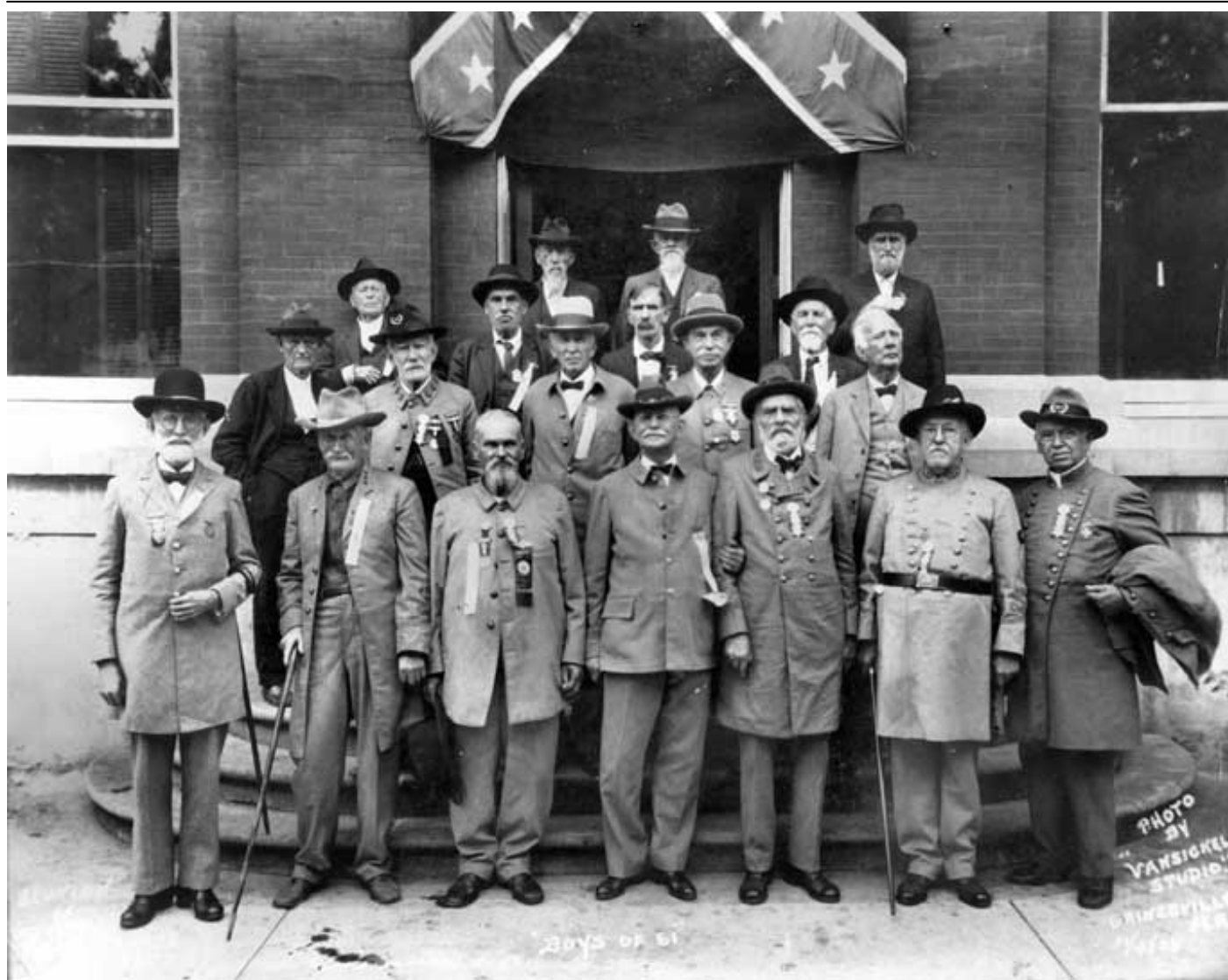


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Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Sons of Confederate Veterans



"Boys of '61"

Thursday, February 15, 2007
Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
COLUMBIA, TENN.

Dear Membership of Camp 29:

Thank you very much for re-electing me as your Camp Commander, I appreciate the support shown at our last meeting and feel it an honor to serve you all.

Recently, we were requested by Tennessee Division Commander, Dr. Michael Bradley to secure a spot for the Tennessee Division in this year's Mule Day parade. The parade will take place on April 14, 2007. Please do your part and try participating in this event. It will be good to get our banner out to the public and possibly gain new members.

I have received a DVD on *Black Confederates: The Forgotten Men in Gray*, it last about 45 minutes and we will show it at our next meeting on February 20th at 7:00 PM.

Please note! We need your help on the situation at Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery. We have the attorneys fees that we need to pay, and that amount is just under two-thousand dollars. If you can spare anything to help, send Jack a check and be sure to make it payable to "Friends of Liberty Cemetery" and mail to the following address:

'Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery'

C/o Jack Taylor

701 Sugar Bend Drive

Columbia, TN 38401-6001

See you all on the 20th and take care.

Kenneth Lovett
Camp Commander

On The Cover: Boys of '61

The image on the front cover is that of a group of Confederate Veterans who posed underneath the Confederate Battle Flag at a Confederate reunion that took place in Alachua County, Florida (Gainesville, FL) in 1925. The photograph was taken on the steps of the old Alachua County, Alabama Courthouse.

Confederate Statue Vandal Gets Busted For Act Committed in 2005—2/07/07

A Virginia man by the name of Troy Allan Capps was arrested on Monday, February 5th, 2007 for a crime he is accused of committing back in June 18, 2005. On that date, black spray paint was used to cover the faces of four soldiers on the Confederate monument in Portsmouth, VA.

The Confederate monument was first dedicated in 1893, has a 56' tall granite pillar and is surrounded by representative soldiers from all branches of the CSA—a sailor, cavalryman, infantry and artillery and are constructed of cast zinc.



Troy Capps—Vandal



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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS APPLAUD NCAA DECISION— January 23, 2007

In response to the announcement by the National Collegiate Athletic Association of their decision to not expand existing postseason competition bans in South Carolina and Mississippi due to their use of the Confederate battle flag, the Sons of Confederate Veterans applauds the NCAA for exhibiting prudence and acumen in reaching that decision.

The NAACP had demanded the NCAA to broaden its moratorium on bringing predetermined postseason events, such as NCAA basketball regionals, to the two states. The ban will not be expanded, however, to sites awarded on merit, such as baseball tournament regionals or football playoff games.

According to SCV Commander-in-Chief Christopher Sullivan, the NCAA has made a prudent decision that simply supports the wishes of the citizens of those states.

"Under political pressure from the NAACP, South Carolina took the battle flag down from their statehouse in 2000 and placed it on a nearby soldiers memorial monument, but that apparently wasn't good enough," Sullivan stated. "Mississippi put the issue of their flag on a ballot, and even though the citizens there overwhelmingly voted to keep their flag as is, apparently that wasn't good enough either. We salute the NCAA for finally respecting the wishes of the people of South Carolina and Mississippi and displaying a better understanding of the meaning of the symbols at the center of the issue than those wishing to use collegiate sports as a political crowbar."

Sullivan also pointed out that any kind of ban based on Confederate symbolism is based on a misplaced understanding of history.

"Most Southerners know that the symbols of the Confederacy are not based in hate, as some would like to have everyone believe," he said. "Arbitrarily banning anything because of links to Confederate symbols would be ludicrous, considering that North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas all have state flag designs that pay homage to their Confederate lineage."

Sullivan concluded that the athletic arenas of the South are not the places to determine political policy.

"Southerners love sports, and most especially collegiate sports, since they harken back to the Confederate concept of one state competing against another," he stated. "We disapprove of attempting to use a point of state and regional pride as a hostage to reach a political ends. Political issues should be decided by the people within the states themselves, not outsiders who know little or nothing about those states or the families that call them home. The NCAA should do the right thing and drop the ban altogether."

January 16 Minutes

On Tuesday January 16th, 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the first official meeting of the year. Date also marked the annual officers elections and also marked the creation of the 'Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery'.

Members Present:

Kenneth Lovett, Jack Taylor, II, Michael Bullock, Charles Bates, Russell Cothran, Andy Hall, Johnny Eskew, Jason Boshers, Jackie Boshers, Jr. William H. Roberson, Joseph Shannon

Others Present: Stephen Wyatt

7:01PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer by Camp Chaplain, Michael Bullock. Following prayer, the Camp says pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Camp Confederate flag.

7:04PM- Adjutant Taylor goes over the Camp finances and gives a report on monies spent during the month of December. Taylor states that the current account balance was at three hundred sixty-three dollars and sixty-six cents (\$363.66). Lovett makes motion that the camp approve finances as read – all were in favor.

7:09PM- New Business:

Taylor goes over with the camp the latest ordeal dealing with Camp Compatriot, Johnny Eskew and his problems with the restoration of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery on Parsons Bend Road. Taylor recaps the story on the cemetery with the camp, and stresses the need to establish a new bank account so that funds can be accepted for its preservation and perpetual care.

Eskew interjects and informs to the camp the legal battles he has encountered with the cemetery. Taylor makes motion that new bank account be established and be named 'Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery' and that it be established for any legal fees that may pertain to the preservation of said cemetery. Shelton 2nds motion – all were in favor. Lovett instructs Taylor to establish the account and entitle it 'Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery'.

7:30PM – Officers Elections:

Yearly officers elections were called with the following nominations:

Kenneth Lovett for Camp Commander – unopposed
Johnny Eskew and Joseph Shannon for Lt. Commander
Jack Taylor and Jason Boshers for Adjutant
David Walker for Quartermaster – unopposed
Lawrence Kenyon for Judge Advocate – unopposed

Taylor marks one vote for Lovett, Walker and Kenyon.

Joseph Shannon concedes to Johnny Eskew for Lt. Commander – all were in favor. Eskew was elected Lt. Commander.

Ballots were collected for the Adjutants position. TEN VOTES FOR TAYLOR AND ONE VOTE FOR BOSHERS. Taylor was elected position of Adjutant.

Lovett makes motion that ballots be destroyed; all in favor.

Motion made by Lovett that the position of 2nd Lt. Commander be struck from the camp by-laws. Compatriot Russell Cothran 2^{nds}; all were in favor. Lovett instructs Taylor to remove said position from the Camp By-laws.

7:45PM- Taylor speaks briefly to the camp regarding the Camp newsletter and asks for any help that anyone can provide. He also invites anyone to step forward that would like to work as an assistant to the Adjutant

7:50PM – Appointments:

Lovett appointed the following:

Michael Bullock for Chaplain

Ronald Shelton for Camp Surgeon

Jason Boshers for Camp Sgt. At Arms

7:55PM – Cothran proposes that Dr. Michael Bradley be invited to speak to the camp regarding his talk on P.T. Beauregard. Shelton asks Taylor to bring photograph of original Battle flag that Beauregard approved.

7:59PM – Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned in prayer led by Chaplain Bullock.

Co Aytch; Chapter IX—CHICKAMAUGA

By Samuel R. Watkins

*BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA*

Sunday morning of that September day, the sun rose over the eastern hills clear and beautiful. The day itself seemed to have a Sabbath-day look about it. The battlefield was in a rough and broken country, with trees and undergrowth, that ever since the creation had never been disturbed by the ax of civilized man. It looked wild, weird, uncivilized.

Our corps (Polk's), being in the engagement the day before, were held in reserve. Reader, were you ever held in reserve of an attacking army? To see couriers dashing backward and forward; to hear the orders given to the brigades, regiments and companies; to see them forward in line of battle, the battle-flags waving; to hear their charge, and then to hear the shock of battle, the shot and shell all the while sizzling, and zipping, and thudding, and screaming, and roaring, and bursting, and passing right over your heads; to see the litter corps bringing back the wounded continually, and hear them tell how their command was being cut to pieces, and that every man in a certain regiment was killed, and to see a cowardly colonel (as we saw on this occasion--he belonged to Longstreet's corps) come dashing back looking the very picture of terror and fear, exclaiming, "O, men, men, for God's sake go forward and help my men! they are being cut all to pieces! we can't hold our position. O, for God's sake, please go and help my command!" To hear some of our boys ask, "What regiment is that? What regiment is that?" He replies, such and such regiment. And then to hear some fellow ask, "Why ain't you with them, then, you cowardly puppy? Take off that coat and those chicken guts; coo, sheep; baa, baa, black sheep; flicker, flicker; ain't you ashamed of yourself? flicker, flicker; I've got a notion to take my gun and kill him," etc. Every word of this is true; it actually happened. But all that could demoralize, and I may say intimidate a soldier, was being enacted, and he not allowed to participate. How we were moved from one position to another, but always under fire; our nerves strung to their utmost tension, listening to the roar of battle in our immediate front, to hear it rage and then get dimmer until it seems to die out entirely; then all at once it breaks out again, and you think now in a very few minutes you will be ordered into action, and then all at once we go double-quicking to another portion of the field, the battle raging back from the position we had left. General Leonidas Polk rides up and happening to stop in our front, some of the boys halloo out, "Say, General, what command is that which is engaged now?" The general kindly answers, "That is Longstreet's corps. He is driving them this way, and we will drive them that way, and crush them between the 'upper and nether millstone.'" Turning to General Cheatham, he said, "General, move your division and attack at once." Everything is at once set in motion, and General Cheatham, to give the boys a good send-off, says, "Forward, boys, and give 'em h--l." General Polk also says a good word, and that word was, "Do as General Cheatham says, boys." (You know he was a preacher and couldn't curse.) After marching in solid line, see-sawing, right obliqueing, left obliqueing, guide center and close up; commence firing--fire at will; charge and take their breastworks; our pent-up nervousness and demoralization of all day is suddenly gone. We raise one long, loud, cheering shout and charge right upon their breastworks. They are pouring their deadly missiles into our advancing ranks from under their head-logs. We do not stop to look around to see who is killed and wounded, but press right up their breastworks, and plant our battle-flag upon it. They waver and break and run in every direction, when General John C. Breckinridge's division, which had been supporting us, march up and pass us in full pursuit of the routed and flying Federal army.

SAM WATKINS CAMP LAPEL PINS! - Only \$7.50 each!

Please note that we still have a few camp lapel pins left. For all of you that haven't purchased one or two, you should do so. Once they are gone, it may be sometime before we do a re-order. They are only 7.50 each and are quite attractive. Furthermore, the sale of the pins benefit our camp.

These pins 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.

Texas Students Sue High School Over Confederate Flag Ban –2/10/07

Two girls from Texas are sent home for carrying purses with the Confederate battle flag on embroidered on the side. They protested and said they were only promoting their Southern heritage and patriotism. Their school did not allow them to keep the purses and now they are suing their Burleson school district in suburban Ft. Worth, Texas saying that their freedom of speech was violated.

Ashley Paige Thomas and Aubrie Michelle McAllum, who are both 17 years of age, stated they were picked out by their school and forced to remove their purses from school property. The case has been picked up by the Southern Legal Resource Center (SLRC), headquartered in North Carolina. The suit filed states that the girls were only expressing "pride in their Southern ancestry, culture and heritage..." and should have the right to continue to do so.

The suit requests that Burleson ISD clear the girls' student record, admit publicly that their Constitutional rights were violated and pay an undisclosed amount in punitive damages.

School officials have publicly stated that they will keep the ban on the Confederate battle flag and other Confederate symbols, claiming that it is disruptive and may have a potential for disrupting the 'education environment'...

The girls' purses were Christmas gifts in 2005 and brought them to school in the early part of 2006. Burleson school district officials tried to confiscate the purses and then sent the girls home when they refused to hand them over as contraband.

The school principal has also been named in the lawsuit.

BEAUVOIR RISES FROM THE DESTRUCTION—2/10/07

The home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis (Beauvoir), which was pounded by Hurricane Katrina is about to undergo the first major phase of reconstruction.

Very soon, restoration experts will embark on a yearlong effort to restore it to its former glory costing as much as four million dollars.

Beauvoir was the only national historic landmark that Katrina severely damaged on Mississippi's Gulf Coast. The Biloxi home was built 1852 and purchased by Jefferson Davis in 1879. When Katrina hit, a record nine foot wall of water pounded it but miraculously survived structurally speaking. Amazingly, Katrina was Hurricane number twenty-two for the Davis home but the 2005 Hurricane nearly wiped it out. Katrina took most of Beauvoir's roof, front porch area, pillars, chimneys and flooded the home with over a foot of water. It is estimated that over 1/3 of Beauvoir's artifacts were lost in the storm including Jefferson Davis's saddle that he rode upon during the Mexican American war and many of his manuscripts.

Tennessee SCV License Plate Update

Gentlemen of the Tennessee Division,

On 7 February 2007, a deposit was made to our bank account by the State of Tennessee for SCV license plate purchases and renewals. This deposit represents the 4th Quarter of 2006. The amount of the deposit was \$7,903.72 and was for 506 plates.

As you scroll down please note the 506 plates is an increase over the 4th Quarter of 2005 by 72 plates. We finished the year one plate over the 2005 total.

I will be forwarding a check for 20% or \$1,580.74 to the Tennessee State Museum for the restoration of OUR Confederate flags.

I urge every member of the Tennessee Division to purchase an SCV license plate and to renew your plates each year. Our division gets \$15.62 for each plate purchase or renewal.

Prior payments to our Division have been:

1st Qtr 04 \$14,074.00 for 908 plates

2nd Qtr 04 \$12,462.00 for 804 plates

3rd Qtr 04 \$6,925.00 for 447 plates

4th Qtr 04 \$6,180.75 for 402 plates

Totals \$39,641.75 for 2,561 plates

1st Qtr 05 \$15,421.13 for 1,003 plates

2nd Qtr 05 \$13,284.01 for 864 plates

3rd Qtr 05 \$9,055.89 for 589 plates

4th Qtr 05 \$6,697.50 for 434 plates

Totals \$44,458.53 for 2,890 plates

1st Qtr 06 \$15,885.54 for 1,017 plates

2nd Qtr 06 \$12,433.52 for 796 plates

3rd Qtr 06 \$8,934.64 for 572 plates

4th Qtr 06 \$7,903.72 for 506 plates

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Martin W. Frost
Tenn. Div. Adjutant

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Confederate Chaplain, O.S.B. Father Bliemel, a native of Germany, was the first Catholic chaplain to be killed in action in an American war. He was killed while serving as chaplain of the 10th Tennessee Infantry and 4th Kentucky Infantry CSA, during the battle of Jonesboro, Georgia. Father Bliemel was on the battlefield following a Confederate attack, and as he knelt to pray with the mortally wounded Col. Grace of the 10th Tennessee, an enemy cannon ball struck his head and decapitated him. Bliemel was originally buried in what became the Pat Cleburne Confederate Cemetery in Jonesboro, but his remains were moved to Tusculumbia, Alabama, in 1899.



Father Emmeran Bliemel

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