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Tenth Annual Lee - Jackson/Sons of Confederate Veterans Banquet

Saturday, 22nd day of January, 2011

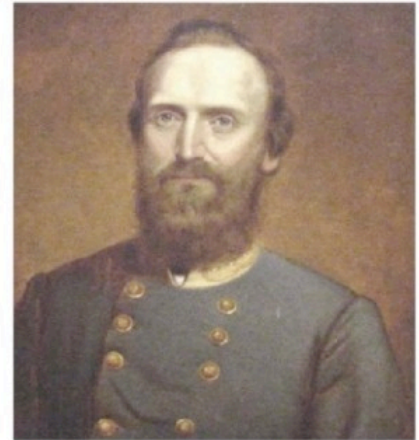
the Village Inn, Castle Rock, CO



HEY YA'LL! IT'S TIME TO PARTY! THE 10TH ANNUAL LEE/JACKSON BANQUET



**JANUARY, 22, 2011
@VILLAGE INN
CASTLE ROCK, CO.
1 TO 4PM
207 W. WOLFENBERGER**



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children under 12
You may also pre-purchase a special, 10th Anniversary medallion for \$12
Make checks payable to: Sterling Price 676
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8033 W Spanish Peak
Littleton, CO 80127

This is sure to be the Colorado Division's best-ever celebration!

**It will also mark the kick-off for the next four years of the Sesquicentennial
Celebration Of the War of Northern Aggression**

We will be able to decorate the banquet room to reflect our respect for our heritage and our love of country,
just like we have in the past.



How important was Stonewall Jackson to the Cause of liberty? Recently, your editor came upon an essay, written in 2005, which finds General Jackson to be an ideal model to study. What follows is an extract of the original, please surf to the author's website for more.

The Tenacity of a Stonewall

by David Alan Black

In my office hangs the portrait of a man of God. This unassuming Virginian had not mere knowledge of the times but understanding as well. He knew what he ought to do. General Jackson was not unlike many of us. He was born in humble circumstances. Yet he was more honorable than his brothers. He stood higher in character and integrity than many of his contemporaries.

In a way, Jackson reminds me of a seeing-eye dog. This guide of the blind completes a rigorous course in which he learns one thing above all else: he lives for another, and everything is to be subordinated to being eyes for his sightless master. Jackson knew such devotion for his Lord. With his spiritual blinders helping him to look straight ahead he forgot the things behind and reached forward in single-minded service to God.

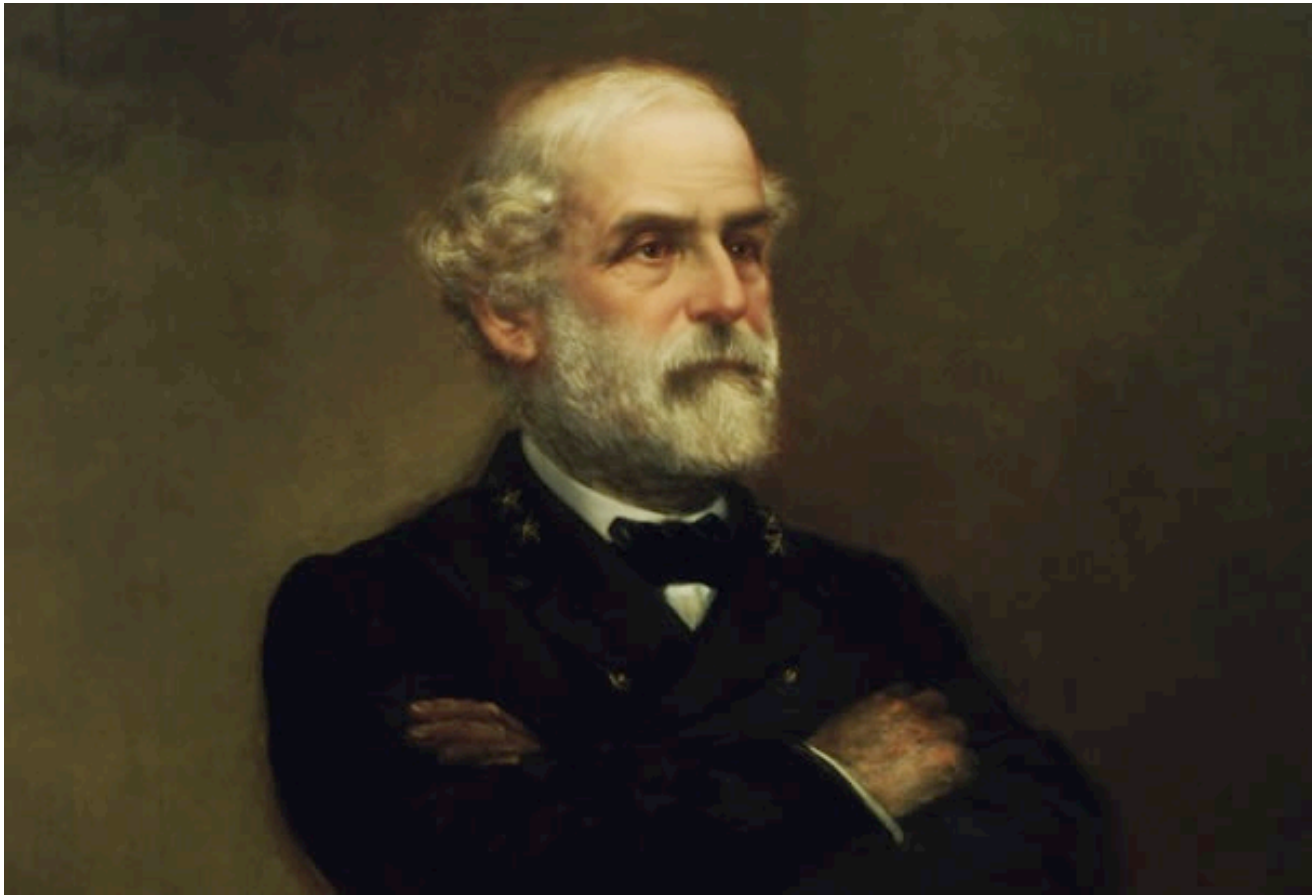
Feared he the battle? I dare say No! He realized that the victorious Christian life is not attained in some

peaceful retreat away from the noise and the din. It is not found through religious tranquilizers or in self-serving seeker sensitive services. Jackson was under constant pressure throughout his career yet peace was his in the midst of the conflict. I am not talking about a perfect man. There are no perfect Christians, but there can be undivided loyalty. Like Nehemiah, when confronted with distractions and temptations, he uttered, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down!"

It will take the rugged tenacity and inspired stubbornness of Jackson to see it through these difficult days. The temptation abounds to get by with shoddy work and build cheaper edifices, but we are to give our very best in view of the Day when our work will be made manifest. Jackson knew that the flesh profiteth nothing. He relied completely upon God. Likewise, all of our time, talents, and efforts spent in religious work will go for absolutely nothing if it is merely produced by the natural man.

September 14, 2005

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Once again, your editor found a superb essay by David Black. This time, he looks at General Robert E. Lee with a 21st century eye, and finds Lee to still be an extraordinary role model. This is only an extract, so please visit author Black's website for the rest of the story.

Lee's Most Enduring Quality

David Alan Black

"I can only say that I am a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone, and that I need all the prayers you can offer for me." Robert E. Lee

Somewhere Mark Twain observes that the portions of the Bible giving him the most trouble aren't those he can't understand, but rather the portions he can. George Bernard Shaw echoes Twain when he remarks that "Christianity would probably be a good thing if it were ever tried." These pundits may be on to something. Charles Colton notes, "We will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it." That's the nub. Christianity is so much more than a matter of doctrines, dogmas, ideas, and worldviews; it is an expression of life, a quality of living. While it certainly involves a belief system, it has a quality of joy, a tilt of the disposition anchored in eternity.

Many books have been written about Robert E. Lee. Few of them, however, focus on his most enduring quality - that of a man "anchored in eternity," a Christian man, if you will. Yes, the soldier was great, the man greater still. But Lee the Christian was greatest of all. In his [Life of General Robert E. Lee](#), John Cooke put this well when he wrote: "The crowning grace of this man, who was thus not only great but good, was the humility and trust in God, which lay at the foundation of his character."

Again, Cooke expressed it well: "[Lee's] military genius will always be conceded, and his figure remains a conspicuous landmark in history; but this does not account for the fact that his very enemies love the man. His private character is the origin of this sentiment."

There is no doubt that Lee's character still has much to say to the present generation of Americans.

September 28, 2005

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TENTH ANNUAL LEE - JACKSON BANQUET



Events:

Banquet-style, All-You-Can-Eat Dinner

Chicken Fried Steak

BBQ Chicken

Butter beans

Blackeyed Peas

Full Salad Bar

Dinner Rolls

Birthday Cake

Coffee, Sweet Tea, Soda

and More ...

Silent Auction

Knight of the Confederacy Award

Special Guest Speaker

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Your time to honor your heroic ancestors

Grand Door Prize

A full-sized reproduction of Gen Robt. E. Lee's

Headquarters Flag



What to Wear?

The upcoming banquet and celebration of our Southern heritage inevitably raises the question, "What am I supposed to wear?"

First, we begin by noting that the Sons of Confederate Veterans is NOT a reenactment group. To be sure, there are members and units who use reenactments as an educational tool, but there is simply no required uniform to belong.

That being said, the Lee - Jackson Banquet is a dressy affair where we have a chance to honor our ancestors, their bravery, and the integrity they lived by. So at the very least, a coat-and-tie would be appropriate for the gents.

Ladies, on the other hand, are welcome to wear a party dress, or similar outfit. Some of these wonderful women will be helping with the set-up of decorations and displays, so they will be prepared to protect their clothes.

To be sure, many of our members have put together uniform-style clothing which is representative of their ancestor's service. Such clothing is always welcome, as it is seen to directly reflect the reverence for the ancestor.

The Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has no established reenactment unit, save for its Honor Guard. Members of that unit are encouraged to wear the uniform of either Union or Confederate, in order to affirm we are about honoring the past, not reliving a lost cause.

Which is to say, if you have a Union uniform to represent that branch of your family



which served under Union commanders, wear it proudly.

Perhaps the ladies have the greatest latitude in selecting dress which reflects the period. Ladies 19th Century (1800s) clothing items include: camp dresses, work dresses, day dresses, visiting dresses, tea dresses, evening dresses, formal dresses, ball gowns as well as riding habits, skirts, bodices, blouses. Depending on historical period they include: corded petticoat dresses, hoop skirts and bustle dresses.

Although we're not recommending you go out and buy a dress, there is a website which does sell them, but more importantly, it has pictures of the many types. It is located at: http://www.ushist.com/american_civil-war_ladies_clothing_f.shtml If you have some items already and would like to talk with someone about the possibilities, call Lynn Poole at 303-940-6505.



Marching Orders

- Jan 9th Camp 2104 Meeting
 Centennial Park Library, Greeley
- Jan 11th Camp 175 Meeting
 6:00-8:00 PM Firehouse Rest., Old Colo City
- Jan 11th Camp 676 Meeting
 7:00 – 9:00 Breckenridge Brewery,
 Kalamath Blvd. Denver
- Jan 22, 2011 1:00 pm Lee/Jackson Banquet
 Village Inn, Castle Rock
- Jan 29 Bear River Massacre
 Union massacres Shoshone Indians
- Feb 20 Battle of Olustee, FL
- Feb 20-21 Battle of Val Verde, NM
- Feb 22 Battle of Wilmington, NC
- Feb 22 Founding of CSA



Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE
COMMANDER GENERAL
UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
25 APRIL 1906



Greetings y'all,

Here are the notes from the November Camp 676 meeting. We started promptly at 7 PM. With 10 members in attendance and two guest. Lt. Cmdr. Mitchell opened the meeting with the salute to the colors.

Starting with old business:

A review of last month's divisional meeting from Divisional Commander Gerity. Just a quick reminder - elections will now be two-year terms. Mr. Gerity will be continuing as Division Commander. Scott Meyers from Camp 175 is the new Lieut. Cmdr. and Terry Wabnitz is the Division Adjutant.

Next order of old business was a report on the adopt-a-highway road cleanup. Adjutant Milner apologized for the mixup in the road cleanup dates. Our next road cleanup will be sometime in April or May.

On to new business:

Update on new locations for Confederate Memorial Day to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 starting at 12 noon with the snow date the following Saturday. Most likely we'll be at Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo with the possibility of an additional ceremony in Canyon City's Greenwood Cemetery.

The next order of business was an update on the Colorado Confederates booklet which is going to be a very big deal. Roy Poole has been put in charge of putting together. It is extremely important that we get the truth out there about our history.

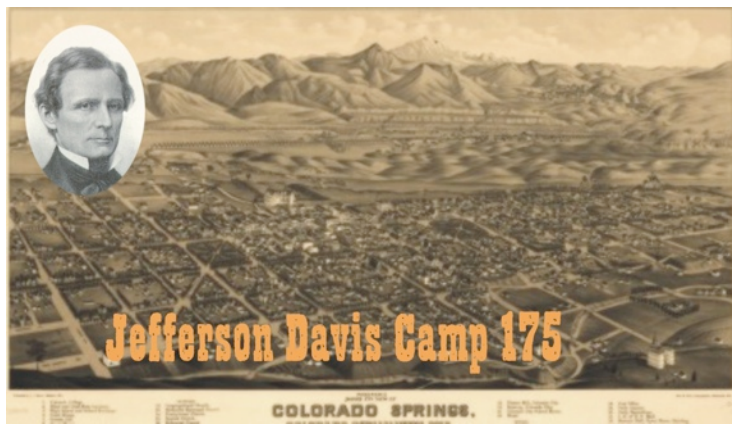
We heard a report on the progress of putting a plaque honoring Civil War soldiers mounted on the Civil War soldier memorial at the State Capitol. After many attempts by Scott Meyers to push the project through, the folks at the Capitol told us it would be close-to-impossible for this could happen. Commander Gerity, therefore, decided we will drop this project and concentrate on getting one or two monuments and/or flagpoles put up at other locations in the state.

Adjutant Milner updated progress on the Lee Jackson banquet. Everything is proceeding well. Invitations will be sent out within the next two weeks. Adjutant Milner is also moving forward with the special medallions for sale at the 10th anniversary banquet.

Next on the menu Commander Gerity reminded us that the 150th anniversary festivities will start December 21 of this year.

Last order of business we open the floor for discussion. Roy Poole made a suggestion of a road trip this coming summer to the northwest part of the state to do some grave registration. It was thought that between Roy's and Gary's RVs, we could go up on a three-day or four-day weekend. Sounds like a fun trip which I personally hope to make. It was also mentioned that updates on the 150th anniversary events nationwide can be found online www.confederate150.org.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011



Camp 175 Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2010

Submitted by Scott Myers, Camp Commander

Old Business

1. VA Headstones:
 - a. James Ellison England: Received headstone. Need to schedule setting and memorial service. Action: Phillip Self
 - b. Benjamin Franklin Patterson, Thomas Ranch Cemetery, Pueblo: Ordered by VA on 12/1/10.
2. Lee-Jackson Banquet: 22 January 2011, 1:00-4:00 PM, Village Inn, Castle Rock, CO. Buffet style meal will be served.
3. Confederate Memorial Day: 30 April 2011. Weather day will be 7 May 2011. Location TBD

New Business

1. New Constitution and By-laws: Signed by Commander Myers and Adjutant Atkinson
2. Camp Elections: Commander Myers re-elected, Adjutant Atkinson re-elected, Phillip Self elected as Lt. Commander. Terms begin 1 January 2011 and will last two years
3. Camp vote on new members: Scott Maxwell and Shawn Woods voted into Camp 175.
4. Sesquicentennial Memorial Project update: Division is looking at three possible locations: Trinidad, Fort Lyon, and Berthoud. Currently investigating donation of stones for monuments
5. Audit of Camp Finances: Checking account to be audited by Greg Gentry.
6. Discussion of proposed Camp activities for 2011: To discuss at January meeting
 - Interment trip to Pagosa Springs based on our current research into Confederate Graves
 - Look at having a Camp picnic/cookout
7. Discuss Camp goals: Discuss further at next meeting
 - Increase Camp Membership
 - Continue research to find more Confederate graves in the state
 - Continue to update Interment Project on website
 - Register all new graves with SCV Graves Registration Project
 - Continue to order VA Headstones for unmarked Confederate Graves
 - Continue educating members on Civil War, Confederate Heritage and Heritage Defense
 - Support Division Sesquicentennial Marker Project
8. Next meeting: Tuesday 11 January 2011, 6:00 PM, Firehouse Restaurant

Camp 175 Places Their 1st Headstone for CSA Veteran



The following is excerpted from an article appearing in the Pueblo Chieftain last November:

It was a very long wait, but local pioneer James Ellison England finally will be recognized for his service with the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have secured the grave marker, and will have it engraved and placed on England's grave at the BX Cemetery next spring. The cemetery is on the BX Ranch, which England homesteaded in 1867, farming and ranching there until his death in 1895...

"...I'm happy it's going to be done. He's been dead for 115 years. It's time his grave gets marked," she said.

The BX Cemetery, located on the family ranch, also is known as the Hooker Hills Cemetery and the Huerfano Cemetery, Lombard said.

The ranch is situated about halfway between Doyle Road and Avondale Boulevard, on the south side of the Huerfano River.

Scott Myers, a Colorado Springs man who is camp commander of that city's chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as well as lieutenant commander of the state division, said England is one of about 450 Civil War veterans buried in Colorado.

Myers said research he conducted this past summer also identified many others whose graves don't identify them as veterans — but soon will thanks to the group's applications to the Veterans Administration on their behalf."

The Pueblo Chieftain did an outstanding job of reporting this story, and you are encouraged to see the entire article at http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article_e8f79284-f789-11df-a79b-001cc4c002e0.html.

This article appeared in the Pueblo Chieftain on Nov. 24, 2010. This is the first VA Headstone Camp 175 has done. Our second, for Pvt. Benjamin Franklin Patterson, also buried in Pueblo, was ordered by the VA on 1 December 2010. I am in the process of researching 3 more unmarked graves. I think this was also some very good publicity for the SCV.

I am very proud of our Camp for getting back into this type of activity and back to the basics of the SCV. It is very gratifying to be able to honor one of our Confederate Veterans in this manner. His family was just thrilled. This type of publicity is very heartening and will be more important as we move into the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Compatriot Phillip Self is to be commended for his role in this effort.....great work and energy on his part. Thanks Phillip!