



Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Friends, Compatriots and to all concerned,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. Mr. Herbert Harper who was scheduled to be our July 20th speaker was hospitalized for problems with a chamber in his heart. Due to this fact, he was not able to speak for us. Please keep Mr. Harper in your prayers.

In place of Mr. Harper, Past Commander, Billy Jackson gave us an impromptu talk regarding the discovery of our original banner that was created just before the turn of the 20th Century. He shown some photographs taken of it and proposed that the camp raise money to have the banner reproduced.

This digital edition of *The Webfoot* will contain a lot of information relating to the last national reunion held at Dalton, Georgia and an address from our Brigade Commander, Jason Goodrich. Be sure and read all of this to understand better how things work in the SCV.

It looks quite promising for the SCV's future. Our membership is at an all time high and many more are joining in for the month of August. **Make a sincere effort to attend our next camp meeting.**

CAMP DUES ARE NOW DUE. Regular membership is 37.00 dollars per year and those who are life members pay 17.00 dollars. For questions or comments regarding your dues, please contact me at your convenience.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August 17th at 7PM sharp.

I Remain, Respectfully Your Obedient Servant,

Jack Taylor, II

Camp Adjutant

MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE COMMANDER

RE: Samuel R. Watkins Brigade Address
08/03/2004

Friends and Fellow Compatriots:

As many of you may already know, at the 2004 Tennessee Division Reunion held in Cookeville this past April I was elected Brigade Commander of the Samuel R. Watkins Brigade.

This Brigade, suitably named in honor of that great private from Maury County, consists of seven member Camps which include: Samuel R. Watkins Camp No. 29 (Columbia), Gen. John C. Brown Camp No. 112 (Pulaski), Col. George H. Nixon Camp No. 214 (Lawrence County), Fort Donelson Camp No. 249 (Dover), Capt. W. H. McCauley Camp No. 260 (Dickson County), Col. Jack Moore Camp No. 559 (Centerville), and Col. Alonzo Napier Camp No. 2040 (Waverly).



I have inherited the post previously held by our mutual good friend, Commander Billy Jackson, who I have asked to serve as Lieutenant Commander of this Brigade. His leadership and knowledge has served both your Camp and this Brigade well in the past and I believe it will continue to aid and benefit us in the future.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you during past visits to Camp meetings and hope to visit you at least once each quarter over the next two years. As you know, I am committed to ensuring that the Sons of Confederate Veterans continue to honor the valiant men who fought so bravely during the War Between the States. I believe that our organization as a whole has much to offer and we should strive to meet the expectations of not only ourselves, but our ancestors as well.

Of the seven member Camps in our Brigade, *four are less than two years old*. The members of this Brigade look upon your Camp with great respect as you set the standard for others to follow.

This Brigade has involved itself in two projects of particular interest, which I hope you and your Camp will also become involved in. The first is a project to augment the museum at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park near Eva, Tennessee. This museum presently has no exhibits concerning Gen. Forrest, the Battle of Johnsonville, or even local Confederate veterans. This will soon change with the addition of display cases to house relics, maps, and information exhibits on each. Several relics have been loaned and donated for display in this museum to date, but more are needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact project coordinator Bryan Sharp by email at sharpb@mindspring.com or by telephone at (931) 380-1844 ext. 201.

The second project I have spoken of before: preserving the 60 Confederate Battle Flags in the custody of the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville. These flags are in need of conservation, many of them seriously. As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it is our duty to ensure these historical treasures are restored for future generations. The costs vary by flag, but the Tennessee State Museum hopes to secure a Federal grant to match our donations dollar for dollar! As always, monetary donations may be considered tax-exempt, but we will also be accepting items to use in raffles. If you would like to help, please contact me by email at jasongoodrich@charter.net or by telephone at (931) 762-8890.

The 2005 SCV & MOSB National Reunion will be held in Nashville next summer and several Tennessee Camps have banded together to co-host this event. To further pursue additional funding for the preservation of the Tennessee State Museum's Confederate flag collection, the proceeds above operating costs will be donated toward our efforts! This has a tremendous amount of potential given the fact that Camps from all across the United States will attend this event.

I urge you and your Camp to join me in making this project a successful one!

Furthermore, you have shown unprecedented growth over the last two years. I issue you this challenge: **double your membership by next year**. No, it is not impossible. If each of you were to recruit one member, it would be a success. It's that simple. Even try bringing a visitor **every month**. You have so much to offer!

Finally, I encourage you to attend your monthly Camp meetings. By attending, you demonstrate to your Camp leadership that you care. ***Your Camp is what you make it.*** You show you care by showing up and participating. Give your Camp leadership input and let them know how good of a job they do and what would encourage you to continue coming month after month.

I hope to join you at your August monthly meeting and will be happy to address any questions or concerns you might have of the projects outlined above. If you have email and would like to join our Brigade email list, please email at the above email address.

Very respectfully yours,

Jason Goodrich
Commander
Samuel R. Watkins Brigade



Hunley on display within four years

AP – 07/25/04

The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley could be on permanent public display in a new museum in four years, the chairman of the S.C. Hunley Commission said Friday.

"I'm hoping we will set a deadline for around 2008," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, who leads the commission.

McConnell said conservation of the submarine should begin next year.

Scientists are now studying whether to use traditional electrolysis, a technique known as cold plasma reduction, to remove the corrosive salts from the submarine.

McConnell said he is studying preliminary engineering reports and expects a final decision to be made this fall.

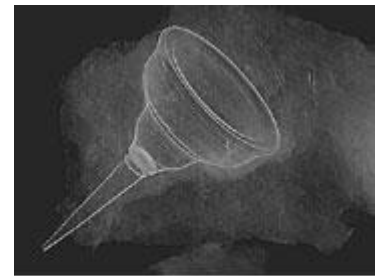
"We'll probably get experts around the world to critique it," he said. "We have only one chance, and that is to do it right."

Tours of the Hunley are now available on weekends at the conservation lab where the sub is housed. It will go on display at a \$40 million museum to be built in North Charleston.

Although raised almost four years ago and the sediment inside removed, the sub is still revealing glimpses of the past.

Scientists on Friday announced they had found an oilcan with liquid oil inside.

"We uncovered a mysterious concreted object that, upon closer inspection, turned out to be an intact oil can," said Maria Jacobsen, the senior archaeologist on the project.



Oil can found on the Hunley by using X-ray equipment

The can was found near the pump where commander Lt. George Dixon was stationed.

Scientists also found an iron wedge, nut and hammer.

No Charleston, SC bowl game for 2005

AP – 07/25/04

Officials from the Charleston Metro Sports Council and ESPN said Friday there would be no Palmetto Bowl in Charleston in 2005. But they haven't given up hope on bringing a college football bowl game to Charleston in 2006 or beyond.

Uncertainty about when a new Citadel football stadium will be ready also means that a game between historically black colleges set for next year in Charleston will not be played.

"The Palmetto Bowl will not be held in Charleston until the NCAA moratorium on scheduled collegiate athletic events is resolved," Tom McQueeney, chairman of the Sports Council's bowl committee, said in a statement released after a meeting with state, city and ESPN officials.

Last April, the NCAA's executive committee voted to direct its bowl certification committee to "deny any requests for certification of bowl games in any state where a moratorium exists as a result of the state's Confederate flag stance."

ESPN and the Sports Council acknowledged that the issues of the NCAA's moratorium and the Confederate flag, which flies atop a Confederate soldiers' memorial on the Statehouse grounds in Columbia, are not likely to be resolved by next April, which is the earliest that a 2005 Palmetto Bowl could be certified by the NCAA.

"By making this step, ESPN has seen the handwriting on the wall that they cannot come in and untangle the political mess," McQueeney said. "And they cannot plan on having the stadium done in time. Having those two balls in the air was very difficult to deal with."

Without the time crunch of working toward a 2005 bowl game and the historically black colleges game, McQueeney said he is hopeful that the Confederate flag and stadium issues can be resolved.

"Given time, we can go back in and see if there is a way to untangle it and make it work for everyone...and we are not there yet with the money for the stadium. If there is a silver lining, it is that we have another year to get everything on track."

One ESPN official said that efforts to resolve the NCAA moratorium issue are underway.

"We think that the city of Charleston could be a tremendous opportunity for not only a bowl game but other events," the official said. "The city deserves the opportunity for events like that, and what they've done with the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament demonstrates the tremendous opportunities that are there. It would be a great city to do business in."

It will take some work to resolve the Confederate flag and moratorium issues. In a statement released this week, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reaffirmed its tourism boycott of South Carolina and encouraged the NCAA to maintain its moratorium.

McQueeney, who also is involved in The Citadel's fund-raising for a new stadium, said that effort would continue.

"We are going to build a state-of-the-art stadium, and we are going to have events in that stadium other than Burke High School and Citadel football," he said. "That is where we are going with it."

It is still uncertain whether a new stadium will be built where Johnson Hagood Stadium currently stands, or at the site of Stoney Field. The Citadel already has knocked down the home side of aging Johnson Hagood, and plans to move in temporary bleachers for the 2004 season, which begins with a home game against Charleston Southern on September 4th.

Engineering issues could determine where the new stadium is built. Officials are studying whether a 35,000-seat stadium, the minimum size

necessary to host a bowl game, is viable for the Stoney Field site.

There also is the issue of funding for the stadium, which would cost about \$28 million at 22,000 seats or \$37 million at 35,000 seats. The Citadel has raised about \$6 million toward its plan to build a 22,000-seat stadium, and another \$10 million could be available from the federal government if National Guard facilities are incorporated in the stadium.

Money from the sale of naming rights, luxury suites and scoreboard advertising also could be available. But \$5.7 million over 15 years in state money was tied to the Palmetto Bowl coming to Charleston next year. That issue could be revisited in the state legislature next year.

McQueeney said he regrets that the idea of bringing a bowl game to Charleston became tangled up in the controversy over the Confederate flag.

"I am confident that those people who can see the benefits of this in every avenue will see that bringing in activities like the bowl game is good for the community and the state in taxes and jobs and revenue," he said. "Those that don't want to see those things happen, for whatever reason, may take a temporary feeling of victory."

"You hate to see it, from a community spirit standpoint," he said. "This is a wonderful place to live, and there are so many great sides to it and great people. It's a disappointing thing for this area, but this is not the end of it."

NAACP Continues To Boycott South Carolina

07/25/04

By Jack Taylor

If you have wondered why the past twelve to fourteen years have been the largest attack on the Confederate battle flag, monuments or anything to do with the Southern side of the War Between the States, you have to look no further than the National Association for the Advancement for Colored People (NAACP).

The organization's head leadership is Kweisi Mfume (Frizzell "Pee Wee" Gray), President and CEO and Julian Bond whose acting role is Chairman of the Board. Both of these men

represent the most ultra-liberal ideological change to the organization since its creation in 1909.

At their 1991 National Convention, the NAACP passed the following resolution:

"Resolution abhorring the Confederate Battle Flag on State Flags Approved WHEREAS, the tyrannical evil symbolized in the Confederate Battle Flag is an abhorrence to all Americans and decent people of this country, and indeed the world and is an odious blight upon the universe; and,

WHEREAS, African-Americans, had no voice, no consultation, no concurrence, no commonality, not in fact nor in philosophy, in the vile conception of the Confederate Battle Flag or State Flags containing the ugly symbol of idiotic white supremacy, racism and denigration; and,

WHEREAS, we adamantly reject the notion that African-Americans should accept this flag for any stretch of the imagination or approve its presence on State Flags;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the national office of the NAACP and all units commit their legal resources to the removal of the Confederate Flag from all public properties."

Many have read recently where President George W. Bush avoided making an appearance at the 2004 NAACP convention. He was the first President since Herbert Hoover (1929-1933) to do this. In his statement he said, "I would describe my relationship with the current leadership as basically nonexistent...you've heard the rhetoric and the names they've called me."

The recent comments Bush was speaking of was a quote from Chairman Julian Bond. Speaking in Indiana in the month of June at a special meeting with lawmakers and business leaders, Bond made a statement saying, Bush and other Republicans appeal to a racist "dark underside of American culture...They preach racial equality but practice racial division." He went on to say, "Their idea of equal rights is the American flag and Confederate swastika flying side-by-side."

United States Education Secretary Rod Paige, who is the current and incidentally, the first Black American to have this position, blasted the NAACP leadership for their comments. Paige, a Mississippi native and life member of the NAACP, said that the

organization is betraying its origins. In a public statement he said Julian Bond and Kweisi Mfume's leadership, "has done a great disservice to our organization and to the founders of the civil rights movement with their hateful and untruthful rhetoric about Republicans and President Bush." Paige went on to say, "You do not own, and you are not the arbiters of, African-American authenticity..."

One of the resolutions passed at the last NAACP convention was the continued "boycott" of South Carolina. The NAACP's resolution also encourages The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to maintain its moratorium against championship events being held in the state until the flag is moved. This moratorium also includes the State of Mississippi for having the battle flag in the canton of its State flag.



According to the 2000 census, South Carolina has a 29.5% black population out of 4,150,000 people and Mississippi shows a 36.3% black population out of 2,800,000 people. If the NAACP truly are "boycotting" South Carolina and Mississippi, then they are hurting their own constituents. This so-called boycott would amount to nothing more than economic fratricide.

In all actuality, South Carolina tourist dollars have actually shown an increase over the years and most of the population ignores the ridiculous notion of an economic boycott.

If only the membership of the NAACP would stop listening to the rhetoric of poor leadership and focus more on real issues, the organization may return to their true purpose and possibly advance into the 21st Century ♠

Parrot Shell Found Causes Concern

07/25/04

A rare artillery shell was found recently at a construction site near Charleston, South Carolina. It was suspected it might have been ammunition left over from Confederate blockade-runners and the U.S. Navy on the Waccamaw Neck. Construction workers building a new subdivision on U.S. Highway 17 south of Murrells Inlet on July 21st found the shell.

The shell appeared as if it was fired from what was called a "parrot gun", but failed to explode for more than thirteen decades.

It was theorized that the round might have been fired at a Confederate fort near the Murrells Inlet, which was built after the Union Navy sealed off the port to Charleston.

The type of shell that was found was the type that could be timed to explode. It could be set to explode either in the air or on the ground. The origins of the shell are a mystery, but experts said that it was still dangerous and could have gone off accidentally if handled wrong. Experts on the site that were called in said that gunpowder does not necessarily go inert with age and can become more unstable with time.

Before archeologists were called onto the work site, one of the workers loaded the shell in his pickup truck and took it to the local sheriff's office. Immediately, the building was evacuated until the State Law Enforcement Division took it away and had it destroyed by a bomb squad.

Battle of Franklin October 1st-3rd

08/04/04

"Well, Govan," Confederate Brigadier General Patrick Cleburne said to his friend, D.C. Govan, "if we are to die, let us die like men."

Cleburne then led his men into the fray. A fierce battle ensued.

"Boys, this will be short, but desperate," Gen. Otho Strahl told his men as he gave the order to charge.

His words turned out to be prophetic.

"Within a hundred paces of their main line...it seemed to me that hell itself had exploded in our faces," Confederate General George Gordon remarked later.

When the smoke cleared, Cleburne, Strahl and two other generals lay dead. Generals John Adams and Hiram Granbury were among the 6,200 confederate casualties that day. Two other generals, States Right Gist and John C. Carter, later died of their wounds. In all, nine other division leaders were injured or captured, bringing the total number of general officers lost to 15.

More generals were killed at the Battle of Franklin than at any other recorded battle and their loss nearly decimated the command structure of the Army of Tennessee.

It was one of the greatest disasters in military history, and it happened on one of the Civil War's smallest battlefields - Franklin, Tennessee. Nothing went according to plan, including the idea that the Battle of Franklin was supposed to reawaken the Army of Tennessee.

It started when Tennessee Commander General John Bell Hood devised a plan to attack and cut Union supply lines in Tennessee, hoping to draw General William T. Sherman back to Tennessee from his infamous "March to the Sea." This would allow Hood to start a campaign driving his forces through Kentucky to stage a rear attack on Grant's Union forces in Virginia.

At first, Hood successfully chased and outmaneuvered Union forces led by General John Scholfield. After three days of fighting near Columbia, the opportunity the Confederate needed finally presented itself at the Spring Hill Crossroads and Union commanders knew it.

Scholfield put one of his divisions on a forced march to hold the Franklin Road open. It saved his neck. When darkness fell, Scholfield was able to use that error to his advantage and marched his forces within a half-mile of the Confederate forces - completely passing the encamped army without being detected.

Hood was furious when he got the news the morning of November 30, 1864. He was not inclined that day toward a strategic movement to divide Schofield's lines. Instead, he wanted the Army of Tennessee to make a full frontal charge across two miles of open fields against barricaded Union positions.

Hood's charge made Pickett's charge at Gettysburg pale in comparison. The Confederate charges at Franklin went into the record books as one of the greatest mistakes ever made on a battlefield, but would become regarded as one of the most courageous assaults ever attempted. On October 1-3, 2004, re-enactors and spectators will have the opportunity to watch and begin to understand the carnage of the battle during the 140th Anniversary of the historic battles of Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Tickets are \$10 for a one-day pass, \$13 for two days and \$15 for all three days. They can be purchased in advance by visiting www.battleoffranklin.com or from members of the

Save the Franklin Battlefield Association. Proceeds from the event benefit the Preservation of the Franklin Battlefield.

For more information, visit www.battleoffranklin.com or email cwcevent@lcs.net or write to: Franklin 140th Reenactment, P.O. Box 625, Morristown, Tennessee 37814.

Chickamauga Council delays approval of subdivision

08/04/04 – Walker County Messenger

Chickamauga City Council has rejected, at least for now, a plan for a small subdivision on Lee and Gordon Mill Road.

The council, during its regular monthly meeting Monday night, decided changes needed to be made in the plan.

"I am concerned about the houses being so close to the road," council member Randal Dalton said. "I am afraid it will have a major impact on the look of the area."

Developer Mike Frost will revise and re-present the plan in 90 days for possible approval.

"The rule is five lots or less for a minor subdivision with no improvements," zoning administrator Gary Gossett said. "It has two homes and will have three new homes."

Frost faced opposition from a few property owners along Lee and Gordon Mill Road. Concerns involved being able to see when pulling out of their driveway. Property owners requested that the houses be further off the road than planned.

"Lots A and E on the front of Lee and Gordon Mill Road will be set back at least 50 feet from the right-of-way, maybe more," Gossett said. "All land will be owned by Mr. Frost and will be rental property."

Frost intends to retain the property, but in the future he will liquidate his holdings, he said. The houses will be bungalow-style in the 1,200-square-foot range.

"Who decides how far houses are set back," Frost said. "It is now subjective."

Dalton said he has seen too many houses cramped together and does not want property owners to lose value in their homes, he said.

"In keeping with the area, some neighbors have been concerned," council member Mark Askew said. "We would rather you position it on a plat the way they will look. With most of the houses sitting back 70 feet and yours back 30 feet, it can be an obstruction and an eyesore."

Council member Nancy Holsonback suggested placing existing houses on the plan to show a comparison.

Council member Daymon Garrett said he and fellow members want to see where the houses will be located to put "their minds at ease."

Stonewall's likeness getting a much-needed polish

08/04/04 – Richmond Times-Dispatch

Birds have used his head as a toilet. And the old Confederate general has collected several layers of grime since the last time he got a serious scrubbing in the early 1980s.

"It was pretty dirty. We changed the soap bucket five or six times," conservator Andrew Baxter said as he took a break from cleaning the bronze likeness of Stonewall Jackson along Richmond's majestic Monument Avenue.



Baxter knows it could be worse. He has found loose change, wasp nests and underwear on other statues he has worked on.

For example, Baxter spotted a man's pair of "racy" red underwear on the George Washington monument in Capitol Square. He also found a polka dot tie slung around the 1st Virginia Regiment Infantry statue at Meadow Street Park.

"It looked rather absurd," Baxter said.

At least Jackson wasn't spotted with paint pellets or wearing a traffic cone on his head when Baxter began work. Pranksters have pulled off those stunts in past years.

Baxter is a wiry, weathered man who, at 46, still has a youthful face. He owns *Bronze et al* in Richmond and is donating his work to the city. He hopes his donation will inspire others to contribute money to protect the other statues along Monument Avenue.

Baxter is getting help from the city's parks department and friend and fellow conservator Scott McKee of Sculpture in Architecture in Fredericksburg. Baxter and McKee began work Monday and hoped to finish Wednesday.

Baxter is particularly concerned about the green corrosion that rain and pollution have left on the monument. Green areas are visible on the base of the monument, Jackson's head and left arm and his horse's haunch.

The conservators are protecting Jackson from further corrosion with a lemonade-looking mixture Baxter keeps in a pasta-sauce jar. Their work also involves applying a tinted wax to the statue. The wax, which has the appearance of black-bean sauce, covers the green spots on the brown statue.

Baxter waxed half of Jackson's head Monday.

"He took it well," Baxter said of Jackson. "He seemed pleased someone took an interest after all these years."

Alberta Martin Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Martin has gone on to her reward, but a scholarship fund has been established in her memory. It is a 501(c)3 tax-deductible fund that will be used to help deserving, qualified students in their post-high school studies.

Address to contribute:

***The Mrs. Alberta Martin Scholarship Fund, P.O.
Box 340, Courtland, VA
23837***

SCV Membership Papers being reorganized at Elm Springs

IHQ announces that part-time employee Joe Bailey, an SCV member finishing his college degree, is now a bit past halfway finished with reorganizing all of the old camp files in the attic of Elm Springs. The records are being sorted by individual camp from the early 1950's to the current day when this project is completed.

Bailey has also begun work on organizing and recording the books in the McCain library. A software program has been purchased, and all books and manuscripts we currently have on hand have been recorded by title and author.

The next stage of this project will be to catalog and sort the books in order that the membership and visitors can locate a particular volume.

We continue to accept books as well as copies of manuscripts and family letters that people donate to the SCV. Please consider the McCain Library at Elm Springs as a repository for future gifts of books, historical papers and photographs, UCV and SCV reunion memorabilia and artifacts.

THE WEBFOOT

National Reunion Report

07/08/2004

Billy Jackson, Past Commander

The last week in July of each year means only one thing if you're a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; it's Reunion Time! This year's national reunion was held in Dalton, Georgia, the land of Carpet and site of the Army of Tennessee's 1864 winter encampment and numerous skirmishes and actions during the War. This year Dalton was once again a battleground but with a twist; the combatants were all from the same side.

Over the past two years there has been a division or as the mainstream media loves to call it, a "rift" that formed within the ranks of our organization. There were those within the S.C.V. that saw our administration as corrupt and bent on destroying our beloved S.C.V. while others viewed it all with a business as usual attitude. To be truthful, there were problems at the national level; the extent of those remains to be seen but to say there were problems says enough. This year's reunion, held in an even numbered year, brought about another election for the highest offices to be held in the S.C.V.; the Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief and the Army Commanders and Councilmen and has, in essence, solved a majority of the problems both real and imagined.

The choices for the CiC position were;

1. Denne Sweeney of Texas who was serving as the Lt. CiC,
2. Troy Massey of Arkansas and,
3. Walt Hilderman, the outspoken founder of the Save The S.C.V. splinter group.

Candidates for Lieutenant Commander were;

1. Paul Grambling, Jr. of Louisiana;
2. Chris Sullivan of South Carolina and,
3. Tennessean Dr. Anthony Hodges.

Our candidates for Army of Tennessee Commander were;

1. Tarry Beasley of Memphis,
2. Don Shelton of Kentucky and,
3. Ronnie Simmons of Alabama.

The AoT Councilman candidates were;

1. John French of Biloxi, Mississippi;
2. Kevin Spargur of Florida and,
3. Kelly Barrow of Georgia

The choices of the Camp were Massey for CiC, Hodges for LtCiC, Simmons for AoT Commander and French for AoT Councilman. In voting held on Friday and Saturday at Dalton, the following positions were decided with over 2,200 delegate votes present;

Commander-in-Chief: Denne Sweeney (Massey lost by only 129 votes)

Lt. Comdr-in-Chief: Dr. Anthony Hodges by a 200+ vote margin

AoT Commander: Tarry Beasley. (Simmons was knocked out of the vote early and in the subsequent run-off, I placed our votes with Beasley since he was a Tennessean and would do a good job in the position.)

AoT Councilman: John French.

Those present believe this to have been the largest reunion in many years in as much as there were more delegate votes represented than there have been at the last ten reunions.

Walt Hilderman, who filled the press for days prior to the event became a non-issue when it was decided he would be barred from the reunion entirely. While the races were hotly contested, the campaigning on both sides was handled in a gentlemanly manner and the event overall was an excellent opportunity to catch up with old friends and carry out the business of the S.C.V. It is believed by most that the new slate of officers will bring a breath of life to the General Executive Council and, that there is enough balance with favorable candidates winning positions to keep any “radical” thoughts in check.

As for all those proposed amendments that were flying around before the reunion; all were voted down with the exception of the amendment to change the late date for dues. Instead of February 1st, it is now November 1st so we need to keep that in mind.

As for next year’s reunion, it will be held in our home state of Tennessee, at the Music City Sheraton Hotel in July 2005. The theme for the event will be; “Preserving the Legacy: Tennessee’s Confederate Battle Flags

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE 109th NATIONAL REUNION



The meeting hall during the Saturday business session...



Tennesseans surround newly elected Lt. Commander-in-Chief Anthony Hodges after his victory at Dalton...

From Left: Jerry Hughes: McGavock Camp in Hermitage, an unknown Chattanooga Compatriot, Lt. CiC Dr. Anthony Hodges, Unknown Chattanooga Compatriot, Ty Pryor of the McGavock Camp, Billy Jackson of Sam Watkins and Past TN Division Commander Russell Bailey of Covington's Simonton-Wilcox Camp.



With JEB Stuart IV in Dalton...

From Left: Ty Pryor, JEB Stuart IV, JEB Stuart VI, Jerry Hughes and Billy Jackson



Monument to Gen. Joseph E. Johnston at Dalton, Georgia

JULY 20TH MINUTES

July 20th marked the sixth meeting of the year for the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29. The speaker for the evening was Past Commander, Billy J. Jackson.

7:19PM – Meeting starts with prayer. After prayer, the camp recited the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag and the honorary salute to the Confederate battle flag.

7:21PM – Camp Commander, Greg Atwell began with a brief run-down of the latest happenings in the Camp and allowed Past Commander, Billy Jackson to speak on the SCV national reunion that was to be held at Dalton, Georgia.

7:25PM – Past Commander, Jackson went over the upcoming reunion with great detail. He gave some past history of CiC Wilson and gave a list of the candidates that are running for the position of CiC. He told the camp that the SCV could easily take the “wrong path” and that from what we have seen from past experience, Mr. Massey who’s experience, as past Commander general of the MOS&B was a much better choice than the current SCV Lt. Commander, Denne Sweeney. In all, Past Commander, Jackson spoke until 7:45PM regarding the candidates to be voted for at the upcoming reunion.

7:45PM - Jackson ended his talk on the upcoming election and started a presentation on the Leonidas Polk Bivouac #3 of the United Confederate Veterans. He began his talk by giving some history on his study of the banner that the old Bivouac/Camp carried. He had shown the camp an old black and white facsimile that was taken from an old Confederate Veteran Magazine. He said for years he researched what happened to it and if it still existed. After much study and investigation, the banner was housed at the Tennessee Historical Museum and Archives.

He went on to say that after scheduling a private showing of the banner with the State Museum he was able to take numerous photographs of it.

7:50PM – Jackson passes around the photographs of the Leonidas Polk banner taken at the Tennessee Museum and Archives.

Jackson went on to say that by curiosity, the custodians turned over the banner to his request; the banner revealed the original names of both the Sam Watkins Camp (Maury Bivouac #13) and the William Henry Trousdale Camp #495. Jackson said it is a mystery why the Maury SCV Camp and the Leonidas Polk UCV are both together as one banner.

7:54PM – Jackson concluded his presentation for the evening by saying it would be a good thing for the camp to have the banner reproduced.

7:56 – Camp Adjutant, Jack Taylor makes motion that the camp pursue all avenues to have the original camp banner reproduced.

7:57PM – Camp unanimously agrees on the motion of reproducing the original camp banner. From 8PM until 8:18PM the camp spoke amongst them regarding miscellaneous things and the excitement regarding the old camp banner.

8:18 PM – SCV Executive Director, Ben Sewell spoke to the camp a little on how the SCV is doing financially. Sewell went over numerous figures and informed the camp that the SCV has an all time high for donations and membership. He also said that the Brooks fund endowment is somewhere around 3.1 million dollars and overall the SCV has approximately a six million+ endowment.

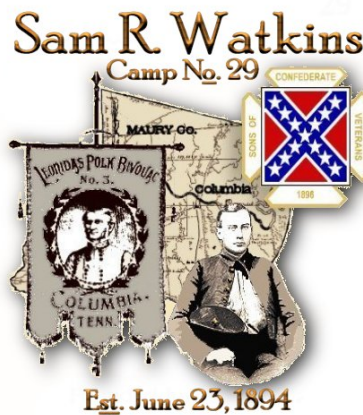
8:25 – Meeting adjourns.

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