

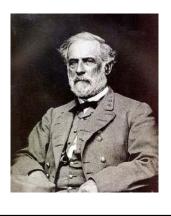
Official Newsletter of The

Samuel Rush Watkins Camp #29, Sons of Confederate Veterans

#### NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH.

Guest speaker will be Thomas Forehand Jr.—Robert E. Lee historian and re-enactor

Mr. Forehand is a superb impersonator of the great General and will be a treat for all to hear.



### ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Compatriots and to all concerned,

We had a great turnout on October 19th. Much thanks and appreciation goes out to Joe Bailey for his presentation on Confederate Guerilla Alexander McNairy.

During the last meeting we officially welcomed new members James Looney and Mr. Michael Bullock. Be sure and greet them at the next meeting and make them feel welcome!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE! Dues are in now! If you have not given, I urge you to get them into the camp before November 1st. Life members pay 17.00 dollars and regular member dues are 37.00 dollars. (See Page 4)

Address for dues and all correspondence via mail:

SRW #29 c/o 1500 Rosewood Drive # G-33 Columbia, Tennessee 38401-6400

Respectfully Yours,

Jack Taylor, II Camp Adjutant

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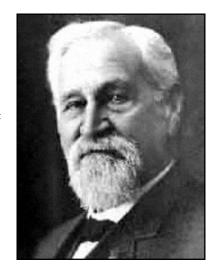
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# General Stephen D. Lee 1833-1908

After the surrender of the Confederate Army, General Stephen D. Lee (distant consin to R.E. Lee) became a successful planter and Politician in Mississippi. He served as the first President of Mississippi State College from 1878-97. He would go on to help start the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of confederate Veterans and also became an active participant in helping to establish and preserve the Vicksburg National Battlefield where he once fought.

Lee is often quoted with his charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans..

Lee is buried in Columbus, Mississippi...



#### Councilman says Confederate ship could denote racism... Others welcome idea of tourist attraction

AP-9/13/04

Confederate warship scuttled in 1865 in the Spanish River 12 miles north of Mobile Bay could be resurfaced and returned to Tuscaloosa to make its namesake city the home of the only complete Civil War ironclad.

And while supporters of bringing in the CSS Tuscaloosa say it could attract tourists and National Geographic, The History Channel or The Discovery Channel, not everyone hopes the ship will make the journey.

Last month, one of the black members of the Tuscaloosa City Council, Harrison Taylor, cast the only vote against applying for a federal grant to look into the project. He said he thinks it could be connected to the Confederacy and the segregationist policies of late Gov. George Wallace.

"I never voted for a man, black or white, with the [last] name Wallace," Taylor said. "I don't like Wallace's policies." Taylor said he is uncomfortable voting for anything about the Civil War. He said he is afraid the ship will bring back the history of the Confederate flag and possibly even hate groups.

"I know it's my history, and I can't change it, but I can't support anything that has to do with the Civil War," Taylor said.

At first, Taylor was not the only council member who was skeptical about bringing the ship to the city.

Larry Chestnutt, president of the Downtown Merchants' Association, said the ship would not be a memorial of the flag, but instead something that would make Tuscaloosa look better. Chestnutt said he called Taylor to let him know the project was not meant to have racial connotations.

Though Taylor still decided to vote against applying for a grant to look into resurfacing the ship, Chestnutt said he respects Taylor's opinion and hopes this does not affect their friendship.

Chestnutt said Taylor is the only person he has heard of who has complained about the project.

Chestnutt described the resurfacing of the ship as a bold but pricey project. He said he thinks the project would pay for itself many times over, because it would bring much tourist activity. He does know how long this project will take, but he said he hopes it will be complete in a couple of years.

Also, he is not sure where the ship will be placed. The Queen City Pool area might be an idea, but no set location has been decided, Chestnutt said.

Panamerican Consultants Inc. is the archeological company responsible for the preserving process of the ship, Chestnutt said.

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#### Odd Civil War History:

On October 19th, 1864 Confederate Guerillas raided the Vermont town of St. Alban. This action later known as the "St. Alban's Raid", was the northernmost engagement of the Civil War. It was led by Lieutenant Bennett Young who swooped down from Canada with a handful of men. When the men entered the town, Lieutenant Young stood on the step of a local hotel and yelled, "This city is now in the possession of the Confederate States of America!" The men led by Young would raid three banks and attempt to burn down the town. Although the destruction of the town was not successful, they did manage to get 200,000 dollars and a bank teller to swear allegiance to the

CSA...

## Charlotteans defend cemetery flag

AP- 10/19/2004

The Charlotte, NC City Council's Community Relations Committee listened to opinions October 19th on whether the Confederate flag should continue to fly at the historic Elmwood Cemetery.

"We're here because that flag represents to us our history and our heritage," said Rich Woods of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "It's there in honor of men who died defending their homes honorably."

Charlotte resident Michael Brooks said the flag should stay.

"It's a part of history; we can't erase history," he said. "It's unfortunate that it leaves a bad taste in some people's mouths -- myself included. But it's still a part of our history."

The committee will take all of the opinions into account and then make a recommendation to City Manager Pam Syfert.

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# Uncle Sam Approves 300K in Repairs for Beauvoir

AP-10/15-04

Federal funding of \$300,000 has been approved for historic preservation efforts at Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis.

U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Friday the money comes from the National Park Service's "Save America's Treasures" historic preservation program.

Built in the 1850s, Beauvoir was the last home of Jefferson Davis, in the years following his presidency of the Confederacy. Davis died in 1889.

The structure served as a home for Confederate veterans, caring for about 2,000 veterans and their widows from 1903 until 1957.

Museum operations at Beauvoir began in 1941 with the opening of the main residence and Confederate cemetery for tours and have subsequently expanded to include a Confederate Museum, Davis Family Gallery, theater, Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, gift shop, and other features of interest on 52 landscaped acres.

The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library was opened in 1997. The new facility contains an extensive historical library, a portion of the personal library and papers of Jefferson Davis, a biographical exhibit and a theater/lecture hall.

## October 19th Minutes

October 19th marked the 9th meeting of the year for the SRW Camp #29. Guest speaker was Joe Bailey who spoke to the camp on Confederate Guerilla Alexander McNairy. Meeting had a good turnout and two new members were officially added to the camp roster.

7:02PM- Meeting starts with prayer led by camp compatriot Timothy B. Westbrook. After prayer the camp recited the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag and gave the honorary salute to the Confederate camp flag.

7:05PM-Camp Adjutant Jack Taylor led the meeting by explaining that Camp Commander, Greg Atwell's work shift has temporarily changed and that he couldn't make the meeting. The first item brought up was the annual Christmas supper. Taylor spoke briefly concerning the 2003 supper, and explained that the costs outweighed the attendance and that the camp spent in excess of five hundred dollars on it. He went on to say that although it was a nice event, very few attended. Taylor asked for a show of hands for those willing to attend the 2004 Christmas Supper. Camp members that were present were nearly unanimous in saying that they would attend. Christmas Supper was tentatively scheduled for December 4th.

Taylor went on to introduce new members Michael Bullock and James Looney. Compatriot Timothy B. Westbrook was also awarded a camp certificate thanking him for his service on the Jackson College Cemetery and many hours of work at the past re-enactment held at Spring Hill Tennessee. Camp applauded Mr. Westbrook and the new members that were inducted.

Taylor inquired of the camp if they would be interested in having T-shirts printed with the Camp name and possible logo. Costs were estimated at anywhere from eight to twelve dollars per shirt. After a show of hands the idea was overwhelmingly positive to the proposal

Taylor went over and reasserted the fact

that camp dues are in before the November 1st, 2004 date. He mentioned that anyone that hasn't paid in by this time will be removed from the camp roster and will be obligated to pay a five dollar reinstatement fee.

7:15PM Taylor asked Past Commander Billy J. Jackson to give the camp an update on the 2005 SCV re-union that will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Jackson spoke briefly to the camp and mentioned that all is not set as far as what would be done but mentioned that the camp may be used to give a tour of Elm Springs and surrounding area. A possible bag lunch and bus tour was suggested but that nothing was set for the present time. He said that he would update the camp from time to time to inform what the camp might be able to do for the re-union.

7:22PM Executive Director Ben Sewell interjected to Taylor that he'd like to speak for a moment on a proposal set forth by compatriot Fred Gillham, Sr. Taylor allowed Sewell to speak and he brought forth to the camp an idea that Fred Gillham proposed concerning a historic home in the local area that could be used for local historical groups. He said the home is in need of some repairs and that it could cost a total of about 1,000 dollars per month for upkeep. He went on to say it could be used for groups such as the Sam Watkins Camp, MOS&B and so forth. He mentioned he had key in his possession and that if anyone was interested in looking at the home they should speak to him or get with Gillham.

7:26PM Taylor introduced Brigade Adjutant Joe Bailey to the camp.

For one half hour Bailey spoke to the camp a very informative talk on Alexander McNairy, Confederate Guerilla. He gave numerous examples of some of his raids and reasons for fighting during the Civil War.

Some informative facts he mentioned was that McNairy was listed on the 1850

census as a law student. When the war was started, Bailey said that McNairy enlisted with the 20th TN Infantry regiment but that in May 1862 he was discharged for not being promoted. From the time of his discharge he organized a guerilla outfit that did numerous raids in the middle Tennessee area and also attempted destroying the rail lines near Dixon, TN.

7:56PM Bailey allowed for questions.

8:12PM Camp meeting adjourns.

Farmington Battlefield Camp #1902

Commander ~ David Stinson

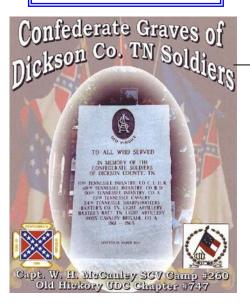
Meetings ~ 2nd Monday of each month at the Bank of America building on the east side of the Marshall county Courthouse. <u>Meetings</u> start at 7PM sharp!

Phone: 931-364-7155

COL. JACK MOORE SCV CAMP #559 HICKMAN COUNTY

The Colonel Jack Moore Camp #559 meets at 7 pm at the Hickman County Senior Citizen Building in Centerville on the last Tuesday of each month. We meet downstairs next to the VA office.

Commander ~ Bishop Moore 931-729-4040



### Capt. W. H. McCauley Camp 260

### Commander ~ Bryan Sharp

E-Mail: sharp@mindspring.com

The next meeting of Capt. W. H. McCauley Camp 260 will be held Saturday November 6th at 12 noon at our new home St. Paul Church in Charlotte.

# SAM WATKINS CAMP #29:

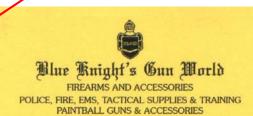
- November 16th—Thomas Forehand will speak to the camp as Robert Edward Lee
  - December 4th—
     Christmas Party, Army of Tennessee Supper!
- Questions/comments: call 931-381-4835!
- SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR TEN DOLLARS WITH RETURN ADDRESS TO: LT. CMDR. STEVE F. TUCKER 206 EAST BROAD ST. DICKSON, TN 37055 (615) 740-1434

# Colonel George H. Nixon Camp #214

The Camp meets on the fourth Monday each month at the Lawrence County Public Library located at 519 East Gaines Street (also known as Highway 64 East or Pulaski Highway) in Lawrenceburg.

Commander~ Jason Goodrich

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## SAM WATKINS YAHOO GROUP!

The Sam Watkins camp now has an online Yahoo.com group dedicated for communication between camp members. With this online group you will be able to share ideas, photographs of your ancestor and even have live Internet chat capability including voice. The camp encourages all with e-mail access to subscribe to the group so that we all can be better acquainted and share ideas! Please visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/samwatkins29/ for more information.

Don't forget the Sam Watkins camp website at www.tennessee-scv.org/camp29