

# *The Delta General*

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**April is Confederate Heritage Month**



## **This Month Issue Features:**

- **Camp Confederate Memorial Service at Greenville Cemetery. April 20th at 2:00 PM**
- **21st Century Confederate Hero**
- **History of Confederate Memorial Day**
- **Weapon of Choice**

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

## Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Greetings members of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and others of you who are interested in what is happening at our Camp. One of the best things about being a member of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is always having the opportunity to learn from the many wise people who are members of the Camp. Some of the names might be familiar to you and others are new, but their knowledge is so great that a lifetime of meetings and presentations would not allow them to dispense all they know. Saturday, March 9, the Camp had the privilege of listening to noted author and Camp member Larry McCluney present information about the Yazoo Pass Expedition. The presentation Larry gave is based on information he learned through research for his book The Yazoo Pass Expedition and his presentation was full of interesting information about a campaign that transpired right here in the Mississippi Delta. I love listening to the men who are true students of Confederate Heritage and History talk about our ancestors: their bravery, courage, fortitude, intelligence; and yes, even their failings.

Unfortunately, too many of the members of the Camp don't get to hear our excellent presentations because they do not come to Camp meetings. If you are a member of this Camp, you really should come to our meetings. The people are friendly, interesting; and, we all share the common bond of being ancestors of Confederate Veterans. Do you know how special that makes us?

At our March meeting, our Camp voted to support the SCV's fundraising efforts to pay off the debt of the Confederate Museum and to fund the rebuilding of the General Forrest Pedestal and Plaza that was relocated from Forrest Park in Memphis. We must raise one thousand dollars in the next three months. Calculating the cost of donation, that would come to 23.81 per member. I understand that some of our members are on fixed incomes, but how much is Living the Charge worth to you? Please donate to both of the worthy causes the Sons of Confederate Veterans is raising money for. We know the money isn't coming from other sources, so it incumbent upon us to raise the money we know is necessary to perpetuate our Museum and return the physical memorial of General and Mrs Forrest to its rightful glory.

Saturday, April 20, is our Camp's annual Confederate Memorial Service. As one of our learned members told me, "If you only do one thing for our Camp this year, come to the Confederate Memorial Service". You are the ancestor of a deceased Confederate soldier; this is your chance to remember this man publicly, pay your respects and say your prayers for him; no matter that he is probably not buried in the Greenville Cemetery. Live the Charge and remember your ancestor by attending our Memorial Service. It will begin promptly at two o'clock at the Greenville Confederate Cemetery and will feature Mister Earl McGowen, our Camp's Chaplain, as the guest speaker. Please bring a chair for yourself to sit in for the service.

I look at forward to seeing you at the Memorial Service and meeting you for the first time if we are not already acquainted. Live the Charge.

May we always fondly remember the bravery, courage, and honor of our Confederate ancestors. I am respectfully yours,

Michael Anthony

## Adjutant's Report — March 9, 2024 - Dan McCaskill

**Call to Order:** At 6:00 PM CST by Camp Commander Michael Anthony.

**Opening Prayer and Blessing:** Camp Chaplain Earl McCown

**Pledge and Salutes:** Camp Color Sergeant Earl Allen, Jr.

**Pledge to MOSB Flag:** Dan McCaskill

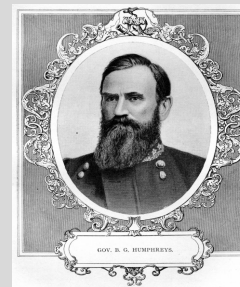
**Reading of The Charge:** Camp Color Sergeant Earl Allen, Jr.

Camp Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting. While waiting for the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9 OCR to finish preparing the evening meal, Commander Anthony conducted some Camp Business.

**The First Order of Business: Officer Reports** – Officer Reports: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported our April Meeting will be our Confederate Memorial Service on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Greenville Cemetery; Charles Tucker will our speaker for the May Camp Meeting; Larry is working to secure Mark Hidlegough as a speaker for either July or August depending on his schedule. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that no funds from the 2024 Annual Budget has been spent. Funds owed to the Division in the amount of \$40 has been forwarded to the Division Adjutant. Camp Editor Larry McCluney asked members about the newsletter. No problems were reported and everyone enjoyed the newsletter. Sandra Stillman was absent therefore no report for the OCR. Military Order of Stars and Bars Commander Earl McCown reported the Annual MS Society Meeting was very productive. The Society is encouraging members to become life members in the Society. The Chapter is still looking for more members. There are ten Camp Members who are eligible to join but have not. Camp Commander Michael Anthony did not have a report. Past CIC Larry McCluney reported Confederation Headquarters is experiencing a short-term cash flow problem and that the GEC is developing plans to solve this situation. Also, the GEC has presented a plan to retire the Museum Bank Loan before the July 2025 due date called 21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes. The goal is to get 1,500 individuals and/or Groups, SCV or non-SCV to pledge to give \$1,000 each to Headquarters before the due date. Members present felt this was a worthwhile cause and a way to live The Charge. Earl McCown made a motion for the Camp to pledge \$1,000. Tommy McCaskill seconded the motion. Camp Adjutant reported there was already \$286 in the account for the Museum. The motion passed without objection. In a matter of minutes, \$550 was raised from two members, MOSB and the OCR donating. The rest of the Camp Members need to give. Send your donation to Dan McCaskill; 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756. Make checks payable to B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp 1625. Upcoming events: The National Pilgrimage / Confederate Memorial Service will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at SCV Headquarters in Columbia, TN. In conjunction with the Memorial Service, there will be an Army of Tennessee Workshop from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for the Service; The Mississippi Division Reunion will be held in Flowood, MS June 7 – 8, 2023; The National Reunion will be held in North Charleston, SC July 17 – 21, 2024.

Commander Anthony called for a recess for the evening meal. Members enjoyed some home cooking by Annette McCluney.

**The Second Order of Business** was the adoption of the Minutes of the February Camp Meeting as published in The Delta General. Kenneth Ray made the motion to adopt the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Gator Stillman and passed without objection.



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**Third Order of Business: Program** – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Larry McCluney gave a very information presentation on the Yazoo Pass Expedition which ended in the Yankee's defeat at Fort Pemberton. With their defeat, they withdrew back to the Mississippi River. This presentation brought back many memories for those who were part of the re-enactment of Ft. Pemberton at Floewood State Park.

After the program, the Ladies of the OCR conducted their raffle for a SCV tumbler which was won by Tommy McCaskill.

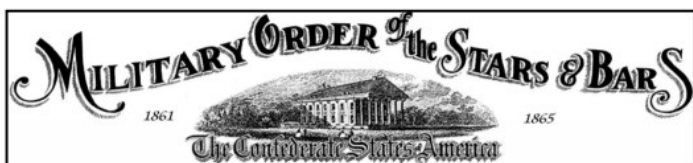
With no other business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl McCown and the motion passed without objection. Attendance for the meeting was 10.

The Camp Meeting was closed with a word of prayer by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie.

## Guest Speaker for Memorial / Camp Meeting April 20, 2024

Our Camp meeting for April will coincide with our Camp's Confederate Memorial Day Service on April 20th at 2:00 PM at the Greenville Cemetery in the Confederate Plot. Bring a chair and possibly an extra one for guests. Our speaker for the service is Bro. Earl McCown.

After the service, we will have a short Camp meeting. Reenactors are asked to be on site at 1:00 PM. The ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR, will provide refreshments as usual.



## General Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B

First of all, Thank you all SCV members of our Camp for joining the MOS&B in the Benediction last meeting. That was truly great, Thank you!

Speaking to you SCV Members: It is my understanding that there are several of you, estimated to be ten, that are eligible for membership in the MOS&B, through your Confederate Officer ancestor. I would encourage you to consider applying for your membership. I can think of no better way to honor your ancestor than to becoming a member of this organization.

Looks like our Chapter will be 100% Life Members in the Mississippi Society. That is great, and we may be the first Chapter to do such.

## Chaplain's Corner — Earl McCown

### WALKING WITH GOD

*"Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." (Genesis 5:24)*

This is one of the most fascinating and thrilling verses in the Bible. It sounds more like a song from a heavenly world than a plain statement of an historic fact regarding a humble inhabitant of this world of ours.

What is it to walk with God? To walk with God means to live one's life in the consciousness of God's presence and in conscious communion with him, to have the thought constantly before us, "God is beside me," and to be every now and then speaking to Him and, still more, listening for Him to speak to us. In a word, to walk with God is to live in the real, conscious companionship of God. Enoch walked with God, not on a few rare occasions of spiritual exaltation, such perhaps as most of us have known, but for 300 consecutive years after the birth of Methuselah. (Genesis 6:22). It is possible for us to have the consciousness of the nearness and fellowship of God in our daily life, to talk with Him as we talk with an earthly friend, yes, as we talk to no earthly friend, and have Him talk to us, to commune with Him too in a silence that is far more meaningful than any words could be.

The results of walking with God are numerous and wonderful! Walking with God we experience Great joy, abounding joy. In one of the loneliest hours of His lonely life, Jesus looked up and said, *"I am not alone because the Father is with me."* (John 16:32). We also have an abiding peace, and a spiritual enlightenment. There is also purity of heart and life. Nothing is so cleansing as the consciousness of God's presence. When we walk with God, we please God, and we share God's eternal companionship.

To enter into a walk with God is not all that difficult. First of all we must

trust the atoning blood of Christ. God is holy and we are sinners. Sin separates as a deep and impassable chasm between us and Him. There can be no walking with Him until sin is put away, and it is the blood that puts away sin. Second, if we would walk with God we must obey God. Third, if we walk with God, we must cultivate the thought of His presence. We must "practice the presence of God."

Father; I thank you for your ever-present love, protection and provision. Please guide us, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to be faithful to you and to walk with you in our daily life. I pray for guidance and strength for Commander Michael Anthony, as he leads our camp in perpetuating the history and cause of our ancestors. Father forgive our sins and short-comings. In the name of Jesus we pray these things. Amen.

## The Blood of Young James Taylor

"Among the bravest Confederate soldiers were the color bearers. As they stepped forward into battle, those young men and boys were bound by duty and honor to keep the Confederate and regimental flags flying at all costs. Virtually defenseless as they marched into the face of death, they proved to be inviting, and often easy, targets for enemy marksmen.

No position in the Confederate army was more revered and honored than the color sergeant. Consequently, despite the extreme dangers, soldiers willingly dropped their weapons to carry forward a flag after it had fallen in battle.

[Soon after the war began, a fifteen-year-old Taylor was with] the First South Carolina Volunteers [who] departed the Palmetto State under the command of Colonel (later General) Maxey Gregg. On their journey to Virginia, the soldiers carried with them a freshly made South Carolina flag. Today, that banner, preserved by the State of South Carolina, bears the damage of shot and shell and the blood of young James Taylor.

Following several months of fighting on the Virginia battlefields, Colonel Gregg entrusted the proud banner to Taylor's hands . . . "as a reward for meritorious conduct as a soldier." Taylor proudly and confidently carried the blue and white banner into battle after battle. His captain, Dan Miller, described the teenager as "bold, free and dashing."

At Cold Harbor [in late June 1862] . . . the South Carolinians were greeted by heavy artillery fire. Taylor was soon hit . . . [and] ignoring his loss of blood and terrible pain, he continued to hurry forward, waving the flag to encourage the regiment to follow. Then he suffered a second wound . . . [and knocked] down by the blast, Taylor mustered enough energy to keep the flag flying from his prone position.

Upon seeing the color sergeant fall, Shubrick Hayne dropped his weapon and took the South Carolina flag . . . Taylor managed to stand up and stagger behind Hayne, who took but a few steps before he was mortally wounded. As the flag dropped from Hayne's hands, Taylor took hold of it and attempted to inspire the men as he stumbled in the direction of heavy enemy fire.

For a third time he was wounded, a projectile smashing into his chest. The flag fell from his grasp, and he collapsed upon it, blood streaming from his body.

Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel H. Hamilton bent down to attend to his dying warrior. All James Hunt Taylor could manage to say was, "I can't carry it any further, Colonel."

(Let Us Die Like Brave Men: Behind the Dying Words of Confederate Warriors; Daniel W. Barefoot, John F. Blair Publishers, 2005, excerpt, pp. 37-39)



**I Salute the  
Confederate Flag  
With Affection,  
Reverence and  
Devotion to the  
Cause for Which  
It Stands**  
*Anonymous Rebel*  
**Dixie Classics™**





**2024 SCV MS Division Reunion  
Registration Form**  
**128<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose**  
**Flowood, Mississippi – June 7-9, 2023**  
**Hosted by the Rankin Greys SCV Camp 2278 and MS Society, OCR**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**



**Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV and Ladies of the Mississippi Society OCR,**

**We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Annual Reunion, hosted by the Rankin Greys Camp 2278. The Reunion will be held on June 7-9, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flowood, MS.**

**Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our esteemed compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend. Our host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/janflgi-hilton-garden-inn-jackson-flowood/>. Located in the heart of beautiful Flowood, Mississippi, our venue offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. Room Rates are \$129.00 a night; use the code MSSCV to receive this room rate when booking.**

**Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at our reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates. This year we are please to announce that YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE at (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mississippi-division-scv-reunion-2024-registration-669731193027?aff=oddttdcreator>) . For those who would prefer, you can still mail your registration form with a check or money order. If you are attending the awards banquet, please make sure you indicate your meal preference. **If you are choosing the steak option, include your preferred doneness.****

**If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our convention planning committee at [msscvreunion2024@gmail.com](mailto:msscvreunion2024@gmail.com) or visit the Eventbrite page and visit the FAQ section.**

**To give you an idea of what will take place at this year's reunion, we have this rough itinerary.**

**Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

- **12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration- Host Hotel**
- **4:00 PM-5:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting-Host Hotel**
- **6:00 PM- 6:30 PM Memorial Service- Mississippi Confederate Monument- Old Capitol Green**
  - Traditionally, this service is held on Sunday morning and is a time for us to reflect on our Confederate Ancestors and the Compatriots. We figured that we could move it to Friday evening to encourage participation and set us in the right mind for the weekend.
- **6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party-Old Capitol Museum**
  - Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, and constitutionally we have our reunion the weekend following his birthday. This year we will celebrate at the Old Capitol, a building well known to President Davis. Come enjoy refreshments and wonder the halls where southern statesmen like Davis, LQC Lamar, Benjamin Humphreys, Robert Lowry, Steven D. Lee, and William Barksdale once strowed. Then join us in the House Chamber where secession was debated for an interesting presentation. We will have private security as well as Capitol Police to ensure we are not disturbed.

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

- **7:00 AM- Color Guard Muster**
- **8:00 AM- Opening Ceremonies**
- **9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.**
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting**
- **5:00 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar at Hotel Lobby**
- **6:30 PM- Awards Banquet**
  - The doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be SCV Executive Director Adam Southern.





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SCV Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/SCV Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/OCR Chapter Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

*All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited). Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will have a Tea and receive a medal if payment is provided below.*

**REGISTRATION AMOUNTS**

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$70.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$35.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception (Old Capitol)

on or before May 6, 2023, \$20.00 / After May 6, 2023, \$30.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet - \$45.00 per Adult QTY \_\_\_\_\_

QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate:

Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Steak: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Doneness: \_\_\_\_\_

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 10, 2024, **INCLUDING WALK-UPS**)

Individual Ancestor Memorial - \$10.00 each QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Half Page Ancestor Memorial - \$40.00 each QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full Page Ancestor Memorial - \$100.00 each QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT**

=====➔ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to **Rankin Greys Camp 2278** & Mail to:  
 Rankin Greys Camp 2278 C/O: Chris Bryant, 387 Rankin Gerguson RD, Pelahatchie, MS 39415

SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 OCR Contact: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191

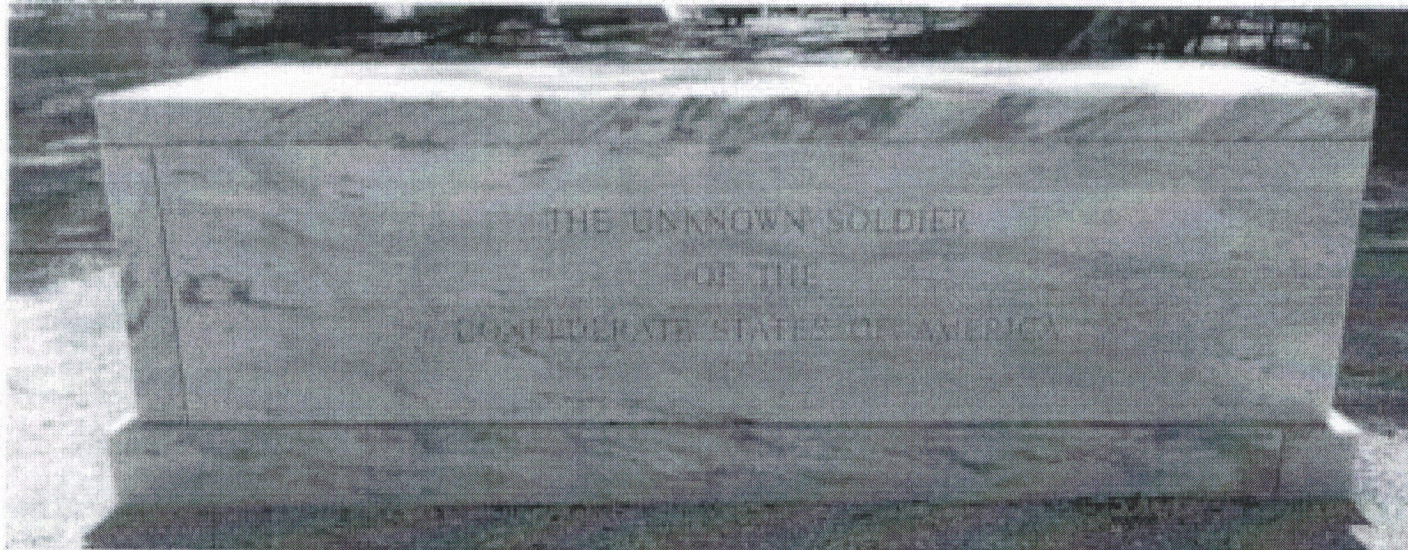
**HOTEL INFO**

Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood  
 118 Laurel Park Cove , Flowood, MS, 39232  
 Use MSSCV when booking for \$129.00 room rate  
 (601)487-0800



## Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

Honor your confederate Ancestors by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. The plans for the sidewalk are nearing completion, so if you want a brick put down for your ancestor you need to get your order in soon, so as not to miss out.



Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit and company. Memorial bricks will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Solider at Beauvoir.

**Detach and send in the form below to the address listed to order your bricks.**

### Ancestral Brick Order Form

Instructions: Use the lines as laid out no more than 15 spaces per line. You may use abbreviations when necessary. Please include your name and address, for confirmation letter. (See Sample Below)

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

(First and Last Name)

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

(Rank)

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

(Unit)

### ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick for:

Bricks for Beauvoir

Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir

2344 Beach Blvd

Blind, MS. 39531

OR

Visit our gift shop where you  
can pay by cash or credit!

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.

McCluney

6th MS CAV, CO. F



## BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.  
Biloxi, Mississippi*

### Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.

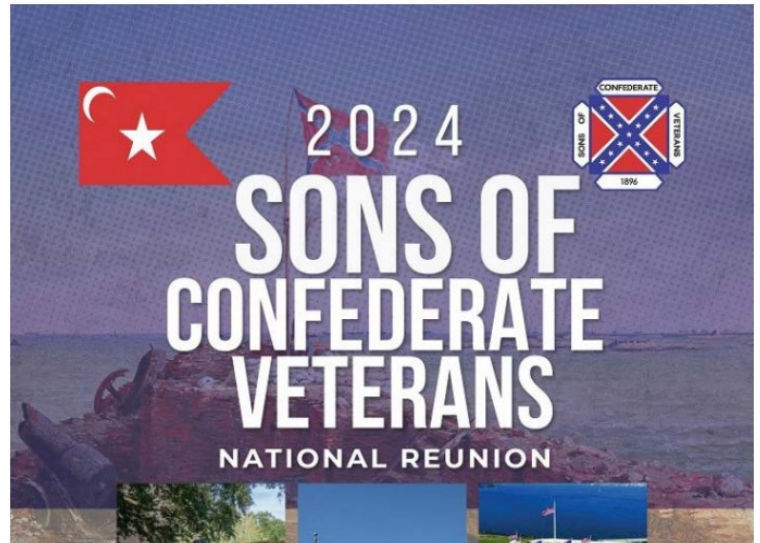


*The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library located on the grounds of Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi.*

## National News:

### Lt. CiC Walter Donnie Kennedy Announces for SCV Commander-in-Chief

As announced via our August 16, 2023, video on Rumble, I will be seeking your support in the upcoming election for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. All our lives, Ron and I have been intrigued by the history of our Southern "kith and kin." We were taught Southern history from the first and second generation of post-war family and friends. This knowledge became our sure bulwark against Yankee mis-information and out-right falsehood about our people. With the publication of the first edition of *The South Was Right*, we began an effort to inform Americans in general and Southerners in particular about the correctness of the Cause of the South, and the deleterious results for all Americans stemming from the defeat of the Confederate States of America. It is with that resolve that I am attempting to join my fellow SCV members, as the C-i-C of the SCV and push forward the efforts begun five years ago to "take back the narrative." Simply put, this means making the SCV a well-known organization that is leading the fight against neo-Marxist destruction of traditional American values. In the past few years, the national SCV has begun using tools such as the One-Click Politics, Kaplin Polling services, and Nation-wide pro-South ads to punch back at our enemies. I pledge to all SCV members and Southerners to never leave the field of battle until the enemy is laid waste. As I have stated many times in articles and speeches, WE CAN WIN! We do not have to accept defeat. Anything lost can and will be restored and most importantly, as Southerners, our equal Rights as Americans will be secured. God bless the SCV and God Save The South!



**July 16 - July 21 2023**

**The Embassy Suites** in North Charleston, S.C.

Please make Checks Payable to **Low Country SCV**

Mail to: **2024 SCV National Reunion**

P.O. Box 1049, Ladson, S.C., 29456

To Register & Pay Online: [SCV4.org/2024](https://SCV4.org/2024)

For more information: Contact Rick Little:

(843) 305-3085 / [Support@SCV4.org](mailto:Support@SCV4.org)

**See page 8 for Registration form**

## Better Than An Ounce of Prevention

In the March-April 2024 issue of the Confederate Veteran's Forward the Colors column, I [RK] pointed out the need to constantly repeat our message IF we expect the public to support our Cause. I quoted a famous French social scientist who, in 1896, wrote, "Affirmation, however, has no real influence unless it is constantly repeated. It was Napoleon, I believe, who said there is only one figure in rhetoric of serious importance, namely, repetition. The thing affirmed comes by repetition to fix itself in the mind in such a way that it is accepted in the end as a demonstrated truth." This is a public relations (PR) fact that the Kennedy Twins have been advocating for years. It is not enough to put up a flag or perform other pro-Southern heritage activities if we do not constantly use public means, such as social media, radio, or newspaper ads, to tell the truth about what that flag or those activities represent. For example, if a local camp pays for a month of billboard advertisement the camp members should take a photo of the billboard and with a short explanation send it via email to every elected official in the county and city. This is what is known as a "force multiplier." The same is true for cleaning veterans' tombstones or attending gun shows. While this is being done locally, National SCV must initiate a massive National PR campaign—but that costs money. On pages 3 and 8 is information about our effort to pay off the Museum bank mortgage and fund the restoration of the Forrest Plaza within the next 18 months! When that is done the National SCV will have between 10 to 15,000 dollars each month most of which will be spent on funding a massive public relations campaign. This PR campaign will attract new members, and help retain current members, but most importantly it will make the SCV the primary source for the national media when they are discussing Southern issues. This will put local, state and national elected officials on notice that we will no longer quietly accept the destruction of our heritage!







# Sons of Confederate Veterans 129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly or Type



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Rank, Title, or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (for Name Badge): \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: Do not pay registration fee for spouse - not required)

One Free Ancestor Ad Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (EARLY Jan.1, 2023 thru Jan. 1, 2024)			\$90		
SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)			\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)	\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon (Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)	\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)	\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner	\$80		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon (NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)	\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus)	\$55		
Circle Desired Tour Time Only 50 people per time slot					
Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show	\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour	\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow	\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast	\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)	\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$60		
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)	\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.	\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast	\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon	\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)	\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian	\$100		
EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.			\$10		
EXTRA Reunion Medal (Note: 1 medal is included with registration, so order extras here)			\$25		
2024 Numbered (1-100) Reunion Medal (This medal NOT included with registration)			\$100		
<b>FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals</b>					

Please make checks payable to: "Low Country SCV"

Mail form & check to: **Low Country SCV, PO Box 1049, Ladson, SC 29456-1049**

For more information, please email: [support@SCV4.org](mailto:support@SCV4.org)



# 21st CENTURY CONFEDERATE HERO

**Heroic Action is Needed to Vindicate Our Confederate Heroes**



**Become a 21st Century Confederate Hero so we can retire the SCV Banknote and place General Forrest back in his Plaza!**

By enlisting in this effort, money which is currently being used to service the banknote will now be used to go on the offensive against those seeking to destroy our Southern heritage.

The SCV is offering 1,500 Southerners the opportunity to be designated as 21st Century Confederate Heroes by donating \$1,000. Funds received will be used to retire the mortgage and fund the restoration of the Forrest Plaza. Those donating will receive:

- 21st Confederate Hero neck ribbon,
- Placement in SCV's Book of 21st Century Confederate Heroes and receive a personal copy of this book,
- Paver on the 'Walkway of Confederate Heroes,' with the information provided by the donor,
- Option of having his name or his ancestor's name displayed on large screen TV in our museum and their names noted at the Forrest Plaza.

Payment may be made in full or in installments over 18 months.

**Join in this effort and let us get started taking the fight to our enemy.**

**More information is available on the Confederate Legion website:**

**<https://scvconfederatelegion.com/>  
click on "21st Century Heroes."**

**[Note: The CL website will not have the above link ready before May.]**

## LT CIC Candidate Announcement

Compatriots,

By now most have you have probably seen or heard the announcement by Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy, that he has decided to withdraw his candidacy for Lt CIC. I am sure you all join me in thanking Ron for his many years of excellent service and look for to his future endeavors.

This being the case, I have been encouraged to withdraw my candidacy for ANV Commander and instead run for Lt CIC. Therefore, I am humbled to announce that I am a candidate for Lt. Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be elected at our 2024 Reunion.

I am committed to fulfilling "The Charge"!

My credentials and experience to serve as Lt Commander-in-Chief include that I have been a member of the SCV since 1992. Since joining our organization, I have served as Virginia Division Commander twice. Also in the Virginia Division, I have served as Division Adjutant and 1st Lt. Commander and I have served eleven years on the Division Executive Council. I've served ten years as the Commander of the Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14 in Smithfield, Virginia and as Camp Adjutant. I have also served and chaired a number of active committees.

Under Past Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, I served as Deputy Chief of Staff. I am an eight-year Navy Veteran and recently retired from Dominion Energy after thirty-two years of service. I'm proud to state that I'm also a Life Member in both the SCV and the Virginia Division, with many Confederate soldiers in my lineage. I love the South, I live in the South, and am proud to be called a true Southerner!

I wish to put my experience and credentials to work on your behalf. I'm more than aware of the attacks on our Heritage. I am diligently working to preserve our monuments. As your Lt CIC, I will continue to fight this heritage battle. We will work together to improve our Organization in the areas that concern us all, in the SCV.

We need to recruit new members, retain current members and educate the public about what it is we proudly represent. I have ideas and suggestions on increasing the membership and the importance of retaining our greatest asset, all of you, the membership of the SCV.

It is imperative that we strategize and find new sources of revenue and implement them to help pay off our financial obligations. I will work with the GEC to pursue opportunities to achieve that goal. I will serve to be your voice on the GEC by establishing a direct line of communication between you and the Council. I assure you, your voice and concerns regarding the direction of our organization will be heard. I will always be open to hearing your concerns and suggestions to help make our organization stronger.

I want you to know that I will be available to you. You have my word that I will not just be another vote on the GEC. So, I ask for your support and vote for Lt Commander-in-Chief. With your support, I look forward to working with you in making our organization much stronger and helping to move our SCV into a successful future.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you do for our organization. I thank you for your consideration in helping me to obtain the office of Lt Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,  
Anthony M. Griffin, Virginia Division Commander

## Announcements for Army of Tennessee Councilman 2024

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Army of Tennessee Councilman. I have been lucky to have the SCV as a part of my life for almost 30 years. I remember attending camp meetings, brigade functions, headstone dedications, memorial services, and countless other events that are the bedrock of the SCV as a child. Having grown up with the SCV, I have had the privilege to serve this organization on every level. Despite being younger than our average members, I have the experience and

knowledge to effectively serve this organization in a national position. However, that youth also means that I have new ideas to bring to the table that will impact our future.

The main role of councilman is to be the voice of the members on the GEC and to communicate back to the members it's actions. As the largest Army in the Confederation, the AOT deserves leadership that will represent them, will communicate with them, and will work with the other members of the General Executive Council in moving our organization in the right direction for victory.

In addition to these duties, if elected councilman I will push for more youth outreach, growing our social media presence, more training workshops emphasizing heritage operations and a new retention program focused on A.I.R (Activity=Inclusivity=Retention).

Below you will find a brief autobiography. I appreciate your consideration and support.

Forward the Colors,  
George Conor Bond  
Past Commander, Mississippi Division SCV  
Rankin Greys Camp 2278

Compatriots,

My name is Roy Hudson and I am seeking your support for the office of AOT Councilman. I have come to this decision after a lot of soul searching, prayer, and discussion with family and fellow compatriots.

I have been a SCV member since 1991. I am a Life Member of the SCV. At the camp level I have held almost every office including Commander, having chartered the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #1595.

My current duties include First Lt. Commander of the Captain J.J. Dickson Camp #1387 in Melbourne, Fl., Sergeant of the third Battalion Company D, of the Mechanized Cavalry, Division Lt. Commander of Southeast Florida and serve as the Inspector in Chief on the General Staff of the SCV.

Over the years I have participated in many SCV events, public events and given many historical lectures. I currently am on the Florida Division's Speakers Bureau.

In my working life I spent 49 years in Law Enforcement serving in all positions from Deputy to Chief. I have managed hundreds of personnel and oversaw a 50 million dollar budget.

When I retired 2 years ago, I made the commitment that the SCV would be my new full time career. I know that my background, life experience and unwavering love for the SCV, will assure that I have the ability and passion to do the job.

In travelling around the country, we continue to hear about recruitment and retention. We do need to work especially on retention. Another issue that I hear constantly is the average compatriot feels their voice is not heard at the national level. I do commit to making myself a conduit for the members of the AOT to get their ideas and concerns to the GEC.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in the next year to meet and discuss your priorities for our SCV.

Deo vindice  
Roy P. Hudson



**SCV\_CHAT**  
**RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE**  
**ONE WEEK AT A TIME**

**SCV Chat — Every Monday Night on Facebook at  
7:00 PM Central time and on Thursday Nights at  
7:00 PM for Look Around the Confederation**





# Army of Tennessee

## Workshop

May 4, 2024,

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee.  
There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

**Register early to guarantee your spot!**

Registration is \$15 which includes lunch. Pre-register by March 15th for lunch.

After March 15th, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included).

All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training), AoT Councilman  
L Jones (Becoming a Community Partner), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community involvement) and  
others (subject to change)

The annual Pilgrimage will be going on at Elm Springs as well. We will take a break from the workshop to attend  
the main event at the pilgrimage and then will return to the conference center for lunch and then continue the  
workshop agenda. We hope to have a free tour of the museum or house as part of the registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form, together with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 (by March 15th for lunch) made  
payable to AoT Workshop and mail it to:

AoT Workshop  
c/o Jimmy Hill  
13476 Wendy Drive  
Madison, AL 35757

Registrations after March 15th are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024**

Fellow Compatriots,

For those who may not know me, my name is Tom Wood, and I currently serve as the Tennessee Division Adjutant and have served in that position for the past eight years. After much thought, prayerful consideration, and discussion with my wife, I have decided to present myself as a candidate for the office of Army of Tennessee Commander in 2024. I am a 7th generation Tennessean proud of my ancestors and my honored heritage and I will always continue to fight to restore the South to its once very valued place in society.



I am a retired Air Force Reserve Officer with 20 years of service. I am also a retired construction executive with a 40 year career, retiring from Lipscomb University in Nashville as the Director of Construction and Physical Plant Operations in 2014. My wife, Nancy, is a retired school teacher of 25 years, and an active member of the Order of Confederate Rose. She serves on the Tennessee OCR state staff, as well as an OCR chapter president. My wife and I both enjoy traveling and would welcome the opportunity and privilege to travel around and visit divisions and camps in the Army of Tennessee as your AOT Commander to provide you strong representation and direct communication to the National level.

It has been my honor to be a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 great years. During my tenure as Tennessee Division Adjutant we have experienced a time of growth and many tremendous successes for the division with many added responsibilities to manage. I also currently serve as the commander for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tennessee. I have served my camp in a variety of staff positions including multiple terms as commander over those 25 years of service. I was honored to be selected as the "Man of the Year" in the Tennessee Division in 2022.

During my tenure as commander our camp has grown and been extremely active in preservation of our Southern Heritage. Last April our camp received the "Outstanding Camp of the Year Award" for 2022-2023 in the Tennessee Division. The camp also received the "Outstanding Media Coverage Award" for the year. Our camp presented the "Robert E. Lee Award" for people outside the SCV for outstanding service to one state senator and a state representative who represents our district and who are strong supporters of the SCV and our heritage. They were very grateful of such an honor and are always supportive of all of our heritage efforts in the legislature.

I am a life member of both SCV National, as well as a life member of the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Morgan's Men Association and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for over 20 years. I am part of the Tennessee SCV Speakers Bureau and have spoken many times to camps across Tennessee on a variety of subjects. I have authored several articles for The Sentinel Newsletter and the Tennessee Division Forrest Escort on a variety of topics.

I would now like to use my leadership skills as your representative on the General Executive Council and to be your voice as we go forward. Communications has always been a spirited conversation in our organization, and I would like to be in a position where I can work towards improving communications for our members.

Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I have recruited several over the years and I will continue my efforts in that regard and encourage all members to reach out. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. My camp this past year had a 99% retention, but we had one member we could not convince to continue even though we tried hard. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

This decision to be a candidate for AOT Commander has not been lightly decided but has been well considered for some time. I realize the obligation and dedication that this position needs and requires and I am willing to meet those demands. I now have the time and the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of this position. I am grateful for your consideration in voting for me as your AOT Commander at our next election.

Yours In Service to the South,  
Tom Wood Tennessee Division Adjutant General  
Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 Lebanon, Tennessee

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,



It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Army Councilman for the past three years. In that time I've fielded many phone calls and emails and visited many Camps and functions as well as taken part in the carrying out of training workshops put on around our Army. Likewise I've attended every National Reunion and every GEC meeting in addition to a number of those which were held by teleconference and/or online. I've done my best in this capacity to represent the best interests of our Divisions, our members and our esteemed organization.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization with a mission that is not only near and dear to my heart, but it is a big part of who I am. I believe absolutely in the Cause that our ancestors contended for and I make every effort to spread the truth of that Cause at every opportunity that I am afforded. Over the years I've done more interviews with media talking heads than I can count and have stood face to face in head-on debate with a well-known group that is highly and militantly adversarial towards our organization and our Heritage. I have long held the belief that it is my mission in life to know the truth of the history of our Southland and to relay that truth.

Having joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 I have served in just about every office at the Camp level in addition to many Division Offices to include Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, 2nd Lt Commander from 2012 to 2016, 1st Lt Commander from 2016 to 2018 and Alabama Division Commander from 2018 to 2020. I've served as Chief of Heritage Operations for the Army of Tennessee from 2010 to 2012, National Chief of Heritage Operations from 2016 to 2018, National Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense from 2018 to 2020 and AoT Councilman from 2020 until the present.

As Commander of the Alabama Division I undertook the mission of "building the SCV by building the Camps" and worked across Division lines with the Tennessee Division to erect a monument on our property at the Forrest Boyhood Home. I've been instrumental in putting on education conferences that were designed to bring nationally known speakers to our members at an affordable price in an effort to educate us on our history. I believe fervently that the Camps are the backbone of this organization and that by training Camps in areas that will help them to grow and run more efficiently we will likewise benefit the overall health of our entire organization. I stand by that assertion and belief.

The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US as a people. The Southern tradition is a threat to the ultra-left and their radical agenda and we must fight back against this with everything we can intellectually muster. The SCV is the premier entity in this fight and at times it seems we are the only entity! We must be as determined as our adversaries and we must work in a manner that is smart and effective to curtail their efforts. We must train and equip our Camps to be our voice and a formidable influence in the local community, and we must attract the general public to take up our Cause. The polls are clear that the public is on our side, but we must harness that support and put it to active use for our purpose and our mission.

While the Camp is the backbone of this organization, to formulate a coherent and cohesive message that will resonate throughout our Army, Divisions, Brigades and Camps we must have strong representation at every level of the SCV, including on the General Executive Council. We must have people with experience and who can bring new ideas to the table, as well as who can work with the others in elected positions. Gentlemen, I believe I have the ideas and that experience and, after much thought and prayer, it is with great reverence for you and all that you are doing for our Cause that I announce my candidacy for the position of Commander of the Army of Tennessee and humbly ask for your support.

I am, Yours in the Cause,  
Carl Jones Councilman Army of Tennessee  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Discover the rich heritage of the American South at the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee. Immerse yourself in the stories of the past, from the War Between the States to present-day.

Step into the footsteps of history as you wander through exhibits of the museum, filled with artifacts, documents, and images from our past, offering a glimpse into the struggles and triumphs of the South.

Surround yourself with the beauty of Elm Springs, a stunning antebellum property. Stroll the grounds or admire the elegant architecture that transports you to a bygone era.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, a curious explorer, or simply seeking to broaden your horizons, the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs (the Southern Heritage Center) welcomes you with open arms!

Plan your visit today and embark on a journey through time at the Southern Heritage Center. Your experience awaits!

**#ExploreHistory #ElmSprings #ColumbiaTN #SouthernHeritage**



#### New Displays & More!

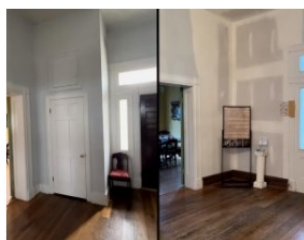
We're thrilled to announce an exciting enhancement to the National Confederate Museum, made possible by a generous grant from the Order of the Southern Cross! Thanks to their support, we've acquired brand new display cases that will showcase our treasured artifacts with the dignity and reverence they deserve.

These beautiful cases are more than just a practical addition; they're a testament to our commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of the American South. These cases will provide a stunning backdrop for visitors to immerse themselves in the stories of our past.

As we work to fill these exquisite new displays, we invite you to join us for a special opening of the museum on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Explore our collection like never before, and witness firsthand the impact of the Order of the Southern Cross's dedication to preserving our heritage.

From War Between the States enthusiasts to curious newcomers, there's something for everyone at the National Confederate Museum. Our doors are open to all who seek to understand and appreciate the complexities of our shared history.

Don't miss this opportunity to be among the first to experience our new exhibits. Mark your calendars for March 2, 2024, and join us for a day of discovery, reflection, and celebration at the National Confederate Museum, 9a to 2p. We can't wait to welcome you!



#### The Entry Hall Project

Step back in time and witness the restoration of historic Elm Springs in all its glory! Nestled in Columbia, Tennessee, Elm Springs beckons history enthusiasts and preservationists alike to witness a remarkable transformation.

The focal point of our restoration efforts? The majestic entry hall, a gateway to the past that sets the tone for the entire estate. With careful precision, we've removed a 1950s closet, allowing Elm Springs to reclaim its original grandeur and authenticity. This bold step brings us closer than ever to recreating the home's original appearance, inviting visitors to step into a bygone era.

But our journey doesn't end there. To truly revive the spirit of Elm Springs, we've painstakingly selected a historic wallpaper and trim color, meticulously chosen to evoke the charm and elegance of yesteryear. With each restoration project, we breathe new life into this beloved landmark, honoring its storied past while embracing the promise of its future.

However, our restoration efforts rely on your generosity. To complete this ambitious project and ensure Elm Springs shines as a beacon of history for generations to come, we need your support. Your donations will make a tangible difference, helping us preserve this cultural treasure and share its legacy with the world.

Join us in our mission to preserve the soul of Elm Springs. Together, let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and create a future where history thrives. Donate today and become a part of something truly extraordinary.



## THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Parks have been taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateurs. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence. In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. The forces of political correctness have gone into high gear. They attempt to ban any and all things Confederate through their ideological fascism.

There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account of why so many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert government by the consent of the governed in America!

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

These plans have now become a reality. The ground breaking has taken place and the museum is now open.

Take this journey with us and support the museum as a donor or join the Friends of the Museum today!

Send Donations to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Attn: National Confederate Museum  
P.O. Box 59  
Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.

[www.theconfederatemuseum.com](http://www.theconfederatemuseum.com)





Confederate Memorial Day (called Confederate Heroes Day in Texas, and Confederate Decoration Day in Tennessee) is a holiday observed in several Southern states on various dates since the end of the American Civil War to remember the estimated 258,000 Confederate soldiers and sailors who died fighting against the Union.

The holiday is observed in late April in many states to recall the surrender of the last major Confederate field army at Bennett Place on April 26, 1865.<sup>[2]</sup> The holiday is widely but unofficially observed in some Southern states, although it is an official state holiday in South Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama.

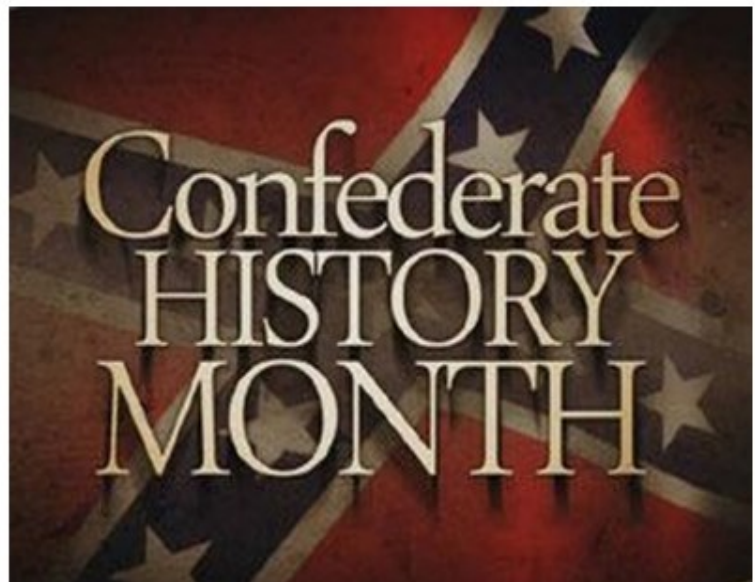
In the spring of 1866 the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia, passed a resolution to set aside one day annually to memorialize the Confederate war dead. Mary Ann Williams, the association secretary, was directed to pen a letter inviting ladies associations in every former Confederate state to join them in the observance. Their invitation was written in March 1866 and sent to all of the principal cities in the former Confederacy, including Atlanta, Macon; Montgomery; Memphis; Richmond; St. Louis; Alexandria; Columbia; and New Orleans, as well as smaller towns like Staunton, Virginia; Anderson, South Carolina; and Wilmington, North Carolina. The actual date for the holiday was selected by Elizabeth Rutherford Ellis. She chose April 26, the first anniversary of Confederate General Johnston's surrender to Union Major General Sherman at Bennett Place. For many in the Confederacy, that date in 1865 marked the end of the Civil War.

In their book, *The Genesis of the Memorial Day Holiday in America*, Bellware and Gardiner assert that the national Memorial Day holiday is a direct offshoot of the observance begun by the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia in 1866. In a few places, most notably Columbus, Mississippi and Macon, Georgia, Union graves were decorated during the first observance. The day was even referred to as Memorial Day by *The Baltimore Sun* on May 8, 1866 after the ladies organization that started it. The name Confederate Memorial Day was not used until the Northern observance was initiated in 1868.

While initially cool to the idea of a Northern version of the holiday, General John A. Logan was eventually won over as evidenced by his General Order No. 11 of May 5, 1868 wherein he commanded the posts of Grand Army of the Republic to likewise strew flowers on the graves of Union soldiers. The Grand Army of the Republic eventually adopted the name Memorial Day at their national encampment in 1882.

Many theories have been offered as to how Logan became aware of the former Confederate tradition he imitated in 1868. In her autobiography, his wife claims she told him about it after a trip to Virginia in the spring of that year.<sup>[18]</sup> His secretary and his adjutant also claim they told him about it. John Murray of Waterloo, New York, claims it was he who inspired Logan in 1868. Bellware and Gardiner, however, offer proof that Logan was aware of the Southern tributes long before any of them had a chance to mention it to him.<sup>[19]</sup> In a speech to veterans in Salem, Illinois, on July 4, 1866, Logan referred to the various dates of observance adopted in the South for the practice saying "...traitors in the South have their gatherings day after day, to strew garlands of flowers upon the graves of Rebel soldiers..."

The first official celebration as a public holiday occurred in 1874, following a proclamation by the Georgia legislature. By 1916, ten states celebrated it, on June 3, the birthday of CSA President Jefferson Davis. Other states chose late April dates, or May 10, commemorating Davis' capture.







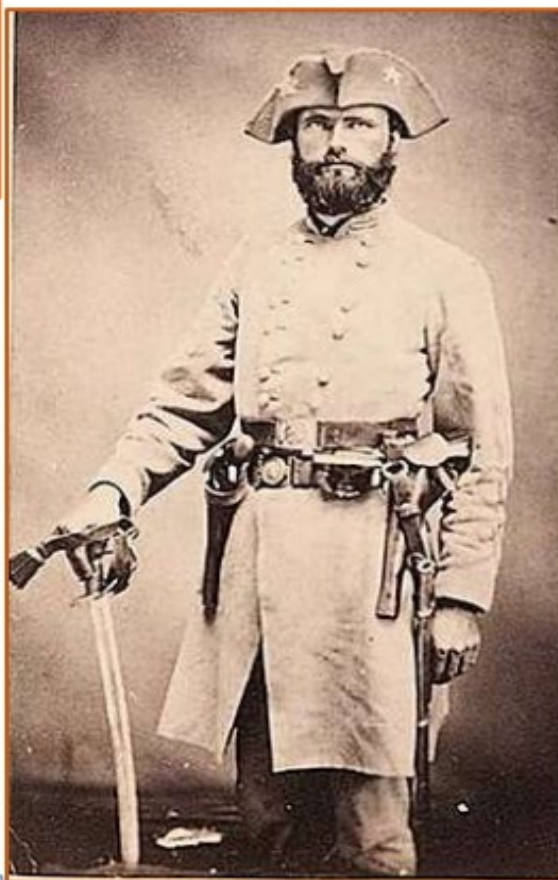
# WEAPON OF CHOICE.

## Le Mat Revolver

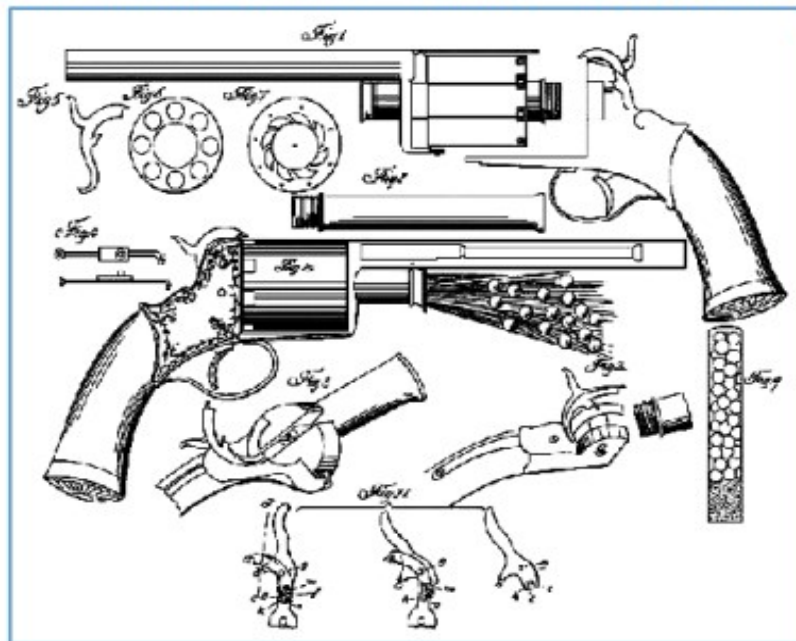
by Robert Taylor.

**T**his 8-round, one buckshot handgun was the preferred choice of several leading Confederate officers. *Brigadier General Richard Gano* always carried one in his holster. He was leader of the *5th Texas Cavalry Brigade*, commanded the Confederate force of *Texans* and *Native Americans* who captured a Union wagon supply train of 300 wagons at *Cabin Creek* *Richard Montgomery Gano* (June 17, 1830 – March 27, 1913) was a Physician, Protestant Minister and Brigadier General in the Confederate army.

Brig. Gen. Gano with two *Le Mat* revolvers on his hips and wearing two belts, one carries his sword with a leather strap. His rather old fashioned hat has the Texas Star-Editor.



**L**e Mat revolver, of .42 and .36 calibre, cap and ball black-powder, was invented by *Dr Jean Alexandre Le Mat* of *New Orleans*. It featured an unusual secondary 16 gauge smooth-bore barrel, capable of firing buckshot.



This excellent firearm saw service with the armed forces of the Confederate States of America during the American war of 1861–65.

**W**hen war broke out, *Le Mat* received immediate Confederate contracts for the production of 5 thousand revolvers. Plans were made to manufacture the gun abroad and ship them into the Confederacy, that lacked the necessary facilities to produce the weapon locally in bulk. Confederate gun-runners were able to slip shipments of the guns through the Union naval blockade. It's estimated about 2,500 made it into Confederate service. In addition to *General Beauregard* and *Colonel Le Mat*, this amazing 8 shot revolver was used by





such famous Confederate officers as *Major Generals Braxton Bragg, J.E.B. Stuart* favoured it over all others, *Richard H. Anderson*, and the much villainised *Major Henry Wirz* carried them. *General Beauregard* proudly used his personally engraved *Le Mat* throughout the war; it's preserved at the *American Civil War Museum in Richmond, Virginia*.

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Armourer and taxidermist John Krider of Philadelphia-Editor.

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**T**he revolver was manufactured from 1856 to 1865, with approximately 2,900 being produced. The first models were manufactured by *John Krider of Philadelphia*. Born 1813 died 1886 *Krider* was a famed American gunsmith and ornithologist. For much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century he operated a sporting goods store in *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*. On the second floor of *Krider's* shop was a taxidermist shop, where hundreds of bird specimens were prepared over multiple decades. Not my preferred ornithological interest! In 1859, *Krider* manufactured the first 25 prototypes of *Le Mat* revolvers, also known as the "*Grape Shot Revolver*".

**T**he second model (*the first overseas model*), being produced by *Charles Frederic Girard & Son of Paris*. Quality concerns prompted *Le Mat* to consider manufacture at the *Birmingham Small Arms Company in England*, but production was never moved there. *Le Mat* revolvers from *France* were shipped to Confederate forces via the *United Kingdom*, and all firearms landed in the UK were required (*and still are*) to be proofed in Britain.

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Jean Alexandre Le Mat of New Orleans whose manufacturing effort was fully endorsed by General P. G. T. Beauregard. The unique *Le Mat* revolver was developed in New Orleans in 1856. My weapon of choice-Editor.

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**S**muggled *Le Mats* that made it through the blockade were all stamped with *British* proof marks from the *Birmingham Proof House*, leading to confusion over the place of manufacture. A few are known to have been secretly copied in the UK by an unknown manufacturer, thought by some to be the *London Armoury Company*. Only two examples survive to the present day and it's doubtful any of the English-made *Le Mats* ever saw service during the U.S. war. The original revolver, constructed of blued steel with grips of polished walnut, wasn't considered a very accurate weapon, although deadly at close range. I was lucky enough to fire *Ed Best's Le Mat* in *Queensland* and found it remarkably accurate for a first timer. Thanks for the memory Ed.



**C**onfederate cavalymen favoured *Le Mat* for its durability and ability to fire 8 shots on the hoof and the buckshot was very useful at close quarters. They carried several pistols, it was faster to draw another loaded weapon, than try to reload a cap and ball revolver in combat and while galloping a horse. Today, *Le Mat* is occasionally seen in Western movies, no matter the time period. Their durability did ensure a long life. Film directors liked them for their star-quality

and for looking good on screen. Fortunately, movie directors today are more accurate with their period revolvers but for many years we saw *Colt Frontiers* in movies set pre, or during the War Between the States. This is my request of Santa this year, I'll put up an extra big stocking!

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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,  
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