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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

THE COVENANT

Richard L. Montgomery
Division Commander

There was nothing in the ark save the two tablets of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

--I Kings 8:9.

We are all generally familiar with the Old Testament account of the Israelites and Moses and their forty years in the desert. Their covenant with God was the Ten Commandments, which was carried in the Ark along with God-provided manna (food) and the rod of Aaron, Moses' brother (Exodus 16: 33-34). Remember that God gave Moses specific instructions on the construction of the ark (Exodus 37:10) which in mod-

ern dimensions would have been a chest made of acacia wood forty-five inches long, twenty-seven inches wide, and twenty-seven inches high. During the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, the priests carried the Ark some 2,000 cubits (1 kilometer) in advance of the people and their army, or host. When the Ark was borne by priests into the bed of the Jordan, water in the river separated, opening a pathway for the entire host to pass through. The city of Jericho was taken with no more than a shout after the Ark of the Covenant was paraded for seven days around its walls by seven priests sounding seven trumpets of rams' horns. When carried, the Ark was always wrapped in a veil, in tachash skins (the identity of this animal is uncertain), and a blue cloth, and was carefully concealed, even from the

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**Arizona Division
Commander
Richard L. Montgomery**

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There is a wealth of detail about the Ark in the Old Testament, even some contradiction as to what it carried. The point is, that the Israelites took their Covenant with God very seriously and followed complex and detailed instructions about its construction and protocols in its use and transportation. It is an easy step for us to see that we have a covenant with our ancestors, and I ask that you take one more step and imagine that our Charge is sort of an ark for us. It is our covenant, and we should be well aware of what it carries, and what it instructs us to do.

Let's take a good look at what is in our Charge, our "Ark:"

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented for future generations.

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, New Orleans, Louisiana 1906.

My primary focus today is upon the "vindication of the cause..." (I will only discuss this one aspect of our covenant, since one can certainly deduce that there are others.) It is very relevant in these times and calls us forth to defend it:

When the Cause was lost, what cause was it? Not that of the South only, but the Cause of constitutional government, of the supremacy of law, of the natural rights of man. -- Jefferson Davis.

When our ancestors decided to leave the Union, it was because they disagreed with the disregard the central government had for states' sovereignty and the constitution! They revered the constitution and took it with them and adopted it with some minor, but important changes, two I will mention: Line item veto for the President, and a one six-year term limit on the President and his Vice President. They respected our founding fathers and thoroughly believed in the principles for which they stood.

Even in defeat, the men of the South understood that their cause would come to the front again someday. Witness President Davis' comments:

The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at an-

other time and in another form.

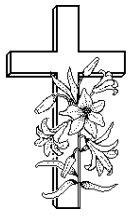
How prophetic!

It is our duty to defend the constitution and the basic tenets of it against those who would erode it, or circumvent it. We must stand for government by consent of the governed; the sovereignty of the states over the central government; and stand for the famous quote from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; *that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.*"

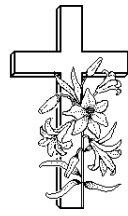
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Richard L. Montgomery
Commander, Arizona Division





In Memoriam

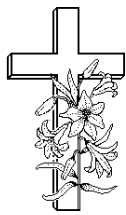


Sharon Jean Miles nee McCarty
1946—2010

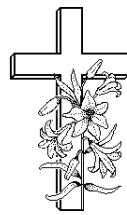
crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees in
 Sulphur, Louisiana on 2 August 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. J.D. Miles, brother,
 Michael R. McCarty, Sons Jonathon D. Miles, Jr., Brian
 S. Miles and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be sent to the Carey Baptist
 Association for Grace Ministries, PO Box 1302, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602
 Sharon is Arizona Division Adjutant Curt Tipton's cousin.



In Memoriam



Ella Stone Mears
1928—2010

crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees in
 Tucson, Arizona on 13 September, 2010.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Paul A. Mears, Sr.
 sons, Paul, Jr. (Penny) and Phillip (Becky); daughter, Mary Evelyn
 McEnaney (Rick) and seven grandchildren. Ella was laid to rest at
 Tupelo Memorial Park Cemetery in Tupelo, Mississippi. A Memorial
 Service was held at 22nd Street Baptist Church on Friday,
 September 17, 2010. Donations can be made in her memory to Caring
 Ministries, Inc., 820 W. Calle Sur, Tucson, Arizona 85705.



Division Executive Council Meets!

Prescott, A.T. 2 October 2010

The Arizona Division Executive Council met today at Prescott's famous Palace Saloon on Whiskey Row. The meeting was hosted by the Pvt. C.W. Lucas—Forrest's Escort Camp 2316, Robert Anderson commanding.

Commander Anderson opened the meeting at 11:30 AM with honors to the colors, an invocation and the reading of the Charge. He then turned the chair over to Division Commander Richard Montgomery. The Adjutant called the roll and determined a quorum was present. He then gave the Adjutant's report, reading the minutes of the last DEC meeting, presenting the financial report and the recruiting and retention report. The Time and Place Committee announced that the 2011 Division Convention will be held at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club in Sierra Vista on 11 June, 2011.

The Sesquicentennial Committee reported that arrangements were underway for our first event—the reenactment of the Tucson Secession Convention. It will be held in Tucson near the end of March. The exact date, time and location will be determined.

There will be an organizational meeting for a new Camp to be held in Yuma on 29 January, 2011. More details



will be forthcoming.

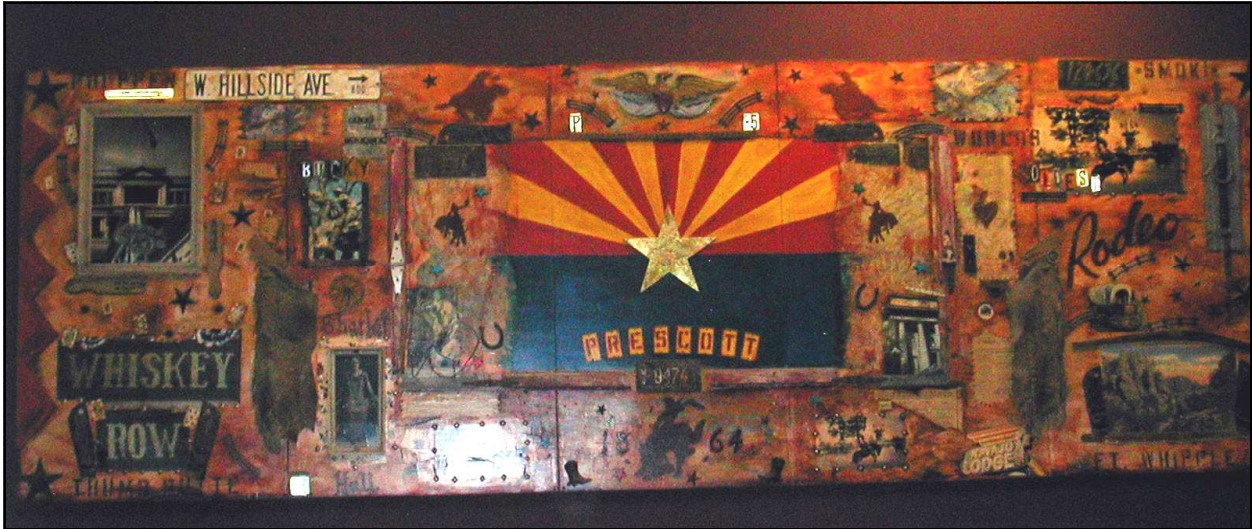
A proposal to reactivate Camp 1647 as a regular Camp and designate Camp 2127 as the Division Headquarters Camp was tabled. The proposal was presented by Past Camp 2316 Commander Ken Garrison by email through Chaplain Chris Mathis. He proposed that he be appointed Commander of Camp 1647 and that three members of Camp 2316 transfer to 1647, thus reestablishing it as a fully organized Camp. Commander Montgomery requested Camp 2316 Adjutant Wayne Hallford to consult with Camp 2316 Chaplain Chris Mathis as to the health of Past Commander Garrison. There was concern that he would not be able to handle the responsibility as Commander due to his recent illness and slow recovery. The second part of the proposal—designating Camp 2127 as the Headquarters Camp—was withdrawn when the measure was tabled.

While Camp 2127 is having trouble with retention, it was the general opinion that the Camp will either have to

retain or recruit enough members to maintain its charter or be suspended.

A proposal to produce the Division newsletter, *The Rebel Yell*, in an electronic version only was considered. At this time, it costs approximately \$125.00 per issue to print and mail hard copies for a annual expense of nearly \$500.00. The Division sends out 50 hard copies per issue as well as retaining five for the archives and submission to the annual newsletter competition. Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins pointed out that many of those 50 members do not have email or prefer not to divulge their email addresses and for them, the hard copy is often their only contact with the Division. The proposal was withdrawn and Commander Montgomery directed the Adjutant to provide each Camp Commander with a list of those members who receive hard copies. The Commanders will try to obtain email addresses and will provide them to the Adjutant. This measure may further reduce the expenditures for the hard copy edition.

Announcements concerning upcoming events were made. Commander Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. Camp 2316 held a Camp meeting immediately afterward.



(top) A mural gracing the wall in the historic Palace Saloon, venue for the Division Executive Council Meeting, shows the history of Prescott, the first capital of the US Territory of Arizona.

(center). Pictured left to right are Camp 2316 Commander Robert Anderson, Arizona Division Adjutant/ ATM Field Representative Curt Tipton. Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery, Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek & Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins.



(bottom) Many of our Compatriots attended the DEC meeting in uniform. Pictured 2nd from left is Camp 2316 Commander Robert Anderson. 2nd from right is Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery. Our apologies to the other Camp 2316 Compatriots for neglecting to get their names for the photo caption.



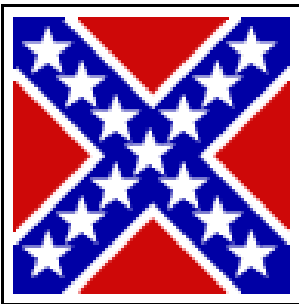
Compatriot Visits Sharpsburg Battlefield!

Recently, Lt.. Commander Shawn Murphy of Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 visited the battlefield at Sharpsburg, Maryland (Antietam to any Yankees reading this!). Compatriot Murphy contributed the photographs above to the editor to include in this issue of *The Rebel Yell*. He also sub-

mitted the photographs to the Civil War Preservation Trust as an entry in their photo contest. Best of luck in the competition, Shawn!

The photos are (above left) Burnside's Bridge. This was a focal point of the battle when Federal infantry under the command of Ambrose Burnside attempted to cross

Antietam creek on this bridge to flank Confederate positions. Stonewall Jackson's soldiers stopped them! Pictured above right is the Dunker's Church which was used as a hospital during and after the battle. The Dunkers were a religious sect similar to Mennonites or Amish living in the area.



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Congressional Recognition of Confederate Veterans

Congressional Support for Confederate Soldiers

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Camp 1857

Edited By: LTC (ret) Edwin L. Kennedy, Jr, BG William Steele Camp 1857



At the turn of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, a move in the North was made to reconcile with Southerners. President McKinley was instrumental in this movement. When the Spanish-American War concluded successfully in December 1898, President McKinley used this as an opportunity to "mend the fences". On 14 December 1898 he gave a speech in which he urged reconciliation based on the outstanding service of Southerners during the recent war with Spain. Remember, as part of the conciliation, several former Confederate officers were commissioned as generals to include former Confederate cavalry general, Wheeler. This is what McKinley said: "...every soldier's grave made during our unfortunate civil war [sic] is a tribute to American valor. And the time has now come when in the spirit of fraternity we should share in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers. The cordial feeling now happily existing between the North and South prompts this

gracious act and if it needed further justification it is found in the gallant loyalty to the Union and the flag so conspicuously shown in the year just passed by the sons and grandsons of those heroic dead."

The response from Congress to this plea was unanimous and resulted in the Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 1901 McKinley's address as the President is significant. He clearly alludes to Confederates as "Americans". While the semantics may appear minor, the impact is major. Confederate soldiers were already Americans, however, the President acknowledged this fact officially. They are not addressed as "U.S." soldiers, but "American" which carries the import of giving them equivalent, not equal, status to Federal soldiers. It did not grant them the right to a U.S. pension, however, it did recognize them as fellow countrymen due the respect and honor accorded to

U.S. soldiers.

Congressional Appropriations Act, FY 1901, signed 6 June 1900

Congress passed an act of appropriations for \$2,500 that enabled the "Secretary of War to have reburied in some suitable spot in the national cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, and to place proper headstones at their graves, the bodies of about 128 Confederate soldiers now buried in the National Soldiers Home near Washington, D.C., and the bodies of about 136 Confederate soldiers now buried in the national cemetery at Arlington, Virginia."

More important than the amount (worth substantially more in 1900 than in 2010) is the move to support reconciliation by Congressional act. In 1906, Confederate Battle flags were ordered to be returned to the states from whence they originated. Some states refused to return the flags. Wisconsin still has at least one flag it refuses to return.

Congressional Act of 9 March 1906

(P.L. 38, 59th Congress, Chap. 631-34 Stat. 56)

This act authorized the furnishing of headstones for the graves of Confederates who died, primarily in Union prison camps and were buried

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(Continued from page 7) *Congress* in Federal cemeteries. This act formally reaffirmed Confederate soldiers as military combatants with legal standing. It granted recognition to deceased Confederate soldiers commensurate with the status of deceased Union soldiers.



U.S. Public Law 810, Approved by 17th Congress 26 February 1929

(45 Stat 1307 - Currently on the books as 38 U.S. Code, Sec. 2306)

This law, passed by the U.S. Congress, authorized the "Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers who served in the Confederate Army and to direct him to preserve in the records of the War Department the names and places of burial of all soldiers for whom such headstones shall have been erected."

This act broadened the scope of recognition further for all Confederate soldiers to receive burial benefits equivalent to Union soldiers. It au-

thorized the use of U.S. government (public) funds to mark Confederate graves and record their locations.



U.S. Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 Approved 23 May 1958
(US Statutes at Large Volume 72, Part 1, Page 133-134)

The Administrator shall pay to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War a monthly pension in the same amounts and subject to the same conditions as would have been applicable to such person under the laws in effect on December 31, 1957, if his service in such forces had been service in the military or naval forces of the United States.

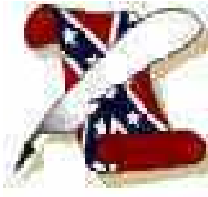
While this was only a gesture since the last Confederate veteran died in 1958, it is meaningful in that only fifty two years ago, the Congress of the United States saw fit to consider Confederate soldiers as equivalent to U.S. soldiers for service benefits. This final

act of reconciliation was made almost one hundred years after the beginning of the war and was meant as symbolism more than substantive reward.



The administrations of four U.S. Presidents acknowledged the legitimacy of the Confederacy and of its soldiers, sailors and Marines. Because of the acts passed by the Congress, our martyred dead can receive proper recognition for their service. What can we expect from the current administration?

DEO VINDICE



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

By now, we have completed collecting dues for fiscal year 2010. As noted in the Camp News section, three Camps “reenlisted” 100% of their membership. One of those Camps—2074—accomplished this feat in the first week of the new fiscal year! Other Camps have also reached high retention figures. Camps 1202 and 1647 also have 100% retention rates.

Recruiting

Gentlemen, recruiting is not going as well as it was at this time last year. Below are the figures as of 21 October.

Gentlemen contacted: 9

New members: 2

Cadet members: 1

Internal transfer: 1

This is a rate (new full members only) of 29%! We must step up our recruiting efforts!

Retention

We are doing better at retention. The figures below are as of 21 October. Ten days remain before the dues payment deadline. Several Camps have collected dues but have not yet submitted Division dues and a retention report to me.

Camp 1202: 100% 20 of 20

Camp 1525: No report

Camp 1647: 100% 6 of 6 (one internal transfer to Camp 2316)

Camp 1708: 47% 9 of 19

Camp 1710: 92% 35 of 38

Camp 2074: 100% 13 of 13

Camp 2096: 94% 15 of 16

Camp 2127: 70% 7 of 10

Camp 2316: 34% 19 of 56

My compliments to those Camps who have achieved 90% or better—especially those three Camps who have a 100% retention rate.

Financial Report

These figures are for the period of 5 June—21 October 2010

Balance fwd: \$928.69

Income:

Dues: \$870.00

Society fees: \$ 10.00

Donations: \$630.00

Total Income: \$1510.00

Bal Fwd: **\$2438.69**

Expenses:

MRS statements: \$446.84

Rebel Yell: \$ 74.56

Postage: \$ 48.33

PO Box rent: \$ 60.00

Org. fees: \$340.00

Donations: \$ 50.00

Reimbursement: \$245.94

Total Expenses: **\$1265.56**

Bal. National Bank of Arizona

account: **\$1173.13**

Explanation of report items

Income:

Dues: incl Division dues & national per capita tax for Camps 1647 & 2127

Society fees: fees for honorary society membership

Donations: funds received for MRS optional giving

Expenses:

MRS Statements: Cost of preparing, printing & mailing statements

Rebel Yell: Printing costs

Postage: cost of mailing *The*

Rebel Yell

PO Box rental: self explanatory
Org. Fees: payment of national per capita taxes for Camps 1647 & 2127

Donations: Memorial donation for Mrs. Ella Mears

Reimbursement: Reimbursement to Camp 1710 for division purchases on the Camp's credit card.

Balances in Optional Giving

Funds Accounts

Graves Preservation: \$185.00

Heritage Defense: \$80.00

Sesquicentennial: \$195.00

JROTC Awards: \$852.34

Stand Watie: \$90.00

Please note that the Sesquicentennial fund includes \$75.00 carried over from fiscal year 2009. The JROTC fund includes \$697.34 carried over from fiscal year 2009. In fiscal year 2009, all funds collected for the Heritage Defense Fund and the Jefferson Davis Statue project were transferred to GHQ. The fiscal year 2009 funds in the Graves Preservation account were reduced to \$0.00 by expenditures to install grave markers in Mesa and Prescott. We did not participate in the Stand Watie Scholarship fund in fiscal year 2009.

Communications Officers

In September, CinC Givens issued General Order #1 establishing a communications network for all Camps. Each Camp was to appoint a Communications Officer who would receive and

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(Continued from page 9) *Adjutant* disseminate information from the CinC, the GEC and GHQ. I am pleased to report that the Arizona Division was one of the first to respond with a 100% participation rate. Each of our Camps has a Communications Officer and the network is working.

New Camps—New Members

Commander Montgomery and I have been in contact with Army of Northern Virginia Councilman Gene Hogan regarding a project to establish new Camps and recruit new members. The Arizona Division is the test bed for this program. Commander Montgomery tasked each Brigade Commander to provide the ZIP codes for locations in their respective areas of operation where new Camps might be established. The Division already planned an organizational meeting for a new Camp in Yuma, so that area was included. Other possibilities are Flagstaff, Globe, and Lake Havasu. If any of y'all have a suggestion, please contact your Brigade Commander. They are:

Gadsden Brigade:

Glenn Meek

glennlmeek@yahoo.com

And

Jefferson Davis Brigade

Kevin Brown

kevin.brwn@gmail.com

Sesquicentennial Events

The Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence is fast approaching. The first event will be the commemoration of South Carolina's secession on 20 December. In Arizona, we have several events scheduled. Our first will be the reenactment and commemoration of the Tucson Secession Conven-

tion. Dr. Bob Massey, Sesquicentennial Chairman and I will attend a meeting with Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation on 5 November 2010 to put our plans in motion. The event is tentatively scheduled for 26 March 2011 at the reconstructed Presidio in Tucson. The original site of the secession convention no longer exists. The concept is to recreate the meeting held in Palatine Robinson's saloon. We will need reenactors to play the various roles such as Palatine Robinson, Daniel Stickney, Granville Oury, Sylvester Mowry and Carl Hayden. Please be thinking about this. Reenactors will need period civilian clothing—no Confederate uniforms. There will be a "script" but this will not be a play. The script will be a guide to the role each person will play. We'll also need some drunks, hangers-on and assorted people to fill out the convention attendees.

More details will be forthcoming as the date nears. Please pass any suggestions you may have to Dr. Massey at rmassey6165@yahoo.com.

Our Compatriots in the New Mexico Division are also planning to commemorate the La Mesilla Secession Convention and will be asking for our assistance.

Other planned events for the sesquicentennial in Arizona are:

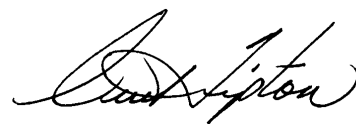
- Presentation of Lt. Col. Baylor's proclamation establishing the military government of the territory tentatively scheduled for 20 August 2011
- The establishment of the Confederate Territory of Arizona tentatively scheduled

for 14 February 2012

- Commemoration of the raising of the Stars & Bars over the Presidio in Tucson tentatively scheduled for the last week of February or the first week of March 2012
- Commemoration of the skirmish at Stanwyx Station. Date to be determined in March 2012.
- Commemoration of the Battle of Picacho Pass to be held at the 2012 "Civil War (sic) in the Southwest with a memorial ceremony held on or about 15 April 2012.
- Commemoration of the Battle of Dragoon Springs scheduled for 5 May 2012, the actual 150th anniversary of the battle.
- The departure of Company A, Arizona Rangers from Tucson, tentatively scheduled for mid-May 2012.

Whenever possible, we will join in with our New Mexico Compatriots for events in their area of operation. They are planning events for the Battle of La Mesilla, the Battle of Valverde, the taking of Albuquerque and Santa Fe and the Battle of Gorieta Pass. There will be other events as well. Let's make our Sesquicentennial in the Southwest one of the premier events in the Confederation!

I remain, Gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant.



Curt Tipton
Adjutant, Arizona Division

Arizona Division at La Mesilla!

New Historic marker dedicated in the plaza at La Mesilla!

Commander Silas Griffin

My daughter, my father, Chaplain Jack Griffin and I, along with Past Commander and Mrs. Ben Middleton, attended this event.

We stopped in Lordsburg, NM, to take photos at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway marker at the visitor's center. After our party visited Scott Given, a fellow historian and bottle digger at his museum in downtown Lordsburg, we traveled on. We stopped at the Yucca, NM rest stop on the south side of I-10 between Lordsburg and Deming to photograph the Jeff Davis Hwy marker there. We spent the night in a nice Days Inn in Deming as did Ben and Rosemary Middleton. Before departing Deming on the morning of Saturday, July 24th, we visited the Deming Cemetery and I did a brief survey of two areas of the cemetery where I suspected that Civil War veterans could be buried. I did find three Union veterans graves but no CSA veterans.

We arrived about 11:45 AM or so at the plaza in La Mesilla, NM in preparation for the announced SCV ceremony to dedicate a new interpretive historical marker in the south east corner of the plaza at 1:00 PM. The wait became long before the bagpipers and marching soldiers were in place to start after 2:00 PM. New Mexico Division Commander Jim Red and Camp Commander John Smith, as well as the mayor of La Mesilla, addressed the size-



Ben Middleton with Arizona
Division Colors

able crowd of spectators, including several ladies of the UDC, and about 30 or so uniformed SCV members / reenactors. It appears that the *Las Cruces Sun* did publish two articles about the event on July 21st and 23rd.

I was very impressed with the public and SCV / UDC attendance, participation and the overall proceedings. The City of Mesilla provided a powerful sound system, the plaza and the flagpole for the commemorative raising of the First National flag. The devil is usually found in the details and I missed the presence of an SCV recruiting table and a degree more of definitive planning. The bagpipers added a nice touch but they apparently threw the event into a late start mode from what I was told. Based on flags I observed, Three SCV Divisions were present and represented – New Mexico, Texas and Arizona.



Commander Silas Griffin (standing)
and Chaplain Jack Griffin

I greeted NM SCV members Jim Red, John Smith, Mr. Church and others including some members of an SCV Camp in Cleburne, Texas and some UDC ladies from the El Paso area whose names escape my faulty memory. I look forward to an official NM SCV Division report of the historic event with accurate details I simply do not have. Ben Middleton did a fine job marching into the plaza as a member of the firing team and rendering the salutes by three volleys. I held the Camp 1710 flag to one side of the new historic marker and next to the Texas SCV Division flag so I was in a fixed position most of the ceremony.

Much applause rendered by the overall crowd of people. I heard NO negative comments during the entire event from anyone and felt no hostility from any person present. A good number of eager spectators of different ethnicities were asking to pose for photo ops with many of the SCV and UDC in period dress and all were freely granted their requests. A cannon would have been a nice touch but there were probably too many people in such a small area to have been safe

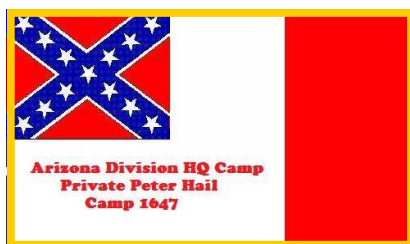
Camp News

Camp 2074 "Reenlists" 100%!



For the first time in the history of the Arizona Division, a Camp has "reenlisted" 100% of its membership in the first week that dues became payable! Congratulations and a huge Rebel Yell to the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074!

Camp 1647 "Reenlists" 100%



The Pvt. Peter Hail (Arizona Division HQ) Camp 1647 has followed Camp 2074's example and has a 100% membership retention rate! Thank you, HQ Camp members!



Ye gonna pay them dues or whistle "Dixie"?



(l to r) Curt Tipton, Rich Montgomery, Darren Mullen, Shawn Murphy, Bill Seymour, Bobby Morris. (right) Darren Mullen posts the 1st National flag



Camp 1202 Joins in Tucson's 235th Anniversary!

Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 once again took part in the Tucson Anniversary flag ceremony held at the reconstructed Presidio San Augustin del Tucson in downtown Tucson. This ceremony marked the 235th anniversary of the founding of Tucson by Lt. Colonel Hugo O'Connor, an Irish mercenary in the service of the King of Spain. Taking part in the ceremony were AZ Division Commander Richard Montgomery, AZ Division Adjutant Curt Tipton, Camp 1202 Commander Bobby Morris, Camp 1202 Compatriots Shawn Murphy, Darren Mullen and Bill Seymour. Joining the gentle-

men was Ms. Penny Brown, John R. Baylor Chapter 2298, UDC.

The US Colors were presented by the Air Force Honor Guard from Davis-Monthan AFB. Sr. Hector Soza, a descendant of a Spanish soldier stationed at the Presidio in 1775 read Lt. Colonel O'Connor's letter to the Viceroy of Mexico establishing the presidio. The flags of the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui tribes were posted. Sr. Soza led the Spanish color guard with the flag of Spain. Sr. Juan Manuel Calderon-Jaimes, Mexican Consul, posted the flag of the Estados Unidos de Mexico. The US 28 star flag was posted by descendants of the Mormon Battal-

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(Continued from page 12) *Camp News* ion. Compatriot Mullen, escorted by Ms. Brown, Commander Morris and Compatriot Murphy presented the 1st national flag of the Confederacy. Sergeant Charlie Serino of the Arizona Department of Public Safety presented the Arizona state flag. The ceremony concluded with the retiring of the eight flags.

Cross of Honor Installed!

The Captain Vincent Camalier Camp 1359 of Leonardtown, Maryland, at the request of Camp 1710 Commander Silas Griffin, installed a Southern Cross of Honor on the grave of C.B. Kelton, former Cochise County Sheriff and Confederate veteran.



C.B. Kelton's grave marker & the Cross of Honor

Photo of Georgia UCV Reunion Includes James H.H. Brown!

The photograph at the right of a group of Confederate Veterans was taken circa 1914. Pictured seated, 4th



Sgt. Serino, AZ DPS, leads the retiring of the colors.

from the right, is James Henry Harrison Brown, father of Arizona's Real Son, James Brown. Jim would have been about two years old when this photo was taken. Thanks to Compatriot Shawn Murphy for sending us the photograph.

Hen-ry-etta Visits the Colorado Division!

Our globe trotting chicken, Hen-ry-etta, recently visited our Compatriots in the Colorado Division. She accompanied

Army of Trans-Mississippi Field Rep/AZ Division Adjutant Curt Tip-ton on a visit to Denver. They were guests of the Sterling Price Camp 676.

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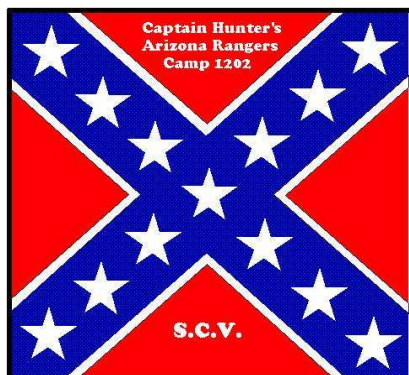


Hen-ry-etta at the Confederate Veterans Memorial in Riverside Cemetery, Denver. (below) at the WBTS memorial at the Capitol.



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Camp 1202 Hits 100% Retention!



Joining Camps 1647 and 2074, Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 also "reenlisted" 100% of its membership. Congratulations, Camp 1202 Compatriots!

SCV Supports the UDC!

Members of Camps 1202, 1710 and 2074 supported our Sisters in the Cause at the Arizona Division UDC's 87th Annual Convention held at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson. Members of Camp 1202 provided a uniformed Color Guard. In attendance were Division Commander Richard Montgomery, Past Division Commanders Bobby Morris, John Mangum and Curt Tipton, Past Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza and Camp 1202 Chaplain Steve Ledbetter. The guest speaker for the convention was Mr. Bertram Hayes Davis, great-great grandson of President Jefferson F. Davis. Congratulations to the ladies!



Pictured (l to r) at the Arizona Division UDC Convention are Steve Ledbetter, Mrs. Carol Potenza, John Potenza, Mr. Bertram Hayes Davis, Mrs. Davis, Bobby Morris & Richard Montgomery.



Camp 2096 Mounted Color Guard: (l to r) Clyde England, Levi Hammock, Larry Bowman, Seth Hammock and Jordan Evans



Camp 2096's new banner & the Arizona Cavalry Chapter 2683's banner adorn the float celebrating Arizona's Confederate history.

Graham County Fair Parade!

Members of the Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 and the Arizona Cavalry Chapter 2683 of the UDC took part in the Graham County Fair Parade held on 8 October 2010 in Safford. The Camp's new banner (see photo left)

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(Continued from page 14) *Camp News* also made its debut at the event.

Gadsden Brigade Camps at Helldorado!

Members of the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710, the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074 and the Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 took part in the annual Helldorado Days Parade hosted by the Town Too Tough To Die—Tombstone.

Arizona Division Commander Rich Montgomery led the parade entry which consisted of a mounted color guard and marching infantry and artillery soldiers.

Camp 2074 Celebrates the Anniversary of Its Charter!

On September 25, 2010, the Texas John H Slaughter, Camp 2074 hosted its annual Anniversary Dinner at the Steak Out Restaurant in Sonoita, Arizona. The Camp was chartered on September 23, 2004, in Tombstone Arizona.

Our honored guests were: Mrs. Janet Grams, Past Treasurer-General UDC; Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Past Treasurer-General UDC; Mrs. Gretchen Brittain, President John R Baylor Chapter 2298 UDC and her husband Tom



At Helldorado (l to r) Ben Middleton, Walt Nichols, John Rogers, Mike Murphy, Paul Tippet, Don Rodgers, Glenn Meek & Bill Martini



The Colors at Helldorado (l to r) Clyde England, Jordan Evans, Curt Tipton

Brittain; Camp 1710 Compa-
triot Ben Middleton and his
lovely wife Rosemary; Mrs.
Ann Rodgers; and Arizona
Division Commander Richard
Montgomery. Past Camp
Commanders present were Ted
McSwain and Glenn Meek.
Also in attendance were Camp
Commander Bill Martini,
Camp Adjutant Don Rodgers,

Past Arizona Division Com-
mander John Mangum and
Camp Treasurer Paul Tippet.
Thanks to those who joined us
in celebration of our Confede-
rate heritage and of the charter-
ing of the Texas John H
Slaughter Camp 2074.

Congratulations to the
officers and members of Camp

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(Continued from page 15) *Camp News* 2074 for six successful years and best wishes for many more.

Pictured are (l to r, rear) Past Camp Commander Ted McSwain, Camp Commander Bill Martini, Camp Adjutant Don Rodgers, Past Arizona Division Commander John Mangum, and Camp 1710 member Ben Middleton. In front (l to r) are Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery, Past Camp 2074 Commander Glenn L Meek, and Camp 2074 Treasurer Paul Tippit



Pictured (l to r) Joshua Thomas, Camp 1525 Color Sergeant Tim Thomson & Cadet Chase Thomson.

Camp 1525 Living History Presentation!

On Sunday, August 29, 2010, members of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 and the Arizona Civil

War Council gave a presentation on the War for Southern Independence to veterans living at the Madison Meadows Nursing Home in Phoenix. Representing Camp 1525 was Camp Color Sergeant Tim Thomson and Cadet Chase

Thomson. Also with them was Joshua Thomson, who Tim is still trying to persuade to take membership in the S.C.V.

Color Sergeant Thomson and his sons gave a presentation on the equipment carried by Confederate soldiers. Tim portrayed a Confederate infantryman, his son, Chase, an artilleryman, and Joshua a cavalryman.

Color Sergeant Thomson also took with him our Camp flags, which he used to explain the various Confederate national flags to the veterans.

The presentation was very much appreciated, and Camp 1525 would like to thank Color Sergeant Thomson and his sons for representing our Camp at the event.



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Masonic Ring Recovers Mules

Wayne Flynt, distinguished historian at Auburn University, recalled the story of Horace King, an Alabama mulatto famous as a designer of bridges and fortifications for the Confederacy. Once, he was captured by Union forces, who relieved him of his mules. King showed the Yankees his Masonic ring, and they turned him loose and gave him back his mules. There are a number of cases recorded in which Masons on one side of the war extended kindnesses to those on the other side.

Fraternizing at Vicksburg

Two days after Vicksburg fell, Masons on both sides got together and held a meeting, Flynt said. Confederate lodge members even assisted in the burial of the captain of one of the Union vessels used to capture the strategic town.

A Mason Commanded the *Hunley*

When Lt. George Dixon, commander of the CSS *Hunley*, boarded the little submarine on Feb. 17, 1864, he carried with him a badge from Mobile (Ala.) Lodge 40, F&AM. The *Hunley* sank the USS *Housatonic* that night, becoming the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel, but the badge went to the bottom of Charleston Harbor with its owner. They stayed there for 136 years. The *Hunley* was lifted off the bottom in August 2000, and three years later the bones of Dixon and his crew were buried in a Charleston cemetery. Dixon was buried with Masonic rites, provided by modern-day members of his lodge.

Maricopa County Sheriff & Member of Mosby's Rangers

John Elliott Walker, late of the 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers) and a former Maricopa County Sheriff was a Mason. At the dedication of his grave marker in 2009 by the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, Masonic honors were rendered by his lodge. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix.

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Upcoming Events

23 October: Camp 1525 Picnic. Contact the Commander for information.

11 November: Tucson Veterans Day parade.

4 December: Camp 1525 will host the annual Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony in Apache Junction.

18 December: Camp 2074 *Christmas Dinner*. Time and place to be determined.

15 January: Camp 1525 will host the Arizona Division's *Lee-Jackson Celebration*. Time and location to be determined.

29 January: An organizational meeting for a new Camp will be held in Yuma—time and location to be determined. Contact the Adjutant for information.

12-13 March: *The War for Southern Independence in the Southwest*. Picacho Peak State Park



March: *The Sesquicentennial of the Arizona Territory's Secession in La Mesilla, NM*, date and time to be determined. Contact the New Mexico Division for information.



March: *The Sesquicentennial of the Tucson Secession Convention*. Presidio del San Augustin de Tucson. 26 March, 2011 at 10:00



April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies*. Contact each Camp for specific dates, times and locations.

2 April: The Confederate Secret Service Camp will hold its *17th Anniversary Dinner*. Location and time to be determined.

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 12:00 Noon at the Woods Memorial Library in Tucson.

Camp 1525 Meetings on 23 Oct, 27 Nov, 18 Dec, 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 Apr, 28 May and 23 Jul. Contact the Commander for time and location.

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 9 Nov, 11 Dec, 8 Jan, 8 Feb, 9 Jul. Meetings are held at the Country House Restaurant, 4373 S. Hwy 92 in Sierra Vista. Special meetings will be held in October, March, April, May, June and August.. Contact the Commander for information about meeting times and the special meetings.

Camp 2074: Meets monthly at the Four Deuces Saloon in Tombstone. Meeting schedule vary. Contact the Adjutant.

Camp 2096: Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Contact the Commander for time and location.

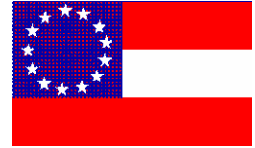
Camp 2127: Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact the Commander for time and location.

Camp 2316: Meets on the 1st Saturday of the month. Contact the Adjutant for time and location.

For more information about Camp events, see the Arizona Division calendar on the Division website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~cssscv/arizonadivisionsonsofconfederateveterans>



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17th Annual Arizona Division

Reunion & Convention.

**The reunion will be held on 11 June 2011 at the
Pueblo del Sol Country Club,
2770 St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, A.T.**



The business session begins promptly at 10:00 A.M. The buffet luncheon will be served at 12:00 Noon. The ladies & guests are welcome!

Cost for the meal is \$25.00 per person.

Please RSVP & send your check payable to Camp 1710 to:

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