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# The Webfoot

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CONFEDERATE VETERAN DESCENDANTS AND KINDRED TOPICS

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SAMUEL R. WATKINS CAMP No29  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



"I had seen the carnage in front of Marye's hill at Fredericksburg, and on the 'old railroad cut' which Jackson's men held at the Second Manassas; but I had seen nothing to exceed this. It was not war; it was murder." General Evander M. Law—CSA

Spoken in regards to Battle of 'Cold Harbor'—June, 1864



## Commander's Corner

Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Thirteenth Day of June, 2006

Columbia, Tenn.

Dear Camp,

I must apologize for not being able to attend last month's meeting; my job responsibilities prevented me from doing so.

### NOTES:

As many of you know, Compatriot Russell Cothran was able to have the ceremony for his ancestor Hailey W. Russell on Saturday, May 20th The Veterans Administration (VA) approved him for a grave-stone for his said ancestor. The service was reported to be a great turnout of people.

As reported in the minutes for February 21<sup>st</sup>, Past Commander, Greg Atwell spoke about being forced to remove Confederate symbols from his person and locker where he works at the GM facility in Spring Hill. Due to Atwell's formal complaint being heard, the GM plant now has decided that any complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and no blanket forced removal will occur on Confederate related images/items.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Do any of you have any ideas on how to recruit new members? Please come to the meeting on June 20th to hear any proposals by the membership and recruiting committee.

### CAMP PIN/PATCH:

At our last meeting, the membership approved the pin and patch design submitted by Adjutant, Jack Taylor; we will be discussing this at our next meeting. As many of you know Jack had surgery on April 19<sup>th</sup> and has been at home recovering. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and I hope he will be well enough to be at our next meeting.

Yrs. Truly,  
Kenneth Lovett  
Camp Commander

Twenty-Seventh Louisiana Volunteer Infantry

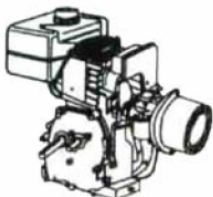
**Advertisement:**

My name is Terry G. Scriber, and I am the Author of a new book entitled, "Twenty-Seventh Louisiana Volunteer Infantry", published by Pelican Publishing Company. The book is a regimental history of this unit that was formed in early 1862 from the Louisiana parishes of Natchitoches, Franklin, DeSoto, Rapides, Caddo, East Feliciana, Winn, Iberville, Bienville, and St. Helena for military service for the Confederacy. The book is divided into two sections. The first section deals with the events in Louisiana and throughout the South leading up to the secession of the Pelican State from the Union, the formation of the various companies and their time at Camp Moore, Louisiana's Confederate military training camp. Their deployment to Vicksburg, MS in 1862 as the first infantry regiment to arrive for the defense of the "Gibraltar of the West" and the first Union attempt to force the surrender of Vicksburg are also discussed, as well as the role of the C.S.S. Arkansas in the Vicksburg drama. The events of the 1863 Vicksburg Campaign and the role of the Twenty-Seventh Louisiana in the Vicksburg siege, leading up to the heartbreaking July 4 surrender, are covered in great detail, as well as their role in the remainder of the war. The second section of the book is a Biographical Register listing all soldiers of the regiment and any known AKA's, their initial rank at enlistment as well as successive ranks attained, Confederate Military Service Record, service in other military units, inclusion in any post-war Confederate Census, Confederate Pension and/or Land Warrant information, and burial locations, when known. Other information included is date of birth/death, date/ location of marriage, number of children of each sex, wife's maiden name, and residences.

The book is 448 pages and includes 6 maps, 5 illustrations, and 14 photographs pertaining to the regiment. This is the first book regarding these Louisiana citizen-soldiers that served so valiantly for the Confederacy. The inspiration for the book was my great-great grandfather, Burlin M. Scriber, whom served as a corporal in Company B, the "Bouef River Rebels", of the regiment beginning at the age of seventeen. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the book may do so by contacting Pelican at 1-800-843-1724. The book is also available for pre-release purchase from the major internet book retailers, i.e. Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, etc., and will soon be in better bookstores everywhere. The ISBN is: 1-58980-374-4. The cost of the book is \$35.00.

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## CO. AYTCH. CHAPTER XII — HUNDRED DAYS BATTLE

### BATTLE OF ZION CHURCH, JULY 4TH, 1864

The 4th day of July, twelve months before, Pemberton had surrendered twenty-five thousand soldiers, two hundred pieces of artillery, and other munitions of war in proportion, at Vicksburg. The Yankees wanted to celebrate the day. They thought it was their lucky day; but old Joe thought he had as much right to celebrate the Sabbath day of American Independence as the Yankees had, and we celebrated it. About dawn, continued boom of cannon reverberated over the hills as if firing a Fourth of July salute. I was standing on top of our works, leveling them off with a spade. A sharpshooter fired at me, but the ball missed me and shot William A. Graham through the heart. He was as noble and brave a soldier as ever drew the breath of life, and lacked but a few votes of being elected captain of Company H, at the reorganization. He was smoking his pipe when he was shot. We started to carry him to the rear, but he remarked, "Boys, it is useless; please lay me down and let me die." I have never in my life seen any one meet death more philosophically. He was dead in a moment. General A. J. Vaughan, commanding General Preston Smith's brigade, had his foot shot off by a cannon ball a few minutes afterwards.

It seemed that both Confederate and Federal armies were celebrating the Fourth of July. I cannot now remember a more severe artillery duel. Two hundred cannon were roaring and belching like blue blazes. It was but a battle of cannonade all day long. It seemed as though the

Confederate and Federal cannons were talking to each other. Sometimes a ball passing over would seem to be mad, then again some would seem to be laughing, some would be mild, some sad, some gay, some sorrowful, some rollicking and jolly; and then again some would scream like the ghosts of the dead. In fact, they gave forth every kind of sound that you could imagine. It reminded one of when two storms meet in mid-ocean—the mountain billows of waters coming from two directions, lash against the vessel's side, while the elements are filled with roaring, thundering and lightning. You could almost feel the earth roll and rock like a drunken man, or a ship, when she rides the billows in an awful storm. It seemed that the earth was frequently moved from its foundations, and you could hear it grate as it moved. But all through that storm of battle, every soldier stood firm, for we knew that old Joe was at the helm.

### KINGSTON

Here General Johnston issued his first battle order that thus far he had gone and intended to go no further. His line of battle was formed; his skirmish line was engaged; the artillery was booming from the Rebel lines. Both sides were now face to face. There were no earthworks on either side. It was to be an open field and a fair fight, when—"Fall back!" What's the matter? I do not know how we got the news, but here is what is told us--and so it was, every position we ever took. When we fell back the news would be, "Hood's line is being enfiladed, and they are decimating his men, and he can't hold his position." But we fell back and took a position at

### CASSVILLE

Our line of battle was formed at Cassville. I never saw our troops happier or more certain of success. A sort of grand halo illumined every soldier's face. You could see self-confidence in the features of every private soldier. We were confident of victory and success. It was like going to a frolic or a wedding. Joy was welling up in every heart. We were going to whip and rout the Yankees. It seemed to be anything else than a fight. The soldiers were jubilant. Gladness was depicted on every countenance. I honestly believe that had a battle been fought at this place, every soldier would have distinguished himself. I believe a sort of fanaticism had entered their souls that whoever was killed would at once be carried to the seventh heaven. I am sure of one thing, that every soldier had faith enough in old Joe to have charged Sherman's whole army. When "Halt!" "Retreat!" What is the matter? General Hood says they are enfilading his line, and are decimating his men, and he can't hold his position.

The same old story repeats itself. Old Joe's army is ever face to face with Sherman's incendiaries. We have faith in old Joe's ability to meet Sherman whenever he dares to attack. The soldiers draw their regular rations. Every time a blue coat comes in sight, there is a dead Yankee to bury. Sherman is getting cautious, his army hacked. Thus we continue to fall back for four months, day by day, for one hundred and ten days, fighting every day and night.

## APRIL 18TH MINUTES

Meeting started at 7:05PM  
Seven members present including CC, Camp surg., Sgt. at Arms, & Past Comdr.. Atwell  
Invocation  
pledge  
salute  
no minutes from previous meeting were read.

Old business:  
Atwell reported on the wearing of clothing at the GM plant. If there are any complaints they will be dealt with on a case by case basis.  
Atwell reported on Mule Day activities. He stated that Tennes-

see Div. Commander Ed Butler was there along with about 100 members; some in period uniforms, a cannon pulled by a pickup was also there. The membership tent/area fell through as there was no available space.  
Discussion about reserving space earlier for next year.

Discussion about advertising, Shady Brook Cinemas, & public service announcements on various radio station to help recruit new members.

Membership present decided on the lay out Adjutant Taylor as submitted for camp pin/patch design, but adding 1894 some-

where on it.

Request by UDC for the camp to take over and help with the Confederate Cemetery at Rose Hill. The cemetery provides basic maintenance, but some stones need some work.  
Discussion that May 1st will be the 20th Anniversary of the re-charter of the camp.

Motion by Russell Cothran to adjourn, 2nd by Greg Atwell. Meeting adjourned.

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*Minutes taken by CC, Lovett*

## MAY 16TH MINUTES

7:00PM - Meeting begins with prayer, pledge to the U.S. Flag and Salute to the Confederate Battle Flag.

Camp visitor and Compatriot, David Stinson (Past Commander of the Lewisburg SCV Camp) reported on the Tennessee Convention and stated the following:

- 1.) Dr. Michael Bradley was voted in with no contest as the new Tennessee Division SCV Commander.
- 2.) New amendment was voted in favor of changing quorum from 51% to 1/3 (33.3%) of those in attendance at any state level voting.
- 3.) 20% of all SCV Tennessee license plate sales would now go to the Confederate flag's being preserved at the Tennessee State Museum.

Camp Compatriot, Russell

Cothran spoke to the camp and visitors in regards to the upcoming graveside ceremony for his Great Grandfather, H. W. Russell to be conducted on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Cothran also brought up that a work day that needed to be set up for Rose Hill cemetery in Columbia – He noted that Help is desperately needed in leveling up tombstones in the Confederate section and that he had already begun on his own time and had accomplished much. All were in favor of the workday and the date of June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am (Rain or Shine) was set. Cothran said that while he has set many of the stones, he thinks that setting some in concrete would be a good idea. A date of June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am was set if June 10<sup>th</sup> had weather bad enough that work could not be done. Otherwise, June 10<sup>th</sup> would be maximum ef-

fort attendance for all that live locally.

Closing:

Stinson spoke to the camp regarding a new CDROM being sold by Elm Springs. For 69.95 anyone now can have the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion and said that would be a good tool for any to have.

8:15PM - Meeting Adjourns

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*Minutes taken by PC, Atwell*

**NOTE FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

Camp,

I must apologize for not being able to create for you a April-May newsletter. As many of you know, I had an extensive back surgery that requires a long rehabilitation time. These past two meetings are the first I've missed in many years. It is my hope that I can be with you on June 20th.

Please take note that this issue of the *Webfoot* will serve as a 'two-month' issue.

**Camaraderie:**

Many of you should take note of the gentlemen who are starting up a camp in Summertown, Tennessee. These men haven't missed one of our meetings in many months and they are probably some of the most active members in the SCV I've seen in some time. Not only do they attend our local meetings but they also try to attend other camps that are adjacent to us. They have helped us twice in as many months on projects which are the grave-side service for the ancestor of Russell Cothran and also the Rose Hill Cemetery project of leveling the Confederate stones.

**NEW MEMBER:**

Lets all welcome Colonel, Joe Roberson (RET) as our newest member. He joins under his Great Grandfather, Henry J. Roberson of the 5th Kentucky Mounted Infantry Company 'K'.

Respectfully Yours,

*Jack Taylor*

Camp Adjutant

**SCV INTERNATIONAL REUNION NOTICE—NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION DEADLINE IS NOW JULY 1ST!!!**

Compatriots,

There is important news regarding the New Orleans Convention. The regular registration deadline of June 1 has been changed and is now JULY 1.

Updated information regarding registration, meals, tours and the convention schedule has been posted on 'www.scv.org'.

Please help spread this information to your Camps, Brigades and Divisions as the upcoming convention is one of the more important in the history of the SCV as we will elect new officers and consider a new constitution.

Some may be concerned about the condition of the host hotel and the city in general. I was there in December of 2005 - 4 months after Hurricane Katrina. I visited the host hotel, French Quarter, Garden Distict and Confederate Memorial Hall. All were in good shape and ready for visitors - you could not tell from seeing them that there had been a hurricane. Conditions have only improved since then. Having said this there is no reason for concern as regards the condition of the facilities and attractions you will need and are likely to visit.

There are some portions of New Orleans that were and are still devastated from the effects of Katrina. However these areas are remote from the host hotel, French Quarter etc.. and will not affect the operation of the convention.

Others may be concerned that another hurricane will hit New Orleans. This is possible but not likely. We have held two conventions in Mobile in the last 10 years and will have another there in 2007. We also held a convention in Charleston in 2000 - a city which experienced Hurricane Hugo. Any of these cities and many more could feel the effects of a hurricane but the SCV has never in my knowledge had a hurricane cause any problem for a convention. I expect this year to be no different.

If you have questions that are not answered by the new convention information on 'scv.org' you can contact the Host Committee Chairman Shannon Walgomotte at 'dafyduck@ix.netcom.com'.

Chuck Rand  
ATM Commander

## NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST BOYHOOD HOME FUNDRAISER—SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

Musical entertainers and speakers will be featured throughout the day's schedule which begins at 9 am. This is always great line up of talent & all are donating their time to help. Please do your part by attending to help us restore this piece of true Tennessee History. Of course there will be cannon firing plus artillery and cavalry demonstrations and lectures on the tactics and equipment of these two branches of the Confederate military in the 1860's.

Concessions and luncheon items will be available throughout the day. There will also be vendors with all types of period and modern items for sale. The silent auction will provide guests with an opportunity to purchase prints, books, historical items and many other souvenirs of the day's activities.

All sales & admission will go the Sons of Confederate Veterans to help supplement the SCV's allocated budget for the restoration work being done on the Forrest Home. We encourage everyone to come out and see the work that has been done to restore this historical site see the progress made over the past year. WE ARE IN NEED OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS & ALL N.B.F. OR C.S.A. RELATED ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED. WE ARE ALWAYS THANKFUL FOR MONETARY DONATIONS AS WELL.

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## NEWS FROM SCV HEADQUARTERS—SCV GRAYLINE, JUNE '06

### **SCV Membership and Recruiting**

Membership currently stands at 30,593 including 3039 Life Members and 57 Real Sons. The new prorated dues system, discussed again in this issue, has eliminated any incentive to post pone recruiting new members until after the new fiscal year begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>. So, please continue to recruit new members and get former members to reinstate as we build the SCV to a new level that surpasses any past achievements. The membership application may now be printed directly from the website on non recycled bond paper which meets all historical requirements. Please help the SCV in the transition from expensive printed application brochures mailed from IHQ to printing a one page application quickly and easily at the camp level. The GEC on May 13, 2006 approved a new SCV informational brochure that includes fresh photographs and revised written material. This piece will not contain a membership application. A limited number of single page membership applications will continue to be printed with the Confederate states' archives names, addresses, phone numbers and websites on the reverse side. The current multi page Heritage of Honor brochure, combining both an application and SCV information, is being phased out and will no longer be printed. The informational gray cards will also continue to be available.

### **Dues Proration**

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. The SCV operates on a fiscal year (not calendar) beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> of one year and going through July 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> when members are still current while the camps work to collect the \$20 dues for the next fiscal year. After November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a \$5 late fee is applied to the normal \$20 dues. If someone joins in May, June or July (which is technically the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Please remember that this prorated dues option is only available when the member pays dues for both the current and next fiscal years. There is not an option to pay only the partial dues for remainder of the current fiscal year. This new amendment, adopted at the Nashville Convention, is a great improvement over the past practice when men who joined during the last six months of the fiscal year had only one option which was to pay the entire \$25 for the remaining months in the fiscal year and then pay again come August 1<sup>st</sup>. before the November 1<sup>st</sup> grace period.

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### On The Cover:

The photograph shown on the cover was taken in April 1865 and shows a work crew of Black laborers collecting the dead of the battle of Cold Harbor for re-interment. The battle took place in June 1864 and continued into what is called siege warfare. It was considered one of the worst wartime fumbles by the Union side...Brother against brother, the image shows the reality of war and its consequences.

It is estimated that the Confederate side was able to knock down over 7,000 (dead or wounded) Union soldiers in the first half hour of the attack alone.

The words of General E.M. Law said it best—"It was not war; it was murder."