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Jan - Feb '10



Lee / Jackson Banquet

Lee-Jackson Day is a holiday recognized in several States of the American South. The holiday is celebrated in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. In Texas, it is known as "Confederate Heroes Day."

In Virginia it is a state holiday which falls on the Friday before the third Monday of January.† ((The holiday was

originally created in 1889 to celebrate the birthday of General Robert E. Lee who was born on January 19, 1807.

The holiday was put into effect by Governor Fitzhugh Lee who was a nephew of the general and had been a Confederate general himself.

In 1904 the holiday was changed to include a tribute to Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson who was born on January 21, 1824. The change was made under the administration of Governor Andrew Jackson Montague.

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Lee/Jackson Banquet You are Cordially Invited January 23, 2010 1:00 pm

Calvary Presbyterian Church

1420 So. Holly, just north of E. Florida Ave.

Once again, we are excited to invite all members and their families and friends to the Colorado Division, Lee/Jackson Banquet.

2010 marks the Ninth Anniversary of this formal celebration of perhaps the two most important leaders of the Confederacy.

This year, we will be offering a beautiful Confederate Cavalry Sword, AND a quality, framed Print of Nathan Bedford Forest as our grand prizes for the event. Each paid entrance will be eligible for the grand prize drawings.

Of course, we will once more hold our Silent Auction, which will include books, clothing items, and other interesting treasures. All of these auction items are donated by our members, in order to support the SCV in Colorado, so if you would like to put an item on the table, we encourage you to bring one to the banquet.

This is the most formal event of the year; and, like the ceremonies upon Confederate Memorial Day, our goal is to honor our ancestors, not put on a reenactment. We therefore welcome all manner of military dress, either field or regimental, or a coat and tie in lieu of uniforms. Ladies are invited to wear period dress if they have such; and of course a dressy slacks outfit or "Sunday" dress would fit right in.

Last year, we enjoyed some truly fabulous food. A lot of it was prepared with care by Compatriot Bob Milner. However, as our event grows, he certainly would appreciate your help. If you have a favorite, Southern recipe you'd like to share with others (things like desserts, red beans and rice, greens, etc.,) Contact Bob or Camp 676 Commander Frank Campbell -

Please contact Camp 676 Adjutant Bob Milner if you are able to help with setup, the menu, or in other ways. JReb20th@comcast.net







at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Complex
Anderson, SC

The 2010 SCV National Reunion schedule Wednesday, July 21:2:30pm – 5:00pm GEC Meeting

Thursday, July 22: 8:00am – 8:45am Opening Ceremony; 9:00am – 12:00pm - Business Session I; 12:00pm – 1:30pm - Awards Luncheon; 2:00pm – 5:30pm - Abbeville Tour and Memorial Service; 9:00pm - John C. Calhoun Oratory Contest

Friday, July 23: 8:30am – 12:00pm Business Session II_12:15pm – 2:30pm Heritage Luncheon_2:00pm – 5:30pm Business Session III_5:30pm – 6:30pm Army Meetings

Saturday, July 24: 8:30am – 12:00pm - Business Session IV; 1:00pm – 3:00pm - Tour John C. Calhoun Home; 6:00pm – 7:00pm - Commander in Chief's Reception; 8:00pm - Debutantes and Grand Ball

Sunday, July 25: 9:00am - 12:00pm GEC Meeting



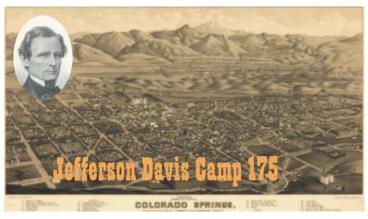
http://www.coloradoscv.org/index.htm

It's here! The Colorado Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has a brand new website! The site provides a way to follow the activities of other camps, and of Division-wide events. It's a backup for you to retrieve a copy of the "Territorial Dispatch" newsletters. And it's a source of information unique to Confederate heritage in Colorado.

A huge amount of praise should be directed to Compatriot Rick Reed of Colorado Springs Camp 175. He took the best ideas from efforts in the past, and put them all together using some incredible talent.

Head to the website above, and start browsing. You'll find contacts and calendars for the camps. For example, on the Camp 676 link, you can click on "Coming soon 1" link and you'll find all the details on the Lee/Jackson Banquet, including a detailed map to get you through the one-way streets of Denver and arrive safely at the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

We already have a great website going, and encourage you to help us make it even better. If you have suggestions for the pages, or suggestions for links of interest to SCV members, please use the "contact us" link on the Home page to contact Webmaster Rick Reed.



November Meeting of Camp 175

Meeting minutes from *Octo*ber meeting were read by Compatriot Atkinson. There were no corrections.

Old Business:

Flags: No progress on this item, still lacking CO and US flags and still no word on stands.

Adopt-A-Highway - Rick Thurston will have state change the camp number – currently lists Camp 1205. Discussed state vs. county road, high visible area like Hwy 94 or 24. Rick to follow up to determine what is available.

New Business:

Membership: Dalton Meyers, son of Scott Meyers was nominated as a cadet member by Rick Thurston, seconded by Rick Reed. Motion passed, Commander Meyers to send in application and fee. Daniel Rhyne turned in his application, sponsored by Doug Atkinson. Camp voted to accept Daniel's membership into SCV, to be sent in by Compatriot Atkinson.

Programs – next month Scott Meyers will present on the history of the Confederate flags.

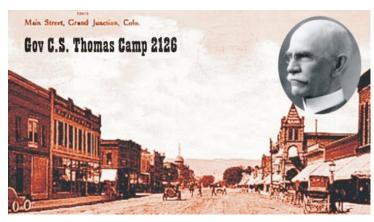
Public Programs – discussed as a method of outreach. Ideas floated included a public display at the Pioneer Museum or a public presentation. Topic was tabled for now.

Next meeting will have a Christmas theme with a gift exchange game. Commander Meyers to invite Camp 676 and other interested SCV compatriots to join us. Compatriot Atkinson to send out the rules for the gift exchange.

John Kingsley's application was approved by HQ and he was welcomed to the camp. John is currently working in New Mexico and could not be present, his certificate will be mailed to him.

Division nomination for Knights of the Confederacy was discussed, determined that no one from Camp 175 should be nominated this year as we are just getting started and have not accomplished anything worthy of such an honor.

As of this edition of the Territorial Dispatch, the next meeting of Camp 175 will be at Maggie Mae's in Colorado Springs on Jan. 12. At this meeting, Scott will be presenting the heritage of Southern flags to all who can make it. Link to this webiste http://www.coloradoscv.org/175main.htm or through the SCV web page for a map.



Grand Junction welcomes new members to Camp 2126.



From left to right: Garry Brewer, Bill Buvinger, Gary Parrott and Ben Coomer. Ben's CSA ancestor is George W. Turner (private, Company C, 1st Battalion Tennessee Infantry).

A reminder from Camp 2126 Commander Gary Parrott: The first quarterly meeting of 2010 will be held on January 16th, at Otto's Restaurant at 11:30 am (*that's a Saturday*, *folks!*).

On Interstate 70, continue west to exit 26. Turn left and pass under the freeway. Otto's is located at 2210 US Highways 6 and 50.

Gary's got some fascinating news on more Confederate Veterans in Colorado, as well as some early groups such as "Colorado Southern Society" and the "Dixie Social Club".

If you have any questions about the meeting or anything else going on with compatriots on the West Slope, contact Gary at BIRDMANOFMONO@aol.com.

In Defense of our Southern Heritage by Sir Gary Parrott

Editor's note: We are pleased to present a series of articles from Camp 2126 Commander, Gary Parrott on Southern Heritage.

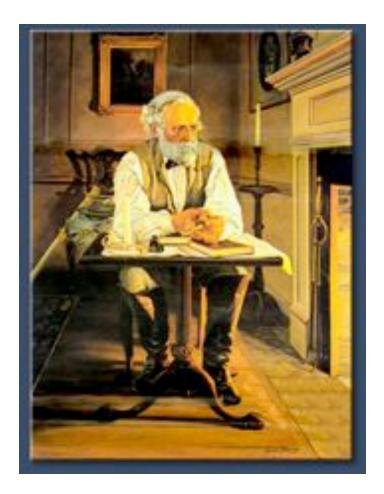
Each issue, we will continue this feature with new articles.

Thank you to Gary, and all of our Colorado Division Compatriots who contribute to this

As Sons of Confederate Veterans the matter of Heritage Defense is very important. Our Southern Heritage is constantly under attack by revisionists, the "politically correct" and "just plain folks who don't know any better".

One way to defend our heritage is to arm ourselves with the truth about the South's involvement in the *War Between the States* (before, during and after that conflict).

This is another in a series of articles designed to provide you with information (facts, rationale, references, etc.) to improve your knowledge and make you better prepared to defend your Southern Heritage.



The following is presented for your information and consideration:

"... if I had foreseen the use these people desired to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox, no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in this right hand." - Robert E. Lee

The above statement is a seldom seen quote attributed to Robert E. Lee several years after the end of the *War Between the States*. It will not be found in any school history book and most main stream historians downplay its significance or deny that it was ever said!!

In what context was the above comment made and why is it considered controversial?

During August 1868, Robert E. Lee and several members of his family were at White Sulphur Springs in Greenbriar County, West Virginia (this was a popular resort and meeting place during the 1800s and early 1900s). Also present at that time were a large number of ex-Confederates, Southern politicians and prominent citizens (which included – General Pierre G. T. Beauregard, Colonel T. M. R. Talcott, F. W. Stockdale, A. H. Stephens and A. H. H. Stuart).

During the course of that visit, Robert E. Lee attended several meetings during which members of the Democratic National Committee attempted to recruit him to run against U. S. Grant during the 1868 Presidential Election (needless to say Lee declined). It was at the end of one of those meeting that F. W. Stockdale (an ex-Governor of Texas during the War) privately met with Lee and the above comment was reportedly made.

Some time later, F. W. Stockdale told Dr. Robert L. Dabney about the specifics of that 1868 private meeting at White Sulphur Springs and Lee's comments.*

Additionally, Colonel Talcott (in a later interview with writer – H. Gerald Smythe) related that he (in a separate conversation with Lee) had also heard Lee make similar comments.*

And finally, it should be noted, in the many biographies written about Lee after his death, it was commonly reported that he was not pleased about how the South suffered during and after the War and that if he could, he would have done some things differently.*

The "politically correct" and "revisionist historians" attempt to dismiss the above quote by saying - there is no direct evidence that it was ever said (ie - no documents, no public announcements, or other confirming event).

However, based on the above information, circumstances and events, it is very reasonable and logical to believe that Robert E. Lee did, in fact, make that statement (the bottom line is - What do you think?).



Howdy everyone,

Your humble and lovable adjutant here with notes from our last camp meeting of 2009.

Meeting commenced at 7 p.m. with the salute to the colors. In attendance was 12 members and one guest which I believe it is the largest we've had in a long time. I definitely thank those who attended.

First order of business was going over our *Adopt A Highway* trash pickup back in October, which went extremely well. Plans for the next trash pickup will most likely be in May.

New business:

Starting off with a ninth annual Lee/Jackson banquet. First the date has been set for January 23rd which is a Saturday instead a Sunday this year from 1 to 4 p.m. It was felt that Saturday was a better day so that we would not run into any church events holding us up in preparations.

Don't wait until the last minute to get your ticket request in. Our goal this year is to have more attendance than last year. Also some new events have been added some stuff for the kids to do. I'm currently working on a special video presentation, which is entitled "The Best of Lee/Jackson in the Movies." I look forward to making this the best banquet to date.

Next on to the biggest event of evening Camp 676 elections. *Drumroll please...* our new Camp Commander is Mr. Frank Campbell, replacing the long-suffering but very giving Pat Gerity, who has been our Commander for over two years; and has done more than could've been asked him.

I personally want to thank him for the time he is put in. Pat the first toast is for you thanks for everything.

Our new Lieutenant Commander is Mr. Gary Mitchell who - after serving several terms as division commander - was railroaded into *this* job. And when I say,

"railroaded," I mean he was tied to track and he can hear the whistle coming!

Gary, it has definitely been an honor to be under your command, and I have a great deal of respect for what you've done for the Colorado SCV.

Last - but not least - "yours truly" couldn't come up with a good enough excuse <u>not</u> to be re-nominated for adjutant. So I'm afraid y'all are stuck with me for another year. All kidding aside I think the camp is in good hands.

Well, that's it for me time to go to work and spread a little Christmas cheer. Ho! Ho! Hum.

Bob

Marching Orders

(Colorado Division Calendar of Events)

Jan 10 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting Centennial Park Library	
	2227 23rd Ave., Greeley	
Jan 12 7:00 pm C	Camp 676 Meeting Breckenridge Brewery	
471 Kalamath, Denver		
Jan 12 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting Maggie Mae's	
	2405 E Pikes Peak Ave., Colo Spgs	
Jan 16 11:30 am	Camp 2126 Meeting, Otto's Restaurant	
	2210 Highway 6 and 50, Grand Junction	
Jan 19	Birth of Robert E. Lee	
	Confederate Heroes Day in Texas	
Jan 23 noon	Lee-Jackson Banquet	
	1420 S. Holly St., Denver	
Feb 6 9:00-6:00	Colo St. Muzzleloader Convention	
Feb 7 9:00-5:00	CSMLA Convention	
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Feb 9 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting Maggie Mae's	
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Feb 14 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting Centennial Park Library	
Feb 20, 1862	2227 23rd Ave., Greeley Battle of ValVerde, NM	
Feb 20, 1802	Founding of C.S.A.	
Mar 4	Confederate Flag Day	
Mar 9	Camp 676 Meeting Breckenridge Brewery	
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Mar 20 9:00-5:00	2 nd Annual SCV Gun Show	
	Sportsman's Warehouse, Thornton	
	Volunteers Needed!	
Mar 26-28, 1862	Battle of Glorieta, NM	
Mar 27 Confederate Day of Prayer		
Apr 24 noon	Confederate Memorial Day	
	Riverside Cemetery ceremonies	





Gentlemen! We have the pleasure of inviting members in good standing to join the Colorado Division Honor Guard, and to assist in demonstrating our reverence for our heritage. We are forming a Division-wide Honor Guard to serve ceremonial duties throughout the state. Members who are willing to participate in drills and adhere to Honor Guard regulations are welcomed to join. Your ability to respond to the call of duty throughout the year is greatly admired; however, we are also looking for reserves to train with us and be prepared for a call up. Possession of period firearms is not required; however, a uniform representative of the War for Southern Independence is.

An **honor guard** is a ceremonial unit, usually military in nature and composed of volunteers who are carefully screened for their physical ability and dexterity. Only those persons who are highly motivated and maintain exceptionally high standards of appearance and conduct and show sincere willingness for ceremonial duty are likely to be considered.

A primary role for honor guards in the United States is to provide funeral honors for fallen comrades and ceremonial duties at memorial events. An honor guard may also serve as the Color Guard by displaying and escorting the national flag and other flags on ceremonial occasions at official state functions. Honor guards often provide troops for review by visiting dignitaries.

In the United States honor guards may also serve as ambassadors to the public, presenting a positive image of their service or organization, thereby assisting with the educational and recruiting efforts of the organization.

To learn more about the Colorado Division Honor Guard, or to volunteer as a regular or reserve member, contact Compatriot Sir Bob Milner at JReb20th@comcast.net.