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



Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley

May 25, 1816—August 23, 1886

Tuesday, August 22, 2006
Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
COLUMBIA, TENN.

Dear Sam Watkins Camp Compatriots, Et. al.,

First I want to thank all who were in attendance at our past August 15th meetings. It was truly a fantastic turnout of the membership. I also want to thank our Camp Surgeon, Ron Shelton for this year's representation at this year's annual SCV reunion, which was held at New Orleans. Ron, you did a great job.

Our past meeting was a movie presentation of Sam R. Watkins done by a Professor Bobby Funk. It was a real treat but a lot had to leave for it was a little longer than expected. However, most were able to stay and see all of it.

CAMP PINS / T-shirt Sale:

Adjutant, Jack Taylor has submitted and sent me the final proof for our camp pin. I believe everyone will be pleased when they get here in about two weeks. I'm sure Jack will have ordering information for anyone outside the camp interested in one of these original and collectible pins.

Our camp T-shirt sales have been quite a success. We already had to place another order for a few more. If you would like one, contact Jack – he has done a great job on this project.

“All But Their Honor” - September 19th:

Our next meeting will be on September 19th at 7PM sharp. Please mark your calendar to attend. I will be showing the new recruitment video, “All But Their Honor” to the camp. Come and join us men!

9/11:

Lastly, as we approach the fifth anniversary of the attacks on our freedom by terrorists, please remember the law enforcement, fire, EMS personnel and especially our military that protect us daily.

Kenneth Lovett
Camp Commander

Excerpt From The SCV Grayline—information for Commanders, Adjutant and 31,304 members

SCV Membership

SCV Membership which includes over 3,000 Life Members and 56 Real Sons, has seen 172 new membership applications in just first 15 days of August since the new fiscal year began. Please make sure each of your camp's members is aware that he needs to renew his dues NLT than November 1, 2006 in order to ensure the uninterrupted receipt of the Confederate Veteran magazine. Please do your part to recruit new members and to encourage former members of your camp to reinstate. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact your appropriate army secretary. Please remember that dues renewal period has started and your dues payment cut off date is November 1, 2006. Retention of our current membership is the easiest and best way grow the SCV membership.

Important Notice

Recently members may have received email communications from a source calling itself "CV News". Please be advised that while this medium may be operated by members of the SCV, "CV News" is not a connected with the Sons of Confederate Veterans in any capacity, nor do the statements made through that medium represent the position of the SCV, the General Headquarters or any of its officers. If you or any of your Compatriots would like to receive occasional notices and announcements from the official, legitimate SCV news source, please visit <http://www.scv.org/maillistSubscription.php>.

New Orleans Reunion

The 111th SCV annual general reunion/convention was held at the Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans, LA from August 2 – 5, 2006. The Reunion was a great success with over 660 registered members, representing over 300 camps, in attendance. Elections for CiC, Lt CiC, and GEC positions in the three Army Departments were held along with a vote to on a new SCV constitution, all of which will summarized in the next section.

Elections - Christopher M. Sullivan (SC) was elected Commander in Chief by acclamation at the request of his opponent, Michael Duminiak (PA) and Ronald E. Casteel was elected Lt CiC, also by acclamation at the request of his opponent Tarry Beasley (TN). Michal Givens is the new ANV Commander, Brag Bowling (VA) is ANV Councilman, Kelly Barrow (GA) is AOT Commander, Ed Butler (TN) Councilman, Chuck Norred (CA) is ATM Commander, and Chuck McMichael (LA) is the ATM Councilman, all serving to 2006.



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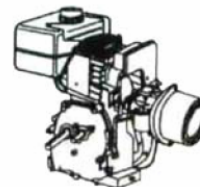
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Georgia Heritage Council Appeals Decision To Remove Confederate Flag – 8/22/06

The Georgia Heritage Council is fighting a judge's decision that the City of Augusta, Georgia acted appropriately when it removed a Confederate flag from a local mall.

In the appeal to the State Supreme Court, the Council is arguing that the then Mayor, Bob Young violated Georgia State law memorial protection when he lowered the flag from the Riverwalk Public Mall. The appeal is being focused more on what the attorneys are saying is a real definition of a memorial rather than any debate over the flags meaning. Superior Court Judge, Duncan D. Wheale ruled that the mall couldn't be a memorial because it *"does not honor the past or present service of military personnel."*

The Georgia Heritage Council is appealing the decision and stated that the city of Augusta violated a state law that prohibits changing any monument that honors veterans. Currently, there is no law regarding which side the veteran fought for during the civil war. It has also been stressed that the Veterans Administration recognizes Confederate Veterans as genuine American Veterans.

Oddly enough the chairman of the Georgia Heritage Council is named Jeff Davis. He said, *"They're all there. The Spanish, the British, right on down the line...But there's a big gap missing - four years. That's what you call a revision of history."*

The flag that flew was the second national flag of the Confederacy, which is known as the 'stainless banner'. Then Mayor Bob Young removed the banner from the Augusta mall in September 2004 after a local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter asked for it to be taken down. The flag was replaced with the city's green and gold flag, and a black plaque covered an inscription that had described the Confederate emblem.

Spokespeople for the city of Augusta have stated that there would be no official comment on the appeal.



Sons of Confederate & Union Veterans? Virginia Camp represents both blue and gray— 8/22/06

With what many are calling a first of it's kind, the Summers-Koontz Camp #490, SCV of Luray, Virginia has successfully petitioned the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war to create a camp honoring their Union ancestors. Although technically not a 'dual' camp, the new SUV camp is comprised of all SCV members...

According to their website, the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp #1881, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was chartered on the 22nd of April, 2006 with eight members who were all members of the SCV. The new SUV camp states the following,

"The unique aspect of the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp #1881 is the fact that the camp was formed by men who can also proudly claim lineal ancestry to Confederate soldiers, and because of that fact, though the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp is not affiliated with the National Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, individually, all of the charter members of the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp #1881 are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (S.C.V.)."

Many in the historical community have regarded the camp's move to be quite honorable and a progressive step towards better communication between the two Civil War groups.

Turkey Shoot

General John Hunt Morgan camp #270 will have a turkey shoot every Sat morning in November. It will be located where Hwy 431 crosses Hwy 257 (north or I-24 Springfield Jolton exit). The final details are still yet to be worked out, but Compatriots can get additional info by calling my cell (615)390-6754 or Adjutant, Johnnie Williams' cell (615)337-3301.

BOBBY HORTON CONCERT - SEPTEMBER 16TH—CANNON COUNTY, ARTS CENTER

The Savage-Goodner Camp #1513 is pleased to announce that on **Saturday, September 16, 2006**, the Camp and the Arts Center of Cannon County will be hosting Bobby Horton for a concert in Dillon Park near Stones River Hospital in Woodbury, Tennessee. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. that evening,

Bobby will transport the audience back in time with music from the period of the War Between the States. Bobby is well known from his series of musical recordings that are sold at National Park Battlefields and other historical sites. Bobby also collaborated with noted film maker, Ken Burns, (and PC Sissy) in his documentaries on the Civil War and baseball. Local camp members and re-enactors will assist in setting the mood for the night. Tickets for the event are \$5.00. Tickets should be purchased from members of the Savage-Goodner Camp prior to the event. The Camp receives a portion of the pre-event ticket sales.

You may contact Commander Mike Corley at (615)563-2750 or by e-mail at: mcorley@mtng.com for more information.

You may also send \$5.00 per ticket to Commander Corley and he will send the tickets to you via US Mail. Send your payment to:

Commander Mike Corley
210 College Street
Woodbury, TN 37190

FIRST ANNUAL COSTUME BALL—DICKSON COUNTY

September 23d ~~ Dickson: - The Rotary Club of Dickson and the Capt. W.H. McCauley Camp 260 are sponsoring the **First Annual Dickson County Blue and Gray Civil War Costume Ball**, to be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at Old Spencer Mill in Dickson County. The Grand March will begin at 6:30 pm. Mid-19th Century dress is encouraged for Military or Civilian for the Gentlemen and Ball Gowns for the Ladies; but EVERYONE IS INVITED, COSTUMED OR NOT. Tickets are only \$50.00 per couple and can be purchased from any of the Evening Rotarians or members of Camp 260. Tickets can be ordered by mail. Make check payable to: Blue and Gray Ball, P.O. Box 714, Dickson, Tenn. 37056-0714. We would like to have all tickets sold by the first of September in order to send each ticket holder a Victorian Style Invitation. Costumes: Civilians, Military Uniforms, and Ball Gowns can be rented, purchased, or made to order from Old Spencer Mill, 399 Old Spencer Mill Rd., Burns, TN. 37029. Call Trish Miller at 615 412-5169.

100th Anniversary Rededication of the Sam Davis Monument!

October 15th ~~ Pulaski: - 100th Anniversary Rededication of the Sam Davis Monument. Ceremonies begin at 3:00 p.m. on the south side of the square. The Giles County #257, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the General John C. Brown Camp #112, Sons of Confederate Veterans have been working on restoring the Sam Davis Monument to its original state. The date of the rededication chosen is the closest to the original dedication date that we could get. The original date was 6 October 1906, during the Confederate Veteran's Reunion held in Pulaski. It is said that there were 10,000 people on Pulaski's square that day. Can you imagine? Please bring your lawn chairs. Period attire encouraged. 100th anniversary commemorative pins will be available.

Contact: horselady602@yahoo.com , President, Giles County #257, UDC

August 15th Minutes

August 15th marked the eighth meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. Commander, Kenneth Lovett presided over the meeting. Noted as generous turnout of membership. Presentation for the evening was a film and one-man play by Professor and actor Bobby Funk.

7:00PM - Meeting begins with prayer led by Camp Chaplain, Michael Bullock, pledge to the U.S. Flag was said along with the Salute to the Confederate Battle Flag.

7:05PM – Lovett asks for approval of last months minutes – no objections made.

Taylor goes over the camp funds. Reunion expenses were brought up and all donations given in the past 30 days were read aloud. No objections made on financial report.

Lovett goes over with the camp regarding the camp pins to be produced. He said that initial inquiries gave a quote of Nine dollars and seventy-five cents per pin. He stated that after shopping around and submitting the pin mockup to other companies, he found one company that would create the pins at a much lesser cost to the camp with a one-hundred pin minimum order. He asked the camp for permission to go ahead with the production of the pins – camp approved the production and no objections were made.

7:10PM - Camp Compatriot Charles Bates spoke to the camp briefly on a Confederate styled grave marker out of the Martin's Flag Company catalog that he found and thought the camp might be interested. He also showed the camp a photograph of his Confederate ancestor. Taylor inquired to Bates regarding a ceremony for the four Confederate ancestor's stones he had ordered. Bates replied that he felt September 16th would be a good day.

7:21PM - Camp Surgeon Ron Shelton spoke briefly to the camp regarding his participation at the SCV convention that was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. He noted that the votes for those elected were 'overwhelming' and that it was quite hectic at times. Camp guest and executive Director, Ben Sewell spoke briefly to the camp and noted that many changes were made to the new SCV Constitution. He brought out and showed the camp a sample 'Cadet Membership' application that was approved. He said that any age male may join the SCV at 10 dollars if under the age of twelve but the member would not have voting rights.

7:28PM - Camp Sergeant at Arms, Michael Bell spoke to the camp briefly and asked if he could have permission to invite a Mr. Ronny Townes whom he claimed served as the Tennessee State *Sergeant at Arms* at the Capital building. Commander Lovett approved the request.

7:33PM – Past Chaplain, Russell Cothran introduced to the camp his guest and immediate Past Commander of the SCV, Ed Deason.

FILM PRESENTATION:

7:33PM – Camp Compatriot Joseph D. Shannon introduces a VHS recording of *Co. Aytch: Memoirs of a Confederate Soldier* produced and acted by Professor Bobby Funk of ETSU and briefly introduces it to the camp a short bio on the man.

8:48PM—Movie presentation ends and motion made to adjourn; no objections

Chaplain Bullock closes with prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Please take note that dues for the 2007 fiscal year are due! Regular members are to give 37.00 dollars and life members are to give 17.00 dollars.

A good many of you have already given for the 2007 year and will not have to give again until August 2008.

HOW DUES WORK:

Whether you are Life Member of the SCV or a regular yearly paying dues member, all monies are separated out by the Camp Adjutant. For regular membership, twenty dollars goes to the SCV headquarters, five dollars to the Tennessee Division and the remaining twelve dollars goes to the Camp. Essentially all the camp sees is one dollar per month per member!

A few of you have been very generous to the camp in the past. I thank you very much for your generosity! It is because of you that we have been able to accomplish all that we have, and we've accomplished some awesome things.

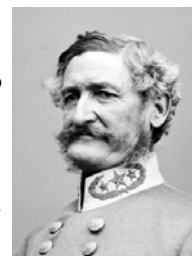


On The Cover:

Brigadier General, Henry Hopkins Sibley was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana on May 25th, 1816 and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1838. Sibley is generally accepted by most historians as being a poor commander in the Confederate army due to his fumbling maneuvers in the New Mexico territory and later in Louisiana.

Before the Start of the Civil War, Sibley served with some distinction during the Seminole war, was with the expedition against the Mormon uprising and also fought in the Mexican war but is better known for his specialized tent he patented in the mid 1850's. Known as the 'Sibley Tent', it was used up until the start of WWII. Its design was based on the typical plains American Indian Teepee. Another invention, the Sibley stove, was also used to some extent until WW1.

Although Sibley had a good mind, he turned out to be a poor planner and only a fair tactician. When President Jeff Davis promoted him at the start of the war to Brig. General, Sibley asked for the assignment of taking control of the New Mexico territory and try to push out the Union presence. Sibley believed he and the troops could live off the land like the natives. In time this idea proved to be disastrous. He was defeated at the battle La Glorietta Pass in March, 1862 and was pushed out of the territory into Texas. From this point on, there was never another Confederate attempt at gaining the territory. Later in the war Sibley was court-martialed for his poor performance during Teche River Campaign of 1863 in Louisiana, but he was never convicted of any wrong doing.



Sibley worked odd jobs after the war including the *General of Artillery* for the khedive of Egypt and a lecturer in the mid 1870's. His alcoholism and poor financial planning wore down his health considerably and he died in poverty in Fredericksburg, VA on August 23rd, 1886.

The image on the front is a colorization photo of the original National archives photograph of Sibley I created. It is part of an entire series of lesser known Confederate officers. It is my hope that the lesser yet important Generals of the American Civil War be discussed more.

J. Taylor

Editor



Note: The famous 'Spaghetti western', *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, is based during Sibley's New Mexico campaign of 1862. Directed by the late Sergio Leone, it is part of a trilogy of films (Fist Full of Dollars trilogy) and considered one of the best western films of all time.

Oddly enough, most of the film was shot in southern Spain.

Co Aytch; Chapter XIII—Atlanta***I VISIT MONTGOMERY***

Our wounded were being sent back to Montgomery. My name was put on the wounded list. We were placed in a box-car, and whirling down to West Point, where we changed cars for Montgomery. The cars drew up at the depot at Montgomery, and we were directed to go to the hospital. When we got off the cars, little huckster stands were everywhere--apples, oranges, peaches, watermelons, everything. I know that I never saw a greater display of eatables in my whole life. I was particularly attracted toward an old lady's stand; she had bread, fish, and hard boiled eggs. The eggs were what I was hungry for. Says I: "Madam, how do you sell your eggs?"



"Two for a dollar," she said.

"How much is your fish worth?"

"A piece of bread and a piece of fish for a dollar."

"Well, madam, put out your fish and eggs." The fish were hot and done to a crisp--actually frying in my mouth, crackling and singing as I bit off a bite. It was good, I tell you. The eggs were a little over half done. I soon demolished both, and it was only an appetizer. I invested a couple of dollars more, and thought that maybe I could make out till supper time. As I turned around, a smiling, one-legged man asked me if I wouldn't like to have a drink. Now, if there was anything that I wanted at that time, it was a drink.

"How do you sell it?" says I.

"A dollar a drink," said he.

"Pour me out a drink."

It was a tin cap-box. I thought that I knew the old fellow, and he kept looking at me as if he knew me. Finally, he said to me:

"It seems that I ought to know you." I told him that I reckon he did, as I had been there.

"Ain't your name Sam?" said he.

"That is what my mother called me."

Well, after shaking hands, it suddenly flashed upon me who the old fellow was. I knew him well. He told me that he belonged to Captain Ed. O'Neil's company, Second Tennessee Regiment, General William B. Bate's corps, and that his leg had been shot off at the first battle of Manassas, and at that time he was selling cheap whisky and tobacco for a living at Montgomery, Alabama. I tossed off a cap-box full and paid him a dollar. It staggered me, and I said:

"That is raw whisky."

"Yes," said he, "all my cooked whisky is out."

"If this is not quite cooked, it is as hot as fire anyhow, and burns like red-hot lava, and the whole dose seems to have got lodged in my windpipe."

I might have tasted it, but don't think that I did. All I can remember now, is a dim recollection of a nasty, greasy, burning something going down my throat and chest, and smelling, as I remember at this day, like a decoction of red-pepper tea, flavored with coal oil, turpentine and tobacco juice.



CAMP LAPEL PINS TO BE IN SOON! - ONLY \$7.50 EACH!

This is to let everyone know that the production of our much anticipated camp lapel pins will be in very shortly. Camp pins are a mere \$7.50 each for camp members and \$10.00 for non-members of the camp.

Folks, you're really going to want one of these pins. They will be something that will forever immortalize who we are and will be something someone 100 years from now will be able to hold or see.

Presently, we only have one-hundred (100) pins ordered and it's been suggested that if the pins sell well, we can do another run with some sort of anniversary design.

For now, I ask ALL OF YOU to request at least one pin. At seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50), it's very little money to spend.



Mockup image of what pins will look like. This is only a figurative example showing what colors will be used. Pins will be 1" in diameter and have military style pin backs...

FLORIDA SCV STRIVES TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR CONFEDERATE TAG —8/25/06

The Florida Division of the SCV is striving to gain enough support to get the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles to produce a Confederate Heritage license plate. However, thirty-thousand signatures and sixty-thousand dollars will be needed before the Florida legislature will allow the plate. Also, Florida law says that everyone will have to be given opportunity to purchase the plate if they so desire one.

Currently, there are no exact figures or scientific polls showing opinions on the plates. Nevertheless, some unscientific newspaper polls show 60+% in support of the plates.

Although the proposed plate isn't a SCV logo plate *per se*, it is a 'Confederate' specialty plate proposed by the Florida SCV and if so passed, would be the tenth State with a Confederate theme the SCV has been able to push.



94% —8/25/06

Last month the Webfoot reported a story where Lee Freshman High school in Midland, Texas was being heavily criticized by a disgruntled parent. The parent demanded that the words Confederate etc. be removed from the school. They claimed they didn't know about the words and usages at the school and felt they were offensive.

Many in the community were curious about some of the criticisms made since the school has had the name and used the Confederate themed mascot among other icons for some time.

To put the controversy into perspective, an online news poll done by www.mywesttexas.com stated the following,

"94 percent of respondents said they are not offended at Confederate representations used at Midland Lee and Lee Freshman high schools".

Mywesttexas.com stated that was one of their most heavily voted polls.

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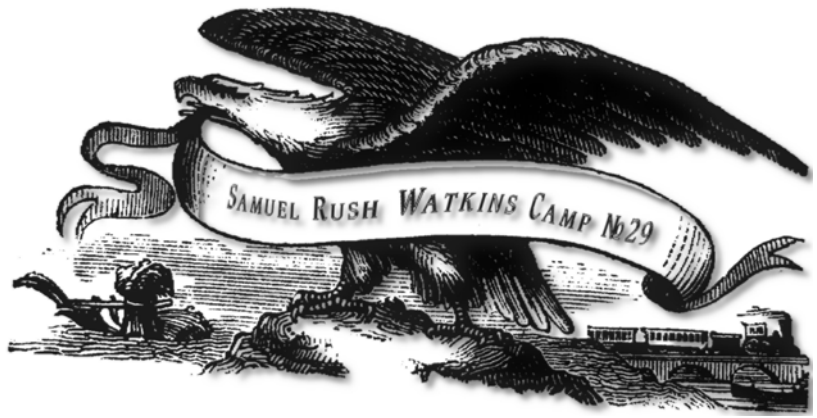
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