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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

FOUR FOR FOUR

By Commander Richard L. Montgomery,
Arizona Division

I was proud to ride with my brother SCV cavalrymen in the 87th Annual Tucson Rodeo Parade on February 23, last. There were four horsemen. Compatriots Larry Bowman of Camp 1710, Bobby Morris and Steve Ledbetter of Camp 1202, and I made up the foursome. The spectators were reported at 150,000 by different news sources. My hat is off to these gentlemen for riding in the parade, representing the SCV and their ancestors. I know each of them and they all have given in great measure, in time and money, to their camps and to the Arizona Division of the SCV. And, they all have measured up to our Charge by their deeds!

In the most recent (March/April 2012) issue of the Confederate Veteran, our Commander-in-Chief puts forward a suggestion that camp commanders consider having four major events in a year; that the year be divided into quar-

ters and one event per quarter be the designated significant event of the quarter. He encourages maximum participation in these quarterly events, suggesting that active camps can attract more potential new members. That is a great idea, and most of our camps participate in at least four events per year, although not all their own events, and that is something each camp should consider improving upon.

I would like to offer an additional thought that occurred to me while the four of us were riding in the parade. Why not designate four significant events within the state that have high public visibility, and have an "all hands on deck" roll out of members? We can decide which events are the most prominent throughout the state and endeavor to have a maximum turnout for these events. The last part of that sentence is a mouthful! I can hear you all now, "how can we get people out for these events in any significant numbers?" I think it



**Arizona Division
Commander
Richard L. Montgomery**

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In Memoriam



James F. Brown, Sr.

1912-2012

crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees on January 26 in Loudon, Tennessee.

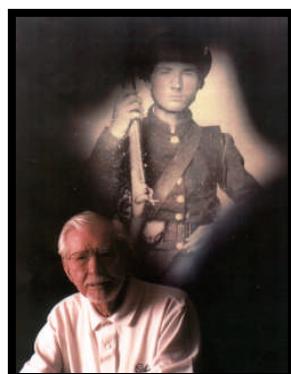
Compatriot Brown is Arizona's "Real Son". His father, Private James Henry Harrison Brown, served in Company K, 8th Georgia Infantry Regiment (Oglethorpe Rifles). Jim passed away just short of his 100th birthday, February 14th.

Compatriot Brown was preceded into the Kingdom by his wives, Martha Lee and Elizabeth. He is survived by his son, James, Jr. (Nancy), his step-daughter, Mariane Fife (John), his granddaughter, Laura Brown, grandsons John and David and six great-grandchildren.

Compatriot Brown served in the United States Navy in the Second World War, was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Kiwanis. He was a member of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202, S.C.V.

Services will be held at the Tellico Village Community Church,
Loudon, Tennessee
February 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Loudon County Habitat for Humanity or the Community Church of Tellico Village



In Memoriam

Lucas L. Meredith, Jr.

1924-2012

crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees on January 28 in DeWitt, Virginia.

Compatriot Meredith is Virginia's "Real Son". His father, Private Lucas L. Meredith, Sr., served in Company C, 3rd Virginia Infantry Regiment. His Uncle, Corporal James Meredith, served in the 3rd Virginia Cavalry Regiment. Both served at Gettysburg where Private Lucas Meredith took part in Pickett's gallant charge.

Compatriot Meredith served in the United States Navy in the Second World War and owned the Flower Mart in Petersburg, Virginia, for more than 50 years. He was a member of the A.P. Hill Camp 167, S.C.V.

A memorial service was held at Rocky Run Methodist Church in DeWitt on February 4, 2012.



In Memoriam

Joseph F. Potenza

1938-2011

crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees in
Columbus, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, daughter, Ronda, sons, Brad and Marvin, four grandchildren and his brother, John.

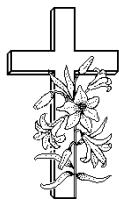
Joseph served in the U.S. Air Force and in the Ohio Army National Guard. He was a member of the Ohio ARNG Parachute Team and the Columbus Sport Parachute Club. He was a Master Mason and a Shriner.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held for Brother Potenza.



Joseph's brother, John Potenza, is the Commander of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202

The family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org



In Memoriam



Jack R. Griffin
1914-2012

crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees on January 4, 2012 in Douglas, Arizona.

Jack was the Chaplain of the Borderland Veterans Camp 2201 and the Past Chaplain of the Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Jack is survived by his sons, John, James, Paul & Silas, 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren & a great-great grandson.

Jack served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. After the War, he became a Minister of the Gospel and worked as a Missionary in Cuba, Mexico and the United States.

A memorial service was held in Douglas on 8 January 2012 at the Espinoza Funeral Chapel

Burial & graveside services were held in Chiefland, Florida

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Jack's memory to the charity or church of your choice.



Arizona's Real Daughter & Son!

The Arizona Division had the privilege of an association with a "Real Daughter" and a "Real Son".

Mrs. Effie Turner, daughter of Pvt. Thomas Wood Machen, Co G, 31st Alabama Infantry, lived in Casa Grande. We became aware of her status as a "Real Daughter" through an article in *The Casa Grande Dispatch*.

The Division presented the SCV's Real Daughter medal to her at the Lee-Jackson celebration, 17 January 1998. At the same time, her son, COL(Ret) John Turner, was inducted into the ranks of Camp 1710.

In July, 1999, Bonnie Turner, a columnist at *The Arizona Daily Star*, wrote an article about James F. Brown, son of Pvt. James Henry Harrison Brown, Co K, 8th Georgia Infantry. Camp 1202 Commander Bobby Morris contacted Mr. Brown and recruited him as a member of the SCV.

The Arizona Division presented Compatriot Brown with his "Real Son" medal at a Camp 1202 meeting on 18 September 1999.

Mrs. Turner passed away several years ago. Compatriot Brown left us just this year. We are pleased to have known them both—living connections with our Confederate heritage.

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Arizona's Real Daughter and Son: (above left) Mrs. Effie Turner & (above right) Mr. James F. Brown



Mrs. Turner & Compatriot Brown met and shared stories of their fathers with SCV members

There are now less than 30 Real Sons left with us. General HQ UDC confirms 27 Real Daughters still living.



Adjutant's Report

Compatriots,

This year is shaping up to be great one for our Division. Our Camps have taken part in several significant events related to the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence and for the Centennial of Arizona's Statehood. See the photos in the Camp News section. Our recruiting and retention efforts are going well. We have made up the losses of non-renewals and have several membership applications in process. The membership figures are posted below. Unfortunately, we have lost three members who have crossed over the river. We have an increase in membership of 8 since fiscal year 2011 ended.

Recruiting is going well. We have enlisted 16 new members, received 18 transfers—11 were internal to the Division—and processed 11 reactivations.

Two new Camps have been chartered—Yuma Territorial Outpost Camp 2186 in Yuma and Borderland Veterans Camp 2201 in Douglas. Efforts are underway to charter an-

other new Camp in the northeast portion of the territory.

Financial Report

The following financial report covers the period between the 5 November 2011 DEC meeting and 29 February 2012.

National Bank of Arizona account

Bal. Fwd: **\$627.35**

Income:

Dues	\$ 72.50
Society fees	\$ 30.00
Donations	\$123.57
Xfr JROTC	<u>\$ 30.00</u>

Total (incl bal fwd) **\$883.42**

Expenses:

Donations	\$162.00
Flowers	\$177.68
Bank charges	\$ 25.00
Org. charges	\$ 35.00
JROTC award	\$ 30.00
Rebel Yell	\$ 47.02
Postage	<u>\$ 11.07</u>

Total expenses: **\$506.32**

Bal. NBA account **\$395.65**

American Southwest Credit Union

Share draft account

Bal. Fwd. **\$ 0.00**

Income:

Xfr from savings \$100.00

Donation: \$ 25.00

Total (incl bal fwd) **\$125.00**

Expenses:

Xfr to NBA \$100.00

Bank charge \$ 25.00

Total expenses: **\$125.00**

Bal. ASCU account **\$ 0.00**

American Southwest Credit Union

Savings account

Bal. Fwd. **\$105.06**

Income: \$ 0.00

Total (incl bal fwd) **\$105.06**

Expenses:

Xfr to share draft \$100.00

Total expenses: **\$100.00**

Bal. ASCU savings **\$ 5.06**

ASCU Graves Preservation Fund

Bal. Fwd. **\$402.13**

Income:

Interest \$ 0.19

Total (incl bal fwd) **\$402.32**

Expenses: \$ 0.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 0.00**

Bal. ASCU Graves acct **\$402.32**

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CAMP	MEM-	REACT.	NEW	XFR IN	TO-	DROPP	XFR	DEATH	TO-	MEM-	REAL	LM
1202	22	0	0	1	23	0	0	1	1	22	0	3
1525	21	0	0	0	21	3	0	1	4	17	0	1
1647	10	0	1	0	11	4	1	0	5	6	0	3
1708	19	2	2	1	24	2	0	0	2	22	0	3
1710	38	1	3	0	42	2	5	0	7	35	0	5
2074	14	0	0	2	16	1	2	0	3	13	0	1
2096	15	1	2	0	18	2	0	0	2	16	0	0
2127	7	0	0	0	7	2	5	0	7	0	0	0
2186	0	0	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
2201	0	2	1	6	9	0	0	1	1	8	0	2
2316	20	5	7	0	32	7	0	0	7	25	0	1
TO-TALS	166	11	18	18	213	23	13	3	39	174	0	19

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can be sold in this way; if each member participated in one Division quarterly event per year, that would, ideally, put about forty members into each event.

Criteria for a significant event will have to be established. One measure would be the numbers in attendance. Another, press coverage. The parade required the submission of a statement to be read about each group as it passed the reviewing stand, which is another chance to get our message out. And, is there opportunity for interaction with the public? We had only four in our group, but there was a lot of interaction with the public, before and after the event. Imagine if there were forty of us! One more thought about this matter might be continuity. Are we maintaining continuity in the events in which we participate? Continuity is a good image to project to prospective members, isn't it?

Let's discuss this matter in our camps and bring some ideas about it to the Arizona Division Reunion and Convention, June 4th, next, in Safford. See you there!

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Richard L. Montgomery
Commander, Arizona Division



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ASCU Sesquicentennial Fund	
Bal. Fwd:	\$145.88
Income:	
Interest	\$ 0.09
Total (incl bal fwd)	\$ 145.97
Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Total expenses:	\$ 0.00
Bal. ASCU Sesqui. Acct	\$ 145.97

NBA JROTC Awards Fund

Bal Fwd.	\$589.36
Income:	\$ 0.00
Total (incl bal fwd)	\$589.36
Expenses:	
Westwood HS	\$ 30.00
Total expenses:	\$ 30.00
Bal. NBA JROTC acct.	\$559.36

Heritage Defense Fund

Bal. Fwd.	\$112.00
Income:	\$ 0.00
Total (incl bal fwd)	\$112.00
Expenses:	
Xfr to GHQ	<u>\$112.00</u>
Total expenses:	\$112.00
Bal. Heritage Defense	\$ 0.00

Assets:

NBA Account:	\$395.65
ASCU Share Draft	\$ 0.00
ASCU Savings	\$ 5.06
ASCU Graves fund	\$402.32
ASCU Sesqui fund	\$145.97
JROTC awards fund	\$559.36
Heritage Defense	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	\$1508.36

Liabilities:

\$ 0.00

The Division is in good financial shape. We do expect to expend approximately \$440.00 from the JROTC fund for this year's awards. We have received two applications as of 1 March 2012. Camp Commanders and Adjutants are reminded that funds are available to help defray expenses in graves preservation or sesquicentennial events. Requests should be submitted to me. The final decision on disbursement of funds rests with the Division Executive Council but that

is a simple matter to resolve. The decision can be made by electronic vote.

Vision 2016—Membership Growth

As mentioned, we have gained 16 new members and 7 transfers from outside our Division. We have, however, contacted nearly 100 prospective members and transferees. That's a recruiting rate of just 23%! We can do better! Successful recruiting depends on personal contact. Each of our prospects were contacted as soon as we learned of their interest. Let us now follow up on those gentlemen who have not yet responded. Contact them again! Each Camp should have a list of those men in their areas of operation. If needs be, contact me and I will provide you with those names and contact information! And while we are recruiting, let us not neglect retention. Keep your members active and interested! Remember the goal of Vision 2016—50,000 SCV members by 2016!

We will conduct a Vision 2016 workshop at the Division Convention to finalize our plans to implement this goal and to contribute to the Confederation's plans. Note that Vision 2016 does not just concentrate on recruiting. It encompasses several aspects of helping our SCV grow and gain prominence. We need to address Camp administration, retention, public affairs and all those aspects that make an organization a vital part of its community. This needs to be done at the Camp level—the Division officers and Executive Council members cannot do it! YOU, the SCV Compatriot, are the key! As General Forrest said, "Charge 'em both ways!"



Curtis E. Tipton, Adjutant,

Stereotypes--South & North

We quote William S. McFeely's Pulitzer Prize winning biography: *Grant: A Biography*

In 1858 he [Grant] hired two slaves from their owners and borrowed one, William Jones, from his father-in-law. Jones, whom he subsequently bought, was about thirty-five years old and five feet seven inches tall, resembling Grant in both age and build, and they worked closely together.

Not surprisingly, when readers learn of this for the first time, their reactions can range from indignant disbelief and ad hominum attacks on the message bearer to a grinning, head-nodding "I told you so." Yet both responses betray their own anchored stereotypes.

The true student of the past recognizes that every generation tends to interpret history in the light of their own experiences. Indeed, learning from the lessons of the past ... bettering our lives by avoiding the errors of our predecessors ... and passing along that acquired wisdom to our children is what advances civilization. Yet know that belief and bias share a number of common borders, often blurring those boundaries when convenience, motive, or personal gain influence our judgment.

For those who would vilify the 18th President, consider, as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story:

On one occasion Grant was reported to have stopped the whipping of a slave by a farmer neighbor, and in 1859, when he was leaving the farm to go into



business in St. Louis and was severely pressed financially, he did not sell William Jones but instead set him free. Our comfortable stereotypes are indeed, subject to ambush.

And yes, a number of you will remember that VMI Professor Thomas J. Jackson of Lexington, Virginia, organized a Sunday school class for blacks, teaching them to read the Bible and write their names in a society that often did more than frown on those who sought to make slaves literate. Fewer readers know that Sgt. Richard Kirkland, a South Carolinian, is the only enlisted soldier, North or South, who has a statue to his battlefield heroics in the South ... and the North.

Of course after you read this, some of you will remind the rest that Grant's opponent, Robert E. Lee, had likewise fulfilled the manumission clause in his father-in-law's will freeing the slaves at Arlington House, days after his stunning victory at Fredericksburg in December of 1862.

It's all out there waiting to be discovered. We just have to get beyond our biases ... our expectations ... and those stereotypes. And we can start with this one: beyond defeat, subjugation, and poverty, the South was left

with something else after Appomattox. You see, even today, many Americans perceive racism as a purely Southern problem. Back then, the fact that most blacks lived in the South gave the charge a measure of credence. Yet why blacks remained in the old Confederates states afterwards is a fact often, if not conveniently, overlooked.

To be sure, after the war, blacks did migrate to that "promised land of opportunity" only to find that the North offered no forty acres and a mule, or anything else beyond a legal declaration of freedom. The long range effects exploded decades later as race riots in Chicago, Tulsa, Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Harlem, Boston and a dozen other metropolitan areas, graphically debunking this long held stereotype because racism in America has no sectional boundaries; it is a nationwide sickness.

Yet, as Jackson biographer James I. Robertson notes, "...it is the South that has remained the target for accusations of racial injustice. One might say, with unconcealed cynicism, that the South has had to bear the brunt of a national guilty conscience...far after the fighting stopped."

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Camp News



Camp 2074 Celebrates Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving dinner was hosted at Adjutant Rodger's home. Mrs. Ann Rodgers laid out a wonderful feast, Chaplain/Treasurer Tippet provided the breads, and Past Commander Meek's smoker turned out a fine smoked turkey. Pictured above (l to r) are Glenn Meek, Don Rodgers and Paul Tippet.

Camp 1202 Gives a Living History Demonstration at Tanque Verde HS!

Members of the Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 of Tucson gave a



Richard Montgomery (left) & John Potenza

living history presentation on 21 November 2011 at Tanque Verde High School. Nearly 120 students—five classes of Junior and Senior history students, two teachers and several visitors took part. Dr. Sharon Akridge, History Department



John Potenza explains some of the display items to Tanque Verde HS students.

Chair, invited the Camp to give the presentation for the fourth year running.

Representing Camp 1202 were Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery and Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza. Each gave a short resume' of his ancestor's service and their own SCV background. Topics such as the causes of the war, Black and Native American Confederates and, of course, Arizona's Confederate history were discussed. Weapons and soldiers' personal items were displayed and demonstrated.

Camp 1525 Hosts Jefferson Davis Memorial!

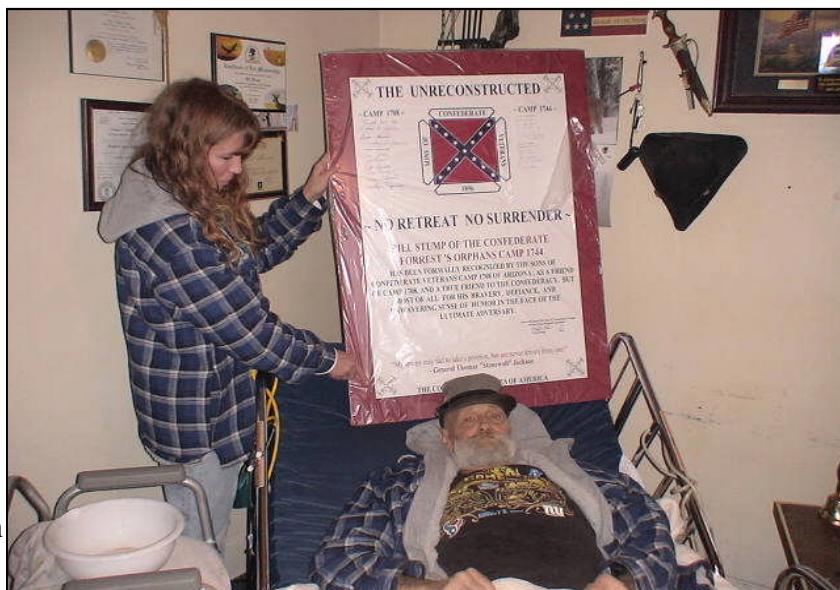
The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the Arizona Division's annual ceremony honoring the memory of Confederate President

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 Jefferson F. Davis. The ceremony was held on 10 December 2011 at the Davis Monument at Peralta Road and US Highway 60 in Apache Junction. In attendance were members of Camps 1202, 1525 and 1708. Pictured right are Camp 1525 Commander Phil Easley (left) and Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery placing a wreath at the monument.

Camp 1708 Honors a Kentucky Compatriot!

Sometimes, our Compatriots suffer a tragedy. Bill Stump, a member of the Forrest's Orphans Camp 1744 of Calhoun, Kentucky, is one. Several months ago, Bill came to Arizona to settle his mother's affairs after her death. He arranged for her house to be cleaned and prepared for sale but the people with whom he made these arrangements did nothing and, in fact, stole items from the house. Jefferson Davis Brigade Commander Kevin Brown did what he could to help as Bill had returned to Kentucky. To add to Bill's woes, he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and given but a short time to live. Camp 1708 and Commander Brown continued the efforts to assist with the problems caused by the contractor in Arizona and also made Bill an Honorary mem-



ber of Camp 1708. Further, Division Commander Rich Montgomery honored Bill with honorary membership in the Division. We are saddened to report that Bill crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees just before Christmas. He is pictured with the certificate presented to him by Camp 1708.

Christmas Greetings from Camp 2096!

The Private Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 of Safford sent the photograph on the next page as an electronic Christmas greeting to all our Arizona Division Compatriots. The flag flies nearly every day

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(Continued from page 11) *Camp News* in front of Camp Adjutant Clyde England's business on South Highway 92 in Safford.



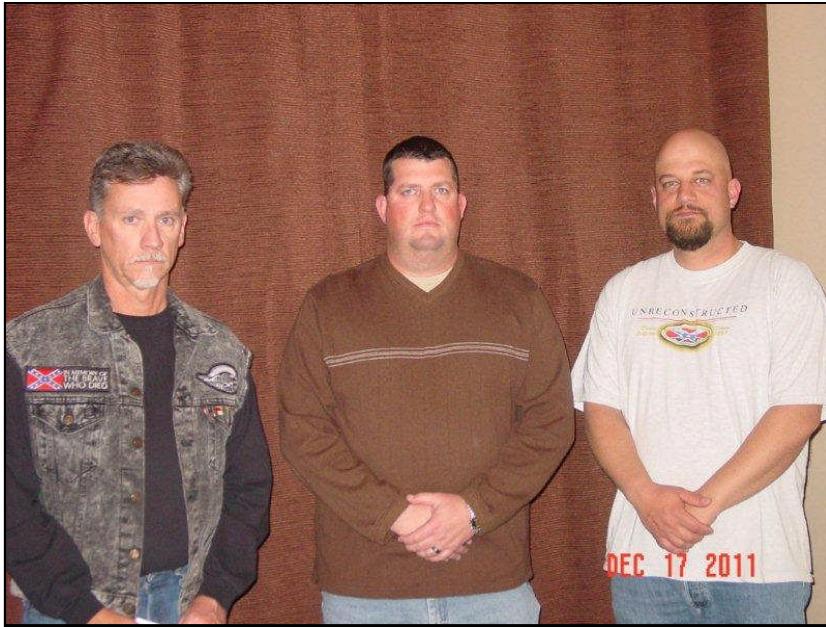
Camp 2186 Welcomes New Members!

The Yuma Territorial Outpost Camp 2186 welcomed two new members into the Camp's ranks at the 17 December 2011 meeting. This was the Camp's first official meeting since receiving its charter at the Division Executive Council meeting on 5 November 2011. Welcome, Gentlemen, to the Arizona Division!

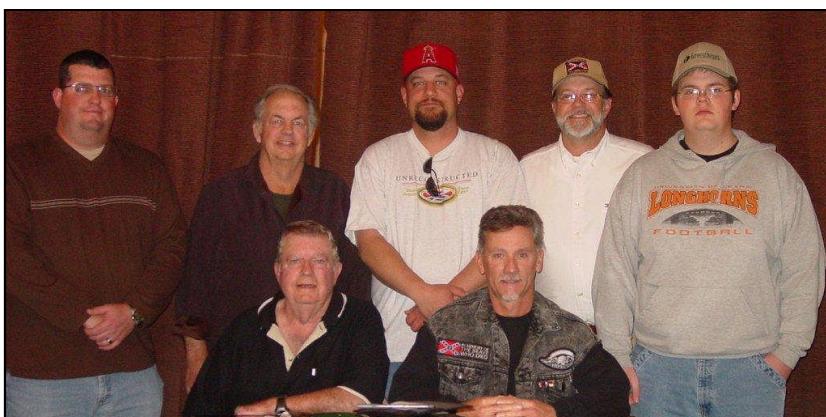
Camp 1710 Gives Living History Presentation!

Camp 1710 Adjutant Curt Tipton gave a living history presentation to the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church's "Helping Hands" tutoring ministry. SVUMC provides volunteer tutors for students from Huachuca Mountain Elementary School who may need a little extra help with their studies. Each week, one of the tutors gives a special

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Camp 2186 Commander Art Booth (left) welcomes new members Russell Lee Hartley (center) and Kent M. Walls (right).



Camp 2186 members at their first official meeting. (l to r seated) Adjutant Jim Hartley, Commander Art Booth. (l to r standing) Russell Hartley, Buddy Hartley, Kent Walls, Gary Ursrey & Andrew Ursrey.



Camp 1710 Adjutant Curt Tipton demonstrates a Confederate soldier's personal items, rations, weapons & equipment to students in the SVUMC "Helping Hands" program. Adjutant Tipton has taken part in this ministry for the past three years.

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Camp 2074 Christmas Celebration!

The Texas John Slaughter Camp 2074 held its 3rd annual Christmas celebration and dinner in Tucson. In attendance were Camp members and their families as well as guests from other Camps.



Past Division Commander David Barton & his family attended the event.



Camp 1202 Commander John Potenza & his wife, Carol, were guests of Camp 2074

Lee-Jackson Celebration!

The Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525 hosted the



(above) the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapters 2102, 2674 and 2683. (below) The gentlemen from the Captain Granville Oury Camp 1708 (l to r) Mike Agnew, John Rogers, Larry Hammack, Kevin Brown, Bookard Dooley, George Reece & Ron Fox.



Arizona Division's annual celebration of the births of General Robert E. Lee and Lt. General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restau-

rant in Phoenix on 21 January 2012. Representatives from Camps 1202, 1525, 1708 and 1710 as well as the ladies of Thunderbird Chapter 2102,

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(Continued from page 13) *Camp News* Johnny Reb Chapter 2674 and Arizona Cavalry Chapter 2683 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and our guests joined in the observance.

The infamous trivia contest was held, albeit with a twist. The UDC ladies held a separate competition with questions about women's participation in the war. A team consisting of members of Camps 1202, 1710 and 1525 won that competition. That team also won the regular trivia contest with a team from Camp 1708 in second place, the UDC ladies in third and a team from Camp 1525 in fourth place.

Camps 1708 and 1710 held silent auctions to raise funds for their Camps. Thanks to Camp 1525 and Commander Phil Easley for a great event! Thanks also to the management and staff of Johnson's Big Apple for the great food and wonderful service!

Camp 1202's Living History at Sahuarita Middle School!

Members of Captain Hunter's Arizona Rangers Camp 1202 gave a living history presentation to students at the Sahuarita Middle School in Sahuarita on 19 January 2012. Taking part were Richard Montgomery, Bobby Morris and John Potenza.

Each Compatriot gave a summary of his ancestor's



(above left) Camp 1525 Commander Phil Easley welcomes SCV and UDC members and guests to the Lee-Jackson celebration. (above right) Ms. Judy Smith of Thunderbird Chapter 2102 asks a question during the UDC's portion of the trivia contest.



John Potenza (left), Bobby Morris (center) and Richard Montgomery (right) present Arizona's Confederate history to students at Sahuarita Middle School.

story. The causes of the war were presented and the participation in the struggle by Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans was discussed.

Displayed were weapons, rations, uniforms and ac-

coutrements. Particular emphasis was given to Arizona's Confederate history and the sesquicentennial and centennial events taking place this year. The presentation was

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(Continued from page 14) *Camp News* sponsored by Ms. Mary Cherneski. This is Camp 1202's fourth presentation at this school.

Camp 1710 Donates Books!

The Confederate Secret Service Camp 1710 made its annual donation of books about the War for Southern Independence to Huachuca Mountain Elementary School on 18 January 2012. The Camp has donated nearly \$4500.00 worth of books to local school libraries since beginning the project in 2000.

Camp 1708 Elects Officers!

The Captain Granville H. Oury Camp 1708 held elections for officers for 2012 at their February business meeting. The new officers are:

Commander
Kevin Brown
Lt. Commander
Carter Powers
Adjutant
Lynn Crawford
Chaplain
Larry Hammack
Genealogist
George Reece

Congratulations, gentlemen!



Pictured (l to r) in the HMES library are Past Camp 1710 Commander Ben Middleton, 6th grade students Carlos Lopez, Dylan Pieper, Jack Smith, Keilani Goulding, Hannah Hendrickson & Rebecca Chon--Lopez.

SCV Participates in Statehood Centennial Observances!

On 11 February, the Cities of Tucson, Safford and Sierra Vista held observances of the centennial of Arizona's Statehood and of the Sesquicentennial of the establishment of the Territory of Arizona CSA.

Camps 1202 and 2074 joined together to participate in a "junk on the bunk" display at the Presidio San Augustin del Tucson in recognition of our state's history.

In Safford, Camp 2096 with some assistance from Camp 1710 Commander Larry Bowman, entered the city's Statehood Parade.

In Sierra Vista, Camp 1710 hosted an information



(above) Mayor Rick Mueller and the Sierra Vista Veteran of the Year, COL(Ret) Robert D. White, USMC, unveil the new Veterans Memorial.
(below) The Veterans Memorial and the color guard from VFW Post 9972 of Sierra Vista.



and recruiting booth at the city's observance in Veterans Memorial Park. The event also included a rededication of the park and the unveiling of a

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(above) Past Commander Ben Middleton mans the Camp 1710 recruiting & information booth at the Sierra Vista Statehood Centennial Observance.

(below) Past Camp 1202 Commander Bobby Morris (left) talks with visitors at the Presidio San Augustin del Tucson Statehood Centennial Observance. Compatriot Bill Seymour (seated) and Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek (right) assist.



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new Veterans Memorial.

In Safford, the city celebrated Arizona's 100th year of statehood with a parade. Camp 2096 represented

the SCV at the event, assisted by Camp 1710 Commander Larry Bowman. Our compatriots were joined by the ladies of the Arizona Cavalry Chapter 2683 of the United Daugh-

ters of the Confederacy. Great job on the float, ladies! (Safford parade photos on the next page!)

Thanks to all who helped educate the public about Arizona's Confederate history.

Camp 1710 Elects Officers!

Camp 1710 held elections for officers for the 2012-13 term at its January business meeting. The new officers are:

Commander	Dr. (LTC, Ret) Larry Bowman
Lt. Commander	Ben Middleton
Adjutant	CSM(Ret) Curt Tipton
Chaplain	Denver McMillan
Judge Advocate	Bill Barton
Color Sergeant	SSG(Ret) Dwaine Bright

Congratulations, Gentlemen!

Camp 1202 Enters the Fiesta de los Vaqueros Parade!

Camp 1202, taking the lead from the now inactive Camp 2127, spearheaded the SCV entry in the world's longest non-motorized parade, the Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo Parade held on 23 February 2012 in Tucson. Taking part in the parade were Arizona Division Commander Richard Montgomery, Past Camp 1202 Commander Bobby Morris,

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(top) The SCV/UDC Float in the Safford parade (middle) The color guard (l to r) Jimmie Lines, Seth (last name unknown), Larry Bowman (bottom) Camp 1710 Commander Larry Bowman & his sister, Ann.

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Camp 1202 Chaplain Steve
Ledbetter and Camp 1710
Commander Larry Bowman.
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New Mexico Division Dedicates Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Socorro!

The New Mexico Division of the SCV dedicated a memorial cemetery and a monument to Sibley's Brigade in Socorro on 24 February 2012. This is the first phase of a project to honor those Confederate soldiers who fell in battle or died of wounds at the Battle of Valverde, 22 February 1862. The remains of 27 Confederate soldiers will be reinterred at the site. Arizona Division Adjutant Curt Tipton attended the event.

A lone "protester" appeared just before the ceremony began, wearing a placard that stated, "No honor for those who fought to perpetuate slavery." NM Division Commander Jim Red invited the man, Dr. Richard Epstein, to take a seat during the ceremony and offered to let him resume his protest after the dedication. Dr. Epstein refused. The Socorro Police were called and an officer escorted the protester from the private property. The ceremony continued without fur-

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ther incident. The monument
is pictured below.



Camp 1202's entry in the Fiesta de los Vaqueros parade
(l to r) Bobby Morris, Richard Montgomery, Steve Ledbetter,
Larry Bowman



(top) west face of the monument:
(bottom) east face of the monument.
The graves will be arranged on the
east side of the monument.



Mrs. Eleanor Edmundson of the Odessa, Texas, chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and James Red, New Mexico Division Commander prepare to scatter earth from the Sovereign State of Texas on the memorial to Sibley's Texas Brigade.

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Members of Company A, Arizona Rangers, assemble to march into the Presidio San Augustin del Tucson.



(1 to r) 1st Sgt. Glenn Meek, Pvt. Ben Middleton, Pvt. Dwaine Bright, Pvt. Paul Tippet, (behind Pvt. Tippet—Pvt. Richard Montgomery), Pvt. John Potenza, Pvt. Bobby Morris—Company A enters the Presidio.

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Arizona Division Recreates Sherod Hunter's Arrival in Tucson!

Members of Camps 1202, 1708, 1710 and 2074 represented the Arizona Division at a reenactment of the arrival of Confederate troops in Tucson, the occupation of the presidio and the raising of the Stars & Bars over the city. The actual event took place 150 years ago on March 3rd, 1862.

SCV members playing the role of members of Company A, Arizona Rangers, marched into the presidio. Captain Sherod Hunter, played by Division Adjutant Curt Tipton, greeted the “citizens” of Tucson (there were approximately 20 spectators in that role) and told them that Confederate troops had arrived to enforce the laws and protect the citizens from depredations by Apache warriors and Mexican and Anglo bandits. He read the proclamation, issued by Lt. Colonel John R. Baylor on 1 August 1861, establishing the military government of the Territory of Arizona and setting up courts, law enforcement and other government functions.

The Company A 1st Sergeant, played by Gadsden Brigade Commander Glenn Meek, lowered the US flag from the pole. He was assisted

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by “Private” Dwaine Bright.
They folded the US flag and
rendered honors, then raised
the Stars & Bars.

As Captain Hunter
called the Company to
“attention” and ordered
“present arms”, the flag was
raised.

Following the cere-
mony, our SCV Compatriots
held a “junk on the bunk” dis-
play and answered questions
about the occupation of Tucson
and Arizona’s Confederate his-
tory.

Taking part in today’s
event were Arizona Division
Commander Richard Mont-
gomery, Division Adjutant
Curt Tipton, Gadsden Brigade
Commander Glenn Meek, Past
Camp 1202 Commander
Bobby Morris, Camp 1202
Commander John Potenza,
Camp 1202 Compatriot Bill
Seymour, Camp 1708 Com-
patriot John Rogers, Camp 1710
Past Commander Dwaine
Bright, Camp 2074 Com-
mander Paul Tippet and Camp
2074 Adjutant Don Rodgers.

“Citizens” included
Mrs. Ann Rodgers, Mrs.
Stephanie Bright, Mrs. John
Rogers, her son and his family
and members of the Presidio
staff. The “official photogra-
pher” was Compatriot Greg
Bova of Camp 1202.

Our thanks to Ms. Peg
Weber of the Tucson Depart-
ment of Parks & Recreation,
Mr. Rick Collins of the Presi-
dio Board of Trustees and Miss



Captain Sherod Hunter, Commander of Company A, reads Lt. Colonel Baylor’s proclamation to the citizens of Tucson.



1st Sergeant Glenn Meek (right) and Pvt. Dwaine Bright raise the
Stars & Bars as Company A looks on.

Lupita of the Presidio staff for
their assistance.

Our thanks also to
those who participated today
and to Camp 1710 Com-
mander Larry Bowman for

providing the flags used.
Thanks also to those “citizens”
who joined us today to cele-
brate an important event in
Arizona’s history.

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Brotherhood at War

Masonic Notice.

Angerona Lodge, No. 168, F. & A. M., will meet in stated communication Monday night, the 4th inst., at 8 o'clock, for dispatch of business. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. By order of G. T. BASSETT, W. M. Attest: Dodge C. Trader, Secretary.

Nathan B. Forrest (1821-1877) Lieutenant General of the Confederate Army. Born July 13, 1821 in Bedford County, Tennessee. He first farmed in Hernando, Mississippi but moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1852, and became a real estate dealer and broker in slaves. Entering the war in 1861 as a lieutenant colonel of cavalry, he distinguished himself with daring cavalry raids and was promoted to Brigadier General after the attack on Murfreesboro in 1862. Following the battle at Chickamauga, he was transferred to northern Mississippi and made a Major General. His harassment of the Union forces by cavalry raids and his capture of Fort Pillow in April, 1864 lead to his promotion to Lieutenant General in February, 1865. His actions at Fort Pillow, when he moved his troops to a commanding position under a flag of truce and then gave no quarter to the Negro troops, was questioned but refuted. His own report stated: *We busted the port at ninerclock and scattered the Yankees. The men is still a cillanem Yankees in the woods.* He was an Entered Apprentice in Angerona Lodge No. 168 at Memphis, Tennessee on October. 29, 1877. His Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees were conferred later that year.

His great-grandson, Nathan Bedford Forrest III, graduated from West Point in 1928 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the cavalry. In 1929 he transferred to the Air Corps and subsequently gained rank rapidly. He received his Masonic degrees in George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 at Omaha, Nebraska. Promoted to Brigadier General in 1942, Forrest was serving as chief of staff of the Second Air Force when he flew missions as an observer with the Eighth Air Force in England. He was reported missing in action when the B-17 he was in, leading a bombing raid on the German submarine yards at Kiel, went down on June 13, 1943. The other members of the squadron reported seeing parachutes, and hoped that the General had survived. However, Forrest was found dead on September 23, 1943 when his body washed up near a seaplane base at Ruegen Island in Germany.

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Upcoming Events



9-11 March: *Civil War in the Southwest* 150th anniversary observances of the battles of Valverde, Glorieta and Picacho Pass. The event will be held at Picacho Peak State Park. Friday, 9 March, is a special school education day.



21-22 April: *Fort Lowell Bivouac*, Fort Lowell Park, Tucson.



28 April: *Confederate Memorial Day* at Greenwood Cemetery Phoenix



28 April: *Confederate Heritage Trail*, Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista



28 April: *Confederate Memorial Day* at Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson



28 April: *Confederate Memorial Day* at Wes Bolin Plaza, Arizona State Capitol, hosted by the Arizona Division UDC.



5 May: *Dragoon Springs Memorial Ceremony*, Dragoon, Arizona. Hosted by Camp 1710. This is the 150th anniversary of the battle.



4 June: The Pvt. Nathan Terry Wanslee Camp 2096 will host the *Arizona Division Reunion & Convention* in Safford. Venue to be determined.



11-14 July: *SCV National Reunion & Convention*, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. [Www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org) for information.



18 August: *Black Powder Shoot*, Sierra Vista Firing Range, Sierra Vista. 10:00 AM

CAMP MEETINGS

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

Arizona Division Executive Council: Meets quarterly. Locations and dates vary. The division convention is held the first Saturday in June each year. Locations vary. Contact the Division Adjutant for information.

Camp 1202: Meets on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the American Legion Post #7, 330 W. Franklin, Tucson.

Camp 1525 Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the IHOP, 10603 W. Olive Ave, Peoria.

Camp 1647: Contact the Division Adjutant.

Camp 1708: Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Denny's, 1343 W. Broadway (Broadway at Priest Road) in Tempe.

Camp 1710: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Country House Restaurant, 4373 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista.

Camp 2074: Meets monthly at various locations. Meeting dates vary. Contact the Adjutant for information.

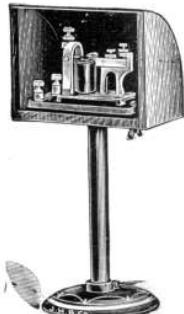
Camp 2096: Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Contact the Commander for time and location.

Camp 2186: Meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at Da Boyz Pizza, Old Town Yuma at 12:00 Noon.

Camp 2201: Meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 12:00 Noon, El Alamo Restaurant, Douglas.

Camp 2316: Meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at the Palace Saloon in Prescott.

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