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Confederate Memorial Day

There's little doubt that the honoring of soldiers lost in war began with Southern widows and families decorating the graves of their heroic dead. The Day is celebrated on different dates across the South, but all bring a renewed focus on the high value of liberty.

This year, the Colorado Division will honor veterans on Saturday, April 21st. Look inside this issue for details on the event and directions to the cemetery. We are looking forward to sharing this important time with you, and with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



Camp 676 met at the Breckenridge Brewery and BBQ in Denver the second week of January.

High on our list of goals was to ensure all the details were ready for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. I think everyone who attended the event felt it was another worthy effort.

Next was a time to plan for the upcoming Colorado State Muzzleloading Association Winter Convention and Trade Show. Bob volunteer to host the SCV information booth, alongside Gary Mitchell, who would present the "blue" side of his family heritage.

We then tossed around a few ideas for Confederate Memorial Day. Joining with other camps, we agreed to move from the oft-used site at Riverside Cemetery to another site this year. Which does not mean we are abandoning Riverside, instead we will notify compatriots when and where they can help us with a cleanup detail followed by a memorial time. We discussed the need to reinstitute our regular programs at the meetings, in order to encourage those compatriots who aren't big on planning and committees to nonetheless have a good time with us.

Before retiring, Compatriot Poole offered a quiz to all those attending. Could they match the terms and slang used by our Confederate ancestors with the meaning as we understand it today? The one matching the most (Bob Milner) won a paperback for his prize.

At our March 13th meeting, Compatriot Poole will have another quiz, and also a review of the book, *A Confederate in the Colorado Gold Fields*. A fascinating book which is targeted right to Colorado compatriots.



Confederate Memorial Day

This year, on **May 21st**, the events and honors for Confederate Veterans, buried in Colorado will take place at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Castle Rock. Join us at **10:00 am**.

Take IH-25 North or South to exit 182. Head West to the Cemetery and look for flags to guide you to the location. Compatriot Sir Charlie Hogan found a "lost" veteran's site, and we will honor him with a ceremony for all Confederates.

Those who would like to be a part of the Honor Guard detail for this event, please contact Gary Mitchell, so he can brief you and make plans. Mitchell Gary jngmitchell@earthlink.net

Following the ceremonies, we will gather at the Village Inn (located on Wolfensberger Rd between the cemetery and the freeway) for lunch and our annual Spring Meeting of the Colorado Division.

We will be in a private room, and share ideas for the coming year, including a new, tri-fold brochure for the Sesquicentennial; and plans for a historic research Road Trip.

This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and thoughts with the Division leadership.

We are also looking for your ideas on where we might hold future Confederate Memorial Day events; on where we might be able to erect another monument to Confederates in Colorado; on ways we might reach out in a broader way to educate more people; and on ways to encourage more men and youth to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans.





Colorado SCV Interment List and SCV Graves Registrations Guidelines Rev 1-29-12 Scott D. Myers

Purpose: To establish guidelines for inclusion of Confederate Veteran Graves on the Interment Listing on the Colorado Division of the SCV website (<u>www.coloradoscv.org</u>) and for registering graves with the SCV Graves Registration Project.

The requirement to join the SCV is that one must be a male descendant—lineal or collateral—of those men who served honorably and whose service terminated honorably in the armed forces of the Confederate States of America or one of the States thereof. Applicants for membership must be men of good character, who emulate the best qualities of the Confederate soldier.

Essentially, honorable service for the SCV means that an ancestor was killed in action, severely wounded and medically discharged, served honorably until the end of the war (April 1865 when Lee surrendered), or received an approved pension for either the soldier or his widow. Descendants of those who took the oath early and went home are not eligible for membership in the SCV.

Proposed Guideline for Interment List and Graves Registration

1. Eligible: Honorable service to the Confederate States of America: Veteran was killed in action, severely wounded and medically discharged and served honorably during his time CSA armed forces or one of the states thereof.

2. Eligible: Those who took the Oath of Allegiance before the war ended: The reasoning here is that the conditions of the POW Camps on both sides were horrendous and there were very high death rates in all of them. Many soldiers who signed the oath early were the sole providers for their families. They chose to go home to their families instead of facing the possibility of dying or being killed in a POW Camp and leaving their families without a primary provider. Their service while in the CSA Armed Forces must have been honorable (did not desert, etc.).

3. Eligible: Galvanized Yankees: During the War, Confederate soldiers in Northern prison camps sometimes decided to "galvanize," or change sides to survive; to save themselves from the horrors and slow death of prison life. These galvanized soldiers in many cases were still "Good Old Rebels" underneath their adopted uniforms. "Galvanized Yankees" protected vital lifelines (mail routes, forts, towns, etc.) in the west from Indian attacks during the war. Most of these soldiers served honorably in both the CSA Armed Forces and in the U.S. armed forces after galvanizing. The Galvanized Yankee must have never taken up arms against the CSA. 4. Ineligible:

a. Those whose service could not be characterized as honorable.

b. Those who deserted the CSA Armed Forces. This must be adequately documented. In many cases, soldiers who were taken prisoner and were unable to be accounted for in battle were just simply categorized as deserters, so research must be done to show true desertion.

c. Those who took up arms against the CSA

d. Those who did anything else to impugn or sully the honor, bravery or integrity of the CSA.

A reminder to all Prospective Guardians

Confederate Memorial day is approaching. Guardians are responsible to place a flag, wreath or flowers, and to ensure the tidy state of any grave

To recall and respect his sacrifice -

entrusted unto them.

Sleep sweetly in your humble grave, sleep martyr of a fallen cause,

Though yet no marble column craves the pilgrim here to pause.

In seeds of laurel in the earth, the blossom of your fame is blown,

And somewhere, waiting for its birth, the shaft is in the stone.

Meanwhile, behalf the tardy years, which keep in trust your storied tombs,

Behold! Your sisters bring their tears, and these memorial blooms.

Small tributes! But your shades will smile, more proudly on these wreaths today,

Than when some cannon-molded pile shall overlook this bay.

Stoop, angels, thither from the skies! There is no holier ground

Than where defeated valor lies, by mourning beauty crowned.

A suggested prayer for your soldier -

I am here to Honor and remember you and your service to The Confederacy. Though you may have been forgotten by some, your memory lives on in the hearts and minds of your ancestors and mine.

I am here to make sure you are never forgotten, and that the cause for which you fought perseveres though time and distorted history.

Sir, on behalf of all Sons of Confederate Veterans, I thank you for your service and your sacrifice to our country, and for defense of your liberty and home.

May God continue to shelter you in peace, for the honor you have earned.



Flags for Veterans

Compatriot Greg Clemmons of Camp 175 placed Confederate Flags on graves in the Greenwood (Pioneers) Cemetery in Canon City for Veterans Day. I want to express my thanks to Greg for representing the SCV so well in Canon City. This is just terrific. Great job Greg!

Here are a few pictures I snapped after placing flags on Confederate Graves (wish I had bigger flags) at Greenwood Cemetery in Canon City. I only had twelve flags, and there are apparently 14 Confederate Vets in the cemetery. Hope you enjoy the pictures.

Compatriot Greg





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Marching Orders Calendar of events and meetings of interest to Compatriots in the Colorado Division	
March 9. 1862	Monitor and the Virginia meet at Hampton Roads, Virginia.
Mar 10	Historic Gun Display Sportsman's Warehouse 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Mar 8 - 9	CSS Virginia (Merrimac) wreaks havoc on Union ships at Hampton Roads, VA
Mar 10-11	Civil War in Southwest www.azstateparks.com/parks/pipe
Mar 11 2:00 pm	SCV Camp 2104 Meeting Compatriot Wabnitz' home 300 8th St., Gilcrest, CO
Mar 13 7:00 pm	SCV Camp 676 Meeting Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ
March 14, 1864	Lincoln calls for 200,000 MORE "volunteers" for his war.
April 12, 1861	General P.G.T. Beauregard fires on Fort Sumter, South Carolina.
April 2, 1865	Lee forced to abandon Petersburg, Richmond is evacuated
April 9, 1865	Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse
April 6-7, 1862	Battle at Shiloh, Tennessee. Over 23,000 men killed, wounded, or missing, more casualties were suffered at Shiloh than in all previous American wars combined.
April 10 6:00 p	SCV Camp 175 Meeting Firehouse Restaurant Old Colorado City
April 14, 1865	Lincoln assassinated
April 17, 1861	Virginia Secedes
April 21	Confederate Memorial Day Events See info in this issue
April 26	Confederate Memorial Day <i>Traditional</i>



2/21/12 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Merrill Austin, Doug Atkinson, Phillip Self, Charlie Hogan, Scott Myers

<u>Old Business</u>

- 1. Flagpole status: Compatriot Doug Atkinson to purchase flagpoles and get reimbursed by Camp.
- 2. Adopt a Library Program: 6 books donated. Thanks to Merrill Austin, Doug Atkinson, Charlie Hogan and Scott Myers for books.
- Proposed 2012 Division Graves Road Trip: San Luis Valley/ Alamosa in early June.
- 4. Visitor Center Brochure Update: Scott Myers has delivered brochures to the Pioneers Museum and the Mining Museum in Colorado Springs.
- 5. Colorado Division will host SCV National Leadership Workshop in August.
- 6. Meeting Program: Confederate Ironclads: Compatriot Doug Atkinson made an excellent presentation. Thanks to Doug for this informative and interesting program.

New Business

- 1. We need a volunteer to develop program for April 10th Meeting: Charlie Hogan to present program
- Lee-Jackson Banquet Highlights: Gary Mitchell made a nice presentation on Colorado during the War for Southern Independence. Charlie Hogan was inducted into the Knights of the Confederacy. Congratulations to Charlie for this welldeserved honor. Great meal and fellowship.
- 3. Next Camp 175 Meeting: Tuesday 10 April 2012, 6:00 PM, Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City.

For all compatriots who were not able to attend the Lee Jackson Banquet, the cover of the Division's 2011 informational brochure is pictured at right.

Already, the brochure is placed in many information centers and kiosks for travelers. to use. The brochure is a driving guide to sites which highlight Southern and Confederate contributions to the discovery of gold in Colorado.

In 2013, and in support of the Sesquicentennial activities in Colorado, the Division will be publishing another brochure for tourists, this time guiding them to the trails used by Confederates within Colorado.



During the late 1850's, many Southerners migrated to the Colorado Territory to work in the newly discovered gold fields and river bottoms.

The Colorado Territory was formally created by Congress in 1861 shortly before the artillery attack on Fort Sumter, which sparked the War Between the States.

Although sentiments were divided in the early days of the war, Colorado was marginally a pro-Union territory. At times, emotions ran high over the rights of Southern states.

When the War broke out, many returned to the South to defend their homes. However, some remained and formed militia groups to seize the gold which was needed by the Southern Cause.





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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.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

<u>Rutherford County Courthouse</u> - Gen. Forrest rescued Confederate sympathizers and captured Union garrison.

<u>Oaklands Mansion</u> - Gen. Forrest captured Union garrison here and accepted surrender of Union forces in Murfreesboro. Also, visited by President Jefferson Davis.

<u>Stones River National Battlefield</u> - Site of Battle of Murfreesboro

<u>Fortress Rosecrans</u> - Largest earthen fort built during the war.

<u>Evergreen Cemetery</u> - Confederate Circle holds remains of over 2000 Confederate soldiers.

Nearby attractions

<u>Sam Davis Home (Smyrna)</u>- Home of the 'Boy Hero of the Confederacy'

<u>Beech Grove Confederate Cemetery</u>(Beech Grove) - site of Battle of Hoover's Gap



An elegant mansion caught in the crossfire of the Civil War – This nationally registered, historic landmark reflects a time of prosperity in the Old South, as well as the hardships suffered during the Civil War.

Last tour begins one hour before closing. Adults \$10.00

2012 Lee-Jackson Banquet



Compatriots, friends and family enjoy a fine meal at the Country Buffet as part of our Lee-Jackson Celebration





Compatriot Gary Mitchell showing on a map of Colorado, where one of the many historic events around Colorado's Confederates took place



A "very surprised" Compatriot Charlie Hogan receiving the goblet and recognition as the newest, Colorado Division Knight of the Confederacy for his work with finding and documenting Confederate burials in the State. Charlie is also our Division Rep for the National Guardian program.





Winner of the Grand, Door Prize at the Lee - Jackson Banquet was guest Robert Kinney - soon to be the newest member of Sterling Price Camp 676.

The painting depicts the famous scene where N.B. Forrest pulls a Yankee soldier upon his horse to keep Union troops from shooting Forrest in the back as he makes a successful escape.

SCV at the CSMLA Trade Show

Bob here, coming to you almost live at the 2012 Colorado State Muzzle Loading winter convention.

Set up was ruff.

They are holding the convention at the Holiday inn at Stapleton in Denver east.

It is being held in a lower lobby they call it. (I call it the basement)



In order to set up we have to carry our stuff down a small hallway to a freight elevator and then down another small hall and into the trade room through a single wide door. I can't to take it all back out again with everyone else at the same time.

Well, anyway, once set up they opened the doors at 8am and thing got started.

The morning was spent talking to a lot of visitors and club members. Gary seemed to get the most interest. You'd think people had never seen a yankee before!

I, on the other hand, got to talk to a handful of people at my table. I was running our SCV video on my laptop. It does bring alot of attention.

Well, everything else was somewhat the same. I was surprised to see Jim Campbell and the 79th New York there. They have a booth across from us. The crowds were heavy at first but by about 2:00 pm it got real slow.

Gary and I closed up shop about 5:00 and went to dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ across the street and drew alot of interest from the people there.

Well that's it for now. Gary and I are headed to breakfast. Hope they have grits. This is a pretty fancy hotel so they should.

We started everything all over in the morning. It turned out to be a really slow day on Sunday, and we may pack up early.

> A multimedia, GPS-enabled guide to Virginia's Battle of Malvern Hill, the final clash of the Civil War's Seven Days' campaign, is now available for free download. And that's regardless of whether you're an Apple acolyte or prefer the Android operating system.



The "battle app" is the latest in a rapidly growing series of mobile-device tours being released by the Civil War Trust for the conflict's 150th anniversary.

The Malvern Hill app is the trust's first simultaneous launch for the iPhone and Android platforms.

The data includes battle maps, virtual signs, nearby attractions, illustrations and videos of Richmond National Battlefield Park.

Go to <u>civilwar.org/battleapps</u>, for links to Android Market, or Apple's App Store and its entire series of battle apps.

Your SCV Leaders at Work

Condensed Account of the October 15, 2011 Fall GEC Meeting Held at Columbia, Tennessee

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am and opened with prayer, pledge of allegiance, salute to the Confederate flag and reading of The Charge.

2. Quorum was present with 15 of 16 members present.

3. Minutes of the pre and post Montgomery Convention were approved as well as were the minutes of the GEC teleconference of October 11, 2011.

4. Executive Director Sewell gave his report covering membership, status of SCV endowment funds and the mailing of the Christmas merchandise catalogue.

5. Past CIC McMichael gave an update on the February 25, 2012 Sesquicentennial Event to be held in Richmond, VA and stated that the 2013 event will be held at Beauvoir.

6. Indiana Division Commander Gordon Flick presented Executive Director Sewell the Dr. Pits Meritorious Service Award.

7. Lt. Commander In Chief Barrow reported on the recent Leadership Conference held in Burlington, North Carolina and the upcoming conference to be held on February 11, 2012 in Monroe, Louisiana. He also noted the SCV ad to appear in American History Magazine.

8. Heritage Defense Chief Hiter addressed several recent incidents including misstatements by Glen Beck concerning the South's reason for fighting for independence and the situation in Reidsville, North Carolina regarding the Confederate monument there.

9. The GEC approved a new bumper sticker design with a sticker to be inserted in an upcoming issue of the Confederate Veteran.

10. CIC Givens made comments regarding several of the many meetings and events he has recently attended. He highlighted the Leadership Conference held in Burlington, North Carolina and the "Sunny South Guards" flag presentation reenactment held by the SCV and UDC in Tampa, Florida.

11. GEC reviewed a draft of the proposed Sam Davis Youth Camps Operating Agreement and voted to approve a board of directors for the camps.

12. GEC approved a submission by the Disciplinary Committee of a guide to "Understanding the SCV Disciplinary Procedure". The guide addresses the process and information that those contemplating filing charges need to understand as well as the rights of those against whom charges are filed. The GEC suggested more information be included on some specific topics. This information will be added to the guide.

13. The GEC heard a report on the upcoming reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh to be held in the spring of 2012 and presented by the Armies of Tennessee. The GEC voted a resolution of endorsement for the reenactment.

14. Past Virginia Division Commander Dorsey updated the GEC on the situation in Lexington, Virginia regarding the city's restrictions on display of Confederate flags and plans for dealing with the situation.

15. The Budget and Finance Committee reported on three grant requests. The only grant approved by the GEC was for renovations to the S.D. Lee home in Columbus, Mississippi. The grant will qualify the home for extensive matching funds.

The other requests for grant funds were not approved due to the amount of funds already approved at previous meetings being very close to the total amount of funding currently budgeted.

Chuck Rand

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