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

General Robert E. Lee, 5 January 1866



Dispatch from the Commander

Teachers All

Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? —Romans 2:21, KJV.

By Richard L. Montgomery
Commander
Arizona Division

The school season is more than half over, and those who are privileged to have time to go to the schools and make presentations have been very busy this year. I have made three presentations with compatriots from my Camp, 1202, and we have been before some three to four hundred students in the Tucson area. Public contact in this context is very enriching, and one never knows exactly what kinds of questions will be encountered, nor what the long term effects may be. Being aware of that, I have been thinking that perhaps we should open a dialogue in the Division regarding exactly what we should and should not present. Further, we should also consider that whenever we are in

touch with the public representing SCV, that we are teaching; that we are projecting an image. Our manner, our speech, the content of our conversations are all up for judgment by the public. One never gets a second chance to make a first impression.

Schools are the best place for us to present our Cause. Therefore, it makes sense that the one topic we must always cover is our Charge, how and when it came about, and how we discharge that duty today. We need to show what contributions we make in the community and why. Some Camps carry out community service projects and Camp 1202 is no different, having just adopted a mile on state highway 79 near Florence. All of us are involved in graves registration and remembrance. We need to inform students that we are, first and foremost, patriotic Americans, and if veterans, mention that as well. All of this lays

a base for talking about The War for Southern Independence. We must take this approach so that students, teachers, and the public appreciate who we are before we opine on our history. Even in casual conversation, I believe we should ensure that a simple question about the War, or the South, is answered with some brief identification of our Charge and who we are today; how we serve our community.

As for the War for Southern Independence, there are many points that should be covered, and one has to consider the age of

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Division Executive Council Meets!

Tucson, A.T. 14 February 2009

The Arizona Division Executive Council met today at the Olde Pueblo Grille in Tucson. The meeting was hosted by the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074. The date has significance for us as on 14 February 1862, President Davis signed the legislation officially bringing the Territory of Arizona into the Confederacy. On 14 February 1912, President William H. Taft signed the bill making Arizona the 48th State of the Union and on that same day, Arizona's Real Son, James Brown, was born. And, it's Valentines Day!

Commander Rich Montgomery called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Honors to the Colors were rendered and Commander Ken Garrison gave the invocation. The first order of business was the presentation of the Division's new flag. Ms. Carla Pyle of Greeley, Colorado, made the flag.

Commander Montgomery then presented the Charter for the Pvt. C.W. Lucas—Forrest's Escort Camp 2316 to Commander Garrison. Camp 2316 is the Division's ninth Camp. The number was specifically requested by the Camp's members. Its significance is that it represents a biblical passage—the Gospel according to John, Chapter 3, Verse 16. *For God so loved*



the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have life everlasting.

Commander Montgomery then read the resignation letter of Division Commander David Barton. Commander Barton, a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force, has deployed to the middle east. He felt his military duties precluded his active participation as Division Commander and passed the leadership role to Division Lt. Commander Montgomery. In accordance with the constitution, Commander Montgomery will serve the remainder of the term. The DEC was required to elect a Lt. Commander. Commander Jim Allsup of Camp 2096 was nominated as was Lt. Commander John Potenza of Camp 1202. John Potenza was elected.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last DEC meeting, gave the financial report and read the correspondence received.

The Recruiting officer gave a report on retention and recruiting. He provided a

copy of the list of "delinquent" members to each Camp so they may pursue renewing the membership of these gentlemen.

The Time and Place Committee reported that negotiations are on-going with the Olde Pueblo Grille to hold the 2009 Division Convention at that location. The date is set for 6 June 2009. Because the Olde Pueblo Grille doesn't open for business until 11:00 AM, the business session will begin at that time with lunch served at 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock.

In old business, the proposal for a plaque marking the location and significance of the Tucson Secession Convention was tabled. A list of events to be commemorated during the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence was presented. They are:

Secession Convention in La Mesilla, 16 March 2011
Secession Convention in Tucson. 22 March 2011
Arrival of Confederate troops in Tucson, 28 February 2012
Skirmish at Stanwyx Station,

29 March 2012

Battle of Picacho Pass, 16 April 2012

Battle of Dragoon Springs, 5 May 2012

It was also proposed to coordinate with the New Mex-

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ico Division to commemorate the battles such as the Battle of Valverde and the Battle of Glorieta Pass.

Mrs. Tammy Perkins gave a report on the progress of organizing a ladies auxiliary group. She requested that each Camp provide the names, birthdays (day and month only—no year) and contact information for the ladies of the respective Camps. She also requested a copy of the Division Directory.

Division Graves Registrar John Potenza gave a report on the progress he and Commander Robert Perkins are making in setting up a data base and reporting system for Confederate graves in Arizona. The procedures will allow members to report the location, condition and veteran's date for graves within the state. A data base, linked to the GHQ website, will be updated and provide information to members, potential members, genealogists, etc. There will be a link to the reporting form and the data base on the Division's website.

Turning to new business, the Council discussed the host camps for designated Division events. They are:

Lee-Jackson Celebration:
Camp 1525

Tucson Rodeo Parade: Camp
2127

Confederate Memorial Day
Phoenix: Camp 1525

Confederate Heritage Trail:
Camp 1710

Confederate Memorial Day
Tucson: Camp 1202

Confederate Memorial Day
Safford: Camp 2096

Dragoon Springs Memorial
Ceremony: Camp 1710

Tucson Anniversary: Camp
1202

Graham County Fair Parade:
Camp 2096

Helldorado Days Parade:
Camp 1710

Jefferson Davis Memorial
Ceremony: Camp 1525

Representation at the national convention scheduled for July, 2009, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was discussed. This year, the Division will send its largest delegation ever. Camps 1202, 1525, 1710, 2074 and 2096 will be represented. Camp 1708 is also considering sending a delegation.

The final item discussed was an offer of the New Mexico Division to donate funds for memorial projects in Arizona. The New Mexico Division, which opted out of the blanket non-profit coverage of GHQ, operates a bingo game and generates considerable income. Commander Red has generously offered to share some of the profits with the Arizona Division.

Camp 1525 has a project planned to install Crosses of Honor on all the Confederate graves in Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix. Com-

mander Perkins estimated the cost to be approximately \$1300-\$1500. It was decided to present this request to the New Mexico Division for their consideration.

Commander Meek provided an update on the situation at Picacho Peak State Park. This park, site of the annual "Civil War (sic) in the Southwest" event, is one of eight state parks closing due to the budget fiasco. This year's reenactment has been cancelled. As of this date, the event has been moved to Pioneer Village historic park, located on I-17 north of Phoenix. Commander Meek has coordinated the SCV presence with those in charge of the re-located event.

It was suggested that the Division, as well as the Camps and individual members send letters to the Arizona Department of Parks and Recreation protesting this move. The estimated cost for the event is \$3500.00. Reenactors and others have volunteered to provide the funds if the Department will reinstate the event.

Announcements concerning the following events were made.

Confederate Heritage Trail

18 April 2009

Confederate Memorial Day

Phoenix: 25 April 2009

Tucson: 26 April 2009

Dragoon Springs Ceremony:

2 May 2009

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In Memoriam

Minnie Alice Tucker Phillips

On 14 December 2008, my Grandmother, Minnie Alice Tucker Phillips crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees. She was 100 years old and at a hospice in Hillsboro North Carolina. My mother, Marie Booth, had been caring for her for years. Two weeks ago due to declining health, she was admitted to the hospital and later moved to the hospice. She was the Granddaughter of two Gallant Gentlemen who wore Grey during the War for Southern Independence, Kilby Tucker of the 51st NC and Dick Strickland of the 30th NC. Grandma was a kind and loving lady, and I will miss her dearly

I Remain, Gentlemen, Your Obt. Servant,

Art Booth, Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202
Major Samuel H. Drachman Camp 2127 (dual member)

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the audience carefully, and what they have learned about it at the point of the presentation. Generally, the younger the students are, the more likely that they will be interested in the virtual “nuts and bolts” of the conflict. How the muskets were loaded, how far cannons fire, etc. If you have never given a presentation, and you are asked to do so, it’s critical that a Southern perspective is given. Consider discussing secession, Arizona’s part, rising cotton export taxes, principal CSA officials (Davis, Lee, Breckenridge, etc.), Lincoln’s

actions, and so on. Every presentation is different, and we cannot have an exact formula, nor do we want to be so burdened. Also, if it is your first time, be sure to ask other Compatriots for help in preparation. If you are in a group, agree in advance as to who will address which topic. Generally, the senior officer of the Camp should explain SCV and its Charge and what the Camp does today. Beyond that, we all have our pet topics and those that we know best.

After any presentation, it is important to file an after action report with the Division, and also ensure that you obtain a point of

contact phone number or e-mail, and ensure that the contact, if they so wish, is kept informed of our activities and events. This will help in achieving repeat appearances, all of which advances our Cause and fulfills our Charge.

Deo Vindice!

Compatriots are reminded that the provisions of Administrative Memorandum 5-06 cited in Commander Montgomery's last paragraph is applicable to all Camps. Copies are in the Arizona Division Adjutant's Manual or may be requested from the Division Adjutant.



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

I am pleased to report that our Division has done well since the last DEC meeting in September. Our Camps have conducted some outstanding events to further the Charge and we will have, by the time y'all read this, a ninth Camp in the Division with the accompanying increase in membership of 24 Compatriots.

Be sure to read the Camp News section to see just what our Camps have been doing. If you aren't already involved in these or future events, consider doing so. The South needs all her sons as much today as in 1861.

Recruiting & Retention

Since June, we have contacted 59 gentlemen about membership. Of those 59, 45 have become full or Associate members—a rate of 76%! Here's the breakdown by Camp.

1202: 4 Full, 1 Associate

1525: 1 Full, 1 Transfer

1647: 0

1708: 1 Full, 1 Transfer

1710: 1 Associate, 2 Transfers

2074: 1 Full

2096: 1 Full

2127: 5 Transfers

2316: 25 Transfers, 2 Full.

Camp 2316 is our new Camp, the Pvt. C.W. Lucas—

Forrest's Escort Camp of Pres-

cott. 24 members transferred from the Col. C.L. Pyron Camp 2144 of Albuquerque, NM. 2 new members joined. 1 transferred from another Camp.

I won't discuss the specifics of retention since the dues renewal period has ended. Our recruiting more than covered our losses but retention is still paramount in our efforts to build the division. Each Camp must do its utmost to retain its quality members. I ask that each Camp officer consider what ways a 100% retention rate can be achieved. Please read Lt. CinC Givens article in the latest *Confederate Veteran*.

Financial Report

Income:

Dues:	\$ 848.50
Fees:	\$ 110.00
Donations:	\$ 315.00
Reimb:	<u>\$ 467.00</u>
Total:	\$1740.50
Bal. Fwd.	<u>\$1434.83</u>
Total	\$3175.33

Expenses:

Badges:	\$325.40
Insurance.	\$450.00
Donations:	\$315.00
Org. charges:	\$410.00
Postage:	\$ 72.60
Printing:	\$158.70
Div. Flag:	<u>\$160.00</u>
Total:	\$1891.70

Balance in National Bank of

AZ account: \$1283.63

Explanation of transactions:

Income:

Dues: Division dues and national per capita taxes collected.

Fees: Initiation fees for honorary societies

Reimbursements: Members payments for insurance

Expenses:

Badges: Society badges

Insurance: Liability insurance for parades

Donations: made to Picacho Peak State Park, the American Legion and the SCV Disaster Relief fund

Organizational charges: paid to GHQ for national per capita taxes for Camps 1647 and 1708 members; charter fee for Camp 2316

Postage: Mailing for *The Rebel Yell* and the Division Directory

Printing: Printing the above publications

Division Flag: New Division flag.

The vendor who supplied the new division flag has communicated with us. She indicated she was not happy with the appearance of the flag once she finished it. She stated she would make another one for us that was of better quality at no charge to the Di-

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Camp News

Camp 1202 Visits Tanque Verde High School!

Members of Camp 1202 brought the history of the War for Southern Independence alive for juniors at the Tanque Verde High School recently. Camp 1202 takes the Charge very seriously and brought the true history of the South to these high school students. The presentation was well received and prompted an article in the "Foothills" section of the *Arizona Daily Star*.



Pictured (l to r) John Potenza, Bobby Morris and Rich Montgomery demonstrate edged weapons to the students at Tanque Verde High School.

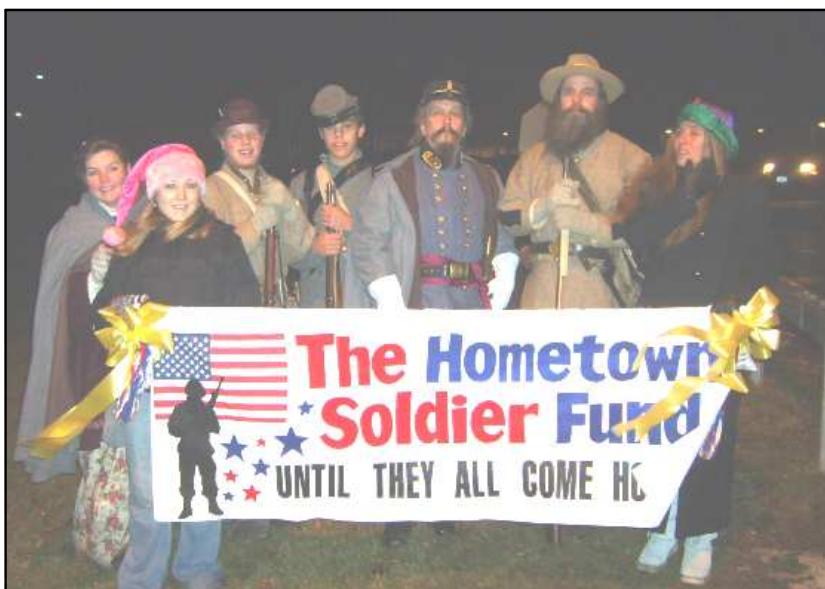
Camp 1710 Member Joins in Broadalbin, New York Christmas Parade!

Broadalbin, NY

Camp 1710 Associate Member Paul Karabin, in his role as General George Pickett, joined with his lovely wife and several friends in representing the SCV and the Hometown Soldier Fund in the recent Broadalbin Christmas Parade.

Camp 1710 Commander Visits Beauvoir!

Biloxi, Mississippi
Commander Ben Middleton
On our way to New Orleans, Rosemary and I



Pictured (l to r) Mrs. Karabin, Ms. April Jackson, two unknown Rebels, Paul Karabin, another unknown Rebel and Ms. Sandy Steele. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Steele administer the Hometown Soldier Fund in Broadalbin.

stopped and toured the Beauvoir Estate. After Hurricane Katrina, the library building could not be rebuilt and was torn down. That left three remaining buildings; the main house and two cottages. We

toured the home. All but one room has been redone and it will be completed soon. The glass panes for the doors and windows have been duplicated

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Charles E. McMichael

Commander-in-Chief

Compatriots,

We have an important opportunity to honor the memory of Confederate States President Jefferson Davis in connection with the bicentennial of his birth. How will you chose to honor Jefferson Davis during this important anniversary? What is unfortunate for the memory of President Davis is that 2008 is also the bicentennial year of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Which one do you think will get the lion's share of the recognition?

Well, we ought to change that!

Not long ago, the General Executive Council authorized the commission of a brand new original statue of Jefferson Davis, and the work has already begun. In fact, the project should be completed before long. Shortly, other SCV leaders and I will be meeting with National Park Service officials to begin negotiations to locate the Davis statue near the offensive Lincoln statue at Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond. Since the NPS has proven to be unfavorable to our efforts in the past, these negotiations may not succeed. Nonetheless we have several other good options which will be explored at the appropriate time.

My purpose in writing this letter is that, in order to make this campaign a success and see to it that President Davis is properly honored, we must all pull together. Will you help us accomplish this honor for the memory of Jefferson Davis?

Your contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50, or even \$25 will go a long way towards making this campaign a success. I hope I can count on your support. By working together, we can cast and erect this statue to Jefferson Davis in a place and in a manner that will make our respect and admiration for him undeniable. To achieve our goal, we need to raise \$100,000 before the end of the year. Already many Camps, Divisions, and individuals have already contributed. I hope I can count on your support as well. Please send your contribution to General Headquarters and designate it for the Davis Statue.

Thank you for your supporting this project and for helping us continue to promote and defend our precious Southern heritage.

Charles E. McMichael

Charles E. McMichael
Commander-in-Chief

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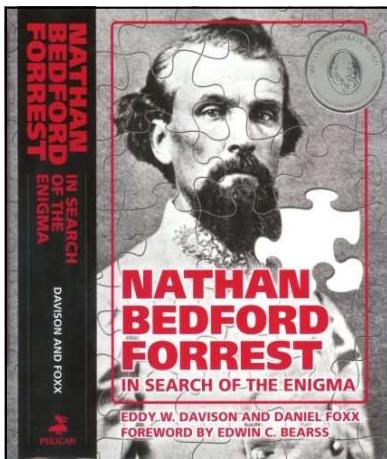
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to match the originals. The roof tile replacements came from the same company in Wales that provided the originals. The tile company is still in same family and had records of the original purchase. Furniture has been refinished, reupholstered or replaces. The tour of the house and grounds is well worth the stop. Beauvoir is owned by the Mississippi Division SCV. Admission is free of charge to SCV members.

Compatriot Davison's Book Wins Award!



Compatriot Eddy Davison, of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 and author of *Nathan Bedford Forrest: In Search of the Enigma* with Daniel Foxx, announced that the book has received the Independent Book Publishers Association's *Benjamin Franklin Award*. Congratulations to Compatriot Davison and Mr. Foxx! The book is available from B. Dalton, Bar-



(above) The tour begins at the Jefferson Davis statue. (below) A view of the Gulf of Mexico from Beauvoir's front porch.



nes & Noble and other book-sellers. It was published by Pelican Publishing Co. of Gretna, Louisiana.

Massey Named to Committee!

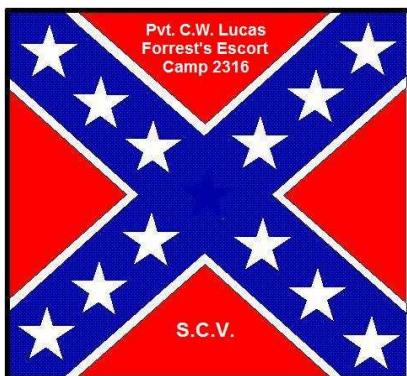
Division Genealogist Dr. Robert Massey, of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, has been named a member of the SCV's national Genealogy Committee. His ac-

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ceptance of this position puts two AZ Compatriots on national committees. Les Cogar of the Major Samuel H. Drachman Camp 2127 is on the Heritage Defense Committee.

New Camp Chartered!



Prescott, A.T.

The Arizona Division is pleased to announce the chartering of our ninth Camp, the Pvt. W.C. Lucas—Forrest's Escort Camp 2316. The effort, spearheaded by Commander Ken Garrison and Adjutant Chris Mathis, brought 25 new members into the Division. All of our new Compatriots are transfers from the Colonel C.L. Pyron Camp 2144 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One new member was recruited. The new Camp will be headquartered in Prescott. Interestingly, the Camp number has special significance to the members. It stands for the Gospel According to John, Chapter 3, Verse 16. Executive Director Ben Sewell was kind enough to arrange for that number to be



Robert Perkins (left) is inducted into the Societies of the Sons of the Sabre and the Sons of St. Maurice by Commander Doug Fitzgerald (center) and Adjutant Curt Tipton

granted

Camp 1525 Hosts Lee-Jackson Celebration!

Phoenix, A.T., 17 January 2009

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the Arizona Division's annual celebration of the births of General Robert E. Lee and Lt. General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. The event, attended by nearly 30 people, was held at Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant in Phoenix. SCV Camps 1525, 1708 and 1710 were represented as well as the Arizona Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Commander Robert Perkins opened the event with honors to the Colors. Chaplain Steve Johnson of Camp 1525 gave the invocation. Commander

Perkins then read an article praising the service, faith and commitment of Lee and Jackson.

Before lunch was served, Jefferson Davis Brigade Commander Doug Fitzgerald and Division Adjutant Curt Tipton inducted Commander Perkins into the Societies of the Sons of the Sabre and the Sons of St. Maurice. His membership is based on the service of his ancestors in the 7th Confederate States Cavalry Regiment and the 54th Georgia Infantry Regiment.

Lunch was served and the perennial Lee-Jackson trivia contest commenced. After some lively competition, the table led by Ron Fox, Camp 1708, won first place,

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(Continued from page 9) **Camp News** with the table shared by Larry Billar of Camp 1710 and Dan Huskisson of Camp 1525 in 2nd place and the Camp 1525 table led by Mrs. Tammy Perkins in 3rd. It was, once again, a great event! Thanks to Camp 1525! (more pictures on Pg. 17)

Camp 1525 Honors President Davis!

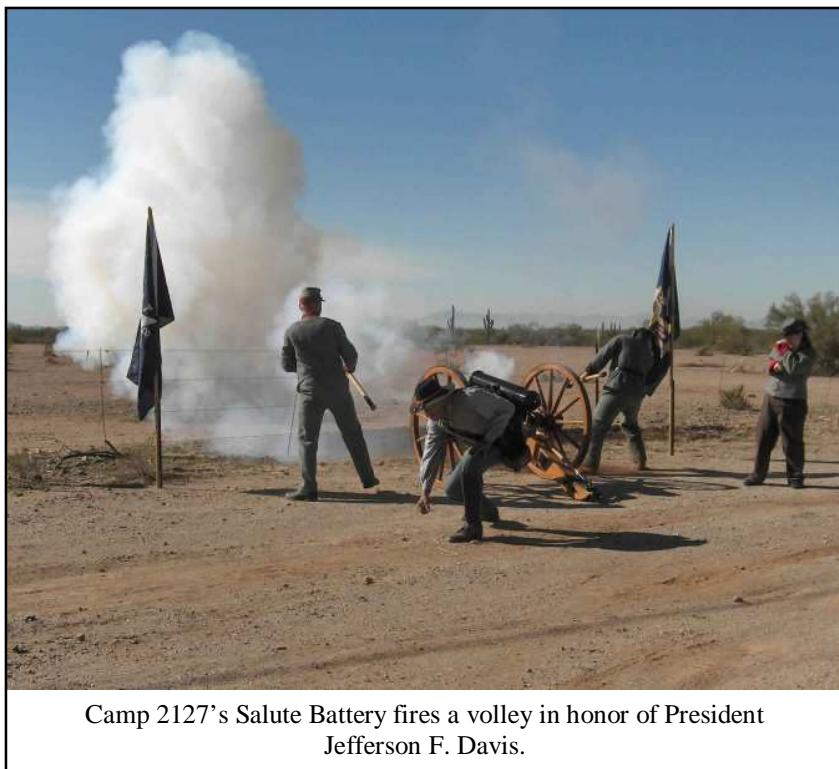
Apache Junction, A.T., 6 December 2008

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, assisted by members of the Major Samuel H. Drachman Camp 2127 and the Captain Granville H. Oury Camp 1708, honored President Jefferson Davis with a memorial ceremony held at the Davis Monument on US 60 in Apache

Junction. The monument, originally placed on the Jeff Davis Highway near Douglas, was moved in the late 1940s to its present location. Camp

1525 holds a memorial ceremony here every year on the anniversary of the President's death.

Taking part in the cere-



Pictured (l to r) Division Commander Barton, Camp 1525 Commander Perkins & Camp 1708/Jeff Davis Brigade Commander Fitzgerald

mony were members of the three Camps and the Arizona Division Salute Battery, sponsored by Camp 2127.

Representing both Camp 2127 and the Arizona Division, Division Commander David Barton took time from his pre-deployment schedule to attend this event. It will, most likely, be the last one he can attend prior to his deployment to the "Big Sandbox".

On a historical note, while the Arizona Division of the UDC installed the Jefferson Davis monument, Camp

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(Continued from page 10) **Camp News** 1525 has been responsible for the rehabilitation of the monument after years of neglect. Thanks and big Rebel Yell to Camp 1525.

Camp 1710 Commander Inducted!

Sierra Vista, A.T. 6 January 2009

Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton was inducted into the Society of the Sons of St. Maurice at Camp 1710's January business meeting. This meeting also marked the change in meeting schedules. The camp now alternates meetings between 11:30 AM on Saturdays and 6:30 PM on Tuesdays. This schedule allows more compatriots to attend the meetings. Mr. Joe Larson of the Southern Arizona Veterans Cemetery presented the evening's program. He covered the upcoming reinterment of the remains of 19th century soldiers recently found in Tucson. Camp 1710 will take part in



Division Adjutant Curt Tipton (left) presents the Society certificate to Commander Middleton.

the event. The reinterment ceremony is scheduled for 16 May at the cemetery on Buffalo Soldier Trail in Sierra Vista

Arizona's "Real Son" at Camp 1202's Meeting!

Tucson, A.T., 17 January 2009

Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 hosted a special event at their regular business meeting today. "Real Son" James F. Brown, in town to visit family, joined the assembly for a "Meet & Greet" session. Mr. Brown, who will be 97 on February 14, is a member of Camp 1202. His birthday is a remarkable coincidence as 14 February is the anniversary of the legislation creating the Confederate Territory of Arizona in 1862 and it is the anniversary of Arizona's statehood 50 years later in 1912.

Compatriot Brown's father, James Henry Harrison Brown, was 71 when Jim was born. He served in Company K, 8th Georgia Infantry (Oglethorpe Rifles) and fought from 1st Manassas to the Silence at Appomattox. Jim has attended many of the national SCV reunions and is scheduled to attend the reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas this summer. He plays golf twice a week and takes his lady friend dancing at least that often.

Although he currently lives in Tennessee, Jim maintains his SCV membership in

Camp 1202. He lived in Tucson for 19 years. Some years back, *The Arizona Daily Star* published a feature article about him. He and Arizona's Real Daughter, Mrs. Effie Turner, were both honored by the Arizona Division with "Real Son" and "Real Daughter" medals and certificates. Miss Effie has since crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees.



"Real Son" James F. Brown



Camp 1202 Members (l to r) Commander Rich Montgomery, Past Commander Bobby Morris, Real Son Jim Brown, Darren Mullen, Bill Seymour, Chris Harris, Adjutant Paul Mears and new member Don Dybus.

Editor—there are less than 50 Real Sons left thus Jim Brown's continued good health is a God sent gift to the SCV, the Arizona Division and Camp 1202. (Continued on page 12)



Photo of
James Henry Harrison Brown

March 15, 1841- November
16, 1923.

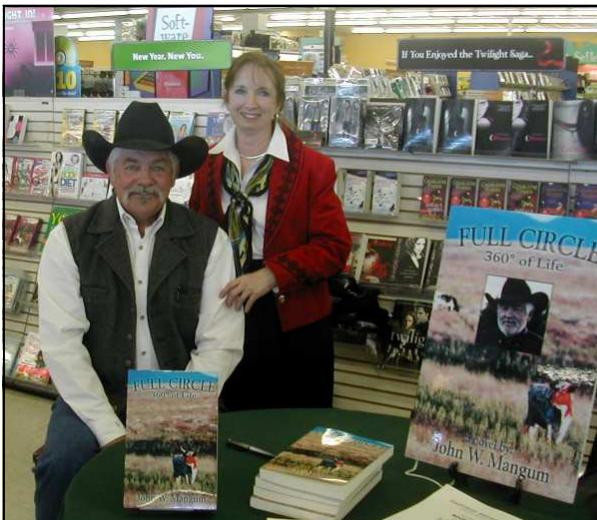
Pvt. Brown was wounded in
the Seven Days' Battle in
1862, then again near
Petersburg, Virginia, near the
end of the war.



At right is a photo of the
Confederate memorial statue
in front of the Oglethorpe
County Courthouse in
Lexington, GA. Many of the
names inscribed on it are men
from Company K, 8th
Georgia Infantry Regiment,
Oglethorpe Rifles.

Photographs for this article courtesy of Captain
Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202

Mangum Book Signing!



John Mangum & Jan Grams at Hastings Books &
Video Store



Arizona Division Commander David Barton aka
SSgt David Barton, USAF.

Div. Commander on Pre-Deployment Training!

David L. Barton, Sr. Division Commander

I am attending the Patriot Defender Training (a 2-week Pre-deployment course for Security Forces personnel) at Fort Wolters TX (outside what used to be Carswell AFB). The temperature was in the 30s-40s, the food was catered from the local prison (made MREs sound really good), and if you stood still longer than 2 seconds you'd have ice forming on you. Good training for a desert combat deployment, right? I will be keeping in touch!

Sierra Vista, A.T., 31 January 2009

Past Division Commander John Mangum held a book signing at Hastings Books & Videos in Sierra Vista today. His book, *Full Circle: 360 Degrees of Life*, is available at Hastings, on line and from John. For your autographed copy, contact John at runningiron@me.com.

Congratulations to the author on the success of the book! (Continued on page 13)

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vision. Now, since we will have two division flags, I suggest that we sell one of them to one of our Camps that does not have a division flag.

While I did mention recruiting and retention earlier in this report, I would like to remind each Compatriot that we have many "delinquent" members in Arizona. The Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens, believes that we should make an effort to contact these gentlemen and "reenlist" them in the Cause. Of course, some have crossed over the river; some have moved, some just plain don't want to rejoin and, quite frankly, there are some we don't want back in our ranks. Each Camp commander was provided with a list of these gentlemen at the last DEC meeting. I urge them to share that list with their membership and to make every effort to bring these men back into the fold.

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Rebel Yell*, I am retiring from the Arizona Department of Public Safety in May and will take a job with the Sons of Confederate Veterans as the Field Representative for the Army of Trans-Mississippi. I have been in touch with our Compatriots in New Mexico and Oregon already. I am looking forward to meeting many more at various Camp and Division functions throughout the Department. I ask for any suggestions that y'all might have in order to promote retention, recruiting and fund raising Department wide. Our Army of Trans-Mississippi is the largest in the Confederation geographically but the smallest in membership. Let us work to change that!

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



Curt Tipton, Adjutant



1859 McClellan Saddle for Sale

Complete with cinch, saddle blanket and coat straps and saddle bags and a new unused handsewn headstall. Made by Doug Kidd (except for the headstall). \$750.00. Contact past Camp 1710 Commander John Rogers at

aztrooper@vtc.net



Camp 1202 Commander Rich Montgomery demonstrates a revolver to a Sahuarita Middle School student.

Camp 1202 Visits Sahuarita Middle School!

Sahuarita, A.T. 4 February 2009

Members of Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, dressed in authentic battle grays, swords and boots, swooped down on the Sahuarita school campus Thursday for an arms-length debate with school administrators who were wielding firearms, movie clips and tales of Civil War battlefields.

About 240 Sahuarita Middle School students participated in the Blue and Gray Day Program organized by teacher Mary Chernoski, who hopes to make it an annual event.

Taking part in the event were Camp Commander Rich Montgomery, Past Commander Bobby Morris, Mrs. Mary Anne Morris and Compatriot Bill Seymour. *(Continued on page 15)*

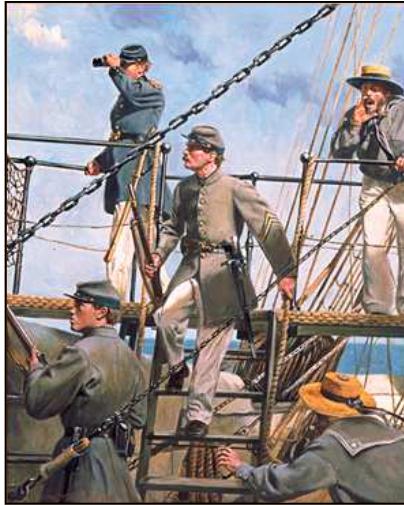
"Semper Fi!"

David L. Barton, Sr.

When Compatriot Art Booth retired from the US Marines Corps, he probably had no idea that once again he would find himself a Marine. Well, as the good Lord moves in mysterious ways, he's now, once again, back with the Corps, so to speak. On February 4, 2009, he was appointed Sergeant Major of the National Battalion-Confederate States Marine Corps (NB-CSMC).

This all began, when another Arizona Division compatriot, who is seeking to form a CSMC reenacting unit, stumbled across the NB-CSMC website to discover that they are a similar organization as the SCV, but tailored to the honoring of CS Marines. Upon further inquiry and conversation, Art's name was dropped as a nominee for the vacant position of Sergeant Major and given Art's service to the US Marines, the job he currently does for the military, and his service to the SCV; the Commandant Colonel of the NB-CSMC, Mr. Shane Tharp, could not resist the selection. Art's duties are simple: Honor the CS Marine thorough continued good service and educate the public that CS Marines DID exist and served bravely.

The Confederate Congress established the formation of the CS Marine Corps in



March, 1861. Marines were trained as artillerist to crew the guns on battleships while at sea, and trained in "special operation type" infantry tactics to employ while boarding enemy vessels and engaging in land battles. CS Marines served in many famous battles to include the Red River Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg and the Defense of Richmond. In fact, there were 4 Marine officers and 21 enlisted men present at the surrender at Appomattox.

Congratulations Art! Not only does this great news testify to Art's dedication and service, but also dawns a new era of pioneering and networking for the Arizona Division and the SCV.

A Confederate "Semper Fi!" to the new Sergeant Major!



A note about CSMC Uniform regulations—the uniforms were similar to Army uniforms with the exception of white trousers authorized for warm weather wear. Both frock coats and shell jackets were authorized but frock coats were more common. Note that the Sergeant Major's chevron pictured is NOT upside down. Marine uniform regulations specified that chevrons were worn with the point up. Otherwise, the enlisted rank insignia was the same as the Army's. Marine officers also wore the same insignia as Army officers. The horn insignia pictured above is in keeping with the regulations. Apologies for the colors of the chevron pictured—regulations stated chevrons were to be Navy blue or black but your editor could not find a picture of a such a Sergeant Major's chevron.

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy, Vol. 3, Pp. 1007-1008.

American Civil War Marines 1861-65, Osprey Books. Pp 62-63.

New Camp Planned for Yuma!

Plans are underway to charter a new SCV Camp in Yuma. The initial organizational meeting will take place as soon as possible. Because Yuma is the home of a USMC Air Station, the new Camp will have a Marine Corps theme.

Camp 1525 Plans Headstone Dedication!

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 has received and installed a Veterans Affairs Department headstone for the grave of Pvt. John Elliott Walker, Co E, 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry. For those of y'all who do not recognize the unit designation, the 43rd Battalion of Virginia Cavalry was Mosby's Rangers!

Private Walker is listed in the unit rosters printed in the book, *Mosby's Rangers* by James J. Williamson, who served in Co A, 43rd Battalion. The book was first published in 1896.

Camp 1525 will dedicate the headstone during the annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony to be held on 25 April 2009 at 9:30 AM in Greenwood Cemetery, I-17 at Van Buren in Phoenix. All are invited to attend. Camp 1525 is responsible for the installation of many headstones in the Phoenix metro area.



John Mohler Accepted into the Society of the Sons of St. Maurice!



Pictured (l to r) Adjutant Curt Tipton, Compatriot John Mohler, Commander Ben Middleton

Sierra Vista, A.T., 7 February 2009

Commander Ben Middleton of the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 was pleased to induct Compatriot John Mohler into the Arizona Division's Society of the Sons of St. Maurice at today's Camp meeting. Compatriot Mohler's membership is based on the service of his ancestor, Pvt. John L. Mohler, Co B, 10th Virginia Infantry. Compatriot Mohler's proof of his ancestor's service is an order to Private Mohler signed by Lt. General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Compatriot Mohler joins many other Compatriots who are members of the Arizona Division's Honorary Societies. If you are interested in membership, contact the Adjutant.

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Commander Montgomery gave the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM. Our thanks to the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074 for hosting the Council meeting.



Pictured above, Adjutant Curt Tipton displays the new Division flag made by Ms. Carla Pyle. Should any Camp wish to purchase a flag from Ms. Pyle, contact the Adjutant for her email address. Cost is \$150.00 plus shipping and handling.



Pictured above (l to r) Commander Ken Garrison receives Camp 2316's charter from Division Commander Rich Montgomery. Adjutant Tipton is at the right.

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Members of the SCV & UDC celebrate the births of Gen'l's Lee & Jackson.
(below) Commander Perkins addresses the gathering.



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Upcoming Events

14-15 March: *The Civil War in the Southwest* at Picacho Peak State Park. Relocated to Pioneer Village in Phoenix.

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

18 April: The *Confederate Heritage Trail*. Hosted by Camp 1710. Tombstone's Boot Hill Cemetery, 10:30 AM.

25 April: Confederate Memorial Day ceremony, Greenwood Cemetery, 9:30 AM in Phoenix. Headstone dedication for Pvt. John Elliott Walker. Camp 1525 hosting.

25 April: UDC Confederate Memorial Day ceremony, 11:00 AM at Wesley Bolen Plaza at the Capitol, Phoenix.

26 April: Confederate Memorial Day ceremony, Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson. Camp 1202 hosting. Contact the Commander for information.

2 May: *Memorial Ceremony at Dragoon Springs* hosted by Camp 1710. 11:30 AM Lunch to follow.

6 June: *15th Annual Arizona Division Reunion and Convention* hosted by the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202. Location in Tucson to be determined. Business session begins at 10:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon.

22-25 July: *114th Annual SCV Reunion and Convention* will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. See the SCV website at www.scv.org for information.

22 August: *Black Powder Weapons Demonstration and Competitive Shoot* hosted by Camp 1710.

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 Meetings on 28 February, 28 March, 18 April at 1:30 PM at Bobby Q's restaurant in Phoenix.

Camp 1647: Contact the Division Adjutant.

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

Camp 1710: Meets at the Country House Restaurant in Sierra Vista on 8 September, 21 November & 8 December. Tuesday meetings are at 6:30 PM & Saturday meetings at 11:30 AM. Special meetings will be held in March, April, May, June, July, August & October.

Camp 2074: Meets on the last Sunday of the month at the Olde Pueblo Grill, 60 North Alvernon in Tucson.

Camp 2096: Contact the Commander

Camp 2127: Contact the Commander

Camp 2316: Contact the Adjutant

For more information about Camp events, visit the Arizona Division newsletter website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~cssscv/azdivnewsletters>



DIXIE

... an American Classic!

There are a wide variety of sights and sounds that one could immediately associate with the South or being Southern.

Nothing proclaims the heritage and honor of the South like the sight of our sacred banner floating on a warm southern breeze. It is a scene that makes the heart swell, the blood run faster and brings forth a cheer from deep inside us.

Likewise no sound can engender deep emotion, pride and strengthen our bonds like the strains of *DIXIE*. Whether its detractors like it or not, no other tune speaks to the honorable history of the South, and indeed is as ingrained in the American psyche as the distinctive tune of *DIXIE*.

Daniel D. Emmett published and first performed *DIXIE* in April of 1859. This makes 2009 the sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary, of our beloved *anthem*. Since that time *DIXIE* has been played generation after generation at most any civic function. Every college band had it in its selection list. It was always played as a part of the program of patriotic music both by the military and private organizations. School children were taught to sing it. It not only was the Song of the South but a cherished piece of American musical history.

All that began to change in the early 1990's when the scourge of political correctness started sweeping the land. In reality this is nothing more than censorship of ideas and beliefs. They have tried to tell us that the simple act of playing or singing of *DIXIE* is an act of racism. This of course is ridiculous, however that has not stopped their success in removing *DIXIE* from the national song book.

It is time to take a stand for *DIXIE*! If you do not know it, learn it. Teach it to your children, school groups, church groups etc. And make sure it is sung or performed.

**Always Stand for *DIXIE*!
DEO VINDICE!**



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