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Adjutant, Jack Taylor, II Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 Columbia, TENN. Twelfth Day of July, 2006 Columbia, Tenn.

Fellow Members and Compatriots of Camp 29,

This address in no way takes the place of our Camp Commander, you can find his monthly note on page three (3). Due to time constraints etc., I had to make sure that all of you were aware of the current candidates for the upcoming reunion.

Very shortly the SCV at large will be having the yearly reunion and this year it's election time! From August second through the sixth, the SCV will hold its 110th Annual reunion at New Orleans, LA. This year, some in the SCV have proposed a new Constitution which I'm sure only a hand full of you have even seen or looked over. This proposed action of re-writing our one hundred and ten year document will be a first. We will be voting on this at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday the 18th of July.

I am against the plan to re-write our Constitution and feel a more thought out and gradual change through much discussion from the membership is a better plan. However, I am only one voice out of Seventy-Nine (79) members... We cannot let the views of the few dictate the SCV as a whole... It's like the old saying, 'if you don't vote—don't' complain'. There are some changes that I am sure many of you will disagree with and there are some changes that some of you might think are a great idea. Nevertheless, we need a delegate at New Orleans. If you are attending, please let someone in camp leadership know you are attending so your name can be added to the delegate list.

New Commander-In-Chief:

This year the SCV will be voting for a new Commander in Chief. I am sure by now many of you have received flyers from one of the two candidates running. The first is **Mr. Chris Sullivan** who is the editor-in-chief of the *Southern Partisan* magazine and who is also our current Lt. Commander in Chief (appointed). The other Candidate is a fairly unknown fellow from Pennsylvania by the name of **Mike Duminiak** who is thirty-three (33) years of age but has a resume that of a far more experienced individual. I am not sure how close the run between these two will be but word says that Duminiak may be a good contender. Only time will tell...

Lt. Commander-In-Chief:

Currently the candidates for Lt. Commander In Chief are past Army of Tennessee (AOT) Commander, **Tarry Beasley** and **Ron Casteel.** Casteel is currently the SCV's Chief-of-Staff. A run between these two will be very close indeed...it is noted that Beasley was our candidate for the AOT position at Dalton, GA two years ago.

Army of Tennessee Commander Position:

The only Candidate I have seen for the AOT Commander's position is Charles K. Barrow who is currently the AOT Councilman.

Army of Tennessee Councilman Position:

Candidates for the Army of Tennessee Councilman position (basically a Lt. Commander over the Army of Tennessee) are the immediate past Division Commander, Edward Butler and Past Division Commander, Skip Earle. This will probably be another close race.

In your service,
J. Taylor, II
Camp Adjutant

Commander's Corner: A Monthly Camp Address

Wednesday, July 12, 2006 Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN.

Gentlemen of Camp 29,

As we all know Summer is Vacation time but our past June 20th meeting we had a great turnout of men – I thank all of you who attended. It was particularly great to have our Camp Adjutant, Jack Taylor back with us. Thank you Jack, you do a great job for the camp.

Pin Patch Design:

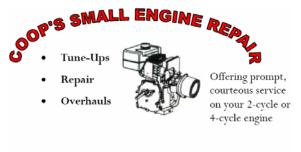
The artwork has been submitted for our pin/patch design and all I am waiting for is the price to have them made. This will be a great fundraiser for our camp.

Summertown Camp:

The Rawden-Spears (Summertown) Camp is really growing now and we thank those members we had visiting with us last month...

See you all on the 18th.

Kenneth Lovett
Camp Commander



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ADAIRSVILLE--OCTAGON HOUSE--THE FIRST TENNESSEE ALWAYS OCCUPIES TIGHT PLACES

We had stacked our arms and gone into camp, and had started to build fires to cook supper. I saw our cavalry falling back, I thought, rather hurriedly. I ran to the road and asked them what was the matter? They answered, "Matter enough; yonder are the Yankees, are you infantry fellows going to make a stand here?" I told Colonel Field what had been told to me, and he hooted at the idea; but balls that had shucks tied to their tails were passing over, and our regiment was in the rear of the whole army. I could hardly draw anyone's attention to the fact that the cavalry had passed us, and that we were on the outpost of the whole army, when an order came for our regiment to go forward as rapidly as possible and occupy an octagon house in our immediate front. The Yankees were about a hundred yards from the house on one side and we about a hundred yards on the other. The race commenced as to which side would get to the house first. We reached it, and had barely gotten in, when they were bursting down the paling of the yard on the opposite side. The house was a fine brick, octagon in shape, and as perfect a fort as could be desired. We ran to the windows, upstairs, downstairs and in the cellar. The Yankees cheered and charged, and our boys got happy. Colonel Field told us he had orders to hold it until every man was killed, and never to surrender the house. It was a forlorn hope. We felt we were "gone fawn skins," sure enough. At every discharge of our guns, we would hear a Yankee squall. The boys raised a tune--

"I'se gwine to jine the Rebel band, A fighting for my home"--

as they loaded and shot their guns. Then the tune of--

"Cheer, boys, cheer, we are marching on to battle! Cheer, boys, cheer, for our sweethearts and our wives! Cheer, boys, cheer, we'll nobly do our duty, And give to the South our hearts, our arms, our lives."

Our cartridges were almost gone, and Lieutenant Joe Carney, Joe Sewell, and Billy Carr volunteered to go and bring a box of one thousand cartridges. They got out of the back window, and through that hail of iron and lead, made their way back with the box of cartridges. Our ammunition being renewed, the fight raged on. Captain Joe P. Lee touched me on the shoulder and said, "Sam, please let me have your gun for one shot." He raised it to his shoulder and pulled down on a fine-dressed cavalry officer, and I saw that Yankee tumble. He handed it back to me to reload. About twelve o'clock, midnight, the Hundred and Fifty-fourth Tennessee, commanded by Colonel McGevney, came to our relief.

The firing had ceased, and we abandoned the octagon house. Our dead and wounded--there were thirty of them--were in strange contrast with the furniture of the house. Fine chairs, sofas, settees, pianos and Brussels carpeting being made the death-bed of brave and noble boys, all saturated with blood. Fine lace and damask curtains, all blackened by the smoke of battle. Fine bureaus and looking-glasses and furniture being riddled by the rude missiles of war. Beautiful pictures in gilt frames, and a library of valuable books, all shot and torn by musket and cannon balls. Such is war.

APRIL 18TH MINUTES

June 20th marked the sixth official meeting of the year for the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29, headquartered in Columbia, TENN. Meeting was noted as a generous turnout of membership and guests.

7:00PM—meeting begins with prayer, pledge to the U.S. Flag and salute to Camp flag. Minutes from previous meeting were accepted.

7:04PM- Old Business

Lovett began by talking on the Pin and Patch design the camp approved as a fundraiser for the camp. It was reasserted that all were in favor of the design and that the added phrase 'Est. 1894' would be added somewhere on the design. Lovett said he would notify the camp at the next meeting when he hears word on the costs.

Camp Compatriot Russell Cothran passes around photographs taken at the graveside service for

7:20PM—New Business:

Camp guest and SCV executive director, Ben Sewell speaks to the camp regarding the upcoming 'Forrest Homecoming' event that would be taking place at the Forrest Home near Chapel Hill, Tennessee.

7:25PM- Lovett speaks to the camp briefly regarding assorted topics and latest news concerning the SCV.

7:30PM– Past Commander, Greg Atwell speaks to the

camp regarding his latest heritage 'victory' at the GM plant. He noted that he can now return to wearing his SCV logo and that for now, it only pertains to his area of the plant. (note* although noted technically as 'old business', many had not heard in person from Atwell)

7:40PM— Talk amongst the camp regarding recruitment and retention.

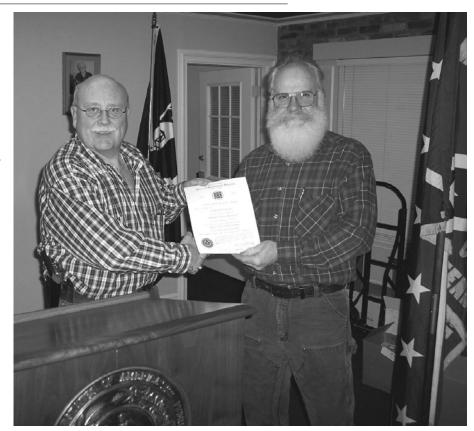
7:48PM—motion was made to adjourn; meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Adj., J. Taylor

Commander, Kenneth Lovett presents Robert M. Prescott his certificate inducting him into the Sam Watkins Camp.

Robert joined under his ancestor Hiram F. Gibbons of the 20th Tenn. Cavalry Co. 'A'.





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Sherman's Name Brings Back Objection In Louisiana—(7/10/06)

Senator Robert Barham of Oak Ridge, Louisiana has gotten colleagues to pass a nonbinding Senate resolution requesting that the Louisiana State Board of Supervisors give a consideration for the naming of a building in honor of Union General William T. Sherman. The measure that was submitted by Barham was passed without any objection or debate.

William T. Sherman was superintendent of Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy. An appointment he accepted in 1859. The school changed names to what we know today as LSU when it first opened up in 1860-Sherman left the school in 1861 for the Union Army.

Sherman's war tactics of total destruction and 'scorched earth' policy which includes that of the burning and pillaging of Atlanta, Georgia has given many Southern historians a bad taste in their mouth when he is mentioned. There are a great many who are objecting to the decision of having a building at LSU named for Sherman and have likened his war atrocities to what many see was War Crimes that were *swept under the rug* when the South surrendered in April 1865.

One ex-Chancellor over the school by the name of James Wharton who ran the main campus from 1981-88 and who has been on the chemistry board for more than four decades, is organizing a movement to knock down the proposal at the school before it can gain any speed. Wharton is being backed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A CALL FOR A NEW SCV CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED—OUR 110 YEAR OLD DOCUMENT COULD VERY WELL BE A THING OF THE PAST—THE CHOICE COULD VERY WELL BE UP TO US...IS THIS WHAT WE WANT?

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