

The Delta General

This Month's Issue: Civil War Dentistry

- ♦ **No Meeting this month because of State Reunion!**
- ♦ **Confederate Memorial Service at Greenville Cemetery, Saturday, June 1, at 2:00 PM**



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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. Saturday, May 11 was our monthly Camp meeting, which was another fun time among friends. Our meeting featured a wonderful presentation by the Camp's old friend Charles Tucker from Brandon. We also heard good news about Southern Heritage and talked optimistically about both the Division and the National Reunions happening this summer.

Charles Tucker is well known to all of the Camp members who are active or past battlefield reenactors. He joined us for a fantastic presentation about the clothing and accessories of the Confederate infantryman in the later years of the War (1863-1865). The presentation including detailed information about the period-correct clothes he wore to the Meeting: woolen socks, wool pants, linen underwear, a lightweight cotton shirt, short jacket, French military cap (cappy), and beehive hat. He discussed each of these articles of clothing and their purpose. Then he explained the purpose of each of the accessories from the utility belt to the knapsack and all the things an infantryman would typically carry. One of the most thought-provoking things he said was that the mindset of a typical infantryman was very different than our modern ideas of preserving things for future use. A Confederate infantryman was likely to discard items or articles of clothing he did not immediately need; rather than plan ahead and keep things for future use. This of course, is very different than most of us, who keep things even when we realistically know we do not need them, nor will we ever again use them. Mister Tucker's presentation was insightful, interesting and very well delivered. I hope to see him again soon and learn more about the battlefield life of my ancestor.

Many exciting events for our Camp are coming in the near future. The first day of June brings us the Camp's annual Confederate Memorial Service. This is postponed from April 20. We will come together at two o'clock June 1 at the Greenville Cemetery to honor not only the Confederate veterans buried there, but all the brave and honorable men who fought to preserve their homeland from an invading army who wanted to subjugate their states to a Constitutionally overreaching and overbearing Federal government. Please bring a chair and join us for what promises to be a reverent and pleasant service.

The Mississippi Division Reunion will take place in Flowood June 7-8. It is not too late to register for the Reunion if you are thinking about attending. Please consider attending and meeting or reconnecting with SCV members from across our State. Attending the Reunion is a way for you to Live the Charge.

Perhaps a trip to Flowood doesn't excite you as much as a trip to Charleston, South Carolina would. If you want the opportunity to visit one of America's most beautiful and historic cities, then make plans to attend the National Reunion July 16-July 21. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet people from all fifty of the United States and many countries the world who share your heritage and who took an oath to Live the Charge. It is not too late to register and make plans for a summer trip to Charleston.

Sometimes as Sons of Confederate Veterans we feel that the entire world is against us and the elimination of all things noble, honorable, and Confederate is a tidal wave we are trying to stop with our hands. This is not true and I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Shenandoah County, Virginia, School District who recently made the rightful decision to restore the glorious and honorable names of Generals Stonewall Jackson and Tuler Ashby to their School buildings. The elementary school was named for Ashby and the high school for Jackson, but in 2020 woke liberalism got ahold of the and School Board and they discarded honor and history to placate liberals who hate America and individual liberty. Four years later, reality returned to Shenandoah County and the original names of the buildings were restored. Congratulations to the Shenandoah County School District Board for honoring your Confederate and American heritage.

Remember you took an oath to Live the Charge. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has a campaign called 21st Century Confederate Heroes that was created to raise money to pay off the Museum's debt and restore the Forrest Plaza to look exactly as it did in Memphis. Donating to this fund is an excellent way to Live the Charge. Currently, only eight of forty-three individual members of our Camp have donated to the Fund. We can do better than that: You can do better than that.

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

From the Chaplain's pen... Earl McCown

The older we get the more we want to be in charge! We see the things that people around us are doing, and we know for sure that we could do that thing so much better. I heard that speech from the President of the United States, and I know I could have said it better. I know that I could surely have improved on the Pastor's sermon last Sunday. But no body asked me.

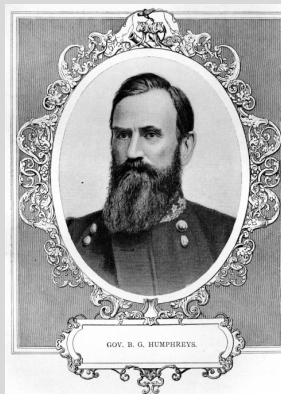
Here I am, setting in this meeting; and it is lasting way too long. If I was leading this meeting, I would shorten this part, leave out this part (it seems like useless rhetoric), and I would totally rearrange the whole format of the meeting.



A well-worn truism says, "You can't control what you can't control!" As obvious as this platitude is, it is still ignored by many people based on the amount of worrying we do. And most of what we worry about is beyond our control. What we can control is actually very limited in scope compared to what we can't control.

Our biggest temptation in life is to control, or at the very least, change other people. We allow the words and actions of others to cause us undue stress when, in fact, what others do and say is not really under our control. The best way to handle who and what we can't control is to live a life under the control of the Holy Spirit. When we are led by the Spirit of God, we are led by One who loves us and provides for us in every situation. The One who allows us to manifest love and other virtues in every situation. Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, good ness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Don't spend the day worrying about what you can't control. Instead, yield to the control of the Holy Spirit. Let Him guide you and equip you for every circumstance.



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Adjutant's Report—Dan McCaskill

Call to Order: At 5:00 PM CDT by Camp Commander Michael Anthony.

Opening Prayer and Blessing: Camp Chaplain Earl McCown

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

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

Camp Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting. Due to the amount of Camp Business, our Meeting was started at 5 pm instead of the normal 6 pm.

The First Order of Business: Minutes – Commander Anthony expressed the need to adopt the Minutes of the March Camp Meeting as published in The Delta General. Kenneth Ray made the motion to adopt the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Earl McCown and passed without objection.

The Second Order of Business: Officer Reports – 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported our June Meeting will be at our Confederate Memorial Service that was re-scheduled for June 1st at the Greenville Cemetery at 2 pm; Camp Chaplain Earl McCown will speak at the Memorial; there will be no speaker for the June Camp Meeting. This will be a very short meeting to finalize our goals at the Division Reunion; Due to the nearness of the National Reunion, Earl McCown made a motion to suspend our July Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Ray and the motion passed without objection; Larry secured Mark Hidlegauha as a speaker for our August Meeting. Since Mark will be coming up from the Gulf Coast, Kenneth Ray made a motion for the Camp to provide a room for our speaker. The motion was seconded by Gator Stillman and the motion passed without objection. Larry McCluney volunteered to secure the room. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that \$50 of 2024 Annual Budget has been sent to the church for the use of the Fellowship Hall for February and March. The bank account balance stands at \$3,117. This includes \$986 for our goal of \$1,000 for the 21st Century Confederate Heroes Fund. Our core group stepped up again and donated \$225 this evening to put us over our goal. I also want to thank the OCR and MOSB for contributing. It's a shame the other 36 members did nothing. Camp Editor Larry McCluney asked members about the newsletter. No problems were reported and everyone enjoyed the newsletter. Missy Stillman stated there was no report the OCR is still here. Military Order of Stars and Bars Commander Earl McCown reported all current members are Life Members of the MS Society MOSB. Also, Larry McCluney has submitted his application for membership in the MOSB. There are nine other members of the Camp who qualify for membership in the Chapter. Camp Commander Michael Anthony discussed the upcoming Division Reunion and the need to select delegates to the Reunion. Delegates to the Division Reunion representing the Camp are Michael Anthony, Larry McCluney, Earl McCown and Dan McCaskill. Next was selecting delegates for the National Reunion in Charleston, SC. At moment the only members planning to attend the National Reunion as delegates are Larry McCluney and Dan McCaskill.

The Third Order of Business – Proposed Constitution Amendments: It was brought to the attention of Camp members there are twenty proposed amendments to the Division Constitution to be considered by the members. These amendments were printed in the latest issue of the Jeff Davis Legion. After discussing the matter, instead for reviewing each proposed amendment, Earl McCown made a motion to give the Delegation to the Division Reunion to vote on all amendments in the best interest of the Camp. The motion was seconded by Gator Stillman and was passed without objection.

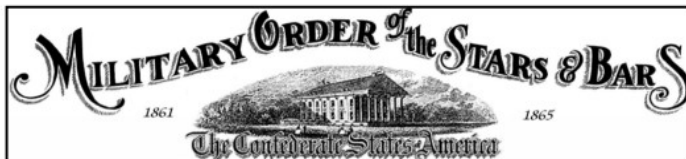
Commander Anthony called for a recess for the evening meal that was cooked by Annette McCluney.

Third Order of Business: Program – 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney introduced our speaker, Charles Tucker, a friend and well know re-enactor who many of our ladies have "shot" at re-enactments. Charles talked of everything the Confederate Infantryman used during the War and used visual aids to show what he used from his bedding, what he ate, his uniform and his weapon and accoutrements. One interesting point Charles made was the average soldier was not a forward thinker. Any equipment he did not need at the moment, he discarded. Excess weight was a detriment to his fighting ability.

After the program, the Ladies of the OCR conducted their raffle for a book which was won by Brad Hartfield. Jessie Bright won the 1894 MS State Flag which she donated back to the OCR to raffle off again. Tommy McCaskill won the second raffle.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Gator Stillman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Ray and the motion passed without objection. Attendance for the meeting was 16.

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



General Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B

Greetings.

Congratulations to Mississippi Society Lt. Commander Dwight Johnson who was presented with the Distinguished Commander Award at the 87th National Convention of the MOS&B in Springfield, MO.

Congratulations are also in order for Compatriot David C. Daniels, who was presented the Lieutenant Charles Read Meritorious Service Award. It was presented by Commander General Thomas B. Rhodes III and most recent past Commander General Johnnie Holley. This Award is for outstanding contributions to the Chapter or Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The Award commemorates the diligence and leadership of young Lieutenant Charles Read of the Confederate Navy. Nominees for the Award should demonstrate the highest work ethic and proven themselves in promoting the MOS&B.

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.*

Mississippi Guardian Program Application

Turn Application into Division Guardian Committee Chairman

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Location: _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veterans Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____ Co.: _____

Born: ____/____/____ Died: ____/____/____ Condition of site: Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent

(circle one)

Location of Grave: (Include name of cemetery, city and county): _____

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: _____ Cross of Honor? _____

Documentation of Confederate Service: List book, service record, etc. _____

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able. In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately. I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

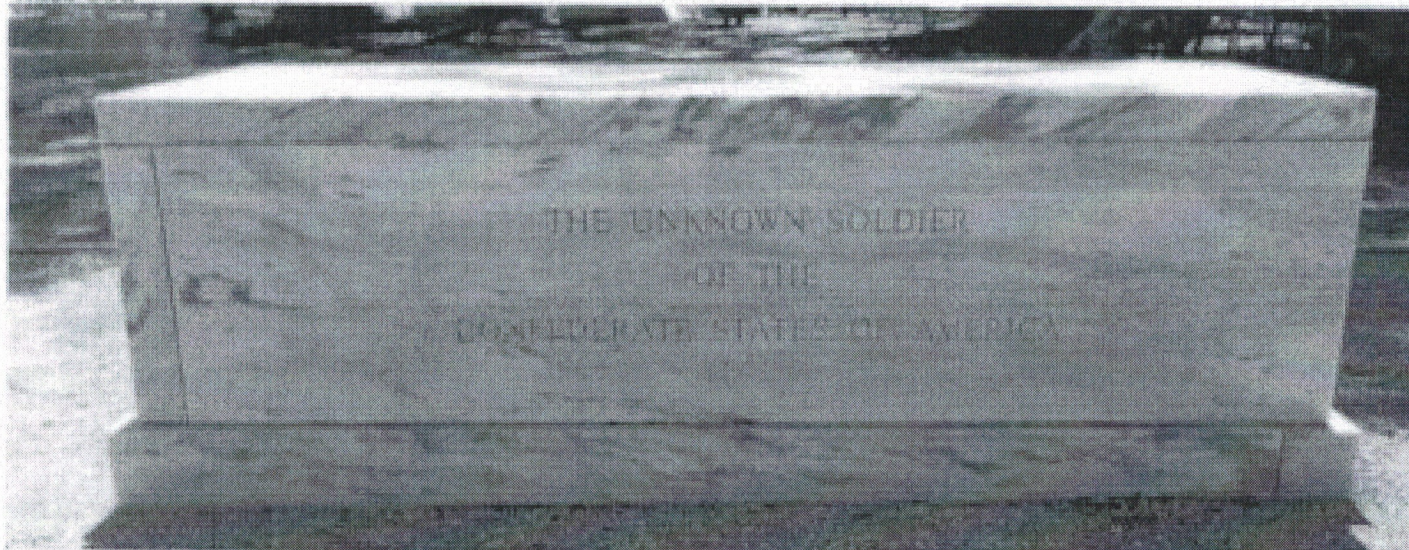
Committee Chairman: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Mail Application, Map and Photos to:

Mississippi Division Guardian Program
123 Douglas Street
Bruce, MS. 38915

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

National News:

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. De-

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

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.

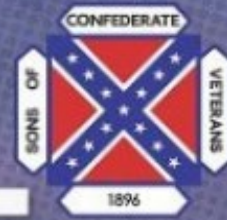
The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US 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



2024



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

NATIONAL REUNION



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

For more information: Contact Rick Little:

(843) 305-3085 / Support@SCV4.org



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		
FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals					

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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.]



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!

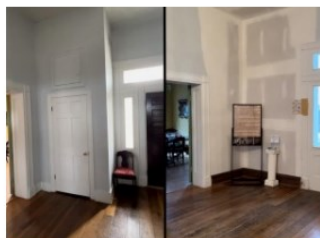
We're thrilled to announce an exciting enhancement to the National Confederate Museum, made possible by a generous grant from the Order of the Southern Cross! Thanks to their support, we've acquired brand new display cases that will showcase our treasured artifacts with the dignity and reverence they 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 2nd** 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

Stranger than Fiction.

Civil-War Dental Surgery.

By R. Taylor (ACWRTQ)



The writer, F. Scott Fitzgerald is perhaps best known for his novel and film *"The Great Gatsby"* and extravagant parties staged during the Roaring 20s. But you should also know that nearly all of his writing is connected, in some way, to a lifelong fascination with the American civil-war.

Fitzgerald's father, Edward, was a young boy in Maryland during the war and was said to have rowed a Confederate spy across a tributary of the *Potomac River* during *Jubal Early's* 1864 invasion. His father's frequent stories inspired in his son a lifelong passion for the war and in particular the South. Creatively and personally, Fitzgerald was exhausted in the 1930s. Following *The Great Gatsby*, he changed his subject matter, beginning to use *civil-war* settings and references. Two draft stories were recently published for the first time, titled *"Thumbs Up"* and *"Dentist Appointment"*. They both use *civil-war* dentistry as a backdrop to explore Fitzgerald's favoured theme of how a confident woman can impact an ambitious young man. The stories are fiction but both raise questions about dentistry and the men who practiced it during the conflict.

Scott Fitzgerald, ardent *civil-war* Buff, pictured in 1923 at the height of his literary celebrity. His wild lifestyle saw him burn out at a young age but his devotion to telling the true *civil-war* story never waned. (Wikimedia Commons)-Editor.



Gen. Jubal Early

The story focuses on the lead character *Captain Dr Pilgrim*, a Union surgeon, sent home to recuperate from a wound received at *Cold Harbor*. *Dr Pilgrim* and his sister find themselves caught up in the Confederate retreat away from *Washington, D.C.* and the 1864 battle of *Fort Stevens*. The battle is described by Fitzgerald as, *"Throwing a few shells in the suburbs"*. Informing his Confederate captors that he was a physician, specifically a dentist, *Pilgrim* is taken to extract a tooth from a French observer, attached to *Jubal Early's* staff. The cavalrymen's surprise at finding a dentist is because many believed the North had few dentists; the first American dentistry school had only been established in Baltimore in 1847, with schools in *New York* and *Philadelphia* opening up just before the war.

At the time, dentistry was still struggling to establish itself as a legitimate medical specialization. Naïvely, dentistry is believed by historians as being developed only during the war that provided a catalyst to its development in America. In the book, a fictional *French* observer with the Confederate army, a cousin of *Napoleon III*, expresses concern about a dentist determined to pull one of his teeth, he exclaims, “*cette vie barbare*” (meaning, ‘this barbaric life’). Fitzgerald’s character, Dr. Pilgrim stiffly responds, “*I am a trained surgeon!*” Pilgrim’s stern reply exemplifies how dentists were also fighting for professional recognition during the war. Unlike doctors, medically trained dentists realized that dental ailments were almost exclusively local issues that required local treatment, in other words the yanking out of a tooth. Even today, governments refuse to acknowledge dental health as being connected to general health of patients and yet untreated it often leads to death.



The author’s decision to cast a Union dentist to treat a Confederate patient is more than relevant because the Confederacy took dental health much more seriously than did the Union. *Confederate President Jefferson Davis* had advocated the creation of an *Army Dental Corps*, though his plan was rejected. During the war, *Confederate Surgeon General Samuel Moore* knew the value of attaching dentists to Confederate armies, it enabled soldiers to receive proper care and return to their units sooner. The *1864 Conscription Act* specifically targeted dentists not already in the service of the army and attached them to military hospitals. In a single day they would be expected to perform, “*twenty to thirty fillings...the extraction of fifteen or twenty teeth, and the removal of tartar*”. One Confederate dentist described his operating space, “*A room with a good light, cold and warm water, soap and towels, and a servant or soldier, were invariably provided. The making of the operating chair was entrusted to the hospital carpenter, and generally constructed by a rude design drawn in pencil. A tin basin placed upon a bench or stool answered for a spittoon.*” A luxury when compared to some operating conditions in field hospitals during the war. As a contrast to the Confederacy, the Federal government saw little use in assigning dentists to its army, leaving soldiers to either receive treatment from general physicians, or seek out civilian dentists for their ailments. Fitzgerald’s story goes further and demonstrates the limits of reconciliation between former Confederate and its Union foe. In one section of the story, set after the war, a Southerner, *Tib Dulany* declares, “*I am not an American! I am a Virginian! Those two things will never mean the same again in my lifetime*”. The remark is indicative of the broader feelings held by all Southerners at the time and many to this very day.

Civil-war physicians were not politically neutral practitioners of their craft. Rather, they were intensely political participants throughout the war. A Confederate Dentist, *Dr. Watkins Leigh Burton* stated his feelings clearly in an 1868 article, “*Dental Notes on the Civil War*”. He reveals elements of the *Lost Cause* mantra while defending Confederate medical practices during the conflict. *Burton* attempts to vindicate the Confederacy, stating in his conclusion, “*With the ports of the world closed against them, with a currency depreciating every hour from the most shameful mismanagement; and having to contend against such enormous odds, the great wonder is, how even a noble and heroic people, believing honestly in the justness of their cause, could hold out so long.*” *Burton* characterizes Southern physicians as wise-men who did more with less, who only failed because of Northern blockades and material shortages – key elements of the *Lost Cause* theory.



F. Scott Fitzgerald in 1937. He had a remarkable way of revealing history by wrapping it in his novels-Editor.

Though a work of fiction, *F. Scott Fitzgerald's* stories are grounded in the real experiences of dentists and soldiers during the war. The specialization of dentistry was just coming into its own and professionalism was fleshed out by advances that the war necessitated, largely by experimentation. As a group of scholars and physicians note, *"1860s dentists rose to the challenges by experimenting with materials and techniques beyond those described in the literature of the day."* The war presented the opportunity for dentists to demonstrate their proficiency and they didn't fail in that task. But significantly, *Fitzgerald's* stories provide a fictionalized depiction of the very real political sentiments held by Northern and Southern physicians.



Dental care during the War Between the States was certainly nothing to write home about. Northern soldiers continued to be ignored by the federal government that didn't supply dental surgeons, or even recognise a special status for them. A veteran of the 2nd Troop, Volunteer Cavalry, Dr John Sayre Marshall (1846–1922), from New York State, declared in *Koch's History of Dental Surgery* (1909): *"Within the ranks of the American army, the only dental services provided were to pierce abscesses of the gums and to extract teeth. The latter was often carried out by a hospital assistant, whose sole qualification for this task was to have a well-muscled right arm."* Extractions were often incomplete and residual roots persisted in the gums, often leading to more painful and severe health problems. Strangely, while this impacted on the soldier's abilities to fight, it wasn't deemed an essential service by politicians who of course didn't do the fighting.

A dentist who treated *civil-war* soldiers, was often confronted by teeth that had never even seen a toothbrush. Dentists had very few solutions for missing teeth. Enlisting soldiers were actually turned away from service if they had bad teeth. The rule was not strictly adhered to but soldiers couldn't fight if they lacked at least six opposing upper and lower teeth. These few teeth were required to bite off the paper ends of powder cartridges. However, the South quickly

saw the need for dental care to keep their men in the front lines. Beginning in January of 1864, the Confederate Army began conscripting dentists to pull teeth, fill cavities, and perform other essential general dentist services. Sometimes with a hand operated egg beater drill and often with lead fillings however the South used more gold for fillings as it was more readily available.

Union soldiers would have to get leave to visit civilian dentists and pay for it from their own pocket. When *General Sherman's* regiment arrived in *Savannah*, his men besieged the dental practices of the town. A dentist said of them: *"The cases of emergency alone would have required the help of a hundred dentists during a six-month period."* With tooth brushing rarely done, their diet devoid of vegetables and fresh fruit as early as 1861, the Union army had to contend not only with *Johnny Reb*, but numerous cases of scurvy, with a subsequent loss of even more teeth. Physical examinations at the time of admission in the Northern army were increasingly rigorous; decayed teeth, the lack of a great number of teeth or the diseases affecting the areas adjacent to the teeth, became possible causes of exemption. And yet, archives showed that very few men were exempted due to poor teeth. A Dr Youngs states, *"During the mobilisation of 1863, out of the 255,188 men examined during the draft, 5,230 were exempted for dental reasons"*.

Assistant Surgeon Robert Bartholow, who was in charge of the Mac Dougall General Hospital, wrote in his book *"Manual for the Enrolment and Exemption of Soldiers"* (1864): *"Decayed teeth, or the loss of incisors or canines, were grounds for exemption, not only because they prevented the soldier from tearing the cartridges apart or from properly chewing his food but also because these were obvious signs of poor general health. Even without incisors or canines, a man who has to reload*

his musket always finds a way to do it, even without teeth; perhaps will he lack rhythm and accuracy at the most? However, his poor general health is of particular concern. The inconvenience caused by the inability to properly chew, leads to more important problems. A man who only lost his incisors shall not be exempted unless his loss of teeth is due to decay or other rotting teeth." Judging by this statement, a man who had lost his lower and upper incisors could find a place in the artillery. Commanders in the field would soon understand that a soldier in good health was much more efficient than a soldier with poor general health.

An extract from Hardee's Drill Manual related to the loading of a cartridge into a musket-Editor.

2. Handle—CARTRIDGE.

One time and one motion.

157. Seize the cartridge with the thumb and next two fingers, and place it between the teeth.

3. Tear—CARTRIDGE.

One time and one motion.

158. Tear the paper to the powder, hold the cartridge upright between the thumb and first two fingers, near the top; in this position place it in front of and near the muzzle—the back of the hand to the front.

Confederate sources were obvious in the absence of teeth being a determining factor for medical examinations. In *"Regulations for the Medical Department of the C.S. Army"*, the only note that hints at dental examinations is, "Surgeons must ensure the recruit's speech [is] perfect." As the war progressed, even this requirement was relaxed. In 1863, Surgeon General Samuel Moore explicitly listed speech impediments as no barrier to admitting conscripts. Dr. John J. Chisolm, in his *Manual of Military Surgery*, mentions that the peacetime U.S. army did reject recruits for "loss of teeth," but does nothing more to explore or explain how many or what teeth should be present.

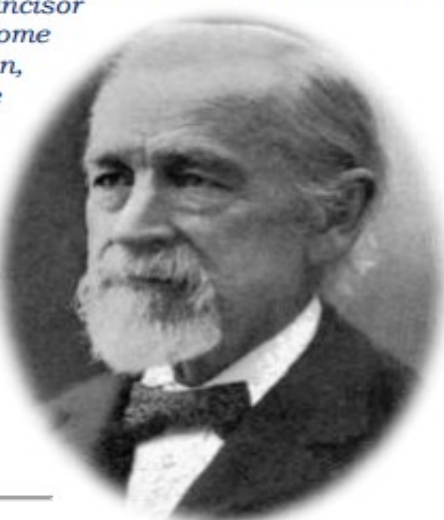


At least in one case, inability to chew solid food was not enough for a compulsory discharge. Farmer Dulaney, a private in the Army of Tennessee's Orphan Brigade, "Was so afflicted that he might have been honourably discharged at any time...his teeth and a portion of his jawbones had been destroyed by the effects of mercury, and his mouth was so dreadfully distorted that he could take only some kind of soft food, with a spoon; and a great portion of the rations regularly issued to the troops was to him useless." Predictably, Private Dulaney's condition was exacerbated by the difficult life of a soldier and inedible rations, and he died of disease in January 1864. I discovered a photograph of Dulaney but it is too graphic to display here. Throughout the conflict, no apparent effort was made by the Confederacy to regulate the admission of recruits for dental issues. Mercury continued in dental use

until quite recently.

In July 1861 Dr Jonathan Taft (1820–1903), co-editor of *Dental Register of the West*, had already commented extensively on the subject of a soldier's dental requirements, "The soldier requires a sufficient number of teeth in good condition, to enable him to masticate his food properly. Hard bread, tough beef, and salt pork, require good molars for this purpose. The incisor and canine teeth are not adapted to this end, i.e., without the aid of some of the molars. The soldier must again have teeth of some description, strong enough to tear his cartridge. This is usually done with the incisor and canine teeth. But if the bicuspid and two of the molars in both jaws upon the right side remain and are sound, we think this may be done as conveniently as with the incisor and canine. The instructions for tearing the cartridge in the infantry tactics, merely prescribe that it is to be put between the teeth, without specifying the particular teeth by which it is to be torn. If, then, the front teeth have been lost by accident, as sometimes happens, we should not reject the man on that account, provided the double teeth, or a sufficient number of them, remain sound in both jaws, and upon the right side".

Jonathan Taft (1820–1903), co-editor of *Dental Register of the West*.
Photograph: Courtesy of the American Dental Association-Editor.



Taft continues, "If the front teeth have been lost and the double teeth are unsound to any extent, the man should be rejected. If the front teeth remain and the molars are gone, we think rejection is again demanded, because the man is evidently incapable of properly masticating the food he must subsist upon in the field".



According to Napoleon Bonaparte and Frederick the Great, "An army marches on its stomach". A fanciful expression and of course very true as Confederates discovered when supplies ran short and their bellies were empty. The two leaders in war would have perhaps achieved more had they both considered the need for soldiers to chew that food to stand any chance of reaching the stomach, let alone tear off the paper end of a musket cartridge. The war in America acted as a catalyst to many amazing innovations, life would change in many ways as a result, not always for the better.

Dental pioneer for the Confederacy Watkins Leigh Burton-Editor.

Watkins Leigh Burton was born 5 February 1830 in *Henrico County, Virginia*. By 1860, there's evidence of him practicing dentistry in *Richmond*. When war began, *Burton* opposed the draft and even tried to be exempted because of his profession. Nonetheless, he was drafted and sent to *Richmond's* hospitals to work as a dental surgeon for the Confederate army. He described his daily activities, "Twenty to thirty 30 fillings... the extraction of 15 or 20 teeth, and the removal of tartar".

During the War Between the States, if you had the money, you could have a beautiful set of dentures like these, but very few were so fortunate-Editor.



Burton's experiences during the war had a profound impact on his later patents. In 1869, *Burton* patented an improvement in *Electro-Heating Apparatus* (Patent No. 88,006, for railway-carriages). A metallic plate would be placed underneath the feet of passengers and expel warmth throughout the car. *Burton* received no benefit from this patent because of "...financial disability which grew out of the condition of my section of the country after the close of the war." (*Reconstruction*). Those were the reasons presented during the process of renewing the patent for another seven years. Like *Burton*, the writer *F. Scott Fitzgerald* knew that dental health care would be yet another 'Lost Cause' as it became unfashionable to care for peoples' health. Even to this day America lags sadly behind many countries in the world regarding health care for all Americans. But the *War Between the States* did serve to ensure better physical care of soldiers. By the time of the Second World War, *United States Marines* were famed for the excellent condition of their teeth, dentistry was firmly entrenched in all Western armies.

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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
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