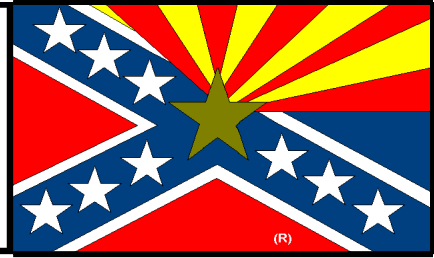


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Dispatch from the Commander

When Robert E. Lee was named Commander of Virginia Forces during the onset of the War for Southern Independence, he made a statement to the Virginia Legislature, *'I am deeply impressed by the solemnity of the occasion for which I was unprepared. And, although I wish your choice had fallen upon a more able man, I devote myself to my duty,...in whose defense I shall ever again draw my sword.'* In so much, I dedicate a great portion of those words also to all of you who imposed such special trust in confidence in me to lead this division.

I remember my first SCV meeting and first Division Convention, and in all that time, I would have NEVER seen myself in 'the big chair', but here I am, and I am so very honored to do so. I thank you all for this opportunity to serve and look forward to leading this division into the new decade.

Let me get to the point, as well,...we have a LOT of work to do and very little time to do it. I know two years seems like a long time, but as we are all volunteers in this organization, time is a precious commodity that cannot be regained if lost. So, with that said, I have a lot of ideas, projects and changes that I will be proposing to you in order to better our division and our Confederation. I look forward to presenting them and in high hopes you will see fit to approve and implement them. It is my goal to see this division establish a legacy and usher in a new era for our Confederate heritage, and in doing so, making Arizona the most shining division in our Confederation.

In closing, I will remind all that I was elected to serve the membership. That is also what I will be expecting from all Brigade and Camp Commanders, as well as Staff Officers. To quote the words

of the fictitious character Admiral James Norrington from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series, 'By remembering I serve others, not just myself...'. I do expect ALL in elected or appointed leadership positions to remember that we serve the membership, and it is the voice of the membership that will drive this administration. It must be SO.

Thank you again for your confidence and trust, it touches me ever deeply. Now, lets get to work!

DEO VINDICE

David L. Barton, Sr.
Commander, AZ Division

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14th Annual Arizona Division Reunion & Convention

Tucson, A.T., 7 June 2008

Hosted by the Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074, the Arizona Division held its 14th Annual Reunion & Convention at the Maverick King of Clubs in Tucson.

The first Division Reunion & Convention was held in Phoenix in 1995 on the Saturday nearest the birthday of President Jefferson Davis, thus setting the tradition of holding the gathering in the first week of June each year. Subsequent conventions have been held in Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Tucson, Payson, Chandler and Prescott.

Beginning with a business session, the delegates considered several items of business including proposed amendments to the Division constitution, the erection of a plaque commemorating the 1861 Secession Convention held in Tucson and the election of officers for the 2008-2009 term of office.

Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek opened the convention and turned the chair over to Division Commander John Mangum. Division Chaplain Ray Ganey gave the invocation, Adjutant Curt Tipton read the Charge and Commander Mangum led the assembly in Honors to the Colors.

The Division Adjutant called the roll and determined



a quorum was present. The Adjutant then read the minutes of last year's convention and gave the financial report. The Recruiting officer gave the recruiting and retention report. Commander Mangum gave his report. His theme was "The Charge". He reviewed how the Camps in the Division carried out the provisions of the Charge over the past year. The Gadsden Brigade Commander had no report as he is deployed to Iraq. The Jefferson Davis Commander deferred his report to the Brigade's Camp Commanders. The Camp Commanders gave their reports.

The Time & Place Committee selected Camp 1202 as the host Camp for next year's convention.

There was no old business to consider and the delegates turned to new business. The first item on the agenda was the consideration of proposed amendments to the Division constitution. All amendments passed.

Next, the delegates elected new officers for the 2008-2009 term. Compatriot

Texas John H. Slaughter



Camp 2074, S.C.V.

David Barton of Camp 2127 was elected Division Commander by acclamation. The election for Lt. Commander was a three way race. Nominees were Don Rodgers, Camp 2074, Tom Tatum, Camp 1525 and Rich Montgomery, Camp 1202. Compatriot Montgomery was elected as Division Lt. Commander.

Because of the adoption of an amendment requiring that the Division Adjutant be an elected office, an election was held for that office. Curt Tipton of Camp 1710 was elected by acclamation.

The final item of business was a proposal to install a commemorative plaque at the site of the 1861 Tucson Secession Convention. While the delegates were enthusiastic about the idea, it was revealed that the exact location of the convention and the availability of a site for the memorial is not known. It was moved, seconded and approved to table the proposal until the next DEC meeting. More research will be conducted in the interim.

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Commander Mangum adjourned the business session. The delegates took a short break and then the buffet luncheon was served. Mr. Andy Hersey provided musical entertainment during the luncheon. His talented presentation of classic Country music was greatly appreciated—some of our guests even took to the dance floor!

After the meal, Commander Mangum introduced our special guests. They were: Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Treasurer-General of the UDC; Ms. Janet Grams, Immediate Past Treasurer-General of the UDC and Past President of the Arizona Division UDC; and Mrs. Ella Stone Mears, President of the Arizona Division UDC. Other guests included the wives and family members of our compatriots.

Commander Mangum then presented national and division awards to many of our deserving compatriots. (see the list of recipients).

Ms. Janet Grams and Mrs. Stacy McSwain presented the UDC Meritorious Service Medal to Past Camp 2074 Commander Theodore C. McSwain for his service during the Vietnam War.

Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek presented a Life Membership certificate, card and lapel pin to Compatriot Joe Dunlap.

Commander Mangum adjourned the convention at

1:45 PM. Chaplain Ganey gave the benediction.

Award Recipients
National Awards
SCV Meritorious Service Medal

Robert S. Griffin, Camp 1710
 William Bobby Morris, Camp 1202

Ladies Appreciation Medal

Rita McLaughlin
 Ann Rodgers
 Diane E. Meek
 Stacy McSwain
 Janet Grams (2nd Award)
 Denise Suratt
 Deanne Dunlap
 (all the ladies are associated with Camp 2074)

UDC Meritorious Service Medal

Theodore C. McSwain
 Camp 2074

Division Awards

Recruiting Award

Ken Garrison, Camp 1647
 Clyde England, Camp 2096
 Robert S. Griffin, Camp 1710

BG John Smith Preston

Retention Award

Camp 1202
 Camp 1525
 Camp 1710

Leadership Award

Doug Fitzgerald, Camp 1525
 Robert C. Massey, Camp 1525
 Steven Johnson, Camp 1525

Division Meritorious Service Award

James T. Tatum
 Camp 1525

LTG Nathan Bedford Forrest Heritage Defense Award

Kenneth Garrison, Camp 1647

CPT Sherod Hunter Distinguished Member Award

John Potenza, Camp 1202

LTC John R. Baylor Distinguished Camp Award
 Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202



Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek opens the Convention. (below) Commander John Mangum assumes the chair.





Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

Our Division is now in its 15th year and much has happened since our first Division Convention in 1995.

Let me first address our budget for the next fiscal year. Dues for fiscal year 2008 become payable on 1 August and I must remind all Camp Adjutants that the National per capita tax is now **\$30.00 per annum**. This increase, enacted at last year's national convention presents a challenge to us all in retaining members. Please, if any member of any of y'all's Camps needs assistance in paying dues, don't lose this member but either assist him at the Camp level or ask the Division for assistance. Our projected budget for fiscal year 2008 is as follows.

Budget Fiscal Year 2008

Income

Dues: \$1680.00

Reimbursement: \$300.00

Total Income: \$1980.00

Expenses:

Organizational fees: \$360.00

Postage: \$190.00

Printing: \$230.00

Insurance: \$350.00

Total Expenses: \$1130.00

Budget surplus: \$850.00

Dues income is based on 176 full and associate members' dues plus 12 Camp 1647 mem-

bers' National per capita tax. (Cadets & Real Sons don't pay division dues.) Reimbursement is the estimated payment by individuals for event insurance.

Organizational fees are the National per capita taxes for Camp 1647 members. Postage and printing covers the cost of producing and mailing *The Rebel Yell* and Division Directory hardcopies. Insurance includes the annual event insurance member fee (\$50.00) and the estimated payment for individual coverage.

Of course, other expenses may be authorized by the DEC and these estimates may either increase or decrease.

Retention & Recruiting

I won't address retention in this report other than to say work very diligently in retaining the members we have. Dues must be paid in full by 31 October.

Our recruiting efforts so far since 1 June (that's the date we start the new recruiting year) are starting slowly. We have contacted 1 gentleman and his request has been referred to the two Phoenix Metro area Camps. Camp 1202 and Camp 2074 have reported applications in process

but I do not have any names or numbers as this time. Adjutants, please, when your Camp makes a contact, report the gentleman's name, address, telephone number and email address to me whether or not he joins your Camp at the time. I also need to know who recruited him. Many of our contacts come from GHQ and, if you do not advise me who actually made the follow up contact on those referrals and "enlisted" the gentleman, no one from your Camp will get credit for recruiting him. I ask that when a new member joins, Adjutants include a copy of his application when sending his Division dues payment to me.

As y'all know, our Constitution was amended at this year's convention, making the office of Adjutant an elected position. I thank all y'all for your confidence in me expressed by electing me to this important office. I will continue to serve to the best of my ability.

DEO VINDICE

**Curt Tipton
Adjutant**

Camp News

Camp 2074 Past Commander Receives U.D.C. Honors!

Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

The ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, represented by Treasurer-General Stacy McSwain and Immediate Past Treasurer-General Janet Grams honored Past Commander Theodore C. McSwain of Camp 2074 with the U.D.C. Meritorious Service Medal for his service during the Vietnam War. (l to r) Janet Grams, Ted McSwain & Stacy McSwain.



Camp 1202 Receives Honors!

Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

Camp 1202 and its members were honored at the recent Division Convention. Past Commander Bobby Morris received the SCV Meritorious Service Medal. Com-patriot John Potenza was awarded the Division's Captain Sherod Hunter Distinguished Member Award and the Camp won the Lt. Col. John R. Baylor Distinguished Camp Award. Congratulations to all the officers and members of Camp 1202!



(above) Division Commander John Mangum presents the Lt. Col. John R. Baylor Distinguished Camp Travelling Award and a certificate to Camp 1202 Commander Richard Montgomery. (below) John Potenza receives the Capt. Sherod Hunter Distinguished Member Travelling Award from Commander Mangum.



Camp 1710 in New York Parade!

Broadalbin, NY, 25 May 2008

Camp 1710 Associate Member Paul Karabin, dressed as General George Pickett, represented the Camp and the Arizona Division in the Broadalbin, New York, Memorial Day parade. This was the first time our beloved Battle Flag appeared in the parade. Paul, our man behind the lines, reported many Rebel yells and shouts of encouragement. Pictured right are Paul, his daughter with the Battle Flag, an unidentified lady with the Virginia flag and his wife, Diane.



Camp 2074 Member Receives Life Membership!

Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

Joe Dunlap of Camp 2074 has joined the ranks of the Arizona Division's Life Members. His Life Member certificate, card and lapel pin were presented to him at the Division Convention. Pictured right are (l to r) Division Adjutant Curt Tipton, Division Commander John Mangum, Compatriot Joe Dunlap and Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek.



Camp 2074 Hosts Convention!

Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

Pictured right is Camp 2074's centerpiece display for the 2008 Arizona Division Convention.





Camp 1525's Tom Tatum Receives the Division's Meritorious Service Award!

Tucson, A.T.

Past Camp 1525 Commander Tom Tatum received the Arizona Division Meritorious Service Award for his diligence and dedication to the Charge, his Camp and the Division over the past year. He is pictured above with Commander John Mangum.

Camp 2074's Ladies Receive the SCV Appreciation Medal!

Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

Seven ladies from Camp 2074 received the S.C.V. Ladies Appreciation Medal. The officers and members of the Camp were pleased to present this token of appreciation to these women who have been supportive of the Camp's activities throughout the year. The names of all seven recipients are listed on



page 3. Pictured above, Commander Mangum presents the Ladies Appreciation medal and certificate to Mrs. Denise Suratt. Miss Kathryn Meek accepts the Ladies Appreciation Medal and certificate on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Diane Meek.

All Camps are reminded that without the support and assistance of the ladies, none of our work could be carried out! Let's see more of these medals awarded in the future!

Camp 2127 Reorganizes, Applies for Name Change!

With the loss of too many compatriot members to legally maintain a charter, the fate of the Arizona Division's newest camp was in question. However, with assistance from the Division, the camp will continue with transfers from other camps and a mass recruiting effort. It has also been proposed that Camp 2127 to be used for members who are residing out-of-state and military/civil service stationed out of state and wish to remain affiliated with the Arizona Division.

The camp is also applying for a name change from Army of the Trans-Mississippi Artillery Camp to Colonel Samuel H. Drachman Camp to commemorate a Confederate officer buried in Tucson.

Camp 2127 is pleased to announce that Anthony Variz is now the new Camp Commander.

Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Flies AZ Division Flag Across the South!

Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Silas Griffin carried the Camp's Division Colors with him on a trip across the Confederation. Our Division

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Tucson, A.T. 7 June 2008

Kathryn Meek, daughter of Camp 2074 Commander Glen Meek, performed the 'Blessing of the Sword*' and presented a commander's sword to newly elected Arizona Division Commander David Barton.

* *Blessing of the Sword* - It was a scene repeated throughout the South - especially in the opening days of the War. As Southern men in uniform left for war, especially among those chosen to be leaders, departure to the call of duty was often marked by solemn ceremony. Family and faithful friends gathered in support of the man who was bound for war. Endearments were shared, memories were recalled, toasts were offered and pleas for protection were prayed. Often such ceremonies were capped by the presentation of an ornately engraved edged weapon. It was offered with a heartfelt blessing that the sword would remain sheathed or that it would provide protection from the brutality of battle. It was typically received with gratitude and a vow to carry it with honor, to faithfully do one's duty, to return when home no longer needed defending, and to remember those left behind.



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For a listing of Army of Northern Virginia, Army of Tennessee, Army of Trans-Mississippi and National officers, visit the S.C.V. website at www.scv.org

(Continued from page 8) *Camp News* Colors appeared in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Texas. The Griffin family made the trip to take part in ceremonies honoring their ancestors who served the Confederacy.

Division Adj. Visits Fort Craig!

Socorro, NMT, 9 June 2008

While enroute to Denver to visit family, Division Adjutant Curt Tipton took the opportunity to visit historic Fort Craig, site of the Battle of Valverde. Here, in February, 1862, Confederate troops commanded by Brigadier General Henry H. Sibley, defeated Union forces led by Colonel (later General) E.R.S. Canby. The famous Valverde Battery was captured here. The US Forest Service opened the site to visitors several years ago and the battle is reenacted on site every year.

To reach Ft. Craig, take exit 115 from I-25 and drive 5 miles north along a NM state route to a sign indicating the road to the fort. Turn right and drive 4.5 miles to the site.



Views of Fort Craig

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Upcoming Events

16-19 July: SCV National Convention in Concord, North Carolina.

20 August: 233rd Anniversary of the founding of Tucson. *Flag Presentation ceremony.*

23 August: *Camp 1710 Black Powder Shoot.* Location to be determined.

17-19 October: *Helldorado Days* in Tombstone. The Parade will be held on the 19th at 11:00 AM.

December (date to be determined): Camp 1525's annual *Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony* at the Davis Monument in Apache Junction.

January (date to be determined): The Arizona Division's *celebration of the births of General Robert E. Lee and Lt. General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.* Hosted by Camp 1525.

14-15 March: *The Civil War in the Southwest* at Picacho Peak State Park.

4 April: The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 will celebrate its *14th Anniversary.* Location to be determined.

18 April: *The Confederate Heritage Trail.* Hosted by Camp 1710

April (dates to be determined): Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies will held in Phoenix, Tucson and other locations throughout the Territory. Contact the individual Camps for information.

CAMP MEETINGS

(For specific information as to times, location, etc., contact the Camp Commanders)

Camp 1202: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Woods Memorial Library in Tucson.

Camp 1525 Contact the Commander for details.

Camp 1647: Contact the Commander

Camp 1708: Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Denny's, Rural Road and US 60 in Tempe.

Camp 1710: Meets at the Country House Restaurant in Sierra Vista at 11:30 AM on 28 June and 13 September. Special meetings will be held in May, July and August. Contact the Commander.

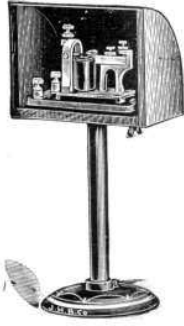
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Camp 2127: Contact the Commander

For more information about Camp events, visit the Arizona Division newsletter website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~cssscv/azdivnewsletters>

The Arizona Division Executive Council meets quarterly. Contact the Division Adjutant for further information. The next DEC meeting will be held after the SCV national reunion and convention.



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