

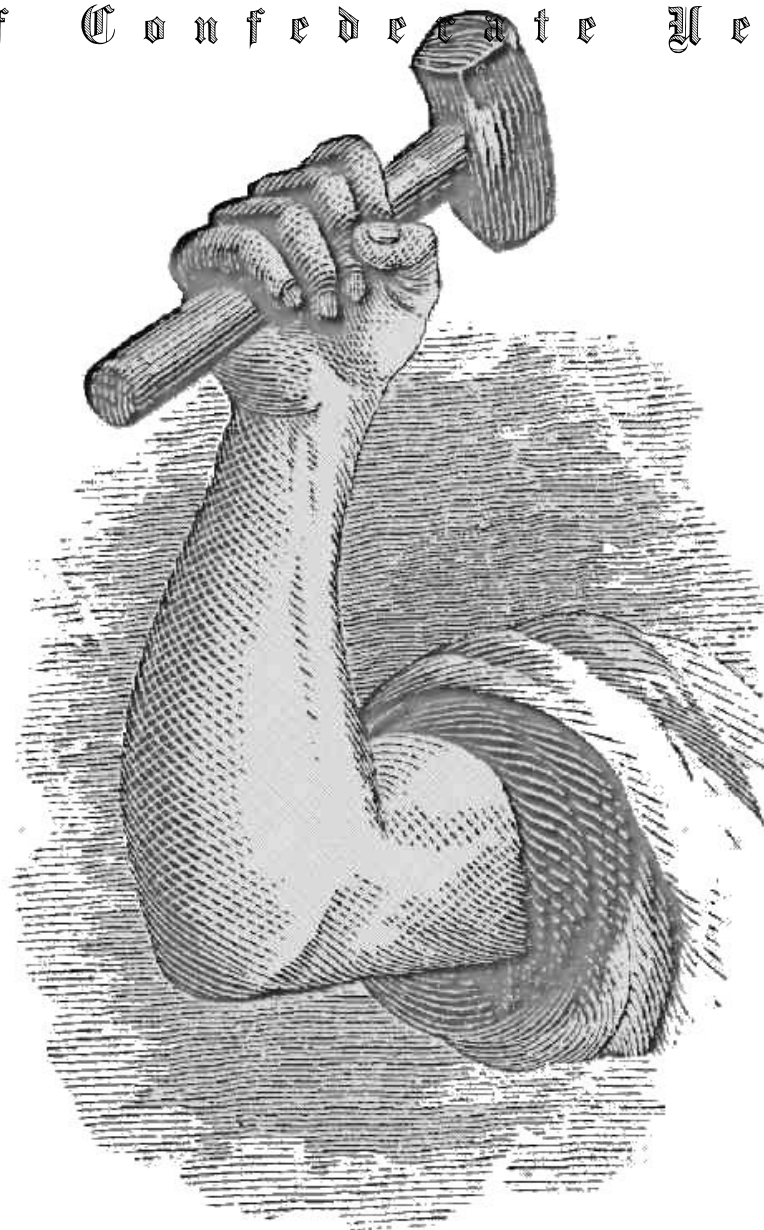
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SAMUEL R. WATKINS CAMP No 29
Sons of Confederate Veterans



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COMMANDER'S CORNER: A MONTHLY CAMP ADDRESS

Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Fourteenth day of March, 2006
Columbia, Tenn.

Camp Compatriots, Et. al.,

Adjutant, Jack Taylor has been working on a pin and patch design for the camp. If you have any ideas, please contact one of us. I would like to see at least 5 or 6 designs and then the camp could vote on which one to have made - this will benefit the camp greatly.

Don't forget that Columbia's Mule Day (March 30th – April 2nd) is right around the corner. We are going to set up a tent along with the Tod Carter camp. There has been some discussion of having a presence in the parade. Positive publicity will help us preserve our heritage and increase our numbers. Incidentally, we have a few brothers that are trying to start a new camp in Spring Hill. We need to support them; anything to help support the organization and promote it to all who are eligible.

Those of you who missed the last meeting on February 21st, missed a real treat. Dr. Michael Bradley came and spoke to us from Tullahoma. It was a fabulous presentation regarding Vanderbilt University's Confederate Heritage. Incidentally, Dr. Bradley has thrown his hat in as a candidate for the next Tennessee Division Commander's slot. Reunion will be held in Burns, Tennessee this year on Saturday, April 29th. We need to make a vote on who we will decide we want for our next Division level officers. Dr. Bradley is the only candidate running thus far for the position of Tennessee Commander.

Concerning the importance of attending meetings:

Meetings usually last only about one hour. I have a very busy schedule, but still I make time for the meetings. Would you please take a little time out of your busy lives and attend. There are lots of seats at our meeting room. When you attend your voice is heard and you know what is happening in your camp. Our next local monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st..

This has been a very traumatic week for one of our members. Immediate Past Chaplain, Tim Westbrook lost his father on March 6th and on Friday March 10th he was involved in a traffic crash. Please keep Tim and his family in your prayers.

Commander, Kenneth W. Lovett

SCHOOL BEING SUED IN EAST TENNESSEE FOR FLAG BAN—3/05/06

It started with the three to one decision by the Maryville City School board that took place on June 26th, 2005. The School board's decision states that no student at the Maryville, Tennessee high school will be allowed to display the Confederate Battle flag again during gaming events or in school. During the June 26, 2005 debate and school board meeting, almost two-dozen people made debate-limited two-minute speeches. Of those who spoke in regards to the flag debate; only eight spoke out in favor of the Confederate flag ban. Hundreds of parents and supporters of the Confederate flag were assembled and some brought their own banners to show their support of keeping the flag.

Forward to March 2006.

As of March 2nd, three students and their parents are now suing the Blount County School system. They are suing the school stating that the school has violated their 1st amendment rights.

By providing additional funding for legal fees, the Tennessee Division SCV is backing up the student's lawsuit against school principal

Steve Lafon and Schools director Alvin Hord and the entire Blount County School Board.

School spokesperson Alisa Teffeteller said in a statement to the local media, "Our policy is that any type of clothing which has graphics, words or pictures that are distracting to the learning process of the school are not supposed to be worn..."

Although the policy of distractive clothing has been part of the school rules for many years, the problems with the Confederate themed clothing did not arise until April 2005 when some students got in a disagreement over the meaning of the clothing. There were even rumors of physical violence over the issue and the local Sheriff had to lock down the school.

Derek Barr, Chris White and Roger Craig White were quoted as saying that they were threatened with suspension if they didn't cover or turn their clothing inside out when they were discovered wearing the shirts with the Confederate Battle Flag. All three boys complied with the order from the school leader-

ship. However, the lawsuit claims that other students have been allowed to wear other clothing such as foreign national flags, Black Nationalist symbols and even political slogans without any repercussion whatsoever. Their suit is asking for preliminary injunction to lift the ban on the Confederate themed clothing.

Teffeteller said after hearing of the suit, "If we get something filed against us, we will have to deal with it..."

UPDATE—3/9/06:

A separate lawsuit has been recently filed by the girlfriend of one of the plaintiffs in this case.

Shana Miller is asking for TEN million dollars in damages in what has been called an alleged incident of retaliation by the School Principal, Steve Lafon.

Knoxville, Tennessee Attorney, Van Irion, is representing both parties.

Real Son Honored 3/6/06

Maryland's last confirmed living 'Confederate Son' was honored by the Allegany County Civil War Roundtable recently.

The local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp confirmed that Compatriot Comer is truly a 'real son' and that he is the

son of James Comer who joined the Confederate side in Virginia in 1861; he was fourteen years of age at the time he enlisted. Albert is the youngest child of James's 2nd wife (*which is usually the story in most living Sons*).

Albert was honored during the

first week of March with a ceremony inducting him into the closest Sons of Confederate Veterans camp, which happened to be Moorefield, West Virginia.

Past Adjutant's letter –January 1906

Headquarters Leonidas Polk Bivouac No. 3 and William Henry Trousdale Camp No. 495, U.C.V.'s. First day of January, 1906, Columbia, Tennessee.

Colonel J.P. Hickman, Nashville Tennessee, Adjutant General.

Colonel:

Following is mailed to you as the list of officers of Leonidas Polk Bivouac, No. 3, and William Henry Trousdale Camp, No. 495, elected on the fifth day of March, 1906, term expires the first Monday in March, 1907. At present our roll shows

W.J. Whitthorne, President/Commander—Columbia, Tenn.

Jasper Horn, 1st VP / Lt. Commander - Broadview,

E.F. Journey, 2nd - Leftwich,

J.N. Meroney, 3rd—Dark's Mill,

N.S. Craig, 4th—Fountain Creek,

Wm. A. Smith, Sect./ Adjutant—Columbia,

E.J. Davis, Quartermaster—McCains,

Wils. Trousdale, Commissary—Columbia,

W.B. Harrison, M.D., Surgeon ——

J.H. Wilkes, M.D. Asst. ——

F.J. Tyler, Chaplain ——

John St. Thomas, Treasurer ——

J.T. Ballanfant, Sergt. Major –Culleoka,

W.H. Watson, Officer of Day— Park's Station ,

W.R. Gresham, Color Serg. - Park's Station,

S.K.P. Godwin, 1st Color Guard—Godwin,

J.H. Inman, 2nd –Culleoka,

G.G. Dainwood, Vidette—Columbia,

Mrs. Vashti Ballanfant, Sponsor –Culleoka,

Miss Tabitha Williamson, Maid of honor ——

Total numbers of members, 199, one hundred and ninety-nine, less 54, fifty-four released making 145, one hundred and forty-five.

Note*

The Leonidas Polk Bivouac No. 3 and William Henry Trousdale Camp #495 is our direct predecessor. The first SCV camp in the area was the Maury Bivouac #13 which was part of said UCV camp, but dissolved sometime before 1940. Camp was re-chartered on May 1, 1986. *(20th Anniversary coming up soon!)*

Samuel R. Watkins was a member of the Leonidas Polk Bivouac No. 3 and William Henry Trousdale Camp #495.

EXCERPT FROM THE SCV HEADQUARTERS 'GRAY LINE' NEWSLETTER**March, 2006**

The SCV annual convention in Nashville TN in late July 2005 approved an amendment to prorate dues beginning this fiscal year and going forward in the future. This policy began on February 1, 2006. The SCV operates on a fiscal year (not calendar) beginning August 1st of one year and going through July 31st of the following year. The current fiscal year, August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, is shown as status 2005 on your roster which means those members are paid through July 31, 2006. Additionally, there is a 3 month grace period from August 1st through November 1st when members are still current while the camps work to collect the \$20 dues for the next fiscal year. After November 1st of each year, a \$5 late fee is applied to the normal \$20 dues. If someone joins right now in February, March, or April

(which is technically the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year) he can pay his \$20 yearly dues and the new member processing fee of \$5 plus he has the option to pay an additional \$10 to initially join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year, a total of \$35.00, meaning his dues will be paid through July 31, 2007. If someone joins in May, June or July (which is technically the 4th quarter of our fiscal year) he can pay his yearly \$20 yearly dues and the \$5 new member processing fee plus he has the option to pay an additional \$5 to initially join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year, a total of \$30.00, meaning his dues will be paid through July 31, 2007.

SCV Membership

Historically, the SCV has lost 12 to 20 % of its membership at dues renewal time each year,

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and this year was no exception. Membership peaked at 34,300 in early November 2005, and it is now smaller due to this normal annual attrition rate. It is, however, rapidly building back up with reinstatements that were 633 in Nov, 1180 in Dec, 1065 in Jan, and 501 so far in Feb whereas new membership applications received were 300 in Nov, 271 in Dec, 287 in Jan and 235 through Feb 23rd. SCV membership is healthy and growing again after the annual dip. Some former SCV members, the naysayer types, have been telling anyone who will listen that the SCV lost 10,000 members which is pure fantasy. Please assure your camp members that the membership numbers are fine, and the SCV needs every member to continue to recruit new members while working diligently to retain the ones we have now.

“RUMORS OF MY DEMISE HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED...” (WEBFOOT—3/13/06)

There has been some rumor or suggestion that the lovely "Confederate Rose" has been renamed to the just as lovely "Cherokee Rose" due to political correctness gone amuck - (some of you may have read this via Electronic Mail or heard it through the 'grapevine').

The Confederate Rose (*Hibiscus mutabilis*) was never renamed to the Cherokee Rose (*Rosa laevigata*) - they are actually very two distinct species of plant. The Cherokee rose has been the State flower of Georgia (with that very name) since 1916.

Why the note?

Interestingly enough, the Confederate Rose and the Cherokee Rose are both 'invasive' plants brought to the South by European settlers, but the plants themselves originate out of Southern China (best part of China I suppose). The Cherokee rose with its single white flower has been widely identified with the *Trail of Tears*. Legend has it that when the Indians were pushed out of the South into what would become Oklahoma, the people prayed for a sign of relief as their children were dying... story goes that the Cherokee Rose bloomed every spot the people's tears fell.

Although this is not a "Confederate" tidbit of history, it is an honorable Southern mention nonetheless.

FEBRUARY 21ST MINUTES

February 21st marked the 2nd meeting of the 2006 year for the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29.

Meeting began by prayer led by Chaplain Michael Bullock.

Pledge to the U.S. Flag was given and salute to Confederate flag was said.

7:05PM—Commander Kenneth Lovett asks for a motion that business be suspended to give time for guest speaker, Dr. Michael Bradley of Tullahoma to present his program. Motion was made and carried.

Camp Adjutant, Jack Taylor introduces Dr. Michael Bradley.

For twenty-three minutes Dr. Michael Bradley spoke to the camp in regards to Vanderbilt University's unique 'Confederate Heritage'.

Some of the topics discussed were Vanderbilt's school of law and its Confederate past, Confederate Memorial hall and past Deans. The entire discussion was accompanied by a pictorial history produced by a slide-show.

7:28PM—Bradley concludes his discussion on Vanderbilt.

Questions were asked by camp members and answers given by Bradley in regards to discussion...

7:39PM—Bradley announces his candidacy for Commander of the Tennessee Division, SCV.

Taylor asks Bradley if he is elected as Commander, what sorts of avenues would he take in regards to better communication between local camps and Division leadership. Bradley replies that the Tennessee Division Internet Echo is one avenue but starting at the Brigade Commander's level would be a start.

Short break as Bradley departs and camp reviews books for sale.

8:01PM—Commander Lovett starts business meeting by giving an announcement concerning Pt. Lookout Confederate POW camp.

Mentioned was made on the proposal to offer the camp newsletter (Webfoot) as a subscription to non members—no objections made.

Lovett also went over discussion concerning the creation of a Camp pin and patch. He asked the camp for input so that it can materialize in 2-3 months.

8:03PM—Russell Cothran spoke in regards to his ancestor Haley W. Russell of the 3rd Tennessee. Cothran announced that his grave site was found and that a Veterans Administration stone was ordered and approved. After Cothran spoke, Compatriot Charles Bates announced that he had four Confederate tombstones for his ancestors and was very pleased to announce their arrival to his home. Assistance in regards to graveside service was

discussed for both Bates and Cothran.

8:10PM—camp business discussion...

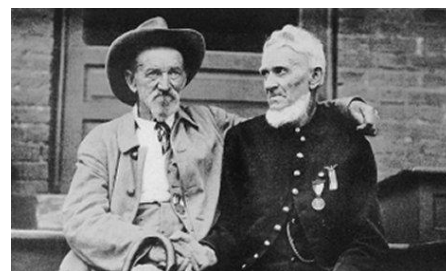
8:37PM—Lovett brings up Tod Carter Camp Commander, Don Berry's proposal on recruitment at Mule Day with a recruitment tent. Lovett asked all that were able to participate in the event.

Lovett instructs Adjutant Taylor to use the local newspaper's message board to get our name out and to use the community calendar. Taylor makes note to do so.

8:50PM—Past Commander, Greg Atwell brings up a personal problem that arose at the Spring Hill GM plant. He said that he was forced to remove all Confederate symbols from his person that were in plain view and to remove any symbols from his personal locker.

Atwell went on to say that the plant has come to a possible agreement/compromise from his personal complaint.

9:00PM—motion made to adjourn; meeting adjourned.



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I went to the hospital that evening, saw it, and was satisfied with hospital life. I did not wish to be called a hospital rat. I had no idea of taking stock and making my headquarters at this place. Everything seemed clean and nice enough, but the smell! Ye gods! I stayed there for supper. The bill of fare was a thin slice of light bread and a plate of soup, already dished out and placed at every plate. I ate it, but it only made me hungry. At nine o'clock I had to go to bed, and all the lights were put out. Every man had a little bunk to himself. I do not know whether I slept or not, but I have a dim recollection of "sawing gourds," and jumping up several times to keep some poor wretch from strangling. He was only snoring. I heard rats filing away at night, and thought that burglars were trying to get in; my dreams were not pleasant, if I went to sleep at all. I had not slept off of the ground or in a house in three years. It was something new to me, and I could not sleep, for the room was so dark that had I got up I could not have found my way out. I laid there, I do not know how long, but I heard a rooster crow, and a dim twilight began to glimmer in the room, and even footsteps were audible in the rooms below. I got sleepy then, and went off in a doze. I had a beautiful dream--dreamed that I was in heaven, or rather, that a pair of stairs with richly carved balusters and wings, and golden steps overlaid with silk and golden-colored carpeting came down from heaven to my room; and two beautiful damsels kept peeping, and laughing, and making faces at me from the first platform of these steps; and every now and then they would bring out their golden harps, and sing me a sweet and happy song. Others were constantly passing, but always going the same way. They looked like so many schoolgirls, all dressed in shining garments. Two or three times the two beautiful girls would go up the stairs and return, bringing fruits and vegetables that shined like pure gold. I knew that I never had seen two more beautiful beings on earth. The steps began to lengthen out, and seemed to be all around me; they seemed to shine a halo of glory all about. The two ladies came closer, and closer, passing around, having a beautiful wreath of flowers in each hand, and gracefully throwing them backward and forward as they laughed and danced around me. Finally one stopped and knelt down over me and whispered something in my ear. I threw up my arms to clasp the beautiful vision to my bosom, when I felt my arm grabbed, and "D--n ye, I wish you would keep your d--n arm off my wound, ye hurt me," came from the soldier in the next bunk. The sun was shining full in my face. I got up and went down to breakfast. The bill of fare was much better for breakfast than it had been for supper; in fact it was what is called a "jarvis" breakfast. After breakfast, I took a ramble around the city. It was a nice place, and merchandise and other business was being carried on as if there was no war. Hotels were doing a thriving business; steamboats were at the wharf, whistling and playing their calliopes. I remember the one I heard playing, "Away down on the Sewanee River". To me it seemed that everybody was smiling and happy and prosperous.

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