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All the South has ever desired was that the Union, as established by our forefathers, should be preserved, and that the government, as originally organized, should be administered in purity and truth.

General Robert E. Lee, 5 January 1866



Dispatch from the Commander

No Man Can Be Left Behind

By Commander Richard L. Montgomery

It is a battle cry! It is our focus for this time of year! Membership renewal is upon us!

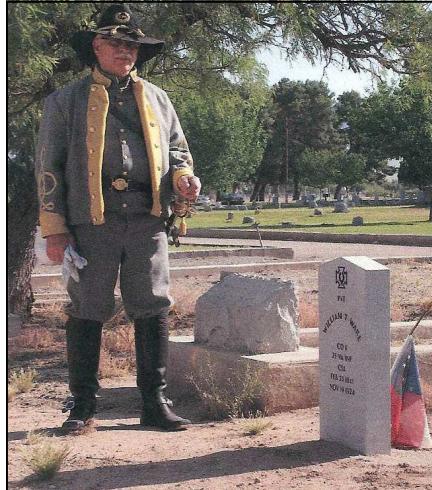
At the 114th Annual SCV Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas, last month, the Arizona delegation was introduced to Compatriot Jeff O'Cain from the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273, Columbia, South Carolina. Jeff has been working on the Membership Renewal System for *seven years!* Finally, this year thanks to Jeff, we have 13 Divisions, including Arizona, participating. Nearly 23,000 of our current members and 7,000 delin-

quents have, or will have received an MRS this year!

This system will close the "backdoor" through which too many members go by not getting a statement for renewal. Compatriot O'Cain conducted surveys that reveal this to be a major cause of lost membership: "...Well, nobody told me dues were due!" This was the most common response he had from delinquent members.

Once Compatriot O'Cain explained the program to myself, and others in the Arizona delegation, we were on board! This system will make our membership more secure, more predictable than before. It ensures that each member of a Division receives at least one formal notice of membership renewal annually. It assists the adju-

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**Arizona Division Commander
Richard L. Montgomery**

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Showalter

1928-2009



Services were held at Shiloh Christian Center,
15 August 2009

Donations in her memory may be sent to
Forgash House
150 James Place
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
or
The Good Neighbor Alliance
420 N. 7th Street
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



Edmond W. Garrison

1926-2009



Of Pvt. C.W. Lucas—Forrest's Escort
Camp 2316
Beloved Husband of Betty E. Garrison

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tants by issuing a professionally produced renewal statement on their behalf to all camp members. Also, one of the strong points of the system is that it allows solicitation for donations as Optional Giving for selected Division-approved projects, funds, and projects. Compatriot O'Cain expects to raise between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in Optional Giving heretofore not realized simply because the membership was not asked! It also will improve reinstatement of former and delinquent members, and improve and update personal data.

All of this is done in a professional, businesslike manner on par with other organizations like VFW, DAV, NRA, etc.

You may want to read the article by Adjutant-in-Chief Mark Simpson in the July-August *Confederate Veteran* on page 58. It should answer most questions, if not, contact our Adjutant, Curt Tipton.

The cost for the professionally laser printed MRS to the Arizona Division? About \$110 dollars! The printing job was subsidized by GHQ, and also, our run was "piggy backed" on larger Divisions' runs which greatly cut our overhead costs as well. So, if we retrieve just a few of our lapsed members, it will pay itself off.

We have now a golden opportunity to gain back our delinquent members, and per-

haps this will garner new members as well. Realizing this, I have tasked all Camp Commanders to conduct a 100% contact program with their members, active and delinquent. Your Commander will be giving you a call during the month of September, unless he sees you in person. When he calls, be sure to thank him for all the work he does to keep the Camp running!

In a related thought about membership, it should be noted that, statistically, there are, conservatively speaking, about one million men in Arizona who have Confederate heritage, and how do we reach them? That's a whole other can of worms we'll wrestle with another time!

We are getting close to the sesquicentennial of the Cause for Southern Independence, and we want to be strong in membership, and financially, so that we can honorably carry out our Charge to our forefathers.

So, let's get going on membership renewal, and bring our Division up! We can do it and we can lead the Army of the Trans Mississippi as the Division that grew the most in 2009 and 2010!

DEO VINDICE!



War Service Medal



The Arizona Division and Camp 2074 recently awarded an SCV War Service Medal to Ms. Janet Grams. (see the article concerning the recent DEC meeting for details) Obviously, Ms. Grams isn't an SCV member. However, the General Executive Council authorized the awarding of the WSM to non-members in recognition of their service to the nation. Many of our Compatriots and their family members are eligible for this award. For information about applying for the award for a Camp member, a family member, an Associate member or yourself, contact your Camp Adjutant or the Division Adjutant.

One is eligible if that person served honorably in the armed forces of these United States during the following periods:

WWII: 7 Dec 1941-31 Dec 1946

Korea: 25 Jun 1950-31 Jan 1955

Vietnam: 28 Feb 1961-7 May

1975

Lebanon-Grenada: 24 Aug 1982-31 Jul 1984

Panama: 20 Dec 1989-31 Jan 1990

Gulf War (including campaigns in Afghanistan & Iraq): 2 Aug 1990 -to cessation of hostilities.

The application may be downloaded from www.scv.org. It should be submitted to your Camp Adjutant or the Division Adjutant with a copy of your DD Form 214 or similar document.

15th Annual Arizona Division Reunion & Convention

Tucson, A.T. 6 June 2009

The Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 hosted the 15th Annual Arizona Division Reunion & Convention this day at the Olde Pueblo Grille in Tucson.

Six of the nine Camps were represented, meeting the requirement for a quorum.

Guests included Ms. Janet Grams, Past Treasurer-General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. Norma Laitem, President of the Arizona Division UDC; Mrs. Ella Mears, Past President of the Arizona Division UDC; Mrs. Paulette Lollar, President of the Thunderbird Chapter 2102, UDC; Mrs. Gretchen Brittain, President of the John R. Baylor Chapter 2298, UDC and Mrs. Emilie Siarkewics of Chapter 2298.

Division Commander Rich Montgomery opened the business session with Honors to the Colors. Chaplain Steve Ledbetter of Camp 1202 gave the invocation and Division Adjutant Curt Tipton read the Charge.

The Past Division Commanders in attendance presented the Division Commander's badge of office and commission to Commander Montgomery. As the reader will recall, Commander Montgomery assumed the office of Division Commander last Feb-

ruary upon the deployment of Division Commander David Barton to Kuwait.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last convention. The delegates voted to approve the minutes as read.

The Adjutant gave the financial report, which was approved and sent for audit.

The Division received correspondence from the Arizona Secretary of State's office requesting that we renew our registered trade name and logo. The Adjutant has done so. Another letter from a company in Virginia offering Southern Crosses of Honor for sale was received. Other correspondence was routine administrative memoranda from GHQ and the Camps.

The Recruiting officer gave the annual recruiting and retention report. Each camp received copies of the report and of the list of delinquent members.

Commander Montgomery read his report, a copy of which will be included in the Reports Book at the SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Division Graves Registrar John Potenza gave a report on the recently implemented graves registration program.

The Gadsden Brigade Commander gave his report while the Jefferson Davis Bri-

gade Commander deferred his report to the Brigade's camp commanders.

The Camp Commanders gave their reports highlighting their Camps' activities over the past year, to include recruiting/retention, fund raising, heritage events, etc.

The Time and Place Committee: The delegates selected the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 as the host Camp for 2010.

Old Business concerned discussion of Sesquicentennial events. Commander Perkins reported that he was contacted by an individual from Arizona State University about the events. He will follow up and report at the DEC meeting. Adjutant Tipton reported that he contacted the Sierra Vista area state Senator and Legislators but has had no response.

In New Business, the delegates considered several items of business as listed below.

1. The Cadet Membership program was stressed.
2. Commander Montgomery, with the approval of the delegates, appointed Compatriot Don Dybus of Camp 1202 as the Division Judge Advocate General.
3. Commander Montgomery, with the approval

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(Continued from page 4) *Convention* of the delegates, created the office of Public Affairs Officer and appointed Compatriot Joseph Dunlap of Camp 2074 to that office.

4. Adjutant Tipton, in his role as the Army of Trans-Mississippi Field Representative gave a summary of the goals he is expected to accomplish and outlined what the job entails.

Commander Montgomery adjourned the business session at 11:30 AM.

Commander Montgomery reconvened the convention at 12:00 Noon. Adjutant Tipton introduced the special guests.

Chaplain Ledbetter led a "Last Roll" ceremony, acknowledging the crossing over the river of our Compatriots since the founding of the Division. The ceremony will be conducted as necessary whenever a Compatriot passes on.

Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton inducted a new member, Joseph H. Smith, into our ranks.

Commander Montgomery presented national and division awards to several individuals.

National Awards

Distinguished Service Medal

Richard L. Montgomery,
Camp 1202
Paul Tippet,
Camp 2074
Don Rodgers,
Camp 2074

Henry McLaughlin,
Camp 2074

Meritorious Service Medal

John Potenza,
Camp 1202
Clyde England,
Camp 2096

Commendation Medal

Herbert Sampson,
Camp 1710

Dr. Loyd R. Ganey,
Camp 1710
Larry R. Bowman,
Camp 1710

Recruiting Awards

Dr. Robert C. Massey,
Camp 1525
Robert P. Perkins,
Camp 1525
Kenneth B. Garrison,
Camp 2316
Christopher D. Mathis,
Camp 2316

General John Smith Preston Retention Award

Captain Hunter's Arizona
Rangers Camp 1202
Confederate Secret Service
Camp 1710
Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee
Camp 2096

Arizona Division Leadership Award

Philip Easley,
Camp 1525

Douglas Fitzgerald,
Camp 1708
Marc Fentress,
Camp 1708
Don Rodgers,
Camp 2074

Arizona Division Meritorious Service Award

Bookard Dooley,
Camp 1708

Joseph Dunlap,
Camp 2074

Mark Angle,
Camp 2096

Jordan Evans,
Camp 2096

Steve Ledbetter,
Camp 1202

Steve Johnson,
Camp 1525

Arizona Division Certificate of Achievement

Jim Allsup,
Camp 2096

Heros von Borcke Associate Member Award

Fred Baumack,
Camp 1708

Captain Sherod Hunter Distinguished Member Award

Robert C. Massey,
Camp 1525

Lt. Colonel John R. Baylor Distinguished Camp Award

Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee
Camp 2096

Commander Jim Allsup of Camp 2096 presented a Camp certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Paula England

Commander Ben Middleton of Camp 1710 presented the Commander-in-Chief's award to Adjutant Curt Tipton

Fund Raisers: Camps 1202 and 1710 held silent auctions. Camp 1525 had merchandise for sale.

Commander Montgomery adjourned the convention at 1:45 PM. Chaplain Steve Ledbetter gave the benediction.



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

Our 15th Annual Arizona Division Reunion & Convention is past and the 114th National SCV Reunion & Convention are history. Both were outstanding events. I was particularly pleased that our Division had its largest delegation ever to the national convention.

Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter about the convention.

It's that time again! Dues became payable on 1 August and must be paid by 31 October. This year, the Division is implementing the Membership Renewal System (MRS). It was discussed in an article in the last issue of *The Confederate Veteran* and is also described in the article about the national convention in this issue of *The Rebel Yell*. Basically, the system will send an annual dues statement to each member, stating exactly what is owed in dues. It will include a return envelope and payment coupon. The coupon is addressed to the individual's Camp Adjutant. The Adjutant, in turn, will retain the Camp dues and any donations to the Camp. He will remit the national per capita tax to

GHQ and the Division dues and donations for the optional giving categories to the Division Adjutant. The Division Adjutant will remit any donations for national programs to GHQ and retain the division dues and donations for operating funds and special programs within the division. This system has worked very well in other divisions and has resulted in an increased renewal rate and increased voluntary donations. We will also send statements to delinquent members who have dropped out in the last five years. This will make the Adjutant's job just a little easier. If you haven't received a statement yet, you will have one soon.

RECRUITING

This year's recruiting efforts have gone well. Two of our members were recognized at the national convention with Dixie Club Bronze and Silver medals for their efforts in bringing new members into our ranks. As of 1 August, our strength in full members stood at 200. Camp 2316 is the largest Camp with 50 members. Camp 1710 is second with 40. Now let's use the MRS system and work on retaining

each and every one of those 200 members! I have attached the recruiting and retention summary below. The first column is the number of members as of 30 June 2009. The total in the second to the last column is the number of members as of 1 August 2009. This figure does not include Associates, Dual Members (except for Compatriot Booth who is a dual member in two Arizona camps) or Cadet members.

As I travel around the Army of Trans-Mississippi Department, I am pleased to note the complimentary remarks and praise given to our Camps and Division by others in the ATM. Commander Montgomery and I were sought out in Hot Springs for our advice and suggestions based on the Arizona Division's success. Y'all have done us proud!

Another success is that the Arizona Division is leading the divisions in the ATM in implementing the MRS system. Compatriot Jeff O'Cain, who heads the effort, has repeatedly complimented us.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report contains figures as of 1 August 2009.

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CAMP	MEMBERS	REACT.	NEW	XFR IN	TOTALS	DROPPED	XFR OUT	DEATH	TOTALS	MEMBERS	REAL SON
1202	26	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	26	1
1525	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	0
1647	8	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	1	7	0
1708	17	0	1	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	0
1710	39	0	1	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	0
2074	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0
2096	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0
2127	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0
2316	42	0	7	1	50	0	0	0	0	50	0
TOTALS	191	0	9	1	201	0	1	0	1	200	1

114th Annual SCV Reunion & Convention



Arizona's delegation (l to r) Jim Allsup, Curt Tipton, Clyde England, Ben Middleton, Jim Brown, Bobby Morris and Rich Montgomery

Hot Springs, Arkansas 22-25 July 2009

The Sons of Confederate Veterans met here in this Arkansas resort for its 114th Annual Reunion and Convention. The event was hosted by the James M. Keller Camp 648 and was held in the historic Arlington Hotel.

This year, the Arizona Division sent its largest delegation ever. Camps 1202, 1710 and 2096 were represented. In addition, Richard Montgomery, the Division Commander, and Jim Brown, Arizona's Real Son, attended.

The convention began with registration on Wednesday, 22 July. However, most Arizona delegations had arrived the night before.

Thursday's session began with a breakfast hosted by the Forrest Cavalry Corps, an honorary organization open to any SCV member. The speaker gave a very interesting description of General Forrest's career. The convention opening ceremonies were held at 8:30 AM. A color guard from the Arkansas Division presented the colors. The Chaplain-in-Chief gave an invocation and the delegates were seated. The Mayor of Hot Springs, the Manager of the Host Hotel, the

Arlington, the President of the Hot Springs UDC chapter, the President-General of the Children of the Confederacy and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the War of Northern Aggression presented greetings. Two Real Sons were introduced.

Jim Brown of Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 and Marion Wilson from Texas.

The business session included the acceptance of the minutes of the 2008 convention, the adoption of the FY2009 budget and reports from the Commander-in-Chief, the Lt. Commander-in-Chief, the Adjutant and the Executive Director. Past CinC Ron Wilson presented a short report on the 2010 convention to be held in Anderson, SC. The Adjutant-in-Chief also gave a short summary of the MRS (Membership Renewal System). A full workshop will be given on Saturday.

Friday's business session included a report from the Virginia Division concerning the restoration of Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. The City of Richmond has, after 14 years, finally turned control of the Confederate section over to the Virginia Division and the SCV. CinC

McMichael signed the documents and presented the to the Virginia Division this morning. A wonderful video presentation was given. Each of the 17,200 graves will receive upright markers with names and units where known.

CinC McMichael announced plans to build an office building and CONFEDERATE museum on the Elm Springs property. This building will house the administrative offices, storage spaces, gift shop, etc. that are currently in the mansion at Elm Springs. Fund raising has begun.

CinC McMichael announced the formation of the SCV Sesquicentennial Society. Membership is open to any SCV member. The membership fee is \$200.00--a little pricey—but \$150.00 goes toward the building fund (see paragraph above) and \$50.00 goes into a fund to help finance the Bicentennial activities. More information will be forthcoming.

The Time and Place Committee gave its recommendation for the 2012 Convention site. The committee recommended that the bid from the Murfreesboro, TN Camp be accepted. The delegates voted to do so.

2010 Convention: Anderson, SC
 2011 Convention: Montgomery, AL
 2012 Convention: Murfreesboro, TN

The Dixie Defenders Camp from the Florida Division proposed the adoption of the Confederate POW flag. The measure was defeated. Many of the delegates liked the idea but did not like the flag's design. Others objected, saying that we already had a flag for our POWs/ MIAs/KIAs and that was the Battle Flag.

CinC McMichael reported on his frustration in finding a bank to provide us with an affinity credit card. Every bank that has been approached

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refused because of the Battle Flag being part of our logo. It was recommended that we find a bank that would pay us a suitable return, adopt a design that did not include the Battle Flag or logo BUT leave space on the card to affix a permanent decal with the logo. This decal will be provided free of charge by GHQ. The measure was approved.

At the awards luncheon, AZ Division members received the following awards:

Ken Garrison, Camp 2316--Dixie Club silver medal
 Chris Mathis, Camp 2316--Dixie Club bronze medal
 Clyde England, Camp 2096--Meritorious Service Medal
 Richard Montgomery, Camp 1202--Distinguished Service Medal

The Army of Trans-Mississippi met on Saturday morning prior to the final business session .

The ATM won the award for the most number of new Camps. Also, the ATM had the largest representation of the three departments at the convention.

ATM Chaplain Len Patterson gave a talk about recruiting and retention.

ATM Executive Councilman Paul Gramling discussed recruiting and retention as well.

ATM Lt. Commander Brent Jacobs discussed the ATM website and newsletter. He asked that each Camp and Division in the ATM make sure that their websites are up to date. He also requested that each Camp and Division send articles and photos for the ATM newsletter

The ATM Adjutant reminded all that he has ATM lapel pins for sale. The email address is on the ATM website.

Compatriot Mark Vogel of the Texas Division reported on the plans of the Texas Division to hold a special educational event 27 Oct-1 Nov 2010. ALL DIVISIONS are invited to participate. Divisions are

asked to provide historical references to events that took place in their state not only during the war but in the years leading up to it. Scholarly research guidelines apply--all works must be documented/sources and resource cited, etc. No simply downloading a Wikipedia article and submitting it. In fact, use of Wikipedia as a source is discouraged. The event will be held in Gilmer, TX and will cost \$120.00 per person to participate (submission of scholarly works for the event is at no cost but attendance will be as quoted above.) Compatriot Vogel is the point of contact. More details will be provided.

ATM Field Rep Curt Tipton gave a summary of his activities to date and requested points of contact for each division and a schedule of upcoming events.

ATM Commander Todd Owens gave a short report and garnered support from the ATM to defeat Amendment #3.

The business session began at 9:30. Heritage Promotion Committee Chairman Ed Butler (TN) gave a report and offered the following suggestions for forwarding the colors. Ads in auto racing programs; ads in horse racing programs; recruiting students who receive our school programs to join us in living history or other projects concerning grave maintenance, etc.

He also covered the guidelines for installing flags (such as the one in Tampa) will be added to the SCV website and are now available from GHQ in printed form.

The delegates then considered the proposed amendments to the SCV Constitution and Standing orders. Please refer to the last issue of the Confederate Veteran for the text of the amendments.

Amendment 1 Disciplinary Committee: Amended to read: add after ...three Department Commanders and the Executive Councilmen, subject to the consent of the General

Executive Council. Strike the last sentence The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall not be a member of the same department as the Commander-in-Chief. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

Amendment 2 Reword Article 2.1 to define the organization: **WITHDRAWN**

Amendment 3: Change the requirement to charter a Camp from 7 to 15 members. **DEFEATED**

Amendment 4 Concerning disciplinary action: **PASSED**

Amendment 5 Change the term of the CinC and Lt. CinC to three years, leaving the department commanders and councilmen at two years: **DEFEATED**

Standing orders amendment #1: Allow more efficient investment of funds: **PASSED**

Standing orders amendment #2 Create a Convention Planning Committee as a standing committee: Amended to add the Chief of Protocol to the Committee. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

Standing orders amendment #3 Eliminate the Time and Place Committee: **PASSED.** Convention Planning Committee in amendment #2 takes its place.

Standing orders amendment #4 Make the Heritage Promotion Committee a standing committee: **PASSED**

Standing orders amendment #5: Make the Youth Enhancement Committee a standing committee: **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY**

RESOLUTIONS:

A resolution to commend the Host Camp, James M. Keller , Camp 648 of Hot Springs for their efforts.

PASSED

A resolution to condemn the misuse of Confederate flags and symbols by extremist groups/individuals:

PASSED

A resolution to impose an economic boycott of the city of Jonesboro, TN

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for their refusal to acknowledge Confederate veterans in their veterans memorial (they are engraving "civil war" on both Union and Confederate veterans bricks rather than the proper designation). **PASSED** A resolution in tribute to the Late Compatriot Russell E. Darden:

PASSED

A resolution to allow ONLY Confederate flags in heritage/living history/educational displays: **DEFEATED**

A motion was passed to make resolution #2 (misuse of CS symbols) a permanent statement of policy for the SCV.

The business session adjourned. Following the business session, Commander Montgomery, Commander Middleton and I attended a meeting concerning the Membership Retention System (see the article in the last Confederate Veteran). The AZ Division delegates decided to pursue this system. It offers several advantages over the proposal made at last year's convention.

1. The MRS will print and mail the statements for us (Associate members WILL NOT be included as they are not in the GHQ data base).
2. We may add appeals for donations to specific Camp and Division projects
3. Members will mail their dues payments and any donations directly to the Camp adjutant.
4. The Camp Adjutant will, in turn, deduct Camp dues and donations to Camp projects and remit the national per capita taxes to GHQ and the Division dues to the Division Adjutant.
5. The Divisions already participating reported a significant increase in renewals and reactivations (we can send these statements to delinquent members) and an increase in donations to Camp and Division projects.

There is an upfront cost for printing/mailing and return envelopes but small divisions such as



Real Sons Jim Brown and Marion Wilson



At the ball (l to r standing) Bobby Morris, Curt Tipton, Rich Montgomery
Seated Jim Brown and friend Mary

ours, Colorado, New Mexico, etc, will piggy back with GHQ's mailing for the MG William McCain Camp 584, thus reducing the cost. Of course, each Camp can also ask for donations for general operating funds.

The evening's activities included the CinC's reception, the banquet, presentation of debutantes and the grand ball

Thanks to all Arizonans who attended and made our Division much more visible to the ATM and the Confederation at large. Let's provide an encore at the 2010 Convention in Anderson, South Carolina! See y'all there!



Division Executive Council Meets!



(l to r) Division Adjutant Curt Tipton, Camp 2074 Adjutant Don Rodgers, Janet Grams, Past Division Commander John Mangum, Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek & Division commander Rich Montgomery



Division Chaplain Ray Ganey received the SCV Commendation Medal

Sierra Vista, A.T. 22 August 2009

The Division Executive Council met today at the Country House Restaurant in Sierra Vista. After the open-

ing ceremonies, Commander Montgomery presented the SCV War Service Medal to Ms. Janet Grams for her ser-

vice in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Ms. Grams is the first Non-SCV member in the Arizona Division to receive this award.

Commander Montgomery, on behalf of Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton, presented the SCV Commendation Medal to Chaplain Ray Ganey.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last meeting, gave the financial report, read the correspondence received and gave the recruiting and retention report. Division strength as of 22 August stands at 202.

The Division officers' reports, Brigade Commanders' reports and Camp Commanders' reports were waived. The Time and Place Committee reported that they were still reviewing venues for the 2010 Division convention. The Graves Registration Committee reported on the progress of the Division's Graves Registration system.

In old business, members discussed the upcoming sesquicentennial and a scheduled meeting with the New Mexico Division to plan joint events. Commander Montgomery and Adjutant Tipton will attend. The meeting will be held at the reenactment of the Battle of Valverde at Socorro. Contact has been established with the Tucson Histori-

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SCV Race Car Finishes 3rd at Hickory, N.C.!

Lt. CinC Michael Givens
Compatriots,

I am writing you today to update you on the SCV race car project. I am pleased to report that after a long and at times, difficult journey, the SCV finally had its' day on the track.

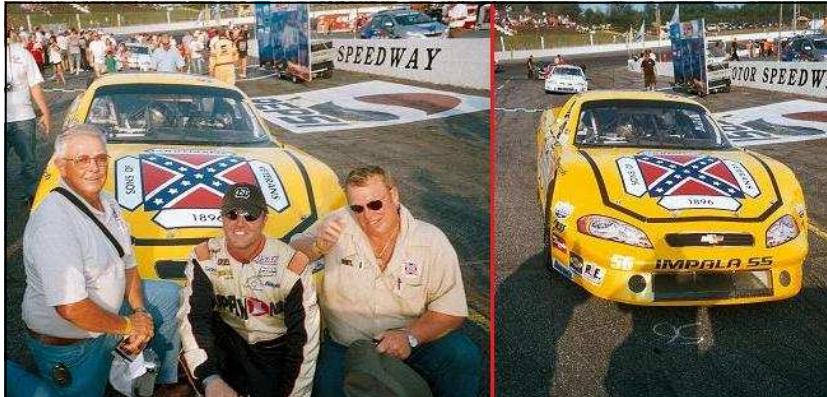
Saturday, July 25th, 2009, in Hickory, North Carolina, the SCV race car was driven by Brandon Ward of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Brandon is one of the top drivers in the USAR Pro Series circuit.

The race unfortunately coincided with our National Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas. But I had the pleasure of announcing at the Confederate Ball on Saturday night that our car finished the race in third place. The race was filmed and is scheduled to be telecast on Fox Sports Network on Sunday, August 23, 2009.

The SCV membership was represented by: Craig Cooke, Ricky Reeves and Scottie Shook of the North Carolina Division. Craig's wife Jana was also along. Ricky Jenkins and Irvin Shuler of the South Carolina Division also attended.

Commander Shuler sent me a report and wishes me to relay to you the reaction of the crowd to our car. He allowed that when Brandon Ward was introduced to the crowd and the SCV was announced as his sponsor, the crowd cheered and cheered louder than they did for anyone else. I spoke with Mr. Jack McNelly, the co-owner of the USAR Pro Series and he not only buttressed Commander Shuler's remarks but added that the crowd responded with thunderous applause. He then went on to tell me that he spoke with many people that day about the SCV car and he NEVER heard one single negative remark.

Commander Shuler added that he was approached by many men interested in joining the SCV.



Pictured above left (l to r) unidentified member of the NC Division, Driver Brandon Ward and a second unidentified member of the NC Division.

He handed out applications and directed them to the website. Many more people came just to congratulate them and thank them for putting Southern heritage back into racing.

Our Compatriots spent time before the race with the driver, talking and taking pictures. After the race, they tried to get back to the car to congratulate Brandon but found that they could not get close because of all the photographers and TV crews surrounding our car.

As rough as the negotiations were over the past six months, I am prepared to call this a success. Of course, I have been fielding calls from the race circuit offering us deals to sponsor the car again. I would like some input from you before we even discuss going further. Drop me an email and let me know your thoughts.

The race was not the only part of the SCV race car equation. Part of the deal was to have a show car on display at the reunion in Hot Springs. This also was a reality.

Our original driver and fellow compatriot, James Hylton sent his NASCAR truck series truck. The truck sported our logo on the hood, the back quarter panels and the bed. It also had the website address along the sides and 1-800- MY-DIXIE across the back. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the art department was

under the impression that the truck was black. The truck was in fact yellow and the lettering was white. But one of the ladies of the reunion staff quickly remedied the situation with a black marker.

James Hylton has generously offered this truck to the SCV as a permanent show car. If we are able, I would like to have a professional wrap made for the truck and have it sent to many shows and events. Furthermore, I discussed an ad campaign with Mr. Hylton that would use the truck to promote the work of the SCV. He is on board with using the truck wherever we can to raise awareness of the SCV.

I would be remiss if I did not thank a few people that made this possible. First and foremost, I thank the membership for standing behind the project. I thank James Hylton and his crew especially marketing director, Doug Barron who hauled the SCV truck to Hot Springs and back again to the shop in South Carolina. I thank Brandon Ward and his team for their help. And I owe a great debt of gratitude to Larry Foyt for helping at every turn.



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cal Commission for coordination of events in that city. Dr. Robert Massey, Arizona Division Genealogist, has been pursuing research in the State Archives and at the libraries of Arizona State, New Mexico State and other universities to pinpoint the location of the Tucson secession convention.

In new business, Commander Montgomery and Adjutant Tipton explained the Membership Renewal System and how it works at each level. Commander Perkins gave an overview of the PayPal system and how we could incorporate it next year for dues payment.

The error in billing new members who had paid prorated dues again for Camp dues was explained and Commanders were asked to contact those affected to tell them to ignore the billing. Camp Commanders and Adjutants were given copies of the instructions for processing MRS payments to GHQ, the Camp and the Division.

Commander Montgomery exhorted the Camp Commanders to personally contact each active and delinquent member to ensure they have the opportunity to renew or reactivate their membership.

Commander Perkins moved that the Division dues be reduced from \$7.50 per annum to \$5.00 effective 1 November 2009. The measure was seconded and passed. Di-



The ladies of the General Joe Wheeler Chapter 966 of the UDC were our guests. Pictured (l to r) Mrs. Jeannie Peterson, Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Chapter President Mrs. Donna Rabenow, Ms. Janet Grams & Division Commander Rich Montgomery.

vision Chaplain Ganey expressed his delight at the measure, stating that it was good to see, in these financially troubled times, that some organizations are taking less money!

The Division Executive Council received three requests for funds. Camp 2316 requested assistance in paying for the installation of a headstone. The vote was tabled until the Camp can provide more details and a specific amount. Camp 2096 requested \$150.00 to set up a recruiting and information booth at the Graham County Fair. The request was approved. The Sons of the American Legion in Tucson

requested \$60.00 to sponsor a hole in their annual fund raising golf tournament. The request was granted. The Division had sponsored a hole in last year's tournament.

The Council discussed the deteriorating condition of the grave of Pvt. Benjamin John Mays near San Simone. Camp 1202 will select a date for a work party to go to clean up the grave, paint the fence and restore the area. Volunteers are asked to assist. Commander Potenza will provide the information in the near future.

Commander Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM and Chaplain Ganey gave the benediction.

Camp News

Camp 1202 Elects Officers for the New Term!

The Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 elected officers for the new term at their June 2009 meeting. The new officers are:

Commander:

John E. Potenza

1st Lt. Cdr.:

Darren C. Mullen

2nd L. Cdr.:

Steve D. Ledbetter

Adjutant:

Paul A. Mears

JAG:

Donnelly A. Dybus

Chaplain

Steve D. Ledbetter

Webmaster:

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Joseph D. Spooner

Newsletter Editor:

Richard L. Montgomery

Congratulations to all.



Camp 2316 Dedicates Headstones!

Prescott, A.T., 10 July 2009

The Pvt. C.W. Lucas

Forrest's Escort Camp 2316 dedicated four new headstones in the historic Citizens Cemetery in Prescott with an impressive ceremony. Led by Commander Ken Garrison, the ceremony opened with a

prayer and the playing of *Dixie*. Commander Garrison gave a short address outlining the individual history of each veteran. Pictured are the grave markers and new member Erik LaBlanc. Members of the

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 Johnny Reb Chapter and the General Joe Wheeler Chapter of the UDC placed flowers on each grave. A Camp color guard rendered military honors. The ceremony site is pictured (right).

Sister Camp Honors the Colors!

Virginia City, 20 June 2009

The Lt. Dixon—CSS

Hunley Camp 2016 of Sparks, Nevada, reenacted the raising of the Stars and Bars over Virginia City in 1861. Camp 2016 commemorates this event each year. Assisted by Confederate Scouts of America Troop 974, members raised the flag over the center of town to the cheers of the spectators and tourists gathered in this historic town. Pictured below left, the Stars & Bars flies over Virginia City. Pictured below right, Confederate Scouts of America Troop 974 escorted



The participants included two SCV Camps and two UDC Chapters



the Colors into the square and then rendered honors. The Scout Leader then received the Stars and Bars and presented it to the Camp Lt. Commander.

Lt. Commander Lee Cross then raised the flag over the center of Virginia City where it remained through the day.

Following the cere-

mony, the Camp adjourned to the historic Delta Saloon for lunch and a meeting.

Division Commander Meets C of C President-General!

Arizona Division Commander Rich Montgomery had the opportunity to meet with Richard Fairchild of Missis-

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 sippi, the President-General of the Children of the Confederacy. Mr. Fairchild was in Hot Springs to bring greetings from the CofC to the SCV National Reunion. Mr. Fairchild expressed his pleasure at meeting Arizona's Real Son, Jim Brown. Pictured (below) is the UDC Confederate Monument in the center of Hot Springs.



Camp 1708 Visits Dragoon Springs!

Following the Division Convention, members of Camp 1708 took the opportunity to visit the graves at Dragoon Springs. Pictured right are Jeff Davis Brigade Commander Doug Fitzgerald (left) and Camp 1708 Commander Marc Fentress. Not pictured is Camp 1708 Adjutant Kevin Brown. We remind Compatriots that these four graves are those of the only Confederates killed in action in Arizona.



Pictured (l to r) are Richard Fairchild, President-General of the Children of the Confederacy, Richard Montgomery, Arizona Division Commander and Jim Brown, Arizona's Real Son.



Mathis' Ancestors' Grave Site Recognized!

Camp 2316 Adjutant Chris Mathis' ancestors, Ford and Sarah Mathis, have re-

ceived long overdue recognition from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The Board of Trustees granted a Certificate of Historical Significance to the

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 Mathis Cemetery. Chris and his family have been working for several years to restore the cemetery to the condition that Ford Mathis spelled out in his last will and testament. Ford Mathis wrote, "In the name of God Amen, I, Ford Mathis, of the County of Tippah and State of Mississippi, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blessed be Almity God for the same, do this the twenty first of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty five make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following. To wit: First, I desire to be decently and privately buried in the Church Yard at Cokesberry by the side of my departed wife and to have our graves enclosed with a brick wall of good and well burnt brick about 18 inches high and of a proper thickings with palins on top of the wall with diamond heads, the palins painted white with Common plain toomstones." The restored grave site is pictured above right. Below is the "before" photograph.



Camp 1708 at Flagstaff Reenactment!

Compatriots Ron Fox and Bookard Dooley represented Camp 1708 at a recent War for Southern Independ-

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ence reenactment at Flagstaff.
Lookin' good, boys! Give
them Yanks what for!

Camp 1710 Members Visit the Colorado Division!

ATM Field Representative Curt Tipton and Camp 1710 Compatriots Aaron and Graham Tipton visited a meeting of three of the Colorado Division's Camps in Greeley on 9 August. The Camps represented at the meeting were the Sterling Price Camp 676 of Denver; the Abram Fulkerson Camp 2104 of Greeley and the Governor Charles Thomas Camp 2126 of Grand Junction. The Arizonans also visited Denver's historic Riverside Cemetery where the Colorado Division has installed a monument to Colorado's Confederate veterans (pictured right).



Pictured (back row 1 to r) are Woody Taylor, Riley Smith, Richard McWilliams, Curt Tipton, Gary Parrott, Pat Gerity and Bob Milner. (front row 1 to r) Stoney Calder, Isaac McWilliams, Caleb McWilliams, Andrew McWilliams, Graham Tipton, Terry Wabnits and John Shinkle.



Camp 1202 Presents the 1st National at Tucson's 234th Anniversary!

Tucson, Arizona Territory CSA
20 August 2009

A Confederate delegation, led by Mrs. Gretchen Brittain, President of the John R. Baylor Chapter 2298 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Commander John Potenza of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers

Camp 1202 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, took part in the 234th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Tucson. The city traces its origin to the Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson which was

established on 20 August 1775 by Lt. Colonel Hugo O'Conor, an Irish mercenary in the service of the King of Spain. Today's ceremony is one of many events held in August to

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Senor Hector Sosa, a direct descendant of a soldier who served under Lt. Col. O'Conor at the Presidio read, in Spanish, O'Conor's letter to the Viceroy of Spain in Mexico City telling him of the establishment of the Presidio.

The mayors of Tucson, South Tucson, Sahuarita, Oro Valley and Marana and a representative of the Pima County Board of Supervisors signed a proclamation declaring August 20 to be the anniversary of the founding of the City.

The flags of the nations that flew over Tucson and those of the To'ono Odom and Pasqua Yaqui tribes were presented. The flags are Spain, Mexico, the 28 star US flag, the 1st National Flag and the Arizona State Flag.

Commander Potenza, escorted by Past Division Commander Bobby Morris, posted the 1st National Flag of the Confederacy. Division Commander Rich Montgomery escorted Mrs. Brittain. After all the flags were posted and their history read, the Air Force Honor Guard retired the US Colors and the other flag escorts followed suit. Our thanks to the Tucson Historical Commission and the US Air Force Honor Guard for a wonderful ceremony.



(l to r) Emilie Siarkiewitz, John Potenza, Paul Mears, Ella Mears, Gretchen Brittain, Bobby Morris, Bill Seymour, Rich Montgomery



(above left) Commander Potenza posts the 1st National Flag of the Confederacy. (above right) Sergeant Charlie Serino of the Arizona Department of Public Safety—Highway Patrol Division presents the State Flag of Arizona.

Camp 1710 Holds Black Powder Shoot!

In spite of an incredibly stupid error on the part of

Camp 1710's Adjutant (He let a spark from his carbine ignite his ammo box!), the annual shoot was a great success. Members of Camps 1202,

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1710 and 2074 took part.

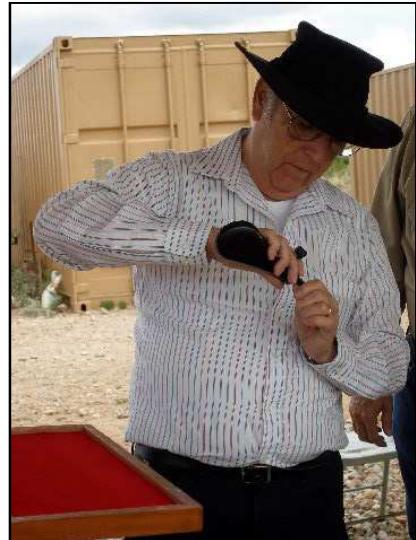
Shooters competed in two categories: cap and ball revolvers and breech loading carbines.

Compatriot Darren Mullen of Camp 1202 won the revolver category with a score of 42 out of 60 possible points. He was firing a .44 caliber Colt's revolver—new weapon, first time out!

Commander Glenn Meek of Camp 2074, firing a Sharp's carbine, won the breech loading carbine category with a score of 76 out of 100 possible points. Congratulations to the winners!



The Adjutant after his mishap!



(clockwise from left) 3rd National flag marked our range at the Sierra Vista Firing Range; Glenn Meek fires his Sharp's Carbine; Dwaine Bright takes a shot; John Potenza measures a powder charge for his .44 Colt; Darren Mullen shows his winning form; Darren Mullen (left) and John Potenza send some lead down range! (Continued on Page 20)

More Photos from the DEC meeting!



(left) The ladies of Chapter 966 (l to r) Donna Rabenow, Stacy McSwain, Janet Grams, Jeannie Peterson.
 (below left) Donna Rabenow presents a bouquet of roses to Janet Grams. (below right) Curt Tipton pins the War Service Medal for Janet Grams.



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Balance fwd:	\$1364.48
Income:	
Honorary Societies:	\$ 24.00
Dues:	\$220.95
Awards:	<u>\$ 84.94</u>
Total:	\$329.89
Total income incl Balance Fwd:	<u>\$1694.37</u>
Expenses:	
UPS Shipping:	\$ 51.24
Trademark renewal	\$ 10.00
Memorial wreath	\$ 85.00
Printing (Rebel Yell)	\$ 72.80
Awards:	<u>\$ 84.18</u>
Total:	\$303.22
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 303.22</u>
National Bank of Arizona Balance	<u>\$1391.15</u>

Budget for FY 2009:

Income:	
Dues:	\$1600.00
Donations:	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Total income:	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Expenses:	
Rebel Yell:	\$350.00
Awards:	\$125.00
Mailing	\$100.00
MRS expenses;	\$200.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$775.00</u>

Projected surplus:	\$1225.00
Compatriots, as you can see, we will probably have a surplus in the coming fiscal year. These funds can be used for various Camp and Division projects. Several Camps already have projects that are under funded. Let's use this surplus to help with those projects!	

Camp Commanders! Sub-

mit a request for funds to the Division Executive Council. Such requests can and will be considered and, if approved, a check can be issued to support your Camp's project. Don't feel this is 'begging!' This money comes from your dues and it is only right that it should be disbursed to further your efforts to support the Charge!

Y'all will have noticed on your MRS statement six categories of optional giving. One is extra money for YOUR Camp. One is for a Division Graves Preservation fund. This money will be used to pay for graves maintenance, installing markers and Crosses of Honor and other expenses related to graves preservation. Another fund is the Showalter JROTC Award. This was originally a Camp 1710 project but it has expanded to cover any JROTC program in the Territory. A third fund is the Division Sesquicentennial activities fund. This money will be used to defray Camp and Division expenses for sesquicentennial activities. Finally, there are opportunities to donate to the SCV Heritage Defense Fund and the Stand Watie Scholarship fund. GHQ administers this money. All these funds are optional and your donation is your choice. I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

Curt Tipton, Division Adjutant

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Upcoming Events

10 October: The Johnny Reb Chapter of the UDC will celebrate the granting of their charter at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott.

16-18 October: *Helldorado Days*, Tombstone. Camp 1710 will participate in the parade on the 18th. All Camps are invited to join in.

24 October: *Living History* at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Yaqui and Cherokee Streets in Sierra Vista.

5 December: *Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony* hosted by Camp 1525.

16 January: The Arizona Division's *Lee-Jackson Celebration* hosted by Camp 1525.

13-14 March: *Civil War (sic) in the Southwest.* Picacho Peak State Park

3 April: Camp 1710's *15th Anniversary Dinner.* Location and time to be announced.

17 April: Camp 1710 will hold the annual *Confederate Heritage Trail.* Tombstone's Boot Hill Cemetery, 10:30 AM.

24 April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremony*, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, hosted by Camp 1525

26 April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremony*, Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, hosted by Camp 1202.

1 May: *Dragoon Springs Memorial ceremony* hosted by Camp 1710.

5 June: *Arizona Division Convention* hosted by Camp 1525 in Phoenix. Location to be determined.

21-24 July: *SCV National Convention*, Anderson,

South Carolina. Visit www.scv.org to pre-register.

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

Camp 1647: Contact the Division Adjutant.

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: Meetings on 8 September, 6:30 PM, 14 November, 11:30 AM and 8 December, 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Country House Restaurant, 4373 S. Hwy 92 in Sierra Vista. Special meetings on 18 and 24 October (Helldorado and LDS living history). Contact the Commander.

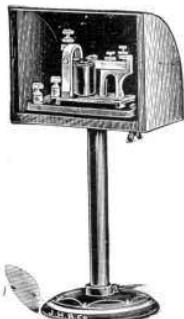
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