

THE WEBFOOT

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CONFEDERATE VETERAN DESCENDANTS AND KINDRED TOPICS

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



Not for fame or fortune...

Young Confederate soldier killed near Petersburg, Virginia —1864

Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN

Monday, March 10, 2008

Compatriots of Sam Watkins Camp # 29,

I would like to thank Greg Biggs for his informative speech about the flags this past meeting. The one thing he stressed was "They are all confederate flags". I was happy to see the camp come out to the meeting. We had a great turnout. I also appreciate everyone reaching in their pockets and giving to the speaker fund. We are compensating speakers who are traveling long distances by paying gas money and Mr. Biggs traveled from Clarksville. They are offering their time and are educating and entertaining us so the least we can do is pay for their gas.

The weather is starting to break –Springtime is upon us; time to get busy. March and April are going to be very busy months for the Sam Watkins Camp.

Saturday, March 15th - Clean-up day at Elm Springs. Helping the place that helps us by allowing us to meet there and getting ready for the events during Mule-Day.

Tuesday, March 18th - Camp Meeting. Ruth Hill McAllister will be the speaker. She will be talking about the new Company Aytch book.

Saturday, March 29th - Skirmish in Centerville

Thursday - Sunday, April 3rd thru 6th - Mule Day - A major push for the local SCV camps, the Tennessee Division SCV and Elm Springs. A great deal of work has been done by the Rawdon-Spears Camp in getting the permit to fire small arms and getting fire wood cut and hay stocked. Our camp needs to step up and have a presence in the parade, at Elm Springs and at the booth at the park. The people at the park will have a major influence on how many people will know about the events at Elm Springs that weekend. It will have to be manned at least 3 days. We need volunteers.

Saturday, April 12th - Ross Moore concert at the Mt. Pleasant Middle School. This is a fundraiser for our camp and the Marshall Rangers. The concert will start at 2:00 PM and the opening act is the Coleman Scouts. About 20 Kids from the "Kids on Stage" program will be performing with Ross.

Saturday, April 19th - Confederate memorial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27 - Tennessee Division Reunion held in Knoxville.

The Color Guard and Honor Guard will start drilling this month. We can drill in the afternoon or weekend or both. We can drill at Elm Springs or other locations. We will need to have a drill with the individuals wanting to fire their weapons to get a cadence worked out. Please contact me to let me know what is convenient, afternoons or weekends.

After April lets take a break. Enjoy the summer and our families before the push for the re-enactment in Mt. Pleasant. Work has just now begun and nothing has been finalized. We will still be having monthly meetings and speakers at our meetings so don't miss out.

See you this weekend at Elm Springs and see you at the meeting,

Jason Boshers

Commander, Sam Watkins Camp #29

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Confederate Tidbits For the Month of March

- 2 1861 Texas admitted to the Confederacy. US Revenue Cutter Dodge is seized by Texas troops at Galveston, TX.
- 2 1867 Northern-majority Congress passed the Reconstruction Act, declaring the Southern States to be outside the indivisible Union troops re-entered the South and implemented U.S. military rule. The Southern States were then required to ratify the amendment as the price of readmission to the Union. Otherwise, they would remain under military rule.
- 3 1861 General Beauregard assumes command of the CS Army at Charleston, SC.
- 4 1861 First National Flag of the Confederacy is display (although a resolution to officially adopt was never passed by the Confederate Congress) The very first flag of the Confederate States of America was raised by Miss Letitia Christian Tyler, granddaughter of former President John Tyler.
- 5 1865 President Davis signs the law adopting the third National Flag of the Confederate States as the official CSA Flag.
- 6-8 1862 Battle of Pea Ridge, AR
- 7 1862 CSA Generals McCulloch and McIntosh are killed in action at Pea Ridge AR
- 8 1862 The CSS Virginia on patrol near Hampton Roads, VA, sinks USS Cumberland, damages USS Minnesota and USS Roanoke
- 8-10 1865 Battle of Kinston, NC
- 9 1862 CSS Virginia and battles the ironclad USS Monitor near Hampton Roads, VA
- 9 1865 Battle of Monroe's Crossroads, NC
- 10 1865 Skirmish at Boyd's Station, AL
- 11 1861 Confederate Congress adopts the Constitution of the Confederate States of America. General Bragg assumes command of the Confederate forces in Florida.
- 13 1862 US Major General Henry Halleck, Commander of the Department of the West, issued "Order Number Two." The order labeled all Confederate guerrillas as outlaws and required that they be executed immediately upon capture
- 15 1863 HMS Britannia runs the Federal blockade arriving in Wilmington, NC
- 16 1828 General Patrick R. Cleburne's birthday
- 16 1865 Battle of Averasboro, NC
- 17 1863 Battle of Kelly's Ford, VA
- 19-21 1865 Battle of Bentonville, the last significant attempt to stop the invading yankee army of Sherman
- 22 1817 General Baxton Bragg's birthday
- 22 1864 The Great Snowball fight in Dalton GA.
- 23 1862 First Battle of Kernstown, VA
- 24 1864 General Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry captures Union City, TN
- 25 1865 Confederates attack Fort Stedman, VA
- 26 1864 Battle of Paducah, KY
- 27 1864 Fighting at Branchville and Brooks Mill, AR
- 28 1818 General Wade Hampton, III's birthday
- 28 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass, NM
- 29 1865 Heavy fighting in Petersburg, VA at Boydton and Quaker Roads
- 30 1862 Union City, TN under federal attack
- 30 1863 Skirmish at Tahlequah Indian Territory
- 31 1863 John S. Mosby's cavalry defeat Federals at Drainesville, VA

January 15, 2008 Minutes

On February 19th, 2008, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the 2nd meeting of the 2008 year. Camp speaker was Mr. Gregg Biggs who spoke on the battle flags of the Confederate States of America

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m. by Camp Commander, Jason Boshers. Sergeants at Arms, Josh Boshers, secures the door. Meeting begins with a prayer. Following the prayer, the Camp says pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Camp Confederate flag.

Commander Boshers welcomed Commander Mike Spears, members Susan Hicks and Andy Hall (Haystack) from the Rawdon-Spears Camp in Summertown.

Commander Boshers introduces guest speaker, Gregg Biggs. Mr. Biggs is the former Associate Editor of the Blue and Gray magazine and the current president of the Friends of Fort Donelson Campaign. Mr. Biggs gave a very informative presentation on flags of the Confederacy; afterwards he answered assorted questions brought forth by the Camp.

General Camp Business followed the guest speaker's presentation.

1. Reading and acceptance of the minutes from last meeting as posted in the Webfoot newsletter, motion made by Stephen Wyatt, seconded by Jack Taylor; no objections.
2. Adjutant Smith goes over with the camp the current account balance, monies received and given out.
3. Special Communications – N/R
4. Standing Committee Reports - Commander Boshers brought period clothing he purchased from Hamilton Dry Goods and Crescent City Sutler for the camp members to look at for Color Guard and Honor Guard. Guard training to start in March after the time change at Elm Springs. Let Commander Boshers know if interested.
5. Special Committee Reports – N/R
6. Mule Day weekend activities were discussed at length. Volunteers will be needed at Elm Springs and for the booth at Maury County Park. Parade entries for floats have been submitted. A permit from the city of Columbia has been secured for the weekend at Elm Springs for the encampment. Rules and Regulations of the permit include:
 1. Firing of small arms will be allowed, but cannon ball firing will not be allowed
 2. Selling Camp merchandise or food does not require a \$50 permit
 3. Selling personal merchandise or food will require a \$50 permit

'Haystack' and Commander Spears both spoke of the importance of the event. The Camp discussed having a work day at Elm Springs on Saturday, March 15th.

7. Announcement of upcoming events –

March 9 – Confederate marker dedication for Joe Silas Greer at the Pasquo Church of Christ cemetery

March 18 – Ruth McAllister, great-granddaughter of Sam Watkins guest speaker for next camp mtg

April 12 – Ross Moore performance at Mt. Pleasant Middle School at 2:00pm

April 19 – Rose Hill Event at 10:00am

April 26 & 27 – TN Division Reunion in Knoxville

8. David VanDyke is inducted into the camp under his ancestor Angus Marshall VanDyke

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:25p.m. Prayer lead by Chaplain Bullock.



Past Camp Commander, R. A. Bain displays his Leonidas Polk flag in Ethiopia while on a humanitarian trip...



Bain with Ethiopian local



Local Ethiopian women gathered together

Sons of Confederate Veterans Public Relations and Media Committee**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Elm Springs, Columbia, TN, 11 March 2008****GEORGIA GOVERNOR PERDUE HONORS BLACK CONFEDERATE**

Governor Sonny Perdue of Georgia has issued a proclamation declaring April 2008 as Confederate His-tory Month.

The proclamation specifically recognizes and honors Bill Yopp, a black Confederate from Laurens County, Georgia.

The proclamation states: "Among those who served the Confederacy were many both free and slave who saw action in the Confederate military in many combat roles."

"One such soldier who made significant contributions to the state was Bill Yopp of Laurens County who served four years in Company "H" 14th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. Yopp helped to bring about recon-ciliation and healing after the war by raising money for Confederate reunions and living in the Confeder-ate Soldiers Home with his comrades."

Historians vary on the umber of blacks who served the Confederacy. Because the records are often missing the numbers range upwards of 80 to 100,000 based on classifications such as teamsters, cooks, musicians, all of which were regarded as "military" in the Union army. Many black Confederates, like Bill Yopp, have been documented as combat veterans.

Bill Yopp died on June 3rd, 1936 and was buried with full military honors at the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta. Several Georgia state officials attended his funeral service, including former governors.

In concluding his proclamation, Governor Perdue said "It is important that Georgians reflect upon our state's past and honor the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens.

Attending the ceremony in Governor Perdue's office were several descendants of Bill Yopp including Mrs.. Alma Jean Massey of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs.. Doris Taylor of Jackson, Michigan, Mrs.. Rosa Chapelle of Dublin, Georgia, Mr.. Shawn Peacock of Leesburg, Florida and Mrs.. Loreen Pittman of Louisiana.

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COME ON FOLKS! —GET YOUR SAM WATKINS CAMP LAPEL PIN! - Only \$7.50 each!

We still have camp lapel pins. For all of you that haven't purchased one or two, you really should do so. Once they are gone, that's it! 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.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Observances planned for bicentennial of Kentucky's 'other' president

By JOHN FRIEDLEIN—taken from the News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown, KY

While the bicentennial birthday buzz this year is about Abraham Lincoln, rival and fellow Kentuckian Jefferson Davis also has a 200th birthday coming up.

Plans are under way to recognize his June birthday — which, unlike Abe's, really is the bicentennial this year.

Davis, who as president of the Confederacy opposed Lincoln in the Civil War, was born June 3 in Christian County near Hopkinsville. Abe was born 199 years ago in what was then Hardin County.

The Hardin County History Museum, which last year opened an award-winning Lincoln exhibit, plans one for Davis, too, in June, said spokeswoman Susan McCrobie. Among the items the Elizabethtown museum is trying to borrow from the Brown-Pusey House is a clay prototype of the Jefferson Davis statue that, along with a Lincoln sculpture, stands in the state Capitol.

Tim Bowman, a local historian and commander of the Gen. Ben Hardin Helm Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, said the topic of Davis is brought up at all of his group's meetings. Helm, a Confederate, was Lincoln's brother-in-law.

Hardin County, while coming under Union influence during the war, raised four companies to fight for the Confederates, Bowman said. Afterward, many local political offices were held by former Confederates.

Bowman believes people should learn more about the president of the South.

"This is his year," he said. "I really feel it's a shame that the state of Kentucky isn't doing more for Davis."

The state has spent millions of dollars for Lincoln activities for the two-year bicentennial celebration. The kickoff planned for Hodgenville last month — which was to have featured first lady Laura Bush — was canceled because of wintry weather.

The local Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter plans an event at Davis' birthplace. It will coincide with a June 7-8 state parks commemoration at the Jefferson Davis State Historic Site. It will include living history camps, guest speakers, music and appearances by members of Davis' family.

Several other programs are planned across the South, including an exhibit at the Lexington History Museum beginning in May.

ROSS MOORE IN CONCERT!

April 12th 2:00 PM

Mt. Pleasant Middle School

Hosted by Marshall Rangers #297 and Sam Watkins
Camp #29.

The opening act will be the Coleman Scouts. 20 local students from the Kids on Stage Program will be performing with Ross.

DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

Tickets can be bought from the Mt. Pleasant Museum
of Local History in Mount Pleasant TN

Updates will be sent out later in the month of March
before the event...