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A Very Productive Division Meeting!

Compatriots from across the State of Colorado mustered at the Dinosaur Ridge Museum on Oct. 24th for a very productive Division Business meeting.

Sir Gary Mitchell welcomed everyone, and the members introduced themselves and one of their distinguished ancestors to get things rolling.

First on the agenda were reports on the state of Camps across Colorado. It was noted that while we have seen the closure of the Canon City Camp, and one of the Colorado Springs camps, Camp 175 is now growing stronger and represents one of the original camps established in Colorado.

Camp 1492 has been temporarily realigned to draw upon the resources of Camp 676, while representing a number of compatriots who want to be a part of the Colorado SCV, but find themselves living out of the local area. We look forward to new members joining from the Ft. Collins area, and creating a strong presence through local leadership.

Many of the camps have navigated the paperwork sea to set up IRS-approved bank accounts, and each of the camps is successful renewing members. The Division Treasurer reports a balance of \$451.51. These funds are used to offset costs like mailing postage, and to make one-time donations for efforts to save a flag, a historic site, or other marker.

The Division Adjutant, Terry Wabnitz, began his report with high praise for the work of compatriot Gary Parrot who has found more Confederate graves in Colorado than ever known of before.

Terry announced he had been named to the board of the Greeley Museum, and will push strongly for a balanced, "Southern Side" to museum presentations and displays. He is



also ensuring the community recognizes the SCV as a "legitimate" historic society, not just a social group.

Along those lines, Commander Mitchell suggested members participate in the many forums throughout Colorado which examine the history of the War Between the States. High on his list was the Rocky Mt. Civil War Roundtable, held monthly on the 2nd Thursday at the Columbine United Church, 6375 Platte Canyon Blvd. in Littleton. The roundtable discussions begin at 6:30 pm. Find out more about the Roundtable at <http://www.rockymtncivilwart.com/>

Next on the agenda were reports from Camps in Colorado. Despite it's recent reorganization, Camp 175 remains the oldest, established camp, and they brought some great news.

Commander Scott Myers reported membership at nine, with another application being processed. They are working to

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increase visibility in the community, and the number of activities for SCV members to enjoy. Camp 175 is soon to have its own, Adopt-a-Highway section in Colorado Springs. The Camp's Programs Committee is working up presentations for the monthly meetings. Among these programs will be presentations on individual ancestors, on the general history of Colorado during the conflict, and other programs featuring guest speakers.

Camp 676 in the Denver metro area is continuing its activities and making sure all members of Camp 1492 are served. Activities include support for the Division Lee/Jackson Banquet, services at Riverside Cemetery, Confederate Memorial Day, a booth at the state muzzleloaders' convention, and a special gun show featuring the collection of Adjutant Bob Milner.

The Camp also teams up with the UDC for a variety of events. Earlier this year, for example, they were present with a color guard for the services of a UDC member, and at a service at the historic Fairmont Cemetery.

Up in Greeley, Camp 2104 is going great guns. And we do mean "guns," as they held a Camp Blackpowder shoot this past year. Bob Milner from Camp 676 was a real hero, bringing many of his own guns and lots of blackpowder for the shooters.

The camp is quite proud of its four Associate members, and continues to develop programs to keep them involved. Like other camps, if you have programs or presentations, especially of interest to younger members, be sure and let the camp know.

Out on the West Slope, Camp 2126 knows no limits! Commander Gary Parrot has recruited membership up to 20 compatriots with another being approved. Gary says the key is to "keep them active and involved." The Camp is sponsoring the setting of a new hero's headstone, and also traveling to Rifle to support the opening of the Veterans Park on November 8.

Administratively, Gary has maneuvered through the paperwork minefields to get the camp its own P.O. Box and checking account.

The Camps tabletop display is a great tool for bringing to events and showing the history of Confederates in Colorado during and after the war. Gary's also discovered at least 475 graves of Confederate soldiers and is close to bringing that number to a nice, round 500.

The agenda then turned to a report on the Division newsletter, "The Territorial Dispatch." The newsletter's first edition was in January, however, in recognition of two, previous newsletters, it is numbered as Volume 3. Five issues have been published prior to the Division Meeting, and distributed electronically, with one or two

exceptions, as determined by camp adjutants. Using the internet has kept the cost of producing the newsletter to zero.

The editor is grateful for all the support, and encourages compatriots to send him their pictures and stories to share with fellow Colorado members.

The Division has begun the process of creating a professional Colorado SCV website for all members and the general public. We are grateful to have the talents of Camp 175 compatriot, Rick Reed. Rick previously created an outstanding website for us, and has agreed to once more put us on the net.

Here is a brief outline of our *initial* planning:

OBJECTIVES:

1. Present SCV in a very positive and professional manner/Serve as a top-notch PR tool
2. Provide information on the SCV; its purpose and goals, history and background, etc.
3. Provide history and background of SCV in Colorado
4. Provide contact information for CO Division and all state camps
5. Make it easy for prospective members to get information about and become members of SCV

REQUIREMENTS:

1. No pop-ups
2. All state Camps' contact information
3. Calendar of Events
4. Territorial Dispatch page
5. Link to General HQ website
6. Link to other historical societies' websites as approved by Division (UDC, MOSB, Rocky Mountain Civil War Roundtable, etc.)

DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY:

1. Professional appearance
2. Keep it simple initially and then expand as required. Get site up and running first.

If you have some great ideas and would like to share them, please contact our website project coordinator, Scott Meyer at scottdmyers1@msn.com

Expect to see even more events and activities from your Division in the coming year. Along with the Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 23rd, we will honor Confederate Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and hold another Division meeting in the Spring for all members.

As a result of the enthusiasm and activities of the Colorado Division, the members at the Division meeting voted to restore the annual \$5 dues for members. As noted before, the dues contribute to the state-wide funds which support projects above and beyond the local level. Of course, to protect our members, no less than three officers must approve the signing of the check and all accounts must be submitted to the IRS annually. Our Division dues will be noted on the membership renewal forms in 2010. However, if you would like to support the efforts of the Division, you may always forward a voluntary dues payment prior to your next renewal.

One of the new topics taken up was the question of "dress" protocols. The SCV is NOT an organization requiring a uniform at any event. That being said, many "sons" have put together a uniform which recognizes the service of their ancestors.



From the Colorado Division Commander, Gary C. Mitchell

It has been a privilege to be your Commander these past few years. I look forward to the future for the Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans because I believe your new commander, Patrick Gerity, will move the Division forward very strongly and will strengthen the Division greatly. I thank all of the members of the Colorado Division for their assistance and efforts to put the Colorado Division back on track after the unfortunate events of a few years ago. Happily, those days are behind us and we now have a bright future ahead of us.

I very much appreciate the efforts of our Greeley, Grand Junction and Colorado Springs camps for their efforts at establishing stronger new camps and revitalizing older camps. I also appreciate very much the efforts of the solid camps in Denver, both 626 and 1492 for continuing to keep things moving forward. We may be small in numbers, but we are strong of heart and we continue to put General Stephen D. Lee's charge to us to "...see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations".

We will be having some important events coming up; a grave dedication in Hotchkiss soon, the Lee-Jackson in January, Confederate Memorial Day in April and others to be announced. Please try to attend your camp meetings and the Division meetings planned for the spring and fall. We will be attending festivals, gun shows and other events which provide opportunities for our presence.

Again, thank you for allowing me the honor of being your Commander. Unlike other commanders of the past, however, I will not fade away. I will continue to be involved with the SCV and Camp 626 and hope to participate in many of the upcoming events.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to which S.C.V. can contribute. If you hear of anything, please let your Camp officers or Division officers know about what you have heard and maybe we can move forward into new arenas in the future. Also, anyone that has ideas about moving us into the 21st century please let your officers know. Unfortunately for the Colorado Division, I was a 19th century mind in the 21st century. God be with you all.

Your Obedient Servant,

Gary C. Mitchell

Sterling Price Camp #676

Bi-Monthly Meeting- September, 8th

Commander Pat Gerity started meeting at 7:15pm with 8 members present & 2 guests.

Salute to the colors

Commander's report: Pat welcomes new member transfer: Mr. Patrick Mckeen, who comes to us by way of Alaska. Welcome Patrick it's good to have you.

Pat said that all but two members have renewed their memberships. We currently stand at 13 paid members plus one associate membership. Pat said he would reach out to the two unpaid members by phone to try to bring them up-to-date.

Lt. Commander's report: Frank is currently checking on status of his church for the upcoming Lee/Jackson dinner. (Post-meeting time, Frank has confirmed the church for our use.)

Adjutant's report: Adjutant Milner put forth the idea of a new contest for members to try to increase attendance at events and meetings. The idea was to award members with a poker chip every time they attend an event or meeting or even when dues are paid on time etc. they're SCV number is placed on the chip. Each chip turned in would be saved by the camp adjutant until the end of the year. A vote was tabled until the November meeting.

Speaking of the November meeting, your humble adjutant will be initiating a new calling list where I will be physically calling every member, to remind them of that meeting. The hope is that by touching base with all membership we will have a good turnout for the November meeting.

It was suggested at the last camp meeting that we look into getting a table at the Tanner Gun Show. Adjutant Milner brought information on dates of future shows that we could attend. Prices include \$70 for an aisle table and \$80 for a wall table plus extra if we want electricity. The decision was made to wait until November meeting to pick a day in 2010 to do the show. Additionally, adjutant Milner is checking on a special rate for nonprofit organizations.

Next in new business is the UDC awards ceremony out at Riverside Cemetery on Saturday September 19th starting at 1 p.m. ceremony will be at our Memorial and flagpole and the UDC will be honoring several SCV members with medals for past military service.

We discussed Buffalo Bill days on Sunday September 27th from 11 to 3 p.m. at the Buffalo Bill Museum on Lookout Mountain in Golden. This is technically not an SCV event but we will be handing out fliers and information for our camp. Last year we got on TV for a short minute. So if you're free, come on out and pay us a visit.

Next was the opening discussions of the 2010 Lee/Jackson banquet. We are setting a date of Saturday, Jan. 23rd from noon to 5 p.m. with an alternate date of Jan. 30th. Lt. Cmdr. Campbell will be checking on his church as a location once again. Everyone seemed to enjoy that location so much last year that we would have at the same location for the next one.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November, 10th 7pm @ Breckenridge Brewery, North Kalamath, in Denver.

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Now, all of us want to earn the respect of our neighbors, although sometimes, it takes a while. When is the best time to wear something reflecting our pride in Confederate heritage?

First, if you would like to wear your uniform, or the uniform of a Union soldier for balance, contact your Camp Commander or Adjutant prior to the event. They'll have some good ideas for you. Secondly, if it's an event for the public, and you haven't had time to talk with someone. "business casual" is always appropriate. In order to continue to build good will toward the SCV, we would discourage those fun, "message," t-shirts.

If the activity is a formal event, such as our Lee/Jackson Banquet, the full uniform is welcomed, as is a traditional "coat and tie."

At your scheduled Camp meeting, wear what you like, keeping in mind that some of the general public - uneducated as to an accurate history of the Confederacy - might take that "fun" t-shirt out of context and assume we're a bunch of yahoos.

Certainly, these suggestions are not made to limit your heartfelt commitment to the SCV and your ancestor, but rather to support a positive image, which stands up to critics and the biased press corps.

Thanks to all the compatriots who work on behalf of the SCV each year, the Division is solidly grounded, and we took another step toward the future: the election of new officers.

For one-year terms beginning in January, 2010, members present elected the following leadership:

For Division Commander, Patrick Gerity

For Division Lt Commander, Scott Myer

For Division Adjutant, Terry Wabnitz

Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued support of the SCV in Colorado!

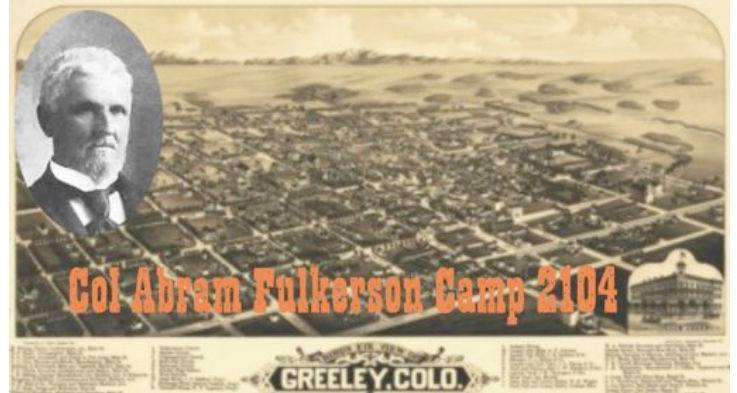


Lee/Jackson Banquet
You are Cordially Invited
January 23, 2010
Noon
Calvary Presbyterian Church
1420 So. Holly
Denver

Please contact Camp 676 Adjutant Bob Milner if you are able to help with setup, the menu, or in other ways.

JReb20th@comcast.net

We also will be having a silent auction, so if you have something to donate to the auction, bring it on the day of the banquet.



Abram Fulkerson Camp Meeting Minutes– September 13, 2009

Attendees – Terry and Carla Wabnitz, Greg Deane, Stoney Calder, Jim Biggs and Albert Dawkins.

Call to Order – Lt. Commander Greg Deane

Invocation – Lt. Commander Greg Deane

Pledge to US Flag and Salute to Confederate Flag – All

Adjutant Wabnitz announced that we have one new member Don Stenson and one new associate member Dylan McWilliams. Welcome Gentlemen!

Adjutant Wabnitz gave a quick recap of Greeley Potato Day. Participants included Don Simmons and Bob Milner of Denver and our own Terry Wabnitz and Stoney Calder of Greeley.

Adjutant Wabnitz informed us that he hoped to be voted in as a member of the Greeley Museum Board. As a board member, he could educate others on the positive contributions of the SCV.

Adjutant Wabnitz made the recommendation that members be reminded of monthly meetings by telephone in addition to email.

Lt. Commander Deane spoke briefly on Wilderness Battlefield vs. Wal-Mart (see link below).

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2009/09/09/AR2009090902563.html>

Meeting adjourned



Colorado Confederate Recollections

On April 15, 1899, at 4 o'clock PM, a group of ex-Confederate Soldiers met in Denver for the purpose of forming a local camp of United Confederate Veterans. This is believed to be one of the first UCV camps organized in Colorado

It should be noted, prior to this date, there had been several "Confederate Associations or Clubs" organized around the state, however, they were not officially linked with the national organization of the UCV.

The meeting took place at the Headquarters of the newly formed Colorado Brigade of the Pacific Division-UCV (448 Equitable Building, Denver) commanded by Henry T. Sale (UCV-Brigadier General and Aide De Camp).

During the meeting it was determined that there was sufficient personnel and interest to organize a permanent camp of the United Confederate Veterans in the Denver area. The meeting was adjourned and scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, April 20, 1899.

On April 20th, the group reconvened and further business was conducted (election of officers and ratification of by-laws). Additionally, the name of the camp was selected to be Camp Beauregard, in honor of Confederate General Pierre Gustave Tourant Beauregard.

The following former Confederate Soldiers were present during the meetings (elected officers are indicated by their titles):

Erasmus I. Stirmen, Commander
 Benjamin Honnett, Adjutant
 John Anglum, Quartermaster
 Allison C. Cheely, 1st Lt.
 Micajah R. Lovell, 2nd Lt.
 Nathaniel M. Bass, 3rd Lt.
 Isaac Brinker, Commissary
 Dr. Joseph Anderson, Surgeon
 Henry T. Sale, Treasurer
 Charles L. Annis, Sergeant Major
 Thompson J. Smith, Chaplin
 Lilburn G. Phillips, Color Sergeant
 William F. Freeman, Vidette
 James L. Hilton, 2nd Color Sergeant
 Henry Apple
 Dr. John W. Collins, Sr.
 James M. Ellis
 James M. Murphy
 Frank Owen
 Henry Rosenhelm
 Charles S. Semper
 Solomon Skeer
 T. J. Spindle
 Charles S. Thomas
 Henry Tiernan
 James Vine
 Thomas J. White



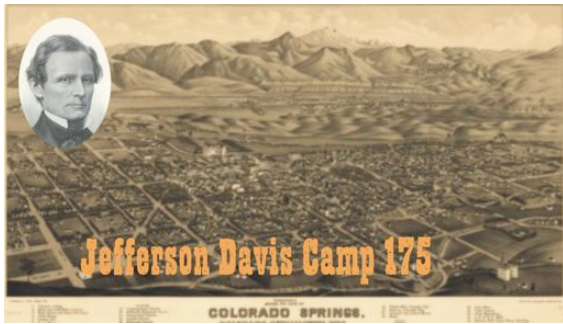
Adventures of a Tenderfoot

Recently, compatriot Riley Smith sent us a pdf copy of a small book called, "Adventures of a Tenderfoot." It is a personal account of a Confederate serving in New Mexico. If you plan on traveling through New Mexico, it would be a great background to the conflict there. In addition to the scenic view trail created by the SCV New Mexico Division, you can also view the Valverde Battlefield site near Socorro. The following is an excerpt from the book: *While I was Mesilla, NM, mending from a bullet wound, General Sibley, the inventor of the Sibley tent, arrived at Dona Anna, with his brigade of three regiments, mostly Texans, enlisted from Houston and San Antonio, in Command of Colonels Scurry, Green and, Hardiman, along with a Major Norton in charge of the artillery. The brigade was en route for Santa Fe, New Mexico. Owing to many mishaps, they did not arrive until the fall of 1861, at Valverde and fought that battle, with something like fifteen hundred to eighteen hundred men, all told. From hearsay, it was a second Bull Run, all the colonels, and Norton were killed, but they did not die until after the-Yanks (Federals) were routed. Our loss was estimated at about two hundred dead, wounded and missing. The enemy's loss - it was said - was much greater; but this information is only hearsay, having come to me from some of our own men in the company.*

If you would like a pdf copy of this fascinating book, contact Riley at: fogdogs@aol.com



The Valverde Battlefield site, today, near Socorro, NM. Sitting along the Valverde river near the Rio Grande, the site is now silted over, but still accessible to visitors.



SCV Jefferson Davis Camp 175

Meeting held at Maggie Mae’s, Colorado Springs on October 13. Called to order by Commander Meyers at 6:06 pm.

Attendees:

- Scott Meyers, Camp Commander
- Doug Atkinson, Camp Adjutant
- Bobby Smith
- Phillip Self
- Rick Reed – former member
- Daniel Rhyne – prospective member

Invocation:

Invocation was given by Compatriot Smith.

Introductions:

Rick Reed, former Camp 175 member was introduced. Daniel Rhyne, prospective member, was introduced and welcomed.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from September meeting were read by Compatriot Atkinson. There were no corrections.

Treasurer’s report:

Compatriot Atkinson reports the checking account has a balance of \$162.50, report attached. Compatriot Atkinson recommended that the bank-issued debit cards in the possession of Commander Myers and Compatriot Atkinson be destroyed. Membership approved this action, Compatriot Atkinson will handle it. Compatriot Atkinson requested that membership label pins be purchased for the camp, camp membership approved.

Communications:

- Colorado Division meeting will be held on October 24, 12 noon to 3pm at the Dinosaur Ridge Museum in Morrison CO. Commander Meyers will send an email to all camp members – everyone is encouraged to attend, camp officers are especially encouraged to attend.

Old Business:

- **Flags:** Camp has a camp flag, 3rd National and Battle flag. Compatriot Self offered to obtain a Colorado flag, Commander Meyers offered to get a United States flag. Stand status is unknown, Commander Meyers to follow up with Compatriot Whealen.
- **Dues:** Compatriot Whealen and John Kingsley owe Division and Camp dues, rest of the membership is paid.
- **Adopt-A-Highway** was discussed. Commander Meyers wants to do a county road as the signs are larger than state roads. County requires a 2 mile stretch to be picked up 4 times a year. No location was recommended, issue tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

- **Membership:** Rick Reed asked to be reinstated, camp membership approved. Compatriot Atkinson has received a membership application from John Kingsley via mail. Recommended by Terry Wabnitz, Division Adjutant. Camp

Marching Orders

(Colorado Division Calendar of events)

Nov 7 10:00 am	Veterans Day Parade	Denver
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 10 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Maggie Mae’s 2405 E. Pike Ave.
Nov 11	Veterans’ Day	
Nov 11	Veterans eat FREE at Applebees	
Dec 11-15, 1862	Battle of Fredericksburg	
Nov 29	Sand Creek Massacre, CO	
Dec 13 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Jan 10 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Jan 12 7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Jan 12 6:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Maggie Mae’s 2405 E. Pike Ave.
Jan 18	Confederate Heroes Day	
Jan 23 noon	Lee-Jackson Banquet	Calvary Presby Church 1420 So. Holly, Denver
Feb 6-7	Colo State Muzzleloaders	SCV info booth Ramada Inn 120 th & I-25
Feb 9 6:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Maggie Mae’s 2405 E. Pike Ave.
Feb 14 (to be confirmed) 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Feb 20-21	Battle of Valverde, NM	Near Socorro, NM

membership approved the application, Compatriot Atkinson to send in.

- Fundraising idea of shirts was discussed. Commander Meyers to see if something can be done with Camp 676 to lower costs.
- Camp web site was discussed. Rick Reed volunteered to find the old camp web site and work on getting it updated.

New Member Induction:

Phillip Self was induced as a new member of the SCV and Camp 175.

Benediction:

The Benediction was given by Chaplin Smith.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Commander Meyers. Next meeting is November 10th at Maggie Mae’s, 2406 Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs.

Photo Album, Riverside Cemetery Ceremonies, United Daughters of the Confederacy





Miss Martha's Southern Cheese Straws

There is nothing so iconic for a Southern Christmas setting than Cheese Straws. They're delicious, addicting, and will spoil your appetite; but, Oh! How we love them.

4 ounces butter or margarine, softened (1 stick)
 10 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated
 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 Splash of Tabasco
 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

METHOD

Cream butter or margarine. Mix in cheese, Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco, and stir to blend. Slowly stir in flour until completely blended. Turn onto a lightly floured work surface and shape dough into a roll. Cover in plastic wrap and chill for several hours. When chilled, slice dough in four pieces lengthwise. Preheat oven to 375°F. Roll each piece until it is as thin as a drinking straw. If the rolls become unwieldy cut them in half, crosswise. Slice into straw lengths, and place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven at 375°F for 10 - 15 minutes, or until golden brown and semi-crisp. Yield: About 4 dozen, depending on thickness of slices.

Knights of the Confederacy Award



Gentlemen,

As the head of the awards committee for the Colorado Division of the sons of Confederate Veterans, Bob Milner would like to notify each of you about the procedures for the Knight of the Confederacy Award.

Starting today, nominations from each camp in the Colorado Division will be accepted for the Knight of the Confederacy Award. Each camp may nominate one person within the Division. Award recipients must be a compatriot in good standing, with paid dues for the year, of course. All camp members are to be given an input to the award, and the camp will send their nomination back to the Awards Chairman no later than January 2, 2010.

The nomination should include a short explanation of the compatriot should be considered. Consider such things as length of membership in SCV; offices held; other awards received, participation in SCV or camp events, monthly meeting attendance, and the passion for his SCV and Southern heritage.

Please include this nomination process in the agenda of your next camp meeting. The Knight of the Confederacy Award will be presented at the Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 23, 2010.

Please do not delay your nomination package. The Awards Chairman's home address is 8033 W. Spanish Peak, Littleton, CO 80127. His e-mail address is JReb20th@comcast.net.

Your cooperation and participation is sincerely appreciated for this very special award. As one of nine recipients, it has been one of Bob Milner's proudest moments, and continually encourages him to do his duty as a proud descendant of Southern parents, and to live the "charge" of Stephen E. Lee.

SCV 2010 Reunion in Anderson, South Carolina

The 2010 Reunion will be held in Anderson County, SC - site of the last battle of the conflict, east of the Mississippi River - and hosted by the Manse Jolly SCV Camp 6 (in Anderson, located 30 miles southwest of Greenville, SC along I-85), July 21 - 25.

<http://www.mansejollycamp6.com/convention.asp>

