

THE WEBFOOT

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



Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Columbia, TENN
Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Dear Camp:

Just a couple important reminders for you all.

Camp Dues:

Camp dues are now due! As usual, Camp dues are still ONLY 37.00 dollars per year. Please do your best to get your dues in ASAP since the final date without a penalty will be October 1st! After this time, there is a five dollar re-instatement fee.

Remit 37 dollars made payable to "Sam Watkins Camp 29"

c/o 701 Sugar Bend Drive

Columbia, TN 38401-6001

100th Anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant, Bigby Grays Confederate Monument Re-dedication:

YES! It's almost that time and on Sunday, September 30th at 2pm we will make history (again) by celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Bigby Grays monument. Thousands were present for its unveiling in 1907. Can we do it again? DO YOUR BEST to make this event! It will not be lengthy and will be quite eventful. The James Madison Sparkman Chapter of the UDC will be present along with a host of other individuals celebrating this momentous event. We will also have Ross Moore of Ross Moore entertainment for some live music...

Lastly, and very importantly. We will have to offer souvenir lapel pins created for this event. They are limited to 100 and will be custom made for this event (see page 4). Costs on the pins have not been decided yet. A vote will be taken at the next meeting on September 18th. It is presumed they will cost about 20 dollars.

Take care and I hope to see you all very soon.

Jack Taylor
Camp Adjutant

200th Anniversary of the Birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee October 20th, 2007 ~ Sparta, Tenn.

In Honor of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of General Robert E. Lee, The Gen. George Gibbs Dibrell SCV Camp #875, will be hosting a supper featuring Commander Butch Chaltas in the Persona of the Great General! This is a fund raising event for camp projects. We would like to invite everyone in the Division to come out and show the their support. Local entertainment, relic displays, and a good old fashioned Beans and Cornbread Supper! Contact: Joey Savage at hammer_joe3@hotmail.com

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The 100 year Re-Dedication of the "Bigby Greys" Monument located on the Square in Historic Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee will be September 30, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

A memorial pin will be made for this event and will be made from a hand carved mold. The face of the pin will be a detailed image of the Bigby Gray (above) and contain the following inscription encircled around the soldier, "100th Anniversary—3rd Tennessee-Bigby Grays Monument" and along the bottom it shall read, "Sept. 1907-2007".

The pins will be limited to 100 and then no more will be made. If you intend on getting one of these highly ornate pins, the camp suggests that you either reserve one through the camp leadership or try to get one at the event. However, we cannot guarantee their supply!

August 21st MINUTES

On Tuesday August 21 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the eighth official meeting of the year. Division Commander, Dr. Michael Bradley was the guest speaker. Meeting was noted as a generous turnout.

7:01PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer. Following prayer, the Camp gave the honorary salute to the Camp Confederate flag but was not able to pledge to the U.S. flag due to the fact that it was missing.

7:03PM- Lovett makes motion to accept minutes from last meeting as posted in the Webfoot newsletter—motion—no objections.

Reports:

Adjutant Jack Taylor goes over the Camp's monthly expenditures and notes that camp dues were due and that they will remain at 37.00 dollars.

Lovett makes motion that report be accepted—no objections.

7:10PM- Lovett invites Camp Sergeant at Arms, Jason Boshers to speak on the latest news for the Mt. Pleasant Bigby Grays monument re-dedication.

Boshers speaks to the camp quickly about the latest news on the monument. He notes that the announcement was sent over the TN echo and that flyers were being mailed out. He also stated that the Mt. Pleasant museum was helping to push the monument re-dedication and that the city was behind the event in full force. Lovett interjects that he has Russell Bailey and Tom DuBois attending the event.

Old Business:

7:13PM—It was noted that Attorney DuBois has agreed to drop the camp cemetery expenses to 1,500 dollars. Taylor stated that more in the camp needed to donate and that the bill needed to be settled quickly. Lovett also went over the Bikes, Blues and BBQ event that was slated for the 1st Saturday in October but that it was still tentative. Camp agrees that the event could be a good fundraiser.

New Business:

N/a

7:19PM- Lovett introduces TN Div. Commander, Dr. Michael Bradley.

Bradley speaks to the camp on Forrest's Escort from approximately 7:19-7:49PM. He gives interesting facts about Forrest's staff and also gave some history on how he obtained their meeting minutes and roster.

7:49PM—Bradley ends his talk and he opens for questions.

7:58PM—meeting called to adjourn; meeting adjourned.

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Report on Forts Negley and Morton in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, September 8, [1863]-7 p. m.

I have spent the afternoon in examining the fortifications for the defense of this place. The principal works are three in number, all on the southern side of the town. One of these, the easternmost, named Fort Negley, is finished, or nearly so, and armed. It is a work of very intricate design, and requires about a thousand men for its garrison. The central work, known as Fort Morton, is scarcely yet commenced. Simpler in design and more powerful when done than Negley. It is situated on a hill of hard limestone, and the very extensive excavations required must all be done by blasting. At the present rate of progress it will take two years to finish it. A part of it, namely, the demilune is its front, is partly done, so far in fact that its parapet might be used as a rifle-pit and might afford some protection to field guns. This work will require a garrison of from 1,500 to 2,000 men. The two redoubts and barracks connecting them, of which its main body consists, will be altogether 700 feet long. The third and westernmost fort is precisely the same in plan as Morton, but is on land that can be easily dug. This fort is about one-quarter done, and can be completed with comparative rapidity and cheapness. The cost of Morton must be heavy. Nothing new from the front. Judicious men here think there will be no battle, and that Bragg has only the shadow of a force at Chattanooga to delay Rosecrans' advance.

[C. A. DANA.]

[Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.]

OR, Ser. I, Vol. 30, pt. I, pp. 183-184.

Lady Godiva's Nashville carriage-ride "Disgusting Sight"

On Thursday [8th] afternoon last, at about six o'clock,, the good citizens of Cherry street, from Cedar to Broad, as well, doubtless, many others, were treated to a sight so loathsome, abominable and insufferably disgusting, that it would be allowed no mention in our columns, were it not to call forth the effective arm of our corporation law and authorities to prevent the repetition of a similar occurrence. A fleshy, (truth will not permit us to say fair) fille de joie [sic] , whose sense of modesty seemed wholly to have been merged in the large development of her physical charms, entirely nude from her waist heavenward, in an open hack, drove rapidly up Cherry street. She was attired in a deep red dress, a jaunty hat trimmed with red, and reminded us of (we intended to quote Shakespeare about Patience sitting on a monument, but "in order to suit the times: we will say) she reminded us of a conflict of arms in the ocean of blood. As she passed the Maxwell Barracks , the hundreds of soldiers both in and near it, set up a lusty and continuous shout of admiration and she was carried past the Post Office building on an enthusiasm so wild and hearty that it can, as the novelists say, "better be imagined than described." We have somewhere seen the expression "there is a pleasure in being mad, which none but madmen feel." There may be a pleasure to these frail daughters of humanity in thus airing in the grateful evening air, but it is a pleasure we would fain believed shared in by none other than themselves. Against such indecency we enter the grave and indignant protest of ourselves, and in the name of our good citizens, and for the sake of our pure women, we earnestly hope our city authorities will promptly and rigidly see that this disgraceful and degrading spectacle shall never again stain the fair name of our good city, we think that the women who thus exposes to, and pollutes the public view with her disgusting nudeness, should be fined and punished to the full extent of the law.- We think the hack driver who engages in such a business, would have his licensee taken from him, his horses and carriage confiscated, himself fined to the fullest extent, and, as a just finale to the whole affair, be sent to work for ninety days.

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***ON THE COVER:**

Compatriot, Sean Tramel along with his war-time friends share a bit of Dixie with Iraq...

Note* this photograph was provided to The Webfoot from Ray Miller of Camp #1513. He wrote that Sean is pictured *on the right end of the flag*. No other details on the other men in the photo at this time.

The

Bigby Grays Confederate Monument

re-dedication Celebration

September 30th, 2007—2pm

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