

Forrest's Escort

The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

December 2015



As we start the new year of 2016 let's ready ourselves for another round of political correctness. In preparation for this I asked all Brigade Commanders last September to get two good emails and cell phone numbers per camp (in good standing) to be entered into a new data base to communicate to our camps on issues that may arise. The main reason for this is when I get the call from our loyal & friendly Politian's we can move as a block in a professional way when contacting our elected officials on upcoming votes.

It has come to my attention that some camps have not complied with their Brigade Commander requesting this information. I prefer two camp officers that can communicate with their membership quickly and efficiently that have the computer skills to send email. I want this completed by January 18, 2016. Get this information to your Brigade Commander or to Jason Boshers. This is very important for our Heritage and upcoming legislation action.

With all the political correctness going on, our tag sales have been great as have flag sales and membership. Keep it going!

Check out calendar of events and TN Division Reunion information in this issue of the Escort and plan to attend events across the state.

Confederate Flag Day: SCV National has asked all Divisions to take part in Confederate Flag Day on March 5, 2016. At our last Tennessee Division DEC meeting we decided to have all camps across the state to hold events in their communities that work best for them rather than try to have one large rally.

SCV Standing Orders – page 13

10.6. March 4th of each year shall be designated and recognized as Confederate Flag Day. All Compatriots are encouraged to fly the current Confederate National Flag or any Confederate Flag of their choice.

In preparation for this day and other dates on the Confederate calendar the Division has ordered more flags and our shipment should arrive soon. So please get you flags from TN Division or SCV National. Elm Springs is in the process of stocking **Historical correct flags** (redesigned to be historically correct) exclusively for sale to members. I think this is great for our organization to keep our money in the SCV.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Mike Beck
Tennessee Division SCV Commander
mlb59@charter.net
Cell 423-312-1874



Camp Contacts

Gentlemen of the Tennessee Division,

Previously, Commander Mike Beck asked the Brigade Commanders to contact the camps in their brigades and obtain at least two good solid contacts from each camp. The Brigade Commanders have responded but some camps did not/have not contacted their Brigade Commanders with the necessary information.

People have asked, "What can we do to respond to these attacks on Our Heritage?". We need contact information from each camp so you can be informed on what to do and when to do. And the when to do is critical and extremely time sensitive. You will be called into action and everyone will be needed.

Gentlemen, I encourage you to ensure your Brigade Commanders have contact information from your camp. If needed; do not hesitate to provide me with the contact information as I am building the database.

Gentlemen, The Eleventh Hour is approaching.

Your humble servant,
Jason Boshers, Editor
jasonboshers@charter.net

Calendar Of Events

January: Lee-Jackson events

March 5th: Confederate Flag Day

April 8th and 9th: Tennessee Division Reunion hosted by the Longstreet-Zollicofer Camp #87.
The host hotel is the Country Inn and Suites in Clinton, TN.

Please see flyer in the newsletter for more details.

June 18th: Forrest Homecoming and Celebration at the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill.

July 13th thru 17th: 2016 SCV National Reunion Richardson, TX. <http://scv2016.org/index.html>

Highland Brigade Commander Mike Williams

It's been an honor to serve & help the camps in the Highland Brigade to honor their ancestors. It's time to step aside for another man to step up & do his duty, for our cause. I will not run for another term. I thank all my friends in the Brigade's camps & OCR chapters who have helped me, help them. I wish the new Highland Brigade Commander well, & hope he gets 100% support from the nine camps of the Highland Brigade.

Deo Vindice, Mike Williams

Due Date For The Next Forrest Escort

The due date for the printed copy of the Forrest Escort is Valentines Day (February 14th). This is the copy before the Tennessee Division Reunion so any announcements, constitutional amendments and notices need to be in this Forrest Escort.



**Sons of Confederate Veterans
Tennessee Division Reunion
April 8-9 2016
Knoxville, Tennessee**



Name: _____ **Cell/Phone #** _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Camp Name: _____ **Camp#** _____

Camp, Brigade or Division Office: _____

Guest or Spouse: _____

Registration: \$40 for each SCV member attending		No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
Late Registration After March 31, 2016: \$45			
Friday Evening Social at Museum of Appalachia		No. of persons _____	Total \$ Free
Saturday Lunch at Museum of Appalachia	\$18	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
Saturday Historical Bus Tour Maximum 50	\$25	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet	\$35	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
"My Flag Is Innocent" T Shirt Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL	\$20	Size _____ No. _____	Total \$ _____
Reunion Program Advertising: Full Page \$100; 1/2 Page \$50; 1/4 Page 25; 1/8 Page \$15			
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Ancestor Memorials \$15 each: _____			
			Total Ancestor Memorial:\$ _____
			Grand Total \$ _____

Make checks payable and mail to" SCV Camp 87, P.O. Box 943 Knoxville, TN 37901

The Host Hotel reservation may be made at the Country Inn & Suites, 710 Park Place, Clinton, TN by March 1, 2016. Call (865) 457-4311. You must ask for the Sons of Confederate Veterans discounted rate.

Other nearby Hotels are: Comfort Inn, 120 Welcome Lane, Clinton , TN (865) 457-2255; Red Roof Inn, 141 Buffalo Road , Clinton, Tn (865) 457-9070

For any question, please contact Brian Fox (865) 705-5259, email : redfoxndixie@yhoo.com or Scott Hall (865) 607-9559, email: scott@scottdhallesq.com

Note: You may tour the Museum of Appalachia and it's grounds Saturday at No Charge

Fellow Compatriots of the Tennessee Division,

I have decided to run for the office of Tennessee Division Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. These are very serious times for our Confederate history, I believe that with the experience that I have working with those inside and outside of our organization, I can make a difference and lead the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33 since 1991 and am a life member of the SCV. I have held the office of Camp Adjutant, Tennessee Division Brigade Commander, 2nd Lieutenant Commander and am currently 1st Lieutenant Commander. On the SCV National level, I was the Committee chairman for the 2102 SCV National Reunion in Murfreesboro, currently the Army of Tennessee councilman and was awarded the Robert E. Lee award at the 2015 SCV National Reunion in Richmond Virginia.

Outside of the SCV, I have been married for 36 years to my wife Melanie who is a member of the Jane Simons Davis OCR Chapter #6 . We have two children: Matt who is an SCV life member, and Callie who has blessed us with two grand daughters Lily Ann and Abigail Grace. I am President of the Sam Davis Memorial Association board of directors, which oversees the 168 acre family home and farm of the Confederate Hero Sam Davis. I am a Master mason and member of Mount Moriah Lodge #18, NRA member, and avid gun enthusiast.



***Your vote for James Patterson
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Tennessee Division Commander
Will be greatly appreciated!***

Compatriots,

Although most of you know me, I will introduce myself to those who do not. My name is Joey Nolan, current 2nd Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division, SCV. I live in Tracy City, TN with my wonderful wife, Donna Beth, and our two youngest sons, Grayson and Beau. We have an older daughter, Nikki, and two older sons, Chris and Sam. I can proudly say that all five of our children are well aware of their Southern heritage. As a Christian, I know well the importance of seeking out the old paths, and walking therein, as the Bible teaches us. This is true historically, as well as spiritually. As a member of Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 in Tracy City, in which I have held the positions of Lt. Commander and Commander of Camp 386, along with also holding the position of Starnes Brigade Commander.



It has been a great honor to serve as 2nd Lt. Commander in the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since being elected at the April 2014 Tennessee Division Reunion in Union City, TN. I have been blessed to become acquainted with many more fellow SCV members over the past year and a half. After many discussions with my wife, and much thought and prayer, I announce my candidacy for the position of Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division.

The decision to seek election to this position is not one I take lightly. In thinking back, I remember the first marker dedication I attended in Tracy City in the fall of 2003 hosted by members of the SCV. I went home and immediately began trying to research my ancestry to try and find a Confederate, which would allow me to join. From that day forward, my Southern heritage became more important to me than ever before.

As we all well know, recent events have changed how our Southern heritage is viewed by others. It is up to us to set the record straight. We must make sure future generations have the opportunity to observe and know the truth of their Southern ancestry and heritage.

If elected, I promise to do all I can, with the help of God our father, and His son Jesus, to honorably serve the Tennessee and SCV to the best of my ability. Feel free to contact me anytime at: scvproud@gmail.com, 931-592-6125 or 931-315-9065.

Your support and vote for the position of Lt. Commander of the Tennessee Division at the 2016 Tennessee Division Reunion in Knoxville, TN are appreciated.

Your Brother In The Cause,
Joey Nolan, 2nd Lt. Cmdr., TN Div.
Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386

Highland Brigade Commander Announcement

I, Jim Loftis would like to announce that I am running for Highland Brigade Commander at the upcoming Tennessee Division Reunion. I have served as camp commander for Myers Zollicoffer Camp 1990.

Maj. James T. Huff Camp 2243 Newport, TN

The Major James T. Huff Camp 2243 was chartered in Newport, TN in March, 2014 with 10 members. The camp gained five more members before the end of the year. At present the camp is at 29 members, doubling the size of the camp in one year, with more applications expected in the coming weeks.

Following is a list of activities in which the camp engaged during 2015:

- Vaughn's Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet
- Speaking at elementary schools during Confederate History Month
- Dolly Homecoming Parade in Pigeon Forge
- H.L. Hunley Award presentation at Cocke County High School
- Confederate Memorial Service at Maj. Huff's grave on Confederate Memorial Day
- Decorated some 50 Confederate soldiers' graves
- Popcorn Sutton Moonshine Festival
- Scots-Irish Festival in Dandridge
- Parrottsville Heritage Days Festival
- On-Cosby Festival
- Del Rio Days Festival
- Camp Christmas Dinner (planned for Dec. 15)

Other accomplishments for the camp in 2015 include a web page, facebook page, and monthly newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by

William E. Quinn

Commander, Maj. James T. Huff Camp



Vaughn's Brigade

Vaughn's Brigade has been confronted with the same problems facing every other Brigade and Camp in the state of Tennessee, and the SCV as a whole. We have been addressing everything from anti flag rallies in Greeneville, loss of meeting place in Morristown, "Black Lives Matter" marches in Johnson City, to negative and/or erroneous Newspaper reports and everything in between. Although there have been some disappointments, there have been several positive and beneficial results take place, in these last few months.

Overall, every camp in the Brigade has shown a moderate to large increase in membership. I do not have the final numbers at this time, but some have doubled in size. The nationwide obsession with everything "Confederate" has had a positive effect on the SCV. Men are stepping up and joining. We need to follow up and continue our recruiting and educational outreach. We're on a roll and need to remember Nathan Bedford Forrest's command, to "Charge 'em Both Ways". We need "to make hay, while the sun shines", because I fear a darker day is coming, soon.

As Brigade Commander, I have been addressing The Erasing Hate campaign, being instituted by the SPLC, at the Camp Meetings I attend. As a longtime observer of their programs and tactics, there are also a couple of other issues involving the SPLC, I'm discussing. They have recently been appropriated by The Department of Justice, to be the Primary Source for the DOJ'S "Homegrown Violent Extremists" department. Complete with its own "Czar", this new department is charged with monitoring and observing anyone who disagrees or is opposed to the current political and social situation in this country. The last item is a joint DOJ/UN program to place UN policemen in selected cities, to combat "Violent Extremism in the US". These are not peacekeepers. You will see no blue helmets. They are in regular police uniforms or plain clothes. Several cities and municipalities have linked with the UN to form a "Global Police Initiative".

There have been some command changes across the Brigade. Marty Tant, long time Commander of the Blountville camp, passed in August. David Roberts moved up to fill the position. We all miss Marty, but Dave is doing a commendable job, in a position he has held before. Elizabethton and Jonesborough have new slates of officers across the board. Bill Henderson, long time Adjutant of the Morristown camp, retired a couple of months ago. Joe Gibson is filling the position, admirably I might add. Brigade wide, we are in a good position, with excellent officer's and members. Interest and enthusiasm are high. With local programs such as the food drive in Elizabethton, the ministry and coat drive for Homeless Vets in Kingsport, parades, memorials, monument dedications, school and community programs, Vaughn's Brigade is having a positive impact on East Tennessee. I am pleased to see the commitment and dedication of officer's, member's and our wives, to this noble cause.

Vaughn's Brigade is on Facebook and also has a website, with the latest updates and information on everything from Heritage Issues to local and Camp events. vaughnsbrigade.weebly.com Feel free to check on us and stay apprised of our activities and events.

This report is submitted with my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officer's and men of Vaughn's Brigade. We must remember, we are responsible for "KEEPING THE CHARGE".

Respectfully
Billie Joe Holley

Greetings from the Camps of the Memphis Brigade

The camps of the Memphis Brigade are extremely busy. The preservation of the park names, statues and graves of Nathan and Mary Forrest have been the main focus. We have worked steadily through the court system and the media to prove that the Confederate Veterans were good men, and as Sons of Confederate Veterans we will not quit, we will not go away and we will win!

The Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled in August that the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp of Memphis does have standing to sue the city council and city of Memphis to restore the names of the Confederate Parks. In light of current politically correct mania, to have a unanimous ruling in favor of a Confederate Veterans group is almost unheard of. The city of Memphis did not appeal this decision to the Tennessee Supreme Court. That is another win for our side. The next step is to take the city to court and settle this issue.

Our attorney feels optimistic, but one never can count on anything with the current climate. The legal battle continues, as do the legal fees. Don't forget to donate to Citizens To Save Our Parks to keep the fight going. We owe the attorneys a large amount, but we can't give up now. This fight is NOT over by any means, we must keep the pressure on. One of the positive aspects of this battle is the legal complaint and appeal can be used by other historical preservation groups. This can save critical time and reduce legal research fees. If SCV camps use the appeal information correctly, they can prove standing early in a lawsuit situation.

The Chalmers camp is in the process of finalizing the plans for their annual Civil War Show at the Agri-center in Memphis. The Wigfall Greys camp is growing and their meetings well attended. They are working well with the city of Collierville and the local Morton Museum. They are helping by working with the public schools to educate youngsters about American History. The Robert E. Lee camp is working well with the city of Germantown, Collierville and Memphis. They assist with Morton's Museum, local reenactment events, school days, and public events. The Forrest camp also works with the other camps and remains focused on saving the Confederate Parks in Memphis.

The Memphis Brigade has created a Facebook page to promote recruitment, fund-raising and education. It is growing in interest and reach. Facebook is a powerful tool.

The Brigade is also coordinating a Forrest Food Drive over the Thanksgiving weekend. Members of the Mozier-Lane Camp from Texas are driving in to help! It is so wonderful to be able to help the community and promote the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

What is particularly gratifying is the image our SCV camps are promoting in the public eye. There is no doubt, Memphis is a hostile environment. However, we have presented a positive image, focused on inclusion, history, and community involvement.

The members have consistently behaved like southern gentlemen, even in the face of our opponent's ignorance and hostility.

As Memphis Brigade Commander, I could not be more proud of these men.

Yours Confederately,
Mark Buchanan
Memphis Brigade Commander
President-Citizens To Save Our Parks
Second Lt Commander- General Robert E. Lee Camp 1640

Jeffrey Forrest Brigade Report - November 11, 2015
Commander: John Blankenship
Brigade Website: www.jeffreyforrest.com

The Jeffrey Forrest Brigade has been busy honoring and the defending our Confederate Heritage. Below, you will find many of the activities of the brigade and camps:

The Jeffrey Forrest Brigade held a Confederate Heritage Event & Flag Rally on September 26, 2015 at the Parks Cemetery Ridge Confederate Memorial Plaza in Trimble, TN. Our guest speaker for the event was Lt.



Commander in Chief Tom Strain Jr. We had a large turnout for this event and several hundred dollars was raised for the upkeep of the site and future flag replacements. Also, we had representatives of the Tennessee OCR, SCV Mechanized Cavalry, and multiple reenactment groups present. Thank you to all those that attended and helped to make this event at great success.



The Hill-Freeman Camp #1472 & the John B. Ingram Camp #219 jointly sponsored a booth at the Gibson County Fair in Trenton, TN in August 2015. We met several wonderful people who praised our cause. Camp #1472 also held a Confederate Memorial Service in June 2015 at Oakland Cemetery in Trenton, TN.



The Bell's Partisan's Camp #1821 replaced the Confederate Flag at General Otho F. Strahl's grave in Dyersburg. The flag had been stolen and the Dyersburg Police Department was very helpful when a report was filed. Also the camp repaired and painted the flag pole. Modifications were made to the pole to help prevent future theft of the flag.

The Otho French Strahl Camp #176 has had many well attended meetings with several great guest speakers. They have heard topics about local Obion County history, the Battle of Trenton, TN, a History of the Confederate Flag and many other interesting topics. The camp continues to help maintain the Trimble Flag site and well as many others throughout Northwest Tennessee.



The Jeffrey Forrest Camp #323 has started having meetings once again and the camp is continuing to grow in membership and excitement. The camp hosted a dinner and speaker in early August 2015. Compatriot Scott Sallee, author of "Joe Porter's War" was the guest speaker. There were nearly 40 in attendance.



The Ike Stone Camp #564 has begun meeting at Parker's Crossroads Battlefield. Commander Jim Weaver along with other camp members have been actively involved in volunteering at Parker's Crossroads, Britton Lane Battlefield, and many other sites. Plus Commander Weaver has been presenting program to local schools.



The John B. Ingram Camp #219 laid a wreath at one of the Confederate Burial Trenches at the Shiloh Memorial Service. Commander in Chief Barrow was the main speaker along with several others. Camp #219 was honored to be apart of this service to honor our brave Confederate Dead.

The Jeffrey Forrest Brigade laid a wreath at the re-dedication service of the grave of Pvt. James Coble on November 7th. Pvt Coble was killed during Forrest 1862 Raid of the Jackson area. His monument and grave were moved to a more suitable location at Salem Cemetery Battlefield in Madison County, TN. Compatriot Charles Cox of Camp 219 has recently published a book about his ancestor, Pvt. Coble.



The brigade also was made aware of a group that was wanting to have the Confederate Monument in Humboldt, TN removed from the city park. The brigade quickly responded to the article in the local newspaper with the truth about the monument, what the TN Law says, and why it should remain. We created a website and Facebook page with the facts. The we put up a 12 hour online petition asking for signatures for people who were FOR keeping the monument. We received over 730 signatures in that short period, with most of these being local people. We presented those to the town mayor. At this time, no more discussion has been brought up about removing the monument. We claim Victory!

Deo Vindice
John Blankenship

March 5th Confederate Flag Day

Mountain Brigade Report

The Mountain Brigade is composed of three Camps in East Tennessee: N.B. Forrest # 3 in Chattanooga, Longstreet-Zollicoffer # 87 in Knoxville, and General John C. Vaughn # 2089 in Athens.

The N.B. Forrest Camp # 3 has enjoyed unprecedented growth during the last six months. They have 23 more members now than this time last year. This does not include 3 new Associate members. An aggressive recruiting campaign and a series of inspirational Camp meeting programs have contributed to this success. The Camp is currently involved in a \$20K maintenance-restoration project in the historic Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. Members are involved in the Forrest-bust action at the Capitol. The Camp participated in the Nemaha backpack project this past fall. The Camp's annual Lee-Jackson banquet is planned for January 23, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Chattanooga with SCV Executive Director Mike Landree as speaker. The Camp will participate in the Dalton Civil War Show in February.

The Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp #87 has increased membership to 220 and continues to be the second largest Camp in the Confederation. They recruited and had fund-raisers at several well-attended fall festivals in their area. They held their annual Camp picnic this past summer and celebrated Veterans Day with two parades. Two Christmas parades and a Christmas dinner is scheduled to close out the year. Their annual Lee-Jackson celebration is planned for January 23, 2016 at The Foundry in Knoxville. Camp # 87 will host our Tennessee Division Reunion on April 8-9, 2016 in Knoxville.

The General John C. Vaughn Camp # 2089 in Athens is small in numbers but is very active in their community. They are currently meeting in the Sweetwater Masonic Lodge. They are exploring new ways to recruit members for their Camp. Most members are reenactors and they have participated in several events in past summer and fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Siler
Mountain Brigade Commander
Tennessee Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



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SAVE A FLAG**

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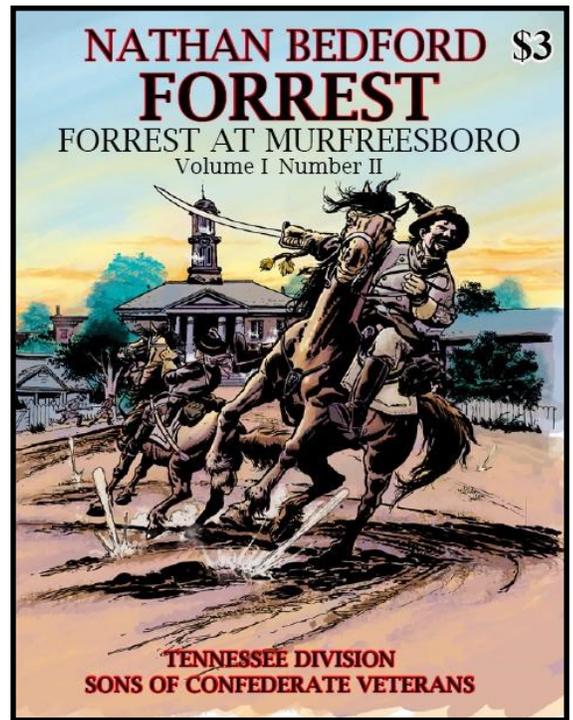
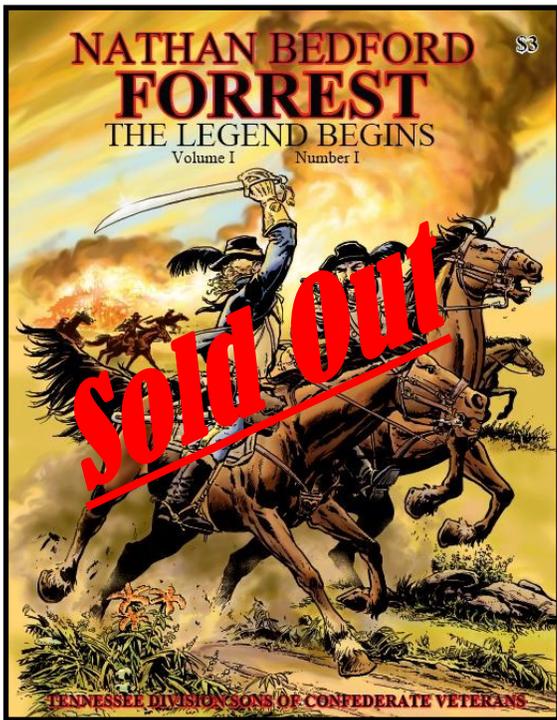
Save Our Flags is a project of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a genealogical organization of the descendants of Confederate Soldiers.

Through our specialty license plates, the Tennessee Division has donated thousands of dollars toward the conservation and preservation of historic flags.

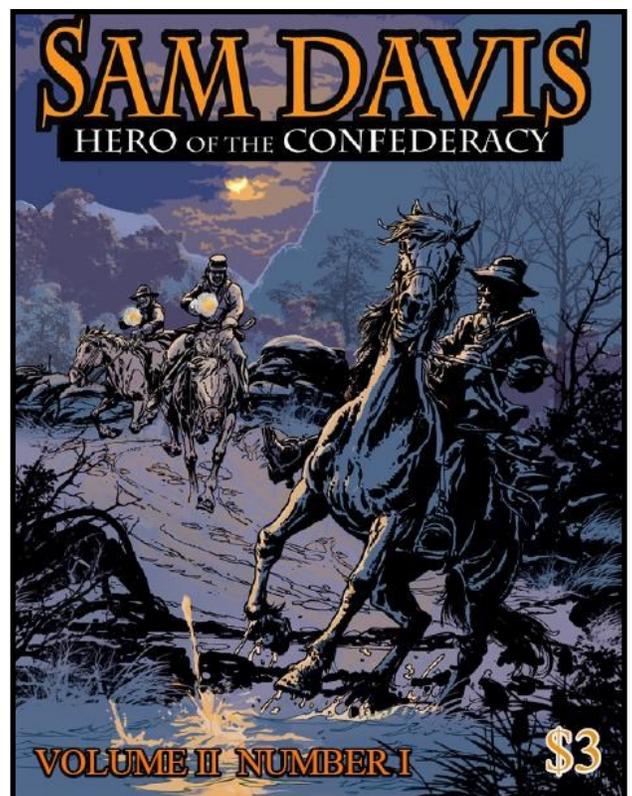
Learn more about the men, the flag, and the heritage. We hope we can count on your donation.

Find out more at:

www.saveourflags.org
www.tennessee-scv.org



Graphic Novels. They are \$1 each to a member of the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. They make great fundraisers as camps and camp members can sell these for a profit as they have a \$3 price tag.



The Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Home Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival



18 June 2016
9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Historical demonstrations of artillery, cavalry and infantry tactics.

Historical Lectures

Confederate Silent Auctions

Southern Sutlers

Women of the Confederacy

Musical Entertainment

Children's' Games

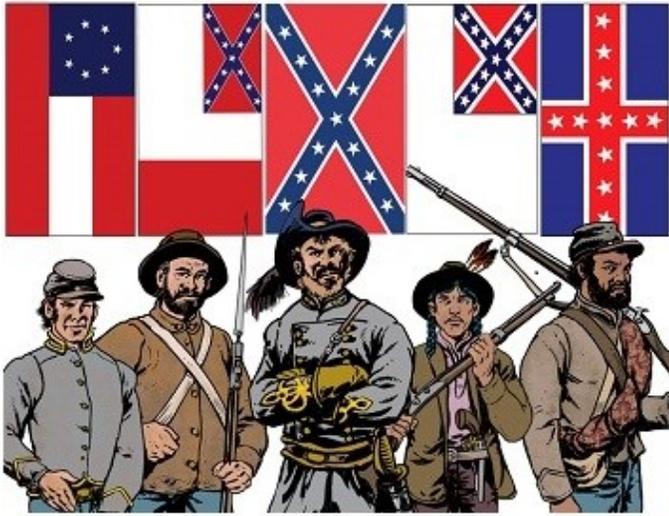
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A portion of the proceeds from each tag purchased goes to the preservation and conservation of Confederate artifacts at the Tennessee State Museum.

TENNESSEE CONFEDERATE FACTS

In 1860 more free people of color lived in Tennessee than in Illinois, Indiana, or Ohio.

Many prominent Tennesseans opposed secession. Among them was Nathan Bedford Forrest.

More military action took place in Tennessee than any other Confederate state with the exception of Virginia.

Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862, was the largest battle ever fought in North America at that time.

A regiment of Cherokee enlisted in the Confederate army from East Tennessee. This regiment fought on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. In 1864.

Horace L. Hunley was born in Gallatin, TN. The submarine he developed was the first successful sinking of an enemy vessel in wartime.

Tennessee Heritage Protection Act Of 2013

A statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, or plaque which has been erected for, or named or dedicated in honor of any conflict the United States has been involved in and is located on public property, may not be relocated, removed, altered, renamed, rededicated, or otherwise disturbed.



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Rack Cards

The Tennessee Division printed License Plate Rack Cards to be placed in car tag registration and other valid places to let people know and to encourage them to purchase a Confederate License Plate. If you know of a place where these can be placed for eye traffic please contact your Brigade Commander. These car tags are a rolling billboard for our organizations and for displaying Southern Loyalty and Love. If you do not have one; I encourage you to get one and to encourage others.