambliss, Jr. Camp #1779
- James City Cavalry #2095
- General Wise's Refugees #2189



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Lieutenant General
Stephen Dill Lee
September 22nd, 1833**



2nd Brigade Report

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No Report
Submitted

Camps in the 2nd Brigade:

Lee Jackson Camp #1
The Hanover Dragoons Camp #827
General James Longstreet Camp #1247
J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1343
Chester Station Camp #1503
General Robert E. Lee Camp #1589
Captain WM. Latane Camp #1690
Cold Harbour Guards Camp #1764
Dearing-Beauregard Camp #1813
Essex Dixie Rifles Camp #2011
Brig. Gen. W.C. Wickham Camp #2250
Edmund Ruffin Fire Eaters Camp #3000



3rd Brigade Report

Commander Reggie Bennett - reggieb6@hotmail.com



News From The 3rd Brigade!

That's one BIG flag!!

The largest Confederate flag in the world was raised by the Virginia Flaggers on July 23rd. Dedicated to General William Lewis Cabell, the Memorial Battle Flag was raised in Danville, VA . The 3rd Brigade along with others were there to help with the ceremony. Members of The Stuart-Hairston Camp #515 and The Wharton-Stuart Camp #1832 provided artillery and members of The Campbell Guards Camp #2117 helped with the honor guard.



3rd Brigade Picnic

The 3rd Brigade picnic was well attended. The 28th Virginia Infantry Camp #491 under Commander Mark Craig held the picnic at the AMVETS building in Roanoke on July 23rd.



New Member

Commander Boyd Hubbard of The Bedford Rifle Grays Camp #1475 welcomes their newest member Adam Smith to the camp.





3rd Brigade Report

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Annual Picnic

The joint annual picnic by The Campbell Guards Camp #2117 and The Major General Thomas L. Rosser OCR Chapter 13 was well attended. A good time was had by all.



3rd National in Floyd County



Stuart's Horse Artillery #1784 erected a 3rd National flag along route 221 in Floyd County on Compatriot Ron Garrett's property and the response was overwhelmingly positive. They

have started a campaign to have Confederate flags erected throughout Floyd County. Commander Jeff Stewart is challenging all camps in the 3rd Brigade to do the same in their communities

Campbell County Monument

The Campbell Guards Camp #2117 have erected a monument to the Soldiers of Campbell County. Campbell County was the only County in the State of Virginia that did not have a monument or memorial to the Confederate Soldier. Dedication will be September 17th 2016 at 1pm at the monument site of 2196 Red House Road Rustburg VA 24588. This is a rain or shine event, please bring a chair. Due to limited parking please consider sharing a ride.



Cemetery Work

The Fincastle Rifles #1326 continued working on the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs Cemetery. The camp has two new members, Chris Stevens and Gregory Spickard.

Camps in the 3rd Brigade:

- Garland Rodes Camp #409
- 28th Virginia Infantry #491
- Stuart-Hairston #515
- Fincastle Rifles Camp #1326
- Bedford Rifle Grays Camp #1475
- Jubal Early Camp #1691
- Stuart's Horse Artillery Camp #1784
- Wharton-Stuart Camp #1832
- Campbell Guards #2117
- 57th VA Infantry Franklin County Fire Eaters #2258



4th Brigade Report

Commander Richard A. Moomaw - moomaw@shentel.net



Richard was born, raised, and has resided in Shenandoah County his whole life. He has worked for the County of Shenandoah for 34 years. He joined the SCV

over 20 years ago as a member of the Strasburg Guard. When interest became overwhelming for a Camp in the southern part of the county, he joined with other active members to form the Capt. Jack Adams Camp in Edinburg / Mt. Jackson. He served as Lt. Commander and then for 4 years as Commander. He is also one of 3 court appointed trustees of "Our Soldiers Cemetery", the Confederate cemetery in Mt. Jackson at the site of the Confederate hospital that was located there.

Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp #19:

Firemen's Parade

Members of the Camp lead the annual Firemen's Parade in Madison on July 13th. The eight members representing the camp carried the United States flag, Confederate battle flag, and Virginia flag, along with the Camp banner. Waves and applause greeted them along the nearly 1 mile of the parade route.



New Officers

Newly elected officers of the Camp are:	
Commander	Bill Graham III
1st Lt. Cmdr.	Jim Embree
2nd Lt. Cmdr.	Colt Puryear
Adjutant	Don Echols
Treasurer	Keith Price
Quartermaster	Gary Jones
Historian	Linwood Imlay
Color Sgt.	Pete Woodward
Judge Advocate	Colt Puryear
Chaplain	Wes Aylor

Clinton Hatcher Camp #21:

New Civil War Trails Marker

Adjutant Ben Trittipoe, Comm. Officer Raleigh Boaze, and Past Commander Rick Turner represented the Camp at the Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at the Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester which was sponsored by the Turner Ashby Camp. The Clinton Hatcher Camp was a key sponsor of a new Civil War Trails marker which was dedicated at the Sharon Cemetery adjacent to Middleburg Baptist Church on June 26th. Members of a reenactment group representing the 11th Mississippi Infantry were present to honor Col. Francis M. Green who was mortally wounded leading the 11th Mississippi at Spotsylvania. He was born near Middleburg and returned to Sharon Cemetery for burial.

MIDDLEBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Sharon Cemetery's Notable Confederate Dead

After the Second Battle of Manassas, August 28-30, 1862, the Middleburg Baptist Church (to your right) served as a hospital for wounded Confederate soldiers.

Some of those who died there are buried in Sharon Cemetery, in front of you, the final resting place of 81 Southern soldiers including some killed elsewhere. Col. Francis M. Green (1823-1864), 11th Mississippi Infantry, is one of the few whose name is known. He survived Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg but was mortally wounded on May 12, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House. The unknowns are honored by an obelisk, "To the Unknown Dead," in the Confederate Circle.



Confederate Circle
Courtesy Stephen C. Price



Lieutenant Arthur Lee Rogers
Courtesy Virginia Military Institute Archives

Several notable and interesting veterans are buried here: Maj. Arthur Lee Rogers (1831-1871), Loudoun Artillery, was severely wounded at Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863.

Hiding in an ambulance when Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson was shot, Rogers insisted that the general take his place. Rogers designed the Third National Flag of the Confederacy in 1865 while recuperating from his wound.

Lt. Charles Minnigerode, Jr. (1845-1888), aide-de-camp to Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, was the elder son

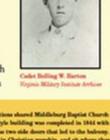


Lt. Charles Minnigerode, Jr. and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee - "The Hunter"

of the Rev. Charles Minnigerode, rector of St. Paul's Church in Richmond.

Lt. Henry H. "Harry" Hatcher (1841-1895), Co. A, 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers) is buried here. His tombstone includes an epitaph—"the bravest of the brave"—quoting the compliment that Col. John S. Mosby paid him during and after the war.

Virginia Military Institute cadet Balling Walker Barton (1846-1924) fought in the 1864 Battle of New Market.



Col. John S. Mosby
Virginia Military Institute Archives



Lt. Henry H. Hatcher
Courtesy Virginia Military Institute Archives

Baptists and other denominations shared Middleburg Baptist Church as a "Free Church" before building their own churches. The Federal-style building was completed in 1818 with separate front doors for men and women. Buried members carried the two side doors that led to the balcony. All men and women, regardless of race, can now join and participate in Christian worship, and all others who choose. Sharon Cemetery Dates to 1808.



4th Brigade Report

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R.E. Lee Camp #726:

The annual southern garden party (Juleps Party) was another huge success that was enjoyed by all in attendance on July 16th. Hosted by Claude and Anne Crump, Mint Juleps, cigars, and all varieties of southern vittles were in abundance. It has also been reported that some fine southern Moonshine and Maker's Mark may have made an appearance.



Remembering the Fallen

The 287 soldiers of Armistead's Brigade who died in Pickett's Charge on July 3rd, 1863 were honored on July 3rd of this year. Descendants of the Brigade survivors read the 287 names of the fallen at a ceremony held beside of the Armistead marker on Cemetery Ridge in Gettysburg. Camp member James Whitehead IV and his son James Whitehead V and daughter Sara were involved in reading the names of members of the 9th, 14th, and 53rd Virginia. Compatriot Whitehead's great uncle, Sergeant Thomas Booker Tredway was mortally wounded and died 10 days later. Tredway's brother, Capt. William Marshall Tredway, was wounded but escaped capture and survived. Camp member Carl Sell and his granddaughter Danielle Clark read the names of members of the 38th and 57th Virginia who gave all. Compatriot Sell's great grandfather, Private James Farthing, was a member of the 38th Virginia. He was wounded before reaching

the stone wall and survived. Private George White, Sell's great uncle who was standing with Gen. Armistead, was also wounded and survived.



Co. E Brandy Rifles Camp #1918:

Iron Cross Dedication

Members of the Camp held a graveside ceremony for member Brian Scott's ancestors who are buried in the Compton/Hitt family cemetery, Goudvine Fork – Culpeper Virginia. Compatriot Scott's great great grandfathers John C. Compton and Albert Hitt are both buried in the cemetery. A Southern Cross of Honor was provided for both soldiers.





4th Brigade Report

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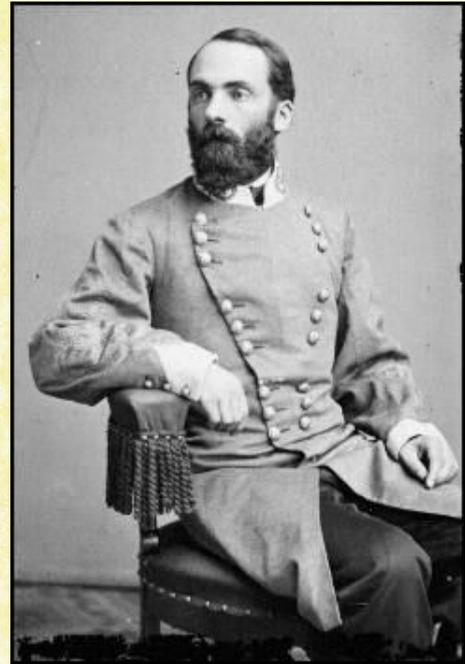
Capt. Jack Adams Camp #1951:

July Meeting

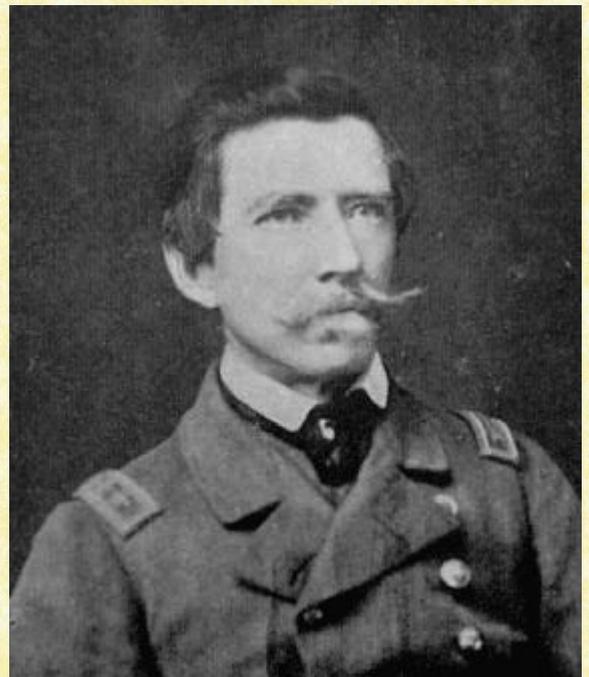
The July meeting of the Camp took members to Lantz's Mill near Edinburg Virginia. There a tour was conducted of the grist mill which had been burned to the ground during "The Burning" of the Shenandoah Valley. The mill was rebuilt on the original foundation and was back in operation by the early 1870s. All members in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the field trip and tour of the large mill which looks just as it did then.

Camps in the 4th Brigade:

- Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp #19
- Clinton Hatcher Camp #21
- Jefferson Davis Camp #305
- Summers-Koontz Camp #490
- R.E. Lee Camp #726
- Black Horse Camp #780
- Frank Stringfellow Camp #822
- John S. Mosby Camp #1237
- Turner Ashby Camp #1567
- Strasburg Guard Camp #1587
- Co. E Brandy Rifles Camp #1918
- Capt. Jack Adams Camp #1951
- Stafford Light Artillery Camp #2247



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Lieutenant General
"Fighting Joe" Wheeler
September 10th, 1836**

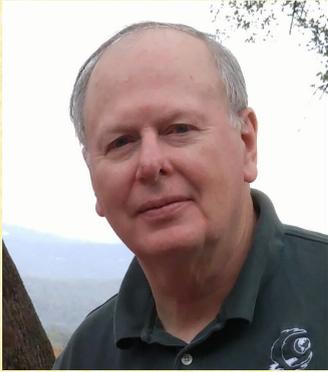


**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Rear Admiral
Raphael Semmes
September 27th, 1809**



5th Brigade Report

Commander Michael Virts - virts.michael@yahoo.com



Colonel D. H. Lee Martz Camp #10:

Last Meeting

Camp # 10 at its last reported camp meeting at the Rockingham County Administration Building swore in its elected camp officers and welcomed one of its two newest camp members, Matthew Richardson, who attended the meeting.

The Stonewall Brigade Camp #1296:

Lee-Jackson Day Plans

Camp # 1296 at its last reported camp meeting discussed plans for its commemoration of Lee-Jackson Day in January 2017, including symposium speakers on Friday of the Lee-Jackson weekend. Heritage Update: The Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee University is no longer available for the camp to use. The Presbyterian Church of Stonewall Jackson has been used before and is a possible venue for Lee-Jackson Day 2017.

Trevilian Station Camp #1434:

First Meeting Since Reactivation

Over half the camp membership attended our successful camp meeting on July 26th in Louisa.

19th Virginia Infantry Camp #1493:

August Meeting

Jayne Blair of the Orange County Historical Society and a former Guide at Montpelier, spoke at the camp meeting on August 1st about 10 Confederate deserters who were executed at Montpelier.

Charlottesville Monuments

The "Blue Ribbon Commission" about the Confederate Monuments in Charlottesville held its first open meeting in which the prevailing attitude expressed was to leave the Confederate Monuments where they are presently located, but to "place some historical perspective markers."

Highlanders Camp #1530:

Confederate Park

Camp # 1530 is still pursuing a grant to create a Highland County Park in Monterey where there are 85 Confederate graves in a cemetery.

Botetourt Artillery Camp #1701:

West Virginia Reenactment

Camp # 1701 plans to participate in the August 12th - 13th - 14th weekend Re-enactment of the Battle of Dry Creek at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp #1722:

Meeting and Luncheon

On Wednesday, July 16th, Camp # 1722 held its monthly camp meeting in Fredericksburg, Virginia. On Saturday, July 23rd, camp members attended in Culpeper, Virginia, the 120th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon of Culpeper Chapter # 73 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Major General Fitzhugh Lee Camp #1805:

August Meeting

On Monday, August 8th, Camp # 1805 held its 3rd Quarterly meeting of the year in Fredericksburg, Virginia, which included a program presentation on the Federal Prison for Confederate POWs at Point Lookout, Maryland, by Lt. Commander Michael Virts and welcoming to the Camp, Robert G. Williams of Fredericksburg, a new member of the SCV. Our next and last quarterly



5th Brigade Report

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meeting of the year will be on November 7th in which we will elect Camp officers for a two-year term, 2017-2018.



Membership Applications

Lt. Commander Virts has given out 24 SCV membership application forms locally in Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg to prospective members of the Camp and the SCV.

121st Reunion

5th Brigade Commander Virts represented the Camp at the 121st SCV National Reunion in Richardson, Texas, from July 14-16, 2016.

Southern Baptist Convention

On Sunday, July 31st, Lt. Commander Virts attended services at a Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, where he gave the pastor there a copy of the Southern Baptist Convention Resolution # 7 which attacks our Battle Flag. The pastor informed Compatriot Virts that his church has left the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is already experiencing negative repercussions from its ill-advised Resolution # 7 attacking the Confederate Battle Flag.

Carpenter's Battery Camp #1927:

121st Reunion

Virginia Division Adjutant Greg Mays represented Camp # 1927 at the 121st SCV National Reunion in Richardson, Texas, 6 miles northeast of Dallas, from July 13 - 17, 2016.

47th Virginia Cavalry #2124:

Danville Flag Raising

Camp Adjutant and Communications Officer Sid Lester reports that he and other Virginia Flaggers placed a 30' x 50' Confederate Battle Flag on a 119' flagpole in Danville, Virginia, on Saturday, July 25th. In attendance were Ronnie Roach, the new ANV Commander and Rev. Herman White.

Pvt. Napoleon Bonaparte Ponton Camp #2179:

121st Reunion

Past 5th Brigade Commander and Past Division Adjutant Ted Crockett represented the Pvt. Napoleon Bonaparte Ponton Camp at the 121st SCV National Reunion in Richardson, Texas, from July 13-17, 2016.

July Meeting

Camp # 2179 met on July 17th with Division Chaplain Fred Chiesa giving a presentation on how General Robert E. Lee came to command and the origin of the Army of Northern Virginia. Attendance at the camp meeting was over 30 people including guests from the Appomattox and Kirkwood Otey Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The camp has received an application for membership from another prospective member.

Camps in the 5th Brigade:

- Col. D.H.Lee Martz Camp #10
- The Stonewall Brigade Camp #1296
- Trevilian Station Camp #1434
- 19th Va. Infantry Camp #1493
- Highlander Camp #1530
- Botetourt Artillery Camp #1701
- Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp #1722
- Major General Fitzhugh Lee Camp #1805
- Carpenter's Battery Camp #1927
- 47th Virginia Cavalry #2124
- Rev. Beverly Tucker Lacy #2141
- Pvt. Napoleon Bonaparte Ponton #2179



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During the month of July, my wife, Jackie, and I traveled to Williamsburg on the 8th to attend the Division Executive Council meeting on the 9th, returning home to Bristol on the 10th. After

a one day break, we departed for the 2016 Annual Reunion in Richardson, Texas, a ten day road trip encompassing more than 2,600 highway miles. Somewhat exhausting, but a worthwhile journey nonetheless.

The Reunion was well attended with a number of Compatriots from the Virginia Division present. In addition to the serious business, there was time for fun as well, including our attendance at the Banquet, Debutante Presentation and Grand Ball that closed the Reunion on Saturday evening, which saw the Renaissance Hotel's Symphony Ballroom filled to overflowing.



The trip also provided an opportunity for us to visit with our good friend, Compatriot Preston Furlow, owner of Squaw Creek Sutlery, maker of fine custom flags, a member of the Oran M. Roberts Camp #178, Texas Division, at the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth.

Preston delivered the banner that I had commissioned for the 6th Brigade to display at brigade functions, meetings and parades. It is a cotton, 48" x 48" Army of Northern Virginia Third Bunting Issue pattern battle flag with both a pole sleeve along the fly and sewn grommets on the hoist which allows it to be displayed as a banner or carried/displayed as a conventional flag. Preston provided us a product that showcases his usual excellent quality workmanship.



Captain John F. McElhenny Camp #840:

Christmas in July

July 2 - Several camp members traveled to West Jefferson, North Carolina to participate in a living history demonstration as part of the town's Christmas in July Festival.



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Grave Marker Dedication

July 30 - Camp Adjutant Steven Fox led members of the camp and other participants in a ceremony dedicating a grave marker in the Wilson family cemetery in Swords Creek for 1st Lt. Lilburn Madison Wilson, Co. G, 37th Virginia Regiment during a family reunion of Lt. Wilson's ancestors. Participation by SCV members was outstanding with members from four 6th Brigade camps and one Vaughn's Brigade, Tennessee Division camp involved. Many Wilson descendants were in attendance and the flag that draped the grave during the ceremony was presented to Lt. Wilson's great-great-great grandson.



Adjutant Steven Fox discusses Confederate flag history

The origins of the Battlefield Cross or Battle Cross are a little vague, but appear to lie in the American War Between the States. and they are a bit grisly. Until this period, fallen soldiers were buried where they lay, often by opposing forces, with crude markers being erected and sometimes replaced. However, during the War Between the States soldiers began to be sent home for burial or were to be buried in an area designed to be a cemetery near the recent battlefield. After a battle was over, people would move through the battlefield to mark the bodies which needed to be recovered and the most convenient marker would have been a soldier's rifle with its bayonet stuck into the ground with his hat placed on top.



The Honor Guard fires a volley over Lt. Wilson's grave



A period "Battlefield Cross" at the head of Lt. Wilson's grave

Brown Harmon Nighthawks Camp #1573:

Grave Marker Dedication

July 30 - Adjutant Ronald L. Ireson attended the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony for 1st Lt. Lilburn Madison Wilson in Swords Creek, Virginia.



Adjutant Ronald L. Ireson (R) talks with 6th Brigade Commander Bill Dennison at the Wilson Marker Dedication



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Gen. Henry A. Wise Camp #1756:

Living History

July 30&31 - Members of the camp set up a living history demonstration at the Muster Grounds in Abingdon as part of the Annual Highlands Festival Civil War Weekend.

Demonstrations were done on how the telegraph was used to send and receive messages during the war. Displays were also set up of all of the flags of the Confederacy. Information was given to all the visitors that came by to watch and ask questions.

Small skirmishes were conducted each day to demonstrate WBTS small unit combat tactics and equipment employment.



Small artillery pieces at the Muster Grounds



Camp #1756 location at the Living History demonstration



Compatriot Allen Thomas demonstrates the use of the telegraph

Walker Terry Camp #1758:

Flea Market

July 9 - As part of their fundraising activities, the camp set up at the large flea market at the Shot Tower near the Shot Tower State Park at Austinville. Sale of merchandise was brisk and a great deal of information was passed on to visitors to the camp's booth.

This venue, and one other similar event provide the primary outlet for the sale of apple butter that the camp gathers to make every summer. Other merchandise is also provided, but the apple butter is the single largest money maker for the camp at these events.



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Tickets for the camp's annual raffle of a firearm were also available here. This year's prize is an AR-15 type semiautomatic rifle and ticket sales for these rifles are always good.



Compatriot Marc Bishop (L) and Lt. Commander Bill Leighton at the camp's booth

Grave Marker Dedication

July 30 - Commander Carrel Thompson, Lt. Commander Bill Leighton and Compatriot Tom Richardson travel to Swords_Creek to participate in the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony for 1st Lt. Lilburn Madison Wilson conducted by the Captain John F. McElhenny Camp #840.



Lt. Commander Bill Leighton (L) and Commander Carrel Thompson fall in with the Honor Guard



Compatriot Tom Richardson addresses the audience during the ceremony, reading Dr. Michael Bradley's "I Am Their Flag"

Lt. Colonel Vincent A. Witcher Camp #1863:

Supporting Other Camps

July 4 - Commander Chester Stiltner and three Compatriots from the camp traveled to Lebanon to attend the monthly meeting of the Captain John F. McElhenny Camp #840 to discuss items of mutual interest.

Columbia Flag Rally

July 10 - Commander Stiltner and wife Marlene traveled to Columbia, South Carolina to attend the rally held by the South Carolina Secessionist Party to raise a Confederate flag over the State House grounds.

Danville Flag Raising

July 23 - Commander Stiltner and wife Marlene traveled to Blairs, on the US Rte. 29 Bypass near Danville, to attend the dedication and raising of a 30' x 50' Confederate Battle Flag on a 119' pole, reputed to be the largest Confederate flag in the world, at this time. The event attracted over 700 people.



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Virginia Flaggers 30ft x 50ft Army of Tennessee Battle Flag

July Meeting

July 26 - There were thirteen members at the regular monthly meeting.

Plans were discussed for a fundraising bake sale at the Hurley IGA in August.

Prospective new member Chuck Ratliff turned in his application at this meeting. Chuck had donated to the camp's fundraiser raffle at Garden Days in June, and received information about the camp and the SCV.

Chuck was also the winner of the raffle and was presented his prize, a comforter set with a Confederate motif.



Left to right, Compatriots Billy Carter and Charlie Clevenger, prospective member Chuck Ratliff and Commander Chester Stiltner

Grave Marker Dedication

July 30 - Commander Chester Stiltner and seven members of the camp traveled to Swords Creek to participate in the Marker Dedication Ceremony for 1st Lt. Lilburn Madison Wilson conducted by the Captain John F. McElhenny Camp #840.



Commander Stiltner (Center) and members of the camp fall in with the Honor Guard

Gibson-McCready Camp #2008:

Still Active!!

Last month I reported that I had been totally unsuccessful in establishing any contact with this camp and that none of my other contacts within the Brigade had any knowledge of whether this camp was still active.

I am pleased to report that since that time, I have made contact with Commander Matt Bales of the camp and found that they are, indeed, still active, although with officers other than those listed on the Division website and in another location.

Commander Bales is providing me with the information necessary to update the website and that task should be accomplished shortly.

Saltville Home Guard #2098:

Still Making A Comeback

Last month I reported that this camp was currently inactive but that they were in the process of communicating with National



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Headquarters and the Virginia Division in an effort to reorganize and reactivate.

I raised this issue at the Virginia Division Executive Committee in Williamsburg on July 9, 2016, in order to obtain advice on how I, in my capacity as Brigade Commander, could render any assistance to further their cause.

Since that time, I have been assisted by Army of Northern Virginia Commander Ronnie Smith Roach and Mr. Bryan Sharp of SCV National Membership Services in working with camp members to return this camp to full active status. I hope to have this process concluded by late September or early October.

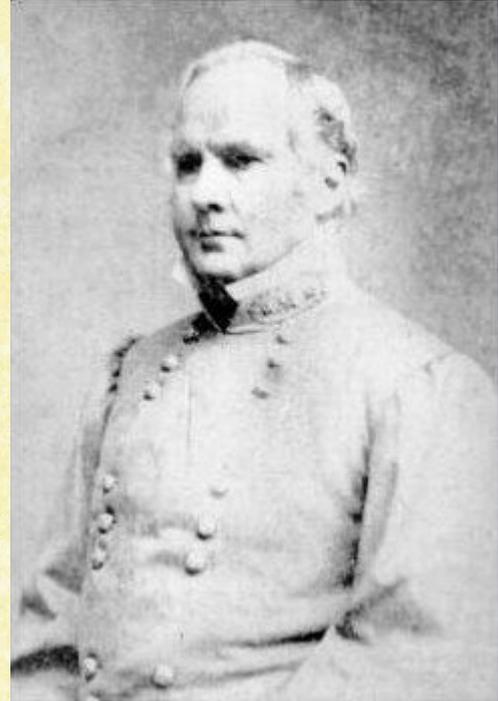
This concludes the report of the 6th Brigade for the month of July 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

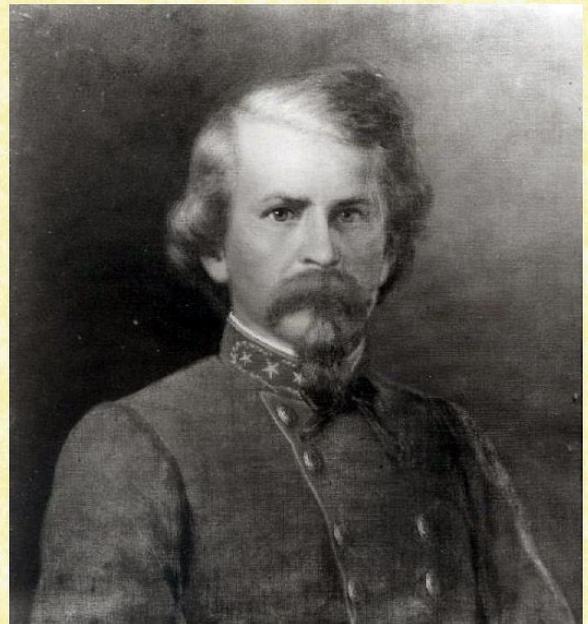

6th Brigade Commander

Camps in the 6th Brigade:

- Captain John F. McElhenny Camp #840
- Brown Harmon Nighthawks Camp #1573
- Gen. Henry A. Wise Camp #1756
- Walker Terry Camp #1758
- Cumberland Mountain Rangers Camp #1798
- Scott County's Clinch Mt. Rangers Camp #1858
- Lt. Colonel Vincent A. Witcher Camp #1863
- Gibson-McCready Camp #2008
- Saltville Home Guard #2098



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Major General
Sterling Price
September 20th, 1809**



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Major General
Earl Van Dorn
September 17th, 1820**



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A.P. Hill Camp #167:

July Meeting

The July meeting of the A.P. Hill Camp 167 was called to order by Lt. Commander Travis Toombs on July 18, 2016. Commander Easter was recovering from some medical issues. Thirty-six members and guests were in attendance. After a blessing, pledge, salutes, charge and songs were given, a great buffet meal was enjoyed.

After the meal, guests were introduced and LTCDR Toombs discussed the most recent DEC Meeting in Williamsburg. Additionally, LTCDR Toombs brought forth a most informative report from the National Reunion that was held in Texas, from which he had just returned.

Brigade Commander Crews presented LTCDR Travis Toombs the Superior Achievement Award on behalf of the SCV National Headquarters. Travis received a loud and well deserved round of applause from the camp!



Special guest speaker, 7th Brigade Commander Bill Crews was introduced and gave a motivational speech on the state of the Brigade and Division. At 9pm the benediction was given and the meeting was adjourned.

John M. Jordan Camp #581:

Danville Flag Raising

Several members of the John M. Jordan Camp 581 served on the Honor Guard at the Flag Raising on the 29 bypass in Danville on July 23rd. The event was very well attended for such a hot day.



July Meeting

The John M. Jordan Camp 581 held its regular monthly meeting on July 25 at Spare Times Grill in South Boston with approximately 45 members and guest present. After the normal opening activities and usual business and announcements were covered, an educational program was presented by Brigade Commander Bill Crews. The topic of the 40 minute program



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was "The Letters and Actions of Lt. Henry Douglas Puckett and the 42nd Virginia Infantry".

Battlefield Tour

On August 11, 2016, Brigade Commander Crews carried a group from Crystal Hill Southern Baptist Church on an interpretive walking tour of the Staunton River Battlefield. At the conclusion of the historical, tour a picnic was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Pittsylvania Vindicators Camp #828:

July Meeting

The July meeting of the Pittsylvania Vindicators was called to order by LCDR Jock Owings with eleven members and eight guests present. Invocation was led by Camp Chaplain Ed Hughes. A report on the Yanceyville celebration was given by Ricky Pritchett. The cannons of the Orange Light Battery were not fired, however a musket skirmish did occur. There was about 40-45 people in period dress attending this event. None of the camp members reported attending Sterling Carter's political event. Thanks to Nancy Pritchett for doing the research on his political stance on the Confederate flag and other related issues. Regarding gravestone restoration at Greenhill cemetery, Ivan Nielsen reported he

was getting training on how to repair and restore headstones and monuments. Cost of training \$245. Motion proposed by LCDR Owings that the Camp give Ivan \$100 towards training costs passed unanimously. The Betsy Ross flag is flying at Stokesland Cemetery. Clean up day at Stokesland will be Tuesday 19 July 9:00 am. Jock Owings will bring a riding lawn mower. Anyone else who can come to help is welcome. The Camp received a thank you note from the JROTC cadet at Dan River High School that received the Hunley Award. LCDR Owings read the note to the camp.

New business:

On 23 July, the largest Confederate flag in the country will be raised at Thompson Enterprises off of 29 bypass in Danville. The flag will be 31X50 feet on a 119 foot flagpole. Festivities will commence at 4 pm with honor guard, color guard, two cannon crews, BBQ and other refreshments will be available. Bring a chair. Mechanized Cavalry took up donations and delivered them to flood victims in Rainelle, WV. The donations were greatly appreciated. A second collection will be occurring soon. It will be in the Star Tribune paper this week. Ivan reported taking a road trip through the areas of Harper's Ferry, Sharpsburg, Charles Town, and Winchester areas. Several battlefields, monuments and gravesites were visited. Confederate flags were placed at various sites during the trip. He reported that Cedar Creek Battlefield will be having a reenactment in two weeks. Glenn Scarce brought up for discussion to request that the HPA replace the US and Virginia flags in front of the museum because they are looking ragged. He suggested that it be requested that the unreconstructed VA flag be flown. It was brought up that there is a new museum director and the UDC is trying to set up a meeting with him. They plan to review deeds and other documents with him so he will understand clearly the situation at the museum.



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August Meeting

The August 8th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Commander Harvey with 13 members and 12 guests present. A warm welcome was given to special guest 7th Brigade Commander, Bill Crews. Bill is Past Commander of the JOHN M. JORDAN # 581, in South Boston. Commander Crews lives in Crystal Hill, VA. Also attending was Sharron Moore, President of the Anne Eliza Johns Chapter #164 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. On July 22nd, camp members Ricky Pritchett, Ed Clark, Ivan Nielsen and Commander Harvey attended a Grave Marking Ceremony of the Confederate Cross in Green Hill Cemetery. The ceremony was conducted by the Anne Eliza Johns Chapter #164 of the UDC. Mrs. Linda Brown honored 2nd Lt. John Pritchett Hodnett by reading his bio; Chapter President Sharon Jennings read the Grave Marking Ritual and read "A Dedication". Past President and current Historian /Registrar Vernell Gwynn said a prayer and placed the wreath. Camp member Ivan Neilson placed the Confederate flag at the headstone. There was a flag raising in honor of Gen. William Lewis Cabell, in Blairs, Virginia on July 23rd. It was a great event. Thanks to all that attended and helped out. It is the world's largest Confederate Battle flag, 30'x50', and on a 119' pole. Commander Harvey assisted and also attending were Aubrey Ridgeway, Steve Reynolds, Jock Owing, Tommy Goddard, J.B. McGuire, Ed Clark, Ed Chaney, Wayne Byrd, Ricky Pritchett Sr. & Jr., Roger Bayes, Frank King, Wayne Watson, Robert McDaniel and Ed Hughes. Prospective members Lee Moore and Clarence Stowe were also present. Lt. Commander Owing asked the folks at the meeting to make a donation to the Clark family due to recent illnesses and surgery, \$167.00 was raised at the meeting. Thank You all! 2 Lt. Commander Ed Clark – Red received a book, from titled "Four Valiant Years, in Lower Shenandoah 1861 -1865.

From Mrs. Mary Lou Baugher, Danville, VA as a gift to the camp. Ed will get us her address so we can send her a Thank You card. Ed also thanked the camp for the flowers that was sent to Gloria at the hospital. Mechanized Cavalry 8th Platoon – 4th Annual VA Mechanized Cavalry Picnic is coming up, get your registration form in early! The camp purchased a new digital projector for \$148.00 for camp presentations.

The Camp inquired if anyone was available to volunteer at the VA State Fair. Quartermaster Ron Moore sent out a State Fair volunteer sign-up sheet to all Brigade Commanders. Volunteers are needed, anyone available to attend? The fair runs from September 23 - October 16. Physical Address & Fair Location The Meadow Event Park 13191 Dawn Blvd. Doswell, VA 23047 2 hours 47 minutes, 156 miles





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Powhatan Troop Camp #1382:

Update. Update. Update

This is an update regarding happenings in our camp. I have been elected as our new Commander with Paul as Lt. Commander. My phone number is 363-1372. If you have anything that you would like to talk/discuss with me, please call.

I have contacted the reopened restaurant "The Local PVA" 1795 Southcreek One, which is the same place we met at about a year ago. They seem to be glad to have us meet at that location once again.

I have scheduled speakers for our first 4 meeting and have given an open invitation to Commander Roach whenever he is in town. If anybody knows someone they would like to have speak at our meeting, please contact me so we can make it happen.

I have contacted a stonemason regarding the monument at the courthouse and asked for an inspection, options/plans to repair the base of the monument as well as the cost. Any suggestion and comments will be helpful.

We will march in the Labor Day parade and also will have a booth set up on the green with info about our camp and the SCV. I would like to have at least 3 people sitting at the table under a tent, shade and with water! For the parade, we will be accompanied by members of the Virginia Flaggers, Order of The Confederate Rose, and Army of Northern Virginia Mechanized Cavalry. We will meet at the same grassy area at 10:00/10:15 at the latest. I would like to have a large turnout for marching in the parade. Please call me to let me know so I have an accurate count on for this event.

Cabell-Graves Camp #1402:

Danville Flag Raising

On July 23 hundreds of Virginia flaggers, Heritage Preservation Association, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, re-enactors, veterans and Confederate supporters gathered along the U.S. 29 bypass to raise one of the largest Confederate flags in the nation to protest Danville City Council removal of the Third National Confederate Flag from the grounds of the Last Capitol of the Confederacy known as the Sutherlin Mansion. Commander Royce Agee and Adjutant Mike Davis attended the ceremony. Susan Hathaway of the Virginia Flaggers said the flag was the work of numerous organizations working together, like the Flaggers, Heritage Preservation Association, the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and others. Kevin Stone, with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, said he was tired of passively watching flags, monuments and other memorials removed by towns and state governments. After the speeches, the 30-by-50 foot flag was raised as both rifles and cannons fired off a salute. Commander Royce Agee brought greetings on behalf of the Danville Camp and spoke to the crowd, thanking everyone for their hard work and support.





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July Meeting

On July 28th the camp held their monthly meeting at Mary's Dinner. The camp talked about the flag raising ceremony and shared photos and video to members who were unable to attend. Camp Commander Royce Agee then spoke to the group about the history of the Cabell-Graves camp explaining how the camp was formed and the past officers.

Flag Restoration. Donations Needed!!

Hank Prasse of The Lynchburg Home Guard Re-enacting Unit contacted Adjutant Mike Davis for assistance with raising funds to conserve the flag of the 11th Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment. They wish to have the conservation completed for display of the flag at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox, VA by the 155th Anniversary of Appomattox Court House in April 2020. They have raised about \$10,000 and only have about \$2,000 more to go. With a minimum donation of \$20 they are honoring the donor with a commemorative coin (100% of the donations go to the flag conservation fund – they covered the cost of the coins out of their pockets). If anyone wishes to make a donation they can contact Hank at Hank.Prasse@areva.com or Mike at Michael.Davis@areva.com.

Charlotte Grays Camp #1964 & Armistead-Hill Goode Camp #749:

Danville Flag Raising

Several members of the Charlotte Grays and Armistead-Hill-Goode Camps provided the Honor Guard at the Danville flag raising activities on July 23rd. Hats off to these guys!



Dinwiddie Grays Camp #2220:

July Meeting

The Dinwiddie Grays monthly meeting was held at the Dinwiddie Old Historical Court House on July 12, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Commander Johnnie Neville with 20 in attendance.

Speaker for the July 12th was Mr. Bob Olsen. Mr. Olsen's presentation involved tips and pointers regarding the use of Find A Grave and Ancestry.com. Mr. Olsen is a Find A Grave Volunteer and has a great deal of knowledge about Hollywood Cemetery.

Additional notes about the meetings: Compatriot Randy Watkins thanked everyone for the cards, calls, and prayer during his recent illness. Compatriot Watkins recently suffered a mini stroke but is recovering nicely.



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June 9th Service

Several Dinwiddie Grays compatriots attended the annual remembrance of the Petersburg Battle of the Old Men and Boys at Blandford Cemetery.

Board Meeting

Camp Board meeting conducted on 27 June. Submitted Annual Camp Report to SCV HQ, VA DIV CMD. and VA DIV ADJ.

August Meeting

The August monthly meeting was held on August 9th at the Old Historical Courthouse, Dinwiddie County with 29 in attendance.

Speaker for the Aug. 9th meeting was Mr. George L. Fickett Jr. Mr. Fickett is a noted and nationally recognized preservationist. He spoke on his successful efforts in preserving several Bermuda Hundred Campaign battlefields, forts, and related sites.

Compatriot Gus Waddell was sworn in by Commander Neville, and Buck Waddell received a Service Award from the Urquhart Gillett Camp.

Camps in the 7th Brigade:

A.P. Hill Camp #167

The Old Brunswick Camp #512

John M. Jordan # 581

Armistead-Hill-Goode Camp #749

Pittsylvania Vindicators Camp #828

Powhatan Troop Camp #1382

Cabell-Graves Camp #1402

High Bridge Camp #1581

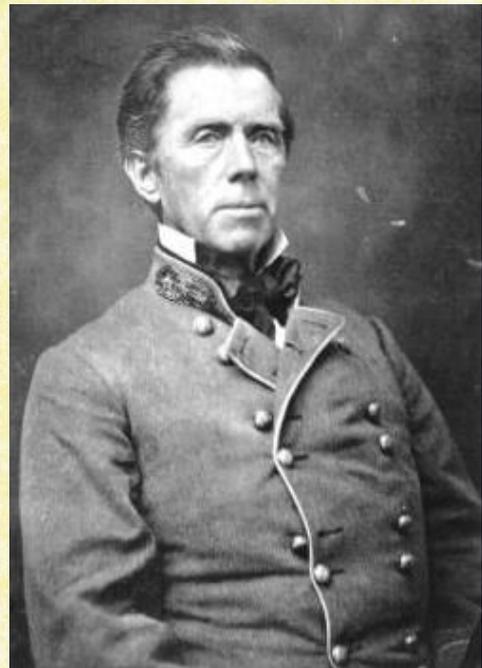
Appomattox Rangers Courthouse Camp #1733

Charlotte County Grays Camp #1964

Dinwiddie Grays Camp #2220



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Major General
George Washington Custis Lee
September 16th, 1832**



**Happy Birthday to
Confederate Major General
William "Extra Billy" Smith
September 6th, 1796**



In Other News



153 Years Ago - September 1863

We enter the fall of 1863 after a brutal summer, but the Confederacy is still fighting.

September 1 - The bombardments against Fort Sumter, Battery Wagner, and Morris Island in the Charleston Harbor continued with mortar fire, Parrot rifles, and ironclads, but each time, the garrisons were shored up and remained defiant.

September 2 - A joint committee of the Alabama Legislature approved use of Blacks in the Confederate armies and the Alabama House adopted the resolution.

September 4 - In New Orleans, General Grant was seriously injured when his horse fell on him. He was incapacitated for weeks.

September 6 - Fort Sumter and the City of Charleston held on.

September 8 - Four federal gunboats and transports moved into Sabine Pass on the Texas-Louisiana border for a drive on Beaumont and Houston. A very small Confederate force defeated them, giving birth to legends of military significance.

September 9 - A federal night assault by naval landing forces was attempted at Fort Sumter, but the Confederates held.

September 10 - Gen. Longstreet began his move from Richmond en route to Gen. Bragg in Georgia.

September 15 - Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus throughout the nation.

September 19 - In the Chesapeake Bay, John Yates Beall and fellow Southerners captured a schooner, the first of several daring operations against Yankee shipping.

September 20 - The Battle of Chickamauga ended as a great Confederate victory.

September 22 - Joseph O. Shelby led his band of Confederate light-horse troopers on a fast-paced raid through Arkansas and Mississippi, which lasted until late October. In the wind up of the Chickamauga Campaign, skirmishing occurred on Missionary Ridge near Chattanooga. Federal troops were hemmed in by the mountains, the Tennessee River, and the Confederates holding Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain overlooking the city. Mrs. Mary Lincoln mourned the death of her Confederate brother, Brig. Gen. Hardin Helm, a victim at Chickamauga.

September 26 - In the Trans-Mississippi, Confederate Commander E. Kirby Smith aroused the citizens by proclaiming, "Your homes are in peril. Vigorous efforts on your part can alone save portions of your State from invasion. You should contest the advance of the enemy, thicket, gully, and stream; harass his rear, and cut off his supplies.

Mike Virts, 5th Brigade Commander

Calendar of Confederate Events in Virginia



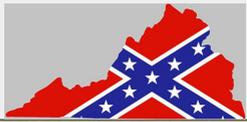
September 2016

- 17th - [Richard Poplar Day Service](#)
Blandford Cemetery, Memorial Hill, Richard Poplar's Grave
11:30 - http://www.petersburgexpress.com/Petersburg_Events.html#
- 17th - [Dedication of Campbell County Confederate Monument](#)
13:00 - 2196 Red House Road Rustburg VA 24588
Campbell Guards Camp #2117, 3rd Brigade
Parking is limited!!
- 21st - [Great Beefsteak Raid Anniversary Supper](#) - \$30 per ticket
Scott Park, 6680 Courthouse Rd, Prince George, VA 23875
(Social Hour) 16:00 - 17:00, (Supper) 17:00 - 19:00
Live auction, steak supper, bluegrass music, artillery & infantry
- 23rd - Oct. 2nd - State Fair of Virginia
Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia
Virginia Division will have a booth set up
<http://www.statefairva.org/>
- 25th - [Virginia Flaggers 5th Anniversary Celebration](#)
Co-hosted by SCV Camps #1690 & #3000
15:00 - 20:00; Supper, Auction, Live Music, and Kids Activities
7167 Flag Ln, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

October 2016

- 1st - [Fall Marker Dedication](#) including many Confederate Soldiers
Shockoe Hill Cemetery, 301 Hospital St, Richmond, VA 23219
13:00 - 15:00
- 22nd - Live theater play; Life of a Confederate Soldier by Stan Clardy
Wesley UMC, 3701 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
More details to come

Calendar of Confederate Events in Virginia



November 2016

12th - 13th - Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show
Richmond Raceway Complex

****We want to see this Calendar more complete!!! If your Brigade or Camp would like to have an event (OTHER THAN CAMP MONTHLY MEETINGS) that you are hosting or attending listed here, please contact the editor at travistoombs@gmail.com or facebook message <https://www.facebook.com/travis.toombs.9> before the 24th of each month. Please put "Event for ODV" as the subject and please provide a location, date, time, and a very brief description of the event. Events will be added up to 3 months ahead of the date it takes place.****

Auld Lang Syne

Brought to you this month by:

**Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief
Thomas V. Strain Jr.**

Greetings Compatriots from the “Old Dominion” state of Virginia. I hope that this letter finds you and yours doing well. It has been a whirlwind since we have returned from Richardson, Texas and the 2016 Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held in July. I also want to assure you the General Executive Council is already working extremely hard preserving the memory of OUR Confederate ancestors.

This past weekend we held a workshop for the members of the Council and a few members of the General Staff at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, TN. The main purpose of this workshop was to set the goals and plans for the next two years, but to also have some fellowship among the members so that we can become a “team” that works for you, the membership. One of the main goals that we have is to streamline the organization into the 21st Century in order to communicate to the Divisions and Camps in a timelier manner. The tools are there and readily available, let’s use them. Over the next few weeks we will be getting more information from this workshop out to you and I must admit that we are all very excited about the future of the Sons.

As many of you are aware we have a number of Compatriots in Louisiana that have recently been affected by heavy rain and flooding. The SCV has a fund that is called the “Relief Fund” headed by Compatriot Danny Honnoll of Arkansas. Over the years, they have distributed money to many members affected by such disasters. We are in desperate need for donations so that we can help our brothers in Louisiana during their time of need. For more information, please contact Danny directly at danny@honnoll.com or [870-926-2985](tel:870-926-2985).

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of you over the next two years. While we are being attacked by our enemies on all fronts, just as our ancestors did many years ago, we will fight these attacks to the very end. Please feel free to contact me at scvcic75@gmail.com or (931)389-1896 if you would like for me to come visit or attend any event.



Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.
75th Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans



DEO VINDICE!



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