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## Southern Heroes from the Very Beginning, American Independence



*Reenactors Show Southern Courage at Cowpens Nat'l Battlefield*

"We fight, get beat, rise, and fight again."

General Nathanael Greene -- 1780

In late 1778, under the new ruling from London which marked out the South as the main theater of war, British sails began to break the horizon off the South Carolina and Georgia coasts. Down from New York came warships and transports, unloading British, Hessian, and Tory units under Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell at Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah River, some fifteen miles below the little Georgia metropolis of the same name.

In the South, a region long neglected by Britain, the war reached its conclusion. Because of the British inability to prevail in the North, London's strategists gradually shifted their attention to the

South, beginning in late 1778. They felt that section contained a higher percentage of Loyalists than any other part of America.

Then, too, if choices had to be made after France's entry into the war had stretched British resources tissue thin, England preferred to save the South above all other areas. Its raw materials were the most valuable of all American commodities in the mother country's mercantile scheme.

In February 1780 Britain greatly expanded its southern beachhead when Sir Henry Clinton arrived in South Carolina from New York with 8,700 additional troops. He soon laid siege to Charleston, where on May 12 American Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln surrendered the city and its more than 5,000 defenders.

These English victories did not extinguish the flames of rebellion. Britain found pacification of the backcountry difficult. Rebel small-unit operations continued under such local, legendary guerrilla leaders as Francis Marion and Thomas Sumter. And a body of patriot frontiersmen, mainly from present-day eastern Tennessee, wiped out a 1,000-man contingent of Loyalist troops at King's Mountain on the border of the Carolinas (Oct. 7, 1780).

As the guerrillas tied down Cornwallis, still a third American army formed in the South under Major General Nathanael Greene, who then launched the most effective military campaign of the war. Greene was outnumbered from the start, but used "guerilla" warfare to extreme success against the British forces. At one point, Greene

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audaciously divided his small army, sending Brigadier General Daniel Morgan into western South Carolina, where he destroyed Lt.Col. Banastre Tarleton's Tory Legion at Cowpens (Jan. 17, 1781).

When Cornwallis pursued Morgan, Greene united his army, led Cornwallis on an exhausting chase into North Carolina, and finally fought him to a draw at Guilford Courthouse (Mar. 15, 1781). While the British general limped eastward and then northward to the Virginia coast, the resourceful Greene returned to South Carolina, and between April and July picked off, one by one, every British post save Charleston and Savannah, where the enemy remained isolated and impotent until peace came.

The British failed in the South for several reasons, including an exaggerated estimate of Loyalist support, an inadequate program of pacification, a failure to recognize the significance of sea power, and an indomitable spirit of Southern warriors.

## Notes from Camp 676



Gentlemen, well it's July already; where did June go? Things have been a little quiet since Memorial Day weekend. But for July we have our bimonthly meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM at Breckenridge brewery on Kalamath Ave in Denver.

On the new business clipboard, since it is July, that means dues are payable by the end of the month. I was going to mail renewal forms to everyone but my printer broke down and I have been unable to print anything.

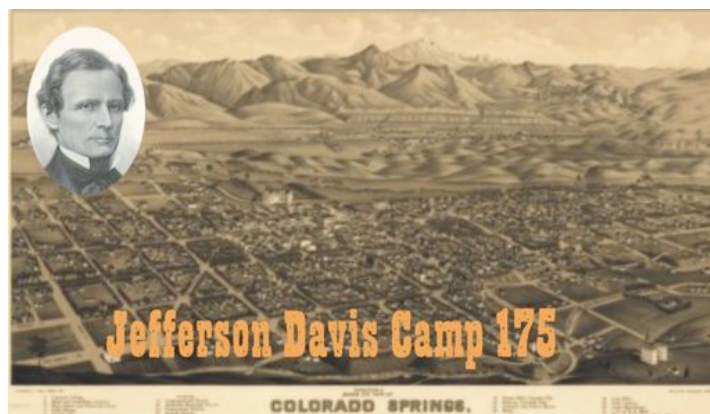
So for now, I have sent members an e-mail with an attached letter for renewal. Please print this out and return it to me as soon as you can. Thanks!

I hope to see ya'll at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Y.O.S.

Bob Milner (Adjutant)

Sterling Price #676



Meeting Held at The Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City at 6:00 PM

*Attendees:*

Scott Myers  
Rick Thurston  
Bobby Smith  
Phillip Self

### Old Business

1. Status of flagpoles and stand: Open, Compatriot Michael Wheelon: Scott Myers to contact one last time.  
NOTE: I contacted Michael and he has the poles and stand and Bobby Smith will make arrangements to get them. Thanks Michael and Bobby.
2. U.S. Flag: Thanks to Compatriot Roy Poole for providing flag. Flag given to Sergeant-at-Arms Smith: Closed
3. Additional Adopt-A-Highway/Road Program Update: We will address at a later time when the Camp gets bigger. For now, we will just keep the one section on HWY 115. Item Closed.

### New Business

1. Compatriots Robert Dobbins and Daniel Rhyne Induction: Open
2. Pagosa Springs interment trip update: We need a volunteer to organize this event with Robert Dobbins.
3. Annual camp picnic update: We need a volunteer to organize this activity. Who will volunteer to head this up?
4. Annual dues and annual report due in July:
  - \$40 for Members
  - \$10 for Life Members
  - Camp Report is complete. Waiting to see if we can get two new prospective members to join before year end.
5. Meeting Frequency: We decided to move Camp Elections to the December meeting and not to meet in November.
6. Camp Elections: We decided to have elections every two years as we are a small camp.
7. Mace's Hole Re-enactment at Royal Gorge: 12-13 June 2010: Discussed just as an informational item.
8. Division Sesquicentennial Society Membership: We collected \$50 from members in attendance. If anyone else wants to contribute, please contact Commander Myers. If each of the active camps collects \$50, we will have enough (\$200) to join as a Division.
9. Discussed the two projects to get all Colorado





Gentlemen,

Well it's that time the year again!

Here we are, already in Midsummer. It's amazing how fast the year is going by. Summer is certainly my favorite time of year. I never have been much of a winter person. If it wasn't for football I'd probably go crazy.

2010 has so far been a pretty good year for us here in Colorado. Seems like every year that passes we do more and more as far as events go. As I look back on the first half of 2010 it seems like only yesterday that we were having another successful Lee/Jackson banquet in January.

In February we had the Colorado State Muzzle loading Association winter convention, which ran for two days and was great fun.

The extremely successful, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual gun show was held at Sportsman's Warehouse in Thornton. Might I add, it went so well that they want us to do it again before the year is out. The management felt we were a significant draw, which almost doubled their business from the same time last year. I definitely would like to see us do the show again if at all possible.

In April, we had our first, official drill for the new Division Honor Guard, practicing out at Riverside Cemetery. I hope to see the Honor Guard blossom into something really special. With a few more volunteers, I think it will.

April's Confederate Memorial Day was delayed two weeks because of bad weather and moved to May 8<sup>th</sup>. And although we had a little trouble with the Fairmount Board of Directors wanting us to have "event insurance," the ceremonies went on



as scheduled and everything went extremely well.

Directly after the ceremony, we had our second annual Colorado Division meeting at the nearby Bennett's barbecue. Division Commander Gerity outlined the plans for the Colorado Division for the coming year. Number one on the list is doing the best job we could on recruiting new members and retaining our current ones. One of Pat's biggest concerns is that although statewide, our membership is around 50 members,

only a small handful of the same people are doing all the events. Pat is worried that we might burn ourselves out. The best way to correct this is with new membership who will get involved within our camps and our Division.

As we move into July, it is time once again for the current members to renew their membership. Retention letters will be in the mail soon. I hope all of you will renew promptly and help us to continue to grow. With a strong growth, we will hopefully become the envy of all the other camps and/or divisions in the trans-Mississippi division.

I can't tell you how important it is to continue to be a member of the SCV. Our ancestors are counting on us to keep fighting the good fight. I don't have to tell you that every day, our heritage is being attacked by people who don't know the true history of our fight for Southern Independence. They see only one thing and one thing only. They see us as toothless barefoot backwoods rednecks who fought the war of Northern aggression only to keep slaves. They call us traitors, they call us evil slaveholders. They want to destroy our Southern heritage, and let's face it: they are doing a really good job. It is almost too hard to believe where we would be now without organizations like the Sons of Confederate veterans.

Our heritage is under attack by organizations with thousands and thousands of members. Very powerful organizations, which have the ear of our politicians; and so far, have very effectively waged a campaign to label anyone who disagrees with them as racists.

The one thing on our side is the truth. The truth must be told or our heritage will die! The SCV can only continue the fight as long as our numbers stay strong and we do our utmost to become stronger. At our level, the best thing we can do is recruit, recruit, recruit. Always be on the lookout for new possible members. On an individual level, the best thing we can do is to keep our Division going by renewing our memberships promptly.

Let's give our uneducated opponents that good fight!

Your obedient servant and humble but lovable Adjutant,  
Bob



*Compatriots staff a busy information table at the Spring Muzzleloaders' convention, giving accurate historical perspective to the War Between the States.*

## The War for Southern Independence in Colorado



Here are the pictures I took of the Camp Weld Marker on a Saturday morning (scary part of town!). It's now all an industrial area, located at the corner of 8th Ave. and Vallejo St. in Denver. Traveling south on I-25, exit at 8th Ave., then turn east, under the bridge. Look for the stone marker illustrated above.

If you're heading to the Camp 676 Meeting, continue over the 8th Ave. viaduct to Kalamath, and then turn right (one-way) to reach the Breckenridge Brewery.

As I am sure most of you are aware, Camp Weld was where the 1st Colorado Regiment were stationed and trained before they deployed to New Mexico and Glorieta Pass. Camp Weld was also known as Camp Elbert.

It's also the location of a meeting with the plains Indians prior to their massacre by Col Chivington's forces at Sand Creek. The "Camp Weld Council" was supposed to stop attacks by the Indians, in exchange for their return to Fort Lyon in southeastern Colorado.

Scott Myers

## History of Russellville, Colorado Douglas County's earliest settlement

By Patrick Gerity

A 33-acre private ranch just southeast of Franktown - known as the Russellville Ranch - is the earliest settlement in Douglas County, and has several ties to Confederate history as well as "Pike's Peak or Bust" gold rush tales.



*Trees on the nearby hills mark the Black Forest, and the approximate site of Russellville.*



EXECUTION OF THE ROBBERS.

Near Russellville, Union troops, under the direction of Col Chivington (remember his heroic action at Sand Creek?) executed members of the Reynolds Gang for attempting to escape. Witnesses to the murder site would later report the dead were still shackled and tied to trees.

For the complete stories of Russellville and of the Reynolds Gang, web surf to the Colorado Division's SCV website: [http://www.coloradoscv.org/History\\_of\\_Russellville.htm](http://www.coloradoscv.org/History_of_Russellville.htm).



## Worthy Honor for Confederate Heroes in Northern Kentucky

by Terry Wabnitz



Just to let you know that my dream of 15 years has been finally completed.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*Yesterday the city of Covington, Kentucky set all eight stones for the eight Confederate soldiers who are buried there. Today the task is 99.9 percent complete. ..Just waiting for the grass to grow now!*

*Thank you*

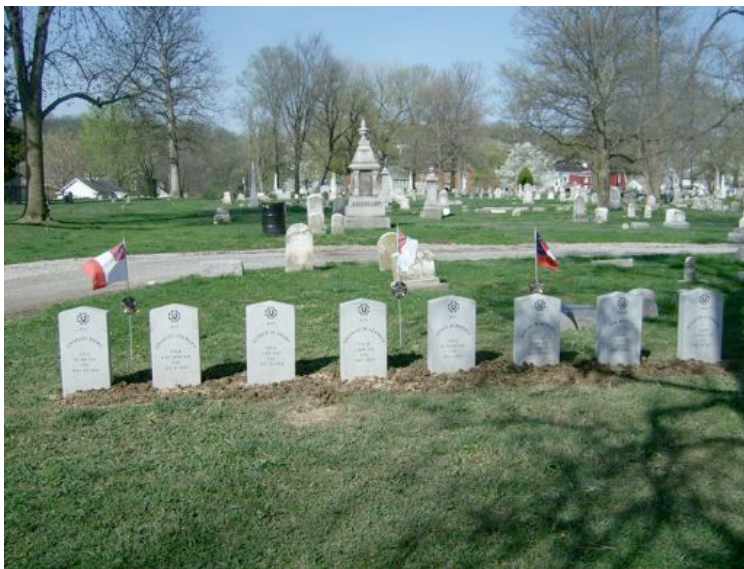
*Glenn Venner*

Glenn is an SCV officer of the Ohio camp. This is a project which I had going when I lived in Covington, but never finished it. I contacted the Cincinnati camp and they finished it up for me. My wife and I - three years ago - placed the Southern Crosses that you see there.

**LIVE THE CHARGE!**

Home, Honor, Heritage

T Michael Wabnitz



## CO Confederate Graves Photo Project

I am beginning a project to get photos of the Confederate Veteran Graves on our website that have no pictures.

I have developed a document with the information from the Interment Listing and have listed the information in alphabetical order by city.

I am asking all of our Compatriots to help in this effort. If you live near the cities or towns or plan to travel near them, please try to get a picture so we can add it to our interment list. If we all pitch in, we should be able to complete the project fairly quickly.

There are a few for which the headstones have not been located. They are not included in the list.

Terry Wabnitz sent in the first picture, so we are on our way!

It is a good idea to call the cemetery before you go to find the location of the grave. Another good source is the cemetery caretaker. The internet is an excellent source to find info on the cemeteries and who runs them.

I am also going to start a program to register all of the graves on our website. This will be a much larger project as there are roughly 250 graves to register, but I think it is well worthwhile. I plan on doing several a week. If you are interested in helping out on this, please contact me so that we can discuss this.

I appreciate everyone's effort in getting this project done. Thanks,

Scott Meyers

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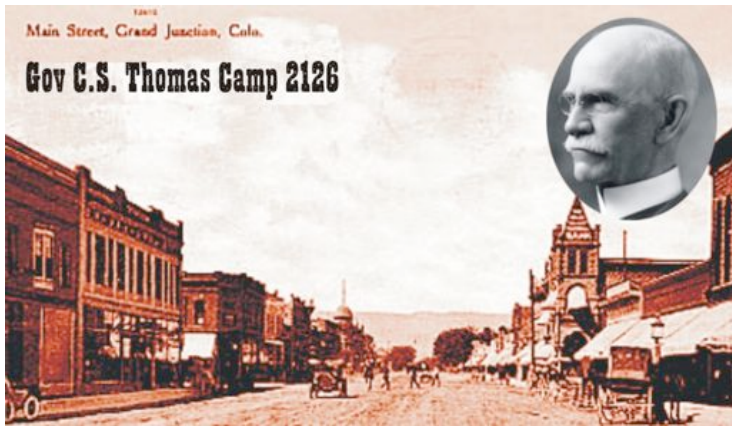
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## Western Slope Compatriots



At a recent picnic (June 13, 2010) held by members, friends and family of Camp No. 2126 in Grand Junction, I presented to two members the SCV War Medal (both Viet Nam) and certificates.



Left to right: Rhy Paris, Gary Parrott and Bob Henderson (wearing the black hat).

Not present but who will later receive the War Medal will be Bill Buvinger (Korea) and Willie Burke (Viet Nam). All present had a good time despite the "poor" weather.

FYI - I am currently working on the application of a potential new local member (Bill Davis). He is a great-great grand nephew of the "Russell Boys" (Green, Joseph and Levi Russell). He will be a great addition to the Colorado SCV !!!!

Take care,

Gary Parrott

### The SCV War Service Medal

*Men and women of Confederate descent who served honorably for at least 90 days during the war-service periods defined in US Department of Defense directives and American Legion guidelines. Eligible service positions are the same as those for the National Defense Service Medal. This award consists of a standard size medal.*

### Marching Orders

*(Colorado Division Calendar of Events)*

- Jul 13 7:00 pm Camp 676 Meeting Breckenridge Brewery  
471 Kalamath, Denver
- Jul 13 7:00 pm Camp 175 Meeting The Firehouse  
Restaurant, Old Colorado City
- Jul 13, 1862 First Battle of Murfreesboro
- Jul 21, 1861 Battle of 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas
- Jul 21 – 25 SCV National Convention  
Piedmont, SC
- Jul 31 **SCV Membership Dues**
- Aug 10 Camp 175 Meeting, The Firehouse  
Restaurant, Old Colorado City
- Aug 30 Battle of 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas
- Sep 5 2:00 pm Camp 2104 Meeting Library  
2227 23rd Ave., Greeley
- Sep 14 7:00 pm Camp 676 Meeting Breckenridge Brewery  
471 Kalamath, Denver



### Support the Cause!

Gentlemen,

Our "cause" is to keep alive the accurate history of our ancestors, including the honor and dignity with which they defended the Cause of Southern Independence. This coming year, upon the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that great effort, our cause is more needed than ever. Revisionists and apologists will attempt to portray men of honor as something vile. To effectively portray the truth, we need to work together. The SCV is the best place to work together and your membership is a fantastic start to the "battle" ahead.

Membership Dues cover the fiscal year of August through July. Which means your membership is about to expire. And while there is some leeway in staying current, wait too long, and you might have to reapply to the SCV.

Dues for the year will total \$40 – of which \$30 goes to the SCV Headquarters and includes your subscription to the "Confederate Veteran," and \$5 goes to your local camp, with the remaining \$5 going to our Division in order to sustain mailings, the newsletter, and our website.

Please get in touch with your Camp Adjutant and determine how soon you can renew your membership. Adjutants will forward all renewals in one package on your behalf.



## Sons of Confederate Veterans – It’s Time to Renew!

Dear Compatriots,

Can you hear it?

Tic-toc-tic-toc-tic.

That's the sound of our heritage clock running out!

Every day, our good Southern heritage is being wiped off schools, roads, parks, and memorials.

If not stopped, our detractors will continue to spread their revisionist history views, and their plain hatred of everything Southern.

I have seen this first hand! I have been to schools where our children are being taught that the South and her soldiers were all evil slaveholders, and should be seen as traitors to this country.

Yes, even here in Colorado I've seen anti-Southern hatred rear its deformed head. Certain, national, groups will not stop until every symbol of Southern heritage is destroyed. The Civil War is still being fought, but this time it's about historical truth and regional pride.

In one school in Arkansas, kids were being taught that the Defenders of the Alamo were the bad guys; and that Santa Anna was coming up from Mexico to free the slaves! A national group has lobbied to have Thomas Jefferson's name removed from schools because he owned slaves, besides writing our Declaration of Independence. Richmond's mural of historic figures saw the image of Robert E. Lee vandalized without any concern from the City Council. And a young lady in Tennessee was banned from her high school prom because her dress featured a design of the battle flag.

Of course, it was the SCV who recognized and fought for the heritage and honesty of these issues.

The SCV needs you to continue your support, so they can carry on the fight. Please renew your membership and help protect our heritage.

Your ancestors were not evil! They were loyal to family, to friends, to their states and to freedom.

Please respond to your Camp Adjutant by Sep 1 to avoid any renewal problems.

### Sons of Confederate Veterans

Membership Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Renewal \$40

Assoc. Member Renewal \$10

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## YOU Can Honor Colorado's Confederate Heroes

Elsewhere in this issue we shared the exciting work Scott Myers is doing to complete a photographic record of all Confederate burial locations in Colorado.

The simplest way to get started is to link over to the SCV website at: <http://www.coloradoscv.org/internment/> and read through the list of heroes. Note the location of the cemeteries and plan your next trip with camera.

When you arrive, what else can you do?

**Step 1** Locate the Veteran's grave site, ask anyone familiar with the cemetery if they know of other Confederates buried there.

**Step 2** Record GPS coordinates for the site; add to "diary" which includes your day of visit, location of cemetery, and location within the cemetery of the site.

**Step 3** Photograph the headstone or marker

**Step 4** Clean debris away from the gravesite; use garden shears and trowel to restore the gravesite.



Many well-intentioned cleaning efforts have defaced or destroyed weak and fragile stones.

Since it is easily possible to do significant damage in a cleaning effort, here are the most common ERRORS.

The following cleaning techniques have **NO** place in an historic graveyard!

- Do not employ pressure washers. They work great on modern granite memorials, but, can deface and erode the softer aged tombstones.
- Do not use any type of acids or acid based solutions.
- Do not use any kind of abrasives, especially sand blasting.
- Do not use metal or wire brushes, leave them in the garage.
- Do not bleach or any other household cleaners, leave them in the kitchen!
- Do not attempt to clean any stone that appears to be flaking, crumbling, or weakened.
- Use your better judgment, if in doubt it is better left undone.



Hello Everyone,

I have been doing quite a bit of research to try to find the grave of Gov. Charles S. Thomas. Despite what all the records on the internet show, he is not buried at Fairmount Cemetery. Fairmount Cemetery Mortuary personnel do have his Cremation Card on file, but not a burial card. The Fountain Heritage Foundation confirmed this and told me that contrary to what is on the internet, he is not buried there, nor is he buried at Riverside. In all likelihood, his family took the remains and buried them (or maybe not) somewhere else.

I called the Darien-McIntosh Chamber of Commerce (his birthplace) to see if they had any burial records on the remains. They did not show anything.

I am going to research his children to see what I can find. His descendents are probably our best bet to locate the grave. Very interesting!

Scott Myers