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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



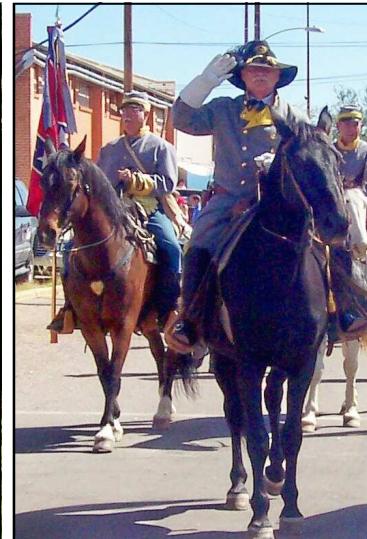
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CONTINUING HERITAGE

This time of year always passes swiftly for most of us as we are swept away by the holidays, the endless gift shopping,

Christmas cards, the family gatherings, food, football, and on and on! OK, catch your breath, sit down, and relax for a moment!

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**Arizona Division
Commander
Richard L. Montgomery**

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Mary Nadine Minnis nee Shryock

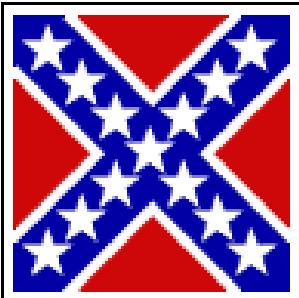
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Beloved Mother of Jerry, Vernon, Hubert, Donieta & Mary Ann
 Beloved Grandmother & Great Grandmother, crossed over the river
 to rest under the shade of the trees. She was preceded into the
 Kingdom by her husband, Hubert C. Minnis & her daughter Donieta.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to

Sandylands Shepherd Center,
 110 E. 3rd St., St. John, Kansas 67576
 or
 1st United Methodist Church,
 101 E. 1st St., St. John, Kansas 67576

Compatriot Jerry Minnis is a member of Camp 1708



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History Repeated: Encampment Relives Aspects of the Civil War!

Paul Post

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Six years ago Paul Karabin was a newspaper ad salesman. Overnight, he became one of the most famous military figures in American history, following a chance visit to Gettysburg where he posed for an old time photo clad in a Confederate uniform. Someone noticed an uncanny resemblance and today, Karabin is better known as Gen. George Pickett.

"It's been a life-changing experience," he said. "All because of one little day out of my life at Gettysburg."

The Amsterdam resident is among the dozens of Union and Confederate re-enactors taking part in this weekend's Civil War encampment that continues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Congress Park.

On July 3, 1863, the third day of fighting at Gettysburg, Southern commander General Robert E. Lee wanted to break the Union line at the middle, believing he could destroy the Northern army and bring the war to an end. "He despised the fact that Americans were killing Americans," Karabin said.

The plan was for Pickett to lead a charge across a mile wide field, preceded by Confederate artillery fire. However, the cannons shot high, over the Union lines. When Confederate infantrymen ran forward, they had to climb over a fence, when they were mowed down by Union artillery and musket fire on three



sides.

Pickett's Charge, which could have changed the course of the war, proved to be the turning point within the three-day battle, which resulted in 52,000 killed and wounded. Pickett's division alone lost 5,200 men.

While that action was going on, at another section of Gettysburg Confederate Gen. Jeb Stuart's cavalry was repulsed by another well-known Union officer, George Custer, who 14 years later died at the ill-fated Battle of Little Big Horn.

"If Custer didn't stop Jeb Stuart, I think Pickett's Charge would have worked," said Perry Steele, a Union re-enactor.

The encampment includes demonstrations of camp life, military drills, cannon firing and personal visits by Lee, Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and President Abraham Lincoln. Portraying Pickett is a hobby for Karabin, but it has also become a business. He's the proprietor of

Pickett's General Store in Amsterdam, which features everything from Civil War memorabilia to apple pies made by Mourning Kill Bakery of Ballston Spa.

"Members of Pickett's family stopped in recently," he said. "I know his great granddaughters. I know them all."

He sees no conflict in being from the North and portraying one of the South's most revered heroes. Even today, 146 years later, lessons can be learned by studying leaders from both sides of the War Between the States.

"It's a part of American history," Karabin said. "It's so important to remember that even though the country was divided, after Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, he told his men to go home and be good citizens."

Our thanks to the editor of The Saratogian of Saratoga, New York for permission to reprint this article. Paul Karabin is an Associate Member of Camp 1710—Editor.



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

Dues collection for fiscal year 2009 (1 Aug 09-31Jul 10) is complete. Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership and contributed to your Camps and to the other optional giving funds. That money will be put to good use in carrying out the Charge.

Elsewhere in this report are the membership statistics as of 20 November 2009. Please note that while we have recruited new members, we did lose 33 members who, for one reason or another, chose not to renew their membership. Recruiting new members is a good thing but the retention of our membership is equally, if not more, important. This division has grown from a handful of members and one camp in 1990 to nearly 200 and 9 Camps in 2009—19 years. Let us continue this trend!

Reactivating Delinquent Members

Included in the Membership Renewal System (MRS) mailing this year were notices sent to members who had let their membership lapse since 2000. 122 notices were mailed out. Four gentlemen reactivated! The other 118 either did not respond or they had moved and left no forwarding address. This was pretty dismal. Next year's MRS delinquent mailing will include only those members whose membership lapsed in 2008 or 2009.

Financial Report as of 30 November 2009

National Bank of Arizona

Balance forward: \$1391.15

Income:

Dues:	\$1290.00
Donations:	\$ 562.50
Society fee:	\$ 10.00
Reimbursement:	\$ 160.00
Total Income:	\$2022.50
Plus Bal Fwd:	\$3413.65

Income explanation

Dues: Self explanatory

Donations: Self explanatory

Society fee: fee for Sons of the Sabre

Reimbursement: payment for parade insurance

Expenses:

Grant to Camp:	\$150.00
Donations:	\$362.50
Reimbursement:	\$ 50.00
Organization Chg:	\$192.50
Insurance:	\$175.00
Printing:	\$124.67
Postage:	\$125.36
Total Expenses:	\$1180.03

Balance National Bank of Arizona **\$2233.62**

Expenses explanation:

Grant to Camp: To 2096 for Graham County Fair booth fee
Donations: Contributions to GHQ for Jefferson Davis Statue fund, Heritage Defense fund and to Camp 1710 for JROTC Award fund.

Reimbursement: Returned to Camps for dues paid to Division in error

Organization chg: Dues for Division HQ Camp members

Insurance: Parade insurance

Printing: Rebel Yell and Directory

Postage: Mailing Rebel Yell and Directory

Fund Balances

Below are listed the balances in the various funds established by the Division:

SCV Heritage Defense Fund: **\$90.00**

Jefferson Davis Statue Fund: **\$135.00**

The money in these funds has been transferred to GHQ.

Showalter JROTC Award fund:

\$1065.44 (includes \$927.94 already in the fund from Camp 1710)

Arizona Division Graves Preservation Fund: **\$135.00**

Arizona Division Sesquicentennial Fund: **\$75.00**

Money from the Graves Preservation fund and the Sesquicentennial fund is available to the Camps for use in financing activities related to those activities. Money from the JROTC Award fund is available for that program. (See the article elsewhere in the newsletter.)

The Rebel Yell

As y'all may be aware, the Division Executive Council voted to reduce the Division dues to \$5.00 per annum effective 1 November 2009. The DEC reduced dues because our expenditures have been reduced. The

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Membership Statistics 30 June 2009 thru 30 November 2009

CAMP	MEM-BERS	REACT.	NEW	XFR IN	TOTALS	DROPPED	XFR OUT	DEATH	TOTALS	MEM-BERS	REAL SON
1202	26	0	0	0	26	8	1	0	9	17	1
1525	22	1	1	1	25	5	0	0	5	20	0
1647	8	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	2	6	0
1708	17	1	1	0	19	3	0	0	3	16	0
1710	39	0	2	0	41	2	2	1	5	36	0
2074	14	0	0	0	14	1	0	0	1	13	0
2096	14	0	3	0	17	2	0	0	2	15	0
2127	9	1	3	0	13	2	0	0	2	11	0
2316	42	0	15	2	59	10	0	2	12	47	0
TOTALS	191	3	25	3	222	33	5	3	41	181	1

Members: Number of members as of 30 June 2009

React.: Number of membership reactivations

New: Number of new members

Xfr In: Number of members transferring into an Arizona Camp

Totals: Totals of items 1-4

Dropped: Number of members not renewing for fiscal year 2009

Xfr Out: Number of members transferring out of an Arizona Camp (includes internal transfers)

Deaths: Number of member deaths

Totals: Totals of items 6-8

Members: Number of members in good standing as of 30 November 2009

Real Sons: Number of Real Sons

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primary reduction came about due to the electronic issue of the Division newsletter. We could further mitigate this expense by expanding the electronic subscription list and reducing the number of hard copies required. (See the item concerning the *Rebel Yell* in the financial report.) If you are receiving the newsletter via hard copy and have email capability, please send me an email requesting that you receive the electronic issue. There is a form on the back cover of the newsletter with the information needed to receive the electronic issue.

Commanders and Adjutants, when processing new members' applications, be sure to get

an email address and forward it to me for inclusion on the Division email list.

IRS Electronic Filing

Commanders and Adjutants are reminded that IRS electronic filing must be completed no later than 15 December 2009. This is a simple procedure. For further information, consult the latest edition of the Arizona Division Adjutant's Manual, contact GHQ or contact me.

Optional Giving

Many of y'all responded to the optional giving categories on your MRS statement. Here's a breakdown of your generosity. AZ Division Graves Preservation:

\$135.00

Jefferson Davis Statue:

\$90.00

SCV Heritage Defense Fund:

\$135.00

AZ Division Sesquicentennial Fund:

\$75.00

Showalter JROTC Award Fund:
\$137.50

(Note that Camp 1710 already had \$927.94 in this fund)

Donations to the Camps' operating funds equaled \$331.00. Thanks to all who so generously contributed to these funds!

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



Curt Tipton
Adjutant. Arizona Division

(Continued from page 1) Commander's Dispatch

When I was a probation officer, I liked to advise my probationers to make time at the end of the day to reflect on their accomplishments for that day alone. So many of these folks were surrounded by constant negativity, that they could not see their own progress! Nor could they see opportunities because of the negative atmosphere in which they found themselves.

So many times we are dazzled by our challenges and fail to see the good works we've actually done. Before we're all sucked up into this seasonal chaotic vortex, I would like to take a moment and reflect upon the accomplishments we've made this year.

Our membership shot up above 200 briefly this past year, only to drop again below that elusive number. The new Membership Renewal System (MRS) was implemented with ease, and gave us a more professional manner to collect dues. It did help clear the rosters of those who have moved on for various reasons (more about this later.).

We chartered a new Camp, 2316, at the beginning of the year, which has been on the cutting edge of membership growth and of graves registration, and our official registry is closing in on one hundred (by June 2010) formally registered graves! A salute to Commander Ken Garrison and his

Compatriots for their unflagging efforts! We look forward, way forward, to the time when we have a national registry that everyone can access! New tombstones were installed in Prescott, Tucson, and Phoenix.

Camp 1202 began their Adopt-a-Highway project after Chaplain Steve Ledbetter spent a year working with the state highway department to obtain a mile of highway 79 near the Tom Mix memorial. This is a community service activity that I would recommend for any camp! To date, Camp 1202 has taken about 100 bags of debris from that one mile of highway!

Our 15th Annual Arizona Division Reunion and Convention in February in Tucson brought forth some significant changes that will help strengthen our Division. We now have an attorney, Compatriot Don Dybus, as our Judge Advocate General, and a new position of Public Affairs occupied by Compatriot Joseph Dunlap. Strengthening our voice at the national level, Adjutant Curt Tipton has taken the professional role as Army of Trans-Mississippi Field Representative, and will also continue as Division Adjutant.

In April, we gathered with Camp 1525 and for ceremonies Maricopa County Sheriff John Elliot Walker who died in 1906. Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins invited Maricopa's current Sheriff,

Joe Arpaio, who made an appearance and spoke to the assembled group which included The Fraternal Order of Police, the Masons, United Daughters of the Confederacy, as well as members of some of Arizona's Camps.

Our 114th National Reunion held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, this year was attended by seven members from Arizona, including our Real Son, James Brown, who belongs to Camp 1202. Efforts were made to promote an SCV-wide graves registry plan authored by Division Lt. Cdr. John Potenza. Although it did not make it onto any meeting agenda, the idea has gained broad interest and we will continue to pursue this worthy goal.

This fall, we formed a Committee for Sesquicentennial events in Arizona. Dr. Robert Massey will be the chairman. Members are myself, Lt. Cdr. John Potenza, Adj. Curt Tipton, 1525 Cdr. Robert Perkins, Bde. Cdr. Bobby Morris, and Compatriot Silas Griffin of Camp 1710. There will be many opportunities for contact with potential members as well as projection into our communities.

There are many other events throughout the year that Compatriots have accomplished, too numerous to mention, and I don't want to slight anyone's contributions, and if I have, my apologies for not mentioning them. Here are a

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Camp News

Camp 1708 Takes Part in Reenactment!

Members of Camp 1708 took part in a War for Southern Independence reenactment recently.



The parade entry: Pictured (mounted l to r) Larry Bowman, Jim Allsup, Jimmy Lines, Clyde England. Standing (l to r) John Potenza, Curt Tipton, Bobby Morris, Ben Middleton. With miniature horse, Lonnie Sweeney.



Camp 2096 Enters the Graham County Fair Parade!

The Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 of Safford participated in the Graham County Fair parade and manned an SCV Recruiting and Information booth at the fairgrounds. This is the first use of the SCV kiosk in Arizona. Members of Camps 1202 and 1710 assisted in both the parade and in manning the booth. Camp 2096 wishes to acknowledge the assistance of Arizona's newest UDC chapter, the Arizona Cavalry Chapter of Safford. This chapter is



Compatriot Larry Hammack



Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton (left) and Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza man the SCV Booth.

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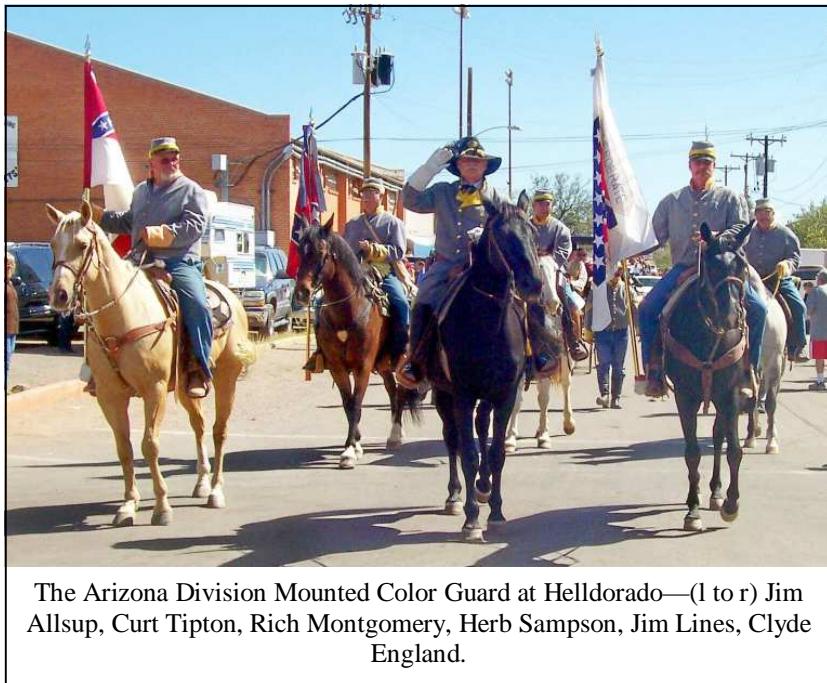
(Continued from page 7) *Camp News* the second new UDC chapter chartered this year. Congratulations to the ladies and to the ladies of the Johnny Reb Chapter of Prescott as well!

80th Annual Helldorado Days!

The Arizona Division Mounted Color Guard and members of Camps 1202, 1710, 2074 and 2096 took part in the 80th Annual Helldorado Days parade in Tombstone on 18 October 2009. The Color Guard, led by Division Commander Rich Montgomery, consisted of Compatriots Clyde England, Jim Allsup, Jim Lines, Herb Sampson and Curt Tipton. The marching infantry detachment included Ben Middleton, Silas Griffin, Jack Griffin, Scotty McLaughlin, Don Rodgers, Paul Tippet, Dwain Bright and John Duran. Larry Bowman, driving his surrey, provided transportation for our ladies, Rosemary Middleton, Anne Rodgers and Rita McLaughlin. Jason Bowman escorted the ladies.

Camp 2316 Attends UDC Charter Celebration!

Members of the Pvt. C.W. Lucas—Forrest's Escort Camp 2316 joined the ladies of the Johnny Reb Chapter 2674 of Prescott in celebrating the Chapter's charter. Chapter



2674 is one of two new chapters chartered in Arizona this year. Compatriot Erik LeBlanc of Camp 2316 was the guest speaker. The event was held at the historic Hassayampa Inn.

protocol, parliamentary procedures, etiquette and a perspective on the role women played in the War for Southern Independence.

Camp 1202 Honors!

Camp 1202 also honored Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery with the SCV War Service Medal in recognition of his 24 years of service in the US Army including two tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

Compatriot Bill Seymour received a letter of appreciation and a member's medal in recognition of his nearly 100% participation in the Camp's activities. Congratulations to Commander Montgomery and Compatriot Seymour! Well done!

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Mrs. Ella Stone Mears Named Camp 1202 Matron!

Mrs. Ella Mears, Past President of the Arizona Division UDC and Past President of the John R. Baylor Chapter 2298, was formally appointed as Matron of Honor of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202. During her many years in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. Mears has consistently been a strong supporter of the SCV. She brings a wealth of knowledge into the Camp on

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Camp 1710 Holds Living History Event!

Members of the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 joined the Sierra Vista Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in a living and family history event. Members of the Camp, in uniform, provided a display of War for Southern Independence weapons, equipment and memorabilia and a complete field hospital as well as information about the SCV. Commander Middleton provided a display and test of knowledge about the flags of the Confederacy. Many visitors were quite



Commander Ben Middleton (left) and Adjutant Curt Tipton answer visitors' questions about our heritage.

knowledgeable about the flags.

Verification of Confederate service was provided to prospective members using Broadfoot's Roster, Footnotes.com and the church's

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(left to right) Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery, Camp 1202 Adjutant Paul Mears, Mrs. Ella Stone Mears & Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza.



Commander John Potenza (left) presents the WSM to Commander Richard Montgomery



Compatrick Bill Seymour (left) receives a letter of appreciation and an SCV member's medal from Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza.



(above left) John Rogers (left) and Dwaine Bright. (above right—l to r) Larry Bowman, Ben Middleton & Curt Tipton

(Continued from page 9) **Camp News** Family History Center. At least two potential recruits asked for verification of their ancestors' service.

Taking part in the event were Ben Middleton, Larry Bowman, Curt Tipton, John Rogers and Dwaine Bright.

Ancestor's Grave Marker in Bad Condition!

Commander Ken Garrison of Camp 2316 has requested the assistance of the Virginia Division and any Camp in the Front Royal area in restoring or replacing a severely damaged grave marker on the final resting spot of his ancestor, Pvt. W.H. Garrison, Company C, 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers).

The grave is located in the Marshall Cemetery in Marshall (Fauquier County), VA. It appears the marker cannot be restored without risking serious damage. Camp 2316 would like to work with the Veterans Affairs Department to see about replacing the stone with a proper Confederate marker. It is hoped a Southern Cross of Honor can also be placed on the grave. The present marker does not memorialize Pvt. Garrison's service in Mosby's Rangers. Any Camp or Compatriot who can assist in this matter should contact Camp 2316 Adjutant



The poor condition of Pvt. Garrison's marker is apparent in these photos.

Wayne Hallford.

Helldorado in Deutschland!

Division Commander Rich Montgomery made the acquaintance of several visitors from Germany during this year's Helldorado Days. These folks were quite enthusiastic about being in Tombstone and sent Commander Montgomery a photograph of



their "Helldorado" in Germany.

Camp 1202 in Tucson's Veterans Day Parade!

Camp 1202 took part in the Tucson Veterans Day parade for the second year running. Sponsored by the

American Legion Post 7 and the City of Tucson, the parade began at 6th Avenue & 14th Street and ended at the Tucson Convention Center. Carrying the 1st National Flag was Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza. Carrying the Stars & Stripes was Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery. Past Division Commander Bobby Morris carried the Battle Flag. At 11:00 AM,



the parade halted while *Taps* was played. Following was a fly-over of military aircraft.

Division Adjutant Visits Louisiana!

In his role as the Field Representative of the Army of Trans-Mississippi, Adjutant Curt Tipton visited the Louisiana Division's Fall Assembly in Lecompte on 14 November. Also in attendance were CinC Chuck McMichael and ATM Commander Todd Owens. The morning session was a meeting of the Louisiana Division Executive Council. Several items of business were discussed. Commander Charles Lauret presented a

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(Continued from page 10) **Camp News** check for \$950.00 to CinC McMichael for the Jefferson Davis Statue Fund. He also presented the Division with a certificate from the US Army Element of the NATO Rapid Deployment Corps for the Division's support of our soldiers.

After lunch at Don's Cajun Café, a round table discussion of recruiting, retention and fund raising was held. After adjournment, the delegates drove to the Stafford Plantation and presented honors at the grave of General Leroy Stafford, the namesake of the host Camp.

Camps Celebrate Veterans Day!

Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Silas Griffin and the Camp's newest member, Jack Griffin—Silas' father, joined in the Veterans Day celebration at the Tucson VA Center. Camp 2316 held a special ceremony acknowledging not only CS veterans but the ser-



Delegates at the Louisiana Division's Fall Assembly at the grave of General Leroy Stafford.



Pictured left

vice of all American veterans in Citizens Cemetery in Prescott.

Pictured right are Lt. Commander Griffin (right) and Companiote Jack Griffin (seated). Jack is a World War II veteran.

are the Camp 2316 Battle Flags flying over Confederate graves in Citizens Cemetery.

Ancestor Honored in Tennessee!

Camp 1710 member Tell Konkle and his father, Bill Konkle, honored their ancestor with a dedication ceremony at his new grave marker

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(Continued from page 11) **Camp News** in Hillcrest Cemetery, Gray County, Texas. Their ancestor, Private Samuel Kunkel, served in Co. F, 2nd Missouri Cavalry Regiment. Note the different spelling of the name. Bill Konkle, formerly of Camp 1710, transferred to a Tennessee Camp when he moved to Morristown.

Cadet Inducted!

Camp 1710's and the Arizona Division's newest Cadet member was inducted into the SCV at Camp 1710's November meeting. We are pleased to welcome Cadet David A. Griffin, son of Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Silas Griffin and grandson of Compatriot Jack Griffin. Pictured below (l to r) Adjutant



Curt Tipton, Cadet David Griffin displaying his certificate and Commander Ben Middleton.

Cadet Griffin is the third Cadet inducted into the Arizona Division. The others are Graham Tipton—since converted to full membership—and Gaius Tipton, sons of



Compatriot Aaron Tipton and grandsons of Adjutant Curt Tipton

Camp 2074 Holds Elections!

At its regular business meeting held in Tombstone on 21 November, the Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074 elected officers for the new term. The new officers are:

Commander
George K. Williams
Lt. Commander
William F. Martini
Adjutant
Donald T. Rodgers

Treasurer
Paul H. Tippet
Color Sergeant
Henry (Scotty) McLaughlin
Historian
Glenn L. Meek
The Camp also
amended its constitution and
by-laws. Congratulations to
the new officers!

Camp 1708 Events!

Camp 1708 and the Major Fontaine R. Earle Camp #1453 from Fayetteville, Arkansas, held a joint cemetery cleanup. The cemetery is in a very thick wooded and hard to access area in the Fayetteville, Arkansas area. As you can tell from the photo of the wooded background area what we went through to get there. The day before this photo was taken, members of Camp # 1453 and myself used chainsaws and every other piece of equipment you can think of to clear a path and clean up the cemetery. The cemetery is called the Skelton Cemetery. It is named after my GGG Grandfather Cpl. John Thaddeus Skelton, Company F, Gordon's Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. We also installed a southern cross. The members

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(Continued from page 12) *Camp News* of Camp # 1453, now maintain the cemetery. I cannot say enough about the men in Camp # 1453, and the southern hospitality they have shown and continue to show to me, my family and to the SCV.

Also, on Saturday Nov 21st, Camp # 1708 participated in The Brawl In The Fall at Pioneer Living History park in Phoenix, Arizona.

Marc Fentress, Kevin Brown, Ron Fox, and Larry Hammack manned a recruiting booth and reenacted. Here is the exciting news- We were busy the entire time, selling merchandise and had 10 individuals give us contact info because they want to be a part of the SCV. Ten in one day !! It's absolutely incredible. They are from Missouri to Virginia, and all points south of the Mason Dixon line. We have already contacted them.

To learn more about the activities of the SCV Camps in Arizona, visit the Arizona Division Newsletters website at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~cssscv/azdivnewsletters> to access the ATM newsletter, the Division newsletter and the newsletters of Camps 1202, 1525, 1710 and 2074.



Camp 1708 Commander Marc Fentress (center) and members of Camp 1453 at Marc's ancestor's grave near Fayetteville, Arkansas

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few that come to mind, however: Veterans' Day Parades, Dragoon Springs, Tucson's Rodeo Days Parade, Tucson's Anniversary, Graham County Fair and Parade, Helldorado Days Parade, 1710's JROTC scholarship program, and numerous school and public presentations. Well done, and kudos to all of you who made it so!

Membership remains on the top of my goals list! Analysis of why members aren't renewing are, at best, inconclusive, and it will always boil down to personal relationships among Camp members. With the Sesquicentennial events near, we should emphasize our heritage, (and remember our work continues and adds to that heritage) with those potential members. It is a great heritage,

and one that deserves your best efforts to vindicate it, explain it, and promote it to those who will listen. States' rights is moving to the front burner of American politics right now, but other virtues of the South remain as solid as ever: God and Faith, Family, Chivalry, Word of Honor, Duty, Independence and Patriotism!

Deo Vindice!

Richard L. Montgomery
Commander, Arizona Division



The Showalter JROTC Leadership Award

Several years ago, the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 established an award for young leaders enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) at Buena High School in Sierra Vista. Buena has the only JROTC program in Cochise County. The award was named in memoriam of Past Commander David N. Showalter and the first funding for the award came from his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Showalter. Initially, the award consisted of a certificate and a \$250.00 check.

Last year, Camp 1710 was pleased to extend the award to the Naval JROTC program at Apache Junction High School. Now, the Arizona Division has adopted the program and it is offered statewide.

To further enhance our recognition of these outstanding young people, our national organization has adopted the program, certificate and medal used by the South Carolina Division. The award is known as the H.L. Hunley Award and consists of a certificate, medal and ribbon. The medal is pictured above. The ribbon is gray with red and white stripes and the medal depicts the *CSS Hunley*.

The Arizona Division has incorporated this award into our program and will, be-



ginning in 2010, present the medal, the certificate and the \$250.00 check to our Arizona award recipients.

Each Camp is asked to contact high schools in their areas that have JROTC programs and let them know about the award. The criteria for the award is:

The award is offered to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at an accredited institution of higher learning and who have participated in the Junior ROTC program. The requirements are as follows.

1. Demonstrated excellence while in a leadership position while enrolled in the Junior ROTC program.
2. Maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

3. Been accepted at an accredited institution of higher education.

4. Demonstrated a well-rounded high school career: i.e. participation in sports, drama, music, art or other extra-curricular activities.

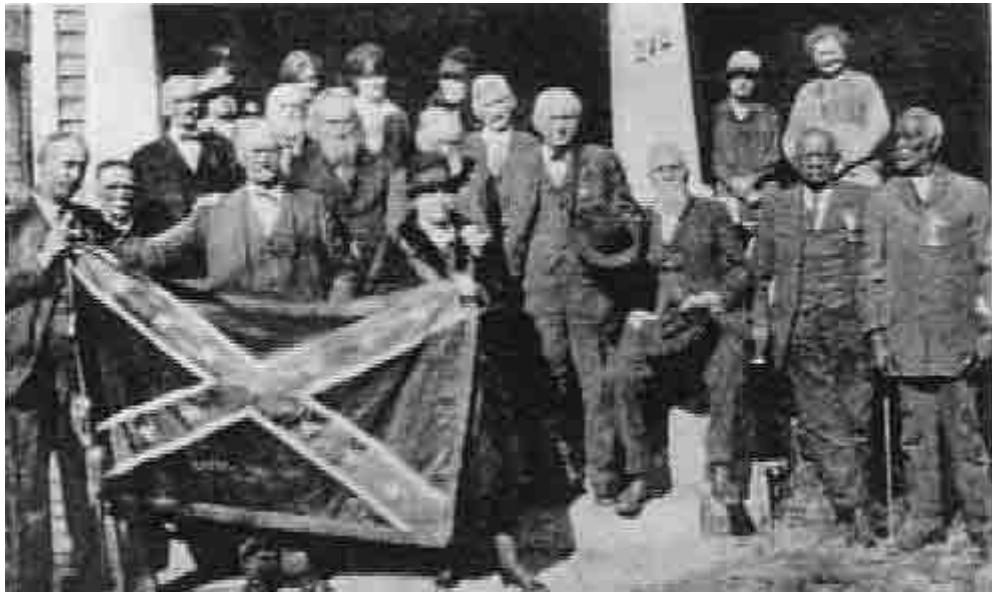
The recipients are selected by the school's JROTC faculty and the award is presented at the school's annual JROTC awards event.

Nominations for the JROTC award should be submitted to Camp 1710. Please allow enough lead time so the medal, certificate and check may be ready in time for the awards presentation ceremony.

It has been noted that the medal has a naval theme and some have said it might not be appropriate for an Army JROTC unit. Recall that the *CSS Hunley* was commanded by an Army officer, Lieutenant George Dixon, so presentation to an Army JROTC Cadet is appropriate.

GHQ is working with the various military commands responsible for the JROTC programs to allow the cadets to wear the medal and/or the ribbon on their uniforms.

For the names of the most recent recipients, visit the Camp 1710 website at: <http://home.earthlin.net/~cssscv>



BLACK CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

"There are at the present moment, many colored men in the Confederate Army doing duty...as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders and bullets in their pockets...." Frederick Douglass, former slave & abolitionist (Fall, 1861)

How many? Easily tens of thousands of blacks served the Confederacy as laborers, teamsters, cooks and even as soldiers. Some estimates indicate 25% of free blacks and 15% of slaves actively supported the South during the war.

Why? Blacks served the South because it was their home, and because they hoped for the reward of patriotism; for these reasons they fought in every war through Korea, even though it meant defending a segregated United States.

Emancipation? President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation did not free a single slave. Issued at a time when the Confederacy seemed to be winning the war, Lincoln hoped to transform a disagreement over secession into a crusade against slavery, thus preventing Great Britain (and France) from intervening on the side of the South. The proclamation allowed slavery to continue in the North as well as in Tennessee and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. It applied only to Confederate-held slaves, which Lincoln had no authority over, but not to slaves under Federal control.

Lincoln's Views? "I am not in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office...." 9/15/1858 campaign speech "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery...." 3/4/1861 First Inaugural Address "I am a little uneasy about the abolition of slavery in this District [of Columbia]...." 3/24/1862 letter to Horace Greeley "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it...." 8/22/1862 letter to Horace Greeley, New York Tribune editor

Confederate: Famed bridge engineer and former slave Horace King received naval contracts for building Confederate warships. A black servant named Sam Ashe killed the first Union officer during the war, abolitionist Major Theodore Winthrop. John W. Buckner, a black private, was wounded at Ft. Wagner repulsing the U.S. (Colored) 54th Massachusetts Regiment.

George Wallace, a servant who surrendered with General Lee at Appomattox, later served in the Georgia Senate. Jim Lewis served General Stonewall Jackson, and was honored to hold his horse "Little Sorrel" at the general's funeral. Captured black cook Dick Poplar suffered cruelty by Yankee Negro guards at Pt. Lookout, MD for being a "Jeff Davis man."

Union: A daring Robert Smalls engineered theft of the CSS Planter, presenting it to the Yankee blockading fleet at Charleston. Black Medal of Honor awardees Christian Fleetwood and William Carey bravely carried the banner at Ft. Wagner's assault in 1863.

Colonial: The first man to die for the American cause of freedom was Crispus Attucks, a black seaman from Boston. At the time of the American Revolution, New York City held almost as many slaves as all of Georgia combined.

Surprising Facts: In St. Louis, General John Fremont freed slaves of "disloyal" Missouri Confederates; an angry Lincoln fired him. Slaves in Washington, D.C. were not freed until April 1862, a year after the war began with the firing at Ft. Sumter. Slavery continued throughout the entire war in five Union-held states: DE, MD, WV, KY and MO. The New York City draft riots of July 1863 resulted in burning of a beautiful black orphanage and lynching of blacks. A provision in the Confederate Constitution prohibited the African slave trade outright (unlike the U.S. Constitution). Encouraged by General Lee, the CSA eventually freed slaves who would join the army, and did recruit and arm black regiments. C.S. General Robert E. Lee freed his family slaves before the war; Union Gen. U.S. Grant kept his wife's slaves well into the war. Many blacks owned slaves themselves. In 1861 Charleston, for example, a free colored planter named William Ellison owned 70 slaves. Even in 1830 New York City, three decades before the war, eight black planters owned 17 slaves.

Blacks Today: Nelson W. Winbush, a retired educator and SCV member, lectures on his black Confederate ancestor, private Louis N. Nelson. A black Chicago funeral home owner, Ernest A. Griffin, flies the CSA battle flag and erected at his own expense a \$20,000 monument to the 6,000 Confederate soldiers who are buried on his property, once site of the Union prison Camp Douglas. Black professor Leonard Haynes (recently deceased) of Southern University (Baton Rouge) spoke regularly on black Confederates. American University's professor Edward Smith also lectures on the truth of black Confederate history and, with Nelson W. Winbush, has prepared an educational videotape entitled "Black Southern Heritage" (available at (954) 963-4857)

Info? Contact: Dr. Edward Smith, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 (202) 885-1192; Dean of American Studies, Dr. Smith (a black professor) is dedicated to clarifying the historical role of blacks.

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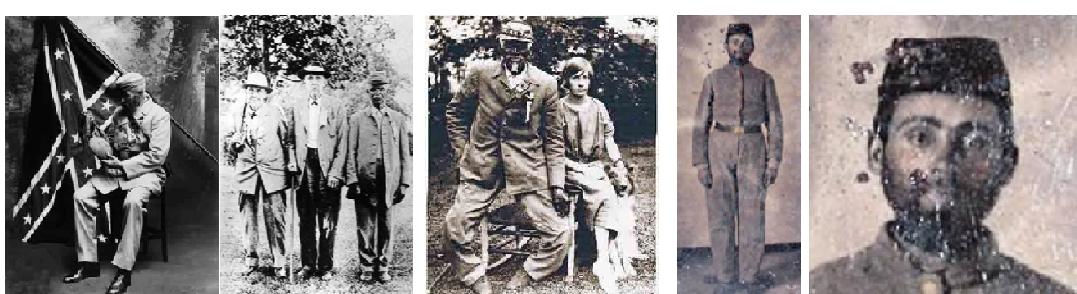
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Brotherhood in War!



L.J. Williams of Harvard, New York, enlisted in the 114th New York Volunteers at the beginning of the Civil War (sic). He received the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees in Downsville Lodge No. 464 prior to his leaving home.

Later during the war he was captured and imprisoned near Savannah, Georgia. While in the prison, he communicated with his friends in the North. His lodge in New York through the proper officials got in touch with Zerubbabel Lodge in Savannah and stated that they would consider it a favor if the lodge in Savannah would confer the Third Degree on the Fellowcraft Brother Williams.

One night Brother Williams was taken from the prison and conducted to the lodge room in Savannah. He only had his tattered blue uniform to wear, a token of his sympathy with the cause he believed in. The officers of the lodge were all in Confederate gray. Although on opposite sides in the struggle on the battlefields of the war, they were all Brethren. He was then and there raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and acclaimed a full Brother and friend to those who wore the gray.

Later that night Brother Williams escaped. When asked about his escape he would 'smile peculiarly.' "You might put it down as an escape," he said. "But it wasn't an escape strictly speaking. They put me in a boat and carried me off some distance. Then they deposited me on neutral soil between the lines." From there Williams was able to find his friends. Williams never knew who exactly helped him escape. He considered it as their secret and it was never disclosed. Williams stated: "I know exactly to whom I may attribute my escape, His name is Hiram."

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Upcoming Events

5 December: *Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony* hosted by Camp 1525.

16 January: The Arizona Division's *Lee-Jackson Celebration* hosted by Camp 1525.

13-14 March: *Civil War (sic) in the Southwest.* Picacho Peak State Park

3 April: Camp 1710's *15th Anniversary Dinner.* Location and time to be announced.

17 April: Camp 1710 will hold the annual *Confederate Heritage Trail.* Tombstone's Boot Hill Cemetery, 10:30 AM.

24 April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremony,* Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, hosted by Camp 1525

26 April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremony,* Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, hosted by Camp 1202.

1 May: *Dragoon Springs Memorial ceremony* hosted by Camp 1710.

5 June: *Arizona Division Convention* hosted by Camp 1525 in Phoenix. Location to be determined.

21-24 July: *SCV National Convention*, Anderson, South Carolina. Visit www.scv.org to pre-register.

21 August: Camp 1710 will hold the annual Black Powder Weapons Shoot

October (date to be announced): The City of Safford will host the Graham Country Fair Parade.

15-17 October: The City of Tombstone will hold the 81st Annual Helldorado Days

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

Camp 1647: Contact the Division Adjutant.

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

Camp 1710: Meetings on 8 December, 6:30 PM, 9 January at 11:30 AM and 9 February at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Country House Restaurant, 4373 S. Hwy 92 in Sierra Vista. Special meetings will be held in March (Picacho Peak), April (anniversary dinner) and May (Dragoon Springs). Contact the Commander.

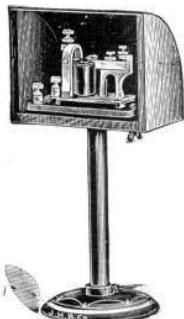
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