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2011 Colorado Celebration of Confederate Memorial Day Pueblo's Roselawn Cemetery



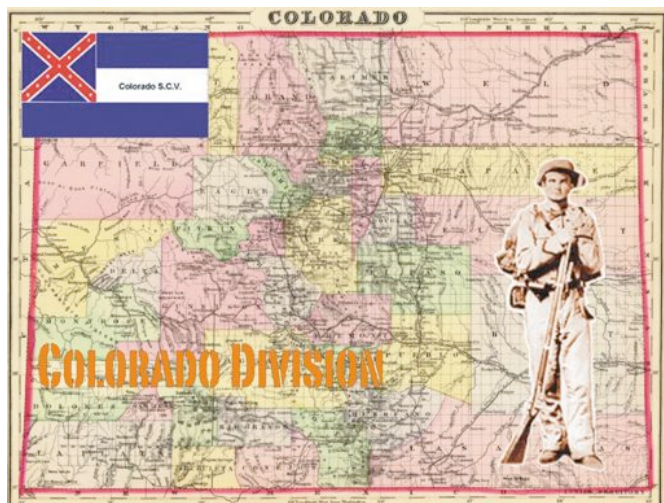
The day started out drizzly and gray, befitting the solemn purpose of SCV compatriots as they drove from all along the front range toward Pueblo. Today was a ceremony for Confederate Memorial Day.

This day is a proud reminder to all compatriots that Colorado will be very aggressive in supporting the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States. The honors bestowed at the Roselawn Cemetery marked the first of many events starting five years of honor.

Thanks to Roselawn's Frank Nash, we were warmly received, and taken to all the known veterans' graves. We discovered yet another hero buried in the cemetery, thanks to Frank. This newly discovered veteran was also honored with a CSA battle flag, and included in the roll call of veterans.

In the picture above, you see both the USA and First National flags. Thanks to Roselawn Cemetery, they will remain flying - taken down during inclement weather - for all visitors to see. Located just inside the main entrance, they add honor to the GAR plaque and canons.

The Saturday ceremony was well-attended by compatriots from Camps 175, 676, and 2104; and many representatives from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and of the Order of the Confederate Rose.



Spring Convention Meeting

The meeting was held in Pueblo, following the Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies.

Commander Gerity welcomed all, and thanked them for participating in the earlier ceremonies. Compatriot Roy Poole presented a gavel and sound block for the Division. Made of 100-year-old elm from the land of Scotland's William Wallace - defender of individual liberty against a tyrannical government - and of Missouri oak; the ceremonial gavel represents the freedom loving aspirations of generations.

Cmdr Gerity also gave a rundown on the Division's treasury report. The modest amounts will increase as members renew their memberships with the SCV, the Division, and their Camps.

Camp representatives provide details of the past few month's activities and the upcoming events. Surely, there's a lot going on across the Colorado Division.

Editor Roy Poole provided an update to the Territorial Dispatch and then moved to the SCV Road Trip coming up in June. The interest in the Territorial Dispatch continues to grow, and what started as simply four pages of interest to members, is now reaching eight pages as members contribute more and more articles for inclusion. Details of the SCV Road Trip will be covered elsewhere in this edition.

Compatriots Gary Mitchell and Bob Milner provided a recap of the SCV Honor Guard. Bob noted we provide the most visible honors when we have seven members in the Honor Guard. So just in case you'd like to become a member, or a part-time member, look for an announcement in this edition.

Lt Cmdr Myers took note of the Honor Guard ceremonies earlier in the day, and congratulated all for adding so much to the dignity of the event.

Lt Cmdr Myers then moved to our Graves update, and noted much work was accomplished on the interment list, thanks in large part to compatriot Charlie Hogan. We were also proud to "find" another vet buried in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Supporting our honor of graves, we are seeking more of the CSA flag holders to place on graves. Charlie Hogan will follow up with the best prices, perhaps in bulk, for the Division.

Our Sesquicentennial memorial had a setback with the unexplained refusal of Trinidad to entertain a monument. We will not abandon this memorial, and will continue to seek a location.

A motion was entertained and passed recommending the Knight of the Confederacy Award be granted annually, when a deserving

member is deserving of recognition. This clarifies the desire to grant the award for compatriots who significantly contribute.

We were please to have members of the Order of the Confederate Rose join us. If you haven't heard of this service group for women and men, who don't have a direct descendant from the CSA, but who strongly wish to support *The Cause*, and the members of the SCV, then be sure and contact Julie Self at juliedself@yahoo.com. Or head over to their web page at [Colorado OCR](http://ColoradoOCR.com).

Members attending approved research into establishing a state-wide Graves Committee to centralize information and to assist compatriots across the state. Compatriot Charlie Hogan will develop guidelines and membership needs, and report back to Division leadership.

One of the important tools will be help with individual members doing graves research in all parts of the state. A feature article from Lt Cmdr Myers appears in this edition.

The last important topic was about dues renewal. We are now entering the period for members to pay their dues. It's important to note that the effort begins at the Camps, with local commanders reaching out to compatriots. So, in the coming weeks, be sure and open that letter from your camp, and complete your renewal as quickly as possible. There's a lot of work to do!



Joint Camp Meeting May 10th

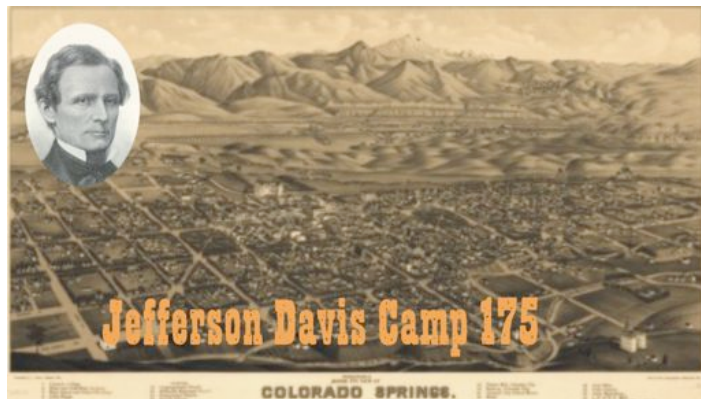
Since the concept of our SCV Road Trip took place among Front Range Camps, they will continue the planning jointly in a special Camp meeting on May 10th.

Compatriots will gather in Castle Rock at the Village Inn. Located at 207 Wolfensberger Rd., we'll start the meeting around 7:00 pm with those who want to enjoy a meal arriving a bit earlier to order from the menu. From IH-25, use Exit 182, and turn west. The restaurant is on the north side of Wolfensberger, a couple of blocks from the freeway.

We will be working out strategies, teams, and daily goals which should provide a rewarding experience for all members who are exploring the Yampa River basin for "lost" Confederate veterans.

Let us assure you, we have ALREADY found many vets, and need only find their graves to complete the process.





Camp 175 Meeting April 12, 2011

Opened meeting at 6:00 and Pledged Allegiance to the US Flag and saluted the Confederate Flag.

Attendees: Scott Myers, Charlie Hogan, Phillip Self

Old Business

1. Camp Finances Audit Status: Checking account balance: \$225.50. Greg Gentry has been added to the checking account with 1st Bank

2. VA Headstones:

Thomas Cook, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo: Installed 4/22/11 by Roselawn Cemetery

William Schoolfield, Rosita Cemetery, Westcliffe: VA ordered headstone on 2/23/11

Joseph Brown, Riverside Cemetery, Denver: Ordered by VA 3/25/11

Joseph Haralson (Harlton), Silver Cliff Cemetery, Custer County: Ordered by VA on 3/25/11

3. Confederate Memorial Day: Saturday 23 April 2011, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo
4. Colorado Division Road Trip: 7-12 June, Northwest Colorado, Yampa River State Park:
5. Flagpole status: Camp will buy these /get individual "sponsors" for each pole
6. Phillip Self presentation on ancestor: Open

New Business

1. Upcoming program suggestions: Discussion Topics: To be reviewed at June meeting
2. Adopt a Library Program Update: Greg Gentry: Could not attend/out of town on business
3. Order of Confederate Rose Update: Phillip Self: Julie Self still working on membership, up to about 5 potential members.
4. Start developing Camp 175 Mission Statement: tabled until June meeting

Next meeting: Joint meeting with Camp 676, Tuesday 10 May 2011, 7:00 PM, Village Inn, Castle Rock.

Camp 676 Roadside Cleanup June 5th



Join compatriots from Camp 676 for their semi-annual roadside cleanup.

We meet at 9:00 am at the Northwest corner of Kipling and Ken Caryl Blvd. We'll provide those oh-so-stylish vests and plastic bags.

The cleanup route is westward for a few blocks. Experience has shown us that this is a traditionally well-kept neighborhood, and the walking pickup is over very quickly.

What else, but to head to the Texas Roadhouse restaurant and share plans for the SCV Road Trip coming up the following week?



Colorado SCV is on Facebook!

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

The page now contains great photo's of the Confederate Memorial Day program at Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo.

<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!



Spring Cleaning at Riverside Cemetery



Compatriots are planning to gather at the Riverside Cemetery on May 21, to do some cleaning of our Memorial, and at the gravesides of Confederate heroes known to be buried here.

If you have hand- or battery-powered garden tools, including grass trimmers, hoes, shovels, pick-up sticks, etc., we'd love to have you join us and continue to preserve the dignity and respect these veterans deserve.

Due to financial restrictions imposed by the cemetery operators, this is not a memorial event, but IS a volunteer event to support the cemetery and the veterans therein.

Naturally, none of us could depart without paying due respects to those interred, and we will surely raise the appropriate flag while we labor.

For more information, contact [Bob Milner](#) of Camp 676.



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. Gary will be updating the next practice times, and you are welcome to attend.

Wear a uniform of your choosing, which will enable you to get used to the gear; and remember, the last time we got together with the 1st Colorado, the "good guys" outnumbered the Northerners.

If you can't make the drill, contact [Gary](#) for a handbook and a video of standard procedures.





**Confederate
Memorial
Day**



Graves Research: Where and How to Begin?



Your humble editor knew nothing about looking for Confederate veterans until a few months ago, and perhaps because of his constant annoying of Compatriot Scott Myers, Scott produce a great resource for all of us:

[Colorado SCV Graves Research Guideline](#)

By Scott D. Myers

Grave research is an important activity for the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and the Colorado Division of the SCV. It furthers our knowledge regarding Confederate Veterans in Colorado and the contributions they made to the building of Colorado as a state.

There are several purposes of grave research:

1. Fulfill our duties as members of the SCV as described in The Charge to the SCV.
2. Further our knowledge of Confederate Veterans and their contributions to Colorado and Confederate and Southern Heritage in general.
3. Add Confederate Veterans buried in Colorado to our website Interment List.
4. Register the veterans' graves for posterity with the SCV Graves Registration Project.
5. Obtain a VA Headstone for the veteran if his grave is not marked.

This guideline will give you the tools to conduct basic research on a Confederate Veteran's Grave. Deeper research can be performed by several of our Division Compatriots who are actively involved in genealogy and have access to more databases and tremendous knowledge in this area. Compatriot Terry Wabnitz is a member of the SCV Genealogy Committee and Compatriot Gary Parrott is also very knowledgeable in this area. Both can help you out if you get stuck somewhere in your research.

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THE PROCESS

1. Research the Colorado Veterans Graves Registration (Appendix A) data base:

Be sure and click on the Title (link) for the complete guide.

Marching Orders

- May 8 - 21 Battle of Spotsylvania
- May 10 Robt E Lee Appointed Commander
- May 10 7:00 pm Camps 2104, 676, 175 Meeting
Village Inn, Castle Rock
- May 15 Battle of New Market, VA
- May 21 Camp 676 Graves cleanup
10:00 am Riverside Cemetery, Denver
- May 26 Surrender of Kirby Smith and all
CSA forces west of Mississippi
- May 31 Battle of Cold Harbor
- Jun 5 Camp 676 Highway Cleanup
9:00 am Kipling and Ken Caryl
- Jun 5 Battle of Tranter's Creek
- Jun 6 Battle of Memphis
- Jun 8 Battle of Cross Keys
- Jun 9 Battle of Port Republic
- Jun 9 - 12 CO SCV Road Trip
Yampa River State Park, Hayden, CO
- Jun 13-15 2nd Battle of Winchester
- Jun 16 Battle of Secessionville
- Jun 19 CSS Alabama sunk by Kearsarge
- Jun 28 Battle of the Chickahominy





Confederate POW-MIA Flag

Approximately 215,000 Southerners were captured and confined in Union POW camps. Of these, approximately 26,000 Confederates died while in captivity or 12.1 % of those Southerners who were captured in the conflict. The conditions were heinous. Lack of clean water, food, adequate clothing and medical care contributed to the deaths and dismal conditions in the camps.

This SCV (Scala Caeli Vale) "The ladder to heaven-farewell" POW Flag is dedicated to the memory of those who died and those who survived the horrors in those wretched Union camps.

The gray field represents the Confederate gray. The yellow star represents all those who died in the conflict, combatants and Southern civilians (at least 50,000) that were killed by the Union Army, there are no accurate records. Many black and white people were robbed, raped, tortured and starved to death by the "Northern Liberators". The Seal of the Confederacy with George Washington pointing the way is surrounded by the crops grown in the South which would include; corn, tobacco, cotton, beans, etc. The circle of stars represents each of the Confederate states.

The navy blue St. Andrews Cross is one of the colors of mourning, it also represents a part of the battle flag.

Above the seal is the motto: "You Shall Not Be Forgotten". Beneath the seal POW-MIA's with the "Deo Vindice" within the seal which basically means "God Vindicates".

This flag was created in dedication to James Madison Gornto, an ancestor, who was a Private in the 4th Florida Infantry Company "C". He was captured at Missionary Ridge, TN and confined in December

1863. He later died the same month at Rock Island Federal POW camp in Illinois and is buried in plot #39.

The U.S. Congress in 1958 declared that Confederate veterans have the same respect, rights and honors of any other American veteran.

Quoting from the United States *Statutes at Large*, Volume 72, Part 1, Pages 133-134,

"By Federal act of Congress (May 23, 1958) all Confederate veterans are United States Military Veterans, and deserve all the rights and honors pertinent to such service."

Confederate veterans are thus not only recognized as U.S. citizens, but fully as a Federally-recognized member of the U.S. Military (with Veterans' status) as well.

The Confederate POW flag is currently flying in Sons of Confederate Veteran Camps, United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapters and private residences in the following states and countries; Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington State, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Nevada, Virginia, New York State, Delaware, Maryland, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arizona, Ohio, Maine, West Virginia, Alaska, Oklahoma, Colorado and in the UK and Iraq.

We are also pleased to announce the Confederate POW – MIA memorial grave flags. These flags as well as the Confederate Civilian flags measure 8" x 11". Cost is only \$2.00 each with a minimum of 10 flags per bundle. Plus shipping and handling @ \$3.00 per bundle. Orders of 50 flags or more will receive free shipping. The Confederate POW – MIA flag still sells for \$20.00 which includes shipping and handling.

Please visit our website at www.confederatepowflag.com www.rebelpowflag.com and www.dixiedefenders2086.com.

Respectfully,

Kenn Lightfoot
Life Member SCV
Dixie Defenders 2086

Are You Prepared?



Gentlemen,

On this the 150th anniversary of the start of the War of Northern Aggression by the firing on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, I am put in mind of the sacrifice and the dedication of the Southern men and women who for the next four years struggled for Southern Independence.

Of course, back in 1861 practically no one had a clue about what was coming. I often ask myself: If they had known of the terrible costs of the coming conflict with the North, would they have fought so hard to gain their independence?

There are some who say, "No."

I often get asked, "Why would anyone fight so long and hard and endure such hardships just to own a slave?"

My usual response is that South fought so long and hard not so a person could own another person (less than 5% of Southern soldiers even owned a single slave).

The Southern soldier fought this war because they were invaded. The central government was trying to impose its will on the people of the South. I just finished reading a really nice book called *Civil War Civilian Life in Southern Alabama*. It's the story of Mrs. Nancy Hillis and her two daughters. Left behind by her husband and two sons as they went off to fight. Like many Southern women she was left behind to mind the family business and the family home. During the war she and her daughters made some incredible sacrifices in support of the Southern cause.

I wonder sometimes in this day and age how much we would be willing to sacrifice for a cause in which we say we believe.

As the war went on Mrs. Hillis endured constant shortages of food and medicine. She was constantly volunteering along with other neighborhood ladies in supporting the Southern cause. Joining sewing circles to make uniforms, helping to produce cartridges, making bandages, and even giving up 80% of her livestock and produce from the family farm for the war effort.

I can't imagine anyone giving up so much just to protect the institution of slavery. This was not an isolated incident, this was happening all over the South.

We must never forget the lessons that these people - our ancestors - taught us.

For four bloody years the South fought in a war that on paper it could not win. The North had almost all the advantages. They had more of everything. South started with practically nothing. Yet for four years the Southern soldier fought, sacrificed, and endured. They gave up their life for home, honor and the right to live without a central government or a king telling them how.

I find it funny sometimes when I hear these people on TV whining to the government "gimme this - gimme that," "I want this, I deserve that."

Today, it is more important than ever that we stand up to honor our Southern heroes, to tell the truth about why so many died for Southern Independence. That the war was not fought by a bunch of traitors but by the ultimate heroes of American patriots. I guess all the men who fought to free ourselves from England by today's logic were "traitors" as well.

The Colorado SCV have a great opportunity to show people that these ancestors were not traitors but heroes. That these men were fighting for a cause they believed to be right. They gave up all, and now it is time for us to honor them all.

Our Confederate Memorial Day event at Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo was a great opportunity to do just that. And for the next four years during the 150th anniversary we must - each of us - give of ourselves so that people today can learn and remember the truth of our Southern heroes. We must endure, we must sacrifice, and most important of all, we must participate to set things right!

This is a message from your humble, but lovable former adjutant, Bob - a very old and tired Johnny Reb who will continue to fight and sacrifice to get the truth out.



Gentlemen:

I have a complete uniform I'd like to sell. The Jacket and pants were made by Ben Tart from NC. If interested, I can send pics.

Richmond Depot II - Wool Jean, size 42, fully lined - \$100

Pants with suspenders - Wool Jean, size 36W, 31L (will throw in the drawers) - \$25

Brogans - Size 9.5, but fit like size 10 - \$30

Belt with VA Buckle - \$10

Kepi Med - \$15

TAKE IT ALL FOR \$150

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