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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

2010 and Beyond: The Sesquicentennial Opportunity.

*There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood leads onto
fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of
their life is bound in shallows and
in miseries.*

-From *Julius Caesar*, by William
Shakespeare.

The Arizona Division, man for man, can be held against any other division in the Confederacy! We are a very active group! In reviewing the past year, I found it full of activities, discounting regular monthly camp meetings; we are more likely to have joint events than singular one-camp events. The start of this current year was very typical with four camps being represented at the Camp 1525-hosted Lee-Jackson luncheon in Phoenix, plus the John R. Baylor chapter of the UDC gave us a turn out of around forty people!

I believe that our most encouraging event of the past year occurred on December 4, when some thirty SCV and UDC compatriots gathered at the Jef-

erson Davis monument on Arizona highway 60 near Apache Junction. This was a patriotic response to a possible expansion of the highway by ADOT and concern that the monument was being overlooked or ignored by the state. It is heartening to know that the Arizona Division of the SCV, along with the UDC, can rally to defend our heritage, and it is one of many events we can look upon with certain pride.

Numerous events had joint camp/UDC participation and support: Picacho, Confederate Memorial Day, Dragoon Springs, Annual Division Convention in Phoenix the National Convention in Anderson, South Carolina, Tucson's 235th Anniversary, Helldorado Days Parade in Tombstone, Graham County Fair in Safford, participation in the UDC state convention at Westward Look Resort wherein participants met Bertram Hays-Davis (a great-great grandson of Jefferson Davis), Veterans' Day parades, and so on. Certainly not a full listing of all the activities and achievements, but it gives one a clear idea of the span of activities in which we all find ourselves engaged.

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**Arizona Division
Commander
Richard L. Montgomery**

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Division Executive Council Meets!

Tucson, A.T. 12 February 2011

The Arizona Division Executive Council held its quarterly meeting at Daisy Mae's Steak House in Tucson. The meeting was hosted by the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202.

After the opening ceremonies, Division Commander Richard Montgomery assumed the chair. The Division Adjutant read the minutes of the last DEC meeting, gave the financial report and the recruiting/retention report.

The Time & Place Committee provided further details on the 2011 Division Convention and the Sesquicentennial Committee reported on upcoming events, particularly the reenactment of the Tucson Secession Convention. Commander Cogar of Camp 2127 reported that the entry for the Fiesta de los Vaqueros parade has been submitted and invited the other Camps to participate.

Gadsden Brigade Commander Meek submitted a written report of the Brigade's activities over the past quarter.

In old business, the Adjutant reported that a meeting was held to organize a new Camp in Yuma and that we could expect the charter application to be submitted by the end of the month.

The proposal to change Camp 1647's status from the Division HQ Camp to a regular Camp and appoint past Camp 2316 Commander Ken Garrison as the Commander was rejected. Camp 1647 will remain the Division HQ Camp under the provisions of the Division constitution.

In new business, it was moved, seconded and passed to establish bank accounts for our Graves Preservation Fund and Sesquicentennial Fund. Currently, the money for these funds is kept in the general fund. The motion was passed and

the Adjutant was directed to open these accounts.

Commander Montgomery discussed recruiting efforts and strategies. The DEC members had several suggestions concerning this vital effort. More will be forthcoming concerning this matter.

Camp 2127 Commander Bill Martini and Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek presented Compatriot Kenneth W. Polley's War Service Medal to Camp 1710 Commander Silas Griffin. Compatriot Polley, now deceased, was a charter member of Camp 1710. (See the article in Camp News.)

Camp 1710 Chaplain Jack Griffin gave the benediction and played a hymn on his harmonica.

Commander Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon and lunch was served.

An Appeal!

If you are one of the 50 or so Compatriots receiving a hard copy issue of *The Rebel Yell* and you have the capability of receiving the electronic issue via Email or internet access, please so inform the Adjutant at cssscv@earthlink.net or complete the form on the last page of this issue and mail it to the Division at the address indicated.

Printing and postage costs are rising and providing our membership with our newsletter via electronic means saves the Division a considerable amount of money each year. We realize that some of our members do not have email access or may want to preserve their privacy by not providing an email address. We understand those reasons but we do appeal to those who can receive the electronic issue to help us reduce our operating costs.



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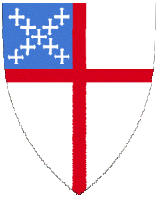
Going forward, we can see another year of even greater activities due to the arrival of the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence. You probably have heard the old saying, "There is no security. Only opportunity." I would be remiss if I did not get up on my soapbox and speak long and loud about the fact that this *is* an abundant opportunity to participate in numerous Sesquicentennial events and activities of all sort and stripe. We are blessed with a great support system, starting at National with Commander-in-Chief Givens who has strengthened heritage defense and made *Confederate Veteran* magazine a more useful source of historical facts. We have the tools, and I believe we have the will and the spirit.

Our time is short for us here in the Southwest. If you let these Sesquicentennial events pass by, ...well, you could just throw in the towel, and say, "shucks, I'll just catch the bicentennial...in fifty years!" Not!

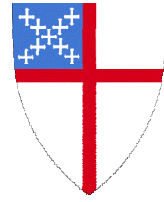
The Sesquicentennial may be the biggest opportunity of decades; to be involved, to recruit, and to honor our Charge as compatriots of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Years from now, I wish for each and every one of our members to be able to say that they participated; that they did this or did that during the Sesquicentennial years, that they can truly say that they upheld our reputation, that they defended our heritage, that our Charge, our valiant ancestors' memories were truly honored.

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Richard L. Montgomery
Commander, Arizona Division



In Memoriam



J. Pendleton Gaines

1944-2011

Compatriot Gaines crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees on the 5th of January 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona. Compatriot Gaines, a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge, was a member of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 of Phoenix.

He is survived by his wife, Dana, his daughter, Elizabeth and his two sons, Edward and Andrew. Services were held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Phoenix on 14 January 2011.





In Memoriam



Travis M. Stoner

1989-2010

Compatriot Stoner crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees on November 6, 2010.

**Compatriot Stoner was a member of the
Pvt. C.W. Lucas—Forrest's Escort Camp 2316.**

Memorial donations may be made to
Travis M. Stoner Memorial Fund
c/o Amy B. Stoner for McInzy Stoner
2808 Country Club Drive
Suffolk, Virginia 23435



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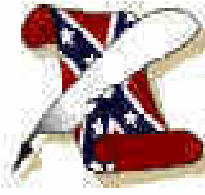
Charles “Chuck” L. Rodgers Jr.

Mr. Charles L. Rodgers Jr. , aged 72, passed away Thursday, January 13th, 2011 after a sudden and brief illness. He was a retired captain of the Memphis Fire department, after thirty years of service and a member of Local 1784. He retired to live in Lawrenceburg. He was

preceded in death by his father Charles L. Rodgers Sr., his mother Christine Thornton Rodgers, and sister Elizabeth Rodgers Dobell.

Chuck leaves behind his wife; Joanne Bevell Rodgers; two daughters; Elizabeth Christine Rodgers Frakes and husband Scott of Loretto and Heather Kathleen Rodgers Gwin and husband Jesse S. Gwin Jr. of Fulton, MS; one brother Donald T. Rodgers of Tucson AZ; one grandson; Jesse S. Gwin III; two nieces; Miss Kara Rodgers of Jamaica Plains Ma., and Mrs. Elizabeth Dobell Weiner, of New York, NY; one nephew Jacob Garth Rodgers of Gilford, CT; several other nieces and Nephews; one great-nephew; Adam Dobell Weiner of New York, NY; and several cousins who reside in Texas. Chuck also served in both the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Air Force.





Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

As the Arizona Division enters its 16th year and the first year of the Sesquicentennial of the "Late Unpleasantness", we have many accomplishments of which to be proud.

Since the last issue of *The Rebel Yell*, our Camps have participated in parades and community events and given living history presentations to schools and other groups. Several of our Camps maintained a 100% membership retention rate. For more about Camp activities, see the Camp News section in this issue.

Recruiting & Retention

Overall, membership retention was good despite the fact of losing 38 members. Recruiting efforts continue and we expect the rate to expand as the Sesquicentennial events take place, sparking interest.

Retention Rates

Camp 1202:	100%
Camp 1525:	100%
Camp 1647:	100%
Camp 1708:	95%
Camp 1710:	95%
Camp 2074:	100%
Camp 2096:	94%
Camp 2127:	70%
Camp 2316:	36%
AZ Division:	81%

Note that while Camp 2316's

retention rate is alarming, those members not renewing were nearly all out-of-state residents and were not active participants. Camp 2316's core membership is strong and the Camp is not in danger of becoming inactive.

Recruiting

25 gentlemen contacted
7 new members
1 Cadet member
1 internal transfer
2 reactivations

Camp Strength

* does not include Associate,

Dual or Cadet members

Camp 1202: 22

Camp 1525: 22

Camp 1647: 8

Camp 1708: 18

Camp 1710: 37

Camp 2074: 13

Camp 2096: 15

Camp 2127: 7

Camp 2316: 21

Arizona Division: 163

The retention, recruiting and Camp strength figures are current as of 12 February 2011.

Financial Report

(as of 12 February 2011)

Balance forward: \$928.69

Income:

Dues: \$430.00

Merchandise: \$ 5.00

Donations: \$492.20

Total \$1855.89

Expenses:

Rebel Yell: \$ 62.59

Postage: \$ 30.71

Organization fees: \$195.00

Donations: \$330.00

Division convention: \$216.76

Family History Expo: \$220.00

Advertising: \$ 48.00

Total expenses: \$1103.06

Checking acct bal.: \$752.83

Explanation of report items

Dues: money received from members

Merchandise: sale of honorary society badge

Donations: MRS optional giving and other donations

Rebel Yell: Printing for Division newsletter

Postage: mailing newsletter and other items.

Organizations fees: payment of national per capita tax and other fees to GHQ for Camps 1647 & 2127 members.

Donations: transfer of funds to GHQ and JROTC fund from optional giving

Division Convention: Reimbursement to Camp 1710 for expenses charged on Camp's credit card—room rental

Family History Expo: Booth rental and other expo fees

Advertising: Program advertisement for Family History Expo.

Special Fund Balances

Graves preservation: \$195.00

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Jefferson Davis Memorial Safe!

The following letter was sent electronically to the President of the Arizona Division UDC, Ms. Janet Grams and to the Adjutant of the Arizona Division SCV.

US 60 Alignment Study, Superstition Freeway to Florence Junction

Thank you for your recent communication to the Arizona Department of Transportation regarding the US 60 Alignment Study, Superstition Freeway to Florence Junction. Your communication expressed concern regarding potential impacts from the US 60 Alignment Study project to the Jefferson Davis Memorial, a historical memorial located at the junction of US 60 and Peralta Road.

As described in the final environmental assessment for the US 60 Alignment Study, the *Gold Canyon Re-alignment Option 2*, which is the alternative to be carried forward (Build Alternative), would not result in any roadway impacts in proximity to the US 60/Peralta Road intersection, and therefore would not affect the Jefferson Davis Memorial. As such, formal recordation and evaluation of the eligibility of the memorial for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places was not undertaken for this project.



We greatly appreciate receiving the comments and information pertaining to the Jefferson Davis Memorial. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Teresa Welborn
Assistant Communication
Director
Communication and
Community Partnerships
Arizona Department of
Transportation

While it seems that the monument is safe for the time being, nevertheless, we and the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Arizona Division, who actually own the monument, must remain vigilant. In other states, similar monuments have been relegated to ignominious storage in forgotten warehouses whenever the modernization of roadways or the forces of political correctness assert themselves. Let us not allow this to happen to the Arizona Jefferson Davis Monument!

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Sesquicentennial fund:
\$185.00

JROTC Award fund:
\$857.88

The JROTC Award fund includes money forwarded by Camp 1710 from the David N. Showalter Scholarship fund. Camp 1710 maintains the account. \$330.00 was transferred to GHQ for the Heritage Defense Fund and the Stand Watie Scholarship fund.

New Camp in Organizational stage

The Division is in the process of organizing and chartering its 10th Camp—to be designated as Camp 2186 and headquartered in Yuma. If you know of anyone interested in SCV membership who lives in or near Yuma, please contact the acting Camp Commander, Buddy Hartley at: buddy@buddyhartley.com or me. See the Camp News section for more information.

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

Curt Tipton
Adjutant, Arizona Division



Granville Henderson Oury



Captain Granville H. Oury



By Tom Todd, Camp 1708

Oury, the son of Augustus Oury was born in Abingdon, Virginia on March 25, 1825. He was a younger brother of William Sanders Oury. Oury migrated with his family to Pike County Missouri in 1843 where he studied law and was admitted to the

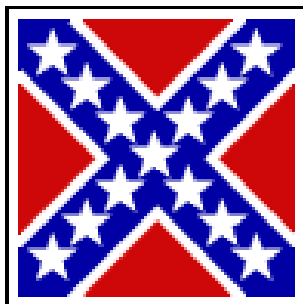
bar in 1848. The following year he moved to Los Angeles, California where he practiced law until 1856 when he moved to Tucson, Arizona where he joined up with his brother William. In addition to establishing a law practice he also owned and operated sev-

eral mines in southern Arizona.

He served as Chief Justice in a provisional government and was active in efforts to obtain territorial status for Arizona.

In 1857, a group of

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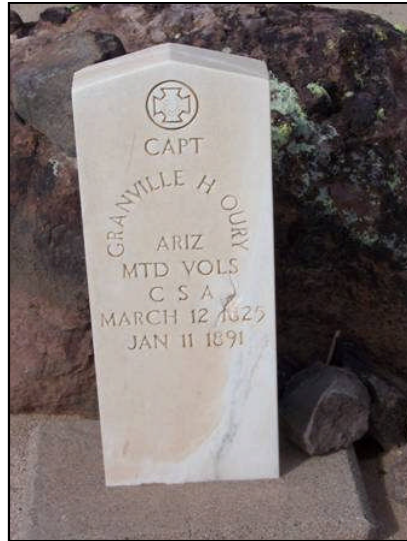
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Americans known as filibusters led by Henry Alexander Crabb, a California state senator, entered the Mexican state of Sonora in an attempt to help the state secure independence from Mexico. After a six day siege, Crabb surrendered his men believing they would be returned to safety across the border. Oury gathered up a group of men and headed to Sonora in an effort to rescue Crabb and his men. It was too late, all 59 survivors had been executed and Oury's group had to fight its way back to the border, losing four men.

After Lieutenant Colonel John R. Baylor invaded the New Mexico Territory in 1861 and defeated the only Union forces in the southern half of the territory, he declared Arizona to be a Confederate Territory and made himself governor. On August 6, 1861, Governor Baylor appointed Oury as Arizona's delegate to the Confederate Congress.

In 1862 Oury enlisted in the Confederate Army serving in Captain George Frazier's Arizona Rangers, also known as Company B, Herbert's Battalion, Arizona Cavalry. When Frazier was promoted to Major, Oury was elected as Captain. By July of 1862 the Confederate forces had moved out of Arizona and New Mexico and Oury's unit was serving under Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley in Texas and Louisi-



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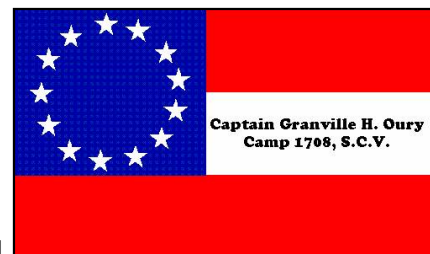
After taking part in the Bayou Teche Campaign against Union Major General Nathaniel Banks in the spring of 1863, Oury asked to resign his commission. Upon receiving permission from Sibley to resign he went to San Antonio, Texas where he married his cousin Mina Sanders.

At the war's end, Oury fled to Mexico with his wife. After wandering around the state of Chihuahua for a couple of months they returned to Arizona and at Fort Mason did what he had sworn to never do. He took the oath of allegiance to the United States on October 8, 1865.

He was elected to the Arizona Territorial legislature in 1866, 1873 and 1875. In 1869 he was appointed to the post of Attorney General of the Arizona Territory. At some point he moved to Florence, Arizona and while living there he was twice elected as Arizona's delegate to the

United States House of Representatives. He has the unique distinction of being the only man to serve as a territorial delegate to both the Confederate Congress and the United States Congress. He also served as a delegate from the Arizona Territory to the Democratic National Convention in 1884.

After his tour in Congress he returned to Florence and practiced law until he died of throat cancer on January 11, 1891. He is buried in the old Adamsville Cemetery in Florence which served Florence and the extinct community of Adamsville. He is also the namesake of the Sons of Confederate Camp 1708 of which the author is a proud member.



The Granville H. Oury monument and the Veterans Administration headstone for Captain Oury are located at his gravesite in the Adamsville Cemetery in Florence, Arizona. The Captain Granville H. Oury Camp 1708 maintains the site. The monument was vandalized several years ago and Camp 1708 and another community organization, E Clampus Vitus, restored it.

Camp News

Camp 1525 Family Picnic

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 held its annual Camp Family Picnic. This year, the event was held at Surprise Community Park in Surprise, Arizona. We had a nice ramada in a good location on the South side (of course!) of Surprise Lake. The weather was perfect...sunny but not too hot, a nice change from the cold, wet, and rainy weather here in the metro Phoenix area over the past week.

In contrast to some other recent picnics, this one was well-attended, with no less than eleven people in attendance: Camp 1525 Commander Robert Perkins and his wife, Camp Matron Tammy Perkins; Camp Lt. Commander Philip Easley and guest Jana Cunningham; Camp Chaplain Steve Johnson and his children, Kine Britt, Mathea, and Jonas; and Camp Color Sergeant Tim Thomson and his sons, Chase and Joshua. In addition, we had a special guest...Chewy, the Confederate Chihuahua (so called because he always barks at Yankees), who accompanied Color Sergeant Thomson to the event.

Everyone enjoyed a fine repast of barbecued pulled



Pictured (l to r) Phil Easley, Steve Johnson, Robert Perkins, Tim Thomson & Chewy the Confederate Chihuahua!

pork sandwiches, two kinds of potato chips, tortilla chips and salsa, potato salad, and several different kinds of cake and cookies. The younger members of the gathering had a great time fishing in the lake and playing on the playground, while the adults enjoyed some interesting company and conversation. Our Camp Colors were prominently displayed throughout the event, and generally received a friendly reception from other users of the park. All in all it was a great event! Thanks to all who attended! See y'all next year!

Camp 1525 Hits 100% Renewal!



The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 joins Camps 1202, 1647 and 2074 in reaching the goal of 100% membership renewal. Congratulations and a job well done! Three other Camps in the Division had a 98% re-

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Camp 1710 Chaplain Honored!

Our Camp Chaplain, Jack Griffin, was recently honored at the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce Veterans Luncheon. Chaplain Griffin was the oldest veteran in attendance. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1914. Jack worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1942. He arrived in France after the D-day landing and served until the end of World War II. After the war, he became an ordained minister and worked as a missionary in the US, Cuba and Mexico. He and his son, Camp 1710 Commander Silas Griffin, co-authored a book about Jack's life and experiences. Pictured above are Chaplain Griffin (right) and PFC O'Brien Sweeney, the youngest active duty soldier present at the luncheon, cutting the cake with a saber. PFC Sweeney is assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade and is a veteran of operations in Iraq.

Camp 1202 in Tucson's Veterans Day Parade!

For the third year, the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 participated in the Tucson Veterans



Day parade. Camp members arrived two hours before the start of the parade to put the finishing touches on the float, generously provided by Commander Bobby Morris. A company of Marines followed the entry as the parade started. With Marines at your back and the Battle Flag up front, what could be better?

Division Adjutant Visits Louisiana Division!

Arizona Division Adjutant Curt Tipton was privileged to attend the Louisiana Division's Fall Assembly held on 13 November 2010 at Ryan's Steak House in Pineville, LA. There was a good turnout despite the heavy rains in the area.

Several items of business were discussed and our Adjutant was able to "borrow" a few ideas and programs that may be of use to the Arizona Division and the rest of the Army of Trans-Mississippi Divisions.

The Louisiana Division has a reenactment of the

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Riding the Camp 1202 float are (l to r) Division Commander Rich Montgomery, 2nd Lt. Commander Shawn Murphy, Past Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza, Mrs. Penny Brown, UDC, in white bonnet, Mrs. Carol Potenza, Compatriot Bill Seymour.

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Louisiana Secession Convention planned for 15 January 2011. The event will be held at the Old Arsenal Museum and at the Old Capitol in Baton Rouge. At 9:30, the Division will reenact the surrender of the US Army Garrison at the Arsenal. At 1:30, the signing of the Ordinance of Secession will be held in the House of Representatives Chamber in the Old Capitol. Following the reenactment, there will be a memorial service at the grave of Governor Allen.



Louisiana Division Commander David Hill (left) accepts a donation from Commander George Gremillion of the Brigadier General J.J. Alfred A. Mouton Camp 778 to help defray the cost of liability insurance at the Division's memorial at Burr Ferry across the Sabine River near Leesville.

Also present at the Assembly was ATM Councilman Todd Owens and Past ATM Council Paul Gramling. Todd is also the Past Commander of the ATM.



UDC & SCV members at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony

Camp 1525 Hosts the Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony!

Apache Junction, A.T. 4 December 2010.

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the annual Jefferson Davis Memorial Ceremony at the site of the Jefferson Davis Highway monument on US Highway 60 in Apache Junction. The event was well attended by both SCV and UDC members.

New Camp 1525 Commander!

Lt. Commander Phillip Easley assumed the office of Commander of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 at the Jefferson Davis Memorial ceremony. Commander Robert Perkins resigned as he and his wife, Tammy, are moving to South Carolina. Robert will continue to maintain his membership in Camp 1525 and will also serve as Adjutant, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Congratulations to Commander Easley and a fond farewell to Commander Perkins!



Camp 1525 members at the ceremony: (l to r) Past Commander Robert Perkins, Compatriot Johnathan Howell, Commander Phil Easley, Past Commander Dan Huskisson & Compatriot Bob Capps

Camp 1710 Inducts Its Youngest Member!

At its 11 December 2010 monthly business meeting, the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 inducted its newest and youngest member, David A. Griffin, into the ranks of the SCV. Compatriot Griffin was a Cadet member and converted to full membership on his 12th birthday. He is the son of Camp Commander Silas Griffin and the grandson of Camp Chaplain

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Jack Griffin. While David is our youngest member, his grandfather is our oldest at age 96! Pictured right (l to r) are Adjutant Curt Tipton, Compatriot David Griffin, Commander Silas Griffin and Chaplain Jack Griffin.

Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Receives Commission!

Camp 1710 Lt. Commander Clint Cooper received his commission as a Camp officer at the 11 December Camp meeting. Due to work commitments, Lt. Commander Cooper had not been able to receive his commission earlier.



Pictured above are (l to r) Adjutant Curt Tipton, Lt. Commander Clint Cooper and Commander Silas Griffin.

Travels with Hen-ry-Etta!

Our intrepid traveler, Hen-ry-Etta, visited the Jefferson Davis monument on the occasion of the Davis Memorial Ceremony and then de-



Hen-ry-Etta at the Jefferson Davis Monument.



Hen-ry-Etta and Commander Perkins at the Cyclorama in Atlanta



Hen-ry-Etta visited the Great Locomotive Chase Museum in Marietta, Georgia. She is pictured with the locomotive *Texas*.

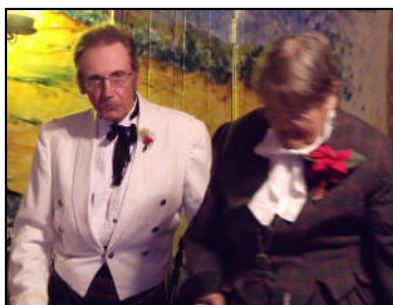
parted for South Carolina with Commander and Mrs. Robert Perkins. The Perkins family is moving to the first state of the Confederacy. Good luck &

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Best Wishes to Robert &
Tammy (and Hen-ry-Etta!)

Camp 2074 Holds Christmas Dinner!

The Texas John H. Slaughter Camp 2074 held its Second Annual Christmas dinner, at Daisy Mae's Steak House In Tucson Arizona. We wish to thank all of our guests that helped make our Second Annual Christmas Dinners a success. Guests included, Past Camp Commander Ted McSwain, Past Commander Glenn L Meek, Commander Bill Martini, Adjutant Don Rodgers, Color Sergeant Scotty McLaughlin, Treasurer Paul Tippit. Our Special Guests were, Mrs. Stacy McSwain Past Treasurer General UDC, Mrs. Rita McLaughlin, Mrs. Ann Rodgers, Ms. Gretchen Brittain John R. Baylor Chapter 2298 UDC, Ms. Penny Brown John R Baylor Chapter 2298 UDC, Dan and Linda Bryan, Past Arizona Division Commander Bobby Morris, Mrs. Mary Ann Morris, John and Carol Potenza Camp 1202, Roger and Marie Hieston Camp 1202, Art & Tomie Booth Camp 1202, and Compatriot Shawn Murphy Camp 1202. The food and service were excellent and a great time of camaraderie was shared and felt by all. The officers and members of Camp 2074 wish y'all the best for the New Year!



(clockwise from above left) Camp 2074 Commander Bill Martini; Adjutant & Mrs. Don Rodgers; Treasurer Paul Tippit; Color Sergeant & Mrs. Scotty McLaughlin



(l to r) AZ Division Adjutant Curt Tipton, Camp 1710 Chaplain Jack Griffin & AZ Division Commander Rich Montgomery.

Jack Griffin Receives War Service Medal!

The officers and members of Camp 1710 were pleased to award the SCV's War Service Medal to Camp Chaplain Jack R. Griffin in recognition of his service to the nation during World War II. Arizona Division Commander Richard

Montgomery presented the medal and certificate to Chaplain Griffin.

Chaplain Griffin enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and served in the United States, England and France. He participated in the occupation of Paris and in operations in France and Belgium.

He received the American and European Theater campaign ribbons, a Bronze Star and the Good Conduct medal. He was honorably discharged in 1945, receiving the "ruptured duck" lapel pin.

Camp Commander Silas Griffin, Chaplain Jack's youngest son, also presented him with an SCV Chaplain's medal. Chaplain Griffin, after his military service, dedicated

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(Continued from page 13) *Camp News* his life to the service of God as an Evangelist minister and missionary. His work included missions to Cuba and to Mexico.

Camp 1525 Hosts the Lee-Jackson Celebration!

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the Arizona Division's annual Lee-Jackson Celebration in Phoenix on 15 January 2011. In attendance were members of Camps 1202, 1525, 1708 and 1710 as well as the ladies of the John R. Baylor, Thunderbird, Dixie and Arizona Cavalry chapters of the UDC.

The ever popular Lee-Jackson trivia contest was won by a team consisting of Rich Montgomery, John Potenza (Camp 1202), Tim Thomson, Larry Billar (Camp 1525) and Curt Tipton (Camp 1710). Thanks to Camp 1525 for a great event!

Arizona Division at the Family History Expo!

For the second year, the Arizona Division manned a booth at the annual Family History Expo in Mesa. The event allows many heritage organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and, of course, the SCV and UDC to assist



The ladies of the Arizona Division UDC and the gentlemen of the Arizona Division SCV at the Lee-Jackson Celebration.



(on the left) Dr. Bob Massey, AZ Division Genealogist, (back turned) and Larry Hammack watch as (l to r) George Reece, Ron Fox and Wendy Gould discuss Confederate heritage with a visitor to our booth.

interested people in establishing their family histories and, hopefully, joining one those organizations. This year, we were pleased to share our booth with the Arizona Division of the UDC and with the General Joe Wheeler Chapter of New Mexico. The event,

held on 21-22 January 2011, was well attended and many contacts for potential SCV and UDC members were made. The booth was manned by members of the Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, the Captain Granville H. Oury

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Camp 1708 and the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710.

Also assisting in our efforts were Ms. Wendy Gould and Ms. Stacy McSwain of the UDC.

New Camp Organized in Yuma!

Eight gentlemen living in or near Yuma have organized the Arizona Division's 10th Camp. As yet unnamed, the Camp has been assigned the number 2186 by GHQ. Charter members are Buddy Hartley, Harrison Barton, Jim Hartley, Russell Hartley, Bob Moore, Bill Brand, John Roberts and Art Booth. Compatriots Buddy Hartley, Jim Hartley, Harrison Barton, John Roberts and Art Booth are SCV members and will transfer to the new Camp. The others have submitted their membership applications! Pictured right at the organizational meeting are (l to r) Buddy Hartley, Harrison Barton, Jim Hartley (standing), Russell Hartley and Bob Moore.

More Travels with Hen-ry-Etta!

Hen-ry-etta and the Perkins family have been seeing the sights in South Carolina. Harking back to the days of the 1st American Revolution, Commander and Mrs. Perkins with Hen-ry-etta visited the site of the Battle of the Cowpens, a significant victory in the Revolution.



(l to r) Past Camp 1708 Commander Larry Hammack, AZ Division Genealogist Bob Massey and Past Camp 1708 Commander Ron Fox at the SCV Booth at the Family History Expo.



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Camp 2074 Holds 1st Meeting of 2011!

Members of camp 2074 met at the Thunder Canyon Brewery for the first meeting of 2011. Pictured (right from left to right) are: Color Sergeant Scotty McLaughlin, Adjutant Don Rodgers, and Commander Bill Martini, Past Commander Glenn L Meek is standing. Our special guests (pictured below right) were Mrs. Rita McLaughlin (right), and Mrs. Ann Rodgers

War Service Medal Returned!

Camp 1710 Charter Member Kenneth W. Polley received the SCV's War Service Medal for his service to



Pictured (l to r) Camp 2074 Commander Bill Martini, Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek, Camp 1710 Commander Silas Griffin, Camp 1710 Adjutant Curt Tipton

the nation during World War II in the United States Navy. Compatriot Polley crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees several years ago. His daughter sent his WSM to Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek, a close friend of her father. At the Division Executive Council Meeting held on 12 February 2011, Commander Meek and Camp 2074 Commander Bill Martini presented the WSM to Camp 1710 Commander Silas Griffin as a memorial to Compatriot Polley. Camp 1710 is grateful for this gift and will hold it in memory of our departed Compatriot.

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The US Federal Army is known to have had at least 94 "Travelling Lodges" attached to various of its regiments. (The Confederates had 150.) These Lodges used special warrants enabling them to hold meetings where and when they saw fit. 'Travelling Lodges' were particularly active prior to the Civil War. For example, the records of Rocky Mountain 205, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, show that in just one period March–December, 1859, it initiated 54 candidates. Rocky Mountain also stands as an example of the divided political opinions that existed in the country. At the outbreak of war in 1861, the Lodge's senior warden, Henry Heth, joined the Confederate Army while the master, John C. Robinson, remained to become a General in the Federal Army. About 11% of the members of the Federal Armed Services were Freemasons, and of the Confederates, approximately 12%.

During the battle of Douglas Church, which took place in April, 1863, Captain Gray, a Georgia Freemason, was ordered to attack the Federal troops and to take no prisoners. During the melee he raised his pistol at a Northern trooper who, realizing the hopelessness of his situation, gave a Masonic sign. Disobeying his Colonel's orders, Gray escorted the captured soldier to safety at the rear of the Confederate lines.

Brother Captain Rankin, a Freemason from Mississippi, was killed as he led his Company in an attack on Federal positions at Atlanta. Due to the ferocity of the battle, his men had to retreat before they could retrieve his body. As night fell, Confederate Freemasons heard a familiar hymn being sung in the Federal lines. Those who knew the words took it up. Some time later, a Yankee officer, bearing the personal belongings of Brother Rankin, entered the Confederate lines under a flag of truce and brought the news that the deceased brother had been interred with full Masonic rites.

Many thousands of men, on both sides, became prisoners-of-war. Naturally, there were Freemasons among their numbers. In many of the POW camps brethren formed Masonic Associations to assist each other and the other prisoners. One such group was active in the Johnston's Island Prison Camp. Among the thousands of Confederate prisoners held here, some 600 brethren formed a Masonic Association. It held lodge meetings, as well as conducting benefit nights and a debating society. Since many of the prisoners could neither read nor write, the Masonic group established an educational program on their behalf.



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Upcoming Events



12-13 March: *The War for Southern Independence in the Southwest.* Picacho Peak State Park



19 March: *The Sesquicentennial of the Arizona Territory's Secession* in La Mesilla, NM, Contact the New Mexico Division for information.



26 March: *The Sesquicentennial of the Tucson Secession Convention.* Presidio del San Augustin de Tucson. 26 March, 2011 at 10:00



April: *Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies.* Contact each Camp for specific dates, times and locations.

2 April: The Confederate Secret Service Camp will hold its *17th Anniversary Dinner.* Location and time to be determined.



7 May: Camp 1710 will host the *Dragoon Springs Memorial Ceremony* at 11:30 AM at the battle site.



11 June: The Arizona Division will hold its *17th Annual Reunion & Convention* at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club in Sierra Vista. The business session begins at 10:00 AM with lunch served at 12:00 Noon.



14-16 July: The SCV will hold its *116th Annual Reunion & Convention* in Montgomery, Alabama.

27 August: Camp 1710 will hold its annual *Black Powder Weapons Demonstration & Shoot.*

7 October: The City of Safford will host the *Graham County Fair parade.*

16 October: The city of Tombstone will hold the *Helldorado Days Parade.* Camp 1710 is the host Camp.

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 12:00 Noon at the Woods Memorial Library in Tucson.

Camp 1525 Meetings on 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 Apr, 28 May and 23 Jul. Contact the Commander for time and location.

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 5 Mar, 10 Sep, 12 Nov & 10 Dec. Meetings are held at 11:30 AM at the Country House Restaurant, 4373 S. Hwy 92 in Sierra Vista. Special meetings will be held on 2 April, 7 May, 11 June, 27 August & 16 October. Contact the Commander for information.

Camp 2074: Meets monthly at the Four Deuces Saloon in Tombstone. Meeting schedule vary. Contact the Adjutant.

Camp 2096: Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Contact the Commander for time and location.

Camp 2127: Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact the Commander for time and location.

Camp 2316: Meets on the 1st Saturday of the month. Contact the Adjutant for time and location.

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