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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, COLORADO DIVISION  
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**JAN-FEB, '12**



What a great time to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans!

As the image above reminds us, across the nation, but especially here in Colorado, we are taking time to honor Southern Heroes Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and General Robert E. Lee. Be sure and look inside for the details of the banquet, and get your reservation in right away.

The National Guardian program is now firmly entrenched in Colorado and Compatriot Charlie Hogan of Camp 175 can help you get involved and make a lifetime commitment to honoring a vet buried here in Colorado.

Members are finding buried Confederate veterans every week, and the Division is really going to make an impact when we make another road trip to find even more.

Colorado's efforts are receiving national attention, and we are preparing to host a national leadership conference. This is part of the continuing effort to increase national membership through sharing ideas and preparing our leaders for the future.

It may seem like April is a long ways away, but before you know it, we'll be taking to the field to honor every hero who served in the War Between the States. Confederate Memorial Day is perhaps our greatest honor to uphold, so be sure and leave the last weekend in April free to join us.

Enjoy this edition of the Territorial Dispatch, and be sure to get your reservations in!



Robert E. Lee's piety, morality, and compassion were apparent to all who crossed his path. As one historian has written, "Robert Lee was one of the small company of great men in whom there is no inconsistency to be explained, no enigma to be solved. What he seemed, he was—a wholly human gentleman, the essential elements of whose positive character were two and only two, simplicity and spirituality."

His father, "Light Horse Harry" Lee, had won fame in the Revolutionary War.

At West Point, Lee accomplished a still-legendary feat: he graduated with the highest cadet rank and without a single demerit.

After graduation, Lee married Mary Custis, whose piety rivaled his mother's. They had seven children (all three sons served with high rank in the Confederate Army).

Lee served gallantly in the Mexican War and later became superintendent of West Point. After John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry, he led the Marines that stormed and retook the garrison.

In 1861, as civil war broke out, Lee was offered chief command of the Union forces. He refused the offer, resigned his commission, and soon became a general for the Confederacy.

Throughout the war, Lee faced overwhelming Union forces. At first criticized as "Granny Lee" in the South, he soon displayed his military brilliance. At times during the war, his casualties were only about one-third of those in opposing units.

Lee daily read the Bible and prayed. Unlike his Union counterpart, General Grant, he was noted for self-denial and self-control. He disliked tobacco, hated whiskey, and drank wine only in small quantities on rare occasions.

More than once Lee was prevailed upon to lead the funeral service for dead soldiers. He often wrote to the widows of friends who had lost their lives in the war. "But what a cruel thing is war," he said, "to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world; to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors, and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world."

Following the Confederates' defeat, Lee said, "I have fought against the people of the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South its dearest rights. But I have never cherished toward them bitter or vindictive feelings, and I have never seen the day when I did not pray for them." Lee applied for restoration of his U.S. citizenship, but the application was mislaid. Astoundingly, it was not found and granted until the 1970s.



General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, frequently labeled the Confederate army's most brilliant strategist and right-hand man to Robert E. Lee, was born January 21, 1824, in Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). Jackson's great-grandfather emigrated from England, but fought against the British in the American Revolution at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Carolinas. Jackson was orphaned by age seven after his father died of typhoid fever and his mother died in childbirth.

He was sent to live with his paternal uncle, Cummins Jackson, in Pennsylvania. In 1842, he left to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, Jackson served two years in the Mexican War before taking a teaching position at Virginia Military Institute in 1851.

Near the beginning of the Civil War—on July 21, 1861—Jackson led troops into the First Battle of Manassas, where he earned his famous nickname for holding his position "like a stone wall." In 1862, he took over as commander of the Confederate troops in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. On May 2, 1863, at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Confederate soldiers accidentally fired on Jackson and his men. Jackson was shot and his left arm later amputated. He died eight days later of pneumonia.

The devotion that Jackson's men felt for their commanding officer is clear in works such as John S. Robson's *How a One-Legged Rebel Lives: Reminiscences of the Civil War: The Story of the Campaigns of Stonewall Jackson, as Told by a High Private in the "Foot Cavalry."* Robson (1844-?) was raised in the Shenandoah Valley and enlisted in Company D, Fifty-Second Virginia Infantry at age sixteen. He notes soldiers' unwavering faith in both Jackson and Robert E. Lee and attributes this partially to their high visibility in battle, noting the Union generals were rarely seen at the front of the fields.

Another key element in the Confederacy's early success, was strategy—especially in the partnership between Jackson and Lee. Robson believes that had Jackson lived to fight at Gettysburg, the Confederacy would have won the Civil War.

In his funeral sermon, Robert Lewis Dabney (1820-1898) notes Jackson's bravery and his unwavering faith in God. He also calls Americans to remember and to celebrate Jackson's determination and his sacrifice for the Confederate cause, so that the sacrifice will not be in vain.

He writes, "Let us resolve that as the solemn mountain peaks keep their everlasting watch around the home and the tomb of Jackson, even so immovably will we guard the rights for which he died"

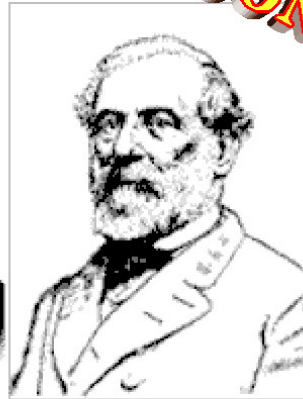
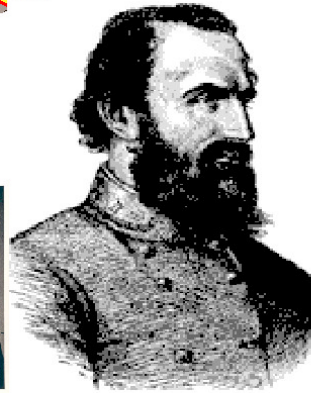




THE COLORADO DIVISION OF THE  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
INVITES YA'LL TO



# THE 11TH ANNUAL LEE/JACKSON BANQUET



## SATURDAY, JANUARY, 21ST 2012 COUNTRY BUFFET

**7475 PARK MEADOWS DR.  
LONE TREE, CO. 80124  
FROM 11AM TO 4PM**

From I-25 go  
west on C-470  
to Quebec st. Go  
south 1 blk & go  
left on  
Park Meadows  
Dr.

Buffet style dinner includes:

Fresh made Macaroni and Cheese, Hand-Breaded Fried Chicken, Fried Fish,  
Baked Chicken, Baked Fish. Mashed Potatoes, Rice and Gravy, Fresh Vegetables,  
French Fries, Corn Bread Dressing, Home-Style Soups.

Highlights includes:

Special showing of "March across Dixie"  
Special presentation of the "Confederate History in Colorado booklet."  
Silent auction, Confederate trivia contest,  
Yearly awards including Knight of the Confederacy award.  
Special grand door prize to be given out.

COST IS \$15.00 FOR ADULTS & \$8.00 FOR KIDS UNDER 12.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO STERLING PRICE 676.

SEND TO BOB MILNER 8033 W. SPANISH PK. LITTLETON, CO. 80127

FOR MORE INFO CALL @ 303-979-1495 OR EMAIL [goodoldreb@comcast.net](mailto:goodoldreb@comcast.net)

### Frequently Asked Questions:

*Do I need to dress in a period-correct outfit?*

No! Those are always welcome: so is business attire for men and women

*Do I need to bring anything?*

Just a camera, an appetite, a respect for Southern heritage, and a spirit of fellowship

*Is the banquet only for members and their families?*

NO! Everyone, from friends to anyone interested in the heritage of the South is welcome!

Yes! I want to celebrate my Southern Heritage at the 2012 Banquet  
for Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of adult tickets at \$15 each (total) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of youth tickets at \$8 each (total) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclose \_\_\_\_\_ (total) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact telephone \_\_\_\_\_



Sterling Price Camp 676  
C/O Bob Milner  
8033 W. Spanish Peak  
Littleton, CO 80127



## Marching Orders

### *Calendar of events and meetings of interest to Compatriots in the Colorado Division*

Jan 10 SCV Camp 676 Meeting  
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm



Jan 14 SCV Camp 2104 Meeting  
Compatriot Wabnitz' home 2:00 pm  
300 8th St., Gilcrest, CO

**Jan 21, 2012 Colorado Division Lee-Jackson Banquet**

Feb 18 Jeff Davis Inaugurated

Feb 21 SCV Camp 175 Meeting  
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm



Feb 24 - 25 Battle for Socorro, NM Reenactment

info: [www.socorronm.gov](http://www.socorronm.gov)

Mar 8 - 9 CSS Virginia (Merrimac) wreaks havoc on Union ships at Hampton Roads, VA

Mar 10-11 Civil War in Southwest Reenactment  
Arizona info: [www.azstateparks.com/parks/pipe](http://www.azstateparks.com/parks/pipe)

Mar 13 SCV Camp 676 Meeting  
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm

Mar 15 SCV Camp 2104 Meeting  
Compatriot Wabnitz' home 2:00 pm  
300 8th St., Gilcrest, CO







#### 12/13/11 MEETING Minutes

Attendees: Greg Gentry, Charlie Hogan, Merrill Austin, Doug Atkinson, Scott Myers

Inducted Compatriot Merrill Austin into Camp 175.  
Congratulations Merrill and welcome to the Camp!

#### Old Business

1. Flagpole status: Compatriot Doug Atkinson to get local prices on flagpoles so we can decide and buy these very quickly. Thanks for taking this on Doug!
2. Adopt a Library Program Update: Compatriot Greg Gentry will manage this project. We will donate books to the El Paso County Libraries. Please bring any books that you would like to donate on the War or Southern History/Heritage to the next meeting so Greg can get this going.
3. New Camp 175 Mission Statement: To honor and respect our Southern Heritage and Confederate Ancestors by researching and marking Confederate Graves, educating ourselves and the public about the War for Southern Independence and telling the true history of the South.

#### New Business

1. We need volunteers for programs for future meetings. Compatriot Doug Atkinson to present program at February Meeting on Confederate Ironclads.
2. Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on Saturday 21 January at the Country Buffet in Lonetree, CO.
3. Confederate Memorial Day April 2012/Spring Division Meeting: Propose Cedar Hill Cemetery in Castle Rock. New Grave found without Headstone: George Francis Adams. Headstone ordered from VA
4. Proposed 2012 Division Graves Road Trip: San Luis Valley/Alamosa in early June.
5. Colorado Division will host SCV National Leadership Workshop in August or September in Castle Rock. Greg Gentry is project managing this.
6. Visitor Center Brochure update/sample. Handed out for review. Whoever has this, please bring to next meeting and return to me. Thanks.
7. Annual vote on Camp Dues (\$5). Camp voted to keep camp dues at \$5.
8. Next Camp 175 Meeting: Tuesday 21 February 2012, 6:00 PM, Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City. (Note: The 14th is Valentine's Day)

## STAND UP FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY'S CONFEDERATES

**PROBLEM:** Oakwood Cemetery's 17,000 Confederates, representing 13 Confederate states, deserve the dignity of an upright marker bearing their name.

Currently, a small, nameless block, bearing only a three digit number represents the final resting place of three or more soldiers. The US Veterans Administration has been uncooperative in delivery of the upright markers.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Send a letter to all three Congressmen (two Senators and House member):

- Website, <http://www.contactingthecongress.org>, can be utilized - just plug in your address. Remember, letters are more effective than e-mail. Calls are helpful, also.
- Talking points (put these in your own words in your letter to your Congressmen) -
  - In 1958, Congress pardoned Confederate soldiers and extended benefits therewith ([US Code Title 38, Sec. 2306](#)). This includes headstones for unmarked graves.
  - These men deserve the dignity of a marker bearing their name - to not do so is the final human rights violation.
  - The Veterans Administration should be required to live up to its responsibility, obey the law and provide these markers.
  - Sen. Jim Webb (VA) is already engaged in this issue - ask your Congressmen to contact him and support his efforts.
- Contact other Confederate heritage advocates (UDC, re-enactors, etc.), as well as SAR, DAR and those in veterans organizations (VFW, American Legion, Wounded Warriors, etc.) and involve them in this process.

This is the largest, and most significant initiative of this kind, ever undertaken by the SCV. This effort was endorsed and announced by CID Givens during our Reunion in 2011 in Montgomery, AL.



## Camp 175 Donates Books to local libraries

Compatriots,

As discussed at last week's meeting, we'll be doing a camp donation of books to the Pikes Peak Library District in February. This is a great opportunity to place some books that are pro-Confederate on the shelves of several local libraries where the public can easily access them.

If you've checked the WTBS section in a library lately, you know this is sorely needed.

So far we have:

- A View of the Constitution of the United States of America
- War Crimes Against Southern Civilians
- The Real Lincoln
- From Union to Empire
- Robert E. Lee on Leadership: Executive Lessons in Character, Courage, and Vision
- I'll also be donating a subscription of the *Confederate Veteran* magazine to be added to the periodicals section.

I highly encourage everyone to participate, and the goal is to give 10-20 books. If you would like to donate, please bring one or more NEW or VERY FINE condition books to the February meeting and I will collect them all and take them to the library.

We'll shoot for a photo op and a short newspaper story too for Camp PR purposes. If you don't have any books on hand to give, we'll certainly be glad to take a donation and we'll order something appropriate. I'll send out another reminder a few weeks before the next meeting.

Each book donated will contain a version of the attached bookplate honoring you as the donator and your specific ancestor's service. The bookplate design is one we used at my old camp in Texas and I'm not tied to it.

So if you have a better design idea, by all means let me know.



Camp 676 met at the Breckenridge Brewery and BBQ on Nov 8, and worked hard to plan for the coming year.

First, we'd like to welcome visitor Mark Slater for joining us. Mark's ancestor fought with the Southern Patriots of Louisiana.

Quite a bit of discussion centered on Bob Milner's plans for the Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 21. Not only will this year be a great time, but our restaurant will put special "southern menu" items on the buffet for us. We will nonetheless have a private room to share our ceremonies. The details are available elsewhere in this edition. **BE SURE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!** And don't hesitate to invite friends and neighbors.

In February, the Colorado State Muzzleloaders' Association will hold its annual Convention in the Denver area. Be sure and check your e-mail for information on the Convention and our participation at the Convention. This is a great time to meet those who, like us, are interested in the heritage of the early days of Colorado.

In March, Bob Milner, Gary Mitchell, and others are going to represent Camp 676 (and also some Sons of Union Veterans) at the 3rd Annual Historic Firearms Display. You don't want to miss this one! Again, check your e-mails, and the next issue of the Territorial Dispatch for details.

Looking forward to April, Camp 676 will accept a major role in honoring Confederate Memorial Day. We'd love to have you join us in the planning for this significant event, and one of the most outward displays of the honor we give our ancestors.

There's no news yet on the Division's road trip, which is tentatively planned for June. If you would like to be a part of the road trip, and be involved in the planning, please contact Division Commander Patrick Gerity [patgerity@hotmail.com](mailto:patgerity@hotmail.com).

Lastly, we want you to keep August or September in the back of your mind for some very important volunteer time. As the SCV celebrates the Sesquicentennial, it has set a course expand membership through enhanced leadership training. One of the National Leadership Conferences may be held in Colorado, giving everyone a chance to show our support and dedication to the Cause we believe in so deeply. So, please watch for updates in the coming months, and don't hesitate to jump in and volunteer.

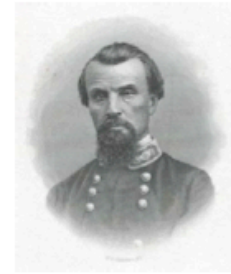
As the last meeting of Camp 676 for 2011, the meeting provided the opportunity to elect new leaders for the Camp. Compatriot Gary Mitchell stepped up to the position of Camp Commander, Roy Poole volunteered to serve as Lt Commander, and Compatriot Bob Milner stepped back into the essential role of Camp Adjutant.

To all who volunteered, and to those who voted in support,  
Thank You!





# SCV 2012 NATIONAL REUNION



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## ***Ride with Forrest to Murfreesboro***

on the 150th anniversary of his famous raid. Join Murfreesboro Camp

#33 as we host the 2012 National SCV reunion July 11th-14th, 2012.

Murfreesboro is located in the geographical center of Tennessee about 35 miles southeast of Nashville (1,188 miles from Denver). Southwest Airlines flies from Denver to Nashville (BNA). Murfreesboro has an abundance of restaurants and shopping venues. The reunion will be held at the [Embassy Suites Murfreesboro - Hotel & Conference Center](#)

1200 Conference Center Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

(615) 890-4464 (615) 890-4465 (Fax)†

The hotel is located on a portion of the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River) battlefield where the Confederate attack occurred on the first day of the battle.

**Wed July 11th** Opening session

[Sam Davis Home Tour](#)

**Thur July 12th** Chaplains Breakfast

Ladies Tour- [Historic Bell Buckle](#), [Blockade Runner Sutlery](#)

Heritage Luncheon

[Forrest Boyhood Home Tour](#) - Forrest's home, Elm Springs SCV HQ,

Forrest Monument

**Fri July 13th** Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast

Awards Luncheon

[150th Anniversary of Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid and Birthday](#)

**Sat July 14th** [Battle of Murfreesboro Tour](#)

[Debutante Luncheon](#)

Grand Banquet and Ball



**TENTH ANNUAL ABBEVILLE INSTITUTE  
SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE**  
"THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES: OTHER VOICES, OTHER VIEWS"

Stone Mountain, Georgia  
February, 23-26, 2012

TOPIC: Nationalist historians for 150 years have protected Americans from confronting the stark immorality of prosecuting what French philosopher Bertrand de Jouvenel called, "a war such as Europe had never yet seen" to force eleven States into a federation from which their people had voted to secede. Should eleven American States secede today and form a federation of their own, such a war would be judged criminal.

Northern opposition to the war was more extensive, complex and had more respectable adherents than the mainline account allows, e.g., Governor Seymour of New York, 1861: "Indeed, Can we so entirely forget the past history of our country, that we can stand upon the point of pride against states whose citizens battled with our fathers and poured out their blood upon the soil of our state. Upon whom are we to wage war? Our own countrymen...."

SPEAKERS. Douglas Bostick, Kent Masterson Brown, Richard Gamble, Marshall Derosa, Donald Livingston, Brion McClanahan, Allen Mendenhall, Joseph Stromberg, Richard Valentine, Jonathan White, Clyde Wilson,

PLACE. Beautiful Stone Mountain Park, built to commemorate the Confederacy. Visit the memorial to Lee, Jackson, and Davis which is the largest stone carving in the world. Much to see and do, so bring the family.

COST. Rooms: very special rate of \$106 a day, single or double (rate ends February 1). Make room reservations at Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort 770-879-9900.

Conference fee is \$225 for Abbeville members and \$275 for others. Make checks payable to Abbeville Institute, P.O.Box 10, McClellanville, S.C. 2945 (fee includes tuition, park entrance fee, reception, breakfast, continuous snacks and refreshments).

INQUIRIES: [contactus@abbevilleinstitute.org](mailto:contactus@abbevilleinstitute.org) or 843-323-0690. For lecture titles and schedule see [abbevilleinstitute.org](http://abbevilleinstitute.org).

## Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Website

In 1996, Congress designated eight counties in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia as a National Heritage Area – the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District – which preserves and interprets the region's significant Civil War battlefields and related historic sites. The effort is led by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, which works with partners to preserve the hallowed ground of the Valley's Civil War battlefields, and to share its Civil War story with the nation.

We need your help to preserve and interpret the Civil War history of the Shenandoah Valley.

The work we do to preserve, interpret, and promote our nation's Civil War history is a sacred trust. But as a private non-profit organization, we need the support of people who share our desire to preserve this hallowed ground – people such as you – to accomplish that work. We hope you'll consider joining our fight to preserve the Valley's Civil War battlefields...and our nation's shared historic legacy.

Join the fight today.

For more information about membership, contact Janice Hannah (Development Coordinator) at [jhannah@svbf.net](mailto:jhannah@svbf.net) or 540-740-4545. <http://www.shenandoahatwar.org/>

## New Website Launched

The SVBF has launched a new website for the National Historic District, [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org). The site is packed with new and vastly expanded content about Civil War history and historic sites, battlefield preservation, the Sesquicentennial - and tourism tools that can help you learn about and visit the Valley's host of attractions..

Visit the new site today to explore these features, as well as the other

great components: animated battle maps, an expanded "150 Years Ago" feature, membership, volunteer, and donor information, a Valley-wide Civil War events calendar, youth programs, preservation tools, historic and geo-referenced maps, history's "hidden stories," and a host of tourism and visitor tools - including the new Signature Tours program, which will be launched in full over the winter..

At the press event to announce the launch of the new site, Congressman Bob Goodlatte lauded the website for its "Imagination in creating new visitation opportunities for the Valley," and added, "Not only does the new site bring the legacy of the Civil War closer to millions of Americans and visitors from abroad, it stimulates the Valley's economy and enhances income opportunities for the Battlefields Foundation." Development of the website was made possible by generous funding from the American Battlefield Protection Program and the Virginia.

Visit the new website here and bookmark it for information about history, preservation, education, events - and the wealth of historic sites you can visit today. More content is being added to the site all of the time - so check back often.

