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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, COLORADO DIVISION
CAMP 2104, CAMP 175, CAMP 2126, CAMP 1492, CAMP 676**

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Confederate Memorial Day in Colorado

A volley is fired by the Colorado Division Honor Guard to salute CSA Veteran George Adams during Confederate Memorial Day events at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Castle Rock, on April 21st.

Thanks to his ongoing graves research efforts, Compatriot Charlie Hogan discovered the unmarked grave of Adams. Even his descendants, living in the area, had no idea where he was buried.

Joining the family and the Colorado Division SCV members in the ceremony, were UDC members from Colorado, including a real granddaughter of a Confederate soldier, Sally Fikes. We especially want to thank the UDC for their moving tribute and the addition of soil from the fields of Missouri, where Adams served the CSA and defended States' Rights.



Annual Spring Convention and Meeting

Division Commander Patrick Gerity called the meeting to order.

A salute to the US and Confederate Flags was conducted.

Commander Gerity introduced those in attendance: Scott Myers, Div Lt Cmdr; Laurie Weitzel of the UDC; Compatriot Charlie Hogan, Camp 165; Camp 2104 Cmdr Terry Wabnitz; guest and flag seamstress, Carla Pyle; Camp 165 Lt Cmdr Phillip Self; Camp 175 Adj Greg Gentry; Camp 676 Cmdr Gary Mitchell; Camp 676 Lt Cmdr Roy Poole; Camp 676 Adj Bob Milner; guest Shannon whose ancestors are from Virginia; guests Chris Will and Mark Sharer.

Inasmuch as the UDC was an active and fully supportive part of the preceding Confederate Memorial Day events, Cmdr Gerity invited them to speak first.

Laurie Weitzel spoke about membership across the State of Colorado now standing at 28 members. The coming year will be one of focusing upon and supporting grave dedication ceremonies. They will also continue to coordinate and present military awards to deserving recipients in Colorado. The UDC also made a commitment to present the family of the honored veteran at today's ceremony with a copy of the national UDC journal which will tell the story of the family and the UDC ceremony.

Division Commander Gerity spoke next of the activities within the state. He noted the status of camps across the state, and the re-location of former Ft. Collin's Camp 1492 to serve compatriots in the Rifle and western Colorado region. Lt Cmdr Myers pointed out the tremendous effort across the Division by compatriots to locate and document veterans' graves.

Discussion turned to the 2012 Road Trip. The trip will take place beginning June 23, and head to the San Luis Valley, to discover graves near Alamosa, Saguache, Del Norte, the State Veterans' Home at Home Lake, Manassa, and more. Compatriot Phillip Self has already created a tentative planning guide, and will continue to firm out camping locations and assignments.

Camp 175 Cmdr Scott Myers notes the camp has reached 16 members, plus one Cadet. Last year, they completed a new Mission Statement, began an adopt-a-library program with El Paso County libraries, distributed the Confederate Gold in

Colorado brochures across the region, instituted "programs" of education and entertainment at each of the camp's six meetings during the year. Members also attended the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Glorieta in New Mexico; and while there, discovered three, previously undocumented graves in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. The camp will be presenting the Hunley Award to a Jr. ROTC Cadet at the Air Academy High School in May.

Compatriot Greg Clemmons placed CSA flags on all of the veterans' graves in Evergreen Cemetery. The camp will also be a part of the grave recognition ceremonies for three veterans found last year in the Yampa River Valley. In July, they will also place markers at cemeteries in Westcliff and Silvercliff. The camp's interest in identifying, registering, and marking graves led them to ask to take the lead on all future Confederate Memorial Day activities in the State. By unanimous consent, their leadership was accepted.

Camp 676 Cmdr Gary Mitchell present a list of the work accomplished during the past year. Included were the Lee-Jackson Banquet; the Colorado State Muzzleloader Association Spring Convention, where the camp hosted a recruiting table; a recruiting event combined with the 3rd Annual Historic Gun Show at Sportsman's Warehouse in Thornton; twice-yearly roadside cleanup; plus participation in the Road Trip to Yampa Valley, at the Scottish Festival in Highlands Ranch, at the 4th of July celebrations at 4-Mile Park, and at the Parker Civil War reenactment.

Camp 676 Cmdr Gary Mitchell noted Compatriot Roy Poole received the Bonnie Blue Award from the SCV for his work on the tri-fold brochure, Confederate Gold in Colorado.

Camp 2104 Cmdr Terry Wabnitz provided a brief report. The camp is in transition with new leaders, and is working to develop programs and schedules to encourage continued participation by compatriots. Terry also continues to play an active role in the historic commissions of the Greeley area. Notably, his wife, Carla, continues to play a preeminent role as creator of historically accurate flags for SCV members across the nation.

Other obligations kept Camp 2126 from attending the meeting, and we await his report in the future.

Compatriot Greg Gentry provided an update to the SCV Leadership Seminar to be held in Colorado Springs on August 25th. This marks the first time a Leadership Seminar for the SCV has been held this far into the ATM area. The chair of the seminar will be Lt-Commander-in-Chief Charles Kelly Barrow. Also in attendance will be Commander-in-Chief R. Michael Givens. This seminar provides the opportunity for leaders from across the West, as well as the eastern part of the Nation to get some great insights and to see the work and success we in Colorado have achieved. Participation is only \$10 for compatriots to sit in on the seminars, and we encourage every Colorado Compatriot to attend.

Look for Greg's upcoming list on things you can do to serve and to help make this seminar, one which is talked about across the country.

Compatriot Roy Poole was asked to provide an update to the 2012 tri-fold brochure, and share plans for the 2013 brochure. First, the initial printing was for 1,000 copies. We have placed nearly all of these in visitor centers, museums, and information sites across the state ... all within four months of release. Commander Gerity asked for (and received) unanimous consent to have Roy order another 1,000 copies.

Roy provided a briefing of the 2013 tri-fold brochure in support of the Sesquicentennial in Colorado. The new brochure will feature four maps, and be titled, "Confederate Trails in Colorado."



The trails will highlight the discovery of Gold by Southerners; the “Back Door to the Confederacy;” the Cherokee Trail leading from Fort Bent to the first gold discovery;” and the Hotbed Trails of Confederate Sympathizers.

Taking advantage of technologies, the brochure user will be able to download, from our website, e-publications to explain the people and places in much more detail. Not only will this expand on the available information which could not be included in the brochure, but it will direct the user to our website for more information on the SCV in Colorado.

Next, Scott Myers presented the continuing effort to add a Confederate memorial to the three we already have in Colorado (Riverside Cemetery in Denver, Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo, and Evergreen Cemetery in Cañon City). Given the current political climate, Scott has encountered numerous roadblocks. We are not giving up, and continue to solicit ideas and locations from members. However, so as to have a physical remembrance of the Sesquicentennial, Cmdr Gerity suggested we consider options to include expanding those monuments already in place. Discussion was entered by numerous compatriots, indicating people associated with existing memorials are willing to work with us. Additionally, the UDC will be highly supportive of our efforts. Cmdr Gerity named a committee to pursue this avenue. Members are Gerity, Myers, Self and Mitchell.

Compatriot Myers presented a Graves Registration document he had been working on with others. The purpose is to provide guidelines for including CSA veterans in our state listing. The document was unanimously approved and will be published shortly.

Compatriot Myers has also been working hard to develop a guide to Awarding the Colorado Division, Knight of the Confederacy. Specific deadlines will be adhered to and the Division unanimously approved the guide for the award.

A draft of the Colorado Division Handbook for Compatriots was presented by Cmdr Gerity. Thanks to the able editing of Adj Wabnitz, it will soon be ready for publication. Most editions will be available as an electronic copy.

Compatriot Bob Milner, host extraordinaire, briefly recapped the last Lee-Jackson Banquet, and then began to lay the foundation for the 2013 event. Yes! It really takes that long to find a location, decide on meal and entertainment, etc., We ARE sure it’s going to be planned for January 26th, 2013. Bob used this opportunity to solicit ideas for locations and more to him as early as possible. He will begin in earnest to reserve venues and more by the end of September.

Camp 175 Compatriot Adds Personal Touch to Confederate Memorial Day Tribute.



Greenwood Cemetery in Cañon City is home to one of three Confederate Memorials in Colorado. With the Division-wide events schedule in Castle Rock, Compatriot Greg Clemmons headed to Cañon City to ensure proper honors were shown.



US Postal Service Issues 2nd, in Series of Commemorative Stamps

The second set in this annual series highlights the Battle of New Orleans, which lasted from April 24 to May 1, 1862, and the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862.



The Battle of New Orleans stamp is based on a reproduction of an 1862 Currier and Ives colored lithograph titled The Splendid Naval Triumph on the Mississippi, April 24th, 1862. The Battle of Antietam use a reproduction of an 1887 painting that was part of a series produced in the 1880s to commemorate the Civil War. The souvenir sheet containing one each of the stamps also has a background illustration from a Currier and Ives print.

Roadside Cleanup Set for May 20



No! You're not likely to encounter hazardous waste on Ken Caryl Blvd!

And, we don't need to wear the funny suits to pick up papers and empty pop cans.

In fact, the people who use Ken Caryl Blvd. west of Kipling don't leave enough trash for our entire group to fill a single bag! Not bad for a nice walk down a few blocks.

Join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 20. We meet at the northwest corner of Kipling Parkway, and Ken Caryl Blvd. We've got the safety vests and bags. Bring a pair of gloves, and maybe a pick stick.

After the walk, we'll gather at the Texas Roadhouse in Littleton.

It's an easy morning, a way to continue community service AND have the SCV name on a public sign. Come and join us!

CSA Sesquicentennial Coins

The CSA Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Collection is a fantastic fundraising opportunity made available to all divisions. When you purchase a coin, simply use your division's promotion code (CO). This will earn \$12 for your division -- with 3000 coins of each state planned, you can see that this could be quite rewarding.

The Centennial period of 50 years ago was much different than today. It was not unusual to find items paying homage to the people and the states of the Confederacy. Today, it is up to the SCV to offer those unique keepsakes to the public -- and this coin series does just that.

So, if you haven't seen the coins yet, go to csacoins.com and take a look. I'm proud to tell you that this program has the full support and cooperation of the highest level of this organization. You can own a first quality silver coin, pay tribute to our ancestors and help your division earn needed funds as we look to the Sesquicentennial and beyond in our responsibilities to defend The Charge.

Don't wait. This is a limited edition of inspiring, engraved tributes to the men honored by this Collection. You owe it - to the memory of every Confederate soldier, to your own love of this unique part of our nation's cultural heritage, and to your grandchildren - to order now.

Confederate Gold is gone forever, but now you can own our piece of Confederate Silver

Don't miss your chance to own a once in a lifetime collectable piece of History. This is a limited edition. Act now, once these are gone there will be no more. If inventory is unavailable, please reserve your order and when inventory is available and we will contact you to complete your order.

Each coin is one troy ounce silver (.999 pure silver)



Defense of the Confederate Battle Flag

Scott D. Myers

The Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) would like to respond to some of attacks that have been made, unjustly so, on the Confederate Battle Flag. The attacks have asserted that the flag is a symbol of the past that stood for racism, segregation, separatism and slavery. This is simply not the case. The Confederate Battle Flag was just that, a battle flag used to signal troops in battle, so that commanders could see where their troops and units were located on the battlefield. It was never a national flag nor did it represent slavery, racism, segregation or separatism as some people falsely claim. It was simply a battle flag, used in battle, nothing more and nothing less.

Unfortunately, several hate groups have co-opted the Confederate Battle Flag for disgraceful and unseemly purposes. The SCV abhors these actions as well as these organizations. The SCV neither embraces, nor espouses acts or ideologies of racial and religious bigotry, and further, condemns the misuse of its symbols and flags in the conduct of same. It is a strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, non-political, non-



Whatever their cause, these protestors are using flags as a means to confront others. The CSA flag in the background is tarnished by association with any hate group.

racial and non-sectarian organization, as stated in the SCV Constitution.

People who know our country's true history must be aware that the commercial slave trade began in New England and was indeed a national institution and not a regional one. Some of the richest and most prominent northeastern families in America made their fortunes in the slave trade.

It was the United States Flag which flew over a slave nation for over 85 years, not the Confederate Battle Flag. It was the United States Flag that was flown on all Northern slave trading ships, not a Confederate Battle Flag. None of the flags of the Confederacy ever flew over a single slave ship. Nor did the South own or operate any slave ships. The North tolerated slavery and acknowledged it as a Division of Labor. It made countless fortunes on the delivery of slaves as well as the products made from raw materials such as cotton and tobacco in the South.

True students of history must surely also be aware that although Northerners and Westerners were anti-slavery, they were more significantly, virulently anti-black. All Northern and Western States and Territories passed

extremely harsh, Black Exclusionary Laws/Black Codes in order to keep free blacks confined to the South during and after the war.

As a result, 90% of all blacks lived in the South up until the eve of World War I. Even though the North had tiny black populations accounting for one to two percent of the total, blacks were not allowed to vote and were relegated overwhelmingly to poverty, separate communities, condescension, and overt discrimination. Anti-black sentiment in New York City erupted during the Draft Riots of 1863. Whites rampaged through the streets, lynched blacks and burned the Colored Orphan Asylum on Fifth Avenue. These are the cold hard historical facts.

So the real question for Americans is what flag really represented slavery, racism, segregation, and separatism during the era of the War for Southern Independence? We will leave this for our readers to think about.

The SCV has a long-standing policy on hate groups, because they do nothing to honor the heroic service of our ancestors:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, established in 1896, does not condone nor support the institution of slavery and furthermore we understand the broader picture historically, that brought about the war.

In short, several decades of dispute over high protective tariffs, which benefited Northern States and the concern over the expansion of a more powerful Central Government, diminishing the individual sovereignty of States, led to the secession of the Southern Republics. Secession was merely the "trigger" that prompted Lincoln to invade the South and force them to remain in the Union. While slavery was an issue of the time, "secession" was clearly and definably the primary cause.

The SCV does not knowingly allow anyone with ties to hate groups to join and has removed, and will remove, anyone from its ranks who expresses racist sentiments. Specifically, the following is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate dismissal:

Membership in any racist organization such as the KKK, American Nazi Party, or National Alliance

Attempting to recruit fellow SCV members for racist groups

Disseminating racist literature to fellow SCV members, either through mailings or in person.

Membership in any organization promoting a violent overthrow of the United States government





Camp 676 Compatriot Receives Bonnie Blue Award

The Bonnie Blue Society of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

An Honorary Society sponsored by the Sons of Confederate veterans for persons who have perpetuated the memory of the Confederate Soldier in literary form.

Any person who would like to apply for membership in the Bonnie Blue Society ...

Research, write and publish a book or article on the Confederacy for the general public. The article must be published in a magazine, journal, or newspaper with a general circulation. Camp newsletters, Civil War Round Tables, letters to the editor, book reviews, or publications with a limited circulation do not qualify.



Division Commander Patrick Gerity presents the Bonnie Blue Award certificate and pin to compatriot Roy Poole.

Roy's work to produce the 2012 Colorado Division SCV brochure, "Confederate Gold in Colorado" was recognized for its innovative approach to reaching the general public with accurate information.

Museum of the Confederacy Finally Abandons It's Integrity

Resolution adopted unanimously by the SCV GEC March 26, 2012

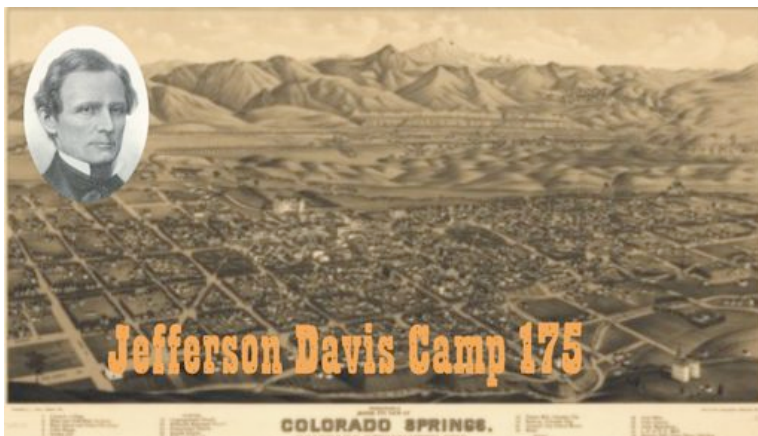
These being the facts: The Museum of the Confederacy has long been on a path to downplay it's role in commemorating the Confederacy. It is opening a new facility in Appomattox where it refuses to display a Confederate flag on a pole outside the building.

Thus be it resolved: The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans does call upon the Museum of the Confederacy to display a Confederate Flag on a pole on the outside of the Appomattox facility. That such a display is both historically accurate and morally necessary.

Be it also resolved: The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans does strongly urge it's Compatriots **not to be participants** in the opening ceremony of said facility. To do so lends credence to the claims of those refusing to display the Confederate flag in its proper station.



The entry to the Appomattox MOC has a row of flags. NONE of these is the Battle Flag. Sadly, the museum will be a monument to biased history and bigotry.



4/10/12 MEETING Minutes

Submitted by Camp Commander Scott D. Myers

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

We welcomed visitor Compatriot Thomas Wright to our Camp Meeting. Thomas is visiting from Alaska. Since there is no Camp in his town, we cordially invited Thomas to join Camp 175. Thanks for attending our meeting Thomas!

Old Business

Flagpole status: Compatriot Doug Atkinson brought the flagpoles and the tops are due this week. Thanks for taking care of this Doug! Charlie Hogan volunteered to be the Camp Color Sergeant and the Camp approved. Thanks for taking this on Charlie.

Adopt a Library Program: Scott to give donated books to Greg Gentry at Confederate Memorial Day.

Proposed 2012 Division Graves Road Trip: San Luis Valley/ Alamosa in early June. Camp 676 has developed a set of rules for the trip in June per Charlie Hogan.

Colorado Division will host SCV National Leadership Workshop on 26 August 2012. This is a very high visibility event and we need full participation in helping make this a huge success.

Meeting Program: Reviewed the trip made by Charlie Hogan and Scott Myers to the Glorieta Pass Sesquicentennial event (22-26 April). A terrific event and great trip. We registered 3 new Confederate Veterans' Graves that we found at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. There was also a sort of mystery over the weekend: a Confederate Battle Flag was placed atop Sharpshooter's Ridge (at Pigeon's Ranch) by some enterprising souls.....highly visible from all approaches! Charlie and I did place Battle Flags at the Texas Memorial there.....see attached pictures).

New Business

You can get a copy of the beautiful **SCV Recruiting Poster** for about \$17. Charlie Hogan found a place to do it at this price. Need to know how many Compatriots would like to order one. [Please contact Charlie if you want to order a poster.](#)

I will be making the JROTC Hunley Award presentation on 7 May at 6:30 at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs.

Marching Orders

Calendar of events and meetings of interest to Compatriots in the Colorado Division

May 2-3, 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville, VA

May 6, 1861 Alabama Secedes

May 8 7:00 pm **SCV Camp 676 Meeting**
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ



May 10, 1861 Robert E. Lee named Commander of CSA Army of Virginia

May 10, 1865 Jefferson Davis capture by Union forces in Wilkinson Co., GA

May 10, 1863 General "Stonewall" Jackson dies of his wounds

May 20, 1861 North Carolina Secedes

May 20, 10:00 am **Road Clean-up Littleton**
Camp 676 - Ken Caryl & Kipling



June, 1861 West Virginia created by Congress

Jun 6, 1862 Naval battle on Mississippi R. leads to surrender of Memphis

Jun 8, 1861 Tennessee signs order of Secession

Jun 12 6:00 p **SCV Camp 175 Meeting**
Firehouse Restaurant
Old Colorado City



Jun 19, 1864 CSS Alabama sunk off Cherbourg, France by USS Kearsarge

Jun 23, 1865 General Stand Watie surrenders the last sizable force of CSA

We discussed the Camp 175 picture that was in latest The Confederate Veteran magazine and were thrilled to finally get our Camp and Division some National Recognition!

We need a volunteer to develop program for June 12th Camp Meeting: Scott Myers to make program presentation on Glorieta Pass Sesquicentennial Event.

Next Camp 175 Meeting: Tuesday 12 June 2012, 6:00 PM, Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City.

PICTURE BOARD



Confederate Memorial Day opening remarks at the Cedar Hill Veterans Memorial



Cmdr Gerity reveals the VA headstone of George Adams at Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies



Compatriot Poole, along with Bob Milner (in uniform) present the SCV ROTC awards at CU Boulder



Roy Poole, Guardian of James L. Moore's grave in Golden Cemetery, honors Moore with flags and flowers until the VA headstone is delivered.

Stars 'n Bars raised at the Confederate Memorial in Evergreen Cemetery, Cañon City

