Tennessee Division,

Hope you enjoy this issue of the Forrest’s Escort as this has been a very busy summer. Our division has made good steps forward working with politicians and many other groups across the state. Our future is bright for the Sesquicentennial. Let’s work together and forge new partnerships to honor our Southern Ancestors – believe in your selves and know that we can achieve our goals.

- Let us grow this division by using the tools and technology we have available for **RECRUITING**.
  - I know we can be 5,000 strong by the national convention in Murfreesboro.
- I will be conducting the second **Commanders Call** on November 12th in Columbia. Your camp should be represented with a minimum of one to two members, so let me know ASAP who will be attending as lunch will be provided. THIS IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY! Look for details in this publication.
- Do not forget to renew your SCV license plate. If you don’t have one – please **GET ONE!** And tell your friends and neighbors about the SCV License Plate Program, **GET A TAG – SAVE A FLAG**, as this is our life blood for all division projects.
- Check out the new website … **saveaflag.org**. This is another tool to save and preserve our flags at the Tennessee State Museum.

Respectfully,
Mike Beck, TN Division Commander

**Calendar of Events**

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**Phillip Pullen Photography**

Throughout this edition of the Forrest’s Escort you will see pictures taken by Phillip Pullen. Phillip and his brother Wes are members of the Marshal Rangers Camp in Lewisburg, TN. They have very generously donated these pictures for the Forrest’s Escort. Phillip has a website [http://plpphoto.zenfolio.com/](http://plpphoto.zenfolio.com/). A bit of information concerning pictures taken at the Forrest Boyhood Home: if pictures are ordered that were taken at the Forrest Boyhood Home, part of the proceeds will go to the Forrest Boyhood Home. Pictures from other events can be ordered also.

The next time you see Phillip and Wes at an event, thank them for allowing us to use their pictures and making them available for the Forrest’s Escort.

Jason Boshers  
Editor, Forrest Escort

**Commanders Call and DEC Meeting**

The next Commanders Call will be November 12th, 2011 at the same place as the last one. The location is the Eddie Campbell and Associates building at 2433B Park Plus Drive. Starts promptly at 9 AM and will finish approximately 3 PM. Lunch will be provided. Every camp needs to send at least one camp representative. Please RSVP to Cmdr. Mike Beck at mlb59@charter.net or 423-312-1874.

**Forrest Seminar**

On October 8 the annual Forrest Seminar will be hosted by Camp #155, Dr. J.B. Cowan, in Tullahoma. The theme is "The Men Around Forrest" and will feature sessions on J.W. Starnes, George Dibrell, David C. Kelley, and Enlisted Men. Doors will open at 8:30 and the first session will begin at 9:00. The event will end at 3:00. The cost is $25 which includes the mid-day meal. Registration forms will be made available later or you can contact the camp adjutant via Camp#155's website [http://www.tennessee-scv.org/camp155/](http://www.tennessee-scv.org/camp155/). The seminar will be held in the Tullahoma Events Center on Atlantic Street.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT FORREST’S ESCORT IS December 31st**

Please email all items that need to go in the next Forrest Escort to me at jasonboshers@charter.net. If you mail me a copy of a flyer, I will have to scan it and it might not look as well as you like as copies never look as good as the original. If you mail me a copy of a letter, I will have to retype the letter and you bring in the potential of a whole lot of errors. Please email me any correspondence. I can handle WORD, PDF, EXCEL and plain TXT files.
The ninth annual Forrest Homecoming Festival was a grand success despite losing the last hour and a half of the day’s scheduled events due to a massive thunderstorm that roared through Marshall County.

A lot of the crowd headed home when the rain hit but at least the heat cooled off after the storm and the day’s earlier events were presented on schedule to one of the largest crowds in the nine year history of this Sons of Confederate Veterans fundraisers for the N. B. Forrest home.

The Forrest Home Committee is always indebted to the many, many Confederate patriots who help pull all of the weekend’s events together.

Starting at the front gate: O. B. Wilkerson sets up the flag display that greets the guests as they arrive, Bill Powell and Sam Williams man the front gate, Tim Morrison drives the shuttle service, Gerald Moore operates the professional sound system, Debbie Raymer, Ada Minter and Patsy Kirkland handle the food services and we need to sincerely thank all the Minters, including Lenny, our grilling “chef”, and all “the young uns” for not only their hard work and long hours on homecoming day but for their help setting up during the week prior to the event.

We would have still been setting everything up two days after the event was OVER had it not been for Jason Boshers from Mt Pleasant and Jim Houghton from Albuquerque, N. M. and their work on every odd job that popped up.

What would a Forrest Homecoming be without our re-enactors? Thanks to the cavalry, the many artillery batteries and this year, thanks to the infantry for all of their crowd pleasing performances and for reminding all of us of the boys in gray who sacrificed so much for the Southland. The real Confederate soldiers are the real heroes of the weekend.

SCV member Ronnie Townes serves in the Tennessee General Assembly and contacted several members of the state senate and house of representatives inviting them to attend the Homecoming. We are always honored to have Senator Mae Beavers and Representative Steve McDaniel on the grounds since they convinced the state way back in 1966 to donate the Forrest home site and grounds to the SCV. Senators Douglas Henry, Jim Tracy and Bill Ketron also attended and were very complementary of the work done on saving the home and on the presentation of Confederate heritage.

A plaque was dedicated to the late Larry Cockerham, Past Commander of the Sam Davis Camp who passed away in January of this year but who had made numerous trips down to Chapel Hill to work on the home and barn. A certificate was also presented to Larry’s widow and son who attended this year’s Homecoming.

Our great friends of the Forrest home, Ross Moore, Rick Revel and The Jimalong Joseys provided us with some of our musical entertainment.

Bryan Sharp, Jerry Raymer, Rich Hamblen, Buddy Kirtland and Ross Massey again worked long and hard in the sales tent and a very special thanks to Cindy White at SCV Headquarters for all of her check writing and de-coding our accounting at the end of the day.

Thank you Elizabeth Coker for all of the years of women’s programs that you have coordinated.

As anyone can see, it takes a lot of dedicated Confederates to present such an outstanding program as the Forrest Homecoming and all of their efforts are greatly appreciated. We hope to see everyone again on Saturday 16 June in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Andrews
Tennessee Division Reunion  April 20-22, 2012 at Dover, TN

"ECHOES OF THUNDER"
Hosted by Fort Donelson Camp #249

Important Notice: All events will be held at the Stewart County Visitors Center, 117 Visitors Center Lane, Dover, TN 37058 (just off Hwy 79 across from the entrance to Ft. Donelson)

Friday, April 20:  5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Registration & Welcome Reception

Saturday, April 21:  8:00 am - Noon  Registration Open
               8:30 am - 9:00 am  Opening Ceremonies
               9:00 am - Noon  SCV Business Meeting and Officer Elections
               Noon - 1:15 pm  Lunch
               1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  Choice of Tours
                                      Fort Donelson National Battlefield
                                      Forts Henry and Heiman
                                      Forrest at Ft. Donelson / 1863 Battle of Dover
               6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Awards Banquet

Sunday, April 22:  Time TBA  Jack Hinson Tour

Hotel Accommodations:
   Paris Landing State Park Inn, Paris Landing, 10 miles West on Hwy 79 -- 800-250-8614
   Dover Inn Motel,  1545 Donelson Parkway, Dover  931-232-5556
   Sunset Motor Inn,  314 Hwy 79, Dover  932-232-5102

Contact Info: SCV Camp 249, Steve Settle
               730 Leatherwood Road Dover, TN 3058
               931-232-4539
               s.settle@hughes.net
The History Of The Tennessee Division Sons Of Confederate Veterans Flag

The history of The Tennessee Division SCV flag began in 2005 when several compatriots met and forged a general idea of the flag that would represent The Tennessee Division SCV. The two design features that were deemed to be most important were the three stars from the Tennessee State Flag and the Southern Cross / Battle Flag design. Past Commander Ed Butler contacted The Ruffin Flag Company in Washington Georgia and a prototype was produced.

The current flag was first voted on and approved at the Tennessee Division reunion in Covington Tennessee in 2005. There was some confusion as to exactly how many Camps must be present at The Reunion to conduct business and a vote to approve the current flag was held and approved. This has been deemed to be merely a vote of approval and not official.

The following year’s reunion, 2006 in Spencer’s Mill Tennessee, had the issue of approving our flag presented to a bona fide gathering of The Tennessee Division SCV General Assembly. Our current flag, see picture/attachment, was officially approved at this Reunion.

The Tennessee Division Sons Of Confederate Veterans proclaims again in this first year of The Sesquicentennial of The War Between The States that this flag is our Standard and Colors.

Respectfully submitted,
G Frank Heathman, Tennessee Division Historian, June 11, 2011

Get your Forrest’s Escort through email

Anyone wishing to get their Forrest’s Escort through email, please contact Jason Boshers at jasonboshers@charter.net. Receiving the Forrest Escort through email has many benefits. It will be sent to you as a PDF which is in Adobe Reader format. Adobe Reader is FREE. Any money we can save by cutting cost will help us get farther along with monuments, flag restoration and putting up large flags along busy thoroughfares.

Financial - It costs quite a bit of money to print and mail each issue. In future issues of the Forrest Escort, the email copies will be in color but printed copies may only have color on the first page. Color print is extremely expensive.

Speed - Through email you get the Escort immediately. The procedure for printing is the Escort is sent to the printer and after printing I take it to the post office for mailing. It has taken some areas of the state a week for them to get the newsletter. The general time frame from sending to the printer to in hands is 2 weeks.

Storage Space - Once saved to a hard drive or a backup drive, they can be recalled with just a click.
Sons of Confederate Veterans
117th Annual National Reunion
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
July 11-14, 2012
“Ride with Forrest in 2012!

Registration for 2012 SCV Reunion

(Basic Registration is required of ALL members attending the Reunion)

Registration, until May 31st, 2012: .................................................. qty. ______ x $60 = ________

Registration, from June 1st, 2012 until at the door: ........................................ qty. ______ x $70 = ________

Wednesday, July 11, 5:00 PM—7:30 PM: Sam Davis home tour: ......................... qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Thursday, July 12, 7:00 AM—8:00 AM: Prayer Breakfast: ................................... qty. ______ x $25 = ________

Thursday, July 12, 8:45 AM—11:00 PM: Ladies tour: ........................................ qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Thursday, July 12, 11:15 AM—2:30 PM: Heritage luncheon: ............................. qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Thursday, July 12, 2:45 PM—7:30 PM: Forrest boyhood home tour: ................. qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Friday, July 13, 7:00 AM—8:15 AM: Forrest Cavalry Corps breakfast: ............... qty. ______ x $25 = ________

Friday, July 13, 12:15 PM—1:45 PM: Awards luncheon: ................................... qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Friday, July 13, 2:30 PM—7:30 PM: 150th Anniv. Forrest’s M’boro Raid & birthday: qty. ______ x $40 = ________

Saturday, July 14, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM: Battle of Murfreesboro tour: .................. qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Saturday, July 14, 10:30 AM—3:00 PM: Debutante luncheon (Debs are free): .... qty. ______ x $30 = ________

Saturday, July 14, 7:00 PM—11:00 PM: Grand Banquet & Ball: single $75, couple $140: qty. ______ x $ = ________

Ancestor Memorial, use separate form: .......................................................... qty. ______ x $10 = ________

Make Check or Money Order payable to: 2012 SCV Reunion & send to:
Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33, P.O. Box 1915, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1915

Name: ___________________________________________ Guest: ______________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________

Email: ___________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Camp name & number: ___________________________________________ Camp Office: ______________________

Contact the Murfreesboro Embassy Suites for room reservations at 615-890-4464. The SCV 2012 Reunion rate is $129 per night for one or two guests, $139 for three or four guests. The code is “SCV”. Hotel rates are per room per night and subject to applicable state and local taxes. Overflow hotels are on the Reunion website.

Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33, P.O. Box 1915, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1915
James Patterson, 2012 SCV Reunion Chairman: mboroscv33@aol.com 615-890-6194
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http://tennessee-scv.org/2012reunion/  Facebook: 117th SCV 2012 National Reunion
The national Sons of Confederate Veterans, comprised of nearly 30,000 members who are descendants of Confederate Veterans, has officially endorsed the Blue-Gray Alliance 2012 150th Anniversary Battle of Shiloh Reenactment.

The below Resolution was unanimously approved by the 450 delegates at the national Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion in Montgomery, Alabama, on July 15, 2011.

RESOLUTION
In Convention
Of the
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, INTERNATIONAL
Montgomery, Alabama

WHEREAS the Battle of Shiloh, during the War for Southern Independence, was fought April 6-7, 1862, and

WHEREAS the years of 2010 – 2015 are being celebrated as the Sesquicentennial of the Cause for Southern Independence, and

WHEREAS this Sesquicentennial is to commemorate this great period of our history and the men, women, statesmen, and citizens who served, and

WHEREAS the Blue-Gray Alliance of Reenactors, the Battle of Shiloh Association, and members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are presenting the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh on March 29 through April 1, 2012, at Shiloh, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS this Sesquicentennial and this reenactment are to honor our ancestors and to educate our modern citizens and students on the true facets of the War,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Sons of Confederate Veterans, International hereby commends the efforts of the Blue-Gray Alliance, the Battle of Shiloh Association, and the assisting members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and endorses this 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh.

Signed, Michael Givens, Commander-in-Chief
Chuck Rand, Adjutant-in-Chief

July 15, 2011
Rebs & Yanks Return to Shiloh

The Blue-Gray Alliance of Reenactors will present the 150th anniversary Battle of Shiloh reenactment next March as part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial series. More than 6000 reenactors are expected to attend on the 2500 acres of battleground adjacent to Shiloh National Military Park, located across McNairy and Hardin Counties in southeast Tennessee. Participant registrations have already begun and reenactor artillery units with over 82 cannons have already signed up. The event, already looking to be one of the largest of the Sesquicentennial, will take place Thursday through Sunday, March 29 – April 1, 2012. Activities include a display of the replica Confederate submarine CSS Hunley, on its final tour from South Carolina. Other activities include several scripted battle scenarios each day replicating the original 1862 Battle of Shiloh, plus guest speakers, authors & book-signings, first-person impressionists, Civil War camp tours, and food and craft vendors. On Saturday night, March 31st, there will be a Grand Military Ball featuring the 52nd Regimental String Band, and on Sunday, April 1st, a period 1860’s church service will be held prior to the battles of that day. Reenactor-special activities include a steam locomotive “troop train” furnished by the Union Pacific Railroad, which is their Heritage Train, traveling from Omaha, NE to Memphis, TN to bring reenactors and families to the event. For some Union units, two river steamboats have been chartered to ferry Federal troops from Savannah, TN to Shiloh NMP where they will disembark, march cross-country to the reenactment site, and troop into battle. Likewise for some Southern units, an authentic march is planned so that they can hike from Corinth, MS to the Shiloh area along the same route that the Confederate army marched 150 years ago. For spectators wishing to attend the reenactment, tickets are available on-line through the event website: www.shilohbluegray.org

The original Battle of Shiloh was fought April 6-7, 1862, and resulted in nearly 24,000 casualties on both sides. The battle was the first large ‘western’ battle and proved to both North and South that the War Between the States was not going to be a short war but rather a long, fierce conflict showing intense determination on both sides.

The Blue-Gray Alliance, a non-profit group, is comprised of most all of the largest national reenactor organizations which represent over 12,000 Civil War reenactors from around the country and even overseas. www.150thcivilwarevents.com

The Blue-Gray Shiloh reenactment is co-hosted by the local Battle of Shiloh Association and the national Sons of Confederate Veterans and is endorsed by the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Trust.

For more information on these organizations, please see these sites:
www.1800mydixie.com
www.tcwpa.org

For more info:
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Co-director Terry Crowder, colcav@charter.net
Event coordinator Mark Way, markway00@aol.com 850-396-3224
Event coordinator Lee Millar, Lmillar1@yahoo.com 901-545-3364
Army Of Tennessee
Shiloh 150th Battle Re-enactment
March 30th, 31st & April 1st, 2012

I would like to invite you to our Shiloh 150th. This event is on the same site and has the same host as the highly successful Shiloh 140th and 145th. Hosted by the Army of Tennessee, a Tennessee Chartered Corporation since 1998. We dedicate this event, as we do all of our events, to the fallen soldiers that fought and died for what they believe. We strive to educate the public, preserve our proud history and to commemorate those who have fallen in battle.

Yes, there will be two Battle of Shiloh Reenactments held on the same date and only minutes apart from each other. Our event has been planned for twelve years and now there is an out of state group that is coming here in a bold attempt to take over all of the 150th Sesquicentennial events. The Army of Tennessee Civil War Re-enacting organization is staying true to our cause and have no intent of canceling any of our 150th events.

We would like to have support of both state and national SCV and UCV organizations. Any and all proceeds will go to Civil War preservation and education.

I do hope to see you at our Shiloh 150th located in the Southside Community in Hardin County seven miles from the Shiloh National Battlefield Park.

Respectfully,
Tom Doss, Cmdr AoT 931-9643700
Mike Spears, Cmdr Sam Watkins Brigade, Cmdr Rawdon/Spears Camp #2133

Division Color Guard News and Views

The Color Guard just participated in its first event and even though there were a few bumps in the road, it was a successful gathering. The Color Guard has been invited to participate in several ceremonies before the end of the year.

The Color Guard is always looking for new recruits to join its ranks. The Brogans of the Color Guard may look like any other normal size, but as you look closer, they are large to fill. Being serious in regards to honoring our Confederate ancestors is paramount, but having fun doing so is just as important. Just like our ancestors, we must keep a good sense of humor and wits about us while we face the serious task given us. If you think you can fill the Brogans needed to honor our Confederate heroes, come join us.

With its first event under its belt, the Guard will be hosting a School of the Color Guard in East Tennessee in the Fall. SCV members from across the Division, especially the Mountain and Vaughan Brigades who are interested in becoming a part of Color Guard are encouraged to attend. Time and location will be announced shortly. For more information please contact me at cok43ncinf@msn.com.

ALWAYS – FORWARD THE COLORS!

Deo Vindice

Bryan Green
Aide De Camp
TN DIV SCV
RECRUITS WANTED
FOR THE
TENNESSEE DIVISION COLOR GUARDS

The Tennessee Division, SCV, is recruiting members for its Color Guards to be located throughout the Division. The Color Guards will be the Ambassador for the Division and SCV. The Tennessee Division Color Guards are recruiting members who are motivated, high spirited, and have a drive to carry out the Charge given to the SCV by Lt Gen. Stephen D. Lee. A member of the Color Guard will be visiting your Brigade and Camp in the near future. Dates and times will be posted in the Division newsletter.

The Color Guards will combine Flags Bearers, Armed Escorts, and Musicians in the ranks. Requirements: Be a member of a Tennessee Division Camp; have a uniform of the Confederate States Armed Forces; and have a desire to honor the good name and honor of our Confederate ancestors.

Color Guard Upcoming Campaigns

October 13: Longstreet Headquarters Dedication, US 11E, Russellville, TN, 11 AM Formation 10:30 AM

October 22: Flag Dedication ceremony, Greenhill Cemetery, Elizabethton, TN, 3 PM Formation at 2:15

November 4: SCHOOL OF THE COLOR GUARD, Bean Station, TN 8 AM – see Flyer

November 13: UDC Chapter Chartering ceremony, Knoxville, TN 2 PM Formation 1:30 PM

For further information email cok43ncinf@msn.com

Bryan Green
Aide De Camp
TN Div, SCV

CIC Michael Givens presenting the SCV's 2nd highest award, the Robert E. Lee Medal, to Lee Millar for his years of service to the camp, division, and national, in promoting the cause of the SCV and in the many successful battles to protect our heritage.
First we'd like to proudly report that we succeeded in raising the $48,000 to conserve the 20th Tennessee Infantry’s huge silk First National flag when the money was counted after our benefit last year. During the State' commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the WBTS in Nashville we presented the museum with a check for $30,000, Division commander Mike Beck presented a check, made possible by the sale of Tenn. SCV car tags, for $10,000. (BUY A TAG SAVE A FLAG!) Compatriot Brian Roehrig representing The Society of The Order of The Southern Cross presented a check for $3,000 to complete the worthy project. Mrs. Candace Adelson of the museum’s textile department allowed $5,000 of her discretionary funds to be used to save the old fragile battle flag when it was sent off in May 2010 to be worked on. We hope to see it back to Tennessee in the fall of 2011.

Now we have adopted the bullet riddled St. Andrew’s Cross, Dalton issue cotton flag of the 1st/6th Tennessee (Wheelers) Cavalry. This group of men & boys from the Middle Tenn. area were involved in many notable chapters of the War for Southern Independence in and around Tennessee and beyond. They served under Forrest, Van Dorn, Gen. Wheeler and had the sad distinction of having the first and last man of the Army of Tenn. to be killed in battle.

We only need $22,000 to conserve this honorable flag. Thanks again to the funds from the sale of our SCV tags we will receive another $10,000 towards this flag. So we only needed to raise $12,000 at our benefit. Sadly due to the barrage of weather reports predicting rain, which never materialized, we only had about 500 people in attendance. Saw a few SCV members this year but sure would like to see many more next year on August 10. However, we still cleared $8,500 that night and have donations coming in from near & far that has pushed our funds to $9,500 now. Only need $2,500 to reach our goal and we are working feverishly to raise the remaining money so that we might present the museum with another check completing the fundraising for the 1st/6th flag in October during the 150th commemoration. Please help us if you can.

Confederate Flag Benefit 2011

On August 13, 2011 the Roderick, Forrest’s War Horse camp 2072, SCV, held its 6th Annual Confederate Flag benefit to conserve Tennessee battle flags in the Tennessee State Museum’s collection. This event was held at the Mangrum family farm behind the antebellum home that has been standing on a hill in Peytonsville since 1832.
There are some people we need to thank for their support at this year’s Flag benefit success. Compatriot Sam Goodman of S & G Custom Cycles in Columbia for allowing me to do a lot of planning and making phone calls while at work. Compatriot Jason Boshear’s, Sam Watkins camp 29, with White’s Battery for adding some excitement to our benefit along with donating almost $400 to the flag from allowing people to fire the cannon. Compatriot Mike Spears & members of the Rowdan-Spears camp 2113 for taking on the daunting task of parking cars for our event. Past Commander Dr. Michael Bradley for his wonderful recital, “I Am Their Flag.” Miss Jennifer Murray & many other long time friends & family who gave of their time to promote the event, work the gates, help with the auction, and much much more. We’d like to thank the Faith Riders bike group for passing out water and Gatoraid to the attendees. And we’d like to thank all 9 bands that entertained the people with music from bluegrass to Southern rock and everything in between. I’d like to mention one band in particular since one of its members is a SCV member. Many thanks to Compatriot Dave Barnett of the great rocking blues band The Dusters. We’d also like to thank Compatriot Bill Rolin of Memphis for allowing us to use the “World’s Largest Battle flag” for PR purposes before the event. And we especially like to thank the people who showed up to support us with their hard earned money for this much needed project.

Now that the 150th is upon us the Roderick camp’s goal is conserve a Tenn. flag every year and we can do this with help from our friends. The State Museum has several flags that needs conservation and a couple of camps have stepped up to adopt one. I hope other camps will follow suit as we need all the help we can get. If you’d like to contribute to our project please consider a tax deductible donation to Roderick camp 2072, 1114 Galloway Street, Columbia, Tenn. 38401. You may reach Ronny Mangrum at 931-374-8368 or celticgranda2@yahoo.com for more info. And mark your calendars for next year’s benefit to be held on Aug 10. Join us as it is a fun filled event with a little history, lots of fun, good food, laughter, and some great music too. Ya’ll come see us, ya hear?

Dr Michael Bradley delivering “I Am Their Flag”. Photo courtesy of Phillip Pullen.

Picture left: A 12 pound Mountain Howitzer with the lanyard being pulled by an individual who paid to pull. And “yes” you to can pull the lanyard with all the proceeds going to flag preservation. It was an honor for White’s Battery to be at the event and support the efforts for flag preservation.

Get a tag and save a flag and come to the event next year and pay to pull. Photo courtesy of Phillip Pullen
The Second Annual Smoky Mountain Civil War Relic Show & Sale is in the history books. The TN Division entered into this project with three goals to accomplish, educate our public, recruit new members and raise funds for the defense of our Cause.

Although the number of guests was down this year our first two goals were well accomplished. The Bradford - Rose Camp, #1638 recruited 5 new members and have several prospects. Division personnel prepared applications for two men to join the Camp in Tellico Plains along with one joining a Camp in New Jersey. Many stopped and asked questions about our organization and the war. These things alone made the weekend worthwhile. We will know in the next few days the amount of funds raised.

Plans have already started for next year. Returning will be Mr. Ross Moore, musician, vocalist and humorist. The National Civil War Naval Museum will also be onboard with articles from the museum. Maury’s Artillery will create ‘Thunder In The Forge’ as they plan to bring a full battery to ‘The Hill’. The 63rd TN Inf. (CS) as well as the 8th TN Inf. (US) will provide living history encampments with a few surprises. Then, if all that isn’t enough Pellican Publishing will, once again, present Col. Tom McKenny, author of Jack Hinson, “One-Man War, Civil War Sniper” along with Judge Ben McFarlin, owner of Jack Hinson’s rifle. Along with these fine gentlemen will be Jack Hinson’s rifle and Capt. Charles Anderson’s pistols. If you haven’t heard the story you are in for a real treat. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

One major change for next year is the show’s name. The 2012 Smoky Mountain Relic Show & Sale will continue to emphasis the War of Northern Aggression, but will encompass a larger variety of relics. From Native American to early 20th century we plan to have it all.

So, mark your calendars for August 25-26, 2012 for the Smoky Mountain Relic Show & Sale located in the Smoky Mountain Convention Center, 4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN. Show hours will be Sat. 9am-5pm and Sun. 9am-3pm. Ticket prices remain at $8 for adults and $4 for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. (Lynn) Hammon
Important Notice:
This is only the changes voted and accepted at the Tennessee Division Reunion. For a full Constitution go
To the TN Division website and download a copy. The address is: www.tennessee-scv.org

CONSTITUTION
Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Adopted September 9, 1891

Amended in Division Conventions through April 30, 1983, Murfreesboro; April 27, 1985, Nashville; April 19, 1997, Manchester; April 29, 2006, Burns; April 26, 2008, Knoxville; and April 30, 2011, Cookeville.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP & DUES

ARTICLE IV - STATE ORGANIZATION

Section 5 - The annual date for the Tennessee Division Convention shall be in April in conjunction with the annual Reunion. Each Camp shall be notified sixty (60) days in advance of any Division Convention. The rules of procedure at Conventions shall be those set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

A quorum shall be established when one-third of the current Camps in the Tennessee Division are present. A current Camp is defined as a Camp that has a membership of at least seven members that have paid their National and Division dues.

Section 6 - The Division Convention shall be composed of the delegates of the Camps presided over by the Commander, or in his absence, one of the Lt. Commanders, who shall be the presiding officer of the organization. Each Camp in good standing shall have one vote for every ten members in good standing and one additional vote for a major fraction of five or more. No Camp shall have less than two votes. In the event that all delegates for a Camp are not in attendance, the total votes for the Camp may be cast by the delegates that are present and are in good standing with the Camp. No Camp vote may be cast by proxies or without a member in good standing present.

Section 7 – Any member in good standing with the Division shall have the right to directly petition the Division Commander or Judge Advocate with regard to any subject within this Division Constitution, Division Financial Guidelines, or any Division Standing Rules. Any such petition shall be made in writing, and may be offered in writing by standard letter or email. Upon receiving the request, the Division Commander, Judge Advocate, or their representative shall respond in kind within sixty (60) days.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6 – The Brigade Commanders shall aid the Camps assigned by the Division Commander to their Brigade and fulfill all duties as required by the Commander. Each Brigade Commander may appoint an adjutant to assist him in his duties.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 7 - Vacancies occurring among members of the Division Executive Committee will be filled by the Division Commander within thirty (30) days of his being notified that a vacancy has occurred.
ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

D. Communications Committee, which shall have charge of all internal communications within the Division including, (a) the Division newsletter (b) the development and implementation of a communication system or systems to assure timely dissemination and reception of information to and from the Division and each of its Camps and (c) encouraging, assisting and supporting each Camp in developing and maintaining a newsletter, website, and other communications within each Camp.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Camp in good standing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention.

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Two of the Brigade Camps kicked off the Sesquicentennial observation with dedication events on Saturday, June 25, 2011. The Hornbeak, Obion Avalanche # 2111 had a Flag/Monument dedication at the Hornbeak city cemetery where 24 Confederate Veterans are buried. There were about 50 people in attendance. The Union City, Gen. Otho French Strahl Camp 176 had a cannon dedication on Saturday, June 25, 2011 with about 150 in attendance. This M 1841 6# smooth-bore reproduction cannon was placed in the "PARKS CEMETERY RIDGE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PLAZA" site near Trimble, TN. (see attached program info)

More pictures of the Trimble Dedication are posted on our Facebook site-SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP 176, UNION CITY, TN.
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Commander: Fred Lincoln
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Activities in which Members of the Memphis Brigade have participated since the Division Reunion April 29 & 30

May 14-15 Randolph, TN: Living history and skirmish. Sesquicentennial event at Randolph / Fort Wright. The Simonton-Wilcox Camp 257 was the host camp.
29 Covington, TN: The Simonton-Wilcox Camp 257 Annual Confederate Service at the R. H. Munford Cemetery in Covington, TN.
26 Memphis, TN: SCV Memphis Brigade Meeting, Perkins Restaurant Eastgate, 6:30. Discussed the Division Reunion and possible future events.
30 Shiloh NMP: Confederate Memorial Day at Shiloh, CS Burial Trench

June
5 Memphis, TN: Elmwood Cemetery, CS Decoration Day, 2:30 pm. Memphis Shelby County UDC Chapters hosted the event, and Memphis Brigade Camps participated.
9 Memphis, TN: Tenn. Secession Day Oratorical Debate, Forrest Camp (Host) Scottish Rite Auditorium, 825 Union Ave across from Forrest Park), 7pm.

On July 10, In Forrest Park, on Union Avenue, Memphis, TN, the N.B. Forrest Camp 215 hosted a celebration of General Forrest’s birthday starting at 2:00 pm. The Memphis Brigade furnished watermelons, water and ice for the attendees of the event.

PATRICK R. CLEBURNE MONUMENT

Saturday morning 10 A.M. December 10th 2011 is set by the Beech Grove Confederate Memorial Association, Benjamin F. Cheatham SCV Camp 72, Kirby-Smith #327 UDC and Town of Wartrace, TN for the dedication to Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne's Division, Skirmish at Liberty Gap. The monument will be located in Wartrace's Memorial Park just across Spring Street from Chockley's Tavern where Gen. Cleburne had a room for his divisions operational headquarters. The Park is between Spring Street and the railroad tracks where Cleburne's Staff camped from 9 Jan. 1863 until 26 June 1863 when they withdrew to Tullahoma. Thirty nine Arkansas VA markers applications have been submitted to VA along with the project. If they arrive on time we will dedicate them the same day, if not will schedule a later date.

O.B. Wilkinson, Life Member Camp 72

Trustee Tullahoma/Beech Grove Confederate Memorial Association
The Highland Brigade is doing well. We are staying very active, even with the upcoming winter months fast approaching. Christmas time is almost here, and we will be participating in several annual parades. The Jim Davis camp #1425 is currently working on a driving tour of several WBTS sites in Macon County.

The Brigade will be meeting with owners of Vanhooser/Putty home on Nov. 5th in Gainesboro, TN to discuss the purchase of this home. This home is known as the oldest home in Gainesboro, TN. It was used as a place to treat the sick, wounded, and dying after the fall back from Mill Springs according to Official Records. Because, a majority of the homes that were used during that time are no longer standing; the brigade feels it is a priority to save this home. The home is in fairly good shape, because the current owners have already invested tens of thousands of dollars; stabilizing and leveling the home. We expect to complete the project, and bring it back to its original 1800's look. The Price of the home is $10,000. We are wanting to raise all $10,000 for the purchase of the home through local businesses and members in the SCV. We have proposed the idea that 100 members could donate $100 each. Then, the purchase would be complete, and we have already had 4 pledged to do so. However, we would love a donation of any size. We are planning to exhaust all fund raising efforts for the renovation of the home. Pictures of the home are available for viewing on the Brigade website at http://highlandbrigade.weebly.com/ If interested in supporting this endeavor, whether individually or as a group please contact Mike Davis at highland_brigade@yahoo.com

I enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow Tennesseans and I have attached a picture of the group. I have also attached a picture of the people running the table and taking registrations for the 2012 National Reunion in Murfreesboro. A third picture is a picture of the check the Tennessee Division presented to National Headquarters for $20,000 for the Confederate Museum that will be located at Elm Springs.

I hope to see you at the National in Murfreesboro in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Boshers
Starnes Brigade
Commander: Joey Nolan
Camps: Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham #72, Dr. J. B. Cowan #155, Marshall rangers #297, Cumberland Mtn. Rifles #386, Gen. A. P. Stewart #1411, Gen. Benjamin J. Hill #1615, Sumner A. Cunningham #1620, Capt. Abner S. Boone #2094

Sumner A. Cunningham, Camp 1620, Shelbyville, TN.

Camp 1620 hosted their spring Cemetery Tour on April 30, 2011 with good attendance and support. They will be hosted their fall tour in the fall of 2011. Contact Les Marsh at lmarsh@gmail.com for further information.

Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386, Tracy City, TN.

On Friday June 3, 2011, members of Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386, Tracy City, TN, honored Confederate Memorial Day & President Jefferson Davis' Birthday by meeting at local cemeteries to clean the stones and graves of Confederate soldiers and placing flags on them. If you have any questions regarding Camp 386 or projects they are working on, contact grundyrebel@gmail.com.

John R. Massey, Camp 152, Fayetteville, TN.

Camp 152 would like to report to you that will be a memorial service for Capt. Monroe Bearden, Co. E of the 8th Tennessee Infantry, who was KIA in the battle of Murfreesboro. The time is 10:00 am on July 30. The location is about 10 miles southeast of Fayetteville just off of Highway 110.

Also, on October 29 at 10:00 am thru 2:00 pm, Camp 152 will once again join the Native Americans to retrace a portion of the Tail of Tears which passed thru Lincoln County, known as the Belle's Route. This event is also to bring attention to the sacrifices and patriotism of Lincoln Countians during the War of Northern Aggression. Dr. Mike Bradley and Brent Lokey are some of the speakers. For more info on these events call 931-438-1749 or email realrebel@peoplepc.com.

Fort Donelson Brigade
Commander: Steve Settle

The camps of the Fort Donelson Brigade are active and doing well. The Brigade will be host to the 2012 Division Reunion to be held in April at Dover. More plans will be announced for this in the next Escort. Several of our camps will play a role in making this a great reunion.

I would like to take this space to pay a special tribute to the men of the John Hunt Morgan Camp #270 at Springfield. These men are in the process of raising the funds needed to erect a monument to the Confederate Soldiers that served from Robertson County. At a recent camp meeting they shared the design for this impressive marker, and announced that they had already raised over half of the total cost -- enough to proceed with having the stone cut. An offer was made to apply for Division funding to assist with part of the remaining cost. A few days later, I received an e-mail from Johnnie Williams, Commander of 270, stating that the Division funding was unnecessary, and that the men of the camp could raise the money on their own.

The men of Camp 270 are to be commended for their can-do attitude, and should serve as a great example to other camps that the best work can be done at the local level without need for Division or IHQ help. Congratulations and hats off the men of 270 and we look forward to seeing the monument dedicated in the near future!
Sam Watkins Brigade
Commander: Mike Spears
Camps: Sam Watkins #29, Gen John C. Brown #112, Freeman’s battery Forrest Artillery #1939,
     Roderick Forrest wear Horse #2072, Rawdon/Spears #2113, Lee’s Long Riders #2184

Rawdon-Spears Camp #2113
The camp has been to E. O. Coffman School in Lawrenceburg twice and are invited back next year. They had approximately 40 7th and 8th graders for two hours outside. The kids were shown War Between the States artifacts, black Confederates information, pictures, guns, knives, sabers and cannon balls. Individuals portrayed were a Cherokee Scout for Forrest 22nd Tennessee Calvary to 5th and 6th graders.
     At Elkton School in Giles County, where they are invited back next year, they had a walk thought history outside with 7th and 8th graders. Individuals portrayed were a Cherokee Scout and a Colonel in the Confederate Army. With the 5th and 6th graders a Cherokee Scout was portrayed. Paperwork on black Confederates was left.
     Historical your of Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski where General John Adams was portrayed. Provided security and crown control for the re-enactment of the burning of the courthouse in Linden.
     The camp conducted its first historical tour on May 14th. Which was a War Between the States and historical tour across Lawrence County and two different wreaths of flowers were set at two different cemeteries in Lawrence County. Several newspaper and radio interviews announcing the May 14th event and promoting our SCV heritage were provided.

General John C. Brown Camp #112
The camp organized and work the candle light tour in Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, TN. They also worked with the local UDC Chapter on many cemetery, monument and marker ceremonies.

Sam Watkins Camp #29
The camp supported the Rawdon/Spears historical tour on May 14th. They also participated with Honor Guard and artillery at the Confederate Memorial services in Farmington, TN and rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia, TN. The camp also re-enacted in the burning of the courthouse in Linden, TN. The camp worked on cleanup of two cemeteries. One was Rose Hill Cemetery where they cleaned up after storm damage and they worked with the local UDC Chapter to clean and paint Southern Crosses. The other is Hunter Cemetery in Mt Pleasant with cleanup and maintenance.

Roderick, Forrest’s War House Camp
The camp supported the Rawdon/Spears camp at the May 14th event and they were at many Confederate Memorial services.

Lee’s Long Riders
The camp supported the Rawdon/Spears camp at the May 14th events. They participated in the burning of the court house in Linden, TN and the historical talk with speakers the night before the burning. They participated in a historical bike ride to Shiloh and Corinth, MS. They worked the cannons at parkers Crossroads. They also set four (4) highway markers in Linden (Perry County)
The camp has 3 projects we will be doing this summer and fall. Our camp will be conducting two re-dedications in the late summer and early fall.

First, sometime in August we will be re-dedicating the family cemetery of Home Guard General James T. Lane (Lanes Calvary). Our camp project is currently in progress and we have enlisted the help of our local scout troop and good progress is being made at the cemetery. It has been cleaned of a lot of fallen trees and other debris. The head stones have been cleaned and fallen ones have been stood up. When completed we will be holding a re-dedication ceremony.

Secondly, on September 10th at 10 AM the camp conducted a re-dedication of the General John C. Vaughn historical marker located across from the Court House in downtown Madisonville, TN.

Then in late September/ early October we will repair another long neglected cemetery located across a pasture and in some woods. It has been unprotected for some 50 years and is in Very bad condition and will take a lot of work. There are two Confederate soldiers buried in this cemetery. When we finish the extensive repairs, we will conduct a proper Memorial Ceremony for these men.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours For The Cause
Steve “Mac” McAllister

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 McLemore’s Brigade
Commander: James Patterson
Camps: General Joseph E. Johnston Camp No. 28, Murfreesboro Camp No. 33, General William B. Bate Camp No. 34, General Robert H. Hatton Camp No. 723, Todd Carter Camp No. 854, Sam Davis Camp No. 1293, Colonel Randal McGavock Camp No. 1713, Major Nathanial F. Cheairs #2138, General T. B. Smith Camp No. 2177

Compatriots,

The members of the McLemore’s Brigade have been hard at work honoring our Confederate ancestors during the beginning of the Sesquicentennial. The Gen. Johnston Camp # 28 had a great tour of downtown Nashville as a fundraiser for the flag preservation fund. Murfreesboro Camp # 33 has been hard at work planning for the 2012 SCV National Reunion that will be held in Murfreesboro July 11-14, 2012. The General Bate Camp # 34 placed their Hunley monument in memory of the man that started what became the famous submarine. The General Hatton Camp #723 continues the work on the Battle of Hartsville tour. The Todd Carter Camp # 854 continues their work in Franklin. Sam Davis Camp #1293 keeps Winstead Hill in great condition, and is planning a tour of the Battle of Franklin sites. Camp of the year winner, the Colonel McGavock Camp # 1713 continues to support Fort Negley and were the color bearers at the Sesquicentennial kick of in Nashville. The Major Cheairs Camp # 2138 meets at one of the neatest houses, historic Ripavilla plantation. Our newest Camp, General Thomas Benton Smith Camp # 2177, holds their meetings at Mount Olivet cemetery and they are working on growing the Camp. There is a lot going on, all of it because of the work of the members of these great Camps!

In the Bonds of the Old South,
James G. Patterson, McLemore’s Brigade Commander.
Compatriots, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Tennessee Division Color Guard’s inaugural event took place at the Vaughan Brigade picnic on September 24, 2011, at the Cherokee Lake Park in Morristown, TN hosted by the Bradford–Rose Camp. God was smiling upon the South and the Cause that day because the weather was perfect. Seven Flags were presented during the opening ceremony and Blessed by General Robert E. Lee (David Chaltis) who also gave the Blessing for the meal. Welcoming remarks were given by Brigade Commander Rick Morrell and Division Commander Mike Beck. After a good time of food, fun and fellowship, the Color Guard retired the Colors. After retiring of the Colors, the Guard was assembled and each of us in honor of our Confederate blood, called out our ancestor’s name. I shook each Guard member’s hand and thanked each member personally for being a part of the Guard for the event, and then the last order of business for the Guard was to place the flags in their cases until the next event. The members of the Color Guard were: Bill Hicks representing the Lt. Robert D Powell Camp; Bob Green, Lynn Hammond, Roy Lovin Sr, Randy Trent, Kevin Witherell, and I representing the Bradford-Rose Camp.

God Bless the South and those who offered their lives in maintenance of its Principles. Doe Vindice.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan R. Green
Aide De Camp
Tennessee Division, SCV

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Vaughn's Brigade

Commander: Rick Morrell

Camp 52 is planning a State marker in downtown Bristol right on State St to mark the Confederate Hospital located there.
The Morristown camp is still leading the way with it's excellent spirit of participation and trend setting of raising funds and recruiting.
The Kingsport camp is achieving a good lot of repose with the VA in it's great donations to the homeless vets there.
The Greenville camp is planning a Morgan's murder reenactment in Sept and doing well.
The Jonesboro camp has a new meeting place and is planning for a new election for a Lt. Commander as they have had a growth spurt and now need one.
The Elizabethton camp is up and back in the saddle with 8 current members and I am trying to guide them with limited council and a spirit of letting them be an autonomous unit they will be installing a monument in the downtown area within the next few months.

We are planning many functions and encouraging each camp to engage in a 150th event.
To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 THE PRINCIPLES HE LOVED and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH IS PRESENTED TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

Stephen D. Lee 1906