

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS-MECHANIZED CAVALRY



CONFEDERATE

March 2011

WAR HORSE



Picture 1. Sons of Confederate Veterans—Mechanized Cavalry Officers Call in SCV HQ at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee on March 5, 2011.

Mechanized Cavalry Officer's Call. Officers call, a business meeting conducted twice a year, is held at SCV Headquarters every year at a time determined at a previous meeting and at the Annual. And as you can imagine, it's always a great honor to be able to hold our meetings and conduct the business of the Cavalry in the same room as the General Executive Council of the SCV.

Editorial Comment. All these officers meetings are meant to address the concerns and issues within the Cavalry and therefore provide guidance to the general membership. It's important to remember that we operate under the umbrella of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it's Constitution, Rules of Conduct, etc. The fact that we don't publish our own

rules may be the result that "We" wanted to keep it simple and concentrate on our rides for the SCV. This is just my considered opinion (Greg Kalof).

Officers Meeting Minutes

WELCOME-COLONEL STONE – Meeting called to order at 9:00am

OPENING PRAYER (by Chaplain-in-Chief Charles Cole) & SALUTES / PLEDGES – Led by Capt. Rolo Beeler of Kentucky

Music and song presentation by Pvt. Tommy Lee Rector of Kentucky

ROLL CALL AND OFFICER REPORTS

Lt. Colonel Greg Kalof – Present.

Chaplain-in-Chief – Will publish an article in the "War Horse" monthly – Spoke from Proverbs 29

Verse 18.

Adjutant 2nd Lt. Mark Sheppard:
Discussed Hunley Awards – contact
for any questions – Remember
Stone Mountain Ceremony
April 9th, at noon in Georgia.

Webmaster “DJ” Cloninger, Jr. – Present – All doing good.

1st Bat. Major Frank Dietz – Absent
– Sends well wishes to all present.

Co. A Capt. Larry Fugate – Absent -
#626 1st Lt. Jesse “Kreeker” Hay stood
in for Captain Fugate - They are having
a ride May 14th, all are invited to at-
tend.

Co. B Capt. Johnnie Hough – Absent
- #608 Ronald Edward Fox stood in for
Captain Hough – Louisiana doing great
recruiting – All are invited to send
news information to be put out in their
newsletter, Louisiana Bayou News.

Co. C Capt. Francis M. Polk, Jr. –
Stated Texas again doing well.

Co. D Capt. Mike McMurry – Reported doing well
also. Have organized area rides and re-enactments –
April 6th is a near home ride – Ride May 15th

– Camp dedication for Governor
John Winston – a letter from Army
of Tennessee Commander Thomas
Strain was read to group by Colonel
Stone thanking us for our partici-
pation in the Inaugural re-enactment
of President Jefferson Davis, there
were 85 or more Mechanized Cav-
alry participants.

Co. E Capt. Randy “Rolo” Beeler
– Reported having a great year. Til-
man House Museum received the
last 7 window replacements so that
this is finally finished. Packets for
14th Annual in Kentucky given out
to Captains present.

Co. F Capt. Glenn McFarland – Present
– They are having a BBQ
in Fayetteville Arkansas - they are
Biker friendly.

Co. G Capt. Jerry Cooley – Was
elected by the members in the state



Picture 2. Tommy Rector giving everyone a song before beginning the meeting.

of Mississippi. Remember the rededication, in April,
of Beauvoir, home of Jefferson Davis.

Co. H Capt. Mark Harris – Absent – All is well per
email to Colonel Stone.



Picture 3. The officers and members of the Mechanized Cavalry at the SCV HQ conference room at Elm Springs.

2nd Bat. Major Doug Nash – 2nd Battalion Major Position vacant. Colonel Stone will appoint a replacement at a later date.

Co. A Capt. William “Shaker” Robinson – Virginia has \$6,000 in expense account. They are sending young people to the Sam Davis Youth Camp this year.

Co. B Capt. Ricky Womble – Reported recruiting is going well. They have \$1700.00 in the expense account at this time. Just a reminder to everyone to remember that the 2 Dogs 12th Annual is coming up on August 26, 27, and 28th, to be in held in the mountains this year. Details will be forthcoming at a later date. All are invited to the first of their biannual Gettysburg monument clean up the weekend of April 16th.

Co. C Capt. Rick Smith – Absent – Colonel Stone read an e-mail from the Captain.

Co. D Capt. “Bubba” Eldreth, Jr. – Reports recruiting was going well, has gotten several new SCV members and a few Mech. Cav. Members.

Co. E – is held in Reserve

3rd Bat. Major Luke Stetson – Asked everyone to give Captain Herb Carroll a hand for all the help in handling the ticket situation we had at the 13th Annual. (Applause by all present!!)



Picture 4. These are the only three members that rode and braved the elements, cold and rain to attend Officers Call. They are from left to right T-Roy, Kreeker, and Charles Wallace.

Co. A Capt. Herb Carroll – There was a grand time had at the 13th Annual in South Carolina this past year. They now have a bank account and there is SCV growth in South Carolina area since the Annual.

Co. B Capt. Johnny Sparks

– Absent – #174 Road Captain David “Frog” James represented Georgia.

Co. C – is held in Reserve

Co. D Capt. Ron Colson – Reported having to take a crash course after being newly elected as Captain. They have a Web Site established and a directory of members printed that he handed out to all Captains present. The past Captain (Carpenter) has changed the name of his group from “Mechanized” to Confederate Cavalry per our past requests and changed the colors they wear.



Picture 5. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Webmaster DJ Cloninger for his outstanding work on Webpage and for his dedication and diligence on the SCVMC rosters.

Co. E – is held in Reserve HQ TREASURY REPORT-COLONEL STONE

Disaster fund holds \$726.27
 HQ fund holds \$8,030.00
STATE OF THE SCVMC AND MEMBERSHIP STATS-COLONEL STONE -There are 154 new members since the 13th Annual to present. This brings the total membership to 1315.

OLD BUSINESS:

A-AD IN CONFEDERATE VETERAN - Captains discussed Mechanized

Cavalry ad in Confederate Veteran. Colonel Stone requested each Major design an ad for their Battalion to be placed in rotation in the magazine.

B-SCV REUNION KIT: Capt. Herb Carroll made a motion to have a new banner made for the SCV Reunion kit. Motion was 2nd by Lt. Colonel Greg Kalof. Motion carried.

C-HL HUNLEY AWARD This was already discussed by Lt. Mark Sheppard when he gave his report.

A Break was proposed at 10:00am and called back to order at 10:30am.

NEW BUSINESS

A-GROUP RIDE DISCUSSION-MAJOR STETSON, CAPTAIN HOUGH

Major Luke Stetson recommends breaking into smaller groups with a Road Captain that knows the destination so if a red light or traffic catches someone that everyone can arrive safely. It might be possible for groups to ride by State Companies. The Road Captains should have the cell phone number of the



Picture 6. Jerry Bonny #1313 and Steven ‘Gunner’ Rutherford #1097 are sworn into the Mechanized Cavalry.

leader and the person bringing up the rear to report of accidents or bike problems along the proposed route.

B-BYLAWS FOR CAVALRY-CAPTAIN COLSON

This has been tabled until the next Officers meeting (at the 14th Annual in Kentucky).

C-SOP’S –CAPTAIN ELDRETH

Standard Operating Procedure should be taken up by each state’s Company Captain for

use in their state and possibly placed in the minutes.

D-SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP-CAPTAIN ROBINSON

Capt. Robinson passed out Sam Davis Youth Camp information to all Captains present.

E-DISCUSS ELECTION FOR COLONEL-CAPTAIN FUGATE - Lt. “Kreeker” Hay

asked for clarification and discussion on election for Colonel. Term is

for two years and runs from Annual to the next election Annual. Candidates are submitted by their Captain by January 31st of the election year for announcement at the winter Officer’s meeting. Candidates then “campaign” until the upcoming Annual and then the Captains vote at the summer Officer’s meeting. If there

are no nominees submitted except the present Colonel, then Captains can vote on present Colonel to



Picture 7. Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Bryan “Squirrel” Allen Sharp for his help as membership coordinator at SCV HQ. We also gave him a gift for all the help in arranging the meeting site.

keep the position by acclamation at the winter Officer's meeting.

F-DISCUSS UPCOMING ANNUAL IN KENTUCKY – Captain Rolo Beeler

“MC” patches worn by ANYONE will not be tolerated by the local 1%er's at the 14th Annual in Kentucky. The wearing of “Mechanized Cavalry” patches by ANYONE not an actual Mechanized Cavalry member will not be tolerated by the Mechanized Cavalry. Call Holiday Hills Resort for your reservations. Holiday Hills Resort will refer you to the nearest available place to stay. Kentucky has nice rides planned for the Jefferson Davis monument, Fort Donaldson, and the Tilmon House Museum. Brochures with maps will be provided to attendees so no one will get lost. Wednesday night 6:00pm is the Officers Meeting after arrival. Agenda for the week will be sent out at a later date. A drawing will be held for two winners to receive \$100.00 each out of all applications received before May 21st.

G-DISCUSS FUTURE ANNUAL SCHEDULE AND HOSTS-COLONEL STONE

Future Annual schedule is below:

14th Annual – Kentucky - June 2011

15th Annual – Arkansas – 2012

16th Annual – Mississippi 2013

17th Annual – Delaware – 2014 to be

held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

18th Annual – Georgia - 2015

H-DISCUSS NOMINATION FOR COLONEL

Capt. Rick Smith nominated our current Colonel by e-mail as read to the group by Colonel Kevin Stone. Capt. Bubba Eldreth, Jr. also nominated Colonel Stone, before the January 31st deadline, as did Capt. Ricky Womble. Motion was made by Lt. Colonel Greg Kalof to reelect Colonel Stone by Acclimation. This was 2nd by Capt. “Rebeldog” McMurry. A vote by the Captains present at the March 2011 Officers meeting was unanimous.

I-DISCUSS DONATION FOR SCV MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

Colonel Stone discussed his desire to donate to the Museum Fund. A motion by Capt. Bubba Eldreth,



Picture 8. The “Columbia 34” Patch. Col Stone is selling these patches at \$10.00 a pop and the money received will be donated to the SCV museum at Elm Springs.



Picture 9. Lt Col Greg Kalof (far right) swears in the Army of Tennessee Commander, Tom Strain #1314, into the Mechanized Cavalry at the Legends Restaurant late Saturday evening.

Jr. to donate \$1000.00 from the HQ funds to the museum. This was 2nd by Major Luke Stetson. Motion carried.

J-NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Lt. Kreeker of Tennessee, requests to be sent a copy of membership rosters as they become available.



Picture 10. Capt 'Shaker' Robinson of the 2nd Bn Company A was promoted to Major of the 2nd Battalion on his way home to Virginia. Shaker has really earned his star and is a fine example of a good SCV member and leader.

2. A **motion** was made by Major Luke Stetson to change the Officers Meeting to 1st week in February. The motion was 2nd by Capt. Herb Carroll. A vote was 3 for and majority against. Motion was defeated.

3. Motion by Major Luke Stetson to increase \$50.00 a month payment for the Colonel's phone charges to \$100.00 a month. This was 2nd by Capt. Bubba Eldreth, Jr. The ensuing vote carried to be effective March 5th 2011.

3. Question from Capt. Bubba Eldreth, Jr.: "Do we have contingency plans in case of a disaster (state of emergency)?" Colonel: "That's a good question; we have none at this time."

K-ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION-COLONEL STONE

1. Stone Mountain, Georgia – Ceremony April 9th
9th Annual Forrest Homecoming Festival – June 18th –
Cost is \$5.00

2. Alabama National SCV Convention in Montgomery on July 13th thru 16th

3. 2012 SCV National Reunion Convention will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee – July 11th thru 15th

4. A new "Mechanized Cavalry" patch for "Sisters of the South" – was discussed by Colonel Stone to make

sure it was not a surprise to anyone at the 14th Annual.

5. Majors have been asked to gather from the Captains a list of SCVMC members that are veterans in order to forward to SCV IHQ by the Colonel.

6. It was requested to send any events and pictures to Lt. Colonel Greg Kalof to be published in the official SCVMC newsletter "The Confederate War Horse". Articles should contain the WHO, WHEN, and WHERE of the event: gregor999@aol.com.

7. A promotion to Sergeant Major of the Mechanized Cavalry was announced for Sergeant Major John "Slim" May and remarks to the men of the Cavalry from him were read by the Colonel.

8. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Webmaster DJ Cloninger for outstanding work on Web and for his dedication and diligence working on the SCVMC rosters. It was noted by the Colonel that all SCVMC members

should be getting roster updates at least quarterly from their Captain. If not received from the Captain then ask him for one and if no result then go to the Battalion Major.

9. Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Bryan "Squirrel" Allen Sharp for his help at membership coordination at SCV HQ, along with a nice donation from the people attending.

10. There were two new Mechanized Cavalry members sworn in: #1097 Steve "Gunner" Ruthertford of Mississippi and #1313 Jerry Boney of Illinois placed in the Kentucky Company. Jerry also wound up taking a lot of the pictures that appear in this month's publication.

11. #743 Pvt. Craig Alan Cain received a lip balm chapstick award, jokingly, for keeping in close with the Colonel in Montgomery, Alabama. Award was presented by Qt. Sgt. Steve Beeler and Chaplain-in-Chief Charles Cole both from Kentucky.

12. A patch supporting the members that received a ticket at the 13th Annual in SC, as Colonel Stone called them the "Columbia 34" is now for sale for \$10.00 each. The members that received a ticket will receive a free limited edition

patch slightly different from the support patch from SCVMC HQ. There was a motion made to donate the proceeds from the sale of the patch to Elm Springs Museum fund. Motion was approved by all. Contact Col Stone to place your orders: scvmechcav@hotmail.com.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION - presented by Pvt. Tommy Lee Rector of Kentucky

CLOSING PRAYER – Chaplain-in-Chief Charles Cole

SINGING OF DIXIE – Led by Capt. Rolo Beeler of Kentucky

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Picture 12. Waco, Texas flag raising on a Texas Interstate March 5, 2011



Picture 11. Here's a few Pic's of flag raising in Waco Tx. Kevin Stone asked me to send them in. It's the 1st permanent Confederate flag flying on an Interstate Highway in Texas. The wind was kicking, making it a great day to raise a flag. It was beautiful.

Thanks,

Billy Mac, SCV MC #1261



Picture 13. Col Kevin Stone addressing the Captains and other officers of the Mechanized Caval-

My compliments to Gerry Bonny #1313 for taking some of the pictures at Elms Springs.

Confederate War Horse

**Contributions to the newsletter should be addressed to my email address:
gregor999@aol.com.**

The content of your report or submission should contain the following: the four “w’s” who, where, what, and when. Please provide pictures because we like to look at pictures and as they say a picture is worth a thousand words. Be sure to identify the people in the pictures: first and last names, mechanized cavalry number, and state.

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