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*I Salute The Confederate Flag With Affection, Reverence, and Undying Devotion to the Cause for Which It Stands.*

## Notes From The Adjutant

Gen RE Rodes Camp 262, SCV, will meet Thursday night, Oct 8, 2009, at 7 PM at the Tuscaloosa Public Library. Our speaker was unable to confirm definitely that she could attend, but if she cannot attend our Adjutant Frank Delbridge Jr. will speak about "One Man's "Extended" Family, My Genealogical Research of my Confederate Ancestors". Frank spent years tracking down his Confederate ancestors, and will share some of the things ( both serious and funny) he found out about them with us.

The Nominating Committee for next years Camp Officers will give a report to the Camp. We will be discussing plans for the Thisldu Social Outing Oct 25th. We will be needing volunteers to arrive early and help with parking cars, etc. We will need to know how many people you will be bringing to Thisldu no later than Oct 15th. You can either turn in your Thisldu form at the meeting, or mail it to: Gen RE Rodes Camp 262, SCV, PO Box 1417, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Membership dues are due now, and delinquent after October 31st. Annual dues are \$30.00 to National SCV, \$10.00 to Alabama Division, and \$20.00 to our Camp 262. Associate dues to the Camp are \$20.00. You can pay them at the meeting Oct 8th, at Thisldu Oct 25th, or by mail to the address mentioned above.

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### Confederate Ancestors having Birthdates in October:

Cpl Ervin P Pool Lumsden's Battery, AL Artillery 10-4-1825 Frank Delbridge's GGGUncle

### Upcoming Events

- 8 October Camp Meeting
- 25 Thisldu
- 12 November - Camp Meeting
- 10 December - Camp Meeting
- 2010
- 14 January - Camp Meeting
- TBD Lee-Jackson Dinner



The *Rodes Brigade Report* is a monthly publication by the Robert E. Rodes SCV Camp #262 to preserve the history and legacy of the citizen-soldiers who, in fighting for the Confederacy, personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Edited by James B. Simms; non-member subscriptions are available for \$15. Please send information, comments, or inquiries to Robert E. Rodes Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #262, PO Box 1417, Tuscaloosa, AL 34501 or jbsimms@comcast.net .

## General Robert Emmet Rodes (1829-1864)

The Robert E. Rodes Camp #262 is named in memory of Robert Emmet Rodes. General Rodes was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on March 30, 1829; the son of General David Rodes and Martha Yancey. Attending Virginia Military Institute, he graduated in July 1848, standing 10th in a class of 24 graduates; Assistant Professor (Physical Science, Chemistry, Tactics) at VMI, 1848-1850. He married Virginia Hortense Woodruff (1833-1907), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama in September 1857. They had 2 children: Robert Emmet Rodes, Jr. (1863-1925) and a daughter, Bell Yancey Rodes (1865-1931).

He taught at VMI as an assistant professor until 1851. He left when a promotion he wanted to full professor was given instead to Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, a future Confederate general and commander of his. Rodes used his civil engineering skills to become chief engineer for the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He held this position until the start of the Civil War. Although born a Virginian, he chose to serve his adopted state of Alabama.

He started his Confederate service as a Colonel in command of the 5th Alabama Infantry regiment, in the brigade commanded by Major General Richard S. Ewell, with which he first saw combat at the 1st Bull Run. He was promoted to Brigadier General on October 21, 1861, and commanded a brigade under Major General Daniel H. Hill. In the Peninsula Campaign, Rodes was wounded in the arm at Seven Pines and was assigned to light duty in the defenses of Richmond, Virginia while he recuperated.

He recovered in time for General Robert E. Lee's first invasion of the north in September, 1862, fighting at South Mountain and Sharpsburg. At Sharpsburg, he commanded one of two brigades that held out so long against the Union assault on the sunken road, or "Bloody Lane", at the center of the Confederate line, suffering heavy casualties. Rodes was lightly wounded by shell fragments.

At Chancellorsville, Rodes was a division commander in Stonewall Jackson's corps. He was the only division-level commander in Lee's army who had not graduated from West Point. He was temporarily placed in command of the corps on May 2, 1863, when Jackson was mortally wounded and Lieutenant General A.P. Hill was also wounded, but Lee quickly replaced him with the more experienced Major General J.E.B. Stuart. Jackson on his deathbed recommended that Rodes be promoted to major general and this promotion was back-dated to be effective May 2nd.

When Lee reorganized the Army of Northern Virginia to compensate for the loss of Jackson, Rodes joined the II Corps under Ewell. At Gettysburg, on July 1, Rodes led the assault south from Oak Hill against the right flank of the Union I Corps. Although he successfully routed the division of Major Gen. John C. Robinson and drove it back through the town, the attack was not as well coordinated or pursued as aggressively as his reputation would have implied. His division sat mostly idle for the remaining two days of the battle. After performing poorly at Gettysburg, and recovered his reputation somewhat by performing better at Spotsylvania Court House.

Rodes continued to fight with Ewell's corps through the Overland Campaign of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Ewell was replaced by Major General Jubal A. Early and his corps was sent by Lee to the Shenandoah Valley to draw Union forces away from the Siege of Petersburg, in the Valley Campaign. They conducted a long and successful raid down the Valley, into Maryland, and reached the outskirts of Washington, D.C., before turning back. Major Gen. Philip Sheridan was sent by Grant to drive Early from the Valley.

On September 19, 1864, Sheridan attacked the Confederates at Opequon/3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester. Several wives of Confederate officers were chased from town during the attack and Rodes managed to save Major Gen. John B. Gordon's wife from capture. Rodes and Gordon prepared to attack Sheridan's forces when Rodes was struck in the back of his head by a Union shell fragment. He died on the field outside Winchester.

Rodes was a modest but inspiring leader. He was mourned by the Confederacy as a promising, brave, and aggressive officer killed before he could achieve greatness. Lee and other high-ranking officers wrote sympathetic statements. He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia next to his brother, Virginus Hudson Rodes; and his parents. His wife Virginia Hortense is buried in Alabama, her home state.

His Major Commands included Rode's Brigade/D.H. Hill's Division and Rodes Division/II Corps.

## Support Your Confederate Heritage



Alabama SCV specialty car Tag!!

### Remember:

1. The SCV Specialty Tag is an OFFICIAL, LEGALLY RECOGNIZED LICENSE PLATE as established by an act of the Alabama Legislature. The Battle Flag exhibited in this manner can NOT be discriminated against or removed by any government entity, corporation, employer or person without violating the law. IMAGINE! While politicians remove our flag from public view, one at a time, we will be displaying our Flag by the thousands to the public, furthering Confederate Pride and Loyalty.
2. You may personalize this tag with up to 5 letters and/or numbers, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE. (ALDIV, ALREB, 33ALA, 5THAL, CSSAL, etc.) Ask the Tag clerk when ordering.

### How to buy:

1. When your current regular tag expires, go to the County's Probate Judge's Office or County Tag Office and say, "I want to order the Specialty Car Tag of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in place of my regular car tag."
2. You may **personalize (\*)** this tag with up to 5 letters / numbers. Ask the Tag clerk when ordering. (**AT no EXTRA CHARGE.**) This cost is \$50.00 (in addition to the regular cost of an Alabama car tag), of which \$41.25 goes to the Alabama Division, SCV to promote and protect our Confederate Heritage and History. You may reserve your choice before you go by going to: <https://www.alabamainteractive.org/dorpt/UserHome.str>

Be sure to select the SCV tag!

The cost of reserving a personalized plate is \$2 and payment must be made online using either VISA or MASTERCARD. Once approved, the reservation will be valid for five business days. You will not be charged if DOR rejects your request.



Alabama United Daughters of the Confederacy available at your County Courthouse. Sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Alabama Division. This plate is available to ***all supporters***. The net proceeds will be used for preservation of historic sites in Alabama, conservation of the flags of the Confederacy, and scholarship programs.

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## Historical Markers of Tuscaloosa County

### Site of Franklin Hall (The Mound)

Franklin Hall, an early University dormitory designed by Capt. William Nichols, was erected on this site in 1835. Was one of the buildings destroyed by the Union raid on April 4, 1865.

After Civil War the remains of structure were shaped into present mound. By early 20th century this mound had become traditional site for honorary tappings by The University.

Marker donated by Phi Mu Sorority in commemoration of its 50th anniversary at the University of Alabama.

### Confederate Generals Birthdays for October

Brig. General William Hicks "Red" Jackson - 1 Oct. 1835 - Paris, Tenn.  
 Brig. General Claudius Charles Wilson - 1 Oct. 1831 - Effingham Co., Ga.  
 Brig. General Robert Huston Anderson - 1 Oct. 1835 - Savannah, Ga.  
 Lt. General Alexander Peter Stewart - 2 Oct. 1821 - Rogersville, Tenn.  
 Brig. General George Washington Gordon - 5 Oct. 1836 - Giles Co., Tenn.  
 Lt. General Richard Herron Anderson - 7 Oct. 1821 - Sumter Co., S.C.  
 Maj. General William Brimage Bate - 7 Oct. 1826 - Bledsoe's Lick, Tenn.  
 Maj. General Bushrod Rust Johnson - 7 Oct. 1817 - Belmont Co., Ohio  
 Brig. General Matthew Whitaker Ransom - 8 Oct. 1826 - Warren Co., N.C.  
 Brig. General Samuel McGowan - 9 Oct. 1819 - Laurens Dist., S.C.  
**Brig. General Dandridge McRae - 10 Oct. 1829 - Baldwin Co., Ala.**  
 Brig. General Zebulon York, 10 Oct. 1819 - Avon, Maine  
 Brig. General Elkanah Brackin Greer - 11 Oct. 1825 - Paris, Tenn.  
 Lt. General William Joseph Hardee - 12 Oct. 1815 - Camden Co., Ga.  
 Brig. General Ellison Capers - 14 Oct. 1837 - Charleston, S.C.  
 Brig. General Henry Harrision Walker - 15 Oct. 1832 - Sussex Co., Va.  
 Maj. General Thomas Lafayette Rosser - 15 Oct. 1836 - Campbell Co., Va.  
 Brig. General William Preston - 16 Oct. 1816 - Louisville, Ky.  
 Brig. General John Breckinridge Grayson - 18 Oct. 1806 - Fayette Co., Ky.  
 Brig. General Lucius Marshall Walker - 18 Oct. 1829 - Columbia, Tenn.  
 Brig. General Charles Sidney Winder - 18 Oct. 1829 - Talbot Co., Md.  
 Brig. General Samuel Benton - 18 Oct. 1820 - Williamson Co., Tenn.  
 Maj. General Benjamin Franklin Cheatham - 20 Oct. 1820 - Nashville, Tenn.  
 Maj. General Mansfield Lovell - 20 Oct. 1822 - Washington, D.C.  
 Brig. General Francis Marion Cockrell - 20 Oct. 1824 - Walton Co., Ga.  
 Brig. General James Monroe Goggin - 23 Oct. 1820 - Bedford Co., Va.  
 Brig. General Turner Ashby - 23 Oct. 1828 - Fauquier Co., Va.  
 Brig. General Zachariah Cantey Deas - 25 Oct. 1819 - Camden, S.C.  
 Brig. General Stephen Elliott Jr. - 26 Oct. 1832 - Beaufort, S.C.  
 Brig. General Arthur Middleton Manigault - 26 Oct. 1824 - Charleston, S.C.  
 Brig. General Dudley McIver BuBose - 28 Oct. 1834 - Shelby Co., Ky.  
 Brig. General Adley Hogan Gladden - 28 Oct. 1810 - Fairfield, S.C.  
 Brig. General Joseph Horace Lewis - 29 Oct. 1824 - Glasgow, Ky.  
 Maj. General John Stevens Bowen - 30 Oct. 1830 - Savannah, Ga.  
 Brig. General Raleigh Edward Colston - 31 Oct. 1825 - Paris, France

## Civil War Units from Alabama

### **Twenty-Sixth Alabama Infantry Regiment**

This regiment was organized at Tusculumbia in the summer of 1861, and soon after went to Virginia. It was in camp of instruction at Richmond during the fall and winter, and in March 1862 was moved to Yorktown, and placed in the brigade of Gen. Rains of Tennessee. It was under fire there for six weeks, with few casualties. Gen. Jos. E. Johnston led the regiment into position at Williamsburg, where its loss was inconsiderable.

At Richmond it was placed in the brigade of Gen. Rodes of Tuscaloosa - shortly after re-organized so as to embrace the Third, Fifth, Sixth, Twelfth, and Twenty-sixth Alabama regiments - and lost 22 per cent of its numbers in casualties at Seven Pines. The Twenty-sixth was also hotly engaged at Gaines' Mill, Frazier's Farm, and Malvern Hill, emerging from the effects of those terrible struggles with only 300 of the 600 with which it entered, the others having gone down in the carnage of battle.

The regiment was in the van of the army as it moved over the Potomac and fought at Boonsboro and Sharpsburg, losing in those two battles 10 killed and 45 wounded. Having wintered on the Rappahannock, the Twenty-sixth was present at Fredericksburg. In the grand advance of Jackson's corps at Chancellorsville - Col. O'Neal leading the brigade - the regiment lost very heavily, but its colors floated at the front. It then moved into Pennsylvania, and took part in the battle of Gettysburg, with a loss of 7 killed, 58 wounded, and 65 missing.

Retiring with the army into Virginia, the Twenty-sixth skirmished at Kelly's Ford and Mine Run. During the winter, the Alabama legislature petitioned to have the regiment sent home to recruit its thinned ranks, and it remained a short time at Pollard. Ordered to Dalton in the spring of 1864, it was placed in Cantey's brigade, and lost gradually but largely in the almost incessant battle from Dalton to Atlanta.

Having marched with Gen. Hood into Tennessee, the regiment was badly cut up at Nashville, and only a remnant surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina, to which place it had been transferred with the forces.

#### **Field and Staff**

Colonels - Wm. R. Smith of Tuscaloosa; resigned. E.A. O'Neal; wounded at Seven Pines, Boonsboro, Chancellorsville.

Lieutenant Colonel - John S. Garvin of Tuscaloosa; wounded at Chancellorsville and Franklin.

Majors - R.D. Reddin of Fayette; resigned. D.F. Bryan of Fayette.

Adjutant - S.B. Moore of Madison.

#### **Captains, and Counties from Which the Companies Came.**

Fayette - .... Moore; resigned. E.M. Vandiver; wounded at Chancellorsville.

Fayette - .... Newton; resigned. J.M. Harton.

Fayette - D.M. Gideon.

Fayette - H.H. Reid; resigned. Sidney B. Smith.

Marion - D.F. Bryan; promoted. E.M. Turner.

Marion - .... Lefoy.

Marion - J.S. White; resigned. J.W. White.

Fayette - W.H. Lindsey.

Fayette - Elbert Leach.

F.M. Smith, captain of sharpshooters.

### **Twenty-Sixth-Fiftieth Alabama Infantry Regiment**

This regiment was organized at Corinth, in March 1862, by the consolidation of two battalions then recently recruited. Placed in the brigade of Gen. Gladden, it fought at Shiloh with a loss of 12 killed and 111 wounded out of about 700 engaged. Gen. Gardner having taken command of the brigade -- the Nineteenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth-Fiftieth and Thirty-ninth Alabama regiments -- the Twenty-sixth Fiftieth moved into Kentucky, and lost about 20 men in combat with Gen. Sill's division.

It participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, with a loss of about 200 men in casualties of 600 engaged. The regiment wintered at Tullahoma, and was with the army when it fell back. Now under Gen. Deas as brigadier, the regiment moved to the assault at Chicamauga about 500 strong, of which about one-fifth were killed or wounded. It was in the line at Mission Ridge, and lost about 45 men, mostly captured.

On the retreat from Dalton, where it had wintered, the regiment performed arduous and active service, fighting nearly every day. In the bloody battles around Atlanta the regiment lost very heavily, but at Jonesboro the list of casualties was small. It then moved into Tennessee with Gen. Hood, and was badly mutilated at Franklin.

The regiment subsequently proceeded to the Carolinas, and it was at Kinston that a line of skirmishers, 40 strong, principally from it, under Captain E.B. Vaughan, captured a stand of colors and 300 men of the 15th Connecticut. The Twenty-sixth-Fiftieth laid down its arms at Greensboro, N.C., with Gen. Johnston's forces.

#### **Field and Staff**

Colonel -- John G. Coltart of Madison; wounded at Shiloh and Atlanta.

Lieutenant Colonels -- Wm. D. Chaddick of Madison; resigned. Newton Nash Clements of Tuskaloosa.

Majors -- .... Gwin of Tennessee; wounded at Shiloh; resigned. N.N. Clements; promoted. Thomas H. Gilbert of Limestone; resigned. John C. Hutto of Walker.

Adjutant -- John C. Bruckner of Madison; killed at Atlanta.

#### **Captains, and Counties from Which the Companies Came.**

Calhoun -- .... Sappington; resigned. T.T. Lankford; retired. Martin Walker.

Limestone -- T.H. Gilbert; promoted. J. Archie Ray.

Jackson -- Lemuel G. Meade; resigned. James E. Daniel.

Blount -- George Arnold; killed at Atlanta. John Elrod.

Limestone -- James H. Malone; resigned. John B. McClellan; transferred. William Richardson.

Tuskaloosa -- N.N. Clements; promoted. John D. Burgin.

Walker and Fayette -- John C. Clemons; resigned. E. B. Vaughan.

Walker -- John C. Hutto; promoted.

Lauderdale -- John C. Haynie; resigned. Robert Donald.

Walker and Fayette -- ..... Wooten; resigned. John B. McClellan.

### **Veterans Day Parade Will Go On, Despite Flag Flap**

Flag Was Flown During Last Year's Veterans Day Parade; NAACP Wanted To Make Sure It's Never Flown Again

Sep 4, 2009 6:48 pm US/Eastern Tiffani Helberg Reporting [thelberg@cbs.com](mailto:thelberg@cbs.com)

<http://cbs4.com/local/homestead.confederate.flag.2.1164504.html>

The largest Veterans Day parade in South Florida is fighting a major flag flap. The Sons of Confederate Veterans plan to march in the Homestead event carrying the rebel flag. To them, it's a symbol of their heritage. But to others, it's a sign of hate.

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Homestead, Part One (continued): Now, the NAACP has threatened legal action if parade organizers don't ban the flag from the event. Thursday night the Military Affairs committee, hosting the parade, voted to keep it the same as it was last year. In 2008's parade, the Sons of Confederate Veterans marched with the confederate flag.

"To us, it's a sign of heritage; it's a symbol of heritage to Southern people," said Gregory Kalof, a member Sons of Confederate Veterans. Kalof said about 10 to 20 members of his will be flying a variety of Confederate flags on November 11th.

"That symbol represents white supremacists and white supremacists stand for hatred and we can not allow that to be flaunted in our community," said Rev. Anthony Tate of P.U.L.S.E., People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality. "So the mayor needs to really think about the decisions that she's making."

But Homestead Mayor Lynda Bell said it's not her decision to make. She was not available for an interview Friday but released the following statement:

*"I am proud to be the mayor of the most diverse city in all of Miami-Dade County and our diversity is not just in our staff and our elected officials, it's also throughout our community. The city has no legal authority to tell a private organization how they can and cannot conduct their events. I was not there but it is my understanding that at yesterday's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) meeting, the incoming chair of the MAC, Jeff Porter, advised the committee to take no action and leave the parade as is. I feel that he missed a great opportunity to effectuate positive change. I suggest you speak to him."*

CBS4 News spoke to Jeffrey Wander the current chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. He said his organization opposes carrying the Confederate flag, but they say they were in a legal bind. If they banned the flag, they faced a First Amendment lawsuit. If they allowed it, they said the NAACP threatened a lawsuit.

Wander said that's the reason they decided to do nothing and keep the parade the same as last year. "We are hoping that everybody remembers that this is a parade to honor veterans," said Wander.

## Homestead's Annual Veteran's Day Parade Canceled

Oct 6, 2009 2:59 pm US/Eastern

<http://cbs4.com/local/mac.confederate.flag.2.1231198.html>

HOMESTEAD (CBS4) —

The on-again, off-again Homestead Veterans Day Parade is off for good, at least for this year.

The annual parade became mired in controversy after the Sons of Confederate Veterans marched with a confederate battle flag in the 2008. For some, the flag is a symbol of Southern pride. But others say it's a symbol of the country's racist past.

Initially the parade's organizers, the Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee (MAC), had agreed to allow the flag. Last month, however, they reversed that decision after then-committee chairman Jeffrey Wander sent out emails asking for people's opinions. A majority said he should ban the flag.

"It's a sad state of affairs when a veterans group, like the Sons of Confederate Veterans, are told that they cannot carry the one flag that represents their group, their ancestors and their heritage," said Greg Kalof of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Within two weeks of deciding to ban the confederate flag, the MAC decided to cancel the November 11th parade completely.

The South Florida Times has reported that the MAC canceled the parade because several of the participants pulled out because of the flag controversy.

Not so according to Mary Finlan, the Executive Director of the Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce who said a few of the participants had opted out. She told **CBS4** the real problem was that while dealing with all the controversy concerning the confederate flag, MAC members ran out of time to get this year's parade organized.

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Homestead, Part Two (Continued): Jim Porter, who took over the reigns as MAC's new chairman on October 1st, said their primary mission is to honor those who have served so they decided to cancel the event this year because they didn't feel as if they could deliver a first rate parade.

"Because of all the controversy, we (the MAC) had hoped to find some common ground and when we couldn't we decided to cancel the parade since we couldn't put it on in the fashion we were used to," said Jeff Porter, Chairman of the MAC.

Porter said in addition to a time crunch the committee also ran into a personnel crunch. Jim Pierce, who had organized the parade for many years, retired the position and no one stepped up to take over.

As to the future of the parade, Porter says they have no plans to abandon it. He said next year they will get an earlier start on the planning and in the meantime will try to find a workable solution for all parties involved in the flag controversy.

## Alabama Public Television's story on the CSS Alabama Put on Hold

<http://cssalabama.blogspot.com/>

Welcome! This blog is a companion to a documentary that was in production at [Alabama Public Television](#) about the Civil War exploits of Admiral Raphael Semmes, Captain of the CSS Sumter and The CSS Alabama. You can subscribe to the blog and be notified about new posts at the bottom of the page. Bob Corley and Tim Lennox were Co-Producers, though their jobs were eliminated at APT and the future of the project is up in the air. Contacts: [timlennox1@gmail.com](mailto:timlennox1@gmail.com) or [bcorley3@gmail.com](mailto:bcorley3@gmail.com)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

We (Tim Lennox and Bob Corley) have had our respective positions at Alabama Public TV eliminated, placing "The CSS Alabama Project" on hold, if not dead in the water (forgive the nautical pun).

It's impossible at this point to say what will happen with the interviews already conducted, or with the project as a whole. The full story of the ship and her captain has yet to be told in the TV medium.

The handful of films produced - all of them well done - have focused either on the wreck discovery and recovery of artifacts, or presented a general historical overview, due to time and budget constraints omitting much of the detail that makes the story of Raphael Semmes and *The CSS Alabama* so fascinating.

Semmes and the *Alabama* present in microcosm the drama and tragedy that ripped the U.S. apart in 1861, and that has reverberated through our history for generations. We hope the opportunity to tell this story remains alive and under consideration with Alabama Public TV. As soon as we find out the fate of the project we'll post it on this blog.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

The official word from APT management is that the CSS Alabama story "... is a wonderful project and... we need to keep looking for funding."

With both of us looking for full time employment any hope of continuing active participation in the project is a dead issue. That's sad for more than just our personal situations.

The fervor and intensity with which someone approaches a project is directly related to their personal interest in it. Unfortunately we don't see anyone in public television in Alabama with the kind of passion and drive for this project that will be needed to see it through to completion. We hope we're wrong, and while this blog may be only sporadically updated we will continue our quest to get this story told in one form or another, through one medium or another, by any means that presents itself.

We have made some wonderful acquaintances and we hope some long-term friends. The participation of all the interview subjects gave us added incentive to develop a very workable, achievable budget for both domestic and international travel. The budget was well below what a documentary of this magnitude and scope should cost, due to some fine-tooth-combing of how we could get this done, in high quality (HD to be sure), within a reasonable time frame (12 months if done full-time), at an astronomically low cost.



CSS Alabama (Continued): We hope to stay in touch with all of you, maybe even make a few new acquaintances and friends, and continue moving toward the goal of getting this fascinating, complicated, intriguing story, accurately and faithfully told.

Tim Lennox and Bob Corley

## Governor Kaine and Speaker Howell Urge Orange County to Move Walmart Superstore Away from Battlefield

IN BIPARTISAN LETTER TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, VIRGINIA'S TOP OFFICIALS URGE COUNTY TO RECONSIDER PROPOSAL TO LOCATE A WAL-MART SUPERSTORE ON WILDERNESS BATTLEFIELD

[HTTP://WWW.CIVILWAR.ORG/ABOUTUS/NEWS/NEWS-RELEASES/2009-NEWS/KAINE-AND-HOWELL-AGAINST-WALMART.HTML](http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/news/news-releases/2009-news/kaine-and-howell-against-walmart.html)

For Immediate Release: 07/15/09



(Richmond, Va.) – In a bipartisan letter to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine (D) and House of Delegates Speaker William Howell (R) jointly urged the county to reconsider plans to locate a Walmart supercenter on the Wilderness Battlefield.

The letter, addressed to Orange County Board Chairman Lee Frame and dated July 13, 2009, emphasizes the Commonwealth's commitment to historic preservation and the need to bring all interests together to resolve the controversy.

The heart of the message states: “[W]e strongly encourage your Board to work closely with Wal-Mart to find an appropriate alternative site for the proposed retail center in the vicinity of the proposed site yet situated outside the boundaries of Wilderness Battlefield and out of the view of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.”

Further, the Governor and Speaker offer the services of the state to help forge a compromise, writing: “[W]e stand ready to offer the technical service of any and all state agencies that could be of help to the County and Wal-Mart....” The letter goes on to reference those agencies: the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Department of Historic Resources.

The letter acknowledges that the ultimate decision to build a Wal-Mart at this location ultimately rests with the county board of supervisors. However, the letter also notes: “[E]very acre of battlefield land that is destroyed means a loss of open space and missed tourism opportunities, and it closes one more window for future generations to better understand our national story.”

The Wilderness Battlefield Coalition, an organization of national, regional and local preservation groups, indicated support for the announcement by the Governor and Speaker, noting that the Coalition first proposed a similar solution in January of this year. “We firmly believe that encouraging Wal-Mart to move to an alternative location is in the best interests of both the National Park and Orange County residents. We are prepared to work with the Commonwealth, the county, Wal-Mart and local citizens to find an alternative location that benefits all.”

## County Administrator Fired in Wal-Mart Dispute

[http://voices.washingtonpost.com/house-divided/2009/07/county\\_administrator\\_fired\\_in.html](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/house-divided/2009/07/county_administrator_fired_in.html)

A seasoned county administrator who suggested a compromise in the long-playing Wilderness Battlefield Vs. Wal-Mart drama was fired late Friday after a closed door meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Orange County, Va.

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County Administrator (Continued): Bill Rolfe, 59, was hired four years ago after a 16-year stint with Bedford County, Va. doing the same work. On June 15, he sent an email to the supervisors suggesting it was in the county's best interest for Wal-Mart to build somewhere else in the county rather than at the edge of the national battlefield park.

According to Fredericksburg.com, the board voted 3 to 2 to oust Rolfe because of his email. In a statement made after the meeting, Supervisor Mark Johnson told reporters that "the substance of Mr. Rolfe's email was highly dubious" because the county would not benefit from the Wal-Mart being located elsewhere.

About two-thirds of the speakers at a public hearing before the board's planning commission last month spoke in favor of having a Wal-Mart in the county but not next to the battlefield. The commission voted 5 to 4 in favor of Wal-Mart's preferred location near the battlefield, but only if a number of restrictions on siting and traffic control were part of the deal.

The Civil War Preservation Trust and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, among others, have campaigned against Wal-Mart building a 138,000-square-foot super-center across a road from the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park where the [Battle of the Wilderness](#) took place May 5-6, 1864. The supervisors have scheduled a public meeting on the Wal-Mart issue for July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Orange County High School.

### Third Winchester: One More Push

*We still need your help to save 209 acres of the Third Winchester battlefield*

Unfortunately, I must let you know that - for the first time in a long time - we have not raised our full portion of the match for a crucial battlefield land acquisition project.

This project, spearheaded by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, will add significantly to the acreage CWPT has already saved there, creating a nearly pristine 575-acre battlefield park, and commemorating the enormous battle that took place there 145 years ago this month, between Union General Phil Sheridan and Confederate General Jubal Early.

- Acreage: 209 Acres
  - Location: Frederick County, Virginia (Shenandoah Valley)
  - Total Cost: \$3,271,000
  - CWPT Commitment: \$78,500 to go
- CWPT Donation Match: \$8.82 to \$1

**View our Third Winchester Appeal online:** [civilwar.org/savethirdwinchester](http://civilwar.org/savethirdwinchester)  
*Battle maps, history articles, photos, videos, and more*

Out of our fundraising goal of \$380,000, we only have \$78,500 to go. With an \$8.82 to \$1 match for every donated dollar I am hoping that you will consider one of those who helps to push us over the top.

Your gift of any size - \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or even \$25 - will only further cement your standing as a champion of battlefield preservation. Remember, every acre we save together is preserved for all time - that is quite a legacy, if you ask me.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Jim Lighthizer  
President

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## Sen. Jim Webb Joins Preservationists to Celebrate Protection of Third Winchester Battlefield

Ambitious Project Required Cooperative Efforts from SVBF, CWPT, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Frederick County and the Federal Government

WINCHESTER, Va. — Nearly a year after the announcement of an ambitious effort to protect a landscape that the National Park Service described as some of the “most sanguinary fields of the Civil War,” representatives of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (SVBF) and Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) gathered today in Winchester, Va., with government officials and guests to celebrate the success of that undertaking.

On August 7, 2009, SVBF officially closed on the 209-acre Huntsberry property, which was part of the bloodied Middle Field during the Third Battle of Winchester, fought on September 19, 1864. Fighting on this land was especially fierce — the Union Army’s 19th Corps suffered devastating losses, with 40 percent of its men and every one of its regimental commanders either killed or wounded.

Speaking at today’s event, U.S. Senator Jim Webb praised the cooperative nature of the project, citing the importance of Civil War battlefield preservation to Virginians and all Americans.

“As someone with ancestors who fought on both sides of the American Civil War, the preservation of these battlefields has personal significance,” said Senator Webb. “The need to protect our nation’s battlefields is far too great for any one well-intentioned federal program. That’s why the partnerships with groups like the Civil War Preservation Trust and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation are so critical. They are in this fight for all the right reasons. This partnership truly serves as a model of bringing all stakeholders to the table to tackle pressing national issues.”

Webb was joined at the podium by Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Virginia’s Director of Historic Resources, Richard C. Shickle, chairman of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors, Paul Hawke, program chief of the American Battlefield Protection Program, SVBF chairman Dr. Irvin E. Hess, CWPT chairman emeritus Theodore Sedgwick and SVBF executive director W. Denman Zirkle. The involvement of each group was absolutely critical to the project’s successful completion.

### **Preservation Made Possible Through Partnership**

The \$3.35 million purchase price was funded through a partnership between the Battlefields Foundation and the Civil War Preservation Trust, together with government grants from the federal, state and local levels.

The federal Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, funded by legislation championed by Senator Webb in Congress, issued a \$1.23 million matching grant toward the effort, and a \$1 million Virginia Land Conservation Foundation grant to protect important natural and historic landscapes was applied to the project. Frederick County contributed \$112,000 from its Historic and Open Space Preservation Fund, which is supported by proffers from a residential development in the Third Winchester battlefield study area. Remaining funds had to be raised by the two nonprofit organizations through private donations. Preservationists stressed that while they closed on the land last month, payments remain and fundraising efforts are ongoing.

Welcoming guests to the event, Zirkle stressed that while the protection of this land has been a long-standing SVBF goal, the endeavor would not have been successful without the cooperation of the various organizations and agencies working in tandem. “Without tremendous advocates at all levels of government and stalwart friends in the preservation community, today’s celebration would not have been possible,” he said.

The county’s Shickle concurred, saying “Frederick County has many historic resources of national significance. We acknowledge that it is our duty to be thoughtful stewards of these resources, and the county is proud to have been a part of this preservation effort.”

### **Connecting Already Preserved Battlefield Areas**

Protection of this property at the heart of the Third Winchester battlefield is particularly significant since it links areas previously protected by the Battlefields Foundation and CWPT. Its addition to the existing preserved landscape creates a 567-acre battlefield park that stretches from Interstate 81 in the west to Millbrook High School in the east.

“The landscape that has been preserved here at Third Winchester is irreplaceable,” said Hawke, who administers the American Battlefield Preservation Program, an arm of the Park Service responsible for issuing federal matching grants for historic preservation. “This land retains enough of its historic character that the men who fought here almost exactly 145 years ago today would recognize its features. It is an unparalleled resource for understanding the battle’s history.”

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Senator Webb (Continued): CWPT's Sedgwick was enthusiastic about the additional public interpretation opportunities that the newly preserved acreage provides. "Since 2007, when we opened a five-mile educational walking and biking trail on our adjacent property, the Third Winchester battlefield has become a tremendous resource for the surrounding community. I look forward to working cooperatively with our partners at the Battlefields Foundation to expand our understanding of this battlefield through study, and to create one seamless battlefield park." Dr. Hess, chairman of SVBF pointed out that the protection of the Huntsberry property went a long way toward completing the preservation puzzle at Third Winchester. "This land is the largest remaining undisturbed portion of the battlefield," he said. "Now that it is protected, Third Winchester is ready to become a genuine destination for heritage travelers eager to better understand American history."

### **Virginia's Ongoing Efforts to Protect Civil War Battlefield Resources**

While acknowledging that the preservation ceremony was scheduled to coincide with the battle's 145th anniversary tomorrow, Kilpatrick also looked toward the future, when our nation will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. "There is no time more appropriate to encourage the study of the American Civil War than during this significant period," she said. "And there is no place more appropriate to do so than on the battlefields themselves, which provide a deeper level of understanding than any book or museum exhibit can hope to. While today is indeed a celebration, it is also a reminder that our work is not complete. Other landscapes, no less hallowed than this one, still deserve our attention."

Senator Webb agreed, declaring, "No state is richer in significant historic Civil War-era landmarks than Virginia, and I am proud of the work that the Commonwealth has undertaken to safeguard its heritage. Our time to protect these sites is limited. I will continue my efforts in Congress to ensure such historic landscapes are preserved for future generations."

At Third Winchester, intense fighting raged across an area covering almost eight square miles. Of these nearly 5,000 acres of core battlefield, only 830 are permanently protected. Throughout the Shenandoah Valley, more than 16,000 acres of battlefield land are vulnerable to development, and similar situations exist elsewhere in Virginia and across the country.

### **Preservation Fits with Landowner Legacy**

The land's previous owner, the Huntsberry family, has roots in the Shenandoah Valley stretching back centuries. The property was originally granted to ancestor Jacob Huntsbarger by Lord Fairfax in 1762. Civil War-era maps clearly show the Huntsberry House as a battlefield landmark, and the building's remains can still be found on the property today.

Bob Huntsberry, a co-manager of his great-grandfather C.E. Huntsberry's estate, which sold the property to preservationist interests, fondly remembered childhood summers spent on the land. "This is an important place for my family—and growing up, we knew that it was historically important, too," he said last year, when the preservation initiative was announced. "We felt pretty strongly that it needed to be preserved so we are very happy that it will end up in good hands and that people will someday be able to come and learn about what happened here."

### **Third Battle of Winchester**

The Third Battle of Winchester, or Opequon, was a significant action of Union Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan's devastating Shenandoah Campaign—which ultimately decimated the Valley's agricultural bounty when farms as far south as Staunton were put to the torch. More than 54,000 troops were engaged in the battle, including two future Presidents — Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley.

In the early morning hours of September 19, 1864, Sheridan's troops marched west from encampments around Berryville, ultimately stacking up in the Berryville Canyon along the modern-day alignment of eastbound Va. Route 7. The traffic jam created by slow-moving supply wagons delayed the deployment of the Federal army east of Winchester and foiled Sheridan's plan to surprise and wrest the city from Gen. Jubal Early's Confederates.

As Early moved troops south from Stephenson's Depot to meet the Union attack, Sheridan sent portions of his army north of the Berryville Pike (Va. Route 7) to confront the southerners' movement. The ensuing fighting at First Woods, Middle Field and Second Woods along Redbud Run—including the Huntsberry property—was fierce, close, and devastating. Nearly 1,500 men were killed or wounded in this area alone and one soldier remembered the area as "that basin of Hell."

In the 1992 National Park Service Study of Civil War Sites in the Shenandoah Valley, historian David W. Lowe wrote, "Third Winchester was the largest and most desperately contested battle of the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley, resulting in more than 9,000 casualties.

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Senator Webb (Continued): "The Union 19th Corps sustained 40 percent casualties (2,074 men) and lost every regimental commander during its assaults on the Middle Field and Second Woods...The Middle Field ranks with some of the most sanguinary fields of the Civil War, witnessing more than 3,000 casualties."

#### **Future Benefits of Preservation**

Containing almost a half-mile of Redbud Run, a tributary of Opequon Creek and, in turn, the Potomac River, the property also has ecological significance. Protecting its sloping, forested banks will enhance water quality at the site and in downstream watersheds, including Chesapeake Bay.

The newly preserved property will remain in agricultural use while archaeological and cultural resource studies are conducted. Eventually, the land will be interpreted and fully opened to visitors.

#### *About the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation (SVBF)*

Created by Congress in 1996, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District encompasses Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren counties in Virginia and the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester. As authorized by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation serves as the non-profit manager of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, partnering with local, regional, and national organizations and governments to preserve the Valley's battlefields and interpret and promote the region's Civil War story. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields website is located at <http://www.shenandoahatwar.org/>.

#### *About the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT)*

With 55,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's remaining Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds through education and heritage tourism. Since 1987, the organization has helped save more than 28,000 acres of battlefield land, including nearly 1,000 acres in historic Frederick County, Virginia. In 2007, CWPT opened a popular walking and biking trail on its 222-acre Third Winchester property. The CWPT website is located at <http://www.civilwar.org/>.

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## **Save the Raymond Battlefield**

Chance to save 66 critical acres of this key Vicksburg Campaign battlefield

<http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/raymond/raymond09/raymond2009.html>

*"I saw dead and wounded soldiers laying scattered here and there over the field. Some had their brains blown out, some were pierced through the heart, others through various parts of the body and limbs...it was a dreadful sight. The ground was covered by human blood."*

*-- Pvt. Charles E. Smith, 32nd Ohio*

"Blood-soaked ground"...hallowed American ground. At the Raymond battlefield, one of the key battles of the 1863 Vicksburg campaign, we now have the opportunity to save 66 crucial acres of this Mississippi battlefield. The 66 acres that we seek to save today is the very heart of the Raymond battlefield - the site where nearly 70% of that battle's casualties were suffered.

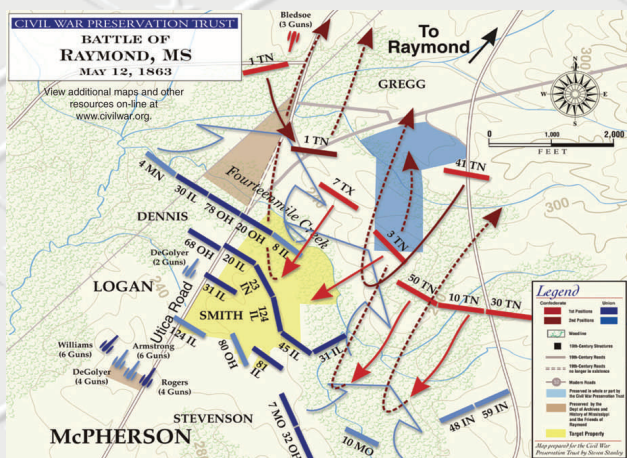
Here quickly are the particulars of this exciting, new opportunity:

- Acreage: 66 Acres
- Location: Hinds County, Mississippi
- Total Cost: \$435,000
- CWPT Commitment: \$102,500
- CWPT Donation Match: \$4.24 to \$1
- Match Sources: Friends of Raymond, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program
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This battlefield land that we seek to save was once slated to be filled, edge to edge, with residential homes. Now, with your help, we can put this key section of the battlefield into the saved forever column. Join us and the Friends of Raymond in this worthy effort to save the Raymond battlefield.

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## Battlefield Preservation (Continued):



Sincerely Yours,

Jim Lighthizer  
President

## Help Save Virginia's Wilderness Battlefield from Wal-Mart

The Civil War's Wilderness Battlefield is under siege...again! But, this time it does not involve soldiers and artillery. Wal-Mart and JDC Ventures LLC have proposed to commercially develop 240,000 square feet on critically important land at the historic Wilderness Battlefield and just across the road from the National Park Service's center of interpreting the Battle of the Wilderness.

NPCA and its partners have determined that Wal-Mart's project would irrevocably harm the battlefield, undermine the visitor's experience of the National Military Park, and open the door for more incompatible, large-scale development at the gateway to the national park.

**UPDATE--AUGUST 26, 2009:** The Orange County Board of Supervisors have now voted 4-1 to grant a permit for Wal-Mart to construct their Supercenter. This outcome is appalling. NPCA, the National Park Service, and other groups strongly opposed the grant of the permit. We have called on Wal-Mart's executive leaders to relocate their new Orange County store, regardless of obtaining a permit. *NPCA does not oppose growth in Orange County, but think it should be done in a sustainable manner.*

**Here's What You Can Do:** Help save Wilderness Battlefield and our nation's Civil War heritage by asking Wal-Mart to relocate its proposed Supercenter below.

[http://act.npc.org/campaign/save\\_wilderness\\_battlefield/xik7us8997xd3m8b?](http://act.npc.org/campaign/save_wilderness_battlefield/xik7us8997xd3m8b?)

## Museum of the Confederacy

### 41st Georgia Flag Infantry Unveiling



We had the honor of hosting a flag reception earlier this month for the 41st Georgia battle flag. After many years of receiving generous donations from members, like Dr. Martin Tant of Tennessee, we are now able to proudly and properly display this flag in our Confederate Years exhibit. Guests including Dr. Tant's family and friends and the John Bell Hood Society enjoyed a flag presentation and a behind-the-scenes tour by the collections department. If you are interested in conserving a flag please visit our flag conservation webpage.

## Town to discuss proposal with Wolf

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<http://www.nvdaily.com/news/2009/07/town-to-discuss-proposal-with-wolf.html>

MIDDLETOWN -- With help from a political player in Washington, Middletown could make a big leap onto the national stage.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans' Garland Rodes Camp sought the Town Council's blessing last month to build a monument to Civil War Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early.

But the talks got bigger.

In discussions with Mayor Marshall J. "Mark" Brown, the monument's Lexington-based sculptor, Gary Casteel, pitched another idea: Bring a national Civil War memorial of his design to Middletown. Casteel has been in contact with Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-10th, about plans for the project. Today, town officials will meet with Wolf to discuss the idea.

Brown said the discussion will be "very preliminary." "In order for this to work, there has to be a sponsor," Brown said. "We're going in with a model."

Brown described Casteel's plans for the memorial as complex -- a 90-foot granite circle with statues of major players in the war, bronze plaques honoring civilians and materials shipped from Union and Confederate states.

"It would be a boon for Frederick County," Brown said.

Casteel already has created a monument to the Northern Shenandoah Valley's history. In October, a life-size statue of Revolutionary War hero Peter Muhlenberg sculpted by Casteel was unveiled on Court Square in downtown Woodstock.

Middletown would be the second site chosen for the Civil War memorial. A first push to locate it in Wheeling, W.Va., died without support from lawmakers in 2007. The project has been in development for more than 10 years, according to Casteel's Web site, [www.garycasteel.com](http://www.garycasteel.com).

Brown estimated the Middletown project's cost at between \$7 million and \$11 million, and is looking at land at the far southern end of town as a possible site. The 9-acre plot, owned by Jake and Barbara Scarlett, is east of U.S. 11 and would cost about \$600,000, Brown said.

"Middletown is a perfect fit for this," he said, citing the town's Civil War history and location next to Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park. "It's very appropriate for the national memorial to be in Virginia," he said.

Brown said plans for the national memorial do not affect plans for the monument to Early. That project has a tentative location at a future residential development at U.S. 11 and Sixth Street. It would be installed on a 2-acre open space at the "Adams property."

No timeline has been set for that monument's completion.

## 2009 National Awards

Dr. George R. Tabor Award is presented to the most distinguished camp in the SCV. The winner of this prestigious award, which is an extremely close competition every year, is the H. L. Hunley Camp 143 of Summerville SC, Benjamin E. Bunting, Commander.

### Scrapbooks-

Dr. B. H. Webster Award for the best Scrapbook for camps with fewer than 50 members is the J. M. "Matt" Barton Camp 441, Sulphur Springs TX, James H. Noe, Commander.

Judah P. Benjamin Award for the best Scrapbook for camps with 50 or more members is the 2nd Frontier District Camp 1904, De Leon TX, Thomas Harrison, Commander.

Historical Project- Dr. James B. Butler Award for the best historical project was won by the Capt Thomas H. Hobbs Camp 768 Athens AL, Jimmy Hill, Commander.

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2009 National Awards (Continued): General Stand Watie Award winner for the camp making the largest contribution to the Stand Watie School arship Fund is the H L Hunley Camp 143, Summerville SC, Benjamin E. Bunting, Commander.

Best Web Site- General Samuel Cooper Award for the best website is the Tennessee Division of the Army of Tennessee, <http://www.tennessee-scv.org/>, Allen Sullivant, Webmaster.

#### Newsletters-

Dr. Paul Jon Miller Award winner for the best newsletter among camps with fewer than 50 members is Mail Call which is produced by the Fort Blakely Camp 1864, Bay Minette AL, Bill Willis, Editor.

S.A. Cunningham Award for the best newsletter among camps with 50 or more members is the Hood's Texas Brigade which is produced by Hood's Texas Brigade Camp 153, San Antonio TX, Ray Wainner, Editor.

Dewitt Smith Jobe Award for the best Division newsletter is the Palmetto Partisan, South Carolina Division, Joe Payne, Editor.

Recruiting- Edward R. Darling Award for the top recruiter in the Confederation is awarded to Gale F. Red, a member of LT George E. Dixon Camp 1962, Belleville IL. Compatriot Red recruited 44 new members.

#### Membership-

General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award for the camp with the greatest gain in membership (plus 27 net) goes to LT George E. Dixon Camp 1962, Belleville IL, John F. Merritt, Commander.

New Camps, Division- General A. P. Hill Award is awarded to the North Carolina Division which is commanded by Thomas Smith, with 7 new camps.

New Camps, Army- General Albert Sydney Johnston Award for the Army with the greatest gain in new camps, a total of 12, goes to the Army of Trans Mississippi, M. Todd Owens, Commander.

#### Individual Awards

Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award was presented to Reverend Mark D. Woolfington (IL) as a SCV member who wonderfully emulates and perpetuates the orthodox Christian faith demonstrated by the soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States of America.

Robert E. Lee Gold Medal, the second highest award which can be given to a SCV member, was presented to C. Kelly Barrow (GA), R. Michael Givens (SC), and

Mark A. Simpson (SC) for their exceptional contributions and service to the SCV.

Jefferson Davis Chalice was presented to Commander in Chief

Charles E. (Chuck) McMichael (LA). This is the highest award which may be bestowed on a member for service to the SCV and consists of an engraved silver chalice, a medal and a certificate.



## Confederate veterans' group OKs Jonesborough boycott

Published July 28th, 2009

By Heather Richardson

<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9015579>

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has approved a resolution calling for an economic boycott of the town of Jonesborough.

The group, which is comprised of about 32,000 descendants of Confederate soldiers, held its annual convention last week in Hot Springs, Ark. A resolution drafted and submitted by the Southern Legal Resource Center was introduced during the meeting.

SLRC is a nonprofit organization based in Black Mountain, N.C., which advocates for civil rights in connection with Southern heritage issues.

According to SLRC Executive Director Roger McCredie, the boycott is a reaction to the town's decision to not differentiate between Union and Confederate soldiers on memorial bricks to be placed in the town's Veteran Memorial Park.

After controversy arose from the town's previous policy that did not allow for soldiers who fought for the Confederacy to be memorialized in the park, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen amended the policy.

The amended policy allows memorial bricks honoring Confederate soldiers to be placed in the park. The bricks, along with bricks honoring Union soldiers, will be marked "Civil War" rather than differentiating between the two sides — a decision town officials are continuing to stand behind.

According to a news release from SLRC, the organization believes Jonesborough citizens who ordered bricks for Confederate veterans "feel betrayed by the town's action."

The resolution approved by the SCV states that the board's decision "violates both express representations made to persons desiring to purchase Confederate veterans' bricks, and also contradicts the precedent already established with respect to Union soldiers' bricks already in place" and that the board "acted in bad faith and out of a cynical and self-serving sense of political expediency and has caused great disappointment and distress to citizens seeking to memorialize Confederate veterans."

Despite those claims, Mayor Kelly Wolfe said the residents he has spoken with who were previously concerned about the park's original policy are satisfied with the amendment.

According to Wolfe, memorial bricks honoring Union soldiers which had been purchased prior to the policy amendment have been taken up and will be replaced. Those bricks were marked "U.S. Army" but will be remade to state "Civil War" to avoid discrimination and inconsistency.

The boycott resolution encourages members of the SCV "to refrain from doing any business of any sort with, or spending any monies whatsoever in, the town of Jonesborough for any goods or services whatsoever and that all SCV members ... make such boycott known to the general public and encourage all citizens within their respective spheres of acquaintance and influence, likewise to participate in such boycott."

Despite the SCV's boycott, Wolfe said he is comfortable that the resolution reached by the board is in the best interest of the residents of Jonesborough. "Their decision to have a boycott is unfortunate and I don't believe it is warranted," Wolfe said, adding that "the Board of Mayor and Aldermen consider the case closed."

### Jonesborough Chapter of Sons of Confederate Veterans A Reality

By [Melissa Hipolit](#) Published: September 24, 2009

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Relatives of Confederate veterans have a new advocate in Washington County, Tennessee. A Jonesborough chapter of the group held its first meeting Thursday night.

The chapter's creation comes months after the Town of Jonesborough decided bricks honoring Civil War veterans placed in the Veterans Memorial Park cannot designate whether the soldier fought for the Confederacy or the Union.

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New SCV Chapter (Continued): The decision angered area descendants of Confederate soldiers and compelled the Sons of the Confederate Veterans to boycott the town. Meanwhile, local members of the group joined together to form a Jonesborough chapter called the General Alfred E. "Mudwall" Jackson camp.

## We Dare Defend Our Rights !



To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations. Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us the undeniable birthright of our Southern Heritage and the vision, desire, and courage to see it perpetuated.

You can know a man in all his depth or shallowness by his attitude toward the Southern Banner

**Deo Vindice**