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Confederate Memorial Day in Colorado, Saturday, April 23, 2011

Our Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo. They are actually going to order a couple of new flags for us! We are set for Saturday, April 23rd, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Compatriot Scott Myers told them we would probably be at the cemetery around 10:00 AM or so to set up. The Roselawn Civil War Memorial is at the Main Entrance to the Cemetery (located just off South Aspen) Use your web browser to see the map at Google maps.

Confederate Memorial Day, also known as Confederate Decoration Day (Tennessee) and Confederate Heroes Day (Texas), is an official holiday and/or observance to honor those who died fighting for the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. Eight states officially observe Confederate Memorial Day: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Colorado's Confederate Memorial Day



What: Confederate Memorial Day Observance

Why: To honor Confederate Veterans on

Confederate Memorial Day When: Saturday 23 April 2011

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Roselawn Cemetery

706 Roselawn Rd, Pueblo, CO 81006 NOTE: Civil War Memorial is at the Main

Entrance to the Cemetery

Who: Colorado Division SCV

Contact Scott Myers 719-576-2601 (Home) 719-244-3234 (Cell)

From Denver (114 Miles) / Greeley Area (171 Miles):

1. Take I-25 South to Pueblo 109 Miles

NOTE: From Greeley, Take US-85 South to I-76 West to I-25 South (roughly 55-60 miles)

- 2. Take exit 98A toward US-50 E/La Junta 500 feet
- 3. Turn left at S Santa Fe Ave .4 Mile
- 4. Keep left at the fork 1.6 Miles
- 5. Turn right at S Aspen Rd .3 Mile
- 6. Turn left at Roselawn Rd 400 Feet: Roselawn Cemetery

From Grand Junction: 289 Miles
1. US-50 E/E Main St 61 Miles

Continue to follow US-50 E

2. Turn left at US-50 E/E Main St (in Montrose) 124 Miles

Continue to follow US-50 E

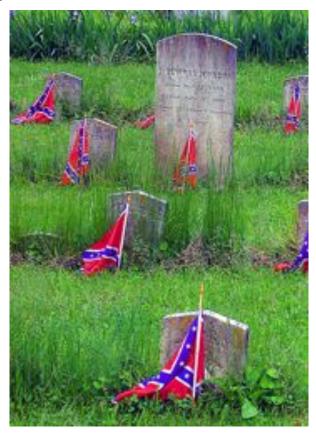
- 3. Turn left to stay on US-50 E (Poncha Springs) 96.8 Miles
- 4. Merge onto I-25 S via the ramp to Walsenburg 3.5 Miles
- 5. Take exit 98A toward US-50 E/La Junta 500 Feet
- 6. Turn left at S Santa Fe Ave .4 Mile
- 7. Keep left at the fork 1.6 Miles
- 8. Turn right at S Aspen Rd .3 Mile
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Memorial Day Origins

From the May, 1893 issue of "Confederate Veteran," the Origin of Memorial Day

It is a matter of history that Mrs. Chas. J. Williams, of Columbus, Ga., instituted the beautiful custom of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers, a custom which has been adopted throughout the United States. Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Maj. John Howard, of Milledgeville, Ga., and was a superior woman. She married Maj. C. J. Williams on his return from the Mexican War. As colonel of the First Georgia Regulars, of the Army in Virginia, he contracted disease, from which he died in 1862, and was buried in Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. Williams and her little girl visited his grave every day, and often comforted themselves by wreathing it with flowers. While the mother sat abstractly thinking of the loved and lost one, the little one would pluck the weeds from the unmarked soldiers' graves near her father's and cover them with flowers, calling them her soldiers' graves.



After a short time, the dear little girl was summoned by the angels to join her father. The sorely bereaved mother then took charge of these unknown graves for the child's sake, and as she cared for them, thought of the thousands of patriot graves throughout the South, far away from home and kindred, and in this way the plan was suggested to her of setting apart one day in each year, that love might pay tribute to valor throughout the Southern States.

In March, 1868, she addressed a communication to the Columbus Times, an extract of which I give:

"We beg the assistance of the press and the ladies throughout the South to aid us in the effort to set apart a certain day to be observed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, and to be handed down through time as a religious custom of the South, to wreathe the graves of our martyred dead with flowers, and we propose the 26th day of April as the day."

She then wrote to the Soldiers' Aid Societies in every Southern State, and they readily responded and reorganized under the name of Memorial Associations. She lived long enough to see her plan adopted all over the South, and in 1868, throughout the United States. Mrs. Williams died April 15, 1874, and was buried with military honors. On each returning Memorial Day the Columbus military march around her grave, and each deposits a floral offering.

The Legislature of Georgia, in 1874, set apart the 26th day of April as a legal holiday in obedience to her request. Would be that every Southern State observed the same day.

On April 26, 1866, the Columbus, MS newspaper said the following: "We were glad to see that no distinction was made between our own dead and about forty Federal soldiers, who slept their last sleep by them. It proved the exalted, unselfish tone of the female character. Confederate and Federal, once enemies, now friends – receiving this tribute of respect."

SCV at the Colorado State Muzzle Loaders Association Convention



Greetings ya'll from the Colorado State Muzzle Loading Assc. winter convention. This is your humble & loveable former camp adjutant reporting to you live from the convention floor. It's Saturday the 5th and Gary Mitchell and I are setting up our booths in the trade room. Joining us to host his display table is Frank Campbell. Weather is holding off at the moment but it's going to snow later I hear.

Roy showed up and worked the booth with me for about half the day. Talked to a handful of people and got one family very interested in the southern history of Colorado.

The room is a little smaller than last year but we make do.

It's Sunday morning and the trade room is a-buzz with action. Got up early this morning for the hotel free breakfast. Eggs, bacon, cereal, waffles, omlettes, juice and hashbrowns. But no grits! You would think a fine upstanding hotel like this would have the finer things. It's OK, I just had more bacon to make up for it.

By noon, it's been snowing most of the day, and it seems to be slowing things down. That, and the Big Game today means we may break down early. Frank and Gary are also here. Frank brought out all his foofuraw and such to sell; Gary is manning the SUV booth; while I, of course, am working the SCV booth. At this moment Gary is talking to a guy and trying to get him into the SUV. Frank is sitting across the isle at



another booth talking to the owner. Other than that not much going on.

Editor's note: As you can see, Bob brings the camp life of a Confederate soldier to life for old, and for the young. A HQ SCV runs to the side, on a laptop, and many people stop to find out about a soldier's life. Having watched Bob and Gary, I can tell you that the story of both sides of the conflict are presented without apology and with a passion for the heritage they represent. The efforts of both go a long way toward opening the door to a deeper understanding of those who lived and died during that time.





Compatriots,

The time has come for us to step up our efforts toward the building of our Confederate Museum and new office building. At the GEC meeting on July 21, 2010 the GEC approved a new initiative to raise funds. There are three levels of donations/ contributions. Each contributor will receive a pin designating him/her as a Founder of the Confederate Museum. Also there will be a list of names in the Museum of all Founders. This can be a plaque on the wall or even names inscribed in brick depending on the construction design. Anyone can take part in this, and he or she does not have to be an SCV member. Camps, Divisions, UDC chapter, OCR groups may also participate.

Donations can be made in either lump sum or by payments over a period of time. There is a form which has been created for Founders to list precisely how they want their name, or ancestor's name, listed which is included with this announcement. It is also available on the museum web site.

To make payment by credit card, please contact GHQ at 1-800-380-1896 or mail the form with a check. The form can be found at <u>Confederate Museum</u>.

Stonewall Jackson Level

Contributors who make a donation of at least \$1,000 are eligible for this designation. If they are already a member of the Sesquicentennial Society that contribution will be taken into account and the

minimum contribution for them to upgrade is \$850. For some one who is not already a member they can get both the original Sesquicentennial Society membership and also the new Stonewall Jackson level for \$1050 with the \$50 dollars going to the Bicentennial Fund.

Robert E Lee Level

A contribution of at least \$5,000 is required to achieve this designation. If the individual is not already a member of the Sesquicentennial Society it will be included as benefit of this level

Confederate Cabinet Level

A contribution of at least \$10,000 is required to achieve this designation. If the individual is not already a member of the Sesquicentennial Society it will be included as benefit of this level

Additional

GHQ has acquired 20 special gavels. These gavels are made from historic wood taken from a dam at Fredericksburg VA which dates to the time of the WBTS. They are inscribed with the Sesquicentennial logo as well as a statement as to the wood's origin and authenticity. The first 20 Camps or Divisions that contribute at the Stonewall Jackson level will receive one of these unique and valuable gavels.

This program got off to a resounding start at our last annual General Reunion in Anderson South Carolina. Several members have already become Stonewall Jackson level Founders, and one Compatriot has even become a Confederate Cabinet level Founder. Imagine that during the Bicentennial of the War for Southern Independence that your descendants can go to a museum where they can learn the truth about the Confederacy in a facility where they can look at the wall of that museum and see your name and know that you had a part in building this magnificent facility where they and also the general public may learn the truth about our Confederate ancestors.

Gov C.S. Thomas Camp 2126 presents SCV War Service Medal to WWII Veteran



Greetings!

I have attached a photo of the recent meeting of Camp No. 2126.

I am presenting the SCV War Service medal to our oldest Camp member Robert F. Lundy. He is a World War II Veteran (service in the Pacific). He honors his CSA ancestor Private James M. Lundy (Co D, 16th Missouri Infantry).

Commander Gary Parrot



Here is H.K. Edgerton's Southern Heritage website. Thought you would all find it interesting. Thanks to Compatriot Phillip Self for finding this!

http://www.southernheritage411.com/



Camp 175 Places long-awaited Grave Marker

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.

He came west with the Green Russell party in search of gold in the 1850s, and came through Colorado several other times before settling here. The Civil War was looming on the horizon, and they made their way back to Georgia to fight for the Rebs.

After the war, England brought a new wife and three of his older children to Pueblo County by ox cart, according to family lore. He built a homestead south of the Huerfano River near Undercliffe, where his heirs continued farming and ranching after England's death.

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

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.

Marching Orders

Mar 5 Camp 2104 Meeting

Centennial Park Library, Greeley

Mar 8 Camp 175 Meeting

6:00-8:00 PM Firehouse Rest., Old Colo City

Mar 8 Camp 676 Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 Breckenridge Brewery,

Kalamath Blvd. Denver

Mar 9 Battle of Hampton Rds

CSS Virginia defeats the Merrimack

Mar 26 Honor Guard Drill

4-Mile Historic Park at 1:00 pm

Mar 26-28 Battle of Glorieta, NM

Apr TBA CO Division Meeting

Apr 9 Battle of Appomattox Courthouse

Lee surrenders

Apr 23 Colorado SCV Confederate

Memorial Day ceremonies

11:00 am Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo

May 7 Make-up day for above

Apr 12-14 CSA forces fire on Ft Sumter

Apr 26 Confederate Memorial Day

Apr 29 New Orleans falls to Union

May 2-3 Battle of Chancellorsville, VA

Gen. Stonewall Jackson mortally wounded



Tenth Anniversary of Colorado's Lee-Jackson Celebration



Said to be Colorado's biggest celebration of the lives of Robert E Lee and General "Stonewall" Jackson, this year's event took place in the banquet room of the Village Inn in Castle Rock.

Seen above, the tables and room were decorated in full regalia, thanks to volunteers such as Lynn Poole and the usual, attention-to-detail efforts of Compatriot Bob Milner.

Attendees enjoyed a great "Southern" meal of chicken fried steak, fried chicken, and lots more. The restaurant really supported us and our special event.

During the dinner, we had a chance to mingle with friends from across the State, to bid in a silent auction, and to await the presentation of the raffle prize - a custom made recreation of Lee's headquarters flag. The flag was won by Compatriot Roy Poole, and will be flown at the headquarters encampment during our Yampa Valley Road Trip event in June.

Once again, the Colorado Division recognized a member who has supported in countless ways, the Charge to the Sons, especially here in Colorado. The new, Knight of the Confederacy is Roy Poole.



CO Division 2011 Road Trip June 9-12 Yampa Valley



Compatriots are welcome to come for one day or all of the campaign.

Our goal is to explore the history, the cemeteries and the stories of Northwest Colorado from Steamboat Springs to Craig, in search of "lost" Confederate veterans who contributed to the growth of Colorado following the War Between the States.

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Be sure and check out our website for more information, and how you can participate. <u>SCV Road Trip</u>



Latest updates on Colorado SCV website:

- •Added Heritage Defense Link
- •Added Link for Order of Confederate Rose and membership drive
- Added Alfred Packer Article



Greetings y'all, Here are the notes from

January's Camp meeting:

Starting off with old business, Adjutant Milner gave a quick review of the funeral of Cliff Doogle out at Riverside Cemetery last month. Next, was the report on Confederate Memorial Day. This year's event will be held at the Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo.

Roy Poole provided an update on the Colorado Confederate information booklet. Everything is proceeding as planned and Roy says he should have a draft of the booklet available at Lee/Jackson banquet.

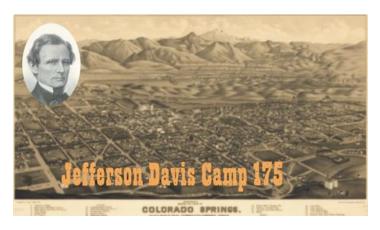
On to new business: First, was setting a date for our next Adopt-a-Highway trash pick up - which will be on Sunday, June 5th starting at 10 AM. We next decided to do this year's Colorado State muzzleloading Association Winter convention at the Doubletree Hotel in Westminster. Volunteers were sought to man the tables on Saturday or Sunday.

Adjutant Milner announced the "3rd annual SCV Historic Gun Show" at Sportsman's Warehouse in Thornton on Saturday, March 26th from 9 am to 6 pm. He encourages anyone who has antique or historic firearms to come on down and show them off. Please contact him via e-mail or telephone ASAP.

Lieut. Cmdr. Mitchell encouraged the SCV Honor Guard to drill with the first Colorado volunteers at 4 Mile Historic Park, thereby taking advantage of time, place, and expertise.

Roy Poole briefed the SCV Road Trip this summer scheduled for June 9 through the 12th. Sounds like a really fun trip. If you are interested in going please notify myself or Roy by our May meeting.

A suggestion was made to have a Riverside Cemetery cleanup day on Saturday, May 21st. We would go up for the day and do some yard work on our graves out there and then have a small ceremony.



Camp 175 February Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- 1. Lee-Jackson Banquet: Excellent event with great attendance. A special thanks to Compatriot Bob Milner for organizing this terrific event!
- 2. Camp Finances Audit Status: Adjutant Atkinson needs to get checkbook and bank statements to Greg Gentry ASAP so we can perform audit: Doug Atkinson
 - 3. VA Headstones:

James E. England: Trying to have set by Confederate Memorial Day for dedication: Phillip Self

Benjamin F. Patterson: Trying to have set by Confederate Memorial Day for dedication: Phillip Self William Schoolfield, Rosita Cemetery, Westcliffe: Application mailed to VA 0n 2/10/11: Scott Myers

Thomas Cook, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo: Application sent to Roselawn on 2/17/11 for signatures: Scott Myers

4. Confederate Memorial Day: Saturday 23 April 2011, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo

NOTE: Weather make up day is 7 May 2011

New Business

- 1. Colorado Division Road Trip: 7-12 June, Northeast Colorado, Yampa River State Park
- 2. Discussion of proposed Camp activities for 2011
- Interment trip to Pagosa Springs based on our current research into Confederate Graves. We will only do this if we have clean up activity required. Scott Maxwell in Pagosa Springs will do some

Camp 676 January Meeting, cont.

Last but not least in new business. I officially tendered my resignation as your humble but lovable Adjutant. I will not be leaving the camp but after many years I am simply unable to continue effectively as your camp adjutant. Starting after Lee/Jackson banquet past Cmdr. Gerity will take over as camp Adjutant. I will however be continuing as the webmaster for our camp webpage.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March, 8, 2011. 7 PM at the Breckenridge brewery.

The Colorado SCV Honor Guard is

organized to provide military honors and salutes to veterans and supporters of Confederate Heritage.

In order to discharge that duty, we seek to practice whenever possible in the traditional drills and order of arms, so that we might present a respectful tribute to these honored people.

Recently, Compatriot Gary Mitchell arranged for the inclusion of the Colorado SCV Honor Guard in the drill of the 1st Colorado Volunteers.

William Rhoades and Roy Poole mustered at Four-mile Historic Park along Cherry Creek in the Village of Glendale on February 27, and will continue to join them every fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Also joining in the drill was Commander Frank Campbell, wearing the "other" uniform in honor of his ancestors.

Join us on March 27th at 1:00 pm for drill.



Camp 175 February Meeting, cont.

cemetery visits and let us know. Since we have the Division Road Trip in June, it will take precedence.

- 3. Discuss Camp goals and objectives for 2011: Camp agreed to the following goals for 2011:
 - Increase Camp Membership
- Continue research to find more Confederate graves in the state
 - Continue to update Interment List 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
- 4. Camp Meeting Program Ideas for 2011: We decided to do this on an as needed basis/as members want to do a presentation since we have such low attendance. Phillip Self volunteered to do a presentation on his ancestors in March.
- 5. We discussed creating a Facebook page and Greg Gentry volunteered to set it up: Greg Gentry
- 6. We discussed and "Adopt a Library" program. The idea is to partner with a library in town and to purchase and donate books regarding the Civil War and the South to the library. The intent is to donate books that tell the true story of the Confederacy and the South.
- 7. We discussed the Order of the Confederate Rose: Phillip Self's wife, Julie, is in the process of organizing a chapter in Colorado. This is an organization for people who want to support the SCV, the Confederacy and the South but do not have direct lineage to a Confederate Veteran. We are preparing an announcement to go out to the Division and an article for the next Territorial Dispatch. Thanks Phillip and Julie for getting this going.
- 8. Start developing Camp 175 Mission Statement: Postponed until March Meeting
- 9. Next meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2011, 6:00 PM, Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City

Order of Confederate Rose Confederation of State Societies



Colorado Society Order of Confederate Rose

After attending our first Lee/Jackson Banquet in January, my wife Julie and I was surprised by the number in attendance that did not have a direct descendant but were supporting their spouse by attending and supporting southern heritage. As we drove home to Pueblo, my wife and I decided that we needed some way to bring these individuals together and combine their knowledge, talents and interests into a unique organization that can support the SCV and be recognized as a group with common goals and a mission. After careful consideration, we found that the Order of Confederate Rose does just that.

The Order of Confederate Rose is a national organization that is made up of local state chapters, which are sponsored by SCV Camps, and these chapters are formed into State Societies. The Nationwide Confederation of States provides a means for meeting and sharing with other Societies but does not determine how each State Society functions and allows each state its own bylaws and standing rules.

What is the Order of Confederate Rose? The OCR assists the SCV with their historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. Special emphasis is placed on the preservation of Confederate symbols. As there are few rules and restrictions to stifle the creativity of its members, each Society is free to focus

on the activities important to its members and local SCV Camps along with supporting their efforts on the state and national levels.

Who may join the OCR? Each chapter votes on its own requirements. It will not compete with the UDC or any other genealogical organization. You do not need a relative in the SCV, or an ancestor in the CSA. All you need is a desire to support our Confederate Heritage.

To establish a new Chapter of the OCR, you must have a least seven (7) members. To charter a State Society, we need two chapters. My wife Julie Self is spearheading this project and is looking for anyone interested in forming a chapter or two and eventually a State Society. But, first, we need your support, SCV members, in getting out the word, passing out the flyer provided at your next meeting or event, and making contact with me or Julie to get this organization up and going.

We have started a website, <u>Colorado OCR</u>, which is still under construction but has some information as well as contacts. We look forward to hearing from you and if you have any questions, give us a call at 719-547-5095 or email:

phillipself@gmail.com or juliedself@yahoo.com. Thank you.



Camp 175 has created a Facebook Page for the camp. We hope to get some more exposure and increase our membership with this.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jefferson-Davis-Camp-175-Sons-of-Confederate-Veterans/130812513656402?sk=wall

Compatriot Greg Gentry created the page and it is really terrific.

Thanks Greg.....really nice job!