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Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN

Thursday August 14, 2008

Compatriots,

I deeply regret that I could not attend last months meeting. I appreciate Lt. Commander Jack Taylor for taking the lead in my absence. Lt. Commander Taylor is also leading the charge on our fund-raising. He has worked diligently on the pancake breakfast and it is a win-win situation for everybody and will greatly aid the funding our war chest. Several members have brought ideas to the table that need to be discussed and voted on and your attention to this matter is greatly needed. The financial future of this camp is in your hands

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> my wife and I traveled to Anderson Alabama for a memorial service for Pvt. John Jones, Co. B, 50<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry. I was fortunate to be allowed to be part of the color guard and carried the Battle Flag. After we posted colors, we formed up to fire the Honor Guard volley. It was a pleasure to work with Cathy Wood of the UDC again. She and the Alabama Division have marked over 750 Confederate graves. They are very hard working people and are very dedicated to the cause. It was with extreme pleasure that I was able to work with Gerald Moore again. Mr. Moore was the gentleman that provided the sound system for our monument dedication and was the MC of the Ross Moore concert recently held in Mt. Pleasant

The sesquicentennial of the War of Northern Invasion is rapidly approaching and Commander Bradley has laid out a plan that greatly involves the camps in Middle Tennessee. It is a multi-year campaign mirroring the events that happened in Middle Tennessee during that time. Come to the meeting and get the details.

Dues. It is that time of the year when dues need to be paid. Please submit your payment to Adjutant Jay Smith..

See you at the meeting.

In Holy Bonds of the South,

Jason Boshers

Commander, Sam Watkins Camp #29

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### June 17 Minutes

On July 15th the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the seventh time for the year. Camp guest was not able to appear due to illness. Camp focused on business.

### July 15 Minutes

Meeting began at 7:04PM – flags were taken to International reunion so no pledges were made.

Announcement made by Lt. Commander Jack Taylor that Mallonee had cancelled and noted minimal turnout for meeting.

Minutes accepted from last meeting

### Adj. Report –

Smith gave an account balance of 463.46 not including another 25 dollar check that had not been deposited.

Special communications – n/a

### Standing committee reports –

Color guard / honor guard – Bates brings up idea of recruitment for honor guard and expresses need for it since so many in the SCV who have requested a Confederate style funeral may not have that to offer to family at time of passing.

### Special Committee Reports –

Taylor gives the camp some proposals on fundraising. He brings up pancakes breakfast proposal and asks Bates if he could visit the restaurant and get full details on the plan. Bates complies and adds some other ideas for fundraising for the camp such as coffee mugs. Compatriot Joe Shannon shows off an example for belt buckles that other members express interest in. No decision made on ideas.

### Old Business –

Business cards – no reports

Chili cook off that would be held at Elm Spring was discussed. Camp thought participation was a good idea. Voted that camp would make it official at the August 19<sup>th</sup> camp meeting.

### New Business –

Memorial for Bates ancestors was discussed. No date set.

Bicentennial celebration discussed. Camp was not participating officially but was requested that those who are involved in reenacting to do their best to attend and make an appearance.

### Announcement –

N/a

Motion made to adjourn at 7:55PM with benediction given by Taylor

Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Camp 29,

Please take note that camp dues ARE NOW DUE! Please remit 47 dollars for your dues as soon as possible. We are also asking that if you are able, to please make a special donation in excess of your dues to help with our fund raising campaign. Please see below with updates form SCV headquarters. Dues have gone up an additional 10 dollar per year now

**If you are a life member of the SCV, you only need to remit 17.00 dollars.** It would behoove many of you to choose a life membership.

The final deadline for dues payment will be October 1st, 2008.

**All camp communication, inquiries and payment of dues to :**

**Adjutant, James Smith**

**PO BOX 309**

**Mount Pleasant, TENN 38474**

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**News from SCV headquarters Grayline:**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

**SCV Membership**

The SCV currently has 30,183 members including 50 Real Sons and 3341 Life Members plus an additional 271 cadet members. Please vigorously recruit new members and encourage current members to make the commitment to be long term members. An easy way to strengthen the SCV is to persuade former members of your camp to reinstate. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact the GHQ staff.

**Dues**

Effective August 1, 2008 national SCV dues increased to \$30. The basic cost for new members and reinstating dues delinquent members is \$35 which is the new dues amount plus the processing fee. You may download a membership application with the correct price at this link: <http://www.scv.org/pdf/SCVApplicationFillable.pdf> Renewing current members need to pay only the \$30. Life memberships which are tied to annual dues are now \$750 through age 64, \$375 for age 65 through 79, and \$187.50 for age 80 and up. The updated form may be obtained at this link on the SCV website: <http://www.scv.org/pdf/LMForm.pdf>

**CV Magazine-** The July August 2008 Confederate Veteran magazine went into the bulk mail system on August 14, 2008. Each SCV member will receive two SCV Sesquicentennial logo window clings with his magazine. Additional clings may be purchased for a rate of two clings for \$5 which includes shipping and handling. Sesquicentennial logo lapel pins are also available and may be purchased through the GHQ merchandise section for \$15 each or at the special rate of \$10 each if twenty or more are ordered at one time.

## Bentonville, Arkansas votes to disgrace monument with politically correct celebration

The Webfoot

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

By Jack Taylor

While on a much needed vacation last week, I was in my hotel room just before supper surfing the Internet for news or historical topics to add to the newsletter as I normally do every month. An interesting headline caught my attention out of the State of Arkansas and it read, "Confederate flags won't be flown for centennial". 'Wow! That's a neat one', I said to myself and book marked it and then headed downstairs for a supper with my wife.

It's a normal routine of mine during the month to save Civil War themed or Confederate headlines from the major news networks and then go back to them to see if they are worthy news additions or just your usual rhetoric from the opposing side trying to find ways to ban anything to do with the South. Usually they end up being ignored because they are either stereotypical jokes poking fun at any one born south of the Mason-Dixon line or some news editor with a chip on their shoulder regarding fried chicken livers, spicy food and sweet tea. Sadly, these types of articles are a daily occurrence now and with the Internet growing as fast as it is, you can find hundreds of articles from anyone with Internet access that thinks they're going to be the next Walter Cronkite. From the east coast to the west, it's always the same and it's a dime a dozen web-blogs (pros and cons) with Exposés and/or essays on folks who continue observing their American traditions. It's almost like it's some sort of underground conspiracy to make everyone the same. Anyway, I digress...back to the Bentonville article.

To my amazement the folks in the news article from Arkansas attacking the flag weren't northern newspapers, politicians or any fine candidate for Commander in Chief of these United States. It was in fact the humble people of Bentonville, AR (Home of Wal-Mart!) celebrating their precious Confederate Monument's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yes, the folks celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a Confederate monument were banning any Confederate flags. What's worse is that many pro South groups like the SCV and UDC were present during the event as well. Shaking my head as I read, I was stunned at how far they went in the name of being politically correct or fearful their town's image may be tarnished. I mean, come on folks! They're celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a Confederate monument and they are banning the display of Confederate symbols. Maybe I took it too hard but thinking back on our very own 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee I don't remember any problems and we had hundreds of people present including our local elected officials and many outsiders who drove many hours to be there. So, what's the problem?

The event in Bentonville marked an anniversary for the town's Confederate Monument dedicated to James H. Berry, which was originally dedicated on August 8th, 1908, 43 years after the end of the Civil War. It was built as a tribute not only to those who died for the Confederate cause, but also to honor Berry, his family, and their part of Bentonville's history. Berry served as the first Arkansas governor from Benton County, and as a US Attorney for 22 years. Yes, somehow the local elected officials felt that using Confederate emblems were a little too much - go figure?

A local businessman by the name of Johnny Haney who helped coordinate the event made the following statement, *"Many may view the flags in a different light... You know, this event isn't about the Confederacy. We felt it would be enjoyed by more people without the Confederate flags about as part of the recognition."* Mr. Haney went on to say, *"The statue is a wonderful memorial, but the war was 143 years ago..."*

I know this story isn't something amazing to everyone and it really didn't surprise me all that much. I've seen it before with smaller things and only expected it to happen with bigger things. It just seems to me that Americans are losing their drive and determination. Folks are giving in to just about everything nowadays. It seems they are so scared to death of lawsuits or being branded hillbillies lost in a time warp that they just give up and pretend they are okay with it all. It saddens me to see things like this and I really hope that folks start standing up for what they believe in.



**PLANS FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION**

OF THE

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

BY THE

TENNESSEE DIVISION

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

1. The Commander-in-Chief of the S. C. V. has instructed each Division of the Confederation to make plans to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War Between the States.

As Commander of the Tennessee Division I propose the following plan for your consideration and discussion.

2. In 2011 a program will take place in Nashville which will include a recreation of the historic debate in the state legislature leading up to the referendum on secession.

3. In 2012 the S. C. V. camps in West Tennessee will conduct public events commemorating Shiloh and the battles at Island #10 and at Memphis. Later that year S. C. V. camps in East Tennessee will conduct public events commemorating the movement of the army into Kentucky.

4. In 2013 the S. C. V. camps in Middle Tennessee will conduct public events commemorating Stones River (this may begin in late 2012) and the Tullahoma Campaign.

5. In 2013 the S. C. V. camps around Chattanooga will conduct public events commemorating the battles at Chickamauga and around Chattanooga.

6. In 2013/14 the S. C. V. camps in the Knoxville area will conduct public events commemorating the fighting around Knoxville and the winter campaign of Longstreet's Corps in that part of the state.

7. In late 2014 the S. C. V. camps in Middle Tennessee will conduct public events commemorating the battles at Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville. I suggest a division of labor so that the same people who arrange the 2013 events not be tasked with arranging the 2014 events.

8. In 2015 S. C. V. camps all across the state conduct public events commemorating the return of the survivors of the war and honoring those who did not come home.

A "public event" may be a lecture, seminar, reenactment, parade, march between historic locations, or other such happenings. In the best Confederate fashion local control and initiative will be respected.

I invite comments on this proposed plan. After a time of comment the proposal will be presented to the Division Executive Council in October and individuals will be sought to head the planning committees for these events.

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**TO ORDER TICKETS** by mail send \$25 per ticket per person with your name, address, phone, and email address to: Blue and Gray Ball, P.O. Box 1276, Dickson, TN 37056-1276

For more information call Dale Qualls at 615 446 8939 or [dalesquickprint@bellsouth.net](mailto:dalesquickprint@bellsouth.net) or Bryan Sharp at 931 380-1844 x201 or [membership@scv.org](mailto:membership@scv.org)

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- Author



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## **Tenn. teen battles school's Confederate flag ban**

Thursday, August 14, 2008

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tommy DeFoe wore his Southern pride on his Confederate flag belt buckle Wednesday as he argued in federal court that a school dress code banning such items violated his free speech rights.

"I am fighting for my heritage and my rights as a Southerner and an American," said the lanky DeFoe, 18, during a break in the trial that started Monday in his lawsuit against the Anderson County School Board and several county education officials.

DeFoe says his great-great uncle served in the Confederate army and "died for the South" in the Civil War.

But heritage was not the issue for school officials in Anderson County, in East Tennessee not far from Knoxville, who suspended DeFoe more than 40 times for violating the dress code before he received his certificate of completion from the county vocational school last fall.

They feared DeFoe's Confederate flag shirts and belt buckle could inflame racial tensions and violence.

DeFoe's lawsuit is the latest in a string of cases across the South since the 1990s challenging dress codes that banned Confederate flag apparel: a prom gown in Kentucky, purses in Texas, T-shirts in Kentucky, South Carolina and Georgia.

The all-white jury in DeFoe's case deliberated two hours and will resume work Thursday.

It is unusual for such cases to go to a jury trial at all. Most were settled with a payment to the plaintiffs, said DeFoe attorney Kirk Lyons, who has been involved in many of the cases as chief trial lawyer for the North Carolina-based Southern Legal Resource Center. Others were thrown out by judges.

DeFoe's lawyer claims the issue is whether the school system can ban the Confederate flag, a symbol of racism to some that has been widely associated with the Ku Klux Klan, if it causes no substantial disruption.

All sides agree DeFoe's clothing failed to draw much notice at Anderson High School, where one of 1,160 students is black, or at the vocational school, where all 200 students are white.

But racial tension had been a problem before at Anderson High, where the arrival of two black students a few years ago was met with racist graffiti and a Confederate flag-raising.

School officials also worried about the impact at the more racially mixed Clinton High School six miles away, where about 100 of 1,200 students are black. Clinton High was the first public school desegregated by court order in the Old South in 1956 and was rocked by three massive explosions that temporarily closed the school in 1958.

"If he had worn at Clinton High what he wore at Anderson High it would have been a riot, somebody would have clobbered him," said county school board chairman John Burrell, one of the officials sued by DeFoe.

Burrell said DeFoe clearly was "challenging the system. He knew the dress code. His father knew the dress code. He signed the dress code. He was challenging it."

Until 2001, the dress code for all Anderson County schools specifically banned the Confederate flag. Then the policy was rewritten to more general language "because we were afraid we would leave something out," Burrell said. Still, he said it was understood Confederate flag apparel wasn't allowed.

DeFoe's lawsuit questions why other symbols aren't banned, including the Mexican flag, the Canadian flag, political campaign buttons and images of Martin Luther King Jr.

He said other students wore Confederate flag clothing without consequence.

"I felt like I was the one who stood up for" what he believed in, he said.

# THE ORIGIN OF THE CROSS OF SAINT ANDREW BY THE LATE DEVEREAUX CANNON

Published on October 24th, 2007

The Cross of Saint Andrew is the central devise, or saltire, of the Confederate Battle Flag. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and was, as most know, one of the twelve apostles. He spread the Gospel in the provinces that are now part of Turkey, and then into Greece. He was crucified in the year 60 AD—and bound, not nailed, to a decussate (“X” shaped) cross, in order to prolong his sufferings. He asked to be crucified in this manner because he felt himself unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Lord.

Saint Andrew was considered the patron Saint of the Duchy of Burgundy, the Kingdom of Scotland, and the Russian Empire, and all three used flags featuring the Cross of Saint Andrew. In Burgundy, a red cross is on a white field; in Scotland, a white cross on a blue field; and in the Russian navy, a white-bordered blue cross on a red field. By the end of the 17th century, the saltires of the British, Spanish, and Russian empires covered a large percentage of the surface of the earth.

When the use of crosses first arose there can be no doubt of the religious origin. They were first used by Constantine after his vision at the Milvian Bridge: “In this sign conquer.” This led directly to the legalization of Christianity. But as time passed, the Christian symbolism of crosses on flags seems to have faded.

The Cross of Saint Andrew is found on the flags of nations and governments around the world that are derived from the flag of the British Empire. Notable examples are the flags of Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. There are also a few examples, such as the municipal flag of Valdivia in Chile, of flags derived from the Burgundian/Spanish form of the Cross of Saint Andrew. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the Andrew flag, as the Russians call it, once again sails the oceans of the world on the ships of the Russian navy. Other flags featuring the saltire include the Isle of Jersey, the Basque country in Spain, the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, Jamaica in the Caribbean, Burundi in Africa, and the German airline Lufthansa.

Was the Confederate battle flag derived from any of these sources? There were certainly more Southerners of Scottish descent than Russian, Burgundian, or Spanish. Its designer, however, William Porcher Miles of South Carolina, simply stated that it was an “honourable ordinary” and a relatively nonsectarian alternative acceptable in the South to both Jews and Protestants.

Nevertheless, no one can deny that the Cross of Saint Andrew grew to become the symbol of the crusade for Southern independence, and to many in the South it represents a cultural heritage inextricably bound to the faith for which the Apostle Andrew gave his life.



**Next camp meeting is on Tuesday, August 19th 2008 at 7PM**

**Camp will be speaking on retention and fund raising.**

**Please do your best to attend this important meeting.**

#### **About the Cover:**

While the American Civil war began with Napoleonic tactics, it quickly changed to modern warfare within two years. Advancement in modern weapons and long range firearms changed war forever. This scene from Petersburg, VA looked eerily similar to many WWI battles in Europe which took place over 40 years later.