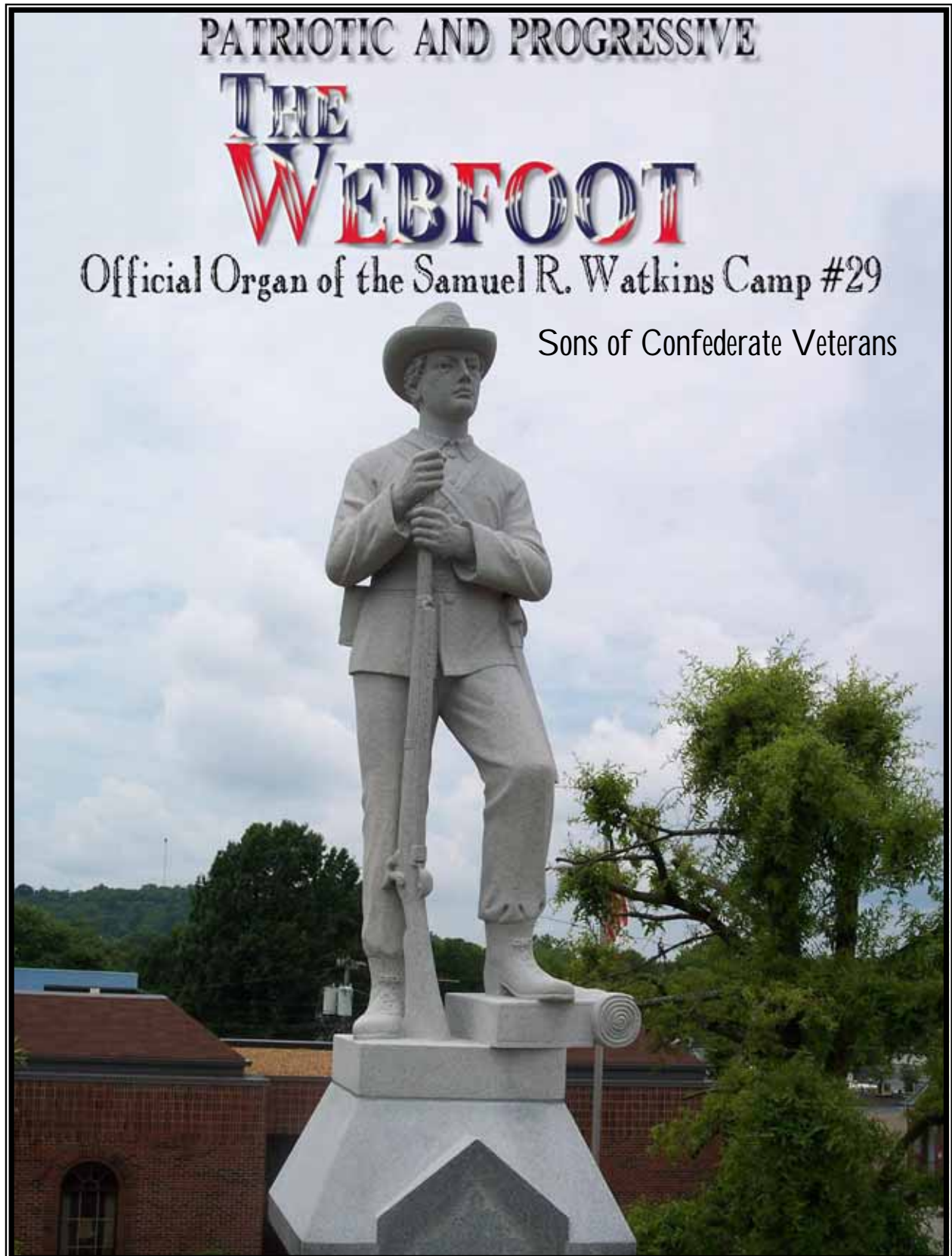


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**NEXT MEETING THIS TUESDAY JUNE 21ST AT 7PM - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

## Bigby Grays Confederate Monument Renovation Is Complete

### Camp 29 Membership:

On Friday June 10th work on the Bigby Grays Confederate Monument in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee was successfully completed. Not only was the monument renovated but the entire courtyard area of town was power washed and cleaned.

Please take the time to Write Mayor Boyd and thank him for the privilege of helping restore the monument. Of course much thanks and appreciation goes to all of you who donated to this project. We could not have done it without your help.

Please send thank you note, letter or post card to the following address:

**Honorable Mayor, William H. Boyd**  
City of Mt. Pleasant  
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### May 17 Minutes

*May 17th marked the 4th official meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. In lieu of a guest speaker, Past Commander Jackson spoke on the upcoming 2005 National Reunion and plans were made to dismiss early and attend the Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee Council meeting to petition the city for funding towards the restoration of the Bigby Grays Confederate Monument.*

7:00PM—Meeting begins with prayer. After prayer, the pledge of allegiance to the US flag was given and the honorary salute to the Confederate flag was said.

Commander Atell began the meeting by saying that it would be cut short due to the fact that many in the camp would be visiting the Mt. Pleasant Council meeting at 8:30PM to petition them for funding. He went over briefly with the camp the latest news with the monument and

invited any and all to come along.

7:05—Past Commander Jackson began his talk on the upcoming National Reunion to be held in Nashville. He iterated that the main focus of the reunion would entail giving all the profits back to the State of Tennessee for the preservation of all Confederate Battle Flags. He said that some needed as little as five thousand to be preserved and some as much as twenty thousand dollars.

Jackson also gave some history on why the Sam Watkins Camp would be participating and that the original camp that would have helped (Camp 28) backed out due to lack of manpower. He said that the Camp's participation would entail helping with the Middle Tennessee tour schedule which would consist of Zion Church cemetery, St. Johns Church/cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Bigby Grays monument and

Phosphate museum and lastly Elm Springs.

Jackson confirmed that the reunion tours would be held on Friday July 22nd and would be scheduled for the afternoon.

Lastly, Jackson presented a sample T-shirt idea that would be sold at the reunion.

7:41PM—Atwell went over with the camp regarding the council meeting in Mt. Pleasant. Adjutant Taylor gave a run down of what the meeting would entail and invited any/all to come represent the camp.

7:42PM—Meeting adjourns.

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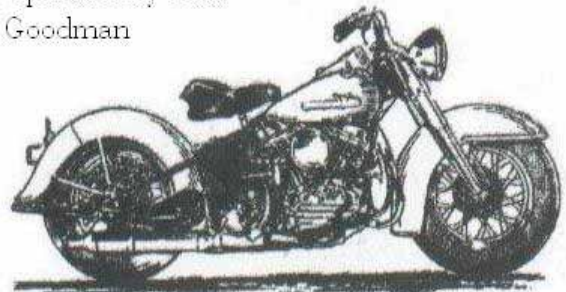
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## SCV DONATES 35,000

AP—06/13/05

The Tennessee-based Sons of the Confederate Veterans plans to donate \$35,000 to cover costs for an exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center.

The money, which will be presented Friday in a check from the group's General Executive Council, should pay for floor and wall coverings for the exhibit, said M.L. "Beau" Cantrell of the Snead-Reaves Camp No. 1417 in Oklahoma City.

The Columbia, Tenn., organization, made up of men who are descendants of Confederate military personnel, has 19

camp in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Bob Blackburn said items displayed in the Oklahoma Museum of History will be displayed differently in the new Oklahoma History Center, which is scheduled to open in November. Many of the items in the museum's Confederate memorial exhibit will be displayed in the military display, he said. A separate, more personal memorial will be established in the center to explain the history of the Civil War and the history of the South, he said.

Blackburn said the memorial hall would allow the history

center to use objects from other states.

"It's to remind everyone that we came from somewhere else and we brought our cultural values with us," Blackburn said.

More than 80 battles were fought during the Civil War in what is now Oklahoma as Confederate soldiers prevented Union troops from invading Texas.

"That was their strategic mission and they accomplished it," Cantrell said. "The only Yankees that got to Texas through Indian Territory went there as prisoners of war."

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### MISSOURI GOVERNOR ALLOWS ONE DAY FLYING OF CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

AP- 06/05/05

About 400 people turned out for a Confederate memorial service in Higginsville on Sunday, singing "Dixie" and laying roses at a monument to Confederate soldiers under the rebel battle flag.

In Jefferson City, about 90 miles to the east, about 20 protesters demonstrated their disapproval by marching out-

side the Governor's Mansion.

Gov. Matt Blunt, a Republican, had ordered a one-day flying of the flag at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site in Higginsville, about 45 miles east of Kansas City, to coincide with the memorial service. He said he was acting on the request of a state lawmaker who represents the Higginsville area.

Officials with the historic site said this year's turnout for the annual event -- four times larger than expected -- could be attributed to the return of the Confederate flag. The attention "over that issue caused more people to be aware of the event," said Greta Marshall, the site's administrator.

### TENNESSEE STUCK IN THE PAST?

AP- 06/08/05

While other Southern states have resolved recent battles over Confederate symbols, Tennessee is still struggling with how to remember its Civil War past.

There's a proposal in predominantly black Memphis to rename Confederate Park, Jefferson Davis Park and

Nathan Bedford Forrest Park, and to place the statues of Davis and Forrest in museums.

In Nashville, Vanderbilt University has been trying since 2002 to change the name of Confederate Memorial Hall, a dormitory built in the 1930s, but the school was stymied by a recent court

decision.

Shelby County Commissioner Walter Bailey said the Confederate parks and statues offend blacks, glorify a slaveholding society and create an impression that Memphis is stuck in the past.



**Eyewitness To History: the Tennessee Monument at Shiloh.**

Billy Jackson, Past Commander Sam R. Watkins 29



Friday June the 3<sup>rd</sup> was an ordinary day for many Tennesseans but for a group of some 2000 spectators and dignitaries it was a very special day. This day, which just happened to be Confederate Decoration Day, marked the culmination of over 12 years of hard work, hard times and eventually the "Passing of Honor" from our generation to that of the past; the soldiers of the Army of Tennessee who fought and died at the Battle of Shiloh in April, 1862. On this late spring day, the finest monument to ever be unveiled upon that hallowed ground was dedicated to the memory of those men from Tennessee in an event they would have been proud of, with a monument that would leave them dazzled.

The dedication ceremony started at 1:00pm, with Woody Harrell, Superintendent of Shiloh National Battlefield Park welcoming all to the event. SCV Member and State Representative Steve McDaniel of Parker's Crossroads, who also served on the monument committee, served as Master of Ceremonies. The guests in attendance were addressed by; Mrs. Deanna Bryant of the Tennessee UDC, Compatriot Tom Taylor of the John Ingram Camp of Jackson, Lt. Governor John Wilder, Speaker of the House Jimmy Naifeh, Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, who turned the care of the monument over to the National Park Service. After the speeches, children from across the State of Tennessee gathered in front of the monument and with the help of the visiting dignitaries, unveiled the monument for all to see.

Sculpted by Gerald Sanders, a small unassuming retired phone company worker from Texas, the Tennessee Monument, "Passing of Honor" is the latest addition to the memorials standing at Shiloh. It is a bronze sculpture, standing some 14 feet high on a polished black granite base that depicts three Tennessee Confederates, all at one and a half times normal size, in varied poses. One soldier stands tall with his musket at the ready, ever watchful for danger. One soldier reaches tenderly for the banner of the South, taking control of the flag from his fallen comrade who, having led the charge, lies dying upon the field. There are many details of the monument as a whole that make it stand out; from the stainless steel stars on the First National Flag, to the minute details of uniforms and accoutrements which allow this monument to outshine all in place in the park.

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Locals attending the event on behalf of their Camps were; George H. Nixon Camp Commander Jason Goodrich and Compatriot William Caudle, Lt. McCauley Camp Commander Bryan Sharp and Adjutant Joe Bailey, Myself and a veritable horde of Tennessee Compatriots. It was a great day for the SCV, a great day for the south and it was truly an historic event. This monument, to the best of my knowledge, is the only one on National Park Service property that bears the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and it is something we can all be proud of.



*L-R Back Row: Tom Taylor; Ingram Camp Commander, unknown Ingram Camp member, Will Newsome from Ingram Camp, Joe Bailey (camp 260), the sculptor Gerald Sanders of Texas and Billy Jackson (Past Commander Camp 29)*



*(L-R)*

*Bryan Sharp (Commander, McCauley Camp 260), Billy Jackson (Camp 29), Joe Bailey (Camp 260), Governor Phil Bredesen, Jason Goodrich (Commander, Nixon Camp 214)*

AP- 06/14/05

## Subcommittee Studying to Move Confederate Landmarks

A joint legislative subcommittee is studying whether to relocate the Museum and White House of the Confederacy, a historic landmark in downtown Richmond surrounded by Virginia Commonwealth University. The panel's first meeting will take place July 22nd in the General Assembly Building.

Museum officials are already searching for a new home, and have looked at several sites, but haven't decided whether to relocate.

Local historians want to keep the White House where it is. The building has stood at its present location since 1818. It was the Executive Mansion of the Confederate States of America from 1861 to 1865 and was the official residence of President Jefferson Davis and his family.

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## Cemetery in Liverpool, England to be added to US civil war heritage trail

Liverpool Echo—06/13/05

LIVERPOOL'S St James's cemetery is to become the latest addition to the American civil war heritage trail.

The US government has asked for a plaque to be placed at the cemetery, next to the Anglican cathedral, to honor confederate seaman George Horwood who is buried at St James's.

Liverpool and Wirral's shipping industry played a key role in the conflict and the area is one of only two recognized heritage sites outside the US.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs has created the bronze plaque. There will be no formal presentation but the unveiling on June 19 will be marked with a family day at the gardens.



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All membership is open to any male 12 years of age and older who can show decent (Collateral or Lineal) from a Confederate Soldier who served honorably.



Bigby Grays Confederate Monument Restoration work

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