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CONFEDERATE VETERAN DESCENDANTS AND KINDRED TOPICS

Official Organ Of The
Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Sons of Confederate Veterans



General G.W. Gordon

"To the Federation of United Confederate Veterans, Comrades and Countrymen:

About to die, I salute you; and in bidding you a final farewell I desire once more to make my profoundest acknowledgments and to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for the many manifestations of your partiality and devotion evidence by the many honors that you have conferred upon me, and more especially for the last profound and exalted distinction with which you have crowned me that of making me your Commander in Chief. I esteem this last expression of your regard and consideration a grander and more glorious distinction than all of the combined public plaudits, achievements, decorations, and honors of my entire life, and for which I would express my thanks and appreciation from the grave. What patriotic glory can equal that of being the Commander in Chief of the surviving and venerable fragments of those brave and heroic Confederate armies who for four trying and perilous years maintained their cause against odds of more than four to one, and who fought battles and won victories when barefooted, ragged, and hungry, and who at last were overpowered more by the preponderance of numbers and resources than by courage and prowess, more by famine than by fighting!"

Sons of Confederate Veterans

2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

Mobile, Alabama * July 25 ~ 28, 2007

Raphael Semmes Camp 11, SCV

(Proposed/Subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH

Vendor Area Opens (Set-Up & Sales) (Battle House Hotel – Crystal Ballroom)	10:00AM- 5:00PM
Registration Open (Battle House Hotel)	10:00AM- 6:00PM
SCV Historic Education Session 1 (Battle House Hotel – Location TBD) Compatriot Arthur Green of Camp 11 will discuss Alabama Regimental Histories	11:00AM-12:30PM
SCV Historic Education Session 2 (Battle House Hotel- Location TBD) ANV Commander Michael Givens will speak on “ Robert E. Lee: Master of War, Servant of the Lord”	1:30PM-3:00PM
Bellingrath Gardens Tour and Riverboat Dinner Cruise (Battle House - Limited to 100 passengers – Price \$70.00)	3:30PM
GEC Meeting (Battle House Hotel- Bienville Meeting Room)	3:00PM- 5:00PM
Commander-in-Chief’s Reception (Moonlight Ballroom Pre-function Area)	6:00 PM
Banquet, Debutante Presentation, and Grand Ball (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom – Price \$65.00)	7:00PM Dinner

National Reunion Information

THURSDAY, JULY 26TH

SCV Prayer Breakfast (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom – <i>Price \$21.00</i>)	6:30AM
Registration Open	8:00AM- 5:00PM
Vendor Area Open (Battle House Hotel – Crystal Ballroom)	8:00AM- 5:00PM
Opening Ceremony @ Convention Center (Mobile Convention Center)	8:30AM
Business Session 1 (Mobile Convention Center)	9:00AM-12:30PM
Ladies Tour - Antebellum Homes of Mobile (Battle House Hotel – <i>Price \$25.00</i>)	9:00AM Departure
SCV Awards Luncheon (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom – <i>Price \$31.00</i>)	1:00PM
Memorial Service @ Cathedral of Immaculate Conception	3:30PM
Confederate Confidential ~ Reception & Exhibit @ Museum of Mobile (<i>Price – \$25.00</i>)	5:00PM- 7:00PM
SCV Oratorical contest (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom)	9:00PM

FRIDAY, JULY 27TH

R. E. Lee Memorial Breakfast (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom – <i>Price \$21.00</i>)	6:45AM
Registration Open	8:00AM- 5:00PM
Vendor Area Open	8:00AM- 5:00PM
Business Session 2 (Mobile Convention Center)	8:30AM- 11:45AM

National Reunion Information

H. L. Hunley Luncheon (Battle House Hotel – Moonlight Ballroom – <i>Price \$31.00</i>)	12:00PM
Tour of Fort Gaines (Battle House Hotel – <i>Price \$20.00</i>)	2:00PM Departure
Battleship U.S.S. Alabama Tour and Dinner (Battleship Memorial Park – <i>Price \$50.00</i>)	3:00PM Shuttle
The Unreconstructed Free Concert Moonlight Ballroom	8:00PM

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH

Registration Open	8:00AM- 12:00PM
Vendor Area Open	8:00AM- 1:00PM
Army Meetings (AOT-Moonlight Ballroom, ATM-Bienville, ANV- Mobile Convention Center)	8:30AM- 10:00AM
Business Session 3 (Mobile Convention Center)	10:45AM- 1:00PM
SCV Historic Education Session 3 Battle House-TBD Dr. Vern Padgett, CA Division Adjutant, Will “Answer Back”: Myths and Truths about the Confederacy.	1:00PM
GEC Meeting (Battle House Hotel – Bienville Meeting Room)	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Debutante Dance Lessons (Battle House Hotel – Crystal Ballroom)	3:00PM

Delaware Gets Their Confederate Heroes Honored - May 8, 2007

Delawareans will soon get their 1st Confederate monument dedicated to the Confederate soldiers who fought for Delaware. Estimates say as many as two thousand men marched for Delaware, which is still technically below the Mason-Dixon line.

The unveiling for the monument will take place at noon on the ground of the Nutter B. Marvel Museum located in Georgetown, Delaware. Ceremonies will include a 21 gun salute, cannon salutes and numerous Confederate re-enactors present for education purposes

The vast majority of Delawareans fought for the Union but many (estimated up to 2000) fought for the South. The contribution of Delaware to the South was largely ignored until the SCV stepped in to honor them.

The monument is a 9 foot tall obelisk flanked by smaller stones bearing the known names of the men who fought for the South from the State. More names will be added as proof of service and documentation is discovered.

Forrest Homecoming Celebration on Saturday June 23, 2007

Silent auction and monetary donations are requested & appreciated.

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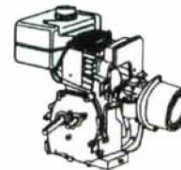
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Chapter 1,

SEWELL MOUNTAIN



From Cheat Mountain we went by forced marches day and night, over hill and everlasting mountains, and through lovely and smiling valleys, sometimes the country rich and productive, sometimes rough and broken, through towns and villages, the names of which I have forgotten, crossing streams and rivers, but continuing our never ceasing, unending march, passing through the Kanawha Valley and by the salt-works, and nearly back to the Ohio river, when we at last reached Sewell Mountain. Here we found General John B. Floyd strongly entrenched and fortified and facing the advance of the Federal army. Two days before our arrival he had charged and captured one line of the enemy's works. I know nothing of the battle. See the histories for that. I only write from memory, and that was twenty years ago, but I remember reading in the newspapers at that time of some distinguished man, whether he was captain, colonel or general, I have forgotten, but I know the papers said "he sought the bauble, reputation, at the cannon's mouth, and went to glory from the death-bed of fame." I remember it sounded gloriously in print. Now, reader, this is all I know of this grand battle. I only recollect what the newspapers said about it, and you know that a newspaper always tells the truth. I also know that beef livers sold for one dollar apiece in gold; and here is where we were first paid off in Confederate money. Remaining here a few days, we commenced our march again.

Sewell Mountain, Harrisonburg, Lewisburg, Kanawha Salt-works, first four, forward and back, seemed to be the programme of that day. Rosecrans, that wiley old fox, kept Lee and Jackson both busy trying to catch him, but Rosey would not be caught. March, march, march; tramp, tramp, tramp, back through the valley to Huntersville and Warm Springs, and up through the most beautiful valley--the Shenandoah--in the world, passing towns and elegant farms and beautiful residences, rich pastures and abundant harvests, which a Federal General (Fighting Joe Hooker), later in the war, ordered to be so sacked and destroyed that a "crow passing over this valley would have to carry his rations." Passing on, we arrived at Winchester. The first night we arrived at this place, the wind blew a perfect hurricane, and every tent and marquee in Lee's and Jackson's army was blown down. This is the first sight we had of Stonewall Jackson, riding upon his old sorrel horse, his feet drawn up as if his stirrups were much too short for him, and his old dingy military cap hanging well forward over his head, and his nose erected in the air, his old rusty sabre rattling by his side. This is the way the grand old hero of a hundred battles looked. His spirit is yonder with the blessed ones that have gone before, but his history is one that the country will ever be proud of, and his memory will be cherished and loved by the old soldiers who followed him through the war.

April 17th, Minutes

On Tuesday April 17, 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the fourth official meeting of the year. No guest speaker was present.

7:04PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer. Following prayer, the Camp says pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Camp Confederate flag.

7:04PM- Lovett makes motion to accept minutes from last meeting as posted in the Webfoot newsletter—no objections made.

Finances and Old Business:

7:05PM- Lovett asks Adjutant, Jack Taylor for the finance report and any old business.

Taylor speaks for some time on the finances and states the camp account balance stood at \$606.66. Taylor also went over the current finances with the Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery and talks on the current situation with the group and the cemetery dilemma.

Taylor stated that the problem seemed to be headed to closure and that he had spoken with the opposing side.

7:30PM- Camp Compatriot W.H. Roberson brought up that he had permission to begin restoration of the Cheek's Bend Cemetery located on WMA land in Maury County. Roberson stated that the burial spot of Confederate soldier, O.P. Cheek was at Cheek's cemetery and that it would be a good project since O.P. Cheek was once a member of the local UCV and for the fact that that area was neglected.

New Business:

7:30PM- the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee Confederate monument was discussed amongst the camp members. Camp Sergeant at Arms, Jason Boshers brought up the fact that the Mt. Pleasant beautification committee was all for the idea and that plans for the celebration needed to be implemented immediately. Boshers said he would try to contact other groups to get involved with the plan of the re-dedication.

Lovett goes over the upcoming Tennessee Division Reunion to be held at Murfreesboro.

7:45PM—

Fundraising idea was brought up by Adjutant Taylor to help raise the camp's finances. Taylor introduced the idea of an Auction with donated items contributed by the camp. After detailed discussion, the camp votes that a large 'yard sale' would be more beneficial and easier to do. All are in agreement.

8:05PM—Meeting adjourned

Tidbits of History on Maury County, and the War Between the States

The population of Maury County in 1860 was 32,498. The Presidential election was the big news of the year, although Abraham Lincoln was not on the Tennessee ballot. Maury's Vote that year: Breckenridge, 1756; Bell, 1,421; Douglas, 68. The election of Abe Lincoln by one section of the nation was quite distasteful to Tennessee.

Sept. 1860 – The cornerstone of St. Peter's Episcopal Church was laid.

Dec. 1860 – South Carolina Leaves the Union

1861—Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana seceded from the Union and the Confederacy began.

April 1861 – Ft. Sumter was fired upon and the Civil War began after Lincoln called for troops to invade the South. President Lincoln called upon Volunteers from Tennessee to help invade and Governor Isham G. Harris responded,

“Tennessee will not furnish a single man for purposes of coercion, but 50,000 if necessary for the defense of our rights and those of our Southern brothers.”

May 1861 – Tennessee Votes to leave the Union becoming the last official State in the South to secede.

Jan. 1862 – General Felix K. Zollicoffer who was born in Maury County was killed in battle.

Feb. 1862 – Fighting began at Ft. Henry in Stewart County and the fort eventually fell to the Union army, which then took Fort Donelson just a few miles away. Hundreds of Maury county Confederates were shipped north. On February 21st, the first of the escaping Confederate troops from Ft. Donelson reached Maury County and on February 24th, Union General Buell occupied Nashville and began his March south with almost 40,000 men.

March 3, 1862 – Railroad Bridge over the Duck River was burned by Confederate troops.

March 4, 1862 – Three other bridges (another being over the Duck) were burned to stop the Federal army's progress south.

March 10, 1862 – Buell reaches Columbia but was unable to cross the river then at flood stage (the bridge burning worked!)

March 17, 1862 – The first shot exchanged between Northern and Southern troops was on the south bank of the Greenwood cemetery. Then Mayor of Columbia crossed the river and surrendered the town to the Federals. Buell's army remained in Columbia for 12 days and built pontoon bridges to get across the river.

March 20, 1862 – The federals began crossing the Duck River all the while Southern troops were burning cotton in the lower part of the county to keep it out of the hands of the Union.

March 27, 1862 – Buell personally arrived in Columbia and took 'formal' possession of the town. Columbia was designated as Camp Morehead.

March 31, 1862 – Buell's troops marching on Mt. Pleasant pike break into St. John's church. His men also killed a man by the name of John Cox near Mt. Pleasant.

April 1, 1862 – General J. S. Negley, now in charge of Columbia, orders two regiments, two pieces of artillery and two cavalry companies to be stationed at Mt. Pleasant. Buell advanced his army toward Shiloh, Tennessee.

April 6, 1862 – the Federal occupation publish a newspaper in Columbia called the 'Seventh Brigade Journal' (a propagand paper) telling the locals how blessed they are to have the Union occupation – town folks disagree.

April 11, 1862 – Yankee Soldiers attend a lodge meeting at the Mt. Pleasant Masonic Lodge.

April 26, 1862 – A U.S. Flag was raised over the Maury County courthouse for the first time in the County's history. It was only flown when it was occupied by Federal troops. It never flew again until WW1 began.

June 2, 1862 – Andrew Johnson who was the 'military Governor' of Tennessee tried to persuade the people of Columbia to return to the Union – town folks disagree even more.

More tidbits next month...

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ON THE COVER:

Born in 1836, General G.W. Gordon, a Giles County native, was the last Confederate general to serve in the US House of Representatives, entering Congress in 1906 and being reelected twice. Gordon was made commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans twice, and died in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 9, 1911.

Gordon died while penning his last address to his comrades of the U.C.V.—it was never finished.



Come honor our local Confederate heroes

With the

Bigby Grays Confederate Monument

RE-DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Fall of 2007

MAXIMUM EFFORT ATTENDANCE REQUESTED!

THIS WILL BE A HUGE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Event hosted by numerous local groups. Keep checking back with the Sam Watkins camp to stay informed on the event. Times and events are still tentative and in the planning stages. YOUR help is appreciated!

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