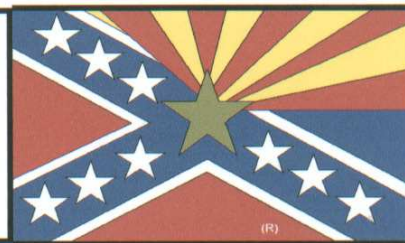


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Dispatch from the Commander

Compatriots,

There is an old Mexican proverb that goes something like this "A GOOD RESOLUTION IS LIKE AN OLD HORSE WHICH IS OFTEN SADDLED BUT RARELY RIDDEN". Quite a few people make resolutions at the beginning of a new year. Personally I seldom make resolutions because I seem to fit in with the Mexican proverb just quoted. However, I do set goals at times and try very hard to accomplish them. In June our Arizona Division will meet at the annual convention. The benediction at the end of the convention will signal a new beginning for the newly elected Arizona Division Officers.

When the new officers assume their roles they will no doubt have ideas as to how to chart their course as leaders. You might say they will need to make resolutions or set goals for the entire division. If they have an understanding of what is important to the division membership, they could better serve the entire division. Division Adjutant Tipton recently surveyed the membership of the entire division. The survey was designed to develop ideas of how to improve the division so that every member will feel his reason for membership is being addressed. I personally was of the

opinion that the ideas and suggestion put forth by members of the division were a very good start to improving camp meetings, brigade and division functions. With this in mind I would like to put forth the following exercise to build on Adjutant Tipton's survey.

Each camp will discuss at their next meeting PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION, what they would like to see happen within the division to promote division activities and participation. They will then send their three priority suggestions to the convention with their camp delegates. They will bring enough copies of their ideas to give to all other camp delegates. Each camp delegate will be given an opportunity during the business session to read their camp's suggestions. There will be no discussion at this time, only presentation of suggestions. The new officer staff will be present to listen to the presentations. When this has been completed camp delegates will present all suggestions presented at their next camp meeting. They can discuss them at this time. Camp members will then prepare six of the suggestions which are of most importance to them. Camp representatives will then take these six suggestions to the next Division DEC meeting at which time they will be given the opportu-

nity to present them to the new Division Officers and the DEC body. The new officer staff will be able to review the suggestions and put forth plans to implement as many as possible that will better serve the entire division. The officers will not be making resolutions but they will be able to set goals for the division based on the wishes of the division membership. If the membership of the division will help implement these ideas the "CHARGE" given us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee, will become a "CHARGE" of action. There will be no time for complacency. All compatriots within the Arizona Division will be able to take pride in their accomplishments.

Again I want to emphasize the need to recruit young men into our ranks as well as mature individuals. The Arizona Division really needs young men to learn leadership roles so

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Proposed Amendments to the Arizona Division Constitution

The following are proposed amendments to the Arizona Division Constitution which will be considered at the 2008 Division Convention.

Amendment #1 Submitted by the Division Commander, Division Adjutant and Jefferson Davis Brigade Commander

Article III – Organization

Section 3: (currently reads) The Arizona Division shall organize a Camp anywhere in the State of Arizona where seven or more men show an interest in forming a Camp. The Division Executive Council shall be authorized to organize a Headquarters Camp.

Proposed Amendment:

Strike the last sentence of Section 3.

Add Section 4 as follows: The Division Executive Council shall be authorized to organize a Headquarters Camp or designate an inactive Camp or a Camp without active officers as the Headquarters Camp, retaining that Camp's name and number. The Division Commander shall be the de facto Commander of the Headquarters Camp. The Division Adjutant shall administer the operational functions of the Headquarters Camp. Neither the Division Commander nor the Division Adjutant may act as the Camp's representative at the Division Convention or at Division Executive Council meetings. The Headquarters Camp shall have no other officers; neither shall the Headquarters Camp collect Camp dues. Headquarters Camp members will be assessed only Division dues and the National per capita tax. The Headquarters Camp shall be apportioned delegates and voting privileges at the Division Convention as any other Camp under the provisions

of Article XV of this Constitution. The Headquarters Camp shall not be entitled to representation or voting privileges at the General SCV Annual Convention. Members of the Headquarters Camp are eligible to hold an elected or appointed office at the Brigade or Division level.

The reason for this proposal is to provide a Camp for those members, particularly those who are currently members of Camp 1647 and who live great distances from the Phoenix/Tucson/Cochise County/Graham County camps, to retain their Arizona SCV affiliation without having to become "members-at-large" of the general organization. This proposal will also provide gentlemen who live in Arizona but who are not located near an existing Camp to join the SCV and keep an affiliation with a Division. If a gentleman joins the SCV as a member-at-large, he is, in effect, not represented at the Division or national level. A Division HQ Camp will allow him to have that representation at the division level although not at the national level. Members of the national HQ Camp 584 are not represented at either the national or division conventions.

This proposal will also "save" Camp 1647 from becoming inactive and losing its charter. While the Camp has not been actively involved in recent years, it is the second oldest Camp in the Division (not counting the original Camp 1202) and this historical connection should not be lost. Camp 1647 does not have any officers at this time.

Article XV sets the number of delegates a Camp is allocated based on membership numbers and states that a Camp must have a representative at the Division Convention in order to vote. Failure to be represented forfeits a Camp's right to vote. As stated in the amendment,

neither the Division Commander nor the Adjutant may represent the Camp at the convention and DEC meetings. A Camp member must be present.

This will alleviate any question of misuse of the Camp's votes. If a Camp member isn't there, then the Camp doesn't vote. No other Camp's member(s) or any Division officer (unless he is a HQ Camp member) may be a delegate for the HQ Camp.

Amendment #2: Amendments 2 through 6 submitted by the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525

Amendment to Article V—Division Convention

Insert new Section 2 as follows.

The role of the Convention shall be to elect Division Officers, consider amendments to the Division Constitution, and to perform such other functions as may be specified in other sections of the Division Constitution. In addition to the responsibilities and roles specified in other Articles and sections of this Constitution, the Division Convention may adopt binding and non-binding Resolutions which state the policy of the Division on issues which the membership of the Division may find important, and/or act as regulations on the conduct of the Camps and members of the Division with regard to these issues. In order to be binding, a copy of the proposed Resolution must have been submitted, in writing, to the Commander and Adjutant of every Camp in the Arizona Division, at least 30 days prior to the date of the Division Convention. Along with the copy of the proposed Resolution, a statement detailing the reasons for the proposed Resolution must also be submitted. If said requirements have not been met, the Convention may adopt the Resolution as a non-

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binding Resolution only.

Renumber the current Section 2 as Section 3, and each succeeding section consecutively thereafter.

It has been the practice at past Division Conventions to pass resolutions without those resolutions being sent to the Camps prior to the Convention. Camp votes at the Convention should reflect the will of the Camp membership, which cannot be the case if the Camp membership is denied the opportunity to discuss, at a regular Camp meeting, the resolutions which are to be considered at the Convention.

Amendment #3: Amendment to Article VI--Division Officers

Replace the text of Section 1 with the following. Section 1. The Division Convention shall elect, in every even-numbered year, a Division Commander, a Lieutenant Commander, a Division Adjutant, and a Commander for each of the Brigades. Officers elected at the Division Convention shall serve a two-year term and, with the exception of the Division Commander, may succeed themselves in the same office to which they were elected. They will be members of the Division Executive Council. The Division Commander will appoint the following officers: Division Heritage Officer, Division Recruiting Officer, Division Newsletter Editor, Division Historian and Division Chaplain. In addition, the Division Commander may appoint the following: Division Parliamentarian, Division Surgeon, Division Color Sergeant, Division Quartermaster, Division Genealogist, Division Judge Advocate and such assistants and aides as he may deem necessary.

The Division Adjutant is a post of great power and influence within the

Division. He has, rightfully, a voting seat on the Division Executive Council. For similar reasons, the Bylaws of most S.C.V. Camps specify that the Camp Adjutant be elected to his position. Such should also be the case at the Division level, where the power and influence of the Adjutant is commensurately greater.

Section 3. Delete in it's entirety.

This section is superfluous, as the information it contains is addressed in other sections of the Constitution. There is no reason it has to be re-stated here.

Section 4. Renumber as Section 3.

Amendment # 4: Amendment to Article VII--Duties of Officers

Replace the current Section 1 with the following. Section 1. Division Commander. The Division Commander shall be the executive head of the Arizona Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, with full responsibility and power to enforce the provisions of the Division Constitution, the will of the Division Convention, and regulations which may be issued by the Division Executive Council, and to this effect, he may issue all necessary orders, all such orders being subject to ratification by the Division Executive Council at the next meeting of said body. He shall be empowered to act for the good of the Division, as circumstances, in his judgment, may require, in cases not provided for by this Constitution, subject in all decisions and acts to ratification by the Division Executive Council at the next meeting of said body, and subject in all such decisions to appeal to the Division Convention. Vacancies occurring among officers during the interim between Division Conventions shall be filled by appointment of the Division Commander, with his appointments to be subject to the approval of the Division

Executive Council. He shall have full charge of the Division Convention. He shall appoint all necessary committees, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

The revised text formalizes a procedure which has, essentially, been the way the Division has been run since the administration of Commander George Rombach. It formally establishes a system of checks and balances over the power of the Division Commander.

Section 8. Division Historian. Delete the final sentence, to wit "He shall be a member of the Division Executive Council."

There is no reason for this sentence to be included. It is superfluous, as the right of the Historian to sit on the D.E.C. is established elsewhere in the Constitution.

Amendment # 5: Amendment to Article VIII--Division Executive Council (D.E.C.)

Replace the text of Section 1 with the following. Section 1. Composition and Voting Rights. The voting members of the Division Executive Council (hereafter known as the D.E.C.) shall be composed of the following: Division Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Division Adjutant, all Brigade Commanders, the immediate Past Division Commander and all Camp Commanders. A Camp Commander may designate in writing a representative, from his camp, for the D.E.C. meeting to represent his camp in his absence. This alternate shall have full voting rights. All Division officers who are appointed to their offices by the Division Commander shall also serve on the D.E.C. Such appointed officers shall not have voting rights on the council, but may participate in debate prior to votes of the D.E.C., and

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Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

This has been a busy quarter for all our Camps! Nearly all Camps hosted or took part in Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies across the territory. Camp 1525 is to be especially commended for not only hosting their own ceremony but for participating four others!

Coming up on 7 June is the Division Reunion and Convention. This year's event will include the election of officers for the 2008-2009 term and consideration of some proposed amendments to the Division Constitution. Those proposals are listed elsewhere in this issue.

RECRUITING & RETENTION

I won't discuss retention in this report as it was addressed in the last issue. I would remind all y'all that dues become payable on 1 August and that the national dues have increased to \$30.00 per annum.

Since June of 2007, we have contacted 45 gentlemen about SCV membership. Of those, 34 have become full, Associate or Cadet members, transferred into an Arizona Camp or reactivated their membership.. That's a recruitment rate of 75%. The break-

down by Camps is:

Camp 1202: 3 new members
Camp 1525: 7 new members,
2 transfers in

Camp 1647: 5 new members
Camp 1708: 1 new member
Camp 1710: 5 new members,
2 associates, 1 reactivation, 1
cadet

Camp 2074: 2 new members
Camp 2096: 5 new members
Camp 2127: 0

We're doin' good, y'all, but we need to recruit more. We must also concentrate on retention as the summer ends. It does no good to recruit new members if we cannot hold the ones we have! I repeat Commander Mangum's challenge: Each one of y'all bring in just ONE NEW MEMBER!

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Division's financial status remains good. The figures below are as of 1 May, 2008.

Balance Forward: \$1697.65

Income:

Sales:	\$ 4.50
Dues;	\$ 48.75
Reimbursement:	

\$100.50

Total Income:

\$153.75

Expenses:

*Police report:	\$ 27.50
Insurance:	\$225.00
Printing:	\$ 58.51
Postage:	<u>\$ 23.20</u>

Total Expenses:

\$333.96

Balance in account \$1517.44

This past month, a very significant month in Confederate history, kept our Camps busy. Between 1 April and 3 May, Arizona Camps took part in five Memorial Ceremonies. Our Compatriots travelled all across Arizona to support their brethren and the ladies of the UDC in these events. This is a spirit of cooperation among our Camps not often seen in the past. A great deal of credit for this turn of events goes to Camp 1525 who made the long trip from the Valley of the Sun to attend ceremonies in Tombstone and Tucson and to the Tucson area Camps who joined 1710 at Dragoon Springs.

The Division Convention is but a month away. Please submit your Camp's points worksheet and awards nominations as soon as you can. Time is growing short!

I remain, very respectfully,
your obedient servant.

Curt Tipton, Adjutant

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shall be consulted by the voting members of the D.E.C. upon issues pertaining to their offices.

It is not a good idea to grant voting powers on the D.E.C. to officers who have not been elected to their posts. Although such has not occurred in our Division, this is a potential means of abuse of power by a rogue Division Commander, who, under our current Constitution, could "pack" the appointed offices... which currently outnumber the elected offices on the D.E.C. and which serve at the discretion of the Division Commander...with people favorable to his policies in regard to a particular issue. This has, in fact, been done in other Divisions and even, unfortunately, at the national level from time to time, so we should not kid ourselves that it could never happen here.

Replace the text of Section 3 with the following. Section 3. The Division Commander shall call a meeting of the Division Executive Council four times per year, one of which may be held at the Division Convention. A meeting of the D.E.C. may also be called upon the written request of four members of said Council or upon written petition of three Camp Commanders. A quorum shall exist at any regular meeting of the D.E.C. when at least 1/3 of the voting members of the Council are present.

Currently there is no constitutional requirement that the Division Commander call a minimum number of D.E.C. meetings each year. There should be one, to ensure that we don't one day have a Commander who decides to rule by edict, without calling meetings of the Executive Council.

Insert new Section 4. Section 4. Electronic Votes. In the interim between meetings of the Division Ex-

ecutive Council, issues may arise which require the immediate action of the Council. In such cases, an electronic vote, to be conducted by whatever means has been established for that purpose by the Division Executive Council at any regular meeting of the Council, may be used to arrive at a decision regarding such issues. No quorum shall be deemed to exist for any electronic vote unless at least 2/3 of the voting members of the D.E.C. shall have voted.

This formalizes a procedure which has been used, extra-constitutionally, by the D.E.C. for many years.

Renumber the current Section 4 as Section 5.

Renumber the current Section 5 as Section 6. Replace the current text of said section with the following. Section 6. The Division Executive Council must ratify, and may void by majority vote of the council, any order of the Division Commander which may expose any officer, Camp, or member of the Arizona Division to disciplinary action by the Division. All such orders shall be sent to every member of the Division Executive Council at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the D.E.C. at which the ratification of the order is to be considered, along with a written statement by the Commander as to why he feels the order is necessary, and how the order will accomplish the purposes for which it is intended.

Currently, the Division Commander may issue any order he likes, and is not required to get the order ratified by the D.E.C. or anyone else. That is way too much power for one person. We have, as a Division, been blessed, since the administration of Commander George Rombach, by Commanders who have chosen, of their own free will, to submit their orders to the

D.E.C. for ratification. But they were under no obligation to do so, under the current constitution. This should be a requirement, not an option.

Also, in many of those cases where orders issued by the Division Commander have been submitted to the D.E.C. for ratification, they have not been sent to the Council members beforehand, thus denying the members the opportunity to study the issue and make an informed decision prior to voting. This should not be the case.

Renumber the current Section 6 as Section 7.

Delete the current Section 7 in its entirety.

Made superfluous by the revised text of Section 3.

Amendment #6: Insert New Article IX. Renumber the current Article IX as Article X, and all succeeding Articles in successive order after Article X.

Article IX - DISCIPLINE OF DIVISION OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. Section 1. All questions affecting the discipline of Division Officers, elected or appointed, shall be referred to and determined by the Division Executive Council which shall have the final authority thereon.

Section 2. The Arizona Division shall have jurisdiction over its members with regard to violations of the Division Constitution or of general orders of the Division which affect the conduct of Camp members. However, each Camp shall be the judge of its own membership in all matters not relating to a violation of the Division Constitution, or of general orders of the Division which affect the conduct of Camp members, and the Division shall have no power of discipline over such matters.

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Section 3. CAUSE. Any Division officer may be disciplined for malfeasance, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming an officer of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an act repugnant to the Constitutions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the Arizona Division, or actions detrimental to the Sons of Confederate Veterans or to the Arizona Division, or to the objects and purposes of said organizations.

Section 4. PROCEDURE. Charges against an officer of the Arizona Division may be presented, in writing, to the Division Adjutant (or to the Division Commander if the Adjutant is the officer being accused) by any three members (not including Associate Members) in good standing. In cases where a Division member who is not a Division officer is being accused, at least five members in good standing (not including Associate Members) must present the charges. In all cases, charges must clearly state the facts relied upon and be accompanied by supporting affidavits and exhibits. When such charges have been properly received, a Special Meeting of the Division Executive Council must be scheduled by the Division Commander, to be held no more than sixty (60) days from the date on which the charges were received. At least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the charges are to be considered, notice of the meeting, including a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits, must be submitted, in writing, to every member of the Division Executive Council, as well as to the officer or member who has been accused. Notice to the accused shall be by Certified U.S. Mail only. Notice to the members of the Division Executive Council can be submitted electronically, or by regular U.S. mail. The Division Com-

mander, or, if the Commander is being accused, the Division Executive Council, may suspend an accused officer pending the outcome of the Special Meeting. In cases where the Division Executive Council is forced to suspend the Division Commander, the vote may be taken electronically via whatever means the Division Executive Council has decided upon for such purposes. A majority vote of the members of the Division Executive Council entitled to vote will be required in such cases to suspend the Division Commander. At the Special Meeting, no quorum shall be deemed to exist unless a majority of the members of the Division Executive Council entitled to vote are present. The accused will be given a full hearing. A 2/3 vote of the members of the Division Executive Council entitled to vote present at the meeting will be required to impose disciplinary penalties.

Section 5. PENALTIES. Penalties for Division Officers convicted of charges at a Special Meeting of the Division Executive Council may include removal from their Division Office, or other such penalties as may be decided upon by the Division Executive Council, subject to the provisions of the Constitutions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and of the Arizona Division. In cases where a Division member who is not an officer has been convicted of charges at a Special Meeting of the Division Executive Council, it may impose any penalty which may be decided upon by the Council, save expulsion from membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which is the sole prerogative of the Camps as the judges of their own membership, or any other penalty specifically prohibited by the Constitutions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the Arizona Division. Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, suspension of the member's right to participate in Division events (but

not Camp events), to receive the Division newsletter, or to receive any other services from the Division. The Division Executive Council, in cases where it feels such is warranted, may recommend to the Camp to which the member belongs that the Camp impose additional discipline, up to and including expulsion. However, if the Camp votes not to accept these recommendations, the Division Commander and Executive Council shall have no power to force the Camp to comply with said recommendations.

Section 5. APPEALS. Division Officers or members disciplined by action of the Division Executive Council shall have right of appeal to the membership of the Arizona Division at the annual Division Convention. A majority vote of the Camps of the Division represented at the Convention shall be sufficient to overturn the verdict of the Division Executive Council.

Under our current Constitution, the whole issue of discipline is covered with one rather nebulous paragraph (the current Article VIII, Section 5) which basically grants the Division Executive Council the right to handle the issue any way they see fit. Discipline of Division officers and members is a very important matter, and a formal procedure needs to be established. Most Camp Bylaws have an article regarding discipline of Camp officers and members, and the Division Constitution should include a similar article. Furthermore, the Division currently allows a single member to bring charges against a Division Officer. Most Camp Bylaws require that charges must be filed by at least three members in good standing (to prevent any member with an ax to grind from bringing up charges against another member as a way of harassing that member). Charges at the Division level should be subject

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to at least the same burden of proof required at the Camp level by most Camps. Finally, if the Division is to have the power to issue general orders which affect the conduct of Camp members, it should have at least some power to enforce those orders through discipline at the Division level. That power should be subject to formal procedures, just as the discipline of Division officers is covered by a formal procedure, however, and the Division should not be able to expel members, as this is, rightfully, the prerogative of the Camps as specified in the national S.C.V. Constitution.

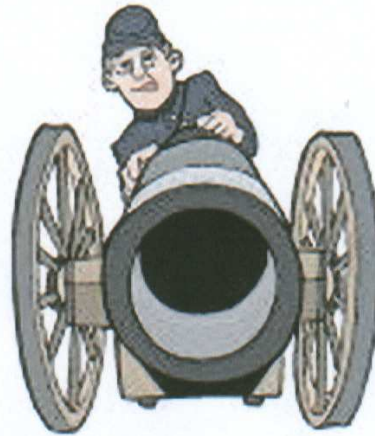
The amendments listed in this article were submitted for consideration by the Arizona Division Convention in accordance with Article XXII, Section 1 of the Arizona Division Constitution in that they were received by the Division Adjutant at least 30 prior to the Division Convention and that the Camps of the Arizona Division were notified and provided copies of the proposed amendments 30 days prior to the Division Convention.

The proposed amendments will be presented during the business session on 7 June 2008 and will be open for debate and voting under the provisions of the Arizona Division Constitution and Roberts' Rules of Order.

Artillery Battery Formed!

HQ, Arizona Division
4 April 2008
Division JAG David Barton

Not too long ago, the Arizona Division established its Mounted Color Guard. Now, as a bonus, it seems the Arizona Division has its own Artillery Unit to provide cannon salutes at events and ceremonies! Through the creative efforts of Compatriot David Barton (Camp 2127), Compatriot Ben Middleton (Camp 1710), Compatriot Doug Fitzgerald (Camp 1525) and Associate Member Steve Chernin (Camp 2127); a Confederate artillery reenactment unit was formed and is comprised of various members of the Arizona Division. The unit's primary impression is the Savannah Siege Artillery, but does its own unique form of 'galvanizing' to become Teel's Texas Battery for southwestern impressions. The unit members came together after the units to which they formerly belonged decided to start performing Union impressions. To quote the words of Compatriot Ben Middleton, who serves as the unit's 2nd Sergeant and one of the unit's Gun Sergeants, 'Gray all the way!' Presently the unit's gun complement consist of an 8-lb field mortar, an 12-lb mortar and an 12-lb mountain howitzer. All of these guns were made 'Confederate style' meaning black barrels with brown varnished beds and



carriages by Spikes Cannon Works in Mesa. According to Compatriot Barton, who serves as the unit's commander, 'This way, there could be no doubt or miscommunication that our unit and our guns are CONFEDERATE ONLY!' If you would like to schedule an artillery salute at any of your camp events, please contact the unit's First Sergeant, Associate Member Steve Chernin at sdchernin@netzero.net or the unit's main email savannahsiegeartillery@yahoo.com or for SCV purposes AZ_DivArty@yahoo.com. Finally, anyone wishing to join the ranks may inquire at any of the above emails as well.



Camp News

Camp 1710's Belgian & Dutch Associates Demonstrate for the Cause!

HQ, Camp 1710
4 April 2008

As y'all may know, Camp 1710 has six Associate Members who live in Belgium and the Netherlands. These gentlemen are very active in the European reenactment community and fully support the SCV. Some of them are pictured (right) at a recent drill (those in Yankee uniforms AREN'T Associate members!)



Pictured (foreground) is Jean-Pierre Lerate. Second from right is Camp 1710's newest Associate Member, Patrick Vanderherckhove.

Camp 1710 Celebrates Its 13th Anniversary!

Hereford, A.T.
5 April 2008

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 celebrated the 13th anniversary of its charter with a buffet supper at Ricardo's Restaurant in Hereford. Special guests were Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter and her escort, Mr. Leon Myers; Ms. Janet Grams, Past Treasurer-General of the UDC and Arizona Division Commander John Mangum; and Past Arizona Division Commander and Mrs. Bobby Morris. The induction of the newly elected officers was held.



(left above) Members & guests enjoy the buffet supper at Ricardo's (above right) Division Commander John Mangum (left) commissions newly elected Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton (center). (below left) Commander Mangum commissions Camp 1710 JAG Ray Ganey. (below right) Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter, AZ Division Matron, and Mr. Leon Myers.



5th Annual Confederate Heritage Trail

Tombstone, A.T. 19 April 2008

Compatriots and guests from the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 joined Camp 1710 in the 5th Annual Confederate Heritage Trail. Honors were rendered and Battle Flags were placed on the graves of CS veterans buried in Cochise County. Led by Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Silas Griffin, the group met first at Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone and then moved to the Tombstone City Cemetery. After lunch, teams spread out across the county placing flags on many more graves.

David N. Showalter Leadership Award

Sierra Vista, A.T., 24 April 2008

Today, at the Buena High School JROTC Change of Command and Awards ceremony, the Arizona Division Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter, escorted by her son, Daniel Showalter, presented the David N. Showalter Leadership award to Cadet Lt. Colonel Laura Wheat. The award, established in the name of Past Camp 1710 Commander David Showalter, recognizes academic excellence, military leadership, patriotism and citizenship demonstrated by a JROTC student. The award consists of a framed certificate and a \$250.00 edu-



Members of Camps 1525 and 1710 at the grave of Newman H. "Old Man" Clanton in Tombstone's Boot Hill Cemetery



Mr. Daniel Showalter (left), Cadet Lt. Colonel Laura Wheat (center) and Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter (right).

cational stipend. Cadet Lt. Colonel Wheat will attend Northern Arizona University. Past Commander Showalter crossed over the river to rest

under the shade of the trees in March, 2002. Mrs. Showalter has continued her support of Camp 1710 and the Arizona Division SCV.

Camp 1202 Dedicates New Grave Markers!

Tucson, A.T., 26 April 2008
Today, the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 dedicated three new grave stones in Tucson's Evergreen Cemetery. These are the first grave stones provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be placed on Confederate graves in Tucson.

The graves are those of:

Pvt. William T. Ware
Company I, 25th Virginia
Infantry Regiment

Pvt. Daniel Dupree Smith
Company F, 31st Texas
Cavalry Regiment

Pvt. John Breathed Breathitt
Company G, 2nd Missouri
Cavalry Regiment

Taking part in today's ceremony were members of Camps 1202, 1525, 1710, 2074, 2096 and 2127. Joining the SCV were members of the Arizona Division United Daughters of the Confederacy and the General Joe Wheeler Chapter 966 UDC of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Special guests were Mrs. Ella Stone Mears, President of the Arizona Division UDC; Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Treasurer-General of the UDC, Ms. Janet Grams, Past Treasurer-General UDC and Mr. John Mangum, Commander, Arizona Division SCV. Congratulations to Camp 1202 for a fine ceremony!



(top) The Honor Party (l to r) Bobby Morris, Bill Seymour, Silas Griffin, Doug Fitzgerald, Art Booth, Steve Ledbetter, Tom Tatum, Camp 1202 Commander Rich Montgomery. (Bottom) members of Camps 1202, 1525, 1710, 2074 and 2096 and UDC Chapters 966 and 2298.

Camp 1525 Hosts Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony in Phoenix!

On Sunday, April 27, 2008, the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, Sons of Confederate Veterans, hosted it's 17th Annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. This ceremony was attended by members of Camp 1525, the Arizona Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the First Texas Infantry, and the

Fifth Texas Infantry. Although attendance this year was smaller than usual (most likely due to the ceremony being held on a Sunday, in order to allow us to attend an event in Tucson on April 26), it was nevertheless a moving and worthy tribute to Arizona's Confederate Veterans. One highlight of the event was the announcement of the discovery of the grave of yet another Confederate veteran in the cemetery, Private John Walker of Mosby's Rangers. It was discovered that

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Walker, who was a Maricopa County Sheriff who committed suicide while in office in 1906, lies in an unmarked grave, a fact that Camp 1525 hopes to have remedied before next year's Confederate Memorial Day ceremony. Nevertheless, his grave was marked with a Confederate flag this year, along with the other veterans at the cemetery.

Camp 1525 Represents the SCV at the UDC's Ceremony!

Following the ceremony at Greenwood, Camp 1525 attended the Confederate Memorial Day ceremony hosted by the Arizona Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held at Wesley Bolen Park in downtown Phoenix. As it turned out, a major event honoring Vietnam War veterans was being held in the park at the same time the Confederate Memorial Day ceremony was being held, attended by several hundred people. Our little group did not attract much notice, although our musket salutes did arouse some curiosity. Camp 1525 provided a color guard and the musket party for the event.

Last but not least, following the Wesley Bolen event, Camp 1525 joined the ladies of the U.D.C. and went over to Pioneers' Cemetery, which is a

couple of blocks away from Wesley Bolen Park, and placed flowers on the graves of the Confederate veterans buried there. We have also discovered that there are two additional unmarked graves of Confederate Veterans which the cemetery association has found the locations for (there are possibly up to 50 veterans buried in this cemetery, but so far the locations of the graves of only 15 have been found, not including the two additional ones recently discovered). Camp 1525 will be working with the cemetery and the Arizona Division, UDC, to see that proper markers are installed on these graves as soon as possible (some further research into the Confederate service of these veterans needs to be done before stones can be ordered from the VA).



(above) The Honor Party prepares to fire a volley at Greenwood Cemetery.



Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins (left) and Adjutant Doug Fitzgerald lay the wreath.



Participants in the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Memorial Ceremony at Wes Bolen Plaza at the Arizona State Capitol.

Dragoon Springs



Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Treasurer-General of the UDC, assisted by Adjutant Tipton, places flowers and a flag on Sgt. Sam Ford's Grave.



The Honor Party (l to r) Bobby Morris, Camp 1202; John Rogers, Camp 1710 and Larry Bowman, Camp 1710, stands at attention at the beginning of the ceremony.



Dragoon Springs, A.T. 3 May 2008

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 hosted the Arizona Division's annual Memorial Ceremony at the ruins of the Dragoon Springs Stage Station, site of a battle between Confederate cavalymen and Apache warriors on 5 May 1862. The ceremony is held on the Saturday closest to 5 May every year.

Taking part in this year's event with Camp 1710 were members of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074 and the General Joe Wheeler Chapter 966 of the UDC.

The ceremony began with an invocation and honors to the colors. Adjutant Curt Tipton gave a short address describing the sacrifice made by the troopers buried here. Ms. Janet Grams and Mrs. Stacy McSwain of the UDC laid flowers and placed a Confederate flag on each grave. The Honor Party fired the traditional three volleys and *The Wearin' of the Gray* was played.

At the end of the ceremony, Lt. Commander Griffin led a short ceremony retiring the old flags removed from CS graves. This ceremony will be added to the Dragoon Springs event in subsequent years.



(above) The Color Guard prepares for the ceremony (l to r) Ray Ganey, Silas Griffin, Darren Mullen and Don Rodgers. (below) Silas Griffin reverently burns the old flags removed from CS graves .



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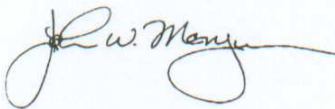
they can be our future leaders. When organizations continue to have only a limited number of its membership doing most of the work, it becomes stagnant and complacency will set in. The organization will eventually lose its purpose. All of us should continue to recruit new members. When a potential member is brought in find out if he has a son or brother or other younger family member that may be interested in the SCV.

Retention is extremely important as well. Try to make your camp meetings interesting for all members. It's not a positive gain if we recruit a new member and lose an existing member because the organization does not address his reasons for membership.

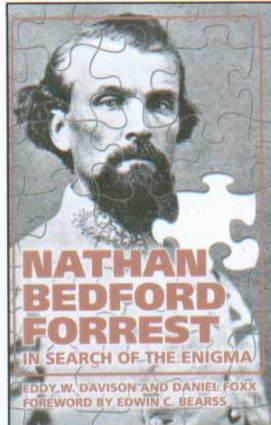
Let's help our new officers as they take over the reins of leadership. They need our positive input to implement the ideas and suggestions the membership brings to the convention and future DEC meetings. Remember if you're not taking an active part in the development of the division, don't be critical of those that are trying their best to move forward. We may have to redefine our goals at times but we must maintain our desire to improve the division. Let's not be like the above Mexican proverb. When we saddle a resolution or goal, let's ride the hair off it!!

Again I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Arizona Division Commander for the past two years.

I Remain Your Obedient Servant



John W. Mangum (Knight)
Commander Arizona Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans



We are pleased to announce that *Nathan Bedford Forrest: In Search of the Enigma* has been nominated for the Benjamin Franklin Award of the Independent Book Publishers Association in the Autobiography/Biography/Memoirs category.

The book, written by Compatriot Eddy Davison of Camp 1525 with Daniel Foxx and with maps drawn by Compatriot Tom Tatum of Camp 1525, is available from Pelican Publishing Company of Gretna, Louisiana. The other books nominated are *The Boyhood Memoirs of A.E. Hotchner* and *Cowboy Life: Letters of George Phillips*.



A Renewal of Vows!

Laughlin, Nevada 5 April 2008

Commander and Mrs. Robert Perkins of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 renewed their marriage vows on a riverboat sailing the Colorado River near Laughlin.

Congratulations, Robert and Tammy! May you have many happy years together!



S.C.V. Gray Line News from GHQ



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 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 at the end of the current fiscal year, 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. You may not make this report before August 1, 2008. The SCV will provide further guidance and assistance on completing this task as we near the end of the current fiscal year.

SCV Affinity Credit Card

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and the Texas Independent Bank (TIB) have had a mutually beneficial affinity credit card arrangement for the past nine years. TIB has decided to not renew the contract and our business association will terminate on April 30, 2008 which they claim is due to the small number of SCV card holders. TIB further states they are unable to provide the SCV names and addresses of current card holders. The SCV is seeking a new contract with a different bank. If you wish to continue to support the SCV through a new affinity card, please provide your name and address to SCV, P O Box 59, Columbia TN 38502-0059, by email to exedir@scv.org or phone (800) 380-1896 ext 207. TIB has promised to print a truncated version of this information on individual credit card statements during the period 4/15/08 through 5/13/08.

Grand Reopening of Beauvoir

The grand unveiling of the newly rebuilt Beauvoir will be held on June 3, 2008, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson with festivities beginning at 10:00 AM.

Jefferson Davis Celebration in Fairview

The Bethel Baptist Church in Fairview KY will be the site of the Kentucky Division Reunion the weekend of June 6 to 8, 2008 with numerous activities all weekend as thousands of Southerners come to the area to pay their respects to President Davis on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth. Motel rooms will again be scarce, so make your reservations now.

Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood Homecoming

The annual fund raising celebration will be held all day on Saturday June 21, 2008 at the Forrest Boyhood Home near Chapel Hill TN. Please come to this event to see the progress on the restoration of this unique early 1830s structure, join the fun, and helped support the efforts to raise additional funds to speed up the restoration work. A flyer is attached at the end of this news-letter.

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. Montgomery AL is the proposed site for 2011 Reunion, and the GEC will be recommending this location to the 2008 Annual General Reunion attendees at Concord NC in July 2008.

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: 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.

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 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 news-letter either by email or a hard copy through the postal service. The SCV will soon have 240 cadet members.

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All Arizona Division Compatriots are reminded that the 14th Annual Division Reunion & Convention will be held in Tucson on 7 June 2008 (see advertisement on page 18). This is an election year and the delegates will be choosing a new Division Commander and Lt. Commander. The Brigades will also elect new commanders. There are also several proposed amendments to the Division Constitution that will be considered by the delegates (see page 2). Several other items of business will be on the agenda as well.

Compatriots are reminded to RSVP to the Adjutant of Camp 2074, the host Camp, so that they may provide the Maverick Club with an accurate headcount. The cost of the buffet may be paid in advance or at the door.

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Upcoming Events

7 June: The Arizona Division will hold its *14th Annual Reunion and Convention*. The convention is scheduled for 7 June 2008 in Tucson. The event will be held at the Maverick Club. Cost for the buffet luncheon is \$23.00. More information will be forthcoming. Camp 2074 is the host Camp.

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

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

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

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

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

14-15 March: The Arizona Department of Parks and Picacho Peak State Park will host *The Civil War in the Southwest* at Picacho Peak State Park.

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

CAMP MEETINGS

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

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

Camp 1525 Contact the Commander for details.

Camp 1647: Contact the Commander

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

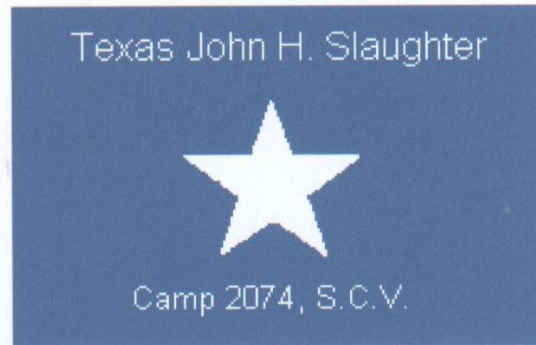
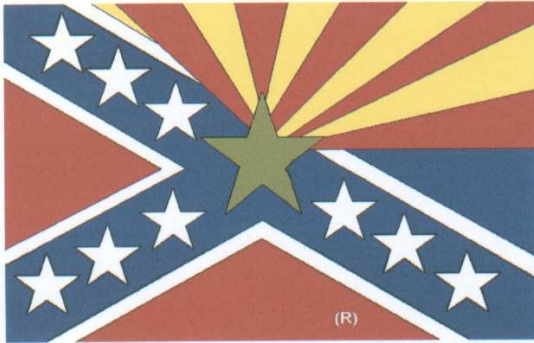
Camp 1710: Meets at the Country House Restaurant in Sierra Vista at 11:30 AM on 12 July and 13 September. Special meetings will be held in May, June and August. Contact the Commander.

Camp 2074: Contact the Commander

Camp 2096: Contact the Commander

Camp 2127: Contact the Commander

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

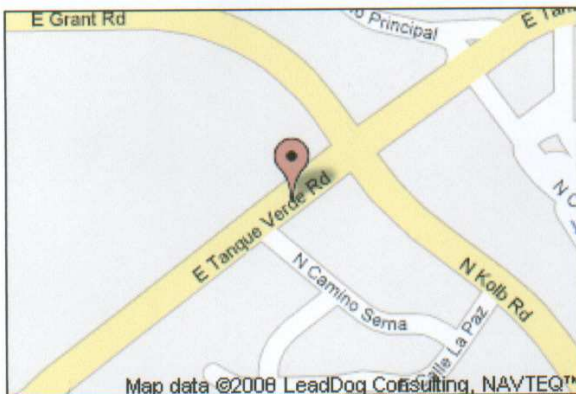


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