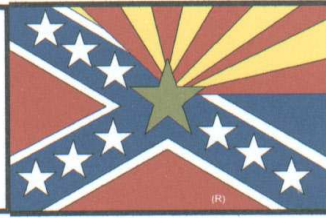


# THE REBEL YELL

The Official Newsletter of the  
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## Dispatch from the Commander

Compatriots,

Here we are again in the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. We all have many blessings to be thankful for and at this time of the year we should all try to keep these blessings in mind. As we enjoy this season we should take time to thank those who are serving this great country in time of war. Perhaps you have a family member who is in the service. Maybe you have a friend who is serving or know a family who has a service member. Letting these folks know that you appreciate them can truly boost their spirits during the Holiday Season. Believe me when your far from your family at this time of year it is a very solemn time. Sure, the cooks try to prepare a good meal of turkey and the trimmings, but not being with loved ones really leaves you with an emptiness in your stomach. Bottom line is let's try to extend our THANKS to those who are putting their lives in harms way for us. There are many ways you can do this, just let your imagination go to work. Do something for them that you would like done for you, if you were in their situation. A nice greeting card with a pre paid phone card, a care package with something they can't get in their area, maybe a CD or DVD, just let them know you

are thinking of them and appreciate what they're doing.

This Thanksgiving we have two soldiers from Ft. Huachuca, coming out for dinner. They will be deployed to Iraq, December ninth. When they were invited out for Thanksgiving Dinner, they were truly appreciative. It made us feel good that we could do this for them. I'm sure you will have this same feeling when you extend your hand to someone also.

Camps within the Arizona Division have been working towards increasing their membership. This will only improve the SCV image within communities when the membership grows and camps take part in various events. Since the last "Rebel Yell" publication camps in the Gadsden Brigade took part in parades. There have also been school events which gave camp members an opportunity to present information about the Confederate Soldier during the Civil War. I'm sure these type of activities will only help our Arizona Division. I hope camps within the Arizona Division will try to be more active in community and school events.

For the past three months I have been involved in the production of a film called "The Lost River". It is a full length Civil War film. Filming has taken place in

many locations in Arizona and in the Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi, areas. Many of our compatriots have been involved in the production. When I called on compatriots to fill these various roles they responded with great enthusiasm. The producer asked me who these people were and it gave me a great deal of satisfaction to let him know most were members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Even though they sometimes had to galvanize, all gave their best efforts. Many of these members will continue to take part in the filming until we wrap in mid December.

While in Mississippi, I had the pleasure of meeting many Confederate Reenactors. Ninety Nine percent of them belonged to SCV Camps in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. I had the opportunity to talk with them throughout the filming.

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# Heritage Attack in Prescott!

Prescott, A.T. 18 November 2007

Commander Ken Garrison, of the Private Peter Hail Camp 1647, has discovered the graves of three Confederate soldiers in the Citizens Cemetery in Prescott. Two of the graves are unmarked and the third's headstone is badly damaged. The soldiers are:

**Private William O. McNabb (also spelled as "McNeff"), 60th Tennessee Mounted Rifle Regiment**

**Private J.H. Wright, 16th Missouri Infantry, Parson's Brigade (there is a copy of a Missouri Division UDC record of his service)**

**Brevet Colonel (permanent rank of Captain) Hiram Alfred Owens, 7th Regiment, Georgia State Troops**

Commander Garrison has been attempting over a period of many months to get permission from the Yavapai Cemetery Association which manages Citizens Cemetery to place VA headstones on these graves. He has been repeatedly refused such permission. The person seemingly behind the refusal is Mrs. Pat Atchison, Chairperson of the Association. First, she stated that these soldiers were not Confederates. Commander Garrison provided complete service records from the National Archives for all three soldiers. Then, she said that there was no proof the remains were actually buried in the graves. Commander Garrison provided obituaries and mortuary proving otherwise.

Mrs. Atchison has allowed VA markers to be installed on the graves of Union and Indian War veterans buried in the cemetery but seems to have a negative bias against the marking of Confederate graves.

Since his initial attempts, Commander Garrison notified the

Division Commander, Brigade Commander and Division Adjutant of this appalling refusal to allow us to mark the graves of three brave Confederates. Mrs. Atchison has refused to communicate with the Division and has not provided any reasons for her refusal.

The matter has been reported to the Darryl Starnes, SCV Heritage Defense Chairman. It has also been posted on the Arizona Division email list and the SCV Dispatch. Many compatriots have emailed Mrs. Atchison about the matter but it appears she has responded to no one.

Letters to the editors of both Prescott area newspapers have been sent and were published.

Division JAG David Barton has spoken with an attorney who has indicated he may be able to take on the case pro bono. Compatriot Kirk Lyons of the Southern Legal Resource Center has also provided some advice.

Of course, the best means to resolve this matter is to find members of the families and have them demand to be allowed to mark their ancestors' graves. Under Arizona law, the YCA can't refuse them. A request has gone out to GHQ and to the SCV Dispatch for assistance in locating any family members.

If anyone has any information about these men and their descendants, please contact the Division Adjutant as soon as possible.

If any of y'all would care to contact Mrs. Atchison about her obstinate refusal to allow these hal-lowed graves to be marked and these gallant soldiers honored, email her at [yavcemassn@cablone.net](mailto:yavcemassn@cablone.net) or write to her at:

201 S. Pleasant Street  
Prescott, AZ 86303

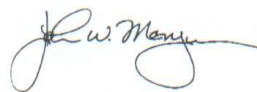
**LEST WE FORGET...!**

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They extended their hospitality to all of us who were there and acted as true Southern Gentlemen. It gave me a very good feeling to see how devoted they were to present a strong image of the Confederate fighting man. They had it down pat and General Lee would have been proud of them.

In closing I want to wish all of you and your families a very enjoyable Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year !!!

I Remain Your Obedient Servant



John W. Mangum  
Commander Arizona Division,

## Camp 1710 Joins SVMS for "Rifles for Watie" Day!



Camp 1710 Color Sergeant Ben Middleton is pictured with the Camp's display at the recent Sierra Vista Middle School's "Rifles for Watie Day". The 7th Grade culminates its study of the War for Southern Independence with a living history encampment.



# Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

The agony and ecstasy of collecting dues is over and while many of y'all elected to renew your membership, a significant number did not do so. None of those who did not "reenlist" shared their reasons with me or with other Division or Camp officers, so we are at a loss as to how to counter this trend. Here are the figures by Camp. The statistics do not include Associate or Dual members. The figures are current as of 3 November 2007 and do not include any reactivations that occurred after that date.

## Retention

**Camp 1202:** 93% 25 of 27 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 1525:** 90% 18 of 20 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 1647:** 70% 12 of 17 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 1708:** 88% 15 of 17 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 1710:** 95% 35 of 37 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 2074:** 71% 15 of 21 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 2096:** 86% 12 of 14 members paid for fy 2007

**Camp 2127:** 100% 8 of 8 members paid for fy 2007

**Division:** 87% 140 of 161 members

## Recruiting

While retention has slipped some from last year, recruiting is continuing at a pace equal to last year. Since June, 2007, 22 gentlemen have been contacted. Of those 22, 12 joined as new members, one as an Associate, two transferred in, 1 reactivated his membership and 1 Cadet member joined. That's a rate of 77%. The breakdown is as follows:

**Camp 1202:** No new members

**Camp 1525:** 4 new members, 2

transfer in.

**Camp 1647:** 3 new members

**Camp 1708:** No new members

**Camp 1710:** 2 new members, 1 reactivation, 1 Cadet

**Camp 2074:** 1 new member

**Camp 2096:** 2 new members

**Camp 2127:** No new members

Total division strength is 161 which includes 145 full members, 2 dual members and 14 associate members. This is a drop from 161 full members, 5 dual members and 16 associates—a loss of 21 members.

## Elections

This is an election year and many of our Camps are choosing new leaders between now and the Division convention in June. At the convention, we will be electing a Division Commander and Lt. Commander. Our two brigades will also be electing new commanders. In this issue of *The Rebel Yell*, there is a letter of intent from Camp 2127 Adjutant David Barton announcing his candidacy for Division Commander. Should any other Compatriot desire to seek that office, he may notify me via email and his intentions will be provided to the membership.

## Financial Report

With the payment of fiscal year 2007 dues added to the current balance in the Division's account, we are fiscally sound. The figures below are from the last DEC meeting held 8 September 2007.

**Balance forward:** \$1273.03

## Income:

Dues \$707.50

Payment for color guard uniforms:

\$750.00

**Total income:** 1457.50

## Expenses:

Printing: \$62.88

Postage: \$49.50

Legal fee: \$50.00 \*

Color guard uniforms:

\$750.00 \*\*

Organizational fee: \$20.00 \*\*\*

Society badges:\*\*\*\* \$145.38

**Total Expenses:** \$1077.76

**Balance in account:** \$1652.77

*\*Fee to attorney in Prescott for letter to Yavapai Cemetery Association.*

*\*\*Payment to Marakab Int'l for color guard uniforms (reimbursed by color guard members)*

*\*\*\*National per capita tax for Camp 1647 member*

*\*\*\*\*Badges for Sons of the Sabre and Sons of St. Barbara.*

## Upcoming events

Several important events will take place in the next few months. See the "Upcoming Events" page for more details. Make an effort to support our Camps by attending.

On February 16, the Division Executive Council will meet at the Marie Callendar Restaurant, 110 at Chandler Blvd. in Chandler.

ATM Commander Chuck Norris, a candidate for SCV Commander-in-Chief will attend the DEC meeting as will Gary Ayres, candidate for ATM Commander and Kyle Sims, candidate for ATM Councilman. These gentlemen will present their platforms for our consideration. The meeting is open to all SCV members.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

Curt Tipton  
Adjutant, Arizona Division.





# **SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS** **Arizona Division**



November 2, 2007

Compatriots of the Arizona Division:

I would like to take this moment to announce to you my candidacy for the position of Division Commander for the Arizona Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Since becoming a member of this prestigious organization, I have strived to not only keep *The Charge*, but to treat it as sacred. In meeting those who share my sentiment, I have not only found a place where I feel I belong, but I have discovered one of my many purposes in life.

I have served you faithfully as a compatriot in Camps 1202, 2074 and 2127, where my efforts and dedication to our cause were noticed by the officers and compatriots; I have served as your Division Judge Advocate in advising the leadership and membership in the legal aspects of our organization; and I now desire to serve you in a position of greater responsibility as we advance *The Charge* into the coming years.

Along with my experience in the SCV, I have many other qualities, attributes and talents to offer that I have attained from military service, re-enacting, community service and other areas that God has seen fit to place me throughout life.

If given the opportunity to serve you in such a revered position, I can promise you fair, professional leadership and a ceaseless strive to make the our division one of the premier divisions of the Confederation and one that each member will be proud to belong.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to have served you in the various official and unofficial capacities in the past, and I ask that you consider me a choice for your next Division Commander.

Respectfully yours in *The Charge*;

*David L. Barton, Sr.*

David L. Barton, Sr.  
Judge Advocate General, AZ Division  
Adjutant, Camp 2127

## Army of Trans-Mississippi Meets in Texas!

Chuck Norred, Commander  
Army of Trans-Mississippi Dept.  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compatriots,

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated in a very good meeting. I look forward to another meeting this Spring in Arkansas.

Gentlemen, please at least take the time to read Compatriot Ben Sewell's letter as he explains about our current IRS status.

Time moves too quickly folks and I just want all of you to know it is a great honor for me to travel around and meet such honorable Compatriots like I have. When I walked into that meeting room in Abilene last week it was a special feeling to know that so many men care about the SCV and its future. In my heart I know that as an organization we will soon come together as one great team. God Bless the SCV and our entire membership

I want to thank all who attended our ATM meeting in Abilene, Texas. I hope that it was as informative for you as it was for me. Thank you Ben Sewell for the IRS information as it gave many a new insight of what the SCV is going through.

For those of you who attended my great grandfather's Headstone dedication thank you. I have been on the other side of the coin a few times but this was my first to have a Dedication Ceremony for a member of my family. God Bless you all and thank you so much. I know that it was hard to find that cemetery.

Thank you Gary Ayres as I know you were very inspirational in the Stone Dedication.

Thank you Commander Kyle Sims for all you did to ready our meeting place along with all our dinner places. That is no easy chore

and you did a awesome job.

Thank you Len Patterson for God's words at the ceremony and the ATM meeting. Without Him, we are nothing and I feel blessed that it was you speaking His words at both the ceremony and the ATM meeting.

Commander Greg Manning, thank you for all you did at the ceremony and the ATM meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet you finally, Sir, and please know I believe you to be a professional and a true Confederate.

Commander Chuck Durnett please thank your wonderful wife for me. I know that she gave me that box of candy to give my wife. I could not stand it any longer and opened it up to satisfy my chocolate addiction. Chuck thank you for all you do brother! Our ATM website is second to none because of you.

I have had the opportunity to meet many SCV members across the country and am most proud to say our organization is full of good people. It showed this past weekend in Texas. There was so much activity within the SCV across the Great State of Texas and still we had a good turnout and a great meeting.

### AGENDA

- 1- Informal Introductions  
The following Divisions was represented: Texas, Missouri, California, Kansas, & Arkansas.
- 2- Invocation provided by Rev. Len Patterson
- 3- War Service Medal Presentation by Division Commander Greg Manning & assisted by Commander Kyle Sims to two deserving men.

War Service Medal presented to Compatriot James Gordon Brown of the Col. Middleton Tate Johnson Camp for his Service to our Country during WWII.

War Service Medal presented to Compatriot Alan Huffines of the

Abilene Camp for his service to our Country during "Desert Storm" in the Persian Gulf.

4- Reports presented -

ATM Newsletter Report by editor & Coffee Camp Commander Gary Ayres

ATM Website Report by Webmaster & Arkansas Division Commander Chuck Durnett

Gravesite Registration Report by ATM Commander Chuck Norred

Texas Division Report by Division Commander Greg Manning

Missouri Division Report by Division Commander John Christensen  
He also gave an update on Higginsville

Arkansas Division Report by Arkansas Division Commander Chuck Durnett

Genealogy & Retention Report by Commander Kyle Sims

Sam Davis Youth Camp Report by Compatriot Alan Huffines

5- Discussion Topics-

1)- ATM in the past year- Outstanding projects and confrontation of Heritage attacks.

2)- Recruiting Ideas- Remember to ask people as they walk by "Excuse me Sir but do you have a Confederate ancestor." Some feel that at booths we should dress professionally and make a difference

- A. Gun Shows
- B. Reenactments
- C. Genealogy Meetings
- D. Newspaper adds
- E. Irish & Scottish Festivals
- F. Education and ways to approach

3)- Ideas for improving Retention- All were in agreement that we lose too many men each year and ideas was thrown out that we might try doing to help improve our terrible losses in membership year after year.

A. Certificates each year for all members. To save on postage, Division Commanders should re-

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# SCV Gray Line

News from S.C.V. General Headquarters  
Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee

## SCV Membership

SCV Membership is currently 31,824 including 3,164 Life Members and 54 Real Sons, and 196 new cadet members. The Army secretaries are still processing dues renewals received by the November 1, 2007 cut off date to avoid a late fee. Members who have not renewed their dues will not receive the November December 2007 CV magazine which will be going to press in the near future. Please remit any late dues to GHQ as soon as possible to ensure the uninterrupted receipt of the *Confederate Veteran* magazine for your members. The total membership number shown above is the largest of the year, and it will be reduced when the delinquents are dropped from the rolls. Please vigorously recruit new members and encourage current members to make the commitment to be long term members which is the best way to grow the SCV membership. Another easy way to strengthen the SCV is to persuade former members of your camp to reinstate. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact the GHQ staff.

## Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award

Rev William W. "Bill" Barr of Paris TN was presented this prestigious award at the SCV Awards luncheon at the Mobile, AL Reunion on Thursday, July 26, 2007. This unique award is reserved for professed Christian SCV members who emulate and perpetuate the orthodox Christian faith demonstrated by the soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States of America. The GHQ regrets omitting this information from the August 2007 Gray Line national awards listings.

## Concord Reunion

The 113th SCV annual general reunion/convention will be held in Concord NC from July 16 - 19, 2008 and hosted by the Captain Jonas Cook SCV Camp 888. Their website is <<http://www.jonascookcamp.com/>> <http://www.jonascookcamp.com>

## 2008 IRS Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirement

SCV camps with gross receipts less than \$25,000 a year are not required to file an IRS Form 990 tax return; however, beginning in 2008 all camps will be required to submit an annual electronic notice. This will be a simple task, providing camp officer contact information that must be accomplished online between August 1st and December 15, 2008. The SCV will provide further guidance and assistance on completing this task as we near the end of the current fiscal year.

## IRS Charitable Gaming (Raffles) (See this information in the article concerning the ATM meeting)

## SCV logo decal for dues

For many years the GHQ would provide a SCV logo decal to each member who renewed his dues. The SCV was able to obtain a very reasonable price on a large volume of decals which were just received in mid November, and this new policy implemented at this time. If your camp has already received its dues receipt prior to this time, the camp adjutant or commander should contact GHQ to request your allotment of logo decals. Encourage your members to proudly display the SCV logo which is good advertising which will stimulate membership growth.

## Majestic Middle Tennessee Christmas Home Tour

Elm Springs will once again be decorated for Christmas and participating in the self guided tour of Maury County antebellum homes November 30 through December 2, 2007. Tour hours are 11:00 to 6:00 Friday and Saturday and 1:00 to 5:00 PM Sunday. Members and their families never pay an admission fee at Elm Springs; however, a ticket will be required to visit the other homes. You may call (931) 381-4822 for more information and advanced tickets. There will also be a Confederate Christmas Ball from 7:00 to 11:00 on Saturday night December 1, 2007 at the Memorial Building in down town Columbia. Call (931) 698-3876 for tickets/costume rental.

## Cadet Membership

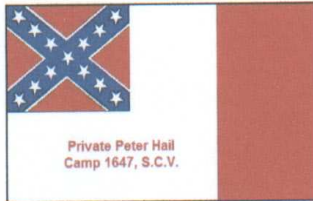
Cadet membership was established in 2006 for males from birth to 12 years of age who are otherwise eligible for SCV membership. A regular SCV application, with the word Cadet written or printed at the top, will be submitted along with \$10 to General Headquarters (GHQ), completely filled out including the Camp's approval. The GHQ will enter the young man in the database, assign him a SCV membership number, and all records will be the same as a full member except that his membership status will be different. The names of cadet members will not appear on the camp membership roster nor will they receive the *Confederate Veteran* magazine. A new cadet member joining for the year August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008 will be status CM07. Once the young man becomes 12, he will pay his regular dues and his status will be changed

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# Camp News

## Camp 1647 Changes Name!



By a large majority, the members of Camp 1647 voted to change the name of their Camp from the Captain Robert Rodes Nelson Camp to the Private Peter Hail Camp. The Camp will retain its number.

The reason for the change was the desire of the membership to have a Camp namesake whose service better represented the ideals expressed in the Charge.

Commander Ken Garrison found that "Captain" Nelson never held the rank of captain and that he had bought a substitute to get out of his enlistment obligation.

Private Peter Hail was enlisted in the 7th Texas Mounted Rifles in San Antonio in 1861. His regiment was part of General H.H. Sibley's Army of New Mexico. Private Hail was killed in action at the Battle of Glorieta Pass. The membership felt that Private Hail's service to the Confederacy better expressed the heritage of honor and sacrifice that

it is our mission to preserve.

## Camp 1202 & 1710 Members Honored by the U.D.C.

Mrs. Ella Stone Mears, President of the Arizona Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy honored three SCV members at the Division's recent convention, held in Tucson on 5 October 2007. Mrs. Mears presented "Ella's Heroes" plaques to Mr. William Barrett, Past Division Commander Bobby Morris, Camp 1202 Adjutant Paul Mears and Division Adjutant Curt Tipton for their service and assistance to the Arizona Division UDC and to Mrs. Mears personally.

## Camp 2096 Impresses Safford in the Graham County Fair Parade!

The Private Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 made the first SCV entry ever in the Graham County Fair Parade held in Safford on 12 October. The Camp's entry included a mounted color guard, a float and a new Ford F250 King's Ranch pickup. Freedom Ford of Safford donated the use of this VERY NICE truck.

Three members of Camp

1710 were pleased to join their compatriots in the parade. (see photos next page)

## Camp 2096 Elects Officers!

Camp 2096 has elected officers for the upcoming term. They are: Commander Rustin Clifford Lt. Commander Marcus Angle Adjutant Clyde England.

Congratulations! We know y'all will serve your Camp and Division well!

## Gadsden Brigade Camps Take Part in Helldorado Days!

It was truly a Gadsden Brigade event today in Tombstone. Members from every Camp in the brigade took part in the 78th Annual Helldorado Days parade in the "Town Too Tough To Die!" The parade was also the debut of the Arizona Division's Mounted Color Guard. Sporting their new matching uniforms, the Color Guard led the entry, followed by marching infantry and artillerymen. Bringing up the rear and "scouting for stragglers" were two more cavalymen. The weather was beautiful and the crowd enthusiastic as many Rebel yells were heard! (see photos pages 8 & 9)



The Private Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 Entry in the Graham County Fair Parade



UDC Award Recipients: (l to r) Paul Mears, Miss Barrett accepted on behalf of her father, William Barrett, Bobby Morris and Curt Tipton



Members of the Army of Trans-Mississippi Artillery Camp 2127 took part in the Verde River Days reenactments at Cottonwood, Arizona. Adjutant David Barton (2nd from right) masked his real-world injury with a period sling for "hard core" authenticity.



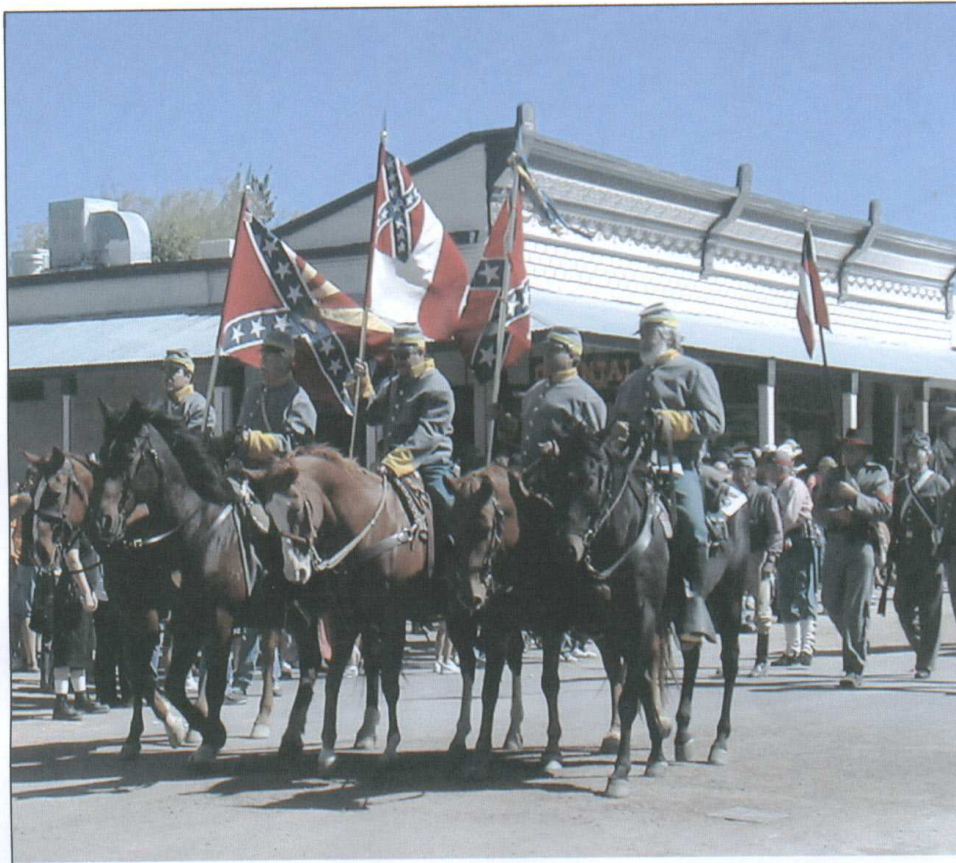
Pictured left: Camp 2127 Commander Walt Nichols (left) and Adjutant David Barton prepare to lead the contingent of marching infantrymen and artillerymen at the Helldorado Parade.

Pictured right: Camp 1710's newest and youngest member, Derek Dumais, is ready to join the marchers at Helldorado.

The parade was held on 21 October and members of Camps 1202, 1710, 2074, 2096 and 2127 took part.







The Arizona Division's Mounted Color Guard leads Camp 1710's entry in the Helldorado Days Parade down historic Allen Street in Tombstone. While Camp 1710 made the entry, every Camp in the Gadsden Brigade took part. Pictured (l to r) are Dwaine Bright, Curt Tipton, Clyde England, John Rogers and John Mangum.



Pictured left: The marching contingent followed the Color Guard. (l to r) Scotty McLaughlin, Walt Nichols, Ben Middleton, Larry Bowman (behind Adjutant Barton) David Barton, and Derek Dumais. Following to pick up stragglers are (left) Herb Sampson and Rich Montgomery. By the way, we won the Wyatt Earp Award! (see below)





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ceive them and they should be responsible for getting them out to Camp Commander to distribute.

B. Special Certificates or awards to members for every 5 years, every 10 years, every 15 years, every 20 years etc that they have been true members.

C. ATM Awards program including a Camp Honor Roll to all deserving members and especially members who never get to attend a National Reunion. Men may give so much to their Camp but may never see any type of award by Division or National.

D. Awards like Best attendance & best recruiters

E. Type out membership cards and laminate them. Looks more professional.

F. Get the GEC members out there to see and meet people in all parts of the Confederation.

G. Cut off date for dues puts too much pressure on just a few people. Make Camp Commanders and officers more accountable for re-ups and new membership. Should set goals!

H. We need to reach everybody including the members families and their children. We should have a periodical or newsletter dedicated to our SCV youth, their activities and projects. Give them some type of awards program also! We should be interesting enough to keep the entire family involved. There should be a place for everyone in the SCV

I. Automatic Deposits was discussed and suggested that Divisions should look into it.

J. Chuck Norred will be attending an IRS seminar/workshop in Sacramento in December for 501 c3 organizations. Gary Ayres will be attending one in the early part of the new year.

4)- IRS and the SCV- Everyone was appreciative that Ben Sewell

took the time to type out a letter better explaining the SCV's predicament forcing changes for our money making activities. (text of letter follows)

Commander Norred asked me if I would provide you with some additional information to help clarify the IRS situation in which we in the SCV find ourselves at the moment.

Please understand this is not an IRS agenda against the SCV nor has the SCV GHQ has over reacted. The SCV is responding to very specific instructions provided to us in writing by the IRS officer with whom we are dealing. The IRS prohibition on gaming has been in effect for quite some time, specifically as it pertains to subordinate organizations who are receiving tax exempt status from a parent under a group exemption garnered through a parent 501(c) 3 organization that originally obtained tax exempt status by submitting a 50 (c)3 application that was approved.

When the SCV merged its old MS corporation into the new Texas corporation in 2005, this action voided our previously approved tax exempt status. Consequently, the SCV was required to complete a new 501(c)3 application which was approved in August 2007 and made retroactive to the summer of 2005 when the corporate merger took place. This is a fine result which means we have uninterrupted tax exempt status.

The problem comes in because the SCV is now required to also reapply for our Group Exemption Status, and as a part of this effort we have been specifically told by the IRS that the gaming prohibition includes raffles when conducted by subordinate units. Included in our application is an IRS required resolution to be signed by two officers, AiC Mark Simpson and ED Ben Sewell, swearing under the penalty of perjury that we are aware of this prohibition and our subordinates are not conducting this activity. I will attach the resolution wording

which the IRS provided to us, and I retyped these words into a document we could sign. The GHQ did not come up with the language, and I do not see any wiggle room whatsoever. You can look at this resolution and draw your own conclusions. For any camps who refuse to cease having raffles, the SCV Inc will have no choice but to remove them from the list of subordinates covered under the parent's Group Exemption Number.

Camps and divisions are free to conduct this business (have raffles) but only if they complete a 501(c)3 application on their own, under a new tax ID number they obtain for themselves and the IRS subsequently APPROVES the application. A SCV camp in New Mexico has conducted bingo for a number of years and wants to continue to do so. They have opted out of the SCV's group exemption, obtained a new tax ID number and they are now going to seek approval for their own tax exempt status by filing a 501(c)3 application. The question is whether or not it is worth the effort to do this at the camp level rather than camps coming up with alternative ways to raise funds. This 501 (c)3 application process is onerous and additionally encumbered by the fact that there is a \$750.00 fee that goes with the application, and I do not believe it is refundable if the application is rejected.

If you have any follow up questions, please feel free to email me or call me at (800) 380-1896 ext 207.

Ben Sewell

5- Commander Gary Ayres spoke on Chartering camps and gave some very informative advice.

6- Benediction by Rev. Len Patterson

7- Adjournment by Chuck Norred after a very productive 3 hour meeting

God Bless our SCV and all her Sons,



## Arizona Division's Honorary Societies

Within the Arizona Division, two honorary societies exist and offer members another way to honor their ancestors. The societies have no officers, no dues and no meetings but do offer a means to express pride in the service of one's ancestors either in the mounted arm or the artillery branch. Membership is not limited to the Arizona Division but is open to any SCV member in good standing. Members receive a certificate of members, a member's card and the society's badge.



### The Society of the Sons of Saint Barbara

This society, based on Compatriot Porter's concept, was created by Compatriot David Barton of Camp 2127. It honors our ancestors who served in the field artillery, siege artillery, coastal artillery or as gunners on CS Navy warships. It is named after the patron saint of artillerymen.

Membership is open to those SCV members whose ancestors served in an artillery unit. The society, having been organized this year, currently has four members.

#### Joining a Society

To join either society (or both), send your application either by US mail or electronically to the Division Adjutant. Include your name, Camp, your ancestor's name and rank and his unit. The initiation fee is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to the Arizona Division SCV. If you wish to join both societies, you should pay the initiation fee for each (\$20.00 total). You will receive a membership certificate, card and the society's badge. If you are already a member and wish to have a badge, request one from the Adjutant. The cost is \$4.20.



### The Society of the Sons of the Sabre

Membership in this society, conceived of by Compatriot Ed Porter of Camp 1525, is open to those SCV members who are descended from soldiers who served in a cavalry, mounted infantry, dragoon or horse artillery unit.

The society currently has 43 members from across the Confederation.

The membership badge (pictured above) is included in the initiation fee and is also available to those who joined the society before the badge was established. Contact the Adjutant for information.

## Welcome, New Members!

The Private Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 of Safford is pleased to welcome a new member into their ranks.

**Timothy Rivers**  
descended from

**Private John S. Prince**  
**Co A, 2nd Alabama Cavalry**  
**Regiment**

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 of Phoenix is pleased to welcome two new members into their ranks.

**Hans Nielson**

Descended from

**Private James William**  
**Newsom**  
**Capt. Jackson's Co,**  
**Tennessee Cavalry**  
**(Forrest's Escort)**

**Lamar Davis**

Descended from

**Private Randall John Davis**  
**2nd Georgia Reserves**  
**Private Alfred Davis**  
**3rd Georgia Cavalry**  
**1st Lt. James Taylor, Jr.**  
**Georgia Militia**  
**Private Robert Herring**  
**4th Georgia Cavalry**

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 is pleased to welcome a new Associate Member in their ranks.

**Robert Fruin**  
Hoofplaat, Netherlands

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to the appropriate fiscal year which will make him a full member. Cadets will pay \$10.00 annual dues and those five year of age and older will receive a periodic newsletter either by email or a hard copy through the postal service. The SCV will soon have 200 cadet members.

#### **Future Reunions**

The 2009 SCV National Reunion will be held in Hot Springs AR and hosted by the James M. Keller Camp 648, and the 2010 Reunion will be held in Anderson County SC and hosted by the Manse Jolly SCV Camp 6. Camps interested in bidding to host the 2011 Reunion should contact Chuck Rand, Chairman of the Time and Place Committee at [chuckrand@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckrand@yahoo.com) or telephone (318) 387-3791. Please see the Oct Nov 2007 CV magazine for more details.

#### **SCV Mobile Phone Service**

The SCV has entered into a partnership with Sonopia, the industry leader in customized mobile service, to launch SCV Veterans Mobile phone, exclusively for our membership. Subscribers will receive: a new Motorola RAZR V3m phone, emblazoned with the SCV CBF theme featuring Generals Lee and Jackson and preloaded with a Dixie ring tone; a special calling plan and coverage from the nation's leading wireless network. It's a great deal for you and a great way to provide additional support for our initiatives. This is the program that received such an enthusiastic reception at the Mobile Reunion. You can obtain more detail and sign up for this politically incorrect phone service at <https://www.scveteransmobile.com>

#### **Camp officer contact information**

Please furnish the current email addresses for your Camp Commander and Adjutant to your Army secretary. If neither the Camp Com-

mander nor Adjutant has an email address, please furnish an alternate email address to the GHQ.

#### **SCV Credit Card Revenue Sharing**

The national SCV began on August 1, 2006 sharing 25% of the revenue received from the SCV VISA Card program with the divisions, and during the previous fiscal year more than \$6,000 has been earned by the divisions during the first year. The GHQ receives a monthly report from the bank which breaks down purchases by state based upon the billing address of the card holder. The checks to divisions will be made monthly, quarterly or annually once the amount due to the division is at least \$100. Please encourage your members to apply for a card. Applications have previously been sent to the division adjutants or you may request one from the GHQ.

#### **Not getting your Confederate Veteran?**

The CV magazine is mailed at Non Profit bulk mail rates and the US Postal Service will not forward them if you have a change of address. Please report address changes as soon as they are known. If you have any question about GHQ having your correct information, you can check it by entering your SCV ID number and your last name in the box at the following link: <http://www.scv.org/checkData.php>. If a correction needs to be made, you will see a form for that purpose, which will notify Elm Springs to update their records.

#### **New online research tool**

Many of you are looking for your Confederate Ancestor's service records. Through their partnerships with organizations such as the National Archives, Footnote.com currently offers over 4 million Confederate Soldier service records. These documents will help you obtain your

ancestor's proof of service. Currently available: Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers for the states of Alabama, Texas & Virginia with more states to come soon, Confederate Amnesty Papers, Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900 & much more. Why not start your Footnote free trial now? <<http://www.footnote.com/scv.php?xid=69>

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# Upcoming Events

**2 December:** *Fort Huachuca Tour of Historic Quarters.* Dinner to follow.

**8 December:** *Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony*—Apache Junction. Camp 1525 hosting

**19 January:** *Lee-Jackson Celebration* hosted by Camp 1525. Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 16810 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, at 11:30 AM.

**16 February:** *AZ Division Executive Council Meeting.* 11:30 AM at Marie Callendar's Restaurant, I-10 at Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ.

**8-9 March:** *Civil War in the Southwest* at Picacho Peak State park.

**5 April:** Camp 1710 will celebrate the *13th Anniversary of its charter* with a dinner and awards ceremony. Time and location to be determined.

**April:** Several *Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies* will be held throughout the Territory. Contact the various Camps for information.

**3 May:** Camp 1710 will host the Arizona Division's *Memorial Ceremony* at Dragoon Springs.

**7 June:** The Arizona Division will hold its *14th Annual Reunion and Convention.* The convention is tentatively scheduled for 7 June 2008 in Tucson. Camp 2074 is the host Camp.

**16-19 July:** SCV National Convention

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

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

## 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:** 8 December meeting in conjunction with Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony. 19 December meeting in conjunction with the Lee-Jackson Celebration.

**Camp 1647:** Contact the Commander

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

**Camp 1710:** Meets at the Country House Restaurant in Sierra Vista at 11:30 AM on 12 January, 9 February, 12 July and 13 September. Special meetings in December, March, April, May, June and August. (contact the Commander)

**Camp 2074:** Contact the Commander

**Camp 2096:** Contact the Commander

**Camp 2127:** Contact the Commander

The Arizona Division Executive Council meets quarterly. The next meeting will be held on 16 February 2008 at 11:30 AM at the Marie Callendar's Restaurant, I-10 at Chandler Blvd. in Chandler, AZ.

Candidates for Commander-in-Chief, Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander and Army of Trans-Mississippi Councilman will be in attendance at the 16 February meeting of the Division Executive Council.



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