

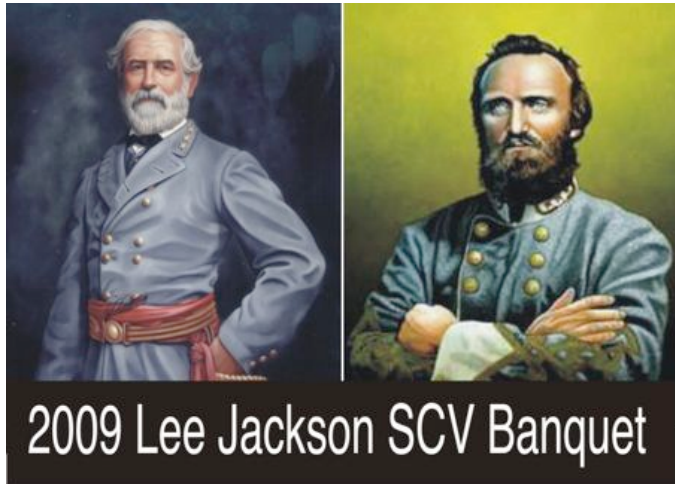


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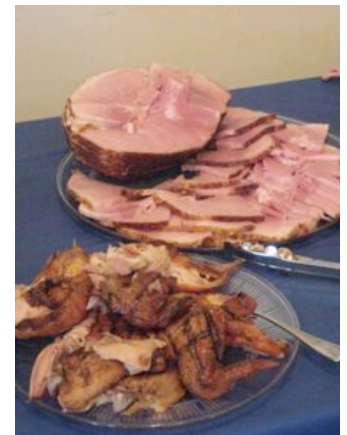
Here in Colorado, we host our own, Lee-Jackson Banquet to recognize not only these two great figures in American history, but also the soldiers and their families who fought side-by-side with them.

This year, we held the banquet on January 25th. While our experience has been a somewhat, small turnout, this year was fantastic! Forty plus guests joined us for a wonderful afternoon. Among our VIPs were Division Commander Gary Mitchell; Camp 676 Commander, Patrick Gerity; Camp 2104 Lt Commander Greg Deane; and Camp 2126 Commander Gary Parrott. We were also pleased to welcome members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Our thanks go to compatriots Robert Milner and Frank Campbell for arranging the use of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Aurora for this grand event. They assembled a delicious meal of baked ham, fried chicken, jambalaya, gumbo, red beans and rice, collard greens black-eyed peas and corn bread. NOBODY went away hungry!

With so many attending, this was a night to honor those who serve the cause of the SCV with such unflinching courage.

Commander Gerity had a special award, for one who, although not a member, never fails to support the SCV. Ms. Carla Pyle was given this award for her continued support of the Confederate flag, and all those related banners carried by our ancestors.



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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2009 Lee Jackson Banquet Memories

Because we don't get together as often as we like, we cannot hear about how hard some are working to promote the SCV. In a state like Colorado, with mountains and plains to cross, that's easy to understand. The Lee – Jackson Banquet is a perfect time to recognize the exceptional people of the SCV

In recognition of the highest levels of dedication and commitment to the SCV, there is a special award known as the "Knight of the Confederacy." It is given to an outstanding member for service during the preceding year. It is not given out every year, only when a recipient is clearly deserving.

This year, we had no doubts about who to give this honor to:

Camp 2126 Commander Gary Parrott.

Gary worked incredibly hard to bring the Governor C.S. Thomas **Camp 2126** into existence during 2008. Gary also made numerous journeys across the Rockies to join compatriots at events along the Front Range. *His trip to join us at our annual banquet was fraught with blizzard conditions most of the way.* Gary's contributions to the compatriots on the Western Slope, to the Colorado Division and to the SCV are clearly worthy of this award.

Gary received an engraved, mint julep cup and the honor of being referred to as "Sir" Gary Parrot, henceforth.



When the winning number was drawn, it was claimed by Miss Laurie Weitzel, of the Colorado United Daughters of the Confederacy. In what will go down as the briefest period of ownership, Laurie immediately declared it should be retained by the Colorado Division, and become next year's grand prize at our Lee – Jackson Banquet.

"Thank you, Laurie," from all the members of the SCV who will always be grateful and who will always count you among the closest of friends.

To be sure, the afternoon was one of fun, food, and friendship; but we had one more solemn duty to perform. We could not forget the people who served the cause of Southern Liberty. Our candlelight ceremony gave us all a moment to reflect and recall.

Standing in a wide circle, one candle was lit and the person holding it would cite the ancestor, or the unit, or even the community who had contributed to the Cause. Then, the flame would be passed to another, dark candle and another person would remember.

When all candles were lit, an emotional singing of "Dixie" capped off the banquet.



A number of compatriots donated items to our Silent Auction, and thanks to the generous bids by our guests, a nice amount was added to our coffers. Next up was the drawing for the grand, door prize. This beautiful recreation of a Confederate Officer's sword and scabbard was donated by Frank Campbell, and was stunning in its workmanship and quality.

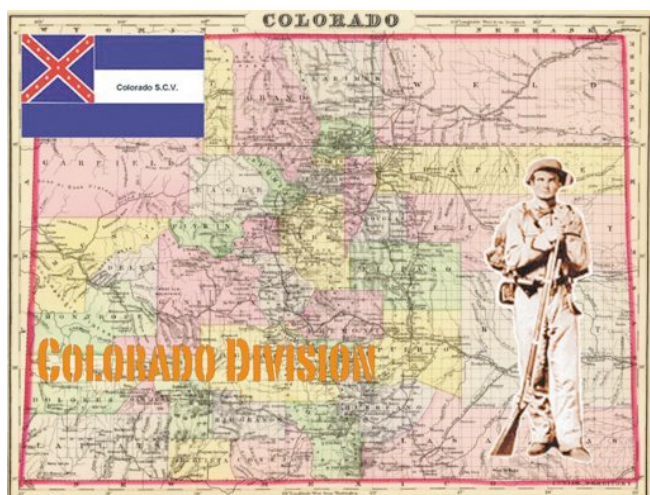


We thank everyone who attended, who helped out with things like cooking and table decorations (absolutely beautiful this year, thanks to Lynn Poole), and with setting up the entire room with flags and symbols.

Clearly, we have built upon something which was already special, and we cannot wait until next year to have you join us and celebrate a most remarkable heritage.

"You can be whatever you resolve to be."

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson 1842



Greetings to all Colorado SCV MEMBERS!

This is my first letter in the Territorial Dispatch. I wish to thank Roy Poole for taking on the job of Editor. That is the most important first step for a newsletter, and we have a valuable member now serving. Also, thanks go to Sterling Price Camp Commander Patrick Gerity, without whose drive, this effort would not have been successful.

We have an important event coming up the last Saturday in April, the 25th. Sterling Price **Camp 676** has scheduled their Confederate Memorial Day service at Riverside Cemetery for that morning and the U.D.C. and the Colorado Division will dedicate three new markers at Fairmount Cemetery in the afternoon. There will be a Colorado Divisional meeting between the service at Riverside and that at Fairmount. It would be really good if we had a strong turnout for both events as well as the Division meeting.

Just to mention something of one of my Confederate ancestors, my Great-Great Grandfather, James Richard Brown, was born May 5, 1833, in Culpepper County, Virginia. He enlisted in Company F, 21st Virginia on February 15, 1862, and served until Appomattox on April 9, 1865. It is said that he "literally left his plow in the furrow" and joined the army of the Confederacy. He joined his brother, George Woodford Brown in the 21st. George was wounded in the leg on May 5, 1862 (Richard's birthday) at the Wilderness. His leg was amputated and he died on May 15, 1864. Richard named a son after his brother that became a medical doctor and became the Superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg in 1911. The 21st Virginia was in Jackson's 2nd Brigade, and were known, as all of Jackson's men were known, as "Jackson's Foot Cavalry". John W. Worsham, a member of the 21st, wrote a book, *One of Jackson's Foot Cavalry*, that was published in 1912. It is a good read for a perspective on the life of Confederate soldiers throughout the war.

I hope you all enjoy this copy of the Territorial Dispatch. Take care, and, as they say in Scottish Gaelic, Sláinte mhath leibh! (Slanja vaa layve -- Good health with you!).

Gary C. Mitchell, Commander
Colorado Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Gather 'Round, Boys!

The Colorado Division has submitted a proposal to the ATM Commander for the rescue of **Camp 1492**, Joseph O. Russell, as of January 2009.

In this proposal it has been recommended to move the Camp physically to the Denver metro area and operate **Camp 676** and **1492** as a joint organization until such a time as **Camp 1492** can elect valid leadership and support itself as a self sustaining Camp.

To bolster **Camp 1492** membership numbers it has been proposed to move 4 members from **Camp 2104** and two members from **Camp 676** into the Camp. This would put **Camp 1492** at eight members total and ensure it remains an active Camp on SCV roles.

To remain active, a Camp must maintain membership at seven members or greater according to SCV regulations. At this time the Division is awaiting approval by the ATM Commander at which time we will submit the proposal to SCV HQ for implementation.

It is then the intention to actively recruit members into **Camp 1492** that would be willing to take leadership roles and rebuild this important Colorado Camp back to an active position within the Division.

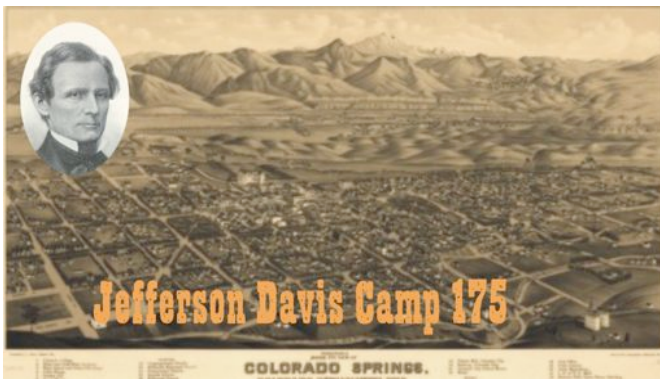


Camp 676's next big event will be *Confederate Memorial Day* on Saturday, April 25th; and for the first time will be held at two locations.

From 10 'til 12 noon at Riverside Cemetery; and (after a Division meeting – which will run until about one o'clock) we will head over to Fairmount Cemetery.

At Fairmount, we will dedicate three, new stone markers put in by the UDC. We hope ya'll will make a special effort to make this event. After all, honoring our veterans is what we're all about. Aren't we?

For more information, contact Adjutant Bob Milner.



As of January 2009 we have determined that **Camp 175**, Jefferson Davis, is in a critical state and in need of assistance from the Division to maintain active Camp status.

The Camp has two life members and three annual members and falls below the minimum seven members required to remain active.

The Camp currently has no active leadership and as such is now being administered by the Division. Once the **Camp 1492** operation is completed the Division will focus attention on **Camp175**.

Currently, Division staff is reaching out to former SCV members in the Canon City area to see if there is interest in rejoining the SCV and becoming part of **Camp 175**.

The Canon City Camp was deactivated several years ago but former Compatriots remain active in Southern Heritage outside of the SCV. It is hoped that some of these gentlemen will return to the SCV and could possible take active leadership of **Camp 175**.

The location of **Camp 175** would be open to discussion depending on which city the majority of membership resides within.

The Colorado Springs Camp is actually the reactivation of a former United Confederate Veterans Camp that was located in Colorado in the early 20th century.



Colorado Springs has strong ties to Jefferson Davis because his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Howell Davis-Hayes and family, relocated to the Colorado Springs area after the War.

SCV Compatriots honored this legacy by reactivating the **175 Camp** name and number in Colorado Springs.

Compatriot Terry Wabnitz writes about the efforts to preserve the graves of heroes in the northern Kentucky region.

Here is a photo taken by one of the Cincinnati camps of that cemetery I was telling you about. The guys at the Lt. Jonathan Bessler **Camp 1536** in Cincinnati are going to try to place the stones, and Carla and I will be at the dedication

The cemetery is in Covington Kentucky, from where I came nine years ago. This project is approximately 15 years in the making.

A few years ago I contacted the Kentucky Division Commander and told him what I would like done and he referred it to the local camp and they did nothing. Then, just recently, I contacted a friend in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and told him of my frustration.

He told me to contact the Cincinnati Ohio camp (which was my first SCV camp I joined). I contacted the Adjutant and he contacted the Commander and they are going to see if they can't get new headstones for these men. I sent them a full report on who is buried there.

Also, two years ago, my wife and I traveled back east to visit friends and my family, but we stopped at Linden Grove to visit.

As you see in the pictures there were 3 Southern Crosses of Honor. My wife and I placed those there. We sometimes feel we are the only ones who cared.

So far, any ceremony hasn't been discussed, but most likely my wife and I will attempt to attend one, should it be held, especially if it is around our time to go back east.

Here is a list of the men buried there.

Charles Stewart, 4th Ky. Cav., died of Typhoid 6-27-63

L Jackson, 8th Ky. Cav., gsw to hip and left side, died 7-30-63

Alfred Sharp, 3 Ky Cav., gsw, died 7-10-64

Timothy Booth, 13 La. Inf., Shiloh gsw, 5-7-62

Thomas W Leaman (Seaman correct sp), 1 Ark Inf, Shiloh, 4-6-62

Charles Rowe, 10 Mo. Inf. ,gsw, Shiloh (maybe buried with T. Booth)

William A Parker, 10th Tex. Inf., died on march with Gen. Kirby-Smith, 9-2-62

E M Mitchell, 1 Ark. Inf., gsw, Shiloh, died 5-27-62

John H. Brown, 13 Tn. Inf., gsw, Shiloh, died 6-6-62

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Reflections on the 2009 Lee – Jackson Banquet

by Bob Milner, Camp 676 Adjutant

Lt. Commander Campbell's church was a perfect spot for the event with plenty of room for all the activities and guest. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Setting up a banquet like that takes a lot of planning and work. And I was blessed to have Frank and his wife to work with.

This was the first, Lee - Jackson Banquet at which we had home cooked meals for everyone. I would also like to thank many others who pitched in and helped. The table centerpieces were put together by Mrs. Poole. Thanks also to Commander Pat, Will Rhoades, Gary Mitchell, and all the others who helped set up the room with the flags and decorations.

But mostly I would like to thank all of ya'll who came and made all of that work worth it. Thanks to Gary Parrott and his wife for coming all the way in rough weather from Grand Junction.

Thanks too, to the members of **Camp 2104**, who came down from Greeley.

And by the way, congrats to Miss Carla Pyle for winning the SCV appreciation award.

Other awards were Sir Gary Parrot received the 2008 Knight of the Confederacy award.



Recruit and Spread the Word

One of the things about Compatriots, is that they tend to look at history with more than the casual, don't-interrupt-my-"Nick at Night"-marathon. Of course, it starts with a deep commitment to our ancestors, and gradually, a desire to know the historical truth of them.

Not surprisingly, a lot of people with a passionate interest in history find themselves attending events such as the Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association Winter Convention and Trade Show. The show was held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, over the weekend of February 21 and 22.

Putting the two ideas (history lovers and potential SCV members) into one haversack, the Sons of Confederate Veterans set up an information booth at the Convention, and had a great time meeting folks, and telling them about the SCV and related organizations.

Our thanks go out to members Gary Mitchell and Robert H. Milner for setting up the booth; and to Will Rhoades and Jerry Persell for helping to staff the booth over the three-day event. On one end of our display was a video presentation provided by the national staff of SCV, explaining the goals and activities. Next to it was a display of the kit, and food, and day-to-day tools a Confederate Soldier would carry.

In the middle were two displays of firearms, one uniquely Confederate, and the other, Union. These were the "lures" which brought in countless visitors.



Gary Miller, dressed as a member of the 69th NY Irish Brigade answered many Union questions, and easily handled the Confederate, regimental heritage questions as well. It's worth noting that the presence of a Union uniform at such events raises the image of the SCV beyond some group of "oddballs trying to re-ignite Confederate passions." What it says most clearly about the SCV, is that we are about honoring veterans, all veterans. Those who have served in combat know that every honorable opponent is worthy of respect.

Of course, Sgt. Robert H. Milner, in his Confederate Cavalry uniform was a wealth of knowledge for young and old alike. Frequently, you would find him in front of the booth, engaging young people about Confederate heritage and offering coin tokens of the SCV and information sheets with a Confederate dollar on one side. The compatriots who made our presence known did a good job getting the word out and talking to a lot of people about Colorado's Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Marching Orders

(Colorado Division Calendar of events)

Mar 8	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Mar 10	7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Apr 12	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Apr 25	10:00 am	Confederate Memorial Day Events Riverside Cemetery & Fairmount Cemetery	
Apr 26		Confederate Memorial Day	
May 10	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
May 12	7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
May 17	11:00 am	Adopt-a-Hwy Cleanup	Kipling Pkwy & W. Chatfield Ave.
Jun 3		Jefferson Davis Birthday	
Jun 14	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Jun 20	9:00 am	SCV Gun Show	Sportsmans Warehouse Littleton
Jul 12	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Jul 14	7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Jul 22 – 29		SCV 2009 National Reunion Little Rock, AR www.scv2009reunion.com	
Aug 9	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Sep 8	7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Sep 13	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Oct 11	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Nov 8	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Nov 10	7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Nov 11		Veterans' Day	
Dec 13	2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley

