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Dispatch from the Commander

Compatriots:

Since the last issue of the *Rebel Yell*, the Arizona Division has accomplished many very worthwhile projects. As Commander of the Arizona Division, I would like to compliment all of you on your efforts to further "The Charge". Let's take a few lines to review some of your accomplishments.

The Lee / Jackson Luncheon, was again well done. All who attended had an enjoyable time I'm sure.

Commander Garrison and Camp 1647, put forth a gallant effort to overcome the negative response of the Yavapai Cemetery Association, when the association refused to allow military headstones to be placed on Confederate Veteran's graves. His tenacity resulted in a reversal of their original findings. The Confederate Veterans will now be receiving the respect that is rightfully theirs. They

will have military headstones marking their resting place.

Commander Ron Fox, and Camp 1708 should be commended for the dedication ceremony of the memorial on Captain Granville Henderson Oury's grave. Unfortunately I could not attend this ceremony, however the Arizona Division was well represented by its camps and their members.

Most recently Camp 1202 submitted an entry to the Fiesta de Los Vaqueros Parade in Tucson. Compatriot Les Cogar spearheaded this operation, and it was well represented by four camps of the Gadsden Brigade. Ten Sons of Confederate Veterans on horseback, dressed in Confederate uniforms led by Confederate Colors made an impressive entry. There were many cheers and salutes as we rode by.

What does this all illustrate? In my humble opinion I believe it shows that

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of the Arizona Division are out there doing things that honor their Confederate Ancestors. It also indicates we can do good things if we all work together. If we stand united in our efforts the Arizona Division will become a well recognized and respected organization.

There is still a great deal we can do this year. Picacho Peak Reenactments are just around the corner. Our camps should be there looking for new recruits and telling our side of the story. Camp 1202 is hosting a Confederate Memorial Day Dedication Cere-

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Victory in Prescott!

Prescott, A.T. 7 January 2008

After months of skirmishing and outright battles, Commander Ken Garrison of the Pvt. Peter Hail Camp 1647 reports a victory over the Yavapai Cemetery Association and the Yavapai County Facilities Department. Assisted by Compatriots from across the Confederation and from the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Camp 1647 waged an unrelenting attack on the forces of political correctness who denied permission to place appropriate markers on the graves of three Confederate soldiers.

On 3 January, Commander Garrison met with Mr. and Mrs. Atchison of the Yavapai Cemetery Association and representatives of the Yavapai County Facilities Department. At this meeting, an agreement was reached

whereby the graves of our Soldiers would be properly marked. The Facilities Department would order the headstones from the Department of Veterans Affairs and install them.

The grave markers will read as follows:

H.A. Owen
7th Georgia State Guards
Confederate States Army

John O. McNeff
Confederate States Army

J.H. Wright
Arizona Supreme Court
Justice
Confederate States Army

The headstones for McNeff and Wright will not contain a reference to a specific Confederate military unit as their records are uncertain as to which organization they served in. There is, however,

definite proof of their military service to Confederacy.

Commander Garrison is in receipt of a letter from the Yavapai County Facilities Department signed by Mr. Patrick Kirshman, Director, which confirms the agreement reached at the meeting. While Camp 1647 has achieved a victory in this battle, we have not yet withdrawn to "winter quarters." Our reserves and a full battery of 12 pounders are in readiness should any part of this agreement be abrogated by the YCA or the Yavapai County Facilities Department.

The Arizona Division extends its sincere appreciation and congratulations to Commander Ken Garrison for his persistence, dedication and fortitude in carrying this fight to the PC enemy for more than four years!



In Memoriam

Carolyn Brady Roland
1969-2008

Beloved Wife of Randall, Mother of Michael and Randi
Cherished Sister of
Compatriot David L. Barton, Sr.
crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees
on 6 February 2008





In Memoriam

Mrs. Connie Perkins,
 Beloved Wife of Harmon Perkins,
 Beloved Mother of Robert Perkins,
 crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees
 on 10 January 2008

Donations in her memory may be made to
 St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
 PO Box 50
 Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Camp 1525 Hosts Lee-Jackson Celebration!



19 January 2008
 The Colonel
 Sherod Hunter Camp
 1525 hosted the Arizona
 Division's celebration of
 the births of General
 Robert E. Lee and Lt.
 General Thomas J.
 "Stonewall" Jackson
 today in Phoenix. Pic-
 tured are the attendees.
 (for more about this
 event see page 12)



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

We've had some mud on our route of march since the division convention but we are keepin' the skeer on 'em! Let me summarize some of the activities since the last issue of the *Rebel Yell*.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read the results of an electronic survey sent to those members on the Division's email list in December. The results are, in some cases, predictable and in others, a little surprising.

Retention

Boys, we did okay here but could do some better. Here are the retention rates by Camps

1202: 93%
1525: 91%
1647: 72%
1708: 88%
1710: 95%
2074: 82%
2096: 85%
2127: 100%*

*2127 was chartered in fiscal year 2006 and all members paid prorated dues so they have 100% retention for fiscal year 2007.

Division retention rate: 89%

Recruiting

It would be nice of re-

cruiting kept pace with or exceeded our loss rate but, while it's close, it didn't quite make that goal. The following statistics are from June 2007.

Contacts:	35
New Members:	21
Associates:	1
Transfers In:	2
Reactivations:	1
Cadets:	1
Recruiting rate:	74%

Not bad, gents, but we can do better. Several important events are coming up and we must use them to our advantage to recruit new members.

Here's the breakdown by Camp:

1202: 1 new member
1525: 5 new members, 2 transfers in
1647: 5 new members
1708: 1 new member
1710: 5 new members, 1 re activation, 1 Cadet, 1 Associate
2074: 2 new members
2096: 2 new members
2127: no new members

Financial Report (figures are as of 1 February 2008)

The Division is in good shape financially. Dues for fiscal year 2007 have been col-

lected. The Division has no outstanding debts.

Balance forward: \$1652.77

Income:

Dues/fees:	\$267.50
Donations:	\$30.00
Color Guard/mdse:	
	<u>\$1763.51</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3713.79</u>

Expenses;

Legal fee:	\$50.00
Color Guard/	
Mdse:	\$1677.73
Overpayment:	\$15.00
Printing:	\$110.71
Postage:	\$93.20
Organizational	
Charges:	<u>\$70.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2016.14</u>

Balance in National Bank of Arizona Account: \$1697.65

Compatriots, now is not the time to go into winter quarters! Now is the time to work hard on retention, recruiting and in keeping the Charge first and foremost in everything we do. I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

Curt Tipton
Adjutant, Arizona Division

Arizona Division Executive Council Meets!

Chandler, A.T., 16 February 2008

The Arizona Division Executive Council held its quarterly meeting today at the Marie Callendar restaurant in Chandler.

After the opening ceremonies, the first order of business was the presentation of awards. Division Commander John Mangum presented the "Best Shot—Breechloader" certificate to Commander Glenn Meek of Camp 2074. Glenn earned this honor at last August's Black Powder Shoot. Commander Mangum then presented an SCV Dixie Club recruiting award to Camp 2127 Adjutant David Barton for recruiting 8 new members and 1 new associate member.

The roll was called and the following were present:

- Commander Mangum
- Lt. Commander England
- Camp 1202 Commander Montgomery
- Camp 1525 Commander Perkins
- Camp 1708 Commander Fox
- Camp 1710 Commander Middleton
- Camp 2074 Commander Meek
- Camp 2096 Commander Clifford
- Camp 2127 represented by Adjutant Barton
- Division Adjutant Tipton
- Parliamentarian Morris

A quorum as defined in the constitution was present.

The Division Adjutant read the minutes of the last DEC meeting, gave the financial report and the recruiting and retention report.

The Time and Place

Committee announced that the Division convention will be held on 7 June 2008 at the Maverick Club in Tucson. The business session will begin at 10:00 AM followed by a buffet lunch. Entertainment has been arranged as well. Cost for the buffet will be approximately \$23.00.

In old business, the Adjutant summarized the results of the special DEC meeting held on 19 January. The purpose of that meeting was to consider adoption of the "Articles of Association" as an amendment to the Division constitution. The measure was approved. Additionally, all eight Camps have adopted the measure as part of their constitutions.

In new business, the DEC took up the question of liability insurance for events such as parades and reenactments. A letter from the attorney representing the Tucson Rodeo Committee prompted the question. The committee is being sued by the family of the little girl killed in a tragic accident in last year's parade. The attorney wanted to know who the liability insurance carrier for the SCV might be. He also implied that Camp 1202 might be in some way partly responsible for the accident. On the advice of GHQ, the Camp responded stating that the Camp had no such insurance and that, according to the Tucson Police Department report on the incident, had no responsibility.

The DEC considered it prudent for the Division to have in place some protection for our Camps and members. Commander Mangum found a com-

pany, the American Equestrian Association, that will allow us, for an annual membership fee of \$50.00, to purchase \$1,000,000.00 coverage for each event in which we participate. The coverage's cost depends on the number of participants, the number of spectators and some other considerations. For example, the cost for 14 participants in this year's Tucson Rodeo Parade is \$225.00. A motion was made as follows.

- The Division join the AEA and pays the annual fee
- Each Camp participating in an event applies, through the Division Adjutant, for liability coverage.
- The participants or the Camp in each event pays the cost for the coverage of that event.
- Since time is short of the Tucson Rodeo Parade, the Division will pay the full cost for coverage for this one event. The participants will reimburse the Division for the cost of the coverage.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Commander Meek moved that the Division eliminate of the offices of Quartermaster, MOS&B Liaison and SUVCW Liaison. During the discussion, it was determined that the office of Quartermaster cannot be eliminated without an amendment to the Division Constitution. However, the Division Commander is not obligated to fill it. The other two offices are not speci-

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fied in the Constitution. The motion was amended to read that the liaison offices would be eliminated at the expiration of the current Division Commander's term of office.

The Division had extended invitations to three candidates for national office to attend the DEC meeting to present their platforms. Commander Garry Ayres of the Col. John T. Coffee Camp, a candidate for Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander, was present. He is also the editor of the ATM newsletter. Commander Ayres held a question and answer session and provided handouts outlining his platform. He is opposed in the upcoming election by Louisiana Division Commander Tom Owens.

Unfortunately, the other invitees were unable to attend. They are: Current ATM Commander Chuck Norred of California, candidate for Commander-in-Chief and Commander Kyle Sims of Texas, candidate for ATM Executive Councilman.

Commander Rich Montgomery of Camp 1202 gave the details for the assembly point and time for this years' Tucson Rodeo Parade and announced that Camp 1202 will hold a grave marker dedication ceremony in Evergreen cemetery on 26 April. He invited all Camps to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next Division meeting will be the Division Reunion & Convention on 7 June 2008 in Tucson. Y'all come, hear!



(from top) Commander Gary Ayres (left) discusses his proposed platform with Compatriot Jerry Minnis of Camp 1708.



(center) Commander Mangum (right) presents the "Best Shot—Breech Loader" certificate to Commander Glenn Meek of Camp 2074 for his shooting at the Camp 1710 Black Powder Shoot.



(bottom) Commander John Mangum (right) presents an SCV Dixie Club certificate to Camp 2127 Adjutant David Barton for recruiting 8 new members, 1 associate members and for initiating the charter for Camp 2127.

Arizona Division Survey

Compatriots,

The Arizona Division sent a survey to those members who are on the Division's email list at the end of November. If you do not receive communications from the Division electronically, you would not have received it. You may respond to the Adjutant via USPS if you wish.

The results of the survey were sent to Camp Commanders, Adjutants and Division Executive Council Members on 29 December 2007. The results are printed below.

General trends seem to be:

Meetings need programs
Political discussions should be curtailed (our constitution prohibits partisan political support anyway)
Dues are appropriate
Fund raising needs some creative thinking
Projects need to be expanded

1. Were you/are you made welcome at your Camp and made to feel part of the organization?

Yes 85.7%
No 14.3%

Comments:

1. I feel our camp always tries to make everyone welcome. I look forward to the Camp and Division meetings.

2. Tendency of the Camp XXXX meetings is too starchy and cut and dried.

3. Yes I do. I go 60 miles to those meetings 120 miles round trip, most of the people who only live a couple of miles a way don't come. but I am welcomed and that's what counts.

4. If you call hi how are you as you sit down to eat!!!

5. Seemed genuinely glad I was there.

6. It is hard for me to get down there for events, but I feel I am kept in the loop, which is due to the ex-

ceptional leadership in our camp.

7. I was a charter member

2. Our Camp/Brigade/Division meetings are:

Very interesting 23.1%
Sometimes interesting 50.0%
Boring 26.9%

Comments:

1. The meetings are interesting to me. I am always learning something new.

2. Tend to be a little starchy and not enough flexibility. The AZ Division needs some music/musicians. Media presentations and PowerPoint might dispel boredom.

3. I have not made any Brigade or Division meetings as I work on week ends.

4. We need formal programs with good speakers

5. Haven't had one, or haven't been notified of any

6. The meetings seem to be "hurried" in that people vote on a matter just to "get it over with" rather than making the time to consider what is being presented.

7. Camp meetings have no programs. Is basically a "meet, eat, retreat" type of thing.

8. No historical programs (speakers)

9. It just a eat and talk session, No program, No speaker, just talk and eat and social event.. If I wasn't a officer I would stay home with my family that night..You can read all about it in the monthly newsletter.. And even as an officer Id like to make programs but because the commander doesn't want to spend any money nothing is done.. So yes I believe as other members of our camp that our meetings are totally boring and worthless.

10. We need more activities such as discussions of battles, units, historical figures, ancestors, etc. We seem to be in a rut and talk about mundane issues and the meeting is over in an hour and a half. Less bick-

ering amongst camp officers. This is a real turn-off. Meeting should not be a forum to discuss immigration reform or race relations. I get a little uncomfortable when the discussion of "darkies" comes up. This is the 21st century and we need to get past this as an organization. Wear membership medal(s) at camp meeting.

11. From what I've read...

12. Each meeting should have a program of interest to the membership. The program should not impact on the time needed to conduct business but should be a featured part of the meeting. This could be of great help in retention.

3. Camp/Brigade/Division meetings were overall:

Too long 11.5%
Too short 15.4%
About right 73.1%

The ideal meeting time start to finish should be:

Comments:

1. Our camp meetings are just right..but as far as brigade and division meetings go, far too much time is wasted all too often with unneeded discussion about issues that many times have already been discussed over and over and it seems to me some of it gets downright disruptive and counterproductive. I think it would be a wise idea to place a time limit on discussion and comments if there isn't a system like this in place already. I see no reason why a brigade or division meeting needs to be longer then 2 hrs maximum.

2. at least an hour to two.

3. See above.

4. Same with answer #2

5. They're about right to come in say hi stuff your face and say a bit and then leave with no program about right

6. See above. More activities.

7. two hours

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4. What is your opinion of lunch/dinner meetings?

We should have a meeting only--no food 3.8%

Refreshments are all that is needed 3.8%

Would like the meal to coincide with the meeting 15.4%

Would like the meal to be before the meeting 26.9%

Would like the meal to be after the meeting 3.8%

Depends on the situation or occasion 46.2%

Comments:

1. Meals are good in the company of like minded people. The meetings are usually a long way from most member's homes. A meal is just about a necessity and if the program is carefully planned, a meal can be tactfully incorporated.

2. A lot of good conversation has been talked over dinner, I have no problem with that, but we should have good topics to talk about, dinner or no dinner if you don't have topics to talk about its dead ether way.

3. There are too many "eat and greet" functions. A business function needs to be set aside for BUSINESS ONLY and stop involving it with a social function.

4. You could bring your our beverage and then have the meeting on the time for it to start.. Eat before you come..

5. I am also a member of Picacho Peak Camp #1, SUV CW and this format seems to work very well.

6. We have not had a dinner meeting in over 9 months and none have been planned. Where possible we should have combined dinner, program, and separate business meetings. This would increase the numbers present and maximize the program audience while maintaining independent Camp integrity.

7. Sometimes meals are not appropriate

5. Considering that the current annual National Per Capita Tax (national dues) for the SCV is \$20.00 and will increase to \$30.00 effective 1 August 2008, the National Per Capita Tax is:

Too high 28.6%

Appropriate 71.4%

Too low 0.0%

Comments:

1. It just seems like quite a large jump and I think that when it comes time to renew memberships, that many will opt not to renew because of it. I realize that the SCV needs additional funds, but I have a feeling that membership is going to drop because of this increase.

2. Some new members could balk at the rates.

3. If \$ 30.00 would help the S.C.V. go for it, I will not mind. if \$30.00 is going to break your A#* get out you're too cheap. Our group is being attacked on all sides. We need to support each other or go down with a whimper.

4. Why the increase????

5. Could minimize younger participants

6. The dues are \$2.50 per month and that includes the magazine

7. The increase in operating costs necessitated the change in dues. Similar organizations have equal or higher dues. If a member is having difficulty paying the dues, the Camp or Division should assist him

6. The annual Arizona Division dues (\$7.50) are:

Too high 7.1%

Appropriate 82.1%

Too low 10.7%

Comments:

1. This is a decent amount.

2. Same above.

3. Question—what do our Arizona dues pay for anyway?

4. Move it up to \$10.00. Can afford to sponsor more activities.

5. The Division is currently financially sound. Lowering dues could affect that

7. Given the recent IRS ruling that prevents Camps, Brigades and Divisions from participating in or sponsoring "games of chance" (raffles), what suggestions do you have for Camp fundraisers?

Comments:

1. I would need to more clearly understand the definition of what is allowed before I could offer any suggestions.

2. At the moment I do not have any ideas. The IRS ruling blew a hole in my ideas.

3. Donations are good. Camps and the division can sell items

4. Ask for donations from the public, set up big Jar's at functions put a jar up at the meetings drop a buck in for God's sake.

5. Make programs interesting so we develop membership.

6. Hold Yankees hostage

7. Donations

8. Car washings, donation sales, things of the sort

9. Have no idea. I feel the IRS is wrong, but I feel the reason(s) for their ruling is that too many camps don't properly spend what they've raised, thus the reason for the ruling.

10. None at this time

11. None

12. Auctions

13. None at this time

14. No idea at this time

15. Well, no raffles!!!! Why others have raffles and are non-profit.. Can't sell anything? Hmmm. Why do we need to raise money for our camp? If we are non-profit and volunteers?

16. Instead of raffles, use auctions. Host an old Southern style Pig Pickin Dinner.

17. The IRS ruling will probably be overturned. However, have a reenactment/living history weekend and ask for a small donation for entry. Buy/sell/trade artifacts & historical items on eBay.

18. N/A

19. Let's look at what other

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like organizations do. Some of us belong to other organizations from which we may freely copy fundraising tools.

20. None

21. Dinners and bake sales; silent auctions; have items for sale at meetings; have donation cans at each meeting; have local businesses financially sponsor camps for their tax donations; sponsor Shooting events

22. Raise dues

23. Get rid of the IRS. Support the Fair Tax, then we can do what we want to fundraise.

24. Silent auctions, grants, donations

25. Have a donation table. Like some items for a certain amount of a donation

8. What project(s) would you like for your Camp and the Division to pursue?

Comments:

1. I am happy with the events that our camp/division holds but it would be great to have better participation at these existing events by the membership

2. Recruiting members and insuring that members are active in the their Camp and the Division.

3. More historical research on veterans buried in AZ. More parades in different places. Museum displays. More monuments

4. Slap our enemy in the face, set up funds to build a Black confederate monument or a minority monument for all confederate veterans of color.

5. None

6. Camp meetings to discuss options

7. History

8. More public appearances, more aggressiveness in Heritage Defense

9. No idea

10. More involvement in school presentations. Encouragement to public to participate in family ge-

nealogy research

11. Cemetery services

12. Useful projects for "older" gentlemen, some of whom cannot travel or participate in "active" events.

13. Putting together unit(s) of men to enter into the reenactments that go on in other areas of the country

14. No sure at this time

15. Why can't we get a State wide tax license and then raise our Arizona dues to pay for it and then we can sell whatever and raise money doing anything!! But then again I've always wondered why we even need accounts if the camp is not willing to use the money for education and promotions with in the camp and the state?

16. Graves Identification with Dedication ceremonies. Color Guard and Honor Guard participation in above as well as Parades and special Ceremonies. Civil War presentations to School Classes.

17. Graves registration, battle-field preservation at all sites in the Southwest

18. Plate is more than full

19. Improve our web sites for public appeal and for individual information and research sharing. We need to get ahead of the technology to appeal to the next generation of members.

20. Mark graves

21. Increase memberships; Grave markings; Public Speaking Engagements; Genealogy Events and Seminars; School Presentations; Newspaper and Magazine Articles to promote the organization to the public; sponsor an deployed Active Duty Soldier or unit

22. I am very pleased with the projects. The Prescott cemetery issue was a perfect example of what SCV is about.

23. Continue to advocate for our ancestors. Continue to educate the public (they have been fed a line of garbage from the government education system).

24. Heritage events like memorial ceremonies, school presentations, community events; marking the Jeff Davis highway in Arizona; recruiting events

25. To be more active in heritage defense

9. Are you willing to serve as an officer at the Camp/Brigade/Division level?

Yes in my Camp 64.0%

Yes in my Brigade 40.0%

Yes in the Division 44.0%

Yes in my Camp but not at a higher echelon 16.0%

No at any echelon 24.0%

Comments:

1. Not at the present time, I don't have the time to properly devote to it.

2. Until I retire I cannot hold any post.

3. What's the incentive???

4. At Department or National level

10. Please provide any other comments you have about our organization.

1. Some camps and individuals need to slack off on the alcoholic beverages. There really are some former members who have reason to object and distance themselves from the SCV on this issue. Lee and Jackson did NOT drink and neither do I. We could increase membership IF the drinks were left out of some meetings and even at reenactments. Members who feel they have to make a public show of drinking beer, liquor, etc. need to realize they aren't making a good impression on a number of decent people.

2. Need to focus on recruiting more younger people. the older members are not physically capable of always participating in important functions that SCV needs to participate

3. Membership will grow if historical speakers are part of regular meetings

4. We need to do something state and division wide for Arizona

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to let Arizona know we are here!! We need to do a state wide rally of some kind monthly for recruitment for our camps!! What do other camps back east do to recruit? Why would someone want to join SCV? (INTERESTING QUESTION) What do we have to offer that person monthly to keep them interested?? That is what we need to keep our interests in our camps to keep our camps active and to bring people into our camps... WE NEED PROGRAMS!

5. N/A

6. My philosophy about our organization is based on the fact that there is a huge percentage of the population that have Confederate ancestors...our challenge is to reach them and have a myriad of activities or pursuits in order to attract larger numbers. We must have some skilled marketers in our midst that can package us and sell us to the target groups. This survey is a good step towards improving our recruiting and improving participation of the so many great individuals that belong to our camps.

7. My job requires me to travel a great deal. As a result I am a silent member as I am unable to devote myself to active participation. I am none the less a proud life member and more than happy to support the SCV through my annual dues.

8. Even though we all have political thoughts and are political animals, we need to remain neutral in some partisan discourse, as it alienates some of our members who may think differently on modern issues.

9. We are doing well but need to concentrate on retention and recruiting.

Some questions were raised in the various comments. I will address those I can answer here.

1. Political discussions at meet-

ings: The person commenting said he was uncomfortable with discussions of contemporary political issues, immigrations, race, etc. at SCV meetings. He mentioned the term "darky". Article 2, Nature and Purpose, of the SCV Constitution states that the organization is "strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian." Article II, Section 1, Nature, of the Arizona Division constitution states the same thing. Further, Article II, Section 2, specifically prohibits partisan political discussions. The SCV's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations prohibits it from supporting any political candidate or party and limits the support it may give to legislative issues. Therefore, contemporary political discussions at SCV meetings are not acceptable. Neither are racist comments.

2. Why did the National per capita tax increase? At the 2007 National convention, the Executive Director reported a shortfall in operating funds for the upcoming fiscal year. It was proposed to increase dues by \$8.00 effective 1 August 2007. The delegates considered that too short notice for a dues increase and also that the amount should be \$10.00, making the national per capita tax \$30.00. That motion passed with an effective date of 1 August 2008. The shortfall in operating funds for fiscal year 2007 (the one we're in now) will be made up by various economies and cuts in operations. The last dues increase was more than 10 years ago when dues went from \$18.00 to \$20.00.

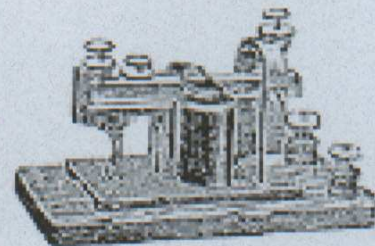
3. What do division dues pay for? The Division has some regular expenses such as the cost of printing and mailing hard copies of *The Rebel Yell*. That particular expense has been cut by sending out the electronic version and could be cut even more if those Compatriots who have not provided email addresses would do so. Other expenses include printing and mailing the Division Direc-

tory (same comments as *The Rebel Yell*) and postage for other mailings. Occasionally, some office supplies are purchased. Other than those expenses, the Division funds are to pay for any projects or other items for which the membership desires to use them.

4. Serving alcoholic beverages at SCV functions and meetings: The person commenting was uncomfortable with the serving and consumption of alcohol at SCV events. There is no specific prohibition against such consumption but Article 13, Section 1 of the SCV constitution describes "conduct unbecoming a member of the SCV." Drunkenness and rowdy behavior while intoxicated certainly fall under this section. While there is no prohibition on the serving and consumption of alcohol at SCV events, the boundaries of good behavior and gentlemanly conduct would dictate that members do so in moderation and temper their behavior.

This was the Division's first attempt at a members' survey and it did answer some questions and provide some food for thought for the Division and Camps leadership. We will use this tool in the future to gauge trends and the desires of the membership. If any Compatriot has some questions or suggestions to include in a future survey, please send them to the Adjutant.

Thanks to all who took part in this survey.



Camp News



(above left) Camp 2074 Commander Glenn Meek (right) presents his much delayed membership certificate to Compatriot Joe Dunlap. Camp 2074 Adjutant Don Rodgers is on the left. (above right) Members of Camp 2074 enjoy some fellowship and socializing at their recent meeting at the home of Lt. Commander Stoney Surrat on December 16, 2007. Pictured (l to r standing) are Scotty McLaughlin, Glenn Meek, Don Rodgers and new member Paul Tippet. Seated (l to r) are John Mangum, Stoney Surratt and Joe Dunlap.



(left above) Past Commander Bobby Morris of Camp 1202 makes a point during a presentation at Tanque Verde High School in Tucson. (left below) Compatriot John Potenza (left) and Commander Rich Montgomery help educate students at Tanque Verde HS about the War for Southern Independence. The presentation took place on 29 November 2007.

(right above). Camp 1525 hosted the annual Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony at the Jefferson Davis Monument in Apache Junction. Pictured (l to r) are Adjutant Doug Fitzgerald, Camp 1708 Chaplain Jerry Minnis, Camp 1708 Commander Ron Fox, Compatriot Tom Tatum, Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins and Camp 1202 Chaplain Steve Ledbetter.

Camp 1710 Elects Officers!

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 elected officers for the 2008-2009 term at the regular business meeting on 5 January 2008. The new officers are:

Commander Ben Middleton
Lt. Commander Silas Griffin
Adjutant Curt Tipton
Judge Advocate Ray Ganey
Chaplain Derek Dumais
Color Sergeant: John C. Rogers, Sr.

Congratulations to the new officers!

Filming of *The Lost River Ends!*

Members of Camps 1710 and 2074 ended their "movie star" roles with the filming of the final scenes of *The Lost River*. Taking part were John Rogers, Ben Middleton, Ray Ganey and Curt Tipton of Camp 1710 and John Mangum of Camp 2074. Our boys, unfortunately, played Yankees in these final scenes.

Earlier scenes included members of Camp 2127 as artillery gunners firing on Fort Sumter and Mark Grams of Camp 2074 as a Yankee "sawbones". John, Ray and Curt also played "dead Yankees" in earlier scenes.

Editing and processing of the film is taking place now and it will be available on DVD, hopefully, by mid-summer.



"General Grant" (left) calls for his escort as his enlisted aides (Curt Tipton-center and John Rogers -right) prepare to follow.

Camp 1525 Hosts the Annual Lee-Jackson Celebration!

The Colonel Sherod, Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the Arizona Division's Lee-Jackson celebration in Phoenix on 19 January 2008 at the Big Apple BBQ restaurant. Camps 1202, 1525, 1708, 1710 and 2074 were represented as were the Thunderbird Chapter and the General Joe Wheeler Chapter of the UDC. After a delicious lunch, the Division Commander held a short "meeting" for the consideration of adopting the "articles of association". The measure passed unanimously. Commander Robert Perkins of Camp 1525 then held the "infamous" Lee-Jackson trivia contest. Camp 1708 won first place. Camp 1525 members took second and a composite

group from Camps 1202, 1525 and 1710 took third! Prizes included a statuette of General Lee and Traveller; a Robert E. Lee pocket watch and a coffee mug depicting the "Last Meeting". Congratulations to the winners and to Camp 1525. Those of y'all who weren't there missed a fine event!

Camp 2074 Names Adjutant!

Camp 2074 has been without an Adjutant for some time due to the resignation of the incumbent. Commander Meek has been struggling mightily to handle both offices but some relief is at hand. Compatriot Don Rodgers has taken that office for Camp 2074. Congratulations to Adjutant Rodgers and, we are sure, the grateful appreciation of the Camp and Commander Meek is yours!

Camp 1708 Dedicates Oury Memorial!

Florence, A.T., 16 February 2008

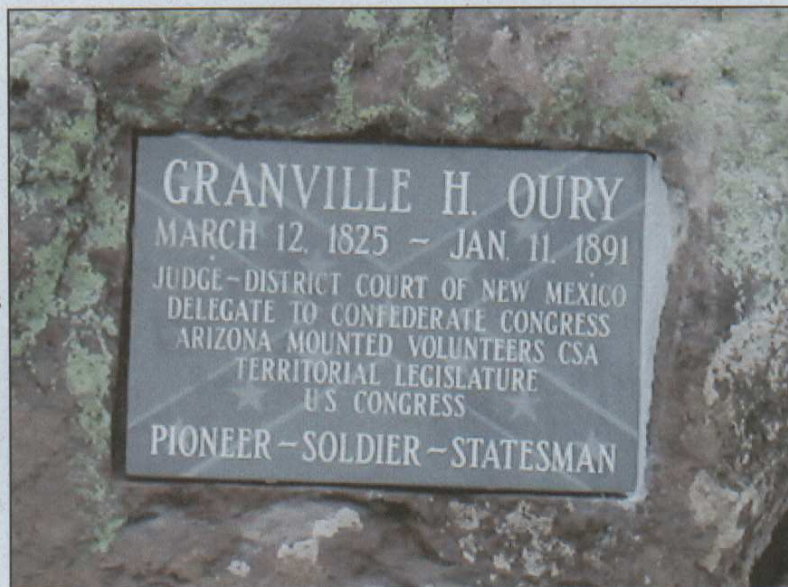
Today, the Captain Granville Henderson Oury Camp 1708 dedicated a memorial to the Camp's namesake at his gravesite in Florence. Captain Oury lived in Florence after the War for Southern Independence until his death in 1891. His home still exists in the town.

A few years ago, Camp 1708 discovered that the original memorial had been vandalized. After some investigation, the Camp found that a local group dedicated to preserving historical markers (and having a good time) had recovered the missing plaque. Working in concert with "E Clampus Vitas" (not really sure about the spelling), the Camp restored the monument. Today's ceremony, attended by representatives of Camps 1202, 1710, 2074, 2096 and 2127 as well as 1708, dedicated the restored monument. Members of the 1st Texas Infantry reenactment group and E Clampus Vitas members took part as well.

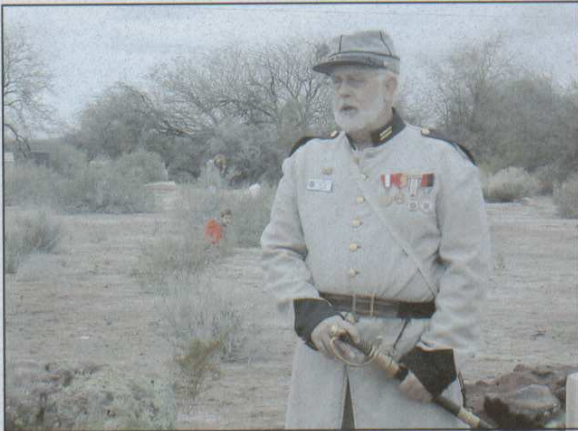
The Arizona Division is pleased and proud that this honor for an Arizona pioneer and Confederate patriot has been restored. Camp 1708 and E Clampus Vitas deserve a huge Rebel Yell and a big Huzzah!



The work party returns the "boulder" to its place before reinstalling the plaque.



The plaque honoring Captain Oury



(left) Camp 1708 Commander Ron Fox opens the ceremony. (right) Past Commander Larry Hammack summarizes the career of Captain Granville H. Oury.



The Honor Party, made up of members of Camps 1202, 1708, 1710, 2096, 2127 and the 1st Texas Infantry prepare to fire a salute to Captain Granville H. Oury.



Four Camps Join in Tucson Parade!

Tucson, A.T., 21 February 2008

It was early in the morning and, had the bugle sounded "Boots and Saddles", one could have imagined gray clad troopers preparing to take on the Yankees!

Members of Camps 1202, 1710, 2074 and 2096 (including the Arizona Division Mounted Color Guard) took part in the 83rd Annual Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade. This is the largest non-motorized parade in the world.

Taking part this year were Rich Montgomery, Les Cogar, John Potenza and Steve Ledbetter of Camp 1202; Curt Tipton and Herb Sampson of Camp 1710; John Mangum and Joe Dunlap of Camp 2074 and Clyde England and Clyde England, Jr. of Camp 2096.

Les Cogar of Camp 1202 coordinated the entry and has earned a big Rebel Yell for his efforts. He got a plaque from the Rodeo Committee to add to Camp 1202's honors!

The parade kicked off at 9:00 AM—we were unloading horses at 6:30! About 10:15, the SCV entry moved out onto Ajo Way to the cheers of the crowd! This year's parade was a big success and the SCV was proud to be a part of it! See y'all next year!



Our thanks to Mrs. Paula England, the "official photographer" for today's parade. (from top), the SCV entry moves out onto Ajo Way in front of the Tucson Veterans Affairs Center.

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mony, on April 26th in Tucson. At the last DEC Meeting they handed out sample programs and asked other camps in the Arizona Division, to help make this a success. Every camp in the division should rally support for this effort. It will be covered by the news media. If all camps cooperate with Camp 1202 the ceremony will have a positive effect in the community.

In May Camp 1710 will again hold a Memorial Ceremony for the four Confederate Soldiers buried at Dragoon Springs. Attendance by all camps in the division would only strengthen our cause.

Soon it will be June 7th, the date set aside for our Annual SCV State Convention. This year it will be hosted by Camp 2074. The Maverick King of Clubs, in Tucson will be the venue. There will be good food and entertainment. Again it will be time to elect a new Arizona Division Officer Staff. It would only be prudent if every compatriot could be there if possible. All camps should send delegates to vote on division business and officers.

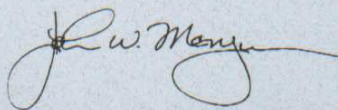
As our year is winding down this will probably be my last report in the *Rebel Yell*. At this time I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Arizona SCV Division Commander over the past two years. Like

every organizations we have had our trials and tribulations. However, we have handled them to the best of our ability following our Division Constitution. The Division Staff Officers have always tried to follow guidelines of the organization.

I want to thank all of them for their input when called upon. They are all extremely capable leaders.

One last thing before I sign off. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, GENTLEMEN, IS THE LIFELINE OF OUR ORGANIZATION !!! Without it our organization will become stale and uneventful. Let's all continue to do our best to bring new members into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Not just older gentlemen but young hard charging recruits who will bring new vitality to the organization. We need the experienced as well as the young who will help the SCV grow by learning from their experience.

I Remain Your
Obedient Servant,



John W. Mangum (Knight)
Arizona Division Commander



From the Editor!

23 February 2008
HQ, Arizona Division SCV
Near Fort Huachuca. A.T.

Compatriots,

Over the past several weeks, we have had some bad news involving our Compatriots. Commander Perkins and JAG Barton both lost beloved members of their families. Past Georgia Division Commander George Bridwell, a personal friend of mine and of Lt. Commander Griffin was seriously injured in an auto accident. His daughter was killed. Now, we hear that Camp 2127 Commander Walt Nichols is in serious condition and in the ICU in Tucson. Prayer is a powerful agent and all of y'all have added yours to the aid and comfort of our compatriots. Thank you for that effort.

Tomorrow, when we go to our various places of worship, let us not forget those in need and those who sorrow. Keep them in your prayers and your thoughts. Take the time to ask the Lord's precious blessing upon them. Let us live our lives as our ancestors would have wished us to do and let us show the charity, the benevolence and the brotherhood inherent in our Charge.



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**Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074
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**Business session begins at 10:00 AM
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Upcoming Events

21 February: *83rd Annual Fiesta de los Vaqueros parade and rodeo* in Tucson.

8-9 March: *Civil War in the Southwest* at Pí-cacho 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.

26 April: Camp 1202 will dedicate grave markers in Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson. Contact Commander Montgomery 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 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 Tomb-

stone. 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: Meeting on 23 February, 22 March. 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 March, April, May, June and August. Contact the Commander.

Camp 2074: Contact the Commander

Camp 2096: Contact the Commander

Camp 2127: Contact the Commander

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