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Sons of Confederate Veterans, Germantown, TN

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## CAMP MEETING September 12, 2016

**Speaker: Ken Chrestman**

**Topic: What happened to the Confederate  
Dead at Gettysburg?**

**7:00 p.m. at the at the Germantown  
Regional History and Genealogy Center**

**Don't miss our next meeting!**

### ANTONIA FORD 1838-1871



When the War Between the States broke out in 1861, 23-year-old Antonia Ford (1838-1871) was living a life of quiet comfort in Fairfax, Virginia. Her father Edward, whose family had long been established in the Old Dominion, was a prosperous merchant and the foremost citizen of the little community surrounding the country court

house. Antonia's brother Charles enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving as a lieutenant in JEB Stuart's Horse Artillery before losing his life in combat at the Battle of Brandy Station, and the family opened its home to Southern troops stationed near the court house.

When the Army of the Potomac moved out of Washington, DC, in June of 1861 on its way to what would become the Battle of First Manassas, its path led through Fairfax Court House. An intense skirmish with Confederate troops near the court house resulted in the death of John Quincy Marr of the Warrenton Rifles, the first Confederate officer to die in battle. Southern troops evacuated Fairfax following the skirmish, and Union troops occupied the town.

Federal soldiers moved in to the Ford home and used it much as their Confederate counterparts had done.

The presence of Federal officers under her roof did nothing to diminish Antonia's enthusiasm for the Southern cause. She listened carefully to all that was said and watched all that was done and reported as much as she could to JEB Stuart, whose troops operated in the area of Fairfax Court House. On at least one occasion, just before the Battle of Second Manassas in August 1862, she saved Southern troops from certain disaster by reporting a Union plan to use Confederate colors to draw them away from their assigned positions. Because no one could be prevailed upon to deliver the message for her, she drove herself 20 miles by carriage through the rain and past Union troops to deliver the intelligence to Stuart.

In recognition of this exploit and of her other many services, Stuart awarded her a commission as an honorary aide-de-camp on October 7, 1861. The commission read as follows:

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Know ye: that reposing special confidence in the patriotism, fidelity and ability of Miss Antonia Ford, I, James E.B. Stuart, by virtue of the power vested in me, as Brigadier General in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, do hereby appoint and commission her my honorary aide-de-camp, to rank as such from this date.

She will be obeyed, respected and admired by all lovers of a noble nature.

Given under my hand and seal at the headquarters, Cavalry Brigade, at Camp Beverly, this seventh day of October, A.D., 1861, and the first year of our Independence.

James E.B. Stuart

Brigadier General, C.S.A.

Antonia promptly hid the commission in her mattress, and when a Union soldier was sent to search the house for evidence that the Fords were engaging in espionage, she secreted the paper and other heirlooms under her voluminous hoopskirt and refused to arise from her chair in the library. *"I thought not even a Yankee would expect a Southern woman to rise for him!"* she snapped. Gallantry prevailed, and the soldier left empty handed.

In December of 1862, with his infantry at Fairfax Station and his cavalry in nearby Vienna, Union Brigadier General Edwin Stoughton established his headquarters at Fairfax Court House. Antonia monitored the movements of Union troops and officers as well as she could and reported to Stuart and to John Singleton Mosby, a commander of irregulars whose men had been raiding Union supplies and otherwise harassing Northern troops for some time.

On March 8, 1863, Stoughton hosted a party for his mother and sister, who had traveled out from Georgetown to visit him and were staying in the Ford home. Following the evening's merrymaking, when perhaps no one in the Union ranks was taking the task of guard duty very seriously, Mosby and his men moved into Fairfax Court House and captured a number of officers and about 50 horses. Although their original objective had been Colonel Percy Wyndham, they soon learned from captured Union sentries that Stoughton himself was in the vicinity. Delighted to find such a high-profile target of opportunity, Mosby himself roused Stoughton from a sound sleep and took him prisoner in his nightclothes. Upon hearing the news, President Abraham Lincoln remarked dryly that he could always make more brigadier generals but that he couldn't make more horses.

Although Mosby would later explicitly deny that Antonia had provided him with the information that led to the raid, she was a natural suspect because of her known association with JEB Stuart. In the wake of the debacle, Union efforts to ferret out the spy at Fairfax Court House intensified. Under the direction of Secret Service head Lafayette Baker, a female agent posing as a refugee from New Orleans was given the task of gaining Antonia's confidence. Dressed in faded calico, Frankie Abel fooled the residents of Fairfax as well as Antonia. She was taken in by the Fords, who gave her stylish clothes to wear and a place to stay. She and Antonia traded stories of their service to the Confederacy, and after two months, Frankie had so gained Antonia's confidence that she showed the woman her commission from

Stuart. After Frankie's departure for New Orleans a few days later, Federal agents moved in quickly and placed Antonia and her father under arrest. The elder Ford was released shortly thereafter, but Antonia was held until May 20, when she was exchanged. She was, however, soon rearrested and escorted to Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C.

Although there was little danger of the Union hanging a woman for espionage at this stage of the war, the confinement was nonetheless arduous, and when Antonia was finally released, she was pale and weak, and her appearance had suffered. Ironically, the Union officer who had delivered her to the prison, Major Joseph Willard, had been quite taken with Antonia before her arrest and had been courting her. During her confinement, Major Willard worked diligently to win her release and in the wake of his eventual success proposed to Antonia.

Willard resigned his Army commission, and on March 10, 1864, he and Antonia were married. Some reports give the place of the marriage as the Presbyterian church in Washington where the Lincolns worshipped; others give the location as the great parlor of the Metropolitan Hotel in Washington, D.C. In any event, after a wedding trip to Philadelphia and New York, Antonia and Joseph settled into a sumptuous home at 14th and G Streets in Washington. After just seven years of marriage and the birth of three children, Antonia passed away and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Many were convinced that her untimely death was a direct result of her confinement in Old Capitol.

Joseph never remarried and died a recluse in 1897. Only one of the Willard children, Joseph, survived to adulthood. He was educated in Virginia schools and took a degree in law from the University of Virginia. He served as ambassador to Spain under President Woodrow Wilson and later as lieutenant governor of Virginia. Upon his father's death, he inherited the reknowned Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., and married Virginian Belle Wyatt, with whom he had two daughters -- Belle, who married Kermit Roosevelt in 1913, and Elizabeth, who married a son of the Fifth Earl of Caernarvon, one of the discoverers of King Tut's tomb.

The present-day county health center in Fairfax is named for Joseph, and the Belle Willard School is named for his wife. Although Antonia's wartime home is no longer in the Ford family, it still stands in Fairfax City today, where it houses several law offices and business firms. On July 4 of this year, the Women's Club of Fairfax opened an exhibit on the

life and times of Antonia Ford. The exhibit, which will remain on permanent display in the Ford house, features photographs, historical documents, written texts, and the charter of the Antonia Ford chapter of the Children of the Confederacy.

The Antonia Ford Chapter is proud to bear the name of this young Southern patriot, who risked all to serve her fledgling country in its hour of need and may well have paid the ultimate price for doing so.

<http://www.occities.org/legal1two/ford.html>

#### **VANDERBILT PAYS \$1.2M TO REMOVE 'CONFEDERATE' FROM DORM NAME**



**This Sept. 30, 2003, file photo, shows the exterior of a dormitory at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., is inscribed with the name Confederate Memorial Hall. The private university announced on Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, that it has struck an agreement to pay \$1.2 million to United Daughters of the Confederacy to remove the name from the building. (AP Photo/The Tennessean, Ricky Rogers, File)**

*By Erik Schelzig, Associated Press*

NASHVILLE — Vanderbilt University announced Monday that it will pay more than a million dollars to remove an inscription containing the word "Confederate" from one of its campus dorms.

The private university has referred to the Confederate Memorial Hall simply as "Memorial Hall" since 2002, but was blocked in court from changing the name chiseled on the building because it was constructed with the help of a \$50,000 gift from the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1933.

Under the agreement, Vanderbilt will pay \$1.2 million, the equivalent of the gift made 83 years ago, to the organization's Tennessee chapter. In exchange,

the chapter will relinquish its naming rights to the building.

"You can memorialize individuals without taking sides in the bloodiest war that was fought over the divisive issues of slavery and equality that we're still struggling with today for those young people coming onto campus," Vanderbilt Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos said in a phone interview.

The money has been pledged by anonymous donors, and Zeppos said the school chooses to focus on "moving Vanderbilt forward" rather than on what projects the Daughters of the Confederacy will spend the funds on, especially in light of a new Tennessee law that makes it more difficult to remove Confederate symbols and statues from public places.

"The donors and I and others understand that this donation will go to another organization, but this is a very positive step for Vanderbilt," Zeppos said.

The Daughters of the Confederacy did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

About 30 miles to the southeast, Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro wants to remove the name of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest from one of its buildings. The public higher education system overseeing the school endorsed the change last month, but the proposal faces a tougher hurdle when it reaches the Tennessee Historical Commission.

Under the "Tennessee Heritage Protection Act" passed earlier this year, it now takes a vote of at least two-thirds of the commission to approve changing or removing historical markers. That's an increase from the previous requirement of a simple majority vote.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/08/16/vanderbilt-pays-1-2m-to-remove-confederate-from-dorm-name.html>

#### **The General Robert E. Lee Camp #1640 Sons of Confederate Veterans**

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Or visit our Facebook pages at:

<http://www.facebook.com/RELeeCamp1640>

<https://www.facebook.com/BluffCityGraysMemphis>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SCV-Memphis-Brigade-Color-Guard/268457703293353>

# Civil War Re- Enactment



## BATTLE of BARTLETT

*The City of Bartlett, Tennessee has been invaded by plundering Blue-Coated Union foes! Come one, come all - to cheer on our valiant boys in Gray as they fight to protect our firesides, our families and our womenfolk!*

**A Special Event of The City of Bartlett's 2016 Sesquicentennial Celebration at W.J. Freeman Park (2629 Bartlett Boulevard); School Day: Friday 04-NOV.**

**Saturday 05-NOV: 9:00am-7:45pm**

**Sunday 06-NOV: 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Both Days: Spirited, LOUD Battles at 1:00pm between Authentic Civil War Infantry, Artillery & Cavalry Units with Pyrotechnics! Saturday Eve: Public Period Dance & Concert with Spectacular Sunset and Night Cannon Firing.**

**Spend the day with us and see: soldiers' encampments, small arms & cannon demonstrations, musicians, crafts, sutlers and exhibits (flags, clothing & plantation life). Chat with historic Bartlett townsfolk, Generals Grant and Lee, Army Recruiter, Doctor and Chaplain. Enjoy superb vendor food.**

**Price \$5 GATE** (children 5 years & younger - free) **\$4 ADVANCE**

Sponsored by the Battle of Bartlett Association, Inc. and the 51st Tennessee Infantry Regiment, Inc. in conjunction with the City of Bartlett, TN. Facebook: Battle of Bartlett Association, Inc.;

<https://www.facebook.com/BartlettTNBattle/>



BattleofBartlett@yahoo.com for info & advance ticket sales  
[www.BattleofBartlett.org](http://www.BattleofBartlett.org)

# GET A TAG ...



# ... SAVE A FLAG



10th Tennessee Infantry Regiment



14th Tennessee Infantry

The Tennessee Division of the  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
generously donates a portion of the tag sales to the  
Tennessee State Museum to be solely used for the museum's  
flag conservation program. If you do not have a SCV tag, you  
need to get one to help preserve your history.



This plate is available to any  
Tennessee resident  
who is registering a  
private passenger motor vehicle.

# The Confederate Calendar

## 2016 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations.

<b><u>Aug</u></b>	2	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	3	Memphis	-- History Awards dinner, Davies Plantation, 6pm
	8	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	9	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	11	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	17	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC business meeting/lunch, Chickasaw CC, 1100
	18	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	27	Jackson, TN	-- Symphony and family picnic, Civil War cannons in 1812 Overture, 500pm
<b><u>Sept.</u></b>	???	Memphis	-- UDC Founders' Day luncheon, Racquet Club 1130am
	6	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	8	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	12	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	13	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	21	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	22	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
<b><u>Oct.</u></b>	4	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	7	Collierville	-- memorial flags placed on CS graves, Wigfall Greys, Magnolia Cemetery
	7-8	Chattanooga, TN	-- UDC Tenn Div convention
	7-9	Columbus, Ky	-- reenactment & dance (one of the very best events of the year, recommended)
	10	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	11	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	13	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	19	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	20	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	29	Memphis	-- Forrest Passing ceremony, Forrest Park, 715pm
<b><u>Nov.</u></b>	???	Richmond, VA	-- UDC national convention
	1	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	4	Bartlett	-- <b>annual Civil War School Day, Freeman Park, 8-2</b>
	5-6	Bartlett	-- reenactment, Battles of Bartlett, Freeman Park, 1pm
	8	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	10	Memphis	-- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm
	11	Memphis	-- Veterans' Day
	14	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	16	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100
	17	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	24		-- Thanksgiving
<b><u>Dec.</u></b>	2	Collierville	-- <b>Christmas parade, 6pm</b>
	3	Columbia, TN	-- Athenaeum Confederate Christmas Ball
	6	Bartlett	-- Gayoso UDC, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm
	8	Memphis	-- <b>Confederate Christmas party, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm</b>
	12	Germantown	-- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, 7pm
	13	Collierville	-- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 347 Center St, 7pm
	15	Memphis	-- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm
	21	Memphis	-- Gen'l Forrest UDC Christmas luncheon, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1100



# SCVMemphis2017



Sons of Confederate Veterans

## 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion

Lee Millar  
Chairman

Alan Doyle  
Commander

Alan Doyle  
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May 12, 2017

### Committees

1. Registration \_\_\_\_\_
2. Communications \_\_\_\_\_
3. Website / Facebook \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_
5. Program & Ancestor Program \_\_\_\_\_
6. Advertisements \_\_\_\_\_ everyone \_\_\_\_\_
7. Souvenir Badge (medal) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Liquor project \_\_\_\_\_
9. Debutantes \_\_\_\_\_
10. Vendors, SCV Stores & Displays \_\_\_\_\_
11. Color Guard & reenactors \_\_\_\_\_
12. Scrapbooks display & competition \_\_\_\_\_
13. Newsletter display & competition \_\_\_\_\_
14. Silent Auction \_\_\_\_\_
15. Opening Ceremony & Music \_\_\_\_\_
16. Sergeant at Arms & Security \_\_\_\_\_
17. SCV IHQ coord \_\_\_\_\_
18. Publicity \_\_\_\_\_
19. Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
20. Legal Dept/ Contracts \_\_\_\_\_
21. Luncheons \_\_\_\_\_
22. Concession Stands \_\_\_\_\_
23. Hall/Table decorations \_\_\_\_\_
24. Flags (& giant CS flag) \_\_\_\_\_
25. Memorial Srvc (Friday) \_\_\_\_\_
26. Guest Speakers \_\_\_\_\_
27. Tours \_\_\_\_\_
28. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_
29. Other \_\_\_\_\_

[www.SCVMemphis2017.org](http://www.SCVMemphis2017.org)

N. B. Forrest Camp 215, P.O. Box 11141, Memphis, TN. 38111

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CITIZENS TO SAVE OUR PARKS

AND THE

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

# Help Save Our Parks



## Fight City Hall ?

## We ARE !!!

The Forrest Camp 213 and the CTSOP have filed suit against the Memphis City Council for their illegal attempt to change the names of our three Confederate parks. We have been joined by all area camps & many UDC members.

These parks, Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park, are our history, our Confederate heritage, and a lasting tribute to our Confederate ancestors. They must not be destroyed or taken away by mis-guided politicians.

Help us to save our historic parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park.

Can you, or your group donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense ?

I wish to join CTSOP.      Please sign me up as a member.      No membership fee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contribute through PayPal at : [www.citizenstosaveourparks.org](http://www.citizenstosaveourparks.org)

Please donate to our cause:      Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_      check number \_\_\_\_\_

**Parks Defense Fund**

PO Box 241875,    Memphis, TN    38124



**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

# Help Save General Forrest



The Memphis City Council has passed a resolution to remove the Forrest Equestrian Statue from Forrest Park and to dig up the graves of General Forrest and his wife MaryAnn from beneath the statue.

The SCV and the Forrest family descendants must raise money to fight the city in this second attack on General Forrest. We need your help.

**Help us to save the graves and monument of General Forrest**

Can you, or your camp or Division donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense ?

Please sign me up as a supporter. No membership fee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribute through PayPal at our ally at : [www.citizenstosaveourparks.org](http://www.citizenstosaveourparks.org)

Please donate to our cause: Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Camp Meeting \*\* September 12, 2016**  
**Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center, 7779 Old Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN**