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



Excerpts for the SCV Grayline –Vol 13 No. 1, April 2007**Mobile Reunion:**

The 112th SCV annual general reunion/convention will be held from July 25 through July 28, 2007 at the Battle House Hotel, 29 N Royal St, Mobile AL 36604 and the toll free phone number is (866) 316-5957 . The registration fee is only \$70 which includes a name badge, a reunion medal, and a program. The registration fee of \$70.00 will remain in effect until July 15, 2007 after this date, however, it will be a late registration, which along with walk ins, are not guaranteed to receive any item other than a name badge as there may not be sufficient programs and reunion medals remaining. For more details please go to the convention site: www.scvsemmes.org to review the many wonderful opportunities that will be available for your entertainment in this historic city. Other activities of note will include a life size Hunley replica on display, and there will be a free concert by the Rebalaires. Don't delay your registration and take a chance on missing this exciting event.

Recruiting Materials:

The Recruiting Committee has phased out the color printed brochure with an application included and replaced it with a plain white paper and black ink application that contains the state archives contact information on the reverse side. This application may also be printed directly from the SCV website. Additionally, the SCV has a gray card stock information card that may be obtained from GHQ and provided to interested persons. Finally, there is a new brochure entitled "Invitation to Join the SCV" with color photographs and information along with a tear out return post card to request an application. The card comes to GHQ; however, some camps place their own address over the label to have it returned to a local address. Camps are asked to pay for the postage costs of mailing these materials.

Cadet Membership is a new program that has been established for males from birth to 12 years of age who are otherwise eligible for SCV membership. A regular SCV application, with the word Cadet written or printed at the top, will be submitted along with \$10 to General Headquarters (GHQ), completely filled out including the Camp's approval. The GHQ will enter the young man in the database, assign him a SCV membership number, and all records will be the same as a full member except that his membership status will be different. The names of cadet members will not appear on the camp membership roster nor will they receive the Confederate Veteran magazine. A new cadet member joining for the year August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 will be status CM06. Once the young man becomes 12, he will pay his regular dues and his status will be changed to the appropriate fiscal year, which will make him a full member. The SCV now has 108 new cadet members.

Other Future Events- Additional information concerning upcoming 2007 events follows this page: Forrest Homecoming Celebration on Saturday June 23, 2007, and the 2007 Sam Davis Youth Camps (see registration form below for more info). The GHQ has a limited number of Sam Davis Youth Camp videos, only in VHS format. Camps interested in sponsoring a 2007 camper, may obtain a free copy on a first come first serve basis, to show at a camp meeting or to parents of prospective campers. Please contact your Army secretary or the Merchandising section to request a copy.

Forrest Homecoming Celebration on Saturday June 23, 2007

Silent auction and monetary donations are requested & appreciated.

Call Bryan Sharp at GHQ to donate items for the silent auction.

Please send all monetary donations to:

SCV Forrest Home Fund P.O. Box 59 Columbia, TN 38402-

~ All funds go toward restoration of the home ~

South Carolina Football Coach calls for removal of Confederate flag - 4/14/07

The head football coach of the University of South Carolina has come out openly against the flying of the Confederate Battle Flag at the South Carolina State House Grounds.

Coach Steve Spurrier has said the flag is an obstacle when it comes to recruiting football players from out of State and also stated that, "If anyone were to ever ask me about it (Confederate flag), I would say I wish we could get rid of it." He went on to say, "that damn flag needs to come down."

He gave a brief story how he was embarrassed last season when he saw a fan wave a Confederate flag at a pre game show.

Spurrier's statements were made a dinner function at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, after accepting a citizen leadership award from City Year Columbia, which is an organization affiliated with the national Americorps.

Lexington, VA Is Possible New Home for Musueum Of the Confederacy - 4/15/07

Lexington will remain as a candidate as a possible future site for the Museum of the Confederacy. City Council members made the decision on Thursday, April 12th.

The MOC is simply running out of room at its original and only location in Richmond, VA. MOC leadership has been looking diligently for a new location for some time. Many groups in and out of State have expressed interest in bringing the museum to their area, which include Lexington. However, most in the Confederate Heritage community want the museum to stay in Richmond

The April 12th decision means Lexington will remain an area under consideration. Lexington was chosen because the current courthouse will become vacant in about two years since a new one is being built.

Those for the move say more tourists would visit the area and bring in nearly a million dollars in tax revenue. But opponents worry the move could be offensive to some.



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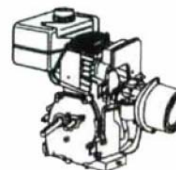
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THE SURRENDER—Co. Aytch, Chapter XVII**THE LAST ACT OF THE DRAMA**

On the 10th day of May, 1861, our regiment, the First Tennessee, left Nashville for the camp of instruction, with twelve hundred and fifty men, officers and line. Other recruits continually coming in swelled this number to fourteen hundred. In addition to this Major Fulcher's battalion of four companies, with four hundred men (originally), was afterwards attached to the regiment; and the Twenty-seventh Tennessee Regiment was afterwards consolidated with the First. And besides this, there were about two hundred conscripts added to the regiment from time to time. To recapitulate: The First Tennessee, numbering originally, 1,250; recruited from time to time, 150; Fulcher's battalion, 400; the Twenty-seventh Tennessee, 1,200; number of conscripts (at the lowest estimate), 200--making the sum total 3,200 men that belonged to our regiment during the war. The above I think a low estimate. Well, on the 26th day of April, 1865, General Joe E. Johnston surrendered his army at Greensboro, North Carolina. The day that we surrendered our regiment it was a pitiful sight to behold. If I remember correctly, there were just sixty-five men in all, including officers, that were paroled on that day. Now, what became of the original 3,200? A grand army, you may say. Three thousand two hundred men! Only sixty-five left! Now, reader, you may draw your own conclusions. It lacked just four days of four years from the day we were sworn in to the day of the surrender, and it was just four years and twenty four days from the time that we left home for the army to the time that we got back again. It was indeed a sad sight to look at, the Old First Tennessee Regiment. A mere squad of noble and brave men, gathered around the tattered flag that they had followed in every battle through that long war. It was so bullet-riddled and torn that it was but a few blue and red shreds that hung drooping while it, too, was stacked with our guns forever.

Thermopylae had one messenger of defeat, but when General Joe E. Johnston surrendered the Army of the South there were hundreds of regiments, yea, I might safely say thousands, that had not a representative on the 26th day of April, 1865.

Our cause was lost from the beginning. Our greatest victories-- Chickamauga and Franklin--were our greatest defeats. Our people were divided upon the question of Union and secession. Our generals were scrambling for "Who ranked." The private soldier fought and starved and died for naught. Our hospitals were crowded with sick and wounded, but half provided with food and clothing to sustain life. Our money was depreciated to naught and our cause lost. We left our homes four years previous. Amid the waving of flags and handkerchiefs and the smiles of the ladies, while the fife and drum were playing Dixie and the Bonnie Blue Flag, we bid farewell to home and friends. The bones of our brave Southern boys lie scattered over our loved South. They fought for their "country," and gave their lives freely for that country's cause: and now they who survive sit, like Marius amid the wreck of Carthage, sublime even in ruins. Other pens abler than mine will have to chronicle their glorious deeds of valor and devotion. In these sketches I have named but a few persons who fought side by side with me during that long and unholy war. In looking back over these pages, I ask, Where now are many whose names have appeared in these sketches? They are up yonder, and are no doubt waiting and watching for those of us who are left behind. And, my kind reader, the time is coming when we, too, will be called, while the archangel of death is beating the long roll of eternity, and with us it will be the last reveille. God Himself will sound the "assembly" on yonder beautiful and happy shore, where we will again have a grand "reconfederation." We shed a tear over their flower-strewn graves. We live after them. We love their memory yet. But one generation passes away and another generation follows. We know our loved and brave soldiers. We love them yet.

But when we pass away, the impartial historian will render a true verdict, and a history will then be written in justification and vindication of those brave and noble boys who gave their all in fighting the battles of their homes, their country, and their God.

"The United States has no North, no South, no East, no West." "We are one and undivided..."

March 20th Minutes

On Tuesday March 20, 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the third official meeting of the year. Guest speaker was Attorney, Douglas E. Jones. Jones spoke to the Camp on General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

7:02PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer. Following prayer, the Camp says pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Camp Confederate flag.

7:04PM- Lovett makes motion to accept minutes from last meeting as posted in the Webfoot newsletter—motion was seconded by W.H. Roberson; no objections.

Lovett Makes motion to suspend normal business meeting to allow for guest speaker Douglas Jones to speak to the camp. Russell Cothran seconds motion; no objections.

7:05PM- Douglas Jones speaks to the camp with a very information talk on General Thomas J. Jackson. He mentions many facts regarding Jackson which included his early life and his military career before the American Civil War.

7:40PM- Jones ends talk on Jackson and allows for questions.

For approximately 10 minutes, Jones answered assorted questions brought forth by the Camp.

7:51PM- Adjutant Taylor goes over with the camp the current account balance, monies received and given out. Taylor mentions need for more to give into the camp and finding a new means for raising money.

7:55PM—Lovett goes over with the camp the upcoming Tennessee Division Reunion to be held at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Lovett asks any that were able to attend to please do so.

Award presented to Johnny Eskew for his service to the Confederate Heritage Community.

Stephen Wyatt is inducted into the camp under his ancestor .

8:16PM—Meeting adjourned

Confederate Museum Opens April 28—4/16/07

The public is invited to the grand opening of a new museum at Confederate Memorial Park, just off U.S. 31 in Chilton County, Alabama.

The Alabama Historical Commission will open the museum at 10 a.m. April 28, but events and displays have been planned throughout the day beginning at 9 a.m. The new museum serves as a showcase for Alabama's Confederate heritage and interprets the historic site for visitors. The exhibit uses the latest presentation technology in 35 separate cases and panels, along with six media stations.

The media stations include re-enactors in the CSA infantry, cavalry and artillery going through maneuvers, archive footage of interviews with Civil War veterans, military music, how to load and fire a cannon, an interactive wartime map of Alabama and the faces of veterans -- actual photographs of residents at the Soldiers Home.

Confederate Memorial Park is the site of Alabama's only Confederate veterans home. It operated from 1902 to 1939 caring for elderly veterans, the wives and widows of veterans.

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TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT
7PM...**

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ON THE COVER:

The Surrat House -pictured left, is the house where John Wilkes Booth and his cohorts planned the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was killed on April 14th, 1865 at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Come help honor our Confederate heroes!

Rose Hill Cemetery

CONFEDERATE GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Saturday, April 21st at 10am

MAXIMUM EFFORT ATTENDANCE REQUESTED!

Event hosted by the James Madison Sparkman Chapter
of the United Daughters of the Confederacy...

Tennessee Division S.C.V. Commander,

Dr. Michael Bradley will be the guest
speaker.



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