

THE WEBFOOT

Official Newsletter of The

SAMUEL RUSH WATKINS CAMP #29, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST .**

Guest speaker will be Mr. Devereaux Cannon. He will be speaking on the "Genesis of the Stars and Bars" National Flag.

Mr. Cannon is fine gentleman and a sought after expert on Vexillology (study of flags).

Mr. Cannon is the author of numerous books including, "The flags of the Confederacy: An illustrated History", "Flags of Tennessee" and "The Flags of the Union: An Illustrated History". He also has written a book on Robert E. Lee titled, "The Wit and Wisdom of Robert E. Lee".



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ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Friends, compatriots and to all concerned,

August 1st marked a new fiscal year for the Sam Watkins Camp. I am pleased to report that we are growing in size and it is predicted that we should be over the sixty-five member mark by mid September. Our growth is terrific news and it is with great expectation that we could very well be over one hundred members by next year.

During the last National reunion held at Dalton, Georgia, a resolution was passed that changed our dues structure. No longer will there be a six month grace period as before. All dues are due on August 1st and cannot be submitted no later than November 1st without a late/re-instatement fee. Please take note of this change.

Please remember that we have to finish Jackson College Cemetery. Of course Rome was not built in a day and this project will take some time to finish. If you are interested in helping with its preservation or donating funds to this worthwhile cause, please contact someone in camp leadership.

Respectfully Yours,

Jack Taylor, II
Camp Adjutant

Having to make due with what they had, many Confederate Soldiers wore the common Union belt buckle. The buckle was often inverted to show the letters "SN" or Southern Nation...



Muncie, Indiana Mayor lifts ban on U.S. Flags

The mayor of Muncie, Indiana rescinded his decision to include the American flag in a ban on flags in a city-run campground.

In an open letter to campers at Prairie Creek Campgrounds, Mayor Dan Canan said he was reversing his prohibition on all flags.

"I sincerely apologize to you for any inconvenience or stress this issue has caused," Canan wrote. "Men and women have fought and died for our flag and my decision was wrong."

Police officers distributed notices of the city's complete flag ban on Monday to those at the campground along Prairie Creek Reservoir about 10 miles southeast of Muncie. That order from Canan broadened a previous rule that had exempted the U.S. flag and POW/MIA flags.

Canan said Monday he had consulted with attorneys and decided to widen the ban to bolster the city's defense against a lawsuit filed by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

Canan, however, changed his stance

following protests from campers and others.

"I now realize my decision was made in haste and was an error on my part," Canan's today letter said. "Since the issue of the memo I have painstakingly reflected on the issue surrounding the policy and I regret yesterday's action."

The Indiana Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit in federal court this month on behalf of longtime camper Tommy Wallace, who had displayed a Confederate flag on his trailer for more than a decade. The lawsuit alleged that city officials threatened to evict Wallace if he did not remove the flag and contended that the ban violated his free speech rights.

"The original lawsuit challenged the fact that the mayor had selectively banned flags, excepting the U.S. flag," ICLU attorney Ken Falk said Monday. "That does not mean, however, that banning all flags is constitutional."

The city imposed the original flag restrictions after officials said they received complaints that the camp-

ground has become a taxpayer-subsidized, semi-permanent trailer park, which has been nicknamed "Springerville" after the Jerry Springer television show.

3rd Annual 141st Battle of Farmington

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The Fight Over Confederate Letters

AP-08/23/04

Historians and collectors are carefully watching a legal fight between South Carolina and a man who wants to auction more than 440 letters and records from the Civil War.

They worry that if the state is successful, it could go after other collections, claiming the papers are public documents.

The current fight stems from Thomas Law Willcox trying to sell the letters he got from his great-great-uncle Evander McIver Law, a Confederate general.

The sale of the papers, which have an estimated value of \$2.4 million, was put on hold after Willcox filed for bankruptcy last week. The filing also temporarily stopped the state's efforts to get the

letters back.

The letters describe the war effort and life at the time. Some were written to South Carolina governors, and a few were penned by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

A brief filed by the state last week claimed the letters were part of the state archives because the law at the time of the war required all public documents be preserved.

The state has been careful to say it does not accuse Willcox of stealing the letters. Kenneth Krawcheck, Willcox's lawyer said if the state cannot prove the documents were stolen, then Willcox should be the owner.

The lawsuit to recover the documents is the first of its kind in South Carolina, but other states have stepped up efforts to recover documents.

North Carolina's claim to a copy of its

bill of rights is in a federal appellate court, while states such as Virginia and Alabama have had property returned without going to court after they proved ownership.

Some collectors say the trend has left them uneasy. "Very few states have done anything about their historical past. Now, suddenly, some of these states are passing laws," said Scott Pedersen, an attorney and past president of the Manuscript Society, an international group dedicated to preserving documents. Pedersen said South Carolina had 140 years to recover the documents. Since they waited so long, the papers should be considered abandoned, he said.

If South Carolina wins this current court fight, Pedersen said, it could convince people to sell such historical documents in Europe or Japan or drive them underground.

**140th Anniversary of Tunnel Hill
September 10th -12th**

Large re-enactment on the original battle and skirmish site with an average of 1,200-1,500 participants. Approximately 20 miles south of Chattanooga. The 1848 Clisby Austin Plantation, site of Gen. Patrick Cleburne's winter camps in 1863-64, Sherman's headquarters beginning his attack on the Army of Tennessee and the move toward Atlanta in May 1864, was planned in the Austin House. Usual amenities, well-shaded camps. Artillery by invitation due to overwhelming gun turn-out last year. Bounty to first 10 full-sized guns pre-registered and participating. Alabama Division guidelines and safety rules in effect for this event. Ball for period attired participants Saturday night adjacent to the Austin House with the 8th Georgia Regimental Band. Battles Saturday and Sunday. All Confederate units required to galvanize for one battle. Living history for area school children Friday morning beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteers needed and appreciated. Unit registration before Aug. 15. Sutler registration by Aug. 1. No re-enactor registration fee. Sutler by invitation. Fee: \$35. Fee must accompany registration form. No on-site Sutler registration. All profits from the gate go toward Historic Preservation of War Between the States sites at Tunnel Hill and operation of the new museum. Hosted by the 35th Tennessee Infantry, Inc. Sponsored by the Tunnel Hill Historical Foundation, an Alabama Division of re-enactors, Inc. sanctioned event. For battle information, contact K.E. Sumner, 621 Victoria Lane, Woodstock, Ga. 30189 or e-mail: MtnRifle@bellsouth.net Event coordinator phone: (770) 926-1229 or visit www.geocities.com/mntain2001/ or www.alabamadivision.org

FRANKLIN
140th
ANNIVERSARY BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT
OCTOBER 1st - 3rd, 2004
SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

September 10th—12th

Battle of Paducah, KY Reenactment

Nobel Park, Paducah. Grant's Federal occupation of Paducah in 1861 will take place downtown Saturday morning. Battle re-enactors both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Civil War ball Saturday night at the Civic Center. All re-enactors and Suters welcome. For more information, call (270) 575-1870

e-mail: battleofpaducah@excite.com

Fall 1862, the Battles of Iuka, Corinth and Davis Bridge...

Program led by Parker Hills and Len Riedel examines the overlooked but important fighting in mid-September and early October 1862 with U.S. Grant, William S. Rosecrans, Sterling Price and Earl Van Dorn. The Confederates' failure here and elsewhere along the 1,000-mile front seriously damaged their prospects in the west. Program visits three battlefields.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
No 29
COLUMBIA, TENN

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT,
 Shreveport, December 17, 1864.
 Colonel D. N. McIntosh,
 JOHN JUMPER,
 W. P. ADAIR, and
 Captain L. P. PITCHLYNN,
 Delegates from the Grand Council
 Of the Confederated Indian Nations:



GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the resolutions passed by the general council of the Confederate Indian Nations, on the 9th of November 1864. The control of cotton is now placed in the hands of the Treasury Department, and its exportation made under the regulations of the President in conformity with an act of Congress. Under the regulations referred to, restrictions are placed upon the exportation of cotton by citizens, but the States in their sovereign capacity have the right with the General Government to export cotton on their own account free from interference. The Confederated Indian Nations which you represent under its treaty stipulations has the same rights of exportation with the States, and through their agents can purchase and export cotton and introduce supplies not prohibited by the laws of Congress. The cotton which is exported must be the bona fide property of the nation, and the certificate of the principal chiefs that it is the bona fide property of the nation should accompany it in transitu through the State of Texas. I would suggest in order to facilitate the transportation, that whenever a train is prepared or about being prepared, that the certificate showing the number of bales transported and the wagons required be forwarded to department headquarters, where an indorsement will be made prohibiting interference or impressment in the transportation of the cotton to the Mexican frontier. I shall be glad and willingly give every facility in my power made by the nation to clothe and supply their own people. Under the recent amendment to the impressments act, the Government has no privileges over any other purchaser who goes into the market. The Cotton Bureau has ceased its operations, and does not any longer purchase cotton for the Government. You will have to go into the market and through your own agents purchase the cotton required for this enterprise. The difficulty of communicating with the General Government at Richmond and of sending supplies to this department has hitherto made it impossible for me to arm the troops in service. Twenty-five thousand stand of arms were sent to Selma, Ala., but owing to the operations of the enemy on the Mississippi River did not reach this department. I have assurances that arms will be sent by Havana and Galveston, and on their receipt will issue a just proportion to the troops serving in the Indian Territory. Captain T. F. Anderson, and Sergt. John Walker will be sent to Selma with authority to receive and bring arms across the Mississippi River for the sole use of the Indian Division. The Government recognizes the loyalty and services of its Indian allies and, will observe its treaties with the Confederated Indian Nations. I will give you every support and assistance which, as the military representative of my Government can be done with the means at my disposal, and together we will struggle manfully in the cause of our independence until Providence crowns our efforts with success.

I am, most respectfully, your most obedient servant,

E. KIRBY SMITH.

General, Commanding.

Edmund Kirby-Smith was born in St. Augustine, Florida in 1824. He graduated from West Point Military Academy and was cited for gallantry during the Mexican-American war. He resigned as a Major with the Union Army when the South seceded and quickly rose in rank to Brigadier General in the Confederate Army.

Smith successfully commanded the Army of Trans-Mississippi during the War Between the States and surrendered on June 2nd, 1865. After the war Kirby-Smith taught mathematics at the University of the South from 1875-1893. He died in Sewanee, TN on the 28th of March, 1893.

**General Kirby-Smith was one of the last Generals to surrender. Officially, Cherokee Chief and General, Stand Watie was last.*

August 17th Minutes

August 17th marked the 7th meeting of the year for the SRW Camp #29. Brigade Commander Jason Goodrich addressed the camp and compatriot Tim Westbrook shared with the camp his collection of authentic Confederate memorabilia.

7:07PM- Meeting starts with prayer. After prayer the camp recited the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag and gave the honorary salute to the Confederate camp flag.

7:12PM- Camp Commander, Greg Atwell introduces Brigade Commander, Jason Goodrich and asks him to go over the last National reunion held at Dalton Georgia.

For ten minutes, Goodrich went over the reunion and announced that it was recorded as one of the largest in SCV history. He went on to say that over 2000 delegate votes were cast. He confirmed that Denne Sweeney is the new CiC. Lt. Commander is Dr.

Anthony Hodges of Tennessee and AoT Commander is Attorney Tarry Beasley.

7:20PM- Atwell goes over the new dues structure and encourages the camp to pay timely.

7:22PM- Compatriot Tim Westbrook presents to the camp his collection of authentic Civil War memorabilia. He presented different State currencies, assorted calibers of bullets, and cannonballs.

Westbrook allowed those present to look over the items until all had viewed the collection.

7:39PM- Atwell and Camp Adjutant, Jack Taylor spoke to the camp concerning the upcoming 140th Anniversary

of the Battle of Franklin. Westbrook interjected that he had been in contact with Compatriot Rick Hoover who was head over the project. He said that the battle was without a doubt going to be the largest re-enactment of the decade.

7:45PM- Commander Atwell brought up to the camp the subject of the cemetery restoration the camp has been involved in and encouraged others to become involved in the project.

7:56PM- Meeting Adjourns.

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If you visit New Orleans in the future, be sure and stop by Memorial Hall.



The above image of a Five dollar Louisiana bill is one of the many examples Compatriot Tim Westbrook showed to the camp at the last meeting.

The bill shows an allegorical representation of the South slaying the North. The Bill is known to collectors as the "lazy 5" because of the numeral 5 lying at the bottom of the note.



Hamilton G. Moore of the 9th Georgia Infantry



On June 6th, 2004 Compatriot Tim Westbrook of the Sam Watkins Camp #29 and the John B. Gordon Camp #599 of Walker County, Georgia honored the memory of Corporal Hamilton G. Moore of the 9th Georgia Infantry Co. G.

H. G. Moore is the ancestor of Compatriot Westbrook and a new Confederate Stone was placed in his loving memory. The whole event was quite moving and the re-enacting unit of the J.B. Gordon camp did a wonderful job of honoring one of our heroes of the South.



A Reply to the Conquered Banner

“Gallant nation, foiled by numbers,
 Say not that your hopes are fled;
 Keep that glorious flag which slumbers,
 One day to avenge your dead.
 Keep it, widowed, sonless mothers,
 Keep it, sisters, mourning brothers, Furl it with an iron will;
 Furl it now, but keep it still,
 Think not that its work is done...”

Written in 1865 by Sir Henry Houghton

Farmington Battlefield Camp
#1902

Commander ~ David Stinson

Meetings ~ 2nd Monday of each month at the Bank of America building on the east side of the Marshall county Courthouse. Meetings start at 7PM sharp.

See page 2 concerning the camps re-enactment event that will be held on September 25th and 26th.

Phone: 931-364-7155

**Captain W. H. McCauley
Camp 260**

*******ATTENTION*******

******NEW MEETING SITE******

Next meeting will be on **September 11th at 12 pm** at the St. Paul Church in Charlotte.

The next meeting of Capt. W. H. McCauley Camp 260 will be held Saturday September 11th / 12 noon at St. Paul Church in Charlotte. This is just one mile past Eubank Paving on Hwy 48 N turn right on St. Paul Rd. & the church is on the left. Please make plans now to attend! We have to discuss the committee's findings & plans!

George H. Nixon Camp #214

*4th Monday of every month at the Lawrence County Library.
Meetings start at 7Pm.*

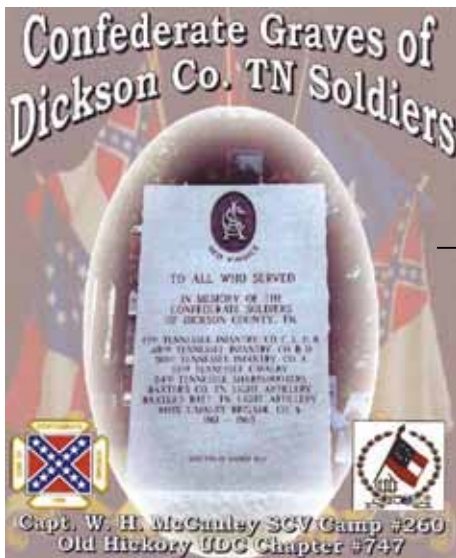
Commander ~ Jason Goodrich

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